

Abstract

This study describes the determination of artemisinin in *Artemisia annua* L. cultivated in the Czech Republic in 2006. The plant was harvested in four vegetative stages (intensive vegetative growth stage, bud formation, cease bloom stage and maturity seed stage). The plant was shade dried in the air and extracted with the organic solvent hexane for 17 hours and then filtered. Artemisinin was confirmed by thin layer chromatography with artemisinin standard use. The concentration of artemisinin was determined by reversed phase high performance liquid chromatography with a constant composition of the mobile phase and UV detection with a wavelength of 295 nm. The maximum artemisinin concentration occurred at the bud formation stage (0,030%).