



Application Note AN-S-380

# Monofluorofosfato e fluoruro in monofluorofosfato di sodio per uso farmaceutico

## Qualificazione del metodo secondo la Farmacopea statunitense

Monofluorophosphate (MFP) is often used for tooth enamel remineralization and to prevent dental caries (cavities) [1]. Pharmaceutical manufacturers and laboratories are obliged to use the Monographs from the United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary (USP-NF) for the assessment of drug and formulation quality, including MFP.

The USP has initiated a global initiative to modernize many of their existing Monographs. Ion chromatography (IC) with suppressed conductivity

detection has been approved by the USP as a validated method to quantify the MFP content in sodium monofluorophosphate [2].

The required separation of MFP from sulfate is possible by using the Metrosep A Supp 16 - 250/4.0 (L91) column and a hydroxide gradient. All acceptance criteria for the USP Monograph «Sodium Monofluorophosphate» are fulfilled and the procedure was approved as a validated USP method [2–5].

## STANDARD AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

The system suitability solution and the standard solution are prepared from USP certified standards by dilution with ultrapure water (UPW).

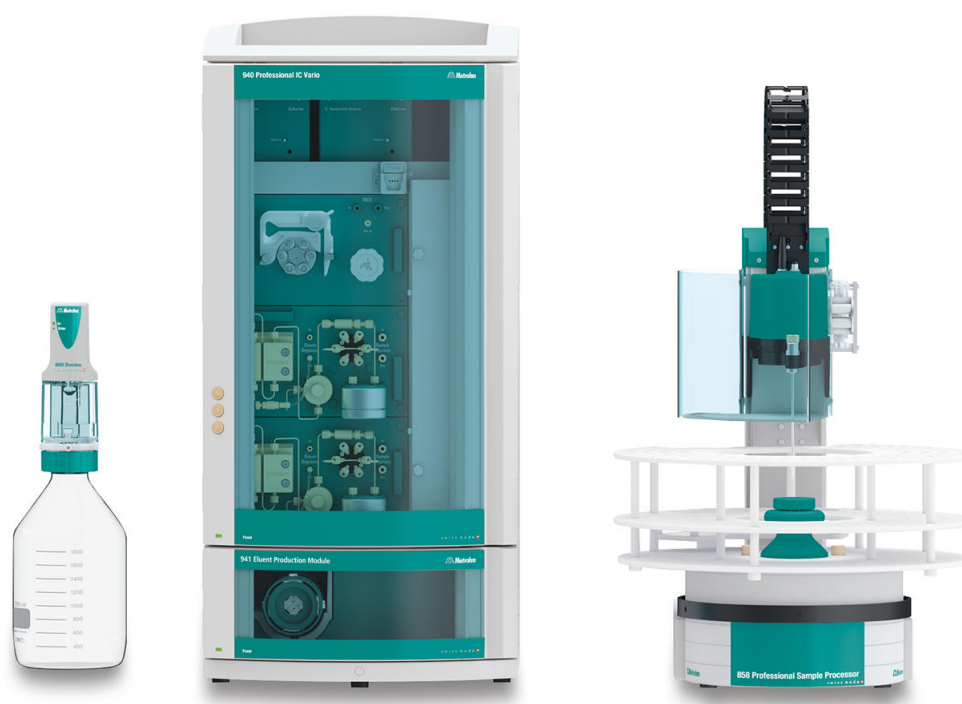
The system suitability solution contains 4.0 µg/mL USP Sodium Fluoride RS, 1.4 µg/mL of USP Sodium Acetate RS, 150.0 µg/mL USP Sodium Monofluorophosphate RS, and 150.0 µg/mL USP Sodium Sulfate RS. The standard solution contains 150.0 µg/mL USP Sodium Monofluorophosphate RS. Sample analyses were performed with customer-

provided sodium monofluorophosphate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{PFO}_3$ ). Of this, 1.5 g was weighed and added to a 1000 mL volumetric flask. The flask was filled up to the mark with UPW, sonicated for 15 minutes, and finally filtered through filter paper with a pore size of 0.2 µm. This sample stock solution was further diluted 1:10 with UPW. The final concentration corresponds to 150 µg/mL monofluorophosphate. No additional sample preparation is required.

## EXPERIMENTAL

System suitability solution, samples, and standard solutions were injected directly into the IC using an

858 Professional Sample Processor (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Instrumental setup including a 940 Professional IC Vario, 858 Professional Sample Processor, and an 800 Dosino for Dosino regeneration of the MSM (Metrohm Suppressor Module).

Baseline separation of fluoride, acetate, monofluorophosphate, and sulfate was ensured by applying a potassium hydroxide gradient (Table 2, eluent A 100 mmol/L potassium hydroxide, eluent B ultrapure water) and using the Metrosep A Supp 16 column (USP listing L91). Detection of analytes was

achieved with chemically suppressed conductivity detection.

The calibration was performed by using a single 2.0 µg/mL sodium monofluorophosphate standard injected six times. The sample was analyzed in duplicate.

**Table 1.** Requirements for the IC method as per USP Monograph «Sodium Monofluorophosphate» [2].

Column with L91 packing	Metrosep A Supp 16 - 250/4.0
Flow rate	1.0 mL/min
Eluent	Eluent A: 100.0 mmol/L Potassium hydroxide Eluent B: Ultrapure water
Temperature	40 °C
Injection volume	10 µL
Detection	Suppressed conductivity

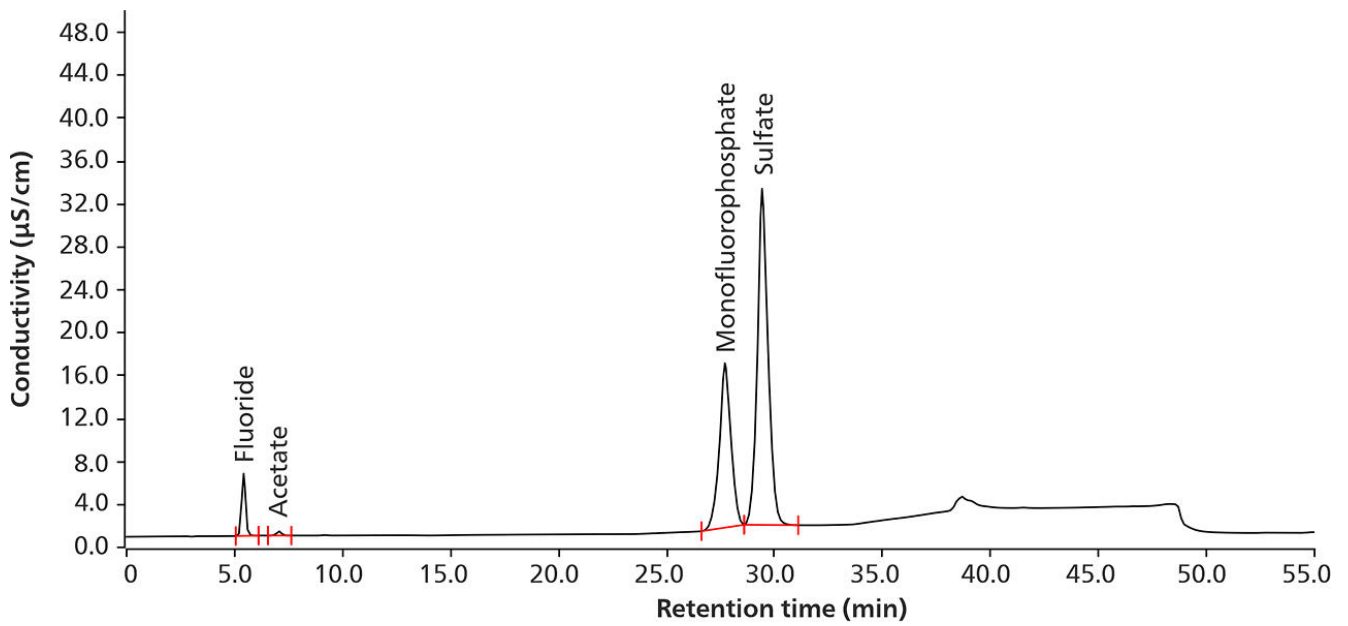
**Table 2.** Binary gradient program for the USP Monograph «Sodium Monofluorophosphate» [2].

Time (minutes)	Eluent A (%)	Eluent B (%)
0.0	15	85
20.0	15	85
30.0	30	70
35.0	60	40
45.0	60	40
45.1	15	85
50.0	15	85

## RESULTS

The IC method for the determination of monofluorophosphate content is qualified according to the USP Monograph «Sodium Monofluorophosphate» following the USP references

for method validation procedures [2–5]. A chromatogram for the system suitability approval is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Chromatogram of the system suitability solution. The sodium fluoride concentration corresponds to 4.0 µg/mL, sodium acetate 1.4 µg/mL, sodium monofluorophosphate 150.0 µg/mL, and sodium sulfate 150.0 µg/mL.

The relative retention times for fluoride, acetate, monofluorophosphate, and sulfate are 0.20, 0.26, 1.00, and 1.06, respectively. These unitless values are

automatically calculated with the MagIC Net software by applying the following formula:

$$r_G = \frac{t_{Ri}}{t_{Rst}}$$

$r_G$  = relative retention time, unadjusted  $t_{Ri}$  = retention time peak of interest  $t_{Rst}$  = retention time peak of reference peak (peak corresponding to the substance to be examined, monofluorophosphate)

All acceptance criteria for the system suitability (resolution, tailing factor, and relative standard deviation of replicate standard injections) are fulfilled (Table 3).

**Table 3.** System suitability requirements as per USP.

Parameter	Actual	USP required	Status
Resolution monofluorophosphate / sulfate	1.84	NLT 1.5	Pass
Tailing factor	1.02	NMT 2.5	Pass
*RSD (%); n=6	0.38	NMT 2.0	Pass

The results for the sample solution (Table 4) are calculated as follows:

$$Result (\%) = \left( \frac{r_U}{r_S} \right) \times \left( \frac{C_S}{C_U} \right) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of monofluorophosphate from the sample solution  $r_S$  = peak response of monofluorophosphate from the standard solution  $C_S$  = concentration of USP Sodium

Monofluorophosphate RS in the standard solution ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )  $C_U$  = concentration of sodium monofluorophosphate in the sample solution ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )

**Table 4.** Sodium monofluorophosphate sample analysis and requirements as per USP.

Analyte	Actual	USP requirement	Status
Sodium MFP [%]	95.56	91.7–100.5	Pass

## CONCLUSION

The presented IC method has been successfully qualified for assessing the content of monofluorophosphate in accordance with the USP Monograph «Sodium Monofluorophosphate». This qualification strictly followed the USP validation specifications.

The system suitability met all acceptance criteria, including resolution, tailing factor, and the relative standard deviation of replicate standard injections.

Furthermore, the sample analysis also fulfilled the USP requirements.

As a result, analysis with ion chromatography has been proven to be a reliable and appropriate approach for the determination of monofluorophosphate in pharmaceutical formulations. Manufacturers of sodium monofluorophosphate benefit from the high degree of automation and its ease of use.

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## CONFIGURATION



### Metrosep A Supp 16 - 250/4,0

La Metrosep A Supp 16 è particolarmente adatta per problemi di separazione ad alta capacità e si contraddistingue per l'eccellente risoluzione anche nel caso di problemi di separazione complessi. La colonna di separazione Metrosep A Supp 16 è basata su un copolimero di polistirene/divinilbenzene a superficie funzionalizzata. I gruppi funzionali sono collegati in modo covalente. Questo fatto e la struttura superficiale dello scambiatore di anioni permettono una selettività unica. La Metrosep A Supp 16 ad alta capacità viene impiegata per la soluzione di problemi complessi.

La Metrosep A Supp 16 - 250/4,0 possiede una risoluzione eccellente e risolve i più complessi problemi di separazione. La colonna è particolarmente adatta per il monitoraggio di bagni galvanici. Tracce di anioni sono rilevabili in acidi concentrati. L'impiego nell'analisi degli alimenti per la determinazione di derivati di maltosio è solo una tra le numerose applicazioni della Metrosep A Supp 16 - 250/4,0.



### Metrosep A Supp 16 Guard/4,0

La Metrosep A Supp 16 Guard/4,0 protegge efficacemente le colonne di separazione Metrosep A Supp 16 dai contaminanti. Grazie all'«On Column Guard System», la precolonna si contraddistingue per l'estrema facilità d'uso. La precolonna viene semplicemente avvitata sulla colonna analitica. L'operazione non richiede utensili.

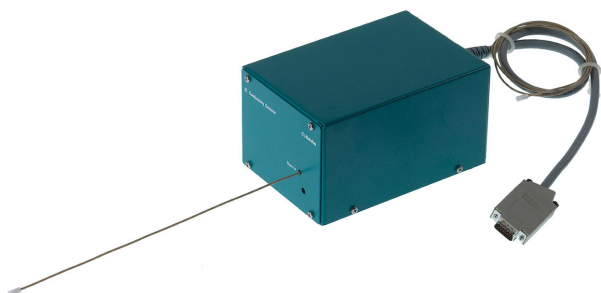


### 940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/PP/HPG

Il 940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/PP/HPG è l'intelligente strumento IC con **soppressione sequenziale**, **pompa peristaltica** per la rigenerazione del soppressore e **gradiente binario di alta pressione**. Con i 942 Extension Module può essere espanso fino a un sistema gradiente quaternario. Lo strumento può essere impiegato con qualsiasi metodo di separazione e di rilevamento.

Campi d'impiego tipici:

- Applicazioni di gradienti per la determinazione di anioni o cationi con soppressione sequenziale



### IC Conductivity Detector

Rilevatore della conducibilità ad alte prestazioni compatto e intelligente per gli strumenti IC intelligenti. Eccellente stabilità di temperatura, la completa elaborazione del segnale all'interno del blocco del rivelatore protetto e DSP – Digital Signal Processing – di ultima generazione garantiscono la massima precisione della misura. Grazie al range dinamico di lavoro non sono necessari cambiamenti (anche non automatici) del range di misura.



### 858 Professional Sample Processor – Pump

L'858 Professional Sample Processor – Pump per il trattamento di campioni con volumi compresi tra 500  $\mu$ L e 500 mL. Il trasferimento del campione avviene attraverso la pompa peristaltica bidirezionale a doppio canale integrata o tramite un 800 Dosino.