TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

α-Galactosyl Ceramide

Catalog Number	867000	Physical state	Powder
Purity	> 95%	Transition temp.	No data
CAS	158021-47-7	CMC	No data
Synonyms	αGalCer; KRN7000; (2S,3S,4R)-1-O- (D-galactosyl)-N-hexacosanoyl-2-amino- 1,3,4-octadecanetriol	pK _a	No data
Molec. Formula	$C_{50}H_{99}NO_{9}$	TLC mobile phase	C:M*, 85:15, v/v
MW	858.322	Exact Mass	857.732
Percent composition	C 69.97% H 11.63% N 1.63% O 16.78%		
Stability	Store in <-20°C freezer for up to one year		
Solubility	Soluble in DMSO at 60-80°C + Sonication. Note: solidifies at room temperature in DMSO (i.e. keep warm with sonication). Concentration should be 1 mg/mL and can be diluted in PBS. For in vivo assays, dissolve in 5.6% sucrose, 0.75% L-histidine and 0.5% Tween20 at 60-80°C + Sonication. Insoluble in water, ethanol, or methanol.		
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^{*}C, Chloroform, M, Methanol

Description:

Agelasphins extracted from the marine sponge Agelas mauritianus were found to have antitumor activity. One agelasphin analog, KRN7000, is a synthetic analog of α -galactosylceramide (Park et al, 2008). KRN7000 is a specific ligand for the MHC class I-like protein CD1d (Yu et al, 2007) which binds to human and mouse NKT cells. This action of KRN7000 stimulates the secretion of IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha cells which protects against LPS-induced shock (Sireci et al, 2008). KRN7000 also functions in other proinflammatory and immunoregulatory functions (Yu et al, 2007). Recent monocolonal antibodies against KRN7000 have been developed (et al, 2007) to elucidate further the role KRN7000 plays in these T-lymphocytes. KRN7000 is currently in multiple clinical trials for its antimetastatic effects.

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