

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Disialoganglioside Mixture (qualitative)

Catalog No:	1509
Components:	GD ₃ , GD _{1a} , GD _{1b}
Concentration:	0.5mg/ml
Quantity:	1ml
Source:	natural, bovine
Solvent:	chloroform/methanol/DI water (2:1:0.1)
TLC System:	chloroform/methanol/0.02% aqueous calcium chloride (55:45:10 by vol.)
Storage:	-20°C

Application Notes:

This product contains the disialogangliosides GD₃, GD_{1a}, and GD_{1b} in approximately equal amounts. It is a qualitative mixture prepared from highly pure materials and is in chloroform/methanol/water (2:1:0.1). The defining characteristic of gangliosides is the sialic acid moiety of the oligosaccharide head group. This mixture contains gangliosides having two sialic acids. Gangliosides¹ are acidic glycosphingolipids that form lipid rafts in the outer leaflet of the cell plasma membrane, especially in neuronal cells in the central nervous system.² They participate in cellular proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, signal transduction, cell-to-cell interactions, tumorigenesis, and metastasis.³ The accumulation of gangliosides has been linked to several diseases including Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease while an autoimmune response against gangliosides can lead to Guillain-Barré syndrome. Gangliosides act as receptors for various toxins and bacteria, accumulate in different tumors, and aid in many neuronal functions. Therefore they are very important in therapeutic processes. This is a qualitative mixture and should not be used for quantitative purposes.

Selected References:

1. L. Svennerholm et al. (eds.), *Structure and Function of Gangliosides*, New York, Plenum, 1980
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3. S. Birkle et al. "Role of tumor-associated gangliosides in cancer progression" *Biochimie*, Vol. 85 pp. 455-463, 2003



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