

Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs®) for Characterization and Quantitation of Residual Resin Acids from Glycerol Esters of Wood Rosin (GEWR)

Intended Use: Global Reference Method

1 Purpose

AOAC SMPRs describe the minimum recommended performance characteristics to be used during the evaluation of a method. The evaluation may be an on-site verification, a single-laboratory validation, or a multi-site collaborative study. SMPRs are drafted by AOAC working groups composed of representatives from industry, regulatory organizations, contract laboratories, test kit manufacturers, and academic institutions. Approved by AOAC, AOAC SMPRs may be used for method development, are used by AOAC expert review panels in their evaluation of validation study data for methods being considered for *Performance Tested MethodsSM* or *AOAC Official Methods of AnalysisSM*, and can be used as acceptance criteria for verification at user laboratories.

2 Applicability

Characterization and quantitation of residual resin acids of glycerol esters of wood rosin (GEWR) from *Pinus halepensis*, *Pinus brutia*, *Pinus palustris*, and *Pinus elliottii* (and potentially other pine species). The most common analytes are listed in Table 1. The list is not exhaustive and not all compounds on the list may be present in all GEWR products. All residual acids detected above the limit of quantitation (LOQ) must be identified and quantitated.

3 Analytical Technique

Any analytical technique that measures the analytes of interest and meets the following method performance requirements is acceptable.

4 Definitions

Limit of quantitation (LOQ).—Lowest level of analyte in a test sample that can be quantified at a specified level of precision.

Recovery.—Fraction or percentage of analyte that is measured when the test sample is analyzed using the entire method.

Repeatability.—Variation arising when all efforts are made to keep conditions constant by using the same instrument and operator (in the same laboratory) and repeating during a short time period. Expressed as repeatability standard deviation (SD_r); or % repeatability relative standard deviation (%RSD_r).

Reproducibility.—Variation arising when identical test materials are analyzed in different laboratories by different operators on different instruments. The standard deviation or relative standard deviation calculated from among-laboratory data. Expressed as reproducibility standard deviation (SD_R); or % reproducibility relative standard deviation (%RSD_R).

5 Method Performance Requirements

See Table 2.

6 System Suitability Tests and/or Analytical Quality Control

(a) Suitable methods will include blanks and appropriate check standards.

(b) Retention time should be stable to ±1%.

(c) Method developer should provide proof of identity and purity of peaks, preferably by MS. NIST Mass Spectral Library can be helpful.

(d) Method developer should explain how response factors are estimated when a direct standard is not available.

(e) Purity of the internal standard should be >95%.

7 Validation Guidance

Appendix F: *Guidelines for Standard Method Performance Requirements* (2019) *Official Methods of Analysis of AOAC INTERNATIONAL*, 21st Ed., AOAC INTERNATIONAL, Rockville, MD, USA (http://www.eoma.aoc.org/app_f.pdf)

Validation studies should include at least four GEWR products produced from different pine species to include, but not be limited to, *Pinus halepensis*, *Pinus brutia*, *Pinus palustris*, and *Pinus elliottii*.

Table 1. Analytes

| Common name | PubChem CID | CAS No. | IUPAC name |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| Pimaric | 220338 | 127-27-5 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bS</i> ,7 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-7-ethenyl-1,4 <i>a</i> ,7-trimethyl-3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,6,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydro-2 <i>H</i> -phenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Isopimaric | 442048 | 5835-26-7 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bS</i> ,7 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-7-ethenyl-1,4 <i>a</i> ,7-trimethyl-3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,6,8,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydro-2 <i>H</i> -phenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Levopimaric | 221062 | 79-54-9 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bS</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-1,4 <i>a</i> -dimethyl-7-propan-2-yl-2,3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Palustric | 443613 | 1945-53-5 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aS</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-1,4 <i>a</i> -dimethyl-7-propan-2-yl-2,3,4,5,6,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Abietic acid | 10569 | 514-10-3 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bR</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-1,4 <i>a</i> -dimethyl-7-propan-2-yl-2,3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,6,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Dehydroabietic | 94391 | 1740-19-8 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aS</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-1,4 <i>a</i> -dimethyl-7-propan-2-yl-2,3,4,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -hexahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Neoabietic | 221118 | 471-77-2 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bS</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-1,4 <i>a</i> -dimethyl-7-propan-2-ylidene-3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,6,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydro-2 <i>H</i> -phenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |
| Sandaracopimaric | 221580 | 471-74-9 | (1 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,4 <i>bS</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,10 <i>aR</i>)-7-ethenyl-1,4 <i>a</i> ,7-trimethyl-3,4,4 <i>b</i> ,5,6,9,10,10 <i>a</i> -octahydro-2 <i>H</i> -phenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid |

Table 2. Method performance for residual acids in GEWR

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| Limit of quantitation (LOQ), % | 0.01 ^a |
| Analytical range for individual acids, % | 0.01–10 ^a |
| Recovery, % | 90–107 |
| Repeatability (RSD _r), % | 5.3 |
| Reproducibility (RSD _R), % | 8 |

^a Percent refers to concentration of a molecule in the GEWR product, e.g., 1% = 0.01 g molecule × per g GEWR.

8 Reference Materials

Refer to Annex F: *Development and Use of In-House Reference Materials* in Appendix F: *Guidelines for Standard Method Performance Requirements* (2019) *Official Methods of Analysis of AOAC INTERNATIONAL*, 21st Ed., AOAC INTERNATIONAL, Rockville, MD, USA (http://www.coma.aoac.org/app_f.pdf)

9 Maximum Time-to-Results

None.

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