

Discover® SP-D Clinical Method Note

Microwave Digestion of Finger Nails (Human)

Procedure

Weigh 0.1 g (0.05 g if using a 4 mL vessel) of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 2 mL of HNO₃. Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before capping the vessel.

Notes

Recommended Equipment	Recommended Vessels	Reagents
Discover SP-D Clinical	10 mL Pyrex 4 mL Pyrex	HNO₃

Max Sample Weight	Sample Type / Vent Program	Control Type	
0.1 g	Organic	Ramp to Temperature	

Heating Progra	am					
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	175	4:00	3:00	400	300	Med

^{*} 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) If using a vessel other than the recommended choice, adjust sample size and pressure limit to values appropriate for the vessel chosen.