^{240}Bk

In the 1980 article "Study of delayed fission of the isotopes of Bk, Es, and Md" Gangrskii et al. identified ^{240}Bk (1980Ga07). A ^{232}Th target was bombarded with a ^{14}N beam from one of the Dubna cyclotrons forming ^{240}Bk in the (6n) fusion-evaporation reaction. ^{240}Bk was identified by electron-capture delayed fission where the fission fragments were measured with solid-state track detectors consisting of lavsan polyester films. "The observed fission activities have half-lives close to those expected in fission after electron capture of ^{246}Es (8 min) and ^{240}Bk (the half-life 5±2 min obtained in the present work for this case is consistent with the value $T_{1/2}$ = 4 min which follows from the systematics for ^{240}Bk)."

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