

# Microwave Digestion of Fingernails

### **Procedure**

Weigh 0.1 g (0.05 g if using the 10 mL vessel) of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 4 mL of HNO<sub>3</sub>. Gently swirl the mixture before closing the vessel.

#### **Notes**

Recommended Equipment	Recommended Vessels	Reagents
MARS 6 MARS 6 iWave	10 mL MARSXpress 20 mL MARSXpress	HNO <sub>3</sub>

Max Sample WeightSample TypeControl TypeMethod Type0.1 gOrganicRamp to TemperatureOne Touch

Heating Program						
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	180	15:00	15:00	N/A	1030-1800	Off

<sup>\*</sup> Ramp times and power may vary depending on the type and number of vessels.

## Results

Sample was clear, colorless and particle free upon dilution to 50 mL.

#### **General Precaution**

- a) This procedure is a reference point for sample digestion using a CEM system and may need to be modified or changed to obtain the required results on your sample.
- b) Manual venting of CEM vessels should be performed when wearing hand/eye/body protection and when the vessel contents are at or below room temperature to avoid the potential for chemical burns. Always point the vent hole away from the operator.
- c) If programming as One Touch, the ramp time and power will be automatically determined based on the number and type of vessels detected.