# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **D-Aspartic Acid**

Item No. 33494

CAS Registry No.: 1783-96-6 NSC 97922 Synonym: MF:  $C_4H_7NO_4$ FW: **Purity:** ≥95%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

-20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

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

### **Laboratory Procedures**

D-Aspartic acid is supplied as a crystalline solid. Aqueous solutions of D-aspartic acid can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of D-aspartic 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

D-Aspartic acid is an amino acid and a precursor in the biosynthesis of NMDA.<sup>1,2</sup> It is formed from L-aspartic acid by aspartate racemase and degraded by D-aspartate oxidase (DDO),<sup>3,4</sup> It is also produced by degradation of dietary proteins or by intestinal microbiota. D-Aspartic acid binds to the L-glutamate site of ionotropic NMDA receptors ( $K_i = 1.6 \mu M$ ).<sup>5</sup> It increases the production of cAMP in rat synaptosomes when used at a concentration of 1 mM. D-Aspartic acid enhances electrically stimulated field excitatory postsynaptic potentials (fEPSPs) in rat hippocampal slices following administration in the drinking water at a concentration of 20 mM.6 It increases serum levels of growth hormone, luteinizing hormone, testosterone, and progesterone (Item No. 15876) in rats.<sup>7</sup>

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