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**Abstract**

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**Quantification of  $\Delta^9$ -Tetrahydrocannabinol among Nineteen Cannabinoids in  
Delta 8 Concentrate by Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Detection**

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A liquid chromatography ultraviolet detection (LC-UV) method was developed for quantification of  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta^9$ -THC) among nineteen cannabinoids in delta 8 concentrate. The quantification was achieved using external standard calibration between 0.02 and 25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . The limits of quantitation (LOQ) were determined to be 0.08%  $\Delta^9$ -THC in delta 8 concentrate. To recover  $\Delta^9$ -THC, the sample was combined with methanol to prepare a 25 mg/mL mixture. After ultrasonication, centrifugation and filtration, the extract was serially diluted to 25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  and analyzed by LC-UV. The measurement precision in triplicate was 13.4%. The method was not interfered by other cannabinoids present in the sample.