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## **Determination of retinol and tocopherol in foods**

# 食品中维生素 A 和维生素 E 的测定

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#### **Foreword**

The first method of this standard corresponding to AOAC.992.06 (II) Vitamin A (Retinol) in Milk-Based Infant Formula Liquid Chromatographic Method (1994, CAC).

The second method of this standard corresponding to AOAC.974.29 (IV) Colorimetry -- Special foods Vitamin A in foods (1994, CAC).

This standard is not equivalent to AOAC.992.06 (II) and AOAC.974.29 (IV).

This Standard will replace GB/T 12388-1990.

Comparison with GB/T 12388-1990, main changes of this Standard are as follows:

- Changed the Chinese title as *Determination of retinol and tocopherol in foods*;
- Changed the structure of original standard according to GB/T 20001.4-2001 Rules for drafting standards—Part 4: Methods of chemical analysis.

Annex A of this Standard is informative annex.

This Standard is proposed and under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health (MOH) of the People's Republic of China.

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This standard was issued for the first time in 1990, and revised now for the first time.

## Determination of retinol and tocopherol in foods

#### 1 Scope

This standard specifies the determination of retinol and tocopherol in the foods.

This standard is applicable to the determination of retinol and tocopherol in the foods.

Detection limit of this standard is respectively:  $V_A$ : 0.8ng;  $\alpha$ -E:91.8ng;  $\gamma$ -E:36.6ng;  $\delta$ -E:20.6ng.

### Method I High performance liquid chromatography

#### 2 Principle

After saponification extracting processing of the retinol and tocopherol in the sample, extract it from the unsaponifiable part to organic solvent. Use high performance liquid chromatography  $C_{18}$  reversed-phase column to separate retinol and tocopherol. Use ultraviolet detector for detection and use internal standard method for determination.

#### 3 Reagents

- **3.1** Anhydrous ether: Not containing the superoxide.
- **3.1.1** Superoxide inspection method; add 1mL 10% potassium iodide solution to 5mL diethyl ether, and shake it. If there is superoxide, then release free iodine. Water layer becomes yellow. Or add 4 drops of 0.5% starch solution, the water layer becomes blue. The diethyl ether can be used after processing.
- **3.1.2** Method to remove superoxide: When evaporate the diethyl ether again, add small amount of pure iron wire or iron powder in the bottle. Discard 10% of the initial distillation liquid and 10% of the residual distillation liquid.
- **3.2** Absolute ethyl alcohol: There should be no aldehydes.
- **3.2.1** Inspection method: Absorb 2mL Tollen's reagent and put it in test tube. Add small amount of ethanol. Shake it. Then add sodium hydroxide solution. Heat it, and then cool it. If there is silver mirror reaction, it means there is aldehyde in the ethanol.



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