

Determination of formaldehyde content in glyoxal sample(LC)

1. Instrument
 - 1) Liquid chromatograph
 - 2) Chromatographic column: kmicail (C-18) ODS 250 mm*4.6 mm*5 um
 - 3) Volumetric flask: 10 mL, 100 mL, 1000 mL,
2. Chromatographic condition:
flow velocity: 1.0 mL/min, wavelength: 360 nm; acetonitrile: water=60:40
3. Materials
 - 1) 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine in acetonitrile(0.005 mol/L): 1 g of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (AR) is dissolved in acetonitrile (1000 mL)
 - 2) Sodium acetate buffer solution(pH=4.8): 2.572 g of sodium hydroxide is added into acetic acid aqueous solution (5.7 mL glacial acid dissolved in 1000 mL water).
4. Measuring procedures:
 - 1) Formaldehyde standard control solution: 1.00 mL formaldehyde solution (37%) 1.00 mL is added into 100 ml volumetric flask, then dilute with water to the mark, and shake the flask well before using it.
 - 2) The sample solution: 1.00 mL glyoxal sample is added into 10 mL volumetric flask, and dilute with water to the mark.
 - 3) Measuring: 10 uL each of the soluton 1) and 2) is added into 5 mL triangular flask, respectively. Then add sodium acetate buffer(1 mL) and 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine acetonitrile solution (1 mL), shake it up and put the triangular flask into water bath (60 °C) for 20 min. After cooling down to room temperature, the formaldehyde standard solution and the sample solution is injected into chromatography injector, respectively, yielding formaldehyde peak, and compute:

$$\text{Formaldehyde content\%} = \frac{A_1 \times d_0 \times 37\% \times 1/100 \times 100\%}{A_0 \times d_1 \times 1/10}$$

In the formulation: A_1 —the peak area of formaldehyde in the sample

d_0 —the density of formaldehyde standard solution, g/mL

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