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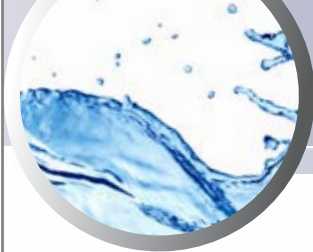
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# Introduction to EU WFD 2013/39/EU



## Introduction

- The EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) was introduced in August 2013, amending the EU directives 2000/60/EC, 2008/105/EC, 2000/60/EC, and 2008/105/EC.
- The European Water Framework Directive is a directive that commits all member states to actively control for a long list of environmental contaminants in all water bodies of the various member states.
- It lays down a strategy against water pollution, to be applied in all European Union member states.
- It involves identifying priority substances and monitoring different classes of contaminants; and it includes the first watch list (used for future prioritization exercises).
- Member States have the flexibility to apply an EQS (Environmental Quality Standard) for an alternative matrix or, where relevant, an alternative biota taxon, for example sub-phylum Crustacea, paraphylum “fish”, class Cephalopoda or class Bivalvia (mussels and clams).
- Compound levels are expressed as Environmental Quality Standard or (EQS) and the annual average (AA) and the Maximum Allowable Concentration (MAC) is given.
- The EU WFD encourages the development of novel monitoring methods such as passive sampling and other tools

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# UK Specific Regulations: Introduction to CIP 2

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- The UK Chemical Investigations Programme (CIP 2) looks into the occurrence, sources, and removal of trace substances in waste water treatment facility effluent.
- This regulation helps to establish priorities for remediative action to ensure surface waters meet new Environmental Quality Standards (EQS).
- The CIP 1 program was managed by UK Water Industry Research (UKWIR) and implemented from 2010-2013.
- The CIP 2 program is a follow-up program of sampling and analysis to be implemented between 2014 and 2020.
- The primary objective of CIP 2 is to identify and characterize sites where EQS levels are breached.
- In the program, 70 priority substances were determined from 162 sewage treatment works (STW) effluents.
- Additionally, 11 pharmaceuticals were identified as priority monitoring candidates. It is important to note that EQS is defined for only three pharmaceutical compounds: Diclofenac, E2, and EE2. All substances selected for monitoring analysis were detected previously in waste water effluent samples.
- The determined environmental concentrations of many priority substances in effluent exceeded EQS.



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Priority hazardous substances	GC-MS	LC-MS	ICP-MS	Priority hazardous substances	GC-MS	LC-MS	ICP-MS	Priority hazardous substances	GC-MS	LC-MS	ICP-MS
Anthracene	√			Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS)		√		Naphthalene	√		
Brominated diphenylethers	√			Quinoxifen	√	√		Nickel and its compounds			√
Cadmium and its compounds			√	Dioxins and Dioxin-like compounds	√			Octylphenols	√		
C <sub>10-13</sub> Chloroalkanes	√			Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)		√		Pentachlorophenol	√		
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	√			Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide	√			Simazine	√	√	
Endosulfan	√			Alachlor	√			Trichlorobenzenes	√		
Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	√			Atrazine	√	√		Trichloromethane (chloroform)	√		
Hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD)	√			Benzene	√			Aclonifen	√		
Hexachlorocyclohexane	√			Chlorfenvinphos	√	√		Bifenox	√		
Mercury and its compounds			√	Chlorpyrifos (ethyl)	√			Cybutryne	√		
Nonylphenols	√			1,2-dichloroethane	√			Cypermethrin	√		
Pentachlorobenzene	√			Dichloromethane	√			Dichlorvos	√		
Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	√			Diuron		√		Terbutryn	√	√	
Tributyltin compounds	√			Fluoranthene	√			Diclofenac ( watchlist)		√	
Trifluralin	√			Isoproturon		√		17-beta-estradiol ( watchlist)	√	√	
Dicofol	√			Lead and its compounds			√	17-alpha-ethinylestradiol (watch list)	√	√	

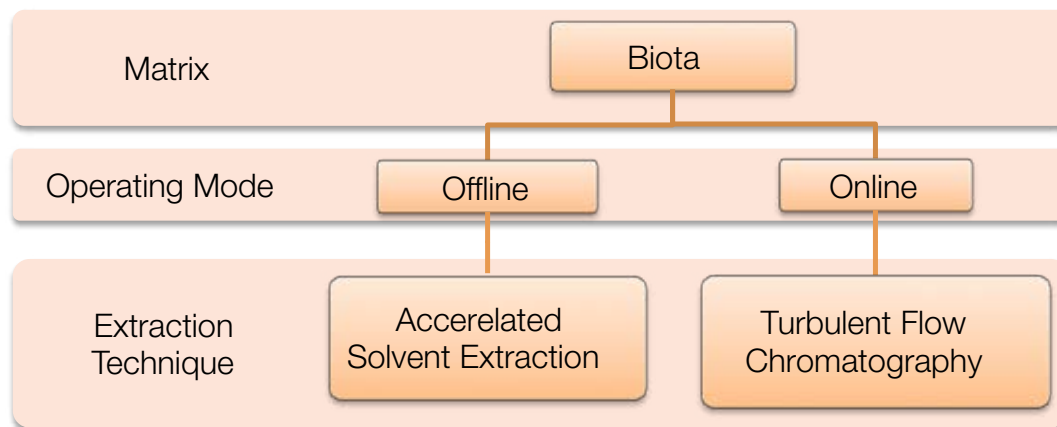
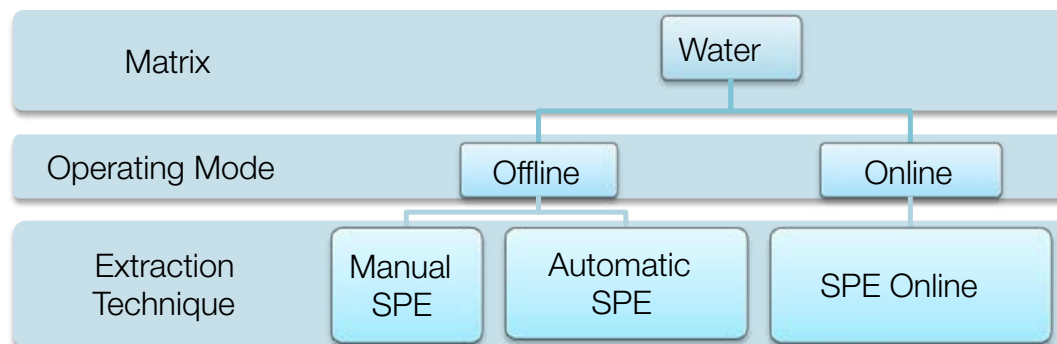


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## General sample preparation workflow





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The Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ AutoTrace™ 280 Solid-Phase Extraction instrument saves time, solvent, and labor ensuring high reproducibility and productivity for analytical laboratories. The instrument can process up to six samples in 2–3 hours with only 15 minutes of operator involvement. The Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument uses powerful pumps (no check valves) and proven constant-flow technology to efficiently process even the most difficult samples.

## Save time, save solvent

With Dionex AutoTrace and Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ ASE™ Accelerated Solvent Extraction systems, laboratories can effectively automate the solvent extraction process for liquid and solid matrices.



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# Solid Phase Extraction (SPE)

## LC-MS amenable compounds

<b>Loading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Material: Thermo Scientific™ HyperSep™ Retain PEP cartridge</li><li>• pH 2</li></ul>
<b>Wash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10% MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O</li></ul>
<b>Elution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACN (0.1%FA) – ACN – ACN (0.1% NH<sub>4</sub>OH)</li><li>• EtOAc (PFCs, HBCDD, Phenols, Triclosan, Triazoles)</li></ul>
<b>Evaporation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final Volume (0.5 mL)</li></ul>
<b>Reconstitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition of 4.5 mL of 0.1% FA</li></ul>
<b>Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 µL direct injection</li><li>• 1-5 mL Injection Thermo Scientific™ EQuan Max™ LC-MS system</li></ul>

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# Liquid Liquid Extraction (LLE)

## GC-MS amenable compounds

### Classical off-line sample preparation: Liquid-liquid extraction or LLE

To 100 mL of surface water, 10 g of NaCl was added. The extraction solvent was 10 mL dichloromethane with 1 % iso-octane. The sample was shaken vigorously for 20 minutes. The organic phase was removed and dried with  $\text{NaSO}_4$ .

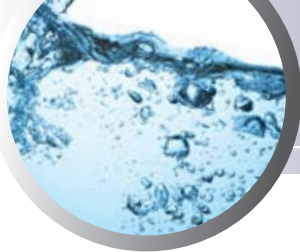
The extract was evaporated to 1 mL under a low flow of nitrogen and transferred to a 2 mL (12x32 mm) GC vial for injection.

No extra clean up was performed.

Iso-octane acted as a keeper to retain the most volatile compounds, such as trichlorobenzene and naphthalene. The starting temperature of the GC was increased to 65 °C, saving cooling time and decreasing the run-to-run time.







# Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) Procedure

GC-MS amenable pesticides

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## EPA method 508 – Analysis of chlorinated pesticides, herbicides and organohalides

Using 10 g 75 mL Thermo Scientific™ HyperSep™ C18 SPE cartridge (P/N 60108-703)

### Sample preparation

- 1 L water collected
- Add  $MgCl_2$  (final conc. 10 mL/L)

### Condition HyperSep C18 SPE cartridge

- 1 x 1 mL 1:1 EtAc/ $CH_3Cl_2$
- 1 x 10 mL  $CH_3OH$
- 1 x 10 mL  $H_2O$

### Apply sample

- Add 1 x 5 mL  $CH_3OH$  to sample
- Mix
- Take 50  $\mu L$  of sample and mix

Load sample at 1 to 2 mL/minute

### Elute

- Insert fresh collection tubes into manifold
- 1 x 10 mL EtAc
- 1 x 10 mL  $CH_3Cl_2$
- 1 x 3 mL EtAc/ $CH_3Cl_2$

### Evaporation

- Evaporate eluates to 0.8 mL under a gentle stream of nitrogen in a heated water bath 40 °C
- Add internal standard
- Adjust volume to 1 mL

### Analysis

- Add 1 to 2  $\mu L$  onto GC

### Recommended GC column

### Part number

Thermo Scientific™ TraceGOLD™ TG-OCP I 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 $\mu m$	26078-1420
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# SPE Procedure: Phenols by GC-MS

## GC-MS determination of phenols in drinking water

Using 500 mg 6 mL HyperSep Retain PEP SPE cartridge (P/N 60107-206)

### Sample preparation

Collect 1 L of H<sub>2</sub>O  
Adjust pH to 2 with 6N HCl

### Condition HyperSep Retain PEP SPE cartridge

1 x 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>Cl  
1 x 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>OH  
1 x 3 mL 0.05N HCl

**NOTE:** Do not allow the cartridge to dry out

### Apply sample

Load 1 L of water sample at 20 mL/minute  
Dry column for 10 to 15 minutes

### Wash column

1 x 10 mL H<sub>2</sub>O  
Dry column (1 minute at > 10 °Hg)

### Elute

1 x 10 mL CH<sub>3</sub>Cl  
1 x 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>Cl  
Concentrate the extract to 0.9 mL in water bath (40 °C)  
under a gentle stream of nitrogen

### Analysis

Adjust final volume to 1.0 mL with CH<sub>3</sub>Cl  
Analyze the extract with using GC-MS

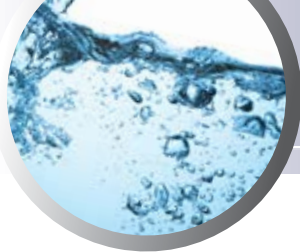
### Recommended GC column

TraceGOLD TG 5MS 30 m x 0.25 m x 0.25 µm

### Part number

26098-1420





# Automated Solvent Extraction (ASE) Procedure

## Dioxins in biota by GC-MS

### Environmental contaminants in fish and egg samples

#### Equipment

Dionex ASE 200 accelerated solvent extractor\* with ASE solvent controller

Choose either 11 mL stainless steel extraction cells (P/N 049560) or

22 mL stainless steel extraction cells (P/N 049561) or

33 mL stainless steel extraction cells (P/N 049562)

Cellulose filters (P/N 049458)

Collection vials, 40 mL (P/N 048783) or 60 mL (P/N 048784)

Dionex SE 500 solvent evaporation system (P/N 063221)

Analytical balance (to read to nearest 0.0001 g or better)

Tissue homogenizer (Buchi B-400 or equivalent)

Freeze drier (for PCB extraction)

Centrifuge (for organotin extraction)

Mechanical shaker (for organotin extraction)

Dionex ASE 150 and 350 systems can be used for equivalent results

#### Analysis

GC

GC-MS

GC-ECD

HPLC

#### Extraction conditions

Pressure: 1500 psi

Temperature: 175 °C

Solvent: 100% Toluene

Static time: 10 min

Static cycles: 2

Flush volume: 60%

Purge time: 60 sec

Static time: 1 or 2 min\*\*

Flush volume: 60%

Purge time: 60 sec

Cycles: 2

Total time: 12 min

Total solvent: 20 mL

\* Petroleum ether and hexane were found to be equivalent as extraction solvents for fat in meat.

\*\*When extracting more than 1 g of a high-fat sample, a 2 min static time may be beneficial.

#### Results

PCDDs/PCDFs in fish tissue samples (ng/kg or ppt) using ASE.

Compound	Soxhlet	ASE	Certified
2,3,7,8-TCDD	7.6	7.6	6.6
1,2,3,4,8-PCDD	4.3	4.3	4.4
1,2,3,4,7,8-HCDD	1.4	1.4	1.9
2,3,4,7,8-TCDF	13.4	12.6	11.9
1,2,3,7,8-PCDF	5.4	5.1	5.0
1,2,3,4,7,8-HCDF	12.5	12.2	12.2
OCDD	12.4	6.4	6.3
Total TEQ	21.4	21.1	21.0

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# Sample Preparation

## ICP-MS amenable components

### Aqueous samples

Aqueous environmental samples that contain less than 0.2% (m/v) dissolved solids at the point at which the sample enters the plasma can be measured directly with ICP-MS, following filtration of the samples if they contain suspended particles that could block the nebulizer of the instrument. For samples containing more than 0.2% (m/v) dissolved solids at the point of entry to the plasma, dilution is required either of the sample itself, by on-line or off-line liquid dilution, or by dilution of the nebulized sample aerosol using an additional flow of argon gas. Liquid dilution of samples is most commonly achieved using diluted nitric acid (typically 1 to 2% (v/v)), with addition of Au (at 0.2 to 1 ppm) to stabilize Hg to minimize memory effects with this element.

### Solids and slurry samples

These samples generally require digestion with concentrated nitric acid followed by dilution with water and then filtration to remove undigested material. Digestion can be achieved using hot plate or microwave-based methods.

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# Chapter 3: GC-MS Compounds

## GC-MS amenable compounds

The section below describes the GC amenable contaminants for the surface water directive, containing the following compound classes:

- Volatile organic compounds analyzed with Headspace GC-MS in SIM mode
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers using GC-MS/MS
- Organotin with derivatization with GC-MS/MS
- Chlorinated alkanes using GC-MS/MS
- Dioxins and PCB using GC-MS/MS
- The remaining pesticides, PAHs, phthalate, and phenol compounds with GC-MS/MS

The groups of compounds above are divided according to analytical workflows and required detection limits. Measurement in SIM mode requires monitoring three ions for each compound for which the ion ratio deviation is monitored. Measurements in MS/MS mode require two transitions per compound for which the ion ratio will be monitored according to the European Directive 2002/657/EC.

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# GC-MS Highlights

The Thermo Scientific™ TriPlus™ RSH autosampler offers:

- Automated sample preparation capabilities
- Unattended switching from headspace to liquid injection to SPME
- Support for dual GC injection configuration

The Thermo Scientific™ TRACE™ 1300 series GC offers:

- Instant connect modularity for easy maintenance, removal, and module replacement
- Fast and reliable heating and cooling of the oven for rapid analysis

The Thermo Scientific™ TSQ™ series triple quadrupole and ISQ™ single quad series offers:

- The Thermo Scientific™ Extractabrite™ removable ion source, for removal without venting the mass spec
- Enhanced Velocity Optics (EVO), allowing the optimal number of transition scans without compromising data quality for large sample compound lists.
- User-friendly software, providing tools for automated method development and integration of compound names, retention times, and transitions between the instrument and processing methods





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Compound group	Autosampler	TRACE GC 1300/1310	MS analyzer (acquisition mode)
<b>VOC</b>	Headspace	SSL or PTV	ISQ or TSQ Series (EI-Timed SIM)
<b>BDE</b>	LV option	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM or NCI-SIM)
<b>Organotin compounds</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM)
<b>Polychlorinated alkanes</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM)
<b>Dioxins/Dioxin-like compounds</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM) Thermal Scientific™ DFS™ High Resolution GC/MS
<b>Pesticides</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM)
<b>PAHs</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM)
<b>Phenols</b>	Standard	SSL or PTV	TSQ Series (EI-SRM)
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# Volatile Organic Compounds (HS) GC-MS

## Sample preparation

- 10 mL of surface water

- 2 g NaCl

## Headspace conditions

60 °C, 20 min., 1.5 mL injection; 1/40 split

## Column

TraceGOLD TG-VMS 20 m x 0.18 mm ID x 1.00 µm (P/N 26080-4950)

## Instrument methodology

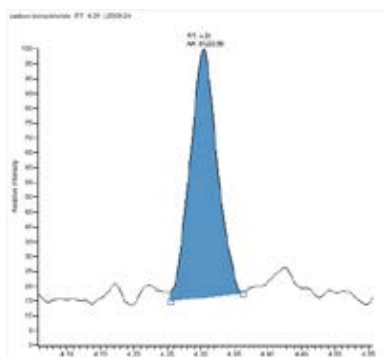
GC method: 30 °C (4 min); 18 °C/min; 100 °C (0 min); 40 °C/min;

230 °C (3 min).

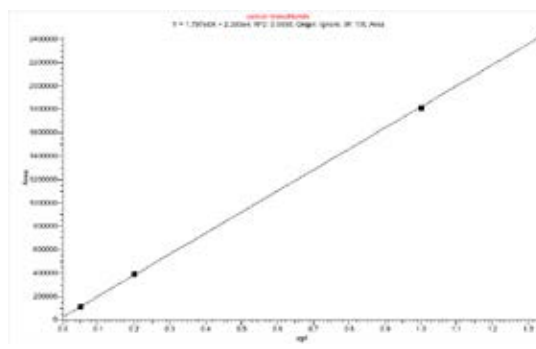
Injector: 200 °C

ISQ LT MS: Timed SIM mode

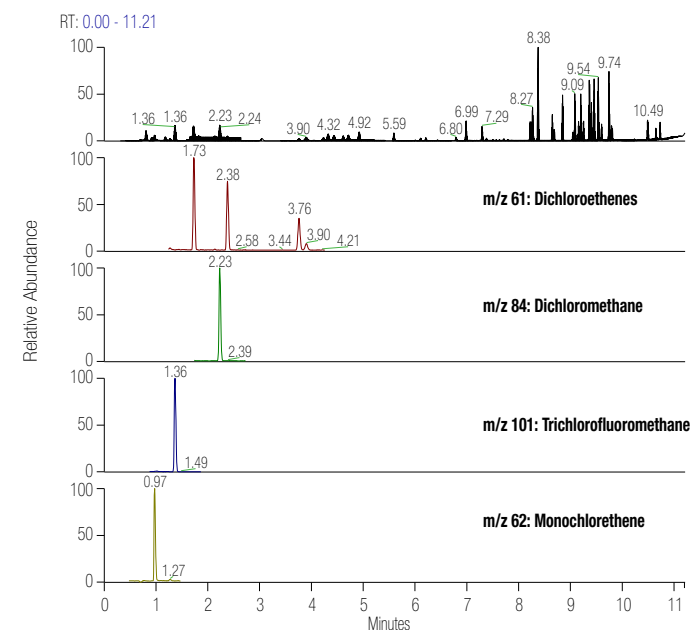
Source temperature: 250 °C



Carbone tetrachloride in lake water at 0.1 µg/l and calibration



Compound	IDL LOQ in µg/L
Dichloromethane	0.07
Trichloromethane	0.07
Carbon tetrachloride	0.05
Benzene	0.1
1,2-dichloroethane	0.1
Trichloroethylene	0.05
Tetrachloroethylene	0.05



Chromatogram of volatile compounds monitored in Timed SIM mode with monochloro ethene eluting first.



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# Polybrominated Diphenylethers by GC-MS/MS

## Methodology

### GC method

120 °C (1 min); 20 °C/min; 320 °C (5 min)

### PTV method

80 °C (0.1 min); 10 °C/sec; 300 °C (6 min);  
14.5 °C/sec; 340 °C (20 min); 2 min splitless

### TSQ Quantum Ultra system Timed SRM mode and/or

Cineg with NH<sub>4</sub>

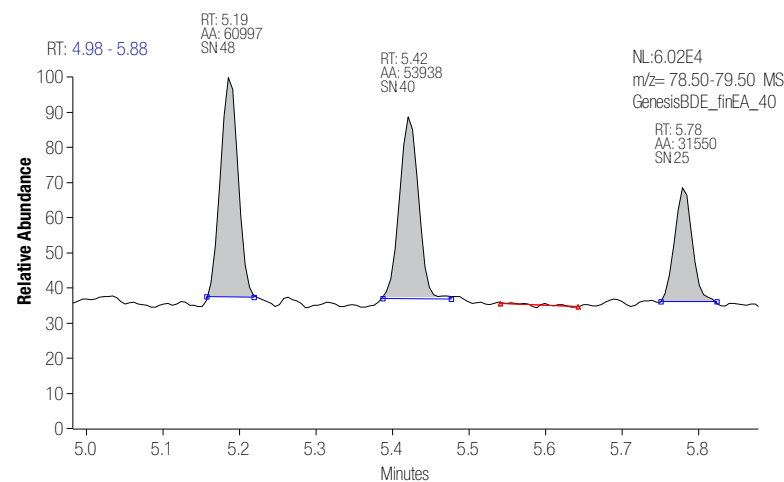
### Source temperature 260 °C

### Column

TraceGOLD TG-5HT column (5% phenyl film)

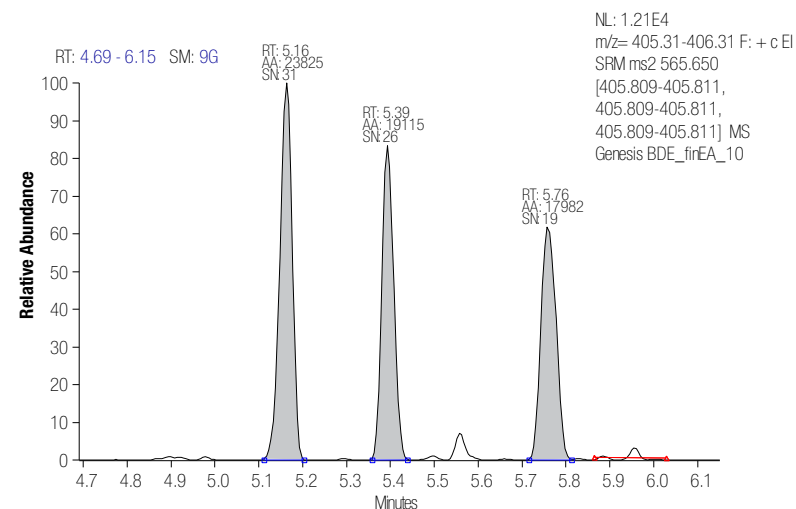
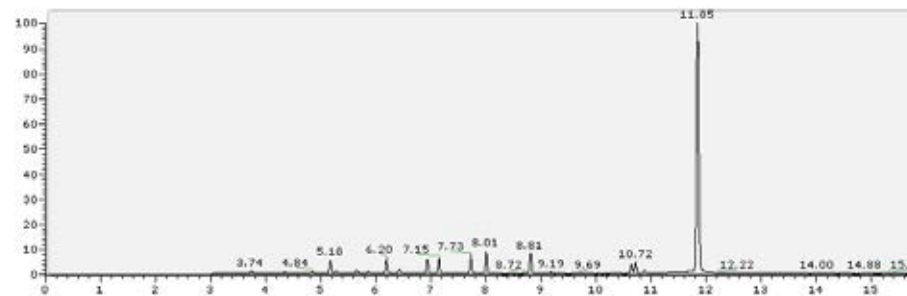
15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.10 µm (P/N 26095-0350)

### Liner Siltek Baffled (P/N 453T21210)



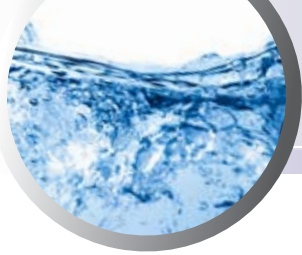
Inorganic anions, organic acids, and arsenate in a diluted apple juice sample.

Compound	IDL LOQ in pg in EI SRM	IDL LOQ in pg in NCI SIM
BDE28	<0.2	<0.1
BDE47	<0.2	<0.1
BDE99	<0.5	<0.1
BDE100	<0.5	<0.1
BDE154	<0.5	<0.1
BDE153	<0.5	<0.1



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# Organotins by GC-MS/MS

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### GC method

Temperature program: 45 °C ( Hold 2 min)  
Ramp 55 °C/min – 175 °C – Ramp 35 °C – 300 °C (Hold 2 min);

**Transfer line 300 °C**

### PTV method

Injector Temperature: 50 °C – Spitless injection 0.1 min  
PTV Transfer: 8 °C/sec – 280 °C (Hold 1 min)  
PTV Clean: 350 °C – 11 min – Clean flow 50 mL/min

**TSQ Quantum system in EI SRM Source Temp. 250 °C**

### Column

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30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm (P/N 26095-1420)

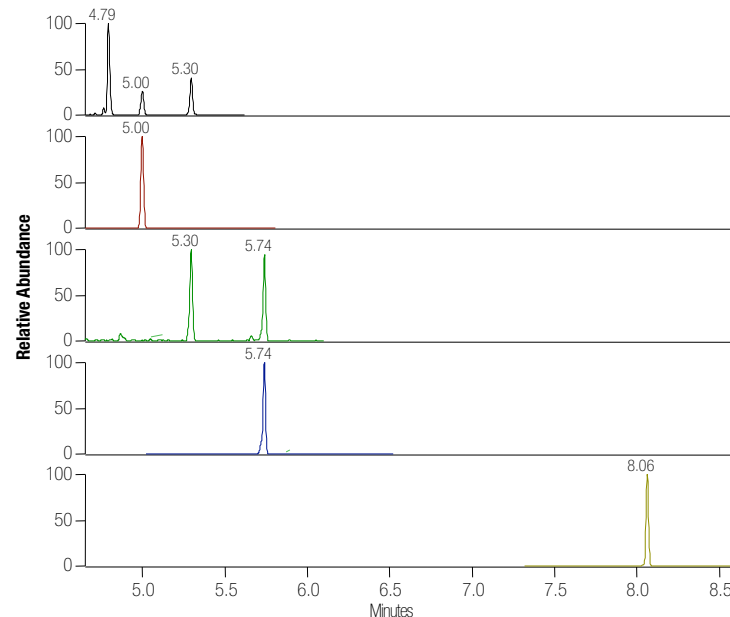
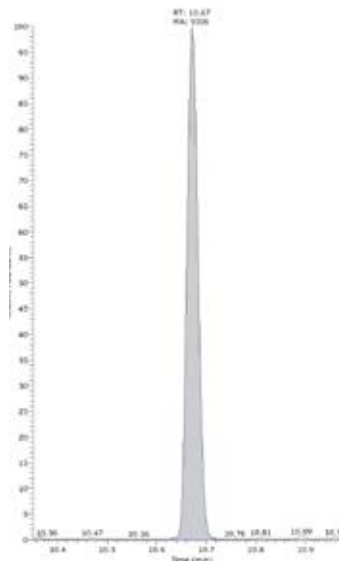
**Liner Siltek Baffled (P/N 453T21210)**

### Sample preparation

400 mL water sample  
Adjust pH to 5  
Ethylation by adding a 2% w/v sodium tetraethyl borate; solution in 0.1M NaOH;  
Extraction with pentane;  
Evaporate to 400 µL; 3 µL injection volume

Tributyl tin compound at 0.2 pg absolute amount

Compound	IDL in µg/l in EI SRM
Tributyl tin	0.00007





# Polychlorinated Alkanes by GC-MS/MS

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## Methodology

GC method: 100 °C (1 min); 40 °C/min; 320 °C (3 min).  
 Injector PTV: 60 °C (0.1 min); 14.5°C/sec; 280 °C (1 min);  
 2 µl, 1 min splitless.

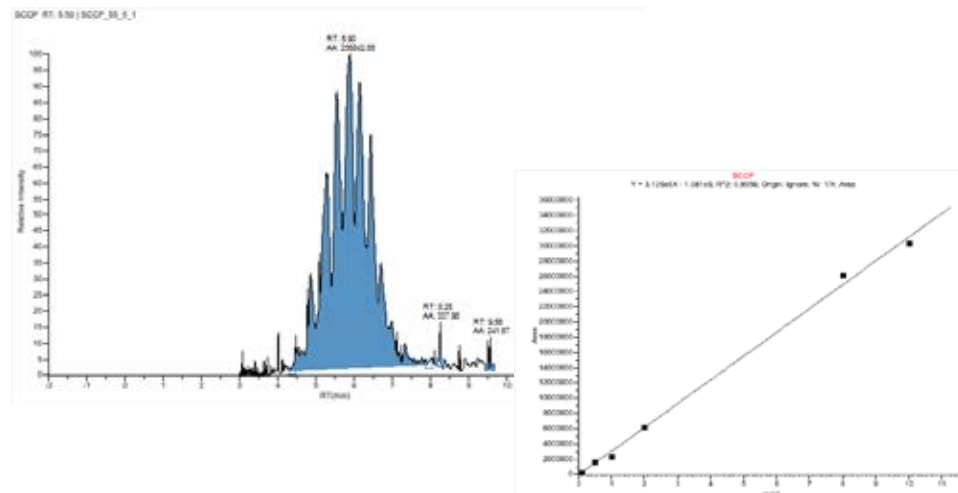
**TSQ Series** Timed SRM mode

**Source temperature** 280 °C

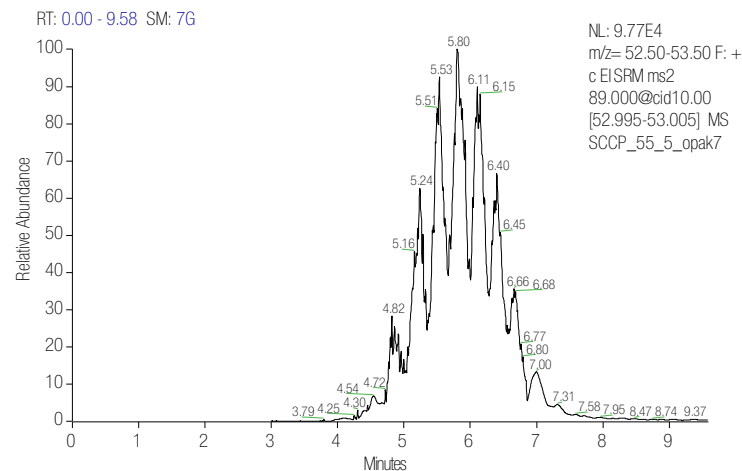
## Column

TraceGOLD TG-5SilMS 20 m x 0.18 mm x.18µm (P/N 26096-5780)

**Liner** Siltek Baffled (P/N 453T21210)



Polychlorinated alkanes 0.1ng/µl; calibration curve R<sup>2</sup>= 0.9956



Compound	IDL abs. on column in pg
C10-C13 polychlorinated alkanes	200



# Dioxins in Biota by GC-MS/MS

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### GC method

Initial 100 °C, hold 2 min, ramp 25.0 °C /min - 250 °C, Ramp 2.5 °C/ min, 285 °C , ramp 10 °C/ min to 330 °C Hold 5.0 min. transfer line: 280 °C

### SSL method

Injector temperature 260 °C, splitless injection 2 min

### TSQ 8000 Evo System in EI SRM mode

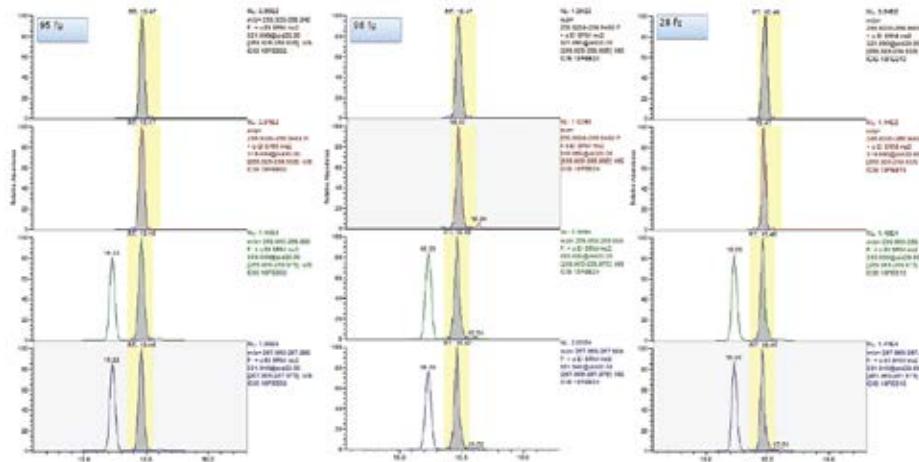
Source temp: 300 °C

Ionization: EI, 40 eV

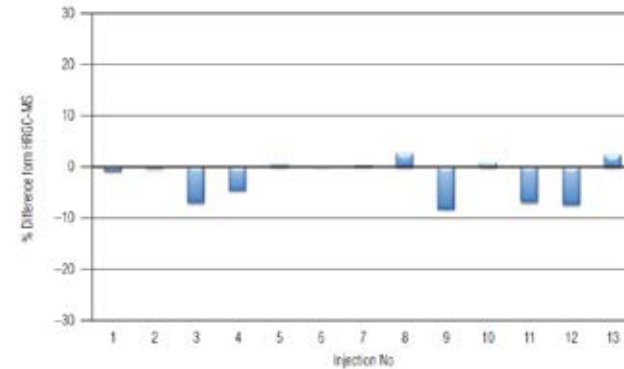
### Column

TraceGOLD TG-5SiIMS 60 m × 0.25 mm I.D. × 0.25 µm (P/N 26096-1540)

Liner SSL single taper (P/N 453A2342)



2378TCDD and 13C2378 TCDD from left to right: at 95 fg in fishmeal; 98 fg in animal fat and 28 fg in egg fat sample.



Results in fish meal compared with GC-HRMS

Injection No	WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ ub
1	0.91
2	0.76
3	0.88
4	0.90
5	0.94
6	0.83
7	0.84
8	0.85
9	0.88
10	0.87
11	0.78
12	0.82
13	0.84
Mean	0.85
STDEV	0.05
%RSD	5.97

PCDD/Fs limit of quantitation	
Compound	pg/µL
2378-TCDF	0.01
2378-TCDD	0.01
12378-PeCDF	0.02
23478-PeCDF	0.02
12378-PeCDD	0.02
123478-HxCDF	0.04
123678-HxCDF	0.04
234678-HxCDF	0.03
123478-HxCDD	0.06
123678-HxCDD	0.03
123789-HxCDD	0.04
123789-HxCDF	0.04
1234678-HpCDF	0.02
1234678-HpCDD	0.05
1234789-HpCDF	0.02
OCDD	0.05
OCDF	0.03

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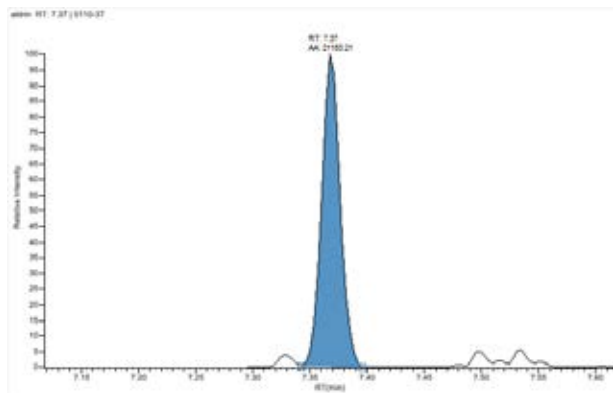
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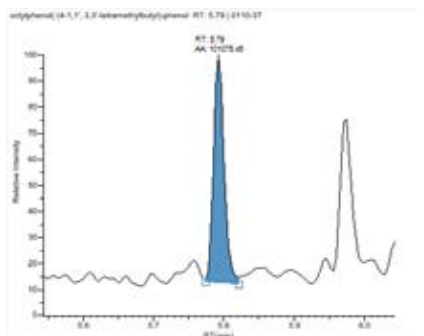
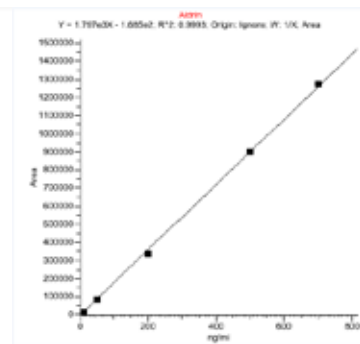
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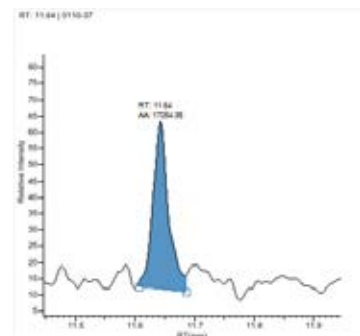
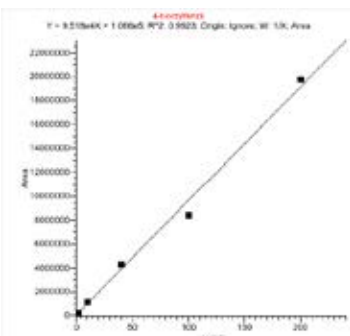
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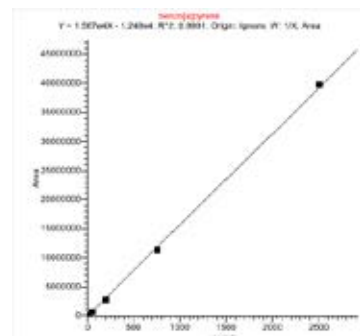
Aldrin at 0.4 pg in river water sample and cal curve,  $r^2=0.9993$



Octylphenol at 0.4 pg in river water, cal curve,  $r^2= 0.9923$



Benzo(a)pyrene at 0.4 pg in river water; cal curve,  $r^2=0.9991$





# Combined Pesticides, PAH, and Phenols: Results

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Compounds	2013/39/EU		IDL absolute amount injected in pg	Compounds	2013/39/EU		IDL absolute amount injected in pg
	AA-EQS inland surface water (µg/L)	EQS/3 required limit (µg/L)			AA-EQS inland surface water (µg/L)	EQS/3 required limit (µg/L)	
Alachlor	0.3	0.1	0.3	1,2,3-TCB			0.05
Atrazine	0.6	0.2	1.5	1,2,4-TCB			0.1
Chlorfenvinphos	0.1	0.034	4	1,3,5-TCB			0.1
Chlorpyrifos ( ethyl)	0.03	0.01	0.3	Trifluralin	0.03	0.01	0.1
Cyclodiene	Σ=0.01	0.0034		Dicofol	0.0013	0.0004	0.5
Aldrin	0.0025	0.0008	0.1	Quinoxifen	0.15	0.05	0.2
Dieldrin	0.0025	0.0008	0.1	Aclonifen	0.12	0.04	2
Endrin	0.0025	0.0008	0.2	Bifenox	0.012	0.004	2
Isodrin	0.0025	0.0008	1.5	Cybutryne	0.0025	0.00083	0.5
DDT total	0.025	0.0083		Cypermethrin	0.00008	0.00003	2
pp DDT	0.01	0.0033	0.1	Dichlorvos	0.0006	0.0002	0.3
op DDT	0.025	0.0083	0.1	Heptachlor	0.0000002	0.000000067	0.5
pp DDE	0.025	0.0083	0.15	Heptachlorepoixide (Cis and Trans)	0.0000002	0.000000067	2
pp DDD	0.025	0.0083	0.5	Terbutryn	0.065	0.022	0.3
op DDE	0.025	0.0083	0.1	Anthracene	0.1	0.034	0.15
op DDD	0.025	0.0083	0.1	Benzo(a)pyrene	0.00017	0.000057	0.25
Endosulfan a	0.005	0.0017	1.5	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.00017	0.000057	0.25
Endosulfan b	0.005	0.0017	2	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.00017	0.000057	0.25
Hexachlorobenzene	(MAC) 0.05	0.017	0.08	Benzo(ghi)perylene	0.00017	0.000057	0.5
Hexachlorobutadiene	(MAC) 0.6	0.2	0.02	Indeno(123cd)pyrene	0.00017	0.000057	0.5
Hexachlorocyclohexane	0.02	0.007		Fluoranthene	0.0063	0.0021	0.25
a-HCH			0.2	Naphtalene	2	0.67	0.25
b-HCH			0.2	Pentachlorobenzene	0.007	0.0023	0.15
g-HCH			0.2	Nonylphenol (4-nonylphenol)	0.3	0.1	0.2
d-HCH			0.5	Octylphenol	0.1	0.034	0.08
Simazine	1	0.33	1.2	(4-1.1'. 3.3'-tetramethylbutyl)-phenol			
Trichlorobenzenes	0.4	0.133		Pentachlorophenol	0.4	0.14	2



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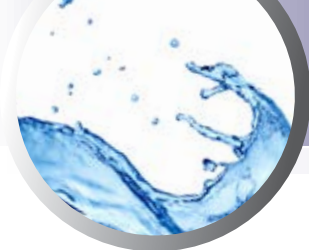
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# LC-MS System Highlights

The TSQ Quantiva triple quadrupole mass spectrometer exceeds the most stringent analytical requirements for quantitative performance with attogram-level sensitivity, unprecedented usability and exceptional robustness.

- Unprecedented Quantitative Performance Thermo Scientific™ active ion management (AIM™) technology — electrodynamic ion funnel, ion beam guide with neutral blocker, Thermo Scientific™ HyperQuad™ quadrupole mass filter, and active collision cell — enables attogram-level sensitivity.
- Ultrafast selected-reaction monitoring (SRM) of 500 SRM/s, with up to 30,000 definable SRMs, enables quantification of more compounds in less time.
- Easy, robust, and reliable intuitive drag-and-drop method editor software with application templates simplifies method development and operation.
- Thermo Scientific™ Ion Max NG™ ion source makes all gases and voltages automatically on installation for ease of use, while allowing flexible spray position for ultimate performance.





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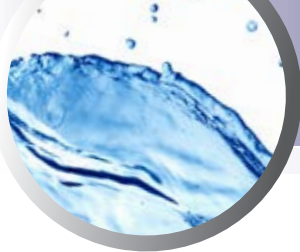
Compound group	LC system	Injection volume (µL)	MS analyzer (Acquisition mode)
Herbicides	Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ UltiMate™ 3000 EquanMAX Plus	10 (offline) 100 (Large Vol Inj) 1000 (online)	TSQ Endura (SRM)
Insecticides	UltiMate 3000 EquanMAX Plus	10 (offline) 100 (Large Vol Inj) 1000 (online)	TSQ Endura (SRM)
Fungicides	UltiMate 3000 EquanMAX Plus	10 (offline) 100 (Large Vol Inj) 1000 (online)	TSQ Endura (SRM)
Pharmaceuticals	UltiMate 3000 EquanMAX Plus	10 (offline) 2000 (online)	TSQ Quantiva (SRM)
Endocrine disruptors hormones	UltiMate 3000 EquanMAX Plus	50 (offline) 2000 (online)	TSQ Quantiva (SRM)
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	UltiMate 3000 EquanMAX Plus	10 (offline) 2000 (online)	TSQ Quantiva (SRM)





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# Pesticides by LC-MS/MS

## LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Thermo Scientific™ Accucore™ C18 100 x 2.1 mm, 2.6 μm (P/N 17126-102130) at 30 °C

Mobile phase: (A) 2mM ammonium acetate (B) MeOH

Gradient: Start at 10% B (Hold 1 min), ramp to 90% B in 5min.

Ramp to 100% B in 1 min (Hold 1 min). Ramp to 10% B in 0.10 min (Hold 4 min)

**Flow rate** 0.4 mL/min

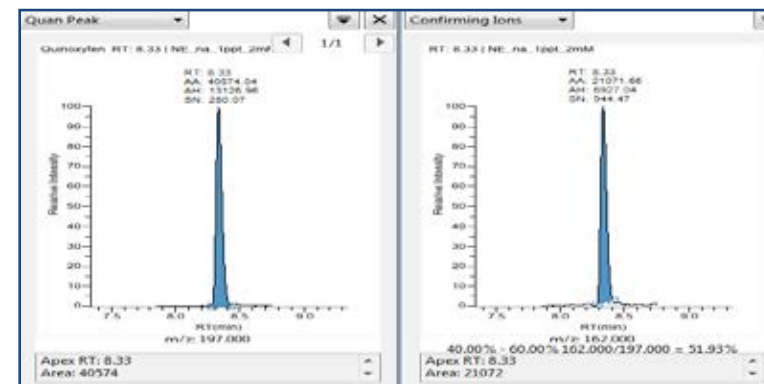
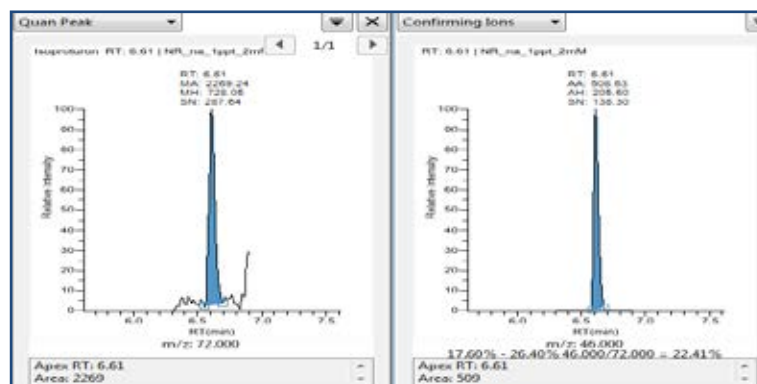
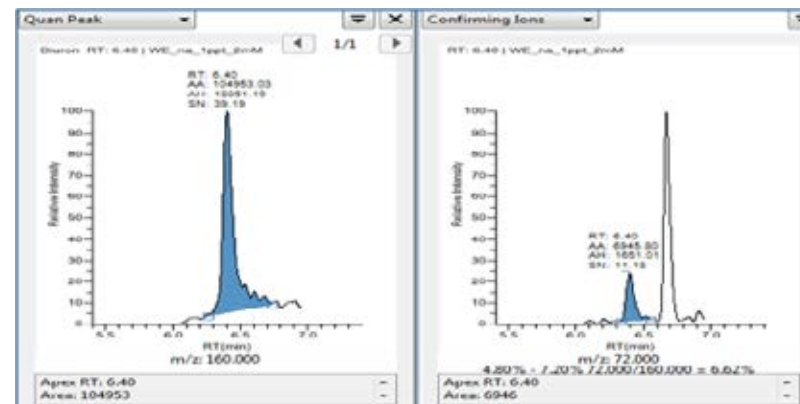
**Injection Volume** 10 μL

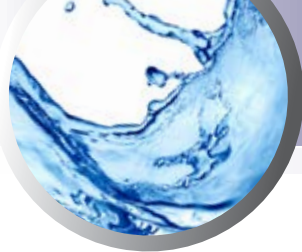
## MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

Capillary temperature (°C): 270; vaporizer temperature (°C): 400

sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 20

sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1





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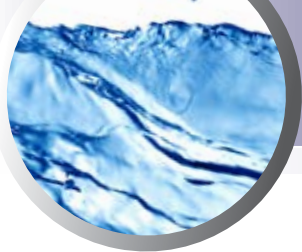
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Compounds	2013/39/EU		Required LOD	River	Effluent	Influent
	AA-EQS inland surface water (µg/L)	EQS/3	(pg on column)	LOD	LOD	LOD
		(µg/L)		(pg on column)	(pg on column)	(pg on column)
Atrazine	0.6	0.2	2	0.01	0.01	0.01
Chlorfenvinphos	0.1	0.034	0.34	0.01	0.01	0.01
Diuron	0.2	0.067	0.67	0.1	0.1	0.1
Isoproturon	0.3	0.1	1	0.01	0.01	0.01
Simazine	1	0.34	3.4	0.03	0.03	0.01
Quinoxifen	0.15	0.05	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
Terbutryn	0.065	0.022	0.22	0.05	0.01	0.1



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# Pharmaceuticals by LC-MS/MS

## LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Accucore C18 100 x 2.1 mm, 2.6 μm  
(P/N: 17126-102130) at 30 °C

**Mobile phase** (A) 2mM ammonium acetate (B) MeOH

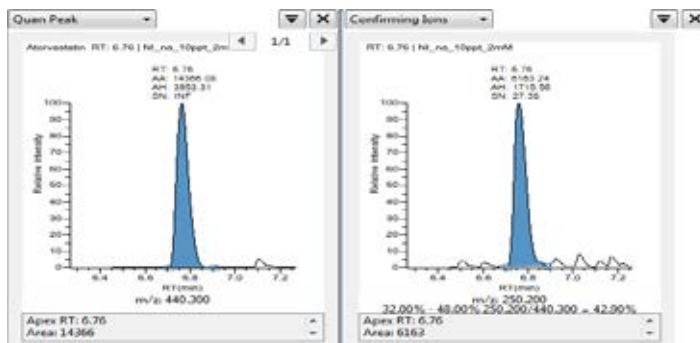
Gradient: Start at 10% B (Hold 1 min), ramp to 90% B in 5 min.  
Ramp to 100% B in 1 min (Hold 1 min). Ramp to 10% B in 0.10 min (Hold 4 min)

**Flow rate** 0.4 mL/min

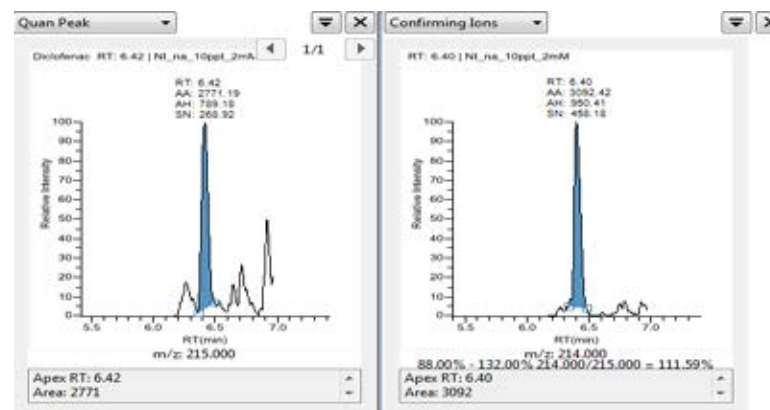
**Injection volume** 10 μL

## MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

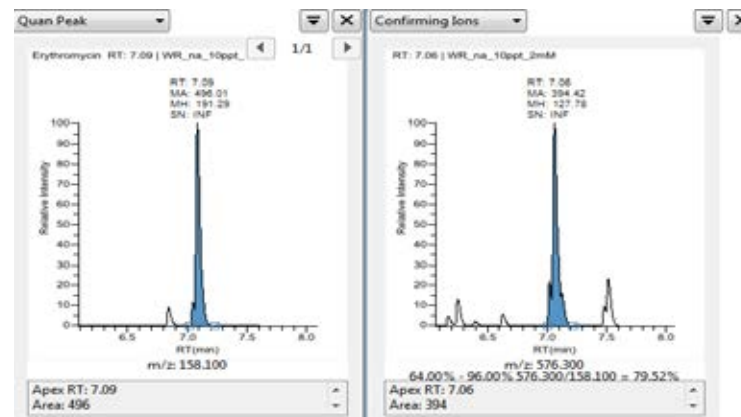
Capillary temperature (°C): 270; vaporizer temperature (°C): 400  
Sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 20  
Sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1



Atorvastatin



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# Pharmaceuticals by LC-MS/MS

Compounds	CIP 2		River LOD	Effluent	Influent
	Required LOD (µg/L)	LOD In pg	(pg on column)	(pg on column)	(pg on column)
Diclofenac (WFD)	0.01	0.1	0.03	0.1	0.03
Ibuprofen	0.01	0.1	1	0.8	0.8
Atorvastatin	0.01	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.05
ortho-hydroxyatorvastatin	0.01	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.1
para-hydroxyatorvastatin	0.01	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.1
Propranolol	0.01	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Atenolol	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.15	0.1
Amoxicillin	Not on draft - March 2014		1	1	1
Erythromycin	0.1	1	0.6	0.15	0.15
Norerythromycin	0.1	1	Standard not available		
Azithromycin	0.005	0.05	2	tbd	0.4
Clarithromycin	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.03
Ciprofloxacin	0.01	0.1	1	tbd	tbd
Ranitidine	0.1	1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Carbamazepine	0.1	1	0.01	0.1	0.1
10,11-epoxycarbamazepine	0.1	1	0.01	0.1	0.04
Sertraline	0.01	0.1	0.5	1	0.1
Norsertaline	0.01	0.1	0.5	1	0.1
Fluoxetine	0.01	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.1





# Phenols and Triazoles with LC-MS/MS

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### LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Accucore C18 100 x 2.1 mm, 2.6 μm  
(P/N 17126-102130) at 30 °C

**Mobile phase** (A) 2mM ammonium acetate (B) MeOH

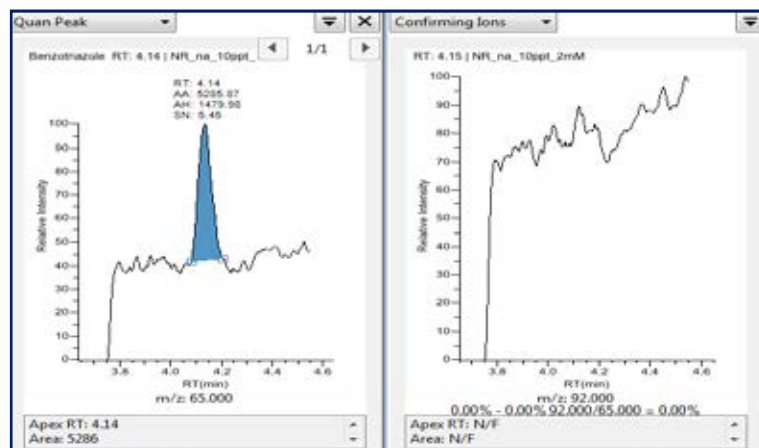
**Gradient** Start at 10% B (Hold 1 min), ramp to 90% B in 5min.  
Ramp to 100% B in 1 min (Hold 1 min). Ramp to 10% B  
in 0.10 min (Hold 4 min);

**Flow rate** 0.4 mL/min

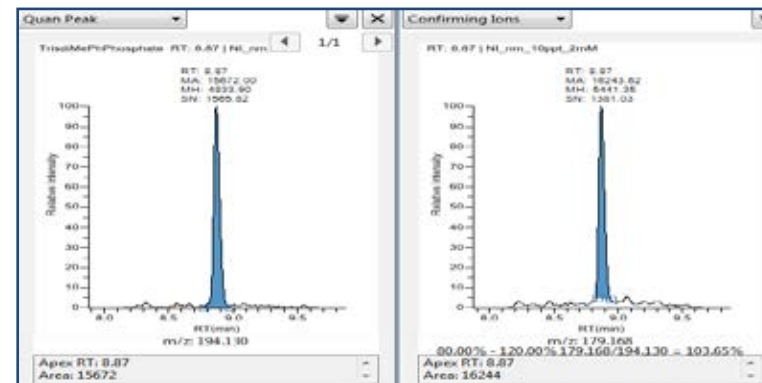
**Injection volume** 10 μL

### MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

Capillary temperature (°C): 270; vaporizer temperature (°C): 400  
Sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 20  
Sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1



Benzo triazole at LOD; showing two transitions



Tris(isopropylphenyl)phosphate at LOD; showing two transitions

Compounds	CIP 2				
	Required LOD (μg/L)	Required LOD pg on column	River LOD pg on column	Effluent pg on column	Influent pg on column
Nonylphenol/4-nonylphenol	0.1	0.4	GC-MS	GC-MS	GC-MS
Octylphenols	0.1	0.14	GC-MS	GC-MS	GC-MS
4-nonylphenol triethoxylate	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Tris(isopropylphenyl)	0.01	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Phosphate	0.01	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Benzotriazole	0.002	-	0.1	-	0.1



# Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) by LC-MS/MS

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## LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Accucore C18 100 x 2.1 mm, 2.6 µm  
(P/N 17126-102130) at 30 °C

**Mobile phase** (A) 2 mM ammonium acetate (B) MeOH  
Gradient: Start at 10% B (Hold 1 min), ramp to 90% B in 5min.  
Ramp to 100% B in 1 min (Hold 1 min). Ramp to 10% B  
in 0.10 min (Hold 4 min);

**Flow rate** 0.4 mL/min

**Injection volume** 10 µL

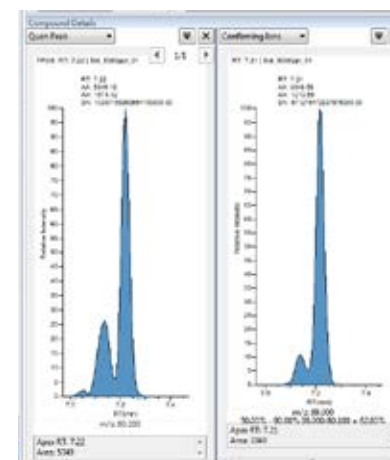
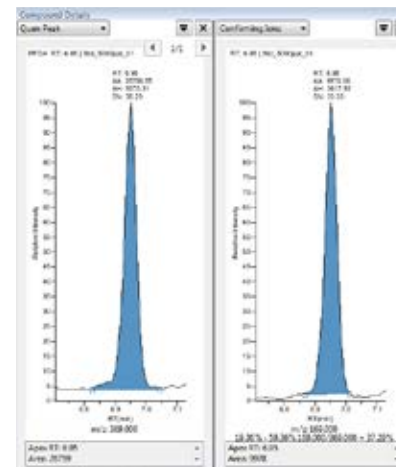
## MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

Capillary temperature (°C): 270; vaporizer temperature (°C): 400  
Sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 20  
Sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1

**To reduce the contamination coming from the system we recommend to replace parts of the UHPLC system and introduce a trap column before the injector:**

## Thermo Scientific™ Hypersil GOLD™ column

50 x 2.1 mm x 3 µm (P/N 25003-052130)



PFOS linear and branched at 5 µg/l; showing two transitions

Compounds	2013/39/EU			LODs (µg/L)
	AA-EQS inland surface water (µg/L)	AA-EQS Other surface water (µg/L)	Biota µg/kg	
PFOS	0.00065	0.00013	9.1	0.1
PFOA	-	-	-	0.1

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# Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD) by LC-MS/MS

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## LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Accucore C18 100 x 2.1 mm, 2.6  $\mu$ m  
(P/N 1726-102130) at 35  $^{\circ}$ C

**Mobile phase** (A) 2mM ammonium acetate B) MeOH  
Gradient: Start at 0% B, ramp to 100% B in 10 min (Hold 2 min).  
Ramp to 0% B in 0.10 min (Hold 3.3 min)

**Flow rate** 0.3 mL/min

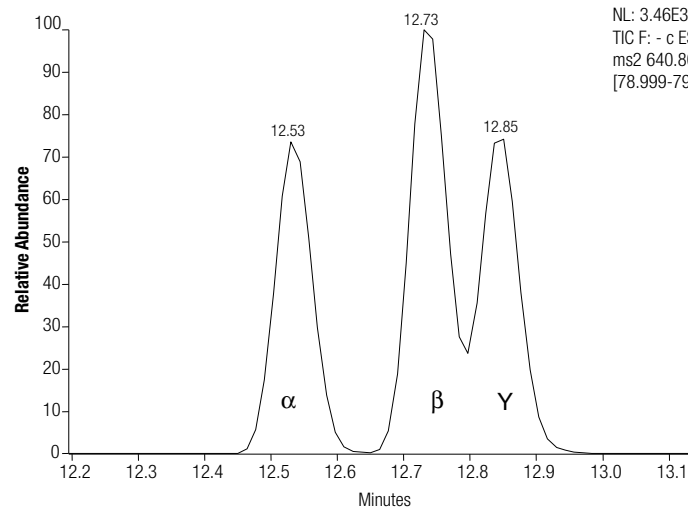
**Injection volume** 10  $\mu$ L

## MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

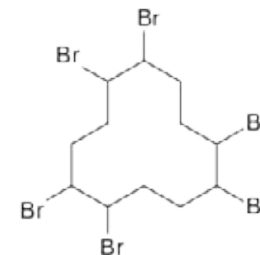
Capillary temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C): 280; vaporizer temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C): 120  
Sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 15  
sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1

Compounds	2013/39/EU			LODs (required)	achieved
	AA-EQS inland surface water ( $\mu$ g/L)	AA-EQS other surface water ( $\mu$ g/L)	Biota $\mu$ g/kg		
HBCDD	0.0016	0.0008	167	2000	2000

## Results

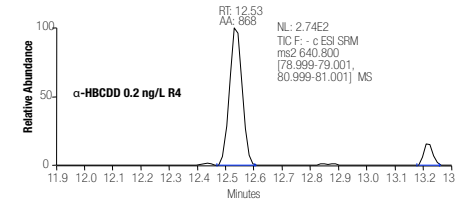
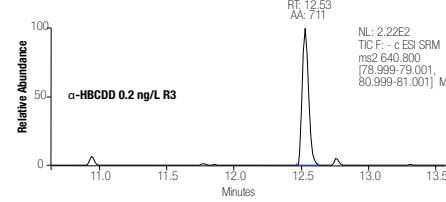
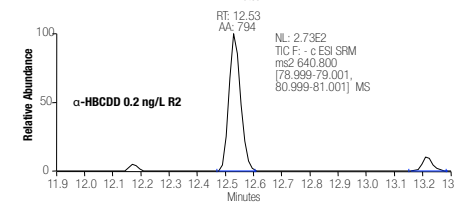
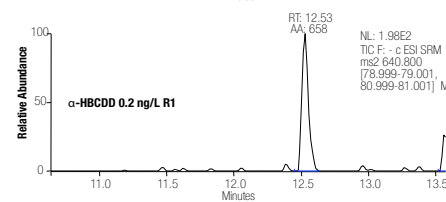
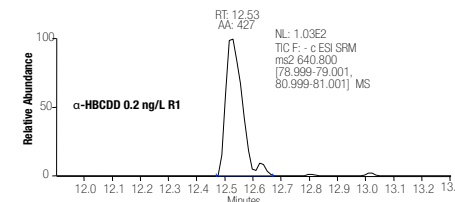
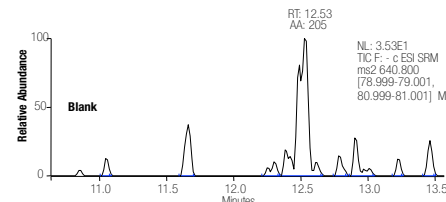


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Gradient elution using 2mM ammonium acetate and MeOH  
Accucore C18 - 100 x 2.1mm, 2.6  $\mu$ m

HBCDD:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  isomer separation



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# Steroid Analysis by LC-MS/MS

## LC Method

UltiMate 3000 HPLC system

**Column** Hypersil GOLD 50 x 2.1 mm, 1.9 μm

(P/N 25002-052130) at 30°C

**Mobile phase (A)** 0.02 % ammonium hydroxide in H<sub>2</sub>O

(B) 0.02 % ammonium hydroxide in MeOH

**Flow rate** 0.4 mL/min

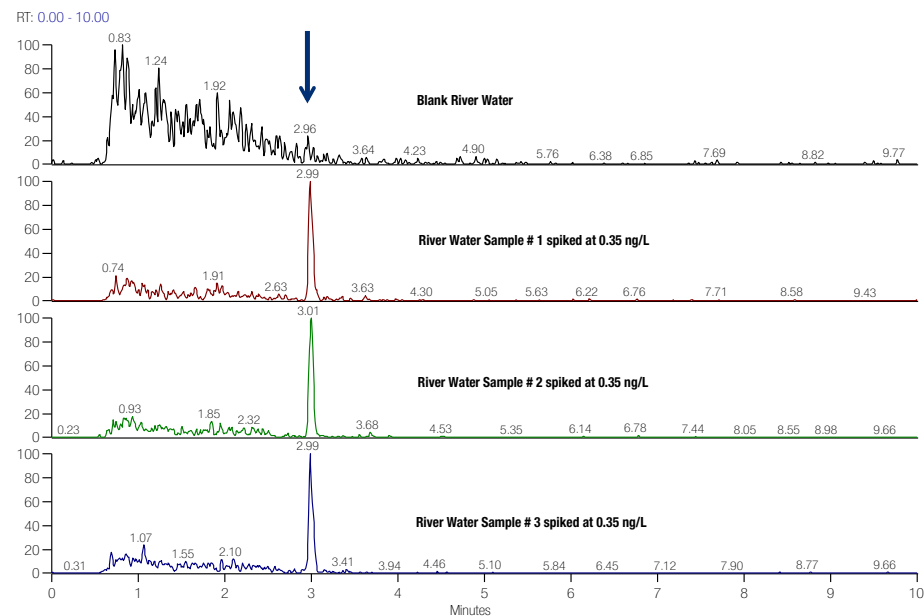
**Injection volume** 50 μL

## MS Quantiva ESI (SRM)

Capillary temperature (°C): 320; vaporizer temperature (°C): 350

Sheath gas pressure (Arb): 50; aux gas pressure (Arb): 40

sweep gas pressure (Arb): 1



Compounds	CIP 2	COM(2011)876	2013/39/EU	LOD influent/ effluent
	Required LODs	AA-EQS inland surface water (ng/L)	AA-EQS inland surface water	(ng/L)
	Influent/effluent			
	(ng/L)			
17-alpha-ethinylestradiol (EE2)	0.03	0.35	Watch list	100
17-beta-estradiol (E2)	0.3	4	Watch list	10
Estrone	1	-	-	15



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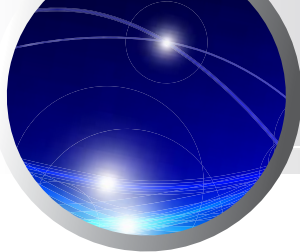
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# ICP-MS System Highlights

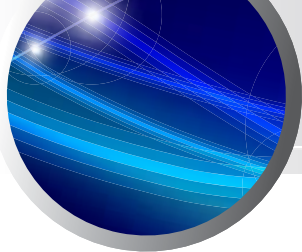
The Thermo Scientific™ iCAP™ Q ICP-MS system has been developed with groundbreaking technology to enable advanced high-performance analysis combined with total reliability and ultra-flexibility.

- Ergonomically designed quadrupole ICP-MS system with smallest footprint
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Peristaltic pump speed	40 rpm
Pump	tubing orange/green tubing for both (sample) and internal standard
Carrier	PFA-ST
Nebulizer	cones Nickel
Interface	1550 W
RF Power	14 L/min
Cool gas flow	0.8 L/min
Auxiliary gas flow	0.97 L/min
Nebulizer gas flow	20
Number of sweeps	0.001 - 0.02 ms
Dwell Times	1
Data points per isotope	3
Replicates per analysis	15 s
Signal stabilization time	0.5 mL
FAST sample loop	3 s
FAST uptake time	1+3 s
FAST rinse time (dual stations)	56 s
Total analysis time (sample to sample)	

# Metal Analysis by ICP-MS: Results

## Applications

No	Time	Sample Type	Label	6Li	9Be [ppb]	23Na [ppm]
1	2/1/2012 4:58:37 PM	BLK		100.0%	0.000	0.000
2	2/1/2012 4:59:33 PM	STD				
Calibration Pro						
2	2/1/2012 4:59:33 PM	STD	CALIBRATION	101.1%	10.399 (10.000)	10.217 (10.000)
3	2/1/2012 5:00:30 PM	STD	CALIBRATION	101.3%	20.588 (20.000)	20.314 (20.000)
4	2/1/2012 5:01:26 PM	STD	CALIBRATION	99.4%	99.842 (100.000)	99.915 (100.000)
Calibrations						
No	Time	Sample Type	Label	6Li	9Be [ppb]	23Na [ppm]
5	2/1/2012 5:02:22 PM	QC			0.004	0.006
6	2/1/2012 5:03:18 PM	UNKN			122.525	126.023
7	2/1/2012 5:04:13 PM	UNKN			0.017	0.018
8	2/1/2012 5:05:10 PM	UNKN			50.812	0.051
9	2/1/2012 5:06:07 PM	QC			0.008	0.007
10	2/1/2012 5:07:04 PM	UNKN			17.365	24.953
11	2/1/2012 5:08:01 PM	UNKN	QCS-2	103.2%	121.674	125.670

**<60s per analysis**

Fast analysis for all compounds is achieved

Element	Lowest required AA-EQS (in µg/L)	Method detection limit shown in AN43127 (in µg/L)
Cd	≤ 0.08	0.017
Pb	1.2	0.007
Hg	0.07	0.011
Ni	4	0.014

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Application note 51899 – Latest advances in the analysis of volatile organic compounds by single quadrupole GC-MS

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Technical note 52099 – The determination of organotins in water using triple quadrupole GC-MS/MS

Application note 30098 – DFS-analysis of brominated flame retardants with high resolution GC/MS

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