

THE OPTIMAL CONDITIONS FOR ANTHOCYANIN EXTRACTION AND EVALUATION OF ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY

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Abstract

Objective: Varieties of pigmented potato (*Solanum tuberosum L.*) are an important source of anthocyanins. Anthocyanins belong to a widely spread group of substances, present in plant tissues, called flavonoids. The aim of this work is to establish the optimal conditions for blue potato anthocyanins extraction, and to evaluate the antioxidant activity of the extract.

Methods: The anthocyanins were extracted from blue potato Salad Blue variety using the soaking in ethanol (1% acidified). Antioxidant activity was measured by using the DPPH and the ABTS methods.

Conclusion: The effect of shaking, the shredding level of samples, and the influence of the ethanol ratio on anthocyanins extraction have been studied. The advanced shredding of samples has a positive influence on anthocyanin extraction, while sample mixing have a positive influence on the anthocyanins extraction yield.

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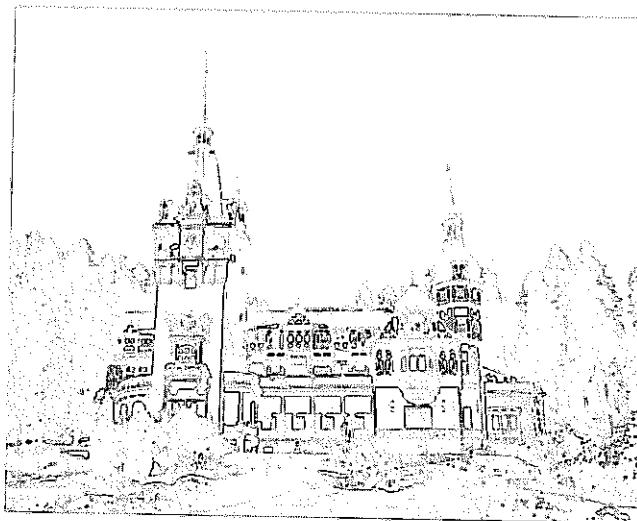
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