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DETERMINATION OF COCAINE USING  
TETRATHIOCYANATO COBALT (II) ATE

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A method for the indirect determination of cocaine is reported. The method involves the formation of an ion pair of  $\text{Co}(\text{SCN})_4^{2-}$  and the main metabolite of cocaine, benzoylecgonine. The optimum pH (3.5) of the ion complex concentration and the detection limit were determined by use of Ultraviolet-Visible Spectrophotometry. The detection of the ion is also found using HPLC.