

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

3-Hydroxyoctanoic acid

Catalog number: 1745

Common names: 3-Hydroxy C8:0 fatty acid; 3-

Hydroxy caprylic acid

Source: synthetic

Solubility: chloroform, ethanol, methanol

CAS number: 14292-27-4

Molecular Formula: C₈H₁₆O₃

Molecular Weight: 160

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC > 98%, GC > 98%; identity

confirmed by MS

TLC System: hexane/ethyl ether/acetic acid

(70:30:2)

Appearance: solid

Application Notes:

This 3-hydroxyoctanoic acid is a high purity standard that is ideal for analysis and biological systems. 3-Hydroxyoctanoic acid is found primarily as polyhydroxyalkenoates in bacteria and other microorganisms where they can be as much as 90% of the dry weight in some circumstances. 3-Hydroxy fatty acids are intermediates in fatty acid biosynthesis and have been found to be converted to the *omega*-fatty acid by the enzyme CYP4F11 and then into dicarboxylic acids *in vivo*. ¹ 3-Hydroxy fatty acids are used as biomarkers for fatty acid oxidative disorders of both the long- and short-chain 3-hydroxy-acyl-CoA dehydrogenases. ^{2,3} Polyhydroxyalkenoates, polyesters produced by bacteria fermentation, are used for carbon and energy storage and are of interest in studies regarding their synthesis, properties and mechanisms and are used as biodegradable plastics. ⁴ Medium chain-length polyhydroxyalkenoate monomers such as 3-hydroxyoctanoic acid may have pharmaceutical properties. 3-Hydroxyoctanoic acid is a *beta*-oxidation intermediate in humans and it demonstrates anti-lipolytic activity in adipocytes. ⁵

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