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1. Aim and scope

This report describes a validation data of 50 pesticides using a multiresidue method by LC-MS/MS and GC-MS/MS in tomato, orange and avocado.

2. Short description

Homogenous sample is extracted with acetonitrile using citrate buffered and partitioning salts. The obtained extract is analysed by GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS.

3. Apparatus and consumables

- Automatic pipettes, suitable for handling volumes of 10 µL to 5000 µL and 1 mL to 5 mL
- 50 ml and 15 ml PTFE centrifuge tubes
- Vortex
- Shaker
- Centrifuge, suitable for the centrifuge tubes employed in the procedure and capable of achieving at least 3300 rpm
- Concentration workstation
- Injection vials, 2 ml, suitable for LC and GC auto-sampler

4. Chemicals

- Acetonitrile ultra-gradient
- Trisodium citrate dihydrate
- Disodium hydrogenocitrate sesquihydrate
- Sodium chloride
- Anhydrous magnesium sulphate
- Primary secondary amine (PSA)
- Supel QuE Z-Sep
- Ammonium formiate
- Ultra-pure water
- Methanol HPLC grade
- Formic acid
- Ethyl acetate
- Pesticides standards

5. Procedure

5.1. Sample preparation

Following Document No. SANTE/2017/11813, the sample was perfectly homogenised by grinding finely at its arrival to the laboratory.

5.2. Recovery experiments for method validation

The samples employed in validation studies did not contain any of the pesticides analysed.

Individual pesticide stock solutions (1000–2000 mg/L) were prepared in acetonitrile or ethyl acetate and were stored in screw-capped glass vials in the dark at -20 °C.

For spiking, 10 g representative portions of previously homogenised sample were weighed in teflon tubes, where they were fortified homogeneously with the appropriate amount of the working standard solution in acetonitrile.

The validation method was performed at two fortification levels (0.005 and 0.05 mg/Kg). Five replicates were analysed at each level.

5.3. Extraction method

1. Weigh 10 g ± 0.1 g of sample in 50 mL PTFE centrifuge tube.
2. Add 10 mL of acetonitrile and 10 µL of 10 mg/L carbendazim-d3, Malathion-d10 and TPP (procedure internal standards).
3. Shake the sample using an automatic axial shaker for 4 min.
4. Add 4 g of magnesium sulphate, 1 g of sodium chloride, 1 g of trisodium citrate dihydrate and 0.5 g of disodium hydrogenocitrate sesquihydrate.
5. Shake the samples again in the automatic shaker for 4 min.
6. Centrifuge the tubes at 3700 rpm for 5 min.
7. Transfer 5 mL of the supernatant to a 15 mL PTFE tube containing:
 - a. 750 mg magnesium sulphate and 125 mg PSA for matrices with high water content.
 - b. 750 mg magnesium sulphate and 125 mg Z-Sep for matrices with high fat content.
8. Vortex the tube for 30 sec.
9. Centrifuge the tubes at 3700 rpm for 5 min.
10. Add 40 µL of formic acid 5% in acetonitrile to option a in step 7.
11. Analysis:

- a. for LC analysis, dilute 100 mL extract with 400 mL of water containing dimethoate-d6 at 0.050 mg/L (Injection Internal Standard).
- b. for GC analysis, evaporate 50 µL extract and reconstitute with 50 µL of ethyl acetate containing lindane-d6 at 0.050 µg/mL (Injection Internal Standard).

With this treatment, 1 mL of sample extract represents 0.2 g of sample in LC and in GC the final matrix concentration is 1 g/mL.

5.4. Measurement

Both LC and GC systems were operated in multiple reaction monitoring mode (MRM). Selected reaction monitoring (SRM) experiments were carried out to obtain the maximum sensitivity for the detection of the target molecules. For confirmation of the studied compounds, two SRM transitions and a correct ratio between the abundances of the two optimised SRM transitions (SRM2/SRM1) were used, along with retention time matching. The mass transitions used are presented in Appendix I (Table 1 for LC-MS/MS and Table 2 for GC-MS/MS parameters).

5.5. Instrumentation and analytical conditions for the LC- MS/MS system

5.5.1. 1290 UHPLC (Agilent)

- Column: Zorbax Eclipse Plus C8 2.1x100 mm and 1.8 µm particle size (Agilent)
- Mobile phase A: Water (0.1% formic acid, 5mM ammonium formate, 2% MeOH)
- Mobile phase B: Methanol (0.1% formic acid, 5mM ammonium formate, 2% H₂O)
- Column temperature: 35°C
- Flow rate: 0.3 mL/min
- Injection volume: 5 µL

Mobile phase gradient for pesticides analyse

| Time [min] | Mobile phase A | Mobile phase B |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | 80% | 20% |
| 2 | 80% | 20% |
| 15 | 0% | 100% |
| 18 | 0% | 100% |

Re-equilibration with initial mobile phase: 2.5 minutes.

5.5.2. 6490 triple quadrupole system (Agilent)

- Ionisation mode: Positive mode and negative mode
- Capillary (positive and negative): 3000 V
- Nebulizer: 45 psi
- Nozzle: 400 V
- Drying gas flow: 13 L/min
- Drying gas temperature: 120°C
- Sheath gas flow: 10 L/min
- Sheath gas temperature: 375°C
- High Pressure RF (positive): 150 V
- High Pressure RF (negative): 110 V
- Low Pressure RF (positive): 60 V
- Low Pressure RF (negative): 60 V

5.6. Instrumentation and analytical conditions for the GC- MS/MS system

5.6.1. Intuvo 9000 GC system (Agilent)

- Column: 2 Planar columns HP-5MS UI (15 m long × 0.25 mm i.d. × 0.25 µm film thickness)
- Injection mode: Splitless
- Ultra-inert inlet liner with a glass wool frit from Agilent
- Injection volume: 1 µl
- Injector temperature: 80 °C hold for 0.1 min, then up to 300 °C at 600 °C/min and up to 250 at 100 °C/min.
- Carrier gas: Helium at constant flow = 1.611 mL/min column 1, 1811 mL/min column 2.
- Carrier gas purity: 99.999%
- Oven temperature: 60 °C for 0.5 min, up to 170 °C at 40 °C/min, and up to 310 °C at 10 °C/min.

5.6.2. 7410 triple quadrupole system (Agilent)

- Ionisation mode: electron impact ionisation
- Temperature of the transfer line: 280 °C
- Temperature of ion source: 280 °C
- Collision gas: nitrogen
- Collision gas purity: 99.999%
- Solvent delay: 2.6 minutes

6. Validation of the method

6.1. Recoveries and within-laboratory reproducibility

The results corresponding to the mean recovery ($n=5$) and within-laboratory reproducibility in terms of relative standard deviation (RSD_I) at two fortification levels (0.005 and 0.05 mg/kg) are summarized in Appendix II, Table 3.

Almost all the recoveries results are within the range 70-120% except ioxynil in tomato; cyflufenamid, etoxazole, lufenuron, metrafenone, propaquizafop, proquinazid, pyrethrin I, pyrethrin II, sulfoxaflor and tricyclazole in orange; and bifenazate and pyrethrin II in avocado.

6.2. Limits of quantitation

Document N° SANTE/2017/11813 defines limit of quantitation as the lowest validated spike level meeting the method performance acceptability criteria. LOQs are summarized in Appendix II, Table 4. The LOQ for 98% of the pesticides is 0.005 mg/kg in tomato, 76% in orange and 82% in avocado.

6.3. Linearity

Linearity of the MS/MS systems was evaluated by assessing the signal responses of the target analytes from matrix-matched calibration solutions prepared by spiking blank extracts at seven concentration levels, from 0.002 to 0.500 mg/L. In all cases, coefficient of determination (R^2) was higher than 0.99. Linearity ranges for all pesticides are summarized in Appendix II, Table 4.

6.4. Matrix effects

Matrix effects were assessed by comparison of the slopes of seven-point matrix-matched calibration curves with the slopes of the calibration curves in solvent. Values of matrix effects are summarized in Appendix II, Table 4.

This report aims to provide information to laboratories that analyse pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables or are interested in it.

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APPENDIX I: MASS TRANSITIONS

Table 1. Detection and chromatographic parameters for the selected compounds analysed by LC-MS/MS.

| No. | Name | t _R (min) | Cone voltage (V) | Precursor ion (m/z) | Product ion 1 (m/z) | Product ion 2 (m/z) | CE 1 (eV) | CE 2 (eV) | Polarity |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Ametoctradin | 12,92 | 380 | 276,2 | 176,1 | 149 | 35 | 35 | Positive |
| 2 | BAC10 | 11,34 | 380 | 276,2 | 184,3 | 90,8 | 20 | 25 | Positive |
| 3 | BAC8 | 9,68 | 380 | 248,3 | 156,2 | 91,2 | 15 | 35 | Positive |
| 4 | Bifenazate | 11,4 | 380 | 301,1 | 198,2 | 169,9 | 10 | 20 | Positive |
| 5 | Clomazone | 10,4 | 380 | 240,1 | 127,8 | 124,9 | 10 | 20 | Positive |
| 6 | Cyazofamid | 11,84 | 380 | 325 | 261,2 | 108,1 | 10 | 15 | Positive |
| 7 | Cyflufenamid | 12,79 | 380 | 413 | 294,9 | 240,8 | 15 | 15 | Positive |
| 8 | Emamectin benzoate B1a | 13,3 | 380 | 886,5 | 302,2 | 158,1 | 35 | 40 | Positive |
| 9 | Emamectin benzoate B1b | 13,09 | 380 | 872,5 | 157,9 | 82 | 30 | 35 | Positive |
| 10 | Etoxazole | 14,02 | 380 | 360 | 304 | 140,9 | 20 | 30 | Positive |
| 11 | Fenpyrazamine | 11,4 | 380 | 332,2 | 272,1 | 230,2 | 10 | 20 | Positive |
| 12 | Flufenacet | 11,82 | 380 | 364,1 | 194,1 | 152 | 15 | 15 | Positive |
| 13 | Fluxapyrosad | 11,3 | 380 | 381,9 | 362 | 342 | 10 | 15 | Positive |
| 14 | Ioxynil | 9,98 | 380 | 369,8 | 214,8 | 126,8 | 30 | 30 | Negative |
| 15 | Isoxaflutole | 10 | 380 | 360 | 250,9 | 219,7 | 15 | 50 | Positive |
| 16 | Lufenuron | 13,6 | 380 | 508,9 | 339 | 325,9 | 10 | 10 | Negative |
| 17 | Metrafenone | 12,72 | 380 | 409,1 | 226,9 | 209,1 | 16 | 8 | Positive |
| 18 | Penflufen | 12,28 | 380 | 318,1 | 234 | 141 | 10 | 20 | Positive |
| 19 | Propaquizafop | 13,3 | 380 | 444,1 | 371 | 99,9 | 15 | 20 | Positive |
| 20 | Proquinazid | 14 | 380 | 373 | 331 | 289,1 | 20 | 20 | Positive |
| 21 | Prothioconazole | 12,51 | 380 | 341,9 | 306,1 | 99,8 | 15 | 20 | Negative |
| 22 | Prothioconazole-desthio | 11,7 | 380 | 312,1 | 125 | 70 | 40 | 20 | Positive |
| 23 | Pyrethrin I | 14,24 | 380 | 329,21 | 143 | 161 | 20 | 5 | Positive |
| 24 | Pyrethrin II | 13,14 | 380 | 373,1 | 161 | 133 | 10 | 15 | Positive |
| 25 | Pyridalil | 15,2 | 380 | 490 | 203,9 | 108,8 | 20 | 20 | Positive |
| 26 | Quinoclamine | 7,6 | 380 | 208 | 105,1 | 77 | 25 | 40 | Positive |
| 27 | Rotenone | 11,8 | 380 | 395 | 213,1 | 192,1 | 20 | 20 | Positive |
| 28 | Spinetoram | 12,97 | 380 | 748,3 | 142 | 98,1 | 40 | 40 | Positive |
| 29 | Spirotetramat | 11,6 | 380 | 374,2 | 330,3 | 270,1 | 15 | 20 | Positive |
| 30 | Sulfoxaflor | 6,15 | 380 | 278 | 153,9 | 105,1 | 20 | 10 | Positive |
| 31 | Tricyclazole | 6,82 | 380 | 190,1 | 163 | 136,1 | 25 | 35 | Positive |
| 32 | Triticonazole | 11,68 | 380 | 318,1 | 125,2 | 70,2 | 41 | 33 | Positive |
| 33 | Tritosulfuron | 10,48 | 380 | 446 | 145 | 110 | 40 | 48 | Positive |

Table 2. Acquisition and chromatographic parameters for the selected compounds analysed by GC-MS/MS.

| No. | Name | t _R (min) | Precursor ion 1 (m/z) | Product ion 1 (m/z) | CE 1 (eV) | Precursor ion 2 (m/z) | Product ion 2 (m/z) | CE 2 (eV) |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Anthraquinone | 7,16 | 180 | 152 | 10 | 20 | 180 | 5 |
| 2 | Benalaxyil | 8,021 | 204 | 176 | 2 | 148 | 105 | 20 |
| 3 | Ethoprophos | 5,09 | 158 | 114 | 5 | 158 | 97 | 15 |
| 4 | Fluopicolide | 8,115 | 209 | 182 | 20 | 173 | 109 | 25 |
| 5 | Heptachlor endo-epoxide | 7,54 | 183 | 119 | 30 | 183 | 155 | 15 |
| 5 | Heptachlor exo-epoxide | 7,49 | 217 | 182 | 22 | 183 | 119 | 25 |
| 6 | Isopyrazam | 9,303 | 359 | 303 | 8 | 359 | 303 | 8 |
| 7 | Metconazole | 8,744 | 125 | 99 | 20 | 125 | 89 | 20 |
| 8 | Molinate | 4,492 | 187 | 126 | 3 | 126 | 55 | 12 |
| 9 | Novaluron | 3,83 | 168 | 140 | 10 | 335 | 168 | 20 |
| 10 | Penthiopyrad | 8,4 | 302 | 177 | 20 | 177 | 101 | 20 |
| 11 | Phenthroate | 6,887 | 274 | 246 | 5 | 274 | 121 | 10 |
| 12 | Picolinafen | 8,56 | 376 | 238 | 25 | 238 | 145 | 25 |
| 13 | Prothiofos | 7,295 | 309 | 239 | 15 | 309 | 221 | 25 |
| 14 | Pyriofenone | 9,08 | 350 | 320 | 15 | 365 | 350 | 5 |
| 15 | Quintozene | 5,558 | 295 | 265 | 10 | 295 | 237 | 15 |
| 16 | Tetramethrin | 8,5 | 164 | 107 | 15 | 164 | 77 | 30 |
| 17 | Triallate | 6,31 | 268 | 184 | 20 | 143 | 83 | 15 |

APPENDIX II: VALIDATION RESULTS

Table 3. Accuracy data (as % recovery) and precision data (as repeatability RSD_R, n=5) at 0.005 and 0.05 mg/kg for tomato, orange and avocado.

| No. | Compounds | Tomato | | | | Orange | | | | Avocado | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | |
| | | Recov (%) | RSD (%) |
| 1 | Ametoctradin | 103 | 5 | 102 | 3 | 100 | 4 | 115 | 3 | ND | ND | 108 | 10 |
| 2 | <i>Anthraquinone</i> | 88 | 7 | 101 | 3 | 104 | 5 | 107 | 6 | 91 | 8 | 91 | 2 |
| 3 | BAC10 | 109 | 5 | 104 | 4 | 114 | 2 | 119 | 4 | 114 | 4 | 128 | 9 |
| 4 | BAC8 | 109 | 5 | 104 | 5 | 118 | 8 | 118 | 8 | 112 | 5 | 113 | 5 |
| 5 | <i>Benalaxyil</i> | 102 | 7 | 105 | 3 | 90 | 6 | 104 | 4 | 108 | 4 | 109 | 4 |
| 6 | Bifenazate | 84 | 1 | 91 | 18 | 92 | 5 | 103 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 15 |
| 7 | Clomazone | 111 | 4 | 110 | 5 | 109 | 6 | 115 | 4 | 111 | 6 | 112 | 5 |
| 8 | Cyazofamid | 103 | 8 | 111 | 6 | 83 | 7 | 88 | 7 | 112 | 8 | 120 | 9 |
| 9 | Cyflufenamid | 102 | 4 | 110 | 4 | 33 | 10 | 28 | 4 | 112 | 18 | 120 | 7 |
| 10 | Emamectin benzoate B1a | 102 | 7 | 110 | 10 | 109 | 10 | 119 | 8 | 101 | 7 | 107 | 8 |
| 11 | Emamectin benzoate B1b | 112 | 12 | 102 | 6 | 98 | 6 | 98 | 6 | ND | ND | 102 | 6 |
| 12 | <i>Ethoprophos</i> | 92 | 5 | 100 | 5 | 102 | 11 | 107 | 6 | 101 | 3 | 101 | 0 |
| 13 | Etoxazole | 71 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 34 | 4 | 9 | 108 | 9 | 113 | 19 |
| 14 | Fenpyrazamine | 103 | 11 | 115 | 5 | 110 | 3 | 114 | 6 | 110 | 4 | 115 | 8 |
| 15 | Flufenacet | 113 | 6 | 111 | 6 | 94 | 11 | 89 | 8 | 110 | 8 | 119 | 6 |
| 16 | <i>Fluopicolide</i> | 97 | 6 | 96 | 5 | 102 | 7 | 109 | 8 | 108 | 4 | 104 | 2 |
| 17 | Fluxapyrosad | 106 | 6 | 114 | 8 | 115 | 8 | 115 | 4 | 118 | 4 | 119 | 4 |
| 18 | <i>Heptachlor endo-epoxide</i> | 109 | 9 | 106 | 5 | ND | ND | 108 | 1 | ND | ND | 100 | 6 |
| 18 | <i>Heptachlor exo-epoxide</i> | 85 | 17 | 107 | 5 | ND | ND | 107 | 2 | ND | ND | 99 | 3 |
| 19 | Ioxynil | 62 | 15 | 51 | 14 | 73 | 7 | 78 | 8 | 99 | 5 | 100 | 4 |
| 20 | <i>Isopyrazam</i> | 88 | 5 | 96 | 4 | 101 | 7 | 109 | 7 | 110 | 3 | 108 | 2 |

| No. | Compounds | Tomato | | | | Orange | | | | Avocado | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | |
| | | Recov (%) | RSD (%) |
| 21 | Isoxaflutole | 107 | 2 | 115 | 6 | 114 | 9 | 111 | 3 | 105 | 5 | 113 | 5 |
| 22 | Lufenuron | 119 | 11 | 97 | 10 | 21 | 19 | 9 | 11 | 111 | 17 | 114 | 21 |
| 23 | Metconazole | 79 | 6 | 97 | 6 | 100 | 6 | 105 | 12 | 87 | 7 | 104 | 3 |
| 24 | Metrafenone | 109 | 3 | 106 | 3 | 42 | 9 | 37 | 7 | 106 | 16 | 119 | 12 |
| 25 | Molinate | 92 | 11 | 87 | 9 | 102 | 16 | 96 | 6 | 104 | 3 | 90 | 2 |
| 26 | Novaluron | 115 | 3 | 99 | 2 | 97 | 3 | 93 | 6 | 127 | 6 | 113 | 5 |
| 27 | Penflufen | 112 | 7 | 111 | 5 | 101 | 7 | 99 | 7 | 110 | 6 | 119 | 5 |
| 28 | Penthiopyrad | 83 | 4 | 97 | 4 | 102 | 8 | 110 | 8 | 112 | 3 | 107 | 2 |
| 29 | Phenthroate | 90 | 7 | 100 | 2 | 113 | 11 | 112 | 5 | 112 | 5 | 104 | 2 |
| 30 | Picolinafen | 85 | 1 | 96 | 2 | 106 | 8 | 111 | 5 | 97 | 3 | 100 | 3 |
| 31 | Propaquizafop | 105 | 3 | 111 | 6 | 25 | 13 | 20 | 5 | 112 | 19 | 116 | 13 |
| 32 | Proquinazid | 103 | 3 | 101 | 2 | 11 | 29 | 5 | 7 | 82 | 14 | 84 | 19 |
| 33 | Prothioconazole | 101 | 10 | 108 | 7 | 74 | 13 | 66 | 4 | ND | ND | 23 | 19 |
| 34 | Prothioconazole-desthio | 101 | 10 | 108 | 7 | 100 | 4 | 100 | 2 | 120 | 6 | 113 | 8 |
| 35 | Prothifos | 87 | 4 | 94 | 2 | 101 | 9 | 111 | 5 | 76 | 4 | 79 | 3 |
| 36 | Pyrethrin I | 100 | 6 | 99 | 4 | 10 | 28 | 4 | 15 | ND | ND | 84 | 13 |
| 37 | Pyrethrin II | 99 | 8 | 109 | 6 | ND | ND | 28 | 7 | ND | ND | 129 | 11 |
| 38 | Pyridalil | 117 | 9 | 87 | 9 | ND | ND | ND | ND | 39 | 32 | 54 | 23 |
| 39 | Pyriofenone | 91 | 6 | 101 | 3 | 104 | 8 | 112 | 4 | 106 | 2 | 102 | 3 |
| 40 | Quinoclamine | 111 | 4 | 114 | 4 | 116 | 10 | 142 | 6 | 111 | 4 | 116 | 4 |
| 41 | Quintozene | 86 | 15 | 83 | 15 | 87 | 15 | 103 | 3 | 72 | 4 | 74 | 2 |
| 42 | Rotenone | 114 | 8 | 112 | 3 | 73 | 6 | 79 | 5 | 111 | 7 | 118 | 5 |
| 43 | Spinetoram | 115 | 6 | 110 | 5 | 108 | 11 | 120 | 5 | 105 | 7 | 117 | 6 |
| 44 | Spirotetramat | 98 | 3 | 93 | 4 | ND | ND | 104 | 5 | 89 | 4 | 86 | 10 |
| 45 | Sulfoxaflor | 110 | 2 | 109 | 3 | 132 | 5 | 154 | 5 | 109 | 4 | 115 | 3 |

| No. | Compounds | Tomato | | | | Orange | | | | Avocado | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | | 0.005 mg/kg | | 0.050 mg/kg | |
| | | Recov (%) | RSD (%) |
| 46 | <i>Tetramethrin</i> | 90 | 8 | 98 | 16 | 98 | 8 | 114 | 5 | 114 | 20 | 104 | 6 |
| 47 | <i>Triallate</i> | 89 | 8 | 94 | 7 | 101 | 10 | 108 | 4 | 90 | 2 | 83 | 2 |
| 48 | Tricyclazole | 107 | 1 | 107 | 2 | 115 | 6 | 119 | 5 | <u>63</u> | 5 | <u>68</u> | 7 |
| 49 | Triticonazole | 104 | 6 | 120 | 4 | ND | ND | 113 | 6 | 113 | 6 | 117 | 10 |
| 50 | Tritosulfuron | 87 | 5 | 86 | 5 | 78 | 8 | 92 | 2 | ND | ND | 109 | 6 |

In bold, pesticides analysed by LC-MS/MS

In italic, pesticides analysed by GC-MS/MS

ND: Not Detected

Underlined, pesticides with recovery lower than 70%.

Table 4. Limits of quantification, linearity range, coefficient of determination and matrix effects for the selected matrices studied. Negative values of matrix effects mean suppression of the signal, and positive values, enhancement.

| No. | Compound | LOQ (mg/kg) | | | Linear Range (mg/kg) | | | | R ² | | | Matrix effects (%) | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|---------|--------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Solvent | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado |
| 1 | Ametoctradin | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9988 | 0.9978 | 0.9993 | -7 | -22 | -15 |
| 2 | <i>Anthraquinone</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9996 | 0.9999 | 0.9995 | 15 | 94 | 75 |
| 3 | BAC10 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9955 | 0.9997 | -17 | -21 | -14 |
| 4 | BAC8 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9994 | 0.9977 | 0.9991 | -7 | -25 | -4 |
| 5 | <i>Benalaxyil</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9997 | 0.9994 | 58 | 44 | 26 |
| 6 | Bifenazate | 0.005 | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9997 | 0.9988 | 0.9982 | -10 | -32 | -53 |
| 7 | Clomazone | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9997 | 0.9994 | 0.9998 | -11 | -28 | -16 |
| 8 | Cyazofamid | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9962 | 0.9977 | 0.9996 | -17 | -25 | -25 |
| 9 | Cyflufenamid | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9987 | 0.9970 | 0.9993 | -3 | -11 | -13 |
| 10 | Emamectin benzoate B1a | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9993 | 0.9992 | 0.9998 | -8 | -11 | -6 |
| 11 | Emamectin benzoate B1b | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.9994 | 0.9977 | 0.9999 | -8 | -18 | -11 |
| 12 | <i>Ethoprophos</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9997 | 0.9997 | 0.9988 | 35 | 94 | 58 |
| 13 | Etoxazole | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9992 | 0.9954 | 0.9963 | 0 | -24 | -27 |
| 14 | Fenpyrazamine | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9999 | 0.9999 | 0.9998 | -12 | -22 | -15 |
| 15 | Flufenacet | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9981 | 0.9995 | 0.9995 | -12 | -18 | -12 |
| 16 | <i>Fluopicolide</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 1.0000 | 0.9999 | 0.9994 | 87 | 121 | 84 |
| 17 | Fluxapyrosad | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9990 | 0.9997 | 0.9987 | -4 | -18 | -6 |
| 18 | <i>Heptachlor endo-epoxide</i> | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.9994 | 0.9991 | 0.9998 | 21 | 26 | 15 |
| 18 | <i>Heptachlor exo-epoxide</i> | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9982 | 0.9992 | 24 | 22 | 15 |
| 19 | loxynil | 0.005* | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9995 | 0.9984 | 0.9995 | -8 | -13 | -10 |
| 20 | <i>Isopyrazam</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9980 | 0.9999 | 0.9994 | 37 | 116 | 80 |
| 21 | Isoxaflutole | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9992 | 0.9990 | 0.9981 | 2 | -46 | 11 |
| 22 | Lufenuron | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9924 | 0.9997 | 0.9979 | -29 | 10 | -15 |

| No. | Compound | LOQ (mg/kg) | | | Linear Range (mg/kg) | | | | R ² | | | Matrix effects (%) | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|---------|--------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Solvent | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado |
| 23 | <i>Metconazole</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9987 | 0.9997 | 0.9989 | 24 | 88 | 16 |
| 24 | Metrafenone | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9983 | 0.9998 | 0.9966 | -9 | -11 | -21 |
| 25 | <i>Molinate</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9997 | 0.9974 | 25 | 50 | 43 |
| 26 | <i>Novaluron</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9996 | 0.9992 | 66 | 38 | 56 |
| 27 | Penflufen | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9959 | 0.9995 | 0.9972 | -8 | -14 | -15 |
| 28 | <i>Penthiopyrad</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9992 | 0.9998 | 0.9992 | 27 | 114 | 96 |
| 29 | <i>Phenthroate</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.050-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9980 | 0.9997 | 0.9996 | 53 | 149 | 130 |
| 30 | <i>Picolinafen</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9999 | 0.9998 | 0.9992 | 21 | 76 | 53 |
| 31 | Propaquizafop | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9964 | 0.9997 | 0.9995 | -3 | -2 | -14 |
| 32 | Proquinazid | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9987 | 0.9984 | 0.9997 | -18 | -20 | -14 |
| 33 | Prothioconazole | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.9992 | 1.0000 | 0.9974 | -2 | 6 | -62 |
| 34 | Prothioconazole-desthio | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9930 | 0.9942 | 0.9953 | -6 | -22 | -26 |
| 35 | <i>Prothifos</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9992 | 0.9997 | 0.9998 | 35 | 67 | 52 |
| 36 | Pyrethrin I | 0.005 | n.f.r. | 0.05 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.2 | 0.9988 | 0.9997 | 0.9987 | -21 | -26 | -24 |
| 37 | Pyrethrin II | 0.005 | n.f.r. | n.f.r. | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9993 | 0.9996 | 0.9954 | -12 | -9 | -23 |
| 38 | Pyridalil | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9996 | 1.0000 | 0.9999 | 326 | 277 | 193 |
| 39 | <i>Pyriofenone</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9999 | 0.9988 | 28 | 46 | 27 |
| 40 | Quinoclamine | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9999 | 0.9999 | 0.9999 | -6 | -36 | -20 |
| 41 | <i>Quintozene</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9980 | 0.9988 | 1.0000 | 30 | 77 | 61 |
| 42 | Rotenone | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9981 | 0.9977 | 0.9999 | -5 | -13 | -17 |
| 43 | Spinetoram | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9997 | 0.9998 | 0.9995 | -14 | -24 | -19 |
| 44 | Spirotetramat | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.050-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9979 | 0.9994 | 0.9999 | -10 | -21 | 10 |
| 45 | Sulfoxaflor | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 1.0000 | 0.9989 | 1.0000 | -8 | -36 | -13 |
| 46 | <i>Tetramethrin</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9995 | 0.9999 | 0.9997 | 57 | 137 | 58 |
| 47 | <i>Triallate</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9995 | 0.9998 | 0.9993 | 20 | 43 | 40 |
| 48 | Tricyclazole | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005* | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.002-0.5 | 0.9998 | 0.9998 | 0.9998 | -11 | -72 | -15 |

| No. | Compound | LOQ (mg/kg) | | | Linear Range (mg/kg) | | | R ² | | | Matrix effects (%) | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Solvent | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado | Tomato | Orange | Avocado |
| 49 | Triticonazole | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.005 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.9988 | 0.9988 | 0.9999 | -7 | -27 | -12 |
| 50 | Tritosulfuron | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.005-0.5 | 0.010-0.5 | 0.9995 | 0.9993 | 0.9997 | -6 | 17 | 11 |

In bold, pesticides analysed by LC-MS/MS

In italic, pesticides analysed by GC-MS/MS

* Lowest spike level detectable with good precision, but recovery <70%

n.f.r.: not fulfilling requirements for quantitative method (Recovery < 30 %)