## Betulinic acid

Name of the	Betulinic acid
Phytochemical	
Chemical Structure	но
Botanical Source	Betula alba
CAS Number	472-15-1
Functional Activity	<ul> <li>Acts as a eukaryotic topoisomerase I inhibitor, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 5 μM, and possesses anti-HIV, anti-malarial, anti-inflammatory and anti-tumor properties.</li> <li>Acts as an antiviral agent against Dengue virus (DENV).</li> </ul>
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