

REFERENCE MATERIAL CERTIFICATE

ZEARALENONE IN ACETONITRILE

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:	Zearalenone in acetonitrile
CAS number:	17924-92-4
Catalog number:	DRE-V17947400AL-100
Lot #:	1000002464
Certificate version:	1
Expiry date:	04.08.2021
Starting material:	Zearalenone, Lot #S13114Z Romer Labs Diagnostic GmbH
Physical description of RM:	Solution of Zearalenone in acetonitrile
Packaging and amount of RM:	<u>DRE-V17947400AL-100</u> : Amber glass ampoules fitted with teflon faced butyl septa and PP screw caps, solution of 5 mL
Name and address of the manufacturer:	Romer Labs Division Holding GmbH Technopark 5 3430 Tulln, Austria www.romerlabs.com
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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 or below 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 safety data sheet (SDS).

Hazardous Ingredients

Acetonitrile

Concentration in %

> 99.9

Pictograms



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225, H302, H312, H319, H332

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3. Certified values and their uncertainties

Zearalenone in acetonitrile		
Compound	Mass concentration ^a	
	Certified value ^b	Uncertainty ^c
Zearalenone	100.0 µg/mL	± 0.6 µg/mL
^a Values are based on preparation data and confirmed experimentally by HPLC-UV ^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 Zearalenone	P = 99.7 ± 0.3 %	u (P) = 0.2 %	a
Weighing procedure weighted sample: m _{ws} = 200.604 mg	U(m) = 0.0026 mg + 9.51 * 10 ⁻⁶ * m _{Toxin} u(m) = U(m)/2	u (m) = 0.0023 mg	b
Dilution procedure volumetric flask: V _f = 2000 mL	calibration: 2000 mL ± 0.16 mL repeatability: 0.2 mL volume expansion solvent	u (cal) = 0.1 mL u (rep) = 0.2 mL u (Vol. exp.) = 4.8 mL u (V) = 4.8 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 2000 mL flask; the value was used directly as a standard deviation ^e Based on the density of 0.7857 g/cm ³ 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) = $\sqrt{u(\text{cal})^2 + u(\text{rep})^2 + u(\text{Vol. exp.})^2}$			
Calculation of the combined uncertainty u_c and the expanded standard uncertainty U for Zearalenone			

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$$c_{Toxin} = \frac{10 \times m_{ws} \times P}{V_f} = \frac{10 \times 200.604 \times 99.7}{2000} = 100.0 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\frac{u_c(c_{Toxin})}{c_{Toxin}} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{u(P)}{P}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(m)}{m_{ws}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(V)}{V_f}\right]^2} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{0.2}{99.7}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{0.0023}{200.604}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{4.8}{2000}\right]^2} = 0.003$$

$$u_c(c_{Toxin}) = c_{Toxin} \times 0.003 = 100.0 \times 0.003 = 0.3 \text{ mg/L}$$

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

$$U(c_{Toxin}) = u_c(c_{Toxin}) \times 2 = 0.3 \times 2 = 0.6 \text{ mg/L} = 0.6 \text{ } \mu\text{g/mL}$$

4. Discussion of traceability

This calibrant is certified on the basis of gravimetric preparation [5]. Thus the certified value (mass concentration of Zearalenone) 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-UV

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

column Phenomenex Luna C18(2), 250 x 3.0 mm, 5μ
injection volume 20 μL sample
solvent A water / acetonitrile 50/50
sample dilution 1:20 with water / acetonitrile 50/50
flow rate 0.5 mL / min, isocratic
oven 25°C
DAD settings 238 nm

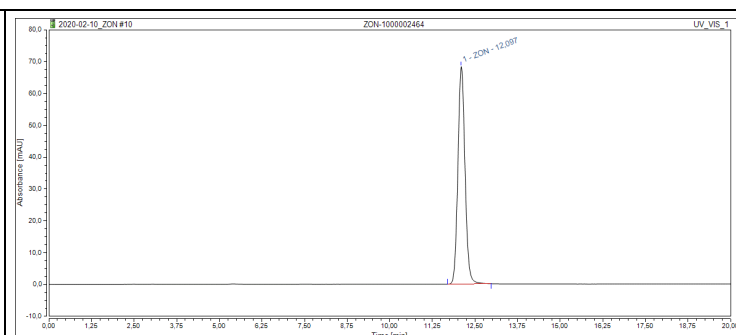


Figure 1: HPLC-UV chromatogram of Zearalenone calibrant

	time [min]	area	concentration ^a
Zearalenone	12.097	16.505	99.4 ± 0.9 μg/mL

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

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6. Further information

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