

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## N-Dodecanoyl-NBD-D-erythro-dihydrosphingosine

**Catalog No:** 1625

**Common Name:** N-C12:0-NBD-Dihydroceramide;  
N-C12:0-NBD-D-erythro-  
Dihydrosphingosine

**Source:** synthetic

**Solubility:** chloroform/methanol (2:1 by vol.)  
methanol

**CAS No:** 474943-05-0

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>63</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

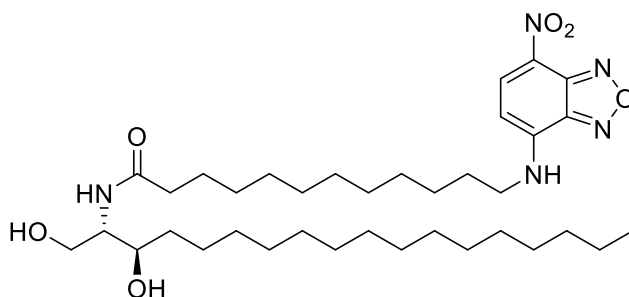
**Molecular Weight:** 662

**Storage:** -20°C

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

**TLC System:** chloroform/methanol (90:10 by vol.)

**Appearance:** solid



### Application Notes:

This high purity fluorescent product is ideal for the identification of dihydroceramide in samples and biological systems. 7-nitrobenzofurazan (NBD) has been shown to have only a small influence on lipid adsorption into cells and cellular membranes. This fluorescent analog of natural dihydroceramide is comparable to C12:0-dihydroceramide in many biological functions.<sup>1,2</sup> Dihydroceramide is a critical intermediate in the synthesis of many complex sphingoid bases. Inhibition of dihydroceramide synthesis by some fungal toxins that have a similar structure causes an increase in dihydroceramide and dihydroceramide-1-phosphate and a decrease in other sphingolipids leading to a number of diseases including oesophageal cancer. Dihydroceramide, synthesized by the acylation of sphinganine, is subsequently converted into ceramide via a desaturase enzyme. N-(4-Hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR) has been tested as an anti-cancer agent. It inhibits the dihydroceramide desaturase enzyme in cells resulting in a high concentration of dihydroceramide and dihydro-sphingolipids and this is thought to be the cause of the anti-cancer effects.<sup>3</sup> Dihydrosphingosine induces cell death in a number of types of malignant cells.

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