

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Monosialoganglioside GM₂ (NH₄⁺ salt)

Catalog No: 1502

Common Name: GM₂

Source: natural, human Tay-Sachs

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

CAS No: 19600-01-2

Molecular Formula: C₆₇H₁₂₁N₃O₂₆ • NH₃

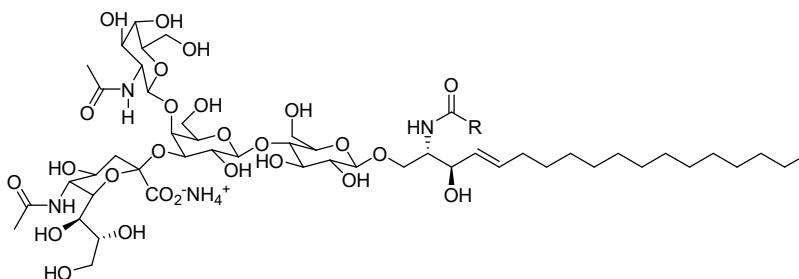
Molecular Weight: 1385+ NH₃ (stearoyl)

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC >98%

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

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.² They participate in cellular proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, signal transduction, cell-to-cell interactions, tumorigenesis, and metastasis.³ GM₂ regulates the function of ciliary neurotrophic factor receptors. The accumulation of GM₂ (due to a deficiency in *beta*-hexosaminidase) has characterized Tay-Sachs disease (due to a mutation in the gene *HEXA*) and Sandhoff disease (due to a mutation in the gene *HEXB*). A mutation in the *GM2A* gene results in GM2 activator deficiency that also leads to accumulation of GM₂.⁴

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