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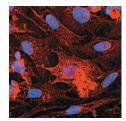
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15-Oxygenated Sterols - another first from Avanti

Avanti announces six different Sterols, now in stock. These new synthetic compounds also demonstrate the amazing purity the world's top researchers expect from Avanti.

Addition of cholesterol to cultured cells commonly results in inhibition of sterol biosynthesis. This effect was originally attributed to feedback inhibition. Later, Kandutsch and Chen, 1,2 using highly purified cholesterol, demonstrated that the inhibition was caused not by cholesterol itself but rather by trace levels of oxysterols present as contaminants in most cholesterol preparations. Representative oxysterol contaminants were shown to be potent inhibitors of sterol biosynthesis and to lower 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutarylcoenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase activity in cultured mammalian cells. 1,2,3 This work has engendered a large body of research aimed at defining the role of oxysterols as regulators in a variety of cellular processes. 3

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