

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

DLA ptAL03 (2022) Allergens III: β -Lactoglobulin, Casein and Gluten in Infant Food with "Spiking Level Sample"

Test material*:

There are **two different samples A and B** possibly containing the allergenic **parameters β -Lactoglobulin, Casein and Gluten** in the range of mg/kg in the **matrix Infant Food (porridge powder with rice, corn and millet)**. One of these samples and the additional **"spiking level sample"** were prepared adding the allergenic ingredients. The "spiking level sample" contains the allergens in a **simple matrix** (potato powder) in similar amounts without further processing.

Sample weight: Sample A and B 25 g each, and spiking level sample 15 g.

* **Note:** Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Any testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

Methods + realisation time:

Analytical methods for qualitative and quantitative determinations are optional.

There is a 8 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted by e-mail via the provided results file.

Evaluation report:

The **evaluation** is carried out **qualitatively** (positive/negative) and from a total of 5 results on **quantitatively**. It includes kernel density estimation, outlier tests, robust mean, robust standard deviation and z-scores. The assigned value is the robust mean of participants results. For information a **recovery rate** of the "positive" sample and the "spiking level sample" is calculated including z-scores. Results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. DLA intends to finish the evaluation report within 6 weeks after deadline of results submission.

Each participant receives an anonymized, complete evaluation report in English as a PDF-file, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done and can object in writing to the evaluation within 6 weeks.

Registration:

The reliable order can be sent to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Further information and an online registration form can be found at www.dla-lvu.de.

Registration deadline is **09th March 2022**.

Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 11** by parcel service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

Deadline of result submission:

Last date for submission of results **13th May 2022**.

Invoice + price:

Invoicing will be done by DLA along with the sample shipment or by our authorized partner in parallel to the sample shipment.

The price of the proficiency test is 296,-- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Costs for **double sample material** € 85,00.

Please note: there can be a handling charge of approx. € 30,00 for payments from non-EU countries.

Shipping costs: within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 20,00, North America € 28,00, other countries € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia).

Our General Terms and Conditions GTC apply: www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html

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