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CHIRAL SEPARATION OF NADOLOL STEREOISOMERS BY LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY:

Screening of mobile phase composition and SMB separation

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Separation Processes

Nadolol is a non-selective beta-adrenergic receptor antagonist (β -blocker) pharmaceutical drug, widely used in the treatment of cardiovascular system diseases, such as hypertension, ischemic heart disease (angina pectoris), congestive heart failure and certain arrhythmias (*Brunton et al., 2001*). Its chemical structure has three stereogenic centers which allows for eight possible stereoisomers. However, the two hydroxyl substituents on the cyclohexane ring are fixed in the *cis*-configuration which precludes four stereoisomers (*McCarthy, 1994*). Regardless the considerable evidence that it is important to characterize the stereochemical components when describing the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of a racemic drug, the narrow international legislation concerning chiral drugs safety still allows the nadolol commercialization in the form of a racemic mixture of four stereoisomers (see Fig. 1).

Today, preparative chiral chromatography has become an attractive technology, used to obtain single enantiomeric drugs, in the biotechnology, fine chemical products and pharmaceutical industries. The chiral separation process is a complex task, governed by several different interactions between the chiral solutes, the solvent and the chiral stationary phase. In a preparative point of view, and when considering the choice of the mobile phase (solvent) composition, a high selectivity of the enantiomers should not be the only goal to be aimed, as it is frequently followed at analytical scale. In this choice, a high solubility and low retention time should also be taken into account, in order to improve the preparative process performance (*Ribeiro et al., 2008 and 2009*).

This work describes a systematic approach to rapid development of simulated moving bed (SMB) chiral chromatography separations. The presented methodology involves several pulse experiments using a single-column to screen the “best” mobile phase composition using a Chiralpak[®] AD stationary phase and equilibrium adsorption data used to specify the initial flow rates of the SMB operation.

Experimental results include a detailed screening of different mobile phase compositions for the nadolol stereoisomers separation (analytical and preparative). Results show that the “best” mobile phase composition is, generally, very different if we consider an analytical or a preparative separation point of view. Finally, after the preliminary selection of the solvent composition we present the main results for the

pseudo-binary separation of nadolol stereoisomers by SMB chromatography, using a 6-column FlexSMB-LSRE[®] unit (Sá Gomes *et al.*, 2010).

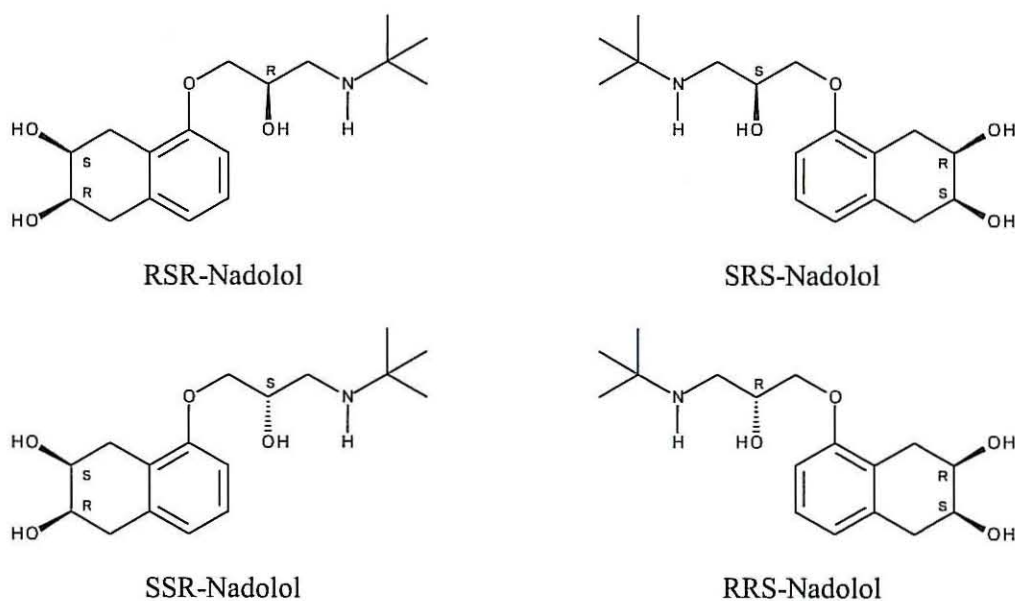


Figure 1. Structural representation of the four stereoisomers of nadolol.

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