

Automatic sample preparation

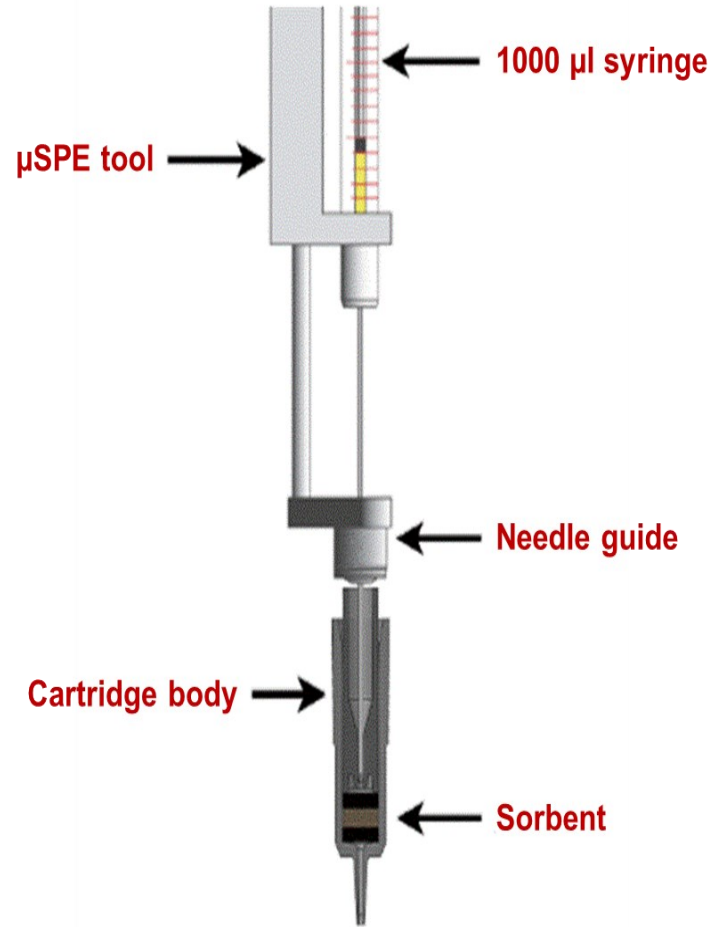
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Automated μ SPE clean-up



ITSP cartridge



PAL System μ SPE cartridges



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Instrument Top Sample Preparation



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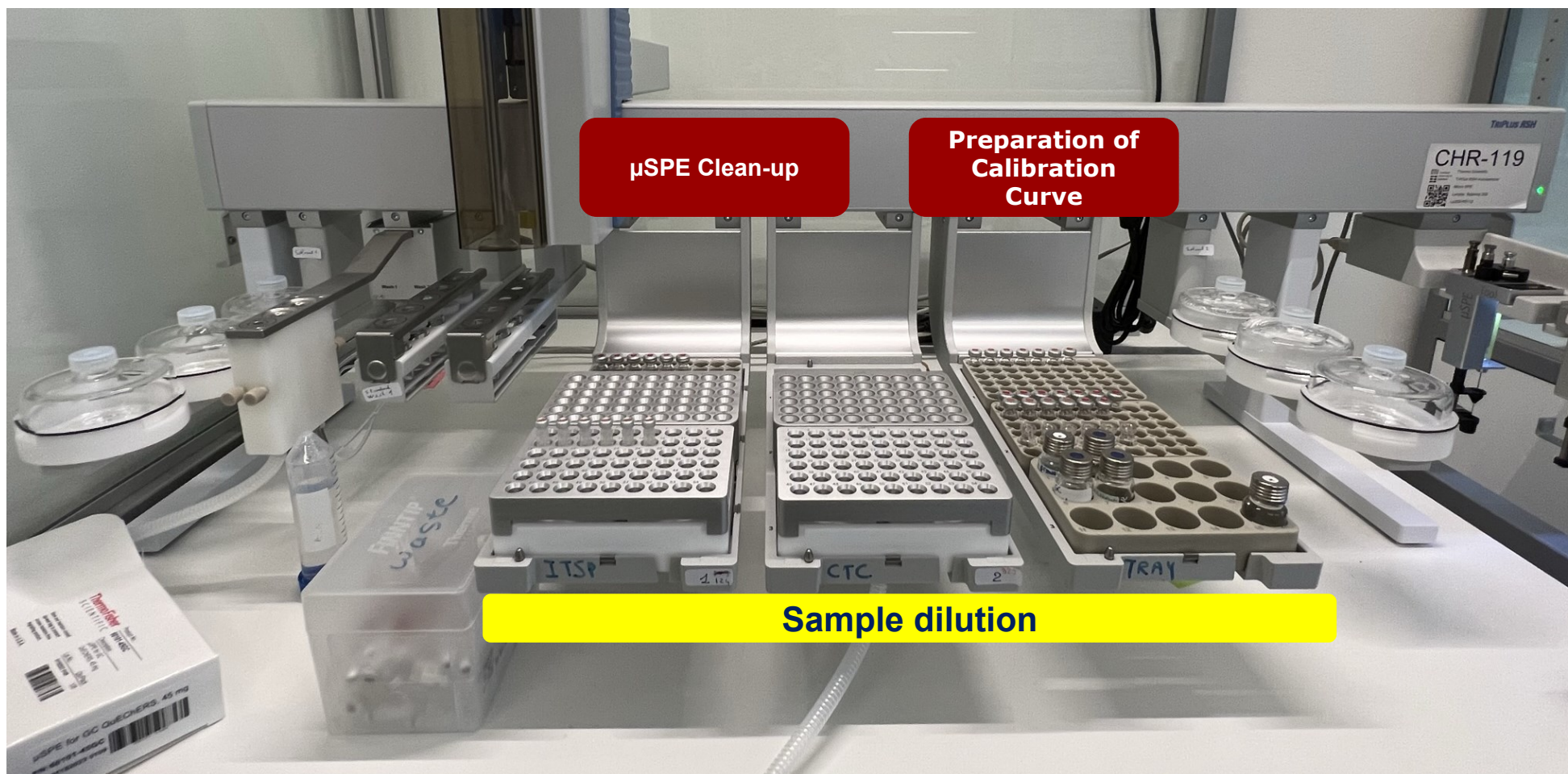
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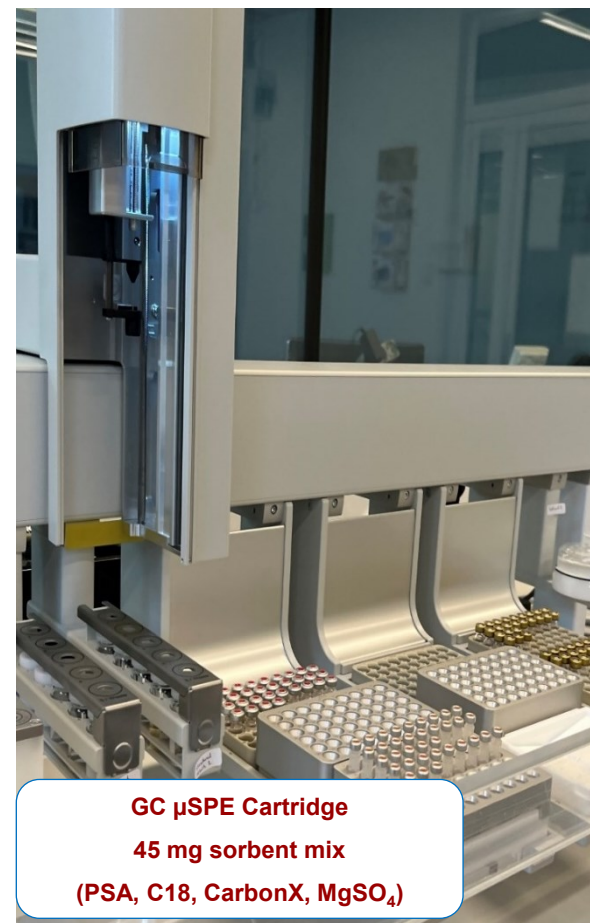
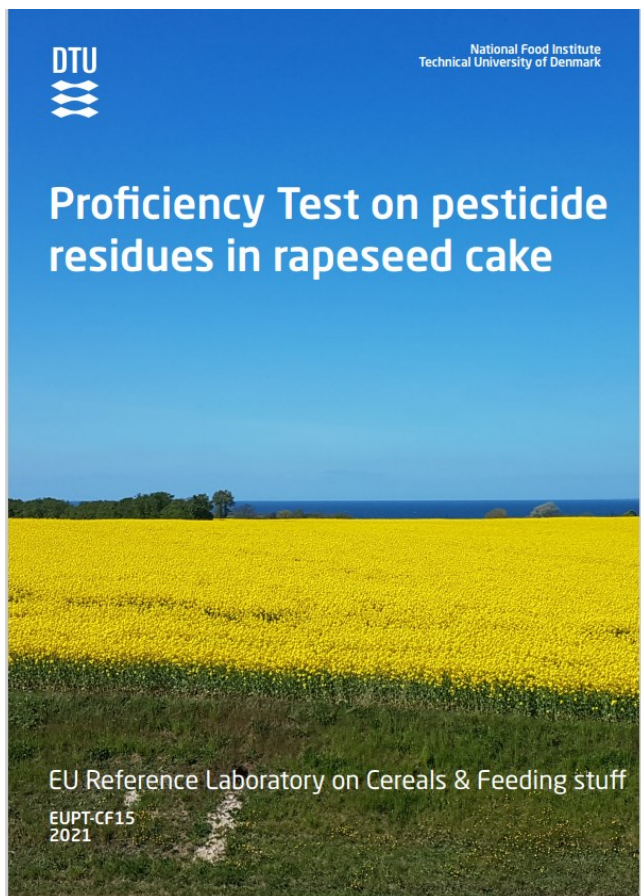
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Extending our validation scope in more difficult matrices using the μ SPE clean-up

Rapeseed cake



Automated μ SPE clean-up Rapeseed cake

Initial Manual Step

**Citrate Buffer QuEChERS
(EN 15662)**

2 g sample

10 ml water/ 10 ml acetonitrile extraction

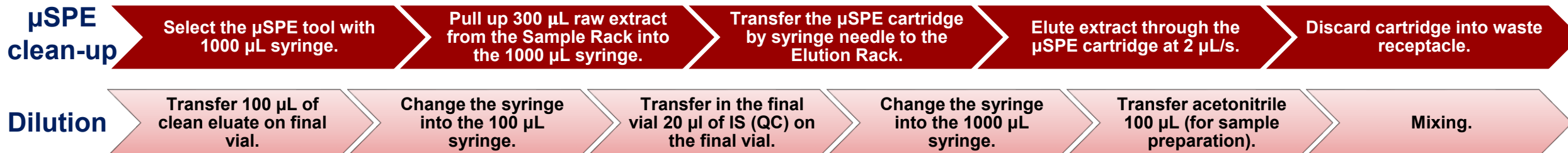
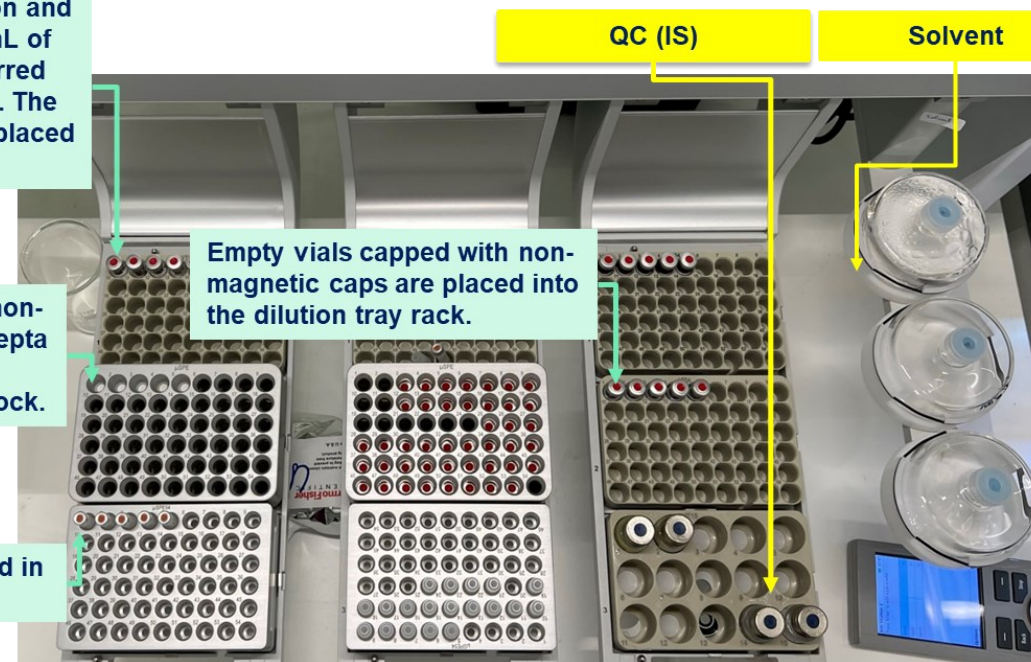
Salting out/shake/centrifugation

Transfer 8 ml and place them in -80 /
centrifugation

After QuEChERS extraction and centrifugation approx. 1 mL of the supernatant is transferred to 2 mL autosampler vials. The vials with raw extract are placed into the sample rack.

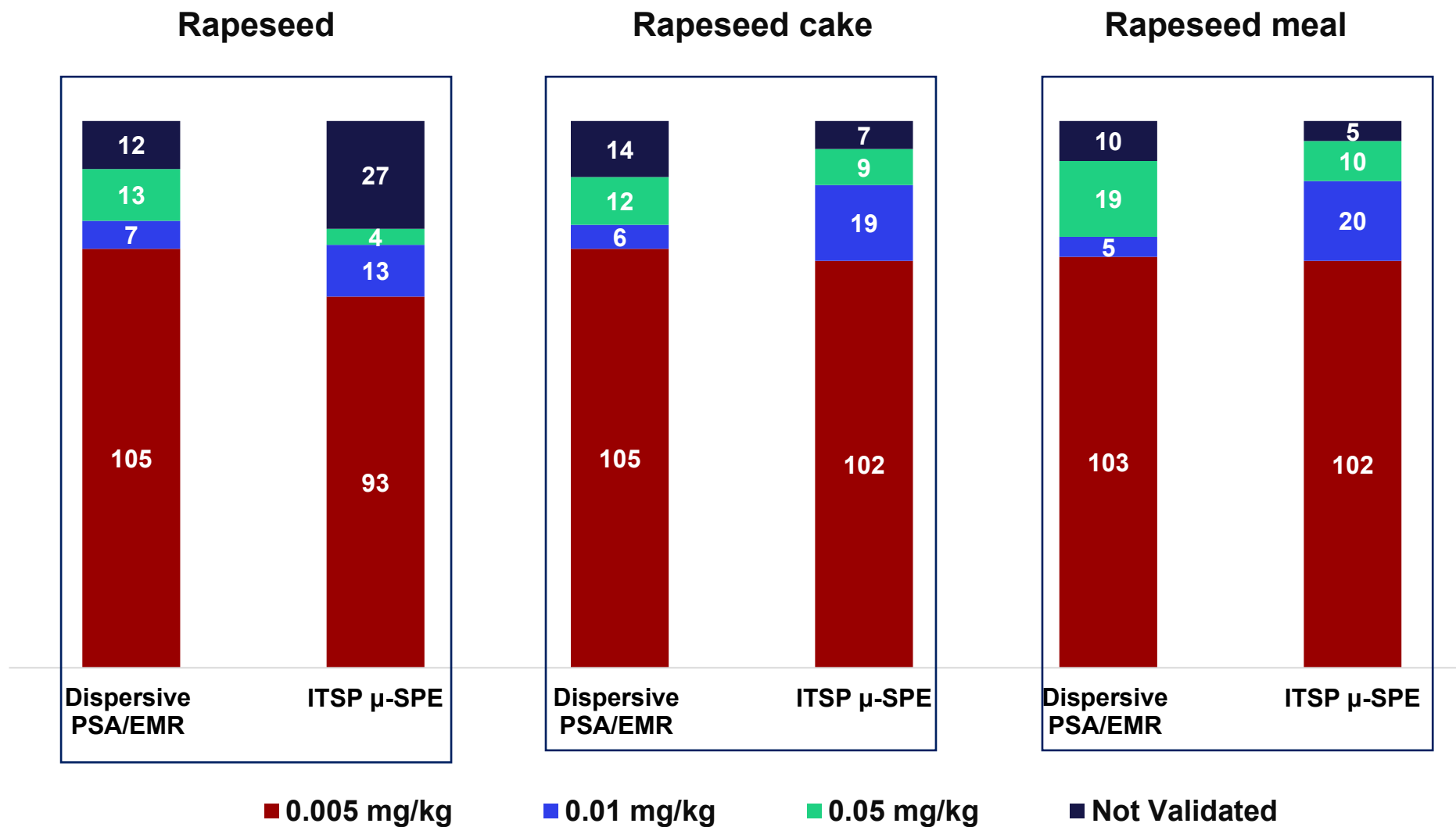
Empty vials capped with non-magnetic caps and split septa are placed into the eluate rack, covered by the vial lock.

μ SPE cartridges are placed in the cartridge rack.





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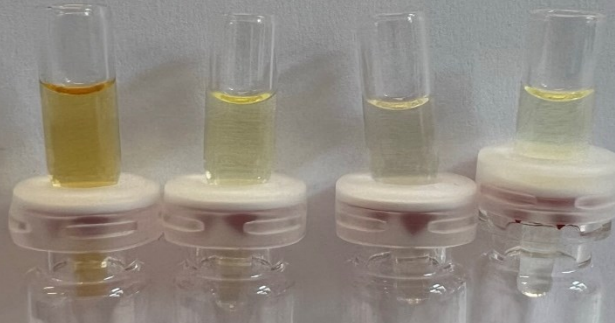
Raw
ext.

Dip.
PSA

Dip.
PSA
+ EMR

μ SPE

Rapeseed cake



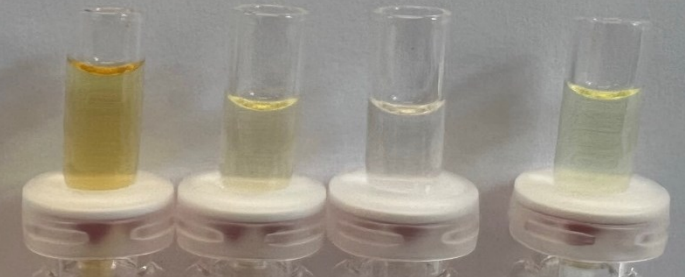
Raw
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Dip.
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Rapeseed meal



Raw
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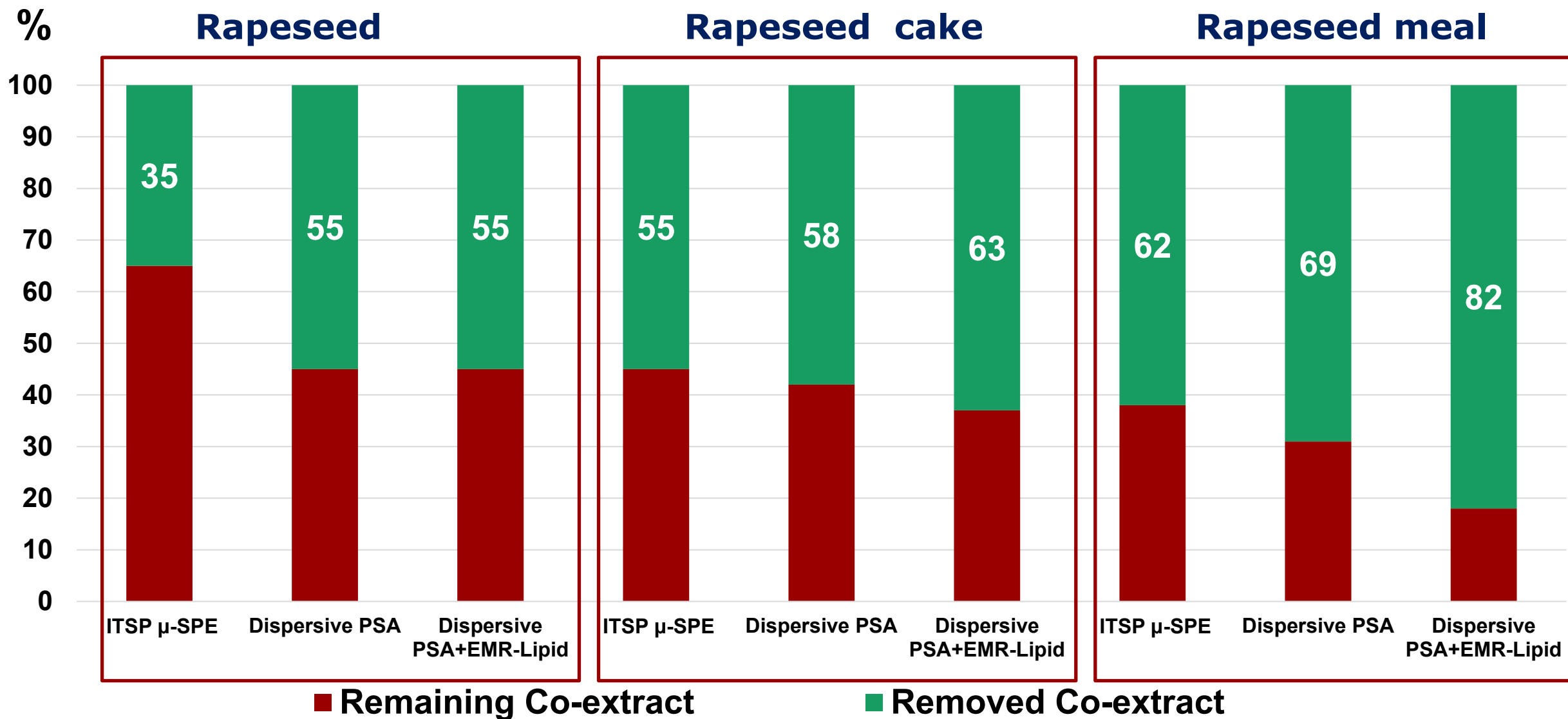
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EURL CF-15 Rapeseed cake

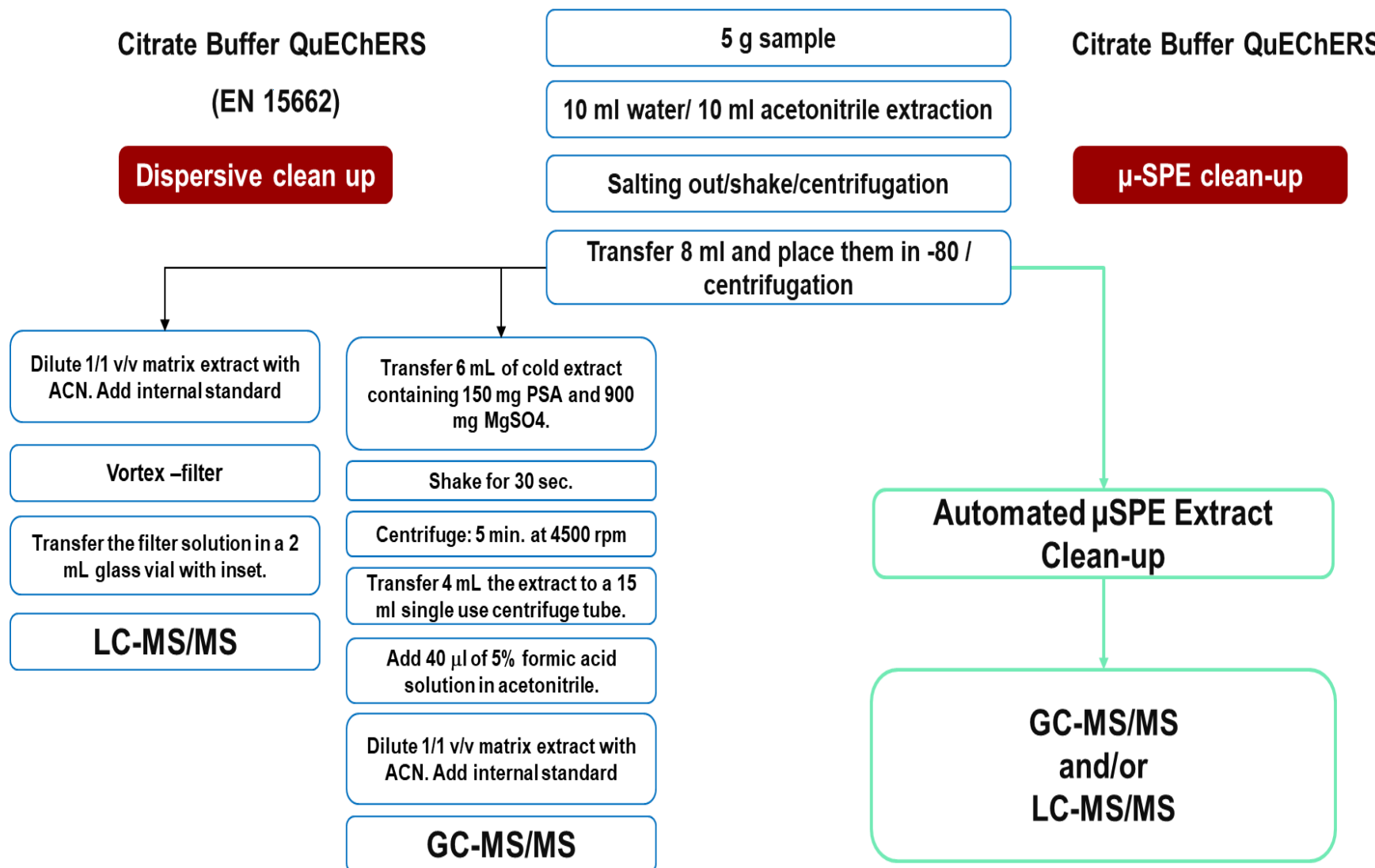


Analytes	Assigned value mg/kg	Clean up	CF-15 results mg/kg	Z-score
Azoxystrobin	0.04	PSA/EMR	0.034	-0.80
		µSPE clean up	0.042	-0.01
Boscalid	0.11	PSA/EMR	0.097	-0.32
		µSPE clean up	0.110	0.21
Clomazone	0.08	PSA/EMR	0.074	-0.10
		µSPE clean up	0.070	-0.29
Pendimethalin	0.04	PSA/EMR	0.028	-1.21
		µSPE clean up	0.033	-0.74
Pirimicarb	0.06	PSA/EMR	0.058	-0.04
		µSPE clean up	0.063	0.27
Tebuconazole	0.07	PSA/EMR	0.069	-0.05
		µSPE clean up	0.070	-0.01
Tetraconazole	0.02	PSA/EMR	0.020	0.08
		µSPE clean up	0.023	0.61

2021 – Future work

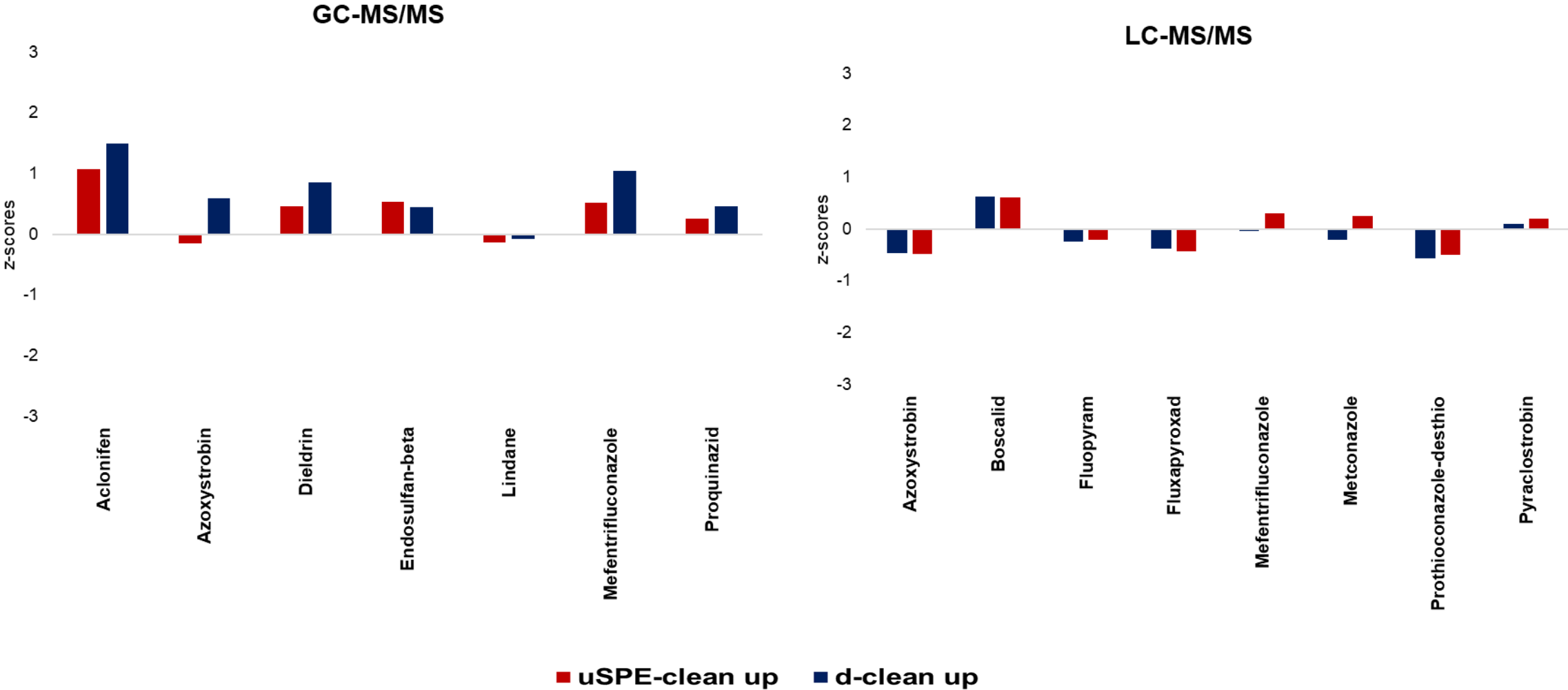
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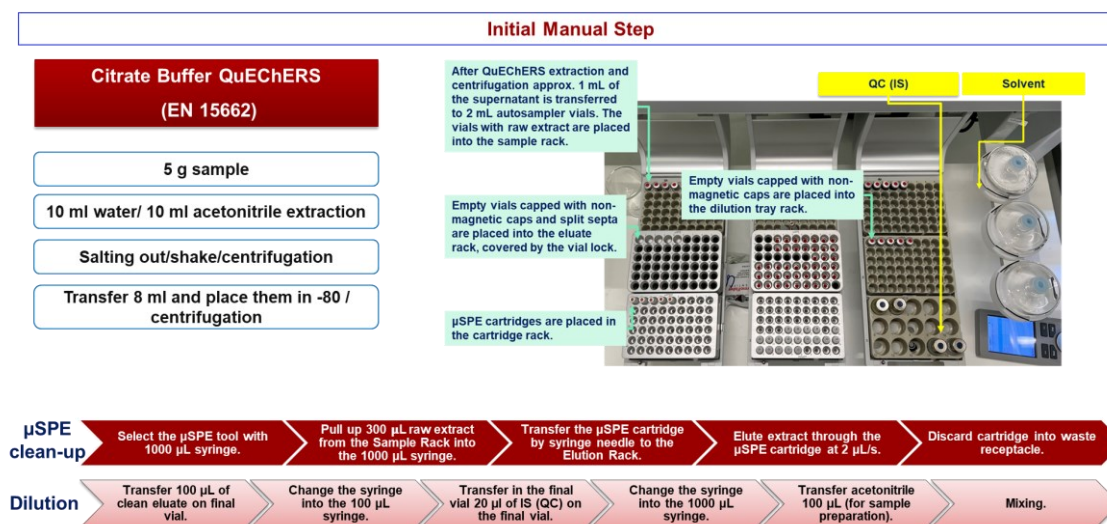
EURL CF-16 barley



Automated μ SPE Extract Clean-up for pesticides in cereals

Hands on training I

- Barley, group DTU spike 0.01 (*5) and 0.02 (*5) mg/kg
- Wheat, group 1 spike 0.01 (*5) and 0.02 (*5) mg/kg
- Oat, group 2 spike 0.01 (*5) and 0.02 (*5) mg/kg



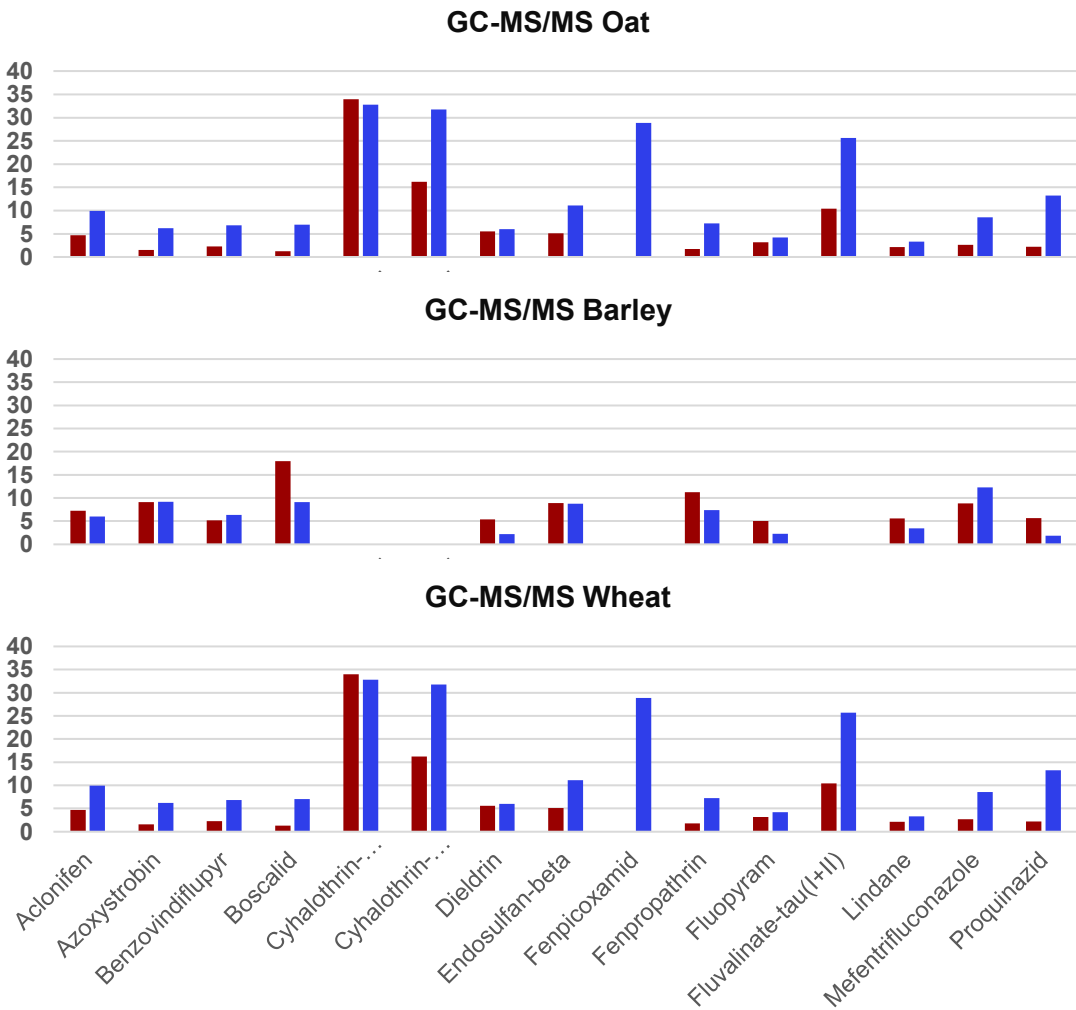
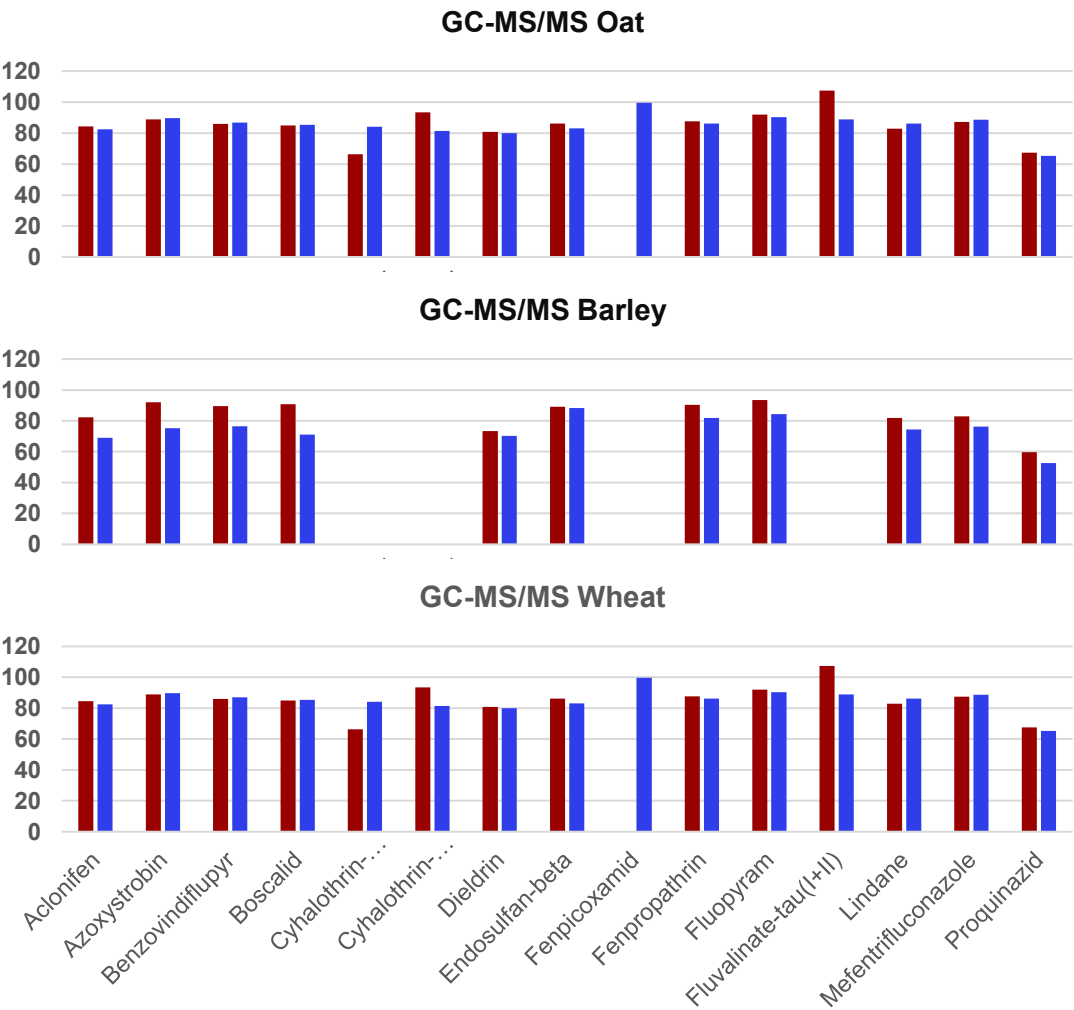


Automated μ SPE Extract Clean-up for pesticides in cereals

■ 0.01 mg/kg ■ 0.02 mg/kg

Recovery in %

RSD in %





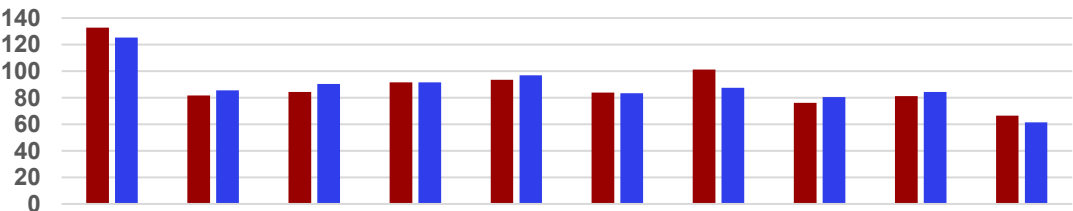
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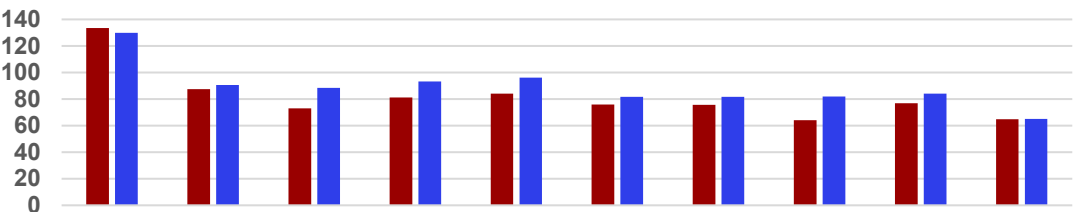
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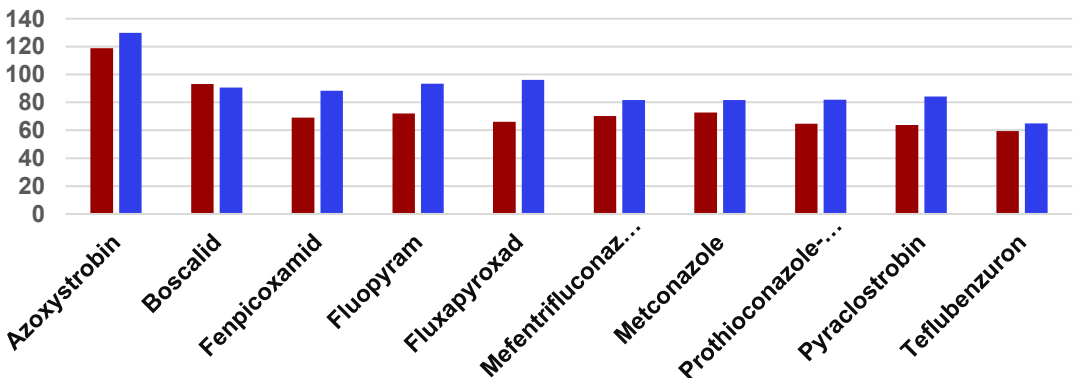
LC-MS/MS Oat



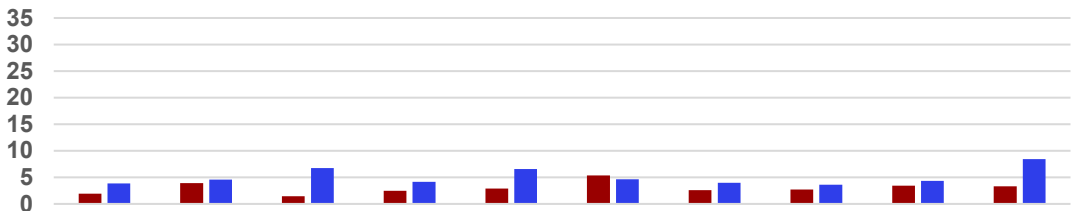
LC-MS/MS Barley



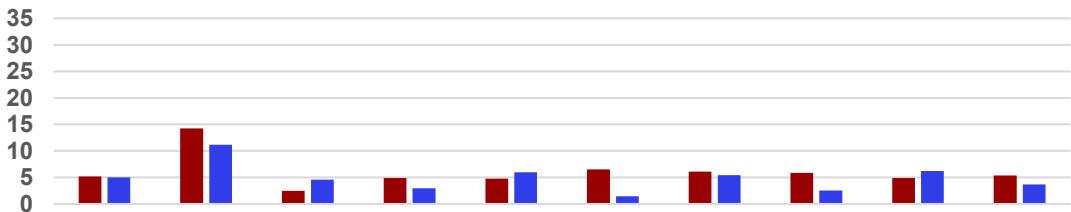
LC-MS/MS Wheat



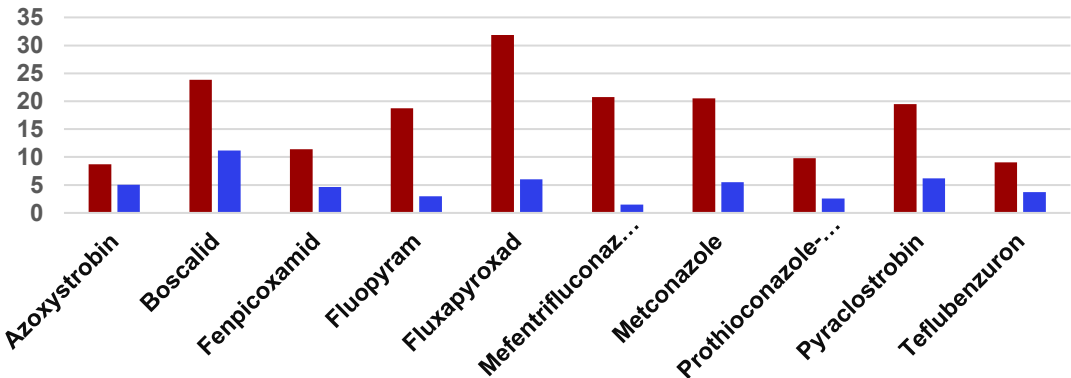
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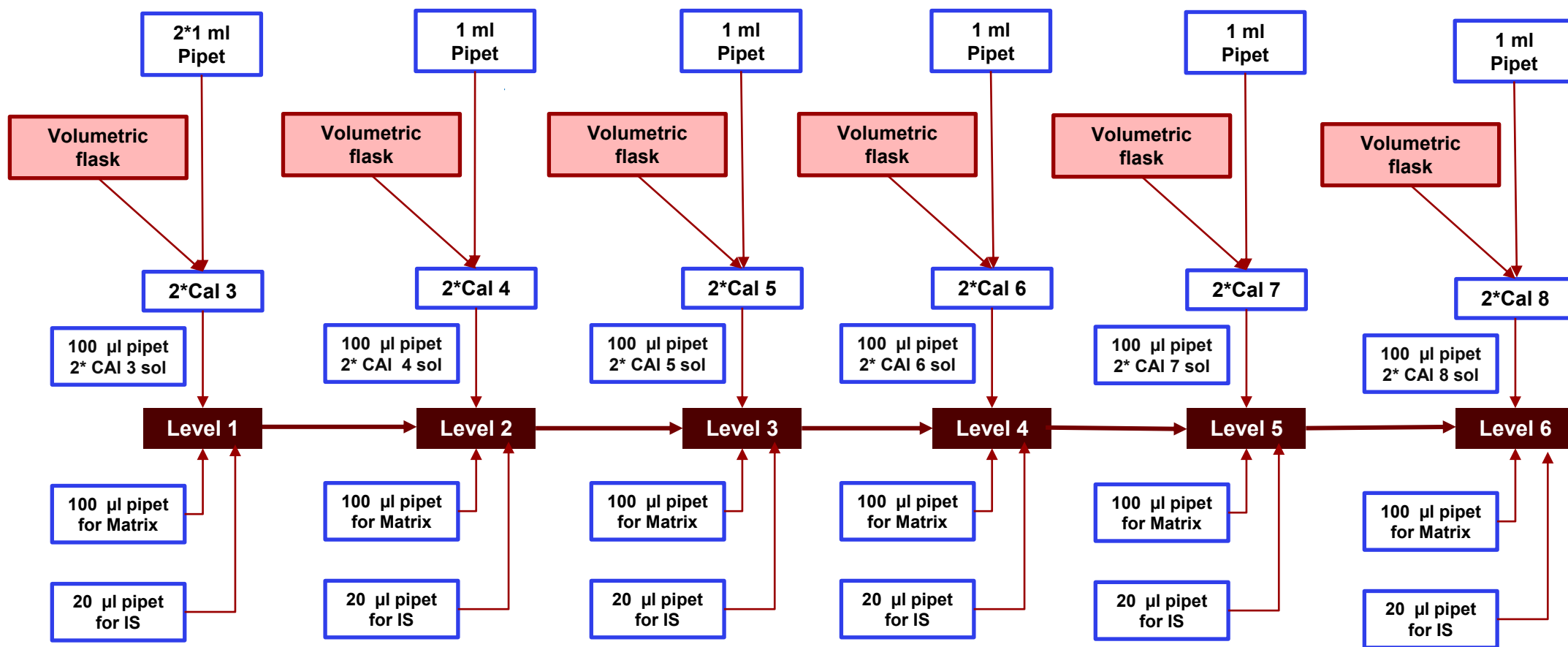
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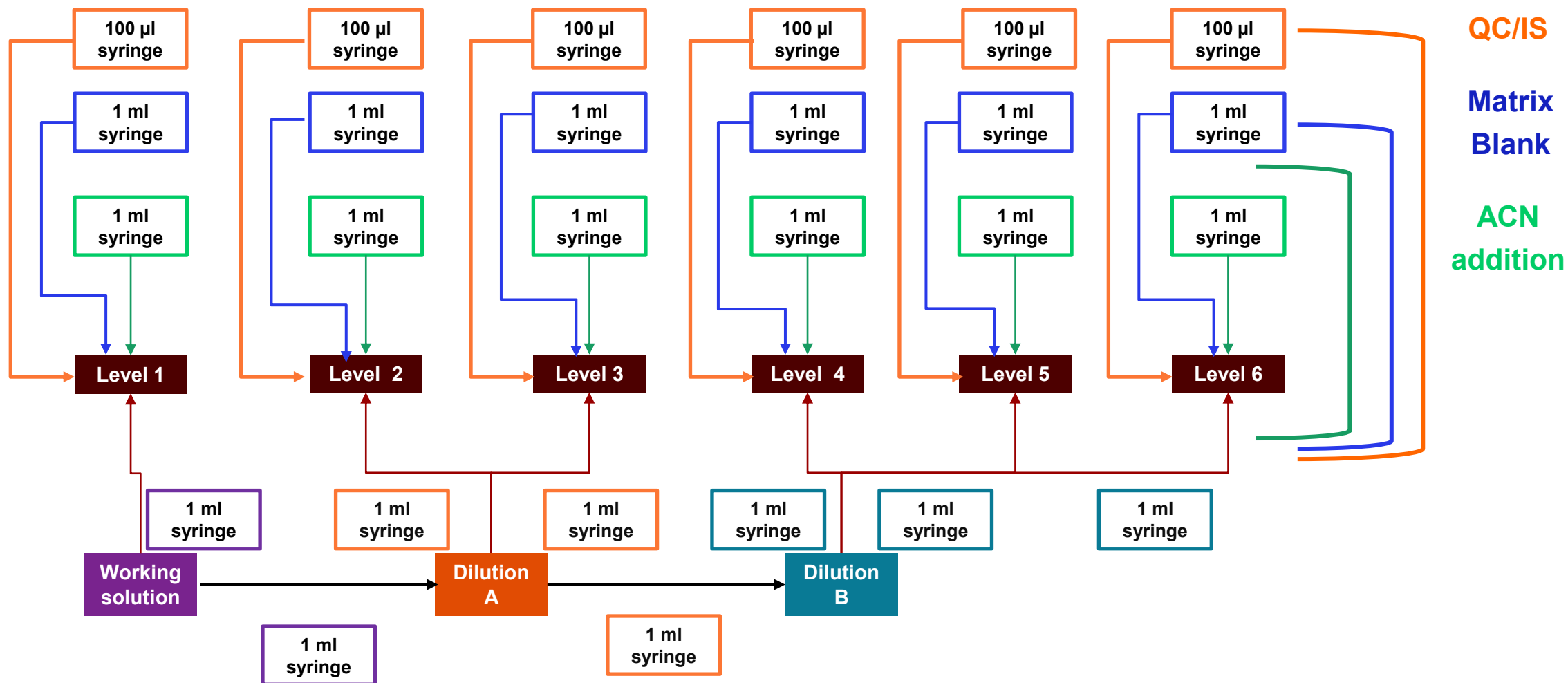
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Working solution



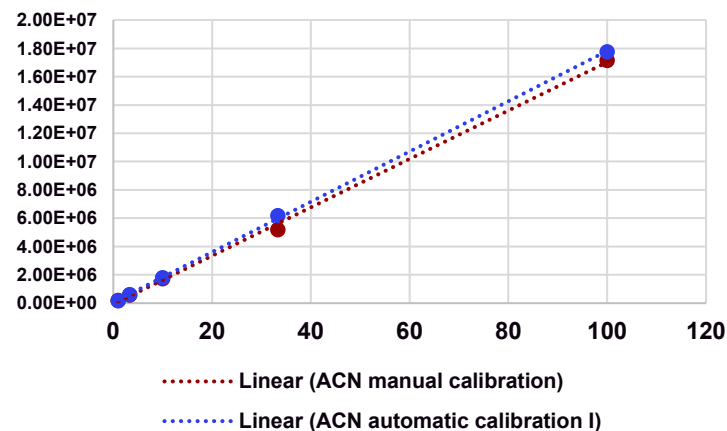
Uncertainty contribution during automatic preparation of the calibration curve



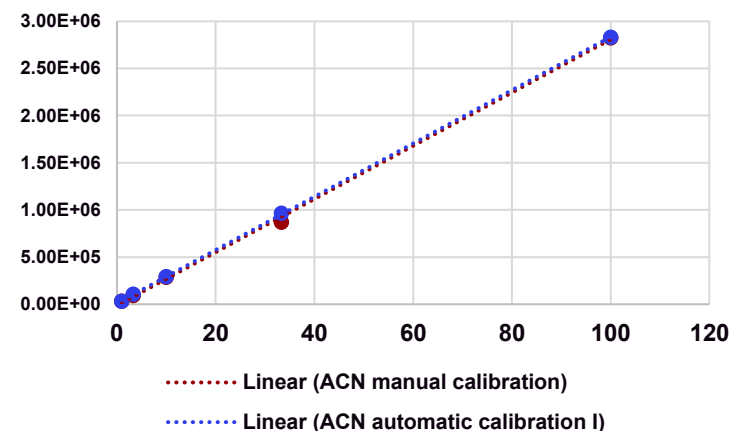
Automatic Preparation of Calibration Curve

Comparison between manually and automatic prepared calibration curves

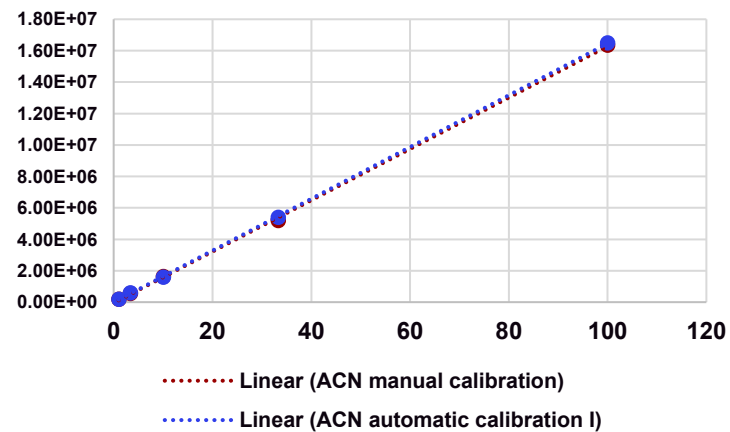
Azoxystrobin



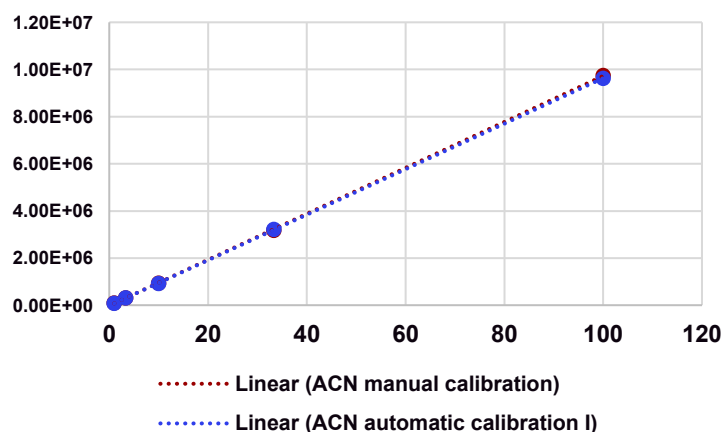
Chlorpyrifos



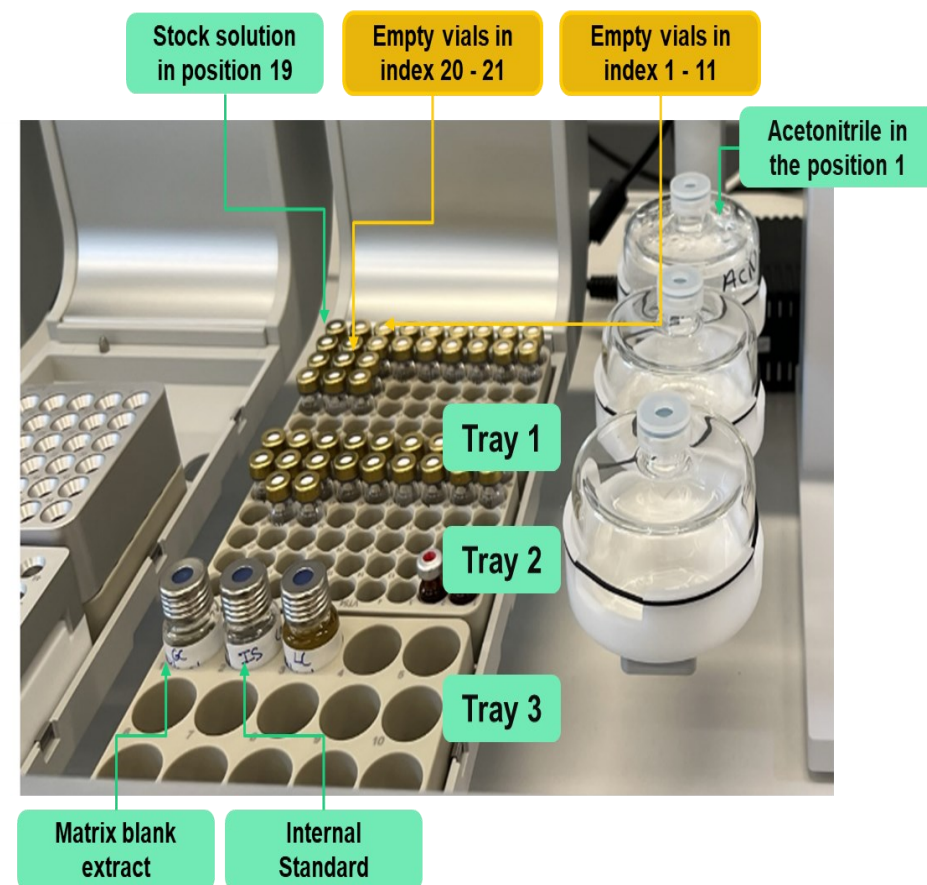
Dimethoate



Methamidophos



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Preparation of Calibration Curve

Dilution from 10 to 3000-fold were prepared by using the automatic dilution workflow starting from working solution mix (2 mg/mL-manually prepared).

Solutions with concentration 0.2, 0.06, 0.02, 0.066, 0.002 and 0.0006 mg/L, were prepared in acetonitrile (workflow design by DTU/CTC on Chromeleon software).

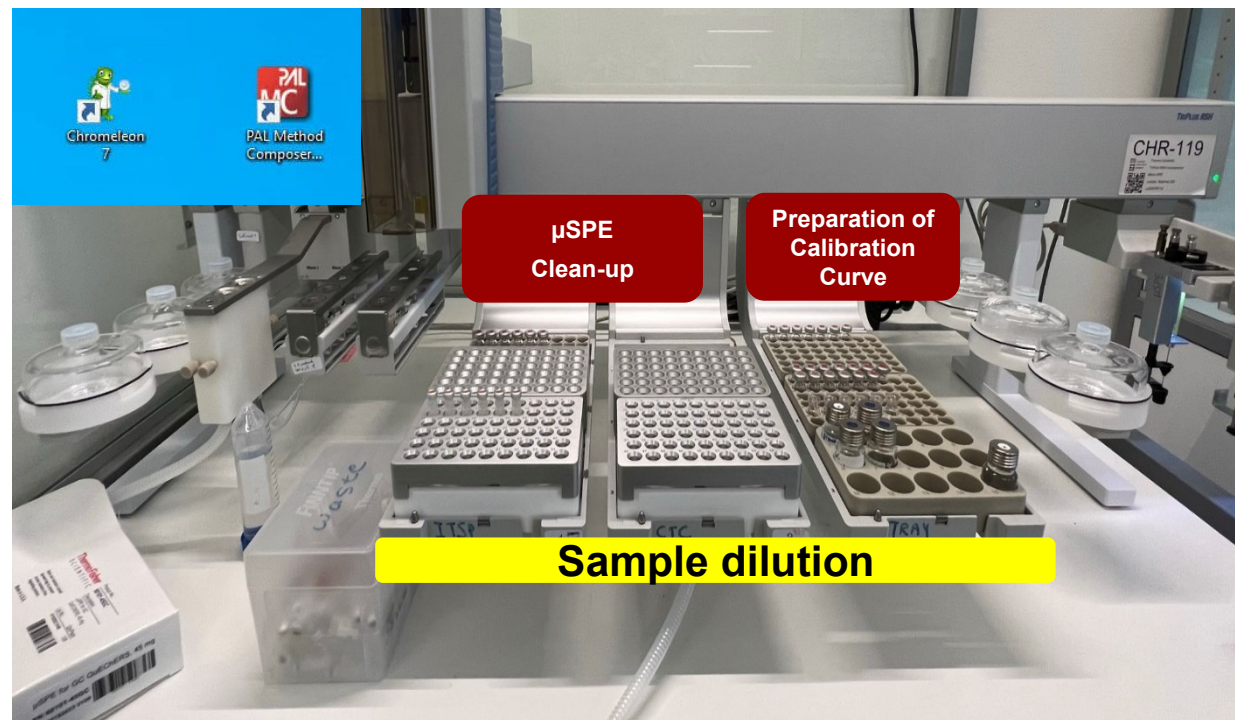
μSPE Clean-up

Blank extract was cleaned through the μSPE cartridge (workflow design by DTU/CTC on Chromeleon software).

Sample dilution

100 μl from each calibration solution was automatically diluted with 100 μl of matrix extracted previously clean through the ITSP.

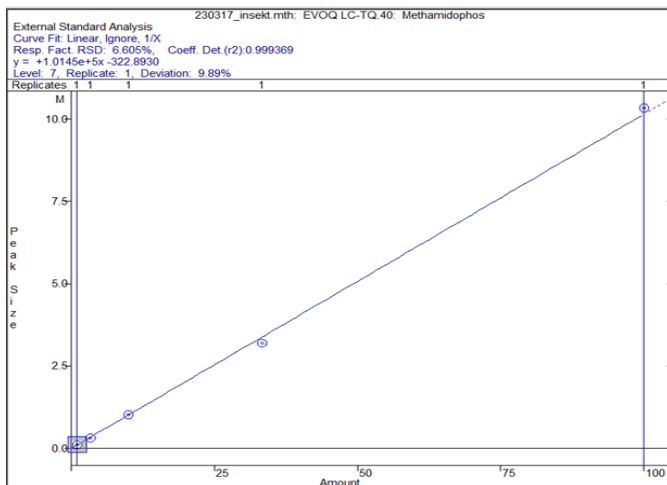
Final concentrations were 0.1, 0.033, 0.01, 0.0033, 0.001 and 0.0003 mg/L (workflow was designed by DTU user using the PAL method composer).



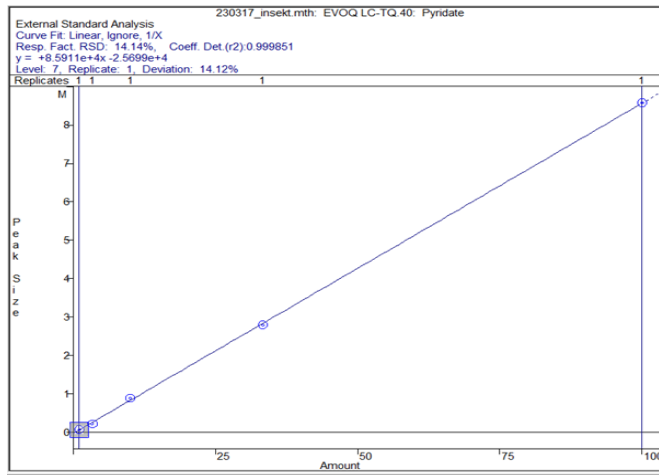
Fully automatic matrix matched calibration curve in blank matrix extract

LC

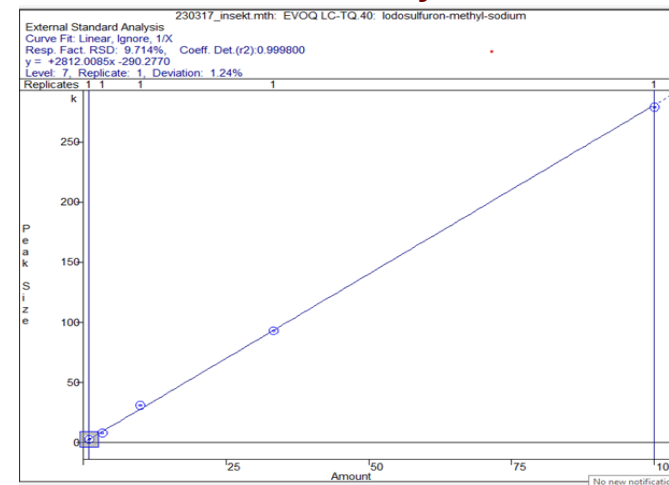
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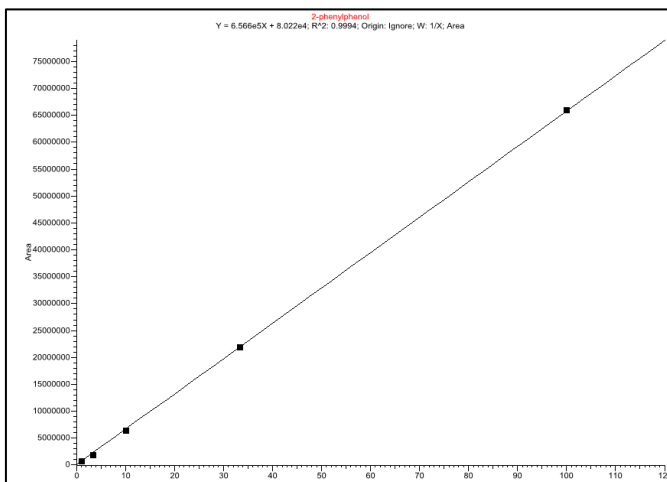
Pyridate



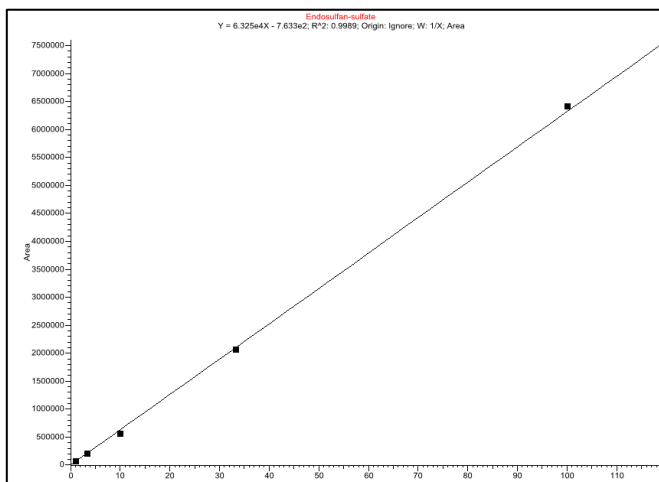
Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium



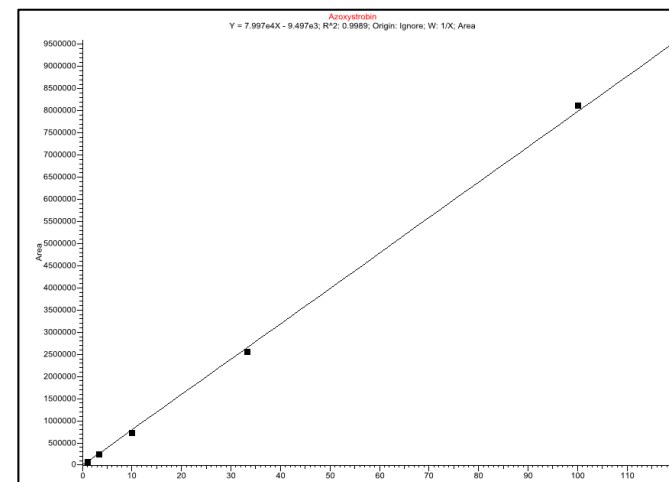
2-phenylphenol



Endosulfan-sulfate



Azoxystrobin



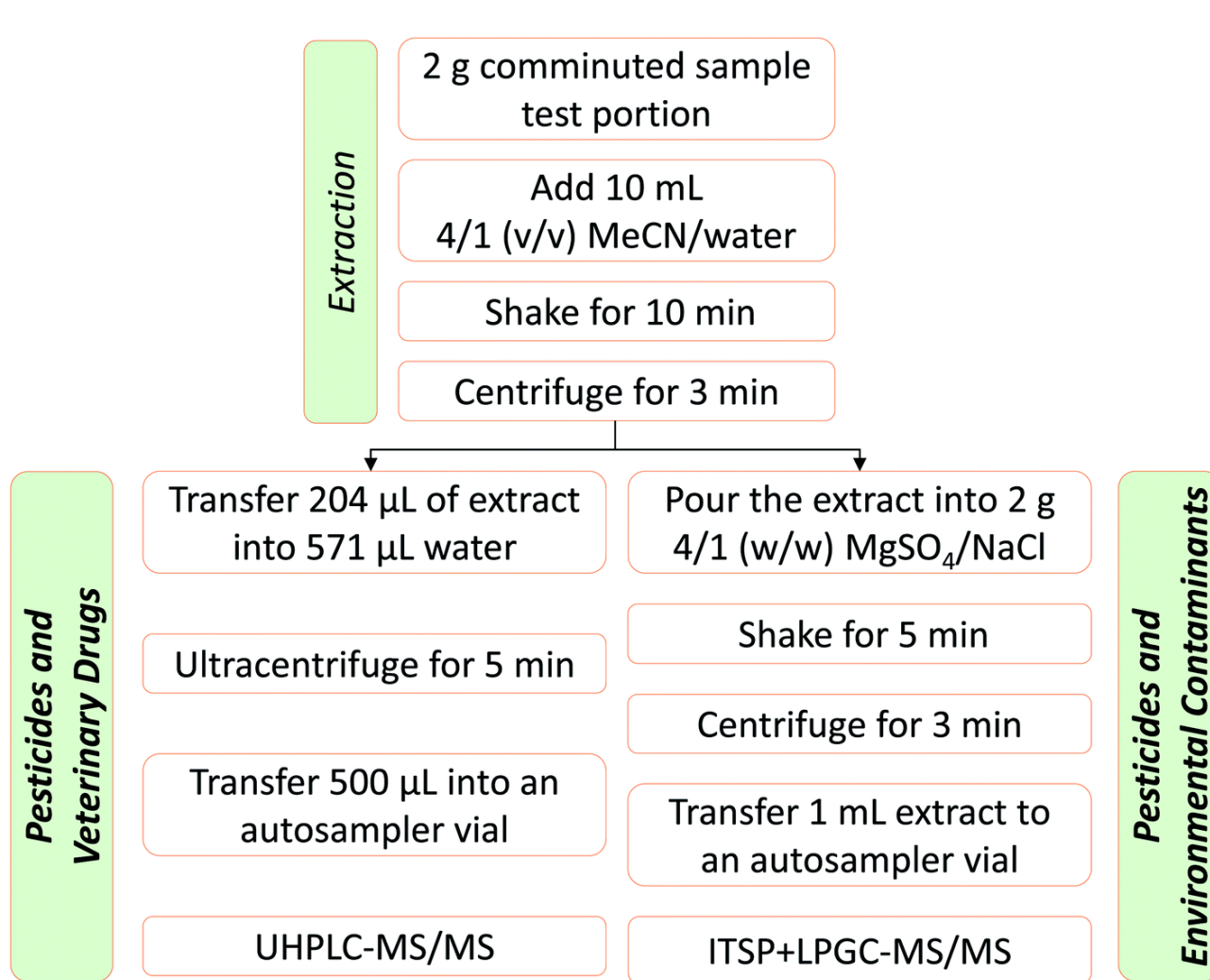
GC

Determination of pesticides in insects using automatic sample preparation



QuEChERSER method

“Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged, Safe, Efficient and Robust”.



ITSP Instrument Top Sample Preparation



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Flowchart of QuEChERSER method for determination of pesticides in insects

2 g of test portion

Add 10 ml (8/2 MeCN/H₂O)

Shake 5 min at 1000 rpm.

Centrifuge 3 min 4500 rpm.

Pure the extract into:
2 g MgSO₄/ 0.5g NaCl/ 0.5 g Na₃ citrate dihydrate and 0.25 g Na₂H citrate sesquihydrate.

Shake 5 min at 1000 rpm.

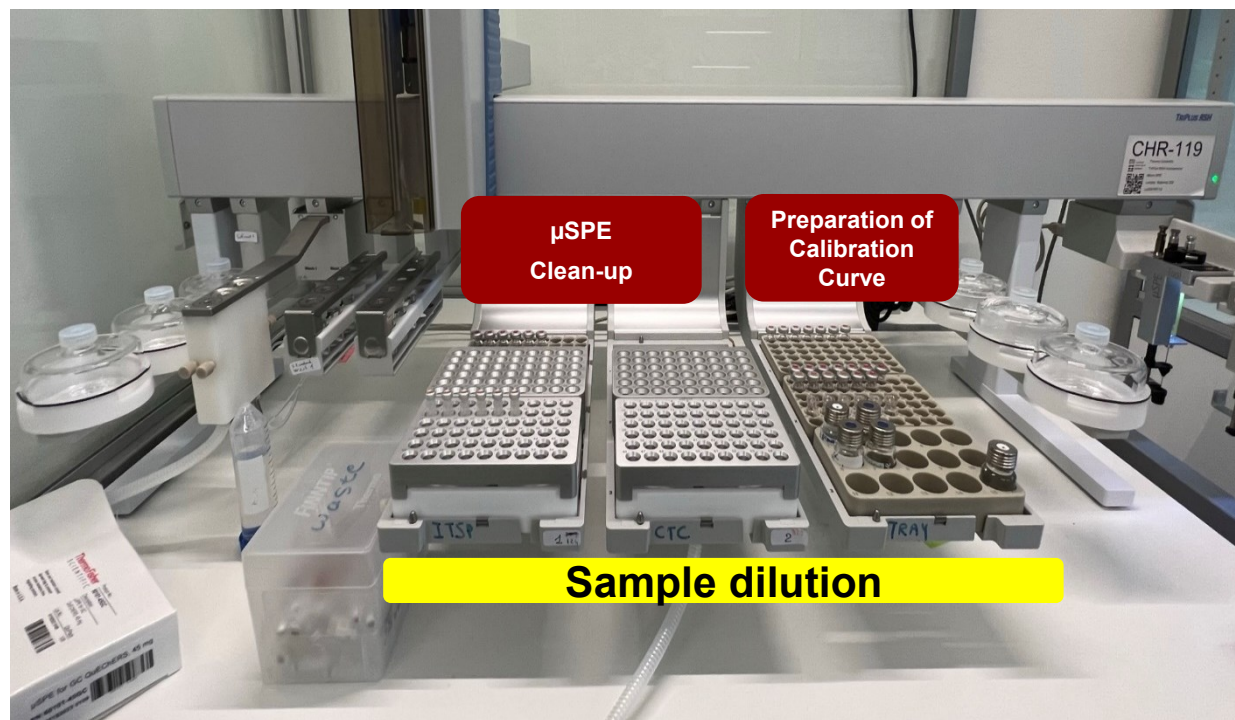
Centrifuge 3 min at 4500 rpm.

Transfer 1 mL of upper layer on an autosampler vial

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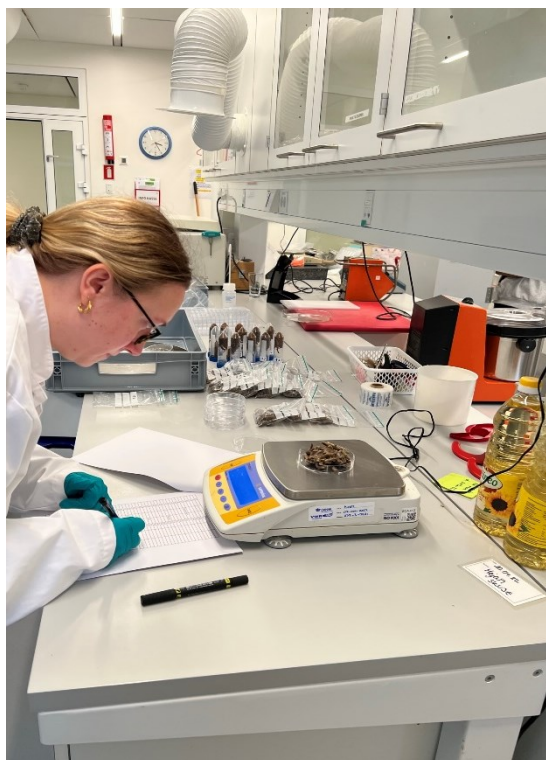
GC-MS/MS and/or LC-MS/MS

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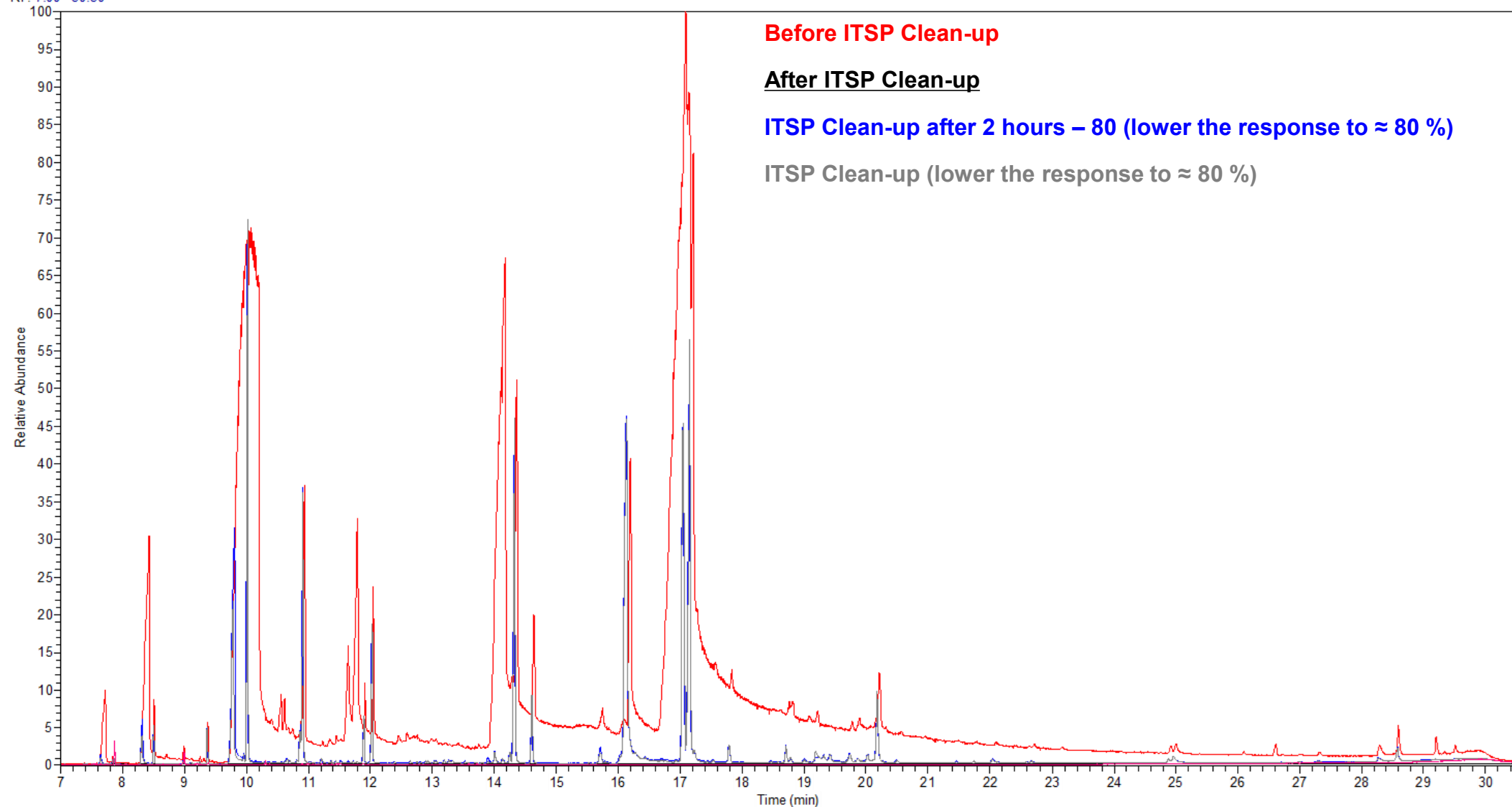
Determination of pesticides in insects - sample preparation



Freeze dry samples were homogenized in a blender in presence of dry ice.

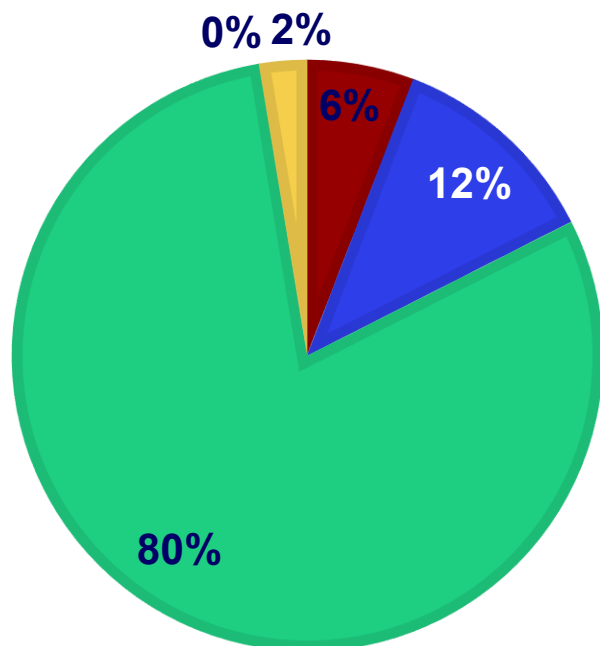
Full Scan GC-MS of insect larvae

RT: 7.00 - 30.50



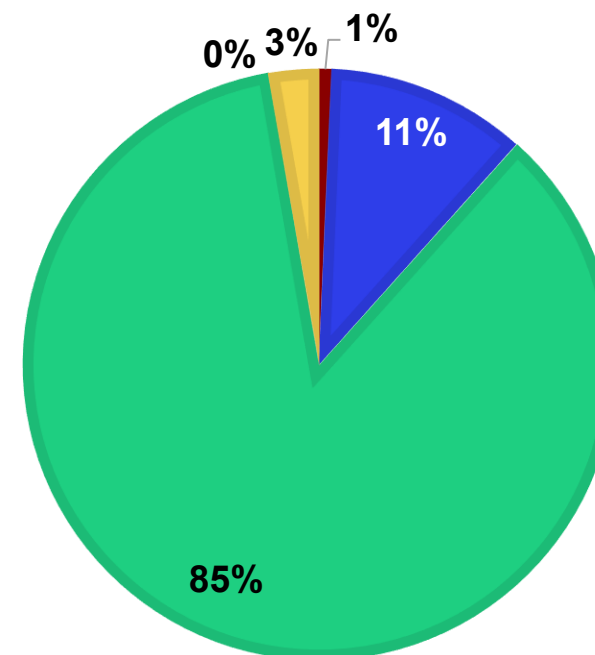
Recovery of spiked extract (50 µg/kg) before the µSPE clean up

% OF COMPOUNDS-LC



■ <40 ■ >40 <70 ■ 70-120% ■ >120 ■ Not evaluted

% OF COMPOUNDS-GC



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Compounds with low recovery (<40 %) -LC ; Bromoxynil, Fenpropidin, Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium, Metsulfuron-methyl, Propamocarb, Prosulfuron, Spinosad_A/D, Spiroamine.

Haloxifop did not pass through the µSPE column.

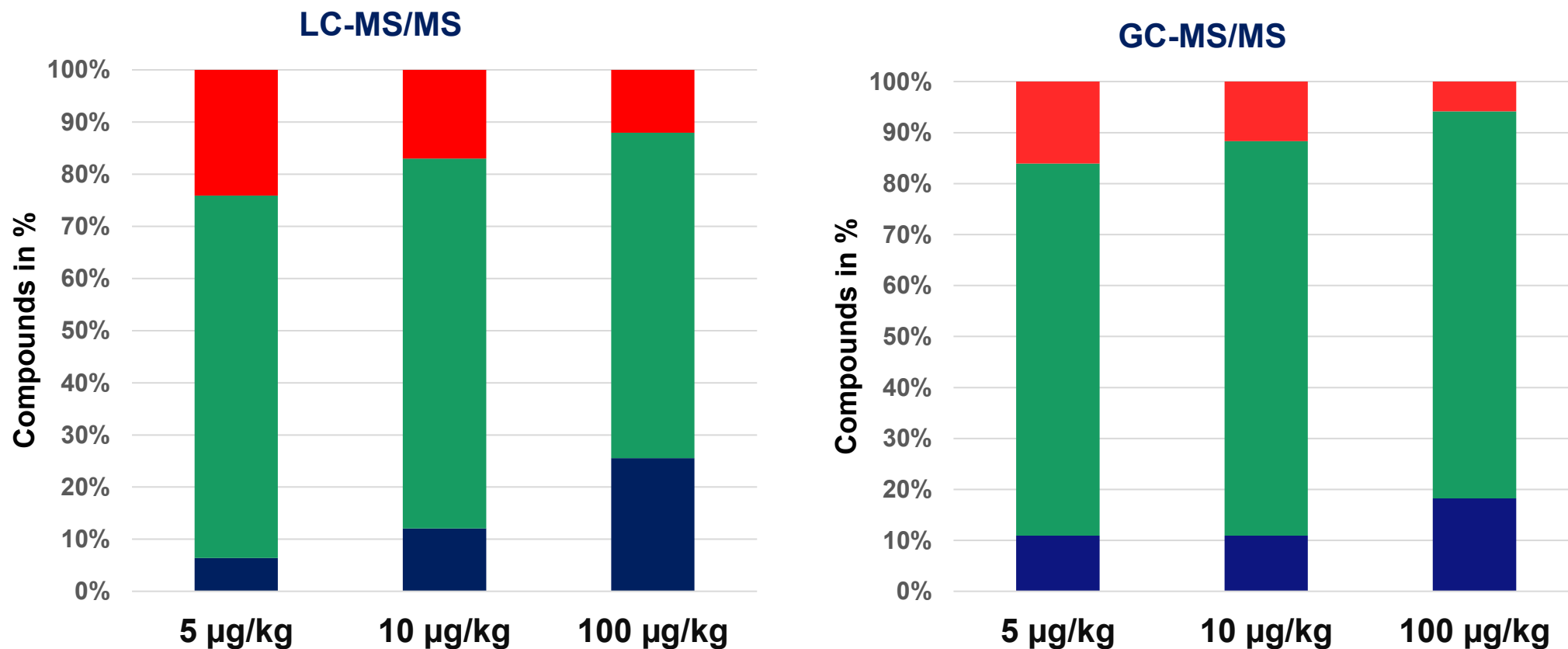
Determination of pesticides in insects - Validation design

Day	Quantitative analysis 1	BSF larvea	MO larvae	Tech	Date
1	Initial full validation	6 replicates * 3 level		1	January – April 2023
2	Initial full validation		6 replicates * 3 level	2	
3	On going validation	2 replicates * 3 level		1	
4	On going validation		2 replicates * 3 level	2	
5	On going validation	2 replicates * 3 level		3	
6	On going validation		2 replicates * 3 level	3	
7	On going validation	2 replicates * 3 level		3	
8	On going validation		2 replicates * 3 level	1	

Determination of pesticides in insects - Recovery

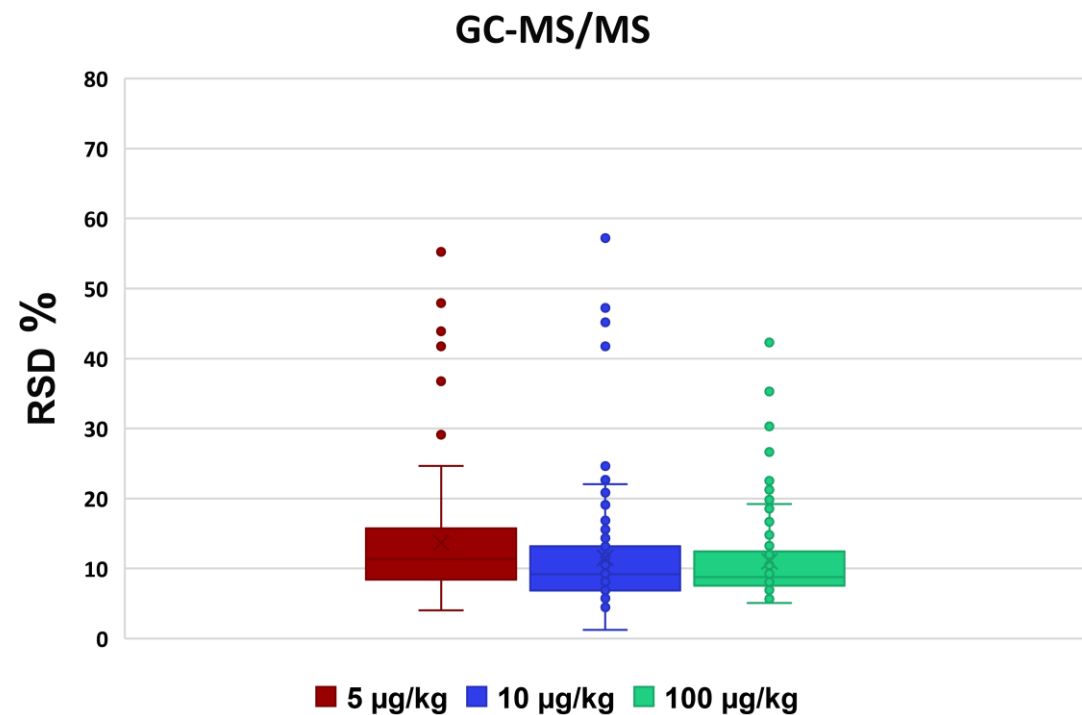
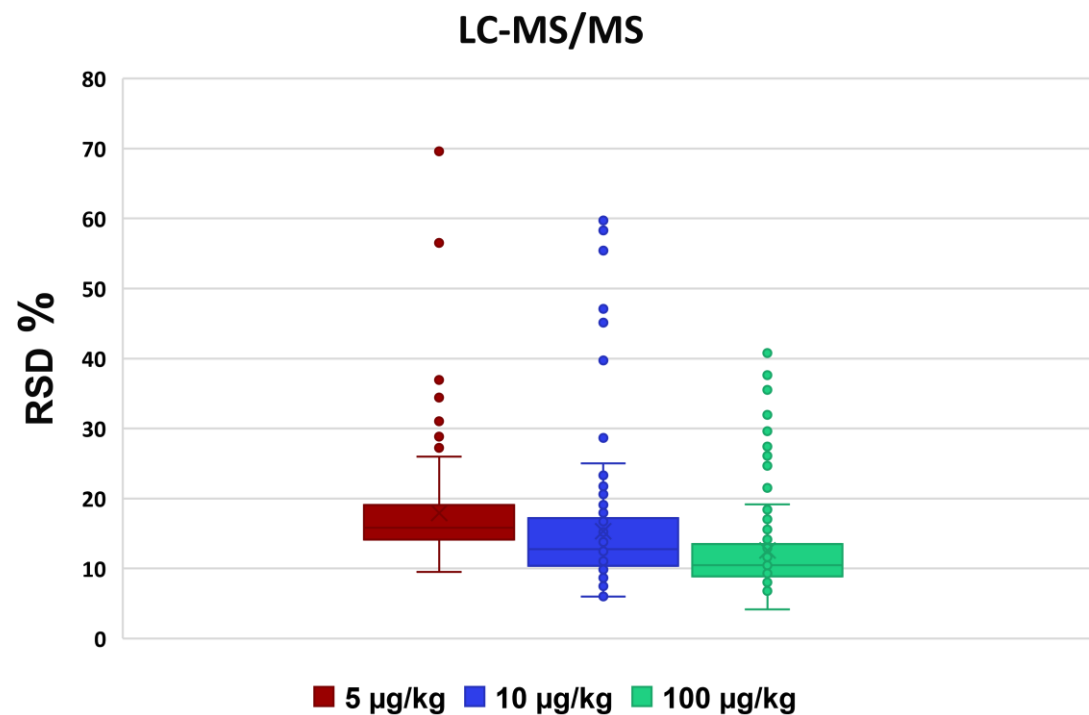
Still on going

■ <70 ■ 70-120 ■ >120 ■ Not Validated



Distribution of recoveries (at three spiking levels), for BSF and MO larvae.

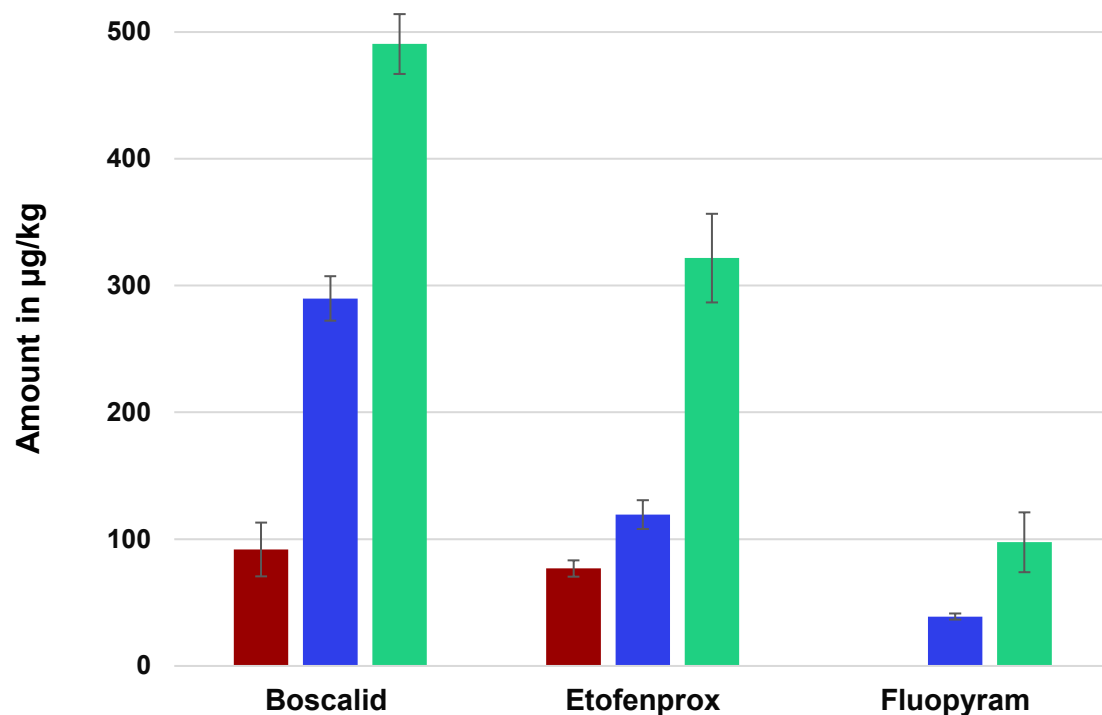
Determination of pesticides in insects - RSD



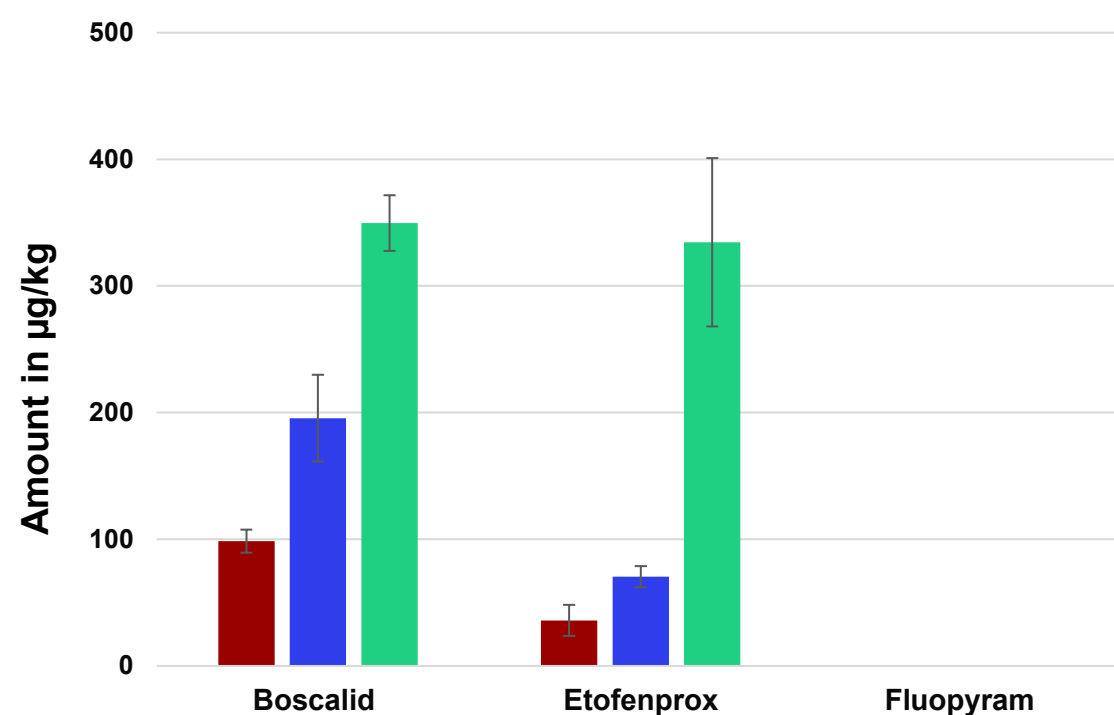
RSD % (at three spiking levels), for both BSF and MO larvae.

Determination of pesticides in insects - Samples

Pesticides concentrations in $\mu\text{g/kg}$ for MO larvae dry samples



Pesticides concentrations in $\mu\text{g/kg}$ for BSF larvae dry samples



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