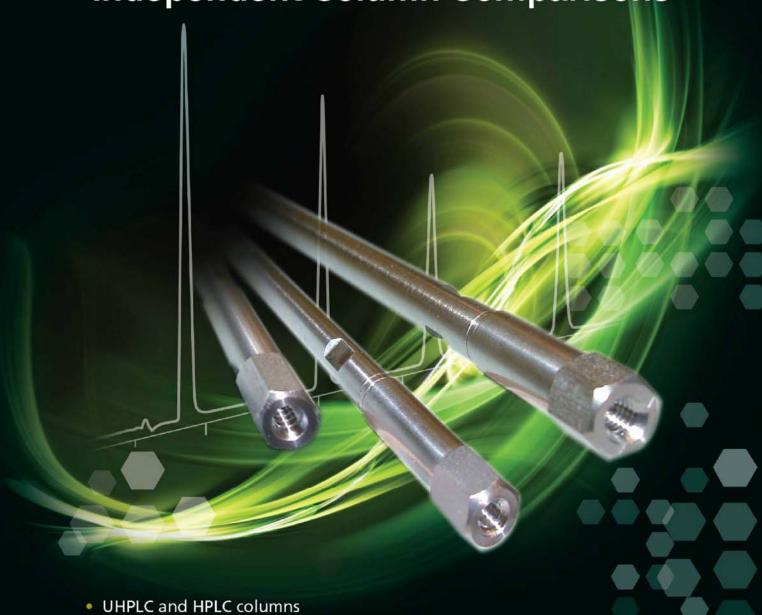


**HPLC** and **UHPLC** Columns

**Independent Column Comparisons** 



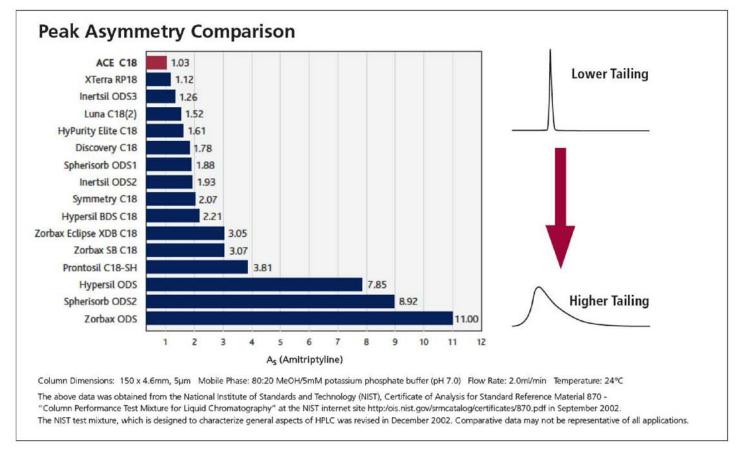
- Porous and solid-core particles
- Asymmetry and efficiency comparisons
- · Independently tested for impartial results



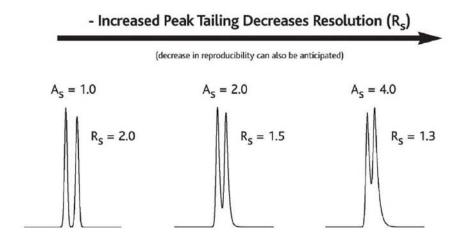
### Comparison of Leading 5µm C18 Columns

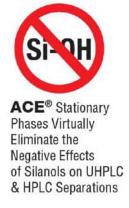
- Data obtained from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), USA
  - Leading 5µm C18 column brands
  - Basic molecule testing
  - Peak asymmetry investigation

"Elution of organic bases (eg amitriptyline) with severe peak tailing is often associated with high silanol activity; however, the elution of such compounds with symmetrical peak shape is considered indicative of column deactivation."



#### Importance of Peak Asymmetry (As)



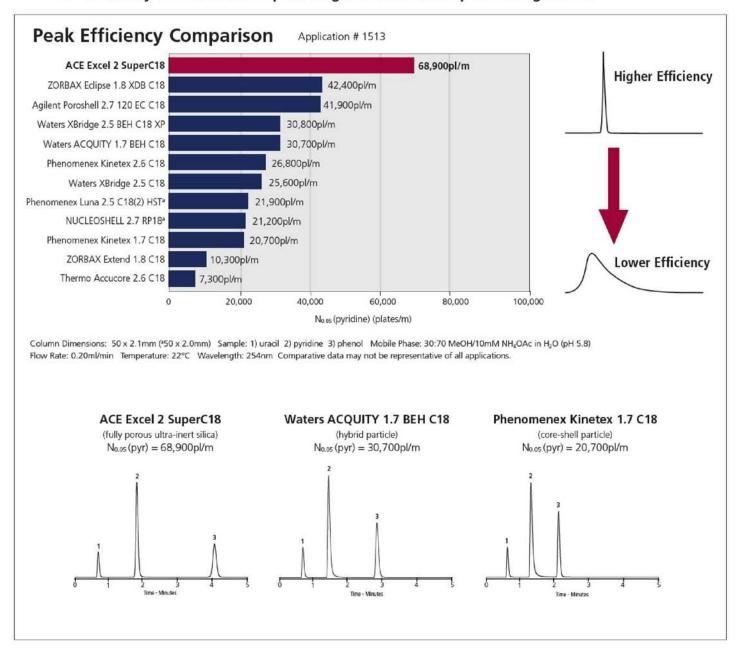


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## Independent Testing Comparison #2: UHPLC Columns

#### Comparison of Column Inertness at Intermediate pH

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  - Leading column brands in 50 x 2.1mm LC/MS compatible dimensions at pH 5.8
  - Silica, Hybrid and Superficially Porous particle technologies compared
  - Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule
  - Efficiency measured at 5% peak height to account for peak tailing effects

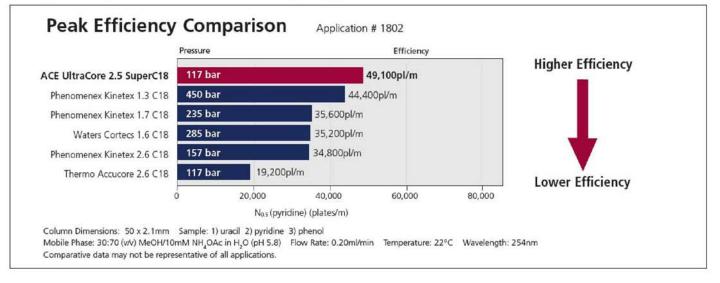


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## Independent Testing Comparison #3: Solid-Core Particles

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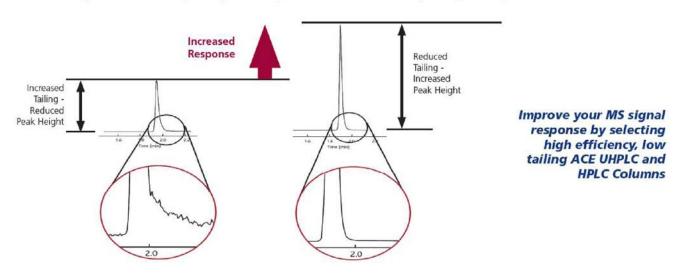
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  - Leading column brands from major manufacturers investigated
  - Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule



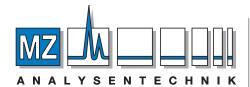
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