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Titrimetric quantification of stability of ascorbic acid in fruits and vegetables

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Abstract: Ascorbic acid is an essential water soluble vitamin, required for biosynthesis of neurotransmitters. It is necessary to take fruits and vegetables because humans cannot synthesize ascorbic acid due to lack of gulonolactone oxidase enzyme. Vitamin C is a six carbon lactone. It has antioxidant activity in biological fluids and therapeutic properties. A redox titre method using copper sulphate is employed to determine the concentration of vitamin C in some fruits and leafy vegetables. From the present study it is concluded that refrigeration stabilizes and enhances ascorbic acid quantity. Exposure to heating causes decrease in its concentration.

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