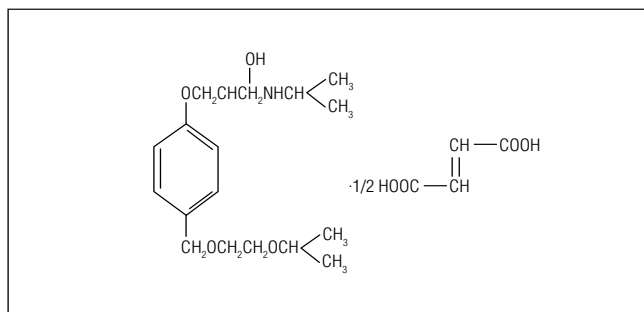


# Simultaneous Separation of Bisoprolol and Its Counterion Fumarate

Bisoprolol fumarate is a synthetic  $\beta_1$ -selective (cardioselective) adrenoceptor-blocking agent. Many drug substances are prepared as salts to promote solubility, improve stability, and/or improve bioavailability. For bisoprolol fumarate, bisoprolol is the active ingredient and fumarate is the counterion. Chemically, it is a 1-[4-[[2-(1-Methylethoxy) ethoxy] methyl] phenoxy]-3-[(1-methylethyl) amino]-2-propanol hemifumarate salt (structure shown below).



HPLC is usually only used to determine the active ingredient, bisoprolol, or bisoprolol fumarate.<sup>1,2</sup> The simultaneous determination of its counterion, fumarate, has not been reported due to its weak retention on a conventional reversed-phase (RP) C18 column. The Acclaim<sup>®</sup> Mixed-Mode WAX-1 column, which combines anion-exchange and RP properties, has been used for determination of iodide in drinking water,<sup>3</sup> corrosion inhibitors in engine coolants,<sup>4</sup> additives in carbonated beverages,<sup>5</sup> and simultaneous determination of a peptide and its acetate counterion.<sup>6</sup> This column is a good choice for the simultaneous separation of bisoprolol and fumarate.

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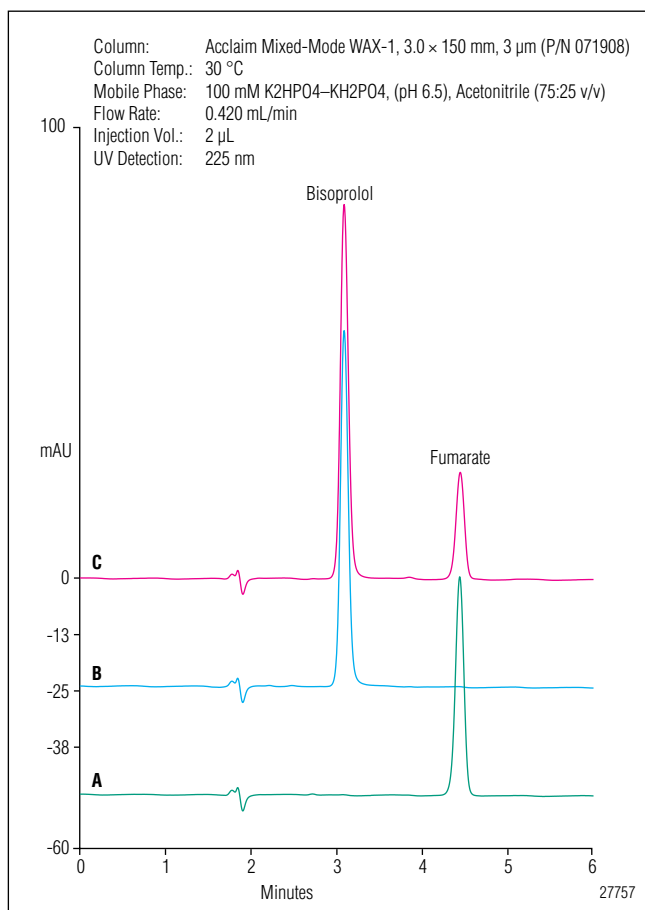


Figure 1. Overlay of chromatograms of A) fumarate standard (50 ppm), B) bisoprolol standard (100 ppm), and C) bisoprolol fumarate tablet.

The work shown here describes an efficient method for simultaneously separating bisoprolol and fumarate in a tablet sample. The method uses an Acclaim Mixed-Mode WAX-1 column (3.0 × 150 mm, 3 μm) with a phosphate buffer (100 mM of K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 6.5) and acetonitrile (75:25, v/v) mobile phase at 0.42 mL/min flow rate, and a detection wavelength of 225 nm. Figure 1 shows the overlay of chromatograms of a bisoprolol fumarate tablet sample and the standards. In a single injection, the analyst can determine both the active pharmaceutical ingredient and its counterion.

## EQUIPMENT

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