Product Information

Lauric Acid

Item No. 10006626

CAS Registry No.: 143-07-7

Formal Name: Dodecanoic acid

Synonyms: Dodecanoic acid, NSC 5026

MF: $C_{12}H_{24}O_{2}$ 200.3 FW: **Purity:** ≥98%

Stability: ≥2 years at room temperature

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Laboratory Procedures

For long term storage, we suggest that lauric acid be stored as supplied at room temperature. It should be stable for at least two years.

Lauric acid is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the lauric acid in an organic solvent purged with an inert gas. Lauric acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of lauric acid in these solvents is approximately 20 mg/ml.

Lauric acid is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, lauric acid should first be dissolved in ethanol and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Lauric acid has a solubility of approximately 0.5 mg/ml in a 1:8 solution of ethanol:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Saturated fatty acids are synthesized by both plants and animals from acetyl coenzyme A as a form of long-term energy storage. Lauric acid is a common 12-carbon saturated fat plentiful in coconut and other nut oils. Saturated free fatty acids induce the expression of cyclooxygenase-2, an effect that is significant at 25 µM in RAW 264.7 cells, with lauric acid being the most potent of the C:8-18 fatty acids.¹

Reference

1. Lee, J.Y., Sohn, K.H., Rhee, S.H., et al. Saturated fatty acids, but not unsaturated fatty acids, induced the expression of cyclooxygenase-2 mediated through toll-like receptor 4. J. Biol. Chem. 276(20), 16683-16689 (2001).

Related Products

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