

Table (2-1): Chemical properties of aflatoxins

| Name | Aflatoxin B1 | Aflatoxin B2 | Aflatoxin G1 | Aflatoxin G2 |
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| Structure | | | | |
| CA Name | Cyclopenta[C]furo[3',2':4,5]furo[2,3h][1]benzopyran-1,11-dione,2,3,6a,9a-tetrahydro-4-methoxy-,(6aR,9aS)- | Cyclopenta[C]furo[3',2':4,5]furo[2,3h][1]benzopyran-1,11-dione,2,3,6a,8,9,9a-hexahydro-4-methoxy-, (6aR,9aS)- | 1H,12H-furo[3',2':4,5]furo[2,3h]pyrano[3,4-c][1]benzopyran-1,12-dione,3,4,7a,10a-tetrahydro-5-methoxy-,(7aR,10aS)- | 1H,12H-furo[3',2':4,5]furo[2,3h]pyrano[3,4-c][1]benzopyran-1,12-dione,3,4,7a,9,10,10a-hexahydro-5-methoxy-,(7aR-cis)- |
| Other trivial name | | Dihydroaflatoxin B1 | | Dihydroaflatoxin G1 |
| Registry Number | 1162-65-8 | 7220-81-7 | 1165-39-5 | 7241-98-7 |
| Molecular Formula | C ₁₇ H ₁₂ O ₆ | C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₆ | C ₁₇ H ₁₂ O ₇ | C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₇ |
| Molecular weight | 312.3 | 314.3 | 328.3 | 330.3 |
| Solubility | Soluble in water and polar organic solvents | | | |
| Complete synthesis | Yes, but large-scale synthesis is impractical. The metabolic pathway of aflatoxin biosynthesis is very complex and it is likely that it will be manufactured using strains of producer organisms manipulated to maximize yields. | | | |