# Arachidonic acid (20:4, n-6)

# Eicosanoid precursor and second messenger

Arachidonic acid is an essential fatty acid and a precursor to a large family of eicosanoids. Arachidonic acid acts as a second messenger independent of metabolism and a retrograde messenger in long-term potentiation in the nervous system. Arachidonic acid activates several protein kinase C (PKC) isotypes and inhibits ras-GAP.

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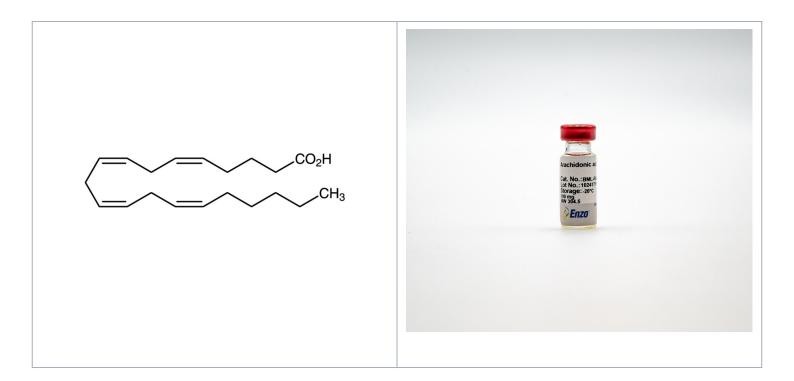
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- Essential precursor for leukotrienes, prostaglandins, and thromboxanes
- Used in cancer, cardiovascular, cell signaling, immunology, and metabolism studies amongst others



#### **Handling & Storage**

**Use/Stability** As indicated on product label or CoA when stored as recommended. Stable for 12

months after receipt when stored at -20°C. Keep aqueous solutions on ice and use

within 12 hours.

**Handling** Protect from light and oxygen.

Long Term Storage -20°C

**Shipping** Ambient Temperature

## Regulatory Status RUO - Research Use Only

#### **Product Details**

Alternative Name 5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z-Eicosatetraenoic acid

Appearance Colorless oil.

**CAS** 506-32-1

Couple Target PKC, Ras-GAP

Couple Type Activator, Inhibitor

Formula  $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$ 

MI 14: 765

**MW** 304.5

Purity ≥99% (GLC, TLC)

**RTECS** CE6675000

Solubility

Soluble in DMF (100mg/ml), DMSO (100mg/ml), or 100% ethanol (50mg/ml). Sparingly soluble in basic aqueous

buffers (1.7mg/ml). To prevent oxidation, the solvent

should be purged with an inert gas.



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