Application Note

Separation of Basic Drugs by Supercritical Fluid Chromatography

Introduction

It is well known that SFC with a column of high polarity material shows the same retention action as normal phase chromatography, and therefore it is believed to be difficult to separate aqueous high polarity components. However, if a little volatile acid, base, or salt is added to modifier solvent (alcohol or etc.), the shape of polar component's peak can be improved, and components with a long retention time can be eluted with an appropriate retention time.

Various basic drugs were separated using the 2-Ethylpyridine column with ammonium acetate in methanol as modifier solvent.

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Jasco CO2 Delivery Pump:PU-2080-CO2

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Experimental Equipment:

CO2 Delivery Pump:	PU-2080-CO2
Modifier Pump:	PU-2080
Mixer:	MX-2080-32
Autosampler:	AS-2059-SF
Column Oven:	CO-2060
PDA Detector:	MD-2018 (High pressure cell)
Back Pressure Regulator:	BP-2080

Conditions:

Column:	2-Ethylpyridine 60A (4.6 mmID x 250 mmL, 5 µm) (Princeton Chromatography Inc.)
CO2 Flow rate:	3.0 mL/min
Modifier:	20 mM Ammonium acetate in Methanol
Modifier gradient:	0 min (0.2 mL/min), 6 min (0.2 mL/min), 13 min (1.0 mL/min), 18 min (1.0 mL/min), 18.05 min (0.2 mL/min), 1 cycle: 30 min
Column temp.:	40°C Back
Pressure:	15 MPa
Wavelength:	200-400 nm
Injection volume:	5 µL
Standard sample:	Mixture 0.1 mg/mL each

Results

Chromatogram and contour plot of standard mixture of basic drugs (220nm) are shown in figure 1. As shown, polar components such as Berberine and Maleic were also eluted.

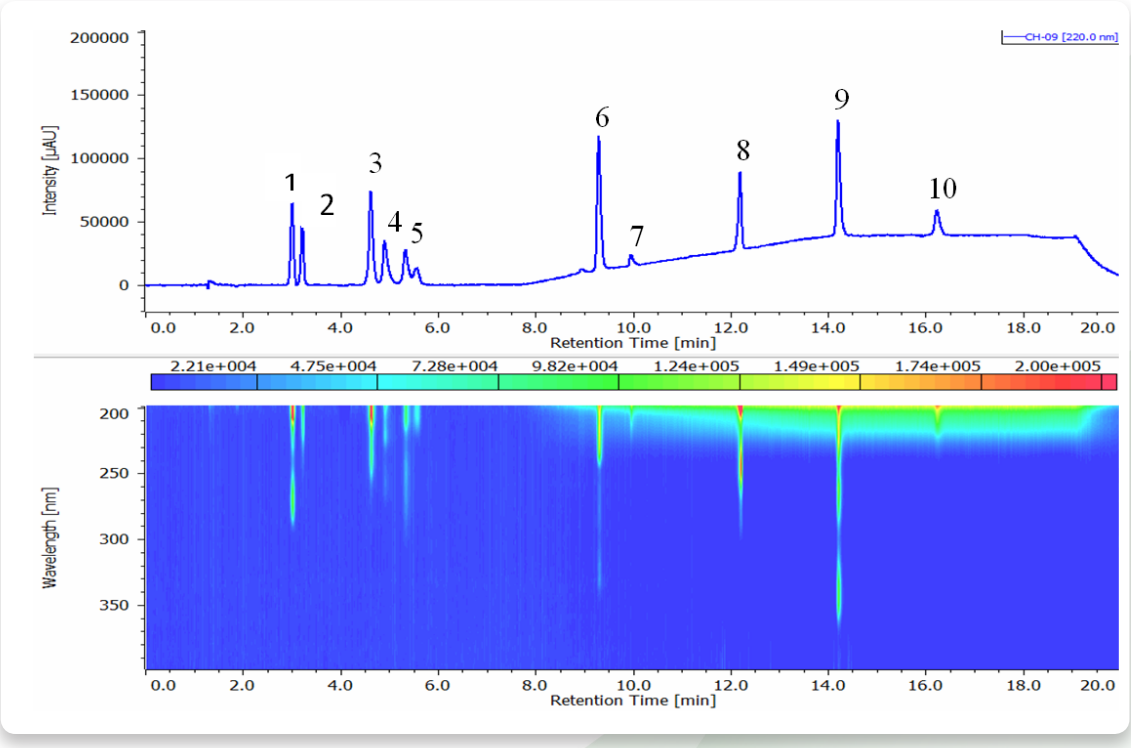

Figure 1. Chromatogram of standard mixture of basic drugs1: Caffeine, 2: Hexobarbital, 3: Amitriptyline, 4: Chlorpheniramine, 5: Imipramine 6: Quinine, 7: Atropine, 8: Acetaminophen, 9: Berberine, 10: Maleic acid

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