

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

### lyso-Ceramide trihexoside

**Catalog No:** 1520

**Common Name:** lyso-CTH; lyso-Globotriaosylsphingosine

**Source:** semisynthetic, porcine RBC

**Solubility:** chloroform/methanol/DI water  
(2:1:0.1)

**CAS No:** 126550-86-5

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>67</sub>NO<sub>17</sub>

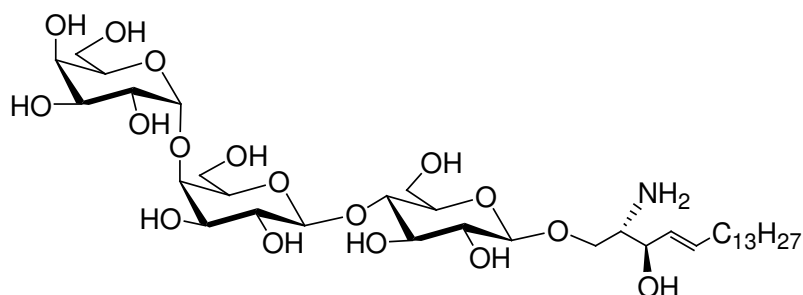
**Molecular Weight:** 786

**Storage:** -20°C

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

**TLC System:** chloroform/methanol/DI water/  
2.5N ammonium hydroxide  
(60:40:7:3 by Vol.)

**Appearance:** solid



### **Application notes:**

Lyso-Ceramide trihexoside contains a free amine linkage enabling well-defined ceramide trihexosides to be produced. Ceramide trihexoside is involved in cellular signaling and has been identified as a receptor for various toxins including shiga toxins and shiga-like toxins.<sup>1</sup> Some toxins, such as verotoxins from *Escherichia coli*, require specific fatty acids on the ceramide portion of CTH to show affinity in binding. An accumulation of CTH in the cellular membrane due to a lack of alpha-galactosidase to convert it into lactosyl ceramide results in Fabry disease.<sup>2</sup> It can be used as an excellent standard for the identification of CTH in Fabry disease by HPLC<sup>3</sup> and mass spectrometry.<sup>4</sup> In contrast to Fabry disease, a deficiency of CTH due to mutations in the gene sequence leads to the P<sup>k</sup> Blood Group Phenotype. It appears that under certain conditions CTH can enhance anticoagulant activity. CTH has also been studied as a tool to investigate lymphocyte activation.<sup>5</sup>

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