

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Methyl 2-hydroxydodecanoate

Catalog number: 1702

Common names: 2-Hydroxy C12:0 methyl ester

Source: synthetic

Solubility: methanol, chloroform, ethyl ether

CAS number: 51067-85-7

Molecular Formula: C₁₃H₂₆O₃

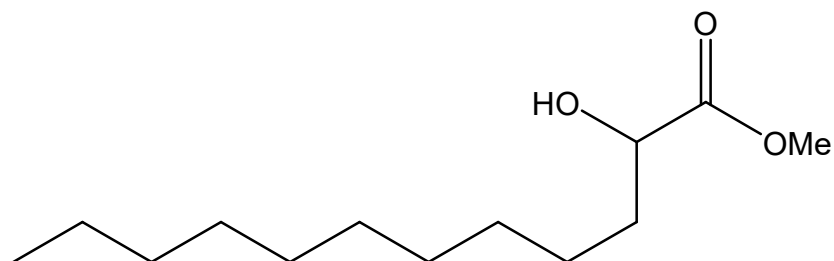
Molecular Weight: 230

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC > 98%, GC > 98%; identity confirmed by MS

TLC System: hexane/ethyl ether (70:30)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

alpha-Hydroxy fatty acids are abundant in nervous tissues and are components of cerebroside and sulfatide, which are mostly found in the myelin of nervous tissues. They are common in cosmetics, skin creams, and lotions. 2-hydroxy acids display complex monolayer phase behavior due to the additional hydrogen bonding afforded by the presence of the second hydroxy group and therefore play an important role in the membrane structure.¹ 2-hydroxydodecanoic acid demonstrates antifungal properties, although to a lesser extent than 3-hydroxy fatty acids.² 2-Hydroxydodecanoic acid (along with 2-hydroxytetradecanoic acid) induced a hyphal growth response of the arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungus, *Gigaspora gigantea* while other 2-hydroxy, 3-hydroxy, and non-hydroxy fatty acids did not. This indicates that 2-hydroxy fatty acids are a putative category of root exudate signal perceived by *Gigaspora* species, stimulating an increase in elongated lateral branches.³ *alpha*-Oxidation of 2-hydroxy fatty acids to CO₂ and saturated acids occurs in the peroxisome and is unique from the *alpha*-oxidation of *beta*-carbon branched fatty acids such as phytanic acid. Cells from Zellweger syndrome and peroxisome-deficient cells are unable to undergo *alpha*-oxidation although patients with other peroxisomal disorders such as X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy, Refsum disease, and rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata are able to.⁴

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