

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Methyl tetracosanoate

Catalog number: 1038

Common name: Methyl lignocerate; C24:0
Methyl ester

Source: synthetic

Solubility: chloroform, ethyl ether

CAS number: 2442-49-1

Molecular Formula: C₂₅H₅₀O₂

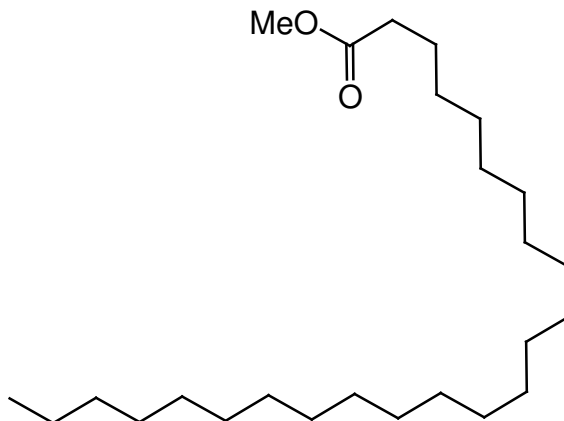
Molecular Weight: 382

Storage: room temperature

Purity: TLC: 99%, GC: 99%

TLC System: hexane/ethyl ether (85:15)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

This high purity fatty acid methyl ester is ideal as a standard and for biological studies. Lignoceric acid (C24:0) and nervonic acid (C24:1) can make up as much as 60% of the fatty acids of certain lipid fractions in the white matter, gray matter, and myelin of the human brain.¹ Sphingomyelin also contains significant amounts of both lignoceric and nervonic acids in other mammalian sources.² Lignoceric acid is oxidized mainly in the peroxisomes in contrast to some of the other fatty acids, such as palmitic acid, which are oxidized in the mitochondria.³ In peroxisomal disorders, such as Zellweger cerebro-hepato-renal syndrome and X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy, there is an accumulation of lignoceric acid along with other saturated very long-chain fatty acids due to peroxisomal dysfunctions. Lignoceric acid (as well as other saturated very long-chain fatty acids) promotes the growth of cotton fiber cell elongation (possibly by activating ethylene biosynthesis) and increases sphingolipid biosynthesis.⁴

Selected References:

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