

Ongoing positive trend



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Dear Reader

2004 has been another successful year for us with many challenges to master. Success stories like the one at Altana Pharma as reported in this CAMAG Flash illustrate the result of our effort to meet the great challenge of 21 CFR Part 11. Other less visible but important steps have been taken with regulating authorities in different countries in order to assure the positioning of instrumental Thin-Layer Chromatography as a well-accepted analytical method for many tasks.

In this last issue of CAMAG Flash for 2004, I would like to thank all of you for your continued interest in CAMAG and Thin-Layer Chromatography. Your confidence is the reason to our success and the source of our permanent effort in developing and promoting instrumental Thin-Layer Chromatography.

The CAMAG team and I would like to wish you all the best for the festive season and a prosperous new year.

News Note...

One of the most wanted herbal application note is now available:

F-31 HPTLC Fingerprint for the Identification of Asian Ginseng (*Panax ginseng*). See www.camag.com > Support > Application notes > Herbal Appl. Notes

In the CAMAG Bibliography Service CBS93:

- Quantification of signaling ceramides in primary keratinocytes
- Purity check and validation of metoclopramide
- Determination of progesterone in drug release media
- New HPTLC-MS method for determination of heterocyclic aromatic amines
- Parameters of Planar Chromatography: Derivatization

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A growing number of TLC users are required to comply with the FDA regulation "21 CFR part 11". The department of Analytical and Physical Organic Chemistry of ALTANA Pharma recently shared with this positive experiences using the winCATS option "21 CFR part 11 compliance ready". According to the internal Review performed at ALTANA Pharma the FDA requirements regarding electronic records of GLP/GMP relevant data and the prerequisites for the use of electronic signa-

tures etc. are fully met by the winCATS Planar-Chromatography manager. How important this is can only be appreciated when knowing that this innovative company has numerous CAMAG systems for quantitative and qualitative TLC in daily use at several sites.

ALTANA Pharma AG is the pharmaceutical division of ALTANA AG, headquartered in Konstanz, Germany. The international pharmaceutical group employs more than 8,000 people in 30 subsidiaries and is present in markets in Europe, North

and South America, Asia, South Africa and Australia. ALTANA Pharma concentrates on innovative pharmaceutical products in therapeutics, imaging (contrast media) and OTC medication.

Since the 70s thin-layer chromatography is used by the company for qualitative and quantitative determinations. ALTANA Pharma is very particular about meeting all requirements of "part 11 compliance" with all their TLC applications for routine use as well as with current and future development projects.

One of the TLC applications employed routinely is Content Uniformity Test (CUT) of cinchocaine hydrochloride in suppositories. The method was featured as 'Success story' in CBS92 (March 2004), see www.camag.com > Literature > Customer magazine CBS > Articles on TLC > CBS92 Success story: CUT ...



TLC goes Christian Dior



The 11th meeting of the French TLC Club took place on the 21st of October at Christian Dior (LVMH Perfumes and Cosmetics) near Orleans. More than 80 participants were not only char-

med by the warm welcome including 'petits fours' and Champagne but also deeply impressed by the broad field of application and the quality of the results obtained by HPTLC.

The main subject of this day was the analysis of plants by TLC. Dr. Eike Reich and Anne Blatter from the CAMAG Laboratory presented papers on

- Performance and reproducibility in plant analysis and

- Optimization and validation of methods for qualitative and quantitative HPTLC

Another excellent presentation held by Ms Popa (INSERM) about immuno HPTLC in dermatological research shows how the unsurpassed flexibility of HPTLC can be utilized for an antibody-antigen reaction on separated samples.

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