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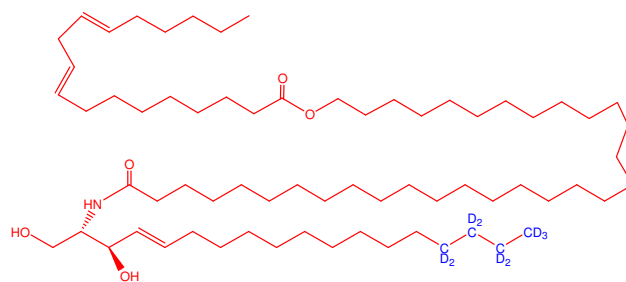
### Interactions of Ceramides and Proteins

Ceramides, ubiquitous sphingolipid intermediates with multiple physiological functions, often exert their powerful effects by direct interactions with proteins. Identified ceramide-binding proteins include the ceramide transfer protein CERT, the kinase suppressor of Ras, protein kinase c-Raf, cathepsin D, protein phosphatase 2A inhibitor SET, and StarD7.<sup>(1)</sup> By manipulating specific cardiac ceramide-binding proteins, researchers were able to reverse ceramide-induced lipotoxic cardiomyopathy.<sup>(2)</sup>

In addition to ceramides forming loose complexes with proteins, ceramides have been found to be attached, through ester linkages, to various proteins of the cornified cell envelope of the skin. During protein envelope assembly, the membrane is converted to a layer of ceramides covalently bound to the protein envelope on the extracellular surface. It is thought that the ester-linked ceramides constitute a hydrophobic surface that functions as a water barrier layer.<sup>(3)</sup>

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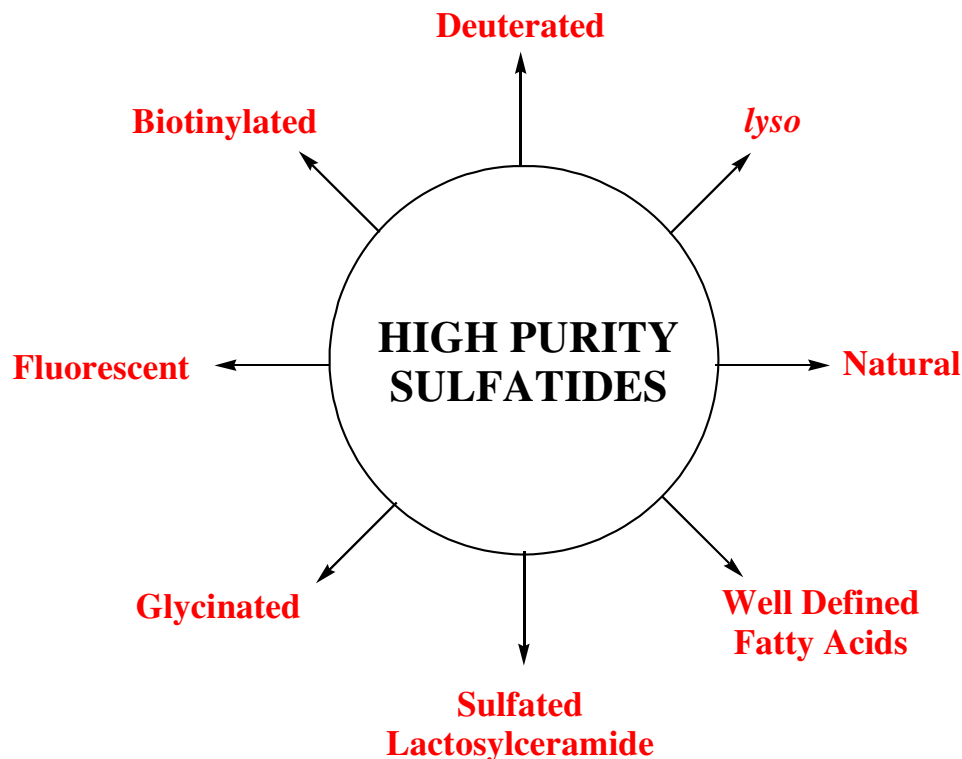
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## Sulfatides in Metachromatic Leukodystrophy



Sulfatides are 3-sulfated galactosylceramides that are found primarily in the central nervous system and are myelin specific sphingolipids. Over the last several decades sulfatides have been linked to many physiological functions and recently there has been a renewed interest in their role in diseases. Sulfatides are highly multifunctional glycolipids involved in the nervous system, diabetes, immune system, hemostasis/thrombosis, bacterial infection, and viral infection. By understanding the correlation between sulfatide's normal physiological functions and specific roles in disease, new diagnostic and therapeutic methods can be evaluated.

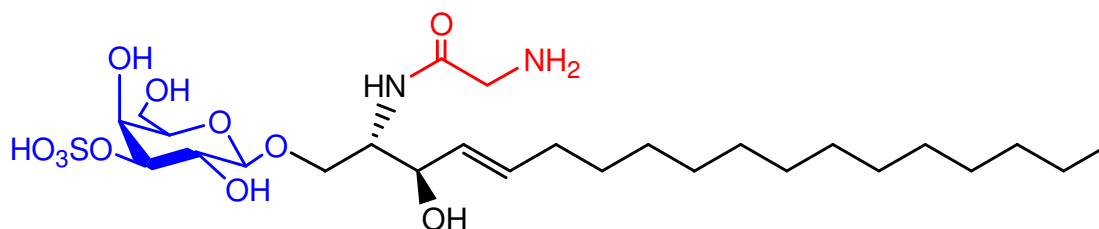
Abnormal sulfatide metabolism, such as in metachromatic leukodystrophy, can induce cell apoptosis due to endosome-mediated ceramide generation and the accumulation of cytotoxic levels of sulfatides

in lysosomes.<sup>(1)</sup> Metachromatic leukodystrophy is an autosomal-recessive lysosomal storage disease caused by mutations in the arylsulfatase A (ARSA) gene leading to ARSA deficiency and causing sulfatide accumulation. Main symptoms of the disease are progressive demyelination, neurological dysfunction, and reduced life expectancy.<sup>(2)</sup> A comparative study analyzing sulfatide levels in newborn urine and dried blood spot samples concluded that urine, but not dried blood spots, were useful for screening newborns for metachromatic leukodystrophy.<sup>(3)</sup>

Sulfatides are highly dynamic glycosphingolipids with far reaching biological processes. A greater understanding of these functions in living systems will lead to the elucidation of associated diseases and the development of therapeutic treatments to various sulfatide associated diseases.

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N-Glycinated *lyso*-sulfatide  
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Product Name	Catalog #	Purity
Sulfatides	1049	98+%
<i>lyso</i> -Sulfatide	1904	98+%
N-Glycinated <i>lyso</i> -sulfatide (MS standard for <i>lyso</i> )	2092	98+%
N-Acetyl-sulfatide (C2:0)	2076	98+%
N-Dodecanoyl-sulfatide (C12:0)	1938	98+%
N-Hexadecanoyl-sulfatide (C16:0)	1875	98+%
N-Heptadecanoyl-sulfatide (C17:0)	1934	98+%
N-Octadecanoyl-sulfatide (C18:0)	1932	98+%
N-Octadecenoyl-( <i>cis</i> -9)-sulfatide (C18:1)	1933	98+%
N-Nonadecanoyl-sulfatide (C19:0)	1935	98+%
N-Tetracosanoyl-sulfatide (C24:0)	1888	98+%
N-Tetracosenoyl-sulfatide (C24:1)	1931	98+%
N-Hexanoyl-biotin-sulfatide	2207	98+%
N- <i>omega</i> -CD <sub>3</sub> -Octadecanoyl-sulfatide (deuterated)	1536	98+%
N-Dodecanoyl-NBD-sulfatide (fluorescent)	1632	98+%
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