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Produits alimentaires - Dosage des toxines T-2 et HT-2 dans les céréales et les produits céréaliers pour nourrissons et enfants en bas âge par CL-SM/SM après purification par SPE Lebensmittel - Bestimmung von T-2-Toxin und HT-2-Toxin in Getreide und Säuglings- und Kleinkindernahrung auf Getreidebasis mit LC-MS/MS nach SPE-Reinigung

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### Introduction

The mycotoxin T-2 toxin and its metabolite HT-2 toxin belong to the group of trichothecenes which are produced by various Fusarium species. Cereals like maize, wheat, barley, oats, and rye are most likely to be affected.

WARNING 1 — Suitable precaution and protection measures need to be taken when carrying out working steps with harmful chemicals. The latest version of the hazardous substances ordinance, Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 [3], should be taken into account as well as appropriate National statements e.g. such as in [4].

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ion. WARNING 3 — T-2 toxin and its metabolite HT-2 toxin are known to have carcinogenic effects.

#### 1 Scope

This European Standard describes a method for the determination of T-2 toxin and HT-2 toxin in cereals and cereal based products e.g. oats, intended for nutrition of infants and young children by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) after cleanup by solid phase extraction (SPE) [5].

The method has been validated for HT-2 toxin in oat flour at levels of 9,3 µg/kg and 28,1 µg/kg, oat flakes at levels of 16,5 µg/kg and 21,4 µg/kg, and breakfast cereals (containing oat flakes) at a level of 8,1 µg/kg and for T-2 toxin in oat flour at levels of 4,4 µg/kg and 8,3 µg/kg, oat flakes at levels of 4,9 µg/kg and 6,6 µg/kg and breakfast cereals (containing oat flakes) at a level of 3,5 µg/kg.

Laboratory experiences [6] have shown that the method is also applicable to highly swelling materials (dry cereal based porridges and modified starches), but these were not examined in the method validation study. Details are outlined in 6.3.

The method can also be applied to oat-by-products at higher levels of T-2- and HT-2 toxin. In this case, the dilution steps need to be considered [6].

The method can also be applied to cereals and cereal products for infants and young children based on e.g. wheat, barley, and rice. In this case, the method needs to be in-house-validated for each material. At the time of the interlaboratory study, planned range was 10 µg/kg to 100 µg/kg, and it is known from the pre-study that the method works well in the whole range, although final validation was only done in the range from 3,5  $\mu$ g/kg to 28,1  $\mu$ g/kg.

#### 2 **Normative references**

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EN ISO 3696, Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)

#### 3 Principle

T-2 toxin and HT-2 toxin are extracted with acetonitrile-water mixture and by shaking manually or with a laboratory blender. A solid phase extraction column or a pass through column is used to clean up and concentrate the filtered and diluted extract, see also [7]. The toxins are determined by HPLC coupled with tandem mass spectrometry.

#### Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and water complying with grade 1 of EN ISO 3696, unless otherwise specified. Solvents shall be of quality for HPLC analysis, unless otherwise specified. 2

- **4.1 Acetonitrile,** HPLC grade.
- 4.2 Methanol, HPLC grade.
- 4.3 Solvent mixture.

Mix 20 parts of acetonitrile (4.1) and 80 parts of water (20+80, v+v).

#### Extraction mixture.

Mix 84 parts of acetonitrile (4.1) and 16 parts of water (84+16, v+v).