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Example:

β-caroten = (A x MW x DF x 10 ^ 3 x VH) / (ε x l x SM) (Eq. 1)

Where:

A is the absorbance at 452 nm, MW is the molecular weight of β-carotene (536,8 g/mol), DF is the dilution factor, VH is the volume of hexane (0,003 L), ε is the molar extinction coefficient of β-carotene in hexane (145.300 L/mol cm, Rodríguez-Amaya, 2001), l is the path length (1 cm) and SM is the weight of starchy matrix in dry basis (0,04902 g).

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COLOMBIA. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. The food supply situation in a modern world. Bogotá (Colombia): 1997, 20 p.

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