



Application Note AN-NIR-116

Determination of iodine value in frying oils with NIR spectroscopy

Straightforward quality control of soybean-palm oil blends

Vegetable oil is an important widely used lipid source for food preparation. A variety of different vegetable oils is available for cooking, but no pure oil simultaneously combines high nutritional properties, mild taste, and oxidative stability. Soybean oil is the second most consumed oil, but it degrades when heated. To overcome this issue, blending different oil types together is a common practice in the food industry. The determination of the iodine value (IV) allows the oil blending process to be monitored and

adjusted accordingly. Oil blends with lower IV contain fatty acids with a large number of saturated bonds and are therefore less susceptible to oxidation. Standard analysis techniques to determine the degree of saturation in oils include titration or gas chromatography. Both methods are time-consuming and need trained personnel. In contrast to these methods, the IV can be analyzed via near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) without any sample preparation or toxic chemicals.

EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT

In total, 21 soybean-palm oil blends with an iodine value from 60 g/100 g to 130 g/100 g were measured on the Metrohm NIRS DS2500 Liquid Analyzer (Figure 1). To ensure all mixtures were liquified, the samples were preheated at 60 °C using the NIRS XDS Vial Heater. The spectra were collected

in transmission mode using 8 mm disposable vials at the same temperature to ensure consistent measurement performance. Data acquisition and prediction model development were performed with the Metrohm software package Vision Air Complete.

Table 1. Hardware and software equipment overview.

Equipment	Article number
DS2500 Liquid Analyzer	2.929.0010
NIRS XDS Vial Heater	2.921.9010
DS2500 Holder 8 mm vials	6.7492.020
Vision Air 2.0 Complete	6.6072.208



Figure 1. Metrohm NIRS DS2500 Liquid Analyzer used for the measurement of iodine value in soybean-palm oil blends.

RESULT

The measured Vis-NIR spectra (Figure 2) were used to create a prediction model for quantification of iodine value. The performance of the prediction models was evaluated using correlation diagrams which display a very high correlation ($R^2 > 0.999$) between the Vis-NIR

prediction and the standard reference method. The displayed standard error of cross validation (SECV) shows the expected accuracy during routine analysis in QC laboratories (Figure 3).

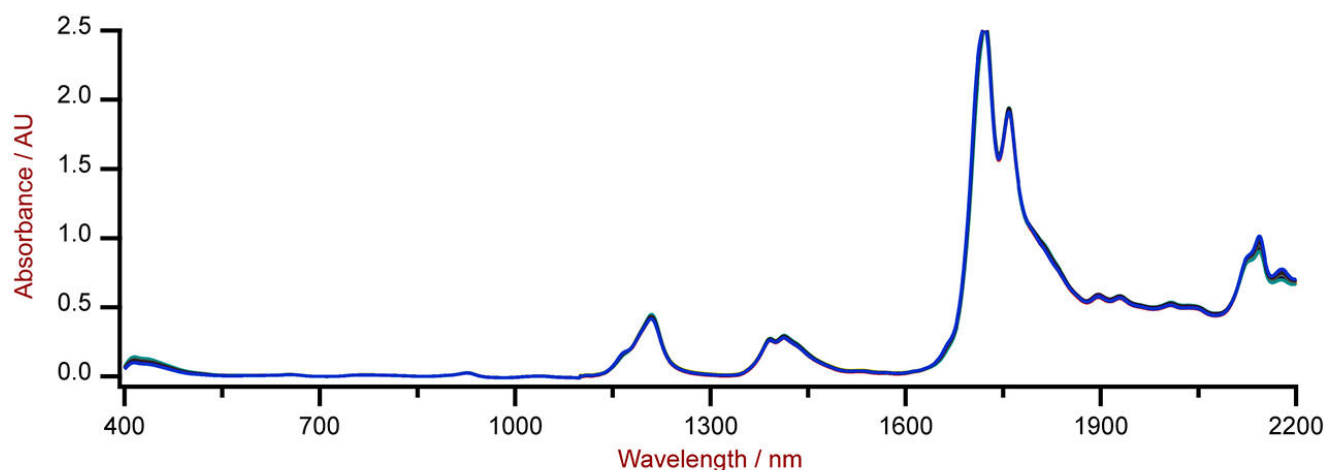


Figure 2. Selection of Vis-NIR spectra of soybean-palm oil blends analyzed on a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer with 8 mm disposable vials.

RESULT IODINE VALUE

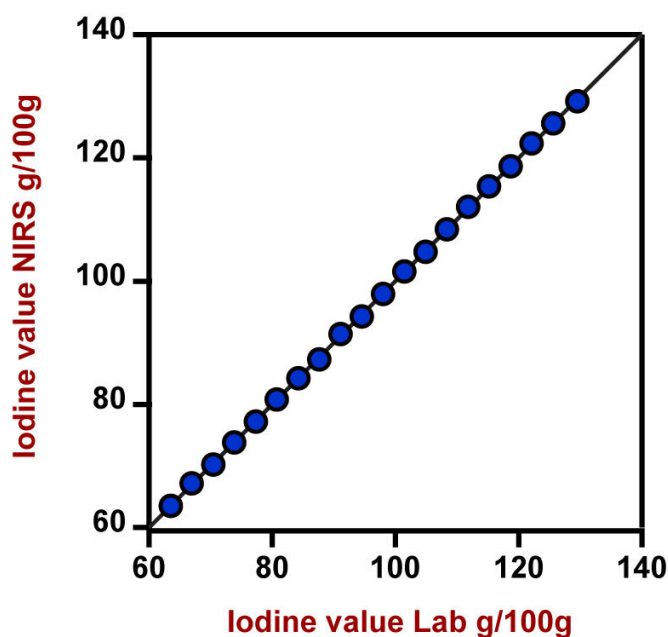


Figure 3. Correlation diagram and the respective figures of merit for the prediction of iodine value in frying oil using a DS2500 Liquid Analyzer. The lab value was measured using titration according to AOCS Cd 1b-87.

Figures of Merit	Value
R^2	0.999
Standard Error of Calibration	0.20 g/100 g
Standard Error of Cross-Validation	0.22 g/100 g

CONCLUSION

Monitoring the iodine value in edible oil blends is crucial to produce vegetable oils with the desired properties for preparing food. This Application Note displays the benefit of using the Metrohm NIRS DS2500 Liquid Analyzer for quality control in food laboratories. Compared to other conventional methods, measurements performed with NIR

spectroscopy according to the AOCS Cd 1e-01 standard save time and avoid the production of chemical waste. A sample measurement can be performed within one minute. This ultimately leads to a workload reduction (**Table 2**) and minimization of running costs in the laboratory as a result.

Table 2. Time to result overview for the measurement of iodine value in edible oil blends by a titration method.

Parameter	Method	Time to result
Iodine value	Titration (AOCS Cd 1b-87)	1 to 2 hours

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CONFIGURATION



DS2500 Liquid Analyzer

Spectroscopie proche infrarouge robuste pour le contrôle qualité en laboratoire et en environnement de production.

L'analyseur DS2500 Liquid Analyzer est la solution éprouvée et souple destinée aux analyses de routine d'échantillons liquides, tout au long de la chaîne de fabrication. Sa conception robuste fait du DS2500 Liquid Analyzer un appareil insensible à la poussière, à l'humidité et aux vibrations, et donc particulièrement adapté aux rudes conditions d'un environnement de production.

Le DS2500 Liquid Analyzer couvre l'ensemble de la gamme spectrale de 400 à 2500 nm, chauffe les échantillons jusqu'à 80 °C et est compatible avec divers flacons à usage unique et cuves en quartz. Le DS2500 Liquid Analyzer, lequel s'adapte à vos exigences individuelles en matière d'échantillons, vous permet d'obtenir des résultats précis et reproductibles en moins d'une minute. Avec sa détection du support d'échantillon intégrée et le logiciel Vision Air intuitif, un maniement simple et sûr est également garanti pour l'utilisateur.

En présence de grandes quantités d'échantillons, l'utilisation d'une cellule à flux continu associée à un robot passeur d'échantillons Metrohm peut augmenter considérablement la productivité.