

## REFERENCE MATERIAL CERTIFICATE

**AFLATOXIN B1 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:	Aflatoxin B1 in acetonitrile
CAS number:	1162-65-8
Catalog number:	DRE-V10047100AL-2; DRE-A10047100AL-2
Lot #:	L19302A
Certificate version:	1
Expiry date:	20.01.2021
Starting material:	Aflatoxin B1, Lot # S19151A, Romer Labs Diagnostic GmbH
Physical description of RM:	Solution of Aflatoxin B1 in acetonitrile
Packaging and amount of RM:	<u>DRE-V10047100AL-2</u> : Amber glass ampoules fitted with teflon faced butyl septa and PP screw caps, solution of 5 mL <u>DRE-A10047100AL-2</u> : Amber glass ampoules fitted with teflon faced butyl septa and aluminium crimp cap, solution of 1 mL
Name and address of the manufacturer:	Romer Labs Diagnostic GmbH Technopark 5, 3430 Tulln, Austria <a href="http://www.romerlabs.com">www.romerlabs.com</a>
Name and address of the supplier:	LGC Standards GmbH Mercatorstraße 51, 46485 Wesel, Germany Tel +49(0)2 81 98 87 0, Fax +49(0)2 81/98 87 199 <a href="http://www.lgcstandards.com">www.lgcstandards.com</a>

**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 -18 to -22°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 safety data sheet (SDS).

Hazardous Ingredients	Concentration in %	Pictograms	Signal word	Hazard statement(s)
Acetonitrile	> 99.9	 	Danger	H225, H302, H312, H319, H332

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## 3. Certified values and their uncertainties

Aflatoxin B1 in acetonitrile		
Compound	Mass concentration <sup>a</sup>	
	Certified value <sup>b</sup>	Uncertainty <sup>c</sup>
Aflatoxin B1	2.03 µg/mL	± 0.05 µg/mL

<sup>a</sup> Values are based on preparation data and confirmed experimentally by HPLC-UV  
<sup>b</sup> Mass concentration based on weighed amount, purity and dilution steps  
<sup>c</sup> 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 Aflatoxin B1 (Contains 0.56% Aflatoxin B2, 0.63% Aflatoxin G1, 0.08% Aflatoxin G2)	$P = 98 \pm 2 \%$	$u(P) = 1.2 \%$	a
Weighing procedure weighted sample: $m_{ws} = 10.358 \text{ mg}$	$U(m) = 0.0014 \text{ mg} + 7.72 \times 10^{-6} \times m_{Toxin}$ $u(m) = U(m)/2$	$u(m) = 0.0007 \text{ mg}$	b
Dilution procedure volumetric flask 1: $V_{f1} = 250 \text{ mL}$ volumetric flask 2: $V_{f2} = 1000 \text{ mL}$ one-mark glass pipette: $V_p = 50 \text{ mL}$	calibration flask 1: $250 \text{ mL} \pm 0.15 \text{ mL}$ repeatability flask 1: $0.03 \text{ mL}$ volume expansion solvent flask 1  calibration flask 2: $1000 \text{ mL} \pm 0.4 \text{ mL}$ repeatability flask 2: $0.1 \text{ mL}$ volume expansion solvent flask 2  calibration pipette: $50 \text{ mL} \pm 0.075 \text{ mL}$ volume expansion solvent pipette	$u(cal1) = 0.06 \text{ mL}$ $u(rep1) = 0.03 \text{ mL}$ $u(Vol. exp.1) = 0.56 \text{ mL}$ $u(V1) = 0.6 \text{ mL}$ $u(cal2) = 0.2 \text{ mL}$ $u(rep2) = 0.1 \text{ mL}$ $u(Vol. exp.2) = 2.4 \text{ mL}$ $u(V2) = 2.4 \text{ mL}$ $u(cal3) = 0.03 \text{ mL}$ $u(Vol. exp.3) = 0.12 \text{ mL}$ $u(V3) = 0.1 \text{ mL}$	c d e f g h i j k l m

<sup>a</sup> Maximum tolerance of purity was divided by  $\sqrt{3}$

<sup>b</sup> 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

<sup>c,g,k</sup> A triangular distribution (division by  $\sqrt{6}$ ) was chosen for the calculation of  $u(cal)$

<sup>d,h</sup> Based on a series of ten fill and weigh experiments on typical 250 and 1000 mL flask; the value was used directly as a standard deviation

<sup>e,i,l</sup> Based on the density of  $0.7857 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at temperature  $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and a maximum temperature variation of  $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ , of volume expansion, relative volume expansion coefficient of acetonitrile is  $1370 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$  [6], volume expansion term (rectangular distribution) was divided by  $\sqrt{3}$

<sup>f,j,m</sup> All contributions are combined to give the  $u(V) = \sqrt{u(cal)^2 + u(rep)^2 + u(Vol. exp.)^2}$

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

$$c_{Toxin} = \frac{10 \times m_{ws} \times P \times V_p}{V_{f1} \times V_{f2}} = \frac{10 \times 10.358 \times 98 \times 50}{250 \times 1000} = 2.03 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\frac{u_c(c_{Toxin})}{c_{Toxin}} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{u(P)}{P}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(m)}{m_{ws}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(V1)}{V_{f1}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(V2)}{V_{f2}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{u(V3)}{V_p}\right]^2} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1.2}{98}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{0.0007}{10.358}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{0.6}{250}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{2.4}{1000}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{0.1}{50}\right]^2} = 0.013$$

$$u_c(c_{Toxin}) = c_{Toxin} \times 0.013 = 2.03 \times 0.013 = 0.026 \text{ mg/L}$$

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

$$U(c_{Toxin}) = u_c(c_{Toxin}) \times 2 = 0.026 \times 2 = 0.052 \text{ mg/L} = 0.05 \mu\text{g/mL}$$

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**4. Discussion of traceability**

This calibrant is certified on the basis of gravimetric preparation [5]. Thus the certified value (mass concentration of Aflatoxin B1) 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 Aflatoxin B1 of the gravimetric prepared solution was confirmed by HPLC-UV against an independently prepared reference batch of Aflatoxin B1 calibrant.

column	Phenomenex Luna C18(2), 250 x 3.0 mm, 5 $\mu$		
injection volume	100 $\mu$ L sample		
solvent A	water / acetonitrile / methanol 57/17/26		
oven	30°C		
flow rate	0.5 mL / min		
DAD settings	365 nm		
sample dilution	1:5 with water		
	time	area	height
Aflatoxin B1	13.483	5.463	20.067
			concentration <sup>a</sup>
Aflatoxin B1	13.483	5.463	2.04 $\pm$ 0.06 $\mu$ g/mL

<sup>a</sup> Mean of 6 replicate measurements against reference batch, confidence interval with P = 95 %

Figure 1: HPLC-UV chromatogram of Aflatoxin B1 calibrant Lot# L19302A

**6. Further information**

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