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Chromatography of the Lipide Bases on Paper Impregnated with Silicic Acid*

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Chromatography of various long-chain aliphatic α -amino alcohols, α -amino ketones and α -diamines containing 18 and 20 carbon atoms on paper impregnated with silicic acid is described. Most of these compounds — which are listed in Table I — are of biological importance.

In connection with our investigation of the sphingolipids and other complex lipides, the need arose for a paper chromatographic procedure for separating certain long-chain aliphatic amino compounds. We have obtained the most satisfactory results by the use of paper impregnated with silicic acid.^{1,2} This technique has been applied to various α -amino alcohols, α -amino ketones and α -diamines of natural and synthetic origin possessing a chain-lengths of 18 and 20 carbon atoms. There are presently no published reports on the chromatographic separation and characterization of these compounds, with the exception of sphingosine (2-amino-1,3-dihydroxy-4-octadecene)^{3,4,5} and dihydrosphingosine (2-amino-1,3-dihydroxyoctadecane).^{4,6} The investigation described here is limited to the compounds containing 18 and 20 carbon atoms with regard to their biological significance.

As shown in Table I, the amino compounds investigated could be differentiated as to the number of the amino groups and hydroxy groups. Thus, the increasing number of hydroxy groups caused a decrease of the relative movement of the base. Owing to this fact, for instance, a mixture of C₁₈-sphingine (1 OH), C₁₈-sphingosine or C₁₈-dihydrosphingosine (2 OH) and C₂₀-phyto-sphingosine (3 OH) could easily be separated. Another example is a mixture of C₂₀-phytosphingosine and its anhydro derivative which results by methanolysis of yeast cerebrin. It is difficult to separate those two compounds on a preparative scale. However, the clean-cut separation on paper offers a reliable way to detect the purity of a product. Similarly, a mixture of the synthetic long-chain diamines⁷ containing a small proportion of the corresponding amino alcohols can easily be resolved by paper chromatography. On the other hand, there is little difference between the R_f values of the monohydroxy compounds of the C₁₈ and C₂₀ series, whose mobilities with the referred solvent system proved to be closely similar. Under the experimental conditions given the average deviation in R_f values did not exceed ± 0.03 .

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chromatographic run was 15—20 hours. The lipide bases on paper were detected with ninhydrin. The R_f values thus obtained are listed in Table I.

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Kromatografija lipidnih baza na papiru impregniranom silicijevom kiselinom

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Tehnika kromatografije na papiru impregniranom silicijevom kiselinom primijenjena je na niz alifatskih α -aminoalkohola, α -aminoketona i α -diamina prirodnog i sintetskog porijekla s lancima od 18 i 20 ugljikovih atoma. Dobivene R_f vrijednosti prikazane su u Tablici I.

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