# Product Data Sheet

Product Name: Aflatoxin B1
Cat. No.: GC35261

## Chemical Properties

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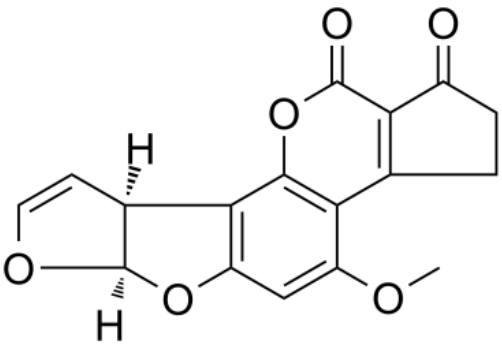
| Cas. No. | 1162-65-8 | | |
| SMILES | COC1=CC(O[C@]2([H])[C@@]3([H])C=CO2)=C3C(O4)=C1C(CCC5=O)=C5C4=O | | |
| Formula | $C_{17}H_{12}O_6$ | M.Wt | 312.27 |
| Solubility | DMF: 20 mg/ml,DMF:PBS(pH 7.2) (1:1): 0.5 mg/ml,DMSO: 12 mg/ml | Storage | -20°C, protect from light |
| General tips | For obtaining a higher solubility , please warm the tube at 37 °C and shake it in the ultrasonic bath for a while.Stock solution can be stored below -20°C for several months. | | |
| Shipping Condition | Evaluation sample solution : ship with blue ice All other available size: ship with RT , or blue ice upon request. | | |

Structure



## Protocol

| Cell experiment [1]: | |
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| Cell lines | TM3 Leydig cells (mouse Leydig cell line) |

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| Preparation Method | TM3 Leydig cells were maintained in RPMI 1640 medium containing 1% glutamine, 10% fetal bovine serum, 100IU/mL penicillin and 100IU/mL streptomycin at 37°C, 5% $CO_2$. TM3 Leydig cells were treated with Aflatoxin B1 at 3.6μM for 24 hours, followed by MTT assay, flow cytometry (annexin V/PI and PI staining), TUNEL assay, RT-qPCR and Western blot analysis. |
| Reaction Conditions | 3.6μM; 24h |
| Applications | Aflatoxin B1 upregulated Caspase 3, Caspase 8 and Caspase 9 expression at mRNA and protein levels in TM3 Leydig cells. Aflatoxin B1 increased cellular apoptosis and DNA fragmentation, and reduced the proportion of cells in G1, S and G2 phases of the cell cycle. |
| **Animal experiment [2]:** | |
| Animal models | 7-day-old C57BL/6J wild-type male mice and HCV transgenic (HCV-Tg) male mice on C57BL/6J background |
| Preparation Method | Neonatal (7-day-old) mice were intraperitoneally injected once with Aflatoxin B1 (6μg/g) dissolved in tricaprylin (15μL/g body weight vehicle), male offspring were maintained on regular chow until 12 months of age, then livers were examined macroscopically and histologically (H&E, Oil Red O, Sirius Red, immunohistochemistry for BrdU, 4-HNE, F4/80), with hepatic triglyceride, glutathione, 8-oxo-dG, mtDNA damage and gene expression (qPCR, microarray) assessments. |
| Dosage form | 6μg/g; i.p.; single injection |

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| Applications | Aflatoxin B1 induced liver tumors and preneoplastic lesions in 22.5% of wild-type and HCV-Tg mice at 12 months. Aflatoxin B1 caused hepatic steatosis, increased liver triglyceride content, elevated 4-HNE-adducted proteins, and produced small lobular inflammatory foci in both strains, with HCV-Tg mice showing higher incidence of inflammatory foci, steatosis and adenomas; Aflatoxin B1 increased BrdU-positive nuclei and F4/80-positive macrophage area in wild-type but not HCV-Tg livers, and altered expression of lipid metabolism genes without changing UPR, genomic/mtDNA oxidative DNA damage or glutathione levels. |

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## Background

Aflatoxin B1 is a mycotoxin produced by *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus* with strong toxicity and hepatocarcinogenic activity. Aflatoxin B1 is metabolically activated by cytochrome P450 enzymes into the 8,9-epoxide, which covalently binds to DNA to form adducts and induces p53 gene G→T mutations. Aflatoxin B1 drives hepatocellular carcinogenesis through inducing oxidative stress and inflammatory responses. Aflatoxin B1 can be used in studies related to food safety, toxicology, and the pathogenesis of hepatocellular carcinoma[1-4].

In vitro, treatment of TM3 Leydig cells with 3.6μM Aflatoxin B1 for 24 hours upregulated Caspase 3, Caspase 8 and Caspase 9 expression, increased the apoptosis rate and DNA fragmentation, and reduced the proportion of cells in G1, S and G2 phases[5]. Treatment of MAC-T cells with 5μM Aflatoxin B1 for 48 hours decreased the proportion of cells in G1 phase, increased the proportion of cells in sub-G1, S and G2-M phases, elevated the proportion of late apoptotic cells, and increased

DNA fragmentation[6]. Treatment of PLC/PRF/5 cells with 8μM Aflatoxin B1 for 12 days induced aryl hydrocarbon receptor nuclear translocation and upregulated AHR, CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and PD-L1 expression, promoted long-chain fatty acid accumulation and MLKL, RIPK1, RIPK3 expression, and reduced cell viability[7].

In vivo, a single intraperitoneal injection of 6μg/g Aflatoxin B1 in hepatitis C virus transgenic or wild-type C57BL/6J mice induced hepatocellular adenoma or carcinoma as well as hyperplastic or focal preneoplastic lesions, caused hepatic steatosis and increased liver triglyceride content, and upregulated immune cell chemotaxis-related gene expression and altered lipid metabolism gene expression such as fatty acid translocase and microsomal transport protein in hepatitis C virus transgenic mice[8]. Oral gavage of Swiss albino mice with 9mg/kg Aflatoxin B1 twice weekly for 2 weeks, or with 3-6mg/kg Aflatoxin B1 once daily for 10 days, caused destruction and damage of liver tissue architecture including hepatic sinusoidal congestion, hepatocyte hydropic degeneration, nuclear pyknosis, congestion, necrosis and giant cell transformation, and upregulated MMP1 and MMP7 immunohistochemical expression in liver tissue in a concentration-dependent manner[9]. Daily intraperitoneal injection of C57BL/6J mice with 100μg/kg Aflatoxin B1 for 3 weeks upregulated NLRP3, caspase-1, GSDMD-N, IL-1β and TNF-α levels in the hippocampus, reduced the numbers of $Iba1^+$ microglia, $DCX^+$ immature neurons and $BrdU^+$, $BrdU^-DCX^+$, $BrdU^-NeuN^+$ cells in the hippocampal dentate gyrus, decreased sucrose preference and prolonged immobility time and shortened latency in the tail suspension test and forced swimming test, while increasing serum malondialdehyde content and decreasing superoxide dismutase activity[10].

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