

**Product Name:** Cholesterol

**Catalog No.:** 7945

**Batch No.:** 2

CAS Number: 57-88-5

IUPAC Name: (3 $\beta$ )-Cholest-5-en-3-ol

**1. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Batch Molecular Formula:** C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O

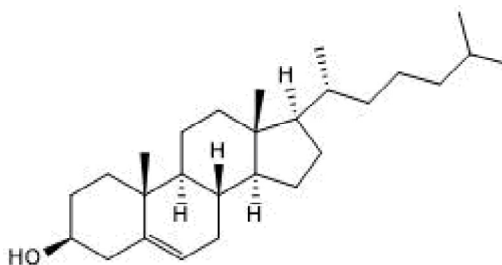
**Batch Molecular Weight:** 386.65

**Physical Appearance:** White solid

**Solubility:** ethanol to 50 mM with gentle warming  
chloroform to 100 mM

**Storage:** Store at -20°C

**Batch Molecular Structure:**



**2. ANALYTICAL DATA**

**GC:** Shows 99.4% purity

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**Description:**

Cholesterol is a major sterol in all mammalian organisms; it is an essential component that makes up about 20-25% of the structural lipids of cell membranes. Cholesterol determines the permeability and fluidity characteristics of the cell membranes. Cholesterol is an endogenous ligand for estrogen-related receptor  $\alpha$  (ERR $\alpha$ ). It is also a precursor in several biosynthetic pathways, including steroid hormones and the active form of vitamin D. Cholesterol is a component of lipid nanoparticles (LNPs), and is important in modulating membrane stability, with the effect being context dependent. When combined with lipids that have low gel-li... Please see product specific page on www.tocris.com for full description.

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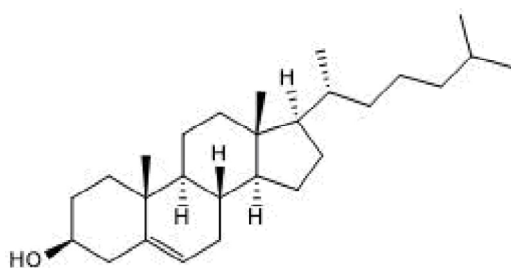
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**References:**

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**Storage:** Store at -20°C

**Solubility & Usage Info:**

ethanol to 50 mM with gentle warming  
chloroform to 100 mM

**Stability and Solubility Advice:**

Some solutions can be difficult to obtain and can be encouraged by rapid stirring, sonication or gentle warming (in a 45-60°C water bath).

Information concerning product stability, particularly in solution, has rarely been reported and in most cases we can only offer a general guide. \*Unless contradicted by product-specific protocols or instructions, our standard recommendations apply:

**SOLIDS:** Provided storage is as stated on the product label and the vial is kept tightly sealed, the product can be stored for up to 6 months from date of receipt.

**SOLUTIONS:** We recommend that stock solutions, once prepared, are stored aliquoted in tightly sealed vials at -20°C or below and used within 1 month. Wherever possible solutions should be made up and used on the same day.

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