

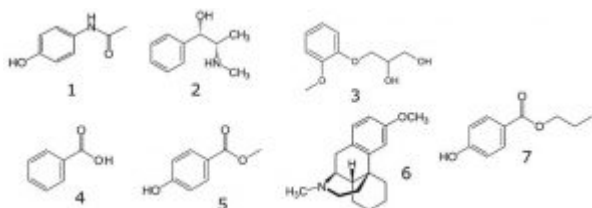
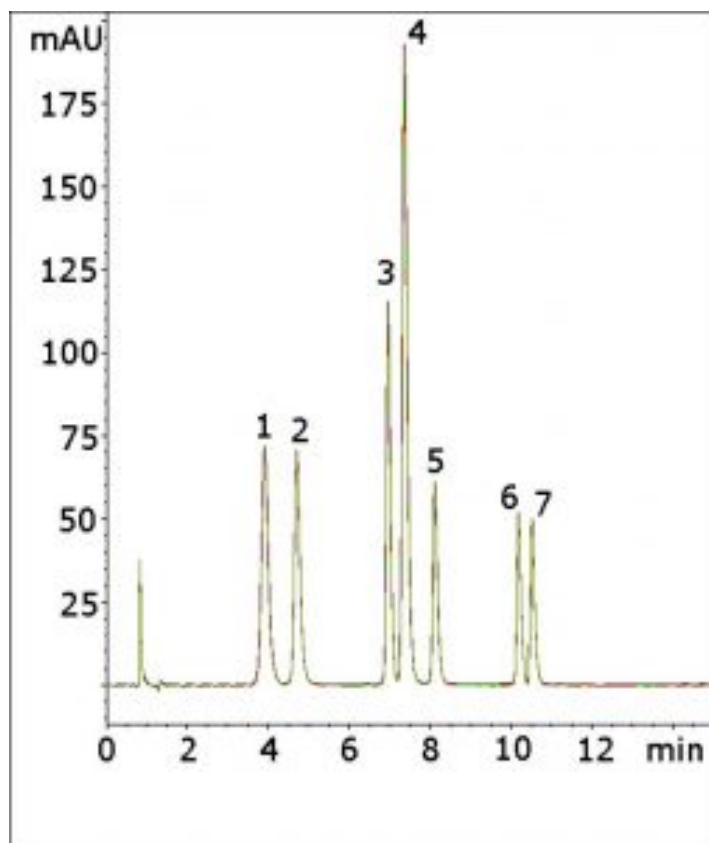
## Cough Syrup Ingredient Analysis by HPLC – AppNote

### Separation of Antitussives, Analgesics, Decongestants, and Preservatives

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Cold and cough formulations may contain a number of components such as antitussives (Dextromethorphan), decongestants (Pseudoephedrine, Guaifenesin), analgesics (Acetaminophen), and preservatives (Methyl Paraben, Propyl Paraben, Benzoic Acid). The method illustrates good separation between a variety of these compounds, also that symmetric Peak shapes can be obtained in each case.

Dextromethorphan in particular is often problematic in terms of tailing due to the tertiary amine. The method is also very reproducible, as the five run overlay demonstrates.



#### Peaks:

1. Acetaminophen
2. Pseudoephedrine
3. Guaifenesin
4. Benzoic Acid

5. Methyl Paraben
6. Dextromethorphan
7. Propyl Paraben

## Method Conditions

**Column:** Cogent Phenyl Hydride™, 4µm, 100Å

**Catalog No.:** 69020-7.5P

**Dimensions:** 4.6 x 75mm

**Mobile Phase:**

A: DI Water / 0.1% TFA (v/v)

B: Acetonitrile / 0.1% TFA (v/v)

**Gradient:**

Time (minutes)	%B
0	5
2	5
11	50
12	5

**Post Time:** 3 minutes

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL / minute

**Detection:** UV @ 210nm (0-6 min), 230nm (6-15 min)

**Injection vol.:** 2µL

**Sample Preparation:**

**Stock Solution:** 1mg / mL solutions of each analyte were made using a 50 / 50 Solvent A / Solvent B diluent (v/v).

**Working Solution:** 0.1 mg / mL dilutions were made of the stock solutions and used for Peak identity confirmations. A 0.1 mg / mL mixture of all the analytes was also made from the stock solutions.

**t<sub>0</sub>:** 0.9 minutes

**Note:** Although cough medicines are widely used as over-the-counter cold remedies, the efficacy of some formulations has been shown to be no more effective than placebo.



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