



**Kontrolle von Verunreinigungen  
mittels HPLC im Europäischen  
Arzneibuch -  
Anforderungen und  
Entwicklungen**

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# INHALT

- **Kontrolle von Verunreinigungen im E.P.**
- **Akzeptanzkriterien für Verunreinigungen**
- **Revisionsprogramm TLC- HPLC**
- **Peakidentifizierung**
- **Säulenauswahl und -beschreibung**
- **Systemeignungstests**
- **Anforderungen der EP für chromatographische Trennungen, neue Entwicklungen**

# IMPURITIES CONTROL: RECENT REVIEW

- **Reflect regulatory practice in monographs**
- **Application of ICH guideline Q3A to pharmacopoeial substances --> focus on quantitative aspects**
- **Adaptation to globalisation**
- **Revise general texts for impurity control**
- **Revise monographs , in particular progressive replacement of TLC by LC, GC or CZE**

# **General monograph: Substances for Pharmaceutical Use**

- **To be read in conjunction with the individual monographs**
- **The general monograph for substances for pharmaceutical use does not apply to herbals and herbal drug products**

# **General monograph: Substances for Pharmaceutical Use**

## **Related substances**

**Unless otherwise prescribed, organic impurities in active substances are to be reported, identified wherever possible, and qualified as indicated in Table 2034.-1.**

**Specific thresholds** may be applied for impurities known to be unusually potent or to produce toxic or unexpected pharmacological effects.

# Substances for Pharmaceutical Use (2)

Use	Maximum daily dose	Reporting threshold	Identification threshold	Qualification threshold
Human or human and veterinary	≤ 2 g /day	> 0.05 per cent	> 0.10 per cent or daily intake > 1.0 mg (whichever is the lower)	> 0.15 per cent or daily intake > 1.0 mg (whichever is the lower)
Human or human and veterinary	> 2 g/day	> 0.03 per cent	> 0.05 per cent	> 0.05 percent
Veterinary only	Not applicable	> 0.1 per cent	0.2 per cent	> 0.5 per cent

# Thresholds do not apply for\*

- **Biological and biotechnological products**
- **Peptides**
- **Oligonucleotides**
- **Radiopharmaceuticals**
- **Products of fermentation and semi-synthetic products derived therefrom**
- **Crude products of animal or plant origin or herbal products**

\*see chapter 5.10 Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use

# Standard requirements in an E.P. monograph

## ➤ Limits for:

- ✓ Specified impurities
- ✓ Unspecified impurities
- ✓ Total impurities
- ✓ Disregard limit

## ➤ Impurities section (transparency list)

- ✓ Specified impurities
- ✓ Other detectable impurities

## ➤ If the impurities section is not divided, all the impurities cited are specified

# **Specified impurities**

- **Specified impurities are those in specifications for approved products**
- **Specifications for approved products and batch analysis data for approved products**
- **Specified impurities are qualified at or above the level indicated in the monograph**

# Other detectable impurities (ODIs)

## Specific EP category

- Impurities sections in monographs may have a list of ODIs
- **Analytical** information only: the impurity is detected by the monograph method
- ODIs are limited in the monograph by the limit for “unspecified impurities” (or *Substances for Pharmaceutical Use*)

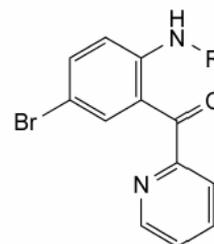
# Transparency list

## Bromazepam

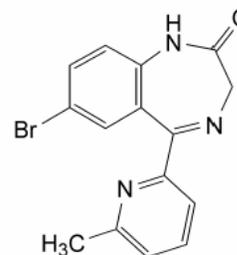
### IMPURITIES

*Specified impurities: A, B, E.*

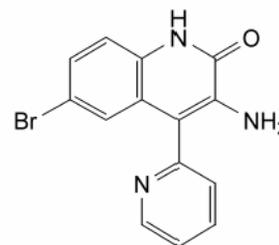
*Other detectable impurities* (the following substances would, if present at a sufficient level, be detected by one or other of the tests in the monograph. They are limited by the general acceptance criterion for other/unspecified impurities and/or by the general monograph *Substances for pharmaceutical use (2034)*. It is therefore not necessary to identify these impurities for demonstration of compliance. See also 5.10. *Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use*): C, D.



- A. R = H: (2-amino-5-bromophenyl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone  
B. R = CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-Cl: *N*-[4-bromo-2-(pyridin-2-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]-2-chloroacetamide,  
E. R = CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-Br: 2-bromo-*N*-[4-bromo-2-(pyridin-2-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]acetamide,



- C. 7-bromo-5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one,



- D. 3-amino-6-bromo-4-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-2(1*H*)-one.

# **General chapter 5.10 (E.P. 5.5)**

## **Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use (E.P. 5.10)**

### **Defines:**

- **Basis for the elaboration of monographs with regards to the control of impurities**
- **Terminology**
- **Interpretation of related substances tests**
- **Other aspects of impurities control**

# Control of impurities in substances for pharm. use

The tests are intended to **cover organic and inorganic impurities** that are relevant in view of the sources of active substances **in authorised medicinal products.**

Control of **residual solvents** is provided by the general monograph Substances for pharmaceutical use and general chapter 5.4 Residual solvents.

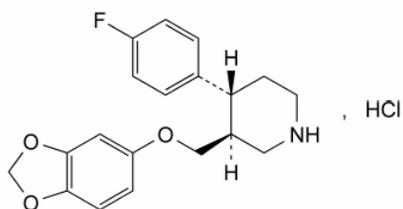
Instructions for the control of impurities may be included in the **Production section** of a monograph, for example where the only analytical method appropriate ... is to be performed by the manuf. since the method is **technically too complex** for general use ...

# Example: Anhydrous paroxetine HCl

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## PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE, ANHYDROUS

Paroxetini hydrochloridum anhydricum



$C_{19}H_{21}ClFNO_3$

$M_r$  365.8

**Specified impurities:  
A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J**

## PRODUCTION

**Impurity G:** maximum 1 ppm, determined by liquid chromatography, coupled with tandem mass spectrometry using a suitable, validated method.

# Interpretation of the related substances test

A **specific monograph** on a substance for pharmaceutical use is to be read **in conjunction with the general monograph** on substances for pharmaceutical use.

Where a monograph has **no related substances test** (or equivalent) but only specific tests, **the user** of a substance **must** nevertheless **ensure** that there is **suitable control** of organic impurities.

Where an **impurity other than a specified** impurity is found in an active substance, it is the **responsibility of the user** of the substance to check whether it has to be identified / qualified

# Interpretation of the related substances test

**Acceptance criteria** for the related substances test are **presented in different ways** in existing monographs.

**A decision tree** is given to be used as an aid in the interpretation of the of the general acceptance criteria and their relation with the Impurities section of the monograph.

**General acceptance criteria** for “other” impurities are currently expressed in various ways in the monographs:

**“any other impurity”, “other impurities”, “any impurity”, “any spot”, “any band”, etc.**

Pending editorial adaption of already published monographs, the decision tree may be used to determine the acceptance criteria to be applied.

# Revision needs

- **Replace TLC by LC, GC or CZE**
- **Add a limit for total of impurities**
- **Allow unambiguous peak identification**
- **Bring general acceptance criterion in line with “Substances for pharmaceutical use”**
- **Introduce impurity section (transparency list)**

# **Special revision programme**

**About 60 monographs  
revised since 2004**

# Identification of impurities

# Ph. Eur. - Reference Substances for peak identification

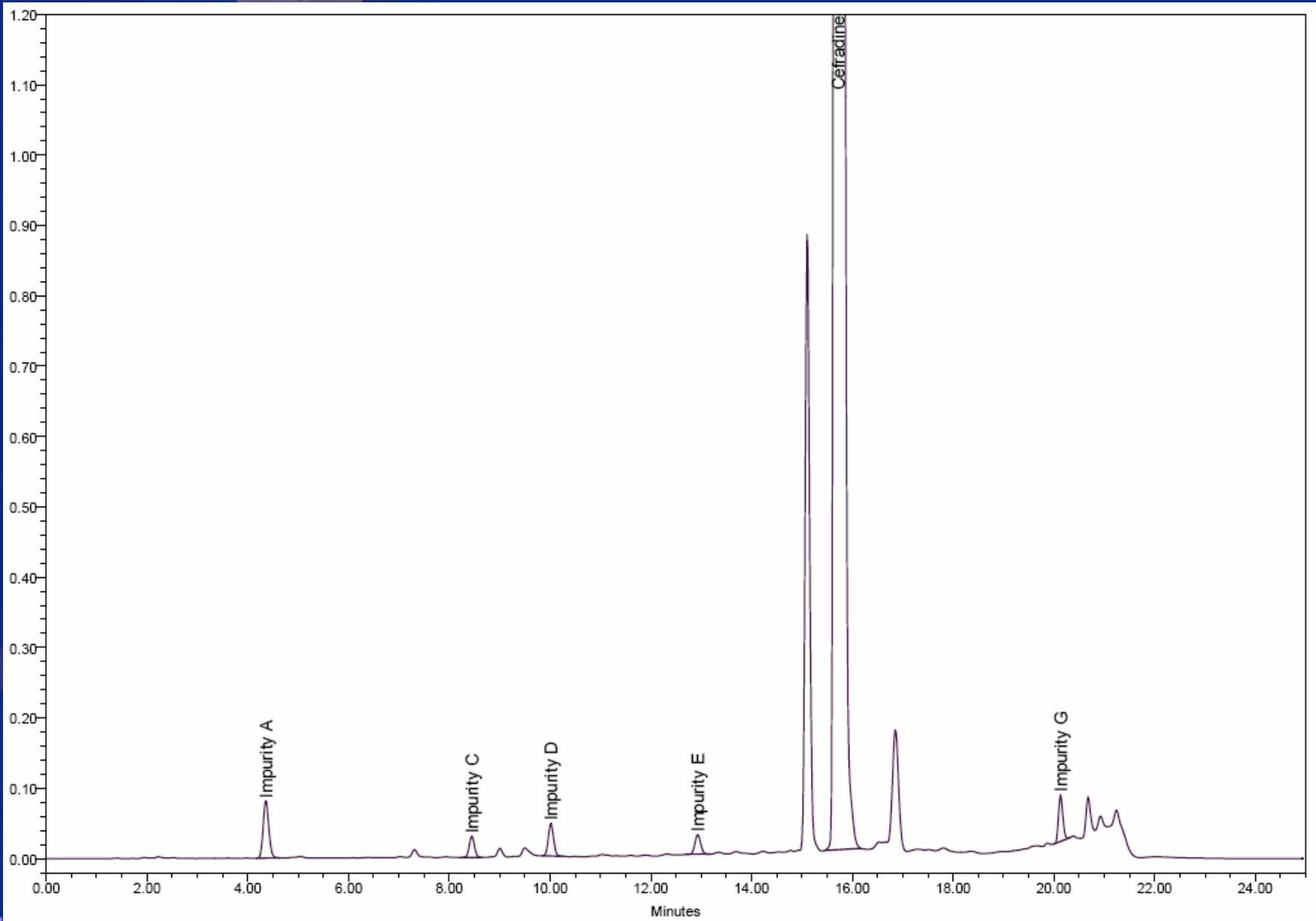
The identification of a given impurity is needed

- when the impurity has an **individual limit**, and/or
- when a **correction factor** must be applied.
- In all the other cases although desirable, the identification is not required.
- **The method of choice to identify an impurity in a chromatogram is by comparison with an authentic sample.**

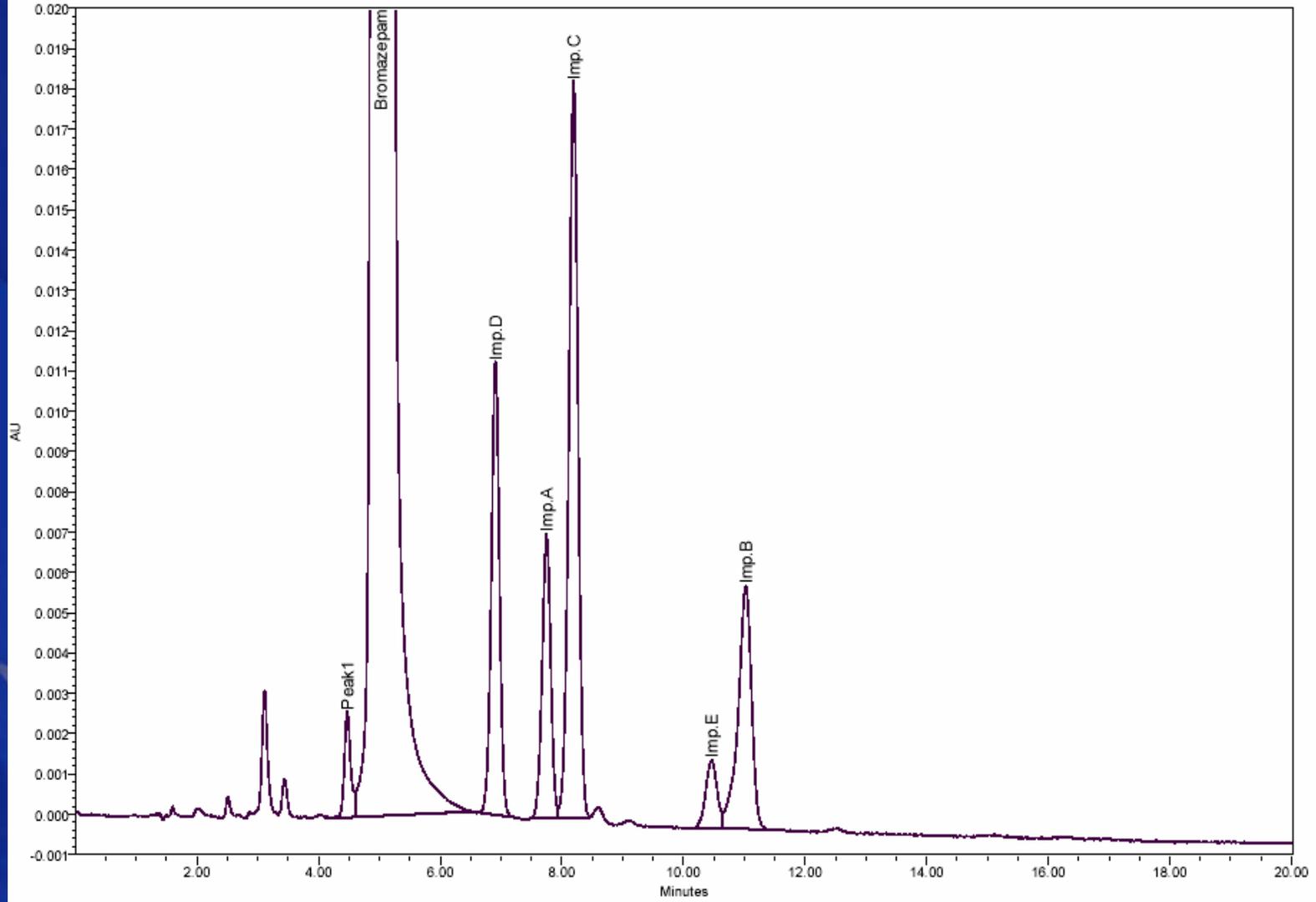
# Ph. Eur. - Reference Substances

**CONSTRAINT:** an impurity is available in scarce quantity

**CRS:** a samples containing the impurity of interest (a “bad batch”, a spiked batch, a mixture of substance and its impurities).



BROMAZEPAM FOR SYSTEM SUITABILITY CRS 1



# Is retention time a system suitability requirement ?

Collaborative study to valuate a LC method for Dicloxacillin sodium

Lab	Column	Dimensions (mm)	Source	Symmetry	Resolution	Retention Time (min)	Repeatability (RSD) of Retention Time
1	Hypersil-ODS (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.3	5.1	17.16	0.55
2	Kromasil C-18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.4	10.4	18.03	0.64
3	Kromasil 100A C-18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.6	9.0	24.95	0.14
4	Nucleosil C18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.2	8.0	16.81	1.03
5	Lichrospher 100 RP18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.2	9.5	24.69	1.15
6	Hichrom C-18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.0	6.7	7.78	0.59
7	Lichrospher 100 RP18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.0	10.2	28.55	0.13
8	Altima C18 (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.5	10.4	39.26	0.45
9	Hypersil-ODS (5 µm)	4.6 x 250	C	1.9	6.2	12.76	0.31

C = Commercial.

**But: Relative retention is more stable and may be used !**

# System suitability and column description

LC methods in the Ph. Eur. originally developed and validated by manufacturers, i.e. well-defined equipment and column(s).

Robustness challenged by the fact that only a general description of the column can be given. The chromatographic behaviour with the variety of commercially available “C 18” columns is very often too variable, esp. with gradients.

- need to provide CRS **and** chromatogram
- need to set appropriate criteria (SST)
- info on the columns used

## Related substances:

- LC gradient elution, UV detection (ex: Amiodarone HCl)

## Stationary phase

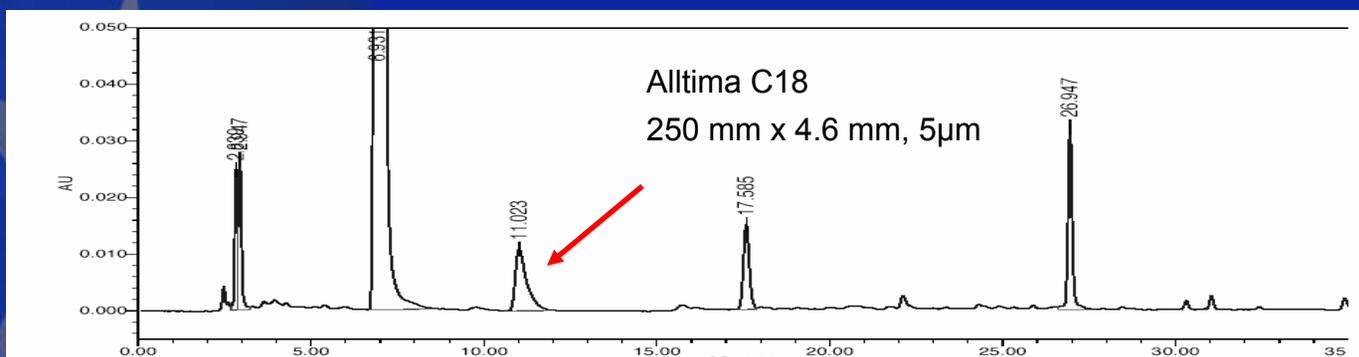
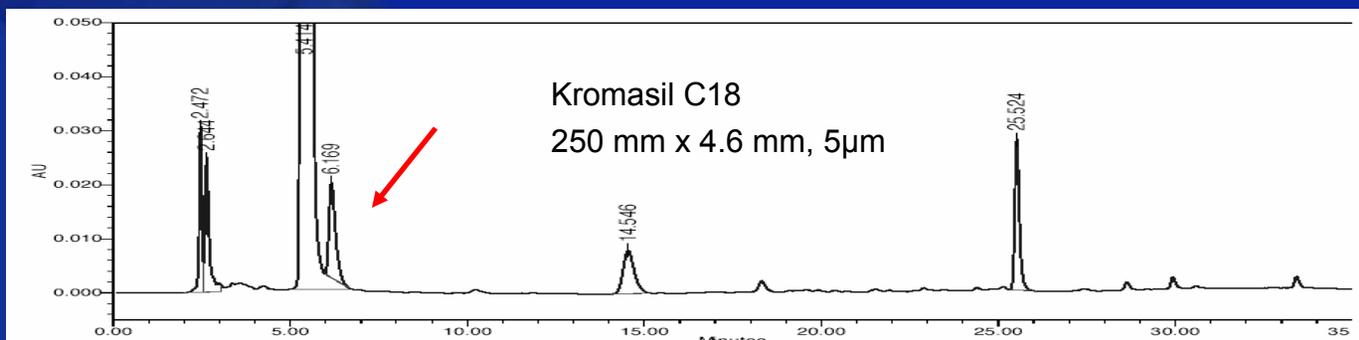
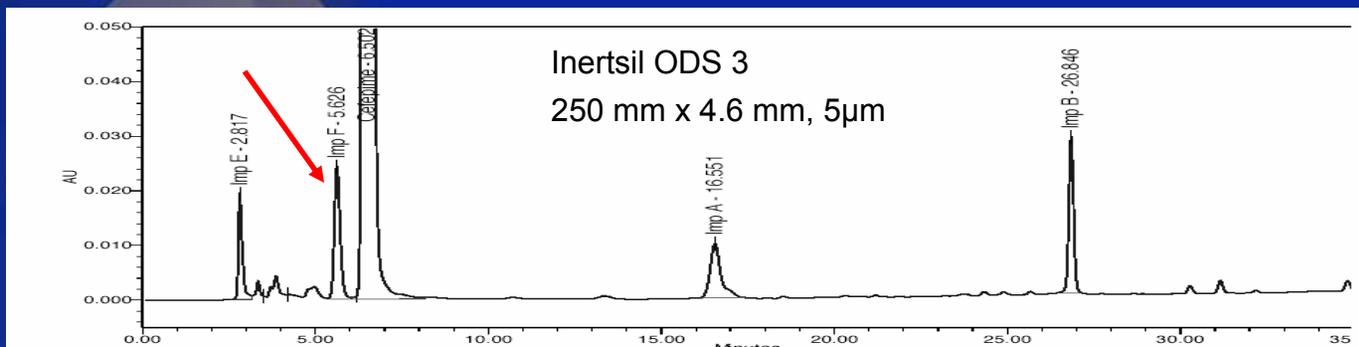
*Column:*

- size:  $l = 0.15$  m,  $\varnothing = 4.6$  mm,
- stationary phase: [octadecylsilyl silica gel for chromatography R](#) (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ),
- temperature: 30 °C.

## What you will find in the monograph:

- dimensions, particle size, type of stationary phase.

# CEFEPIME FOR SST CRS 1



# Knowledge database

Monograph Details

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## Detailed view of Bromazepamum.

Monograph Number **879**  
English Name **Bromazepam**  
French Name **Bromazépam**  
Latin Name **Bromazepamum**  
State of Work **5**  
Pharmeuropa **17.1**  
Published in Supplement **5.7**  
Revision in progress **No**  
Chromatogram **None**  
Additional information **No pdf, [View history](#)**

	Available since	Cat. No.	Name	Batch No.	Unit	Quantity	Price
Reference standards		<a href="#">B1143000</a>	Bromazepam - * psy	3	60 mg		79 EUR
		<a href="#">T0040000</a>	Temazepam - * psy	1	50 mg		79 EUR
	21/09/2006	<a href="#">Y0000645</a>	Bromazepam for system suitability - * psy	1	10 mg		79 EUR

### To be used in test(s)

Trade Names **Related substances** **Brand Name** **Column : l = 0.15 m, diam. = 4.6 mm, 3.5 µm, Zorbax Eclipse XDB-C18**

	Substance Number	Substance	Certificate Holder	Certificate Number	Delivery Date	Revision Date	
CEP	<a href="#">879</a>	Bromazepam	Centaur Chemicals Private Ltd IND 400 055 Mumbai	R0-CEP 2004-172-Rev 00	17/03/2006		C
	<a href="#">879</a>	Bromazepam	Sintefina Industria E Comercio Ltda BR 09990-410 Diadema, Sao Paulo	R1-CEP 1998-150-Rev 01	14/04/2000 14/04/2005	02/12/2005	C



# Ranking/classification systems available on the internet

- [www.rheodyne.com](http://www.rheodyne.com)
- [www.pharm.kuleuven.ac.be/pharmchem/  
columnclassification](http://www.pharm.kuleuven.ac.be/pharmchem/columnclassification)
- [www.acdlabs.com/columnselector](http://www.acdlabs.com/columnselector)

# **System suitability criteria**

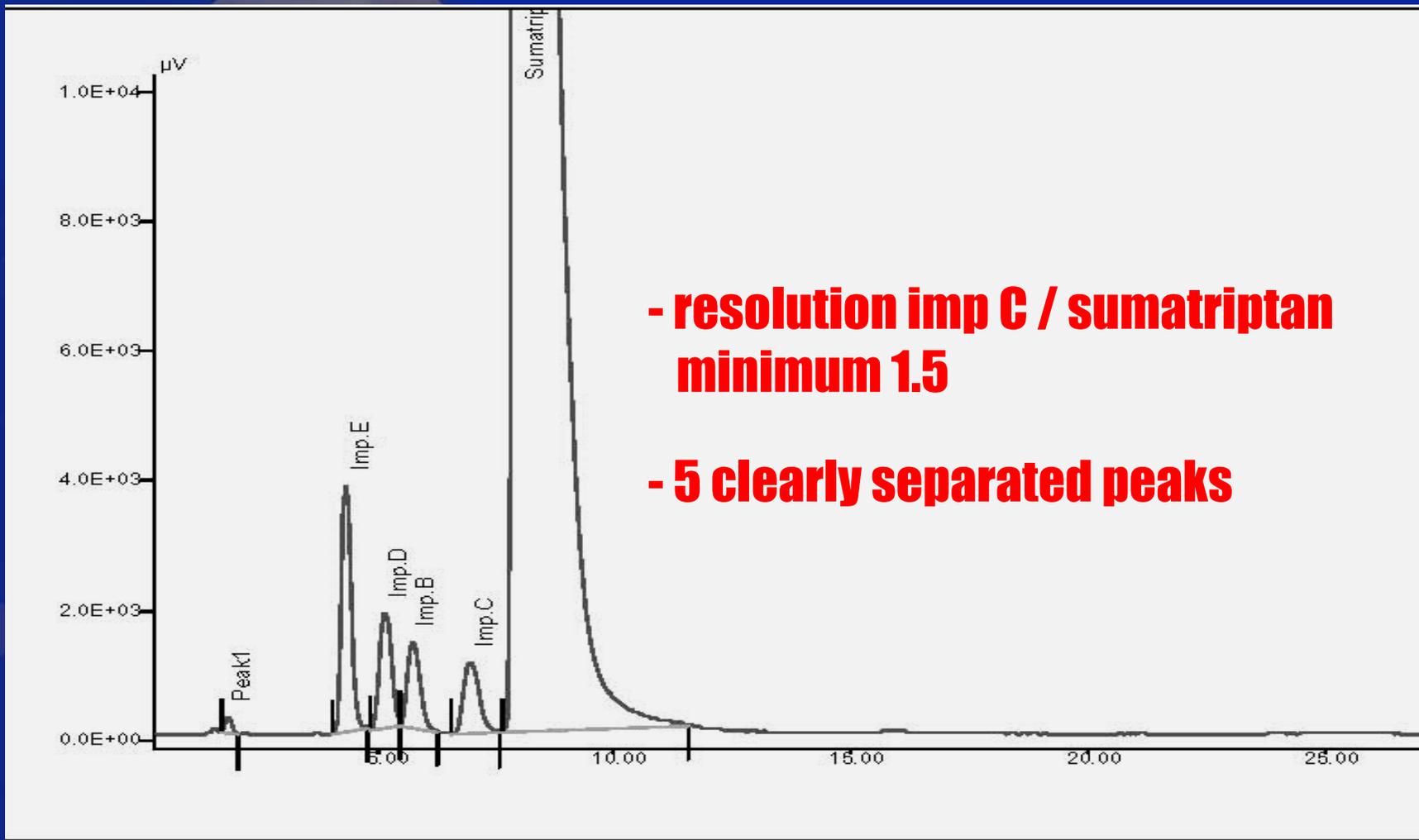
**are limits applied to various tests designed to ensure the adequate performance of analytical procedure.**

**Compliance with the system suitability criteria is required throughout the chromatographic procedure.**

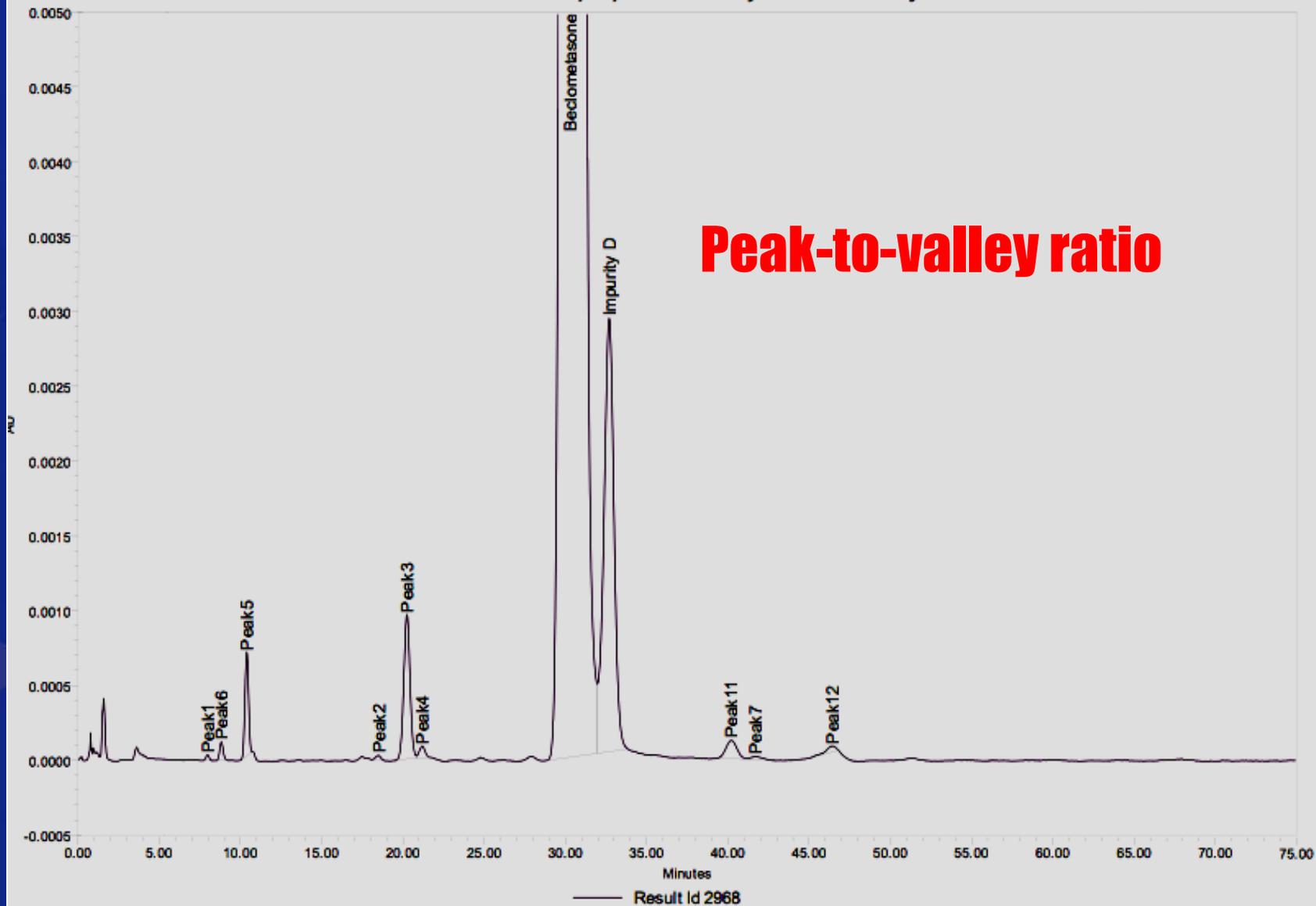
## Suitability in terms of selectivity:

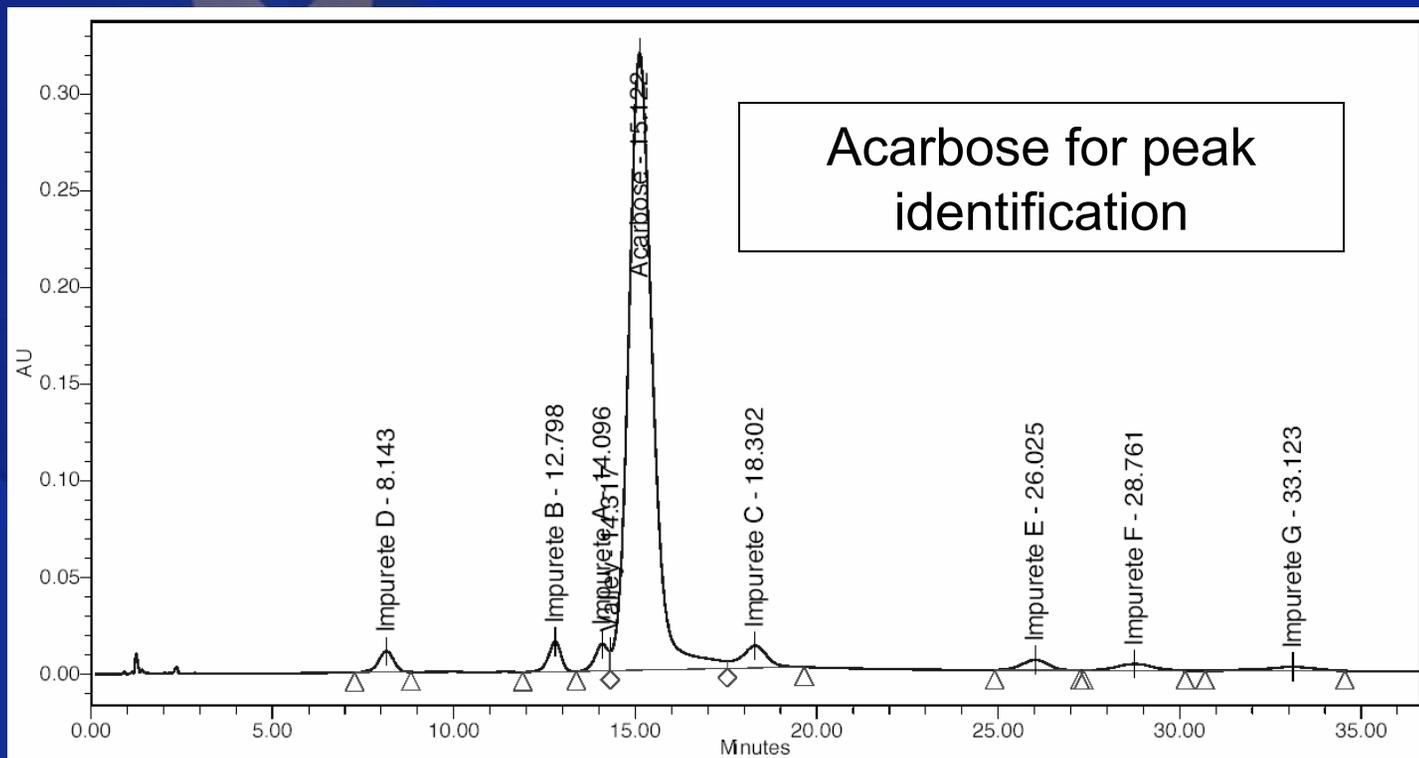
- **resolution** of two closely eluting peaks (critical pair): preferably peaks of similar size or at least not saturating)
- **peak-to-valley ratio** (incomplete separation, peaks of very different size)
- **“similarity” or “concordance”** with a chromatogram supplied

# Sumatriptan impurity mixture CRS (spiked samples)



Beclometasone dipropionate for System Suitability





## **SYSTEM SUITABILITY**

**Peak-to-valley ratio imp. A: 1.2**

**The chromatogram obtained is similar to the chromatogram supplied with acarbose for peak identification CRS**

# **Suitability in terms of sensitivity:**

## **Anhydrous paroxetine Impurity H and I (Liquid chromatography)**

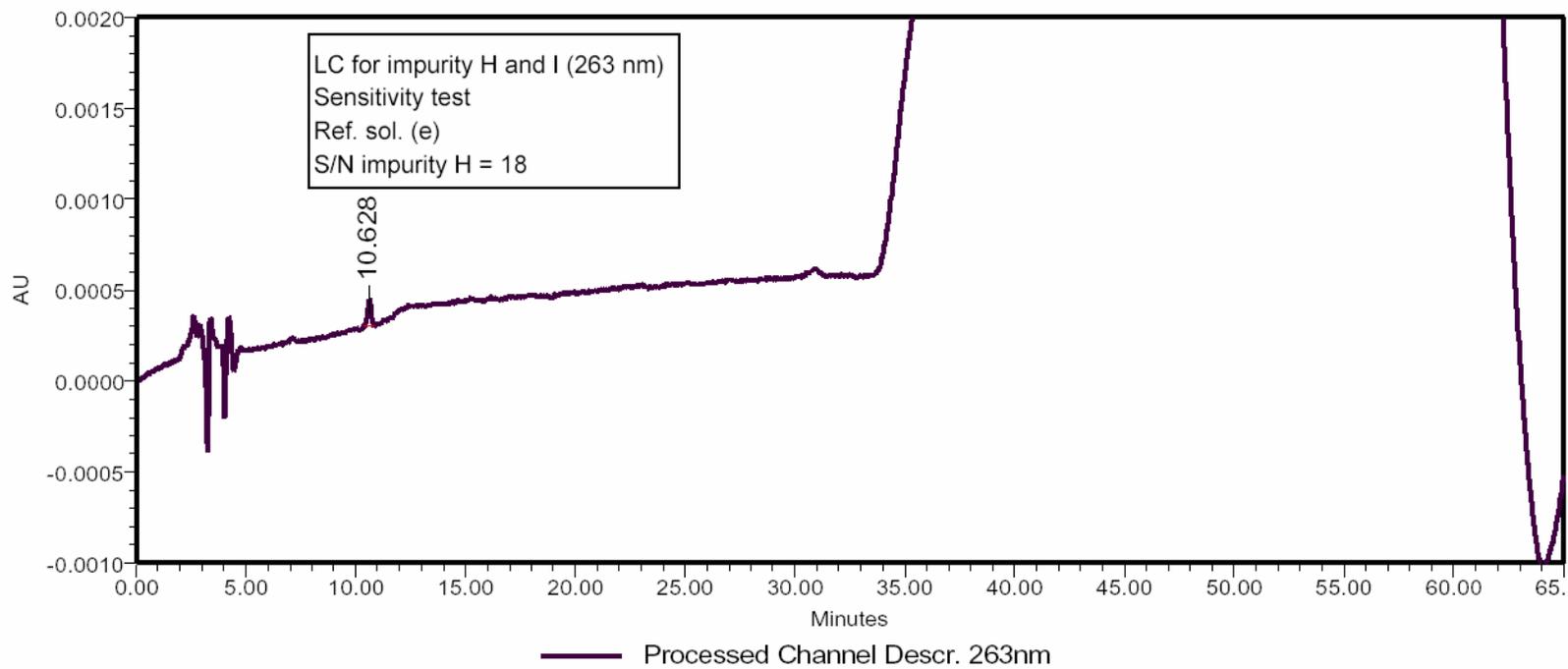
**LC as for related substances but detection at 263 nm**

### **Limit:**

**Impurity H, I: each impurity 0.1%**

### **System suitability**

**Signal-to noise ratio: minimum 3 for the peak due impurity H  
in reference solution (e). = 0.05%**



Peak Results

	<i>Name</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Int Type</i>	<i>SN</i>
1	impurete H	10.628	1700	146	bb	18

# Anhydrous paroxetine HCl

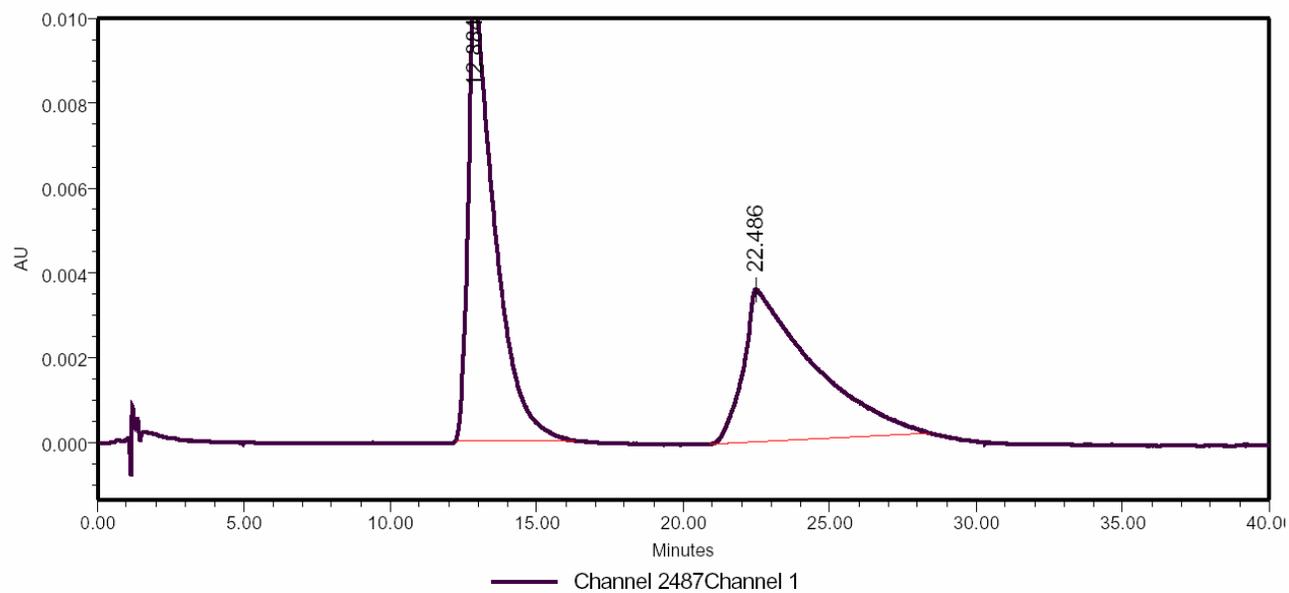
**Impurity D (Liquid chromatography):**  
**(Chiral chromatography, column: Chiral AGP,**  
**Detection: UV 295 nm)**

*System suitability:*

- *peak-to-valley ratio*: minimum 2.0, where  $H_p$  = height above the baseline of the peak due to impurity D and  $H_v$  = height above the baseline of the lowest point of the curve separating this peak from the peak due to paroxetine in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b);
- *signal-to-noise ratio*: minimum 3 for the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c);
- *symmetry factor*: the requirements stated in chapter 2.2.46 are not applicable.

# Anhydrous paroxetine HCl

## Impurity D - Chiral chromatography,



Peak Results

	Name	RT	Area	Height	Int Type	SN	Resolution
1	impurete D	12.884	660989	10606	Bb	2651	
2	Paroxetine HCl anhydre	22.486	586842	3586	bB	897	3.61

# **Adjustment of chromatographic conditions**

**The extent to which the various parameters of a defined chromatographic test may be adjusted to satisfy the system suitability criteria without fundamentally modifying the methods are given in**

**<2.2.46> Chromatographic separation techniques  
revision proposal Pharmeuropa 18.3**

**Which chromatographic adjustments are allowed ?**

# LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

## isocratic

**Composition of the mobile phase:** minor solvent component  $\pm 30\%$  relative (or  $\pm 2\%$  absolute).

**pH of aqueous part of mobile phase:**  $\pm 0.2$  pH units ( $\pm 1.0$  pH with neutral substances).

**Concentration of salts** in the buffer component of mobile phase:  $\pm 10\%$

**Detector wavelength:** no adjustment is permitted.

## Stationary phase:

column length:  $\pm 70\%$ ,  
column int. diameter:  $\pm 25\%$ ,  
particle size: max - 50%, no increase permitted.

} Flow rate correction  
required

## Flow rate:

$\pm 50\%$ .

proposed change: add adjustment formula

## Temperature:

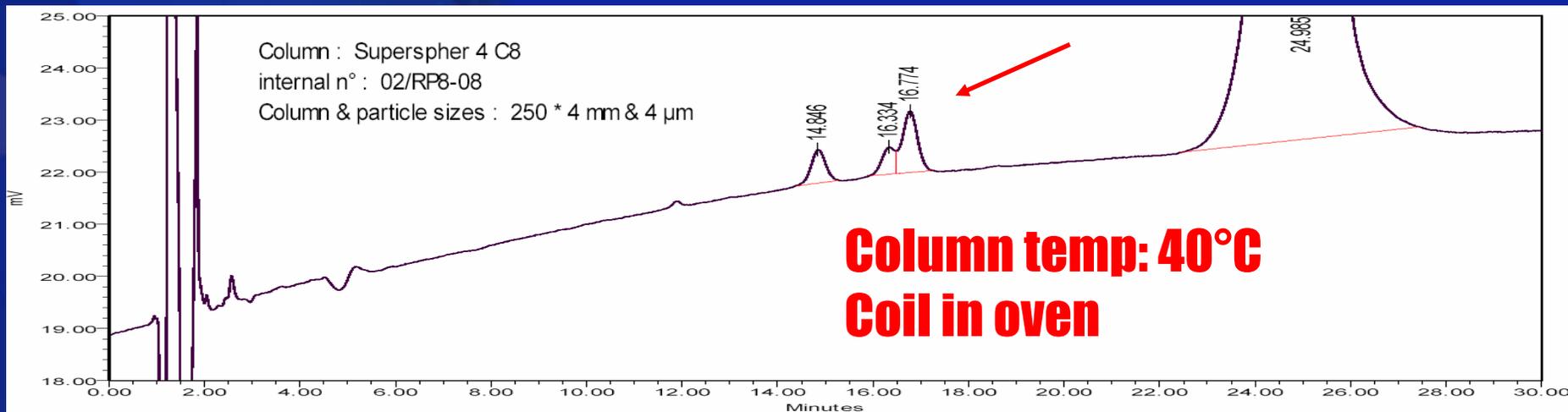
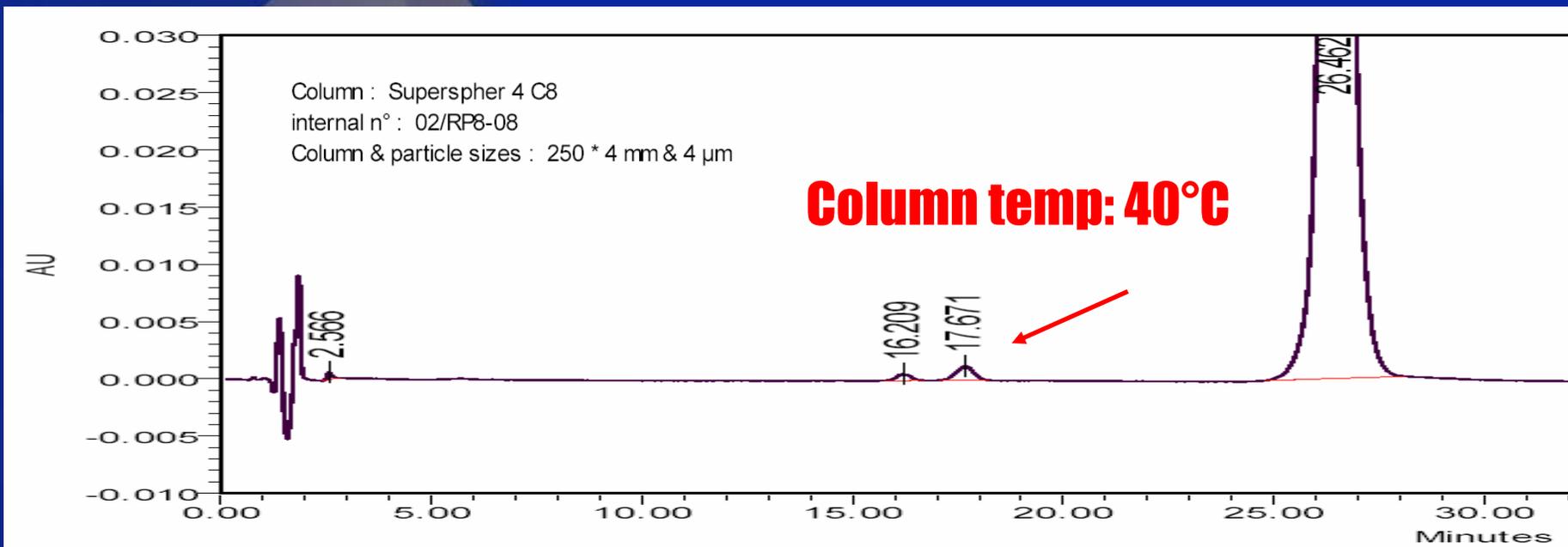
$\pm 10\%$  to a maximum of 60 °C.

proposed change to  $\pm 5\text{ °C}$ , where specified

## Injection volume:

may be decreased provided detection & repeatability are satisfactory.

# Yohimbine hydrochloride



# **LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY:** **(proposed changes):**

## **Gradient elution**

**Change of composition of mobile phase not recommended**

**Dwell volume : fomula for correction of gradient times**

**Flow rate: Adjustment formula for other column dimensions**

**Vielen Dank  
für Ihre  
Aufmerksamkeit**