# Determination of the Optimal Silia Prep X Polymeric Phase by a Simple & Logical Method

Follow these simple steps which are outlined in the flow chart (on the right) to determine the optimal Silia*PrepX* polymeric phase to use, and achieve a higher recovery and a cleaner extract.

• Determine the classification

- of the analyte (neutral, acidic or basic compound)
- Determine the pK<sub>a</sub> of the analyte
- Select the proper SiliaPrepX phase
- Apply the indicated treatment
- Determine recovery by LC analysis

Note: This flow chart is a convenient starting point for method development.

Further optimization may be required to tailor the method to your application needs.

Silia*PrepX* WCX Silia*PrepX* SAX Silia*PrepX* HLB Silia*PrepX* WAX Silia*PrepX* SCX Strong Bases Acids Silia*PrepX* DVB Strong Acids Bases pK. > 10pK, 2 - 8 pK<sub>2</sub> < 2 pK<sub>2</sub> 2 - 10 Neutral Compounds 1. Sample Treatmer . Sample Treatment 1. Sample Treatment 2. Conditioning 2. Conditioning 2. Conditioning & Equilibration & Equilibration & Equilibration 3. Sample Loading 3. Sample Loading 3. Sample Loading 4. Wash 1: 4. Wash: 4. Wash 1: (Basic) Aqueous Aqueous (Acidic) Aqueous (with 5% Organic) 5. Wash 2/Elution 1: 5. Elution: 5. Wash 2/Elution 1: Organic Organic Organic 6. Elution 2: 6. Elution 2: **Acidic Organic Basic Organic** Strong Bases Strong Acids Acids Neutral Compounds<sup>1</sup> Bases

\*Polar compounds as organic acids and bases can also be eluted after the Wash/Elution 1.

Silia PrepX Polymeric SPE Cartridge and Well Plate Formats							
Formats	Qty/Box	Silia <i>PrepX</i> HLB	Silia <i>PrepX</i> DVB	Silia <i>PrepX</i> SCX	Silia <i>PrepX</i> SAX	Silia <i>PrepX</i> WCX	Silia <i>PrepX</i> WAX
Silia <i>PrepX</i> SPE Cartridges							
1 mL/30 mg	100	SPE-P0002-01AA	SPE-P0001-01AA	SPE-P0005-01AA	SPE-P0010-01AA	SPE-P0015-01AA	SPE-P0020-01AA
3 mL/60 mg	50	SPE-P0002-03BB	SPE-P0001-03BB	SPE-P0005-03BB	SPE-P0010-03BB	SPE-P0015-03BB	SPE-P0020-03BB
6 mL/100 mg	30	SPE-P0002-06C	SPE-P0001-06C	SPE-P0005-06C	SPE-P0010-06C	SPE-P0015-06C	SPE-P0020-06C
6 mL/200 mg	30	SPE-P0002-06G	SPE-P0001-06G	SPE-P0005-06G	SPE-P0010-06G	SPE-P0015-06G	SPE-P0020-06G
6 mL/500 mg	30	SPE-P0002-06P	SPE-P0001-06P	SPE-P0005-06P	SPE-P0010-06P	SPE-P0015-06P	SPE-P0020-06P
Silia <i>PrepX</i> 96-We	iliaPrepX 96-Well Plates						
2 mL/10 mg	1	96W-P0002-1A	96W-P0001-1A	96W-P0005-1A	96W-P0010-1A	96W-P0015-1A	96W-P0020-1A
2 mL/30 mg	1	96W-P0002-AA	96W-P0001-AA	96W-P0005-AA	96W-P0010-AA	96W-P0015-AA	96W-P0020-AA

## Silia PrepX™ Polymeric SPE Cartridges & Well Plates Typical Experimental Procedures



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### General Method Development Procedure Using Silia PrepX Sorbents

#### Silia PrepX HLB

Silia Prep X HLB is a wettable copolymer presenting a Hydrophilic-Lipophilic Balance (HLB) allowing a strong retention for neutral, acidic and basic compounds and a higher stability in organic solvents.

Silia <i>PrepX</i> HLE	Silia Prep X HLB for Neutral, Acidic & Basic Compounds		
Conditioning step	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O		
Loading step	Dilute sample (with H <sub>2</sub> O)		
Washing step	1 x Column volume of 5% CH <sub>3</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O		
Elution step	1x Column of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		

#### Silia PrepX DVB

SiliaPrepX DVB is a polystyrene-divinylbenzene copolymer presenting a high hydrophobicity used as a reversed-phase for the extraction of neutral, acidic and basic compounds in viscous matrices.

Silia Prep X DVB for Neutral, Acidic & Basic Compounds		
Conditioning step	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O	
Loading step	Dilute sample (with H <sub>2</sub> O)	
Washing step	1 x Column volume of 5% CH <sub>3</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O	
Elution step	1 x Column of CH <sub>3</sub> OH	

#### Silia*PrepX* SCX

Silia PrepX SCX is a polystyrene-divinylbenzene copolymer functionalized by a strong cation exchanger presenting a high selectivity for bases ( $pK_a 2$  - 10). It is highly stable in organic solvents.

Silia $PrepX$ SCX for Basic Compounds ( $pK_a 2 - 10$ )		
Conditioning step	tep 1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O	
Loading step	Dilute sample with 1% AcOH in H <sub>2</sub> O ( <i>pH 4-</i> 5)	
Washing step 1	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O	
Washing step 2	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
Elution step	1 x Column of 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in CH <sub>3</sub> OH	

#### Silia*PrepX* WCX

SiliaPrepX WCX is a polystyrene-divinylbenzene copolymer functionalized by a weak cation exchanger used to catch and release strong basic compounds  $(pK_a > 10)$ . It is highly stable in organic solvents.

Silia <i>PrepX</i> W	Silia $PrepX$ WCX for Strong Bases ( $pK_a > 10$ )		
Conditioning step	1x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O		
Loading step	Dilute sample with 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O ( <i>pH 7-8</i> )		
Washing step 1	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O		
Washing step 2	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
Elution step	1 x Column of 2% HCO <sub>2</sub> H in CH <sub>3</sub> OH		

Note: These procedures are a convenient starting point for method development (format 1 mL/30 mg). In general, SPE protocols tend to be very specific to each molecule. Further optimization may be required to tailor the method to your application needs.

#### Silia PrepX SAX

Silia Prep X SAX is a polystyrene-divinylbenzene copolymer functionalized by a strong anion exchanger presenting a high selectivity for acids ( $pK_a 2 - 8$ ). It is highly stable in organic solvents.

Silia $PrepX$ SAX for Acidic Compounds ( $pK_a 2 - 8$		
	Conditioning step	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH
	Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O
	Loading step	Dilute sample with 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in H <sub>2</sub> O ( <i>pH 7-8</i> )
	Washing step 1	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O
Washing step 2		1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH
	Elution step	1 x Column of 2% HCO <sub>2</sub> H in CH <sub>3</sub> OH

#### Silia PrepX WAX

SiliaPrepX WAX is a polystyrene-divinylbenzene copolymer functionalized by a weak anion exchanger used to catch and release strong acidic compounds  $(pK_a < 2)$ . It is highly stable in organic solvents.

Silia <i>PrepX</i>	$IAX$ for Strong Acid ( $pK_a < 2$ )		
Conditioning step	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
Equilibration step	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O		
Loading step	Dilute sample with 1% AcOH in H <sub>2</sub> O (pH 4-5)		
Washing step 1	1 x Column volume of H <sub>2</sub> O		
Washing step 2	1 x Column volume of CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
Elution step	1 x Column of 5% NH <sub>4</sub> OH in CH <sub>3</sub> OH		

