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ANALYTICAL METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ELEMENTAL IMPURITIES BY INDUCTIVELY COUPLED PLASMA MASS SPECTROMETRY (ICP-MS) IN MES HYDRATE

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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1. To provide a procedure for the assessment of Elemental Impurities in MES Hydrate products via the NexION 350X S/N 85VN5093001 ICP-MS. This procedure was assessed as a full quantitative option-1 procedure as per validation report BSI-RPT-1619 and follows the validation parameters for quantitation procedures as outlined in USP <233> with lower specification for multiple elements.
- 1.2. Elements under USP <232> validated for this test method are as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Class 1: Hg, As, Cd, and Pb
 - 1.2.2. Class 2A: Co, V, and Ni
 - 1.2.3. Class 2B: Tl, Au, Pd, Ir, Os, Rh, Ru, Se, Ag, and Pt
 - 1.2.4. Class 3: Li, Sb, Sn, Ba, Mo, Cu, and Cr
 - 1.2.5. Class 4: Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, Na, and Zn
 - 1.2.6. Other: Bi

2. SCOPE:

- 2.1. Applies to MES Hydrate (MESH) along with related products manufactured at BioSpectra.
- 2.2. Applies to the NexION 350X S/N 85VN5093001 ICP-MS located in the Quality Control (QC) Laboratory at the BioSpectra Bangor, PA facility.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 3.1. The Laboratory Technology Manager, or other qualified designated individual, is responsible for the control, implementation, training, and maintenance of this method.
- 3.2. The Laboratory Services Staff are responsible for complying with the requirements of this procedure
- 3.3. If any abnormalities are determined during routine use of the ICP-MS or during calibration, Management shall be promptly notified. If necessary, the ICP-MS will be serviced and recalibrated by Perkin Elmer before being approved for use.

4. REFERENCES:

- 4.1. BSI-PRL-0764, Analytical Method Validation Protocol: Determination of Elemental Impurities in MES Hydrate Products by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)
- 4.2. BSI-RPT-1619, Analytical Method Validation Report: Determination of Elemental Impurities by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) in MES Hydrate
- 4.3. BSI-SOP-0303, NexION 350X ICP-MS SOP
- 4.4. BSI-SOP-0304, NexION 350X ICP-MS Care and Maintenance SOP
- 4.5. ICH Guideline for Elemental Impurities Q3D Current
- 4.6. NexION Operation with Syngistix Software Guide
- 4.7. USP <232>, <233>
- 4.8. USP <730> Plasma Spectrochemistry
- 4.9. USP <1730> Plasma Spectrochemistry—Theory and Practice

TABLE 1: LIMITS FOR MES HYDRATE PRODUCTS (10 GRAMS/DAY PATIENT EXPOSURE)

Elements	ICH Class	0.3J Target (µg/g) in sample	0.5J Target (µg/g) in sample	1.0J Target (µg/g) in sample	1.5J Target (µg/g) in sample
As	1	0.45	0.75	1.50	2.25
Cd	1	0.06	0.10	0.20	0.30
Hg	1	0.09	0.15	0.30	0.45
Pb	1	0.15	0.25	0.50	0.75
Co	2A	0.15	0.25	0.50	0.75
Ni	2A	0.60	1.0	2.0	3.0
V	2A	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Tl	2B	0.24	0.40	0.80	1.2
Se	2B	2.4	4.0	8.0	12
Ag	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Au	2B	3.0	5.0	10	15
Pd	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Ir	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Os	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Pt	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Rh	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Ru	2B	0.30	0.50	1.0	1.5
Ba	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Sb	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Li	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Mo	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Cu	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Sn	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Cr	3	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Al	4	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Fe	4	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Mn	4	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Zn	4	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Ca	4	15	25	50	75
Mg	4	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5
Na	4	6.0	10	20	30
Bi	Not Applicable	1.5	2.5	5.0	7.5

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

5.1. Equipment

- 5.1.1. Analytical Balance
- 5.1.2. NexION 350X ICP-MS S/N 85VN5093001, or qualified ICP-MS
- 5.1.3. Micropipettes, Rainin or Eppendorf

5.2. Reagents

- 5.2.1. Nitric Acid, Trace metals grade or equivalent
- 5.2.2. Hydrochloric Acid, Trace metals grade or equivalent
- 5.2.3. Sulfuric acid, Trace metals grade or equivalent
- 5.2.4. Deionized (DI) water (Type 1 Ultrapure)
- 5.2.5. Thiourea, 99+ % grade
- 5.2.6. NexION Setup and KED Setup Solution, or equivalent

5.3. Consumable Supplies

- 5.3.1. SCP Digitubes[®] 15 mL, 50 mL and 100 mL
- 5.3.2. Pipette Tips of various sizes
- 5.3.3. SPE Cartridges

5.4. Personnel

- 5.4.1. All personnel that executed the protocol are trained on ICP-MS or are considered Subject Matter Experts. This test method will be assigned a mark as read training to QC analysts involved with the execution.

TABLE 2: REFERENCE STANDARDS

Identification¹	Manufacturer	Concentrations / Elements
Pharma-CAL Standard Parenteral STD# 1 IA 140-131-201	SCP Science	Ag (10 µg/mL), As (15 µg/mL), Cd (2 µg/mL), Co (5 µg/mL), Hg (3 µg/mL), Ni (20 µg/mL), Pb (5 µg/mL), Se (80 µg/mL), Tl (8 µg/mL), V (10 µg/mL)
USP232/ICH Q3D Parenteral STD# 2 IA 140-131-211	SCP Science	Au (100 µg/mL); Ir, Os, Pd, Pt, Rh, & Ru (10 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Barium Standard	SCP Science	Ba (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Chromium Standard	SCP Science	Cr (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Copper Standard	SCP Science	Cu (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Lithium Standard	SCP Science	Li (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Molybdenum Standard	SCP Science	Mo (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Antimony Standard	SCP Science	Sb (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Tin Standard	SCP Science	Sn (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Aluminum Standard	SCP Science	Al (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Iron Standard	SCP Science	Fe (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Manganese Standard	SCP Science	Mn (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Zinc Standard	SCP Science	Zn (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Bismuth Standard	SCP Science	Bi (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Calcium Standard	SCP Science	Ca (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Magnesium Standard	SCP Science	Mg (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Sodium Standard	SCP Science	Na (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Beryllium Standard	SCP Science	Be (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Rhenium Standard	SCP Science	Re (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Scandium Standard	SCP Science	Sc (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Yttrium Standard	SCP Science	Y (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Tellurium Standard	SCP Science	Te (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Germanium Standard	SCP Science	Ge (1,000 µg/mL)
1,000 µg/mL Terbium Standard	SCP Science	Tb (1,000 µg/mL)

¹Additional standards/custom standards can be used as long as the concentration remains the same in final preparations.

6. PROCEDURE:

- 6.1. All standards will be prepared volumetrically from stock solutions purchased from certified vendors. If the vendor supplied stock standard is within 2% of the nominal value as per the certificate of analysis, then the nominal value will be used to calculate the concentration of the standard. If the stock standard certificate of analysis value is greater than or less than 2% of the nominal value, then the certificate of analysis value will be used for the stock standard concentration.
- 6.2. Acid Digestion Mix
[2:1] Nitric Acid (HNO₃): Sulfuric Acid (H₂SO₄)
 - 6.2.1. Caution: Combining nitric acid and sulfuric acid generates excessive heat. Never seal cap tightly before solution has completely cooled.
 - 6.2.2. To prepare, add 50 mL of nitric acid to a 100 mL Digitube[®] and then slowly add 25 mL of sulfuric acid. Solution can be placed in a cold-water bath to aid cooling.
 - 6.2.2.1. Scale as necessary for use (Prepare same day).
- 6.3. Internal Standard Intermediate Preparation
 - 6.3.1. Prepare an intermediate standard solution containing the single source stock standards listed in Table 3 below.

TABLE 3: INTERNAL STANDARD INTERMEDIATE

Identification	Element	Stock Identification	Amount Added (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Conc. (µg/mL)
Internal Standard Intermediate	Ge	1,000 µg/mL Ge Std	0.050	10	5.0
	Tb	1,000 µg/mL Tb Std	0.050		5.0
	Be	1,000 µg/mL Be Std	0.100		10
	Y	1,000 µg/mL Y Std	0.100		10
	Re	1,000 µg/mL Re Std	0.100		10
	Sc	1,000 µg/mL Sc Std	0.100		10
	Te	1,000 µg/mL Te Std	0.250		25

- 6.4. Internal Standard/Complexing Solution
 - 6.4.1. Weigh approximately 1.0 gram of Thiourea into a 50 mL Digitube[®]
 - 6.4.2. Add approximately 20 mL of deionized water and mix to dissolve.
 - 6.4.3. Filter solution through a Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) cartridge into a separate 50 mL digitube.
 - 6.4.4. Add 2.5 mL of Internal Standard Intermediate followed by 25 mL of hydrochloric acid.
 - 6.4.5. Dilute to a final volume of 50 mL with deionized water and mix well.
 - 6.4.6. Scale proportionally as needed for use.
- 6.5. 2% Thiourea Solution
 - 6.5.1. Weigh approximately 1.0 gram of Thiourea into a 50 mL Digitube[®]
 - 6.5.2. Add approximately 20 mL of deionized water and mix to dissolve.
 - 6.5.3. Filter solution through a Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) cartridge into a separate 50 mL digitube.
 - 6.5.4. Dilute to a final volume of 50 mL with deionized water and mix well.
 - 6.5.5. Scale proportionally as needed for use.

6.6. Intermediate Standard Preparation

- 6.6.1. Prepare a standard solution containing the elements listed in Table 4, using the standards STD#1 IA, STD#2 IA, and individual single source stock standards.
- 6.6.2. Prepare by adding stock standards to a 15 mL Digitube®.
- 6.6.3. Add DI Water to approximately 8 mL and pipette 1.0 mL hydrochloric acid (HCl).
- 6.6.4. Dilute to final volume using DI Water.

TABLE 4: INTERMEDIATE STANDARD

Identification	Element	Stock Identification	Amount Added (mL)	HCl (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Concentration (µg/mL)		
Intermediate Standard	As	STD# 1 IA 140-131-201	1.0	1.0	10	1.5		
	Cd					0.20		
	Hg					0.30		
	Pb					0.50		
	Co					0.50		
	Ni					2.0		
	V					1.0		
	Tl					0.80		
	Se					8.0		
	Ag					1.0		
	Au	STD# 2 IA 140-131-211	1.0			10		
	Pd					1.0		
	Ir					1.0		
	Os					1.0		
	Pt					1.0		
	Rh					1.0		
	Ru					1.0		
	Ba					1,000 µg/mL Ba Std	0.050	5.0
	Sb					1,000 µg/mL Sb Std	0.050	5.0
	Li					1,000 µg/mL Li Std	0.050	5.0
	Mo	1,000 µg/mL Mo Std	0.050			5.0		
	Cu	1,000 µg/mL Cu Std	0.050			5.0		
	Sn	1,000 µg/mL Sn Std	0.050			5.0		
	Cr	1,000 µg/mL Cr Std	0.050			5.0		
	Al	1,000 µg/mL Al Std	0.050			5.0		
	Fe	1,000 µg/mL Fe Std	0.050			5.0		
	Mn	1,000 µg/mL Mn Std	0.050			5.0		
	Zn	1,000 µg/mL Zn Std	0.050			5.0		
	Bi	1,000 µg/mL Bi Std	0.050			5.0		
	Ca	1,000 µg/mL Ca Std	0.500			50		
Mg	1,000 µg/mL Mg Std	0.050	5.0					
Na	1,000 µg/mL Na Std	0.200	20					

6.7. 0.5J Calibration Standard Preparation

- 6.7.1. Prepare a solution containing the elements listed in Table 5 below in 5.0% HNO₃, 2.5% H₂SO₄, 1.0% HCl and 0.04% (400 µg/mL) Thiourea matrix.
- 6.7.2. Add 0.050 mL of intermediate standard to separate 50 mL Digitube® followed by addition of approximately 35 mL of deionized water.
- 6.7.3. Add 3.75 mL of Acid Mixture then dilute to 45 mL using deionized water.
- 6.7.4. Add 1.0 mL of internal standard/complexing solution and dilute to volume using deionized water.
- 6.7.5. Do not allow intermediate standard to contact concentrated acids while preparing solutions. (Standards are stable for 24 hours).

TABLE 5: 0.5J CALIBRATION STANDARD

Identification	Element	Intermediate Standard (mL)	Acid Mix (mL)	Internal Standard/Complexing Solution (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Concentration (µg/L)
0.5J Calibration Standard	As	0.050	3.75	1.0	50	1.5
	Cd					0.20
	Hg					0.30
	Pb					0.50
	Co					0.50
	Ni					2.0
	V					1.0
	Tl					0.80
	Se					8.0
	Ag					1.0
	Au					10
	Pd					1.0
	Ir					1.0
	Os					1.0
	Pt					1.0
	Rh					1.0
	Ru					1.0
	Ba					5.0
	Sb					5.0
	Li					5.0
	Mo					5.0
	Cu					5.0
	Sn					5.0
	Cr					5.0
	Al					5.0
	Fe					5.0
Mn	5.0					
Zn	5.0					
Bi	5.0					
Ca	50					
Mg	5.0					
Na	20					

6.8. 1.5J Calibration Standard Preparation

- 6.8.1. Prepare a solution containing the elements listed in Table 6 below in 5.0% HNO₃, 2.5% H₂SO₄, 1.0% HCl and 0.04% (400 µg/mL) Thiourea matrix.
- 6.8.2. Add 0.150 mL of intermediate standard to separate 50 mL Digitube® followed by addition of approximately 35 mL of deionized water.
- 6.8.3. Add 3.75 mL of Acid Mixture then dilute to 45 mL using deionized water.
- 6.8.4. Add 1.0 mL of internal standard/complexing solution and dilute to volume using deionized water.
- 6.8.5. Do not allow intermediate standard to contact concentrated acids while preparing solutions. (Standards are stable for 24 hours)

TABLE 6: 1.5J CALIBRATION STANDARD

Identification	Element	Intermediate Standard (mL)	Acid Mix (mL)	Internal Standard/Complexing Solution (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Concentration (µg/L)
1.5J Calibration Standard	As	0.150	3.75	1.0	50	4.5
	Cd					0.60
	Hg					0.90
	Pb					1.5
	Co					1.5
	Ni					6.0
	V					3.0
	Tl					2.4
	Se					24
	Ag					3.0
	Au					30
	Pd					3.0
	Ir					3.0
	Os					3.0
	Pt					3.0
	Rh					3.0
	Ru					3.0
	Ba					15
	Sb					15
	Li					15
	Mo					15
	Cu					15
	Sn					15
	Cr					15
	Al					15
	Fe					15
Mn	15					
Zn	15					
Bi	15					
Ca	150					
Mg	15					
Na	60					

6.9. 2.0J Calibration Standard Preparation

- 6.9.1. Prepare a solution containing the elements listed in Table 7 below in 5.0% HNO₃, 2.5% H₂SO₄, 1.0% HCl and 0.04% (400 µg/mL) Thiourea matrix.
- 6.9.2. Add 0.200 mL of intermediate standard to separate 50 mL Digitube® followed by addition of approximately 35 mL of deionized water.
- 6.9.3. Add 3.75 mL of Acid Mixture then dilute to 45 mL using deionized water.
- 6.9.4. Add 1.0 mL of internal standard/complexing solution and dilute to volume using deionized water.
- 6.9.5. Do not allow intermediate standard to contact concentrated acids while preparing solutions. (Standards are stable for 24 hours).

TABLE 7: 2.0J CALIBRATION STANDARD

Identification	Element	Intermediate Standard (mL)	Acid Mix (mL)	Internal Standard/Complexing Solution (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Concentration (µg/L)
2.0J Calibration Standard	As	0.200	3.75	1.0	50	6.0
	Cd					0.80
	Hg					1.2
	Pb					2.0
	Co					2.0
	Ni					8.0
	V					4.0
	Tl					3.2
	Se					32
	Ag					4.0
	Au					40
	Pd					4.0
	Ir					4.0
	Os					4.0
	Pt					4.0
	Rh					4.0
	Ru					4.0
	Ba					20
	Sb					20
	Li					20
	Mo					20
	Cu					20
	Sn					20
	Cr					20
	Al					20
	Fe					20
Mn	20					
Zn	20					
Bi	20					
Ca	200					
Mg	20					
Na	80					

6.10. Calibration Blank

- 6.10.1. Prepare a solution containing 5.0% HNO₃, 2.5% H₂SO₄, 1.0% HCl and 0.04% (400 µg/mL) Thiourea matrix as described in Table 8 below.
- 6.10.2. To a separate 50 mL Digitube[®], add approximately 35 mL of DI Water.
- 6.10.3. Add 3.75 mL of Acid Mixture then dilute to 45 mL using DI Water.
- 6.10.4. Add 1.0 mL of internal standard/complexing solution and dilute to volume using DI Water.
- 6.10.5. Do not allow Internal Standard Solution to contact concentrated acids.

TABLE 8: CALIBRATION BLANK

Description	Acid Mix (mL)	Internal Standard/Complexing Solution (mL)	Final Volume (mL)
Cal Blank	3.75	1.0	50

6.11. Method Blank Preparation

- 6.11.1. Refer to Calibration Blank

6.12. Sample Preparation

- 6.12.1. Samples are stable for 24 hours.
- 6.12.2. Weigh approximately 100 mg of the sample into a 50 mL Digitube[®].
- 6.12.3. Transfer approximately 10 mL of deionized water and swirled to dissolve sample.
- 6.12.4. Add 3.75 mL of Acid Digestion Mixture and swirl solution periodically to react and mix thoroughly.
- 6.12.5. Add deionized water to approximately 45 mL and then transfer 1.0 mL of Internal Standard/Complexing Solution.
- 6.12.6. Dilute to a final volume of 50 mL with deionized water and mix thoroughly.

6.13. Isobaric Overlap Corrections

6.13.1. An isobaric interference results from equal mass isotopes of different elements present in the sample solution. Analysis sequences that are processed utilizing multi-element standards will require the use of correction equations to compensate for known isobaric overlaps originating from the elemental standard and sample. The following correction equations should be used:

KED Mode:

$$M_c(54) = M_u(54) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(52) \times 0.028226$$

$$M_c(58) = M_u(58) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(57) \times 0.13208$$

$$M_c(98) = M_u(98) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(99) \times 0.14655$$

$$M_c(106) = M_u(106) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(111) \times 0.09766$$

$$M_c(108) = M_u(108) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(111) \times 0.06953$$

$$M_c(120) = M_u(120) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(125) \times 0.01273$$

$$M_c(123) = M_u(123) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(125) \times 0.12588$$

$$M_c(190) = M_u(190) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(195) \times 0.00036$$

$$M_c(192) = M_u(192) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(195) \times 0.02315$$

$$M_c(196) = M_u(196) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(202) \times 0.005023$$

The correction equations can be derived from the following equation:

$$M_c = M_u - [M_{(rm)} \times (A_{(ie)}/A_{(rm)})]$$

Where:

M_c = Corrected Count Rate for the analyte
 M_u = Uncorrected count rate for the analyte
 $M_{(rm)}$ = Count Rate of Reference Mass (rm) for the Interfering Element
 $A_{(ie)}$ = Percent Abundance of Interfering Element (ie) at the analyte mass
 $A_{(rm)}$ = Percent Abundance of Interfering Element at the Reference Mass (rm)

Example:

$$M_c(58) = M_u(58) \times 1 - M_{(rm)}(57) \times (0.28 / 2.12)$$

6.13.2. All correction coefficients were calculated based on the Agilent Technologies 2016 Relative Isotopic Abundance Table.

6.13.3. Multiplier used in the correction equation may differ slightly from the multiplier used in the Syngistix instrument method due to rounding.

7. INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE:

- 7.1. Perform the ICP-MS daily performance check prior to beginning the analytical sequence. Refer to NexION 350X ICP-MS SOP BSI-SOP-0303 for Daily Check procedures.
- 7.2. A calibration curve of no less than two standards and a blank must be used. The calibration correlation coefficient (R) must be ≥ 0.99 .
- 7.3. Set up the sequence as per Table 9.
- 7.4. Confirm the calibration by analyzing the 1.5J standard after the calibration. The calibration check must recover $\pm 20\%$ of the calculated theoretical concentration for multi-element analysis and $\pm 10\%$ for single element determinations.
- 7.5. The check standard must be verified after the calibration. A re-analysis of the check standard will be performed a minimum of once every 10 samples and at the end of the analytical run.
- 7.6. Bracketing standard checks must recover NMT 20% of the calculated theoretical concentration for multi-element analysis. Additionally, the drift (calculated as absolute difference) between the bracketing standard checks are to be NMT 20% for each target element.
- 7.7. The sample concentration is calculated as:

$$\text{Conc. } (\mu\text{g/g}) = \frac{\text{Solution Conc. } (\mu\text{g/L}) \times \text{Solution vol. (L)} \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{\text{Sample Mass (g)}}$$

TABLE 9: EXAMPLE SAMPLE ANALYSIS SEQUENCE

ID	Type	Level
Cal Blank	Cal Blank	Level 1
0.5J Cal Std	Cal Std	Level 2
1.5J Cal Std	Cal Std	Level 3
2.0J Cal Std	Cal Std	Level 4
Cal Blank Check	QC Check	N/A
1.5J Check Std 1	QC Check	N/A
Method Blank	Sample	N/A
Sample(s) 10 or less	Sample	N/A
1.5J Check Std 2	QC Check	N/A

7.8. Instrument Setup and Parameters

- 7.8.1. Instrument settings are only listed as guidelines. Settings may be changed in order to accommodate changes in sample matrix or hardware configurations.
- 7.8.2. The AMS-II makeup gas must be engaged during analysis using a minimum dilution gas ratio of 15%.
- 7.8.3. Aluminum, arsenic, iron, and selenium can be analyzed using hydrogen reaction gas in order to remove poly atomic interferences. A hydrogen DRC flow rate of approximately 4 mL/min should be used.
- 7.8.4. The instrument method is stored under the Approved Test Method Folder labelled as “MESH_EI_Profile.mth” for elemental impurities testing.
- 7.8.5. Instrument method can be truncated from the full EI instrument method in order to selectively analyze metals as long as parameters match the full method.

TABLE 10: ICP-MS PARAMETERS

ICP-MS System	Perkin Elmer NexION350X Inductively Coupled PlasmaMass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) with Syngistix Software
Sweeps/Readings	20
Replicates	3
Nebulizer Gas	Argon
Collision Gas	Helium
Reaction Gas	Hydrogen
Dilution Gas	Argon
Sample and Skimmer Cone	Platinum
Sample Rinses	Rinse-1: 60 sec at 45 rpm 5.0% HNO ₃ , 2.5% HCl, with 0.04% Thioureaor as applicable to mitigate carry over

TABLE 11: LINEAR RANGE AND CORRESPONDING TUNE MODE

Isotope	Internal Standard	Mode	Linear Range (µg/L)	Isotope	Internal Standard	Mode	Linear Range (µg/L)
7Li	9Be	STD	3.0-20	106Pd	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
23Na	45Sc	KED	3.0-20	107Ag	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
24Mg	45Sc	KED	3.0-20	108Pd	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
27Al	45Sc	STD	12-80	109Ag	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
27Al	45Sc	H ₂ DRC	3.0-20	111Cd	125Te	KED	0.12-0.80
44Ca	45Sc	KED	30-200	113Cd	125Te	KED	0.12-0.80
51V	45Sc	KED	0.60-4.0	118Sn	125Te	KED	3.0-20
52Cr	45Sc	KED	3.0-20	119Sn	125Te	KED	3.0-20
53Cr	45Sc	KED	3.0-20	120Sn	125Te	KED	3.0-20
54Fe	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	121Sb	125Te	KED	3.0-20
55Mn	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	123Sb	125Te	KED	3.0-20
56Fe	45Sc	H ₂ DRC	3.0-20	135Ba	89Y	KED	3.0-20
57Fe	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	137Ba	89Y	KED	3.0-20
58Ni	72Ge	KED	1.2-8.0	138Ba	89Y	KED	3.0-20
59Co	72Ge	KED	0.30-2.0	188Os	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
60Ni	72Ge	KED	1.2-8.0	189Os	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
62Ni	72Ge	KED	1.2-8.0	190Os	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
63Cu	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	191Ir	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
65Cu	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	192Os	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
66Zn	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	193Ir	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
67Zn	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	194Pt	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
68Zn	72Ge	KED	3.0-20	195Pt	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
75As	72Ge	H ₂ DRC	0.90-6.0	196Pt	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0
75As	72Ge	KED	0.90-6.0	197Au	185Re	KED	6.0-40
77Se	89Y	H ₂ DRC	4.8-32	199Hg	185Re	KED	0.18-1.2
78Se	89Y	H ₂ DRC	4.8-32	200Hg	185Re	KED	0.18-1.2
95Mo	89Y	KED	3.0-20	202Hg	185Re	KED	0.18-1.2
97Mo	89Y	KED	3.0-20	203Tl	185Re	KED	0.48-3.2
98Mo	89Y	KED	3.0-20	205Tl	185Re	KED	0.48-3.2
99Ru	89Y	KED	0.60-4.0	206Pb	185Re	KED	0.30-2.0
101Ru	89Y	KED	0.60-4.0	207Pb	185Re	KED	0.30-2.0
103Rh	125Te	KED	0.60-4.0	208Pb	185Re	KED	0.30-2.0
105Pd	185Re	KED	0.60-4.0	209Bi	185Re	KED	3.0-20

8. REPORTING:

8.1. Any result below the 0.3J target concentration will be reported as less than the corresponding LOQ value listed in Table 1. Results above the LOQ concentration will be reported in µg/g and to 2 significant figures. Report the average result for multiple isotopes of the same element that are above the LOQ concentration.