

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

D,L-C16-Dihydrosphingosine, (mixed isomers)

Catalog number: 1326

Synonyms: D,L-Sphinganine, with C16:0 chain

Source: synthetic

Solubility: chloroform, methanol, ethanol,
DMSO

CAS number: 50731-08-3

Molecular Formula: C₁₆H₃₅NO₂

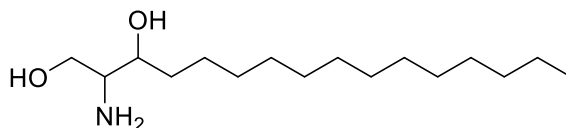
Molecular Weight: 273

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC >98% (90% *erythro*, 10% *threo*)

TLC System: chloroform/methanol/DI
water/ammonium hydroxide
(70:20:1:1 by vol.)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

This dihydrosphingosine standard is a mixture of D and L isomers and contains approximately 90% *erythro* and 10% *threo* isomers. It is a 16 carbon chain, two carbons shorter than the most prevalent dihydrosphingosine in most animals. However, some animals, such as *Drosophila melanogaster*, have the shorter C16 dihydrosphingosine base.¹ Dihydrosphingosine (Sphinganine) is the precursor of dihydroceramide which is then desaturated to form ceramide. It is a critical intermediate in the synthesis of many complex sphingoid bases and ceramide analogs. It has been found that sphinganine can induce cell death in a number of types of malignant cells and is being tested for its pharmacological properties.² Inhibition of dihydroceramide synthesis by some fungal toxins that have a similar structure causes an increase in sphinganine and sphinganine-1-phosphate and a decrease in other sphingolipids leading to a number of diseases including oesophageal cancer.³ Sphinganine has been found to mediate fumonisin (a toxic sphinganine analog) induced hypotension.⁴

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