

Experiment 2: Spectrophotometric Determination of Iron in Vitamin Tablets

Grading Rubrics for _____

Notebook (out of 8): _____

- 1: Missing entry in Table of Contents
- 1: Printouts not taped to separate pages (this makes it hard for me to write comments!)
- 2: Printouts not taped to notebook at all
- 1: Incomplete documentation of how calculations were performed
- 1: No mention of trends in color intensity
- 1: Thin in details
- +1 (only to offset notebook points lost): Excellent documentation

Data Analysis (out of 12) _____

- 1: LINEST error
- 1: Wrong x-values for calibration curve data
- 1: Draconian rounding of x-values for calibration curve data
- 1: Didn't use slope to find ϵ /wrong ϵ
- 1.5: No 95% confidence interval for ϵ
- 1: Incorrect 95% confidence interval for ϵ
- 1: Wrong $[\text{Fe}^{2+}]$ in unknown solution
- 1: Incorrect s_x from error propagation
- 1: Used wrong s_x value for mg Fe in tablet
- 1: Didn't convert s_x value to units of mg Fe in tablet
- 1: Redundantly dividing s_x by \sqrt{n}
- 2: Poor error analysis

Accuracy and Precision of Results (out of 5) _____

- 1: mg Fe in tablet very far from consensus value
- 1: Very inaccurate absorbances
- +1: Great precision

TOTAL (out of 25) _____

Great suggested improvements: Repeated measurements on standards and sample, use some method (like a Sharpie mark) to help keep cuvet orientation the same, unpack the dense description of the wet chemistry procedure. Look for these improvements in Spring 2010!