









# Tech Tip 0001 - Reference Standards Product Grades



Choosing the correct reference standard is essential to the success of your quality management program or research project. ChromaDex offers three different product grades to suit your technical and budgetary needs. These product grades are differentiated by the level of characterization and testing performed and reported on the certificate of analysis. The below information will guide you in choosing the right product grade for your use. If you have any questions about our product grades or would like assistance in your choice, please let us know.

### **Primary Analytical Standards (P)**

As the highest grade reference standards in the ChromaDex catalog, Primary Analytical Standards offer thorough characterization. These products come with a complete certificate of analysis for each lot that details adjusted total purity as calculated by HPLC, Karl Fischer (water content), and GC (residual solvent), and includes Mass Spec. and NMR profiles. Whenever possible, for the most accurate analytical results, the best choice for quantitative analysis is a Primary Analytical Standard.

# **Analytical Standards (AS)**

Formerly called Secondary (SH/SG), Analytical Standard grade is a step below our Primary grade regarding the level of characterization reported on the certificate of analysis accompanying each lot. The purity of these products are determined by chromatographic purity. Water and residual solvent content are not reported for AS grade standards.

# Reagent Grade Chemicals (RG)

Reagent grade chemicals are suitable as fine chemicals for many laboratory uses however they are not intended for use as reference standards. The certificate of analysis for Reagent grade chemicals contains basic physical properties but they are not characterized for purity and so not suitable for direct quantitative use.

ChromaDex product grades are differentiated by the level of characterization and testing performed and reported for each lot of material.

| Grade                           | Chemical<br>Data | Adjusted<br>Purity | HPLC/<br>GC % | Water % | Solvent<br>% | NMR | Mass<br>Spec |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|-----|--------------|
| Primary Analytical Standard (P) | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓             | ✓       | ✓            | ✓   | ✓            |
| Analytical Standard* (AS)       | ✓                |                    | ✓             |         |              |     |              |
| Reagent Grade (RG)              | ✓                |                    | Ø             |         |              |     |              |

Depending on your project and needs, different end uses require different product grades. Here is an overview of some typical uses and appropriate ChromaDex product grades for each.

| Grade                           | Quantitative<br>HPLC/GC | Quality<br>Control | Method<br>Devel. | Working<br>Stnd. | Cell<br>Assays | Basic<br>Research |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Primary Analytical Standard (P) | ✓                       | ✓                  | ✓                | ✓                | ✓              | ✓                 |
| Analytical Standard (AS)        | <b>√</b> **             | <b>√</b> **        | ✓                | ✓                | ✓              | ✓                 |
| Reagent Grade (RG)              |                         |                    |                  |                  | ✓              | ✓                 |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Since Analytical Standard (AS) grade products are not corrected for water and solvent content, quantitative results from these standards will give content on chromatographic purity only and will not account for the water and solvent that is contained in the sample being tested. Whenever possible for the most accurate analytical results, the best choice for quantitative analysis is a Primary Analytical Standard (P).

In addition to our three product grades, ChromaDex offers two additional specialized types of Primary Analytical Standards. These products are full Primary Analytical Standards with additional value added testing and results.

# **AHP Verified Primary Analytical Standards**

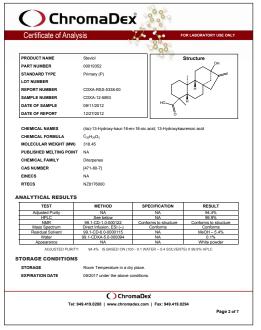
In partnership with the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP), ChromaDex offers several Primary Analytical Standards as AHP Verified. These products have been produced and tested by ChromaDex and then independently verified by AHP. Each (P) AHP Verified standard is accompanied by a Primary Analytical Standard certificate of analysis which bares the AHP Verified logo.

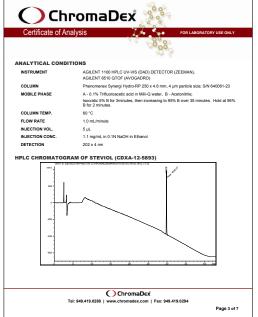
# **Compendial Traceable Primary Analytical Standards**

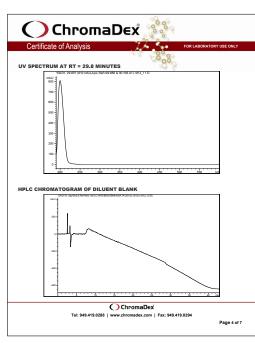
As an added value to our clients, ChromaDex is now offering Primary Analytical Standards (P) that are also traceable to a compendial reference material. These products undergo full Primary characterization and also have a purity assay value tested against a compedial material such as supplied by the United States Pharmacopeia, National Institute of Standards and Technology, or other similar international compendia. Certificates of Analysis for these products include full data for Primary Analytical Standards along with a listing of the compendial source, lot number, and assay value.

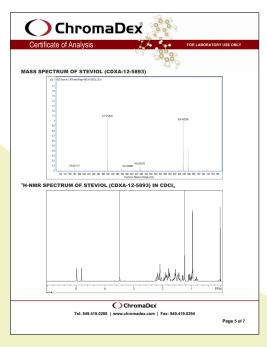
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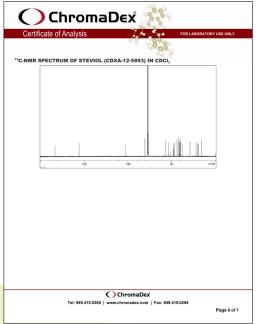
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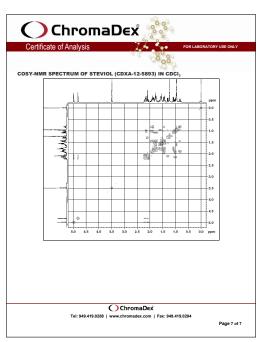






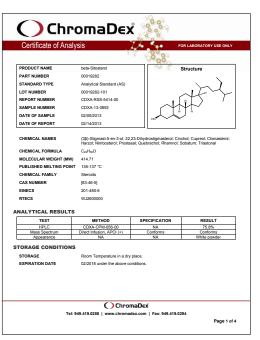


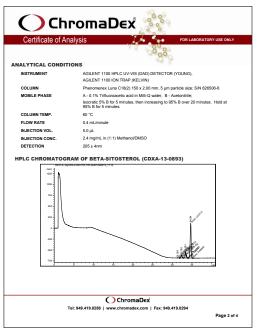




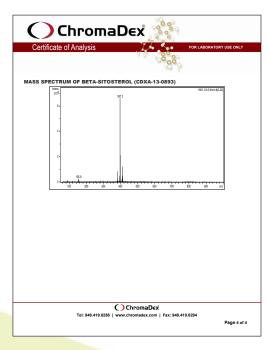
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### **Example: Analytical Standard Certificate of Analysis**





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# **Example: Reagent Grade Certificate of Analysis**

