

**Table S1.** Optimization of the conditions for the separation of vitamins D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>3</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>.

Stationary phase	Mobile phase	Developing distance	Observations
TLC Silicagel 60F <sub>254</sub>	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm 15 cm	no separation
TLC Silicagel 60F <sub>254</sub> activated with methanol or chloroform	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	compounds stay on the starting line
DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254S</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Cellulose F	1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin - methanol (15:1, v/v)	10 cm	compounds stay on the starting line
DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254S</sub> activated at 60°C for 2h; DC-Alufolien Cellulose F activated at 60°C for 24h	1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin - methanol (15:1, v/v)	10 cm	compounds stay on the starting line
DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254S</sub>	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
DC-Alufolien Cellulose F activated with mixture: 1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin- methanol (15:1)	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	moving with the eluent
DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254S</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Cellulose F; TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub>	1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin - methanol (15:1, v/v)	10 cm	compounds stay on the starting line
DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254S</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Cellulose F; TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub>	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	no separation
DC-Alufolien Kieselgur F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Polyamid 11 F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Aluminiunoxid 60 F <sub>254</sub> neutral Typ E	toluene - acetone (1:10, v/v)	10 cm	moving with the eluent
DC-Alufolien Kieselgur F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Polyamid 11 F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Alufolien Aluminiunoxid 60 F <sub>254</sub> neutral Typ E	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	methanol - water (19:1, v/v)	10 cm	D <sub>2</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.63 D <sub>3</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.61 K <sub>2</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.24 D <sub>2</sub> + $\beta$ -CD: R <sub>F</sub> 0.63 D <sub>3</sub> + $\beta$ -CD: R <sub>F</sub> 0.59
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	n-hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1, v/v)	10 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin - methanol (15:1, v/v)	10 cm	compounds stay on the starting line
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	methanol - water (17:3, v/v); metanol	10 cm	slight differences in R <sub>F</sub> for D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	methanol - 1% $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (19:1, v/v)	12 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	acetone – glacial acetic acid (3:2, v/v)	12 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254S</sub>	acetone – glacial acetic acid (3:2, v/v)	12 cm	moving with the eluent
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	methanol - water (19:1, v/v)	12, 15, 16, 20 cm	greater differences in R <sub>F</sub> for D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub> than over 10 cm path
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C; TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254</sub>	methanol - water (19:1, v/v)	12 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>

TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C; TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> ; DC-Silicagel 60 RP-18 F <sub>254</sub>	acetonitrile - methanol (7:3, v/v)	12 cm	no separation D <sub>2</sub> and D <sub>3</sub>
TLC Silicagel 60 F <sub>254</sub> activated with 10% (v/v) paraffin in cyclohexane, dried 10 min at 60°C	methanol - water (19:1, v/v)	12 cm	D <sub>2</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.58 D <sub>3</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.53 K <sub>2</sub> : R <sub>F</sub> 0.18