

LIMIT OF AMMONIUM IN L-HISTIDINE MONOCHLORIDE MONOHYDRATE VIA ULTRA HIGHPERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY (UPLC) WITH UV DETECTION

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1. PURPOSE:

1.1. To provide Laboratory Analysts and/or qualified designees with a procedure for analyzing the Limit of Ammonium in L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Via Ultra High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) with UV Detection.

2. SCOPE:

- 2.1. This Analytical Test Method applies to the Limit of Ammonium in L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Via Ultra High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) with UV Detection.
- 2.2. Limit of Ammonium Specification: ≤0.02%.
- 2.3. **Reaction Chemistry:** 6-AminoQuinolyl-N-HydroxySuccinimidyl Carbamate (AQC) (AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent) converts primary and secondary Amino Acids into stable derivatives adding both UV absorbance and fluorescent character. Any excess AQC hydrolyzes to produce 6-AminoQuinoline (AMQ), N-Hydroxy Succinimide (NHS), and Carbon Dioxide.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 3.1. The Laboratory Technology Manager is responsible for the control, training, implementation, and maintenance of this procedure.
- 3.2. The Laboratory Analysts and/or qualified designees are responsible for performing the testing stated in this procedure.
- 3.3. Safety: Standard laboratory safety regulations apply. Before working with any chemical, read and understand the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

4. REFERENCE:

- 4.1. BSI-PRL-0820, Analytical Method Validation Protocol: Ammonium Analysis in Amino Acids Via Ultra High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) with UV Detection
- 4.2. BSI-RPT-1906, Analytical Method Validation Report: Ammonium Analysis in L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Via Ultra High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) with UV Detection
- 4.3. BSI-SOP-0098, Balance SOP
- 4.4. BSI-SOP-0126, Laboratory Notebooks SOP
- 4.5. BSI-SOP-0134, Pipette SOP
- 4.6. Waters 2695 Separations Module Operator's Guide
- 4.7. Waters ACQUITY UPLC H-Class and H-Class Bio Amino Acid Analysis System Guide
- 4.8. Waters ACQUITY UPLC H-Class Quaternary Solvent Manager Operator's Overview and Maintenance Information
- 4.9. Waters ACQUITY UPLC H-Class Sample Manager Flow Through Needle Operator's Overview and Maintenance Information
- 4.10. Waters ACQUITY UPLC TUV Detector Operator's Overview and Maintenance Guide

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

- 5.1. All materials and equipment utilized in this analysis are outlined in this section.
- 5.2. Equipment and Instrumentation
 - 5.2.1. Analytical / Micro Balance
 - 5.2.2. Calibrated Micropipettes
 - 5.2.3. Waters ACQUITY H-Class UPLC With TUV Detector
 - 5.2.4. LC Column
 - 5.2.4.1. Waters AccQ · Tag Ultra C18 Column
 - 5.2.4.1.1. Dimensions: 2.1mm x 100mm, 1.7μm ID
 - 5.2.4.1.2. Part Number: 186003837
- 5.3. Reagents
 - 5.3.1. AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.2. AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent A: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.3. AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.4. AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Diluent: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.5. AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder (6-AminoQuinolyl-N-HydroxySuccinimidyl Carbamate (AQC)): Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.6. **Acetonitrile:** Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.7. **Ammonium Chloride:** Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.8. **Isopropanol:** Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.9. L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.10. Methanol: Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.11. **Phosphoric Acid:** Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.12. Purified Water (HPLC Grade): In-House or Purchased Commercially.
 - 5.3.13. Water Amino Acid Hydrolysate Standard: Purchased Commercially.
- 5.4. Supplies
 - 5.4.1. Class A Volumetric Flasks
 - 5.4.2. LCGC Certified Clear Glass, 12x32mm, Screw Neck Vial, Total Recovery with Cap and PTFE / Silicone Septum, 1mL volume
 - 5.4.3. Micropipette Tips
 - 5.4.4. Transfer pipettes
 - 5.4.5. Waters Low-Flow Tubing, 0.0025 ID, 10.5 inches
 - 5.4.6. Weigh Boats/ Papers/ Funnels or equivalent
- 5.5. Reference Standards
 - 5.5.1. Waters Amino Acid Hydrolysate Standard

6. UPLC PRE-ANALYSIS CLEANING PROCEDURE:

- 6.1. Note: UPLC Pre-Analysis Cleaning will be performed on an as needed basis.
- 6.2. Cleaning Solution Preparation
 - 6.2.1. 50% Methanol: 50% Purified Water:
 - 6.2.1.1. Combine 500 mL of Purified Water and 500 mL of HPLC Grade Methanol.
 - 6.2.1.2. Mix thoroughly and allow to equilibrate to room temperature.
 - 6.2.1.3. Transfer 1 mL to an autosampler vial and the rest to a 1 L Mobile Phase Bottle.
 - 6.2.2. 30% Phosphoric Acid: 70% Purified Water:
 - 6.2.2.1. Combine 700 mL of Purified Water and 300 mL of HPLC Grade Phosphoric Acid.
 - 6.2.2.2. Mix thoroughly and allow to equilibrate to room temperature.
 - 6.2.2.3. Transfer 1 mL to an autosampler vial and the rest to a 1 L Mobile Phase Bottle.
 - 6.2.3. 100% Purified Water:
 - 6.2.3.1. Place 1 mL of Purified Water in an autosampler vial and fill a 1 L Mobile Phase Bottle with Purified Water.
 - 6.2.4. <u>100% Isopropanol:</u>
 - 6.2.4.1. Place 1 mL of HPLC Grade Isopropanol in an autosampler vial and fill a 1 L Mobile Phase Bottle with HPLC Grade Isopropanol.

6.3. Cleaning Procedure

- 6.3.1. Place all lines into the appropriate cleaning solution.
- 6.3.2. Prime each Solvent Line for 5 minutes.
- 6.3.3. Prime the Seal Wash for 1 minute.
- 6.3.4. Prime the Purge for 50 cycles.
- 6.3.5. Connect a flow restrictor to the outlet of the active preheater assembly in the column heater.
- 6.3.6. Connect a waste line from the outlet of the flow restrictor to a suitable waste container.
- 6.3.7. Transfer an autosampler vial containing the appropriate cleaning solution to the autosampler.
- 6.3.8. Create an instrument method incorporating the following parameters:
 - 6.3.8.1. Flow Rate: 0.5 mL/min
 - 6.3.8.2. Gradient Composition: 25%A, 25%B, 25%C, 25%D
- 6.3.9. Set the run time to 0.5 minutes and make 10 injections from the sample vial.
- 6.3.10. Repeat Section 6.3.1. to Section 6.3.9. with the following solvents in the order specified:
 - 6.3.10.1. 50% Methanol: 50% Purified Water
 - 6.3.10.2. 100% Isopropanol
 - 6.3.10.3. 100% Purified Water
 - 6.3.10.4. 30% Phosphoric Acid: 70% Purified Water
 - 6.3.10.4.1. **Note:** Remove Solvent Reservoir Filters prior to placing lines in Phosphoric Acid to avoid damage.
 - 6.3.10.5. 100% Purified Water
- 6.3.11. Reinsert the waste line into the original waste container, reattach the solvent line to the detector, replace the solvent reservoir filters on all lines, and place the seal wash into 100% Purified Water.
- 6.3.12. Repeat Section 6.3.1. to Section 6.3.4. and Section 6.3.7. to Section 6.3.9. using 50% Methanol: 50% Purified Water.
- 6.3.13. Remove the flow restrictor from the active preheater assembly on the column heater.

7. TESTING PROCEDURE:

7.1. Solution Preparation

- 7.1.1. **Note:** All solutions may be scaled as needed.
- 7.1.2. Solvent A: AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent A.
 - After opening, solution stable for 3 days at room temperature or 30 days 7.1.2.1. tightly capped in original bottle at 4°C.
- 7.1.3. Solvent B (90% Purified Water: 10% AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B):
 - 7.1.3.1. Combine 100 mL of AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B and 900 mL of Purified Water.
 - 7.1.3.2. Mix thoroughly and allow to equilibrate to room temperature.
 - 7.1.3.3. Solution stable for 3 days at room temperature.
- 7.1.4. Solvent C: Purified Water.
 - 7.1.4.1. Purified water stable for 3 days at room temperature.
- 7.1.5. Solvent D: AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B.
 - 7.1.5.1. After opening, solution stable for 3 days at room temperature or 30 days tightly capped in original bottle at 4°C.
- 7.1.6. Needle / Seal / Purge Wash (50% Purified Water: 50% Acetonitrile):
 - 7.1.6.1. Combine 500 mL of Acetonitrile and 500 mL of Purified Water.
 - 7.1.6.2. Mix thoroughly and allow to equilibrate to room temperature.
- 7.1.7. Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder:
 - 7.1.7.1. **Note:** Solution may be stored in a desiccator at room temperature for 1 week.
 - 7.1.7.2. Tap the AccQ Tag Ultra Reagent Powder vial to ensure all reagent powder is at the bottom of the container.
 - 7.1.7.3. Pipette 1.0 mL of AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Diluent into the AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder vial.
 - 7.1.7.3.1. Rinse the pipette tip three (3) times with AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Diluent before use. Discard each rinse.
 - 7.1.7.4. Cap the vial tightly and vortex until dissolved.
- 7.1.8. Derivatization Blank:
 - 7.1.8.1. In a total recovery LC vial, add 80 µL of AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer and 20 μL of Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder.
 - 7.1.8.2. Vortex immediately and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 minute.
- 7.1.9. Suitability Standard (250 pmol/µL Amino Acids; 125 pmol/µL Cysteine):
 - 7.1.9.1. **Note:** Solution may be stored at room temperature for 1 week.
 - 7.1.9.2. Allow the Waters Amino Acid Hydrolysate Standard to thaw completely before use.
 - 7.1.9.3. In a total recovery LC vial, mix 100 µL of Waters Amino Acid Hydrolysate Standard with 900 µL of Purified Water, and mix well.
 - 7.1.9.4. In another total recovery LC vial, add 70 µL of AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer, 10 µL of the diluted Waters Amino Acid Hydrolysate Standard, and 20 μL of Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder.
 - Vortex immediately and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 minute.
- 7.1.10. L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard Solution (5000 ppm L-Histidine
 - Monochloride Monohydrate Standard):
 - 7.1.10.1. Weigh out 500 mg of L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard, transfer to a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve in Purified Water, fill to volume with Purified Water, and mix well.
 - 7.1.10.2. In a total recovery LC vial, add 70 µL of AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer, 10 μL of L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard Solution, and 20 μL of Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder.
 - 7.1.10.3. Vortex immediately and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

7.1.11. <u>Ammonium Stock Solution (200 ppm Ammonium):</u>

7.1.11.1. Weigh out the amount specified in the calculation below of Ammonium Chloride and transfer to a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve in Purified Water, fill to volume with Purified Water, and mix well.

Amount of Ammonium Chloride $(g) = 0.0593g \times Ammonium Chloride CoA Purity <math>\left(\frac{mg}{mg}\right)$

- 7.1.12. <u>Ammonium Standard Solution (5000 ppm L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard; 1.0 ppm Ammonium):</u>
 - 7.1.12.1. Weigh out 500 mg of L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard.

 Transfer to a 100 mL volumetric flask, pipette 0.50 mL of *Ammonium Stock Solution*, dissolve in Purified Water, fill to volume with Purified Water, and mix well.
 - 7.1.12.2. In a total recovery LC vial, add 70 μ L of AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer, 10 μ L of Ammonium Standard Solution, and 20 μ L of Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder.
 - 7.1.12.3. Vortex immediately and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 minute.
 - 7.1.12.4. Calculation for Ammonia in Standard Amounts Table. Refer to Figure 7 in section 8.6.

Ammonium (μg) = ammonium chloride weight (mg) $x \frac{18.04}{53.491} \times 1000$

7.1.13. Sample Test Solution (5000 ppm L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Sample):

- 7.1.13.1. Weigh out 500 mg of L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Sample, transfer to a 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve in Purified Water, fill to volume with Purified Water, and mix well.
- 7.1.13.2. In a total recovery LC vial, add 70 μ L of AccQ · Tag Ultra Borate Buffer, 10 μ L of Sample Test Solution, and 20 μ L of Reconstituted AccQ · Tag Ultra Reagent Powder.
- 7.1.13.3. Vortex immediately and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

7.2. Instrument Setup

7.2.1. Waters ACQUITY H-Class UPLC Method Parameters:

TABLE 1: METHOD PARAMETERS			
Parameter	Setting		
Flow Type	Gradient		
Solvent A	AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent A		
Solvent B	90% Purified Water: 10% AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B		
Solvent C	Purified Water		
Solvent D	AccQ · Tag Ultra Eluent B		
Needle / Seal / Purge Wash	50% Purified Water: 50% Acetonitrile		
Flow Rate	0.7 mL/min		
Injection Volume	1.0 μL		
Detector	TUV Detector – 260 nm		
Detector Sampling Rate	10 Points/sec		
Detector Sensitivity	2.00 AUFS		
Column Temperature	43 °C		
Sample Temperature	20 °C		
Run Time	11 minutes		

7.2.2. Gradient

	TABLE 2: GRADIENT					
Step	Time (min)	%A	%В	%C	%D	Curve
1	0.00	10.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	Not Applicable
2	0.29	9.9	0.0	90.1	0.0	11
3	5.49	9.0	80.0	11.0	0.0	7
4	7.10	8.0	15.6	57.9	18.5	6
5	7.30	8.0	15.6	57.9	18.5	6
6	7.69	7.8	0.0	70.9	21.3	6
7	7.99	4.0	0.0	36.3	59.7	6
8	8.59	4.0	0.0	36.3	59.7	6
9	8.68	10.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	6
10	10.20	10.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	6

7.2.3. Injection Sequence:

TABLE 3: INJEC	TION SEQUENCE			
System Suitability Injections				
Gradient Blank	1			
Derivatization Blank	1			
Suitability Standard	1			
L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard	1			
Solution	1			
Ammonium Standard Solution	3			
Sample In	njections ¹			
Derivatization Blank	1			
Sample Test Solution ²				
Ammonium Standard Solution	1			
¹ Repeat the sample injection sequence if additional				
² Samples may be substituted with Gradient Blank injections.				

7.2.4. System Suitability:

TABLE 4: SYSTEM SUITABILITY			
System Suitability Parameter	Acceptance Criteria		
Derivatization Blank: The first injection of the Derivatization Blank shows the AMQ peak and	Appropriate Peaks Present		
the Derivatization peak.	• • •		
Suitability Standard: The Suitability Standard shows all appropriate peaks (Reference Suitability Standard Table).	Appropriate Peaks Present		
Resolution: The resolution between the Ammonia and Histidine peaks in the Suitability Standard.	NLT 1.5		
Instrument Precision: The %RSD of the Ammonia peak in the first three (3) Ammonium Standard Solution injections.	NMT 20%		
Instrument Precision (QC Check): The %RSD of the Ammonia peak in all <i>Ammonium Standard Solution</i> injections.	NMT 20%		

7.2.5. Suitability Standard:

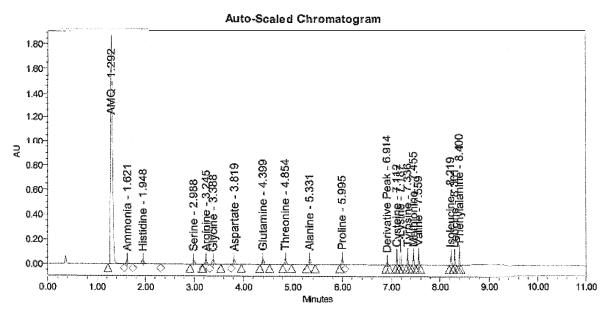


FIGURE 1: AUTO-SCALED CHROMATOGRAM

TABLE 5: SUITABILITY STANDARD		
Analyte	Approximate Retention Time (min)	
AMQ	1.3	
Ammonia	1.6	
Histidine	1.9	
Serine	3.0	
Arginine	3.2	
Glycine	3.4	
Aspartate	3.8	
Glutamine	4.4	
Threonine	4.9	
Alanine	5.3	
Proline	6.0	
Derivative Peak	6.9	
Cysteine	7.1	
Lysine	7.2	
Tyrosine	7.3	
Methionine	7.5	
Valine	7.6	
Isoleucine	8.2	
Leucine	8.3	
Phenylalanine	8.4	

7.3. Acceptance Criteria:

- 7.3.1. The area of the Ammonia peak in the *Sample Test Solution* is not greater than the area of the Ammonia peak in the *Ammonium Standard Solution* when corrected for the *L-Histidine Monochloride Monohydrate Standard Solution*.
- 7.3.2. If the area for Ammonia peak in the *Sample Test Solution* is greater than or equal to the Ammonia peak in the *Ammonium Standard Solution*, no results are to be reported until evaluated by Laboratory Management to determine if the result is valid/reportable or if any further action is required.

7.4. Result Reporting

TABLE 6: RESULT REPORTING		
Result	Reporting	
If Ammonia peak area in Sample Test Solution <		
Corrected Ammonia peak area in Ammonium	Report < 0.02%	
Standard Solution	•	
If Ammonia peak area in Sample Test Solution =		
Corrected Ammonia peak area in Ammonium	Report as 0.02%	
Standard Solution	-	
If Ammonia peak area in Sample Test Solution >		
Corrected Ammonia peak area in Ammonium	Report > 0.02%	
Standard Solution	-	

8. CHROMATOGRAMS AND DATA PROCESSING:

8.1. Gradient Blank

Auto-Scaled Chromatogram 0.020 0.015 ₹ 0.010-0.005 0.000 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 6.00 7.00 8.00 9.00 10.00 0.00 11.00 Minutes

FIGURE 2: AUTO-SCALED CHROMATOGRAM

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8.2. Derivatization Blank

Auto-Scaled Chromatogram 1.80 1.60-1.40-1.20-Derivative Peak - 6,796 1.00-0.80-0.60-0.40-0.20-0.00-200 9.00 5.00 6.00 Minutes 1.00 3.00 4.00 7.00 8.00 10.00 11.00 0.00

FIGURE 3: AUTO-SCALED CHROMATOGRAM

8.3. Suitability Standard

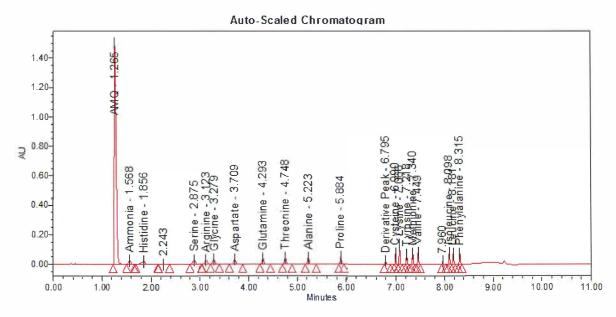


FIGURE 4: AUTO-SCALED CHROMATOGRAM

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8.4. Ammonium Standard Solution

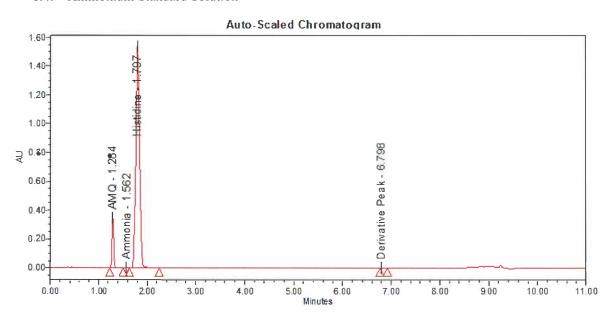


FIGURE 5: AUTO-SCALED CHROMATOGRAM

8.5. Example Sequence Table

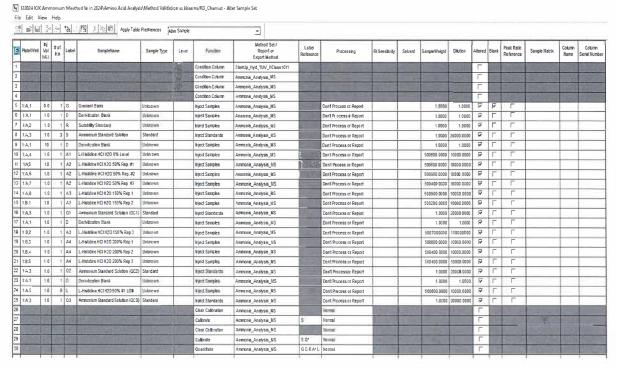


FIGURE 6: EXAMPLE SEQUENCE TABLE

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Component Editor Component Editor File Edit View Hele File Edit View Help Ů 34c 3→ B, B, SampleSet Type: STANDARDS ONLY . SampleSet Type STANDARDS ONLY Vial: 1:A,3 Rew: 8 Sample Name: Ammonium Standard Solution Sample Name: Ammonium Standard Solution Type:Standard Vial ID: 1655 Type:Standard Vial ID: 1655 Mel Weights Components Mol Weights Components Value Purity (Vial) dn/dc (Vial) A2 (Vial) Scattering Function Value Purity (Vial) dn/dc (Vial) A2 (Vial) Scattering Function Purity (Vial) Purity (Vial) Purity (Vial) Purity (Vial) (Standard) (Standard) (Standard) (Standard) Value (Standard) Value (Standard) Component (Standard) Value (Standard) 20035.620000 20035.620000 20035.620000 ← Current A All Samples / ♦ | ► | Current λ All Samples Prev <u>N</u>ext Prev <u>N</u>ext

8.6. Example Amount Window

FIGURE 7: EXAMPLE AMOUNT WINDOW

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8.7. Example Processing Method Integration Tab

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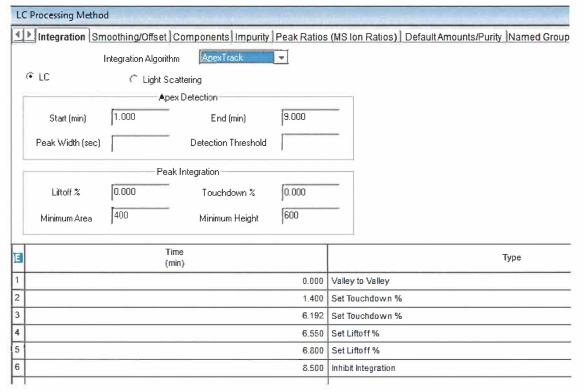


FIGURE 8: EXAMPLE PROCESSING METHOD INTEGRATION TAB

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8.8. Processing Method Component Tab

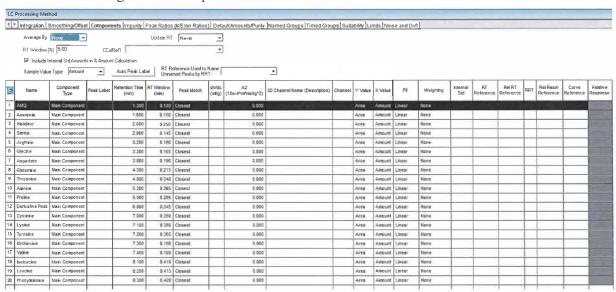


FIGURE 9: PROCESSING METHOD COMPONENT TAB