

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

DLA ptALS1 (2024) Allergen-Screening I - 4 Samples qualitative: Almond, Brazil nuts, Cashew, Coconut, Hazelnut, Macadamia, Pecan, Pine nuts, Pistachio, Walnut

Test material* :

There are **4 different samples** possibly containing the allergenic **parameters Almond, Brazil nuts, Cashew, Coconut, Hazelnut, Macadamia, Pecan, Pine nuts, Pistachio and Walnut** for qualitative determination. The allergens are contained in a simple carrier matrix (potato powder / maltodextrin) in the range of 10 - 250 mg/kg.

Sample weight: 4 samples 20 g each.

* **Note:** Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Any testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

Methods + realisation time:

The analytical methods **ELISA (+ Lateral Flow), PCR (+ NGS)** and **LC/MS** can be applied for qualitative determinations.

There is a 6 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted online via our customer portal.

Evaluation report:

The **evaluation** is carried out **strictly qualitatively** (positive/negative) with indication of the obtained agreements with the consensus values of the participants and the spiking of samples 1-4.

All results including quantitative results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. DLA intends to finish the evaluation report within 6 weeks after deadline of results submission.

Each participant receives an anonymized, complete evaluation report as a PDF-file, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done and can object in writing to the evaluation within 6 weeks.

Registration :

The reliable order can be sent to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Further information and an online registration form can be found at www.dla-lvu.de.

Registration deadline is **March 20th 2024**.

Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 13** by parcel service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

Deadline of result submission:

Last date for submission of results **May 10th 2024**.

Invoice + price :

Invoicing will be done by DLA along with the sample shipment or by our authorized partner in parallel to the sample shipment.

The price for the proficiency test is 380 € (participation with one method) and 460 € (participation with two or more methods) per participant plus shipping and tax.

Costs for **double sample material** € 90,00.

Please note: there can be a handling charge of approx. € 30,00 for payments from non-EU countries.

Shipping costs: within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 20,00 – 30,00, North America € 30,00 - 80,00, other countries approx. € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia), all shipping prices are provisional and subject to change.

Our General Terms and Conditions GTC apply: www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html

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