

**Lactose - Determination of water content - Karl Fischer
method (ISO 12779:2011)**

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Lactose — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer method

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the water content of lactose by Karl Fischer (KF) titration.

2 Principle

The test sample is directly titrated with a commercially available two-component Karl Fischer reagent. The water content is calculated from the amount of reagent used.

Titration at a temperature of approximately 40 °C gives shorter titration times and sharper end points. Only at this or higher temperatures is the use of a one-component Karl Fischer reagent (3.1) recommended.

3 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and only distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity. Avoid absorption of moisture from the environment.

3.1 Karl Fischer (KF) reagent¹⁾ The KF reagent is a commercially available pyridine-free two-component reagent consisting of a titration component (3.2) and a solvent component (3.3). The titration component (3.2) is a methanolic solution of iodine and the solvent component (3.3) is a methanolic solution of sulfur dioxide and an appropriate base (e.g. imidazole).

Alternatively, a pyridine-free one-component KF reagent can also be used which only consists of a titration component. The titration component (3.2) is a solution of iodine, sulfur dioxide and an appropriate base (e.g. imidazole) in a suitable solvent (e.g. diethylene glycol monoethyl ether). The solvent component (3.3) is methanol (3.5). This combination of a one-component titration reagent and methanol is only recommended if the titration is carried out at a temperature of approximately 40 °C or higher.

3.2 Titration component. The titration component of the KF reagent (3.1) shall have a water equivalent of approximately 2 mg/ml of water.

A KF reagent with a water equivalent of approximately 5 mg/ml of water is also possible if a KF apparatus with a burette of capacity 5 ml is used (4.1).

3.3 Solvent component. The solvent component of the KF reagent as specified in 3.1.

3.4 Water standard, $w(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 10 \text{ mg/g}$.

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