

## **Saxitoxin in Lobster Tomalley Sample Preparation**

### **1. Intended Use**

For the detection of Saxitoxin in lobster tomalley.

### **2. Materials and Reagents Required**

Strainer (#10 sieve)

Plastic tablecloth (for protecting work area)

Deionized or distilled water (for rinsing samples prior to homogenization)

Immersion blender or equivalent electronic blender

600 mL plastic beaker

Permanent marker

10% Bleach solution (for cleaning equipment between samples)

Centrifuge

ABRAXIS<sup>®</sup> Saxitoxin (PSP), ELISA, 96-test (PN 52255B)

### **3. Notes and Precautions**

This procedure is intended for use with lobster tomalley. Other matrices should be thoroughly validated before use with this procedure.

### **4. Sample Preparation and Extraction Procedure**

*NOTE: If a 100 g sample is needed for regulatory purposes, extraction solution volume should be adjusted accordingly*

4.1 Remove tomalley from the lobster, wash with deionized water and homogenize.

4.2 Mix 10 g of homogenized tomalley with 10 mL of 0.1M HCl and boil for 5 minutes while stirring.

4.3 Allow to cool. Centrifuge for 10 minutes at approximately 3500 g.

4.4 Collect supernatant. Adjust pH to < pH 4.0 with 5 N HCl.

4.5 Remove 10 µL and dilute in 10 mL of 1X Sample Diluent (this will be a 1:1,000 dilution). Vortex

4.6 Analyze as sample (Assay Procedure, step 1 in the user guide)

### **5. Evaluation of Results**

The ABRAXIS<sup>®</sup> Saxitoxin (PSP) ELISA Kit can be evaluated using commercial ELISA evaluation programs, and the concentrations of samples are determined using a standard curve of various Saxitoxin concentrations run with each test. Detailed information on the evaluation of results using the ABRAXIS<sup>®</sup> Saxitoxin (PSP) ELISA Kit can be found in the ABRAXIS<sup>®</sup> Saxitoxin (PSP) ELISA Kit User Guide.

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