Spectinomycin in Pharmaceutical Preparations

Summary
The ALEXYS® Aminoglycosides Analyzer is a dedicated LC solution for the analysis of Spectinomycin, which matches the EP requirements for peak resolution and repeatability of the principal peak. The European Pharmacopoeia, 6.0, (2008), 2947-2949 was used as a basis to set-up this method. In this application note typical results obtained with the Aminoglycosides Analyzer are reported demonstrating its performance for the analysis of impurities in Spectinomycin bulk drugs.

- European Pharmacopoeia 6.0 (2008) used as basis for this application.
- FlexCell with exchangeable gold electrode
- Analysis of main substituent and impurities
- Reproducible & robust

- Aminoglycosides
  - Amikacin
  - Framycetin Sulphate
  - Gentamicin Sulphate
  - Kanamycin Sulphate
  - Linomycin
  - Neomycin
  - Spectinomycin
  - Tobramycin

- Macrolide antibiotics
  - Azithromycin
  - Azaerythromycin
  - Clarithromycin
  - Erythromycin
  - Roxithromycin

- Electrochemistry: Discover the difference
Introduction

Spectinomycin is an aminoglycoside-like antibiotic produced by Streptomyces spectabilis. In solution, spectinomycin will undergo a ring opening and closing of the hemiketal function, resulting in an equilibrium mixture of four possible anomers. Hydrolysis with acid produces actinamine and in basic solutions actinospectinoic acid (ASA) is formed. Important fermentation impurities are dihydrospectinomycin and dihydroxyspectinomycin [1, 2]. Because of the presence of glycoside groups in Spectinomycin and by-products, LC with pulsed amperometric detection (PAD) has been applied for analysis [3]. Conditions are to a large extent in correspondence with the EP requirements [4, 5].

Method

Solutions and standards are prepared as described in the EP method [4, 5]. Assay validation was done with special attention to EP requirements.

Table 1

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<tr>
<td>HPLC</td>
<td>ALEXYS Aminoglycosides Analyzer</td>
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<td>Flow rate</td>
<td>1 mL/min, post-column: 0.5 mL/min</td>
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<td>Flow cell</td>
<td>FlexCell™ with Au WE and HyREF™</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>35 DC for separation and detection</td>
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<tr>
<td>Range</td>
<td>2 µA/V</td>
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<tr>
<td>ADF</td>
<td>0.5 Hz</td>
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<td>I-cell</td>
<td>about 2 µA</td>
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**Results**

In the EP monographs for Spectinomycin [4.5] two system suitability requirements are specified:

1. **Peak resolution:** between impurity E and the principle peak (Spectinomycin), R > 1.5.
2. **Repeatability:** maximum RSD(%) for the principle peak, n=6 injections, RSD > 3%.

In Table 2 the criteria of the EP are compared with the typical results obtained with the ALEXYS Aminoglycosides Analyzer.

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<td>RSD of principal peak</td>
<td>&lt; 3.0 %</td>
<td>1.0 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Resolution, peak 'A'</td>
<td>&gt; 1.5</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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Table 2. Performance ALEXYS aminoglycosides Analyzer versus EP system suitability requirements.

It is evident from table 1 that the EP requirements for both peak resolution and repeatability are met by the ALEXYS aminoglycosides Analyzer.

**Conclusion**

The ALEXYS Aminoglycosides Analyzer provides a reliable solution for the routine analysis of Spectinomycin in Pharmaceutical Preparations. It meets the EP system suitability requirement for resolution and repeatability.
References


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Ordering information

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