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Dear Participant,

Please find enclosed the material for the proficiency test (PT):

DLA ptSU01 (2025) – Food Supplement I: Vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12, Biotin, Vitamin C, Folic Acid, Niacin and Pantothenic Acid in Capsule Powder (enriched / high levels)

The two portions contain identical samples of a food supplement with above mentioned parameters in the matrix of **Capsule Powder (without capsule shell)**. The analysis method is optional. The results of the vitamins should be given as the sum of the equivalents in the form of the vitamin compound indicated in the result submission file.

Note: Please store samples at 2 - 10°C on arrival!

Please note the attached information on the proficiency test.

Please enter your final results online in our [PT customer portal](#) **my DLA | participant's portal**. You will receive further information on this by e-mail, in particular about access to the portal.

Last deadline is April 2025-04-14.
After the deadline no results can be accepted.

We are looking forward to any suggestions or questions! We wish you a successful performance of the proficiency test!

Kind regards,

Matthias Besler-Scharf & Alexandra Scharf

On behalf of the DLA-Team

Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

PT number	DLA ptSU01 (2025)
PT name	Food Supplement I: Vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12, Biotin, Vitamin C, Folic Acid, Niacin and Pantothenic Acid
Sample matrix*	Samples I + II: Capsule powder (without capsule shells) / Ingredients: food additives, vitamins and minerals
Number of samples and sample amount	2 identical samples I + II, 50 g each.
Storage	Samples I + II: cooled 2 - 10°C (PT period)
Intentional use	Laboratory use only (quality control samples)
Parameter	quantitative: Vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12, Biotin, Vitamin C, Folic Acid, Niacin and Pantothenic Acid Contents: The contents are of the order of the nutrient reference values per recommended daily dose (1-3 capsules approx. 0.5 - 6 g)
Methods of analysis	Analytical methods are optional
Notes to analysis	The analysis of PT samples should be performed like a routine laboratory analysis. In general we recommend to homogenize a representative sample amount before analysis according to good laboratory practice, especially in case of low sample weights.
Result table	The results for sample I and II as well as the final results calculated as mean of the double determination (samples I and II) should be filled in the result entry table. The recovery rates, if carried out, have to be included in the calculation.
Units	µg/100g or mg/100g
Number of significant digits	at least 2
Further information	For information please specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date of analysis - DLA-sample-numbers (for sample I and II) - Limit of detection - Assignment incl. Recovery - Recovery with the same matrix - Method is accredited
Result submission	online via my DLA participant's portal (https://my.dla-pt.com) you will receive further information about the access by e-mail
Last Deadline	the latest April 2025-04-14
Evaluation report	The evaluation report is expected to be completed 6 weeks after deadline of result submission and will be provided as a PDF file in the DLA Participant Portal (https://my.dla-pt.com/).
Coordinator and contact person of PT	Alexandra Scharf, PhD

* 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.