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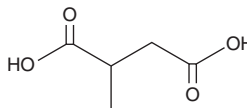
PRODUCT INFORMATION



Methylsuccinic Acid

Item No. 36430

CAS Registry No.: 498-21-5
Formal Name: 2-methyl-butanedioic acid
Synonyms: 2-Methylsuccinic Acid, NSC 5276
MF: C₅H₈O₄
FW: 132.1
Purity: ≥95%
Supplied as: A solid
Storage: -20°C
Stability: ≥4 years



Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

Laboratory Procedures

Methylsuccinic acid is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the methylsuccinic acid in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Methylsuccinic acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of methylsuccinic acid in these solvents is approximately 30 mg/ml.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of methylsuccinic acid can be prepared by directly dissolving the solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of methylsuccinic acid in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 10 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Description

Methylsuccinic acid is a dicarboxylic acid and metabolite of the essential amino acid L-isoleucine and branched-chain amino acid L-alloisoleucine (Item No. 34904).¹ It is formed from L-isoleucine and L-alloisoleucine via an R-2-oxo-3-methylvaleric acid intermediate. Urinary levels of methylsuccinic acid are increased in patients with ethylmalonic encephalopathy, an inborn error of metabolism characterized by developmental delay, hypotonia, vascular instability, petechiae, acrocyanosis, chronic diarrhea, and lactic acidemia. Urinary levels of methylsuccinic acid are also increased in patients with short-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency or type 2 diabetes.^{2,3} It has been found in urban and industrial aerosols of fine particulate matter less than 2.5 μm (PM_{2.5}).⁴

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WARNING

THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

SAFETY DATA

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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