# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# 3-Methyladipic Acid

Item No. 36452

**CAS Registry No.:** 3058-01-3

Formal Name: 3-methyl-hexanedioic acid Synonyms: FA 7:1;O2, NSC 22069

MF: C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> FW: 160.2 **Purity:** ≥95% 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**

3-Methyladipic acid is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the 3-methyladipic acid in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. 3-Methyladipic acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of 3-methyladipic acid in these solvents is approximately 5, 12, and 14 mg/ml, respectively.

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. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of 3-methyladipic acid can be prepared by directly dissolving the solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of 3-methyladipic acid in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

### Description

3-Methyladipic acid is a catabolite of the branched-chain fatty acid phytanic acid (Item No. 90360), which is ingested via the diet. It is formed from phytanic acid via ω- and then β-oxidation in patients with adult Refsum disease, a disorder characterized by high levels of phytanic acid in the blood and tissues due to a deficiency in phytanoyl-CoA hydroxylase, the enzyme that converts phytanoyl-CoA (Item No. 10011499) to 2-hydroxyphytanoyl-CoA during peroxisomal β-oxidation.<sup>1-3</sup> Urinary levels of 3-methyladipic acid have been used as a biomarker for the  $\omega$ -oxidation of phytanic acid in patients with adult Refsum disease.<sup>1</sup>

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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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