

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Methyl 2-hydroxytetradecanoate

Catalog number: 1704

Common Name: 2-Hydroxy C14:0 methyl ester

Source: synthetic

Solubility: methanol, chloroform, ethyl ether

CAS number: 56009-40-6

Molecular Formula: C₁₅H₃₀O₃

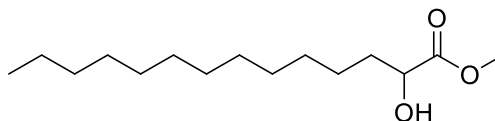
Molecular Weight: 258

Storage: -20°C

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

TLC System: hexane/ethyl ether, (80:20 by vol.)

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 and skin creams and lotions. 2-Hydroxytetradecanoic acid is formed by the oxidation of tetradecanoic acid by the enzyme fatty acid 2-hydroxylase. This enzyme is also responsible for the formation of 2-hydroxy galactolipids in the peripheral nervous system.¹ 2-Hydroxytetradecanoic acid can form 2-hydroxymyristoyl-CoA which is a potent inhibitor of myristoyl-CoA:protein N-myristoyltransferase, the enzyme that catalyzes protein N-myristoylation, and can be used to reduce the amount of p56lck (a protein-tyrosine kinases) at the plasma membrane.² 2-Hydroxytetradecanoic acid, but not other 2-hydroxy acids or any 3-hydroxy acids, was found to stimulate an increase in elongated lateral branches of some fungi.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.⁴ 2-Hydroxy fatty acids are undergoing much research and various methods of analysis are being investigated.

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