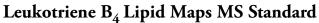
# **Product Information**



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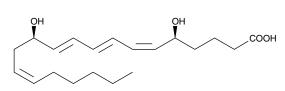
Formal Name: 5S,12R-dihydroxy-6Z,8E,10E,14Z-

eicosatetraenoic acid

Synonym: MF:  $C_{20}H_{32}O_4$ FW: 336.5 **Purity:** ≥97%\*

Stability: ≥1 year at -20°C Supplied as: A solution in ethanol λ<sub>max</sub>: 270 nm ε: 50,000 UV/Vis.:

Miscellaneous: Light Sensitive



# **Laboratory Procedures**

For long term storage, we suggest that leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>) be stored as supplied at -20°C. It should be stable for at

 $LTB_4$  is supplied as a solution in ethanol. To change the solvent, simply evaporate the ethanol under a gentle stream of nitrogen and immediately add the solvent of choice. Solvents such as DMSO or dimethyl formamide purged with an inert gas can be used. LTB<sub>4</sub> is miscible in these solvents.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. If an organic solvent-free solution of LTB4 is needed, the ethanol can be evaporated under a stream of nitrogen and the neat oil dissolved in the buffer of choice. LTB4 is soluble in PBS (pH 7.2) at a concentration of 1 mg/ml. Be certain that your buffers are free of oxygen, transition metal ions, and redox active compounds. Also, ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

LTB<sub>4</sub> is a dihydroxy fatty acid derived from arachidonic acid through the 5-lipoxygenase pathway. 1-3 It promotes a number of leukocyte functions, including aggregation, stimulation of ion fluxes, enhancement of lysosomal enzyme release, superoxide anion production, chemotaxis, and chemokinesis. In subnanomolar ranges (3.9 x 10<sup>-10</sup> M), LTB<sub>4</sub> causes chemotaxis and chemokinesis in human polymorphonuclear leukocytes. At higher concentrations, (1.0 x  $10^{-7}$  M), LTB<sub>4</sub> leads to neutrophil aggregation and degranulation as well as superoxide anion production.<sup>4,5</sup>

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