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Product Information

Gly-Gly

Product Number **G 1002**
Store at Room Temperature

Product Description

Molecular Formula: $C_4H_8N_2O_3$
Molecular Weight: 132.1
CAS Number: 556-50-3
 pK_a : 3.14, 8.17¹
Melting Point: 262 - 264 °C¹
Synonym: diglycine, N-glycylglycine

Gly-Gly is the simplest of all dipeptides and is used as a starting template for the preparation of more complex peptides.¹ It is also a substrate for the enzyme glycylglycine dipeptidase.² Gly-Gly is also utilized as a buffer in biochemistry, in the buffering range of 7.5 - 8.9 at 25 °C and 7.2 - 8.6 at 37 °C.

Gly-Gly has been utilized in the purification and characterization of a fructose-6-phosphate aldolase from *Escherichia coli*, and in the characterization of a PMA hydrolase from a strain of *Comamonas acidovorans*.^{3,4} The use of Gly-Gly in a [³⁵S]GTPγS binding assay for measuring functional coupling of G proteins with receptors has been reported.⁵

The cis-trans isomerization at the secondary amide peptide bond of Gly-Gly has been investigated by direct UV/vis spectrophotometry.⁶ A theoretical study of the fragmentation of protonated Gly-Gly, using quantum chemical and RRKM calculations, has been published.⁷ The crystal structure of a complex of glycylglycine with monoperoxovanadate has been determined.⁸

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (176 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless solution.

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