

Hexylone

Sample Type: Seized Material

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

IUPAC Name: 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(methylamino)hexan-1-one

InChI String: InChI=1S/C14H19NO3/c1-3-4-5-11(15-2)14(16)10-6-7-12-13(8-

10)18-9-17-12/h6-8,11,15H,3-5,9H2,1-2H3

CFR: Not Scheduled (06/2020)

CAS# Not Available

Synonyms: *N*-Methyl Hexylone

Source: Department of Homeland Security

Appearance: Off-White Solid Material

Important Note: All identifications were made based on evaluation of analytical data (GC-MS, LC-QTOF, and NMR), as no standard reference material was available at the time of testing.

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2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

2.1 CHEMICAL DATA

Form	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight	Molecular Ion [M ⁺]	Exact Mass [M+H] ⁺
Base	$C_{14}H_{19}NO_3$	249.3	249	250.1438

3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hexylone is classified as a novel stimulant and substituted cathinone. Substituted cathinones are modified based on the structure of cathinone, an alkaloid found in the Khat plant. Novel stimulants have been reported to cause stimulant-like effects, similar to amphetamines. Novel stimulants have also caused adverse events, including deaths, as described in the literature. Structurally similar compounds include *N*-ethyl pentylone, pentylone, and *N*-ethyl hexylone. *N*-Ethyl pentylone and pentylone are Schedule I substances in the United States. *N*-Ethyl hexylone is not explicitly scheduled in the United States; its appearance was first reported in the United States by NPS Discovery in April 2018. Hexylone is also not explicitly scheduled.

4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Synthesis of related analogues: Koppe, H.; Ludwig, G.; and Zeile, K. Aryl-alpha-Aminoketone Derivatives. CH Boehringer Sohn AG and Co KG, Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH, Assignee. Patent GB1085135A. 08 Apr. 1964.

5. QUALITATIVE DATA

5.1 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC-MS)

Testing Performed At: NMS Labs (Willow Grove, PA)

Sample Preparation: Acid/Base extraction

Instrument: Agilent 5975 Series GC/MSD System

Column: ZebronTM InfernoTM ZB-35HT (15 m x 250 μ m x 0.25 μ m)

Carrier Gas: Helium (Flow: 1 mL/min)

Temperatures: Injection Port: 265 °C

Transfer Line: 300 °C

MS Source: 230 °C

MS Quad: 150 °C

Oven Program: 60 °C for 0.5 min, 35 °C/min to 340 °C for 6.5 min

Injection Parameters: Injection Type: Splitless

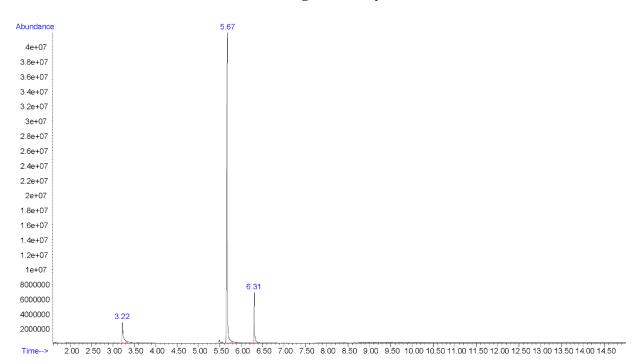
Injection Volume: 1 µL

MS Parameters: Mass Scan Range: 40-550 m/z

Threshold: 250

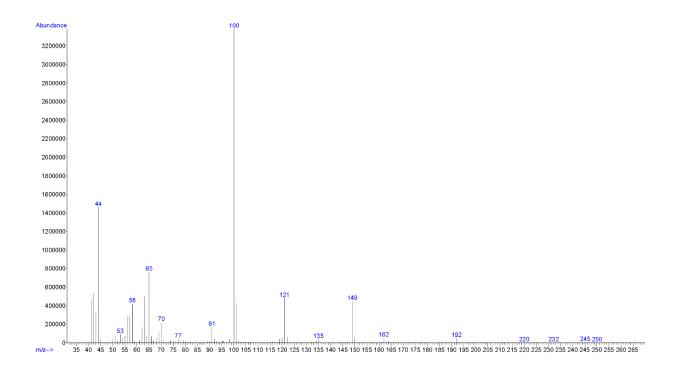
Retention Time: 5.67 min

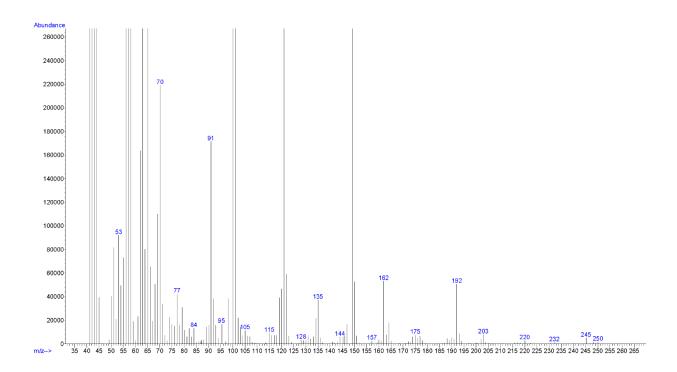
Chromatogram: Hexylone



Additional peaks present in chromatogram: internal standards (3.22 min and 6.31 min)

EI (70 eV) Mass Spectrum (Top) and 10x (Bottom): Hexylone





5.2 LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY QUADRUPOLE TIME OF FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETRY (LC-QTOF)

Testing Performed At: The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education at the

Fredric Rieders Family Foundation (Willow Grove, PA)

Sample Preparation: 1:100 dilution of acid/base extraction in mobile phase

Instrument: Sciex TripleTOF® 5600+, Shimadzu Nexera XR UHPLC

Column: Phenomenex® Kinetex C18 (50 mm x 3.0 mm, 2.6 µm)

Mobile Phase: A: Ammonium formate (10 mM, pH 3.0)

B: Methanol/acetonitrile (50:50)

Flow rate: 0.4 mL/min

Gradient: Initial: 95A:5B; 5A:95B over 13 min; 95A:5B at 15.5 min

Temperatures: Autosampler: 15 °C

Column Oven: 30 °C

Source Heater: 600 °C

Injection Parameters: Injection Volume: 10 µL

QTOF Parameters: TOF MS Scan Range: 100-510 Da

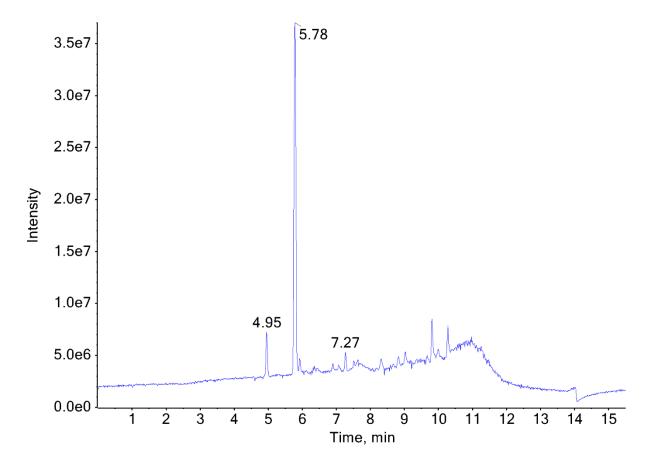
Precursor Isolation: SWATH® acquisition (27 windows)

Fragmentation: Collison Energy Spread (35±15 eV)

MS/MS Scan Range: 50-510 Da

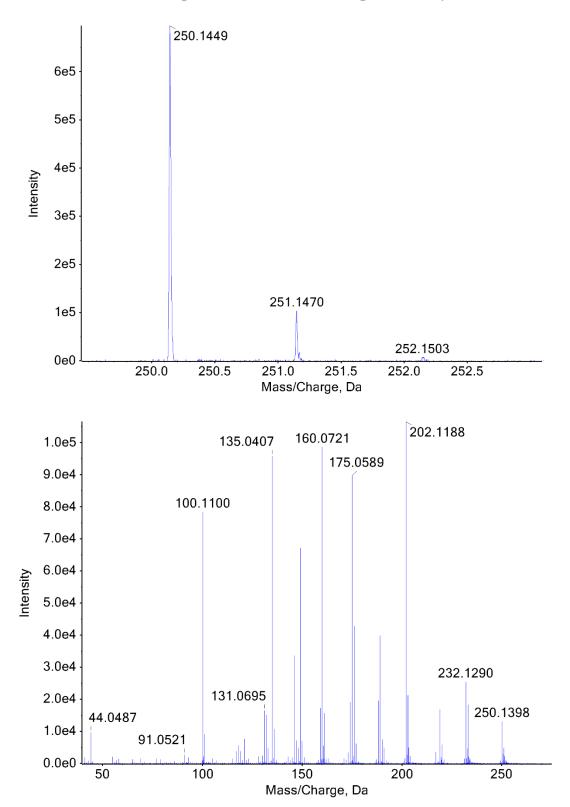
Retention Time: 5.78 min

Chromatogram: Hexylone



Additional peaks present in chromatogram: internal standards (4.95 min and 7.27 min)

TOF MS (Top) and MS/MS (Bottom) Spectra: Hexylone



5.3 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (NMR)

Testing Performed At: IteraMedTM (Doylestown, PA)

Sample Preparation: Dilute powder in DMSO-D6

Instrument: 300 MHz INOVA VARIAN Spectrometer

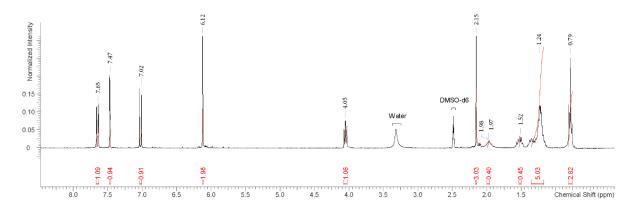
Parameters: Pulse Sequence: Proton

Solvent: DMSO-D6

Spectral Width: 4798.5 Hz

Delay between pulses: 1st delay, d1 = 1.000

¹H NMR:Hexylone



¹³C NMR: Hexylone

