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Application Note

Patulin in Apple Juice

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This is an Application Brief and does not contain a detailed Experimental section.

Abstract

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apple juice.

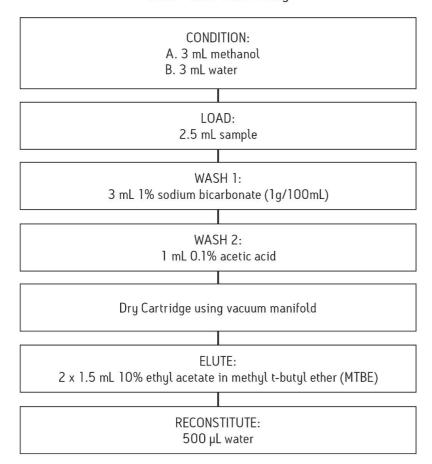
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Experimental

SPE Procedure

Oasis® HLB 3cc /60mg



LC Conditions

System:	ACQUITY UPLC
Column:	ACQUITY UPLC BEH Shield RP18, 1.7 μm, 2.1 x
Flow rate:	600 µL/min
Mobile phase A:	0.1% aqueous ammonium hydroxide
Mobile phase B:	0.1% ammonium hydroxide in acetonitrile

Injection volume: 20 μ L, Full loop injection

Column temp.: 40 °C

Sample temp.: 4 °C

Detector: ACQUITY UPLC PDA

Detection: 276 nm

Gradient

Time (min)	%A	%B
0	99	1
1.8	99	1
2.3	10	90
2.8	10	90
2.81	99	1

MS Conditions

MS System: ACQUITY TQ Detector

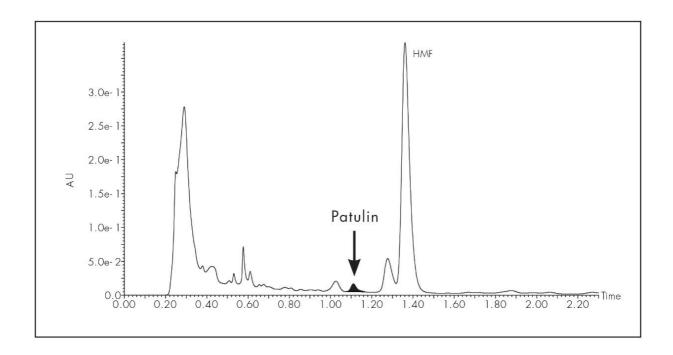
Ionization mode: Negative electrospray (ESI⁻)

Multiple reaction monitoring

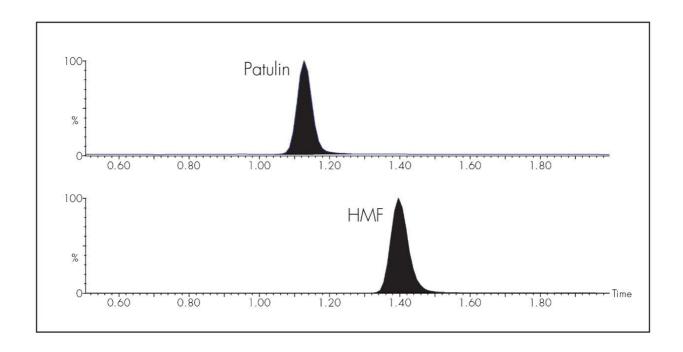
Analytes	MRM Transition
Patulin	153 → 109
Patutin	153 → 81
5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF)	125 → 95

MRM method parameters.

Results and Discussion



Apple juice extract at 50 μg/kg containing patulin and 5 hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) at 276 nm.



Apple juice extract at 50 μ g/kg containing patulin and 5 hydroxymethylfurfural in negative electrospray mode.

Concentration	Average Recovery (%RSD)
5 μg/kg	86.1% (13.6)
50 μg/kg	95.4% (5.9)
500 μg/kg	89.9% (17.5)

Recovery data obtained from Oasis HLB extraction of patulin in apple juice. Four data points were measured at each level.

References

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ACQUITY UPLC System https://www.waters.com/514207

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