# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## rac-Mono(ethylhexyl) Phthalate

Item No. 35605

**CAS Registry No.:** 4376-20-9

1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, Formal Name:

1-(2-ethylhexyl) ester

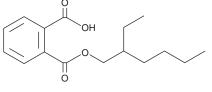
Synonyms: MEHP, Mono-2-ethylhexyl Phthalate

MF:  $C_{16}H_{22}O_4$ FW: 278.3 **Purity:** ≥90%

Supplied as: A low melting 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**

rac-Mono(ethylhexyl) phthalate (MEHP) is supplied as a low melting solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the MEHP in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. MEHP is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of MEHP in DMF is approximately 10 mg/ml and approximately 15 mg/ml in ethanol and DMSO.

#### Description

MEHP is a metabolite of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), commonly used as a plasticizer and an identified environmental contaminant, and an agonist of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor y (PPARy). It binds to PPARy when used at concentrations of 50 and 100 μM and activates PPARy in a reporter assay using HEK293H cells (EC $_{10}$  = 1.2  $\mu$ M). MEHP (30, 100, and 300  $\mu$ M) accumulates in 3T3-L1 adipocytes and increases lipolysis, glucose uptake, and energy metabolism, as well as reduces the size of lipid droplets when used at concentrations of 100 and 300 µM.2 It also increases the expression of the thermogenesis-related genes Usp1, Cidea, Prdm16, and Trpv1 in 3T3-L1 adipocytes.3 Urinary levels of MEHP in women positively correlate with the risk of unexplained recurrent spontaneous abortion (URSA).4

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