

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Glucosylsphingosine, plant

Catalog number: 1310

Common Name: Glucopsychosine; *lyso*-
Glucocerebroside; 1-*beta*-D-
Glucosylsphingadienine

Source: semisynthetic, plant

Solubility: chloroform/methanol, 4:1

CAS number: 114200-59-8

Molecular Formula: C₂₄H₄₅NO₇

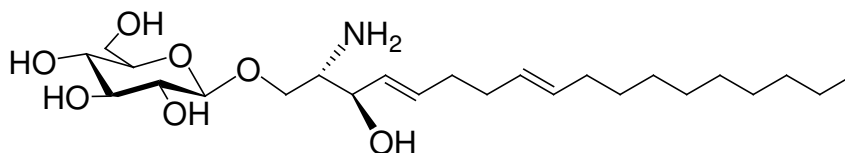
Molecular Weight: 460 (based on 1-*beta*-D-
glucosylsphinga-4,8-
dienine)

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC >98%; identity confirmed by MS

TLC System: chloroform/methanol/DI water/
ammonium hydroxide (65:25:3:2
by vol.)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

Glucosylsphingosine is the *lyso*-derivative of the common glycolipid glucocerebroside. Gaucher disease is characterized by an accumulation of glucocerebroside due to a deficiency in the enzyme glucocerebrosidase and it has now been found that glucopsychosine also accumulates in this disease.¹ This accumulation of glucosylsphingosine contributes to neuronal dysfunction and destruction in patients with neuronopathic Gaucher disease² and it has been found to be a potent inhibitor of glucocerebrosidase. At least some instances of Gaucher disease also have a deficiency in the activity of glucosylsphingosine *beta*-glucosidase, the enzyme responsible for cleaving off the glucose of glucopsychosine and glucocerebroside. Like glucocerebroside and galactocerebroside, glucosylsphingosine can increase Ca₂⁺ mobilization from intracellular stores although it uses a different mechanism.³ Conduritol B epoxide (CBE), an inhibitor of *beta*-glucosidase, and 1-phenyl-2-decanoylamino-3-morpholino-1-propanol (PDMP), an inhibitor of glucosylceramide synthase, can be used to create a model of Gaucher disease and consequently an accumulation of glucosylsphingosine.⁴

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