Isolation and Purification of Catechins from Green Tea Extract

Reveleris® iES Flash Chromatography System

Introduction

Over the last few decades, green tea has been subjected to many scientific and medical studies to determine the extent of its long-purported health benefits, with research centering on polyphenols, particularly the catechins, in green tea. Isolation and purification of natural products

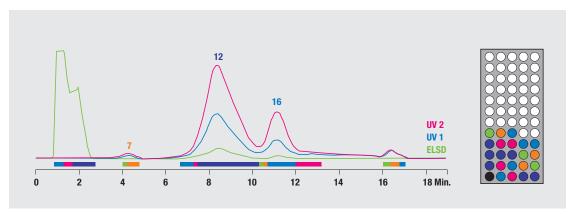
is a challenging, tedious, and lengthy process requiring multiple steps and a large amount of organic solvent. The use of the Reveleris® automated flash chromatography instrument and Reveleris® reversed-phase cartridges can ease the process.

Experimental

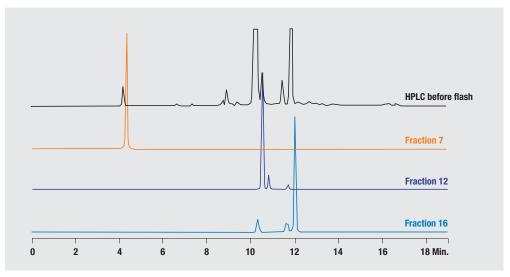
| Run Conditions |
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| Cartridge: Reveleris® RP C18 12g |
| Flow rate: 30 mL/min |
| Equilibration: 3.0 min |
| Slope dection: Low |
| ELSD threshold: 3 mV |
| UV threshold: 0.02 AU |
| UV1 wavelength: 254 nm |
| UV2 wavelength: 280 nm |
| ELSD carrier: Iso-proponal |
| Injection type: Liquid |
| Solvent A: 0.5% Formic acid in Water |
| Solvent B: Methanol |

| Gradient Method | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----|--|
| Step | Time (min.) | %B | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| 3 | 13 | 50 | |
| 4 | 1 | 100 | |
| 5 | 1 | 100 | |
| 6 | 1 | 0 | |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | |





Separation of catechins in green tea by flash chromatography.



HPLC Chromatograms of green tea fractions collected by Reveleris® flash chromatography.

Conclusion

Using the proposed procedure with the Reveleris® instrument and Reveleris® RP cartridges, the separation and isolation of the various chatechins in green tea extract can be easily achieved.

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