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ABSTRACT Rapid chemical-based tests for identification of genuine saffron The present invention is in the field of detection of Saffron authenticity. The invention provides an easy low-cost chemical-treatment based technique as well as a kit for identification of pure saffron. The method screens random samples for colour changes, and its detection visually with naked eye. In an embodiment, the method comprises four low-cost chemicals i.e. water, methanol, sulfuric acid, ortho phosphoric acid, which can be used in laboratory or even home by visually comparing with a colour card developed for detecting colour changes in genuine saffron.

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