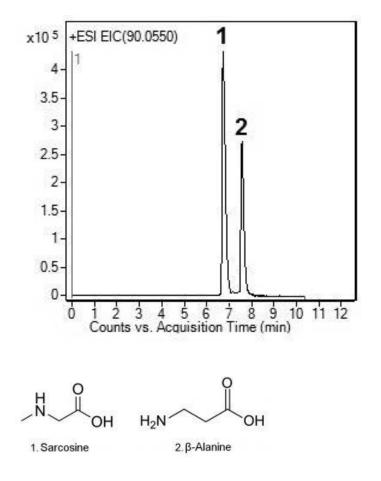


# Sarcosine Analyzed with LCMS - AppNote

## Separation of Potential Urine Biomarker from Isobaric & Alanine

This developed LCMS method can separate Sarcosine from Beta- Alanine in serum and urine samples without using labor intensive sample derivatization. Since Sarcosine is considered a potential biomarker for prostate cancer risk and aggressiveness, it is essential to resolve and accurately quantify this compound in the presence of isobaric (same m/z) Beta-Alanine.

The developed method is Sensitive, Specific, Quantitative, and Reproducible (%RSD = 0.1). It can be used in large scale studies with numerous samples (high throughput of the method due to simple sample preparation).



#### **Peaks:**

- 1. Sarcosine
- 2. ß-Alanine

## **Method Conditions**

**Column:** Cogent Diamond Hydride<sup>™</sup>, 4µm, 100Å **Catalog No.:** <u>70000-15P-2</u> **Dimensions:** 2.1 x 15mm

#### Mobile Phase:

A: 50% Isopropyl Alcohol / 50% DI Water / 0.1% Acetic Acid

B: 97% Acetonitrile / 3% DI Water / 0.1% Acetic Acid

#### Gradient:

Time (minutes)	%B
0	75
3	75
4	65
5	65
10	20
12	75

Temperature: 50°C Post Time: 5 minutes Flow rate: 0.6mL / minute Detection: ESI – POS - Agilent 6210 MSD TOF Mass Spectrometer Injection vol.: 1µL Sample Preparation: 10mg / L each of Sarcosine and Beta-Alanine in 50:50 A:B

**Note:** When Reversed Phase Columns were evaluated for their ability to separate Sarcosine from Beta-Alanine, both compounds eluted at the solvent front and were not separated. To achieve separation, a very intensive sample preparation has to be employed (e.g. derivatization) when using RP methods.



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