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# N-Methyl-n-perfluorobutanesulfonylglycine (N-MeFBSAA)

N-Methyl-n-perfluorobutanesulfonylglycine (Methyl perfluorobutane sulfonamidoacetic acid; MeFBSAA) is a perfluoroalkyl sulfonamido derivative, belonging to the PFAS family<sup>1</sup>. Perfluorobutane sulfonamido derivatives were introduced as short chain replacements to perfluorooctane sulfonyl derivatives and are used in paper and carpet treatments for water and stain resistance<sup>1</sup>.

N-methyl or N-ethyl perfluorobutane sulfonamidoethanol (MeFBSE or EtFBSE) and MeFBSAA are building blocks for a broad range of fluorotelomer products. MEFBAA is a precursor to perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS) and can also be formed when certain fluorinated compounds break down in the environment<sup>1</sup>. MeFBSAA and perfluorobutane sulfinate (PFBSI) have been shown to arise from anaerobic biodegradation of MeFBSE in live sludge<sup>2</sup>. More information on the manufacture and biotransformation pathways of perfluoroalkane sulfonamido derivatives can be found in a critical review published by Buck *et al.*<sup>3</sup>

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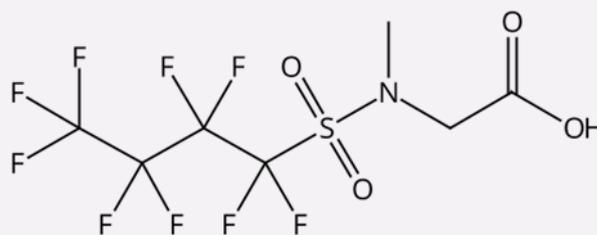
**Synonym:** Methyl perfluorobutane sulfonamidoacetic acid

**Abbreviation:** MeFBSAA

**CAS:** 159381-10-9

**Molecular Weight:** 371.18

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S



The presence of MeFBSAA was first reported in 2011 by Huset *et al* in landfill leachate, with concentrations ranging from 58–440 ng L<sup>-1</sup> 4. The origin likely to be discarded items, like clothing and paper products, that were treated with a PFAS. In 2017 Newton *et al* reported high concentrations of MeFBSAA in the Tennessee River, downstream from fluorochemical manufacturing facilities, near Decatur, Alabama, USA<sup>5</sup>. Levels exceeded 1 µg L<sup>-1</sup> at one of the sites<sup>5</sup>. The river is a source of drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people<sup>6</sup>.

In August 2021 the Flemish Minister for the Environment instructed the company 3M to immediately stop discharging process waters from PFBSA-containing

processes into the Scheldt<sup>6</sup>. The company will have to demonstrate that they have implemented the necessary measures to significantly reduce levels of the PFBSA, MeFBSA and MeFBSAA in their industrial wastewater<sup>6</sup>. Water from the treatment plant will be analysed weekly<sup>6</sup>.

There is no doubt that MeFBSAA is a significant polyfluoro contaminant arising as an intentional product or an unintentional by-product of production processes<sup>5</sup>. The high levels detected imply it, along with other PBSAs, are being used in large quantities and thus it has the potential to impact human health and the environment<sup>5</sup>.

### Chiron have synthesised native and deuterium labelled reference materials to support monitoring of MeFBSAA:

14172.7-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorobutanesulfonylglycine	N-MeFBSAA	50 µg/mL in methanol
14949.7-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorobutanesulfonylglycine-d3	N-MeFBSAA-d3	50 µg/mL in methanol

### Chiron also offer the hexane and the octyl isomers, both as native and as deuterium labelled for use as internal standards.

14950.9-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorohexanesulfonylglycine	N-MeFHSAA	50 µg/mL in methanol
14951.9-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorohexanesulfonylglycine-d3	N-MeFHSAA-d3	50 µg/mL in methanol
13257.11-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorooctanesulfonylglycine	N-MeFOSAA	50 µg/mL in methanol
13258.11-50-ME	N-Methyl-n-perfluorooctanesulfonylglycine-d3	N-MeFOSAA-d3	50 µg/mL in methanol

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