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Research topics:

1. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the determination of pharmaceutical substances from pharmaceutical preparations

1.1. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the simultaneous determination of pharmaceutical substances with similar structural and physico-chemical characteristics



1.2. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the simultaneous determination of pharmaceutical substances from fixed dose combinations

1.3. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the determination of the presence of illicit substances in adulterated dietary supplements

2. Applications of capillary electrophoresis in the analysis of chiral pharmaceutical substances

2.1. Cyclodextrins as chiral selectors in the enantioseparation of pharmaceutical substances by capillary electrophoresis

2.2. Neutral cyclodextrins vs. ionized cyclodextrins in the chiral separation of pharmaceutical substances by capillary electrophoresis

2.3. Method development and optimization for the separation and determination of enantiomers in pharmaceutical preparations by capillary electrophoresis

2.4. Application of experimental design in the development of chiral separation methods for pharmaceuticals by capillary electrophoresis

2.5. Verification of chiral impurities and enantiomer ratio of pharmaceuticals by capillary electrophoresis

2.6. High performance liquid chromatography vs. Capillary electrophoresis in modern chiral analysis

3. Applications of capillary electrophoresis in the analysis of biological samples

3.1. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for determination of pharmaceutical substances from biological samples (urine, plasma).

4. Application of capillary electrophoresis in the analysis of food

4.1. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the determination of honey composition

4.2. Development of capillary electrophoresis methods for the determination of xenobiotics presence in honey

Relevant techniques:

Capillary electrophoresis (CE)

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)

Relevant *in extenso* ISI and BDI articles of the student scientific research team (student's name is highlighted):

ISI articles:

1. Hancu G. **Modroiu A.** Chiral Switch: Between therapeutic benefit and marketing strategy, *Pharmaceuticals*, 2022, 15 (2), 240, doi: 10.3390/ph15020240, FI: 5,215 (Q1)



Review

Chiral Switch: Between Therapeutical Benefit and Marketing Strategy

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Article

Chiral Discrimination of Mexiletine Enantiomers by Capillary Electrophoresis Using Cyclodextrins as Chiral Selectors and Experimental Design Method Optimization

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Review

Application of Experimental Design Methodologies in the Enantioseparation of Pharmaceuticals by Capillary Electrophoresis: A Review

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Article

Development of a Chiral Capillary Electrophoresis Method for the Enantioseparation of Verapamil Using Cyclodextrins as Chiral Selectors and Experimental Design Optimization

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Article

Venlafaxine Chiral Separation by Capillary Electrophoresis Using Cyclodextrin Derivatives as Chiral Selector and Experimental Design Method Optimization

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ORIGINAL PAPER



Chiral separation of tramadol enantiomers by capillary electrophoresis using cyclodextrins as chiral selectors and experimental design method optimization

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Enantioselective analysis of fluoxetine in pharmaceutical formulations by capillary zone electrophoresis



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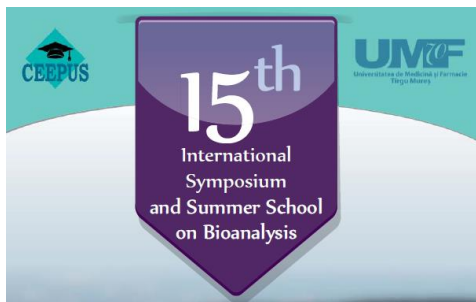
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