

# A Novel Bonding Technique Using a Polyfunctional Silyl-Reagent for Reversed-Phase Liquid Chromatography II

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# ABSTRACT

Reversed-phase LC columns have been improved by a pure silica, a new end-capping reagent, bonding technology and a hybrid silica particle et al. and are widely used now. Most of reversed phase silica materials are monomerically or polymerically bonded with alkyl chain, then end-capped with trimethylsilane or hexamehyltrisiloxane et al. In this study, polyfunctional silyl-reagent was synthesized with octadecyltrimethoxylsilane and hexamethyldichlorotrisiloxan. This reagent is called hexamethyloctadecyltetrasiloxane (HMODTS). C18 silica gel, which was bonded with this reagent and finally end-capped with trimethylchlorosilane, was evaluated to separate acidic and basic compounds. Stability of this phase was evaluated under both acidic and basic pH at high temperature. This phase showed symmetrical peaks of



both acidic and basic compounds such as formic acid and amitriptyline. Especially a symmetric peak of amitriptyline was obtained even if both acetonitrile and ammonium acetate were used as a component of a mobile phase although most of C18 columns showed a terrible tailing peak of amitriptyline at the same conditions. Column life was more than 500 hours from pH 1.5 to pH 10 at 50 degree Celsius. A novel bonding technique using a polyfunctional silyl-reagent could make effect of residual silanol groups the least.







An Arm of HMODTS moves like a *Geometrid caterpillar*, so that a functional group on the tip of the arm can bond with a silanol group which Is located anywhere.



# **Characteristics of Sunniest C18**

**Used Silica gel:** 

**12 nm, 340 m²/g, 5** μm

**Carbon content after bonding HMODTS:** 

#### 16.1%

Carbon content after final end-capping:

16.3%



### Evaluation of end-capping Comparison of amitriptyline peak I

#### CH<sub>3</sub>OH, pH7.5, 40 °C





## Evaluation of end-capping Comparison of amitriptyline peak II

#### CH<sub>3</sub>OH, pH6.0, 22 °C





#### **Evaluation of end-capping Comparison of amitriptyline peak III-A** CH<sub>3</sub>CN, pH7.0, 40 °C



## Evaluation of end-capping Comparison of amitriptyline peak III-B

Column	TF	Ν	Column	TF	Ν
Sunniest C18(HMODTS)	1.16	14,000	Japanese company C1 C18	2.14	8,700
Sunniest RP-AQUA	1.24	13,800	P1	1.09	9,500
D1	5.19	3,300	M1	2.01	11,200
D2	2.19	14,200	Japanese company D1 C18	1.30	12,000
АТ	3.25	5,300	Japanese company D2 C18	2.92	8,000
S1	1.74	8,300	Japanese company D3 C18	2.70	6,100
W1	1.97	10,600	Japanese company E1 C18	0.99	11,400
WS2	1.59	10,100	Japanese company F1 C18	3.44	6,700
W3	1.33	10,000	Japanese company G1 C18	1.71	10,000
Japanese company A1 C18	3.07	8,500	Japanese company G2 C18	2.15	11,500
Japanese company A2 C18	2.52	9,200	Japanese company H1 C18	11.1	2,100
Japanese company B1 C18	2.23	50	Japanese company I1 C18	3.77	7,400
Japanese company B2 C18	2.01	10,900	A1	3.28	5,900
Japanese company B3 C18	7,75	3,600			

Column size: 150 X 4.6 mm Particle size: 5 µm Mobile phase: CH<sub>3</sub>CN/20mM Phosphate buffer pH7.0=60/40 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Temperature: 40 °C Sample: Amitriptyline





## Stability under acidic condition



Test condition Column size: 150 x 4.6 mm Mobile phase: CH<sub>3</sub>CN/1.0% TFA, pH1=10/90 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Temperature: 80 °C

Measurement condition Column size: 150 x 4.6 mm Mobile phase:  $CH_3CN/H_2O=60/40$ Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Temperature: 40 °C Sample: 1 = Uracil 2 = Ethylbenzene

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## Stability under basic pH condition at 50 °C





# pH selectivity





#### Comparison of 4 kinds of mobile phase



# Comparison of amitriptyline peak using mobile phase for LC/MS



Column size: 150 x 4.6 mm Particle size: 5 µm Mobile phase: CH<sub>3</sub>CN/10mM Ammonium acetate pH6.8=40/60 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Temperature: 40 °C Sample: Amitriptyline





# **Bleeding Test I**





# **Bleeding Test II**





# 2 µm particle Narrow particle distribution

Measured by Coulter Counter method



20% volume was cut off from both sides respectively.

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# Column pressure using methanol or acetonitrile and water



Column: Sunniest C18 HMODTS , 2  $\mu$ m 50 x 2.0 mm Mobile phase: CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min Temperature: 40 °C



#### Evaluation of amitriptyline on 2 µm particle



Column: Sunniest C18 HMODTS, 2  $\mu$ m 50 x 2.0 mm, Temperature: 40 °C Sample: 1 = Uracil, 2 = Propranolol, 3 = Nortriptyline, 4 = Amitriptyline,



#### High throughput separation of analgesics





# Conclusions

- Polyfunctional silyl-reagents were developed using C18 silyl reagent and end-capping reagent such as octadecyltrimethoxylsilane, hexamethyldichlorotrisiloxane(HMODTS).
- Functional group of HMODTS can bond with any silanol groups on silica surface.
- There is the least effect of residual silanol groups on proposed C18 stationary phase. And basic compounds can be separated well without any restriction concerned with a mobile phase.
- 2 µm particle was applied and same result was obtained.