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# New chromatographic hydrophobicity index  $(\varphi_0)$  based on the slope and the intercept of the log k' versus organic phase concentration plot

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## ABSTRACT

A new chromatographic hydrophobicity index  $(\varphi_0)$  is suggested as a measure of the lipophilic character of compounds in reversedphase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC). The parameter  $\varphi_0$  is defined as the organic phase concentration (methanol or acetonitrile) in the mobile phase which is required for  $\log k' = 0$  (retention time is double the dead time), that is, the molar fraction of the compound is identical in the mobile and the stationary phases. The  $\varphi_0$  values therefore range from 0 to 100%, and the higher the value the more hydrophobic is the compound. It is shown that the value of  $\varphi_0$  is characteristic for a compound and depends only on the type of organic modifier, pH and temperature. It is independent of the RP column type and length, flow-rate and the mobile phase compositions where the actual retention measurements are carried out. The other advantages of  $\varphi_0$  are that it can be precisely measured, as it has a concrete physical meaning, namely the organic phase concentration of the mobile phase at which the retention time is exactly double the dead time (not like log *k'* values extrapolated to water as mobile phase), and it is independent of the linear or quadratic function of the log *k' versus*  $\varphi$  relationships. The  $\varphi_0$  values not only reflect the hydrophobic character of compounds but also provide a valuable means for method development in RP-HPLC as they reveal a mobile phase composition with known retention time values. The  $\varphi_0$  values for over 500 compounds were calculated and are presented on the basis of their published retention data. The  $\varphi_0$ values obtained with methanol and acetonitrile showed an excellent correlation with each other. Significant correlations were found between the  $\varphi_0$  values and the logarithm of 1-octanol-water partition coefficients (log P).

## INTRODUCTION

It has been recognized since the work of Overton [1] and Meyer [2] that the hydrophobic properties of drugs play an important role in their pharmacological activity. The hydrophobicity of drugs is most commonly characterized by their 1-octanol-water partition coefficients (log  $P$ ) was proposed by Hansch and co-workers [3,4]. Consideration of this parameter in structure-activity and structure-toxicity studies might substantially reduce drug development costs [5]. Although the choice of 1-octanol as a solvent reflecting the properties of the lipid components of the cell membrane has occasionally been questioned, the large number of l-octanol-water partition data collected by Hansch and Leo [6] has made the partition system a common reference standard.

Owing to several difficulties in making log *P* measurements by the traditional shake-flask method, several chromatographic approaches have been published, which were summarized in detail by Braumann [7] and Kaliszan [8]. In reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) the chromatographic retention is governed by hydrophobic forces, and therefore various RP-HPLC retention data have been suggested for cal-

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culating the log *P* values of compounds. There are three main approaches. The first is the use of RP-HPLC log *k'* values obtained on a given column with a given mobile phase composition. The second approach is to use log *k'* values extrapolated to 0% organic modifier concentration (log  $k'_w$ ). The log  $k'_w$ values can be directly obtained only for a relatively small number of compounds, and therefore some means of predicting this value must be utilized. Butte *et al.* [9] and Hammers *et al.* [10] used linear extrapolation from the log *k' vs.* organic modifier concentration  $(\varphi)$  plot to predict log  $k'_w$  values. However several results [11,12] showed that the linearity of the plot is not valid for a wide organic modifier concentration, and the log  $k'_{w}$  values are not the same when they were derived from data obtained by using acetonitrile or methanol as the organic modifier. Schoenmakers *et al.* [13] described quadratic relationships between  $\log k'$  and  $\varphi$  values. Wells and Clark [14] suggested the application of the solvophobic theory proposed by Horváth et al. [15] for the prediction of  $\log k'_w$ . The third approach [16] suggests a backwards extrapolation method for the log *k'* values referring to an optimum organic phase concentration in the mobile phase by which the 1-octanol-water partition system can be best modelled. The calculation is based on the slope and the intercept values from the linear portion of the  $\log k'$  *vs.*  $\varphi$  plots.

The aim of this study was to find a chromatographic hydrophobicity index that can be easily and precisely measured, relatively independent of the applied chromatographic conditions (type and dimensions of the column, flow-rate, etc.). A large database was set up from published data and there is a good correlation with I-octanol-water partition coefficients.

## **THEORETICAL BACKGROUND**

The capacity factor, *k',* in chromatography is defined [17] as  $n_s/n_m$ , *i.e.*, the ratio of the total number of moles of X in the stationary phase  $(n_s)$  to the number of moles of X in the mobile phase  $(n_m)$ . It also can be expressed by the concentrations of X molecules in the mobile and stationary phases according to the equation [18]

$$
k' = (\mathbf{X})_{\mathbf{s}} V_{\mathbf{s}}/(\mathbf{X})_{\mathbf{m}} V_{\mathbf{m}} \tag{1}
$$

where  $V_s$  and  $V_m$  are the volumes of the stationary and mobile phases, respectively, and  $(X)$  is the concentration of X. When  $k' = 1$  (log  $k' = 0$ ), and also the retention time is double the dead time [from  $k' = (t_r - t_0)/t_0$ , this means that

$$
(X)_s V_s = (X)_m V_m \tag{2}
$$

The distribution constant, *K,* which measures the equilibrium distribution of X between the stationary and the mobile phases, can be expressed by  $(X)_{s}/(X)_{s}$  $(X)$ <sub>m</sub>, so by rearranging eqn. 2 we obtain

$$
KV_s = V_m \tag{3}
$$

 $V_s$ , the volume of the stationary phase, can be regarded as constant in a given column, hence  $V_m$  will be proportional to the distribution constant of compound X. If we consider that  $V_m$  can be varied by changing the non-polar volume fraction of the mobile phase, then we can accept that it will be proportional to the distribution constant of  $X$  (see Fig. 1).

In order to prove that  $\varphi_0$  values are independent of the column constant  $(V_s/V_m)$ , the following consideration can be made. *k'* is proportional to the distribution constant *K* according to the equation

$$
k' = K(V_s/V_m) \tag{4}
$$

Eqn. 4 can be written in logarithmic form:

$$
\log k' = \log K + \log (V_s/V_m) \tag{5}
$$

The log *k'* values are also dependent on the organic phase concentration and for the sake of simplicity we can consider a linear relationship (a properly small portion of any suggested curve can be regarded as linear, after all), which can be described by the equation

$$
\log k' = \log K + \log (V_s/V_m) = S\varphi + \log k'_w
$$
 (6)

where  $S$  and  $\log k_w$  are the slope and the intercept values of the straight line. The intercept value theoretically means the log *k'* value extrapolated to pure water as mobile phase and can be expressed by the distribution constant and the phase ratio, as shown by the equation

$$
\log k'_{\rm w} = K_{\rm w} + \log (V_{\rm s}/V_{\rm m}) \tag{7}
$$

The slope S can also be written as the log *k'* change caused by changing the organic phase concentration in the mobile phase by I%, which can be formulated by the equation



and V<sub>i</sub> is constant, V<sub>in</sub> is regarded as  $\varphi_{\omega}$ 

## *then*  $\varphi_0$  *will be proportional to K*

Fig. 1. Illustration of the chromatographic partitioning of compounds A, B and C with increasing hydrophobicity (log *P* values). For achieving a 1:l molar distribution, the partitioning phase volumes have to be adjusted accordingly.  $V_s$  and  $V_m$  are the stationary and mobile phase volumes,  $n_s$  and  $n_m$  are the molar fractions of the compounds in the stationary and mobile phases, respectively,  $(X)$ , and  $(X)$ <sub>m</sub> are the concentrations of X molecules in the stationary and mobile phases, respectively,  $K = (X)_{s}/(X)_{m}$ is the chromatographic partition coefficient and  $\varphi_0$  is the chromatographic hydrophobicity index, *i.e.,* the adjusted organic phase volume to achieve a molar fraction distribution of 1: 1 *(n,*   $= n_{m}$ ).

$$
S = \log K_{x+1} - \log K_x \tag{8}
$$

where x and  $x + 1$  refer to  $x\%$  and  $(x + 1)\%$  volume fractions of organic modifier, respectively. The volume fraction of the organic phase in the mobile phase at which  $\log k' = 0 (\varphi_0)$  can be described on the basis of eqns. 6-9 by

$$
\log k' = 0 = \log K_x + \log (V_s/V_m)
$$
  
=  $\varphi_0(\log K_{x+1} - \log K_x) +$   
+  $\log K_w + \log (V_s/V_m)$  (9)

$$
\varphi_0 = \frac{\log K_x - \log K_w}{\log K_{x+1} - \log K_x} \tag{10}
$$

On the basis of eqn. 6, the hydrophobicity index  $\varphi_0$ can also be expressed by the S and  $\log k_w$  values:

$$
\varphi_0 = -\log k'_w/S \tag{11}
$$

With the help of eqn. 11, the  $\varphi_0$  values can be calculated from the experimental data. When the measured log *k'* values are close to zero, the application of the linear fit to the log  $k'$  vs.  $\varphi$  plot for the calculation of  $\varphi_0$  does not result in large errors. In those cases when basic compounds are investigated, e.g., as published by El Tayar et al. [19], two  $\varphi_0$  values can be obtained. The correct  $\varphi_0$  value is that obtained at lower organic phase concentrations, when only hydrophobic interactions govern the retention. The  $\varphi_0$  value belonging to the higher organic phase concentration is caused by a dual retention mechanism (hydrophobic and silanophilic), so it cannot be regarded as the chromatographic hydrophobicity index.

A graphical illustration of the calculation of  $\varphi_0$ values for various compounds is shown in Fig. 2. The hypothetical example shows situations when the log  $k'$  vs.  $\varphi$  plots are straight lines (compound l), quadratic (compound 2), cross each other (coppounds 2 and 3) and a dual retention mechanism (compound 4). When the mobile phase compositions are such that the measured log *k'* values are close to zero, the error of the linear extrapolation for the calculation of  $\varphi_0$  values is negligible.

As the  $\varphi_0$  values are dependent only on the distribution constants of the compounds in a given aque-



Fig. 2. Graphical illustration of the determination of the chromatographic hydrophobicity index  $(\varphi_0)$ . Numbers refer to hypothetical compounds for which the log  $k'$  vs.  $\varphi$  plots are straight lines (l), cross each other (2 and 3) or show a dual retention mechanism (4).

ous-organic mixture, the value will depend only on the type of organic phase and the temperature. For ionizable compounds the pH also influences the distribution constant, so  $\varphi_0$  will also depend on the pH. Consequently, the proper way of expressing  $\varphi_0$ values is  $\varphi_{0,\text{op},T,\text{pH}}$ , where op represents the type of organic phase and *T* represents temperature.

## METHODS

Retention data ( $log k'$ ) values obtained in various mobile phase compositions were collected from the literature. The retention data for 22 nicotinate esters were published by Reymond *et al.* [20]. The measurements were carried out on LiChrosorb RP-18 (10  $\mu$ m) column. The mobile phases were aqueous methanol or acetonitrile in various proportions buffered with 3-morpholinopropanesulphonate  $(0.02 \, M, \, \text{pH}$  7.4). The retention data for 35 monohydroxyl aromatics were reported by Cooper and Hurtubise [21]. The measurements were carried out on a  $\mu$ Bondapak C<sub>18</sub> column with various mixtures of water and methanol. Braumann *et al.* [22] published data for 30 pesticides. The retention data were obtained by varying the methanol concentration in the mobile phase. Schoenmakers *et al.* [23] published retention data for 45 phenoxycarbonic acid derivatives, which were measured using wateracetonitrile mobile phases and a LiChrosorb RP-18 (10  $\mu$ m) column. The acidic derivatives were measured with mobile phases that contained  $0.5 \, \text{M}$  acetate buffer (pH 2.9) in order to decrease dissociation. The retention data for 113 aromatic hydrocarbons were measured by Opperhuizen *et al.* [24] on a Hypersil ODS (5  $\mu$ m) column with methanol-water mixtures as mobile phases. The data for 143 acidic, basic and neutral drugs were published by Roos and Lau-Cam [25]. Three types of columns were used [ $\mu$ Bondapack C<sub>18</sub> (10  $\mu$ m), Zotbax ODS (5  $\mu$ m) and Ultrasphere ODS (5  $\mu$ m). The mobile phases were variable proportions of methanol, 1.5 parts of acetic acid, 0.5 part of triethylamine and water to yield 100 parts by volume. The pH of the mobile phase was not given. Retention data for 26 drug molecules were published by Valkó [16,26] using both acetonitrile-buffer and methanol-buffer mobile phases. The pH of the mobile phase was adjusted according to the molecules investigated: pH 2 was used for the measurements of acidic compounds to reduce dissociation and pH 8 for the measurements of basic compounds. Retention data referring to acetonitrile-buffer  $+$  butanesulphonic acid mobile phases for eleven morphine derivatives were reported by Valkó et al. [27]. The same ionpair chromatographic system was used for the measurements of eleven tricyclic drugs by Kálmán *et al.* [28]. The data for nineteen benzodiazepine derivatives were obtained by Valko *et al.* [29] by varying the acetonitrile concentration in the mobile phase. Valkó and Slégel [30] published the  $\varphi_0$  values referring to methanol for ten deoxyuridine derivatives. Data for eight aniline and eight phenol derivatives were measured by Gullner *et al.* [31] by changing the methanol concentration in the mobile phase. The  $\varphi_0$  values of 42 adenosine monophosphates, 12 barbiturates and 10 penicillins and cephalosporins were also calculated on the basis of the published retention data of Braumann and Jastorff [32], Yamana *et al.* [33] and Toon *et al.* [34].

The linearity of the log  $k'$  vs.  $\varphi$  plots was checked over a suitable concentration range. The slope  $(S)$ and the intercept (log  $k_w$ ) values were used for the calculation of  $\varphi_0$  values when the correlation coefficient of the fit was higher than 0.998. The published slope and intercept values were used for the calculation of the chromatographic hydrophobicity index when the authors indicated acceptable high correlation coefficients for the linear fit. The log *P* values of over 500 compounds were calculated using the Pro-LogP Version 4.1 software package (CompuDrug Chemistry, Budapest, Hungary). The correlation analysis was carried out using the Drugidea program system developed for drug design (Chemicro, Budapest, Hungary).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table I gives the calculated chromatographic hydrophobicity indices ( $\varphi_{0,ACN}$ ,  $\varphi_{0,MeOH}$ ) and the calculated log *P* values for 22 nicotinate esters. The calculated log *P* and  $\varphi_0$  values referring to methanol for 35 monohydroxyl aromatics are presented in Table II. The log *P* and  $\varphi_0$  values for 30 pesticides and 45 phenoxycarbonic acid derivatives are summarized in Tables III and IV. The calculated log *P*  and  $\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$  values for the 113 aromatic hydrocarbons are given in Table V. The  $\varphi_0$  and log *P* data for 143 acidic, basic and neutral drugs are presented

CALCULATED LOG *P,*  $\varphi_{0.\text{ACN}}$  AND  $\varphi_{0.\text{MeOH}}$  VALUES FOR  $\,$  CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0.\text{MeOH}}$  VALUES FOR 35 HY 22 NICOTINATES BASED ON THE RETENTION DATA — DROXYL AROMATICS BASED ON THE RETENTIC PUBLISHED BY REYMOND ET AL. [20] DATA PUBLISHED BY COOPER AND HURTUBISE [21]

No.	Compound	$\text{Log } P$	$\varphi_{0,\mathrm{ACN}}$	$\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$	No.	Compound	Log P	$\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$
	Methyl	0.830	31.75	44.93	23	1-Acenaphthenol	2.296	65.82
2	Ethyl	1.339	42.91	54.93	24	$5H$ -Dibenzo $[a,d]$ cyclohepten-5-ol	3.200	71.65
3	$n$ -Propyl	1.868	50.04	64.92	25	7,12-Dimethyl-9-hydroxybenz[a]an-		
4	Isopropyl	1.868	49.21	62.86		thracene	6.643	83.65
5.	$n$ -Butyl	2.387	59.69	71.67	26	$2-Hydroxybenzo[c]phenanthrene$	5.557	80.16
6	Isobutyl	2.387	58.91	67.50	27	3-Hydroxybenzo[c]phenanthrene	5.557	82.04
7	tert. Butyl	2.387	58.30	67.24	28	1-(1-Hydroxymethyl) pyrene	5.739	81.29
8	n-Hexyl	3.425	77.24	81.73	29	$1-(Hydroxymethyl)benzo[a]pyrene$	5.816	85.77
9	$n$ -Octyl	4.463	84.93	87.64	30	4-Hydroxymethylpyrene	5.739	76.52
10	Cyclohexyl	3.061	74.23	78.51	31	9-Hydroxyphenanthrene	4.332	76.55
11	TTMCH <sup>a</sup>	4.618	81.66	84.40	32	13-Hydroxypycene	7.456	90.23
12	2-Methoxyethyl	0.833	21.56	43.10	33	1-Hydroxypyrene	5.220	81.32
13	2-Butoxyethyl	2.390	54.27	67.91	34	4-Hydroxypyrene	5.220	81.12
14	$THF^b$	1.507	39.62	52.53	35	1-Indanol	1.542	53.89
15	2-Chloroethyl	1.784	43.24	57.27	36	5-Indanol	2.690	64.68
16	3-Hydroxypropyl	0.216	$-5.29$	33.64	37	I-Naphthol	2.770	64.77
17	Carbamoylmethyl	$-0.487$	4.35	12.88	38	2-Naphthol	2.770	62.67
18	MCM <sup>c</sup>	0.032	11.47	23.15	39	3-Phenylphenol	3.444	70.83
19	Benzyl	2.488	54.37	70.90	40	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-4-		
20	$p$ -Chlorophenyl	2.991	62.18	76.30		methylphenanthrene	3.853	78.16
21	p-Nitrophenyl	2.014	58.31	67.92	41	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1-naphthol	2.061	62.77
22	2-Phenoxyethyl	2.568	53.23	68.93	42	5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-1-naphthol	3.209	71.28

' trans-,3,3,5-Trimethylcyclohexyl.

b Tetrahydrofurfuryl.

' Methylcarbamoylmethyl.

in Table VI. The  $\varphi_{0,ACN}$  and  $\varphi_{0,MeOH}$  data and log P values for 16 drug molecules are presented in Table VII. Tables VIII and IX contain the calculated data for morphine and tricyclic derivatives obtained from their ion-pair chromatographic retention data. The calculated hydrophobicity index data for benzodiazepine, deoxyuridine and aniline derivatives are shown in Table X, XI and XII, respectively. Tables XIII, XIV and XV give the chromatographic hydrophobicity index values for adenosine monophosphate, barbiturate and  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic derivatives, respectively.

The exact mechanism governing solute retention in RP-HPLC is of considerable research interest. At present, the most widely accepted mechanism and most extensive treatment of solute retention in RP-HPLC is the solvophobic model developed by Horváth *et al.* [15]. It was assumed that the stationary phase consists of a uniform layer of covalently bound alkyl ligates and the solvophobic theory was

## TABLE I TABLE II



employed to treat quantitatively the role of the eluent in determining retention behaviour on such non-polar stationary phases. As Horváth *et al.* [35] revealed, under many practical conditions in reversed-phase chromatography, particularly when binary aqueous eluents with organic solvents are employed, the retention behaviour and selectivity are governed mainly by solvent effects. Therefore, we believe that the derived  $\varphi_0$  values are independent of the reversed-phase stationary phase applied

## TABLE III TABLE IV

CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0 \text{.} \text{MeOH}}$  VALUES FOR 30 HERBICIDES BASED ON THE RETENTION DATA PUB-LISHED BY BRAUMANN ET *AL. [22]* 

No.	Compound	Log P	$\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$
58	Fenuron	1.18	50.47
59	Metoxuron	1.98	56.62
60	Monuron	1.91	62.96
61	Monolinuron	1.99	67.21
62	Chlortoluron	2.55	69.24
63	Metobromuron	2.37	69.49
64	Diuron	2.68	72.37
65	Linuron	2.76	75.28
66	Chloroxuron	3.65	77.70
67	Neburon	4.31	80.29
68	Simazine	1.51	66.48
69	Atrazine	2.05	71.81
70	Propazine	2.59	76.05
71	Prometryn	1.91	85.30
72	Desmetryn	2.46	86.16
73	Terbutryn	2.56	87.55
74	2,4-D	2.22	54.24
75	<b>MCPA</b>	2.30	57.25
76	$2,4,5-T$	2.99	62.00
77	Dichlorprop	2.75	62.23
78	Mecoprop	2.83	64.40
79	Fenoprop	3.52	68.21
80	<b>MCPB</b>	3.53	73.67
81	2,4-D-M	2.64	77.44
82	MCPA-M	2.72	78.51
83	Dichlorprop-M	3.17	81.30
84	Mecoprop-M	3.25	81.76
85	$2,4,5-T-M$	3.41	82.82
86	MCPB-M	3.95	85.90
87	Fenoprop-M	3.94	85.99

if no dual retention mechanism [36] takes place, and the physico-chemical basis for retention on the investigated stationary phases can be regarded as "homoenergetic", as was discussed by Melander *et al.* [37].

The correlation between  $\varphi_{0,MeOH}$  and  $\varphi_{0,ACN}$  values for the compounds in Tables I, IV and VII was also investigated. These two values refer to isoelutropic eluent mixtures as they both mean the mobile phase composition at which the same retention  $(\log k' = 0)$  can be obtained. A significant correlation between the two types of chromatographic hydrophobicity index was found for 72 compounds as described by the equation

 $\varphi_{0, \text{MeOH}} = 0.82 \varphi_{0, \text{ACN}} + 20.46$  $n=$  72,  $r = 0.96$ ,  $s = 5.0$ (12)

CALCULATED LOG *P,*  $\varphi_{0,AGN}$  and  $\varphi_{0,Mod}$  values for 45 SUBSTITUTED AROMATIC COMPOUNDS BASED ON THE RETENTION DATA PUBLISHED BY SCHOENMA-KERS ET *AL. [23]* 



where *n* is the number of compounds, *r* is the correlation coefficient and s is the standard error of the estimate. Eqn. 12 suggests a method for the calcula-

## TABLE V

## CALCULATED LOG P AND  $\varphi_{0.5M\text{-}OH}$  values for 113 aromatic hydrocarbons based on the retentic DATA PUBLISHED BY OPPERHUIZEN ET AL. [24]



## TABLE VI

## CALCULATED LOG  $P$  and  $\varphi_{o,\text{MeOH}}$  values for 143 DRUG MOLECULES BASED ON THE RETENTION DATA PUB LISHED BY ROOS AND LAU-CAM [25]







## TABLE VII

 $\text{CALCULATED LOG } P, \varphi_{0,\text{ACN}}$  and  $\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$  values for 26 DRUG MOLECULES BASED ON THE RETENTIC DATA PUBLISHED BY VALKÓ [16,26]



tion of the hydrophobicity indices with methanol from those obtained with acetonitrile. The standard error of the estimate shows that in spite of the fact that the data for the 72 compounds were obtained with different columns and buffers or pure water, the hydrophobicity index values obtained with acetonitrile can be used to calculate those with methanol with only a  $\pm$  5% error.

The correlation of  $\varphi_{0,ACN}$  values with the calculat-

## TABLE VIII

CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0,4\text{CN}}$  VALUES FOR 12 MORPHINE DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RETEN-TION DATA PUBLISHED BY VALKÓ ET AL. [27]



## TABLE IX TABLE XI

 $\rm{CALCULATED~LOG}$   $P$  and  $\phi_{\rm{0.4CN}}$  values for 11 Tri CYCLIC DRUG MOLECULES BASED ON THE RETEN-TION DATA PUBLISHED BY KÁLMÁN ET AL. [28]

No.	Compound	Log P	$\varphi$ <sub>0.ACN</sub>	No.	Compound	Log P	$\varphi_{\rm 0, MeOH}$
427	<b>EGYT-2347</b>	5.713	86.64	456	Deoxyuridine	$-0.544$	16.00
428	<b>EGYT-2509</b>	3.980	88.00	457	Ethyldeoxyuridine	0.494	24.68
429	<b>EGYT-2474</b>	4.499	84.41	458	Isopropyldeoxyuridine	1.013	30.27
430	EGYT-2541	3.832	90.85	459	sec.-Butyldeoxyuridine	1.532	46.06
431	<b>RL-205</b>	3.011	74.08	460	tert.-Butyldeoxyuridine	1.532	46.46
432	RL-215	3.773	93.62	461	Pentyldeoxyuridine	2.051	57.82
433	<b>RL-218</b>	3.197	74.33	462	Hexyldeoxyuridine	2.570	61.24
434	Peritol	6.587	88.38	463	Vinvldeoxvuridine	0.285	25.14
435	Hybernal	4.772	114.49	464	Butenyldeoxyuridine	1.323	48.41
436	Pipolphen	4.551	89.25	465	Pentenyldeoxyuridine	1.842	58.40
437	Melleril	5.790	111.33	466	Hexenyldeoxyuridine	2.361	67.40
				467	Hentenyldeoxyuridine	2.880	72.19

ed log *P* values for the data for 140 compounds can be described by the equation

 $\varphi_{0,ACN} = 9.31 \log P + 37.94$  (13)

 $n = 140, r = 0.88, s = 12.8$ 

Eqn. 13 shows a significant correlation between the two parameters, although owing to the relatively

## TABLE X

### CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0\text{ ACN}}$  VALUES FOR 18 BEN ZODIAZEPINE DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RETEN-TION DATA PUBLISHED BY VALKÓ ET AL. [29]



 $CALCULATED LOG P AND  $\varphi_{0, \text{MeOH}}$  values for 19 De$ OXYURIDINE DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RETEN-TION DATA PUBLISHED BY VALKÓ AND SLÉGEL [30]



## TABLE XII

CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0 \text{, M-OH}}$  VALUES FOR 16 ANI LINE AND PHENOL DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RE-TENTION DATA PUBLISHED BY GULLNER ET *AL. [31]* 



### TABLE **XIII**

 $\varphi_{\mathsf{0},\mathsf{MeOH}}\ \mathsf{PHATE}$  . VALUES FOR 42 ADENOSINE MONOPHO DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RETENTIC DATA PUBLISHED BY BRAUMANN AND JASTORFF [32]

No.	Compound <sup>a</sup>	$\varphi_{\mathbf{0},\mathbf{MeOH}}$
491	$2-n$ -Hexyl	65.70
492	8-PCTP	60.13
493	6-Benzyloxy	62.23
494	Dibutyryl	55.69
495	2-Phenyl	51.39
496	$2-n-Butyl$	51.29
497	$2'$ -DNP	54.04
498	2-Thiopropyl	52.20
499	$6-(S_p)$ -DMA-S	46.28
500	2-n-Propyl	42.47
501	$6-(R_p)$ -DMA-S	41.65
502	6-Thiomethyl	41.49
503	6-DMA	40.21
504	2-Ethyl	34.78
505	2-Thiomethyl	34.88
506	Monobutyryl	38.07
507	8-Bromo	30.99
508	8-Thioethyl	29.62
509	$(S_p)$ -cAMPS	26.89
510	6-MA	29.65
511	8-Hydroxyisopropyl	27.77
512	1'N <sup>6</sup> -Etheno	26.41
513	8-Methoxy	25.54
514	2-Chloro	31.77
515	$(R_p)$ -cAMPS	23.75
516	6-Methoxy	31.91
517	6-Chloro	31.10
518	8-MA	23.61
519	cAMP	21.96
520	$(S_p)$ -cGMPS	19.28
521	cPuMP	20.91
522	3'NH-cAMP	21.10
523	5'NH-cAMP	18.15
524	2-Methyl	16.99
525	8-Thio	13.46
526	8-Amino	14.89
527	8-DMA	14.90
528	cIMP	13.52
529	cGMP	13.13
530	N <sup>1</sup> -Methoxy	12.76
531	$N^1$ -Oxide	10.42
532	8-Hydroxy	7.04

a For abbreviations see ref. 32, Table I.

low correlation coefficient  $(r)$  and the high standard error of the estimate  $(s)$  it cannot be used for measurements of log *P* values. The plot of  $\varphi_{0,ACN}$  values against log *P* is shown in Fig. 3. Similarly a statistiTABLE XIV

CALCULATED LOG *P* AND  $\varphi_{0 \text{.} \text{MeOH}}$  VALUES FOR 10  $\beta$ -LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS BASED ON THE RETENTIC DATA PUBLISHED BY YAMANA ET *AL. [33]* 



cally significant correlation could be found between the  $\varphi_{0,\text{MeOH}}$  and the lof *P* values for the data for 448 compounds:

$$
\varphi_{0, \text{MeOH}} = 7.08 \log P + 42 \tag{14}
$$

 $n = 448, r = 0.787, s = 13.48$ 

On the basis of eqn. 14, exact measurements of log *P* cannot be carried out from measurements of the chromatographic hydrophobicity index, but the good correlation shows that even for a large set of compounds a relationship exists. The high standard error of the estimate  $(\pm 13\%)$  may be due to the error in the calculation of partition coefficients, to

## TABLE XV

CALCULATED LOG P AND  $\varphi_{0,AA}$  values for 12 BAR BITURATE DERIVATIVES BASED ON THE RETENTIC DATA PUBLISHED BY TOON ET *AL. [34]* 





Fig. 3. Plot of log P values and  $\varphi$ <sub>0,ACN</sub> values for 140 compounds lised in Tables I-XV (eqn. 13).

the error in the measurements of  $\varphi_0$  values and also to the error caused by differences in the chromatographic conditions applied. The main reason for the lack of high correlation coefficients  $($  > 0.99), however, is that we cannot expect from the reversedphase chromatographic partition coefficients to be able to model properly another partition system such as 1 -octanol-water for structurally unrelated compounds.

The advantage of the proposed chromatographic hydrophobicity index  $(\varphi_0)$  is that it can also be used for method development in RP-HPLC. When the structures of all the components in a mixture are known, the log *P* values can be calculated. From the log *P* values we can calculate the organic phase concentration at which the components will show log *k' = 0.* The idea of using this kind of relationship was presented by Szepesi and Valkó [38]. On the basis of the relationships obtained and the suggested rule system, CompuDrug Chemistry (Budapest, Hungary) has developed an expert system (ELUEX) for HPLC method development. There is no need for preliminary experiments and it can therefore be regarded as unique at present.

In conclusion, a new chromatographic hydrophobicity index  $(\varphi_0)$  has been suggested. The value of  $\varphi_0$  reflects the organic phase concentration in the mobile phase  $(\frac{6}{x}, v/v)$  at which the molar distribution of the compound between the mobile and the stationary phase is  $1:1$ . This means that the retention time of the compound is exactly double the dead time, *i.e.*  $\log k' = 0$ . The hydrophobicity index relating to methanol showed a very good correlation with that relating to acetonitrile. Significant correlations were found between the log *P* values and the chromatographic hydrophobicity index values for a large number of compounds (140 and 448 compounds relating to acetonitrile and methanol, respectively).

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