

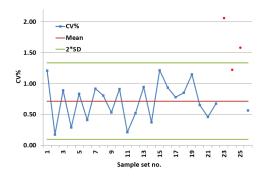
# **DHI MIXED PIGMENTS**

## Pigment Mixture Vials for QA/QC Applications

When monitoring phytoplankton by analyzing their pigments by High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), QA/QC procedures should be conducted systematically to ensure that predefined quality standards and performance metrics are met, and that the HPLC is performing as expected.

#### **QA/QC MEASURES CAN HELP YOU TO:**

- · Control how effectively the HPLC elutes and separates the pigments
- · Verify the identity of the pigments
- Assess the precision of the HPLC through repeated injections (see figure below)
- · Monitor accuracy over time to validate calibration and the analytical method



Coefficient of variation (CV%) of DHI mixed pigments was determined from three injections for each data set. Three instances (indicated by red squares) showed an increase in CV%.

After correcting a fault in the HPLC autoinjector the CV% returned to normal levels.

#### **VIALS WITH PIGMENT MIXTURES**

Ready-to-use vials with dissolved mixed pigments can be used for daily checks of HPLC performance:

**PPS-MIX-1**: Especially suitable for analysing phytoplankton pigments in mesoeutrophic or eutrophic waters. The chlorophyll *a* concentration is 3-5  $\mu$ g/mL and this mixture contains more than 30 pigments.

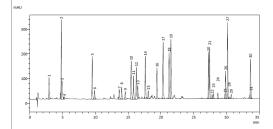
**PPS-MIX-2**: Recommended for analysing samples with pigment concentrations near the detection limit, e.g., from oligotrophic areas. The chlorophyll *a* concentration is 0.1-0.3  $\mu$ g/mL and the mixture contains more than 30 different pigments.

**PPS-MIX-3**: Contains fewer than 20 different pigments distributed across the chromatogram. It is suitable for simpler analyses when detection of all aquatic pigments is not required. The chlorophyll a concentration is 3-5  $\mu$ g/mL.

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#### **FEATURES**

- Vials with mixed pigments dissolved in 1 mL 90% acetone
- Distributed in sealed HPLC vials with a nitrogen atmosphere
- Delivered with a Certificate-of-Analysis showing the elution order and the pigment content



#### **DHI PIGMENT STANDARDS**

We produce more than 45 different pure pigment standards, especially suitable for HPLC calibration when analyzing phytoplankton pigments.



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