

Nitrosamines: Overview & Solutions

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Nitrosamine Impurities in Drugs

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- Nitrosamines, or N-nitrosamines, are chemical compounds believed to be carcinogenic to humans based on animal studies.
- Therefore, nitrosamines need to be highly regulated to ensure that there is no adverse effect to human health.
- In 2018, multiple nitrosamines including NDMA were detected within various blood pressure medicines known as 'sartans'.
- Since then, nitrosamines have been detected in ranitidine, metformin, and several other drugs which highlighted that the issue was not solely limited to sartans.
- The issue has resulted in multiple product recalls worldwide, with the problem likely to continue for some time as more drug products become implicated.
- Regulatory agencies (FDA, EMA, USP, Health Canada, etc.) were quick to act in establishing guidance for nitrosamine limits, testing, and risk assessment for prevention of nitrosamine formation in drug substance (API) and drug products.

Nitrosamine Formation in Drugs

Figure 1. Representative Reaction to Form Nitrosamines

Figure 3. Formation of NDMA From N,N-Dimethylformamide

- Formation of nitrosamines is possible in the presence of secondary, tertiary, or quaternary amines and nitrite salts under acidic reaction conditions. Under these conditions, nitrite salts may form nitrous acid, which can react with an amine to form a nitrosamine (see Figure 1).
- Amide solvents, which are susceptible to degradation under certain reaction conditions, are another source of secondary amines. For example, under high reaction temperatures for an extended reaction period, N,N-dimethylformamide can degrade into dimethylamine, which can react with nitrous acid to form NDMA (see Figure 3).

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- 7 Nitrosamine Reference Standards available
- 4 Analytical Procedures
 - Quantitation of NDMA, NDEA, NDIPA, NEIPA, NMBA, NMPA, and NDBA in selected sartans (valsartan, irbesartan, and losartan potassium) by HPLC-HRMS on **Kinetex F5 (L43)** 2.6 µm 100 x 4.6 mm.
 - Quantitation of NDMA, NDEA, NDIPA, and NEIPA in selected sartans (valsartan, irbesartan, losartan potassium, olmesartan medoxomil, candesartan cilexetil, and telmisartan) by headspace GC-MS on **Stabilwax (G16)** 30 m x 0.32 mm x 1.0 µm.
 - Quantitation of NDMA, NDEA, NDIPA, NEIPA, NMBA, and NDBA in selected sartans (valsartan, losartan potassium, olmesartan medoxomil, candesartan cilexetil, and telmisartan) by HPLC-MS/MS on Raptor ARC-18 (L1) 2.7 µm 150 x 3.0 mm.
 - Quantitation of NDMA, NDEA, NDIPA, NEIPA, NMPA, and NDBA in selected sartans (valsartan, losartan potassium, and candesartan cilexetil) by GC-MS/MS (triple-quad) on **VF-WAXms (G16)** 30 m x 0.25 mm x 1.0 μ m.

NOTE: ALL published methods use MS for the low-level detection required



FDA Methods

FDA has published several methods, including 2 on PHX columns

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Liquid Chromatography-High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (LC-HRMS) Method for the Determination of Six Nitrosamine Impurities in ARB Drugs

HPLC column: Kinetex® 2.6 μ m F5 100 Å, 100 x 4.6 mm (Phenomenex, Part No. 00D-4723-E0)



Liquid Chromatography-Electrospray Ionization-High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (LC-ESI-HRMS) Method for the Determination of Nitrosamine Impurities in Metformin Drug Substance and Drug Product

HPLC column: Phenomenex Kinetex® 2.6 μ m Biphenyl 100 Å, 150 x 3.0 mm (Part No. 00F-4622-Y0)



Nitrosamine Analytical Challenges

- Nitrosamines lack a chromophore
- Low-level (ppb) detection and quant of nitrosamines is required
 - UV detectors (workhorse of Pharma QC labs) are NOT sensitive enough
 - MS detection required
- High concentration of API in drug substance and drug product
- No single or generic method is available
- Chromatographic interference
 - Separation of API from individual nitrosamines is required in drug product and drug substance to enable accurate quantitation



Analyzing Nitrosamines

Nitrosamines are known to be carcinogenic and have the potential to be intermediates in organic synthesis. Due to their potent genotoxicity, nitrosamines have been a serious cause for concern. it has now become a requirement to accurately quantitate this group of compounds in pharmaceuticals during drug development and manufacturing. Below you will find the latest resources to help you improve your LC-MS quantitation of nitrosamines. If you looking to improve your nitrosamine analysis please do not hesitate to contact us.

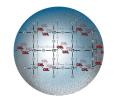
Technique	Brand	Description	Recommended for:
HPLC	Gemini	3 μm C18 150 x 4.6 mm	Ph. Eur. method for N-Nitrosamines in active substances
HPLC	Kinetex	2.6 μm Biphenyl 150 x 3 mm 2.6 μm Biphenyl 150 x 4.6 mm	Sartan drugs, metformin and ranitidine
HPLC	Kinetex	2.6 μm F5 50 x 2.1 mm	Rapid analysis of genotoxic nitrosamines
GC	Zebron	ZB-624 <i>PLUS</i> 30 m x 0.25 mm x 1.40 μm	Analysis of NDMA and NDEA in sartan drugs
HPLC	Luna Omega	3 μm Polar C18 150 x 3 mm	Nitrosamine impurities in acyclovir



PLC/UHPLC Column Phase Selection Chart

Specifically designed for successful and reproducible method development and transfer





Gemini columns are rugged reversed-phase HPLC and PREP LC columns that offer extended lifetime at pH 1-12 conditions and excellent stability for reproducible, high-efficiency separations. The Gemini family contains a variety of useful alkyl and phenyl phases bonded to fully porous organo-silica particles.

Gemini Twin Technology

Gemini-NX Twin Technology



Rugged reversed phase column can be used reliably from pH 1-12

Phase		Particle Type	Pore Size (Å)	Carbon Load %	pH Range	USP Classification	Selectivity Features	Availab	le Particle	Size(s)
C18	Hydrophobicity Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0 Low High	Fully Porous Organo-Silica (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,563,367 and 8,658,038)	110	14	1.0 - 12	L1	This is a high loading, organo-silane particle column with pH stability 1-12. The patented procedure creates a surface that is a strong hydrogen donor and accepter. It is ideal for a combination of polar and non-polar retention.	3 µm	5 µm	10µm
NX-C18	Hydrophobicity Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0 Lew High	Fully Porous Organo-Silica (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,563,367 and 8,658,038)	110	14	1.0 - 12	L1	New generation of organo-silane material incorporates ethylene bridges to provide pH stability from 1-12 and 5x the durability of earlier hybrids. The homogenous surface offers some steric selectivity.	3 µm	5 µm	10µm
C6-Phenyl	Hydrophobicity Stefic Interaction Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0 Lew High	Fully Porous Organo-Silica (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,563,367 and 8,658,038)	110	12	1.0 - 12	L11	This is a very inert phase for great peak shapes of ionized compounds. The planar phenyl rings offer moderate hydrophobic retention and high steric selectivity for structural isomer selectivity.	3 µт	5 µm	

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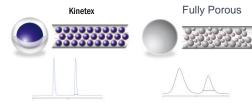
*Effective Carbon Load. A pH range is 1.5-10 under isocratic conditions, pH range is 1.5-8.5 under gradient conditions.

Use for highest performance compared to fully porous media

Phase		Particle Type	Pore Size (Å)	Carbon Load %	pH Range	USP Classification	Selectivity Features	Available Particle Size(s))
EVO C18	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Onzepting Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	Core-Shell Organo-Silica (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,563,367 and 8,658,038)	100	11"	1.0-12.0	L1	Robust reversed phase methods even in alkaline conditions with improved peak shape for polar basic compounds and 100 % aqueous stability.	1.7µm 2.6µm	5µm
C18	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Onzepting Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	Core-Shell Silica	100	12"	1.5-8.54	LI	All purpose phase that offers the hydrophobic retention and methylene selectivity chromatographers expect from a C18 column.	1.3µm 1.7µm 2.6µm	5µm
Biphenyl	Hydrophobicity Static Interaction Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0 May 18,000	Core-Shell Silica	100	11"	1.5-8.54	L11	100% equeous stable and allows for excellent reversed phase retention and enhanced polar and anomatic selectivity.	1.7µm 2.6µm	5µm
XB-C18 (C18 with protective iso-butyl side chains)	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Board Donating Capacity Hydrogen Board Accepting Capacity Hydrogen Board Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pit 7.0 Low High.	Core-Shell Silica	100	10°	1.5-8.5 ⁴	LI	Unique C18 phase that yields increased hydrogen bonding with hydropholic selectivity, resulting in improved peak shape for basic compounds and increased retention of acidic compounds.	1.7µm 2.6µm 3.5µm	5µm
(pentafluorophenyl propyl)	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Flydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0 Early Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Flydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Law High	Core-Shell Silica	100	9'	1.5-8.5 ^a	L43	Highly reproducible pentafluorophenyl propyl phase that offers a unique combination of polar, hydrophichic, aromatic, and shape selectivity.	1.7µm 2.6µm	5µm
C8	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Onsaring Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	Core-Shell Silica	100	8'	1.5-8.5 ^à	L7	USP L7 phase that provides less hydrophobic and methylene selectivity than a C18.	1.7 µm 2.6 µm	5µm
Phenyl-Hexyl	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Onzepting Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	Core-Shell Silica	100	11"	1.5-8.54	L11	Reversed phase chemistry that allows for greater retention and separation of aromatic hydrocarbons.	1.7 µm 2.6 µm	5µm
HILIC (Unbonded silica)		Core-Shell Silica	100	0	2.0-7.5	L3	Unbonded silica phase for HLIC conditions to provide selectivity for polar compounds.	1.7 µm 2.6 µm	5µm



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Phase			Particle Type	Pore Size (Å)	Carbon Load %	pH Range	USP Classification	Selectivity Features	Availab	le Particl	e Size(:	4)
Omega C18	Hydrophobicity		Thermally Modified Fully Porous Silica	100	11	1.5-8.54	Li		1.6µm			
4	Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity		POTOUS SINCE					hydrophobic retention of non-polar and polar compounds				
1	Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity											
-8-	Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8											
	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	ow High										
ga Polar C18	Hydrophobicity[Thermally Modified Fully	100	9	1.5-8.5 ¹	Lt	100% aqueous stability and enhanced selectivity/retention	1.6µm		5µm	
	Steric Interaction		Porous Silica					for polar analytes without diminishing useful non-polar retention. The C18 ligand provides general hydrophobic				
}	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity							interactions while a polar modified particle surface				
	Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8							provides enhanced polar compound retention.				
9	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	da Hab										
ega PS C18	Hydrophobicity[100	Thermally Modified Fully	100	9	1.5-8.5 ¹	Lt		1.6µm		5µm	
	Steric Interaction		Porous Silica					provides both polar and non-polar retention. The surface				
1	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity							contains a positive charged ligand which aids in the retention of acidic compounds through ionic interactions, while the				
_ 1 _	Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8							C18 ligand promotes general reversed phase retention. The				
0	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0							positively charged surface also improves basic compound peaks shape through ionic regulsion.				
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C18(2)	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction		Fully Porous Silica	100	17.5	1.5-9.0	Li	Excellent general purpose reversed phase selectivity with high hydrophobic and methylene retention. Non-polar endcapping	2.5µm	3µm	5 µm	10
*	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity							virtually eliminates silanol interactions.				
	Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity											
7-7	Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8 Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0											
7 - 1	Security at pri 7.0	ow High										
C8(2)	Hydrophobicity		Fully Porous Silica	100	13.5	1.5-9.0*	L7	General C8 phase that provides less hydrophobic retention than a C18, but the density of the ligand bonding creates		3µm	5µm	1
	Steric Interaction Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity							than a U18, but the density of the ligand bonding creates more steric based selectivity.				
,	Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity							not successful.				
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	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·										
CN	Hydrophobicity(-	Fully Porous Silica	100	7	1.5-7.0	L10	Can be used as reversed or normal phase material. Nitrile		3um	5µm	11
OH.	Steric Interaction		,					groups bound to the silica surface offer a unique polar		-	.,	
	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity							selectivity under reversed phase or normal phase conditions.				
7.17	Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8	_										
	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0											
HILIC		on ngs	Fully Porous Silica	200	5.7	1.5-8.0	L20	HLIC phase that provides excellent selectivity and retention		3µm	5µm	
oss-linked dial)								for polar compounds as well as improved MS sensitivity with low blend.				
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(C27)												
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NH,			Fully Parous Silica	100	9.5	1.5 - 11	L8	Amino phase. Can be used in reversed or normal phase		3µm	5µm	10
								modes. Stable from pH 1.5 to 11.0 and under 100% aqueous conditions. High performance silica and bonding techniques				
								produces a rugged, highly reproducible column.				
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PFP(2)	Hydrophobicity¶		Fully Porous Silica	100	11.5	1.5-8.0	L43	A pentafluorophenyl phase that provides excellent selectivity		3µm	5µm	
(-)	Steric Interaction							for aromatic compounds from influence of fluorine substitution on phenyl ring, Multiple retention mechanisms, Orthogonal				
4	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity							on phenyl ring. Multiple retention mechanisms. Orthogonal selectivity to traditional C18 phases.				
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	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0											
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enyl-Hexyl	Hydrophobicity Steric Interaction		runy rurous sincă	100	17.5	1.5-9.0	LII	A prient phase which employs a next and timer; leading to a balanced degree of hydrophobic and aromatic selectivity.		3 pm	phi	1
0	Hydrogen Bond Donating Capacity							Our most hydrophobic phenyl column and it will also provide				
_ 1 _	Hydrogen Bond Accepting Capacity Cation Selectivity at pH 2.8							good hydrogen accepting functionality for acidic retention.				
	Cation Selectivity at pH 7.0											
		ow Hogs									_	_
SCX			Fully Porous Silica	100	0.55% Suffur Load	2.0 - 7.0	L9	A benzene suffonic acid bonded phase is used to make this strong cation exchange (SCX) column. Offers great peak			5µm	1
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Silica(2)			Fully Porous Silica	100	0	2.0 - 7.5	L3	Ultra-pure silica with high column bed stability enhanced by particle shape uniformity		эрш	Jan	1
Silica(2)			Fully Parous Silica	100	0	2.0 - 7.5	L3	ultra-pure sinca with high column bed stability enhanced by particle shape uniformity.		эрш	Jan	11



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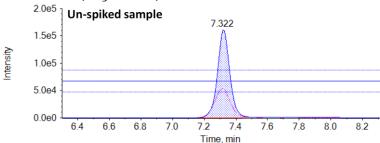


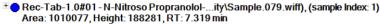
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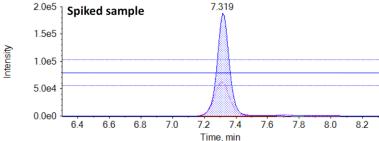
Sensitive and Reproducible Quantification of N-Nitroso Propranolol in a Propranolol Drug Substance and Product Pankaj Partani¹, Sandeep Choudhary, PhD¹, Preeti Bharatiya¹, Upendra Gunta¹, Ranjith Kumar Ponnamaneni¹, Manoj Pillai, PhD¹, Rahul

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LC Conditions

Column: Kinetex™ 2.6 µm Biphenyl

Dimensions: 150 x 3.0 mm

Part No.: 00F-4622-Y0

Mobile Phase: A: 1 mM Ammonium Formate with 0.1 %

Formic Acid in Water

B: 0.1 % Formic Acid in Acetonitrile

Gradient:	Time (min)	%B
	0.00	35
	3.00	35
	5.00	55
	6.00	75
	8.00	75
	8.10	95
	10.0	95
	10.1	35
	14.0	35

Flow Rate: 0.4 mL/min

Injection Volume: 15 µL Temperature: 40 °C

LC System: SCIEX ExionLC™

Detection: MRM

Detector: SCIEX QTRAP 6500+



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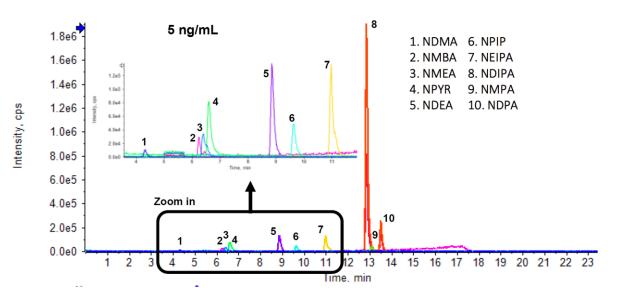


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Low-level Quantification of 10 Mutagenic Nitrosamine Impurities in Acyclovir

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LC Conditions

Column: Luna™ Omega 3.0 μm Polar C18

Dimensions: 150 x 3.0 mm **Part No.:** 00F-4760-Y0

Mobile Phase: A: 0.1 % Formic Acid in Water

B: 0.1 % Formic Acid in Methanol

Gradient:	Time (min)	%
	0.00	2
	1.00	2
	20.0	98
	22.0	98
	22.1	2
	24.0	2

Flow Rate: 0.45 mL/min

Injection Volume: $20 \mu L$ Temperature: $35 \,^{\circ}C$

LC System: SCIEX® ExionLC™

Detection: MRM

Detector: SCIEX QTRAP® 6500+

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LC-MRM-MS Method for the Detection and Quantification of Six Nitrosamine Impurities in Sartan (ARBs) Drugs

Introduction

Angiotensin II receptor blocker drugs (ARBs) are widely used to lower high blood pressure. Genotoxic Nitrosamine impurities were first discovered in various sartan drugs in 2019. Since then, several other drugs (for example, Metformin, Rantiidine, Valsartan, and Acyclovir) have been subjected to recall due to the presence of nitrosamine impurities; and regulatory agencies such as FDA and EMA have required manufacturers to conduct risk assessment, and test for Nitrosamines.

Due to the potential genotoxicity of Nitrosamines, and the challenge to detect and quantitate these polar impurities, sensitive LC-MSMMS methods must be developed. Here we describe a LC-MSM-MS method for the detection and quantification of six N-Nitrosamine (NDMA, NDEA, NMBA, NEIPA, NDBA, NDPA) impurities at sub-ppm levels in drug substances using a SCIEX® API 4000™ Triple Quad™ mass spectrometer and reversed phase HPLC using columns with different selectivities.

Materials and Methods

Reagents and Sample Preparation

Analytical reference standards were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich® Company (St. Louis, MO, USA). Drug substances were purchased from USP. Drug substances were spiked with various concentrations obtained by serial dilution of a stock solution containing all six nitrosamines to obtain a suitable linear range of detection for the different drugs. MultiQuant® software was used for qualitative and quantitative purposes.

LC Conditions

Column: Kinetex 2.6 μm F5, 100 x 3.0 mm (00D-4723-Y0) Kinetex 2.6 μm Biphenyl, 100 x 4.6 mm (00D-4622-E0) Luna Omega 3 μm Polar C18, 100 x 4.6 mm (00D-4760-E0)

Mobile Phase: A: 0.1 % Formic Acid in Water B: 0.1 % Formic Acid in Methanol

	Kinetex F5			Kinet	phenyl	Luna Omega Polar C18				
Gradient:	Time (min)	%B	Flow Rate	Time (min)	%B	Flow Rate	Time (min)	%B	Flow Rate	
	0	20	0.4 mL/min	0	20	0.55 mL/min	0	2.5	0.4 mL/min	
	1.97	55	0.4 mL/min	1.97	55	0.55 mL/min	2	2.5	0.4 mL/min	
	5.54	55	0.4 mL/min	5.54	55	0.55 mL/min	7	50	0.4 mL/min	
	5.57	90	0.4 mL/min	5.57	90	0.55 mL/min	7.01	50	0.4 mL/min	
	6.97	90	0.4 mL/min	6.97	90	0.55 mL/min	12	97.5	0.4 mL/min	
	7	20	0.4 mL/min	7	20	0.55 mL/min	12.9	97.5	0.4 mL/min	
	13	20	0.4 mL/min	13	20	0.55 mL/min	13.15	2.5	0.4 mL/min	
							15	2.5	0.4 mL/min	

20 µL

Temperature: 40 °C LC System: Agilent® 1260 Infinity Detection: MRM Detector: SCIEX API 4000 Triple Quad

MRM Conditions

Injection Volume:

Source: APCI Probe
Polarity: Positive
Source Temperature: 250 °C
GS1: 50 psi
GS2: 30 psi
CUR: 40 psi
CXP: 10
EP: 10
Current: 2

Table 1. MRM Transitions and Parameters.

Analyte	Q1 (Da)	Q3 (Da)	DP (V)	CE (V)
N-Nitrosomethylaminobutyric Acid (NMBA) 1	147	117	28	10
N-Nitrosomethylaminobutyric Acid (NMBA) 2	147	87	28	17
N-Nitrosodiisopropylamine (NDIPA) 1	131	43	35	22
N-Nitrosodiisopropylamine (NDIPA) 2	131	89	35	12
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) 1	75	58	55	17
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) 2	75	43	55	23
N-Nitrosodibutylamine (NDBA) 1	159	57	38	21
N-Nitrosodibutylamine (NDBA) 2	159	103	38	15
N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) 1	103	75	50	17
N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) 2	103	47	50	26
N-Nitrosoethylisopropylamine (NEIPA)	117	75	30	14



LC-MRM-MS Method for the Detection and Quantification of Six Nitrosamine Impurities in Sartan (ARBs) Drugs

Results

Figure 1. Representative Chromatogram of 6 Nitrosamine Impurities Using a Kinetex 2.6 μm F5 Column.

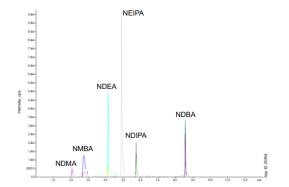


Figure 4. Calibration Curve for the Six Nitrosamines Impurities Using a Kinetex 2.6 µm F5 Column. Calibration Range is from 0.5 to 25 ng/mL with Correlation Coefficient >0.980 and LOD of 0.007 ppm.

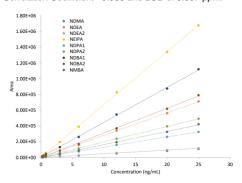


Figure 2. Representative Chromatogram of 6 Nitrosamine Impurities Using a Kinetex 2.6 µm Biphenyl Column.

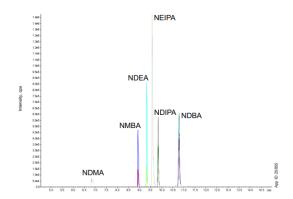


Figure 5. Calibration Curve for the Six Nitrosamines Impurities Using a Kinetex 2.6 μm Biphenyl Column. Calibration Range is from 0.5 to 25 ng/mL with Correlation Coefficient >0.998 and LOD of 0.005 ppm.

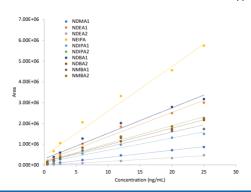


Figure 3. Representative Chromatogram of 6 Nitrosamine Impurities Using a Luna Omega 3 μm Polar C18 Column.

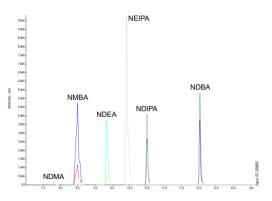
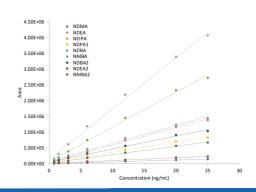


Figure 6. Calibration Curve for the Six Nitrosamines Impurities Using a Luna Omega 3 μ m Polar C18 Column. Calibration Range is from 0.5 to 25 ng/mL with Correlation Coefficient >0.980 and LOD of 0.005 ppm.



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Figure 7. % Recovery of Nitrosamine Impurities Spiked in 100 mg/mL Valsartan Using a Kinetex 2.6 µm F5 Column. Recovery of three replicates fell between 100 and 202 % with %RSD between 1.40 and 12.5 %.

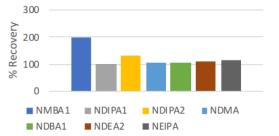


Figure 8. % Recovery of Nitrosamine Impurities Spiked in 100 mg/mL Valsartan Using a Kinetex 2.6 μm Biphenyl Column. Recovery of three replicates fell between 110 and 135 % with %RSD between 18.5 and 5.6 %.

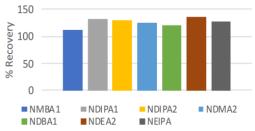
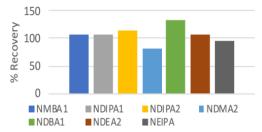


Figure 9. % Recovery of Nitrosamine Impurities Spiked in 100 mg/mL Valsartan Using a Luna Omega 3 µm Polar C18 Column. Recovery of three replicates fell between 100 and 202 % with %RSD between 1.40 and 12.5 %.



Discussion

Conventional C18 columns provide little interaction and retention for small, highly polar compounds. Nitrosamines are compounds of low molecular weight and high polarity, thus making chromatographic separation a challenge. It is important for the column to be capable of retaining the polar Nitrosamines without generating secondary interactions. Secondary interactions can affect peak shape with issues such as tailing or reduced peak height. In turn, this will impact the sensitivity and quantitation of the analytical method.

Conclusion

Here, we present LC-MRM-MS methods capable of detecting highly polar Nitrosamines at 0.007 ppm in the drug product, which is lower than the specification limit for NDMA. Three different stationary phases, a highly inert pentafluoro phenyl, an aqueous stable biphenyl, and a Polar C18 phase, capable of providing excellent retention of polar Nitrosamines with good peak shape, were used for this purpose.



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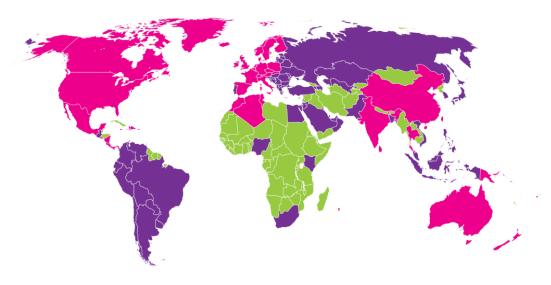
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