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Application Note

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### Abstract

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## Introduction

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## Experimental

### HPLC conditions

Instrument:	Waters Alliance system for carbamate analysis
Eluent:	0.05% phosphoric acid
Column:	Ion Exclusion, 7.8 mm x 150 mm @ 55 °C
Guard:	Guard-Pak module and inserts
Injection:	200 µL of standard mix
Flow Rate:	1.5 mL / min
Detection:	Fluorescence, Ex- 340 nm, Em- 455 nm, Gain- 10

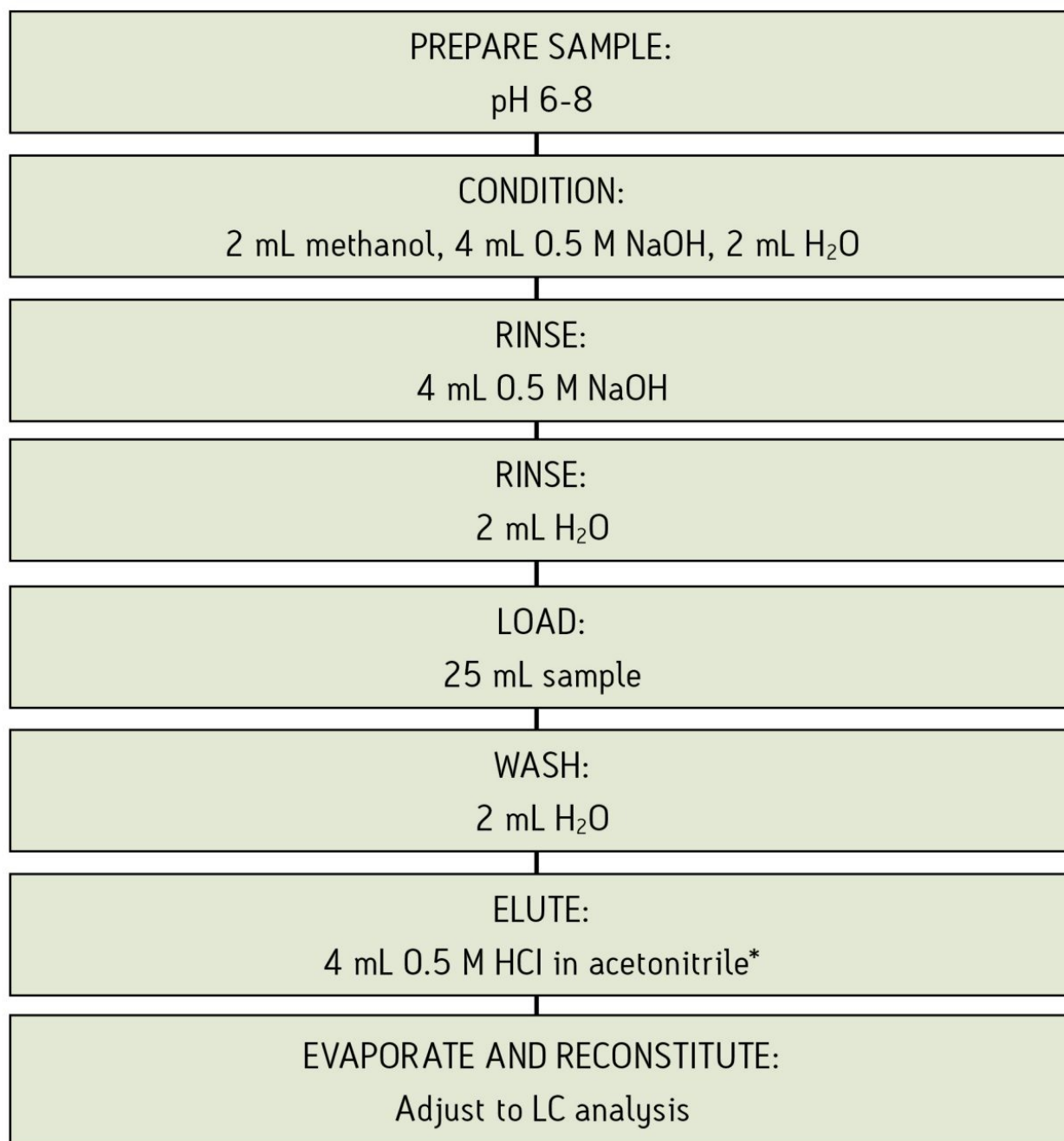
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### Sample preparation

Refer to EPA Method 547 for preparation of field grab samples.

Filter through 0.45 µm Acrodisc. filters is described.

## Alternative sample preparation



*\* Alternate eluent is 4 mL 0.6 M sodium citrate*

## Standard mix preparation

Pipette 100  $\mu$ L of AccuStandard. mix (M-547) into 100 mL of acidified water for a concentration of 100. Prepare acidified water by adjusting the pH of HPLC grade water to 3.0 by dropwise addition of hydrochloric acid (HCL). Use EPA method 547-02 as above for AMPA (aminomethyl phosphonic acid).

## Eluent preparation

Dilute 0.5 mL of 85% phosphoric acid ( $H_3PO_4$ ) to 1 L, mix well, filter and degas.

## Post column preparation

### Reagent 1: Hypochlorite

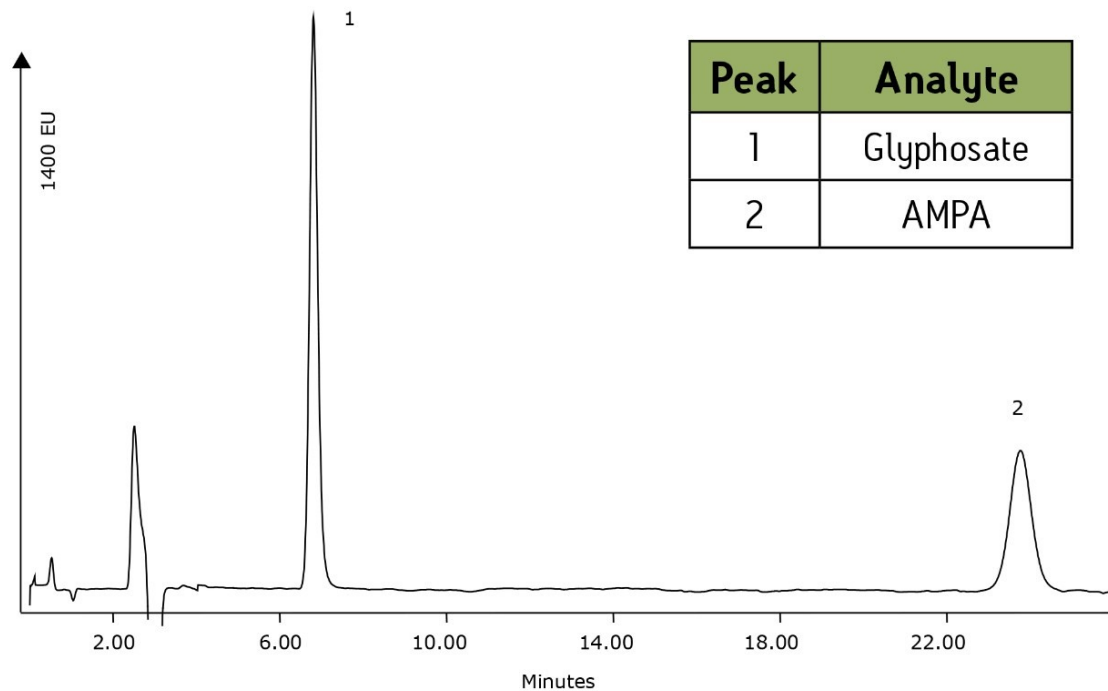
Dissolve 1.35 g  $KH_2PO_4$ , 11.6 g NaCl, 0.4 g NaOH, and 0.2 mL Clorox. Bleach (plain) in water and dilute to 1 L, filter and degas.

### Reagent 2: OPA

Dissolve 0.8 g of OPA (o-phthdialdehyde) in 10 mL of methanol, add this to an aqueous solution of 19.1 g of Borax  $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ . Make to a final volume of 1 L, filter and degas. To this, add 2 mL of 2-mercaptoethanol, swirl gently to mix. Protect from light.

*Note: Post-column flow rate for both reagents is 0.5 mL/min, post column reaction temperature is 38 °C. Insert second reaction coil in line before the fluorescence detector.*

## Results and Discussion



Standard chromatogram, 100 ppb each analyte.

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