

Phytoestrogens - Coumestans and Mammalian Lignans

The need for universal HPLC detection in analytical laboratories is widespread. While several detection technologies (e.g., low wavelength UV, refractive index, evaporative light scattering, chemiluminescent nitrogen detectors) are currently being used, there is significant room for improvement in performance characteristics such as sensitivity, dynamic range, consistency of response factors and gradient or solvent compatibility.

To help address the many challenges of universal detection, ESA has developed the Corona CAD™ detector. This novel technology offers many benefits to analytical scientists including:

- High Sensitivity - Low ng limits of detection.
- Consistent Response Factors - Response magnitude does not significantly depend on analyte properties (e.g. molar absorptivity, proton affinity).
- Broad and Useful Dynamic Range - 4 orders of magnitude (ng - µg quantities).
- Excellent Reproducibility - Typically less than 2% RSD.
- Broad Applicability - Can be used with a wide variety of HPLC conditions to measure virtually any nonvolatile analyte including proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and small molecules.
- Ease of Use - Easy setup. Uses minimal bench space and requires only gas input pressure and signal output range to be set.

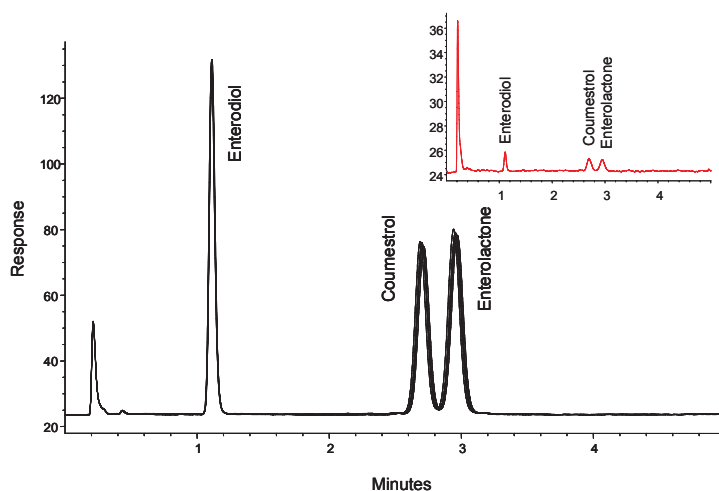


Figure 1. Phytoestrogen standards (200ng each on column; five replicate injections). Inset - 5ng each.

This application note describes the use of the Corona CAD for the measurement of different phytoestrogens including the coumestan, coumestrol and the mammalian lignans, enterolactone and enterodiol. The method has a limit of detection of <5ng, on column, and shows good precision (Figure 1) and a dynamic range that covers ng to µg levels (Figure 2).

Corona parameters

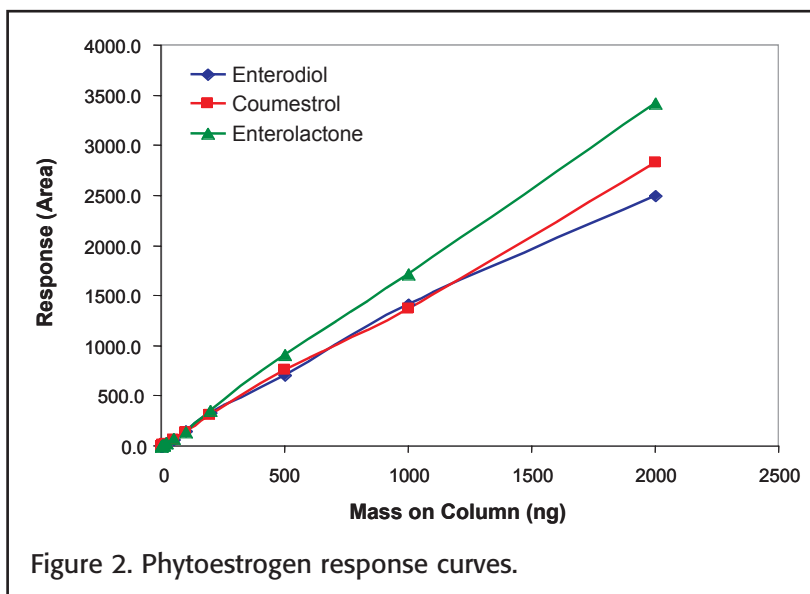
Gas: 35psi via nitrogen generator
Filter: none
Range: 100pA

HPLC Parameters:
Mobile Phase: 30% (v/v) Acetonitrile in 0.1% (v/v) acetic acid
Flow Rate: 1.5mL/min
Column: Shiseido C18 MG , 4.6 x 35mm; 3µm
Column Temperature: ambient
Injection Volume: 10µL

Sample preparation

Stock - 1mg/mL of each standard dissolved ethanol. Dilutions in 20% (v/v) acetonitrile.

The Corona™ Charged Aerosol Detector



Conclusions

The Corona CAD provides universal detection of non-volatile analytes with response independent of chemical properties, a wide dynamic response range, high sensitivity and good precision. These characteristics, along with reliability and simple operation, make this a superior detector for a wide range of HPLC analyses.

For more information about this application, the Corona CAD, or charged aerosol detection visit www.coronacad.com. We are interested in your opinions and are available to answer any questions you may have: please contact a technical representative at 978.250.7082, or if e-mail is more convenient, send your questions to coronacad@esainc.com.

Ordering information

Description

Corona

Thermal Organizer Module

Nitrogen generator

Pump, model 582

Autosampler, model 542

Elite software including PC

Column, Shiseido C18 MG 100,
4.6 x 35mm; 3µm

Part Number

70-6350 (100/120V)

70-6351 (230/240V)

70-5499TA

70-6003

70-4050

70-4152

70-5073

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