

Thesis Title	Development of a Stopped-Flow System for Vitamin C Determination in Some Fruits
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ABSTRACT

A stopped-flow system for determination of vitamin C by using molybdenum blue method was proposed. The standard and reagent were stopped in a coil to increase reaction time for a desired-period. Then the carrier stream was started to push the reaction product into a spectrophotometer detector (680 nm). Effects of concentrations of reagents: sodium molybdate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate and sulfuric acid, on the peak heights and peak areas of the FIA grams were studied. The results showed that the suitable concentrations of the above reagent were 2.20×10^{-1} , 0.15×10^{-1} and 0.74×10^{-1} M, respectively. A linear calibration graph was obtained in the range of 10–100 mg/L ascorbic acid for 5 minute stopping period with a relative standard deviation of 4 % for 14 replicates of 40 mg/L vitamin C. The proposed system was applied for the determination of vitamin C in some fruit samples. The results obtained agreed with a titrimetric standard method.

