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**EURL Evaluation Report on the Analytical Methods submitted in
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Additive according to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003**

L-valine produced by
Corynebacterium glutamicum KCCM80058
(FAD-2012-0028; CRL/120024)



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Dossier related to: **FAD-2012-0028
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Name of Feed Additive: **L-valine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80058**

Active Substance(s): **L-valine**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the current application authorisation is sought under Article 4(1) for *L-valine* produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80058, under the category/functional group 3(c) 'nutritional additives'/amino acids, their salts and analogues', according to Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Authorisation is sought for *all animal species*. The *feed additive* is intended to be mixed either in *premixtures* or added directly to *feedingstuffs* or *water*. The Applicant proposed no minimum or maximum *L-valine* concentrations in *feedingstuffs*.

For the determination of *L-valine* in *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* the Applicant submitted the Community method (Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009) further ring-trial validated by CEN, resulting in the EN ISO 13903:2005 standard method. The following performance characteristics were reported for the determination of *total valine* in *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*: - a relative standard deviation for *repeatability* ranging from 1.7 to 3.8 %; and - a relative standard deviation for *reproducibility* ranging from 8.8 to 16%.

Even though no performance characteristics are available for the determination of *valine* in *feed additive*, several NRLs consider the Community method suitable for official control, as already recommended by the EURL in earlier reports (FAD-2007-0015; FAD-2012-0023). Furthermore, the EURL identified the "*L-valine* monograph" of the Food Chemical Codex (FCC), where identification is based on infrared absorption in combination with the analysis of the optical rotation, while quantification is based on titration.

Based on the technical evidence available, the EURL recommends for official control (i) the Food Chemical Codex for the determination of *L-valine* in the *feed additive* and (ii) the ring-trial validated Community method (EN ISO 13903:2005), based on ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and spectrophotometric detection to determine *valine* in *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*.

The EURL cannot evaluate nor recommend any method for official control to determine *L-valine* in *water*, as the Applicant did not provide any experimental data or analytical methods.

Further testing or validation of the methods to be performed through the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as specified by Article 10 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005) is not considered necessary.

KEYWORDS

L-valine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80058, nutritional additives, amino acids, their salts and analogues, all animal species and categories.

1. BACKGROUND

In the current application authorisation is sought under Article 4(1) (authorisation of a new feed additive) for *L-valine* produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80058, under the category/functional group 3(c) 'nutritional additives'/amino acids, their salts and analogues', according to Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 [1]. Authorisation is sought for *all animal species* [2].

According to the Applicant, *L-valine* is a white crystalline powder with a minimum purity of 98% [1,3]. As described in the "*L-valine* monograph" of the Food Chemical Codex, the *feed additive* has a specific optical rotation ranging from +26.6° and +29.0° [4]. *L-valine* is intended to be mixed either in *premixtures* or added directly to *feedingstuffs* or *water*. The Applicant proposed no minimum or maximum *L-valine* concentrations in *feedingstuffs* [5].

The EURL has previously evaluated the analytical methods in the frame of two similar applications: *L-valine* produced by *Escherichia coli* K-12 AG314 (i.e. FAD-2007-0015 [6]) and already authorised as feed additive [7]; and *L-valine* produced by *Escherichia Coli* NITE SD 00066 (i.e. FAD-2012-0023 [8]).

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 885/2009, on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the duties and the tasks of the European Union Reference Laboratory concerning applications for authorisations of feed additives, the EURL is requested to submit a full evaluation report to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for each application or group of applications. For this dossier, the methods of analysis submitted in connection with *L-valine* produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM80058 and their suitability to be used for official controls in the frame of the authorisation, were evaluated.

3. EVALUATION

Identification /Characterisation of the feed additive

Qualitative and quantitative composition of impurities in the additive

When required by EU legislation, analytical methods for official control of undesirable substances in the additive (e.g. arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, aflatoxin B1 and dioxins) are available from the respective European Union Reference Laboratories [9].

Description of the analytical methods for the determination of the active substances in feed additive, premixtures, feedingstuffs and water

For the determination of *L-valine* in *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* the Applicant submitted the Community method [10,11].

This method applies for the determination of *free* and of *total* (peptide-bound and free) amino acids, using an amino acid analyzer or High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) equipment. The method does not distinguish between the salts and the amino acid enantiomers and it is intended for *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs* only.

The *free* amino acids are extracted with diluted hydrochloric acid. Co-extracted nitrogenous macromolecules are precipitated with sulfosalicylic acid and removed by filtration. The solution is filtered and adjusted to pH 2.2. The amino acids are separated by ion exchange chromatography and *free valine* determined after post column derivatisation with ninhydrin by spectrophotometric detection at 570 nm.

For the determination of the *total valine*, the sample is hydrolysed with hydrochloric acid (6 mol/L) containing 1g phenol/L for 23 hours. The hydrolysate is adjusted to pH 2.2. The amino acids are separated by ion exchange chromatography and the *total valine* determined after post column derivatisation with ninhydrin by spectrophotometric detection at 570 nm.

This Community method was further ring-trial validated by twenty-three laboratories in the frame of a CEN mandate, resulting in the standard method EN ISO 13903:2005 [12]. The reported performance characteristics are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Method performance characteristics reported in EN ISO 13903:2005 [12]

Matrix	Valine g/kg	RSD_r (%)	RSD_R (%)
poultry meal	28.2	3.2	12.8
broiler finisher feed	9.2	3.8	12.7
broiler starter feed	11.1	1.7	8.8
corn	3.8	2.4	16.1
fishmeal	27.8	2.3	11.2

RSD_r and *RSD_R* - relative standard deviation for *repeatability* and *reproducibility*, respectively

For the determination of *L-valine* in the *feed additive*, the EURL followed the advice of several NRLs and recommended the use of this CEN method in two previous reports [6,8]. The EURL also proposed the "*L-valine*" monograph of the Food Chemical Codex (FCC), where identification is based on infrared absorption in combination with the analysis of the optical rotation, while quantification is based on by titration with perchloric acid (0.1N) [4].

Based on the performance characteristics presented, the EURL recommends for official control the ring-trial validated Community method, based on ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and spectrophotometric detection to determine *valine* in *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*, and the "*L-valine*" monograph of the FCC for the characterisation of the *feed additive*.

The EURL could not evaluate nor recommend any method for official control to determine *L-valine* in *water*, as the Applicant did not provide any experimental data or analytical methods.

Further testing or validation of the methods to be performed through the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as specified by article 10 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005) is not considered necessary.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In the frame of this authorisation, the EURL recommends for official control:

- the FCC method based on the identification by infrared absorption and optical rotation and the quantification by titration with perchloric acid to characterise *L-valine* in the *feed additive*;
- the ring trial validated Community method, using High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to post column derivatisation and spectrophotometric detection (HPLC-VIS) to determine *valine* in *feed additive*, *premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*.

Recommended text for the register entry (analytical method)

For the determination of *L-valine* in *feed additive*:

- Food Chemical Codex "L-valine monograph"

For the determination of *valine* in *feed additive, premixtures* and *feedingstuffs*:

- ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and spectrophotometric detection (HPLC/VIS) - Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009

5. DOCUMENTATION AND SAMPLES PROVIDED TO EURL

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, reference samples of *L-valine* have been sent to the European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives. The dossier has been made available to the EURL by EFSA.

6. REFERENCES

- [1] *Application, Proposal of Registry Entry – Annex A
- [2] *Application/Ref: SANCO/G1: Forw.Appl.1831/0052-2012
- [3] *Technical dossier, Section II: 2.1.1 Chemical substances
- [4] Food Chemical Codex monograph "*L-Valine*", FCC 7 (2010), p. 1072
- [5] *Technical dossier, Section II: 2.5.1 Proposed mode of use in animal nutrition
- [6] #FAD-2007-0015, L-valine, Ref. D08/FSQ/CvH/GS/D2008(5731) – 28/02/2008
- [7] Commission Regulation (EC) No 403/2009 of 14 May 2009 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of L-valine as a feed additive, O.J. L 120, 15.05.2009
- [8] #FAD-2012-0023, L-valine, Ref. JRC.D.5/FSB/CvH/SB/mds/Ares(2013)181751 – 12/02/2013
- [9] Commission Regulation (EC) No 776/2006 amending Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards to Community Reference Laboratories.
- [10] *Technical dossier, Section II: 2.6.1 Methods of analysis for the active substance
- [11] Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed, O.J. L 54, 26.02.2009 (Annex III, F)
- [12] EN ISO 13903:2005 - *Animal feeding stuffs – Determination of amino acids content*

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http://irmm.jrc.ec.europa.eu/EURLs/EURL_feed_additives/authorisation/evaluation_reports/

7. RAPPORTEUR LABORATORY & NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES

The Rapporteur Laboratory for this evaluation was European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives, IRMM, Geel, Belgium. This report is in accordance with the opinion of the consortium of National Reference Laboratories as referred to in Article 6(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 885/2009.

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