# **PRODUCT** INFORMATION



12-epi Leukotriene B<sub>4</sub>

Item No. 20135

CAS Registry No.	: 83709-73-3	
Formal Name:	5S,12S-dihydroxy-6Z,8E,10E,14Z-	
	eicosatetraenoic acid	
Synonym:	12-epi LTB₄	он он
MF:	$C_{20}H_{32}O_4$	
FW:	336.5	
Purity:	≥97%	
UV/Vis.:	λ <sub>max</sub> : 270 nm	$\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$
Supplied as:	A solution in ethanol	
Storage:	-20°C	
Stability:	≥1 year	
Special Conditions: Light sensitive		
Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.		

## Laboratory Procedures

12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> is supplied as a solution in ethanol. To change the solvent, simply evaporate the ethanol under a gentle stream of nitrogen and immediately add the solvent of choice. Solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide purged with an inert gas can be used. The solubility of 12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> in these solvents is approximately 50 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. If an organic solvent-free solution of 12-epi LTB<sub>A</sub> is needed, it can be prepared by evaporating the ethanol and directly dissolving the neat oil in aqueous buffers. The solubility of 12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 1 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

## Description

LTB<sub>4</sub> compounds are produced by both enzymatic and non-enzymatic processes. The products of enzymatic origin, via LTA<sub>4</sub> hydrolase, are stereospecifically 12(R). Non-enzymatic hydrolysis products are 50:50 mixtures at C-12, but are almost exclusively trans at C-6. Thus, the non-enzymatic hydrolysis product of LTA<sub>4</sub> is 6-trans-12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub>. 12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> is an isomer which would not be expected to occur in either nonenzymatic hydrolysis products, or in the enzymatic products of  $LTA_4$  hydrolase.<sup>1</sup> Compared to  $LTB_4$ , 12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> has significantly reduced activity for the LTB<sub>4</sub> receptor on human neutrophils (IC<sub>50</sub> of 7.5  $\mu$ M),<sup>2</sup> and on guinea pig lung membranes with a K<sub>i</sub> of 4.7  $\mu$ M.<sup>3</sup> 12-epi LTB<sub>4</sub> is a weak agonist at both the recombinant human BLT<sub>1</sub> and BLT<sub>2</sub> receptors, requiring approximately 10  $\mu$ M for full activation of the receptor.<sup>4</sup>

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### SAFETY DATA

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