



Electrochemical detection of some water soluble and fat soluble vitamins by using bare pencil graphite electrode

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Abstract

Vitamins are a group of organic compounds needed in small quantities by the body to perform its essential functions like growing, regulating metabolism and maintain a healthy immune system. In recent years, substantial efforts have been focused on development of simplified, fast and cost-effective approaches for vitamin analysis. Aim of this study was electrochemical detection of some water and fat-soluble vitamins individually and simultaneously by using bare Pencil Graphite Electrode (PGE). Vitamins of C, B₁, B₆, B₁₂, A, D₃, and E were selected and electrochemically analyzed in pharmaceutical perpetrates. Simultaneous analysis of water-soluble vitamins by using DPV with PGE can be promising technique for the determination of vitamin C and B₆ or vitamin B₁, B₁₂ and B₆. In the case of fat-soluble vitamins, resolution between vitamin D₃ and E was not satisfactory. However, vitamin A and D or vitamin A and E could be detected in a single run. Limit of detection of the selected vitamins were quite low (4-548 µg/ml).

Keywords: Fat-soluble vitamins; water-soluble vitamins; vitamin analysis; electrochemical methods; differential pulse voltammetry; and Pencil Graphite Electrode

Introduction

There are thirteen vitamins important for human nutrition and these can be divided into two groups according to their solubility [1]. Most of the vitamins are absolutely essential in human nutrition, because the tissues in the human body cannot synthesize them [2]. There are two notable exceptions that are vitamin D and niacin. The cutaneous synthesis of vitamin D depends on adequate exposure of the skin to sunlight; niacin synthesis depends on adequate intake of tryptophan, which is protein-bound amino acid precursor [3]. While various diseases can occur when vitamins are taken below Recommended Daily Intake Dose (RDI) and toxic effects can be seen above these RDI amounts.

- Using bare PGE in DPV can be considered a simple, fast, cost-effective and sensitive method in detection of vitamins.
- It is also environmentally friendly, since no need to use organic solvents for the analysis of fat-soluble vitamins.
- Fat soluble and water-soluble vitamins have different pH dependence.
- Vitamin A, D₃ and E could not be analyzed in a single run with the method, since vitamin D₃ and E oxidation signals were

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