



Application Note AN-U-076

根据 USP 通用章节 <591> 1) 进行氧化锌含量检测

USP monograph modernization utilizing ion chromatography as a valid analysis method

Zinc is an essential trace element which is used in different pharmaceuticals and supplements [1]. In the form of zinc oxide, zinc is an integral part of skin care creams, pastes, and supplements [2,3]. In order to meet the stringent quality standards for pharmaceutical products, manufacturers and laboratories must employ validated methods as from the United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary (USP-NF). In the course of their modernization activities, USP-NF also updated the zinc monograph and replaced the existing identification procedure

with titration by ion chromatographic analyses. Ion chromatography (IC) qualified as a methodical approach for the zinc assay in General Chapter <591>, Zinc Determination [4]. The analysis involves separation of zinc using, e.g., L91 column material (Metrosep A Supp 10) followed by post-column reaction using 4-(2-pyridylazo)resorcinol (PAR) and subsequent detection at 530 nm. IC was validated according to USP procedures as a highly specific and accurate method to ensure product safety and quality.

SAMPLE AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

All analyses are performed with a solution of ultrapure zinc oxide. No additional sample

preparation is required unless stated in the individual USP monographs.

EXPERIMENTAL

A sample stock solution is prepared by hydrolyzing 0.1868 g of ultrapure zinc oxide powder in 10 mL of 6 mol/L hydrochloric acid. This solution is made up to 100 mL in a volumetric flask with ultrapure water. The zinc concentration of this sample stock solution corresponds to 1500 µg/mL. To prepare the final sample solution, the sample stock solution is diluted 1:100 with 0.2% (w/v) HCl to obtain a final concentration of 15 µg/mL zinc. The working standard solution is prepared from a certified 1000 µg/mL zinc standard.

Samples and standard solutions were injected directly into the IC (Figure 1) using an 889 IC Sample Center – cool. Zinc is separated from all other cations using L91 column material (Metrosep A Supp 10 - 250/4.0 and Metrosep A Supp 10 Guard/4.0) applying the MetPac™ PDCA (pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid) eluent (concentrate dilution 1:5) followed by post-column reaction (PCR) with MetPac™ PAR and subsequent detection at a wavelength of 530 nm.



Figure 1. Instrumental setup including a 930 Compact IC Flex with a 947 Professional UV/VIS Detector Vario, a 800 Dosino for PCR delivery and mixing, and an 889 IC Sample Center – cool. Cooling can prolong sample stability.

The calibration was performed using a single 15 µg/mL zinc standard injected six times. The

sample was analyzed in duplicate.

Table 1. Requirements for IC method as per USP General Chapter <591>.

Column with L91 packing	Metrosep A Supp 10 - 250/4.0
Eluent	MetPac™ PDCA concentrate (dilution 1:5)
Flow rate	1.2 mL/min
Temperature	30 ° C
Injection volume	10 µL
PCR reagent	PAR (0.12 g MetPac™ PAR reagent in 1000 mL MetPac™ PAR diluent)
PCR flow rate	0.6 mL/min
Detection	Vis: 530 nm after PCR

RESULTS

The IC assay for zinc content was validated according to USP General Chapter <591>, Zinc Determination [4]. Ultrapure zinc oxide was analyzed for its zinc content. The accuracy of the zinc determination was calculated as 99% (Figure 2).

All acceptance criteria were fulfilled, e.g., asymmetry (tailing factor) for the zinc peak was <2, or the relative standard deviation of the standard solutions was <0.73% (n = 6, USP requirement no more than (NMT) 0.73) (Table 2).

Table 2. Required acceptance criteria according to General Chapter <591>.

Parameter	Actual	USP requirement	Status
% RSD	0.582	NMT 0.73	Pass
Tailing factor	1.465	NMT 2.0	Pass
Result standard	98.9%	+/- 2%*	Pass
Results sample	99.2%	+/- 2%*	Pass



Figure 2. Chromatogram of zinc in a zinc oxide sample containing 14.865 µg/mL Zn (99.1% recovery of the nominal concentration).

CONCLUSION

Ion chromatography qualifies for the determination of zinc as per USP General Chapter <591>. Using the column material L91, zinc can be reliably determined in pharmaceuticals and other samples using IC with post-column reaction and UV detection.

The high degree of automation possibilities for

IC systems from Metrohm (e.g., autosampler, Metrohm intelligent Partial Loop injection Technique, Inline Dilution, etc.) and the traceability of all steps during analysis make it a user-friendly, efficient, and valuable analytical technique for pharmaceutical quality control processes.

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CONFIGURATION



930 Compact IC Flex Oven/ChS/PP/Deg

930 Compact IC Flex Oven/ChS/PP/Deg 是智能型 Compact IC 仪器,带有柱加热炉、化学抑制和蠕动泵用于抑制器再生,以及内置的脱气装置。该仪器可使用各种分离和检测方法。

典型的应用范围:

- 使用化学抑制和电导检测进行阴离子测定
- 用离子排斥色谱法和反向抑制测定有机酸



889 IC Sample Center – cool

889 IC Sample Center – cool 这种自动化解决方案也适用于样品量极少的情况。与 889 IC Sample Center 相比,它还具有冷却功能,因此是用于生物化学相关领域或热稳定性差的样品的最佳自动进样器。



947 Professional UV/VIS Detector Vario SW

智能单波长 检测器,947 Professional UV/VIS Detector Vario SW,可对紫外光或可见光区域内的活性物质进行安全可靠的定量操作。可选择一种波长。



Metrosep A Supp 10 - 250/4.0

Metrosep A Supp 10 - 250/4.0 分离柱基于高容量聚苯乙烯/二乙烯苯共聚物,其颗粒大小仅为 4.6 μm 。A-Supp-10 产品系列中越 越长的柱可提供越 越大的选择性和灵活性。特别是在色谱分析时间较长的情况下,推荐使用 MSM-HC。在此分离柱上也可修改各种不同阴离子分离的温度、流速和淋洗液成分。

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Metrosep A Supp 10 Guard/4.0 保护柱可有效保护分析用分离柱 Metrosep A Supp 10,使其免受污染。该保护柱采用 «On Column Guard System» 技术,其特征是操作简便。只要将其直接拧到分析柱上即可。不需要任何工具。