

Formoterol Fumarate Analyzed with HPLC - AppNote

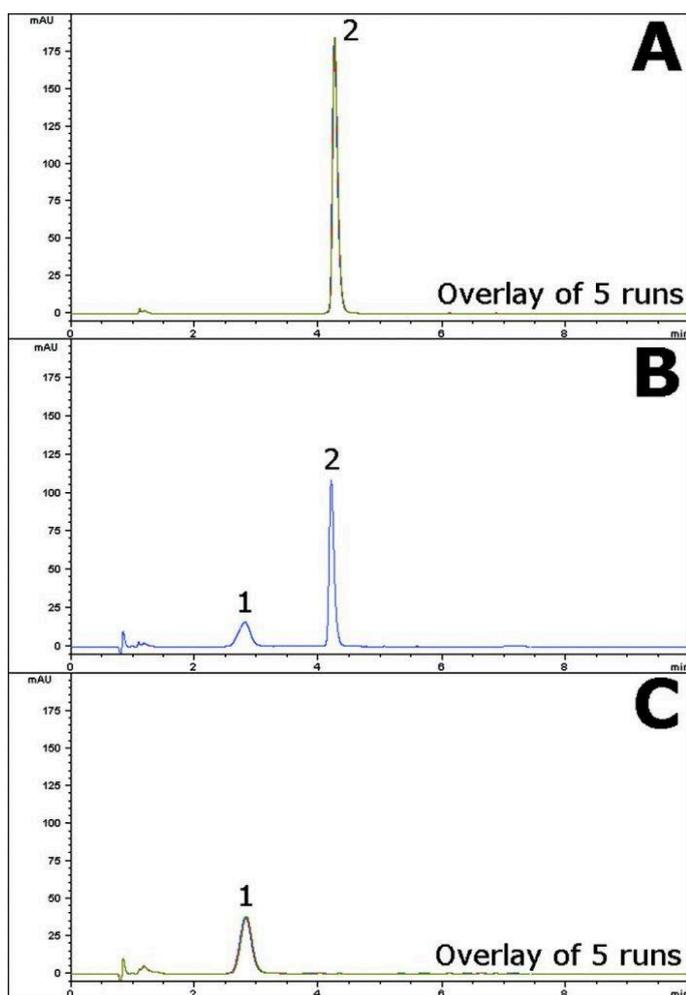
Forced Degradation Methods

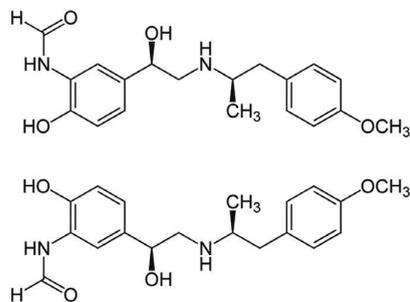
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Forced degradation studies are useful for developing Stability Indicating Methods of Pharmaceuticals. In this Application Note Separation is obtained between the API and a Degradant formed under two different, strong acidic conditions. The non-degraded Sample produced a sharp, Symmetrical Peak for the API shown in *Figure A*.

In *Figure B*, strong acid conditions without heating produced a degradant while the API Peak was still present. In *Figure C*, acid degradation with heating completely converted the API into the degradant, as the API Peak was no longer observed.

Five Chromatograms are overlaid and presented below to show Method Robustness and Precision.





Peaks:

1. Degradant,
2. Formoterol Showing Enantiomers

Method Conditions

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

Catalog No.: 69020-7.5P

Dimensions: 4.6 x 75 mm

Mobile Phase:

A: DI Water / 0.1% Trifluoroacetic Acid (TFA) v/v

B: Acetonitrile / 0.1% Trifluoroacetic Acid (TFA) v/v

Gradient:

Time (minutes)	%B
0	10
1	10
7	40
8	10

Post Time: 2 minutes

Injection vol.: 10 μL

Flow rate: 1.0 mL / minute

Detection: UV @ 282 nm

Sample Preparation:

- *Figure A:* Non-degraded Sample: 0.1mg / mL Formoterol Fumarate in 50:50 Solvent A / Solvent B Diluent.
- *Figure B:* Acid degradation of the Sample, with no heating: 0.1mg / mL Formoterol Fumarate in 50:50 1N HCL / Acetonitrile Diluent.
- *Figure C:* Acid degradation of the Sample, with heating: 0.1mg / mL Formoterol Fumarate in 50:50 1N HCL / Acetonitrile Diluent after 30 minutes of heating at 85°C.

t_o: 0.9 minutes

Note: Formoterol is used a long-acting β₂-antagonist used in treatment of conditions such as asthma and obstructive pulmonary disease. It is marketed under several trade names such as Foradil® and Oxeze®.



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