

## Oasis 2x4 Method: Proof of Concept

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This is an Application Brief and does not contain a detailed Experimental section.

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### Abstract

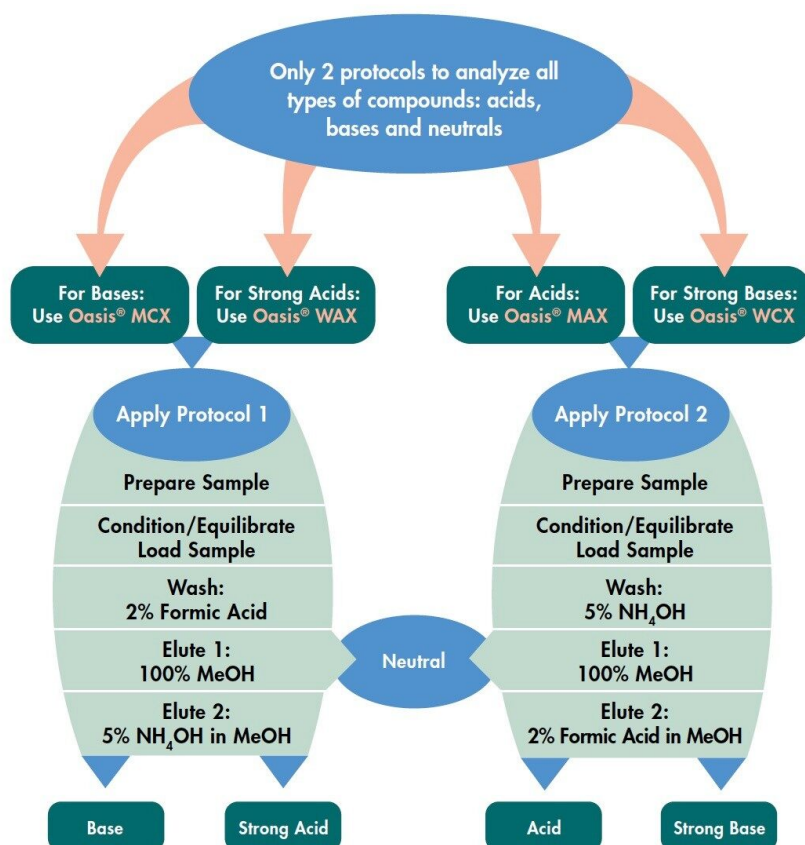
This application brief highlights Oasis 2x4 Method which is a viable approach to SPE sorbent and protocol selection.

## Introduction

In order to prove that the Oasis 2x4 Method is a viable approach to SPE sorbent and protocol selection, a group of representative small molecules was spiked into rat plasma. The molecules include a base, a quaternary ammonium salt, a neutral, an acid and a strong acid. The spiked plasma samples were then extracted following the Oasis 2x4 Method. All molecules elute in the correct Elute 1 or Elute 2 fractions according to what theory predicted, proving that the method is viable.

Follow the simple steps outlined in this flow chart to achieve high recoveries and the cleanest extracts:

- Characterize your analyte [Neutral, Acid or Base, pKa].
- Select one of the four Oasis sorbents.
- Apply the indicated Protocol [1 or 2].
- Determine SPE recoveries by LC analysis.



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## Experimental

10 mg Oasis 96-well Plates

### Protocol 1

|              |                                                                                                                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Condition:   | 500 $\mu$ L MeOH                                                                                               |
| Equilibrate: | 500 $\mu$ L H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                                   |
| Load:        | 500 $\mu$ L sample (250 $\mu$ L plasma diluted 1:1 with 4% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O) |
| Wash 1:      | 500 $\mu$ L 2% HCOOH in H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                       |
| Elution 1:   | 2 x 125 $\mu$ L MeOH                                                                                           |
| Elution 2:   | 2 x 125 $\mu$ L 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in MeOH                                                                  |
| Dilution:    | 250 $\mu$ L water                                                                                              |

### Protocol 2

|              |                                                                                                                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Condition:   | 500 $\mu$ L MeOH                                                                                               |
| Equilibrate: | 500 $\mu$ L H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                                   |
| Load:        | 500 $\mu$ L sample (250 $\mu$ L plasma diluted 1:1 with 4% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O) |
| Wash 1:      | 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                      |
| Elution 1:   | 2 x 125 $\mu$ L MeOH                                                                                           |
| Elution 2:   | 2 x 125 $\mu$ L 2% HCOOH in MeOH                                                                               |
| Dilution:    | 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O (To neutralize acid for high pH)                                     |

LC)

|                     |                                                                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Column:             | XBridge C <sub>18</sub> 2.1 x 20 mm IS, 3.5 μm                            |
| Mobile Phase A:     | 10 mM NH <sub>4</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub> , pH 10                            |
| Mobile Phase B:     | 10 mM NH <sub>4</sub> H                                                   |
| Injection Volume:   | 10.0 μ L                                                                  |
| Column Temperature: | Ambient                                                                   |
| Detection:          | UV @ 254 nm (Prednisone)                                                  |
| Instrumentation:    | 2777 Sample Manager, 1525μ Binary HPLC Pump, Quattro Premier and 2996 PDA |

## Gradient

| Time (min) | Profile |
|------------|---------|
|            | %A      |
| 0          | 95      |
| 3.0        | 5       |
| 4.8        | 5       |
| 5.0        | 95      |
| 7.0        | 95      |

Quattro Premier

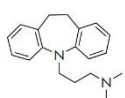
Capillary: 3.4 kV

## Quattro Premier

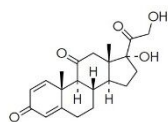
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|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Source Temp.:            | 120 °C                                 |
| Desolvation Temp.:       | 350 °C                                 |
| Cone Gas Flow:           | 50 L /Hr                               |
| Desolvation Gas Flow:    | 700 L /Hr                              |
| Collision Cell Pressure: | 2.59e <sup>-3</sup> mbar               |
| MRM Transitions:         | Imipramine 281.2 > 85.95 ESI+          |
|                          | Decanesulfonic Acid 220.9 > 79.7 ESI - |
|                          | Ibuprofen 205.2 > 161 ESI -            |
|                          | Valethamate 306.3 > 162.8 ESI+         |

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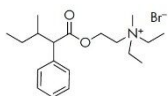
## Results and Discussion



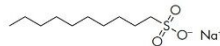
Imipramine (B)  
pKa = 9.4  
100 ng/mL



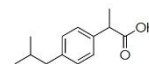
Prednisone (N)  
20 µg/mL



Valethamate (QA)  
pKa >12  
100 ng/mL

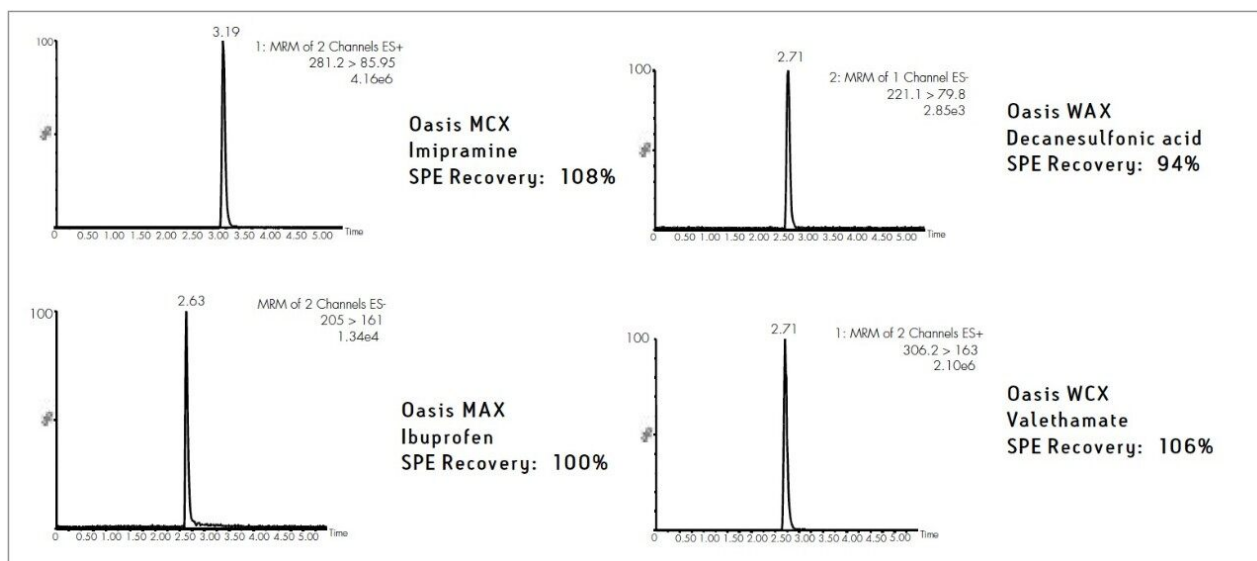


Decanesulfonic Acid (SA)  
pKa <0.5  
200 ng/mL

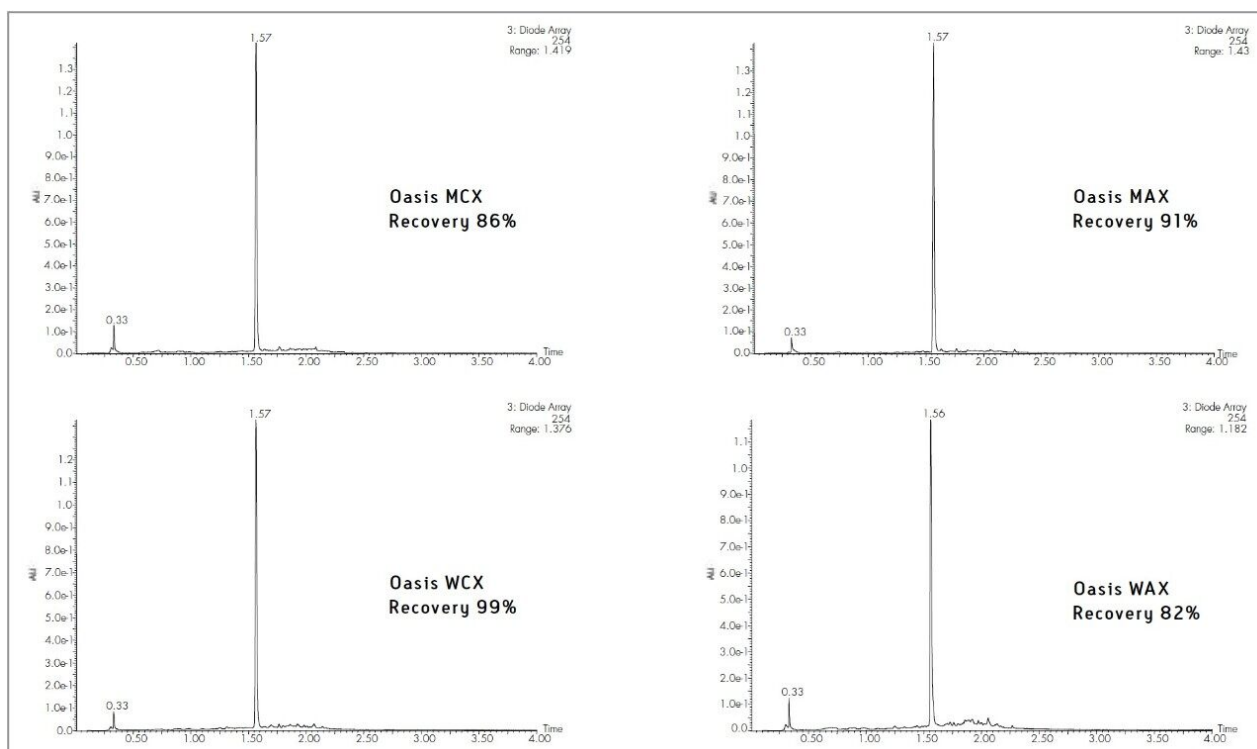


Ibuprofen (A)  
pKa = 5.2  
100 ng/mL

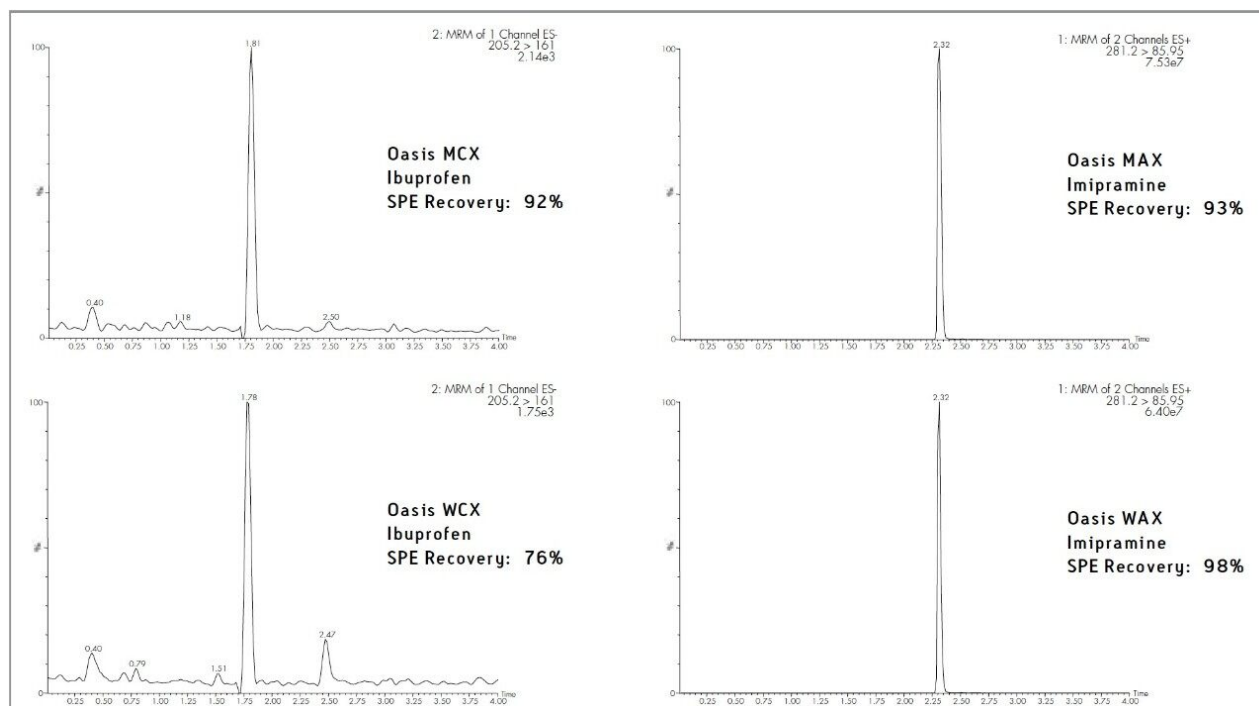
## Elute 2, Primary Analyte Data



## Prednisone SPE Recovery Data



## Elute 1, Counter Analyte Data



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