

Molecular Weight: 1721.5 (average)¹

Isolation: Oligomannose 8 complex-type N-linked oligosaccharide is typically released from a glycoprotein using N-Glycanase® or anhydrous hydrazine⁸, separated from peptide material by adsorption chromatography, then purified further using chromatographic techniques.

Structural Analysis: The purity and structural integrity of the glycan is assessed by one or more of the following techniques: HPLC², mass spectrometry^{3,4}, FACE⁵, ¹H-NMR⁶ and HPAEC-PAD⁷.

Applications:

- qualitative standard for various analytical procedures
- radio-labeling, fluorescent-labeling or formation of a variety of oligosaccharide derivatives
- substrate for glycosidase and glycosyl transferase assays

Handling: The oligosaccharide is shipped as a dried solid. Allow the unopened vial to reach ambient temperature and tap on a solid surface to ensure that most of the material is at the bottom of the vial. Gently remove the cap, add the desired volume of water or buffer, re-cap and mix thoroughly to redissolve all the oligosaccharide. For maximal recovery, ensure that the cap lining is also rinsed, and centrifuge the reconstituted vial briefly before use.

Make sure that any glassware, plasticware, solvents or reagents which come into contact with the glycan are free of glycosidases and carbohydrate contaminants.

Minimize exposure to elevated temperatures or extremes of pH. High pH will cause epimerization of the reducing terminal GlcNAc.

Reconstitution: Use HPLC-grade water or an aqueous buffer to dissolve the glycan. Store the reconstituted glycan at -20°C in working aliquots. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

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