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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the quantitative determination of vitamin B_{12} in infant and adult formula (powders, ready-to-feed liquids and liquid concentrates) by reversed phase high performance liquid chromatography.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1
vitamin B_{12}
cyanocobalamin and other cobalt-containing corrinoids with vitamin B_{12} biological activity, such as aquocobalamin, hydroxycobalamin, methylcobalamin and adenosylcobalamin, converted to cyanocobalamin

2.2
adult nutritional
nutritionally complete, specially formulated food, consumed in liquid form, which may constitute the sole source of nourishment, made from any combination of milk, soy, rice, whey, hydrolysed protein, starch and amino acids, with and without intact protein

2.3
infant formula
breast-milk substitute specially manufactured to satisfy, by itself, the nutritional requirements of infants during the first months of life up to the introduction of appropriate complementary feeding

[SOURCE: Codex Standard 72-1981]

3 Principle

Cyanocobalamin and other cobalt-containing corrinoids are extracted from the sample using sodium acetate buffer (pH = 4,5) and the latter converted to cyanocobalamin using potassium cyanide at 105 °C. Extracts are purified and concentrated with C8 or C18 solid-phase extraction (SPE) cartridges and analysed with size-exclusion and reversed-phase chromatography. Determination of vitamin B_{12} is made by liquid chromatography with visible detection at 550 nm.

4 Reagents and materials

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity.

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4.1 Glacial acetic acid.

4.2 Acetonitrile, HPLC grade.

4.3 Drierite, desiccant, anhydrous calcium sulfate, 8 mesh.

4.4 Ethanol, denatured.

4.5 Formic acid, 88 %.

4.6 Potassium cyanide, 97 %.

4.7 Riboflavin, 98 % to 102 % purity.

4.8 Sodium acetate anhydrous or sodium acetate trihydrate, ACS.

4.9 Taka-Diastase, Accurate Chemical Co.[1)] or equivalent.

4.10 Triethylamine, HPLC grade.

4.11 Vitamin B_{12} (cyanocobalamin) primary reference standard, e.g. USP Reference 1152009 (approximately 10 µg/mg), Official lot[1)]. Store in a desiccator protected from white light.

4.12 Preparation of solutions and standard solutions

4.12.1 General

All solutions may be scaled up or down for convenience provided good laboratory practices are observed. Solutions can be stored refrigerated or at ambient temperature in tight, inert containers unless otherwise specified.

4.12.2 Preparation of solutions

4.12.2.1 HPLC mobile phase A. Dilute 4,0 ml of triethylamine with 1 000 ml of water. Adjust the pH to 5 to 7 with approximately 1,25 ml concentrated formic acid (4.5). Expiration: 1 week.

4.12.2.2 HPLC mobile phase B. Mix 4,0 ml of triethylamine and 250 ml of acetonitrile with 750 ml of water. Adjust the pH to 5 to 7 with approximately 1,25 ml concentrated formic acid. Expiration: 1 week in tightly stoppered container.

4.12.2.3 HPLC mobile phase C. Mix 4,0 ml of triethylamine and 750 ml of acetonitrile with 250 ml of water. Adjust the pH to 5 to 7 with approximately 1,25 ml concentrated formic acid. Expiration: 1 week in tightly stoppered container.

4.12.2.4 HPLC mobile phase D. Dilute 50 ml of acetonitrile to 2 000 ml with water. Expiration: 1 week in tightly stoppered container.

4.12.2.5 Mixture of acetonitrile and water, volume fraction 10 %. Dilute 150 ml of acetonitrile to 1 500 ml with water. Expiration: 1 month in tightly stoppered container.

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