PRODUCT INFORMATION



Phenylpyruvic Acid

Item No. 36363

CAS Registry No.: Formal Name: Synonyms:	156-06-9 α-oxo-benzenepropanoic acid Phenylpyroracemic Acid, 3-Phenylpyruvic Acid, β-Phenylpyruvic Acid, PPA
MF:	$C_{9}H_{8}O_{3}$
FW:	164.2
Purity:	≥95%
UV/Vis.:	λ _{max} : 289 nm
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

Phenylpyruvic acid is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the phenylpyruvic acid in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Phenylpyruvic acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of phenylpyruvic acid in ethanol and DMSO is approximately 10 mg/ml and approximately 25 mg/ml in DMF.

Description

Phenylpyruvic acid is an active metabolite of the essential amino acid L-phenylalanine (Item No. 31498) and a biosynthetic precursor to the antifungal phenyl alkanoic acid 3-phenyllactic acid (Item No. 36365).^{1,2} It inhibits glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PDH) in rat brain homogenates when used at concentrations of 0.6 and 1.2 mM.¹ Addition of phenylpyruvic acid to the culture medium of lactic acid bacteria increases 3-phenyllactic acid levels in, and the antifungal activity of, the cell-free culture supernatant.² Urinary levels of phenylpyruvic acid are increased in patients with phenylketonuria (PKU), an inborn error of metabolism characterized by a deficiency in phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH) activity.³

References

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SAFFTY 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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