

## Standard Method Performance Requirements<sup>SM</sup> (SMPRs) for Total Vitamin B<sub>3</sub> (Niacin) in Infant and Adult/ Pediatric Nutritional Formula

Intended Use: Reference Method for Dispute Resolution

### 1 Applicability

Determinations of total vitamin B<sub>3</sub> (niacin) in all forms of infant, adult, and/or pediatric formula (powders, ready-to-feed liquids, and liquid concentrates). Total B<sub>3</sub> defined as the sum of nicotinic acid (CAS No. 59-67-6) and nicotinamide (CAS No. 99586-65-9), and reported as niacin.

### 2 Analytical Technique

Any analytical technique that meets the following method performance requirements is acceptable.

### 3 Definitions

*Accuracy (corresponds to the VIM definition for “trueness”).*—The closeness of agreement between the average of an infinite number of replicate measured quantity values and a reference quantity value.

*Adult/pediatric formula.*—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, hydrolyzed protein, starch, and amino acids, with and without intact protein.

*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 (Codex Standard 72-1981), made from any combination of milk, soy, rice, whey, hydrolyzed protein, starch, and amino acids, with and without intact protein.

*Limit of detection (LOD).*—The minimum concentration or mass of analyte that can be detected in a given matrix with no greater than 5% false-positive risk and 5% false-negative risk.

*Limit of quantitation (LOQ).*—The minimum concentration or mass of analyte in a given matrix that can be reported as a quantitative result.

*Repeatability.*—Variation arising when all efforts are made to keep conditions constant by using the same instrument and operator, and repeating during a short time period. Expressed as the repeatability standard deviation (SD<sub>r</sub>); or % repeatability relative standard deviation (%RSD<sub>r</sub>).

**Table 1. Method performance requirements<sup>a</sup>**

Analytical range	200–10000 <sup>b</sup>
Limit of quantitation (LOQ)	≤200 <sup>b</sup>
Recovery	90–110%
Repeatability (RSD <sub>r</sub> )	≤5%
Reproducibility (RSD <sub>R</sub> )	≤10%

<sup>a</sup> Concentrations apply to: (a) “ready-to-feed” liquids “as is”; (b) reconstituted powders (25 g into 200 g water); and (c) liquid concentrates diluted 1:1 by weight.

<sup>b</sup> µg/100 g reconstituted final product.

*Reproducibility.*—The standard deviation or relative standard deviation calculated from among-laboratory data. Expressed as the reproducibility relative standard deviation (SD<sub>R</sub>); or % reproducibility relative standard deviation (%RSD<sub>R</sub>).

*Vitamin B<sub>3</sub> (niacin).*—Refers to two compounds: nicotinic acid and nicotinamide. Both forms of the vitamin are equally biological active. Nicotinic acid is chemically pyridine 3-carboxylic acid, CAS No. 59-67-6. Nicotinamide is pyridine 3-carboxylic acid amide, CAS No. 99586-65-9.

### 4 Method Performance Requirements

See Table 1.

### 5 System Suitability Tests and/or Analytical Quality Control

Suitable methods will include blank check samples, and check standards at the lowest point and midrange point of the analytical range.

### 6 Reference Material(s)

NIST Standard Reference Material<sup>®</sup> (SRM) 1849a Infant/Adult Nutritional Formula or equivalent. The SRM is a milk-based, hybrid infant/adult nutritional powder prepared by a manufacturer of infant formula and adult nutritional products. A unit of SRM 1849 consists of 10 packets, each containing approximately 10 g of material. Certified value of NIST 1849a is 109 ± 10 mg/kg niacin.

### 7 Validation Guidance

Recommended level of validation: *Official Methods of Analysis<sup>SM</sup>*.

### 8 Maximum Time-to-Result

No maximum time.

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