## Exploratory data analysis – Tablets data

**Goal**: Can you predict the assay value (the active ingredients) in a pharmaceutical tablet?

**Filename**: tablets.lxf / tablets4matlab.mat

**Number of measurements**: 195 (calibration) and 460 (test set)

**Xcal** (195 x 650): NIR spectra of the tablets.

**Xval** (460 x 650): NIR spectra of the tablets (test set samples).

**Ycal** (195 x 1): Assay value; the active ingredients in a pharmaceutical

tablet.

## **Description**:

This data consists of a series of NIR diffuse transmission spectra of intact tablets, collected using a Multitab spectrometer (Foss NIRSystems, Silver Spring MD). Each spectrum covers the spectral range 600 - 1898 nm, in 2 nm increments. Each tablet has an assay value for its active ingredient, which is in the range of 152 to 239 mg, with a nominal value of 200 mg and estimated precision of +/- 1.3 mg.

The objective of this analysis is to develop and test an NIR method for determining the assay value of these tablets