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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material® 3259

Bitter Orange Extract

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in validating analytical methods for the determination of alkaloids in bitter orange extract and similar matrices. This SRM can also be used for quality assurance when assigning values to in-house control materials. A unit of SRM 3259 consists of five packets, each containing approximately 1.2 g of extract.

The development of SRM 3259 was a collaboration among the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS); and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).

Certified Concentration Values: 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 of selected citrus alkaloids are provided in Table 1. Values were derived from the combination of results provided by NIST and collaborating laboratories. The certified values in this material are the equally weighted means of the individual sets of NIST results and the means of the measurements made by collaborating laboratories where available; the associated uncertainties are expanded uncertainties at the 95 % level of confidence [2,3]. Values are reported on a dry-mass basis in mass fraction units [4].

Reference Concentration Values: Reference values are noncertified values that are the best estimate of the true values based on available data; however, the values do not meet the NIST criteria for certification [1] and are provided with associated uncertainties that may reflect only measurement reproducibility, may not include all sources of uncertainty, or may reflect a lack of sufficient statistical agreement among multiple analytical methods. The reference concentration values for octopamine is provided in Table 2.

Information Concentration Values: An information value is a value that may be of interest to the SRM user, but insufficient information is available to assess the uncertainty associated with the value therefore no uncertainty is provided. Information concentration values for hordenine and toxic elements are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

Expiration of Value Assignment: The value assignment of this SRM is valid until **30 September 2014**, within the measurement uncertainties specified, provided the SRM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given in this certificate. Value assignment is nullified if the SRM is damaged, contaminated, or modified.

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Maintenance of SRM Value Assignment: NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its value assignment. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the value assignment before the expiration of this certificate, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet) will facilitate notification.

NOTICE AND WARNING TO USERS

Storage: The material should be stored at controlled room temperature (20 °C to 25 °C), in an unopened packet, until required for use.

Warning: For laboratory use only. Not for human consumption.

Instructions for Use: Prior to removal of a test portion for analysis, the contents of a packet of material should be mixed thoroughly. For certified values to be valid, test portions of the powder between 0.05 g and 0.5 g should be used for alkaloid analysis. For analysis of toxic elements, test portions greater than or equal to 0.3 g should be used. Test portions should be analyzed as received and results converted to a dry-mass basis by determining moisture content (using one of the methods described below) on a separate test portion. The stability of alkaloids in previously opened packets has not been investigated.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS[1]

Material Acquisition and Preparation: Twelve kilograms of bitter orange extract for production of SRM 3259 was obtained from Sinochem Ningbo Ltd. (Ningbo, China) through Modern Nutrition and Biotech (Appleton, WI) and were received by NIST directly from the manufacturer in China. The powdered extract was transferred to High-Purity Solutions (Charleston, SC) where it was aliquotted and heat-sealed inside nitrogen-flushed 4 mil polyethylene bags, which were then sealed inside nitrogen-flushed aluminized plastic bags along with two packets of silica gel each. Following packaging, SRM 3259 was irradiated (Neutron Products, Inc.; Dickerson, MD) to an absorbed dose of 7.4 kGy to 9.0 kGy.

Determination of Citrus Alkaloids: Value assignment of the concentrations of the citrus alkaloids in SRM 3259 was based on the combination of measurements from four different analytical methods at NIST and two sets of data provided by collaborating laboratories. NIST provided alkaloid data by using a combination of two extraction techniques (sonication, pressurized-fluid extraction) and four liquid chromatography (LC) methods with different detection (i.e., ultraviolet absorbance [UV], fluorescence [FL], mass spectrometry [MS], and tandem mass spectrometry [MS/MS]). NCTR and ChromaDex generated data by using LC/UV [5,6].

NIST Analyses for Citrus Alkaloids: Citrus alkaloids were measured at NIST by using sonication extraction with LC/UV and LC/FL [7], pressurized-fluid extraction with LC/MS [8], and sonication extraction with LC/MS/MS [9]. Independently prepared calibrants were used for each of the methods. Calibrants were prepared gravimetrically, at levels intended to approximate the levels of the alkaloids in the SRM. A single internal standard solution was used for the calibrants and samples.

Sample Preparation – Sonication Method 1: Two 0.50 g test portions from each of six packets were individually combined with an internal standard solution containing terbutaline and dilute aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.37 % mass fraction), mixed, and placed in an ultrasonicating bath for 60 minutes. The mixture was centrifuged, the supernatant was removed, and the residue was re-extracted into dilute hydrochloric acid using the same procedure.

[1]Certain commercial equipment, instruments, or materials are identified in this report 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 necessarily the best available for the purpose.

Supernatants were combined, and samples were analyzed by LC/UV and LC/FL, with the two detectors connected in series.

Sample Preparation – Pressurized-Fluid Extraction (PFE): Two 0.05 g test portions from each of six packets were individually combined with an internal standard solution containing terbutaline and dilute aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.37 % mass fraction), mixed, and extracted by PFE using two extraction cycles. Samples were diluted with water and analyzed by using LC/MS.

Sample Preparation – Sonication Method 2: Two 50 mg test portions from each of six packets were individually combined with an internal standard solution containing terbutaline and dilute aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 % mass fraction), mixed, and placed in an ultrasonicating bath for 60 min. The mixture was centrifuged, the supernatant was removed, and the residue was re-extracted into dilute hydrochloric acid using the same procedure. Supernatants were combined and samples were analyzed by using LC/MS/MS.

LC/UV and LC/FL: LC/UV and LC/FL were performed with the absorbance and fluorescence detectors connected in series. Analytes were separated on a C_{18} column with a mobile phase of 72 % 10 mmol/L sodium dodecyl sulfate (pH 2.5) and 28 % acetonitrile (volume fractions). Absorbance was monitored at 220 nm. An excitation wavelength of 273 nm and an emission wavelength of 304 nm were used for fluorescence detection. Typical separations are provided in the first two panels of Appendix A.

LC/MS: LC/MS was performed using a pentafluorophenylpropyl column and an isocratic mobile phase of 90 % acetonitrile and 10 % 100 mmol/L ammonium acetate in water (volume fractions). Positive ion electrospray mass spectrometry was used for detection of the alkaloids. The separation was monitored in the selected ion mode at *m/z* 226 (terbutaline), *m/z* 136 (octopamine), *m/z* 168 (synephrine), *m/z* 138 (tyramine), *m/z* 166 (hordenine), and *m/z* 152 (N-methyltyramine). A typical separation is provided in the third panel of Appendix A.

LC/MS/M: LC/MS/MS was performed using a pentafluorophenylpropyl column and an isocratic mobile phase of 10 % 10 mmol/L ammonium acetate in water and 90 % 10 mmol/L ammonium acetate in methanol (volume fractions). Multiple reaction monitoring was performed at the following transitions (*m/z*): 138 to 103 (tyramine), 152 to 91 (N-methyltyramine) 154 to 91 (octopamine), 166 to 91 (hordenine), 168 to 135 (synephrine), and 226 to 125 (terbutaline). A typical separation is provided in the fourth panel of Appendix A.

NIST Analyses for Toxic Elements: SRM 3259 was screened for toxic elements (arsenic, cadmium, and lead) by using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) following microwave digestion using nitric and hydrofluoric acids. Arsenic mass 75; cadmium masses 111, 112, and 114; indium (internal standard) mass 115; and lead masses 206, 207, and 208 were monitored.

NIST Analyses for Pesticides: SRM 3259 was screened for pesticide residues by using gas chromatography (GC)/MS following Soxhlet extraction into methylene chloride; a 2 g sample did not contain quantifiable concentrations of hexachlorocyclohexanes (HCHs), chlordanes, nonachlors, dieldrin, mirex, heptachlors, DDT, or metabolites of DDT.

Determination of Moisture: Moisture content of SRM 3259 was determined at NIST (see "Instructions for Use") by (1) freeze-drying to constant mass over 8 days; (2) drying over magnesium perchlorate in a desiccator at room temperature for 28 days; and (3) drying for 2 hours in a forced-air oven at 80 °C. Unweighted results obtained using the mean of all three techniques were averaged to determine a conversion factor of (0.9848 ± 0.0111) gram dry mass per gram as-received mass, which was used to convert data from an as-received to a dry-mass basis; the uncertainty shown on this value is an expanded uncertainty. An uncertainty component for the conversion factor (0.26 %) obtained from the moisture measurements is incorporated in the uncertainties of the certified and reference values, reported on a dry-mass basis, that are provided in this certificate.

Homogeneity Assessment: The homogeneity of citrus alkaloids was assessed at NIST by using the methods described above. An analysis of variance did not show inhomogeneity for the 0.05 g and 0.5 g test portions analyzed.

Value Assignment: The equally weighted means from appropriate sets of data were used to calculate the assigned values.

Table 1. Certified Concentration Values for Selected Citrus Alkaloids in SRM 3259 [(a)]

	Mass Fraction (mg/g, dry-mass basis)		
Synephrine	71.9	±	2.3
N-methyltyramine	5.23	±	0.66
Tyramine	0.800	±	0.067
Total Citrus Alkaloids	77.5	±	1.3

[(a)] Each certified concentration value, expressed as a mass fraction, is an equally weighted mean of results provided by LC/UV, LC/FL, LC/MS, LC/MS/MS, NCTR, and ChromaDex for synephrine; LC/UV, LC/FL, LC/MS, LC/MS/MS, and ChromaDex for N-methyltyramine; and LC/FL, LC/MS, and LC/MS/MS for tyramine and total alkaloids The uncertainty in the certified value, calculated according to the method described in the NIST and ISO Guides [2,3], is expressed as an expanded uncertainty, U. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as $U = ku_c$, where u_c is intended to represent, at the level of one standard deviation, the combined effect of between-laboratory, within-laboratory, and drying components of uncertainty. The coverage factor (k) is determined from the Student's t corresponding to the appropriate associated degrees of freedom and approximately 95 % confidence for each analyte.

Table 2. Reference Concentration Value for Octopamine in SRM 3259 [(a)]

	Mass Fraction (mg/g, dry-mass basis)		
Octopamine	0.809	±	0.051

[(a)] The reference concentration value, expressed as a mass fraction, is the mean of results provided by LC/FL, LC/MS, and LC/MS/MS. The uncertainty in the reference value, calculated according to the method described in the NIST and ISO Guides [2,3], is expressed as an expanded uncertainty, U. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as $U = ku_c$, where u_c is intended to represent, at the level of one standard deviation, the combined effect of within-method and drying components of uncertainty. The coverage factor (k) is determined from the Student's t-distribution corresponding to the appropriate associated degrees of freedom and approximately 95 % confidence for each analyte.

Table 3. Information Concentration Value for Hordenine in SRM 3259 [(a)]

	Mass Fraction (mg/g, dry-mass basis)
Hordenine	0.018

[(a)] The information concentration value, expressed as a mass fraction, is the mean of results provided by LC/MS/MS.

Table 4. Information Concentration Values for Toxic Elements in SRM 3259 [(a)]

	Mass Fraction (ng/g, dry-mass basis)
Arsenic	350
Cadmium	14
Lead	290

[(a)] Each information concentration value, expressed as a mass fraction, is the mean of two results provided by ICP-MS.

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Users of this SRM should ensure that the certificate in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program at: telephone (301) 975-6776; fax (301) 926-4751; e-mail srminfo@nist.gov; or via the Internet at http://www.nist.gov/srm.

Appendix A

Typical chromatograms for the measurement of alkaloids in SRM 3259. (All mobile phase compositions expressed in percent represent volume fractions.) Panel 1: LC/UV. Ace 5 C_{18} ultra inert column (Advanced Chromatography Technologies; Aberdeen, Scotland) and a mobile phase of 72 % 10 mmol/L sodium dodecyl sulfate pH 2.5 and 28 % acetonitrile at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Absorbance detection at 220 nm. Panel 2: LC/FL. Fluorescence detector in series with absorbance detector. Chomatography described for Panel 1. Excitation wavelength of 273 nm, emission wavelength of 304 nm. Panel 3: LC/MS. Discovery HS F5 pentafluorophenylpropyl column (Supelco; Bellefonte, PA) and an isocratic mobile phase of 90 % acetonitrile and 10 % 100 mmol/L ammonium acetate in water at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Positive ion electrospray mass spectrometry in the selected ion mode at *m/z* 226 (terbutaline), *m/z* 136 (octopamine), *m/z* 168 (synephrine), *m/z* 138 (tyramine), *m/z* 166 (hordenine), and *m/z* 152 (N-methyltyramine). Panel 4: LC/MS/MS. Discovery HS F5 pentafluorophenylpropyl column (Supelco; Bellefonte, PA) and an isocratic mobile phase of 10 % 10 mmol/L ammonium acetate in water and 90 % 10 mmol/L ammonium acetate in methanol at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min. Multiple reaction monitoring was performed using protonated analyte molecules at the following transitions (*m/z*): 138 to 103 (tyramine), 152 to 91 (N-methyltyramine) 154 to 91 (octopamine), 166 to 91 (hordenine), 168 to 135 (synephrine), and 226 to 125 (terbutaline).

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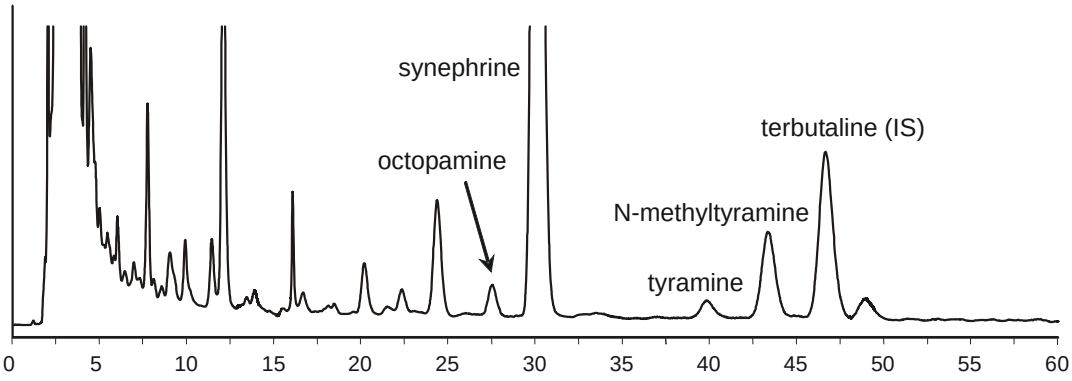

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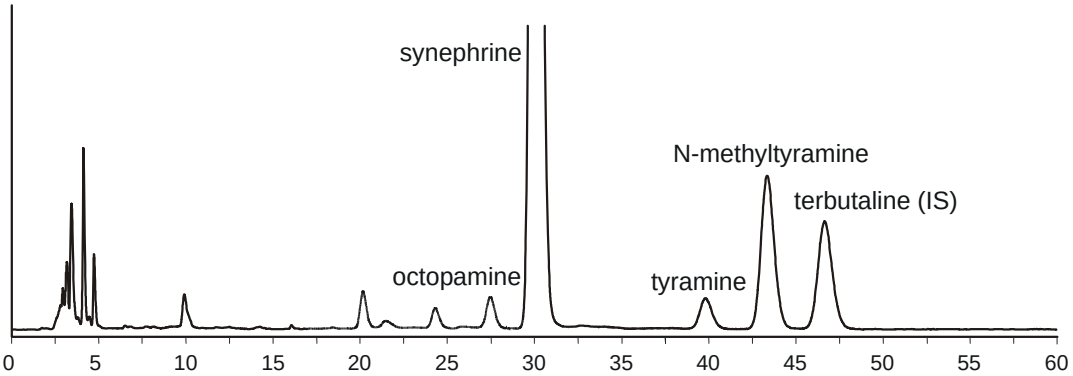

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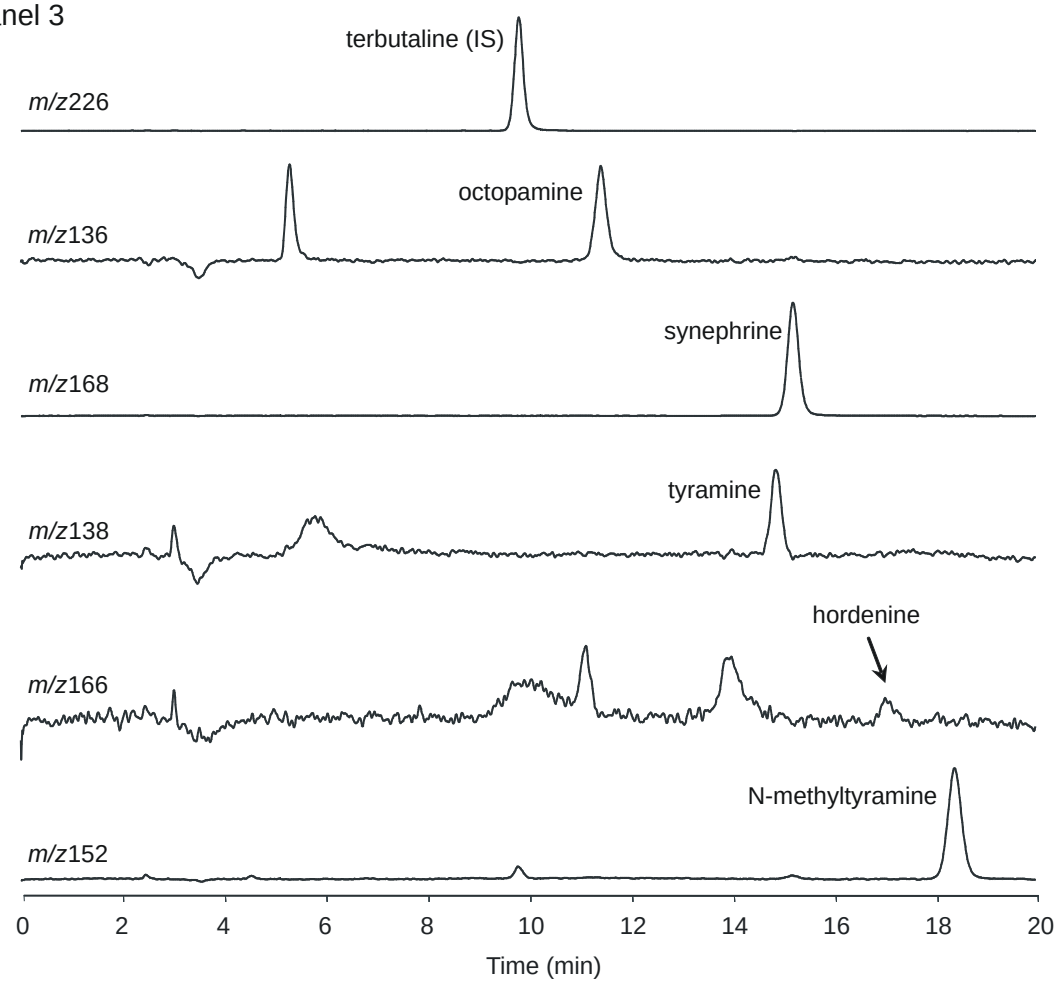

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