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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material[®] 2379

Drugs of Abuse in Human Hair I

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in validating methods for determining cocaine (COC), benzoylecgonine (BZE), cocaethylene (CE), amphetamine (AMP), methamphetamine (MAMP), and phencyclidine (PCP) in human hair and similar materials. This SRM can also be used for quality assurance when assigning values to in-house control materials. The SRM is a drug-free human hair material to which drugs of abuse have been added. A unit of SRM 2379 consists of one bottle containing approximately 100 mg of hair segments.

Certified Mass Fraction Values: The certified mass fraction values for the target compounds in SRM 2379 are provided in Table 1. A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in its accuracy in that all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account [1]. The certified concentration values for each level are based on the agreement of results from gas chromatography – mass spectrometry (GC-MS) and liquid chromatography – mass spectrometry (LC-MS). Values are reported on an as-received basis in mass fraction units.

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NOTICE AND WARNING TO USERS

Warning: For laboratory use only.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STORAGE AND USE

Storage: The SRM should be stored under refrigeration at temperatures between 4 °C and 8 °C.

Use: A quantity of hair appropriate for a particular analysis should be withdrawn and weighed on an analytical balance prior to extraction and analysis.

SOURCE, PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS¹

Preparation: SRM 2379 is human hair from a single individual. The hair was manually cut into short segments and then soaked for 19 days in a 0.01 mol/L solution of HCl in equal volumes of water:dimethylsulfoxide containing the target analytes. The hair was removed from the mother liquor, rinsed several times with methanol, and allowed to air dry.

NIST Analyses for the Target Drugs of Abuse: For each of the analytes, measurements from two independent methods based on GC-MS and LC-MS were used. One GC-MS method was used for measurement of AMP and MAMP; another GC-MS method was used for the other four compounds. For the GC-MS methods [2], hair samples were spiked with deuterated analogs of each of the analytes and then extracted with 0.1 mol/L HCl at 45 °C for 24 h. The extracts were neutralized and put through commercial solid-phase extraction cartridges designed for urine drug testing following the manufacturer's directions. After the eluants were collected and dried, COC, BZE, CE, and PCP were dissolved in N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide and analyzed together. AMP and MAMP were derivatized with heptafluorobutyric acid anhydride and analyzed together. The GC-MS was equipped with a 30 m low-polarity GC column, and measurements were performed using electron ionization and selected ion monitoring. For the LC-MS method, all six compounds were measured together in a single LC-MS run. Hair samples were spiked with deuterated analogs of each of the analytes and extracted with 0.1 mol/L HCl at 45 °C for 24 h. The extracts were neutralized and put through solid-phase extraction cartridges that were different from those used for the GC-MS method. No derivatization was necessary for the LC-MS measurements. The LC was equipped with a deactivated C₁₈ column, and compounds were eluted using a gradient mobile phase of 0.1 % (volume fraction) acetic acid in water and methanol. The electrospray ionization conditions were optimized for each analyte. For both GC-MS and LC-MS methods, three sets of samples were measured for all of the analytes. Each set consisted of two samples each from three bottles of SRM 2379. Calibration standards were run before and after the samples, and a standard curve was generated by a least-squares fit of all of the standards measurements for a particular set.

Homogeneity Assessment: For the sample sizes used for the certification measurements (20 mg to 25 mg), there was no evidence of within-bottle inhomogeneity. There also was no correlation between fill order and concentrations measured for any of the analytes.

Stability Measurements: Analyses of the target analytes were performed using the GC-MS and LC-MS approaches previously described. The certified concentration values for amphetamine and cocaine were updated based upon the stability measurements.

¹Certain commercial materials and equipment are identified to specify adequately the experimental procedure. Such identification does not imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor does it imply that the materials or equipment identified are the best available for the purpose.

Certified Mass Fraction Values: The uncertainty provided with each value is an expanded uncertainty about the mean to cover the measurand with approximately 95 % confidence, consistent with the ISO Guide and its Supplement 1 [3–7]. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as $U = ku_c$, where u_c is the combined uncertainty and k is a coverage factor corresponding to approximately 95 % confidence for each analyte [3]. For the certified values shown below, $k = 2$.

Table 1. Certified Mass Fraction Values for Analytes in SRM 2379

Analyte	Mass Fraction (ng/mg)
Amphetamine	5.49 ± 0.28
Benzoyllecgonine	4.01 ± 0.31
Cocaethylene	2.67 ± 0.24
Cocaine	6.84 ± 0.54
Methamphetamine	5.20 ± 0.27
Phencyclidine	6.24 ± 0.42

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