REFERENCE MATERIAL CERTIFICATE

FUMONISIN B2 IN ACETONITRILE - WATER

1. General information

This document is designed and the certified value(s) and uncertainty(ies) are determined in accordance with ISO Guide 31 [1] and Eurachem / CITAC Guides [2,3].

2. Description of the Reference Material (RM)

Name:	Fumonisin B2 in acetonitrile - water
CAS number:	116355-84-1
Catalog number:	DRE-V13955905WL-50
Lot #:	1000019694
Certificate version:	1
Expiry date:	14.02.2025
Starting material 1:	Fumonisin B2, Lot # 1000005327
Physical description of RM:	Solution of fumonisin B2 in acetonitrile – water (1:1)
Packaging and amount of RM:	DRE-A13955905WL-50: Amber glass ampoules fitted with teflon faced butyl septa and aluminium crimp cap, solution of 5 mL
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2.1 Intended use of the RM

- for laboratory use only
- calibration of analytical instruments

2.2 Instruction for the correct use of the RM

The ampoules should be stored at 2-8°C in a dark place. Before usage of the RM, the ampoules should be allowed to warm to room temperature. The recommended minimum sub-sample amount for all kinds of application is 100 µL. The expiry date of this RM is based on the current knowledge and holds only for proper storage conditions in the originally closed flasks/packages.

2.3 Hazardous situation

The normal laboratory safety precautions should be observed when working with this RM. Further details for the handling of this RM are available as material safety data sheet (MSDS).

3. Certified values and their uncertainties

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Compound	**Mass concentration [a]**	
	Certified value [b]	Uncertainty [c]
Fumonisin B2	50.6 µg/mL	± 0.7 µg/mL

[a] Values are based on preparation data and confirmed experimentally by HPLC-FLD

[b] Mass concentration based on weighed amount, purity and dilution step

[c] Expanded uncertainty U (k = 2) of the value u_c according to GUM [4]

3.1 Calculation of uncertainty

The uncertainty of the calibrant solution was calculated on the basis of preparation [5].

Uncertainty components	**Description**	**Standard uncertainty (u)**	
Purity (P) of solid Fumonisin B2 (the uncertainty of the purity corresponds to the standard deviation of repeated measurements)	P = 97.9 ± 1.0 %	**u (P) = 0.6 %**	a
Weighing procedure weighted sample: m_{wsFB2}= 25.846 mg	U(m) = 0.0012 mg + 8.81 * 10^{-6} * m_{Toxin} u(m) = U(m)/2	**u (m) = 0.0007 mg**	b
Dilution procedure volumetric flask: V_f = 500 mL	calibration: 500 mL ± 0.3 mL repeatability: 0.1 mL volume expansion solvent	u (cal) = 0.1 mL u (rep) = 0.1 mL u (Vol. exp.) = 1.2 mL **u (V) = 1.2 mL**	c d e f

[a] Maximum tolerance of purity (rectangular distribution) was divided by $\sqrt{3}$

[b] Calculation of this u-value is based upon the uncertainty formula for the weighed amount as given in the calibration report from annual balance calibration

[c] A triangular distribution (division by $\sqrt{6}$) was chosen for the calculation of u (cal)

[d] Based on a series of ten fill and weigh experiments on a typical 500 mL flask; the value was used directly as a standard deviation

*[e] Estimation based on the density of pure acetonitrile = 0.7857 g/cm³ at temperature T = 20°C and a maximum temperature variation of ± 3°C, of volume expansion, relative volume expansion coefficient of acetonitrile is 1370 * 10^{-6}/°C [6], volume expansion term (rectangular distribution) was divided by $\sqrt{3}$*

[f] The three contributions are combined to give the u (V) = $\sqrt{u(cal)^2 + u(rep)^2 + u(Vol\,\mathrm{exp.})^2}$

Calculation of the combined uncertainty u_c and the expanded standard uncertainty U

$$c_{Toxin} = \frac{10 \times m_{ws} \times P}{V_f} = \frac{10 \times 25.846 \times 97.9}{500} = 50.6\ mg/L$$

$$\frac{u_c(c_{Toxin})}{c_{Toxin}} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{u(P)}{P}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(m)}{m_{ws}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(V)}{V_f}\right]^2} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{0.6}{97.9}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{0.0007}{25.846}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{1.2}{500}\right]^2} = 0.007$$

$$u_c(c_{Toxin}) = c_{Toxin} \times 0.007 = 50.6 \times 0.007 = 0.35\ mg/L$$

Calculation of expanded standard uncertainty U using a coverage factor k = 2

$$U(c_{Toxin}) = u_c(c_{Toxin}) \times 2 = 0.35 \times 2 = 0.7\ mg/L = 0.7\ \mu g/mL$$

4. Discussion of traceability

This calibrant is certified on the basis of gravimetric preparation [5]. Thus the certified value (mass concentration of Fumonisin B2) is based on the weighed amount of the starting material and is therefore traceable to the stated purity of the solid raw material. High purity material represents a practical realization of concentration units, through conversion of mass to molar quantity.

5. Confirmation of certified value by HPLC-FLD

The certified concentration of Fumonisin B2 of the gravimetric prepared solution was confirmed by HPLC-FLD against an independently prepared reference batch of Fumonisin B2 calibrant.

column	Phenomenex Luna C18(2), 250 x 3 mm, 5µ	
injection volume	10 µL sample + 50 µL OPA-reagent (40 mg o-phthalic dialdehyde / 5 mL 0.1M $Na_2B_4O_7$ + 50 µL 3-mercaptopropionic acid)	
solvent A	water / acetonitrile / acetic acid 59/40/1	
solvent B	acetonitrile / acetic acid 99/1	
sample dilution	1:10 with water / acetonitrile = 60:40	
flow rate	0.5 mL / min, oven at 25°C	
gradient	time in minutes (min)	% solvent B
	0.0 – 1.0	5
	1.0 – 8.0	5 – 45
	8.0 – 16.0	45 – 55
	16.0 – 16.1	55 – 100
	16.1 – 17.5	100
	17.5 – 17.6	100 – 5
	17.6 – 20.0	100
FLD settings	λ_{EX} = 335 nm, λ_{EM} = 440 nm, response time: 0.5 sec	

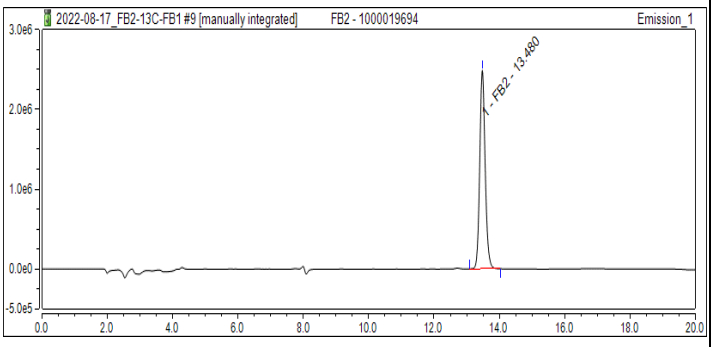

Figure 1: HPLC-FLD chromatogram of Fumonisin B2 calibrant

	Time [min]	area	Concentration [a]
Fumonisin B2	13.480	4.745E+05	51.6 ± 1.5 µg/mL

[a] Mean of 6 replicate measurements against reference batch, confidence interval with P = 95 %

6. Further information

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