

High-Resolution Chiral Separation of Fluoxetine (PROZAC®) Enantiomers Using ULTRON ES-OVM

Application

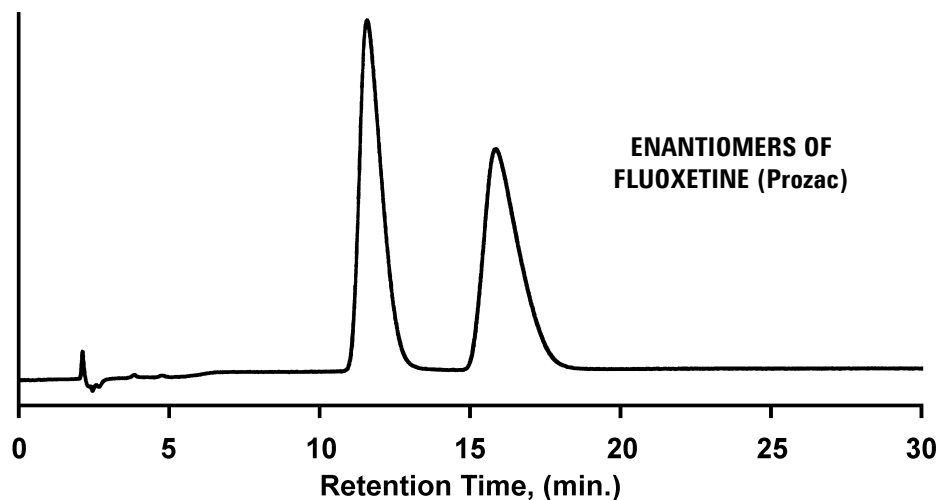
Biochemical

Robert Ricker

Methods for separation and accurate quantitation of chiral compounds is an important part of drug research and determination of drug purity. High resolution helps in the process, but it is often difficult to achieve the resolution in chiral separations. The chromatogram below shows exceptional resolution of Fluoxetine (Prozac) enantiomers on the ULTRON ES-OVM column. The ULTRON ES-OVM column is an alternative to the ULTRON ES- Pepsin column, which could not separate this mixture under any conditions tested. Fluoxetine-HCl formulation is marketed as 20 mg (base equivalent) capsules under the proprietary name Prozac, a registered trademark of Eli Lilly and Co.

Highlights

- The *R* and *S* chiral forms of Fluoxetine (Prozac) are separated with high resolution (3.0) under these conditions, resulting in a rugged method and extended useful lifetime of the column.
- The ULTRON ES-OVM column complements ULTRON ES-Pepsin, to achieve separations not possible on other chiral columns (*J. Liquid Chromatogr.* 19(3), 449-465 (1996)).



Courtesy of D.S. Risley and V.S. Sharp of Lilly Research Laboratories, Eli Lilly and Co.

Conditions:
ULTRON® ES-OVM (4.6 x 150 mm) (Agilent P/N: 702111651)
Mobile Phase: 25:75 (v/v) EtOH / 20 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 5.5 (adjusted with NaOH)
Injection: 10 µL, 0.8 mL/min, Ambient, Detect. UV(225 nm)
Sample: mixture Fluoxetine (Prozac) enantiomers



Agilent Technologies

*Robert Ricker is an application chemist
based at Agilent Technologies, Wilmington,
Delaware.*

For more information on our products and
services, visit our website at:
www.agilent.com/chem

Copyright© 2002 Agilent Technologies, Inc.
All Rights Reserved. Reproduction,
adaptation or translation without prior
written permission is prohibited, except as
allowed under the copyright laws.

Agilent shall not be liable for errors
contained herein or for incidental or
consequential damages in connection with
the furnishing, performance, or use of this
material.

Information, descriptions, and specifications
in this publication are subject to change
without notice.

Printed in the USA
April 25, 2002
5988-6320EN



Agilent Technologies