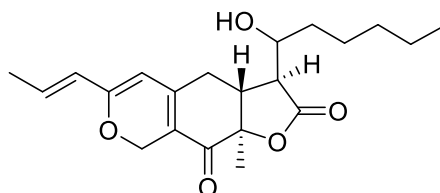


## Monascinol

Code No.: **BIA-M2539**

Pack sizes: **0.1 mg, 0.5 mg**



Synonyms : Monascuspiloin

## Specifications

CAS #	: 1011244-19-1
Molecular Formula	: C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
Molecular Weight	: 360.44
Source	: <i>Penicillium</i> sp.
Appearance	: Orange solid
Purity	: >95% by HPLC
Long Term Storage	: -20°C
Solubility	: Soluble in methanol or DMSO

## Application Notes

Monascinol is a yellow-orange pigment isolated from the fungus *Monascus purpureus* used to produce red yeast rice. Monascinol increases the efficacy of irradiation in PC-3 prostate cancer cells, enhancing DNA damage and endoplasmic reticulum stress. Monascinol induces autophagy and cell death primarily via inhibition of the Akt/mTOR signaling pathways. Monascinol is a moderately potent inhibitor of HMG-CoA reductase. Monascinol has potent anti-androgen activity.

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