# Propoxyphene and Norpropoxyphene In Blood, Plasma/Serum, Urine, Tissue By LC-MS/MS or GC-MS Using: 200 mg Clean Screen® DAU Extraction Column



# **Procedure:**

#### 1. Prepare Sample

- a) To 1 mL of 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH=6) add internal standards.
- b) Add 1 -2 mL of blood, plasma/ serum, urine, or 1 g (1:4) tissue homogenate.
- c) Mix/vortex and let stand 5 minutes.
- d) Add 2 mL of 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.0). Mix/vortex.
- e) Sample pH should be  $6.0 \pm 0.5$ .
- f) Adjust pH accordingly with 100 mM monobasic or dibasic sodium phosphate.
- g) Centrifuge for 10 minutes at 2000 rpm and discard pellet.

## 2. Condition Clean Screen® Extraction Column

- a) 1 x 3 mL CH₃OH.
- b) 1 x 3 mL D.I. H₂O.
- c) 1 x 3 mL 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.0). **Note:** Aspirate at full vacuum or pressure.

## 3. Apply Sample

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a) Load at 1 to 2 mL/minute

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**ZSDAU020** Clean Screen® DAU 10 mL, 200 mg Column **SLDA50ID21-5UM** SELECTRA® DA HPLC Column 50 x 2.1 mm, 5 μm

## 4. Wash Column

- a) 1 x 3 mL D.I. H<sub>2</sub>O.
- b) 1 x 3 mL 100 mM acetic acid.
- c) 1 x 3 mL CH₃OH.
- d) Dry column (5 minutes at full vacuum or pressure).

#### 5. Elute Basic Analytes

- a) 1 x 3 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/IPA/NH<sub>4</sub>OH (78:20:2).
- b) Collect eluate at 1 to 2 mL/minute.
- **Note:** Prepare elution solvent daily
- Add IPA/NH<sub>4</sub>OH, mix, then add CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (pH 11-12)

#### 6. Dry Eluate

- a) Add 100  $\mu L$  of 1% HCl in Methanol to each test tube
- b) Evaporate to dryness at < 40 °C

## 7. Reconstitute / Derivatize

**LC-MS/MS:** Reconstitute sample in 100  $\mu$ L of mobile phase Inject 10  $\mu$ L.

GC-MS: Dissolve residue in 100 µL of ethyl acetate

**Note:** To improve the analysis for Norpropoxyphene, the primary metabolite of Dextropropoxyphene, add 1 drop of 35% sodium hydroxide solution to the urine sample and then after mixing bring the pH to 6 for SPE extraction. This step converts the Norpropoxyphene to Norpropoxyphene amide, a more stable compound.





LC-MS MRM Transitions					
Analyte	Q1	Q3			
Propoxyphene	340.0	58.0			
Propoxyphene D11	351.2	64.0			
Norpropoxyphene	326.0	252.0			
Norpropoxyphene D5	331.0	257.0			

GC-MS IONS					
Analyte	Quantify lon	Qualifier lon 1	Qualifier lon 2	Other lons	
Propoxyphene D5	63	120	213	255,270	
Propoxyphene	58	115	208	250,265	

## **References:**

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