

**A Green and Sustainable UV Spectrophotometric Approach for Simultaneous  
Determination of Rosuvastatin, Pravastatin, and Atorvastatin in Pharmaceuticals  
Leveraging Firefly Algorithm-Enhanced Partial Least Squares Regression**

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**Table S1:** The calibration set generated using a  $5^3$  multilevel multifactor partial design, comprising 25 synthetic mixtures with concentrations ranging from 6 to 14  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  for each drug (rosuvastatin, pravastatin, and atorvastatin).

No.	Rosuvastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Pravastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Atorvastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )
<b>1</b>	10	10	10
<b>2</b>	10	6	6
<b>3</b>	6	6	14
<b>4</b>	6	14	8
<b>5</b>	14	8	14
<b>6</b>	8	14	10
<b>7</b>	14	10	8
<b>8</b>	10	8	8
<b>9</b>	8	8	12
<b>10</b>	8	12	14
<b>11</b>	12	14	12
<b>12</b>	14	12	10
<b>13</b>	12	10	14
<b>14</b>	10	14	14
<b>15</b>	14	14	6
<b>16</b>	14	6	12
<b>17</b>	6	12	6
<b>18</b>	12	6	10
<b>19</b>	6	10	12
<b>20</b>	10	12	12
<b>21</b>	12	12	8
<b>22</b>	12	8	6
<b>23</b>	8	6	8
<b>24</b>	6	8	10
<b>25</b>	8	10	6

**Table S2:** The validation set generated using a central composite design, comprising 20 synthetic mixtures with concentrations ranging from 5.5 to 14.5 µg/mL for each drug (rosuvastatin, pravastatin, and atorvastatin).

No.	Rosuvastatin (µg/mL)	Pravastatin (µg/mL)	Atorvastatin (µg/mL)
1	13	7	7
2	7	7	13
3	7	7	7
4	13	7	13
5	7	13	13
6	10	10	10
7	10	10	10
8	10	10	10
9	13	13	13
10	13	13	7
11	7	13	7
12	10	10	10
13	10	10	14.5
14	5.5	10	10
15	10	14.5	10
16	10	10	10
17	10	10	10
18	10	5.5	10
19	10	10	5.5
20	14.5	10	10

**Table S3:** The optimized parameters of the Firefly algorithm as a variable selection procedure to enhance the PLS models' predictability.

Parameter	Rosuvastatin	Pravastatin	Atorvastatin
<b>Number of fireflies</b>	52	56	48
<b>Maximum generations</b>		500	
$\alpha$	0.2	0.2	0.4
$\beta_0$	1.2	1.5	1.3
$\gamma$		1	

**Table S4:** Accuracy and precision of the developed FFA-PLS models, evaluated according to ICH guidelines.

Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )			Accuracy (% $R \pm SD$ ) <sup>a</sup>			Precision (%RSD) <sup>a</sup>					
Rosuvastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Pravastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Atorvastatin ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Rosuvastatin	Pravastatin	Atorvastatin	Rosuvastatin		Pravastatin		Atorvastatin	
						Intra-day	Inter-day	Intra-day	Inter-day	Intra-day	Inter-day
8	8	8	98.65 $\pm$ 1.190	100.07 $\pm$ 1.270	100.13 $\pm$ 1.431	1.206	1.721	1.269	1.749	1.429	1.834
10	10	10	99.87 $\pm$ 1.390	99.84 $\pm$ 1.581	100.30 $\pm$ 1.197	1.392	1.541	0.996	1.251	1.194	1.504
12	12	12	100.45 $\pm$ 1.127	101.10 $\pm$ 1.007	99.25 $\pm$ 1.140	1.122	1.831	1.584	1.574	1.148	1.998

<sup>a</sup> Average of three determinations

**Table S5:** Selectivity assessment of the method through the standard addition technique, evaluating the matrix effect in the quantification of rosuvastatin, pravastatin, and

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Pharmaceutical taken (µg/mL)</b>	<b>Pharmaceutical found (µg/mL)</b>	<b>Pure added (µg/mL)</b>	<b>% Recovery ± SD</b>
<b>Rosuvastatin</b>	6.0	5.999	6	98.55 ± 0.922
			7	99.48 ± 1.393
			8	100.66 ± 0.748
<b>Pravastatin</b>	6.0	5.954	6	100.63 ± 1.488
			7	101.89 ± 1.560
			8	100.28 ± 1.392
<b>Atorvastatin</b>	6.0	5.962	6	99.84 ± 0.773
			7	99.69 ± 0.829
			8	99.88 ± 1.062

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