

## Analysis of Sugar Alcohols by High Performance Liquid Chromatography with Evaporative Light Scattering Detection

### Introduction

Evaporative Light Scattering Detector(ELSD) is an universal HPLC detector whose detection principle is the light scattering phenomenon. The scattering occurs when light is irradiated to particles of residual involatile components after removing the volatile mobile phase by heating from the column effluent sprayed with nitrogen gas. In detection section, LED is used as Light source for irradiating to particle of involatile components and scattered light is converted to electrical signal by photomultiplier to measure intensity. Sugar and fat which had been usually measured using refractive index detector or short wavelength range of UV detector can be measured with higher sensitivity and more stable baseline.

In this report, sugar alcohols were measured with ELSD as a detector and polymer NH<sub>2</sub> column under HILIC mode.

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### Experimental

#### Equipment

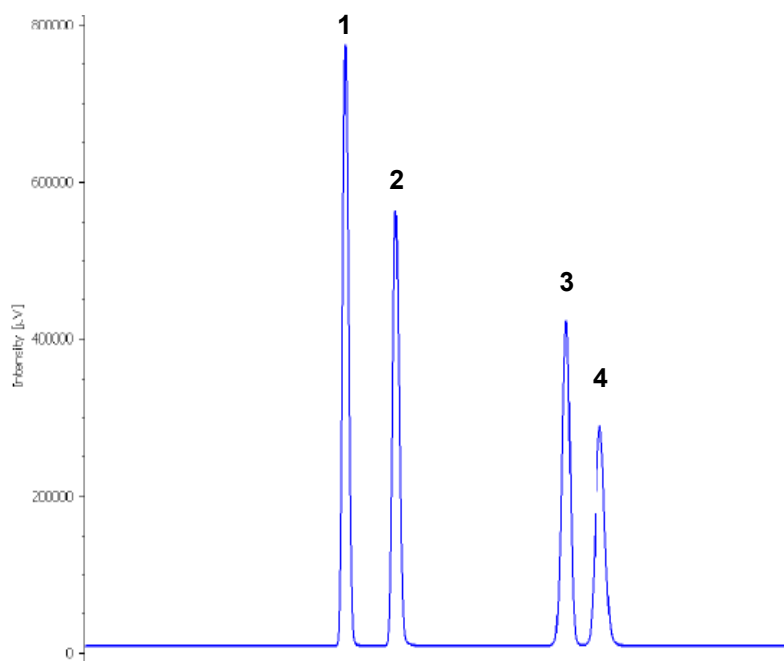
Pump: PU-2089  
 Autosampler: AS-2057  
 Column oven: CO-2060  
 Detector: ELS-2040

#### Conditions

Column: Shodex Asahipak NH2P-50 4E (4.6 mmID x 250 mmL)  
 Eluent: Water/Acetonitrile (25/75)  
 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min  
 Column temp.: 30°C  
 ELSD condition: Nebulizer temp.; 30°C  
 Evaporator temp.; 30°C  
 Gas flow rate; 1.4 SLM  
 Injection volume: 10 µL  
 Standard sample: Xylitol, Mannitol, Inositol, Maltitol  
 1.0 mg/mL each in Water/Acetonitrile (50/50)

### Results

Chromatogram of standard mixture of sugar alcohols is shown in Fig. 1. Each constituent was clearly separated and detected.



**Fig. 1.** Chromatogram of standard mixture of sugar alcohols  
 1: Xylitol, 2: Mannitol, 3: Inositol, 4: Maltitol