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## Introduction

Phomopsins are mycotoxins produced by the fungus *Diaporthe toxica*. There are several phomopsins of which phomopsin A is the major toxic congener. The main host of the fungus are lupins (*Lupinus L.*). Lupin seeds are being used as food ingredients and therefore phomopsin A might occur in food ingredients and food products containing lupin seeds or lupin flour.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for the determination of phomopsin A in lupin seeds and lupin-derived products based on liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Several phomopsins exist, i.e. phomopsin A, B, C and D, but the method only deals with the quantitative measurement of phomopsin A due to lack of commercially available analytical reference standards for the other phomopsins.

The method has been validated for phomopsin A in naturally contaminated lupin seeds, lupin flour and crisp bread at levels ranging from approximately 5 µg/kg to 60 µg/kg.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Principle

Phomopsin A is extracted from the homogenized sample material by shaking with a mixture of acetonitrile/water/acetic acid (80+19+1, v+v+v). After centrifugation, an aliquot of the extract is diluted with water, optionally filtered, and analysed by liquid chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Phomopsin A is quantified by multi-level matrix-matched calibration.

## 5 Reagents

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

**5.1 Water**, deionised.

**5.2 Water**, LC-MS grade.

**5.3 Acetonitrile**, pro analysis (p.a.).

**5.4 Methanol**, LC-MS grade.

**5.5 Acetic acid**, purity greater than mass fraction  $w \geq 98$  %.

**5.6 Ammonium formate**, p.a.

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**5.7 Extraction solution acetonitrile/water/acetic acid, (80+19+1, v+v+v).**

Mix 800 ml of acetonitrile (5.3), 190 ml of water (5.1 or 5.2) and 10 ml of acetic acid (5.5) in a bottle of 1 000 ml. This solution can be used for 3 months if stored at room temperature.

**5.8 Phomopsin A**, isolated from *Phomopsis leptostromiformis*, purity greater than  $w \geq 98 \%$ .**5.9 Phomopsin A stock solution (STD 1)**, mass concentration  $\rho = 500 \text{ mg/l}$ .

Weigh 5 mg of the phomopsin A standard (5.8) to the nearest 0,1 mg into a 10 ml volumetric flask and make up to the volume with methanol (5.4). Take into account the exact weight and the purity of the standard. The solution can be used for 3 months if stored in an amber flask in the refrigerator at approximately 4 °C.

**5.10 Standard solution of phomopsin A (STD 2)**,  $\rho = 10 \text{ mg/l}$ .

Pipette 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of the standard solution (STD 1) (5.9) into a volumetric flask of 5 ml and make up to the volume with methanol (5.4). The solution can be used for 3 months if stored in an amber vial in the refrigerator at approximately 4 °C.

**5.11 Standard solution of phomopsin A (STD 3)**,  $\rho = 250 \mu\text{g/l}$ .

Pipette 250  $\mu\text{l}$  of the standard solution (STD 2) (5.10) into a volumetric flask of 10 ml and make up to the volume with methanol (5.4).

**5.12 Intermediate solutions** for preparation of the matrix-matched standards.

To seven vials (6.9) add different volumes of the standard solution of phomopsin A (STD 3) (5.11) and methanol (5.4) according to Table 1. Cap the vials and mix. Prepare these solutions freshly for each batch of analysis.

**Table 1 — Intermediate standard solutions of phomopsin A in methanol**

Intermediate solution no	Standard solution (STD 3) (5.11) $\mu\text{l}$	Methanol (5.4) $\mu\text{l}$	Mass concentration $\mu\text{g/l}$
1	25	975	6,25
2	50	950	12,5
3	100	900	25
4	200	800	50
5	350	650	87,5
6	500	500	125
7	650	350	162,5

**5.13 Matrix matched calibration solutions**

Prepare matrix-matched calibration solutions in vials (6.9) according to Table 2.

The matrix matched calibration solutions may also be prepared directly in auto sampler vials with insert or filter vials. In that case, proportionally reduce the volumes indicated in Table 2.



Table 2 — Matrix matched calibration solutions of phomopsin A in blank matrix extract

Calibration solution	Mass concentration	Blank extract (7.2)	Intermediate solutions (5.12) see Table 1	Water (5.2)	Equivalent to mass fraction in sample
no	µg/l	µl	µl	µl	µg/kg
0	0	500	0	500	0
1	0,3125	450	50 µl no 1	500	2,5
2	0,625	450	50 µl no 2	500	5,0
3	1,25	450	50 µl no 3	500	10,0
4	2,5	450	50 µl no 4	500	20,0
5	4,375	450	50 µl no 5	500	35,0
6	6,25	450	50 µl no 6	500	50,0
7	8,125	450	50 µl no 7	500	65,0

## 6 Apparatus and equipment

Usual laboratory glassware and equipment, in particular, the following:

**6.1 Conical polypropylene screw cap centrifuge tubes**, 50 ml with caps.

**6.2 Volumetric flasks**, 5 ml and 10 ml.

**6.3 Analytical balance**, accuracy 0,1 mg.

**6.4 Laboratory balance**, accuracy 0,01 g.

**6.5 Pipettes**, e.g. 10 µl to 1 000 µl, for organic solutions.

**6.6 Adjustable mechanical vertical or horizontal shaker or rotary tumbling machine.**

**6.7 Laboratory shaker.**

**6.8 Centrifuge**, capable of generating a relative centrifugal force of 3 500 *g*.

**6.9 Vials**, 1,5 ml to 2 ml, used for intermediate solutions (5.12), made of glass or polypropylene, with screw cap.

**6.10 Syringe filter**, 0,20 µm to 0,45 µm, nylon or polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) (for optional filtration of final extracts).

**6.11 Auto sampler vials**, of appropriate size for the auto sampler in use, e.g. glass with insert vials, or filter vials (PTFE 0,45 µm), with crimp cap or equivalent.

**6.12 LC-MS/MS system with the following components:**

**6.12.1 LC pump**, capable of delivering a binary gradient at flow rates appropriate for the analytical column in use with sufficient accuracy.

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**6.12.2 Injection system**, capable of injecting an appropriate volume of injection solution with sufficient accuracy.

**6.12.3 LC column**, capable of retaining phomopsin A with a retention factor of at least two and that ensures base line separation to distinguish peaks of phomopsin A from all other signals. Examples of suitable columns are listed in Annex B.

**6.12.4 Column oven**, capable of maintaining a constant temperature.

**6.12.5 Tandem mass spectrometer (MS/MS)**, capable of performing ionization of phomopsin A and selected reaction monitoring (SRM), with a sufficiently wide dynamic range.

Any ionization source providing sufficient yield may be used.

**6.12.6 Data evaluation system.**

## **7 Procedure**

### **7.1 Preparation of the test sample**

Finely grind the laboratory sample, homogenize and store in the dark before analysis.

### **7.2 Extraction**

Weigh a test portion of 5 g of the homogeneous laboratory sample to the nearest 0,01 g into a 50 ml centrifuge tube (6.1).

Add any spikes for quality control purposes (e.g. recovery determinations) at this point, e.g. 100 µl of standard solution STD 3 (5.11) to 5 g of sample to obtain a spike level of 5 µg/kg.

Add 20,0 ml extraction solution (5.7) to the tube, close and shake vigorously by hand or using a laboratory shaker (6.7).

Place the tubes in a mechanical shaker (6.6) and extract for approximately 60 min at a speed that ensures complete suspension and mixing of the sample into the extraction solvent liquid.

Centrifuge the tubes for 10 min at approximately 3 500 g (6.8).

If required for possible repeats: transfer part of the clear extract into a clean vial for storage of up to seven days in the refrigerator at 4 °C.

### **7.3 Preparation of sample test solutions**

Either transfer 500 µl of the extract (7.2) into a vial (6.9), add 500 µl of water (5.2) and mix or transfer 200 µl of extract into a filter vial (6.11) and add 200 µl of water (5.2) without filtering.

Cool the extract in the refrigerator at 4 °C.

If the extract in the vial (6.9) is turbid after cooling, filter through a syringe filter (6.10) or centrifuge it. When using filter vials, press the filter unit down into the vial.

### **7.4 LC-MS/MS analysis**

#### **7.4.1 General**

Optimize analytical parameters (selection of the ionization mode, selection of the masses of precursor and product ions, optimization of cone voltages and collision energies) by infusion and injection of standard solutions of phomopsin A.

A combination of analytical column, mobile phase composition, gradient settings and injection volume shall be such that it allows obtaining acceptable separation and reliable results at the required levels, with sufficient selectivity to obtain an acceptably low false suspect rate.

Examples of instruments and conditions that have been shown to achieve this and extracted ion chromatograms are included in Annex B.

#### 7.4.2 Batch composition and analytical sequence

Always start a batch of measurements with a solvent blank run to prove non-contamination of the system. Then inject the calibration solutions, followed by a solvent blank to check for possible carry-over. Subsequently inject the sample test solutions and calibration solutions. At the end of the batch, re-inject the calibration series.

#### 7.4.3 Identification

Identify phomopsin A in the sample test solutions by comparing retention time and ion ratio of matrix matched calibration solutions with that of the sample test solution [2]. Phomopsin A is considered identified when:

- a) the reagent blank does not show a peak for the quantifier ion at the retention time of phomopsin A that exceeds 30 % of the reporting limit, where the reporting limit is the lowest concentration at which the analyte is reported to be present in the sample;

NOTE The reporting limit is equal to or higher than the limit of quantitation (LOQ).

- b) the retention time of the analyte in the sample extract corresponds to that of the average of the calibration solutions measured in the same sequence with a tolerance of  $\pm 0,2$  min or  $\pm 50$  % of the peak width at half height (whichever is larger), as laid out in [2]. With UHPLC, deviations should be within  $\pm 0,1$  min;
- c) the ratio of the area of the two transitions (lowest area/highest area) of the peaks observed for the test solution deviates less than 30 % (relative) from the average ion ratio of the calibration solutions.

For calculation of the reference ion ratio use only responses with a signal-to-noise ratio ( $S/N$ )  $> 10$ . For the higher concentrations, exclude peak areas exceeding the linear range from calculation of the reference ion ratio.

#### 7.4.4 Calibration

Plot the peak areas of the quantifier (y-axis) of all individual calibration solutions (5.13, calibration solutions 0 to 7) against the corresponding mass concentrations ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ) (x-axis). The quantifier is the transition which, overall, gives the best  $S/N$ . Construct a calibration curve using (possibly weighted) regression with all individual data points obtained. The calibration curve is fit-for-purpose when the deviation between the calculated concentration using the calibration function and the actual concentration is smaller than 20 % for each of the individual calibration solutions. If higher deviations or nonlinearity is observed, identify the cause and, if necessary, re-run the analyses.

In this method, calibration is performed using matrix-matched calibration solutions to compensate for ion suppression or enhancement that may occur in LC-MS/MS analysis. This is required unless it has been demonstrated that matrix effects are not significant and as long as no isotopically labelled internal standard is available. For the matrices tested during the interlaboratory study, extracts from phomopsin-free milled lupin seeds were found to be suited for calibration. For other matrices, the suitability of the matrix-matched calibration solutions needs to be verified.