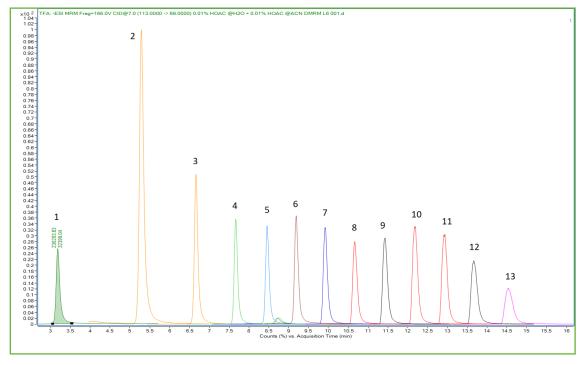
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# Separation of Short and Long Chain PFAS

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#### **PEAK IDENTITIES:**

- 1. Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)
- 2. Perfluoropropionic acid (PFPrA)
- 3. Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)
- 4. Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)
- 5. Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)
- 6. Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
- 7. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- 8. Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
- 9. Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)
- 10. Perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA)
- 11. Perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)
- 12. Perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrA)
- 13. Perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA)

### **TEST CONDITIONS:**

Column: HALO 90 Å PCS C18 2.7µm, 2.1x100 mm

Part Number: 92812-617

Delay Column: HALO® PFAS Delay, 2.7µm, 3.0x50 mm

Part Number: 92113-415

Mobile Phase A: Water/ 0.01% Acetic Acid Mobile Phase B: ACN/ 0.01% Acetic Acid

Gradient: Time %B
0.0 20
5.0 80
12.0 90
18.0 90
18.1 20

23.0 END Flow Rate: 0.5 mL/min

Temperature: 40 °C Detection: -ESI MS/MS Injection Volume: 2.0 µL

MS System: Agilent 6400 series LC System: Agilent 1200 series

Data Courtesy of: Center for PFAS Solutions

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## MS CONDITIONS:

Gas Temp: 130 °C Nebulizer: 25 psi Gas Flow: 11 L/min

Sheath Gas Heater: 250 °C

Capillary: 3500 V

Short chain PFAS such as trifluoracetic acid (TFA) and pentafluoropropionic acid (PFPrA) are challenging analytes due to low retention and poor peak shape. Although mixed mode hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography (HILIC) has been demonstrated to improve retention, this approach has limitations. A new reversed phase, superficially porous particle (SPP) silica with a positive charge surface chemistry has shown advantages for short chain PFAS HPLC analyses compatible with LC/MS/MS.





