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## DATASHEET

$\alpha$ -Galactosylceramide ( $\alpha$ -GalCer) (KRN7000)

### Product overview

<b>Name</b>	$\alpha$ -Galactosylceramide ( $\alpha$ -GalCer) (KRN7000)
<b>Cat No</b>	HB3751
<b>Alternative names</b>	$\alpha$ -Gal-Cer; KRN7000, aGC
<b>Purity</b>	>96%
<b>Description</b>	Immunostimulant. Natural killer T cell stimulator.

### Images



### Biological Data

<b>Biological description</b>	<p>Alpha-GalCer is an immunostimulant. It is a potent stimulator of natural killer T (NKT) cells and a specific ligand of the lipid-binding MHC class I-like protein CD1d in human and mouse NKT cells.</p> <p>It protects against LPS-induced shock and is also a potent antitumor compound.</p> <p>Synthetic. Originally isolated from the marine sponge <i>Angelas mauritanus</i>.</p>
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### Solubility & Handling

<b>Storage instructions</b>	-20 °C
<b>Solubility overview</b>	Soluble in Tween20 or PBS for cell culture use. Also Soluble in pyridine (not suitable for cell culture). Aliquot into glass vials.
<b>Handling</b>	<p>This compound is is inherently an extremely hydrophobic molecule and is insoluble in water, methanol, ethanol and other organic solvents. It is very slightly soluble in tetrahydrofuran and pyridine. Almost all methods for solubilizing this material in primarily aqueous media will contain at least some detergent and somewhat cloudy solutions may be produced which are still acceptable to use.</p> <p>Some example protocols are as follows:</p>

#### Tween20 & Sodium Chloride, Heat/Sonicate

- Dissolve  $\alpha$ -GalCer in 0.5% Tween20, 0.9% NaCl solution
- Heat to 85 °C until solution turns cloudy
- Take out of water bath und keep at RT

Originally isolated from the marine sponge *Angelas mauritianus*  
LSUQVAFARUJTHS-ABBGRRHVSA-N

**MDL number**  
**Appearance**

MFCD00939559  
Off-white solid

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## References

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