



## Chemical Analysis

### → Challenge

A California law firm hired PharmaForensics Laboratories to provide technical litigation support for a case pending review by the International Trade Commission (ITC). We were called on to evaluate the production process of a natural product compound that is the main ingredient in a well-known nutritional supplement. Identification of the natural product compound would support the client's position.

This project presented many technical challenges. The samples to be analyzed were produced at three different pharmaceutical manufacturing plants in China. Due to Chinese export rules and regulations, the samples could not be shipped outside of China; thus, sample analysis had to be conducted within the country. Moreover, the ITC administrative law judge dictated a tight time schedule for the completion of the work.

### → Solution

Within three weeks, PharmaForensics Laboratories' Dr. Kittendorf had arranged to travel to China with the necessary laboratory supplies for collecting the samples from the three manufacturing plants. Dr. Kittendorf had also identified a laboratory in Shanghai that agreed to assist with sample analysis. The samples were collected at each plant then immediately transported to the analytical laboratory where Dr. Kittendorf performed the sample analysis. For each site, approximately 12 samples were collected and analyzed in replicate. Dr. Kittendorf performed the data analysis and summarized the results in a detailed report that was submitted to the client law firm.

### Results

Despite the tight time schedule and the necessity of performing the sample analysis in China, we were able to complete the analyses on time. Dr. Kittendorf was deposed and he testified at the ITC proceeding. PharmaForensics Laboratories' work was lauded by the attorneys, and was even recognized by the opposition's expert witness. ●

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