

Application Note #227

AN227 - ISOLATION OF ACIDIC, NEUTRA	L, AND BASIC DRUGS FROM URINE
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SPE columns: SC-6-ABN-200 (ABN sorbent is available in other formats and bed weights upon

request. Process with Breakwood vacuum manifolds VM-12, VM-16 or VM-24)

Sample Preparation: Add 2mL of a 0.1 M Phosphate buffer (ph 6.0) to a 4mL sample of urine. Sample

pH should be 6.0*

Cartridge Conditioning: 2mL of methanol

2mL of water

2mL of 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.0)

Do not allow column to run dry.

Sample Addition: Add to column. Aspirate samples through the column at 1mL/minute.

Cartridge Wash: 2mL of water, 1mL of 1 N acetic acid, and 2mL methanol

Air dry column under vacuum for 10 minutes at 15 in. of Hg.

2mL hexane.

Place collection tubes in manifold.

Analyte Elution: 3.0mL of 15% ethyl acetate in methylene chloride. (Remove collection tubes from

manifold). For GC, inject 1-2µL of eluate. For GC/MS, dry eluate under nitrogen at

<40°C, derivative and reconstitute in appropriate solvent. Inject 1-2μL.

Wash Columns: 2mL methanol.

Air dry column under vacuum for 10 minutes at 15in. of Hg.

Elute Analytes(s):

(basic drugs)

3.0mL of 2% ammonium hydroxide in 80/20 methylene chloride / isopropanol**.

Evaporate to dryness at 40°C. (be careful not to evaporate amphetamines)

dissolve in 100 μ L methanol, inject 1-2 μ L.

Note: Since sample matrix interferences and concentrations may vary from sample to sample, it may be necessary to adjust the wash and elution solvent/solution strength and/or volume to optimize isolation.

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^{*}Adjust sample pH with 0.1 N HCL or 0.1 NaOh as needed.

^{**}Make new elution solvent daily.