

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Lecithin, egg

Catalog number: 1044

Common Name: Phosphatidylcholine; PC

Source: natural, chicken, egg

Solubility: chloroform, ethyl ether, ethanol

CAS number: 8002-43-5

Molecular Formula: C₄₄H₈₄NO₈P

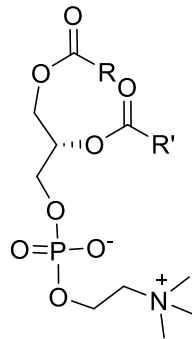
Molecular Weight: 787 (oleoyl)

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC >98%

TLC System: chloroform/methanol/DI water,
(65:25:4 by vol.)

Appearance: liquid



Application Notes:

This product is a high purity phosphatidylcholine (PC) containing a natural mixture of fatty acids acylated to the sn-1 and sn-2 positions. PC is a major component of biological membranes, especially in the outer leaflet, often composing almost 50% of the total phospholipids.¹ It is a vital component in membrane bilayers and is the main phospholipid circulating in plasma. PC plays an important role in membrane-mediated cell signaling by generating diacylglycerols and sphingolipids.² Phospholipase D is an enzyme that cleaves off the choline head group, converting PC to phosphatidic acid, while phospholipase C cleaves off the phosphate group leaving diacylglycerol. PC is the biosynthetic precursor of sphingomyelin, phosphatidylethanolamine, lyso-phosphatidylcholine, and platelet-activating factor. The choline headgroup is an essential nutrient in animals although it can be synthesized by methylating phosphatidylethanolamine to phosphatidylcholine and then cleaving the headgroup with phospholipase D.³ Tumor cells appear to have increased synthesis of PC and this may be a potential target for cancer therapy. Another function of PC is the activation of enzymes such as the enzyme 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase which must be bound to phosphatidylcholine before it can function optimally.

Selected References:

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