# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **GHK-Cu** (acetate)

Item No. 28259

CAS Registry No.: 300801-03-0

Formal Name: [glycyl-κN-L-histidyl-κN,κN<sup>3</sup>-L-

lysinato(2-)]-copper, monoacetate

Synonym: Gly-His-Lys-Cu(II)

MF:  $C_{14}H_{22}CuN_6O_4 \bullet C_2H_4O_2$ 

462.0 FW: ≥95% **Purity:** Supplied as: A solid Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥2 vears

 $NH_2$ CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

## **Laboratory Procedures**

GHK-Cu (acetate) is supplied as a solid. Aqueous solutions of GHK-Cu (acetate) can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of GHK-Cu (acetate) in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

## Description

GHK-Cu is a complex of the tripeptide Gly-His-Lys and a copper(II) ion that has wound healing and anti-inflammatory activities. 1-3 It increases proliferation and the levels of collagen and secreted pro-matrix metalloproteinase-2 (MMP-2) in isolated human fibroblasts when used at a concentration of 1 nM.<sup>1,2,4</sup> GHK-Cu (2 mg) increases levels of collagen and glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) and the expression of decorin in the wound tissue of rats.<sup>5</sup> It decreases LPS-induced increases in the levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS), IL-6, and TNF-α in RAW 264.7 cells when used at a concentration of 10  $\mu$ M.<sup>3</sup> GHK-Cu (10  $\mu$ g/g) prevents LPS-induced decreases in lung superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity and glutathione (GSH) levels and reduces LPS-induced increases in the number of cells and the level of total protein in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) in a mouse model of acute lung injury.

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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