

*Research report*

## Larch arabinogalactan

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### ABSTRACT

This paper discusses some of the applications and characteristics of naturally occurring arabinogalactans, with a special emphasis on those arabinogalactans derived from Western Larch. The unusual immunological properties of larch arabinogalactan (wood gum, wood sugar, larch gum, "Stractan", "Ara-6") suggest it may be used in numerous, exciting future applications. Evidence of this can be seen in the medicinal chemical, pharmaceutical, and bio-technical fields where current research and development has resulted in the creation of arabinogalactan-based products with unique characteristics. Larch arabinogalactan possesses minimal toxicity and is approved for food use. (*55 references, 1 illustration*)