



Synthetic cannabinoids: analytical methods

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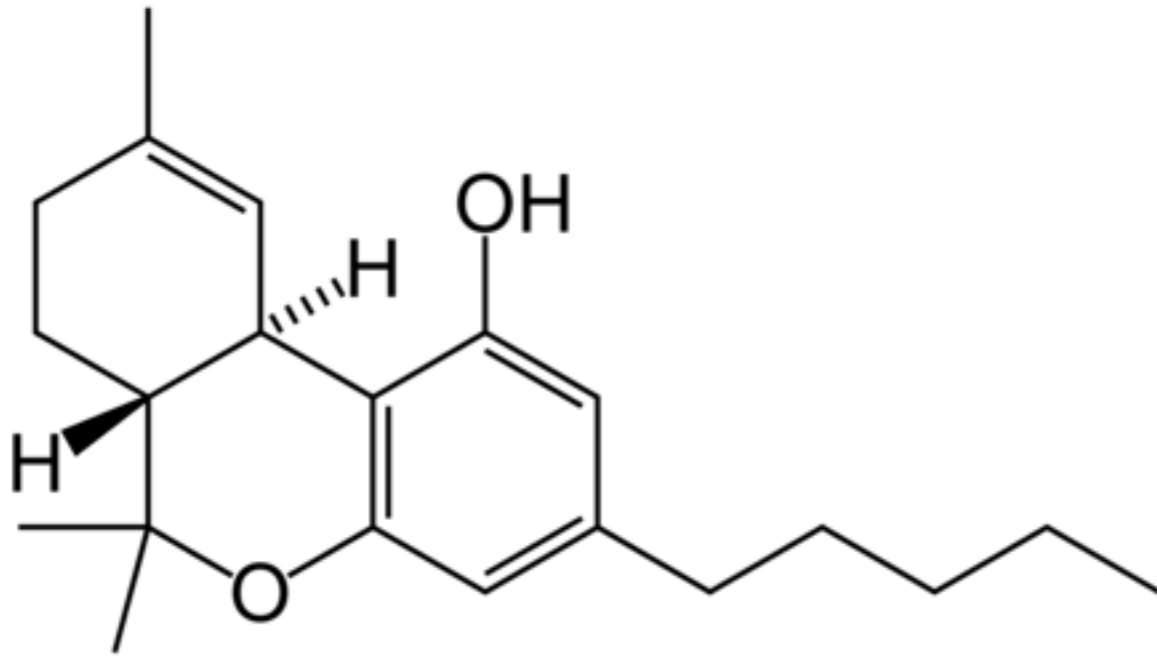
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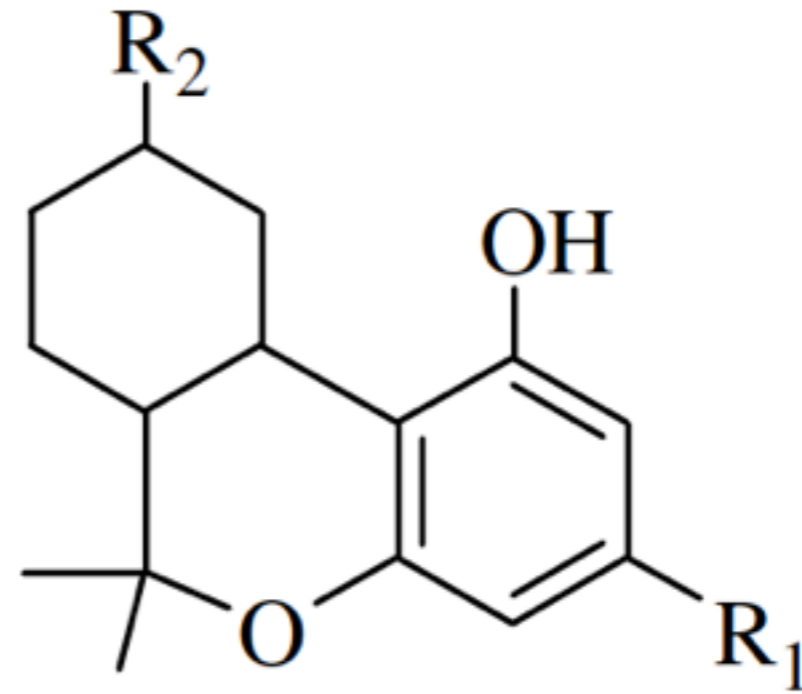
The term « **synthetic cannabinoids** » covers all synthetic substances binding to one of the two known cannabinoids receptors (CB1 or CB2) and their structural/chemical analogues:

- Classical cannabinoids
- Nonclassical cannabinoids
- Aminoalkylindoles
- Eicosanoids
- Others

■ Classical cannabinoids

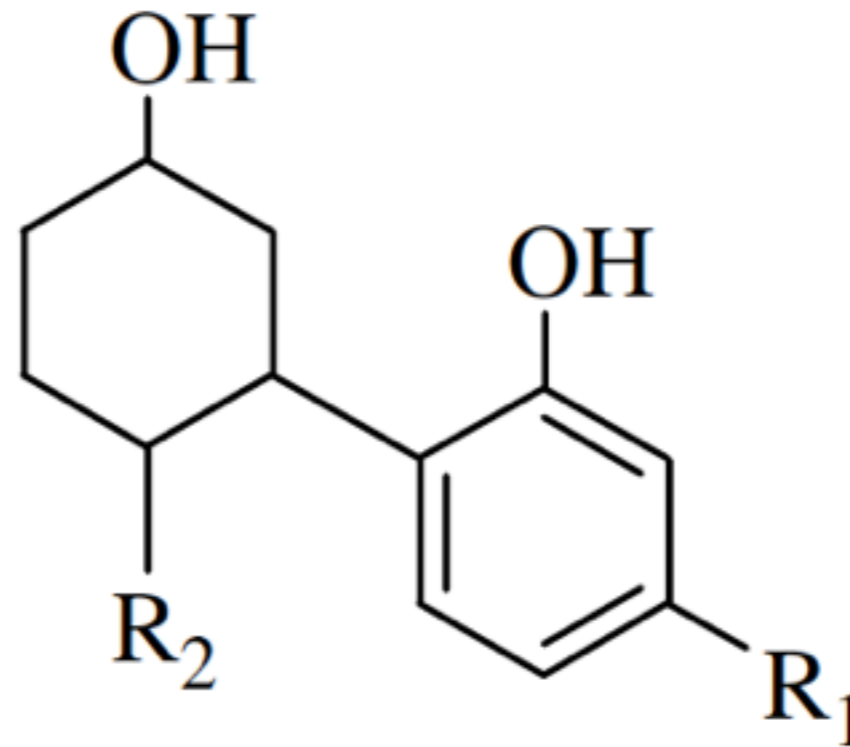


THC



HU-210	R ₁ = 1,1 dimethylheptyl R ₂ = hydroxymethyl
Nabilone	R ₁ = 1,1 dimethylheptyl R ₂ = keto

■ Cyclohexylphenols



CP47,497

R₁ = 1,1 dimethylheptyl

Cannibicyclohexanol

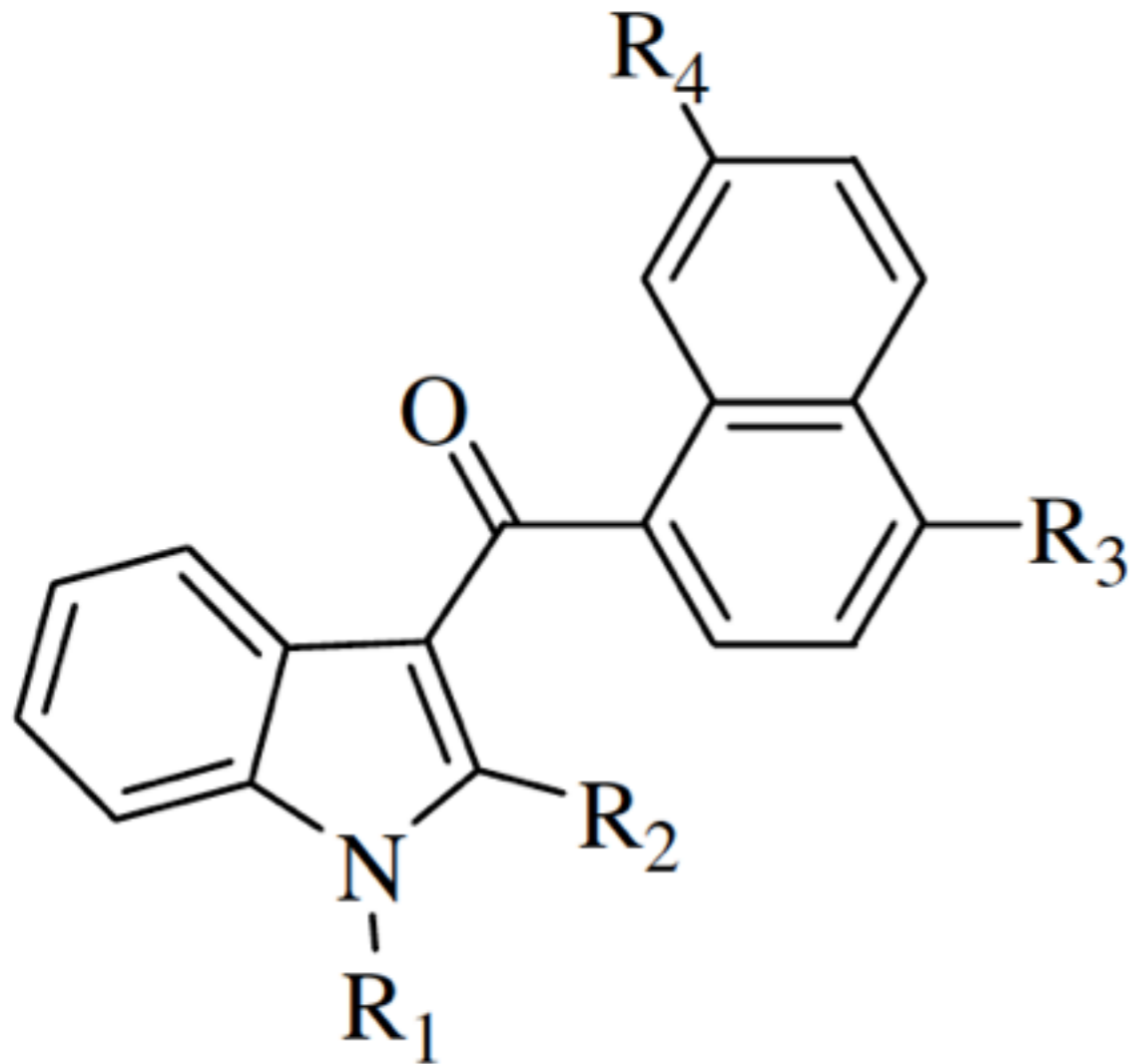
R₁ = 1,1 dimethyloctyl

CP55,940

R₁ = 1,1 dimethylheptyl

R₂ = hydroxypropyl

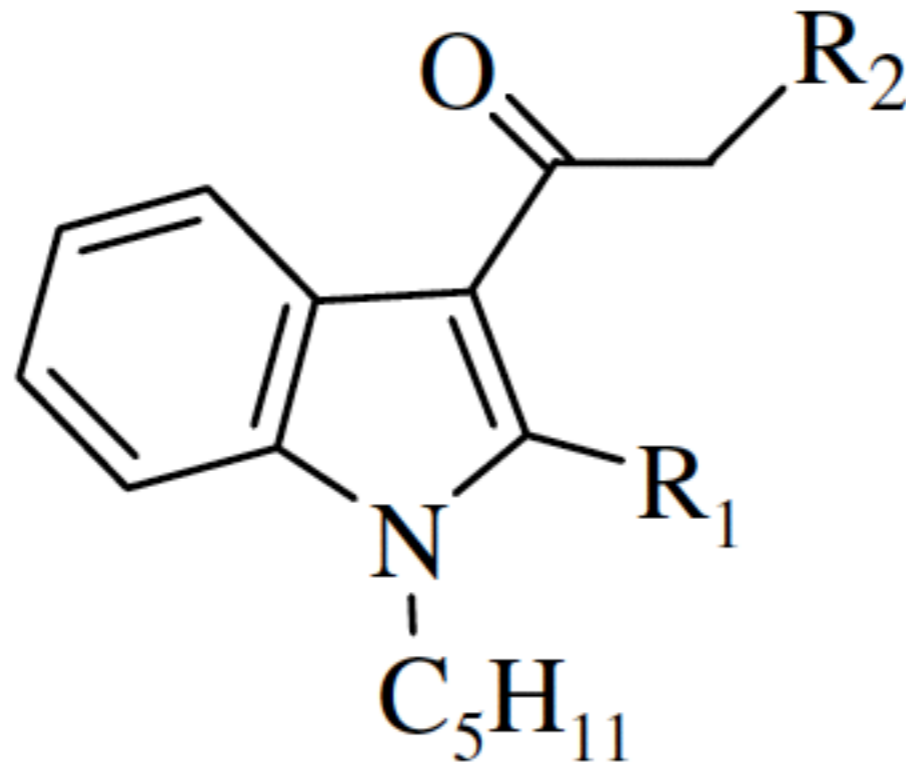
■ Naphtoylindoles



JWH-015	R ₁ = propyl	R ₂ = methyl
JWH-018	R ₁ = pentyl	
JWH-019	R ₁ = hexyl	
JWH-073	R ₁ = butyl	
JWH-081	R ₁ = pentyl	R ₃ = methoxy
JWH-122	R ₁ = pentyl	R ₃ = methyl
JWH-200	R ₁ = morpholinylethyl	
JWH-210	R ₁ = pentyl	R ₃ = ethyl
JWH-387	R ₁ = pentyl	R ₃ = Br
JWH-398	R ₁ = pentyl	R ₃ = Cl

(R=H unless specified)

■ Phenyacetylindoles



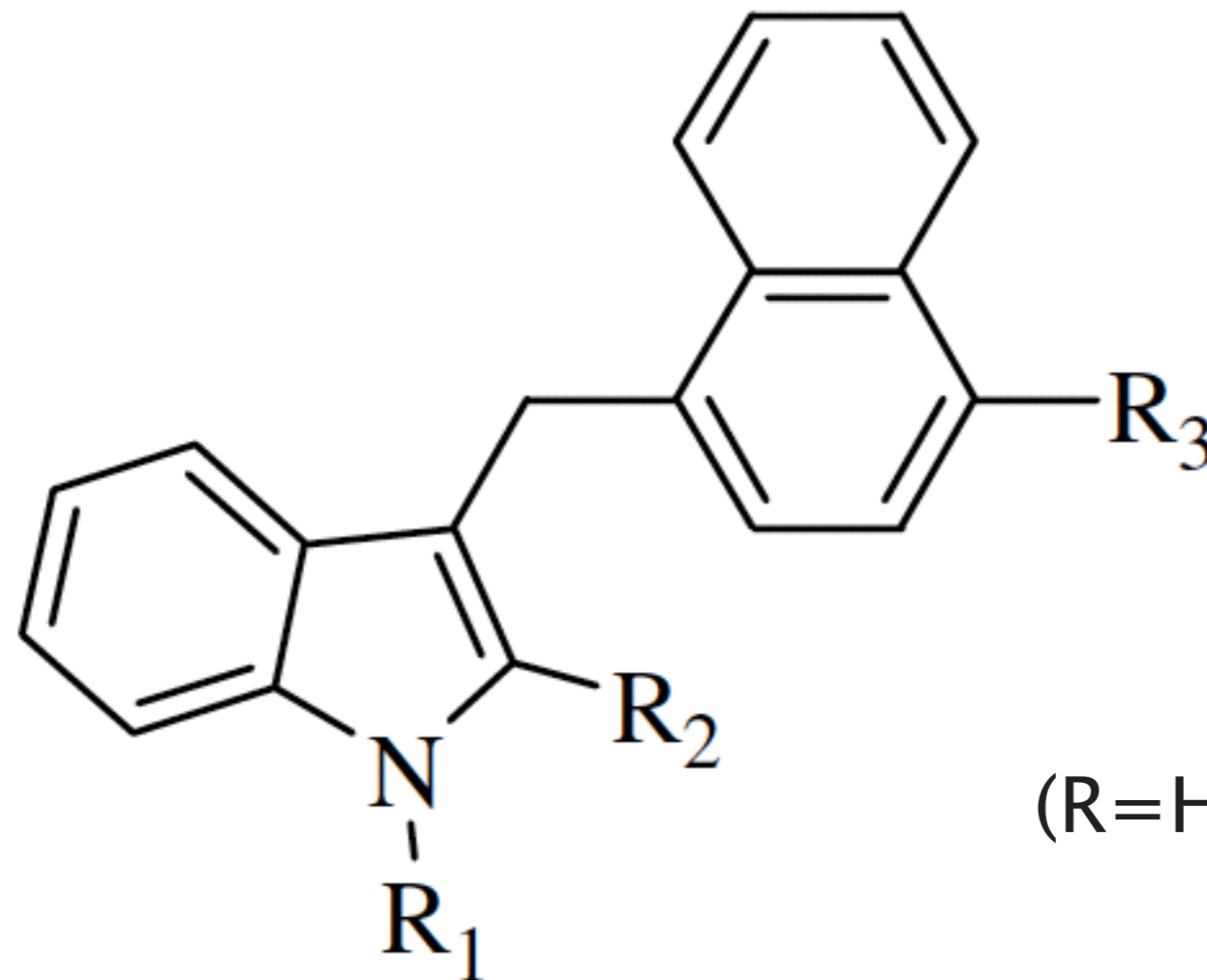
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JWH-250 R_2 = methoxyphenyl

JWH-253 R_1 = methyl

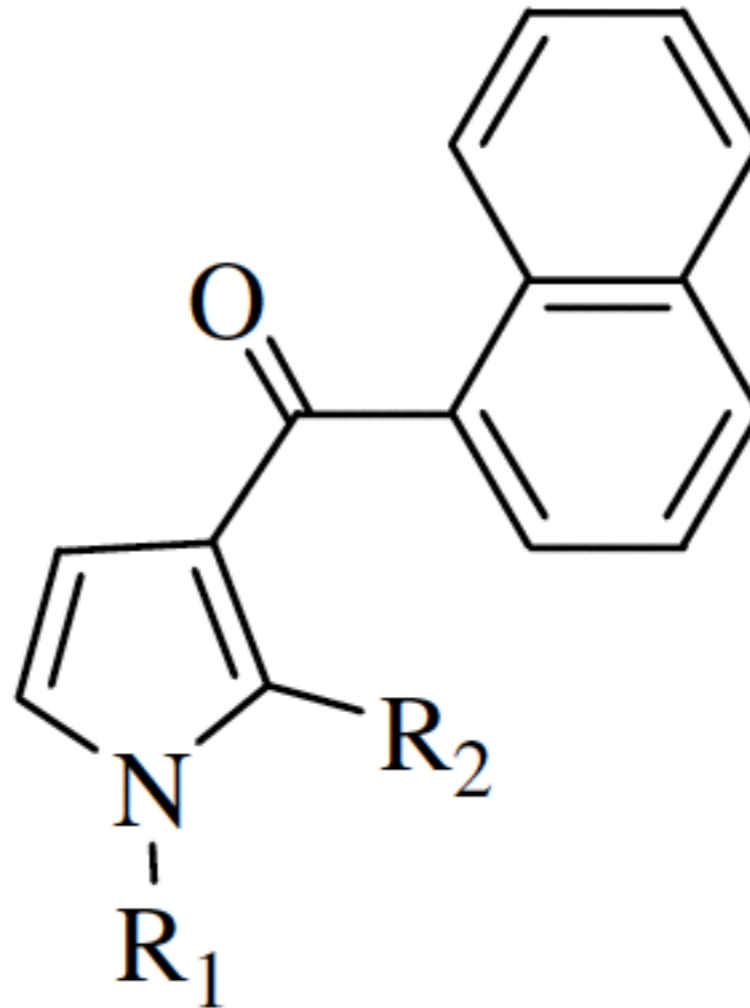
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■ Naphtylmethylindoles



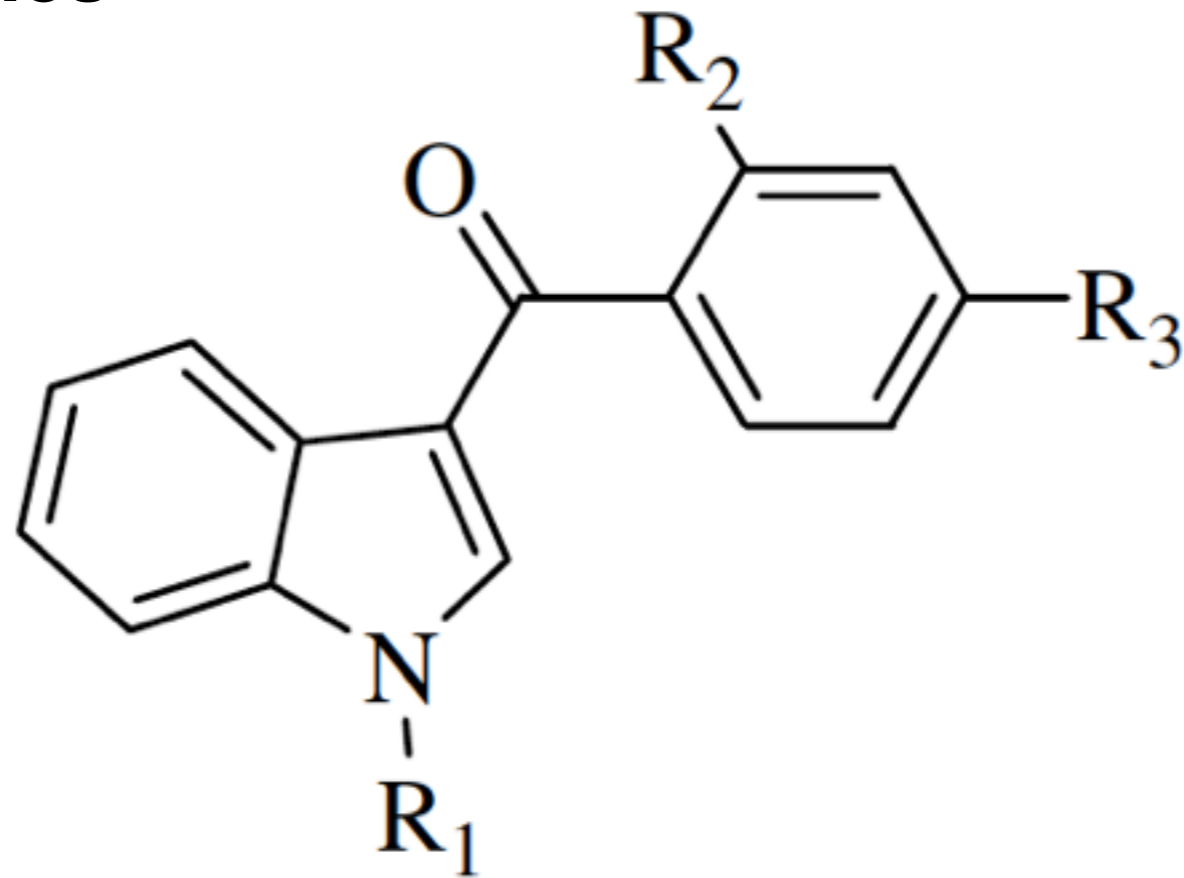
JWH-184 $R_1 = \text{pentyl}$ $R_3 = \text{methyl}$

■ Naphtoylpyrroles



JWH-146 R₁ = heptyl R₂ = phenyl

■ Benzoylindoles



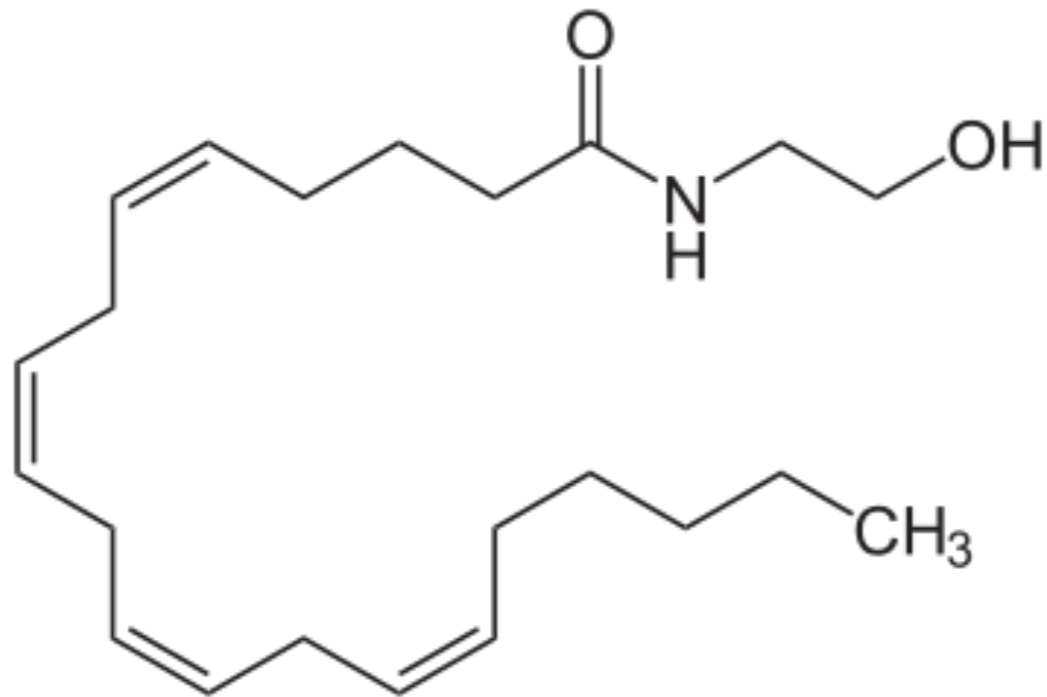
AM-694 R₁ = 5-fluoropentyl

R₂ = I

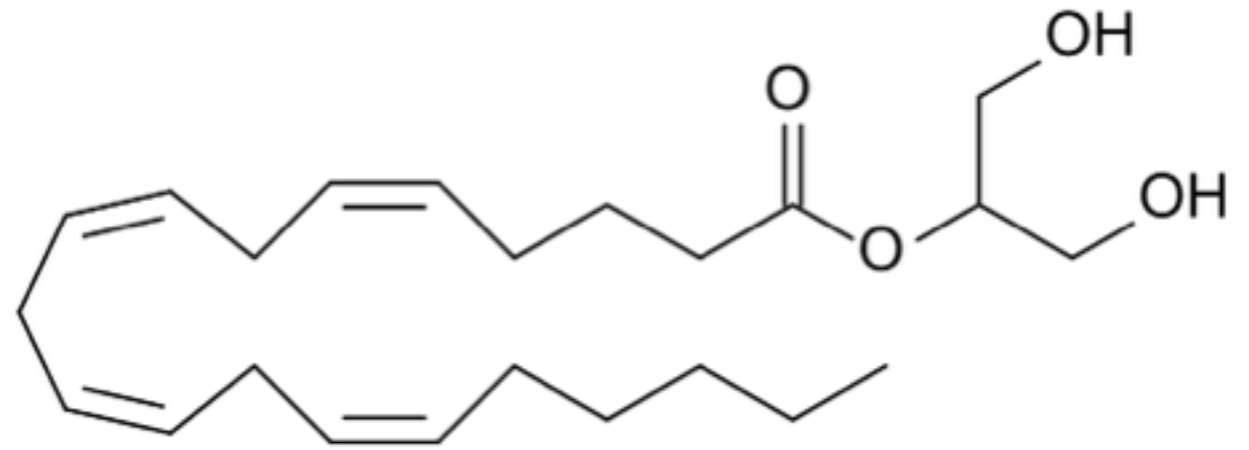
RCS-4 R₁ = pentyl

R₃ = methoxy

■ Eicosanoids



anandamide



2-arachidonoylglycerol

**NON-BIOLOGICAL
MATERIAL**



**HERBAL
BLENDS**



**BULK
POWDERS**

ORAL FLUID



HAIR



**BLOOD /
SERUM**



URINE



**BIOLOGICAL
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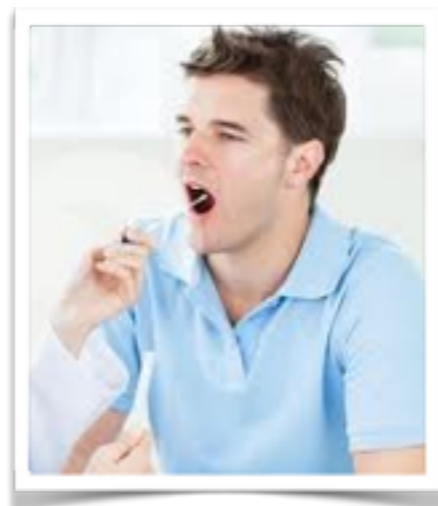
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Reference material

- Reliable identification and particularly quantification of synthetic cannabinoids in herbal products and their metabolites in biological specimens of users requires the use of **reference material**.
- However, due to the immense variety of synthetic cannabinoids in the market, reference material for **most of these compounds is currently unavailable**.

Reference material



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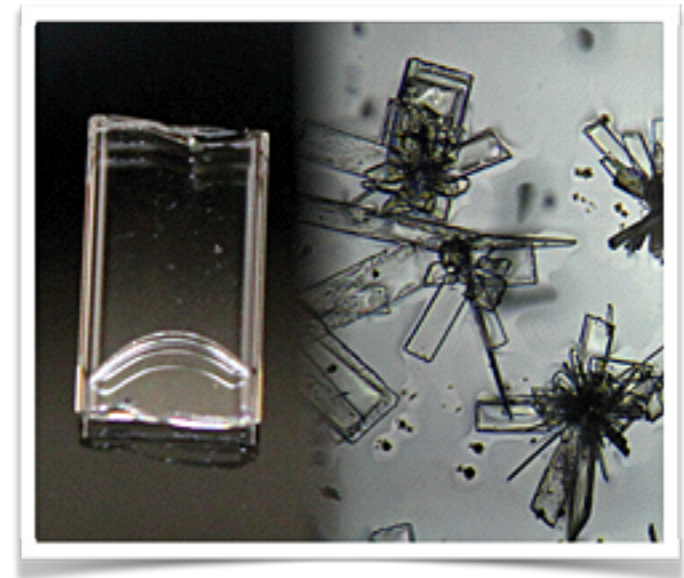
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Presumptive test

COLOUR
TESTS



MICROCRYSTAL
TESTS



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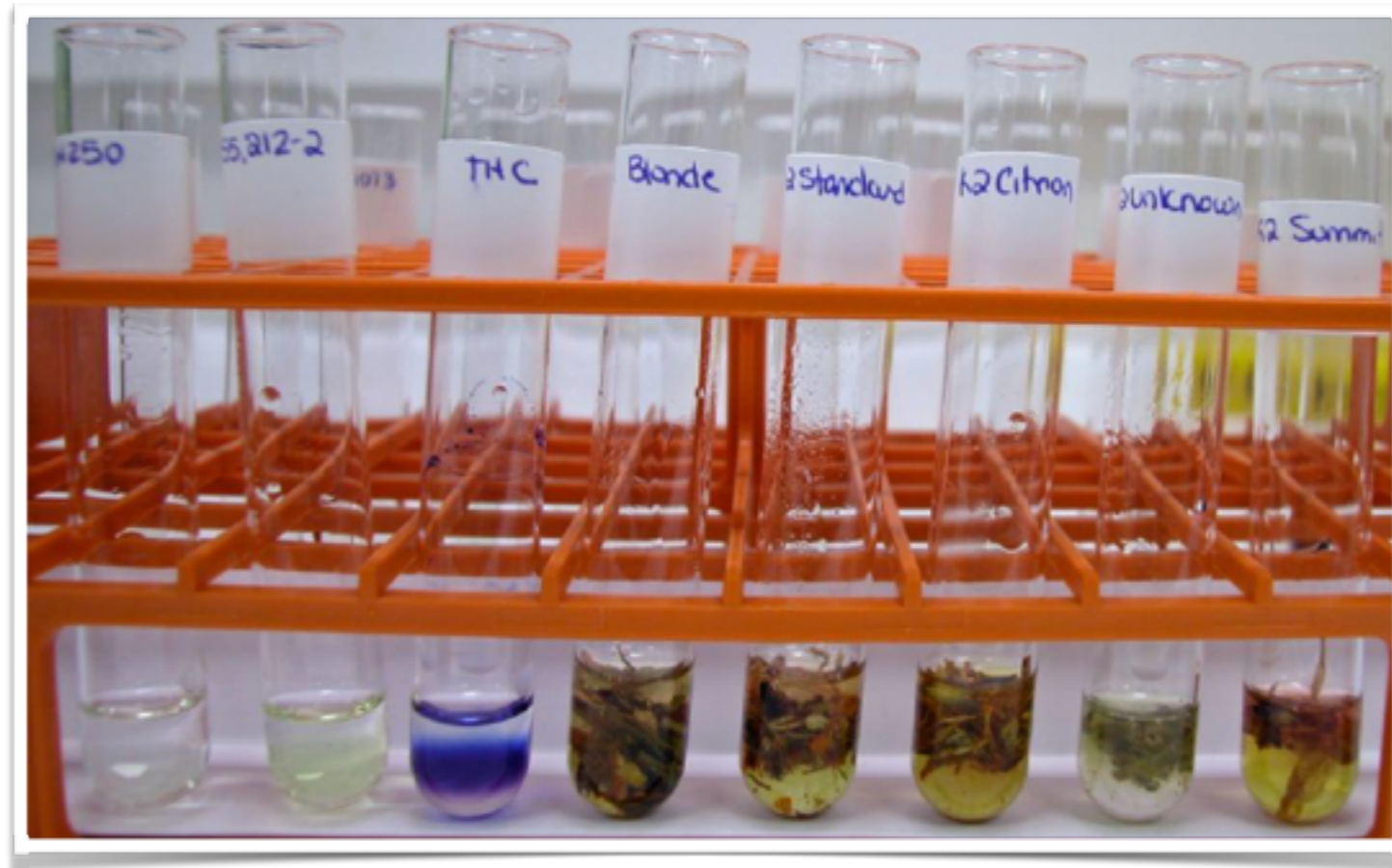
COLOUR TESTS



Reagents :

- Duquenois–Levine
- Liebermann
- Marquis
- Mecke
- Mandelin

■ Duquenois-Levine



No purple color for synthetic cannabinoids

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■ Liebermann

Reference	Cannabinoid Chemical Class	Source	Color
JWH-307	Naphthoylpyrrole	Reference Collection	Dark Yellow
AB-001	Adamantoyl indole	Reference Collection	Dark Yellow
CB-13	Dinaphthylene methanone	Reference Collection	Dark Green
JTE-907	1,2-Dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide	Reference Collection	Black (Bubbling)
UR-144	Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole	Reference Collection	Dark Red
URB597	FAAH inhibitor	Reference Collection	Yellow-Brown
URB602	FAAH inhibitor	Reference Collection	Dark Brown
URB754	FAAH inhibitor	Reference Collection	Light Brown
AM-1248	Adamantoyl indole	Reference Collection	Dark Yellow
AB-034	Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole	Reference Collection	Red-Orange>Dark Red
A-796, 260	Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole	Reference Collection	Red-Orange>Dark Red
A-834-735	Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole	Reference Collection	Red-Orange>Dark Red
FUR-144	Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole	Reference Collection	Dark Red
AKB48	Adamantyl amidoindazole	Reference Collection	No color change
JWH-073	Naphthoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Yellow-Brown
JWH-018	Naphthoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Yellow-Brown
JWH-200	Naphthoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Dark Yellow-Brown
AM-2201	Naphthoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Yellow-Brown
JWH-203	Phenylacetylindole	Cayman Chemical	Yellow-Orange
RCS-4-C4 homolog	Benzoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Brown
AM694	Benzoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Dark-Yellow
MAM2201	Naphthoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Green-Brown
AM2233	Benzoylindole	Cayman Chemical	Yellow
STS-135	Adamantyl amidoindole	Reference Collection	Brown

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■ Marquis / Mecke / Mandellin

JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-081

Marquis - Yellow quickly changing to brown

Mecke - Brown/Yellow

Mandellin - Dark brown

JWH-200

Marquis - Yellow/orange

Mecke - Yellow

Mandellin - Dark red-brown

JWH-250

Marquis - Red, fading to orange over time

Mecke - Orange

Mandellin - Dark grey-brown

AM-694

Marquis - Brown/yellow, hints of green

Mecke - grey/brown

Mandellin - Dark red-brown

CP-47,497

Marquis - Red/orange

Mecke - Blue, fading over time.

Mandellin - Brown

CP-55,940

Marquis - red/orange

Mecke - Blue-green, fading over time

Mandellin - Brown



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■ Available commercial kits



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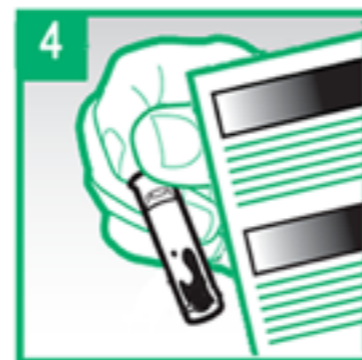
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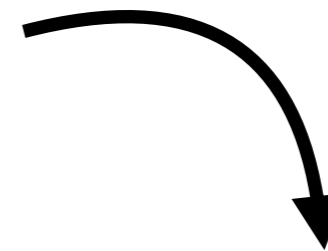
2 insert sample









3 mix ingredients



4 compare colors



JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-019, JWH-122, AM2201	YELLOW / BROWN	
JWH-200, AM2233, RCS-4	YELLOW	
AM-694	GREY/BROWN	
CP-47,497	DARKBLUE, FADING OVER TIME	
CP-55,940	BLUE/GREEN, FADING OVER TIME	
JWH-081	BROWN	
URB-597	YELLOW CHANGING INTO GREY	
JWH-250	GREY	
RCS-4	ORANGE	

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Presumptive test

COLOUR TESTS



- Lack of specificity
- No tests cover the whole range of synthetic cannabinoids

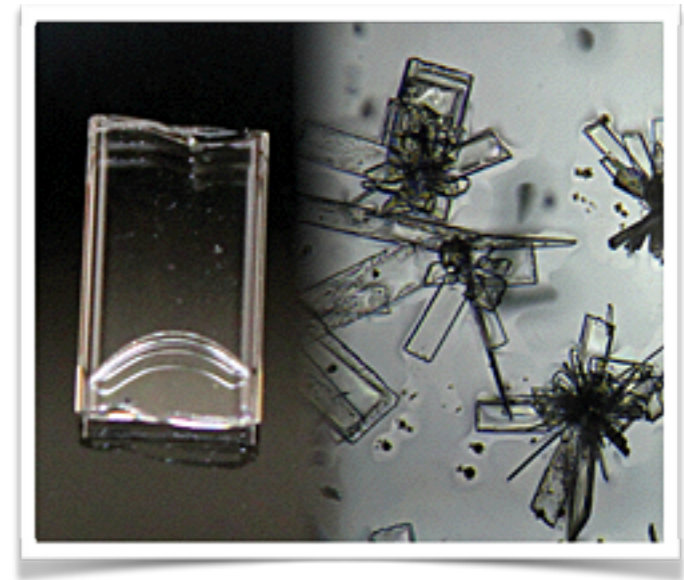
Not appropriate

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Presumptive test

MICROCRYSTAL TESTS

- Reaction with mercury chloride
- Observation with a microscope
- Visual comparison with reference material

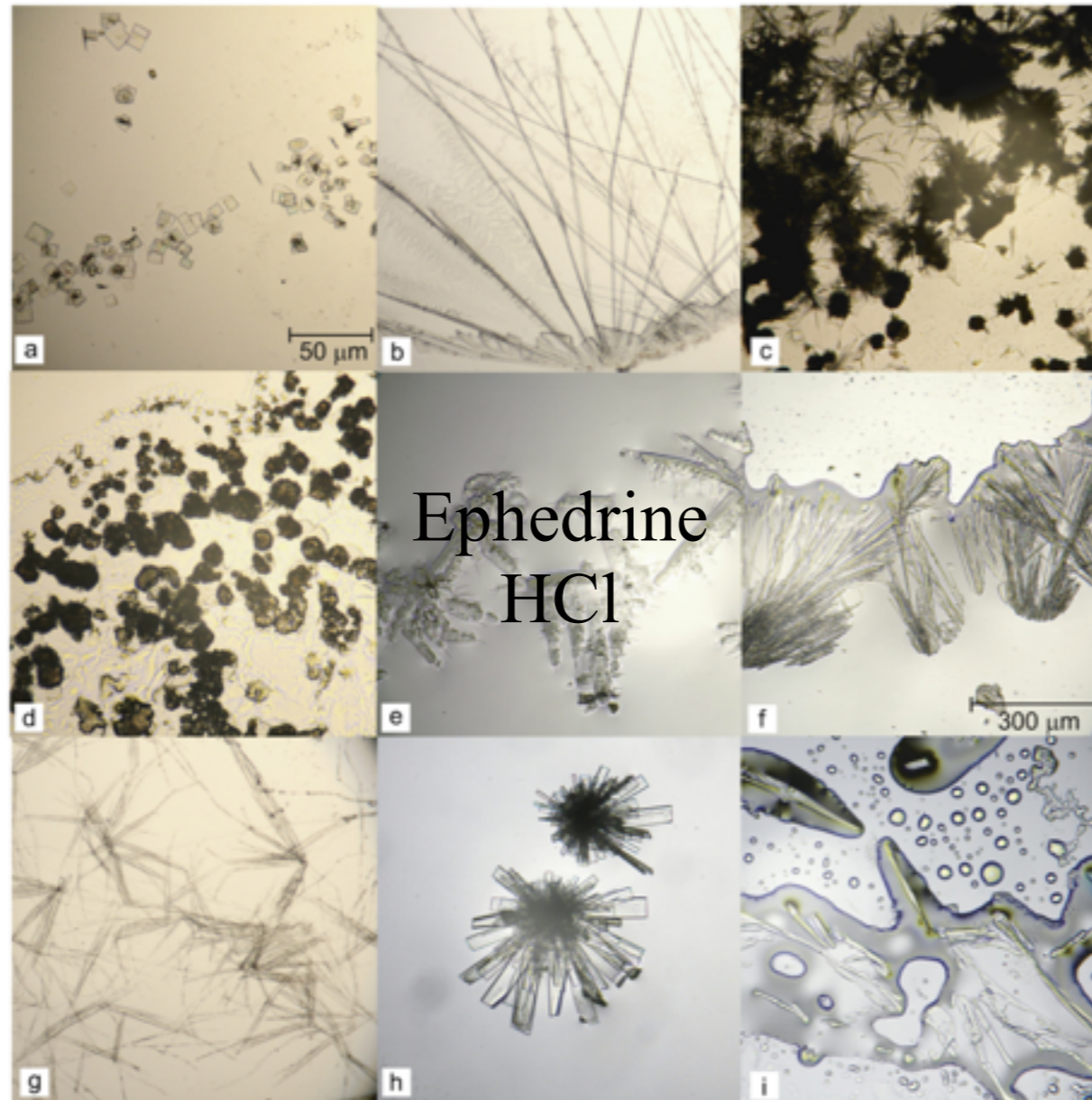


■ **Exemples with other drugs**

Caffeine

BZP

D-amphetamine



DL-amphetamine

Ephedrine
HCl

Ephedrine sulfate

MDAI

Mephedrone

Metamphetamine

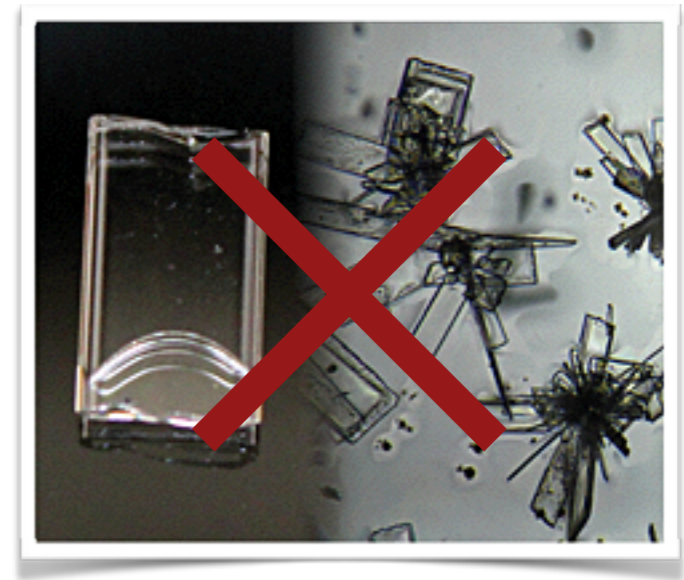
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Presumptive test

MICROCRYSTAL TESTS

- Low concentration of synthetic cannabinoids in herbal material
- Possible interference by the sample matrix



Not appropriate

TLC

Thin-layer chromatography

- Commonly used technique for the separation and detection of illicitly manufactured drugs
- Inexpensive, rapid and flexible in the selection of both the stationary and mobile phase and amenable to a wide variety of substances

TLC

Thin-layer chromatography

- Classical and non-classical cannabinoids (e.g. HU-210 and CP-47,497-C8) can be selectively and sensitively detected with **UV light, Fast Blue RR reagent, iodine** as well as **iodoplatinate**
- Aminoalkylindoles (e.g. JWH-018, JWH-081, JWH-210) can be detected with **UV light, iodine or iodoplatinate.**

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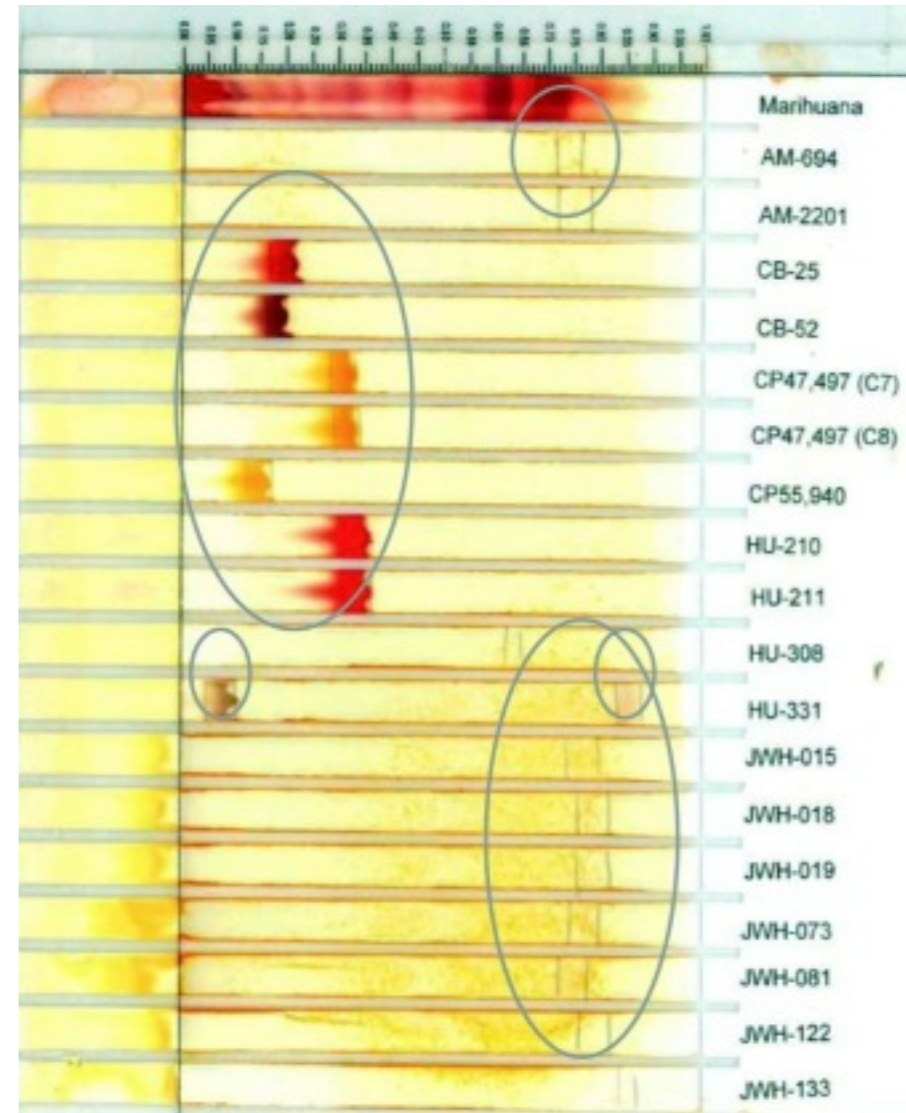
Thin-layer chromatography

Solvent System:
9:1 Toluene:Diethylamine

Visualization Spray:
Fast Blue B Spray

Distinct red/orange bands for
Cannabinoids, CP & most HU
compounds

Obvious 254 nm UV absorbance
for AM, JWH & WIN compounds



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TLC

Thin-layer chromatography

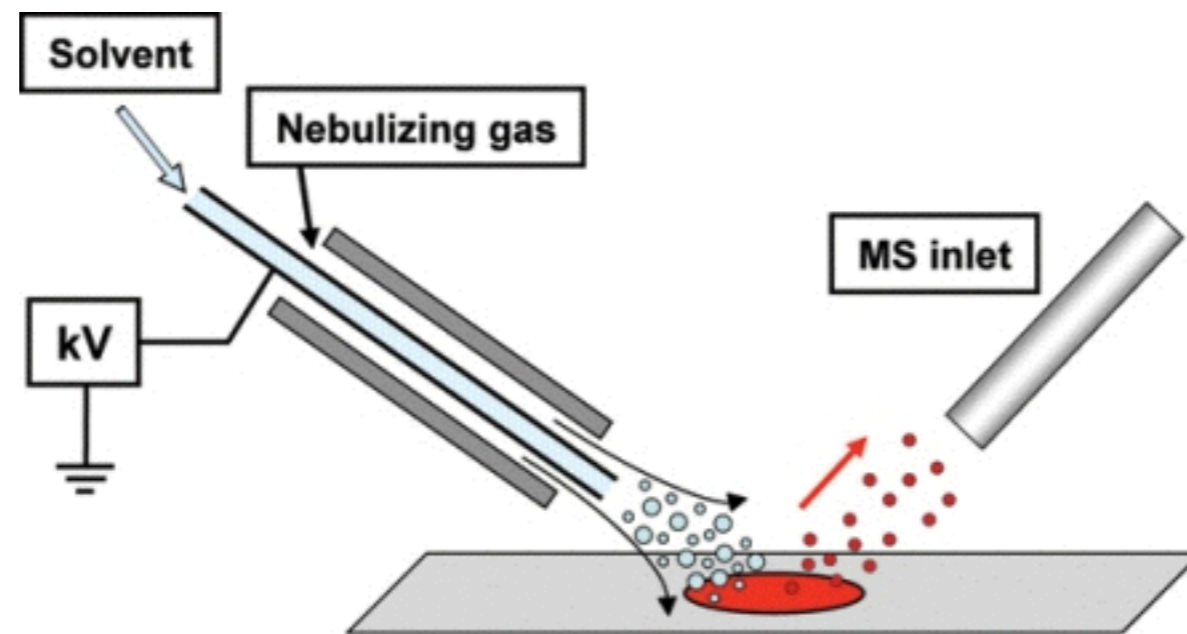
$$R_f = \frac{\text{Migration distance}}{\text{Development distance}}$$

- Reference standards must be run simultaneously on the same plate.
- GC-MS or GC-IRD must be used to confirm substances with close R_f

DESI-MS

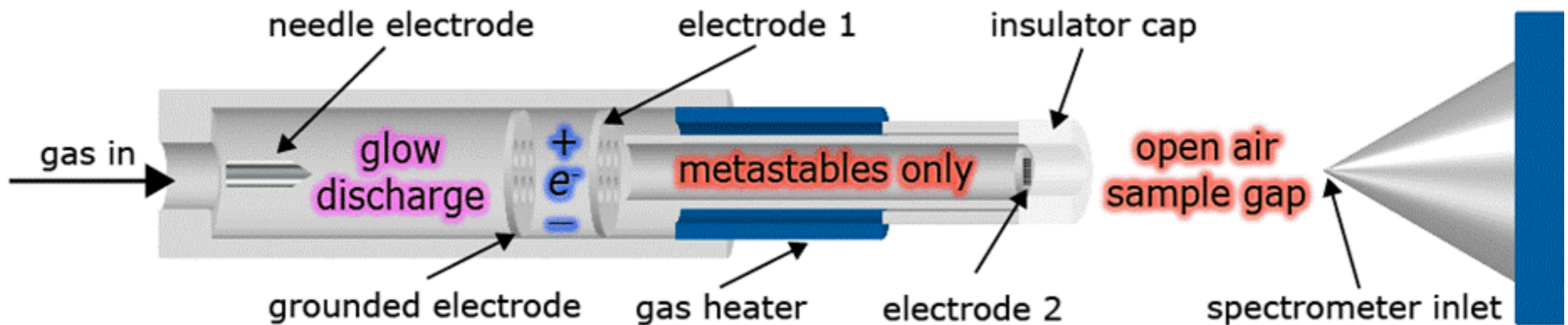
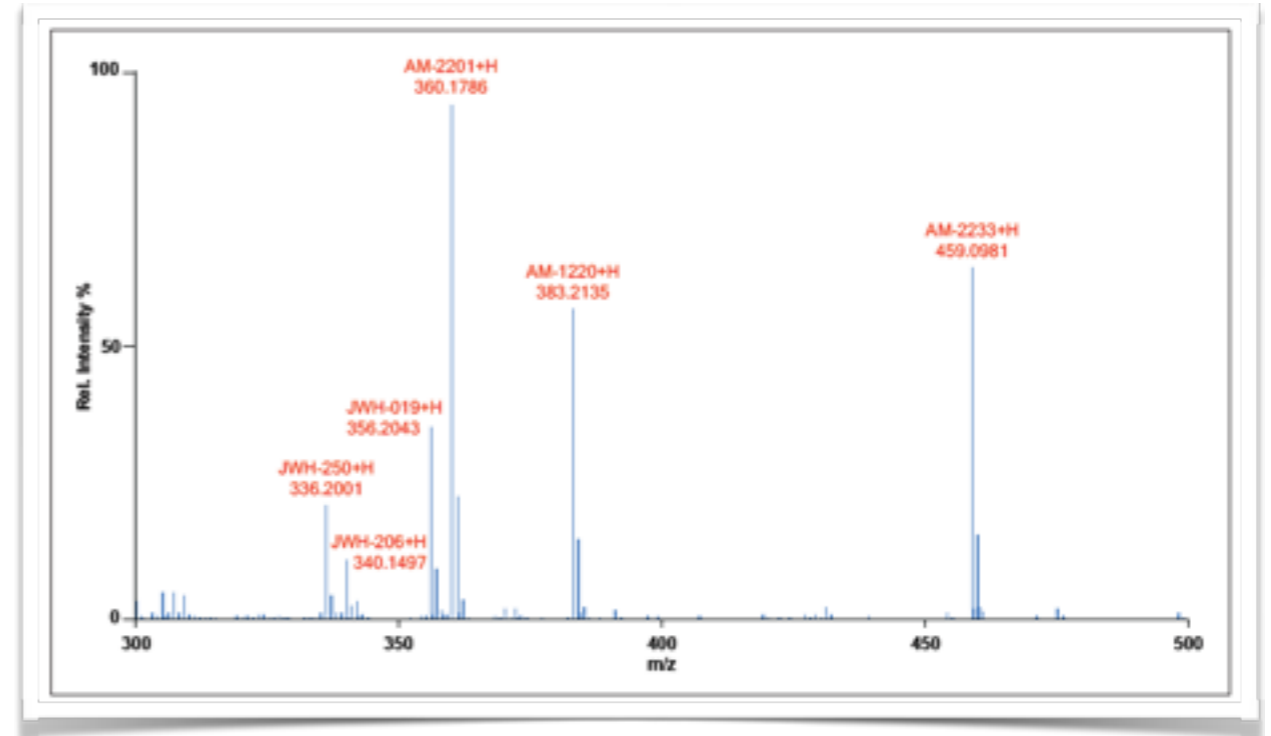
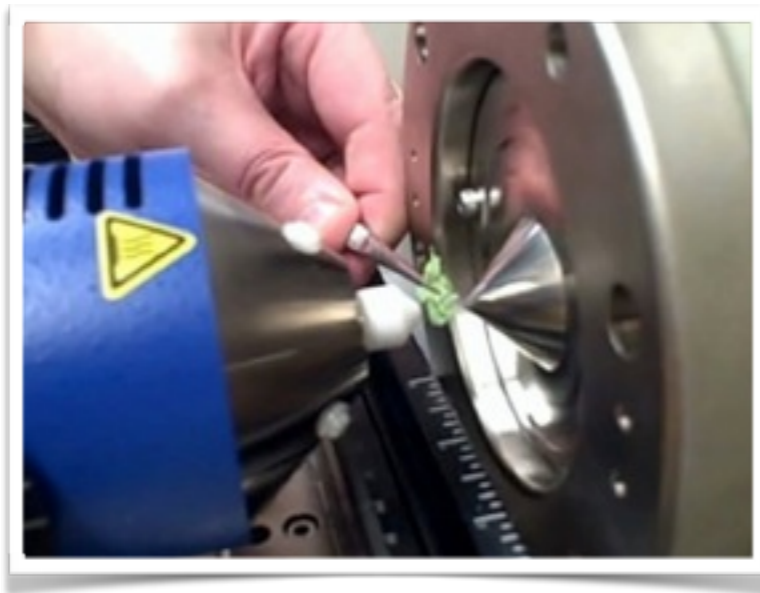
Desorption ElectroSpray Ionization

- DESI-MS could be employed to the plant material without the need for extraction and sample preparation.
- DESI-MS could also be used in combination with TLC.



DART-MS

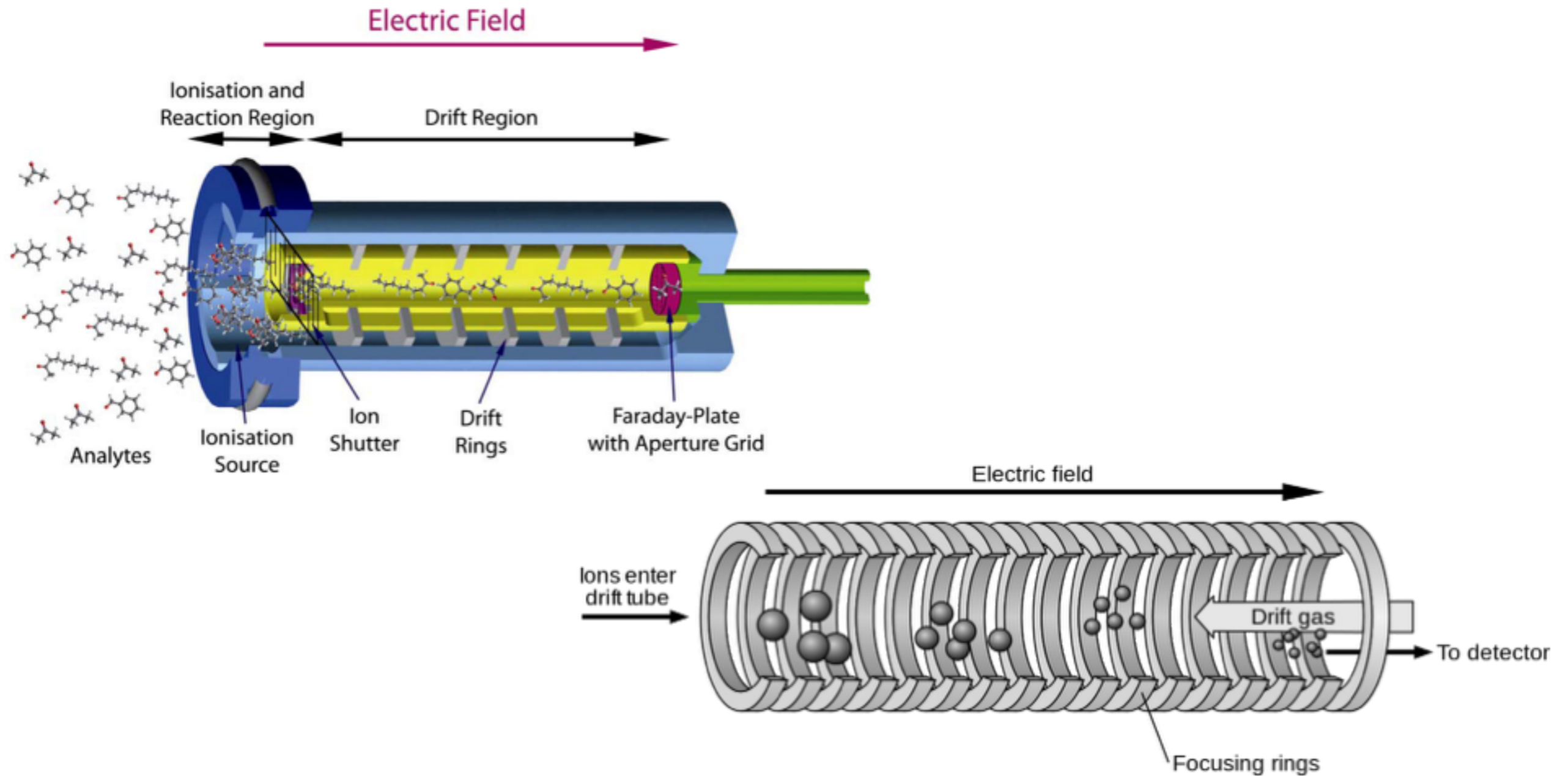
Direct Analysis in Real Time



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IMS

Ion-mobility spectrometry



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IMS

Ion-mobility spectrometry

- Suitable for the detection of trace organics under atmospheric pressure conditions.
- **Rapid screening technique** for many drugs of abuse including synthetic cannabinoids.
- Easy sampling and handling
- Portable IMS systems commercially available
- Operate in positive (aminoalkylindoles) and negative ion modes (e.g. CP-47,497-C8).



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IMS

Ion-mobility spectrometry

$$K_{0_{analyte}} = \frac{K_{0_{cal}} \times t_{d_{cal}}}{t_{d_{analyte}}}$$

- Limited selectivity
- GC-MS must be used to confirm substances with close K_0 values

ATR-IR / FT-IR

Fourier Transform - Infrared Spectroscopy

- IR techniques may be applied to solid material containing pure substances
- If there is only a single synthetic cannabinoid in the seized sample, identification of the compound by IR is also possible with extracts of herbal mixtures after evaporation of the solvent on the ATR diamond cell

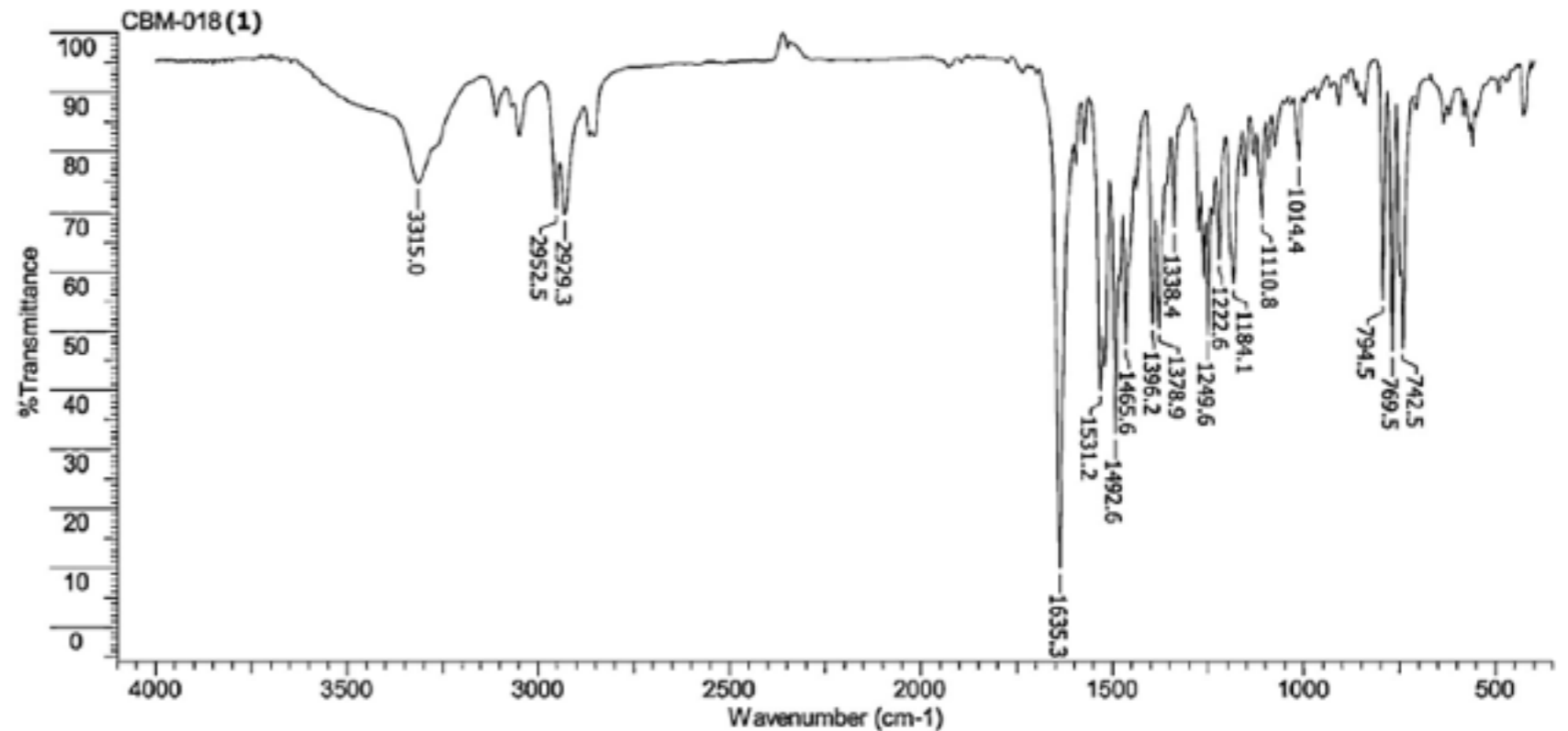
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ATR-IR / FT-IR

Fourier Transform - Infrared Spectroscopy



- Structure elucidation / Isomers differentiation

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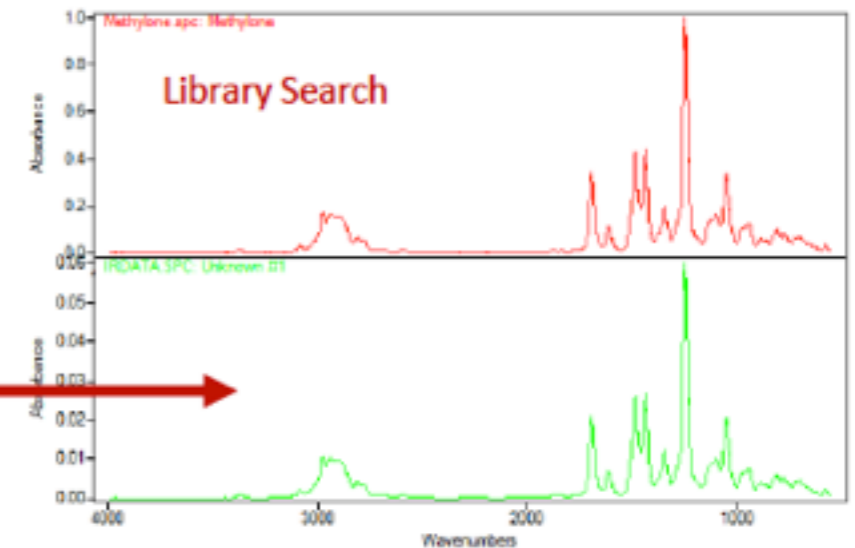
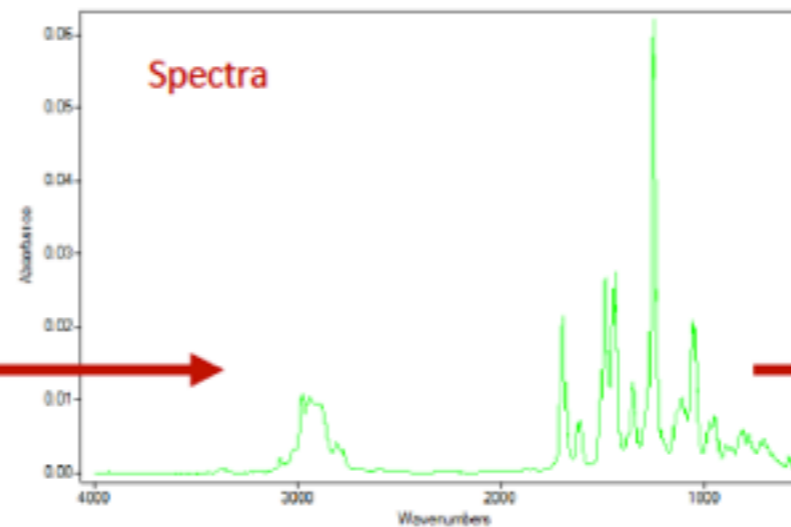
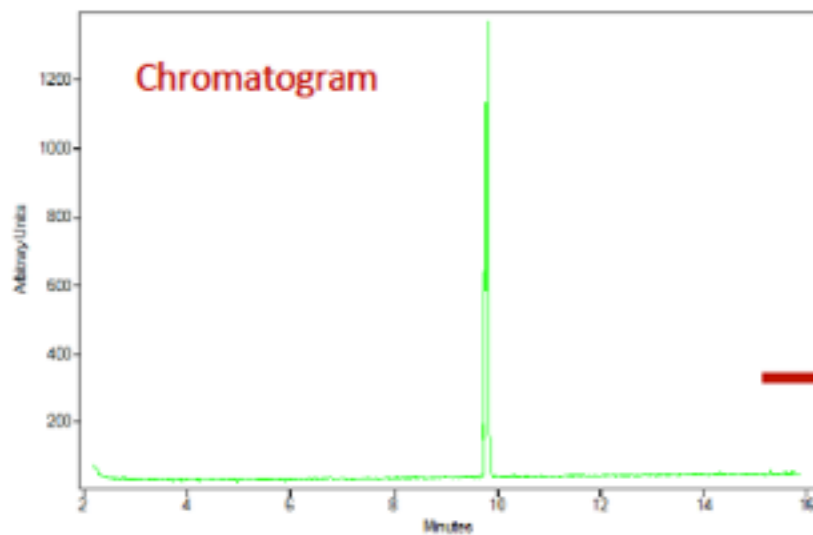
GC-IRD

Gas chromatography with infrared detection

- The fractions containing single components are directed into an FTIR spectrometer, to provide the infrared spectrum of the sample.
- GC-IR method is particularly useful for identifying regioisomers, diastereoisomers and other isobaric molecules

GC-IRD

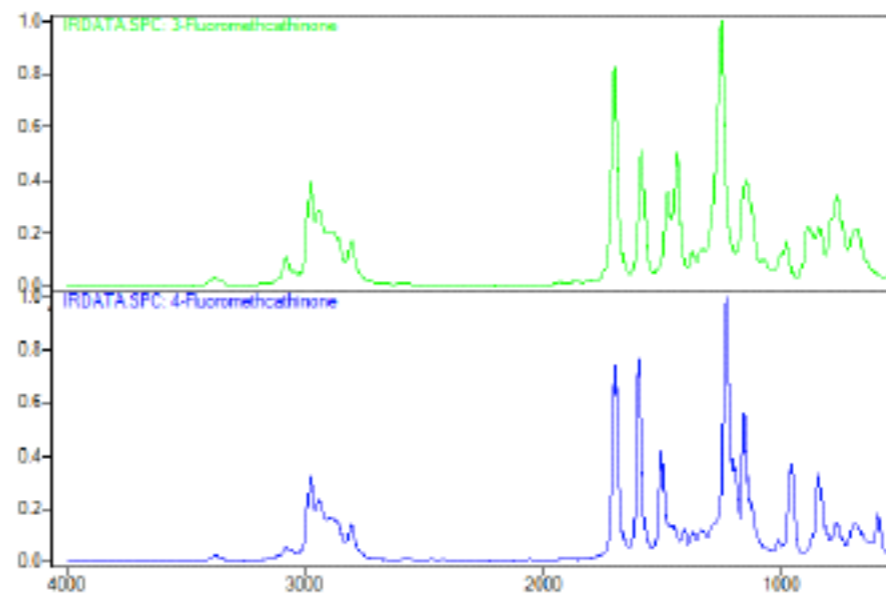
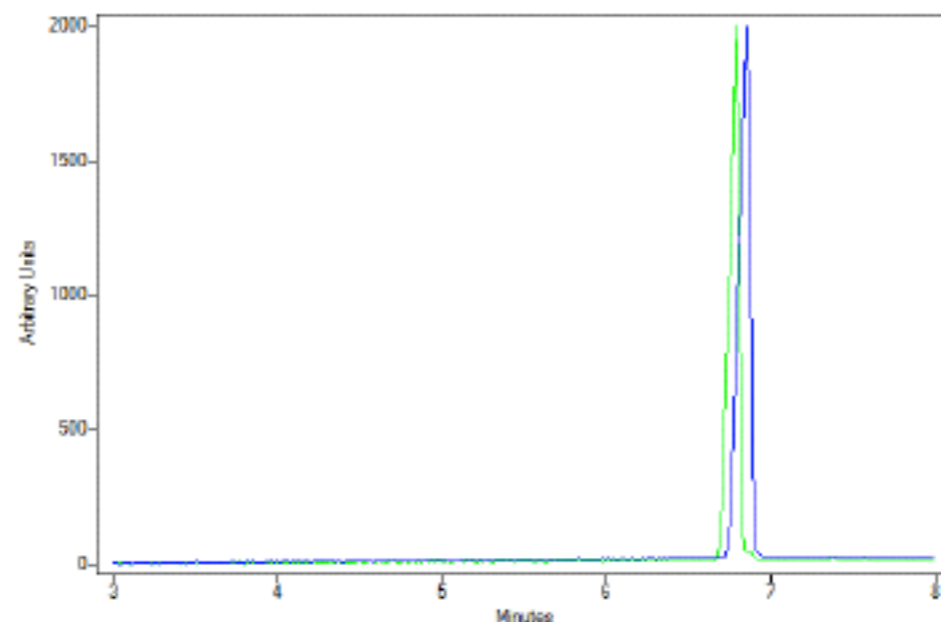
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GC-IRD

Gas chromatography with infrared detection



3-FMC

4-FMC

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GC-MS

Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry

- **Gold Standard**
- Excellent chromatographic resolution
- Identification by RT and EI-MS spectra



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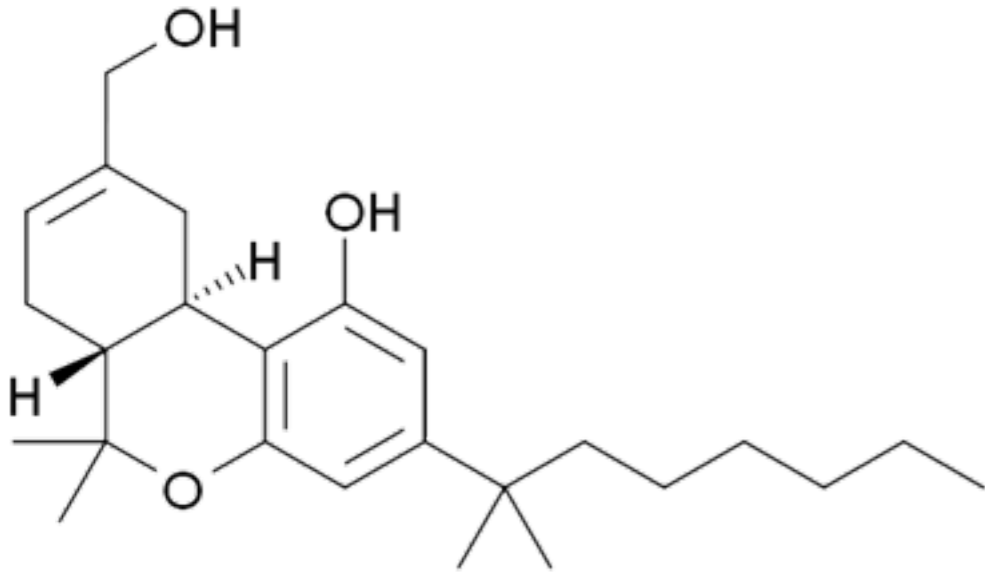
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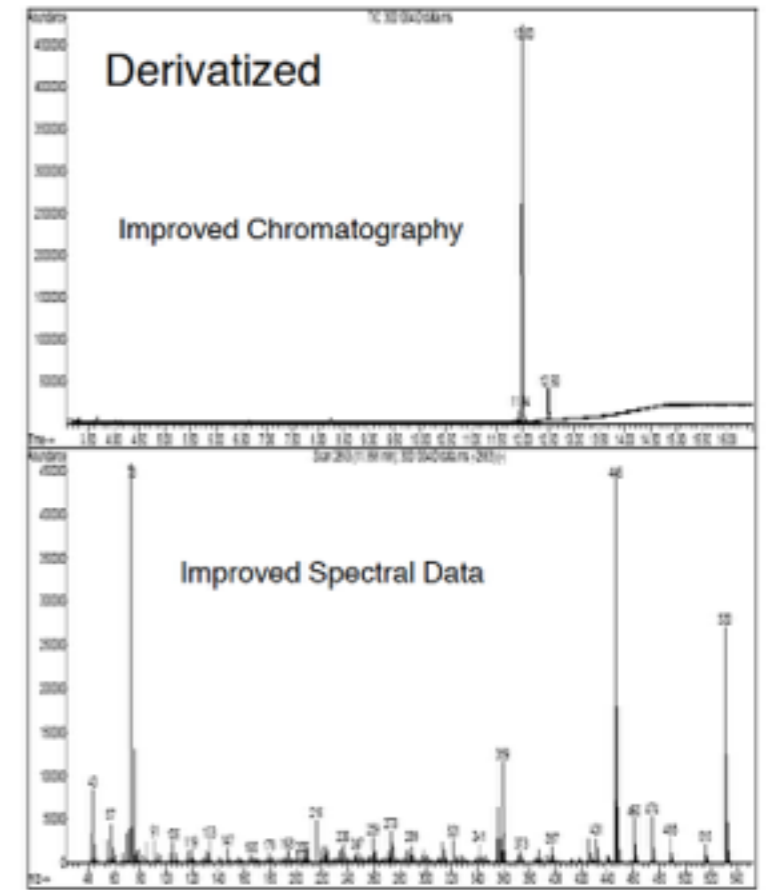
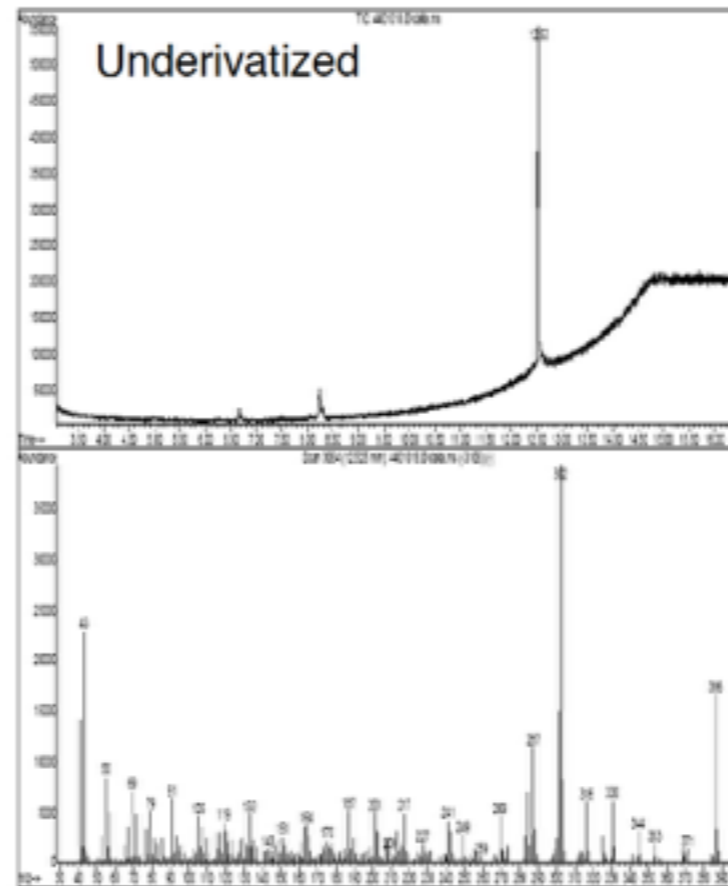
- Sample extraction : 1 mL medium polar or non polar-solvent (methanol, ethanol, acetonitrile, ...) + 100 mg of plant material. Sonication and filtration.
- Derivatization required for trace analysis

GC-MS

Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry



HU-210



GC-MS

Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry

Spectral libraries

- NIST Mass Spectral Library (Agilent)
- PMW Mass Spectral Library of Drugs, Poisons, Pesticides, Pollutants (Wiley)
- Forensic Toxicology GC/MS RTL Database (Agilent)
- Mass Spectra of Designer Drugs 2014 (Wiley)
- **SWGDRUG Mass Spectral Library**
- **CSL Cayman Spectral Library**

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GC-MS

Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry

- Not suitable to analyse regioisomers (requires techniques such as IR, GC-IRD or MSⁿ)

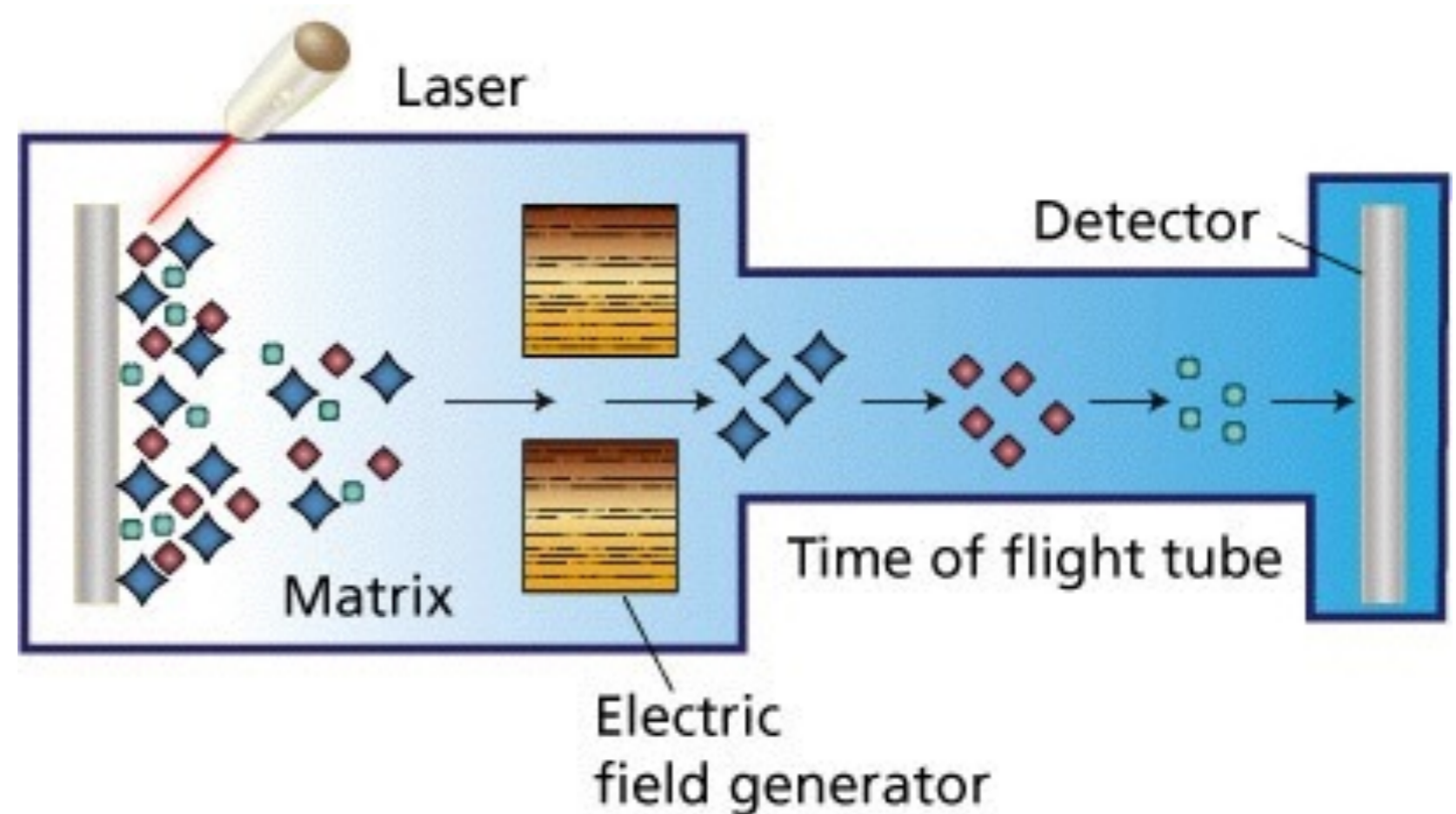
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MALDI-TOF-MS

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization



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MALDI-TOF-MS

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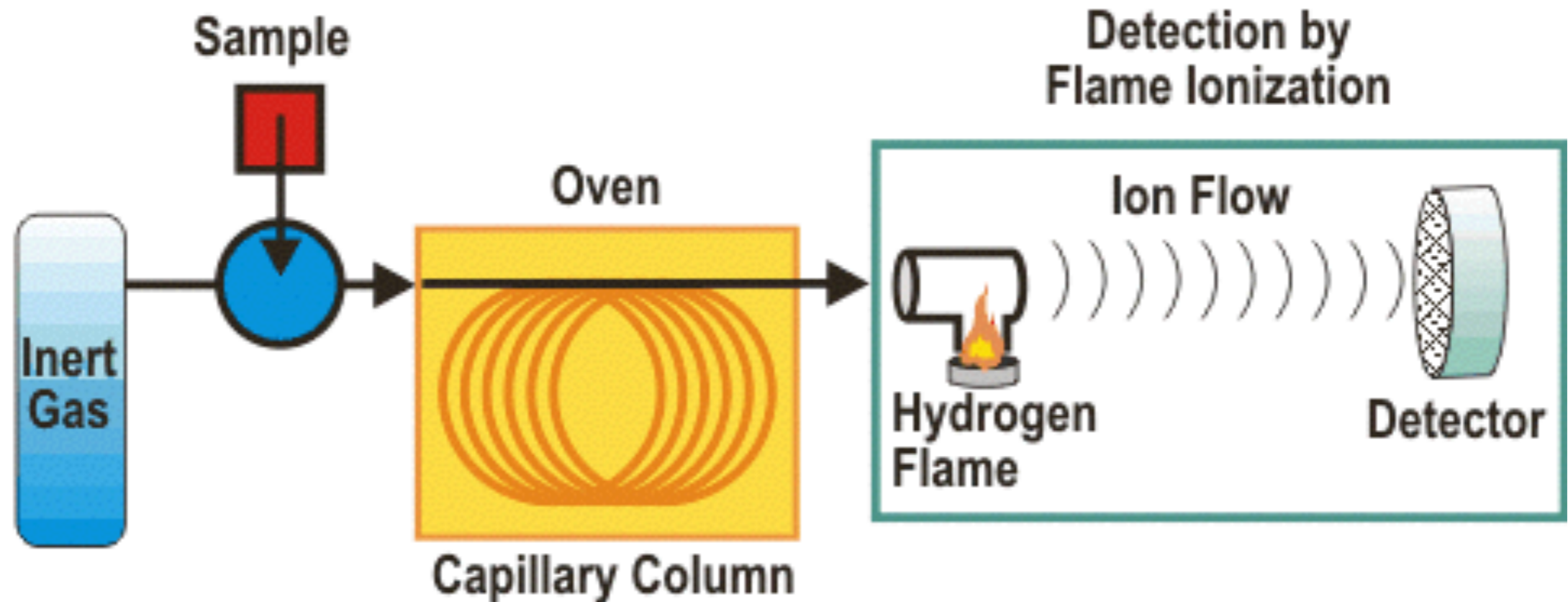
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GC-FID

Flame ionization detector



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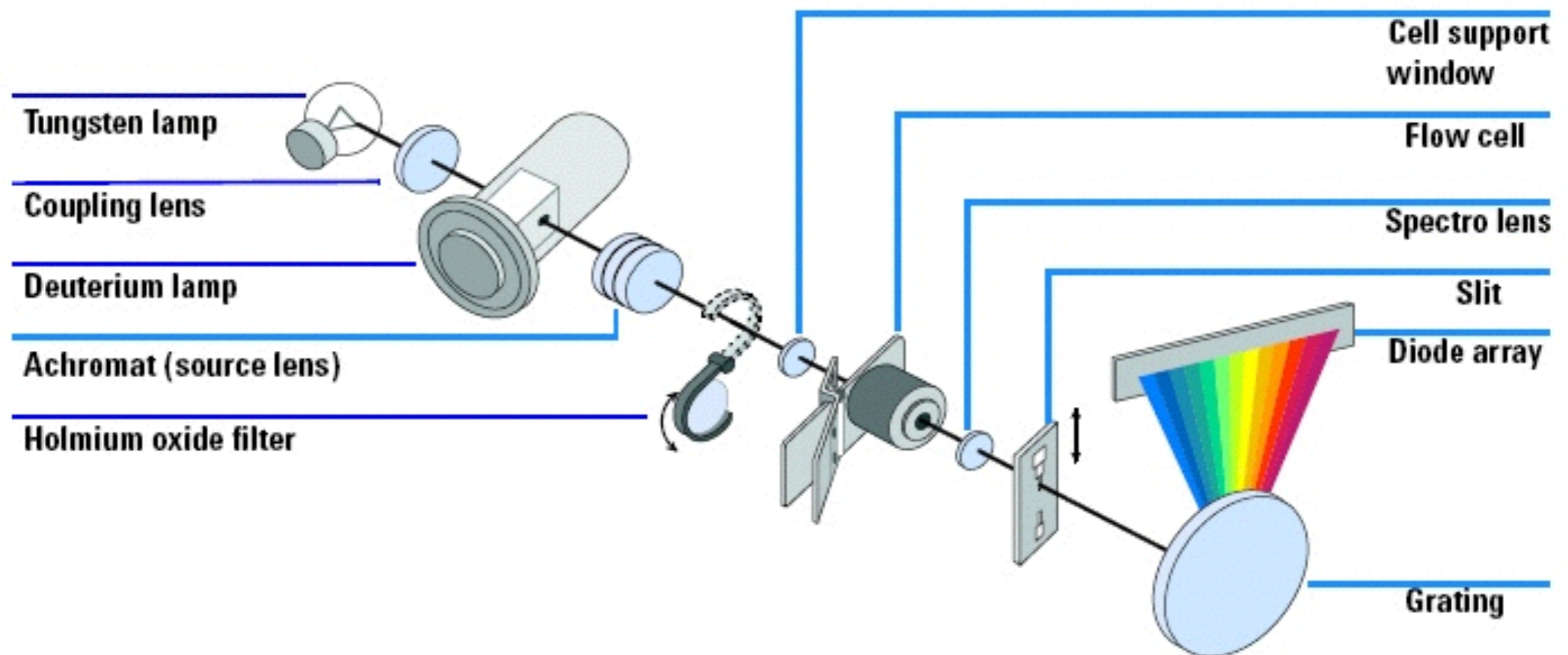
GC-FID

Flame ionization detector

- Suitable for qualitative and quantitative analysis
- For low concentration, use of more sensitive technique (e.g. LC-MS or LC-MS/MS) is recommended

HPLC-PDA

Photodiode Array Detector



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HPLC-PDA

Photodiode Array Detector

- Suitable for qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Identification by RT and UV spectrum

NMR

Nuclear magnetic resonance

- Identification as well as structure elucidation of unknown new synthetic cannabinoids.
- Cost of NMR spectroscopy and the technical expertise required prevent its widespread application in routine analysis.

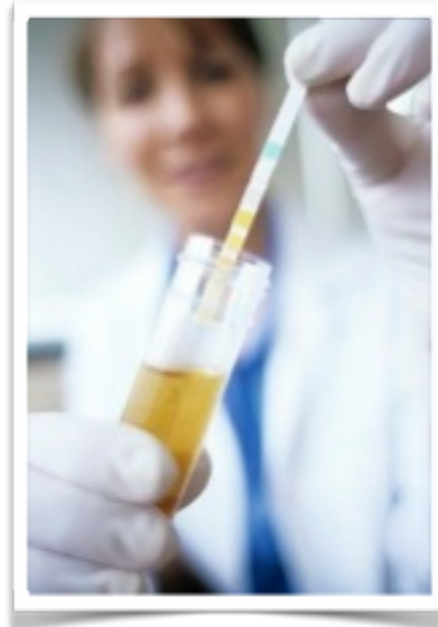


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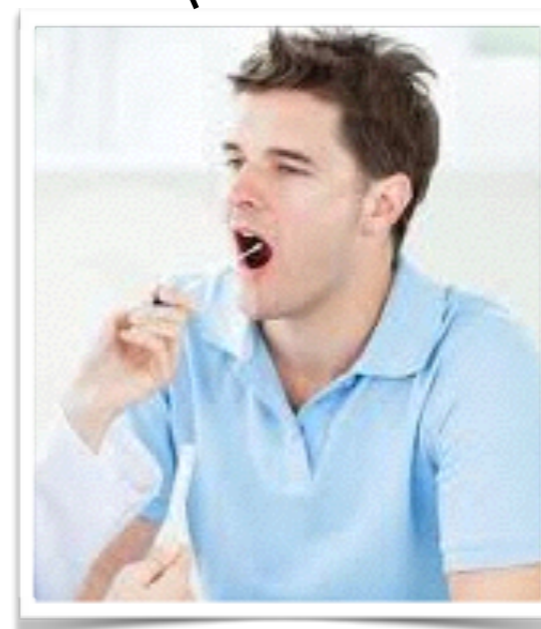
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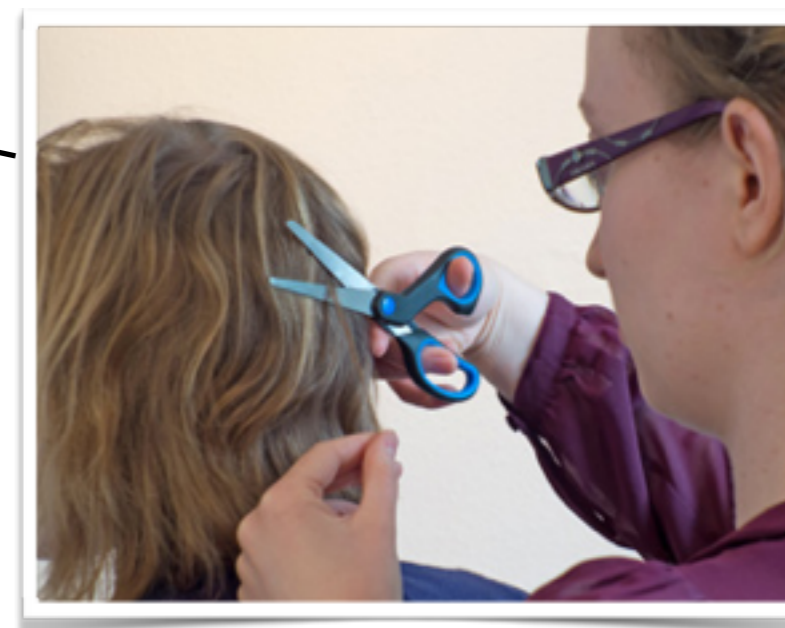
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URINE



ORAL FLUID



HAIR

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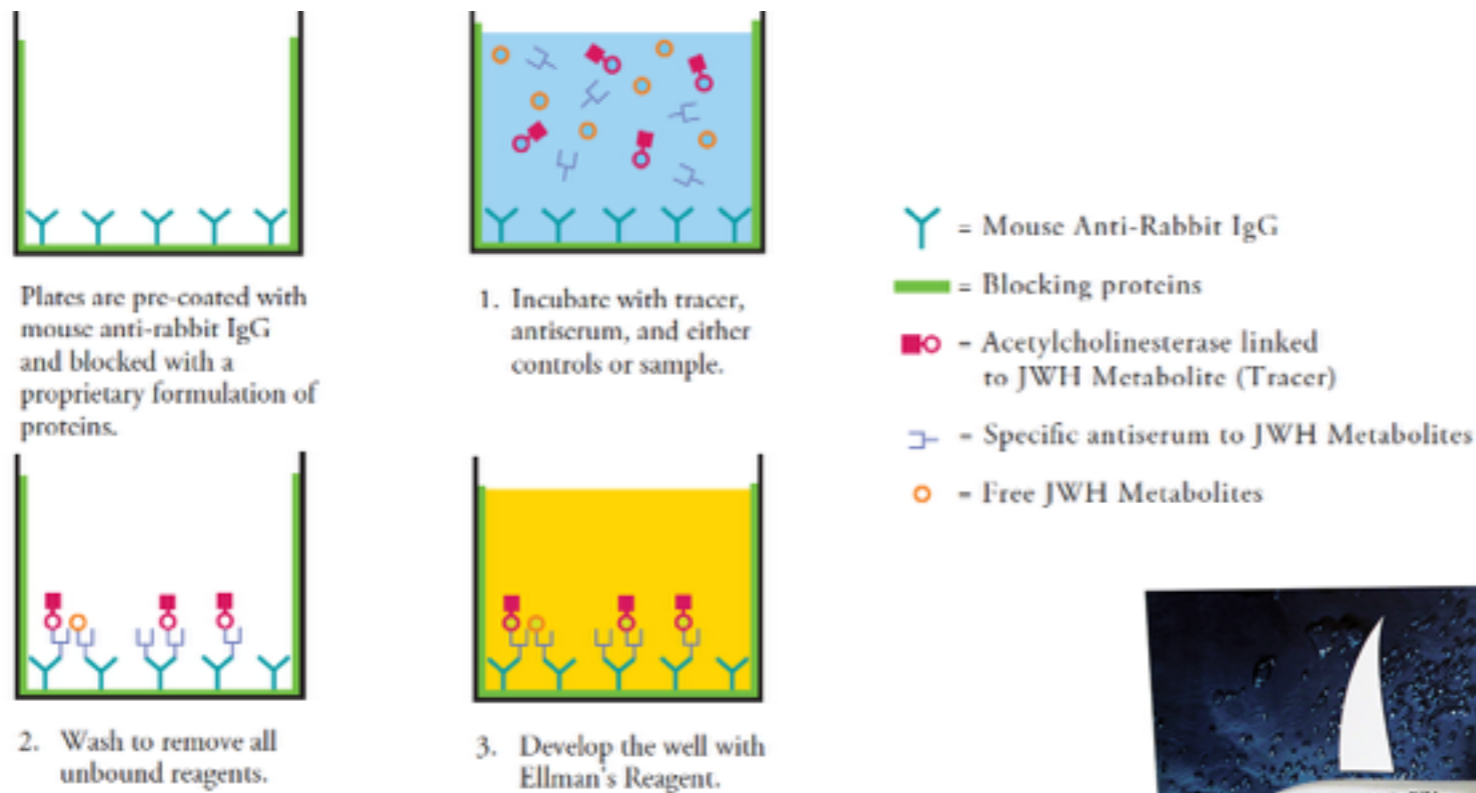
ELISA

Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay

- Inexpensive, sensitive and rapid screening
- Mass confirmation required

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Detection of Synthetic Cannabinoids in Oral Fluid Using ELISA and LC-MS-MS

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Suitable for qualitative and quantitative analysis of low concentration synthetic cannabinoids in complex herbal matrix
- Low LOQ for trace analysis and biological specimens

LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Detection mode : MRM
- Ionization mode : ESI+ and ESI-
- Appropriate mass transitions must be selected to avoid interferences between analyses, particularly isomers
- Caution when identified regioisomeric compounds

LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

Analyte	Ionization mode	Precursor ion (m/z)	Product ions (m/z)	Cone voltage (V)	Collision energy (eV)
JWH-019	ESI ⁺	356.15	154.99	34	25
			126.99		44
JWH-073	ESI ⁺	328.10	155.12	33	22
			126.85		50
JWH-081	ESI ⁺	372.10	185.25	33	25
			214.29		25
JWH-122	ESI ⁺	356.35	169.43	29	25
			214.21		25

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Serum
- Blood
- Oral fluid
- Hair



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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Serum

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

■ Serum

1 mL Serum + ISTD
+ Borate buffer pH 9
+ n-hexane/Ethyl acetate
90:10 (v/v)
Mixing
Centrifugation
Evaporation of organic
supernatant
Reconstitution with
mobile phase

- **Phenyl Hexyl column**
- **Solvent A : Ammonium formate
2mM with 0.1% FA**
- **Solvent B : Methanol**
- **Electrospray ionisation**
- **MRM Mode**
- **LOQ = 0.1 ng/mL**

LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Serum

Positive samples	Compound	Concentrations
56	JWH-081	0.11 - 16.9 ng/mL
47	JWH-250	0.14 - 18.1 ng/mL
9	JWH-018	0.30 - 8.17 ng/mL
6	JWH-073	0.23 - 0.6 ng/mL
2	JWH-015	< LOQ (0.1 ng/mL)

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Blood

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Blood Synthetic Cannabinoid Concentrations in Cases of Suspected Impaired Driving

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

■ Blood

200 μ L WB + ISTD

+ Sat. Sodium bicarbonate

+ Sat. NaCl

Vortex

+ n-hexane/Ethyl acetate

99:1 (v/v)

Centrifugation

Evaporation of organic
supernatant

Reconstitution with
DI Water/ Methanol 50:50 (v/v)

■ **Acquity UPLC HSS T3**

■ **Solvent A : Water + 1% FA**

■ **Solvent B : Methanol + 1% FA**

■ **Electrospray ionisation**

■ **MRM Mode**

■ **LOQ = 0.1 ng/mL**

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Blood

Case	Toxicology findings (ng/mL)
1	JWH-018: 1.1
2	JWH-018: 0.24
3	JWH-018: 9.9 JWH-250: 2.7
4	JWH-018: pos
5	JWH-018: pos
6	AM2201: 1.4 JWH-081: 0.12 JWH-122: 2.5 JWH-210: 0.10

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Blood

Case	Toxicology findings (ng/mL)
7	JWH-018: 0.1 AM-2201: 0.43
8	AM-2201: 3.1 JWH-250-0.38
9	AM-2201: 0.94
10	AM-2201: 3.6
11	AM2201: 2.8 JWH-081: pos JWH-122: pos JWH-210: pos
12	AM-2201: 4.0 JWH-210: pos

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Oral fluid

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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

■ Oral fluid

200 μ L OF + ISTD

Protein precipitation
with ice-cold acetonitrile

Centrifugation

Evaporation of supernatant

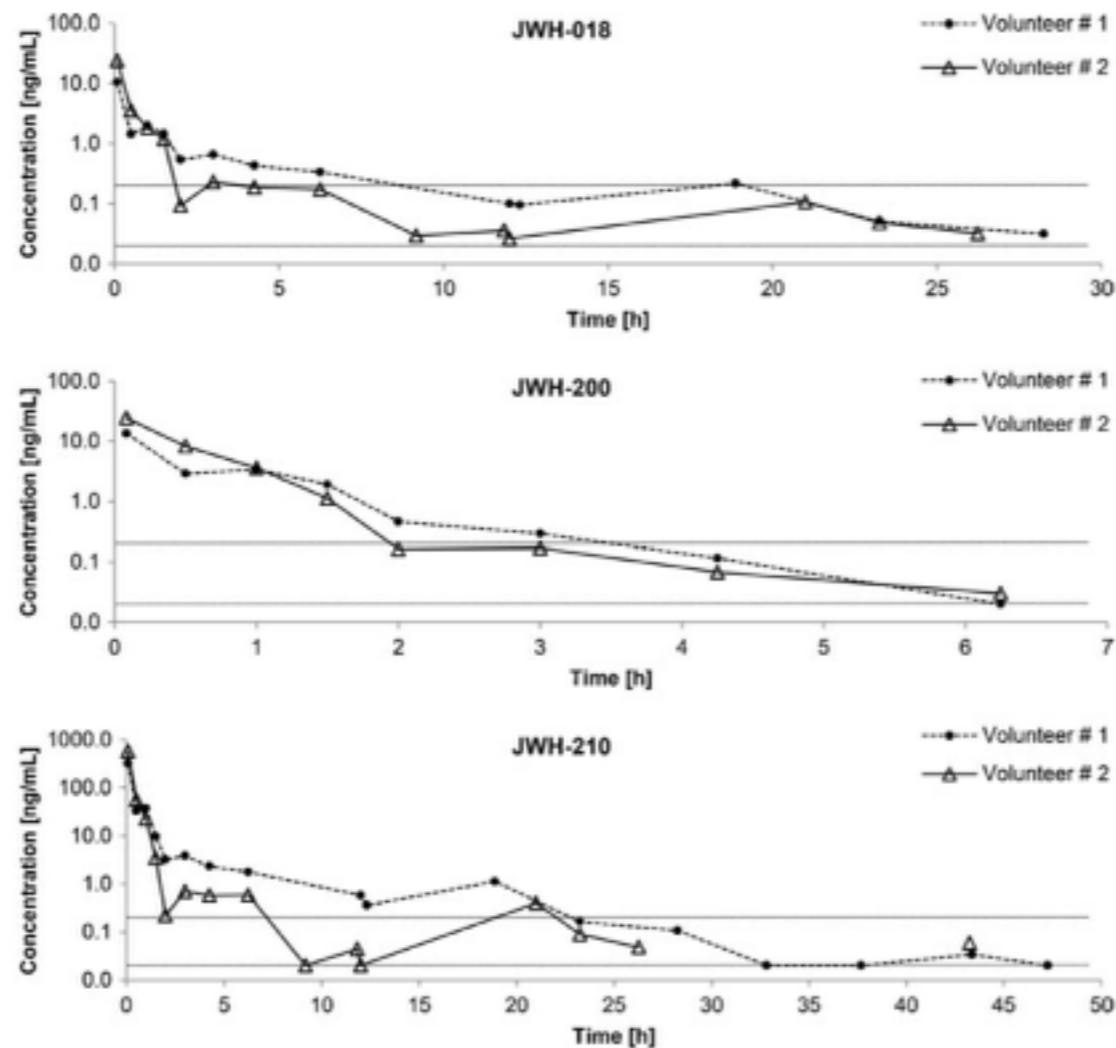
Reconstitution with
mobile phase

- **Phenyl Hexyl column**
- **Solvent A : Ammonium formate
2mM with 0.1% FA**
- **Solvent B : Methanol**
- **Electrospray ionisation**
- **MRM Mode**
- **LOQ = 0.1 ng/mL**

LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Oral fluid



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LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Hair

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LC-MS/MS

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■ Hair

Decontamination

NaOH 1N 95°C for 10 min

L/L n-hexane/Ethyl acetate
90:10 (v/v)

Evaporation to dryness

Reconstitution with
methanol

- **Acquity BEH C18 column**
- **Solvent A : Ammonium formate
2mM + FA**
- **Solvent B : Acetonitrile + FA**
- **Electrospray ionisation**
- **SRM Mode**
- **LOQ = 0.7 - 4.3 pg/mg**

LC-MS/MS

Liquid chromatography - Tandem mass spectrometry

- Hair

Positive samples	Compound	Concentrations
11	JWH-073	1.6 - 50.5 pg/mg
8	JWH-122	7.4 - 2800 pg/mg
6	JWH-250	
5	JWH-081	
3	JWH-018	
2	JWH-250	
2	JWH-019	
1	AM-1120	

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HRMS

High-Resolution-Mass Spectrometry

- Urine

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A high-sensitivity ultra-high performance liquid chromatography/high-resolution time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UHPLC-HR-TOFMS) method for screening synthetic cannabinoids and other drugs of abuse in urine



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HRMS

High-Resolution-Mass Spectrometry

- For urine analysis:
 - the main target compound are metabolites:
conjugate cleavage step necessary
 - main metabolites are monohydroxylated
compounds (for JWHs)

HRMS

High-Resolution-Mass Spectrometry

■ Urine

1 mL Urine

Hydrolysis β -glu 37°C

+ ISTD

+ 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 6)

mixed-mode SPE

Acid/Neutral
fraction

Basic
fraction

Evaporation

Reconstitution with
45% methanol / 0.1 % FA

- **Waters HSS T3**
- **Solvent A : Ammonium acetate
2 mM with 0.1% FA**
- **Solvent B : Methanol**
- **Electrospray ionisation**

HRMS

High-Resolution-Mass Spectrometry

- Accurate mass measurement
- Determine elemental compositions
- Calculation of double bond equivalent
- Mass defect filtering enables non-targeted analysis of related compounds and analogues



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HRMS

High-Resolution-Mass Spectrometry

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