

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Glucosylsphingosine, plant

**Catalog number:** 1310

**Common Name:** Glucopsychosine; *lyso*  
Glucocerebroside; 1-*beta*-D-  
Glucosylsphingadienine

**Source:** semisynthetic, plant

**Solubility:** chloroform/methanol, 4:1

**CAS number:** 114200-59-8

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>45</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>

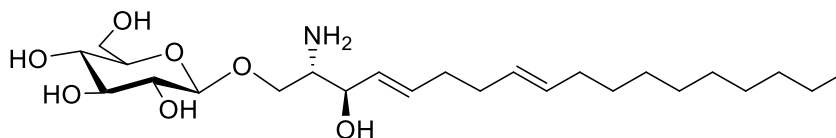
**Molecular Weight:** 460 (based on 1-*beta*-D-  
glucosylsphinga-4,8-  
dienine)

**Storage:** -20°C

**Purity:** TLC >98%; identity confirmed by MS

**TLC System:** chloroform/methanol/DI  
water/ammonium hydroxide  
(65:25:3:2 by vol.)

**Appearance:** solid



### Application Notes:

Glucosylsphingosine is the *lyso*-derivative of the common glycolipid glucocerebroside. Gaucher disease is characterized by an accumulation of glucocerebroside due to a deficiency in the enzyme glucocerebrosidase and it has now been found that glucopsychosine also accumulates in this disease.<sup>1</sup> This accumulation of glucosylsphingosine contributes to neuronal dysfunction and destruction in patients with neuronopathic Gaucher disease<sup>2</sup> and it has been found to be a potent inhibitor of glucocerebrosidase. At least some instances of Gaucher disease also have a deficiency in the activity of glucosylsphingosine *beta*-glucosidase, the enzyme responsible for cleaving off the glucose of glucopsychosine and glucocerebroside. Like glucocerebroside and galactocerebroside, glucosylsphingosine can increase Ca<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> mobilization from intracellular stores although it uses a different mechanism.<sup>3</sup> Conduritol B epoxide (CBE), an inhibitor of *beta*-glucosidase, and 1-phenyl-2-decanoylamino-3-morpholino-1-propanol (PDMP), an inhibitor of glucosylceramide synthase, can be used to create a model of Gaucher disease and consequently an accumulation of glucosylsphingosine.<sup>4</sup>

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