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Product Information

Boron trifluoride methanol solution

Product Number **B 1252**
Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

Product Description

CAS Number: 373-57-9

The principle use of Boron Trifluoride in methanolic solutions is to derivatize fatty acids.^{1,2} This material is prepared using ACS grade methanol. It is a 14% (w/w) solution.

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Procedure

The method of fatty acid derivitization used by Sigma is as follows:

1. Weigh 15 to 20 mg of fatty acid into an ampule.
2. Add 1 ml of the 14% (w/w) solution of Boron Trifluoride in Methanol.
3. Flame-seal the ampule.

4. Place the ampule in a "hot-block" at 100 °C for 7 minutes.
5. Allow the ampule to cool to room temperature.
6. Carefully break open the ampule and add 1 ml of n-hexane.
7. Add deionized water to fill the ampule.
8. Cover the top of the ampule and carefully invert it several times to extract the product into the top (organic) layer.
9. Remove the sample for analysis.

Note: Exercise great caution while flame sealing and heating the ampule by working behind a shield.

References

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2. Anal. Chem., **33**, 363, (1961).

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