

20α-Hydroxycholesterol

Catalog number: L-6003

Molecular Formula: C₂₇H₄₆O₂

MW: 402.66

CAS#: 516-72-3

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Alternate Names: (3S,8S,9S,10R,13S,14S,17S)-17-((S)-2-hydroxy-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene-3-ol

Solubility: ~200 mg/mL chloroform, 20 mg/mL ethanol

Storage and Handling: Store at 4 °C or below. Stock solution should be stored frozen (-20°C or below).

Background: 20α-Hydroxycholesterol is a naturally occurring oxysterol that plays a key role in regulating lipid metabolism and cellular signaling. It is an endogenous agonist of liver X receptors (LXRs), which are involved in controlling genes responsible for cholesterol transport and efflux. It also activates the Hedgehog pathway by binding the Smoothened receptor which then influences bone formation and developmental processes. Substituting sterols for cholesterol in lipid nanoparticle (LNP) formulations can influence morphology, internal structure, and endosomal escape. These analogs can result in substantial increases in gene delivery via LNPs.

References:

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- 2) M. Herrera et al, "Illuminating endosomal escape of polymorphic lipid nanoparticles that boost mRNA delivery" Biomaterials Science, 2021, 9:4289-4300
- 3) S. Patel et al, "Naturally-occurring cholesterol analogues in lipid nanoparticles induce polymorphic shape and enhance intracellular delivery of mRNA" Nature communication, 2020, 11, 983

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