



Application Note AN-NIR-088

# Quality Control of CBD oils

## Fast and easy determination of cannabinoid content

Cannabidiol (CBD) is a popular natural remedy used in many pharmaceutical, food, and cosmetic products. CBD is just one of over 100 chemical compounds found in the cannabis plant. Unlike tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), CBD is not psychoactive. This characteristic makes CBD an appealing option for those who are looking for relief from pain and other symptoms without the mind-altering effects associated with

consuming marijuana or resin concentrates. CBD oil is made by extracting the compound from the plant, then diluting it with a carrier oil (e.g., coconut or hemp seed oil).

The standard HPLC method requires 45 minutes to perform by highly trained analysts. In contrast to the primary method, Vis-NIR spectroscopy is a cost-efficient and fast analytical solution for the determination of cannabinoid content in oils.

## EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT

17 samples of three different CBD carrier oils (hemp, fish, and MCT (medium-chain triglycerides) oil) were measured in transmission mode with a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer. The built-in temperature control was set to 40 ° C to acquire reproducible spectra. For convenience, disposable vials with a path length of 8 mm were used, which made cleaning of the sample vessels unnecessary. The Metrohm software package Vision Air Complete was used for all data acquisition and prediction model development.



**Figure 1.** DS2500 Liquid Analyzer and a sample filled in a disposable vial.

**Table 1.** Hardware and software equipment overview

Equipment	Metrohm number
DS2500 Liquid Analyzer	2.929.0010
DS2500 Holder 8 mm vials	6.7492.020
Disposable vials, 8 mm	6.7402.000
Vision Air 2.0 Complete	6.6072.208

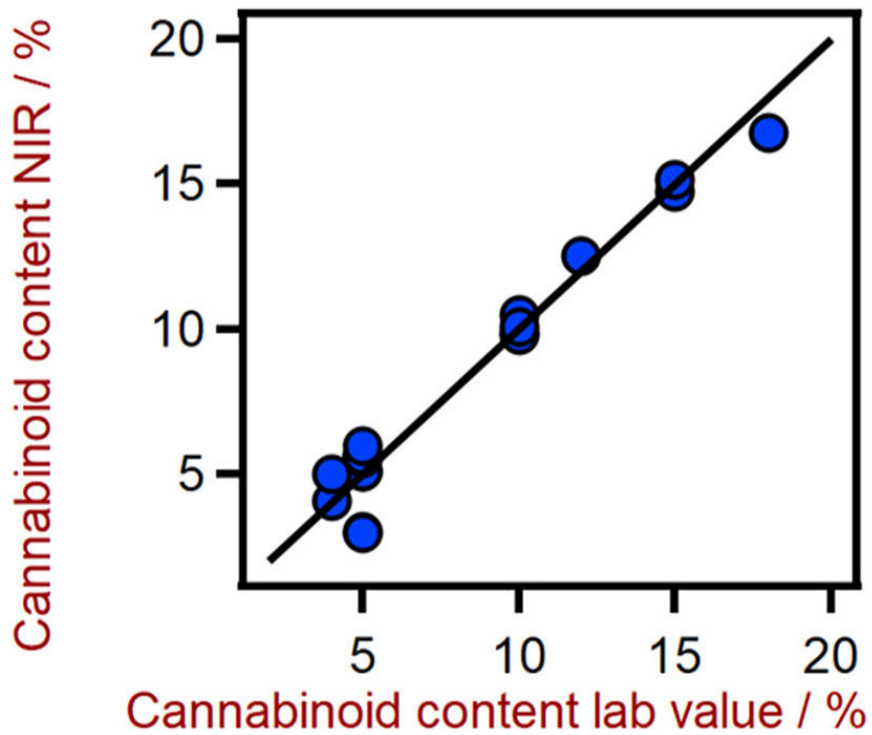
## RESULTS

All 17 measured Vis-NIR spectra (**Figure 2**) were used to create a prediction model for quantification of the cannabinoid content. The quality of the prediction models was evaluated using cross-validation, which display a very high

correlation between Vis-NIR prediction and primary method values. The respective figures of merit (FOM) display the expected performance of a prediction during routine analysis.



**Figure 2.** Vis-NIR spectra of CBD oils with varying cannabinoid content measured on a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer.



**Figure 3.** Correlation diagram for the prediction of cannabinoid content in CBD oils using a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer.

**Table 2.** Figures of merit for the prediction of cannabinoid content in CBD oils using a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer.

Figures of Merit	Value
R <sup>2</sup>	0.959
Standard error of calibration	0.99%
Standard error of cross-validation	1.21%

## CONCLUSION

This application note demonstrates the feasibility of the DS2500 Liquid Analyzer for the determination of cannabinoid content in CBD oils. In comparison to the HPLC method (Table

3), the time to result is a major advantage of NIR spectroscopy, since a single measurement is performed within one minute.

**Table 3.** Time to result for the cannabinoid content determination in CBD oils using HPLC method.

Parameter	Method	Time to result and workflow
Cannabinoid content	HPLC	~5 min (preparation) + ~40 min (HPLC)

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## EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT



### DS2500 Liquid Analyzer 固耐用的近外光,用于生境和室中的量。

DS2500 Liquid Analyzer 是一成熟且活的解决方案,其用于在整个生中行液体常分析。其固耐用的使 DS2500 Liquid Analyzer 不受灰、潮湿、振的影,因此非常用于在劣的生境中使用。

DS2500 Liquid Analyzer 覆盖 400 至 2500 nm 的整个光范,将品加至 80° C 高温,并与各不同的一次性小瓶和石英比色皿兼容。因此,DS2500 Liquid Analyzer 可的个性化品要求,助在一分内得精和具有可重性的果。借助集成的品架装置和自的 Vision Air 件,保了用能松和安全地行操作。

如果是大的品量,可通将流通池与一个 Metrohm 机器人自器搭配使用的方法著提高生率。



### DS2500 8 mm 直径 8 mm 且更加智能的一次性玻璃小瓶支架



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