

### Acetaminophen and Related Substances

In this study, we analyze acetaminophen and related substances with a new HPLC particle technology based on monodisperse fully porous particles. We explore the impact of modifying the stationary phase and mobile phase on selectivity.

### Experimental Conditions

Time (min)	%B	Flow Rate (ml/min)
0	5	0.4
5	95	0.4
15	95	0.4
20	5	0.4

**Mobile Phase A:** 10 mM Ammonium Formate (pH 3.0)

**Mobile Phase B:** 10 mM Ammonium Formate pH 3.0 in Acetonitrile: Water 9:1 v/v

**Mobile Phase B1:** 10mM Ammonium Formate pH 3.0 in Methanol: Water 9:1 v/v

**Temp:** 40 °C

**Detection:** 254 nm

**Screening Experiment** – 8 columns  
**Ballistic Gradient** – 2 Solvent Systems

**Evosphere 100 Å, 3 µm, 2.1 x 100 mm Column**

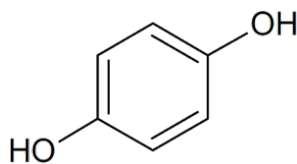
C18/AR  
 C18/PFP  
 Phenyl-Hexyl  
 RP18-Amide  
 C12  
 Aqua  
 Diphenyl  
 PFP

### Peak Identities

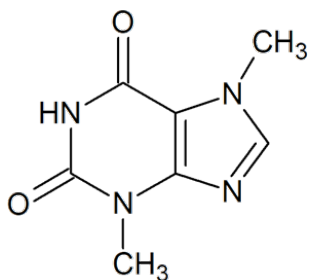
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2. Theobromine
3. Acetaminophen
4. Theophylline
5. Paraxanthine
6. 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid
7. 2-Acetamidophenol
8. Caffeine
9. Phenol
10. Aspirin
11. 2-Hydroxybenzoic acid
12. 4-Nitrophenol

### Peak Identities- Phase Structures

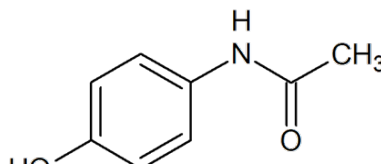
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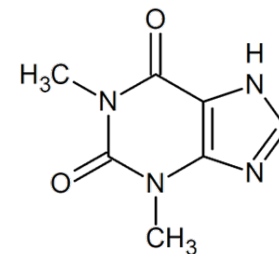
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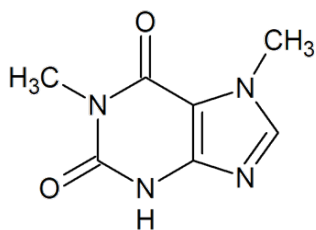
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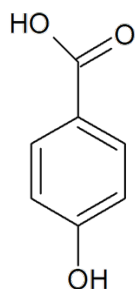
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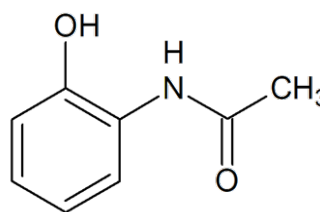
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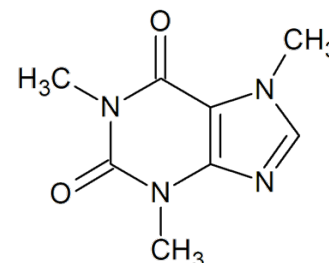
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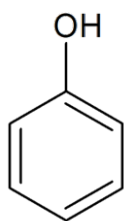
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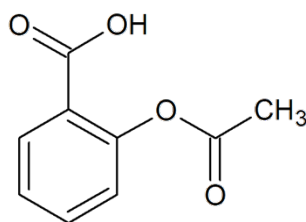
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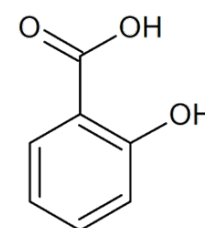
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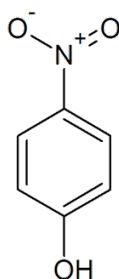
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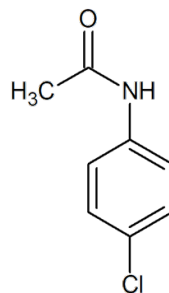
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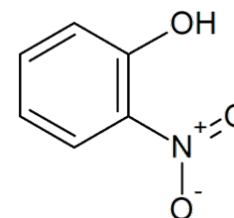
12. 4-Nitrophenol



13. 4-Chloroacetanilide

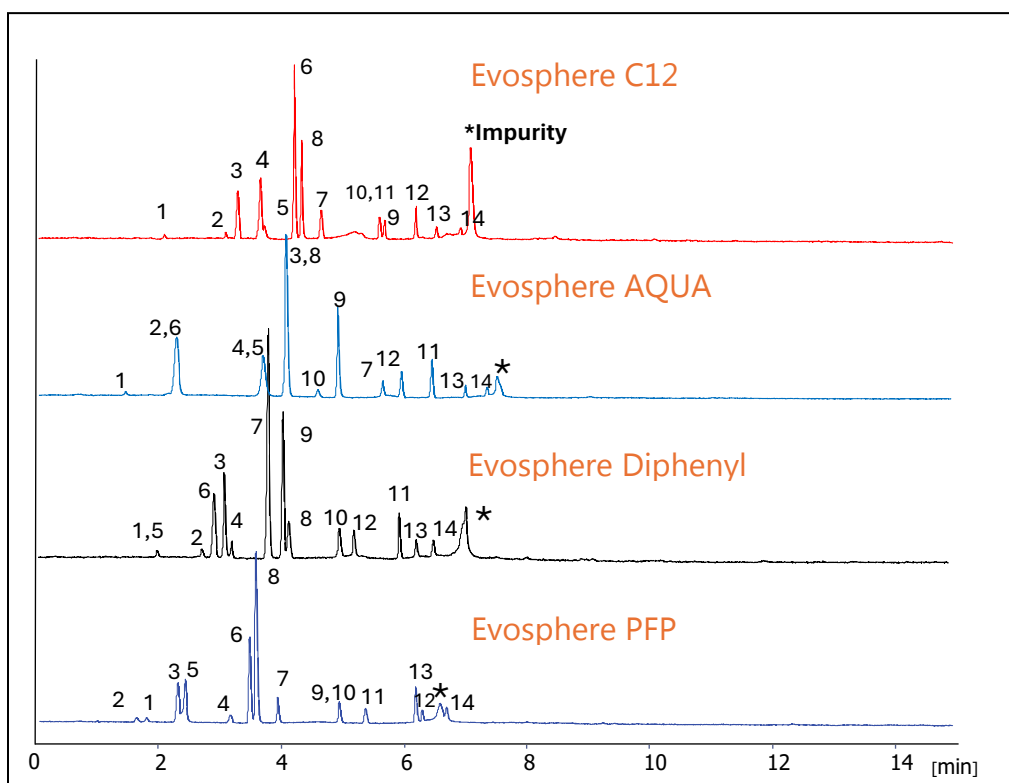
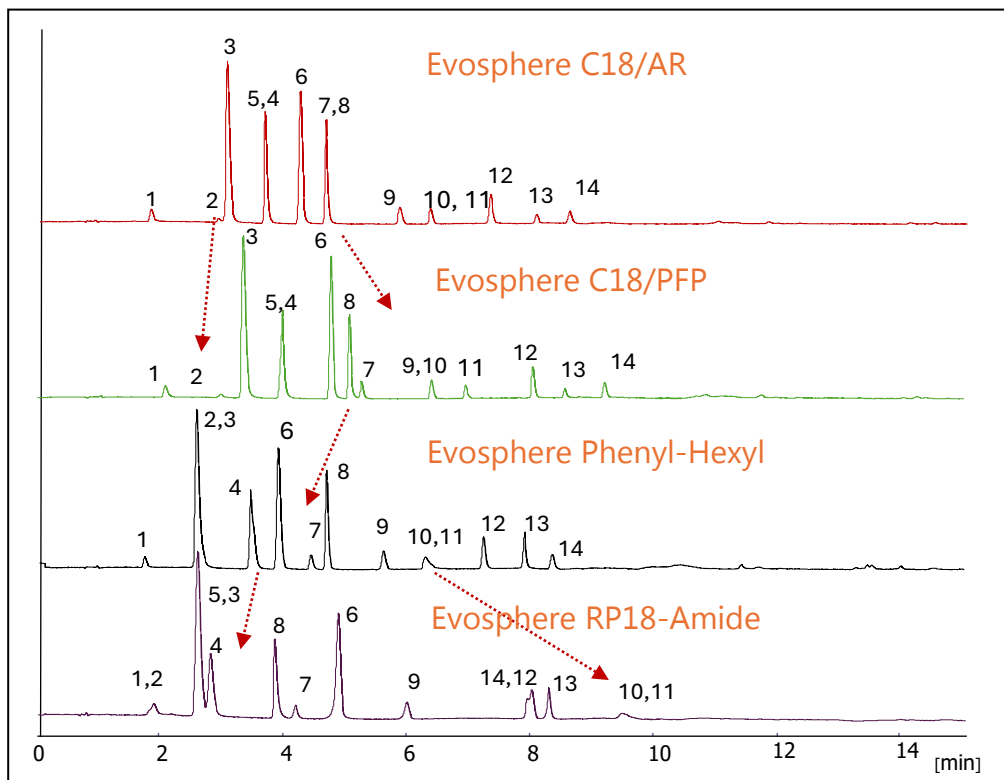


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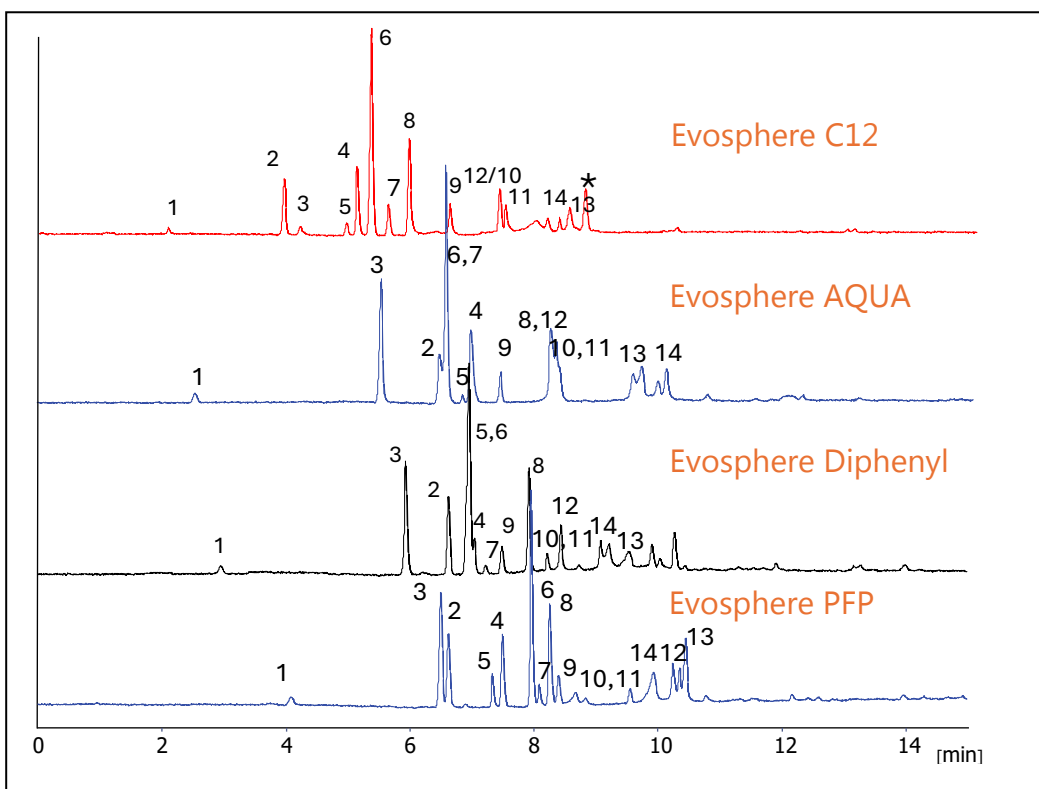
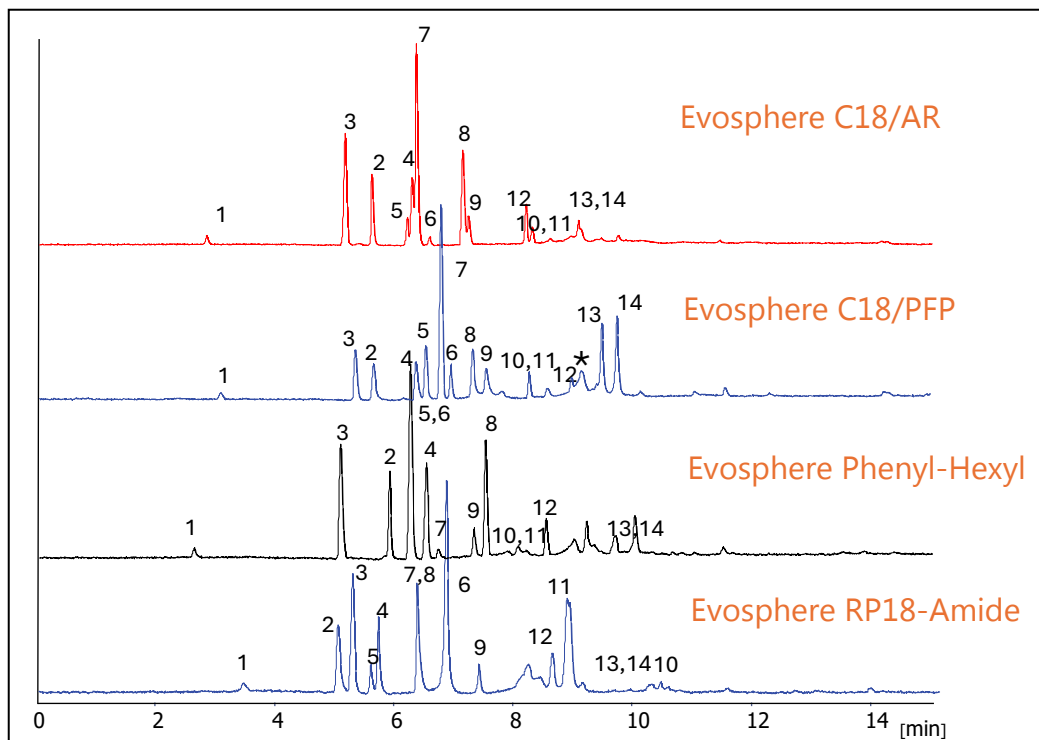
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### Future work:

Explore other MS friendly buffer systems like ammonium acetate

Explore different Temperatures including 45 °C and 50 °C

Based on retention, suggest exploring shallower gradients to adjust selectivity of key critical peak pairs



# Application Note



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