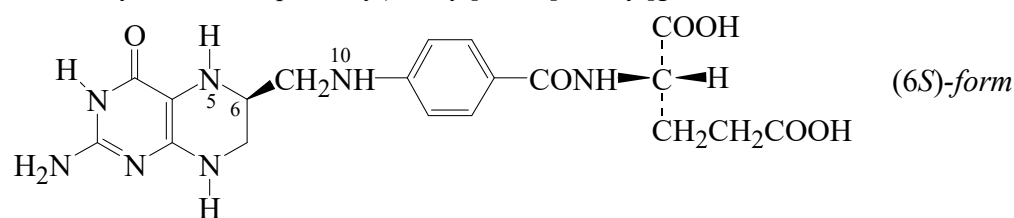




**>>Entry Name: 5,6,7,8-Tetrahydrofolic acid**

**Synonym(s):** *N*-[4-[[[(2-Amino-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-4-oxo-6-pteridiny)methyl]amino]benzoyl]glutamic acid, 9Cl



**Related CAS Registry Numbers(s):** 31690-08-1

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 445.434

**Accurate Mass:** 445.170983

**Percentage Composition:** C 51.23%; H 5.20%; N 22.01%; O 21.55%

**>>Variant: (6R)-form**

**CAS Registry Number:** 74708-38-6

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 445.434

**Accurate Mass:** 445.170983

**Percentage Composition:** C 51.23%; H 5.20%; N 22.01%; O 21.55%

**>>Derivative: 5-Formyl**

**>>Variant: (6S)-form**

**CAS Registry Number:** 71963-69-4

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 445.434

**Accurate Mass:** 445.170983

**Percentage Composition:** C 51.23%; H 5.20%; N 22.01%; O 21.55%

**Use/Importance:** Essential coenzyme, product of reduction of folic acid by dihydrofolate reductase. Involved in C<sub>1</sub>-transfer during synthesis of nucleoside bases

**Optical Rotation:** [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> -49.9 (c, 0.149 in 1.5*M* TRIS/HCl; 0.2*M* EtSH)

**Other Data:** Readily oxid. in air

**>>Derivative: *N*<sup>10</sup>-Formyl**

**CAS Registry Number:** 2800-34-2

**Extra CAS Registry Numbers(s):** 73650-39-2 74644-66-9

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 473.444

**Accurate Mass:** 473.165898

**Percentage Composition:** C 50.74%; H 4.90%; N 20.71%; O 23.66%

**Source/Synthesis:** Product of formylation of parent tetrahydrofolic acid

**Other Data:** Gives [HRM56-O](#) on heating

**>>Derivative: 5-Formyl**

**>>Derivative: 5-*N*-Me**

**Synonym(s):** 5-Methyltetrahydrofolic acid

**CAS Registry Number:** 31690-09-2

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 459.461

**Accurate Mass:** 459.186633

**Percentage Composition:** C 52.28%; H 5.48%; N 21.34%; O 20.89%

**Biological Source:** Widely distributed in milk, fruit and vegetables

**Use/Importance:** Folate cofactor. Source of Me groups in biosynth. of methionine from homocysteine