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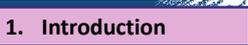
## Stability applications in food, cosmeceuticals and pharma

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### 1. Introduction

Outline

$\beta$ -artemether

Triple IT

BBB peptides  
(Fused-core retention model)

Buserelin

**Use of fused-core and sub-  
2  $\mu$ m particles HPLC**

Spilanthol – plant extract in cosmeceutical  
(Fused-core injection volume)

Casein hydrolysate

**2. Small molecules**  
**Artemether (1/2)**

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**Analytical stability study:**

→ no peak area mass balance in stability samples

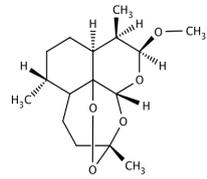
Approach: RF determination degradants by dry heat stress of  $\beta$ -artemether under different environments

**Protocol**

Reductive	Temp (°C)	125	125	130	130	130	140	140	145	145
	Time (min)	30	60	30	60	90	15	45	15	30
Oxidative	Temp (°C)	125	125	130	130	130	140	140	145	145
	Time (min)	30	60	15	45	90	15	45	15	30
Neutral	Temp (°C)	130	130	140	140	140	145	145	150	150
	Time (min)	30	60	15	30	60	15	30	10	20

+ blanks, refs. → **Approx. 50 samples**

**$\beta$ -artemether**



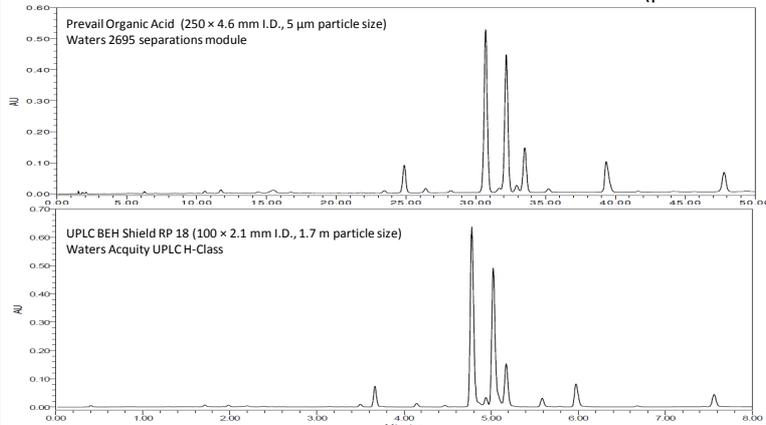
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**2. Small molecules**  
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**Need for fast, efficient separation chromatography**

Method transfer: traditional HPLC method vs. new UPLC method ( $\beta$ -artemether 140°C, 15 min.)



Prevail Organic Acid (250 × 4.6 mm I.D., 5  $\mu$ m particle size)  
Waters 2695 separations module

Total run time: 85 min

$\pm 71$  hrs / 50 samples

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Total run time: 17.5 min

$\pm 14$  hrs / 50 samples

**Significant reduction**

Analysis time  
Solvent use/cost

**HIGH THROUGHPUT**

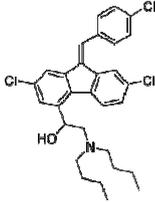
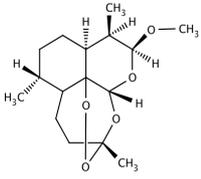
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**Concl.: RRF up to 42**

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**2. Small molecules Artemether (2/2)**

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**Lumefantrine**      **β-artemether**

inherently **unstable**

Controlled distribution and storage ↔ African setting

Need: Fast stability-indicating simultaneous assay of lumefantrine and β-artemether

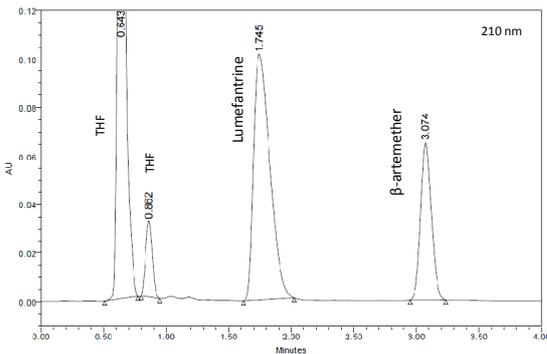
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**2. Small molecules Artemether (2/2)**

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**Method:**

- **Column:** HALO RP-amide (50 × 4.6 mm I.D., 2.7 μm particle size)
- **Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile / 1 mM phosphate buffer pH 3.0 (52:48, V/V)
- **Flow rate:** 1.0 ml/min
- **Detection:** 210 nm (β-artemether) and 335 nm (lumefantrine)
- **Column temperature:** 30°C
- **Injection volume:** 3 μl
- **Total run time:** 4 min
- **Sample solvent:** THF



✓ Simultaneous assay  
 ✓ Stability-indating  
 ✓ Isocratic HPLC  
 ✓ Dual λ  
 ✓ Fast (low cost)

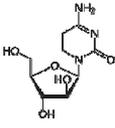
**Concl.:** ideal, esp. for **resource limited countries**

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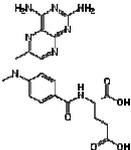
**2. Small molecules Triple IT**

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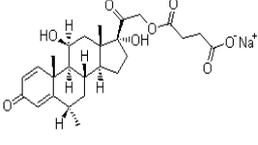
**Triple IT solution:**



**Cytarabine**



**Methotrexate**



**Methylprednisolone (21) sodium succinate**

Treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia → in-situ prepared before **each!** administration

In-use stability protocol:

- 3 different batches
- 3 different packaging materials
- 3 different storage conditions
- Time points (n=6): 0, 4, 8, 24, 32, 48 hrs.

#Samples ↑↑↑  
need for **fast!** simultaneous stability-indicating assay method

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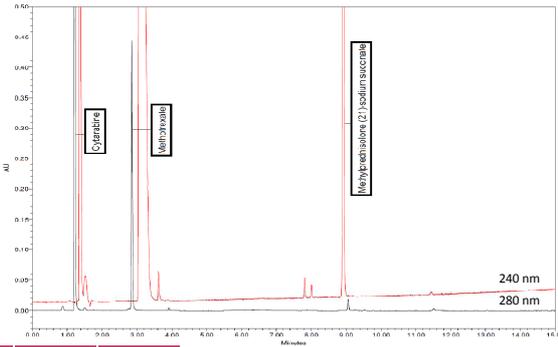
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**Method:**

- **Column:** Halo C18 (150 × 4.6 mm I.D.; 2.7 μm particle size)
- **Mobile phase:**  
A: 0.1% V/V glacial acetic acid in H<sub>2</sub>O  
B: 0.1% V/V glacial acetic acid in ACN
- **Gradient:**  
0 → 15 min: 90 → 10% A
- **Flow rate:** 1 ml/min
- **Column temperature:** 30°C
- **Injection volume:** 10 μl
- **Detection:** 240 nm (MPSS) and 280 nm (CB and MT)

**Method verification**

Parameter	CB	MTX	MPSS
Linearity (R <sup>2</sup> ; 80-100-120% I.c.)	1.0000	0.9992	1.0000
Repeatability (%RSD; 100% I.c.; n = 3)	0.464	1.352	0.155
LoQ (% I.c.)	0.03	0.07	0.05

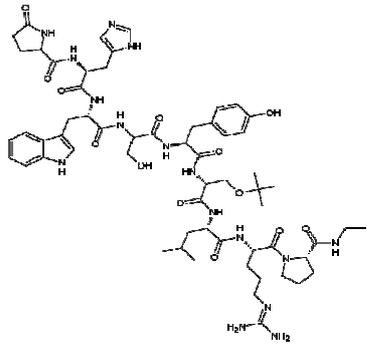


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Fit for in-use stability protocol  
**Concl.:** stable for 12 hrs at 5°C

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**3. Peptides**  
**Buserelin**

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**Buserelin**

**Stability study**

- Kinetic degradation profile of buserelin
- Degradation profile for MS identification

**Stability protocol**

- 5 temperature settings
- 4 time points / temperature
- Duplicate
- + refs, blanks

Approx. 60 samples

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**Need for fast stability-indicating assay method**

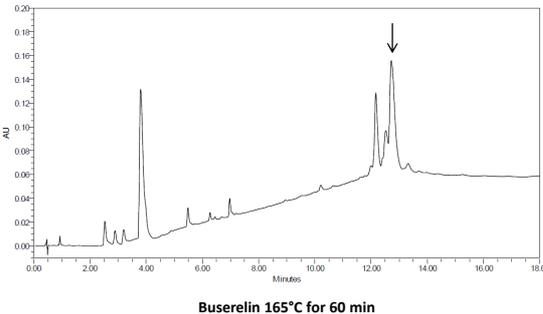
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**3. Peptides**  
**Buserelin**

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**Method:**

- **Column:** Acquity UPLC BEH 300 RP 18 (100 × 2.1 mm I.D., 1.7 μm particle size)
- **Mobile phase:**  
MP A: 95% water and 5% acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (m/V)  
MP B: 95% acetonitrile and 5% water with 0.1% formic acid (m/V)
- **Gradient:**  
0 → 1.5 min: 100% A  
1.5 → 11 min: 100% A → 79% A  
11 → 18 min: 79% A
- **Flow rate:** 0.6 ml/min
- **Column temperature:** 30°C
- **Injection volume:** 2 μl
- **Detection:** 220 nm
- **Total run time:** 35 min

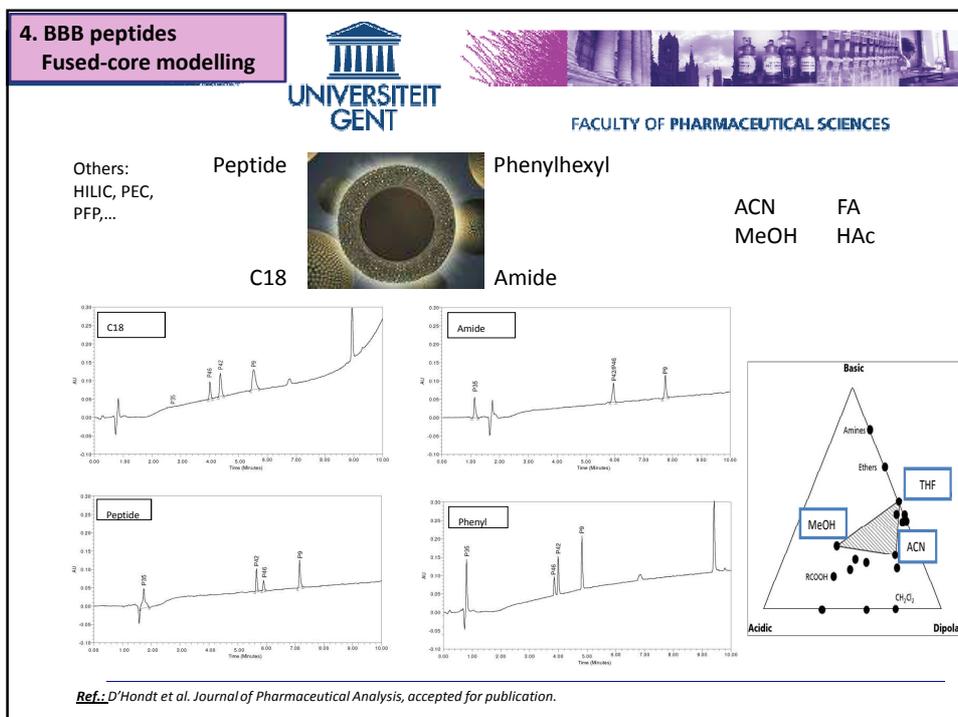
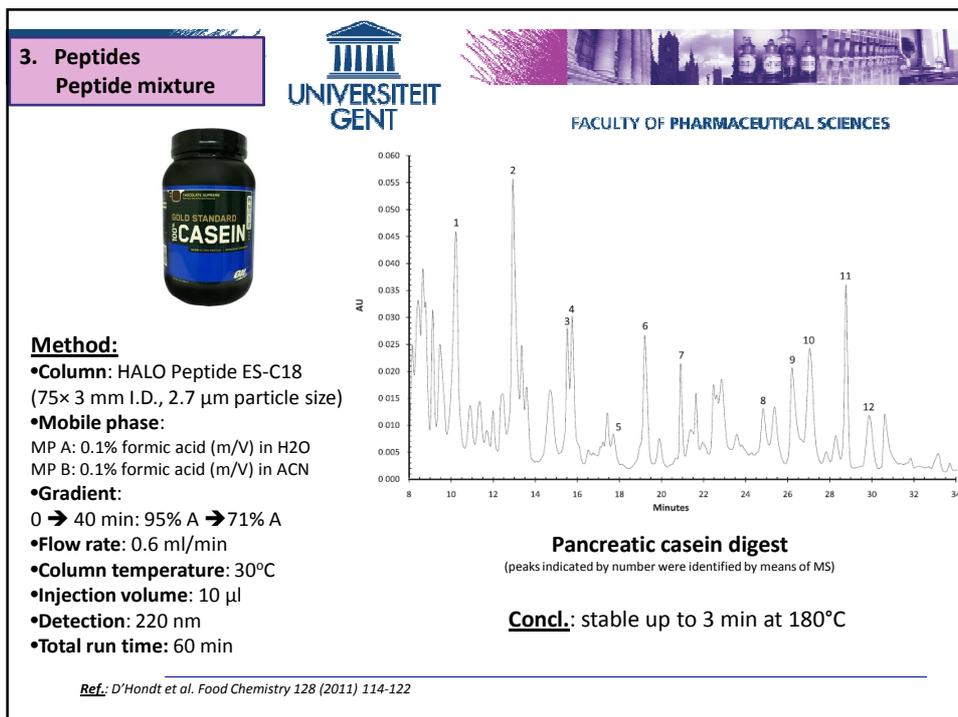


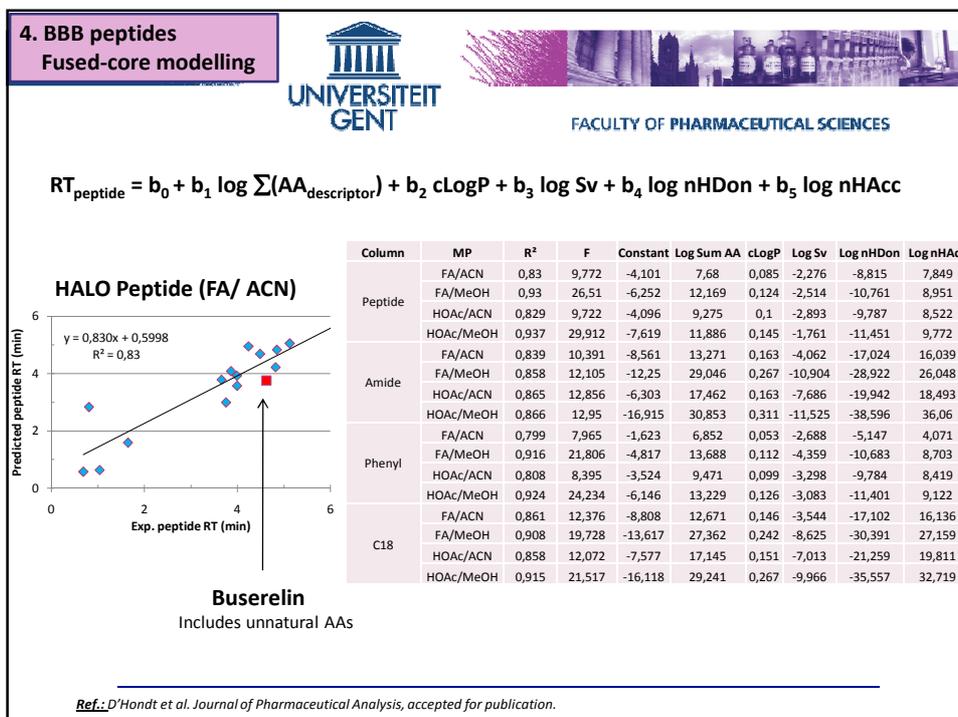
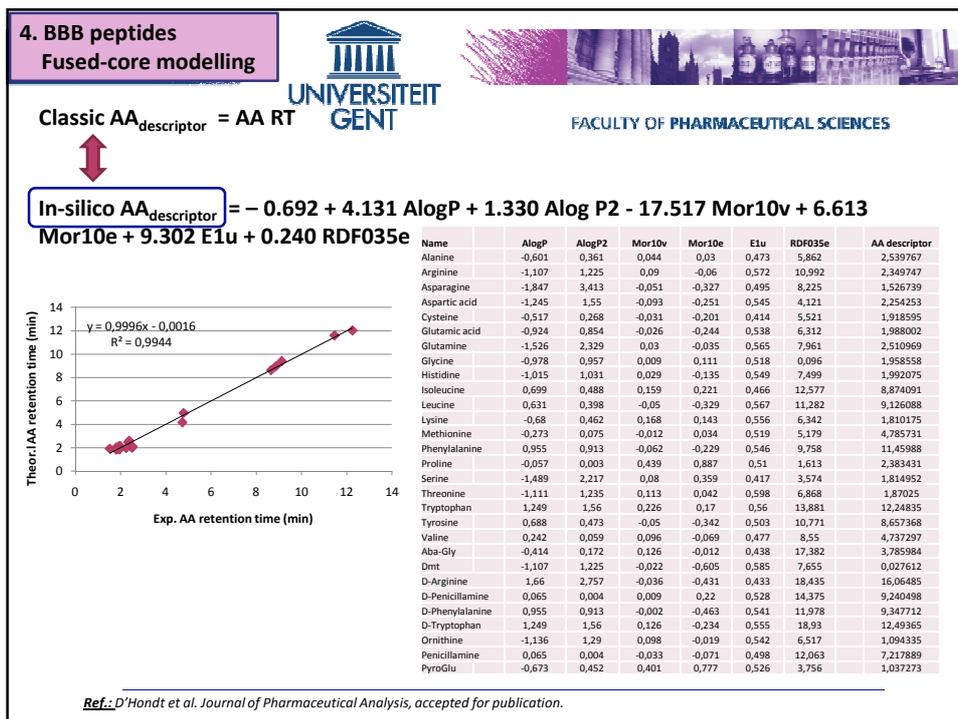
**Method verification**

- Linearity (1% to 100%):  $R^2 = 0.9966$
- Repeatability (6x 100%): %RSD = 0.99
- LoD: 0.04% relative to 100% solution

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✓ **Buserelin assay** → kinetics and  $E_a$   
✓ **Separation and identification of degradants (MS)**





**5. Spilanthol**  
(plant extract – cosmeceuticals)



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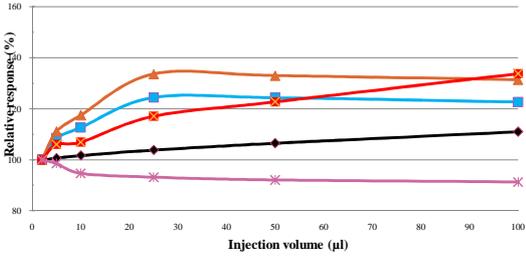
**Transdermal: several 100 FDC samples (low concentration → injection volume ↗)**

**Influence of injection volume on chromatographic responses (extra-column aspect):**

**Method:**

- Column: HALO RP Amide (50 × 4.6 mm I.D., 2.7 µm particle size)
- Mobile phase: 1% formic acid (m/V) in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (70/30)
- Flow rate: 1.5 ml/min
- Column temperature: 30°C
- Detection: 237 nm
- Total run time: 2 min
- Injection volume: 2 to 100 µl
- Mass on column: constant

•Model compound: spilanthol  
•Sample solvent: PBS



**Chromatographic characteristics of PBS sample relative to IV of 2 µl**

↗ Retention time

↗ Height

↗ Theoretical plates

↘ Symmetry factor

**PBS weak solvent**

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injection volume ↗

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