^{81}Y

The first observation of ^{81}Y was reported in "New Isotope ^{80}Y, and the Decays of ^{79}Sr, ^{81}Y, and ^{82}Y" by Lister et al. in 1981 (1981Li12). The Brookhaven Tandem Van de Graaff accelerator provided beams of 91-110 MeV ^{25}Mg which then bombarded enriched ^{58}Ni targets. ^{81}Y was produced in the fusion evaporation reaction ^{58}Ni(^{25}Mg,*pn*)^{81}Y. The recoil products were thermalized and deposited onto a Mylar Tape loop, where spectroscopic measurements were made. "The half-life for this new activity was measured to be 72.0±1.5 s (124-keV line) and 70±6 s (408-keV line). No evidence was found for the previously reported 5-min activity attributed to ^{81}Y." The reference for the 5-min activity was the 7th edition of the Table of Isotopes (1978LeZA).

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