



# Synthesis of a New Thermally and Chemically Stable Lewis-Acid Deactivated Reversed-Phase Zirconia Stationary Phase for HPLC

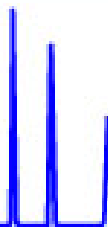
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  - *Stability* Testing
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- Conclusion — The new ZirChrom®-MS column is thermally and pH stable over a wide range and has *very different chromatographic selectivity for basic compounds compared to silica C18*. The column also performs well under MS-compatible conditions.



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## *The Goal*

To produce a new MS compatible Reversed-Phase Zirconia Stationary Phase that has unique selectivity for basic pharmaceuticals.



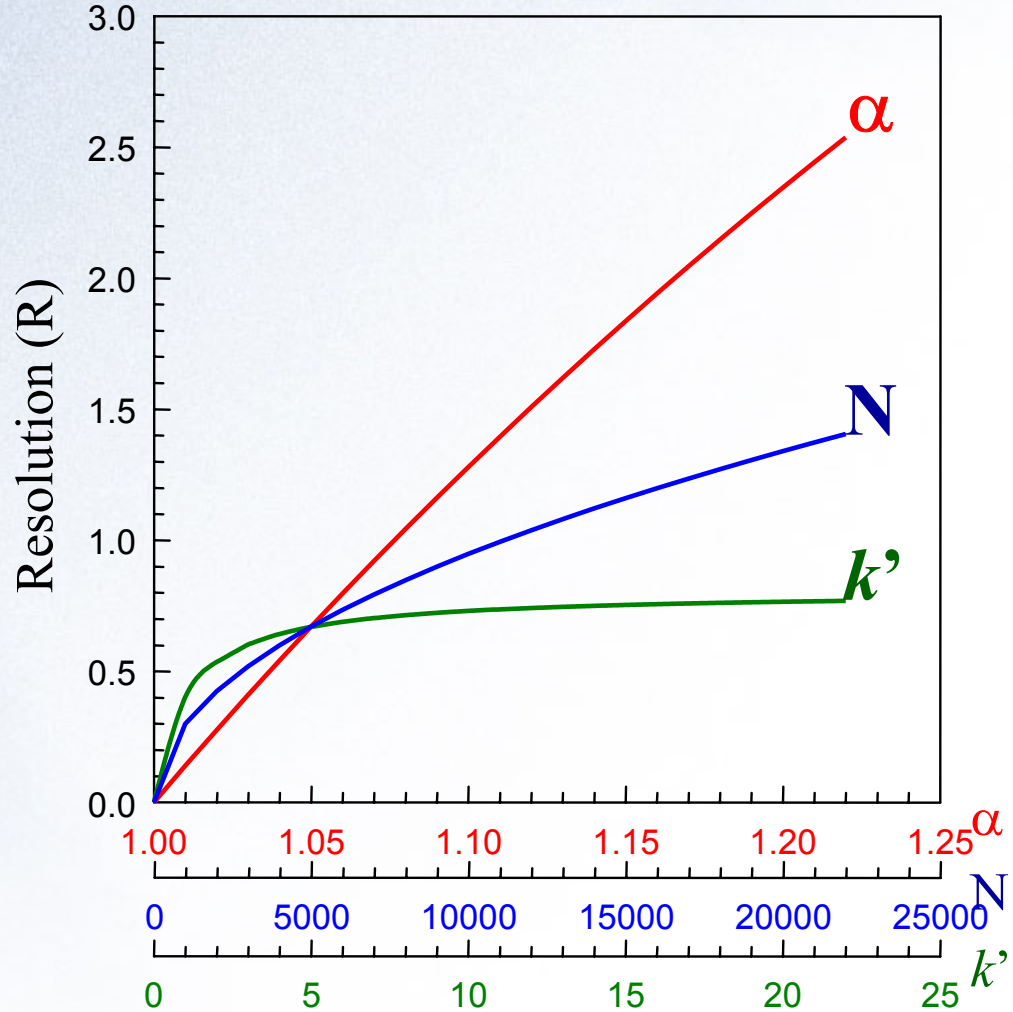
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# Selectivity: The Key to Success

Efficiency	Retention	Selectivity
↓	↓	↓
$R = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4}$	$\frac{k'}{k'+1}$	$\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$

$$\alpha = \frac{k_j'}{k_i'}$$

➤ Selectivity ( $\alpha$ ) has the greatest impact on improving resolution.

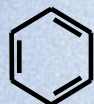




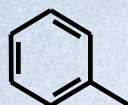
# Selectivity Comparison Solutes

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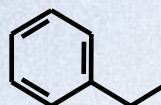
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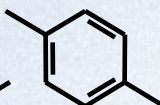
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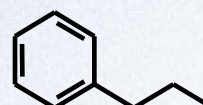
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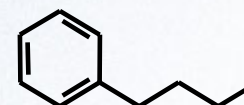
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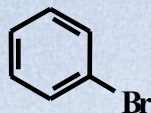
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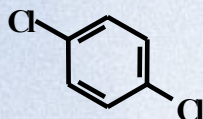
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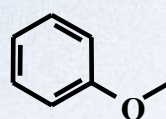
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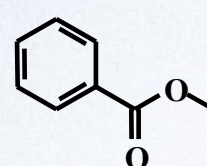
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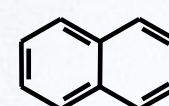
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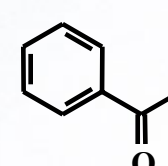
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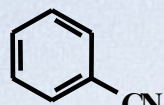
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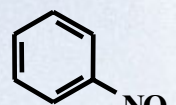
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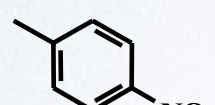
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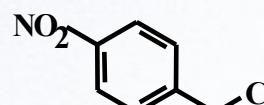
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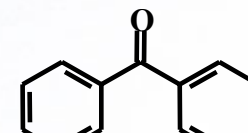
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*p*-Nitrotoluene

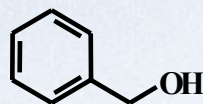


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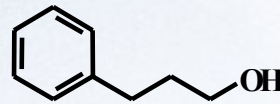


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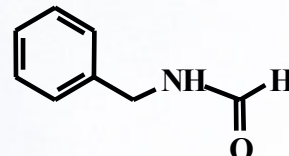
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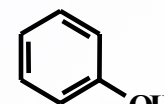
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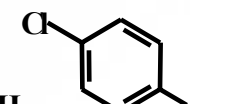
3-Phenyl Propanol



N-Benzyl Formamide



Phenol



*p*-Chlorophenol

Mobile phase, 40/60 Acetonitrile/Water; Flow rate, 1.0 ml/min.;  
Temperature, 30 °C; Detection at 254nm; 5µl Injection volume.



# Selectivity Matrix for Nonelectrolytes

Correlation Coefficient	Waters Xterra (RP18)	Luna	PLRP	Gammabond	ZirChrom-PBD	ZirChrom-CARB	DB-C18	Hypercarb	Discovery BIO Wide Pore C18	ZirChrom-EZ	ZirChrom-MS
Waters Xterra (RP18)	1	0.99	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.71	0.94	0.77	0.96	0.96	0.96
Luna		1	0.98	0.99	0.95	0.70	0.94	0.77	0.96	0.96	0.97
PLRP			1	0.98	0.97	0.70	0.95	0.76	0.98	0.98	0.98
Gammabond				1	0.97	0.70	0.95	0.76	0.98	0.98	0.98
ZirChrom-PBD					1	0.69	0.97	0.77	0.98	0.99	0.99
ZirChrom-CARB						1	0.84	0.97	0.68	0.70	0.70
DB-C18							1	0.90	0.95	0.97	0.97
Hypercarb								1	0.76	0.78	0.77
BIO Wide Pore C18									1	0.99	0.99
ZirChrom-EZ										1	0.998
ZirChrom-MS											1

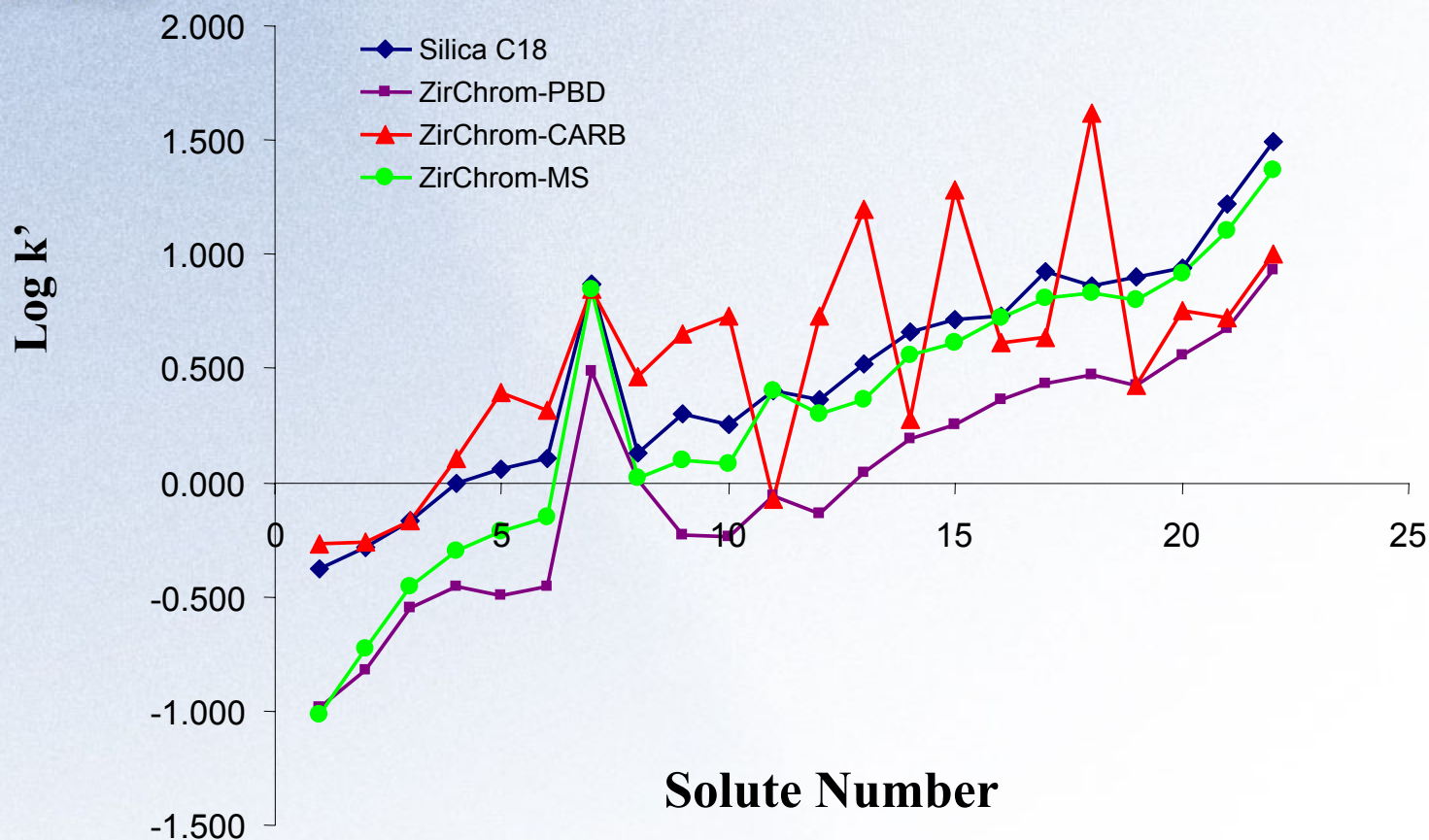
**Summary:** All **CARBON-BASED** Columns have different selectivity for nonelectrolytes. All other column retention is very highly correlated.

**LC Conditions:** Mobile phase, 40/60 ACN/Water; Flow rate, 1.0 ml/min.; Temperature, 30 °C; Injection volume, 5 µl; Detection at 254 nm.



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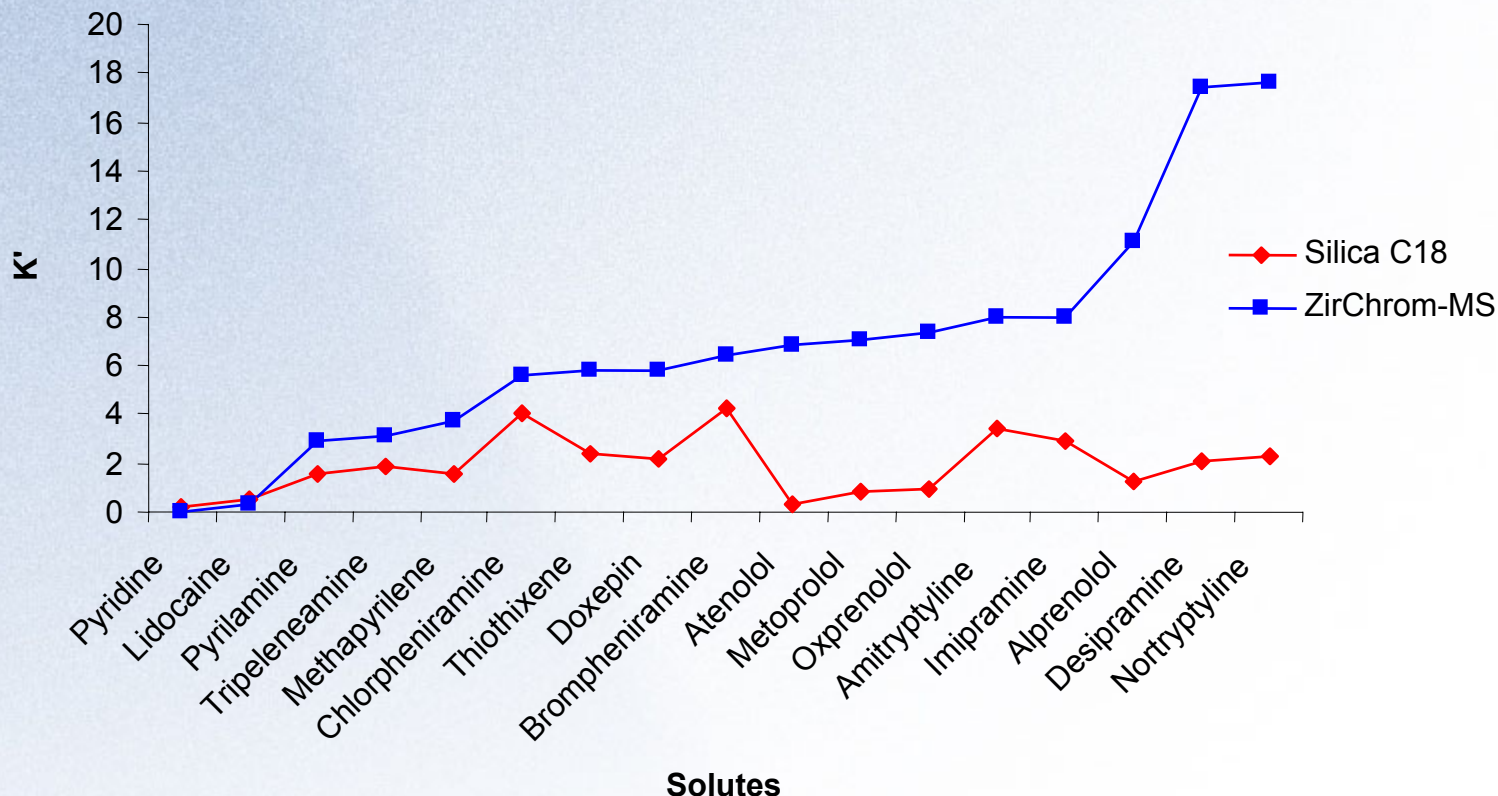
# Comparison of Selectivity for ODS, ZirChrom®-PBD, -CARB and -MS



1.) benzyl formamide 2.) benzyl alcohol 3.) phenol 4.) 3-phenyl propanol 5.) p-chlorophenol 6.) acetophenone 7.) benzonitrile 8.) nitrobenzene 9.) methylbenzoate 10.) anisole 11.) benzene 12.) p-chlorotoluene 13.) p-nitrobenzyl chloride 14.) toluene 15.) benzophenone 16.) bromobenzene 17.) naphthalene 18.) ethyl benzene 19.) p-xylene 20.) p-dichlorobenzene 21.) propyl benzene 22.) butyl benzene



# Comparison of Retention of Basic Pharmaceuticals for ODS and ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS

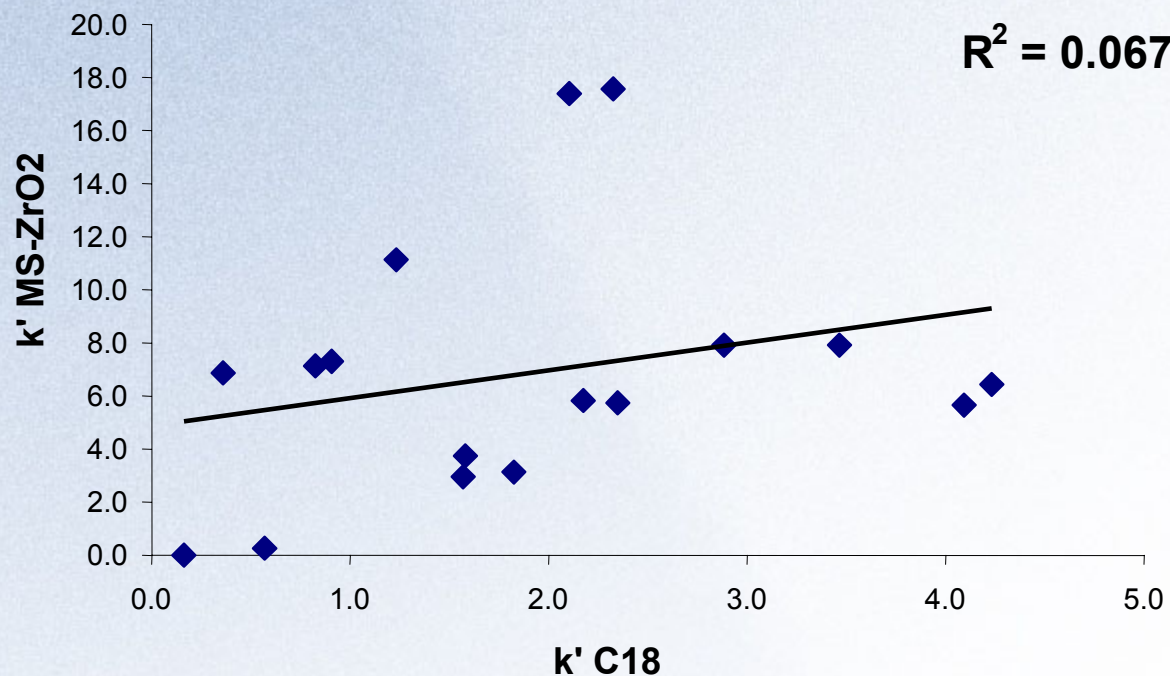


**LC Conditions:** Machine-mixed 80/20 ACN/10 mM ammonium acetate pH=6.7 without pH adjustment; Flow rate, 1.0 ml/min.; Injection volume 0.1 ul; Temperature, 35 °C; Detection at 254 nm; Columns, ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS, 50 x 4.6 mm i.d. (3um particles), S/N:MS020204T; Silica-C18 150 x 4.6 mm i.d., (3.5 um particles).





# K-K Plot for Basic Pharmaceuticals on ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS and ODS



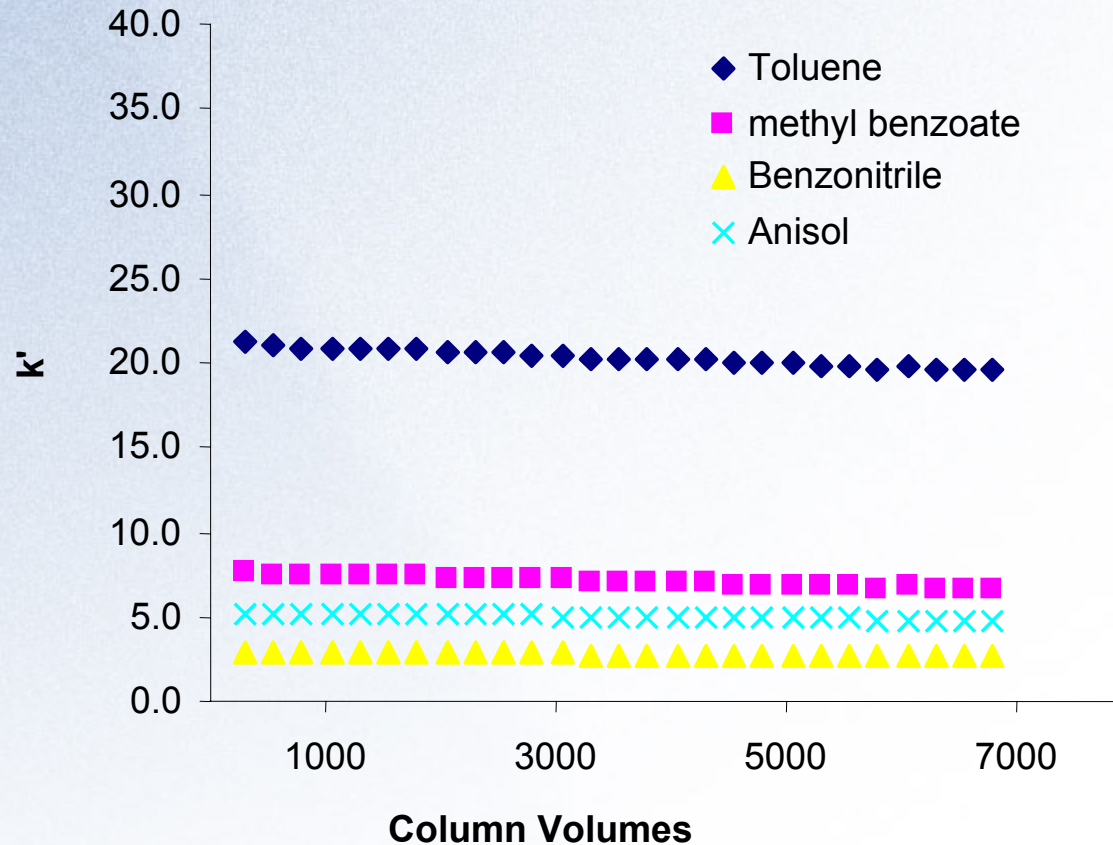
**Basic Compounds are much more retained on ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS than on Silica C18 and have very different chromatographic selectivity.**

**LC Conditions:** Machine-mixed 80/20 ACN/10 mM ammonium acetate pH=6.7 without pH adjustment; Flow rate, 1.0 ml/min.; Injection volume 0.1  $\mu$ l; Temperature, 35  $^{\circ}$ C; Detection at 254 nm; Columns, ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS, 50 x 4.6 mm i.d. (3 $\mu$ m particles), S/N:MS020204T; Silica-C18 150 x 4.6 mm i.d., (3.5  $\mu$ m particles).



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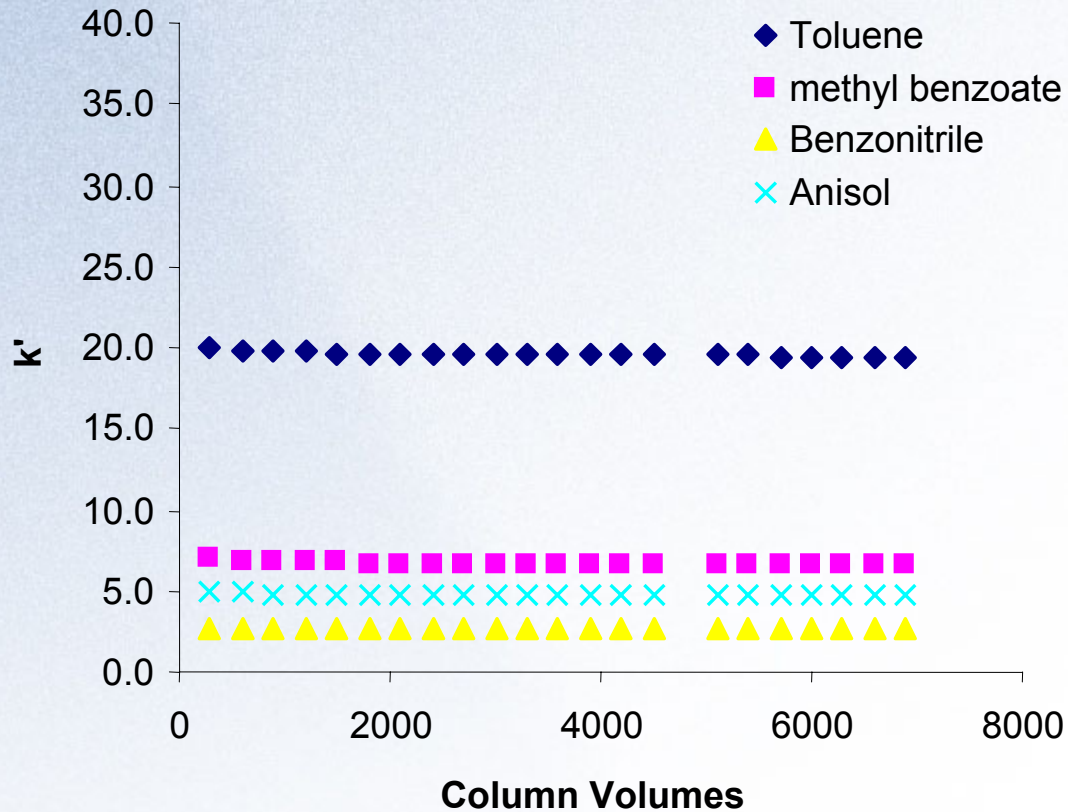
# pH 1 Stability Testing



ZirChrom®-MS, S/N: MS0082903X; Mobile phase, 15/85 ACN/pH=1 nitric acid, Temperature: 30 °C; Injection volume: 5  $\mu$ l; UV, 254 nm; Solutes (see figure).



# pH 10 Stability Testing



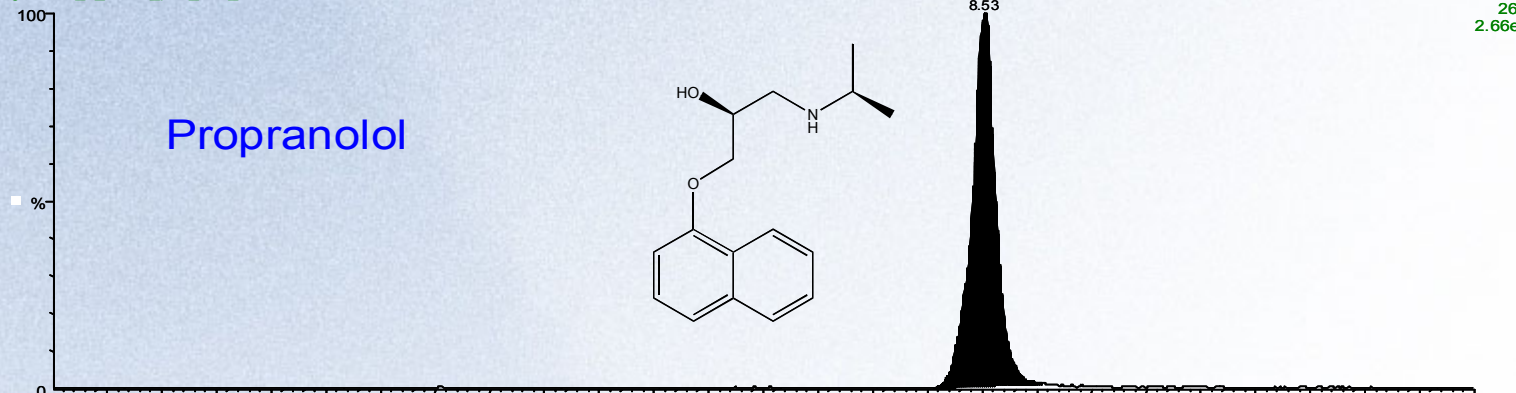
ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS, S/N: MS0082903X; Mobile phase, 15/85 ACN/pH=10 with tetramethylammonia hydroxide, Temperature: 30 °C; Injection volume: 5  $\mu$ l; UV, 254 nm; Solutes (see figure).



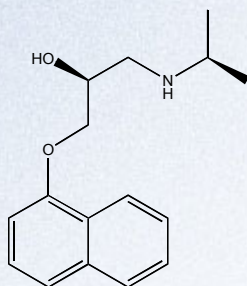
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# HPLC-MS of Basic Pharmaceuticals

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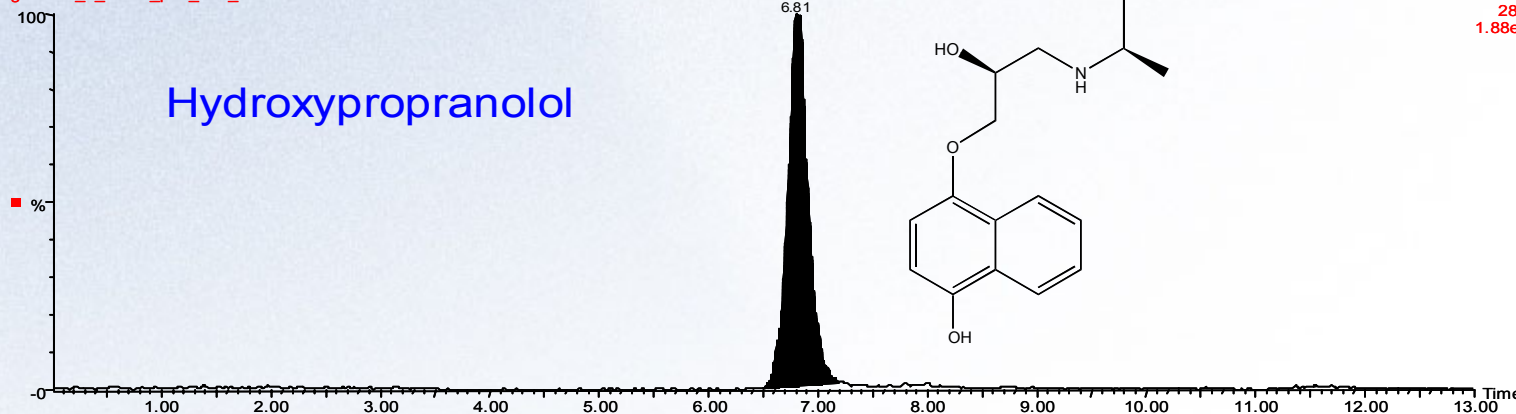


Propranolol

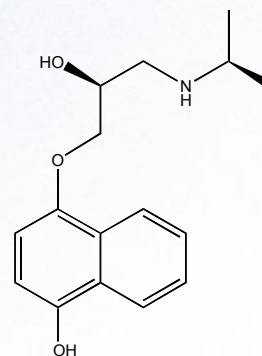


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Hydroxypropranolol



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**LC Conditions:** Column, ZirChrom®-MS, 5 x 2.1 mm i.d. (3 micron particles). Waters Alliance 2795 LC, Flow rate, 0.2mL/min, Mobile phases channel C=10mM ammonium acetate at pH 5, channel D=10mM ammonium acetate at pH 5:acetonitrile (10:90, v/v), Linear gradient 5% D to 100% D in 6 minutes, hold 100% 6-7.4 min, 100 to 5% D 7.4-8.1min, hold 5% D 8.1-13.0 min. Temperature, 35°C. Waters/Micromass ZQ single quadrupole interfaced with the LC using an electrospray ionization (ESI) interface. Positive ion mode (XIC) from full scan acquisitions from m/z 120-700. Solute concentrations = 10µg/mL, 2µL injections.

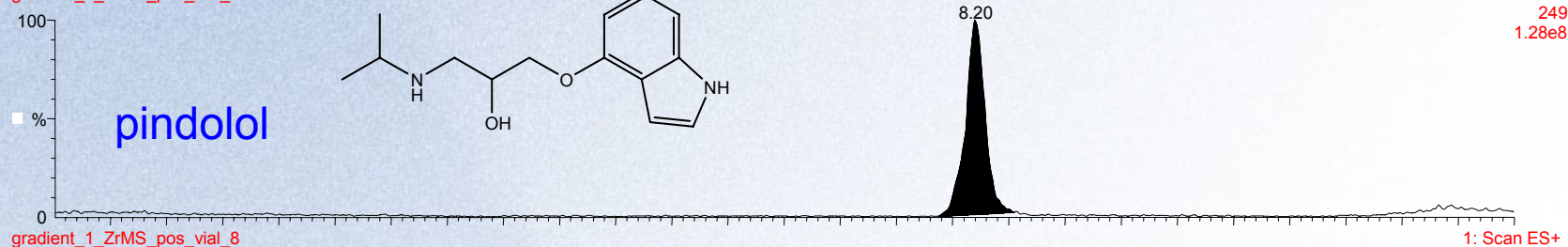


# HPLC-MS of Beta-Blockers

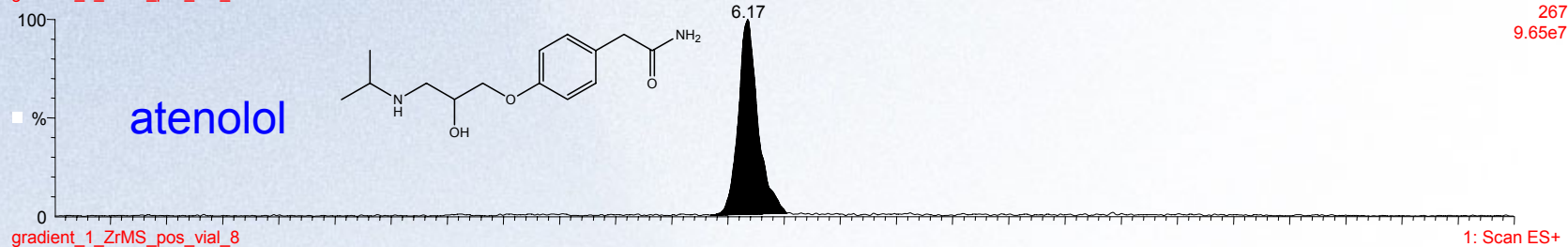
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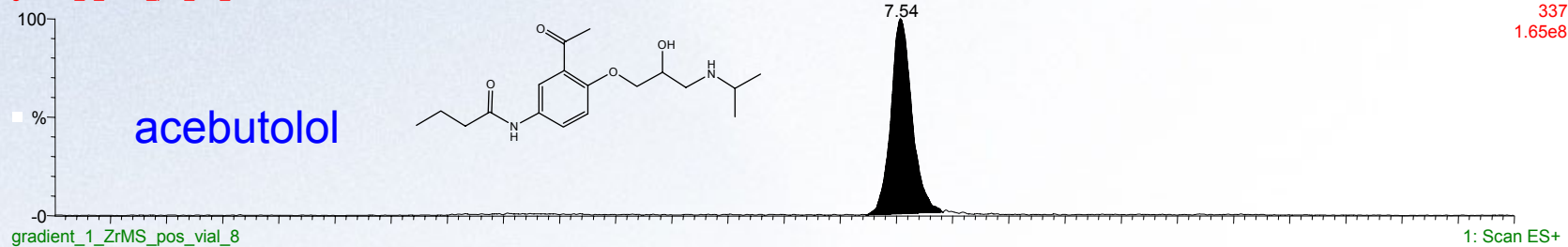
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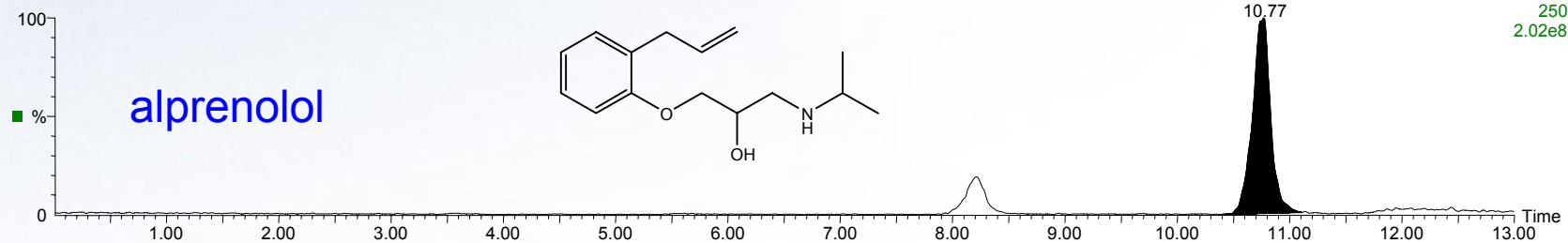
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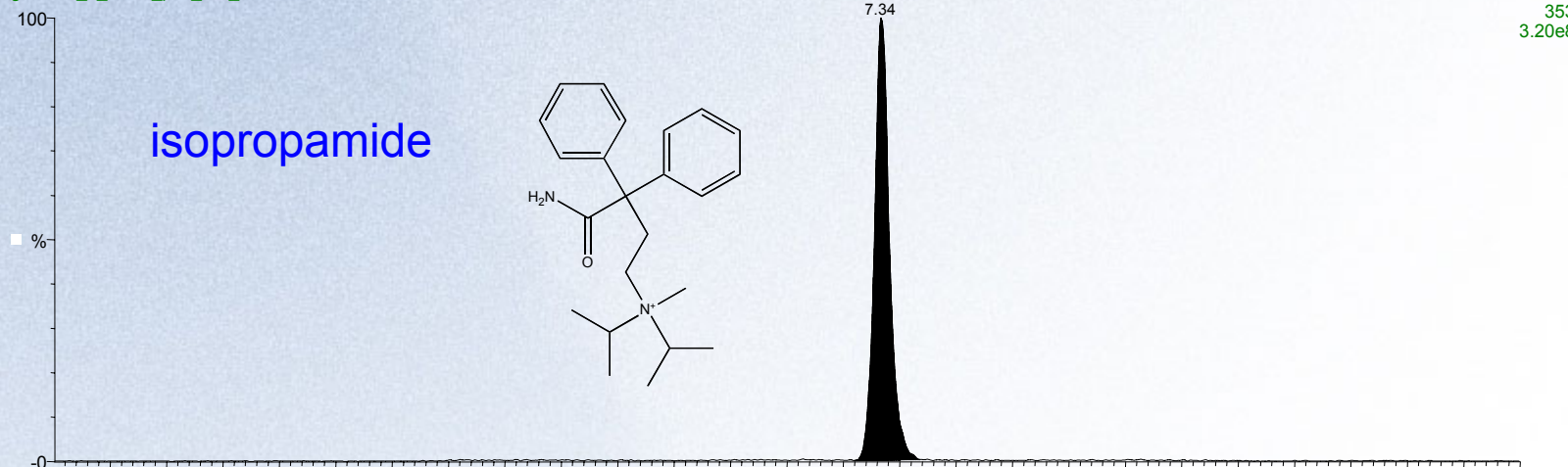
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# HPLC-MS of Quaternary Amine Drugs

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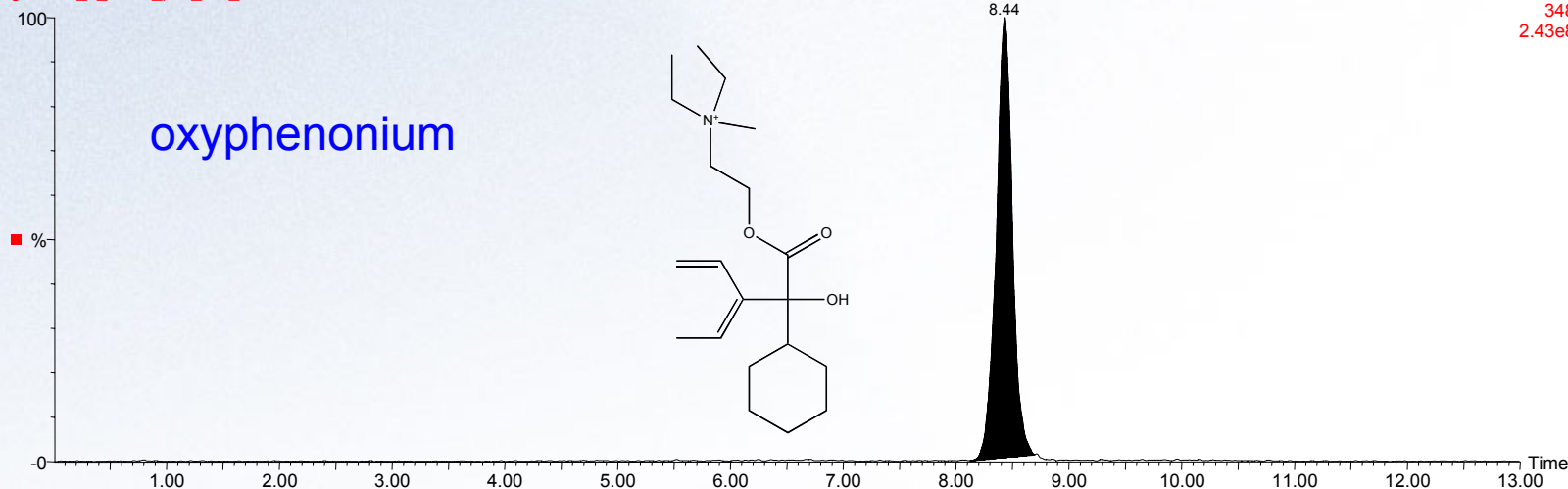
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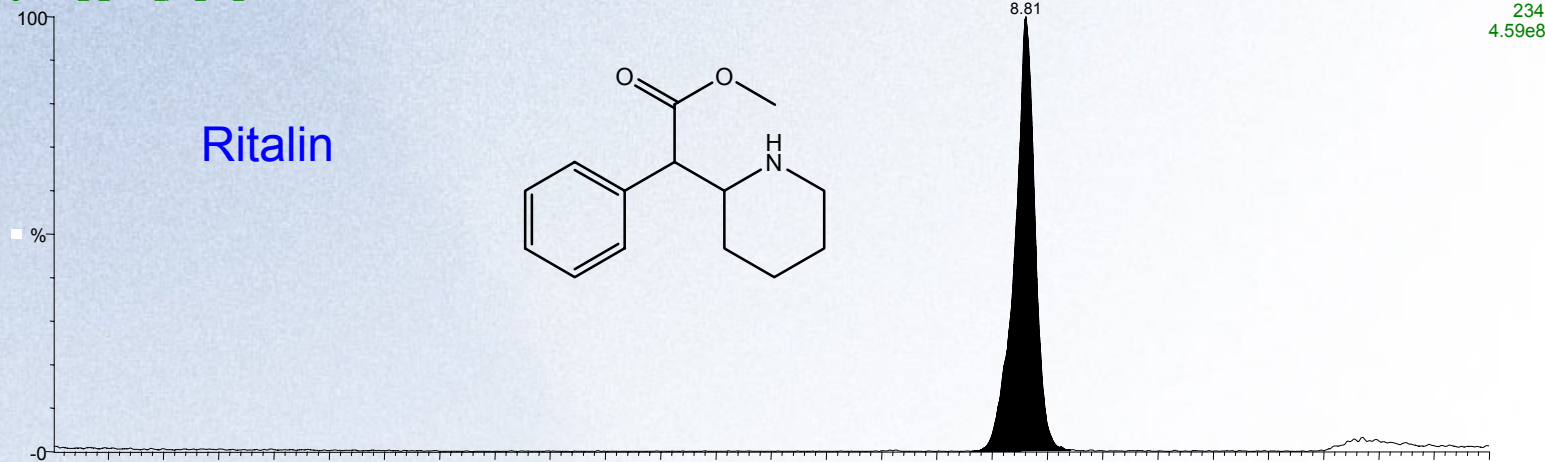




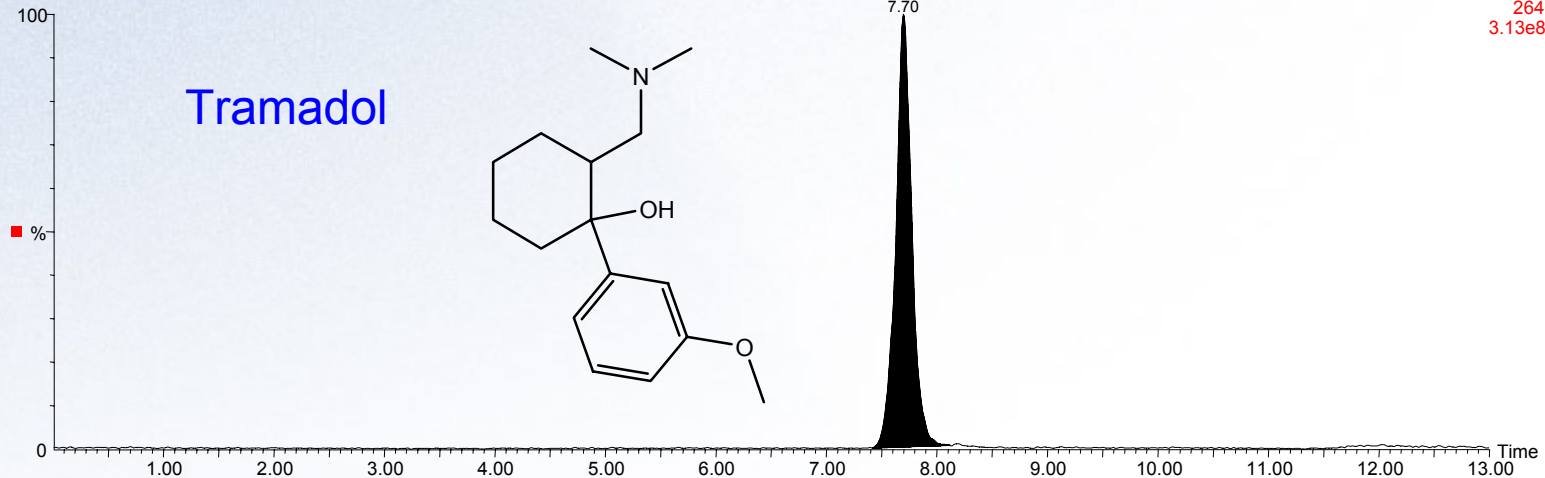
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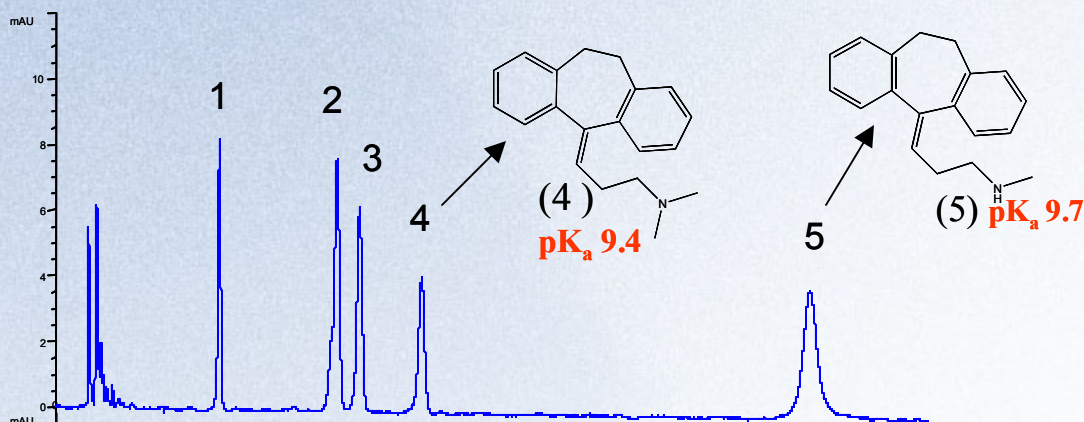
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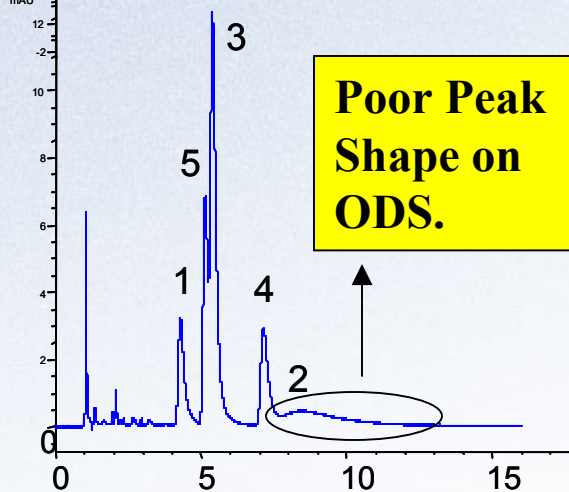


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# Separation Comparison of Basic Pharmaceuticals on ZirChrom®-MS and ODS



**Compounds elute according to IEX, not RP interactions at near neutral pHs.**



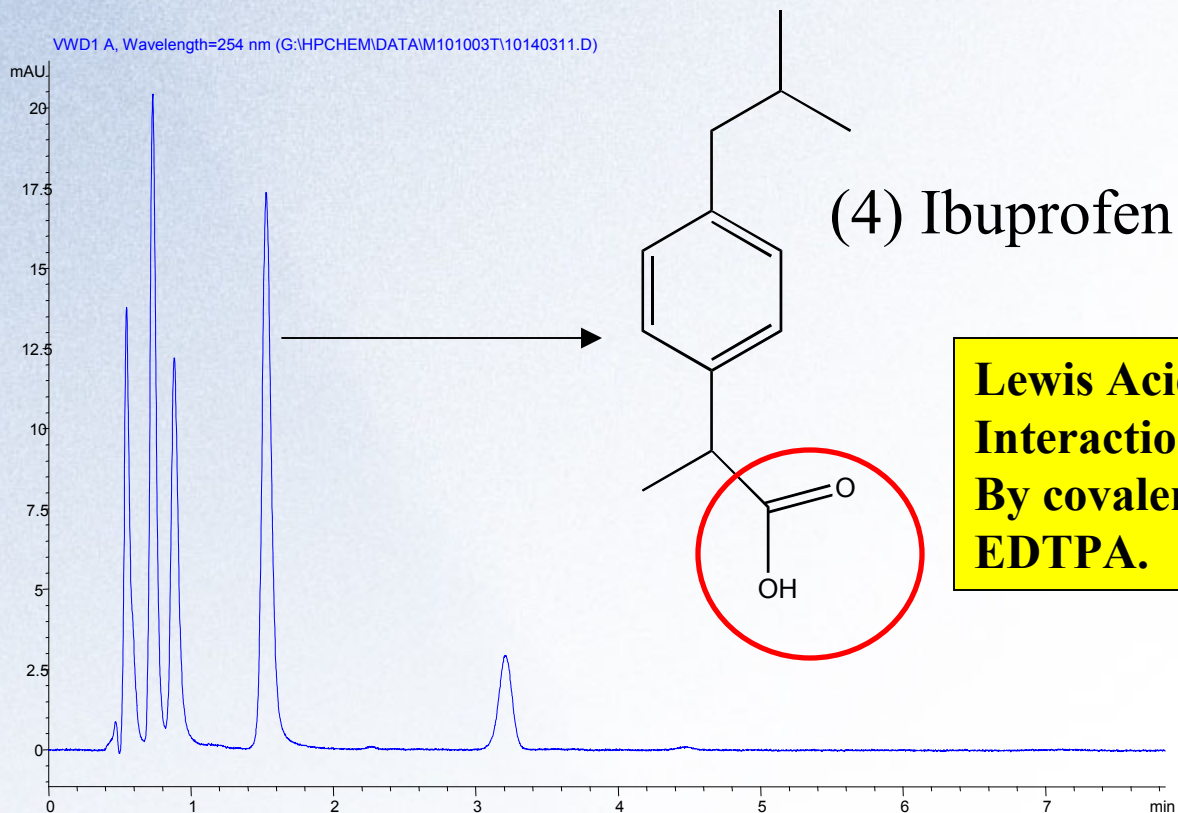
**LC Conditions:** Machine-mixed 80/20 ACN/10 mM ammonium acetate pH=6.7 without pH adjustment; Flow rate, 1.0 ml/min.; Injection volume, 5 ul; 35 °C; UV @ 254 nm; Columns, ZirChrom®-MS, 150 x 4.6 mm i.d. (3 um particles) S/N:MS102703T; Silica C18 150 x 4.6 mm i.d., (3.5 um particles).

Solutes: (1) Methapyrilene, (2) Brompheniramine, (3) Doxepin, (4) Amitriptyline, (5) Nortriptyline.





# Separation of Acidic Pharmaceuticals



**LC Conditions:** Column, ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS, 50 x 4.6 mm i.d. (MS101003T); Mobile phase, Machine-mixed 40/60 ACN/10 mM ammonium acetate pH=5. Flow rate: 1 ml/min, Temperature, 35° C; Injection volume: 5 µl; Solutes eluted in order, (1) Acetaminophen, (2) Ketoprofen, (3) Naproxen, (4) Ibuprofen, (5) Impurity; Detection, 254 nm. Pressure drop, 68 bar.



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# Conclusions

- The ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS phase is a novel zirconia-based RP column *designed for use with MS*.
- The ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS phase is *Lewis acid site deactivated*.
- The ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS phase has *similar selectivity* and RP behavior to silica C18 *for neutral compounds*.
- ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS *is chemically stable* from pH 1-10.
- ZirChrom<sup>®</sup>-MS *has very different selectivity* than silica C18 *for basic compounds*.



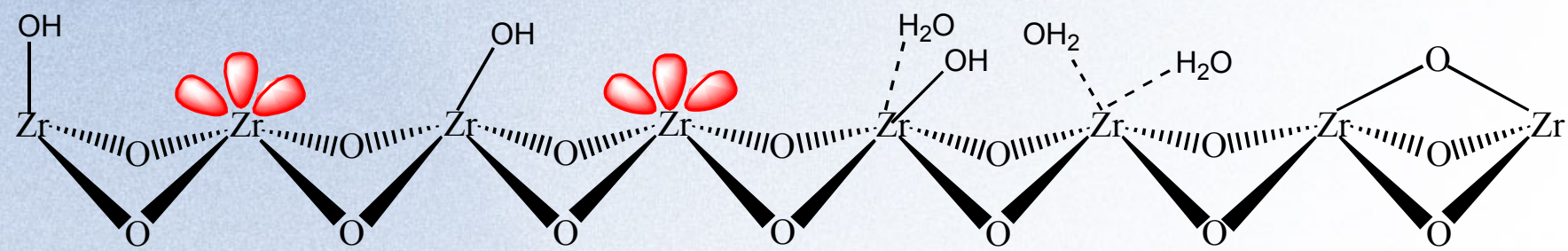
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# Supplemental Slides



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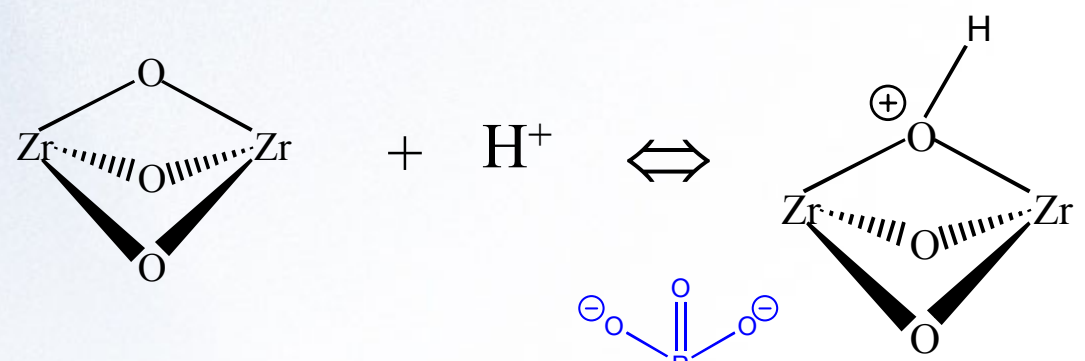
# Surface Chemistry of Zirconia-Based Supports for HPLC



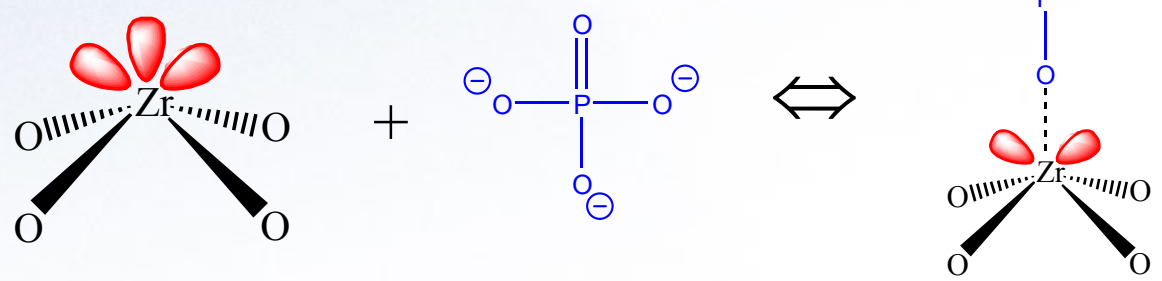
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**Brönsted Base:**



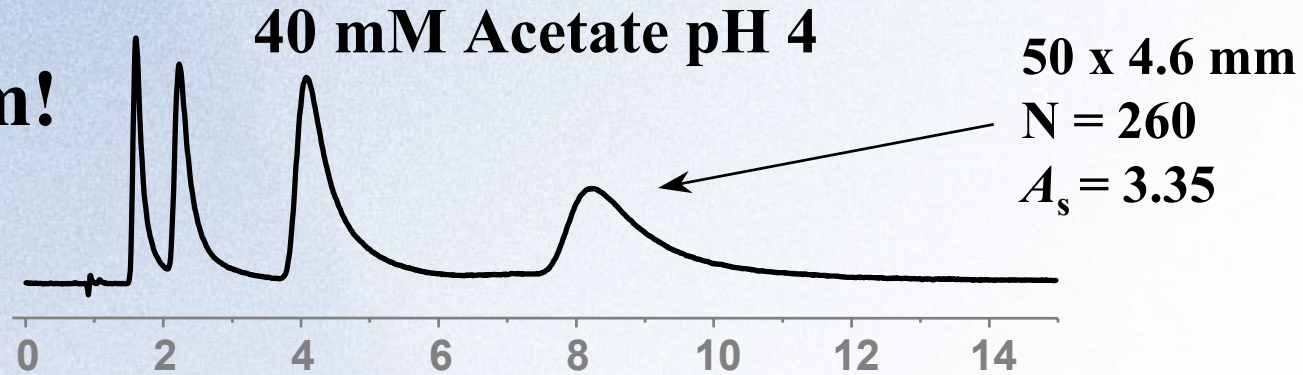
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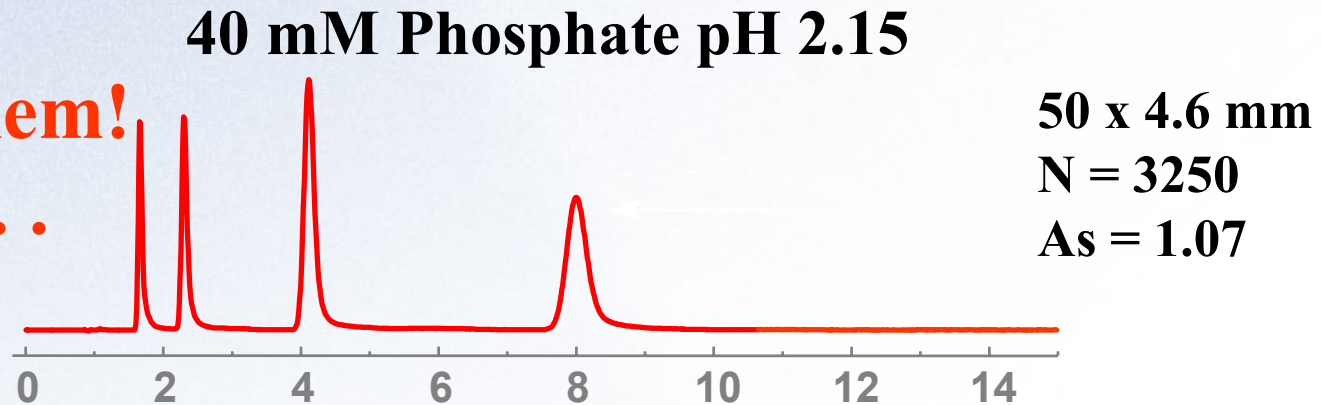


# A Difficult Separation: Alkoxy Benzoic Acids.

**Problem!**



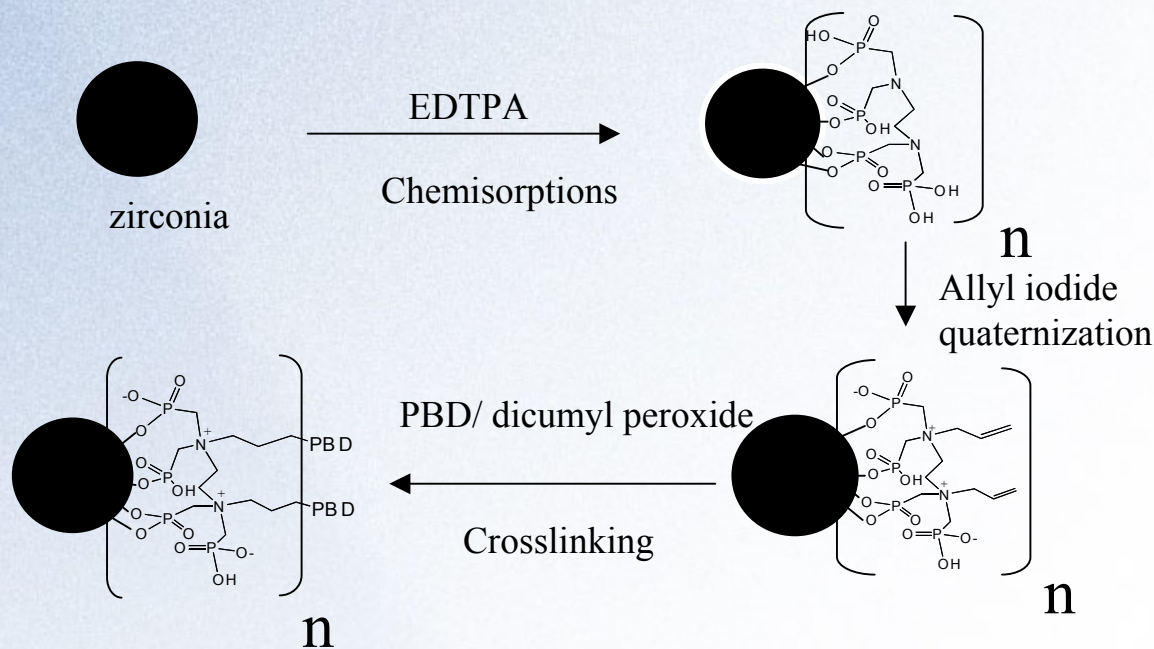
**No Problem!  
Except ...  
for MS.**



25% ACN, 40 mM above additive, 5 mM  $\text{NH}_4\text{F}$ ; 0.6 mL/min; 30 °C; 254 nm.



# New Stationary Phase Strategy



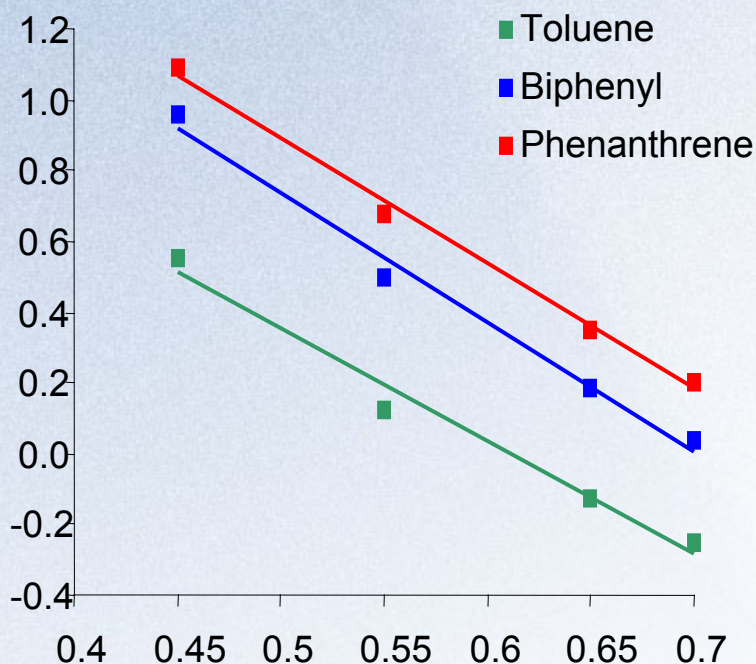
- 1 **Chemisorb Ethylenediamine N,N,N',N'-tetra(methylenephosphonic)acid (EDTPA) to the zirconia surface.**
- 2 **Quaternize amines on the zirconia surface with allyl iodide.**
- 3 **Coat polybutadiene (PBD) on the chelator-modified zirconia surface and crosslink PBD with allyl group and PBD itself using dicumyl peroxide as initiator.**



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# Reversed-Phase Characteristics

$$\log k'_{RP} = \log k_w - S\phi$$



	Toluene	Biphenyl	Phenanthrene
$\log k_w$	2.06	2.67	2.75
$S^*$	3.41	3.86	3.71
$R^2$	0.980	0.990	0.990

\* Typical value for S for butylbenzene on silica C18 is 3.4 and intercept of 3.0. (Jianhong Zhao and Peter W. Carr, Anal Chem. Vol. 71 (1999) 5217-5224.)

**ZirChrom®-MS has very similar RP behavior to Silica C18.**

**LC Conditions:** Mobile phase, indicated composition of ACN/Water; Flow rate, 2.0 ml/min.; Temperature, 35 °C; Injection volume, 5 µl; Detection at 254 nm; Column, 50 mm x 4.6 mm i.d. ZirChrom®-MS.