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Datum / Date: 9. Sep. 2025

Dear participants,

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

ptAU05 (2025) - Steviosides in Instant Tea Drink Powder

There are **two identical samples I and II** with the parameters steviolglycosides (Sum of Steviol Glycosides (as steviol equivalents), Stevioside (as steviol equivalents) and Rebaudioside A (as steviol equivalents)) to be determined. The matrix is instant tea drink powder. All contents should be given as steviol equivalents. The analysis method is optional.

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 October 2025-10-24.
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,

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On behalf of the DLA-Team

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Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

PT number	***DLA ptAU05 (2025)***
PT name	***Steviosides in Instant Tea Drink Powder***
*Sample matrix**	*Samples I + II: Instant tea drink powder (matcha tea with lemon flavor) / Ingredients: Maltodextrin, matcha powder, citric acid, stevia, lemon flavor*
Number of samples and sample amount	*2 identical samples I + II, 25 g each.*
Storage	*Samples I + II: room temperature (PT period), cooled 2 - 10°C (long term)*
Intentional use	*Laboratory use only (quality control samples)*
Parameter	*quantitative: Stevioside, rebaudioside A and sum of all steviol glycosides (as steviol equivalents)*
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	*mg/kg*
Number of significant digits	*at least 2*
Further information	*For information please specify:* – *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 October 2025-10-24***
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	*Matthias Besler-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.*