

## Determination of oleic acid in diesel fuel

Oleic acid in diesel oil was analyzed quantitatively by HPLC, utilizing pre-column derivatization method. 10  $\mu$ l of pre-treated sample solution was injected. The result indicates that the diesel oil contained 0.205 g of oleic acid per liter. The preparation procedure of the sample and the chromatogram were shown below.

### Conditions:

Pump:	PU-980
Detector :	UV-970
Wavelength :	260 nm
Sensitivity :	0.64 AUFS
Column :	Finepak SIL C18S
Eluent :	CH <sub>3</sub> CN / H <sub>2</sub> O (90/10)
Sample :	Light oil

### Preparation procedure of sample

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1 ml of light oil
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Apply on pre-column (silica type)
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Wash pre-column with n-hexane (5 ml)
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Elute with 2.5 ml of CHCl3/MeOH (50/50)
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Evaporate to dryness
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Add 1 ml CHCl3 and 20  $\mu$ l of 75% KOH in MeOH
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Evaporate to dryness
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← Add 1 ml of 170 mM p-bromophenacyl bromide in acetone
← Add 1 ml of 17 mM 18-crown-6-ether in acetone
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React with 90 °C for 40 min
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Filtrate with 0.45  $\mu$ m membrane filter
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Inject (10  $\mu$ l)
    
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