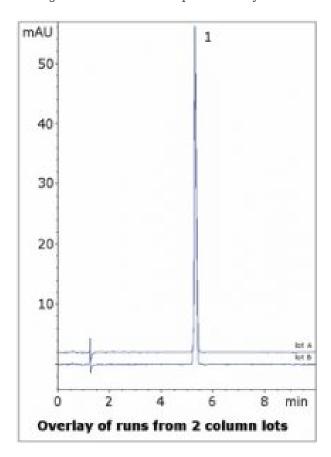


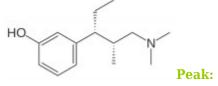
# Tapentadol HCl Tablet Analyzed by HPLC - AppNote

# **Assay Method for the Analgesic Nucynta**

Tapentadol can be a problematic compound for HPLC analysis due to the Amine functional group. Tertiary amines are often particularly difficult to obtain a good peak shape using Reversed Phase methods. Peak tailing has been reported in several published papers in the literature.

With this Method, a sharp Peak is obtained due to the unique retention mode. Data from two column lots shown in the figure illustrates the reproducibility of the Method and its robustness.





Tapentadol HCI

## **Method Conditions**

Column: Cogent Diamond Hydride™, 4µm, 100Å

**Catalog No.:** 70000-7.5P **Dimensions:** 4.6 x 75mm

**Mobile Phase:** 

A: DI Water / 0.1% Formic Acid (v/v)



B: Acetonitrile / 0.1% Formic Acid (v/v)

#### **Gradient:**

Time (minutes)	%B
0	95
1	95
6	40
7	95

Post Time: 3 minutes
Injection vol.: 1µL

Flow rate: 1.0mL / minute Detection: UV @ 271nm

**Sample Preparation:** 75mg strength Nucynta® tablet was ground and weighed in a 25mL volumetric flask. A portion of 50:50 Solvent A / Solvent B diluent was added and the flask was sonicated 10 minutes. It was then diluted to mark and filtered with a 0.45µm Nylon Syringe Filter (MicroSolv Tech Corp.). The filtrate was diluted 1:5 for HPLC injections.

**to:** 0.9 minutes

**Note:** Tapentadol is an analgesic compound used to treat moderate to severe pain. Its efficacy is due to two modes of action: one is an agonist of the  $\mu$ -opioid receptor and another as a norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor.



### Attachment

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