

<i>Category</i>	<i>Coulometric Karl Fischer Titrator AQ series</i>
<b>Pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>Water in freeze-dried serum</b>
<b>Cosmetics</b>	
by Indirect method (Evaporator + Coulometric KF titrator)	

**Referenced methods**

*Key words;* freeze dried serum, lyophilized products, Karl Fischer titration

**Outline**

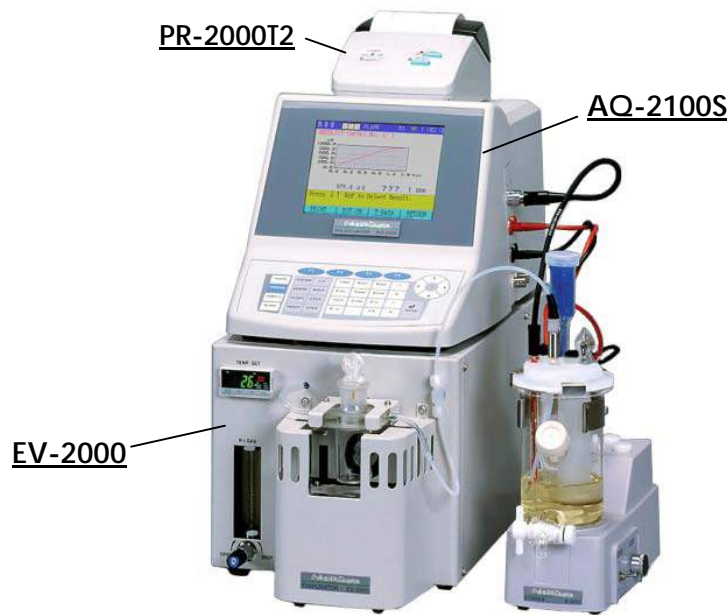
In this application, the indirect Karl Fischer method is introduced for the water determination in lyophilized products by using AQUACOUNTER® AQ-2100 (or AQ-300) coulometric KF titrator interfaced with Solid Evaporator EV-2000.

**Reagents**

- Anode solution : Hydranal® Coulomat AG 100mL
- Cathode solution : Hydranal® Coulomat CG
- Additional solvent : Dehydrated methanol 50mL

**Recommended configurations**

- *KF Titrator* : AQ-2100S (High-end, LCD screen)
  - *Evaporator*: EV-2000 Solid evaporator
- \*Optional Thermal Printer PR-2000T2 / Dot impact printer PR-302B



▲ AQ-2100S + Printer + EV-2000

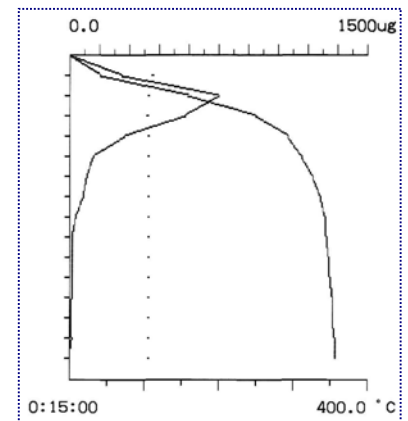
**Procedure**

1. Place an aluminum foil cup into the evaporation chamber and set it on the evaporation base.
2. Press F1[EV Start] key on the AQ-2100 to start pre-heating.
3. Place a sample container, a funnel, and a sampling spoon on the balance, and tare it.
4. Press **[SAMPLE]** key once the instrument is ready for measurement.
5. Open a glass stopper and introduce about 0.05g of sample through the funnel once the background stabilized.
6. Close the stopper and press **[TITRATION]** key to start titration.
7. Weigh the total weight of the sample vial and other sampling tools again.  
The difference between the total weight before/after sampling shall be the sample size.
6. Press **[S.SIZE/No.]** key to input the amount of sample added.

**Condition parameters and an example result**

Condition file	
Cal Mode	0
Interval Time	20 sec
S-Timer	0 min
T-Timer	0 min
Current	FAST
Blank Value	0.0 µg
Unit Mode	AUTO
Back Ground	ON
Auto Interval	0.00000 g
Minimum Count	5 µg

EV file	
Step1 Temp.	105 °C
Time	15 min
Pre Heat End Time	10 min
B.G.	0 µg
Cooling Time	5 min
B.G. Count	10
Back Purge Time	5 sec
N <sub>2</sub> Carrier gas flow rate	50mL/min



Sample No.	Sample size (g)	Measured H <sub>2</sub> O (µg)	Water content (%)	
1	0.0988	1339.5	1.3558	Mean. 1.39 %
2	0.0508	708.3	1.3943	SD 0.04 %
3	0.0603	863.4	1.4318	CV 2.7 %

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