Citrinin Cat.# BLK0390

Structure OH HOOC CH₃ CH₃ CH₃

Origin: Penicillium citrinum strain FKI-4836

CAS Registry Number: 518-75-2

CA Index Name: 4,6-Dihydro-8-hydroxy-3,4,5-

trimethyl-6-oxo-3H-2-benzopyran-7-

carboxylic Acid

Appearance: lemon-yellow needles

Molecular Formula/ Weight: C₁₃H₁₄O₅=250.25

Melting Point: 166-169 (dec.) Purity: >97% by HPLC

Solubility: Sol. MeOH, dioxane, pyridine,

Dichloromethane Inso. water, benzene, hexane, chloroform

Background Information:

Citrinin was isolated from *Penicillium citrinum*¹⁾, *Guanomyces polythrix*²⁾ and other microorganisms, and phytotoxic agent. Citrinin acts as a nephrotoxin in all animal species tested, but its acute toxicity varies in different species³⁾. It causes mycotoxic nephropathy in livestock and has been implicated as a cause of Balkan nephropathy and yellow rice fever in humans. Citrinin is used as a reagent in biological research. It induces mitochondrial permeability pore opening and inhibits respiration by interfering with complex I of the respiratory chain. Citrinin can also act synergistically with Ochratoxin A to depress RNA synthesis in murine kidnev⁴⁾.

Handling and Storage:

Store at -20 .

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