



Direct aqueous analysis of pesticides and PPCPs in drinking and bottled water at parts per trillion levels

SCIEX Triple Quad 7500 system

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Importance of water testing

- Water suppliers and utility companies need to ensure that the final water product they send out for bottling or into supply networks is safe and complies with state and country regulations
- Drinking water analysis is subjected to extremely low and rigid prescribed consent values (PCV) for determinands
- Water can be a challenging matrix, in particular if it is sourced from a river, lake or reservoir before entering the water treatment process
- Labs must have highly sensitive instrumentation to quantify beyond PCV limits with precision and confidence and also handle all the matrix challenges

Enabling new levels of quantification



NEW SOFTWARE, NEW ION OPTICS, NEW SOURCE



- SCIEX Triple Quad 7500 LC-MS/MS system enables new levels of quantification across a large suite of sample types and workflows
- SCIEX OS software is the modern mass spectrometry software platform that transforms your samples into meaningful analytical answers

- Pesticides and PPCP in water
- Compounds: positive mode 370, negative mode 61 (46 internal stds)
- The calibration standard concentrations were 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 ng/L. A calibration blank was also prepared.
- MilliQ water, yap water (drinking water), Evian, FIJI

Methods

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- LC system: ExionLC system
- Column: Luna Omega C18 1.6 µm, 100 × 2.1 mm
- Mobile phase:
 - A : Water + 0.1% formic acid + 5mM NH₄ formate
 - B : MeOH + 0.1 % formic acid + 5mM NH₄ formate
- Temperature: 40 °C
- Injection volume: 500 µL
- MS: fast pos/neg switching with Scheduled MRM algorithm

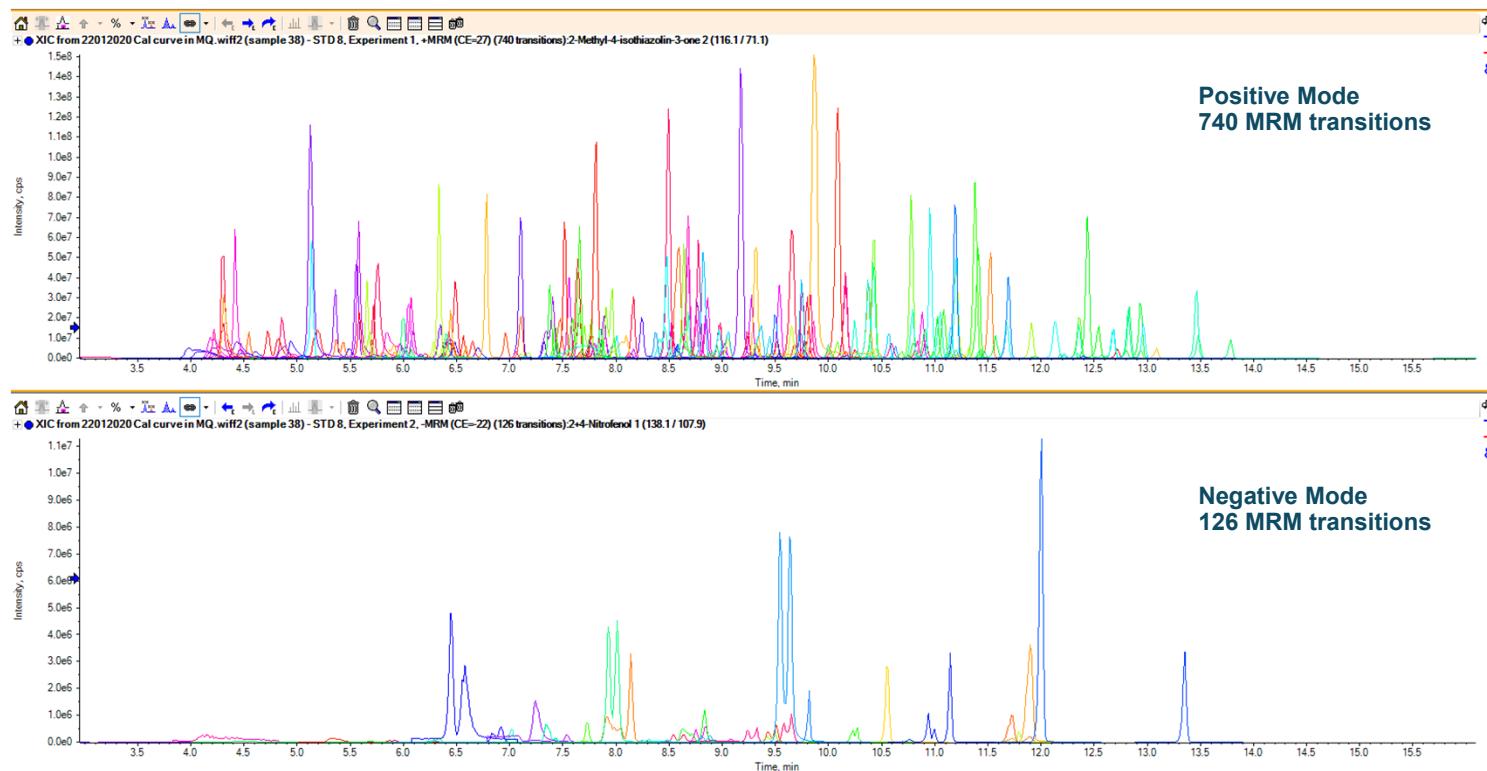


Total Time (min)	Flow Rate (µL/min)	A (%)	B(%)
0.00	500	99	1
0.50	500	99	1
16.00	500	1	99
21.00	500	1	99
21.10	500	99	1
25.00	500	99	1

XIC of positive and negative ionization

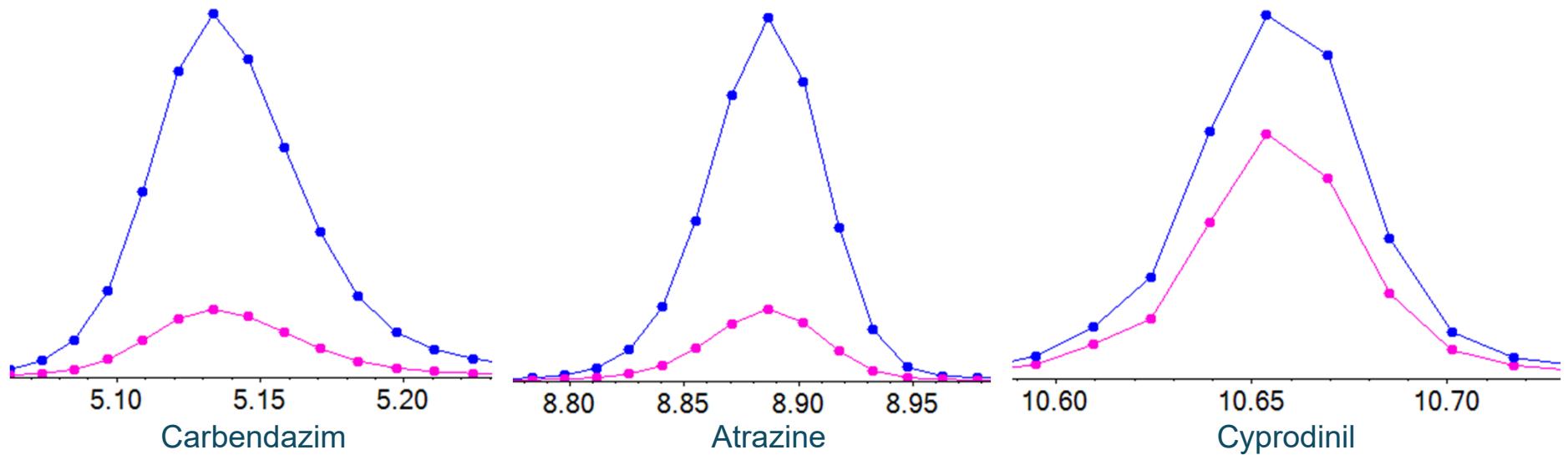
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ALL QUANTIFIER IONS IN MILLIQ WATER



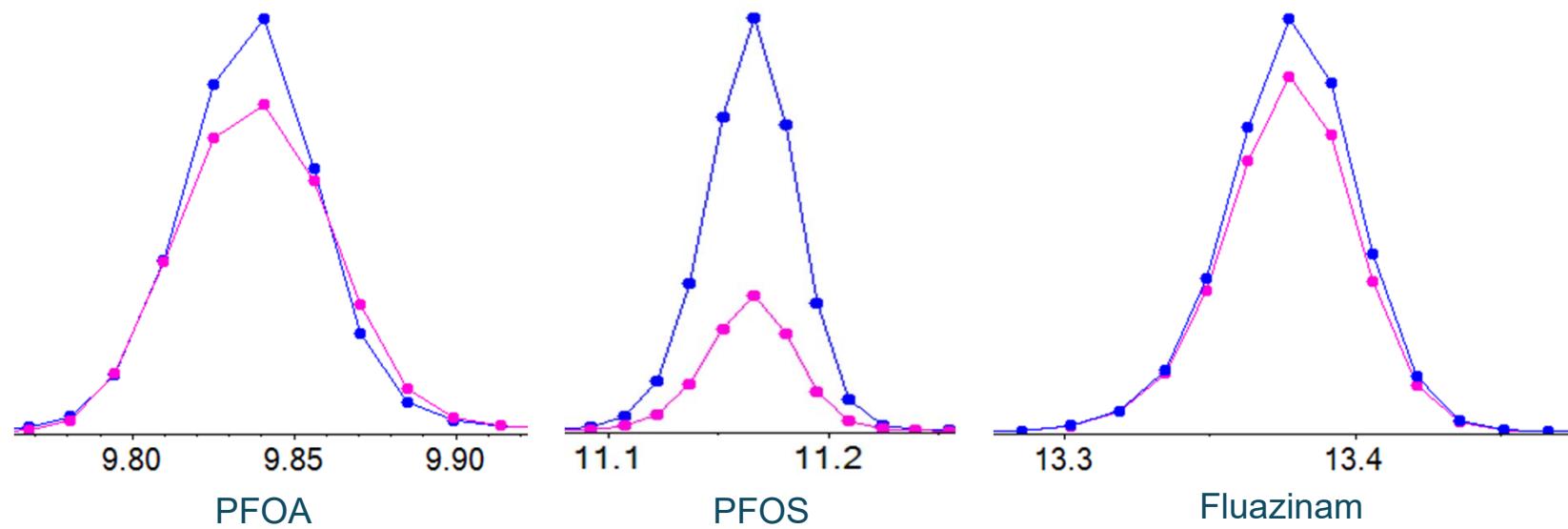
XIC data points - positive

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XIC data points - negative

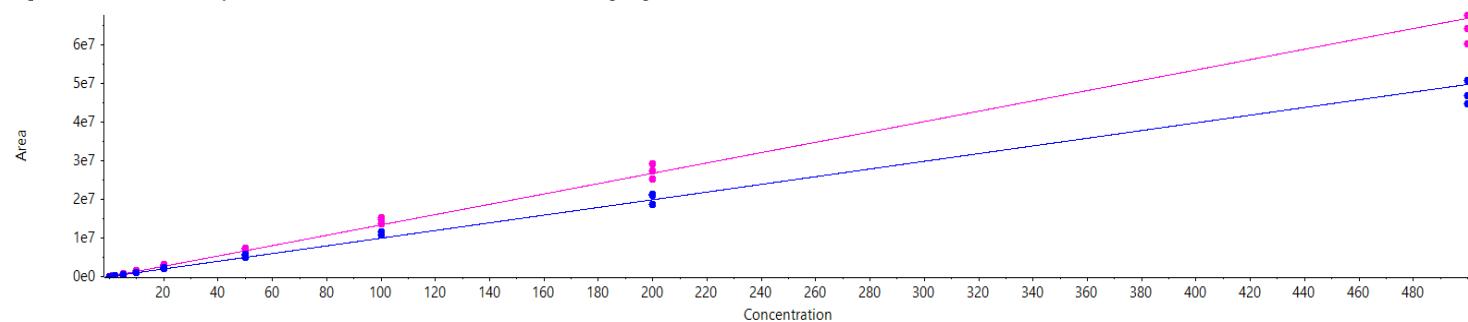
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Phenazone (+ve)

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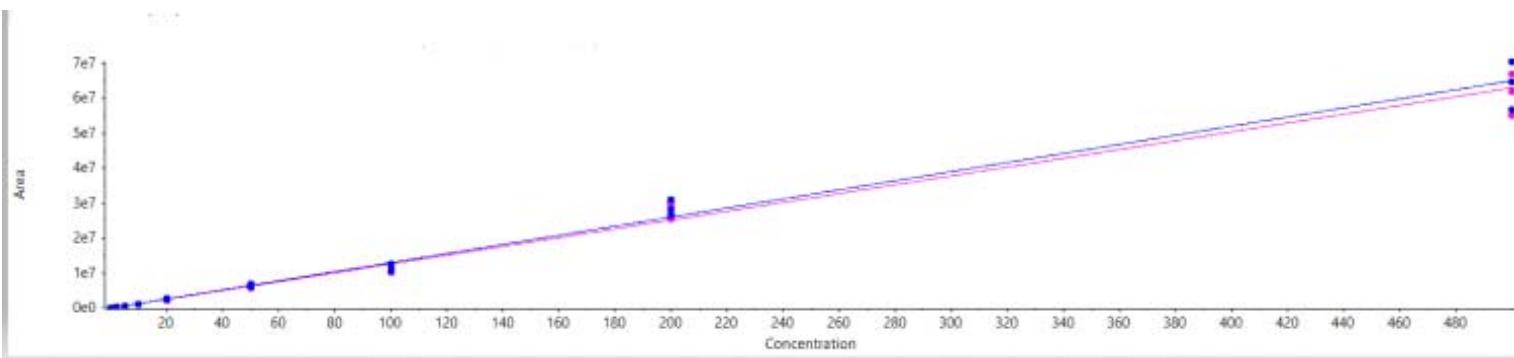
- Calibration for Phenazone 1: $y = 9.95424e4 x + 8444.26460$ ($r = 0.99688$, $r^2 = 0.99376$) (weighting: 1 / x)
- Calibration for Phenazone 2: $y = 1.33801e5 x + 12245.87292$ ($r = 0.99727$, $r^2 = 0.99456$) (weighting: 1 / x)



Index	Sample Name ▾	Sample Type	Component Name	Component Type	Component Group Name	Actual Concentration	Area	Retention Time	Signal / Noise	Used	Calculated Concentration	Ion Ratio	Ion Ratio Confidence
► 923	STD 16	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	0.10	21275.8	6.16	11.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.565e-2	0.89	✓
17...	STD 15	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	0.20	37733.9	6.15	28.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.687e-1	0.67	✓
26...	STD 14	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	0.50	67716.0	6.17	27.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.928e-1	0.88	✓
35...	STD 13	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	1.00	154528.1	6.17	44.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.042e0	0.77	✓
43...	STD 12	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	2.00	335476.6	6.17	118.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.395e0	0.67	✓
52...	STD 11	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	5.00	725149.5	6.17	438.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.308e0	0.73	✓
61...	STD 10	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	10.00	1573538.9	6.17	295.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.165e1	0.71	✓
69...	STD9	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	20.00	2957920.5	6.18	627.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.200e1	0.70	✓
78...	STD 8	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	50.00	7441689.9	6.15	1533.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.552e1	0.76	✓
87...	STD 7	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	100.00	14790475.2	6.18	2688.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.105e2	0.72	✓
95...	STD 6	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	200.00	27399055.8	6.17	5610.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.047e2	0.77	✓
10...	STD 5	Standard	Phenazone 1	Quantifiers	Phenazone	500.00	64296556.3	6.16	10642.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.805e2	0.73	✓

Fluazinam (-ve)

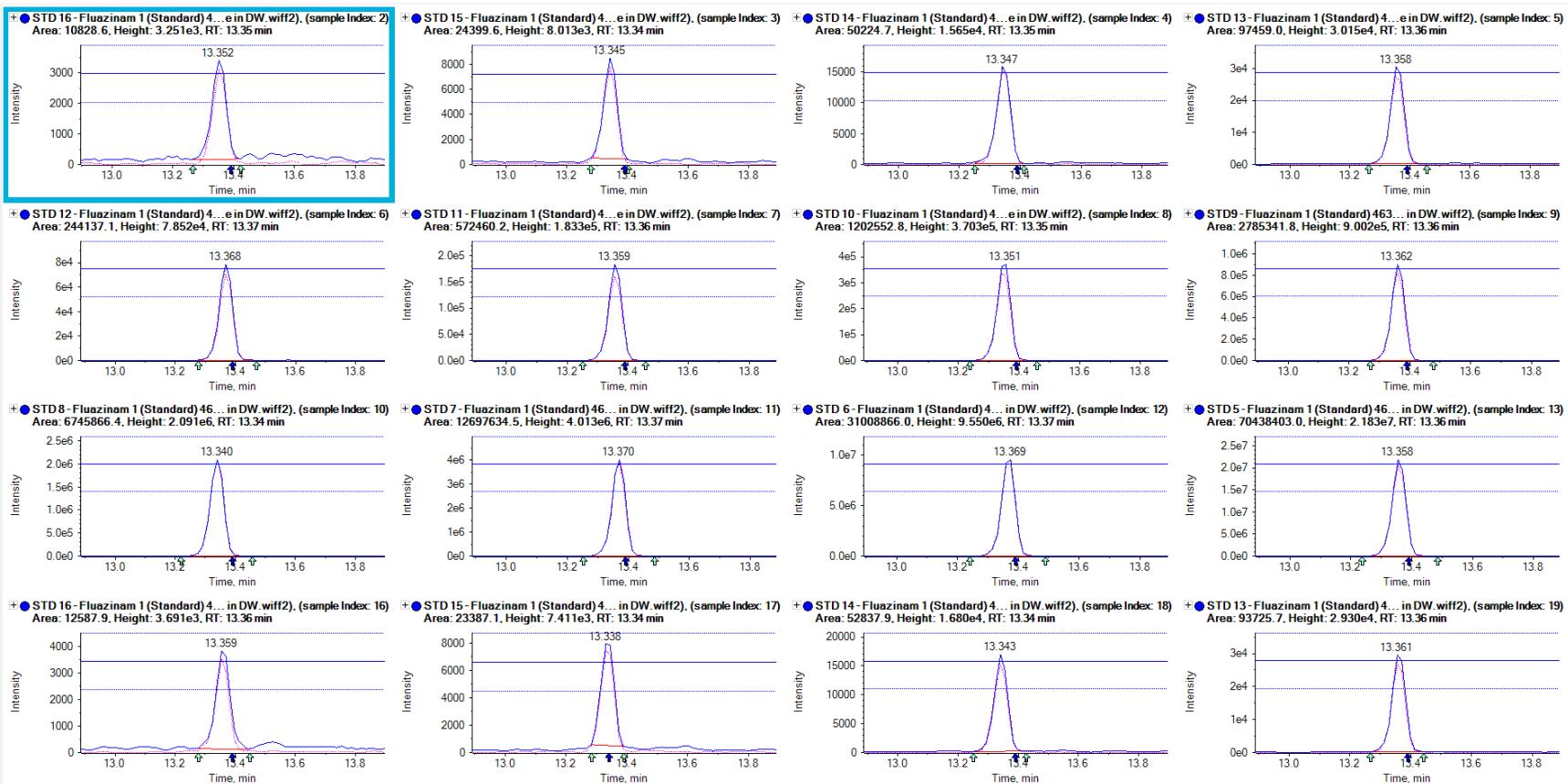
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25...	STD 15	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	0.20	24399.6	13.34	98.8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.630e-1	1.01	✓
▶ 34...	STD 14	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	0.50	50224.7	13.35	406.8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.615e-1	0.99	✓
43...	STD 13	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	1.00	97459.0	13.36	1174.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.246e-1	0.92	✓
51...	STD 12	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	2.00	244137.1	13.37	2714.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.952e0	0.90	✓
60...	STD 11	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	5.00	572460.2	13.36	7434.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.476e0	0.89	✓
69...	STD 10	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	10.00	1202552.8	13.35	9328.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.320e0	0.91	✓
77...	STD 9	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	20.00	2785341.8	13.36	14319.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.149e1	0.94	✓
86...	STD 8	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	50.00	6745866.4	13.34	23155.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.193e1	0.99	✓
95...	STD 7	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	100.00	12697634.5	13.37	46072.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.768e1	0.97	✓
10...	STD 6	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	200.00	31008866.0	13.37	49666.8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.384e2	0.98	✓
11...	STD 5	Standard	Fluazinam 1	Quantifiers	Fluazinam	500.00	70438403.0	13.36	145466.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.415e2	0.95	✓

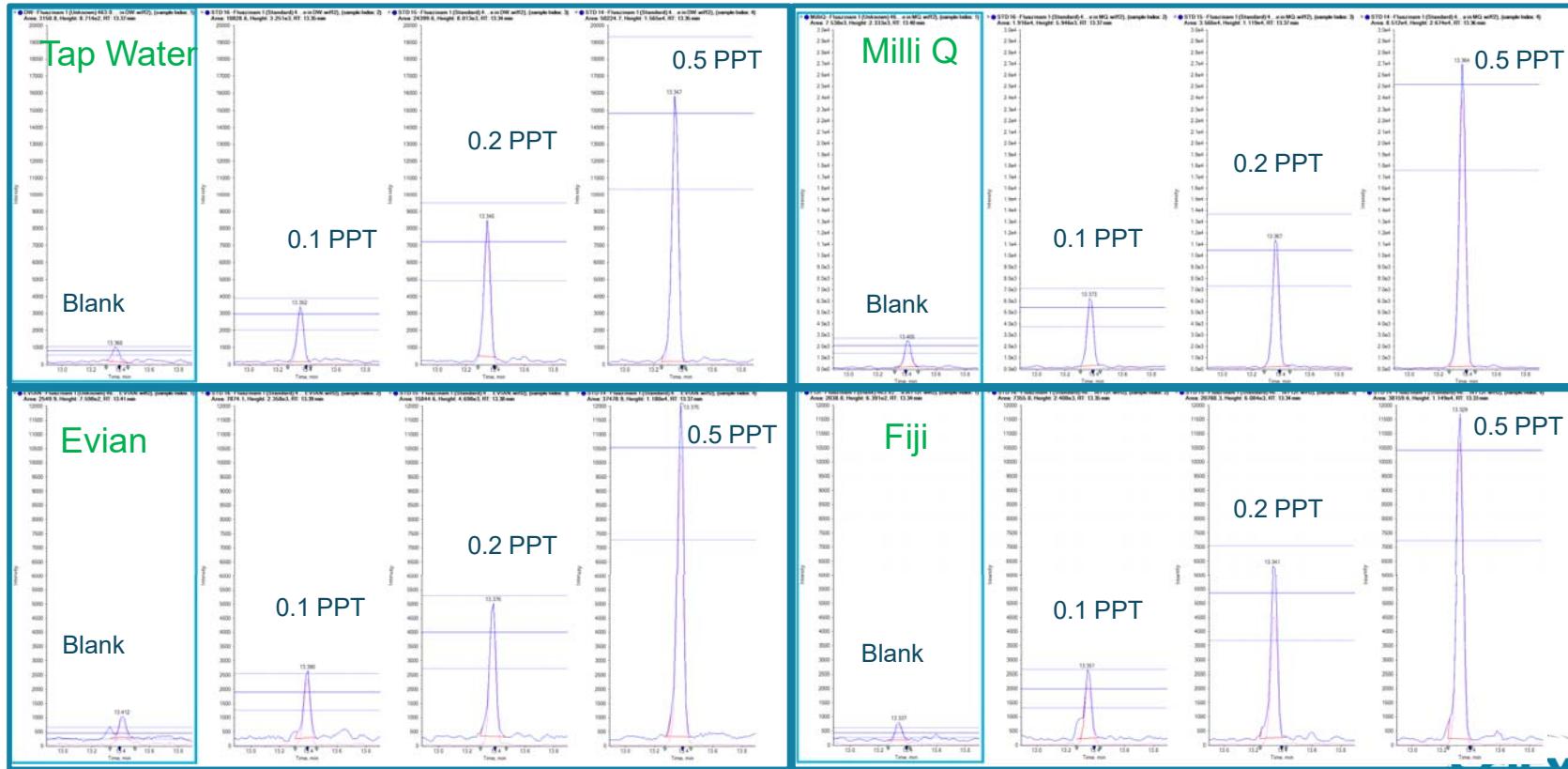
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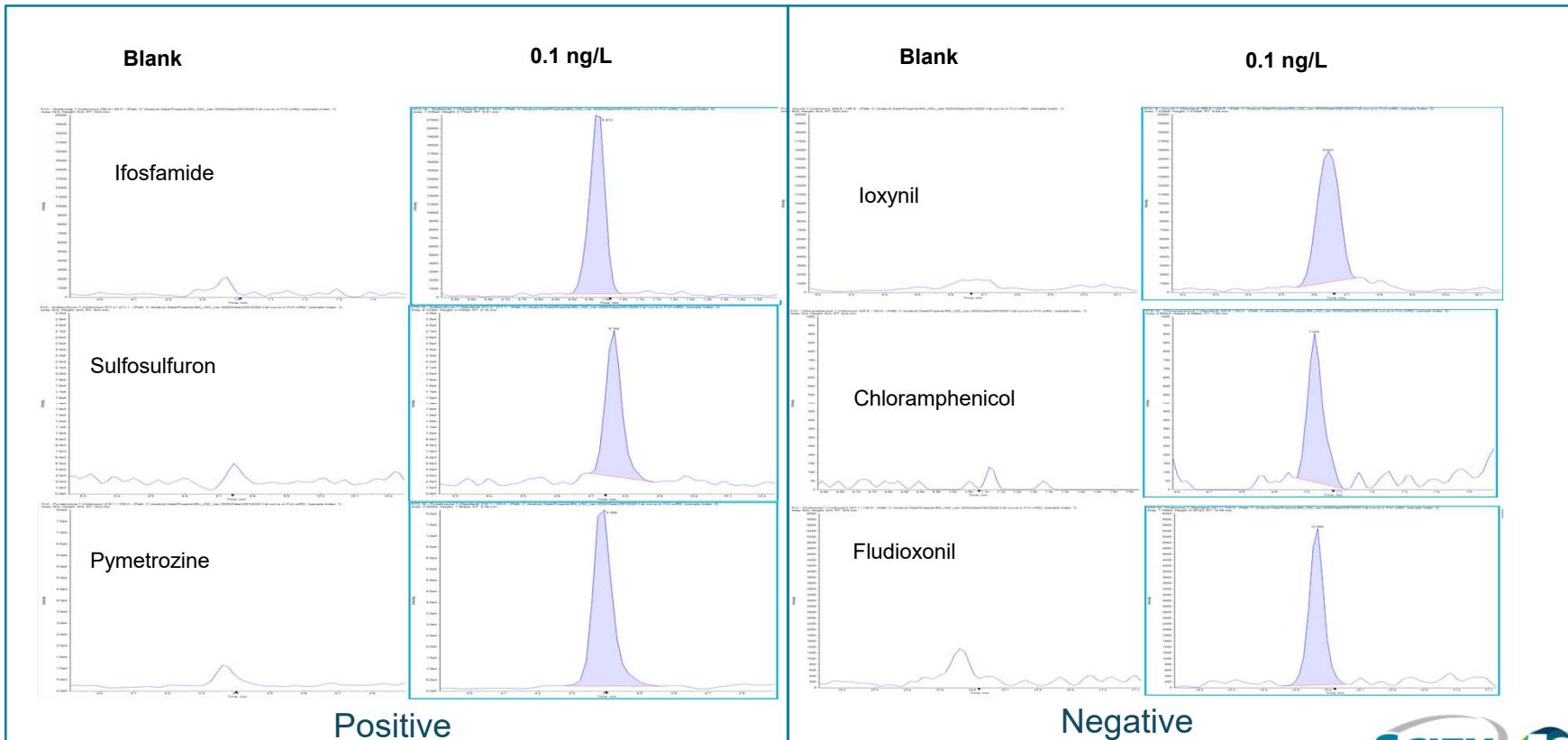
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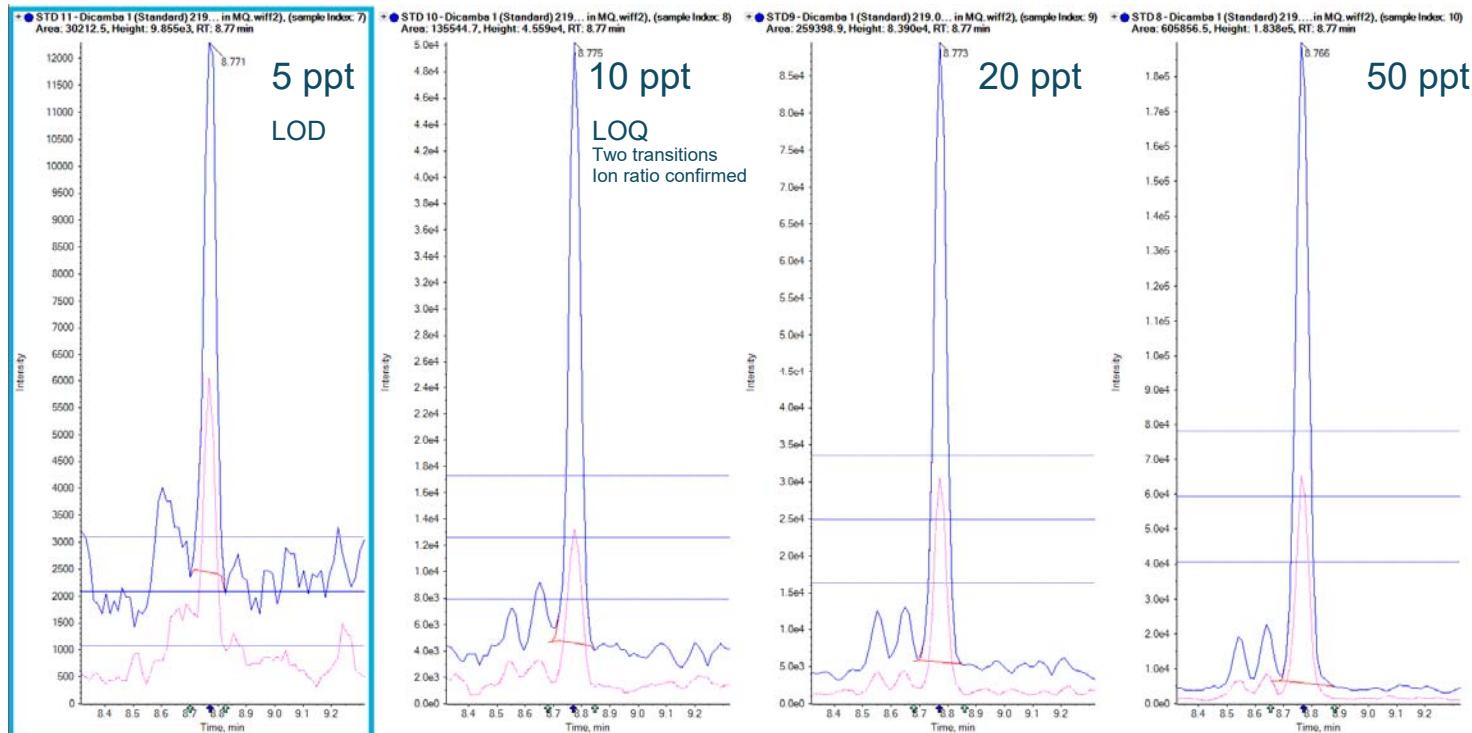
Lower limits of quantification

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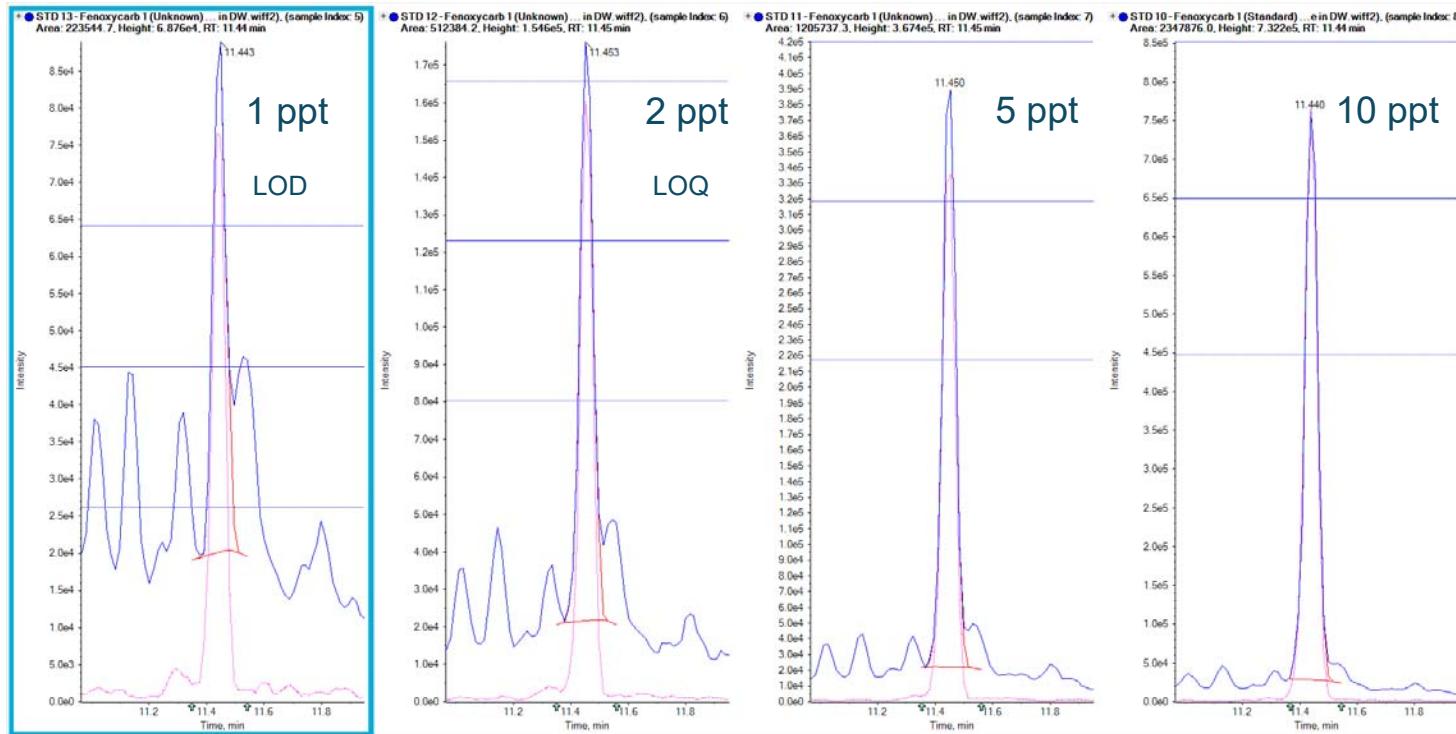
Dicamba

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Fenoxy carb

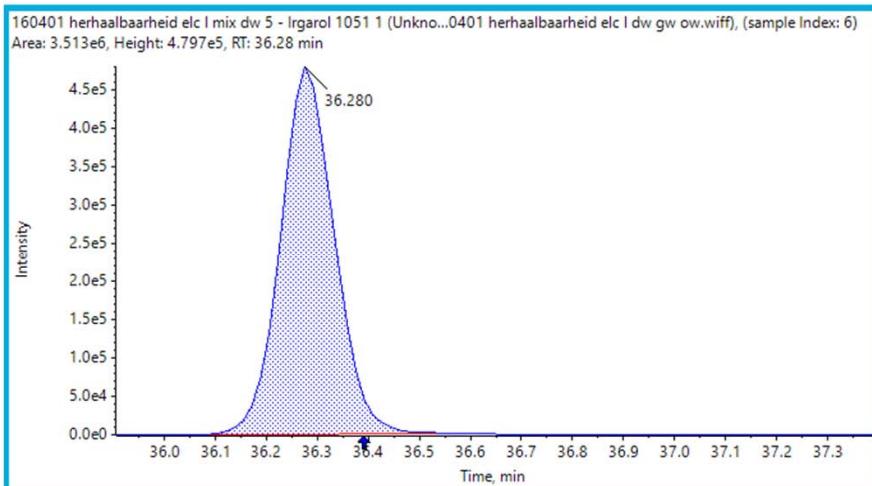
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Irgarol 1051(+ve) (tap water)

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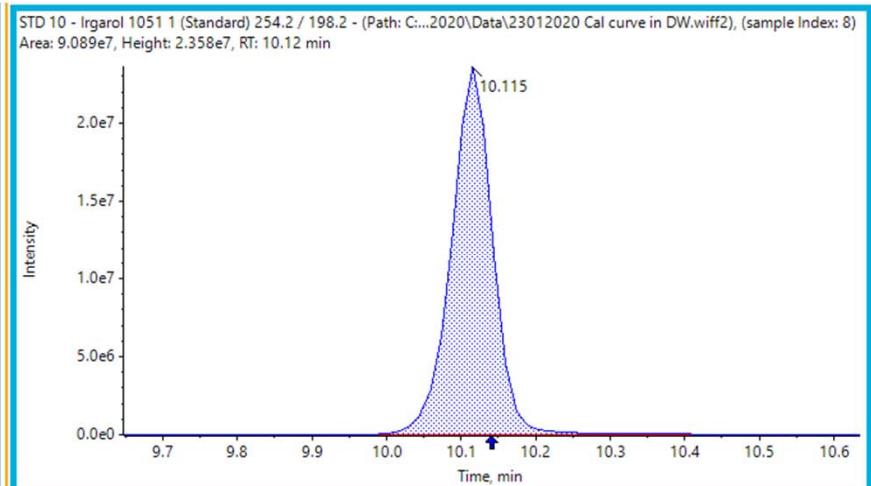
QTRAP 6500+ system



Measured 20 ppt

Calculated LOQ 1 ppt

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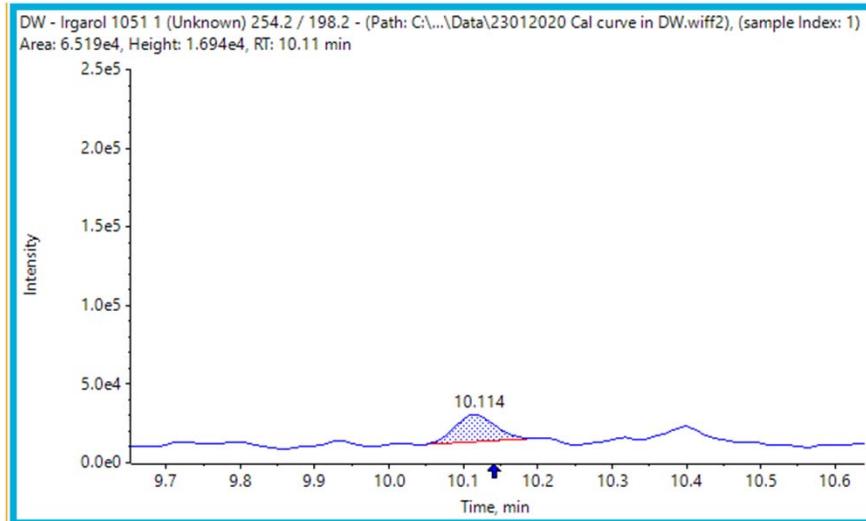


Measured 20 ppt

Irgarol 1051 (+ve) (tap water)

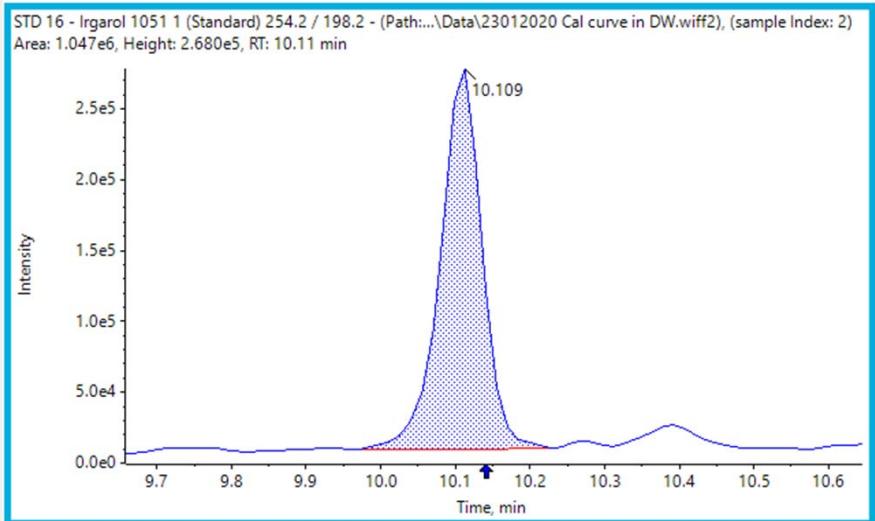
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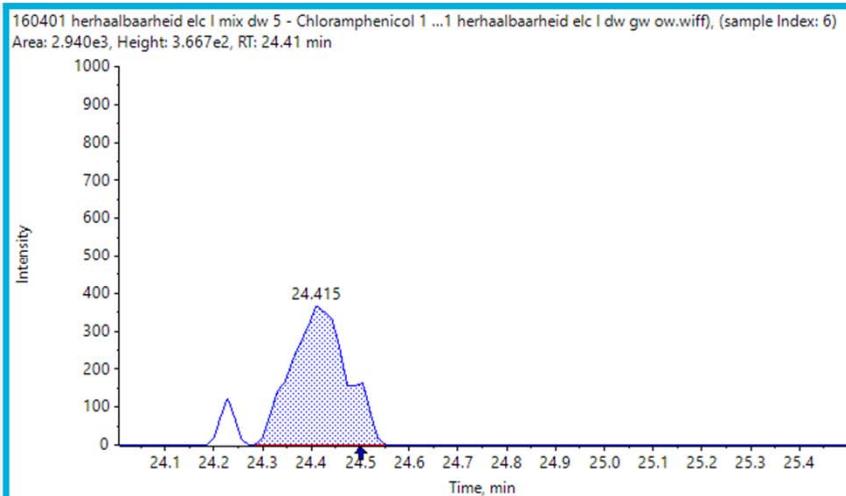
Measured 0.1 ppt



Chloramphenicol (-ve) (tap water)

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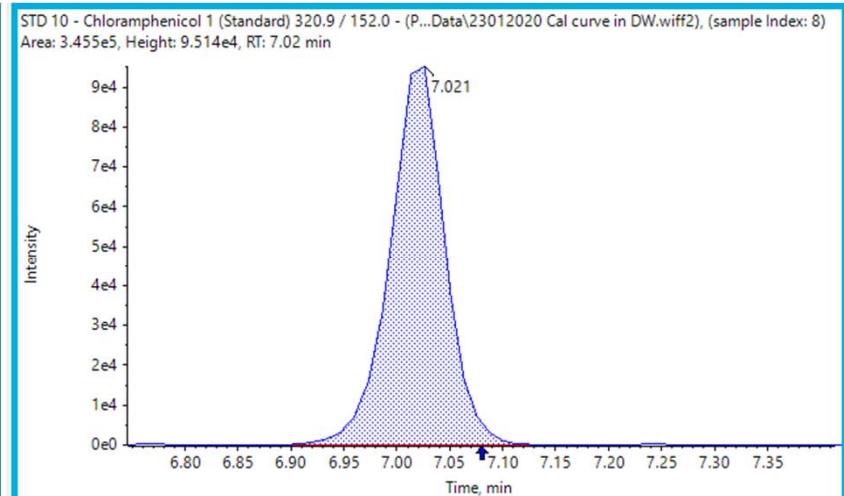
QTRAP 6500+ system



Measured 10 ppt

Calculated LOQ 2 ppt

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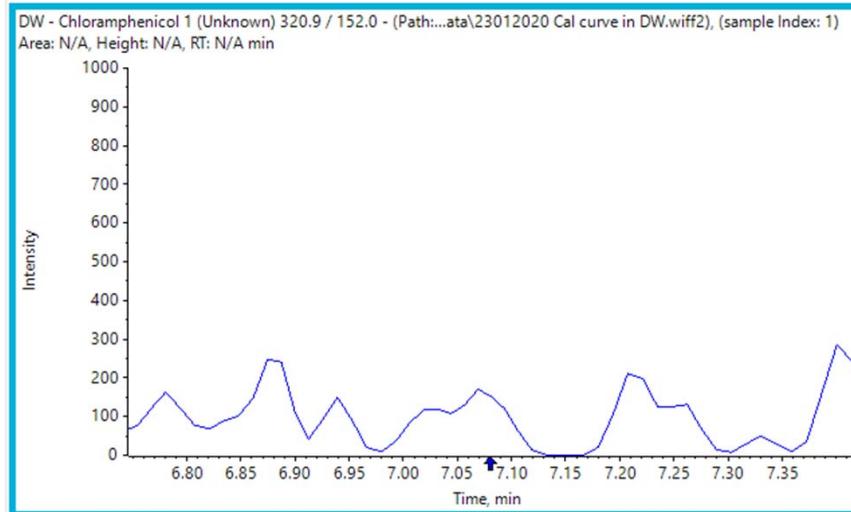


Measured 10 ppt

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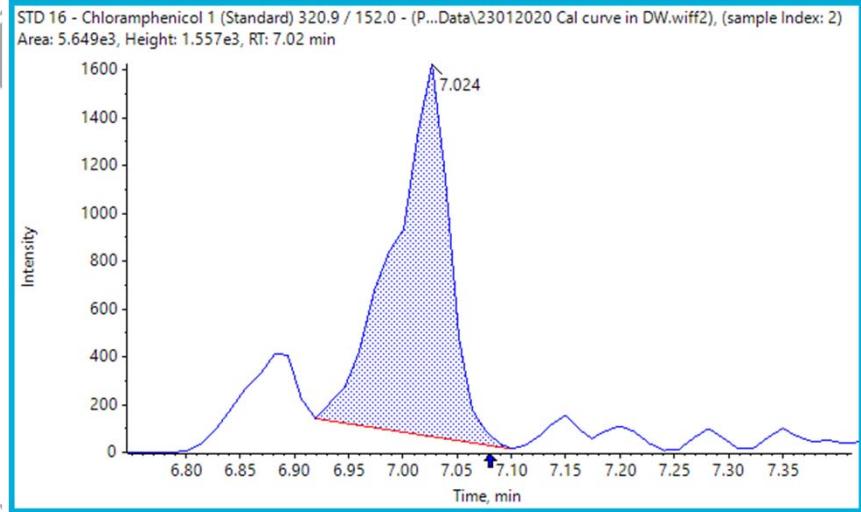
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Measured 0.1 ppt

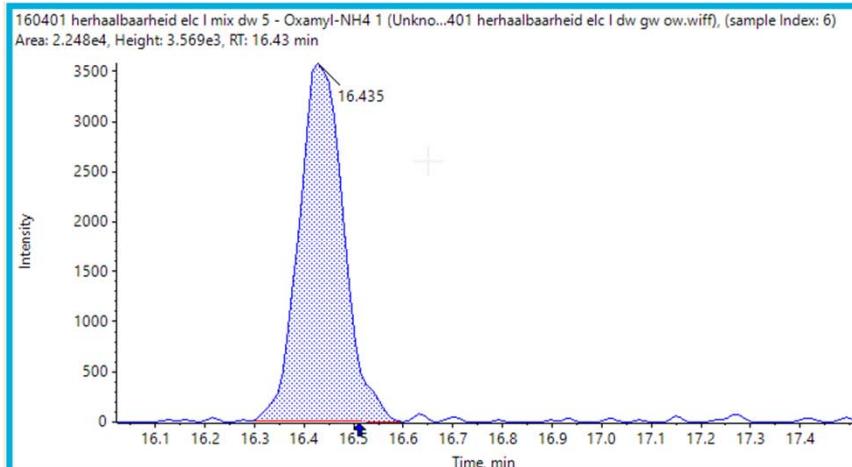


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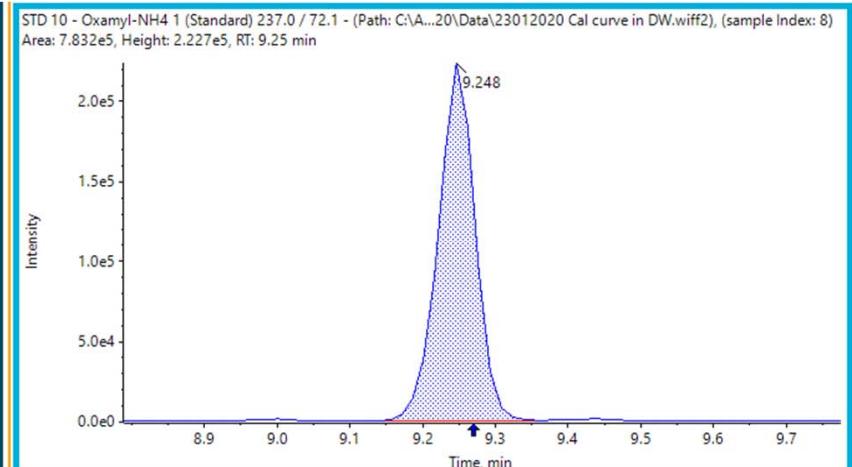
Oxamyl NH4 (+ve)

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QTRAP 6500+ system



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Conc 10 ng/L

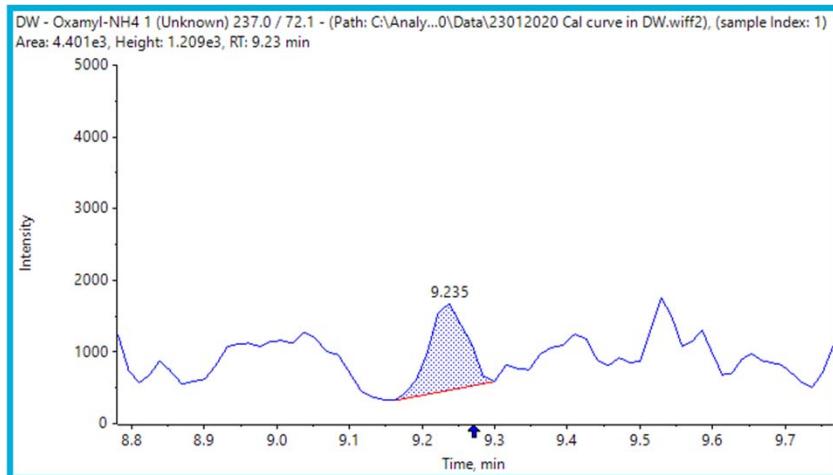
Calculated LOQ 1 ng/L

Conc 10 ng/L

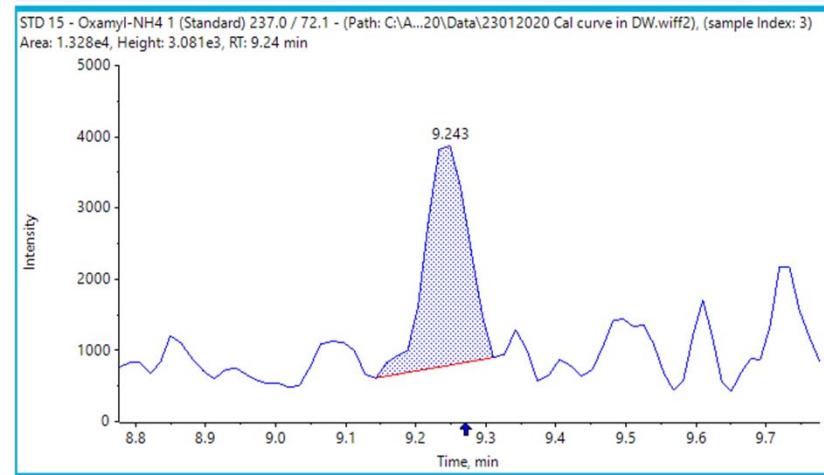
Oxamyl NH₄

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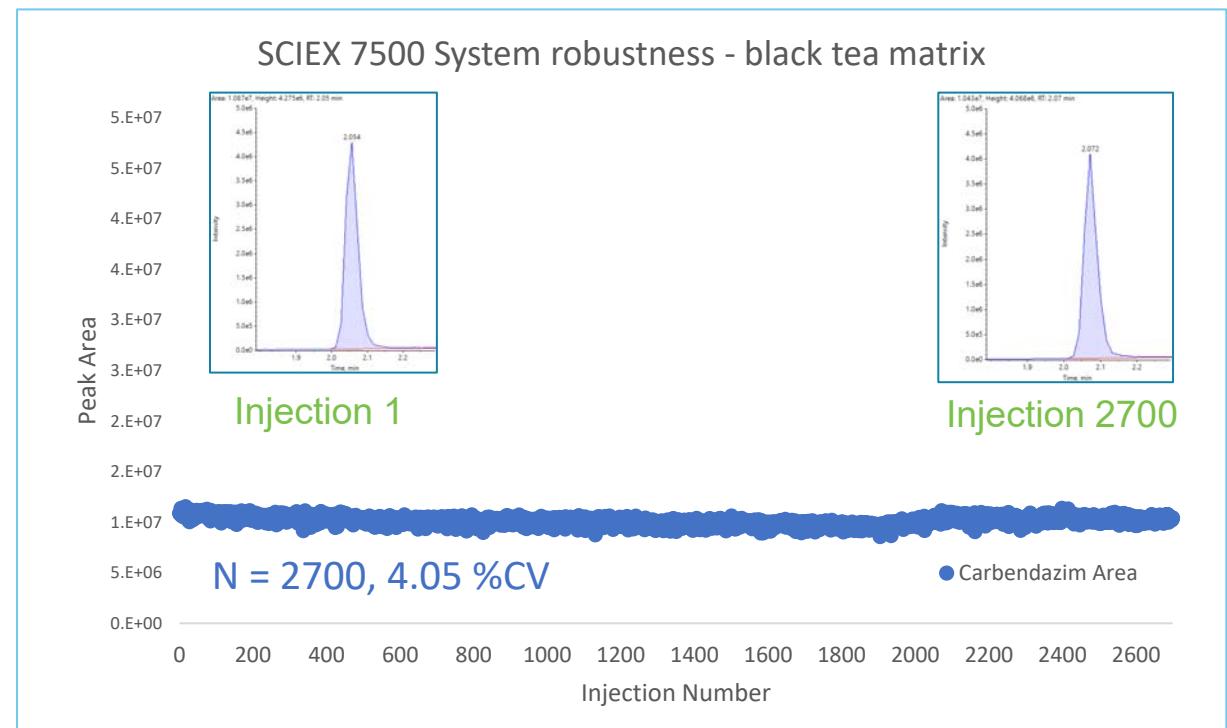


Conc 0.2 ng/L

Robustness – tea matrix

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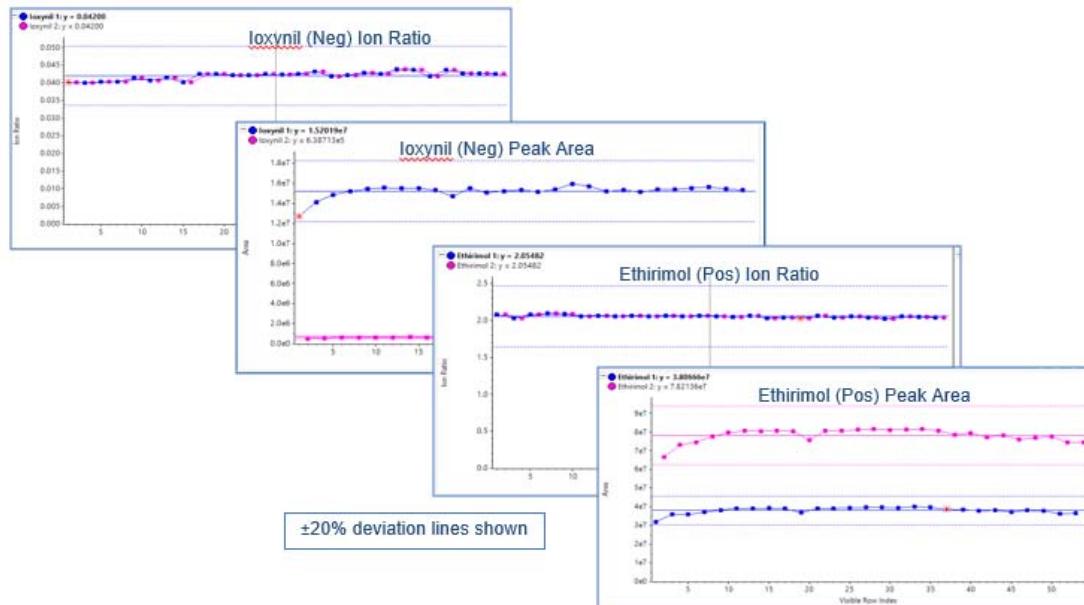
- Short LC-MS run was performed (4 min gradient at 400 µL/min flow rate)
- Raw peak area plotted
- S/N remained constant across injections
- 1 ppb carbendazim
- 2 µL injection volume



Robustness

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0 ppb
0.2 ppb
1 ppb
5 ppb
10 ppb
20 ppb
Fruit and Vegetable 0
Fruit and Vegetable 5
Fruit and Vegetable 15
Fruit and Vegetable 50
10 ppb
Oil Seeds 0
Oil Seeds 5
Oil Seeds 15
Oil Seeds 50
10 ppb
Vegetable Oil 0
Vegetable Oil 5
Vegetable Oil 15
Vegetable Oil 50
10 ppb
Grain 0
Grain 5
Grain 15
Grain 50
10 ppb
Herbs and Spices 0
Herbs and Spices 5
Herbs and Spices 15
Herbs and Spices 50
10 ppb
10 ppb
Meat 0
Meat 5
Meat 15
Meat 50
10 ppb
Animal Oil/Fat 0
Animal Oil/Fat 5
Animal Oil/Fat 15
Animal Oil/Fat 50
10 ppb
Eggs and products 0
Eggs and products 5
Eggs and products 15
Eggs and products 50
10 ppb
Milk and products 0
Milk and products 5
Milk and products 15
Milk and products 50
10 ppb
Fatty Acids 0
Fatty Acids 5
Fatty Acids 15
Fatty Acids 50
10 ppb
Herbs and Spices 0 dil 5
Herbs and Spices 5 dil 5
Herbs and Spices 15 dil 5
Herbs and Spices 50 dil 5
10 ppb



Conclusions



- The SCIEX Triple Quad 7500 system provides impressive levels of sensitivity, robustness and accuracy
- Fast polarity switching functionality and the powerful Scheduled MRM algorithm allow over 1400 MRM transitions for 700 compounds analyzed in a single analysis, example of food
- Fast polarity switching functionality and the powerful Scheduled MRM algorithm allow over 850 MRM transitions for 430 compounds analyzed in a single analysis, example of water
- Multiple MRMs per analyte enabled ion ratio monitoring to ensure confident detection
- The ability to analyze this many compounds with high sensitivity without the need for extensive sample preparation improves operational efficiencies

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