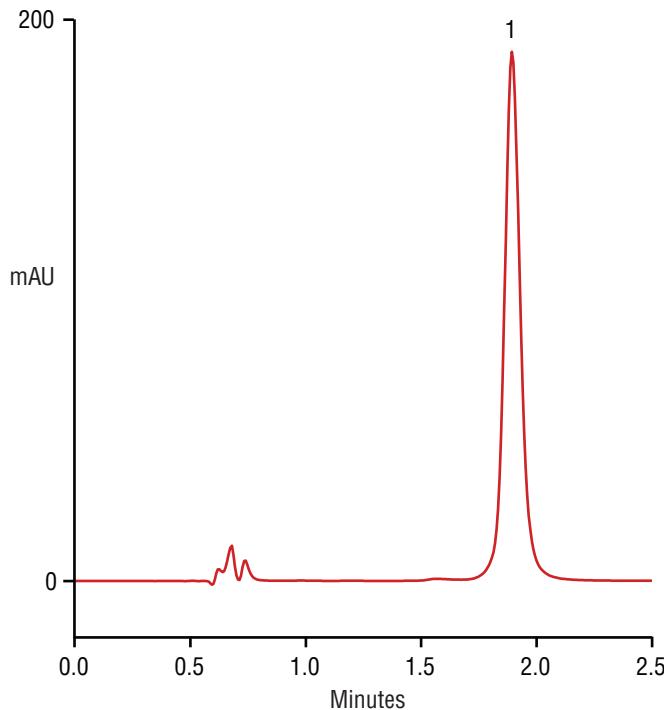


**Minoxidil Determination Using a Thermo Scientific™ Acclaim™ Mixed-Mode WCX-1 Column**

Column: Thermo Scientific™ Acclaim™ Mixed-Mode WCX-1, 3  $\mu$ m  
Dimensions: 3.0  $\times$  50 mm  
System: Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ UltiMate™ 3000  
Mobile Phases:  
A: Ammonium dihydrogen phosphate 0.90 g/L, adjusted to pH 3.0 with phosphoric acid  
B: Acetonitrile  
Isocratic Method:  
Flow Rate: 0.5 mL/min  
Temperature: 30 °C  
Injection Volume: 2.0  $\mu$ L  
Detection: UV at 280 nm  
Samples: Generic minoxidil 5% topical solution, diluted in methanol

Peaks: 1. Minoxidil 50  $\mu$ g/mL

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Minoxidil is the first approved pharmaceutical treatment for male pattern baldness. It is poorly retained on most HPLC stationary phases. It is also a very weak base ( $pK_a$  4.6). By operating at  $pH < 4$ , the minoxidil is protonated and can be retained by cation exchange. The Acclaim Mixed-Mode WCX-1 column is a novel, high-efficiency, silica-based column, manufactured by bonding a specially designed proprietary ligand with both hydrophobic and weak cation-exchange properties. This column can function in multiple separation modes: reversed phase, cation exchange, and normal phase/HILIC. Shown here is a fast analysis of minoxidil in a generic formulation using a 3.0  $\times$  50 mm column.