

SUBJECT: PHYSIOLOGICAL FLUID ANALYSIS OF BEER

INSTRUMENT: HITACHI MODEL L-8800 AMINO ACID ANALYZER

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Introduction

Amino acid analysis includes analyses of the amino acids as components of protein and physiological fluid analysis, such as analysis of free amino acids deriving from an organism. Of those analyses, the physiological fluid analysis requires a higher separability, because it involves a number

of analytes. Compared here are the results of analyses with a standard column (4.6 × 60 mm) and a high resolution column (4.6 × 80 mm), selecting beer as a fermented food sample which depends on the amino acid analysis for quality control. For usual quality control, the standard column is adequate. However, when analysts focus attention selectively on taurine (Tau) or the like constituents which have a short retention time, a higher quantitative accuracy is ensured by using the high resolution column. The Model L-8800 Amino Acid Analyzer has succeeded in high sensitivity and high resolution analysis of each constituent through a faster ninhydrin reaction achieved by adopting a new method of reaction in a reaction column (4.6 × 40 mm) instead of the conventional method of reaction in a reaction coil (0.25 mm I.D. × 7 m). As a result, peak broadening of each constituent can now be reduced by about 40% so that excellent chromatograms are available.

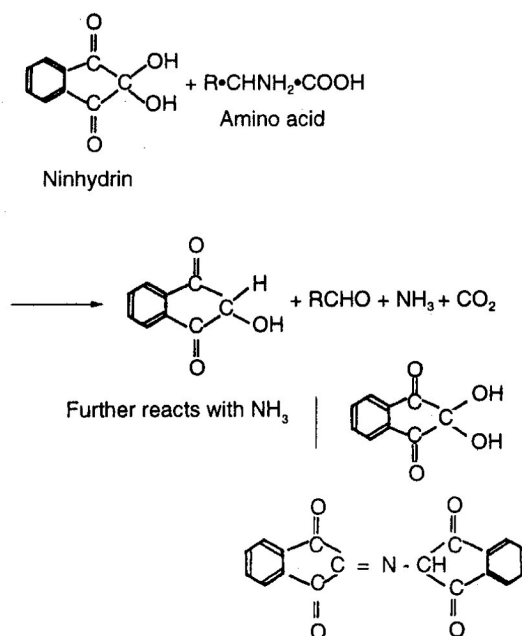


Fig. 1 Reaction of Ninhydrin

Physiological Fluid Analysis (Standard Specifications)

Sheet No.	Measured Substance	Field
56-1	Beer	Foodstuffs

Features

- Peaks from Gly to Phe are adequately separated.
- The entire range can be covered with the standard column of 4.6×60 mm.

Example of Measurement

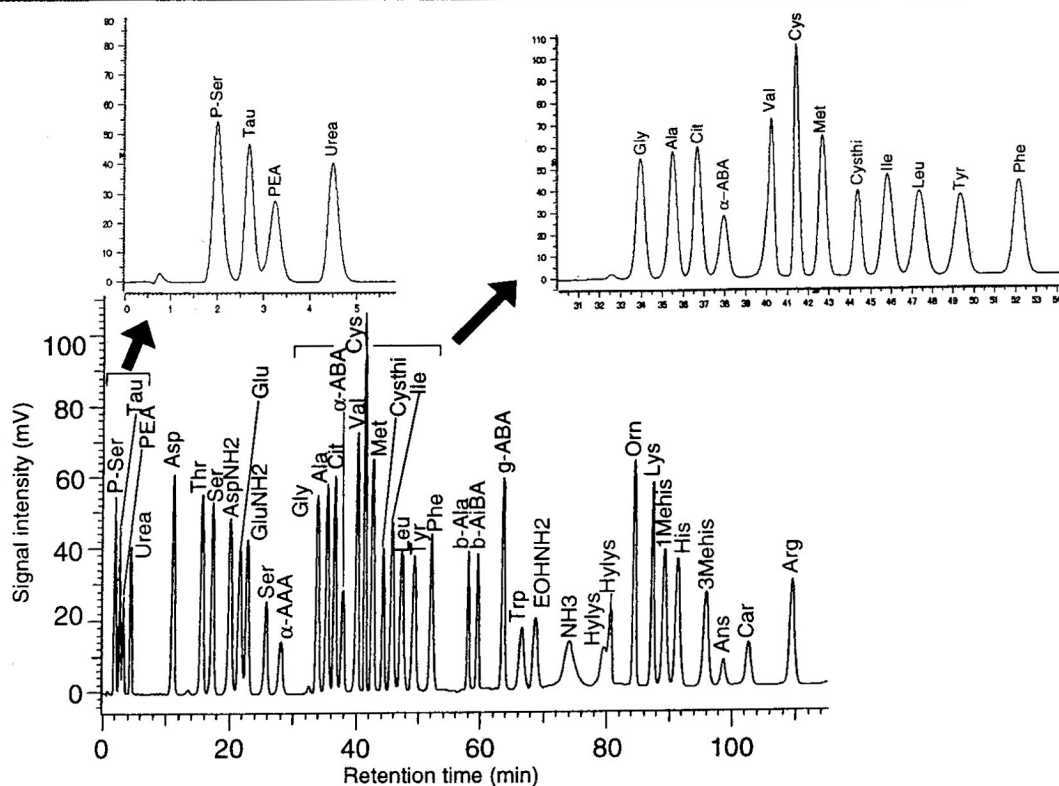


Fig. 2 Chromatogram of Standard Sample Mixture

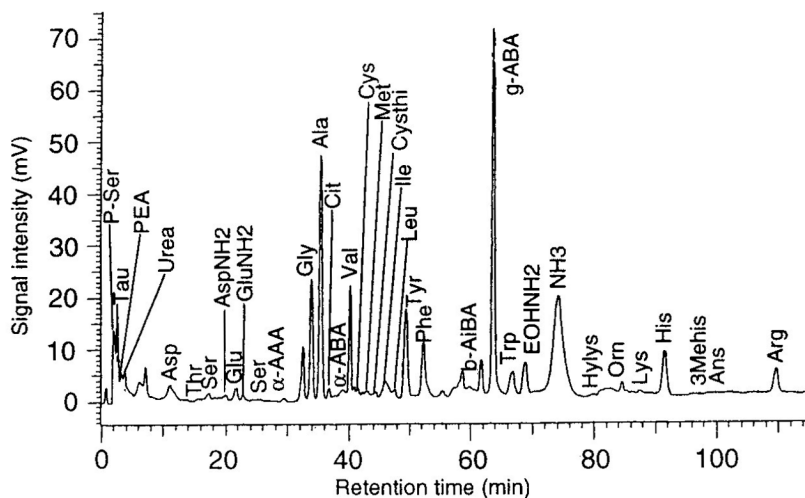


Fig. 3 Chromatogram of Beer

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Physiological Fluid Analysis (High Resolution Specifications)

Sheet No.	Measured Substance	Field
56-2	Beer	Foodstuffs

Features

- Peak separation is excellent around taurine (Tau) due to the high resolution column.
- High resolution is ensured over the entire range of measurement.

Example of Measurement

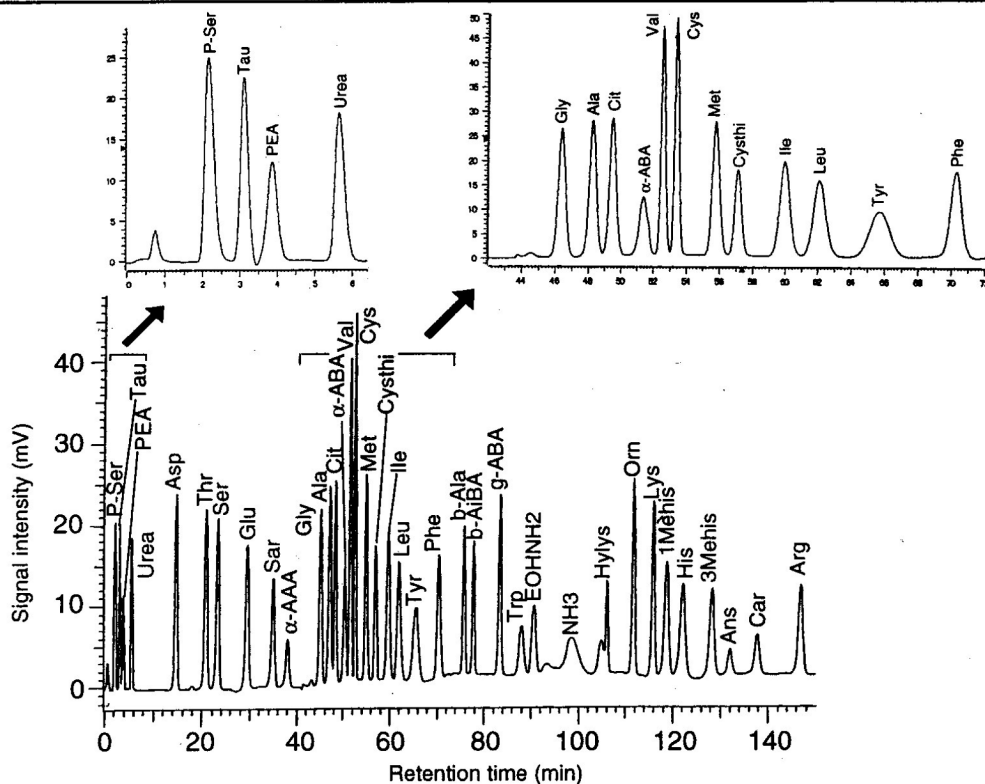


Fig. 4 Chromatogram of Standard Sample Mixture (with High Resolution Specifications)

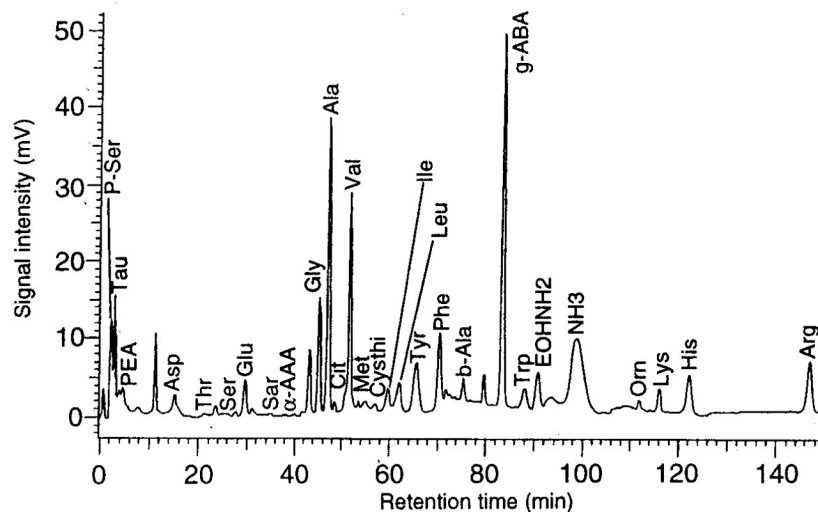


Fig. 5 Chromatogram of Beer (with High Resolution Specifications)

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