



## 2013 Interlaboratory Comparison Study for Arsenic Speciation in Food and Beverages Registration Form

***Note: You must return this form by March 8, 2013, to register for the study.***

Brooks Rand Labs (BRL) is organizing an interlaboratory comparison study for arsenic speciation in food and beverages. This study was instigated and designed by the Arsenic Speciation Sub-SubGroup of the AOAC Metals SubGroup (part of the AOAC Contaminant Community). The details of the study follow. If you are interested in participating in this study, please complete the form below.

**Payment for Shipment:** While there is not a participation fee for this study, participants must pay for the shipment of the study materials by providing their FedEx or UPS shipping account number. At this time, shipment by other carriers is not an option. If it is not possible for an interested participant to supply a FedEx or UPS account number, please contact the person listed below to discuss options.

Laboratory Name:			
Name of Primary Contact:			
Primary Contact Email:			
Phone Number:			
FedEx or UPS Account Number:			
Shipping Address for FedEx or UPS Deliveries:			

Study materials will be shipped via FedEx or UPS Ground service to the address provided above by March 29, 2013.

The study materials include the following samples:

1. White rice flour
2. Brown rice flour
3. Red grape Juice
4. Apple Juice
5. Kelp or Algae-based nutritional supplement (powder)

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Participants are asked to analyze the samples for arsenic speciation using the methods that are commonly used in their laboratory. Participants may report results by more than one analytical technique. Participants will be asked to report the following results (or subset of results based on their analytical methodology):

- Total Arsenic (As) in the sample
- Total As in the extract (if applicable)
- Inorganic As
- As(III)
- As(V)
- MMAs
- DMAs

Other arsenic species may be reported, if available. Reporting forms (an Excel spreadsheet will be provided with the study materials). Results will be reported to an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party (EcoChem, Seattle, WA), who will assign laboratory IDs to all participants prior to releasing the data to BRL. Each participant will be notified by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party of what their individual laboratory ID is, but this information will not be released to BRL.

By participating in this study, participants are agreeing to have their results reported (anonymously) during a presentation at the 2013 AOAC Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois, in September 2013. A list of participants will be included in the final report (which will be public) and may be included in the presentation.

To participate, please email, fax, or mail the completed form to the contact listed below **no later than March 8, 2013**. Study participation is limited to the first 50 registrations received before the deadline. Send registration forms to:

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If you are having study materials shipped outside of the US, please provide any necessary documentation that may be required for entry of the shipment into your country. Brooks Rand Labs cannot be held responsible for study materials that are not received by a participant due to confiscation by customs officials.

If you have any questions regarding this interlaboratory comparison study, please feel free to contact Michelle Briscoe at [michelle@brooksrands.com](mailto:michelle@brooksrands.com) or (+1) 206-632-6206.