

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Conduritol B Epoxide

**Catalog number:** 1889

**Synonyms:** Inhibits *beta*-glucosidase activity;  
Inhibits *alpha*-glucosidase activity;  
specific inhibitor of  
glucocerebrosidase in cultured  
cells; 1,2-Anhydro-*myo*-inositol;  
CBE

**Source:** synthetic

**Solubility:** water, DMSO, methanol (slightly)

**CAS number:** 6090-95-5

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

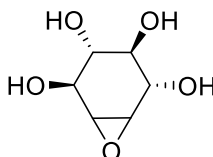
**Molecular Weight:** 162

**Storage:** -20°C

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

**TLC System:** chloroform/methanol (70:30 by vol.)

**Appearance:** solid



### Application Notes:

Conduritol B epoxide (CBE) is a derivative of the naturally occurring conduritol B and is a catalytic, site-directed, covalent inhibitor of acid *beta*-glucosidase<sup>1</sup> and of *alpha*-glucosidase.<sup>2</sup> Conduritol B epoxide binds covalently and irreversibly to the catalytic site of acid *beta*-glucosidase, which is the enzyme responsible for the conversion of glucosylceramide to ceramide.<sup>3</sup> Gaucher disease, the most prevalent lysosomal storage disease, is caused by mutations in the gene encoding acid *beta*-glucosidase resulting in a defect in the enzyme *beta*-glucosidase activity and a subsequent accumulation of glucosylceramide. Conduritol B epoxide can be used to rapidly reproduce the effects of Gaucher disease making it ideal for studies of this condition.<sup>4</sup> Treatment with CBE results in glucocerebrosides accumulating in neurons, causing changes in axonal morphology, although CBE has no effect on dendrite development. Co-incubation with CBE and inhibitors of sphingolipid synthesis such as fumonisins B1, an inhibitor of acylation of sphingoid long-chain bases, antagonizes the effects of CBE.<sup>5</sup>

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