

Electrodialytic Extraction in Drug Analysis. II.¹⁾ Examination of Ordinary Drugs from the Extractability View Point

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In order to evaluate the electrodialytic extraction method, a large number of drugs were extracted with the proposed apparatus,¹⁾ and the following results were obtained.

1. Organic acids, sulfonamides, amino acids and barbiturates could be extracted by using 0.5M NH₄OH as a basic carrier solution.
2. Amines, sulfonamides and amino acids could be extracted by using 0.5M acetic acid as an acidic carrier solution.
3. Substances which have very low dissociation constant could be made into useful carrier solution by adding a strong electrolyte such as NaCl. The most desirable specific conductivity is about 1.0×10^{-3} mho/cm.
4. Some sugars could be extracted in the form of borate complex.

Many kinds of extraction agents have been used in the conventional extraction, such as acids, alkalies, buffers of various concentrations and organic solvents, and these extraction agents have been selected empirically for each case on the basis of the partition coefficient of the specific component. It is possible to perform electrodialytic extraction with a small number of agents because the rate of extraction is controlled by specific conductivity. In this paper, the applicability of electrodialytic extraction was evaluated by investigating many kinds of drugs such as organic acids, barbiturates, sulfonamides, *etc.*,

Experimental

1. **Samples**—1) Sample S₁: 25 g of microcrystalline cellulose and 0.25 m mole of the drug were taken, 25 ml of 2% sodium carboxymethyl cellulose solution was added and these were mixed uniformly in a mortar. The mixture was dried for 1 hour at 60°, pulverized in a mortar and sieved with a 100 mesh sieve to obtain sample S₁.

2) Sample S₂: Same as S₁, but 25 ml of 2% sodium carboxymethyl cellulose solution was replaced by 25 ml of distilled water.

3) Sample L: The drug was dissolved with a liquid having the same composition as the carrier solution. The concentration of these sample solutions was 1000 µg/ml in most cases but in the experiments with the drugs of low solubility or high absorbancy, a saturated solution or a more diluted solution was used.

2. **Carrier Solutions**—The compositions and codes of the carrier solutions used in this work are shown in Table I.

TABLE I. Codes of Carrier Solution

Code	Composition	Code	Composition
I	0.5M NH ₄ OH	IV	0.05M (tris-hydroxymethyl)-aminomethane+0.01M NaCl
II	0.5M AcOH	V	0.1M sodium borate
III	0.1M AcOH+0.1M AcONa	VI	0.1M NaOH

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2) Location: Narihira 5-6-9, Sumida-ku, Tokyo.

TABLE II. Electrodialytic Extraction Data of Organic Acids

Compound	Sample			Extraction condition			Determined at ($m\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)	Carrier solution	Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
Acetylsalicylic acid	S ₁	200 mg	I	15	1.54	30	298	98.2
<i>p</i> -Aminobenzoic acid	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	30	267	98.8
<i>p</i> -Aminosalicylic acid sodium salt	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	25	267	100.0
2-Phenylquinoline-4-carboxylic acid	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	40	260	99.3
Folic acid	S ₁	100 mg	I	15	1.54	30	257	94.0
3-Acetamido-2,4,6-triiodobenzoic acid sodium salt	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	20	239	99.0
Sodium iodomethamate	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	20	244	99.1
Mercurochrome	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	60	255	93.2
Nalidixic acid	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	25	260	98.6
Nicotinic acid	S ₁	500 mg	I	15	2.31	30	264	107.2
			II	20	1.54	30	262	107.8
Orotic acid sodium salt	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	20	288	99.8

TABLE III. Electrodialytic Extraction Data of Amines

Compound	Sample			Extraction condition			Determined at ($m\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)	Carrier solution	Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
Acrinol	S ₁	100 mg	II	20	0.63	120	270	98.9
				30	0.63	90	270	99.7
				40	0.63	60	270	98.4
Alimemazine tartrate	S ₁	100 mg	II	20	1.54	15	253	101.3
Aminopyrine	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	259	100.3
Carbazochrome	S ₁	100 mg	II	25	1.54	90	358	99.9
Chlorpheniramine maleate	S ₁	300 mg	II	20	1.54	30	265	101.3
Dequalinium chloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	1.54	30	329	99.1
Dihydrostreptomycin sesqui sulfate	L (14.6 mg/ml)	1 ml	III	20	3.27	45	496 ^{a)}	100.5
Ergometrine maleate	S ₂	100 mg	II	20	0.72	30	315	92.2
Ethionamide	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	1.54	30	280	98.6
Isonicotinic acid hydrazide	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	267	100.0
Methylene blue	S ₁	100 mg	II	20	0.72	60	294	102.0
Nicotinamide	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	262	99.8
Noscapine	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	315	100.0
Oxarmin	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	1.54	30	242	99.0
Papaverine hydrochloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	60	253	100.0
Procaine hydrochloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	35	293	99.6
Procaineamide hydrochloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	280	100.0
Prothionamide	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	1.54	30	280	98.8
Quinidine sulfate	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	20	251	99.5
Quinine hydrochloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	2.31	15	251	98.9
Quinine sulfate	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	II	20	2.31	15	251	99.5
Tetracycline hydrochloride	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	45	273	98.5
Thiamine hydrochloride	S ₁	250 mg	II	20	1.54	30	247	99.7
Thiamine mononitrate	S ₁	250 mg	II	20	1.54	30	248	98.2
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	S ₁	250 mg	II	20	1.54	30	292	103.9

a) nitroprusside method

3. **Electrodialytic Extraction of Organic Acids**—Organic acids which are conventionally used as drugs were used in this experiment. These are shown in Table II. Each specimen was prepared according to the procedure of 1.1) or 1.3), and designated as S₁ or L. The quantities of these acids were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table II. After electrodialytic extraction the effluent was diluted to the appropriate volume with the fresh carrier solution and the absorbance was determined at the individually specified wavelength.

4. **Electrodialytic Extraction of Amines**—Twenty five organic amines shown in Table III were used. Each specimen was prepared according to the procedure of 1.1), 1.2) or 1.3), and designated as S₁, S₂ or L. The quantities of these amines were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table III. After electrodialytic extraction the concentration of effluent was determined spectrophotometrically at the individually specified wavelength. Dihydrostreptomycin was extracted with a mixed solution of 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium acetate at pH 6.0 and was determined colorimetrically following the method of F. Monastero³⁾. The reagent used was prepared by mixing equal volumes of 10% sodium nitroprusside, 10% potassium ferricyanide and 10% sodium hydroxide in the order. A deep red color which changes to light green after standing at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes is formed. To make the reagent, 1.0 ml of this light green solution was diluted to 100 ml. 10.0 ml of this reagent is added to 10.0 ml of the effluent and after standing for 5 minutes, the absorbance was measured at 496 m μ . The same operation was carried out with water as a reagent blank.

5. **Electrodialytic Extraction of Sulfonamides**—Nineteen sulfonamides shown in Table IV were used. Each specimen was prepared according to the procedure of 1.1) or 1.3) and designated as S₁ or L. The quantities of these were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table IV. After electrodialytic extraction the effluent was diluted to the appropriate volume with the fresh carrier solution and determined with a spectrophotometer at the individually specified wavelength.

TABLE IV. Electrodialytic Extraction Data of Sulfonamides

Compound	Sample		Carrier solution	Extraction condition			Determined at (m μ)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)		Current density (mA/cm ²)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
N'-Acetylsulfanilamide sodium salt	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	25	258	99.5
Homosulfamine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	15	228	99.6
Phthalylsulfathiazole	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	20	265	99.7
Sulfadiazine	S ₁	200 mg	I II	15 20	2.31 1.54	30 60	243 267	98.9 99.5
Sulfadimethoxine	S ₁	200 mg	I II	15 20	1.54 1.54	45 180	270 270	93.9 99.0
Sulfamerazine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	258	99.4
Sulfamethazine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	260	99.6
Sulfamethizole	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	263	99.7
Sulfamethomidine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	267	99.0
Sulfamethoxazole	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	258	99.9
Sulfamethoxy pyridazine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	255	99.3
Sulfamonomethoxine	S ₁	200 mg	I II	15 20	2.31 0.63	30 90	264 274	96.9 96.4
Sulfanilamide	S ₁	300 mg	I II	15 20	2.31 1.54	45 60	253 260	91.8 100.6
N'-(3,4-Dimethylbenzoyl)-sulfanilamide	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	35	258	99.7
Sulfaphenazole	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	251	99.7
Sulfapyridine	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	250	99.2
Sulfathiazole	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	258	100.0
Sulfisomidine	S ₁	200 mg	I II	15 20	1.54 0.63	60 45	267 282	88.3 94.1
Sulfisoxazol	L (1000 μ g/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	255	99.9

6. **Electrodialytic Extraction of Amino Acids**—Thirteen amino acids shown in Table V were used. Each amino acid was dissolved in 0.5 M acetic acid and diluted to a suitable concentration according to the

3) F. Monastero, *J. Am. Pharm. Assoc.*, 41, 322 (1952).

procedure of 1.3) and designated as L. Tryptophan and tyrosin were extracted using 0.5 M NH_4OH as the carrier solution, and determined with a spectrophotometer as shown in Table V. Glycine and phenylalanine were extracted for 1 hour and the effluent was determined with JLC-2A amino acid autoanalyzer (Japan Electron Optics Laboratory Co., Ltd.) by the ninhydrin method. The other amino acids were extracted under the conditions of Table V, fractions were obtained every 5 minutes. 1 ml of 0.5 N NaOH was added to each fraction and the total volume was adjusted to 10 ml by addition of 0.5 M acetic acid. Each amino acid was determined with an autoanalyzer (Technicon Co., Ltd.) by a flow chart shown in Chart 1 following the method of Komano, *et al.*⁴⁾ The extraction was continued until no amino acid was detected in five minutes effluent and the total recoveries were obtained by adding the quantities of amino acid present in all previous fractions.

TABLE V. Electrolytic Extraction Data of Amino Acids

Compound	Sample		Carrier solution	Extraction condition			Determined at ($\text{m}\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)		Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
β -Alanine	L (4.5 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	15	420 ^{a)}	94.0
Arginine	L (4.2 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	15	420 ^{a)}	100.0
L-Glutamic acid	L (4.4 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	40	420 ^{a)}	96.3
Glycine	L (1.0 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	60	570 ^{b)}	96.8
L-Isoleucine	L (5.2 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	25	420 ^{a)}	98.0
Leucine	L (5.2 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	420 ^{a)}	104.0
Methionine	L (4.5 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	40	420 ^{a)}	96.0
Phenylalanine	L (1.0 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	60	570 ^{b)}	99.0
L-Serine	L (4.2 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	20	420 ^{a)}	102.5
Threonine	L (3.6 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	30	420 ^{a)}	98.0
Tryptophan	L (1.0 mg/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	20	282	99.6
Tyrosine	L (1.0 mg/ml)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	15	243	99.8
Valine	L (4.7 mg/ml)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	40	420 ^{a)}	100.8

a) TNBS method

b) Ninhydrin method

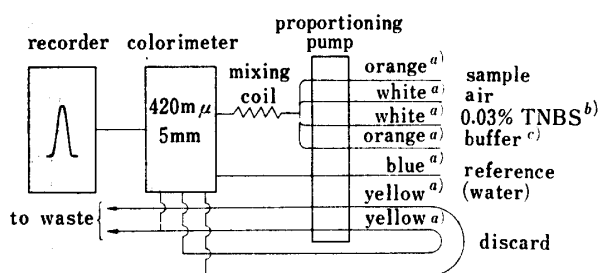


Chart 1. Flow Chart for Amino Acid Analysis

- a) I.D. of tube orange: 0.035 inch, white: 0.040 inch, yellow: 0.056 inch, blue: 0.065 inch
 b) 0.03% TNBS: 0.03% aqueous solution of trinitrobenzene sulfonic acid was acidified slightly with hydrochloric acid.
 c) buffer: Adjusted to pH 9.6 by adding solid boric acid to 0.05M aqueous sodium borate solution.

7. Electrolytic Extraction of Barbiturates—Nine barbiturates shown in Table VI were used. Each specimen was prepared according to the procedure of 1.1) or 1.3) and designated as S_1 or L. The quantities of these were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table VI. After extraction the effluent was diluted to the appropriate volume with the fresh carrier solution and the absorbance was determined at the specified wavelength.

8. Electrolytic Extraction of Miscellaneous Drugs—Phenols, saccharides, phosphates, a sulfonic acid and an arsenous acid shown in Table VII were used. Each specimen was prepared according to the procedure of 1.1) or 1.3) and designated as S_1 or L. The quantities of these materials were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table VII. After electro-

dialytic extraction the effluent was diluted to the appropriate volume with the fresh carrier solution and the absorbance was determined at the specified wavelength. Glucose was determined by the anthrone method.⁵⁾

4) T. Komano and T. Okuyama, *Kogyo Kagaku Zasshi*, **72**, 465 (1969).

5) T. Tamura, *Japan Analyst*, **10**, 64 (1961): Take 5 ml of the sample, cool with ice water and add dropwise 10 ml of 0.2% anthrone in 95% sulfuric acid from a burette. Heat the mixture in a boiling water bath for 8–10 minutes, cool to room temperature and measure absorbancy of 625 $\text{m}\mu$ using the reagent as a blank.

TABLE VI. Electrodialytic Extraction Data of Barbiturates

Compound	Sample		Carrier solution	Extraction condition			Determined at ($m\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)		Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
Allobarbitol	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	20	242	100.0
Amobarbitol	S_1	300 mg	I	15	1.54	30	241	100.6
			V	20	1.54	45	241	99.5
Barbitol	S_1	300 mg	I	15	1.54	30	241	99.7
			V	20	1.54	45	241	98.8
Cyclobarbitol calcium	S_1	200 mg	I	15	1.54	30	242	99.8
			V	20	1.54	30	242	98.1
Hexobarbitol	S_1	300 mg	I	15	1.54	15	246	100.5
			V	20	1.54	60	246	93.3
Methylthiouracil	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	30	261	99.3
Pentobarbitol sodium	S_1	300 mg	I	15	1.54	30	242	95.3
			V	20	1.54	45	242	97.9
Phenobarbitol	S_1	300 mg	I	15	1.54	30	243	98.7
			V	20	1.54	30	242	96.3
Thiopental sodium	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	306	99.2

TABLE VII. Electrodialytic Extraction Data of Miscellaneous Drugs

Compound	Sample		Carrier solution	Extraction condition			Determined at ($m\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)		Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
N-Acetyl- <i>p</i> -aminophenol	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.5 ml	I	15	1.54	30	260	98.6
Thymol	L (2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	293	98.1
Glucose	L (2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	V	40	0.63	90	625 ^{a)}	99.6
Rutin	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	V	40	1.03	120	271	96.6
Betamethasone-21-disodium phosphate	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	20	245	99.7
Riboflavin phosphate sodium salt	S_1	100 mg	I	15	1.54	30	262	97.7
			II	20	1.54	60	268	97.0
Isoniazid methane-sulfonate sodium salt	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	35	275	95.9
N-Carbamoylarsanilic acid	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	15	248	100.2

a) anthrone method

TABLE VIII. Drugs Resistant to Electrodialytic Extraction

Compound	Sample		Carrier solution	Extraction condition			Determined at ($m\mu$)	Recovery (%)
	Type (conc.)	Quantity (weight or volume)		Current density (mA/cm^2)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Extraction time (min)		
Evan's blue	S_2	50 mg	VI	40	1.54	90	570	79.7
Sulfaguanidin	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	I	15	1.54	60	261	23.8
Caffeine	L (1000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	II	20	1.54	60	273	33.4
Sucrose	L (2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1 ml	V	40	0.63	120	625 ^{a)}	23.7
Hydrocortisone acetate	L (^{b)})	1 ml	I	15	1.54	60	250	82.6
Prednisolone	L (^{b)})	1 ml	I	15	1.54	30	250	68.2

a) anthrone method

b) saturated solution

9. Drugs Resistant to Electrolytic Extraction—Electrolytic extraction data of some resistant drugs are shown in Table VIII. Each sample was prepared according to the procedure of 1.2) or 1.3) and designated as S₂ or L. The quantities of these materials were indicated in weight or volume as shown in Table VIII. After electrolytic extraction the effluent was diluted to the appropriate volume with the fresh carrier solution and the absorbance was determined at the specified wavelength.

Result and Discussion

In order to evaluate the electrolytic extraction method, a large number of drugs were extracted with this apparatus.¹⁾ As a result, it was found that many drugs could be extracted with a few carrier solutions. In the previous report 0.5 M acetic acid was used as an acidic carrier solution and then in this work it was also found that 0.5 M NH₄OH was suitable as a basic carrier solution. The specific conductivity of 0.5 M ammonia is about 1.0×10^{-3} mho/cm which is similar to that of 0.5 M acetic acid. Organic acids could be extracted by using 0.5 M NH₄OH as the carrier solution as shown in Table II.

Amines could be extracted by using 0.5 M acetic acid as the carrier solution as shown in Table III. Dihydrostreptomycin was extracted with a buffer solution of pH 6.0 prepared by mixing 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium acetate. This was because this solution was convenient for the determination.

Sulfonamides could be extracted by using either 0.5 M NH₄OH or 0.5 M acetic acid as the carrier solution as shown in Table IV. Generally the rates of extraction of these drugs are slower than amines.

Amino acids could be extracted easily by using either 0.5 M NH₄OH or 0.5 M acetic acid, as shown in Table V. Although amino acids could be extracted more easily with 0.5 M NH₄OH than 0.5 M acetic acid, many amino acids were extracted by using 0.5 M acetic acid as the carrier solution because of the difficulties of the determination of amino acid in the presence of ammonia.

Barbiturates could be extracted by using 0.5 M NH₄OH or carrier solution containing 0.05 M of (tris-hydroxymethyl)-aminomethane and 0.01 M of NaCl, as shown in Table VI.

With regard to the other drugs, phenols, borate complexes of glucose and rutin,⁶⁾ beta-methasone-21-disodium phosphate, riboflavine sodium phosphate, sodium isoniazid methane-sulfonate and N-carbamoyl arsanilic acid could be extracted by selecting suitable carrier solutions as shown in Table VII.

Generally, nonionizing drugs are difficult to extract electrolytically, steroids are representative compounds in this category. Also, Evan's blue, sulfaguanidine, caffeine and sucrose could not be extracted quantitatively as shown in Table VIII.

It was found from the above result that not only many drugs were extractable but also most of them were extractable by using either one of the carrier solutions, that is 0.5 M acetic acid or 0.5 M NH₄OH.

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