

This note describes a determination method for water-soluble vitamins using an electrochemical detector (ECD).

Analysis of water-soluble vitamins are generally performed using UV detection coupled with reversed-phase HPLC.

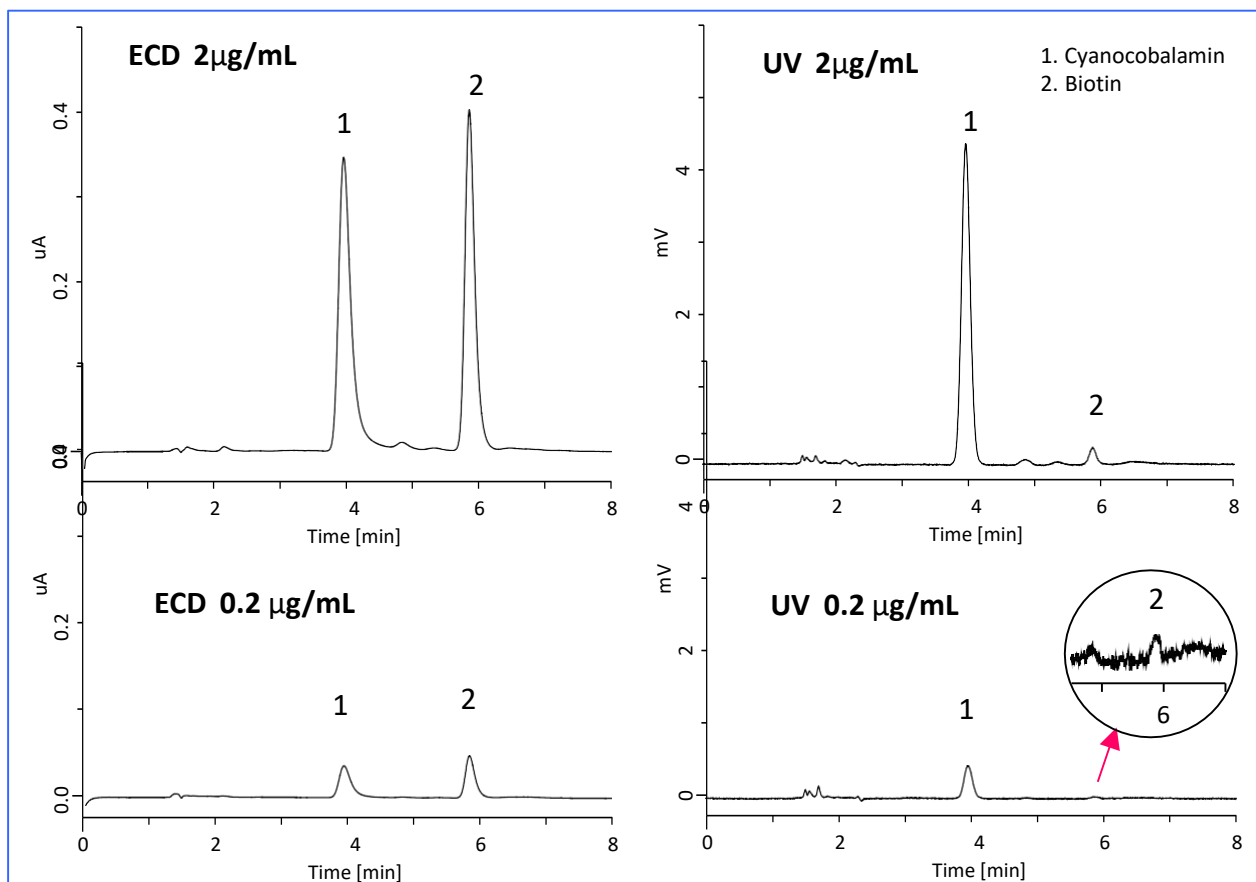
However, sensitive determination of some vitamins [e.g. biotin (Vitamin B₇)] with HPLC-UV system is difficult, because their response to UV detector is very weak. In such case, ECD is a powerful alternative to UV detector. Biotin can be detected

with high sensitivity as well as cyanocobalamin because both are electrochemically reactive species.

ED703 pulse is an ECD equipped with boron-doped diamond electrode. The diamond working electrode offers stable response, low background current and wide potential window. ED703 pulse is very useful to quantify various compounds.

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Comparison of the sensitivity: ECD vs. UV detector



Conditions

Column : Inertsil ODS-SP
(5µm, 150 x 4.6 mm I.D.)
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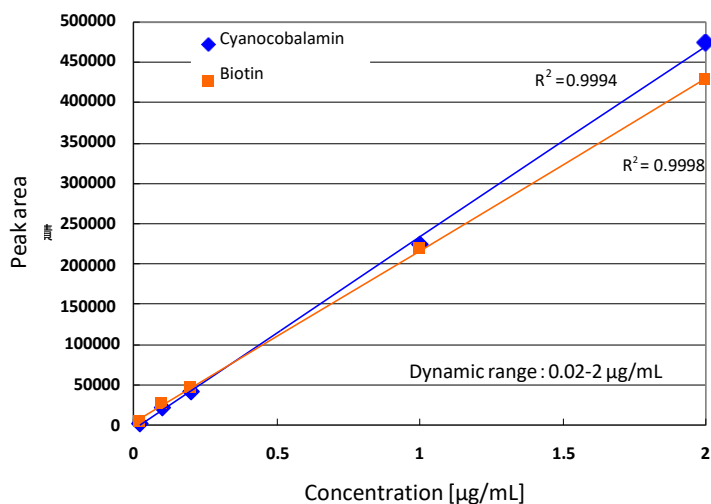
Eluent : A) CH₃CN
B) H₂O(0.1 % H₃PO₄)
A/B = 18/82, v/v
(gradient mixer)

Flow rate : 1.0 mL/min

Col. Temp. : 40 °C

Detection : ECD 1600 mV vs. Ag/AgCl
(Boron-doped diamond electrode) UV 220 nm

Inj. Vol. : 10 µL



An analysis of water-soluble vitamins with gradient elution**Conditions**

Column : Inertsil ODS-3
(5 μ m, 150 x 4.6 mm I.D.)
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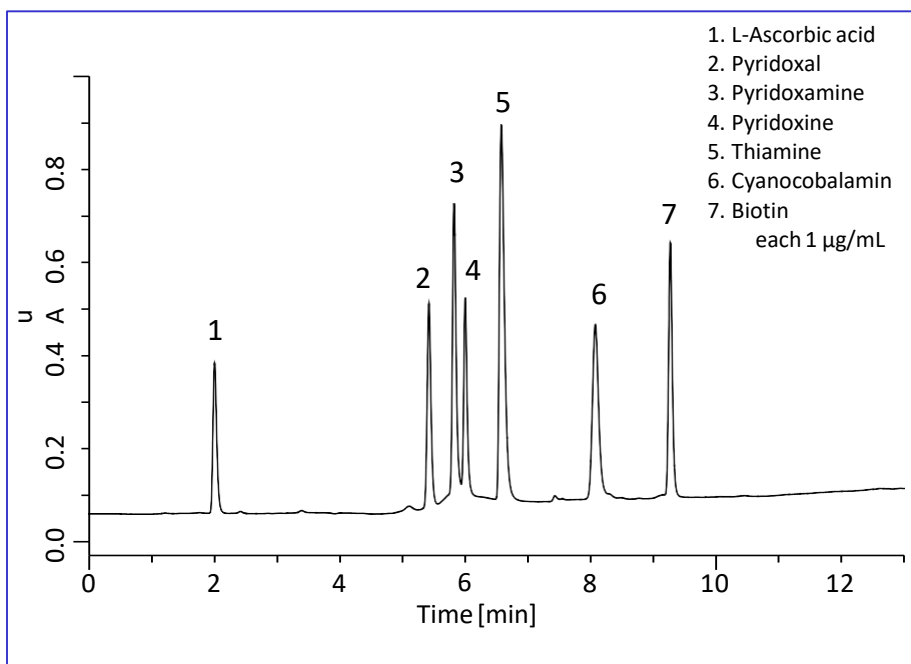
Eluent : A) CH₃CN (0.1 % H₃PO₄)
+ 5 mM IPCC-05* B) H₂O (0.1%
H₃PO₄)
+ 5 mM IPCC-05
A/B = 5/95 – (12 min) – 40/60
* IPCC-05: C₅H₁₁SO₃Na

Flow rate : 1.0 mL/min

Column Temperature
: 40 °C

Detection : ECD 1600 mV vs.
Ag/AgCl (Boron-doped
diamond electrode)

Inj. Vol. : 10 μ L



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