



ABRAXIS® Microcystin Congener Standard Mix (EPA 544)

Product No. 520014

Introduction

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Storage

Store the mixed standard frozen at ≤ -20°C. The standards may be used until the expiration date on the box. Consult local, state, and federal regulations for proper disposal of all reagents.

Reagents Provided

5 x 1 mL vials of Microcystin-LA, -LF, -LR, -LY, -RR, -YR, and Nodularin mixed standard in Methanol, HPLC-Grade

Instructions for Use

The mixed standard is provided ready-to-use. Before diluting to desired calibration curve concentrations as per the method, consult the Certificate of Analysis (CoA) for each lot to review the LC-MS/MS-characterized concentrations in ppb of each individual congener. **Individual congener concentrations may vary; be sure to review the CoA for each lot prior to diluting!**

References

- 1) Shoemaker, J; Tettenhorst, D; Delacruz, A. *Determination of Microcystins and Nodularin in Drinking Water by Solid Phase Extraction and Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS)*. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2015; Washington, DC EPA 600-R-14-474
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