

**LC-MS Solutions** 

# Avantor<sup>®</sup> ACE<sup>®</sup>, method development kits



Avantor manufactures a range of cutting edge U/HPLC chromatography products from its ISO 9001/ISO 14001 production facility.

The Avantor® ACE® portfolio provides a premium quality product with unique phases that separates what other columns cannot. The range includes novel and traditional stationary phases based on ultra inert silica for excellent reproducibility.



## Avantor<sup>®</sup> ACE<sup>®</sup> method development kits

#### INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS FOR METHOD DEVELOPMENT

- 5 different ACE Method Development Kits available in a wide range of dimensions for rapid, systematic method development
- Each kit contains carefully selected ACE phases which enables the power of selectivity to be fully exploited
- Each ACE phase provides different selectivity due to differing interactions

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#### METHOD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT!

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			SEPARATION MEC	HANISM AND RELA	TIVE STRENGTH	
	Bonded Phase	Hydrophobic Binding	π-π Interaction	Dipole-Dipole	Hydrogen Bonding	Shape Selectivity
	ACE C18	****	-	-	*	**
ACE Advanced Method Development Kit	ACE C18-AR	****	*** (donor)	*	**	***
(see page 5)	ACE C18-PFP	****	*** (acceptor)	****	***	****
	ACE SuperC18	****	-	-	-	**
ACE Extended Method Development Kit	ACE C18-Amide	****	-	**	****	**/***
(see page 9)	ACE CN-ES	***	*	***	**	- ** ** **/*** * *
ACE UltraCore Method	ACE UltraCore SuperC18	***	-	-	-	**
Development Kit see page 13)	ACE UltraCore SuperPhenylHexyl	**	*** (donor)	*	**	***
	ACE C18-300	**	-	-	*	*
ACE Bioanalytical 300Å Method Development Kit	ACE C4-300	*	-	-	-	-
(see page 16)	ACE Phenyl-300	*	** (donor)	*	**	**

<sup>1</sup> Approximate value – determined by semi-quantitative mechanism weightings and/or by reference to other ACE phases using >100 characterising analytes.

		SEPARATION MECHANISM AND RELATIVE STRENGTH <sup>2</sup>							
				Anionic Analyte Interactions		Cationic Analyte Interactions			
	Bonded Phase	Partitioning	Attraction	Repulsion	Attraction	Repulsion	H-bonding		
	ACE HILIC-A	**	-	***	****	-	*		
ACE HILIC Method Development Kit	ACE HILIC-B	***	****	-	-	***	*		
(see page 19)	ACE HILIC-N	****	-	-	-	-	****		

<sup>2</sup> Approximate value – determined by semi-quantitative mechanism weightings and/or by reference to other ACE phases using >50 characterising analytes.

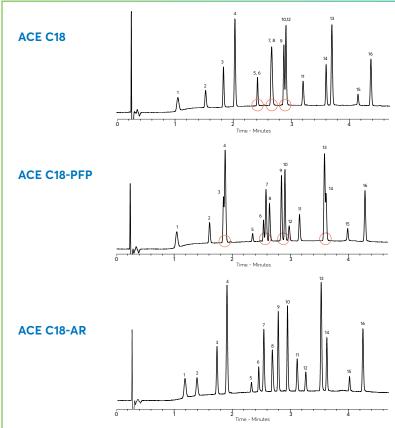
## Why use ACE method development kits?

#### **USING ACE METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS** TO IMPROVE SEPARATIONS

- ACE HPLC/UHPLC columns have earned a well deserved reputation for delivering excellent efficiency, reproducibility and lifetime.
- ACE Method Development Kits group together columns with different mechanisms of interaction to maximise selectivity and improve the likelihood of separating difficult or closely related analytes in mixtures.
- Screening columns containing different bonded phases under the same mobile phase conditions can help you achieve your desired separation more quickly, therefore increasing productivity.

**ACE**<sup>®</sup> **Stationary Phases** Virtually Eliminate the Negative Effects of Silanols on UHPLC & **HPLC** Separations

#### COLUMNS WITHIN ACE METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE SELECTIVITY



ACE C18 provides excellent peak shape, but here the essentially "hydrophobic-only" interaction results in co-elution.

Investigation of alternative bonded phases using the same test conditions is recommended.

ACE C18-PFP provides additional interactions compared to alkyl C18 phases. Whilst these change selectivity, in this instance co-elution of different analyte pairs is observed.

The ACE C18-AR phase provides a further change in selectivity due to different interaction contributions - ultimately enabling a successful separation.

Screening alternative phases can maximise selectivity and reduce method development time.

Sample: 1) metronidazole 2) 4-hydroxybenzoic acid 3) 3-hydroxybenzoic acid 4) benzyl alcohol 5) benzoic acid 6) myrecetin 7) p-cresol 8) propranolol 9) ethyl paraben 10) furosemide 11) anisole 12) 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene 13) toluene 14) nimesulide 15) mefenamic acid 16) 1,2,3-trichlorobenzene Mobile Phase: A = 0.1% formic acid in H2O B = 0.1% formic acid in MeCN - Gradient: 3 - 100% B in 5 minutes Column Dimensions: 50 x 2.1mm - Flow Rate: 0.60ml/min - Temperature: 40°C - Detection: 210nm

## ACE Advanced method development kit

#### - Contains ACE C18, ACE C18-AR and ACE C18-PFP phases

- Ideal starting point for routine method development
- Available in a wide range of dimensions
- Particularly recommended for compounds containing aromatic rings

Phase	Functional Group	Endcapped	Particle Size (µm)	Pore Size (Å)	Surface Area (m²/g)	Carbon Load (%)	Recommended pH Range	100% Aqueous Compatible	USP Listing
ACE C18	Octadecyl (C18)	Yes	1.7, 2, 3, 5	100	300	15.5	2.0-8.0°	No	L1
ACE C18-AR	C18 with integral Phenyl	Yes	1.7, 2, 3, 5, 10	100	300	15.5	2.0-8.0°	Yes	L1
ACE C18-PFP	C18 with integral PFP	Yes	1.7, 2, 3, 5, 10	100	300	14.3	2.0-8.0ª	Yes	L1

<sup>o</sup> For optimum column lifetime, a pH range of 2-8 is recommended. To increase column lifetime at higher pH, organic buffers, low buffer concentrations, high % organic solvent and low temperatures must be considered. Further information is contained within "A Guide to HPLC and LC/MS Buffer Selection" by John Dolan – please contact your distributor to request your FREE copy or visit **vwr.com/ace**.

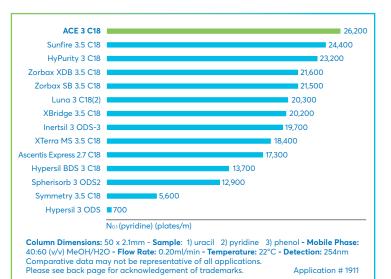
ACE C18	ACE C18-AR	ACE C18-PFP
ACE C18 remains the "go-to" column of choice for HPLC and UHPLC separations. With an excellent reputation for performance, reproducibility and lifetime, ACE C18 provides a rugged, reproducible starting point for method development.	ACE C18-AR combines the excellent performance and advantages of the ACE C18 phase with the added selectivity of an integral phenyl group. Recommended Applications	ACE C18-PFP brings together the stability, reproducibility and low bleed of the ACE C18 phase with the additional selectivity of an integral pentafluorophenyl (PFP) group.
Recommended Applications	<ul> <li>Analytes with π-bonding and conjugated systems</li> </ul>	<b>Recommended Applications</b> - Analytes with π-bonding
<ul> <li>Analytes differing in hydrophobicity</li> <li>Polar, moderately polar and non-polar analytes</li> <li>Uncharged acids and bases</li> <li>Ionized acids or bases using ion-pairing</li> <li>Ideal starting point for method development</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analytes with electron delocalization and electron withdrawing groups, such as halogens, nitro groups, ketones, esters and acids</li> <li>Analytes with different dipole moments</li> <li>Analytes differing in hydrophobicity</li> <li>Stereoisomers, steroids, substituted aromatics and sulphur containing compounds</li> <li>Fully wettable - 100% aqueous buffer compatible</li> <li>Applications where C18 does not provide adequate separation</li> <li>Applications where conventional phenyl phases provide insufficient retention, poor stability, or significant bleed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analytes with electron donating groups, such as phenols, aromatic ethers and amines</li> <li>Analytes with proton donor groups</li> <li>Analytes with different dipole moments</li> <li>Analytes differing in hydrophobicity</li> <li>Stuctural isomers, steroids, substituted aromatics and taxanes</li> <li>Fully wettable - 100% aqueous buffer compatible</li> <li>Applications where C18 does not provide adequate separation</li> <li>Applications where conventional PFP phases provide insufficient retention, poor stability or significant bleed</li> </ul>

### ACE C18 - COMPARISON OF COLUMN INERTNESS

- Column brands from major manufacturers investigated
- Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule



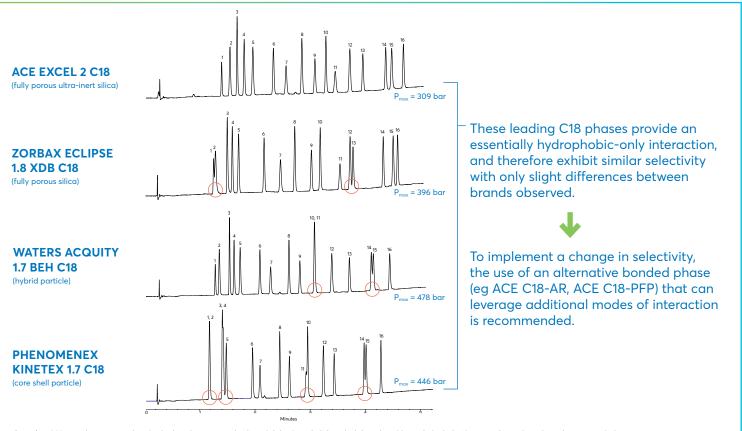
#### PEAK EFFICIENCY COMPARISON



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ACE C18 DELIVERS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

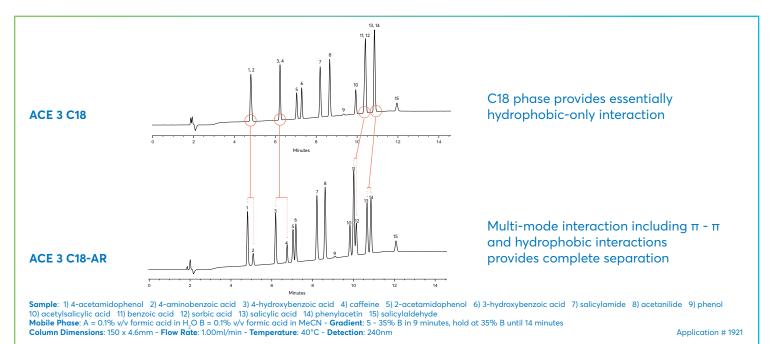
#### RAPID UHPLC SCREENING OF 16 PHARMACEUTICALS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS



Sample: 1) N-acetylprocainamide 2) 3-hydroxybenzoic acid 3) pindolol 4) methylphenylsulphoxide 5) benzyl alcohol 6) quinoxaline 7) 1,4-dinitrobenzene 8) phenacetin 9) 1,2-dimethoxybenzene 10) furosemide 11) anisole 12) methyl benzoate 13) remacemide 14) nimesulide 15) ethyl benzoate 16) diflunisal Mobile Phase: A = 20mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 2.7 B = 20mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 2.7 in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (65:35 v/v) - Gradient: 3 – 100% B in 5 minutes Column Dimensions: 50 x 2.1mm - Flow Rate: 0.60ml/min - Temperature: 60°C - Detection: 214nm.

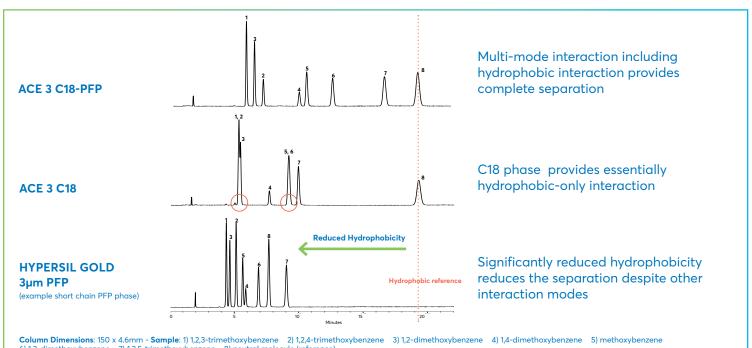
#### LEVERAGING THE UNIQUE SELECTIVITY OF ACE C18-AR

#### IMPROVING AN ANALGESICS SEPARATION BY CHANGING PHASE



#### ACE C18-PFP PROVIDES A SEPARATION THAT A C18 OR PFP COLUMN ALONE CANNOT ACHIEVE

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING HYDROPHOBICITY DURING MULTI-MODE INTERACTIONS



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#### ACE ADVANCED METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS

#### Contains 3 columns: ACE C18, ACE C18-AR and ACE C18-PFP of specified dimensions

	(UHPLC	/HPLC hardware form	at with 1000bar/15000	psi pressure limit)
Column Dimensions	1.7µm	2µm	Зµm	5µm
2.1 x 50mm	76396-154	76396-198	76396-294	76396-394
2.1 x 100mm	76396-158	76396-212	76396-308	76396-408
2.1 x 150mm	-	76396-240	76396-336	76396-436
2.1 x 250mm	-	-	76396-340	76396-450
3.0 x 50mm	76396-156	76396-200	76396-296	76396-396
3.0 x 100mm	76396-160	76396-214	76396-310	76396-410
3.0 x 150mm	-	76396-242	76396-338	76396-438
3.0 x 250mm	-	-	76396-342	76396-452
4.6 x 50mm	-	76396-202	76396-298	76396-398
4.6 x 100mm	-	76396-216	76396-312	76396-412
4.6 x 150mm	-	76396-244	76382-658	76396-440
4.6 x 250mm	-	-	76396-344	76396-454



## ACE Extended method development kit

#### - Contains ACE SuperC18, ACE C18-Amide and ACE CN-ES phases

- Use ACE SuperC18 to exploit selectivity changes at low, intermediate and high pH
- Available in a wide range of dimensions
- ACE C18-Amide and ACE CN-ES phases both offer alternative selectivity, especially for polar molecules

Phase	Functional Group	Endcapped	Particle Size (µm)	Pore Size (Å)	Surface Area (m²/g)	Carbon Load (%)	Recommended pH Range	100% Aqueous Compatible	USP Listing
ACE SuperC18	Octadecyl (C18)	Encapsulated bonding	1.7, 2, 3, 5, 10	90	400	14.8	1.5-11.5°	No	L1
ACE C18-Amide	C18 with integral amide polar group	Yes	1.7, 2, 3, 5, 10	100	300	16.4	2.0-8.0 <sup>b</sup>	Yes	L1/L60
ACE CN-ES	CN with proprietary extended alkyl spacer	Yes	1.7, 2, 3, 5, 10	100	300	12.6	2.0-8.0 <sup>b</sup>	Yes	L10

• ACE SuperC18 is designed for use with LC/MS compatible buffers. Further information is contained within "ACE SuperC18 - A Guide to Buffer Selection" – please contact your distributor to request your FREE copy or visit vwr.com/ace.

<sup>b</sup> For optimum column lifetime, a pH range of 2-8 is recommended. To increase column lifetime at higher pH, organic buffers, low buffer concentrations, high % organic solvent and low temperatures must be considered. Further information is contained within "A Guide to HPLC and LC/MS Buffer Selection" by John Dolan – please contact your distributor to request your FREE copy or visit **vwr.com/ace** 

#### **ACE SUPERC18**

ACE SuperC18 is a uniquely bonded, EBT endcapped C18 phase which offers unprecedented inertness, excellent efficiency and uncompromising durability over an extended pH range of 1.5 – 11.5.

#### Recommended Applications

- Analytes differing in hydrophobicityPolar, moderately polar and non-polar
- analytes
- Uncharged acids and bases
- Ionized acids or bases using ion-pairing
- Recommended starting point for developing methods at intermediate and high pH to exploit selectivity changes

#### ACE C18-AMIDE

ACE C18-Amide is a uniquely designed polar-embedded phase that offers enhanced retention and resolution of polar acidic, phenolic and hydroxysubstituted analytes. The extended spacer ligand technology provides extended column lifetime.

#### **Recommended Applications**

- Small water soluble analytes and polar molecules - especially acidic species
- Analytes with H bond donors, acids, bases and phenolic compounds
- Small peptides
- Analytes differing in hydrophobicity
- Fully wettable 100% aqueous buffer compatible
- Applications where C18 does not provide adequate separation
- Applications where conventional amide/polar embedded phases provide insufficient retention, poor stability, or significant bleed

#### ACE CN-ES

ACE CN-ES is a unique phase having an extended alkyl chain with a terminal cyano group. It provides C18 levels of retention and stability compared to commercial cyano propyl phases which typically exhibit low retentivity and poor stability.

#### **Recommended Applications**

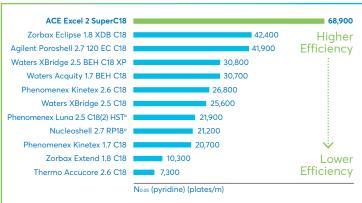
- Mixtures of very polar, polar and nonpolar analytes
- Analytes with double and triple bonds
- Analytes differing in hydrophobicity
- Suitable for NP and RP separations
- Fully wettable 100% aqueous buffer compatible
- Applications where a typical C18 column does not provide adequate separation
- Applications where traditional CN bonded phases provide insufficient retention, poor stability or significant bleed
- An orthogonal phase for method development

#### ACE SUPERC18 PROVIDES EXCELLENT **COLUMN INERTNESS**

- Leading column brands in 50 x 2.1mm LC/MS compatible dimensions at intermediate pH 5.8
- Silica, Hybrid and Superficially Porous particle technologies compared
- Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule
- Efficiency measured at 5% peak height to account for peak tailing effects

#### PEAK EFFICIENCY COMPARISON

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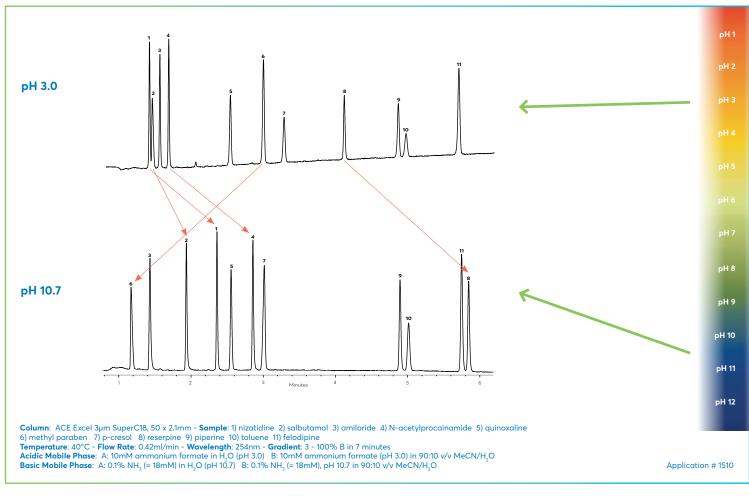


 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Column Dimensions: } 50 \times 2.1 mm (^{o} \ 50 \times 2.0 mm) - \textbf{Sample: 1) uracil 2) pyridine 3) phenol - \textbf{Mobile Phase: } 30:70 v/v MeOH/10 mM NH_4OAc in H_2O (pH 5.8) - \textbf{Flow Rate: } 0.20 ml/min - Temperature: 22°C - Detection: 254nm \end{array}$ Comparative data may not be representative of all applications. Application # 1513

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#### **USE ACE SUPERC18 TO INVESTIGATE PH EFFECTS**

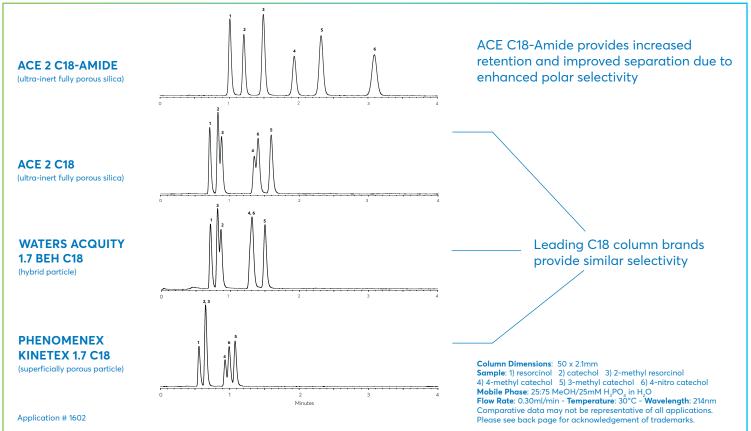
#### **EXPLOIT SELECTIVITY BY ADJUSTING PH**



#### ACE C18-AMIDE PROVIDES ENHANCED POLAR SELECTIVITY

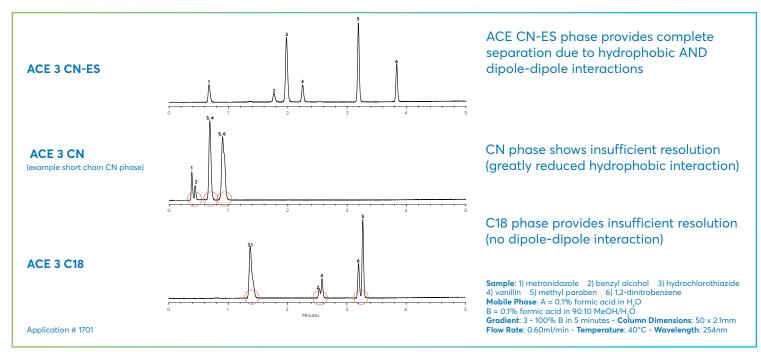
#### ADVANTAGES OF MULTI-MODE INTERACTIONS FOR HPLC SEPARATIONS

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#### ACE CN-ES PROVIDES ALTERNATIVE SELECTIVITY

#### ACE CN-ES PROVIDES A SEPARATION THAT A C18 OR CN COLUMN ALONE CANNOT ACHIEVE



#### ACE EXTENDED METHOD DEVELOPMENT UHPLC/HPLC COLUMN KITS

Contains 3 columns: ACE SuperC18, ACE C18-Amide and ACE CN-ES of specified dimensions

	(UHPLC	/HPLC hardware form	at with 1000bar/15000	psi pressure limit)
Column Dimensions	1.7µm	2µm	Зµm	5µm
2.1 x 50mm	76396-804	76396-848	76396-942	76397-044
2.1 x 100mm	76396-808	76396-862	76396-956	76397-058
2.1 x 150mm	-	76396-888	76396-984	76397-086
2.1 x 250mm	-	-	76396-990	76397-100
3.0 x 50mm	76396-806	76396-850	76396-944	76397-046
3.0 x 100mm	76396-810	76396-864	76396-958	76397-060
3.0 x 150mm	-	76396-890	76396-986	76397-088
3.0 x 250mm	-	-	76396-992	76397-102
4.6 x 50mm	-	76396-852	76396-946	76397-048
4.6 x 100mm	-	76396-866	76396-960	76397-062
4.6 x 150mm	-	76396-892	76396-988	76397-090
4.6 x 250mm	-	-	76396-994	76397-104



## ACE UltraCore method development kit

#### - Contains ACE UltraCore SuperC18 and SuperPhenylHexyl phases

- Use to exploit selectivity changes at low, intermediate and high pH
- Available in a wide range of dimensions
- Ultra inert core-shell particles and Encapsulated Bonding Technology (EBT<sup>\*\*</sup>) provide excellent peak shape

Phase	Functional Group	Particle Size (µm)	Pore Size (Å)	Surface Area (m²/g)	Carbon Load (%)	Maximum pH Range	USP Listing
ACE UltraCore 2.5 SuperC18	Octadecyl encapsulated	2.5	95	130	7.0	1.5-11.0°	L1
ACE UltraCore 2.5 SuperPhenylHexyl	Phenyl-Hexyl encapsulated	2.5	95	130	4.6	1.5-11.0°	L11
ACE UltraCore 5 SuperC18	Octadecyl encapsulated	5	95	100	5.4	1.5-11.0°	L1
ACE UltraCore 5 SuperPhenylHexyl	Phenyl-Hexyl encapsulated	5	95	100	3.6	1.5-11.0°	L11

• ACE UltraCore columns are designed for use with LC/MS compatible buffers. Further information is contained within "ACE UltraCore – A Guide to Buffer Selection" - please contact your distributor to request your FREE copy or visit vwr.com/ace.

#### ACE EXTENDED METHOD DEVELOPMENT UHPLC/HPLC COLUMN KITS

- ACE UltraCore SuperC18 and SuperPhenylHexyl phases are manufactured using our unique Encapsulated Bonding Technology (EBT<sup>\*\*</sup>)
- This technology dramatically increases ligand coverage of the silica surface and effectively eliminates the negative effects of unbonded silanol groups
- The higher ligand coverage results in improved inertness, chromatographic performance and stability

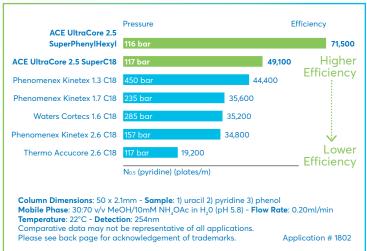
ACE® Stationary Phases Virtually Eliminate the Negative Effects of Silanols on UHPLC & HPLC Separations

#### ACE ULTRACORE COLUMNS ARE HIGHLY INERT

- Solid-core columns from leading manufacturers investigated
- Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule

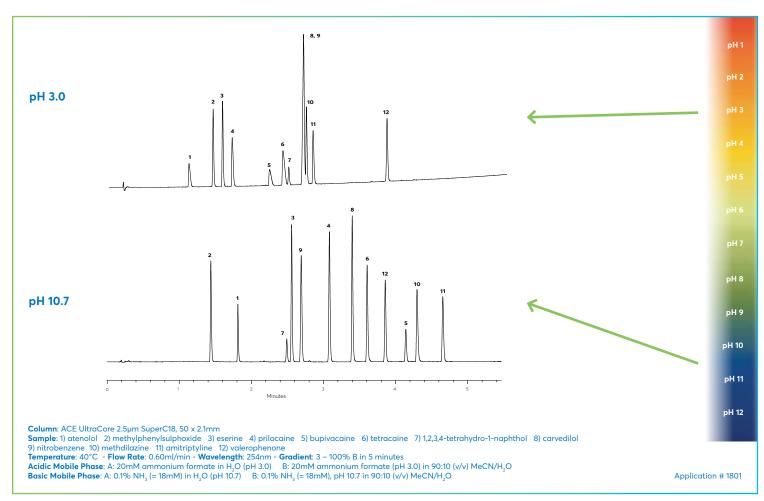
#### PEAK EFFICIENCY COMPARISON

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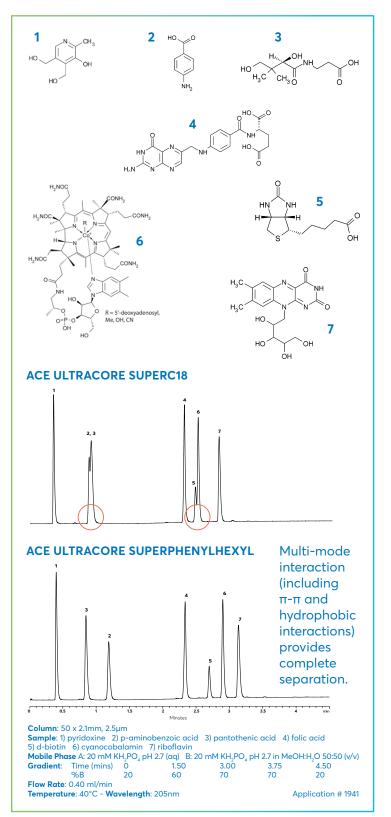
#### USE ACE SUPERC18 TO INVESTIGATE PH EFFECTS

#### **EXPLOIT SELECTIVITY BY ADJUSTING PH**



### INTRODUCING SELECTIVITY CHANGES USING ACE ULTRACORE METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS

#### **VITAMIN SEPARATION**



#### ACE ULTRACORE METHOD DEVELOPMENT UHPLC/HPLC COLUMN KITS

Contains 2 columns: ACE UltraCore SuperC18 and ACE UltraCore SuperPhenylHexyl of specified dimensions

		C hardware format with 000psi pressure limit)
Column Dimensions	2.5µm	5μm
2.1 x 50mm	76397-390	76397-486
2.1 x 100mm	76397-404	76397-500
2.1 x 150mm	76397-432	76397-528
2.1 x 250mm	-	76397-542
3.0 x 50mm	76397-392	76397-488
3.0 x 100mm	76397-406	76397-502
3.0 x 150mm	76397-434	76397-530
3.0 x 250mm	-	76397-544
4.6 x 50mm	76397-394	76397-490
4.6 x 100mm	76397-408	76397-504
4.6 x 150mm	76397-436	76397-532
4.6 x 250mm	-	76397-546



### ACE Bioanalytical 300Å method development kit

#### - Contain ACE C18-300, ACE C4-300 and ACE Phenyl-300 phases

- Ideal starting point for protein and peptide method development
- Available in a wide range of dimensions
- Ultra-inert 300Å phases provide excellent peak shape and reproducibility

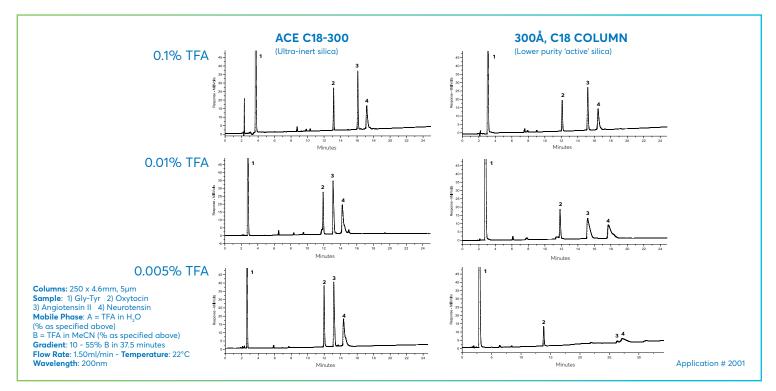
Phase	Functional Group	Particle Size (µm)	Pore Size (Å)	Surface Area (m²/g)		Recommended pH Range	USP Listing
ACE C18-300	Octadecyl (C18)	3, 5, 10	300	100	9.0	2.0-8.0°	L1
ACE C4-300	Butyl (C4)	3, 5, 10	300	100	2.6	2.0-8.0°	L26
ACE Phenyl-300	Phenyl	3, 5, 10	300	100	5.3	2.0-8.0°	L11

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#### ACE 300Å ULTRA-INERT COLUMNS PROVIDE IMPROVED PEAK SHAPE

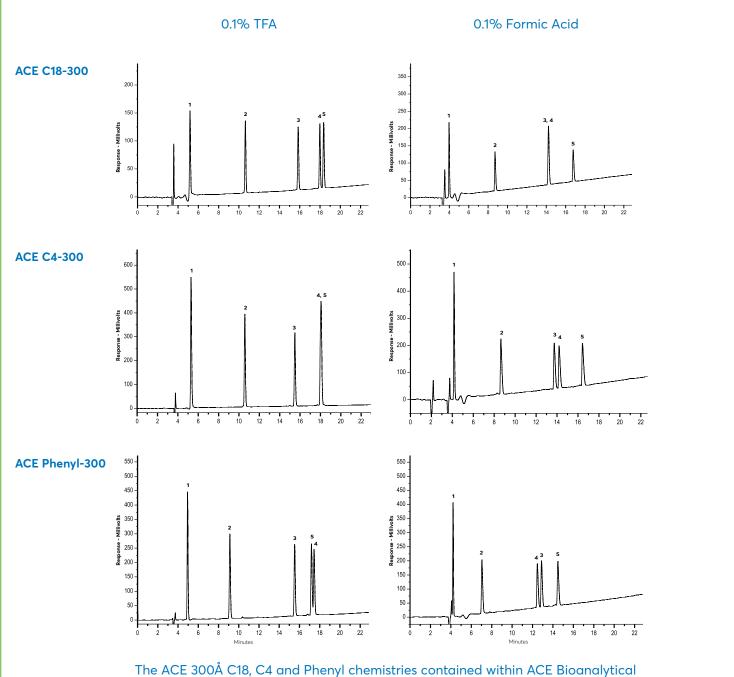
ACE 300Å ultra-inert HPLC columns are manufactured using advanced technology that virtually eliminates the negative effects of silanols and metal contamination for the separation of peptides, proteins and other high molecular weight biomolecules. The ultra-inert characteristics of ACE 300Å columns permit the use of as little as 0.005% TFA in the mobile phase. Lower purity columns show unacceptable peak tailing even when using as much as 0.01% TFA. The ability to run at reduced TFA concentrations results in increased sensitivity.

#### ACE 300Å BIOANALYTICAL COLUMNS PROVIDE EXCELLENT PEAK SHAPE



### USING ACE BIOANALYTICAL 300Å METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS TO OPTIMISE SELECTIVITY

#### INTRODUCING SELECTIVITY CHANGES BY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF BONDED PHASE AND MOBILE PHASE ADDITIVE



300Å Method Development Kits enable the analyst to investigate selectivity effects due to phase variations.

The ultra-inert characteristics of the ACE 300Å silica enable different mobile phase additives to be investigated without a deterioration in peak shape or sensitivity.

Columns: 250 x 4.6mm. 5um

Sample: 1) Gly-Tyr 2) Val-Tyr-Val 3) Methionine enkephalin 4) Angiotensin II 5) Leucine enkephalin Mobile Phase: A = 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O or 0.1% Formic Acid in H<sub>2</sub>O (as specified above) B = MeCN Gradient: 10 – 40% B in 25 minutes Flow Rate: 1.00ml/min - Temperature: 22°C - Wavelength: 220nm

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#### ACE BIOANALYTICAL 300Å METHOD DEVELOPMENT HPLC COLUMN KITS

Contains 3 columns: ACE C18-300, ACE C4-300 and ACE Phenyl-300 of specified dimensions

		rdware format with 00psi pressure limit)
Column Dimensions	3µm	5μm
2.1 x 50mm	76396-504	76396-600
2.1 x 100mm	76396-518	76396-614
2.1 x 150mm	76396-546	76396-642
2.1 x 250mm	-	76396-656
3.0 x 50mm	76396-506	76396-602
3.0 x 100mm	76396-520	76396-616
3.0 x 150mm	76396-548	76396-644
3.0 x 250mm	-	76396-658
4.6 x 50mm	76396-508	76396-604
4.6 x 100mm	76396-522	76396-618
4.6 x 150mm	76396-550	76396-646
4.6 x 250mm	-	76396-660

Guard columns are available for all of these phases

## ACE HILIC method development kit

- Contains ACE HILIC-A, ACE HILIC-B and ACE HILIC-N phases
- Alternative and improved selectivity to reversed-phase for polar and very polar analytes
- Available in a wide range of dimensions
- ACE HILIC-A, ACE HILIC-B and ACE HILIC-N provide alternative selectivity to each other

Phase	Functional Group	Endcapped	Particle Size (µm)	Pore Size (Å)	Surface Area (m²/g)		Recommended pH Range	USP Listing
ACE HILIC-A	Proprietary SIL	No	1.7, 3, 5	100	300	-	2.0-7.0	L3
ACE HILIC-B	Proprietary Aminopropyl	No	1.7, 3, 5	100	300	4.0	2.0-7.0	L8
ACE HILIC-N	Proprietary Polyhydroxy	No	1.7, 3, 5	100	300	7.0	2.0-7.0	Pending

#### WHAT IS HILIC?

- Hydrophilic Interaction Liquid Chromatography (HILIC) was first described by Alpert\*
- HILIC is ideal for the separation and retention of polar species including polar neutral and polar ionised analytes
- HILIC separations typically include a polar stationary phase with high organic solvent containing mobile phases
- Mechanistically HILIC is complex (Fig 1) and provides multiple modes of interaction between the analyte, stationary phase, eluent and water enriched layer at the stationary phase particle-eluent interface\*\*

\* A. J. Alpert, J. Chromatogr., 499 (1990) 177. \*\* See the FREE ACE guide to reproducible HILIC method development for more information

#### WHEN SHOULD YOU CONSIDER HILIC?

- HILIC provides the retention and separation of hydrophilic or polar to very polar analytes not well retained in RPLC
- Hydrophilic or polar to very polar analytes have log P values (measure of lipophilicity) of around zero or less (Fig 2A)
- Generally, polar analytes are suitable for HILIC if they elute before caffeine in gradient RPLC (Fig 2B)

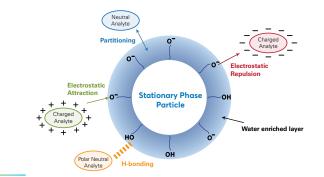


Figure 1. Schematic of interactions between different types of polar analytes and a stationary phase in HILIC mode

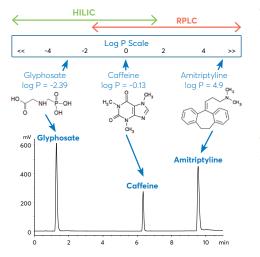


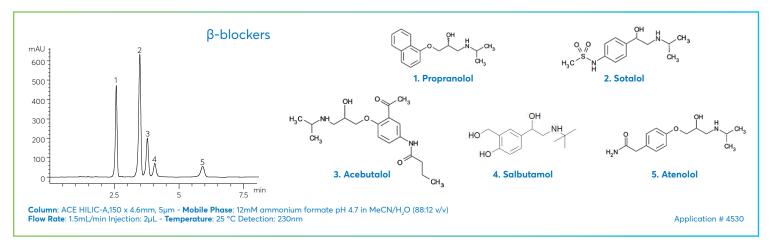
Figure 2A. Analyte suitability for HILIC from Log P

Figure 2B. Analyte suitability for HILIC from gradient RPLC

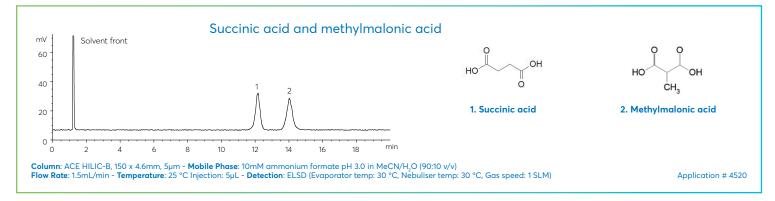
#### **ACE HILIC COLUMNS – 3 ALTERNATIVE SELECTIVITIES**

ACE HILIC-A	ACE HILIC-B	ACE HILIC-N
An acidic character phase with an	A basic character phase with an ionisable	A neutral character phase capable of
ionisable negative surface charge	positive surface charge depending on	H-bonding amongst other mechanisms
depending on mobile phase pH	mobile phase pH	of interaction

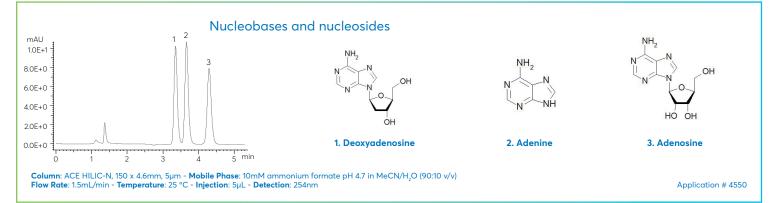
#### ACE HILIC-A - An acidic character phase



#### ACE HILIC-B - A basic character phase







#### ACE HILIC METHOD DEVELOPMENT

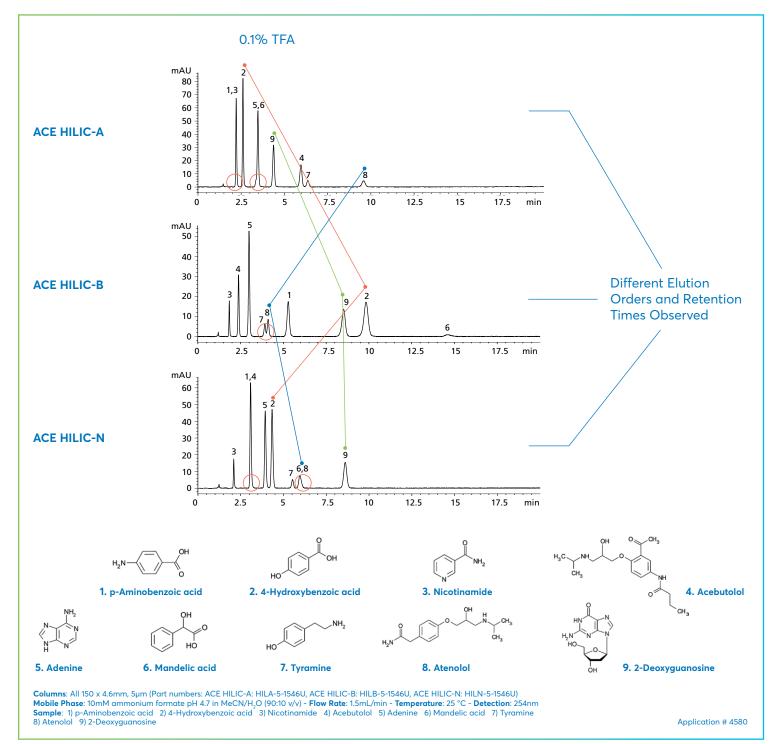
- ACE HILIC columns provide alternative selectivity to each other.
- The power of systematic screening of different phase chemistries for HILIC method development is seen below.
- Maximise your HILIC method development success by following the ACE HILIC method development protocol using

three optimised ACE HILIC column chemistries – protocol available in the FREE HILIC Method Development guide.

#### CONCLUSIONS

ACE HILIC columns provide alternative selectivity to each other – ideal for HILIC method development.

#### ADVANTAGES OF USING ACE HILIC METHOD DEVELOPMENT KITS



#### FREE HILIC METHOD DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL GUIDE

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Contains 3 columns: ACE HILIC-A, ACE HILIC-B and ACE HILIC-N of specified dimensions

Column	(UHPLC/HPLC hardware format with 1000bar/15000psi pressure limit)		
Dimensions	1.7µm	Зµm	5µm
2.1 x 50mm	76397-134	76397-178	76397-280
2.1 x 100mm	76397-138	76397-192	76397-294
2.1 x 150mm	-	76397-220	76397-322
2.1 x 250mm	-	76397-226	76397-336
3.0 x 50mm	76397-136	76397-180	76397-282
3.0 x 100mm	76397-140	76397-194	76397-296
3.0 x 150mm	-	76397-222	76397-324
3.0 x 250mm	-	76397-228	76397-338
4.6 x 50mm	-	76397-182	76397-284
4.6 x 100mm	-	76397-196	76397-298
4.6 x 150mm	-	76397-224	76397-326
4.6 x 250mm	-	76397-230	76397-340

### UHPLC and HPLC column accessories

#### UHPLC COLUMN CONNECTORS

- Pressure rating >1700 bar (>25000 psi)
- Compatible with all UHPLC systems<sup>1</sup>
- Compatible with all UHPLC column brands
- Eliminates poor connections
- Innovative reusable design

#### HPLC COLUMN CONNECTORS

- Fingertight to 350 bar (5000 psi)
- Reuseable and simple to install
- Eliminates poor connections
- Compatible with all HPLC column brands and instruments



Reuseable column connector with 10-32 threads for 1/16" od tubing

Proprietary PEEK™ cone

All UHPLC column brands require correct installation in order to realise maximum column efficiency. To avoid connection problems, permanently swaged fittings are not recommended as they do not allow free movement between the tubing, fitting and column inlet on installation. This can result in a poorly connected column that shows unexpected peak tailing due to the introduction of extra column volume (dead volume) to the system. Alternatively, a leak at the inlet fitting connection may be observed.

ACE Excel UHPLC Column Connectors (p/n EXL-CC10, 10 pack) enable the inlet end of UHPLC columns to be correctly installed every time. Their unique reuseable design ensures that they maintain a 1700 bar (25000 psi) pressure rating with repeated use, yet do not permanently swage onto the inlet tubing. To maximise the lifetime of the fitting, the use of a torque wrench (p/n EXL-TW) is required.

At the outlet end of the UHPLC column (where pressure demands are lower but a correct connection remains important), ACE Fingertight HPLC Column Connectors (p/n ACE-CC10, 10 pack, see below) may alternatively be used.

<sup>1</sup>Note: For inlet connections onto a Waters Acquity system (containing a Waters Acquity 1/16" fitting and ferrule on the inlet tubing) the use of a pre-column filter incorporating the unique Waters Acquity column port profile is alternatively recommended (p/n EXL-PCF10/ACQ - 10 pack) to ensure maximum compatibility with the Waters Acquity system fittings. ACE Fingertight HPLC Column Connector (p/n ACE-CC10, 10 pack)



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