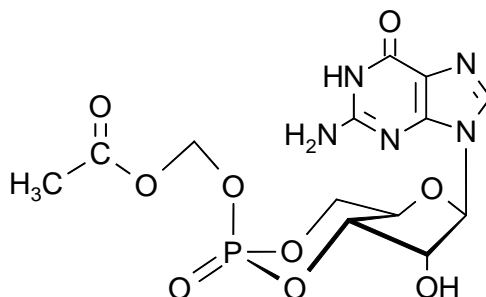


Technical Information about the Acetoxymethyl Ester of Guanosine- 3', 5'- cyclic monophosphate (cGMP-AM)

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Abbreviation: cGMP-AM

Formula	CAS No.	Molecular Weight	UV	BIOLOG Cat.No.
C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₅ O ₉ P	[164007-71-0]	417.3	λ _{max} 252 nm / ε 13500 / pH 7	G 002

Name: Guanosine- 3', 5'- cyclic monophosphate, acetoxymethyl ester

Description: cGMP-AM is an analogue of the natural signal molecule cyclic GMP in which the polar phosphate is masked by an acetoxymethyl group.

Properties: The acetoxymethyl group of cGMP-AM masks the charged polar phosphate and thus makes the molecule highly membrane permeant. Inside the cell esterases release the polar cGMP which is thus accumulated. cGMP-AM is especially useful if cGMP itself and not an analogue has to be applied.

Phosphate tris(acetoxymethyl)ester, PO₄-AM₃ (Cat. No. P 030), is recommended as control reagent in cGMP-AM applications to test for side effects of enzymatically released acetic acid and formaldehyde, two metabolites with potential biological functions.

Specification: Lyophilized or crystallized solid. Please note that equal concentrations of cGMP-AM can appear very different in volume due to sensitivity of the lyophilized form to humidity. Micromolar quantities are determined by UV at λ_{max}.

Purity: Typical analysis is better than 97% (HPLC / UV / 252 nm) for the mixture of equatorial and axial isomers. The product is not sterile and has not been tested for endotoxins.

Solubility/Application: Due to its rather high lipophilicity, the solubility of cGMP-AM in water or buffers is limited. We suggest to use a small amount of anhydrous organic solvent such as anhydrous DMSO or DMF for preparation of 1-100 mM stock solutions, and to dilute with water or buffer down to the concentrations required. In some cases, especially at high concentrations (~1 mM), Pluronic® F-127 (Molecular Probes) can be useful to facilitate solubilization in water or physiological media. Please keep in mind that due to the high potency of cGMP-AM relatively low concentrations (1 nM - 100 μM) should be sufficient, and be sure to check for DMSO/DMF tolerance in your system. Since cGMP-AM is bioactivated by esterases, application to cell cultures should be performed without serum supplements (even heat-inactivated serum still contains active esterases!) in the media for at least 15 minutes. Otherwise, serum esterases may strongly reduce the cell-loading efficacy. Please rinse tube walls carefully and preferably use ultrasonic or vortex to achieve total and uniform mixing.

Stability and Storage: cGMP-AM is sufficiently stable to be shipped at ambient temperature, however, it should be stored in the freezer (-20°C necessary, -80°C recommended). Please note that aqueous solutions are rather labile and should be freshly prepared immediately before use. Stock solutions in anhydrous DMSO or DMF should be relatively stable when stored frozen at -20°C to -80°C.

Toxicity and Safety: Since cyclic GMP has multiple tasks in every organism it is very likely that lipophilic cGMP analogues will interfere with many cell regulation processes *in vivo*. However, due to the rather small quantities to work with no health hazards have been reported. Nevertheless please keep in mind that the *in vivo* properties of this compound are not sufficiently characterized up to now. Avoid skin contact or ingestion and allow only trained personnel to handle the product.

Our products are designed, developed and sold for research purposes only. They are intended for *in vitro* and nonhuman *in vivo* laboratory applications. Any other use requires approval of health authorities.

Not for drug, household or related uses!

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