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# Maleic & Fumaric Isobaric Acids Analyzed with LCMS – AppNote

### **Separation & Detection of Isobaric Compounds**

Two Isobaric Acids, Maleic and Fumaric (115 m/z) are separated when using the solvents below and a Gradient Method. Solvent A used in this application note contains 50% Methanol which is recommended when biological samples are used. This Method is reproducible and is fast to equilibrate between gradient runs with 0.08% RSD.

Maleic and Fumaric are simple acids and the Peak Shape is not affected by the presence of Sodium in the system as with more complex acids. *When analyzing complex compounds, it is recommended that as much Sodium be removed from the system as possible (i.e. replacing glass bottles with Teflon bottles) or the Mobile Phase should be prepared fresh daily.* 



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#### **Method Conditions**

Column: Cogent Diamond Hydride<sup>™</sup>, 4µm, 100Å Catalog No.: 70000-15P-2 Dimensions: 2.1 x 150mm Mobile Phase: A: 50% Methanol / 50% DI Water / 0.05% Formic Acid (*Strong Solvent*) B: 90% Acetonitrile/ 10% DI Water /10 mM Ammonium Acetate (*Weak Solvent*) Gradient: Linear gradient over 10 minutes (*adjustable per instrument*) Post Time: 5 minutes Flow rate: 0.4mL / minute Detection: ESI - neg - Agilent 6210 MSD TOF Mass Spectrometer Injection vol.: 1µL Sample Preparation: Sample stock Solutions were made in acidified DI Water at a concentration of 0.2mg / mL. Samples for analysis were made by diluting the stock 1:100 in 50:50 Solution A and B.

**Note:** The gradient used for this application note was a simple linear gradient over 10 minutes. The exact conditions are not provided since they will have to be adjusted depending on individual instrument configuration. It is important to remember not to overload the Column or saturate the Detector (it is recommended to adjust the sample concentration so that injection is between 1 &  $5\mu$ L).



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