



Determination of 11 cannabinoids in Tinctures & Oils using \$14,990 HPLC from CTInstruments

Accurate determination of cannabinoids in tinctures and oils is important from pricing, quality assurance, and regulatory compliance point of view. We present an easy-to-use, accurate, reliable, and affordable HPLC for measuring 11 cannabinoids in a variety of samples. This application note describes analysis of cannabis edibles.

HPLC Features

Reciprocating Pump

UV/VIS Detector

• Rheodyne 7725i Injector

 Temperature-controlled Column Compartment

• CTI HPLC Software

HPLC Specifications

Flow Rate 0.001 - 5mL/min

Max Pressure 6,300 psi
Flow Accuracy ≤±1%

Flow Precision RSD < 0.1%

Qualitative Repeatability RSD ≤0.2% (Naphthalene/

Methanol standards)

Quantitative Repeatability RSD ≤0.5% (Naphthalene/

Methanol standards)

Wavelength Range 180 - 680nm

Spectrum Bandwidth 8nm
Wavelength Accuracy ±1nm

Wavelength Precision Below 0.1nm

Noise ≤0.25X10⁻⁵AU

HPLC Column Specifications

Column TypeC18, SS bodyDimensions150x4.6mmPacking5μm particles

Guard Column C18



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Sample Information

Sample Type	Oil
Brand	Solei Balance Harmoniser 30 mL
Total THC per Unit	4.93 mg/mL
Total CBD per Unit	4.98 mg/mL



PROCESS

1. Extraction

Extraction of cannabinoids from oils is not needed. The sample is diluted prior to injection.

Extraction Parameters

Sample Weight 30 mg
Sample Preparation none
Extraction Solvent none
Extraction Conditions none

Dilution in acetonitrile

2. Injection and HPLC Analysis

After the extraction is completed, diluted extract is injected into HPLC for analysis.

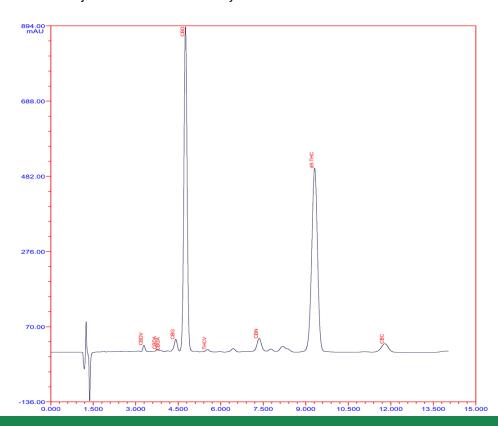
Chromatographic Conditions

Mode Isocratic
Temperature 30°C

Detection UV at 220nm

Mobile Phase Buffer:Acetonitrile

Flow Rate 1.2mL/min



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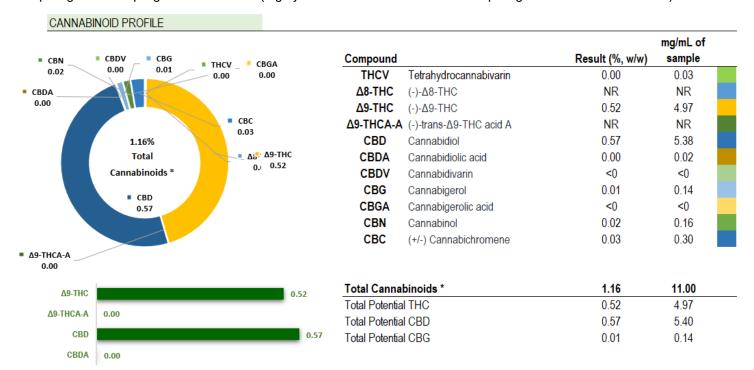
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3. Report Generation

After the analysis is completed, CTI HPLC software auto-processes the chromatogram, followed by export to custom lab report generation program in MS Excel (highly customizable and automated report generation for ease of use).



Results	Manufacturer`s Values	Measured Values	Measured Values	
Total THC per Unit	4.93 mg/mL	4.97 mg/mL	4.97 mg/mL	
Total CBD per Unit	4.98 mg/mL	5.40 mg/mL		

Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ)

The lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) is the lowest amount of a cannabinoid in a sample that can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision and accuracy using the corresponding method and dilution rates. All values below this threshold are reported as NR - None Reported.

Compound		LLOQ (%, w/w)
THCV	Tetrahydrocannabivarin	0.01
Δ8-THC	(-)-Δ8-THC	0.01
Δ9-THC	(-)-Δ9-THC	0.01
Δ9-THCA-A	(-)-trans-Δ9-THC acid A	0.01
CBD	Cannabidiol	0.01
CBDA	Cannabidiolic acid	0.01
CBDV	Cannabidivarin	0.01
CBG	Cannabigerol	0.01
CBGA	Cannabigerolic acid	0.01
CBN	Cannabinol	0.01
CBC	(+/-) Cannabichromene	0.01

Instrument Calibration & Quality Control

Date of Quality Control	Standard	Standard Concentration (ug/mL)	Measured Concentration (ug/mL)	Delta (%)	PASS/FAIL	Notes	
11-Apr-21	Benzoic acid	1002.9	1013.0	1.0%	PASS		
11-Apr-21	CBD	100.5	100.7	0.2%	PASS		

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