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(57) **Abstract**: The invention provides a washing method for affinity chromatography in which a wash solution comprising arginine, or an arginine derivative, at pH greater than 8.0, is effective in removing impurities without the presence of a nonbuffering salt, while simultaneously increasing product concentration in the eluate and maintaining a high percent yield of recovered product.