

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Disialoganglioside GD_{1a} (NH₄⁺ salt), porcine

Catalog No: 1546

Common Name: GD_{1a}

Source: natural, porcine

Solubility: chloroform/methanol/DI water,
(2:1:0.1); forms micellar
solution in water

CAS No: 12707-58-3

Molecular Formula: C₈₄H₁₄₈N₄O₃₉ • 2NH₃

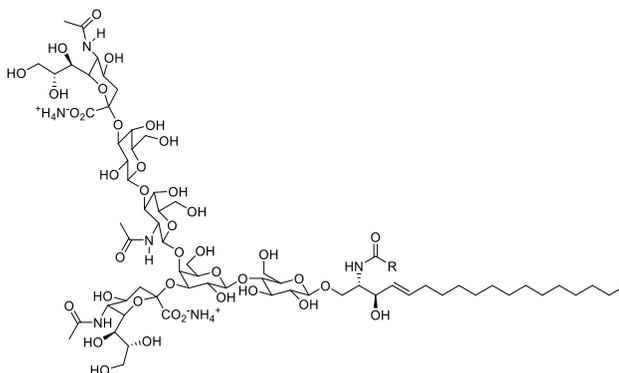
Molecular Weight: 1838 + 2NH₃ (Stearoyl)

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC > 98%; identity confirmed by MS

TLC System: chloroform/methanol/
2.5N ammonium hydroxide,
(60:40:9 by vol.)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

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. They participate in cellular proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, signal transduction, cell-to-cell interactions, tumorigenesis, and metastasis.² The accumulation of gangliosides has been linked to several diseases including Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease. An autoimmune response against gangliosides can lead to Guillain-Barre syndrome. GD_{1a} is one of the major brain gangliosides. It is a coreceptor of Toll-like receptor 2 signaling³ and it inhibits concanavalin A-induced 45Ca₂⁺ uptake although it is not cytotoxic nor does it significantly alter the rate of Ca₂⁺ efflux. Along with other gangliosides GD_{1a} enhances tumor cell proliferation, invasion, and metastasis. It is a receptor for cholera toxin and contributes to the sodium channel functional variability within and between neuronal cells. GD_{1a} causes a significant increase in the responsiveness of epidermal growth factor receptors, a condition that is often associated with the formation of tumors.⁴

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