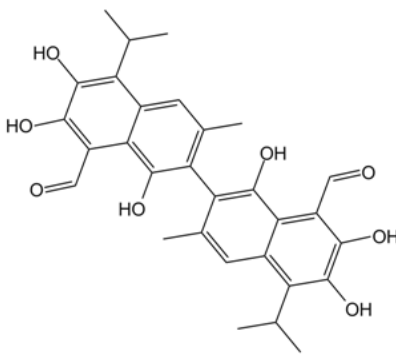


## Product Data Sheet

### Chemical Properties

<b>Product Name:</b>	AT-101	
<b>Cas No.:</b>	90141-22-3	
<b>M.Wt:</b>	518.55	
<b>Formula:</b>	C30H30O8	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	(R)-(-)-Gossypol;R-(-)-gossypol acetic acid;AT 101;AT101	
<b>Chemical Name:</b>	7-(8-formyl-1,6,7-trihydroxy-3-methyl-5-propan-2-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)-2,3,8-trihydroxy-6-methyl-4-propan-2-yl)naphthalene-1-carbaldehyde	
<b>Canonical SMILES:</b>	<chem>CC1=C(C(=C2C(=C1)C(=C(C(=C2C=O)O)O)C(C)C)O)C3=C(C(=C4C(=C3O)C(=C(C(=C4C(C)C)O)O)C=O)C</chem>	
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in DMSO > 10 mM	
<b>Storage:</b>	Store at -20°C	
<b>General tips:</b>	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.	
<b>Shopping Condition:</b>	Evaluation sample solution : ship with blue ice All other available size: ship with RT , or blue ice upon request	

### Biological Activity

**Targets :** Apoptosis

**Pathways:** Bcl-2 Family

**Description:**

AT101, a natural product from cottonseed with a BH3-mimetic structure, was identified as a small molecule inhibitor of Bcl-2/Bcl-xL/Mcl-1 that potently induces apoptosis in various cancer cell lines [1]. It is one of the world's first small molecule Bcl-2 inhibitors that has entered into clinical

trials and is now in phase II clinical trials for hormone-refractory prostate cancer and other types of cancers [2, 3]. Few side effects of gossypol have been reported, with the major side effects of gossypol being nausea and vomiting in the third month of treatment or rashes earlier in the course of treatment [4]. Thus, AT101 is clinically safe [2, 3] and could be used as a potential inducer of apoptosis in cancer treatment.

As a BH3 mimetic, AT-101 binds to the hydrophobic surface binding groove BH3 of the anti-apoptotic proteins Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL, blocking their heterodimerization with pro-apoptotic members of the Bcl-2 family of proteins such as Bad, Bid, and Bim; this may result in the inhibition of tumor cell proliferation and the induction of tumor cell apoptosis. Preclinical studies revealed that gossypol not only interrupts the interaction between anti- and proapoptotic Bcl-2 family proteins but also induces BH3 protein (such as Puma and Noxa) up-regulation or down-regulates XIAP expression [5]. Thus, gossypol can induce apoptosis by activating apoptogenic factors other than the Bcl-2 family. AT-101 induced apoptosis in vitro through activation of caspase-9.

AT101 delayed onset of androgen-independent growth of VCaP prostate cancer xenografts in vivo. Gossypol can neutralize antiapoptotic Bcl-2 proteins and induced Bax activation [1]. However, the function of gossypol was not limited to effects on the interaction between anti- and proapoptotic Bcl-2 proteins. Some studies have demonstrated that gossypol could down-regulate Bcl-2, Bcl-xL, and XIAP expression [6] or induce Puma and Noxa expression. Therefore, the apoptotic effect of gossypol has been demonstrated to be attenuated by the presence of androgen in a prostate cancer xenograft mouse model.

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**NOT FOR HUMAN, VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.**

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