

Cloud-point extraction and reversed-phase high performance liquid chromatography for analysis of phenolic compounds and their antioxidant activity in Thai local wines

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Abstract A cloud-point extraction (CPE) was developed for the determination of 12 phenolic compounds (i.e. gallic acid, procatechuic acid, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, vanillic acid, caffeic acid, syringic acid, *p*-coumaric acid, ferulic acid, guaiacol, *p*-cresol, *o*-cresol and 3,5-xyleneol) using reversed-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) with photodiode array (PDA) detection. The optimum CPE conditions were 2.0% (w/v) Triton X-114, 3.0% (w/v) Na₂SO₄ and 20-min equilibrated at 45 °C. The surfactant-rich phase was then analyzed by HPLC using a Symmetry C₁₈ column, gradient mobile phase of acetonitrile and 1% (v/v) acetic acid, and PDA detection at 280 nm. Under the optimum condition, the target phenolic compounds were separated within 25 min. CPE gave higher enrichment factor up to 15-fold compared to that of direct analysis. The proposed method showed good analytical performances with limits of detection in the range 0.01–0.1 mg L⁻¹ and precisions with relative standard deviation (RSD) lower than 5% for retention time and 10% for peak area. The method was successfully applied to the analysis of phenolic compounds in Thai local wine samples. Gallic acid, procatechuic acid, and vanillic acid were the highest phenolics found in the studied wines with the contents up to 172.4, 99.1, and 26.6 mg L⁻¹, respectively. The recovery of

the spiked wine samples (0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 mg L⁻¹) were obtained in the range of 90.4–110%. High total phenolic content, total flavonoids, and antioxidant activity (DPPH method) in the studied wines were also observed.

Keywords Cloud-point extraction · Phenolic compound · Antioxidant activity · Thai local wine · High performance liquid chromatography

Introduction

Phenolic compounds are an important group of substances that widely distributed in various plants (e.g. vegetables, fruits, grains, spices, etc.) (Stratil et al. 2007; Vichapong et al. 2010; Pérez-Gregorio et al. 2011; Sharma et al. 2011; Dama et al. 2010; Loganayaki et al. 2011) and also be found in common foods (Vichapong et al. 2010; Rekha and Vijayalakshmi 2010; Sachindra et al. 2010) and plant origin (e.g. teas, wines, and fruit and vegetable juices, etc.) (Alén-Ruiz et al. 2009; García-Falcón et al. 2007; Pérez-Lamela et al. 2007; Roussis et al. 2008; Chen et al. 2011). There is evidence that phenolic substances act as anti-allergic, anti-atherogenic, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antimutagens, antimicrobial agents, clarifying agents and metal chelators (Pupponen-Pimiä et al. 2001; Balasundram et al. 2006; Rodrigues et al. 2011). Besides phenolics play an important role in biological system and affect on human health, they are also important to the characteristics and quality of food, especially in their fruit-derived products (e.g. wines, fruits and vegetable juices, etc.). They are served as particular parameter for the organoleptic properties (i.e. color, flavor and taste) of the produced wines (Rodríguez-Delgado et al. 2001; La Torre et al. 2006; García-Falcón et al. 2007; Pérez-Lamela et al. 2007; Alén-Ruiz et al. 2008) and fruit

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juices (Abad-García et al. 2007; Hamauzu et al. 2008), and also increase wine quality and hygiene due to their antibacterial activity (Nave et al. 2007; Malovaná et al. 2001).

Phenolic compounds in wine and fruit juices can be classified into two groups: flavonoids and non-flavonoids (phenolic acids). The major flavonoids include derivatives of the flavonols (e.g. quercetin, myricetin, (+)-catechin, anthocyanins etc.), while the non-flavonoids are *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, gallic acid, *p*-coumaric acid, *trans*-resveratrol, *cis*-resveratrol etc. (Woraratphoka et al. 2007; Li et al. 2009). Evaluations of antioxidant activities can be performed using several assays (Li et al. 2009; Rekha and Vijayalakshmi 2010), however, almost are based on free radical scavenging and monitor the absorbance with spectrophotometric detection. DPPH assay is the widely used method, it is successfully applied to various samples including, fruits and cereal (Stratil et al. 2007), fruit juice (Abad-García et al. 2007) and wine (Li et al. 2009). Recently, on-line DPPH HPLC-mass spectrometry (MS) (Wu et al. 2008; Nuengchamngong and Ingkaninan 2009) has been also applied for the analysis of phenolic compounds and their antioxidant activities. Although this method is capable to qualify as well as quantify analytes and evaluate antioxidant activity in a single run, high cost and additional complicated instruments are required. For qualitative and quantitative analysis of individual constituent of the phenolic compounds in samples, reversed-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) is the most popular technique (Rodríguez-Delgado et al. 2001; Nave et al. 2007; Francisco and Reaurreccion 2009; Prasad et al. 2009). The analysis of phenolic compounds can be performed directly, however sample preparation is also used for purification and preconcentration of the analytes before analysis. Sample preparations for phenolic compounds in beverages are liquid-liquid extraction (LLE) and solid-phase extraction (García et al. 2004; Alén-Ruiz et al. 2009; García-Falcón et al. 2007). Recently, cloud-point extraction (CPE) has been proposed as an interesting extraction and preconcentration technique for analysis of target analytes in different sample matrices (Zhou et al. 2009; Santalad et al. 2009). The main advantages of CPE compared to conventional LLE are able to extract and preconcentrate the target analyte in a single step and use no toxic organic solvents (Zhou et al. 2009; Santalad et al. 2009). In CPE process, non-ionic surfactants are used as an extractant, under suitable conditions (surfactant concentration, salt additive, temperature and time, etc.), the extraction occurs at cloud-point temperature where the surfactant becomes cloudy (at a higher temperature than its critical temperature) resulting in two phases separation involving the surfactant-rich phase (SRP) and the aqueous phase (AQ). The analytes in AQ (large volume) more favorably penetrate into SRP (very small volume) resulting in preconcentration under the clouding phenomena. The obtained small volume of SRP (μL level) is then subjected into the instrumental

analysis. To our knowledge, there is a work only applied CPE-HPLC for the analysis of synthetic phenols (i.e. nitrophenol's family) (Santana et al. 2002), but it has not been proposed for the simultaneous analysis of natural phenolic compounds. In addition, the databases of phenolic compounds in Thai local wines produced from various fruits are also not yet available.

The aim of this work was to develop CPE in combination with HPLC for the simultaneous determination of phenolic compounds in the selected Thai local wines. The antioxidant activity, total phenolic compounds, and content of flavonoids are also investigated using spectrophotometry.

Materials and methods

Chemicals and reagents

The highest purity of phenolic compound standards were used. Gallic acid (GAL), protocatechuic acid (PRO), *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid (*p*-HYD), vanillic acid (VAN) and caffeic acid (CAF) were obtained from Acros (USA) whereas syringic acid (SYR), 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (Internal standard, IS), *p*-coumaric acid (*p*-COU), guaiacol (GUA), *p*-cresol (*p*-CRE), *o*-cresol (*o*-CRE) and 3,5-xylene (XYL) were purchased from Fluka (Switzerland). Ferulic acid (FER) was obtained from Sigma (Germany). All stock standard solutions ($1,000 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$) of phenolic compounds were prepared by dissolving an appropriate amount in methanol. Triton X-114 was purchased from Acros (USA) and used without further purification. A stock Triton X-114 solution (25%, w/v) was prepared in deionized water. Sodium sulphate anhydrous ($\text{anh Na}_2\text{SO}_4$) and sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3) were obtained from Merck (Germany). Folin-Ciocalteu reagent was purchased from Carlo Erba (Italy) and 1,1'-diphenyl-2-picryl-hydrazyl (DPPH) was obtained from Sigma (USA). Catechin was obtained from Sigma (Germany) and ascorbic acid was from Carlo Erba (Italy). Sodium nitrite (NaNO_2) was obtained from Fluka (Switzerland). Aluminum chloride (AlCl_3) and sodium hydroxide (NaOH) were obtained from Carlo Erba (Italy). Deionized water obtained from RiOs™ Type I Simplicity 185 (Millipore Waters, USA) with the resistivity of $18.2 \text{ M}\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ was used throughout the experiments. Methanol and acetonitrile of HPLC grade were obtained from Lab-Scan Asia, Co., Ltd (Thailand). Acetic acid of analytical reagent (AR) grade was obtained from Carlo Erba (Italy).

Instrumentation

The HPLC system comprised a Waters 600E multisolvent delivery system, a Waters in-line degasser AF, a Rheodyne

injector with a sample loop of 20 μL , a Waters 2996 photodiode array detector and a Waters temperature control system. The Empower software was used for data acquisition. Separations were performed on a C18 Waters Symmetry column (3.9 mm i.d. \times 150 mm, 5 μm) coupled to a guard column. A thermostatic water bath (ISOTEMP 228, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Massachusetts, USA) was used to implement cloud-point extraction. A centrifuge (Biomed group Co. Ltd, Bangkok, Thailand) was used for complete phase separation.

Chromatographic separation of phenolic compounds

The chromatographic separation was carried out using gradient elution of acetonitrile (ACN) and 1% (v/v) acetic acid with a flow rate of 0.8 mL min^{-1} . The gradient condition was performed as follow: 7% ACN (initial step), ramped to 15% ACN (0–10 min), ramped to 35% ACN (10–15 min), and then ramped to 55% ACN (15–20 min). After that, ramped to 100% ACN (20–25 min) and was held for 15 min for washing the column. The chromatograms were recorded at 280 nm. Using this condition, 12 studied phenolic compounds and 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (internal standard, IS) were successfully separated within 25 min (see Fig. 1).

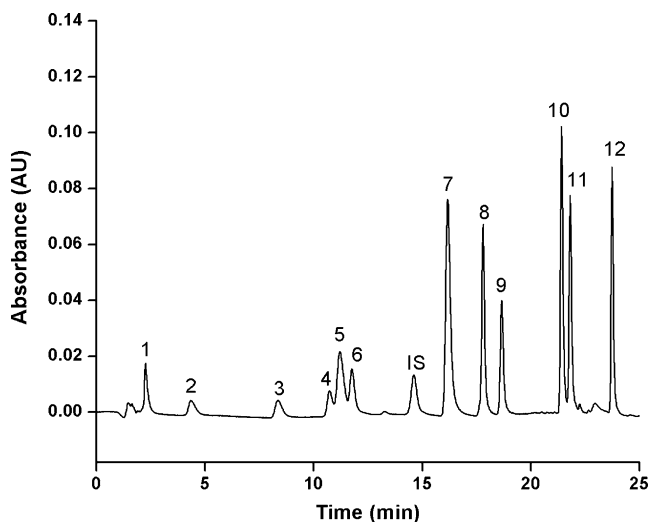


Fig. 1 Typical chromatogram of standard phenolic compounds (3.0 mg L^{-1} each) obtained from CPE. Conditions: HPLC, Symmetry C18 column (3.9 mm \times 150 mm), gradient elution of ACN and 1.0% (v/v) acetic acid (see in text) with the flow rate of 0.8 mL min^{-1} , 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and detection at 280 nm; CPE, 2.0% (w/v) Triton X-114, 3.0% (w/v) Na_2SO_4 , 20 min equilibrated at 45 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and centrifugation at 3,500 rpm for 20 min. Peak assignments: 1, gallic acid (GAL); 2, protocatechuic acid (PRO); 3, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid (*p*-HYD); 4, vanillic acid (VAL); 5, caffeic acid (CAF); 6, syringic acid (SYR); 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (internal standard, IS); 7, *p*-coumaric acid (*p*-COU); 8, ferulic acid (FER); 9, guaiacol (GUA); 10, *p*-cresol (*p*-CRE); 11, *o*-cresol (*o*-CRE) and 12, 3,5-xyleneol (XYL)

Cloud-point extraction

Aliquot (10.00 mL) of standard diluted wine sample (1:10, v/v) was mixed with 3.0% (w/v) Na_2SO_4 . After the addition of 2.0% (w/v) Triton X-114 solution, the solution was incubated at 45 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 20 min in a thermostated water bath and then centrifuged at 3,500 rpm for 10 min to complete the phase separation. The solution was then kept in an ice bath for 5 min. The aqueous phase (upper part) was withdrawn using a 10-mL syringe. The surfactant-rich phase (\sim 500 μL) was then diluted with 300 μL methanol (50%, v/v) to decrease viscosity before subjecting to HPLC.

Wine samples

Thai local wine samples were purchased from local supermarket in Khon Kaen province, Northeastern Thailand. The local wines were produced from varieties of fruit in Northeastern region. The samples were protected against sunlight and stored at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ until analyses. Samples were filtered through 0.45 μm membrane filters before analysis. Aliquot of samples (1.0 mL) and internal standard (150 μL) was added and then made up the volume to 10.0 mL with water and subsequently extracted by CPE.

Determination of total phenolic compounds and total flavonoids

Total phenolic contents (TPC) were determined by Folin-Ciocalteu method (Bonoli et al. 2004). Sample solution of 100 μL was introduced into a test tube and then 500 μL of Folin-Ciocalteu reagent and 6.0 mL of deionized water were added. After incubation for 2 min, 2 mL of 15% (w/v) Na_2CO_3 was added, left for 30 s and made volume to 10.0 mL with water. The absorbance was measured at 755 nm after incubation for 2 h. Gallic acid was used as chemical standard of calibration. The TPC was expressed as mg of gallic acid equivalents per liter of sample (mg GAE L^{-1}).

Total flavonoids content was determined using a colorimetric method described previously (Sakanaka et al. 2005). One milliliter of sample was placed in a 10 mL volumetric flask containing 5 mL of deionized water. Then 0.3 mL of 5% (w/v) NaNO_2 was added and, after 5 min, 0.3 mL of 10% (w/v) AlCl_3 was also added. After 6 min, 2 mL of 1 mol L^{-1} NaOH was added and diluted with deionized water. The absorbance was measured immediately at 510 nm. The content of total flavonoids was calculated from the calibration curve of catechin standard, and expressed as mg of catechin equivalents per liter of sample (mg CE L^{-1}).

Antioxidant activity determination

DPPH method (Brand-Williams et al. 1995; Chew et al. 2008; Vichapong et al. 2010) was slightly modified to determine free radical scavenging activity of phenolic compounds. Ascorbic acid was used as a standard for calibration and the antioxidant activity was calculated as mg ascorbic acid equivalents per liter of sample (mg AAE L⁻¹). Aliquot 3.0 mL of 5.0 × 10⁻⁵ mol L⁻¹ DPPH solution was added into the sample solution (1.0 mL). Subsequently, the mixture was kept for 30 min in the dark to allow the complete reaction, and measured the absorbance at 515 nm. Antioxidant activity of the sample was defined as the amount of antioxidant necessary to reduce the initial DPPH concentration by 50% (Efficient concentration = EC₅₀ mg AAE L⁻¹).

Statistical analysis

All analyses were carried out in replicates (n ≥ 3) and the results were reported as means ± standard deviation (SD).

Results and discussion

Optimization of the CPE condition

Effect of salt type and concentrations

The addition of salts in CPE system can facilitate the separation of SRP from AQ phase (Santalad et al. 2009), and promote the efficiency of the extraction (Lopes et al. 2007). In this study, NaCl and Na₂SO₄ were tested firstly at 1.0% (w/v) and 2.0 (w/v) TX-114. It was found that Na₂SO₄ (ca. 0.70 mmol) gave higher peak area for the most analytes than that of NaCl (ca 1.71 mmol), Na₂SO₄ was then investigated in the concentration range of 0–5% (w/v). As in Fig. 2a, the results demonstrate that the highest response (peak area) was obtained when Na₂SO₄ concentration was 3.0% (w/v). Afterward, some compounds including GUA, CAF, SYR, GAL acid, p-HYD, and VAL had peak area nearly constant while the other analytes had decreased peak area by 2–28%. However, when Na₂SO₄ concentration was higher than 5.0% (w/v), the SRP moved to the middle of solution, and the SRP was present at the surface of the solution when the salt concentration higher than 7.0% (w/v). These are difficult to handle SRP. Therefore, Na₂SO₄ at 3.0% (w/v) was selected.

Effect of concentration of Triton X-114

The amount of Triton X-114 was studied because it affects the extraction efficiency (Wei et al. 2008). Triton X-114 in the range 1.0–2.5% (w/v) was studied. Peak area gradually

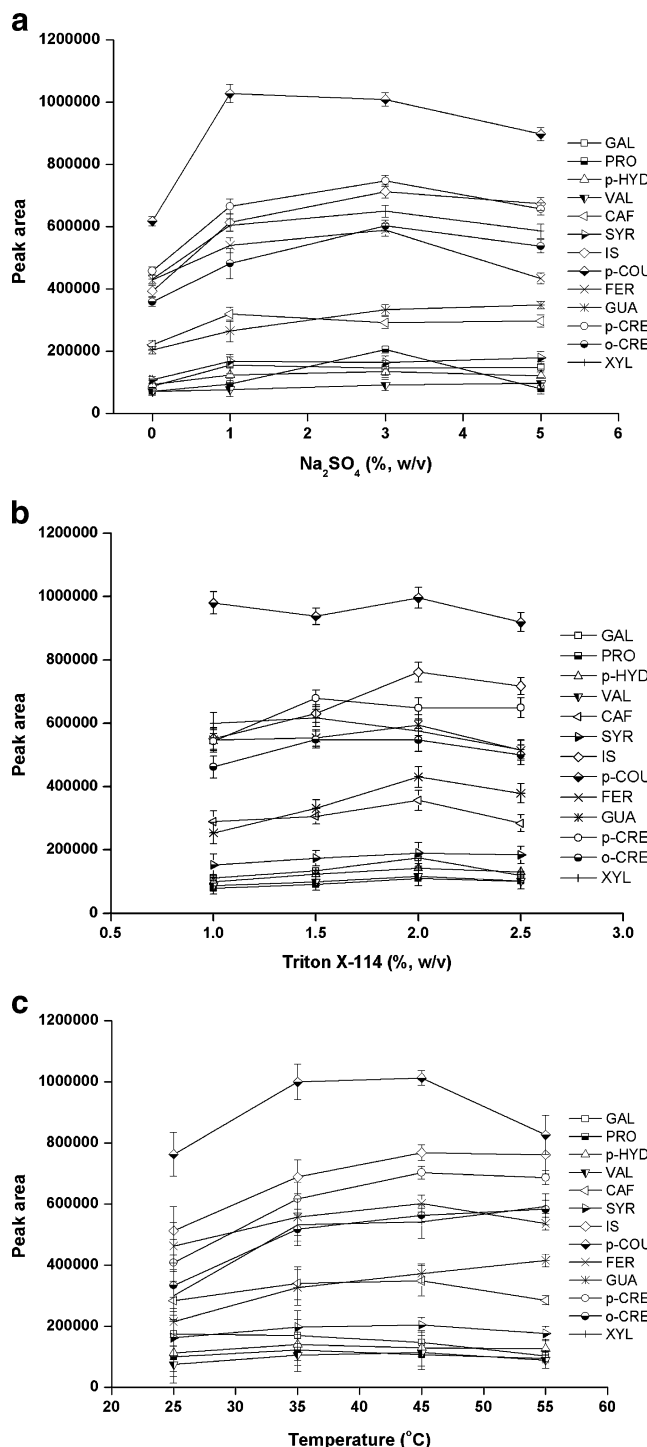


Fig. 2 Effect of the studied CPE parameters on response of the studied phenolics: a, Na₂SO₄; b, Triton X-114; and c, Temperature. Each experiment was performed in triplicate (n = 3) and expressed as mean ± SD. The other parameters are described in Fig. 1

increased with an increase in Triton X-114 concentration up to 2.0% (w/v) and decreased the most afterward (see Fig. 2b). It is due to the increase in the volume of SRP that make dilution of the target analytes in the final

Table 1 Analytical characteristics for the determination of phenolic compounds using CPE and HPLC

Phenolic compounds	Linear range (mg L ⁻¹)	Linear equation	R ²	LOD (mg L ⁻¹)	Intra-day, RSD(%) ^b , n=5		Inter-day, RSD(%) ^b , n=3×5	
					t _R	Peak area	t _R	Peak area
gallic acid (GAL)	0.050–6.0	y=44313x+16380	0.9999	0.05	0.9	1.1	4.1	8.5
protocatechuic acid (PRO)	0.080–6.0	y=46338x-7736.9	0.9981	0.08	0.5	1.1	4.4	4.8
p-hydroxybenzoic acid (p-HYD)	0.10–6.0	y=59269x-11104	0.9984	0.10	0.8	4.9	2.1	9.1
vanillic acid (VAN)	0.060–6.0	y=25714x+2514	0.9980	0.06	1.0	2.1	1.5	8.1
caffeic acid (CAF)	0.030–6.0	y=114027x-9185.7	0.9994	0.03	0.9	7.4	1.4	8.9
syringic acid (SYR)	0.10–6.0	y=65649x-7650.6	0.9994	0.10	0.9	3.9	1.4	5.4
3-hydroxybenzaldehyde ^a	–	–	–	–	0.4	2.2	0.8	7.5
p-coumaric acid (p-COU)	0.080–6.0	y=455560x-38500	0.9998	0.08	0.3	1.4	0.8	8.4
ferulic acid (FER)	0.050–6.0	y=259877x-6194.7	0.9994	0.05	0.2	1.9	0.5	7.0
guaiacol (GUA)	0.010–6.0	y=141413x-11811	0.9981	0.01	0.1	1.0	0.4	9.7
p-cresol (p-CRE)	0.040–6.0	y=253549x+4496.9	0.9975	0.04	0.08	1.7	0.2	7.7
o-cresol (o-CRE)	0.040–6.0	y=186506x-2512.8	0.9994	0.04	0.08	3.8	0.2	8.1
3,5-xyleneol (XYL)	0.040–6.0	y=203783x-3231.5	0.9984	0.04	0.07	2.0	0.1	6.2

^a Internal standard

^b The results are reported as average of replicate measurements

solution. In this study, at 2.0% (w/v) Triton X-114 was chosen for further studies.

Effect of equilibrium temperature and incubation time

Although CPE based on non-ionic Triton X-114 surfactant can be performed at around 25 °C (cloud-point temperature

of Triton X-114 is 23 °C) (Santalad et al. 2009). Theoretically, the optimal equilibration temperature for the extraction occurs when temperature is 15–20 °C higher than the cloud-point of surfactant (Han et al. 2008; Wang et al. 2006). In this study, temperature was studied in the range of 35–55 °C (see in Fig. 2c). Peak area for most studied phenolics increased as the temperature was increased up to

Table 2 Recovery of the phenolic compounds at different concentrations spiking in the wine samples

Analyte	Recovery ^a (%)							
	Mao	Blackgalingales	Jambolan	Mangosteen	Roselle	Grape	Bel fruit	Makhampom
GAL	91.1–102	102–108	96.0–102	91.9–101	92.0–108	95.6–98.1	90.8–108	93.6–97.1
PRO	96.6–101	102–105	103.9–106	98.5–107	97.1–98.7	101–106	92.3–102	97.9–102
p-HYD	95.3–105	98.8–99.8	98.3–110	94.5–107	98.3–102	90.4–101	93.2–106	91.3–103
VAN	95.2–106	91.5–109	91.2–105	97.2–103	92.0–95.9	101–107	97.3–103	99.1–103
CAF	102.6–107	98.5–104	96.9–107	93.6–108	92.0–104	95.9–107	95.2–104	94.2–101
SYR	97.3–99.9	96.5–105	96.5–105	94.6–108	97.0–103	91.8–107	98.1–101	90.7–101
p-COU	104–107	99.3–105	99.3–105	96.6–106	95.2–106	98.7–104	103–109	98.5–105
FER	100–108	101–104	101–104	92.1–105	99.5–103	94.1–99.9	96.2–99.8	95.3–100
GUA	96.1–108	94.1–103	94.1–103	101–105	90.2–109	99.3–105	100–109	94.5–105
p-CRE	96.3–108	98.5–102	98.5–102	95.9–100	93.2–99.2	90.8–109	90.8–109	90.6–105
o-CRE	91.1–103	91.2–107	95.8–105	92.6–103	99.2–104	104–108	104–108	94.0–100
XYL	96.3–107	92.5–109	93.9–109	99.3–108	93.5–96.4	101–107	101–107	91.9–101
%R (range)	91.1–108	91.2–109	91.2–110	91.9–108	90.2–109	90.4–109	90.8–109	90.7–105

^a Recoveries were evaluated at the concentrations spiking of 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 mg L⁻¹; and reported as mean values for each concentration (n=3)

45 °C. Beyond this point, the signals remained quite constant and gradually increased for *p*-CRE, FER, *o*-CRE, XYL, GUA, and internal standard (less than 12% increments). Therefore, 45 °C was selected.

The effect of incubation time (5–30 min) at 45 °C was also investigated (data not shown), the highest value reached when extracted for 20 min. When the extraction time was longer than 20 min, the peak area of the studied phenolics decreased.

Analytical validations of CPE and HPLC

The calibration graphs were constructed by plotting concentration of the phenolic compounds (mg L⁻¹) against the ratio of peak area of each phenol and internal standard. The results are listed in Table 1. Accuracy was evaluated via the study of recovery of the spiked sample. The precision of the method was demonstrated by replicate analyses (*n*=5) for intra-day and inter-day (*n*=3 × 5 days) and calculating the relative standard deviation (RSD) of peak area and retention time (*t*_R). Good precisions (intra-day and inter-day) of the method with RSD lower than 5% (*t*_R) and 10% (peak area) were obtained (see Table 1).

The sensitivity was also evaluated in terms of LOD as concentration giving the signal-to-noise ratio of 3 (S/N=3). To compare the sensitivity of the CPE and HPLC method,

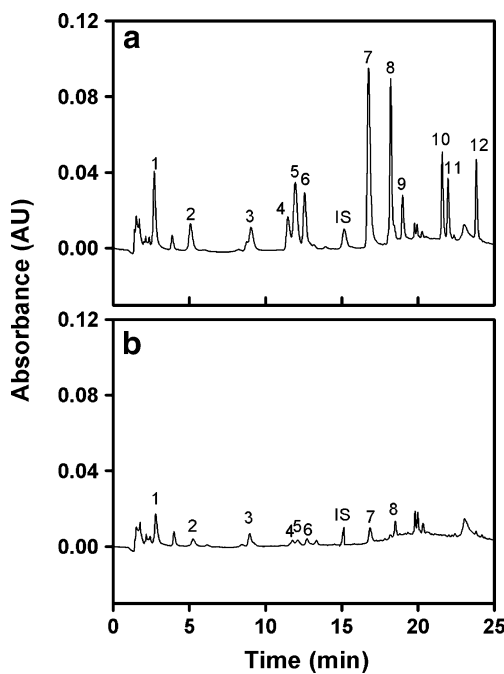


Fig. 3 Chromatograms of grape wine sample obtained by CPE: **a** represents of original sample, **b** represents of spiked original sample with 2.0 mg L⁻¹ each phenolic. The conditions of HPLC and CPE are described in Fig. 1

Table 3 Contents of the studied phenolic compounds in Thai local wine samples (*n*=3)

Wine sample	Phenolic compound (mg L ⁻¹) ^a									
	GAL	PRO	p-HYD	VAN	CAF	SYR	p-COU	FER		
Mao (<i>Antidesma acidum</i> Retz.)	35.4±1.4	4.2±0.2	0.40±0.03	0.50±0.01	0.20±0.01	0.50±0.01	1.70±0.02	1.00±0.05		
Blackgalingales (<i>Kaempferia parviflora</i> Wall. ex Baker)	7.8±0.2	0.70±0.02	0.40±0.02	0.60±0.01	0.20±0.01	0.60±0.01	0.300±0.002	0.20±0.02		
Jambolan (<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels)	172.4±1.4	1.8±0.11	2.40±0.18	4.8±0.4	0.20±0.01	0.400±0.007	0.50±0.01	0.60±0.04		
Mangosteen (<i>Garcinia mangostana</i> L.)	0.40±0.03	1.50±0.08	1.30±0.04	26.6±1.3	ND	1.60±0.04	0.5±1.9	0.200±0.006		
Roselle (<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i> L.)	2.3±0.1	1.40±0.12	1.00±0.08	0.60±0.05	0.30±0.02	0.50±0.02	0.20±0.01	0.30±0.01		
Grape (<i>Vitis vinifera</i> L.)	4.20±0.03	1.40±0.01	0.500±0.005	1.00±0.07	0.300±0.005	0.70±0.02	0.300±0.005	0.300±0.001		
Bel fruit (<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (L.) Correa ex Roxb.)	0.50±0.03	0.20±0.05	0.80±0.04	0.100±0.001	0.100±0.007	0.200±0.003	0.200±0.004	0.300±0.006		
Makampom (<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> L.)	3.4±0.1	99.1±1.5	8.8±0.5	20.2±1.3	1.0±0.08	1.70±0.08	7.40±0.34	1.80±0.14		
Found range (mg L ⁻¹)	0.40–172.4	0.20–99.1	0.40–8.8	0.100–26.6	ND–1.0	0.200–1.7	0.20–7.4	0.200–1.8		

^a Data expressed as mean±standard deviation (SD) of triplicate analyses (*n*=3)

ND not detected

enrichment factor (EF) is defined as the ratio of slope obtained from CPE-HPLC and HPLC (direct injection). The EF was obtained to be ca. 1.0 (GAL, VAL, and SYR), ca. 1.5–2.0 (PRO, *p*-HYD, and CAF), ca. 5 (*p*-COU and GAU), and ca. 10–15 (FER, *p*-CRE, *o*-CRE, and XYL). It is indicated that the method based on CPE gave higher sensitivity than direct injection analysis.

Recovery was studied by spiking standard phenolic compounds at three different concentration levels of phenolic compounds (0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 mg L⁻¹) into wine sample and then extracted by CPE. The surfactant-rich phase was analyzed by HPLC-UV. The results showed that the proposed method gave good percentage recoveries in the range of 90.4–110% for most phenolics studied in wine samples (Table 2).

The amount of phenolic compounds in wine samples

The identification of the studied compounds was performed by comparison of both retention time and their absorption spectra with those obtained from the standard phenolic compounds. Figure 3 shows the typical chromatogram of original wine (sample blank) and spiked standard phenolic compounds (2.0 mg L⁻¹ each) of Grape wine sample. The concentrations of phenolic compounds obtained in all studied samples are summarized in Table 3. GAL, PRO, and VAL were the major phenolic compounds found in the studied samples. GAL was found in the range 0.4–172.4 mg L⁻¹, whereas PRO and VAL were found in range 0.2–99.1 and 0.1–26.6 mg L⁻¹, respectively. The rest phenolic compounds studied were found between not detected and 8.8 mg L⁻¹. GAL was the highest content of phenolic found in the most of studied samples. Jambolan wine had the highest GAL of

172.4 mg L⁻¹, followed by Mao wine (35.4 mg L⁻¹). Makhampom wine had PRO with the content up to 99.1 mg L⁻¹, while VAL was detected at high value in Mangosteen and Makhampom wines with the average concentration of 26.6 and 20.2 mg L⁻¹. The composition and concentration of phenolics in wines depend on the variety of raw materials, wine-making process and chemical reactions that occur during the aging of wines (Czyzowska and Pogorzelski 2002; Peña-Neira et al. 2000). These results are in good agreement with the previous reports (Woraratphoka et al. 2007; Minussi et al. 2003).

Total phenolic compounds, total flavonoids, and antioxidant activity

Table 4 summarizes total phenolic compound as gallic acid equivalent (GAE), total flavonoid content (TFC) as catechin equivalent (CTE) and antioxidant activity as EC₅₀ of ascorbic acid equivalent (AAE). The results show no correlation between TPC, TFC and antioxidant activity in the studied wine samples. For examples, Roselle wine contains lower both TPC and TFC than that of Grape wine, but gave more antioxidant activity (DPPH). The possible explanations of the above results include, (i) the influence of the different flavonoid and non-flavonoid subgroups on the antioxidant activity, (ii) the degree of polymerization and the ratio between monomeric and polymeric forms, (iii) the possible synergy or antagonism among the different classes of polyphenols, and (iv) the radical molecules contained in wines (Majo et al. 2008). However, high antioxidant activity was also observed in all studied wines and TPC and TFC are found in the ranges with the other reports as given in Table 4.

Table 4 Total phenolic content, total flavonoid content, and antioxidant activity (DPPH method) in the studied wine samples (*n*=3)

Wine sample	Total phenolic content ^a (mg GAE L ⁻¹)	Total flavonoid content ^a (mg CE L ⁻¹)	DPPH (EC ₅₀) ^a (mg AAE L ⁻¹)
Mao	1081.4±92.5	255.7±21.9	3082.1±0.9
Blackgalingales	438.7±41.8	56.3±1.5	2201.5±0.8
Jambolan	1112.5±96.8	99.7±2.5	3434.3±1.2
Mangosteen	1853.7±98.2	1146.6±225.5	8506.6±0.5
Roselle	324.2±25.1	68.9±1.8	1761.2±1.0
Grape	530.4±35.1	222.3±18.9	1091.9±0.6
Bel fruit	218.3±14.7	0.11±0.01	1831.7±0.2
Makhampom	2837.4±105.7	184.1±19.3	1620.3±1.2
Li et al. (2009)	189–3,130	31.0–1,396	82–12,541 mol L ⁻¹ TRE ^b
Rupasinghe and Clegg (2007)	250–2,005	NR	219–2,447 mg AAE L ⁻¹
Woraratphoka et al. (2007)	311.2–2938.2	89.8–2647.1	2.7–13.8 mg GAE L ⁻¹

^aData expressed as mean±standard deviation (SD) of triplicate analyses (*n*=3)

^bTrolox equivalent

NR not reported

Conclusion

This work demonstrates the application of CPE for sample preparation and preconcentration of phenolic compounds in wine samples before their analysis by HPLC. CPE in combination with HPLC is a simple, accurate and sensitive method, and less consumption of samples. The individual phenolic compound, total phenolic and total flavonoid contents found in Thai local wines studied showed significant differences among the varieties of local fruits-derived wine products. The antioxidant activity (EC_{50} up to 8,506 mg AAE L^{-1}) of the studied samples indicated that wines were as a source of antioxidants in foods.

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