

# **Data Sheet**

Product Name: Tanshinone I

Cat. No.: CS-4274

CAS No.: 568-73-0

Molecular Formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Molecular Weight: 276.29

Target: Phospholipase

Pathway: Metabolic Enzyme/Protease

**Solubility:** DMSO : 2 mg/mL (7.24 mM; Need ultrasonic)

## **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY:**

Tanshinone I is an inhibitor of type IIA human recombinant  $\mathbf{sPLA_2}$  ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =11 μM) and rabbit recombinant  $\mathbf{cPLA_2}$  ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =82 μM). IC50 & Target: IC50: 11 μM ( $\mathbf{sPLA_2}$ ), 82 μM ( $\mathbf{cPLA_2}$ )<sup>[1]</sup>. *In Vitro*: Tanshinone I inhibits PGE<sub>2</sub> formation from LPS-induced RAW macrophages ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =38 μM). When Tanshinone I is added simultaneously with LPS, this compound clearly inhibits PGE2 production ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =38 μM) at 10-100 μM. Tanshinone I also reduces PGE2 production ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =46 μM) when added after COX-2 is fully induced. The fact that Tanshinone I inhibits PGE2 production by pre-induced COX-2 strongly suggests that this compound may directly inhibit COX-2 activity and/or affect PLA<sub>2</sub> activity. When Tanshinone I is incubated with two different forms of phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> (PLA<sub>2</sub>), it clearly inhibits  $\mathbf{sPLA_2}$  ( $\mathbf{IC_{50}}$ =11 μM) in a concentration-dependent manner. Although being less potent, Tanshinone I also inhibits  $\mathbf{cPLA_2}$  (IC  $\mathbf{s_{50}}$ =82 μM)<sup>[1]</sup>. *In Vivo*: Tanshinone I shows antiinflammatory activity in rat carrageenan-induced paw oedema and adjuvant-induced arthritis. In order to establish the anti-inflammatory activity of Tanshinone I, the classical animal models of acute and chronic inflammation [rat carrageenan (CGN)-induced paw oedema and rat adjuvant-induced arthritis (AIA)] are employed. When Tanshinone I is orally administered, it shows significant anti-inflammatory activity against CGN-induced paw oedema (47% inhibition at 160 mg/kg), while the IC<sub>50</sub> of indomethacin is 7.1 mg/kg. In AIA, Tanshinone I gives 27% inhibition of secondary inflammation at 18 day with an oral dose of 50 mg/kg/day, whereas prednisolone (5 mg/kg/day) shows potent inhibition (65%)<sup>[1]</sup>.

## PROTOCOL (Extracted from published papers and Only for reference)

Kinase Assay: <sup>[1]</sup>As sources of PLA2, human recombinant sPLA<sub>2</sub> (type IIA) is purified from CHO cells transfected with the PLA<sub>2</sub> gene and rabbit recombinant platelet cPLA<sub>2</sub> is obtained through its expression in baculovirus. The standard reaction mixture (200 μL) contained 100 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 9.0) with 6 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 20 nmol 1-acyl-[1-<sup>14</sup>C]-arachidonyl-sn-glycerophosphoethanolamine (2000 cpm/nmol) in the presence or absence of Tanshinone I. The reaction is started by adding 50 ng purified sPLA<sub>2</sub> or cPLA<sub>2</sub>. After 20 min at 37°C, the free fatty acid generated is analysed. Under these standard conditions, the reaction mixture in the absence of Tanshinone I released approximately 10% of free fatty acid from the phospholipid substrate added<sup>[1]</sup>. **Cell Assay:** <sup>[1]</sup>RAW 264.7 cells are cultured with DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% antibiotics under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C. Briefly, cells are plated in 96-well plates (2×10<sup>5</sup> cells/well). LPS (1 ug/mL) and Tanshinone I are simultaneously added and incubated for 24 h, unless otherwise specified. The PGE<sub>2</sub> concentration in the medium is measured using an EIA kit for PGE2. In order to determine the effects of Tanshinone I on PGE2 production after induction of COX-2, cells are incubated with LPS (1 ug/mL) for 24 h and thoroughly washed. Then, Tanshinone I is added without LPS and the cells are incubated for another 24 h. From the medium, PGE2 concentrations are measured. The cytotoxicity of Tanshinone I to RAW cells is checked using the MTT assay. Tanshinone I does not show any cytotoxicity up to 100 uM<sup>[1]</sup>. **Animal Administration:** Tanshinone I is dissolved in 0.5% CMC<sup>[1]</sup>. <sup>[1]</sup>Mice<sup>[1]</sup> In order to evaluate the inhibitory activity of Tanshinone I against animal models of acute and chronic inflammation, rat carrageenan

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(CGN)-induced paw oedema and adjuvant-induced arthritis (AIA) models are employed. Briefly, 1% CGN dissolved in pyrogen-free saline (0.05 mL) is injected into right hind paw of rats for the paw oedema test. After 5 h, swelling of the treated paw is measured using a plethysmometer. Tanshinone I dissolved in 0.5% CMC is administered orally 1 h prior to CGN injection. For the AIA test, an arthritic inflammation is provoked by injection of *Mycobacterium Butyricum* (0.6 mL/rat) dissolved in mineral oil to the right hind paw of rats. Tanshinone I is orally administered every day. The swelling of the treated and untreated paws is measured using a plethysmometer.

### References:

[1]. Kim SY, et al. Effects of Tanshinone I isolated from Salvia miltiorrhiza bunge on arachidonic acid metabolism and in vivo inflammatory responses. Phytother Res. 2002 Nov;16(7):616-20.

#### **CAIndexNames:**

Phenanthro[1,2-b]furan-10,11-dione, 1,6-dimethyl

#### **SMILES:**

O=C(C1=C2C=CC3=C1C=CC=C3C)C(C4=C2OC=C4C)=O

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