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A liquid chromatography – high-resolution mass spectrometry based method is reported for the quantification of 20 selected mycotoxins and the simultaneous screening for 200 fungal metabolites in food. For regulated mycotoxins, such as aflatoxins, fumonisins, ochratoxin A, zearalenone and trichothecenes, evaluation of the method performance characteristics such as precision, trueness, limit of detection and matrix effects have been exemplified for the matrix maize. In the case of the limit of detection, an alternative evaluation approach for high resolution FT-Orbitrap data is proposed. Measurements of the signal-to-noise ratios obtained from “full profile mode” data led to detection limits between 8 and 160 ng g⁻¹. Eight naturally contaminated, wheat- and maize-based matrix test materials, originating from interlaboratory comparison studies were used to confirm trueness of the method for deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, fumonisin B₁ and B₂, HT-2 and T-2 toxin. In addition to accurate quantification of the most relevant mycotoxins, the full scan chromatograms were used to investigate the potential of the FT-Orbitrap to screen simultaneously for a large number of fungal metabolites. First, a list of 200 metabolites, potentially being present in food samples was established. Next, specific detection and identification criteria were defined, which are based on accurate mass, peak intensity and isotopologue ratio. Application of these criteria to the suspected metabolites from the list resulted in the putative identification of 13 fungal metabolites in addition to the target toxins.

Keywords: accurate mass, fungal metabolites, liquid chromatography, LC-MS, LOD, mycotoxins, FT-Orbitrap, high-resolution mass spectrometry

Introduction

Mycotoxins are fungal secondary metabolites, produced by various mold species. By definition, they are toxic to vertebrates and other animal groups in low concentrations (Bennet and Klich, 2003). Mycotoxins can enter the food and feed chain by fungal infection of crop plants, either on the field or during storage. The use of contaminated raw cereals or processed commodities therefore constitute a threat to animal and human health. For this reason regulations or guidelines exist in approximately 100 countries (van Egmond et al., 2007).

The need for monitoring a huge number of regulated compounds in different matrices led to the development of multi-target methods for the simultaneous detection of several analytes in a single method (e.g. Sulyok et al., 2006; Mol et al., 2008). A wide range of physicochemical properties of the analytes makes simultaneous and adequate sample clean-up and complete HPLC separation for all target compounds impossible. Therefore, highly sensitive, selective and robust MS instruments that allow the injection of crude sample extracts with minimum or no clean-up are necessary. Triple-quadrupole (QqQ) instruments fulfill these requirements when operated in selected reaction monitoring (SRM) mode and are therefore well suited for quantitative target analysis. They show a high sensitivity and a wide linear range, but they also show limitations inherent to their targeted acquisition mode: the number of analytes is limited in one method, time-consuming optimization of acquisition parameters is needed for each compound (e.g. dwell time, collision energy, acquisition time window) in order to achieve maximum sensitivity, and retrospective data analysis is not possible. Operated in full scan mode, QqQ instruments produce unit resolution spectra and show low sensitivity, limiting their capabilities for screening applications.

New generations of high-resolution mass spectrometers, such as time-of-flight (TOF), fourier-transformation-ion-cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) and FT-Orbitrap instruments are promising alternatives for the simultaneous analysis of multiple compounds. Their particular strength lies in their high mass resolving power and high mass accuracy. While TOF instruments show lower sensitivity and dynamic range than QqQ instruments in SRM mode, FT-ICR instruments have been rarely used due to their high costs, their slow scan time (1-3 seconds) and their elaborate mode of operation. FT-Orbitrap instruments offer a better dynamic range and a sensitivity close to that of many QqQ instruments (Krauss et al., 2010).

High-resolution mass spectra show high selectivity when generating extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) of the exact mass of the respective compound out of full scan data with a narrow relative mass extraction window (typically ± 5 ppm). Hence, no pre-selection of compounds and time-consuming set-up of acquisition parameters is necessary. Retrospective analysis of full scan data makes it possible to assess virtually all compounds present in a sample. This makes liquid chromatography – high-resolution – mass spectrometry (LC-HR-MS) on FT-Orbitrap instruments particularly interesting for screening purposes (Krauss et al., 2010).

Guidelines for screening approaches for the monitoring of regulated substances exist (e.g. 2002/657/EC, SANCO/10684/2009). However, such qualitative screening methods usually aim to avoid only false-negative results since the outcome needs verification by an appropriate confirmatory method (for which standards are needed). Nielen et al. (2007) and Blokland et al. (2008) made suggestions for implementing HR-MS measurements for confirmatory analysis in 2002/657/EC.

According to Krauss et al. (2010), screening approaches on LC-HR-MS instruments can be separated into non-target screenings (in the search of unknowns) and

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3 suspects screenings (where full scan data can be examined for a positive list of
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5 compounds of interest). Both of these approaches aim to generate a list of highly likely
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9 in contrast to the target analysis). To the best of the authors knowledge, no detailed
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13 HR-MS exist. Besides accurate mass (due to the high resolving power and mass
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15 accuracy) with which (de-)protonated molecules or adducts can be searched for, criteria
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17 such as the relative isotope abundance (RIA) of naturally occurring isotopic ions (^{13}C)
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19 can be included for increasing the confidence in the presence of suspects (conformance
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21 with theoretical isotopic pattern). Xu et al. (2010) evaluated the accuracy with which
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23 isotope patterns can be determined on FT-Orbitrap instruments. For obtaining structural
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27 ion of a full scan) to facilitate retrospective analysis as well as confirmation of the
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34 LC-HR-MS using FT-Orbitrap instruments in full scan mode has been
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36 successfully used for the (semi-)quantitative determination of e.g. small molecules in
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38 biological samples (Zhang et al., 2009), veterinary drugs in food matrices (Kaufmann et
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40 al., 2010), hormone and veterinary drug residue analysis (van der Heeft et al., 2009),
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42 residue analysis in food and feed (Kellmann et al., 2009), mycotoxin analysis in maize,
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44 wheat (Herebian et al., 2009) and barley (Zachariasova et al., 2010a) and mycotoxin
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46 analysis in beer (Zachariasova et al., 2010b). However, certain methodical aspects when
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48 dealing with HR-MS data remain unanswered or are to be further discussed in the
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5 estimation of LODs is frequently used, regardless of the fact, that with narrow relative
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9 (EICs) usually do not show any noise, due to the high mass resolving power of these
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11 instruments. Owing to this fact, other approaches have been suggested, such as the
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13 lowest calibration level (LCL, Zachariasova et al., 2010b) which is “the lowest
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17 determine during a longer time period” and alternative approaches for the calculation of
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19 detection limits (Kaufmann, 2009). While the LCL is defined as the lowest analyte
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21 concentration of a calibration (SANCO/10684/2009) but has no definition regarding its
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25 approaches are prone to errors caused by model assumptions. So far no standardised
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29 accepted throughout the scientific community. In our work we present the successful
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33 on “full profile mode” LC-MS chromatograms that can be used in case of FT-Orbitrap
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40 Our main focus was to explore the capabilities of an LTQ Orbitrap XL system
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48 present in food. The extraction procedure and LC method is based on previous work of
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50 our group in this field (Sulyok et al., 2006). After generating fit for purpose calibration
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52 functions, we evaluated the limits of detection in pure solvents and in presence of the
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effects for maize. Precision and trueness were assessed from spiking experiments as well as the measurement of matrix test materials. A preliminary approach for exploring the general applicability of HR-MS using an LTQ Orbitrap XL for a suspects screening for 200 fungal secondary metabolites in food samples was conducted. Therefore, specific detection and identification criteria were defined and applied to the HR-full scan chromatograms.

Materials and methods

Chemicals and reagents

Methanol (MeOH, LiChrosolv, LC gradient grade) and glacial acetic acid (HAc) were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany); acetonitrile (ACN, HiPerSolv Chromanorm, HPLC gradient grade) was purchased from VWR (Vienna, Austria); formic acid (FA, MS grade) was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich (Vienna, Austria). Water was purified successively by reverse osmosis and an ELGA Purelab Ultra-AN-MK2 system (Veolia Water, Vienna, Austria). Mycotoxin standards were purchased from different sources and were dissolved in ACN if not stated otherwise. Stock solutions of 3-acetyldeoxynivalenol (3ADON), aflatoxins B₁, B₂, G₁, G₂, M₁ (AFB₁, AFB₂, AFG₁, AFG₂, AFM₁), deoxynivalenol (DON), fumonisins B₁ and B₂ (FB₁, FB₂, in ACN:water 1:1, v/v), HT-2 toxin (HT-2), ochratoxin A (OTA), T-2 toxin (T-2) and zearalenone (ZON) were obtained from Biopure Referenzsubstanzen GmbH (Tulln, Austria). Alternariol, mycophenolic acid (MPA) and tentoxin were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Vienna, Austria). Roquefortine C (RFC) was purchased from Iris Biotech GmbH (Marktredwitz, Germany). α -Ergocryptine was obtained from Dr. Miroslav Flieger (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague). A stock solution of enniatin B and B₁ (EnnB, EnnB₁) was provided as a gift by Dr. Marika Jestoi (National

Veterinary and Food Research Institute, Finland). All standards were stored at -20 °C, except for FB₁ and FB₂, which were stored at 4°C.

For external calibration, a multi-analyte stock solution of the 20 mycotoxins with concentrations ranging from 100 – 5351 ng g⁻¹ was prepared freshly prior to analysis. The stock solutions were diluted with ACN:water 1:1 (v/v) 1:10 to 1:1000 over various levels, ranging from 1 – 535 ng g⁻¹. Since samples are diluted by a factor of eight during sample preparation (extraction and dilution of raw extract) this corresponds to a concentration range of 8 – 4281 ng g⁻¹ in food samples.

Sample preparation

Sample extraction and further preparation was based on a recently described procedure that allows efficient extraction of fungal metabolites in food samples from various matrices (Sulyok et al., 2006). 20 ml extraction solvent (ACN:water:HAc, 79:20:1 (v/v/v)) were added to 5 g of ground sample. The sample was extracted for 90 min at 170 rpm using a GFL 3017 rotary shaker (GFL, Burgwedel, Germany) and then left for 5 min to allow sedimentation of the solids. An aliquot of 350 µl of the supernatant was diluted with the same volume of a mixture consisting of ACN:water:HAc, 20:79:1 (v/v/v) and homogenized using a vortex mixer (Janke+Kunkel IKA Labortechnik VF2, Müller-Scherr, Vienna, Austria). 5 µl of the diluted extract were injected into the LC-MS system. The final concentration of sample equivalent in the extract was 0.125 g ml⁻¹, corresponding to 0.625 mg of sample injected into the LC-MS system.

LC-MS analysis

The chromatographic separation of the analytes was carried out using an HPLC system (Accela, Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) equipped with a reversed-phase Gemini C₁₈ analytical column, 150 x 2.0 mm i.d., 5 µm particle size, equipped with a

C₁₈ 4 x 2 mm i.d. security cartridge (all from Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA). The column temperature was maintained at 20 °C. Eluent A was water, eluent B was MeOH, both containing 0.1 % FA. The chromatographic method held the initial mobile phase composition (90 % A) constant for 2 min, followed by a linear gradient to 100 % B in 12 min. This final condition was held for 4 min, followed by 5 min column re-equilibration at 90 % A. The flow rate was 350 µl min⁻¹.

The HPLC system was coupled to an LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) equipped with an electrospray ionization (ESI) interface which was operated in positive ionization mode using the following settings: electrospray voltage: 4 kV, sheath gas: 40 arbitrary units, auxiliary gas: 5 arbitrary units, capillary temperature 350°C. All other source parameters were automatically tuned for a maximum MS signal intensity of reserpine (Sigma Aldrich (Vienna, Austria)) solution (10 mg L⁻¹). To this end, 10 µl min⁻¹ of reserpine solution (dissolved in ACN:water = 8:2 (v/v)) were infused via syringe pump into mobile phase (Eluent A:B, 1:1) of a flow rate of 350 µl min⁻¹.

For the FT-Orbitrap, the automatic gain control was set to a target value of 5*10⁵ and a maximum injection time of 500 ms was chosen. The mass spectrometer was used with a resolving power setting of 60,000 FWHM (at *m/z* 400) and a scan range of *m/z* 100-1000. Data was generated using Xcalibur 2.1.0 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA).

Mass calibration of the LTQ Orbitrap XL system was done using MSCAL5 ProteoMass™ LTQ/FT-Hybrid ESI Pos. Mode CalMix (Sigma Aldrich, Vienna, Austria) at an interval of maximum one week. Mass calibration was checked prior to measurements with common background ions (Keller et al., 2008). In case of a relative mass deviation ≥ 3 ppm, mass calibration was carried out using Thermo TunePlus

software (Version 2.5.5. SP1, Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA). With external calibration, 95 % of the data showed less than 3 ppm relative mass deviation at the peak apex (most intense scan of chromatographic peak; data not shown). Less intense scans at the beginning and end of a chromatographic peak occasionally showed slightly higher mass deviations. Hence, for generating extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) a relative mass extraction window size of exact mass $\pm$ 5 ppm was applied during data analysis, resulting in reasonable chromatographic peak shapes.

Data analysis

Data processing was done using Xcalibur 2.1.0 QualBrowser, QuanBrowser (using Genesis peak detection algorithm, relative mass extraction window: $\pm$ 5 ppm), and the validation software Validata, a Microsoft Excel macro developed by Wegscheider et al. (1999). For all analytes the protonated molecules (exceptions: HT-2 and T-2 toxins: ammonium adducts) were used for data evaluation.

Estimation of method performance characteristics

Spiking experiments

For the evaluation of matrix-induced signal suppression/enhancement (SSE), the method precision and the determination of the limit of detection in presence of matrix (LOD_{matrix}), maize was used as model matrix. Non-contaminated maize was extracted and diluted as described under sample preparation. Subsequently, to 900 μ l of diluted blank maize extract, 100 μ l of the multi-analyte stock solution was added to obtain the highest spiking level. Further dilution with diluted blank maize extract was carried out to achieve nine defined concentration levels of the toxins (covering the same range as for the external calibration) without diluting the matrix more than 10 %. Blank maize

was extracted, diluted and spiked at three different days for obtaining three independent data sets. These were used for estimation of matrix effects and of the overall precision of the method.

Determination of the limit of detection

For estimation of the limit of detection (LOD) two different approaches were applied. One common approach, according to Harris (2006), is to assume that the standard deviation of the signal of an analyte in a sample at a concentration level close to its detection limit is similar to the standard deviation of the analyte signal in a blank. For estimation of the LOD according to this approach, linear calibration curves were generated at low concentrations for which linearity of the detector response was assumed. The slopes (m) of linear regression lines and the standard deviations (s) of ten replicate measurements were used for the estimations of the LOD according to Equation (1).

$$LOD = \frac{3s}{m} \quad (1)$$

As alternative approach, the concentration at which a signal to noise ratio (S/N) of 3 is achieved when acquiring “full profile mode” data, was determined.

From results obtained for low concentrations of standard solutions in pure solvents, the instrument detection limit (LOD_{solvent}) was estimated. The LOD in presence of the matrix maize (LOD_{matrix}) was estimated by measuring spiked, diluted extracts of blank maize. LOD values obtained were multiplied by a factor of eight in order to obtain LODs in ng g^{-1} sample.

Evaluation of trueness

For evaluating the trueness of the method, several well defined matrix test materials

originating from interlaboratory comparison studies were used. Wheat flour originated from Biopure Referenzsubstanzen GmbH (Tulln, Austria), two quality control test materials (maize #1 and #2) originated from FAPAS (FERA, York, UK), and other proficiency testing materials (maize #3, breakfast cereal, wheat draff, grinded wheat and animal feed) originated from Bipea (Gennevilliers, France). Table 1 gives the assigned values (X) and expanded uncertainty U_X (confidence level 95 %) of the test materials. When available, the uncertainty u_x (confidence level 68 %) of the test materials has been directly taken for obtaining U_X . Otherwise, it has been calculated from the robust standard deviation s_X of the results of the participating laboratories, according to equation (2), where n is the number of the participating laboratories of the interlaboratory comparison studies.

$$U_X = 2 * u_X = 2 * \frac{s_X}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (2)$$

Suspects screening

In order to exploit the possibilities HR-MS can offer for the screening of microbial metabolites suspected to be present in the test materials, criteria were defined. These criteria were applied to full scan data obtained after analysis of the test materials.

First, a positive list of 208 fungal metabolites was constructed including molecular formula, CAS number (if available) and exact masses of ions likely to be present in HR-mass spectra (see Supplement Table 1). Eight of those have a molecular mass of < 100 or $> 1000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, so they cannot be covered with the method applied.

Full scan LC-MS chromatograms were examined for peaks indicating the presence of these “suspected” metabolites using the following criteria (automated detection):

- (1) Presence of at least two ion species ($[M+H]^+$ and/or $[M+NH_4]^+$ and/or $[M+Na]^+$)

with a maximum relative mass deviation of ± 3 ppm of the exact mass of the metabolites from the above mentioned positive list. This mass deviation was chosen due to the accuracy that was determined prior to measurements (see materials and methods section). Depending on the mass accuracy achieved, this parameter needs to be adjusted.

- (2) For the most intense ion species a minimum intensity of 10,000 counts was required.
- (3) Of the most intense ion species (I) the peak corresponding to the first ^{13}C isotopologue had to be present (maximum relative mass deviation ± 5 ppm). This mass tolerance was chosen to account for the low intensities of the isotopologue ion species, which can lead to slightly higher mass deviations. The ratio of the measured intensity of the I+1 ion to the calculated (theoretically expected) intensity $[\text{Int}(\text{I}+1)_{\text{meas}}]/[\text{Int}(\text{I}+1)_{\text{calc}}]$ had to be 0.65-1.05. This tolerance was chosen in order to take the accuracy with which relative isotope abundances can be determined on FT-Orbitrap instruments (Xu et al., 2010) into account.
- (4) Criteria (1) – (3) had to be fulfilled in at least 5 scans within a period of 25 seconds to be considered “putatively identified”.

For the automated data evaluation of these criteria for full scan FT-Orbitrap data a python script was implemented (Neumann et al., not published). Finally, EICs of putatively detected suspects were evaluated manually to ensure reasonable chromatographic peak shapes.

Results and discussion

Chromatographic separation of the analytes

In Figure 1 a typical chromatogram for the separation and detection of 20 selected mycotoxins is shown. For all analytes the protonated molecules (exceptions: HT-2 and T-2: ammonium adducts) were used for generating EICs. No ammonia was added to the eluents, but is most likely present in the solvents or from previous experiments (Berger et al., 1999) or formed in the source by redox processes in the electrospray (Nielsen and Smeesgaard, 2003). Typical chromatographic peak widths of 15 – 25 seconds lead to approximately 15 – 25 spectra across one peak. The most polar metabolites (DON, 3ADON) show broader peaks. This is caused by the injection of 5 μ l of the diluted sample extract (containing 50 % ACN in water) into an HPLC-flow (mobile phase consisting of 10 % ACN in water) of 350 μ l min⁻¹.

Generation of calibration curves

For generating external standard calibration curves, nine concentration levels were measured, ten times each (exception: Fumonisin: five to ten times each). Using linear calibration over the whole concentration range, highly negative intercepts (y axis) were observed. Additionally, sensitivity (slopes) increased with increasing analyte concentration. Therefore, quadratic fitted curves were used to describe the detector response as a function of toxin concentrations. This is in agreement with the findings of Kellmann et al. (2009) who made similar observations when using FT-Orbitrap in full scan mode for the determination of residues and contaminants in honey and animal feed. Also, signal intensities showed higher absolute standard deviations at high analyte concentrations (heteroscedasticity). Kaufmann et al. (2010), who developed a method for the quantification of veterinary drugs in different food matrices, made similar

observations and also used quadratic regression. Table 2 gives the calibration ranges and precision estimates obtained for standards in pure solvents.

Determination of the limit of detection

The limit of detection (LOD) is usually defined as the lowest analyte concentration at which the analyte signal can be reliably differentiated from the blank signal. It is a parameter to prevent the detection of false positives.

Applying the approach according to Harris (2006) lead to LODs at which often only a few (0-3) data points could be found across the chromatographic peaks of the corresponding EICs. Therefore, this approach resulted in estimated LODs that were too optimistic and cannot be used for the reliable estimation of the detection limits (data not shown).

Hence, we suggest an alternative approach for the estimation of LOD when using FT-Orbitrap in full scan mode. The most straightforward way to estimate the LOD is to determine the concentration at which a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of 3 is achieved. When working with high-resolution mass spectrometers, such as TOF, FT-ICR or FT-Orbitrap instruments, usually no noise is observed, owing to the high mass resolving power of these instruments. EICs generated with relative mass extraction window sizes of ± 5 ppm are highly selective for the molecule of interest. Only in exceptional cases background signals with similar m/z ratios cause the presence of detectable noise in EICs generated out of full scan data.

Usually, when recording FT-Orbitrap data, most of the noise is removed automatically by the instrument software in the so-called “reduced profile mode”. This is achieved in the following way: the system determines noise during booting of the instrument and subtracts all mass peaks below a certain threshold automatically during the acquisition of data. This reduces the data file size of a typical LC-MS run in full

scan mode to approximately 130 MB per file for the above described method. When generating FT-Orbitrap data files in “full profile mode” no signals are automatically removed. Therefore, only when acquiring data in “full profile mode”, noise can be observed in the corresponding data files when generating EICs with narrow mass extraction windows. By generating EICs of data that was recorded in “full profile mode”, the toxin concentrations corresponding to a S/N of 3 was determined for the estimation of LODs. It shall be noted however that acquiring “full profile mode “ data results in very a large file size (ca. 3.2 GB per run for the method in use) and therefore cannot be used for routine measurements. Concentration values for the LODs obtained by this procedure were a factor three to four higher compared to the values achieved according to Harris (2006) and are given in Table 2 (LOD_{solvent}) and Table 3 (LOD_{matrix}). This approach seems to give a more reliable estimation of the LOD for high-resolution data, resulting in reasonable peak shapes with approximately 8-10 data points across a peak. An example EIC of tentoxin (Delaforge et al., 1997) in solution without matrix, recorded in “reduced profile mode” and “full profile mode” (concentration at S/N=3) is given in Figure 2. Applying this approach to spiked maize extracts, the limits of the European Regulations could be achieved for FB₁, FB₂ and DON. For ZON the regulations were achieved, but with the following exceptions: ZON for “Processed cereal-based food for infants and young children” (20 ng g⁻¹), for “Bread, pastries and biscuits” (50 ng/g) and “Cereal snacks and breakfast cereals” (50 ng g⁻¹). Maximum residue levels for aflatoxins (0.025 - 15 ng g⁻¹) and for OTA (0.5 - 10 ng g⁻¹) however are at concentrations which cannot be measured with the presented method. For some analytes (e.g. DON, 3ADON, ZON) measurements in negative ionization mode and/or addition of acetate to the eluents (adduct formation) might be beneficial for achieving lower LODs.

*Performance characteristics obtained from matrix matched calibration
(maize)*

Maize is a matrix known to be associated with pronounced SSE effects (Sulyok et al., 2006). For this reason it was used for assessing matrix effects. Application of the proposed method to other matrices requires detailed investigations for the matrix in use. Recovery functions were constructed for extracted and diluted blank maize that was spiked with the analytes at several concentration levels. For this, the spiking concentrations of the maize extracts were put on the x axis; experimentally derived concentrations (external calibration with standards in pure solvents) were put on the y axis. The resulting calibration functions showed linearity (tested by Mandel Test (Validata, Wegscheider et al., 1999). RSDs of the recovery functions were used as estimates for the precision of the method. The slope of the recovery function can be used as estimate for matrix induced signal suppression/enhancement (SSE).

RSDs of the recovery functions was found to be around 10 % and generally lower than 20 %. The SSE generally showed values of 77 – 124 % indicating little influence of matrix components on ionization efficiencies. AFB₁ and AFB₂ show matrix effects of 55 and 69 % SSE, respectively. Sulyok et al. (2006) also found strong matrix effects, namely 18 and 48 % SSE for AFB₁ and AFB₂, respectively. Roquefortine C shows uncommonly large matrix effects (39 % SSE) together with low precision (60 % RSD at 65 ng g⁻¹). For details of the calibration parameters obtained for spiked maize extracts see Table 3.

The same extraction procedure (only minor adaptations) as in Sulyok et al. (2006) was used. Therefore, comparison of the results regarding extraction efficiencies as well as matrix effects is possible, the latter giving information about differences of the ion source setup regarding its susceptibility to matrix effects. Matrix effects were

similar to those found on the QTrap 4000 triple quadrupole system. SRM measurements show lower LODs for most of the analytes, which is in accordance with the findings of van der Heeft et al. (2009), who investigated hormone and veterinary drug residues using UPLC-HR-MS on an FT-Orbitrap at 60,000 resolving power and compared results with those of an MRM UPLC-QqQ-MS/MS confirmatory method.

Accuracy (trueness and precision) of the method

Measurements of well defined test materials were performed, showing the principal suitability of this method for wheat and maize based food commodities. In addition to the food test materials (maize (3), breakfast cereal (1), wheat flour (1), wheat draff (1), grinded wheat (1)), one animal feed (1) test material was included for evaluating the trueness of the method. Results were corrected for matrix effects in case of maize materials. For the other matrices no correction of SSE effects was done, since the extent was not known. For a method to be routinely used, SSE effects should be carefully evaluated and corrected if significant. As estimate for the method precision, the RSDs of the recovery functions were used (Validata, Wegscheider et al., 1999). Values were multiplied with two in order to obtain a 95 % confidence level. To compare measurement results with assigned concentrations of the inter-laboratory comparison matrix test materials, the procedure according to European Reference Materials' Application Note 1 of the European Commission (Linsinger, 2010) was applied. No significant differences between the measured concentration values and the assigned concentration values were observed, not even for two concentration values that slightly exceeded the highest concentration levels used for instrument calibration (DON and ZON in maize #3). Furthermore, from the results shown in Figure 3 (for test materials see materials and methods section), it can be concluded that for the tested toxin/matrix combination no severe matrix effects occurred. Otherwise, matrices other than maize

would not have resulted in an acceptable outcome. In conclusion, the results obtained clearly demonstrate the high potential of LC-HR-MS on FT-Orbitrap instruments for the quantitative determination of mycotoxins and its principle applicability to food samples.

Suspects screening for 200 fungal and bacterial metabolites

In contrast to MS/MS based quantitative methods such as SRM used with QqQ instruments, HR full scan measurements offer the opportunity to detect metabolites initially not intended to be monitored. In this respect, we wanted to explore and show the principal suitability of the Orbitrap for the screening of compounds without availability of standards.

In order to estimate the effect of the criteria, those were applied to the full scan measurements of standards solutions (in pure solvents and in presence of matrix maize (non-contaminated)) that lead to signal intensities of approx. 10^4 - 10^6 counts. Searching for the exact masses of the protonated molecules or ammonia-/sodium-adducts of standard solutions (minimum intensity heights 10^4 counts, mass deviation ± 3 ppm) led to the finding of all 20 standards, but also to 18 (standards in pure solvent) and 41 (standards in presence of matrix maize) false-positive findings. This indicates, that if a screening for the monitoring of regulated substances (e.g. 2002/657/EC, SANCO/10684/2009) was to be conducted, searching for the exact masses with a certain allowed mass deviation would be sufficient, since a following confirmatory method would have to proof the trueness of these findings. However, for the suspects screening approach, we applied further strict criteria in order to minimize the number of false positive findings. Applying criteria 1 and 2 led to the reduction to 13 (pure solvent) and 37 (matrix maize) false-positives and 0 false-negatives. Application of criteria 1-3 led to only 3 false positives but also 2 (pure solvent) and 12 (matrix maize) false negatives. Applying criteria 1 - 4 to standards in pure solvents and standards in

matrix maize led to 0 false-positives in both cases and to 9 (pure solvents) and 16 (matrix maize) false negatives.

Applying the criteria 1-4 to the test materials, several assigned compounds could not be found. The most limiting criterion turned out to be the maximum tolerated deviation from the expected (calculated) intensity ratio of the monoisotopic to the first ^{13}C isotopologue peak of - 35 % to + 5 % (criterion 3). Low intense mass peaks often show no isotopologue peaks at all (since they show only a fractional amount of the intensity of the monoisotopic peak). Also, the error of the expected relative intensity with which those can be determined can be considerably large for single spectra. Therefore, criterion 3 had not to be fulfilled in five consecutive scans but rather the occurrence of at least 5 scans within a time window of 25 seconds was permitted (criterion 4).

Nevertheless, screening for 200 metabolites in the full scan chromatograms of the test materials (applying criteria 1-4), further highly likely “suspected” metabolites could be found. A list of the 13 suspects found in addition to the expected target compounds (as specified by distributor of the respective samples) in the data of the test materials is given in Table 4. Those include metabolites, which are known to be produced by the most prevalent food colonizing fungi such as *Alternaria* (macrosporin), *Aspergillus* (asperlactone, cyclopiazonic acid), *Fusarium* (antibiotic Y, aurofusarin, beauvericin, chlamydosporol, enniatin B, enniatin B1, fusarielin A), *Penicillium* (decarestrictine, penicillic acid) and *Claviceps purpurea* (ergosine). All test materials under investigation were naturally contaminated. Since all of them had assigned concentration values for *Fusarium* toxins, it is very likely to find further *Fusarium* metabolites to be present in these samples, supporting the putative identification of seven more *Fusarium* metabolites. It also has to be noted that both, ergosine and

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3 macrosporin, usually are accompanied by related compounds such as other ergot
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5 alkaloids and alternaria toxins, respectively, which indicates the need for further
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16 spectrometry for the screening of compounds in full scan data. The positive list of
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18 suspects can be adjusted or extended deliberately, according to the expected range of
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22 false positives and false negatives. Further adaptations and improvements as well as the
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26 together; MS/MS fragmentation patterns) are subject of ongoing investigations.
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31 **Conclusion**

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33 We have established a LC-HR-MS method for the simultaneous quantification of
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35 selected mycotoxins and screening of fungal metabolites in food samples. A novel
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37 approach for the estimation of LODs of FT-Orbitrap data recorded in “full profile
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39 mode” was successfully applied, leading to reasonable chromatographic peak shapes
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41 and concentration values. LODs were within the limits of the European Regulations
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43 (Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1126/2007 and No. 1881/2006) for FB₁, FB₂, DON,
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3 Additionally, the potential of HR-MS for retrospective analysis was shown.
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7 exist, defined identification criteria were chosen. According to these criteria, 13
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9 different metabolites were detected in proficiency testing materials in addition to the
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Table 1. Assigned values according to material provider and expanded uncertainty (95 % confidence level) for test materials in ng g^{-1} . Concentration values < LOD in presence of matrix maize ($\text{LOD}_{\text{matrix}}$, see Table 3) are not provided.

Test Material	Provider, Number, Year	Analyte	Assigned value [ng g^{-1}]	Expanded uncertainty [ng g^{-1}]
Animal feed	Bipea, 2-3031-0052, 2010	DON	$32.3 \cdot 10^1$	$5.6 \cdot 10^1$
Grinded wheat	Bipea, 05-0631-0080, 2010	DON	$22.7 \cdot 10^2$	$2.5 \cdot 10^2$
Maize #1	FAPAS, T2262, 2010	DON	$17.1 \cdot 10^2$	$1.3 \cdot 10^2$
Maize #3	Bipea, 3-0731-0095, 2010	DON	$40.9 \cdot 10^2$	$4.6 \cdot 10^2$
Maize #2	FAPAS, T2246, 2008	FB_1	$16.5 \cdot 10^2$	$1.1 \cdot 10^2$
Maize #3	Bipea, 3-0731-0095, 2010	FB_1	$21.7 \cdot 10^1$	$9.2 \cdot 10^1$
Maize #2	FAPAS, T2246, 2008	FB_2	$46.1 \cdot 10^1$	$3.2 \cdot 10^1$
Wheat draff	Bipea, 2-2831-0055, 2011	HT-2	$7.2 \cdot 10^1$	$1.0 \cdot 10^1$
	Biopure Referenzsubstanzen			
Wheat flour	GmbH, -, -	HT-2	$8.9 \cdot 10^2$	$2.7 \cdot 10^2$
Wheat draff	Bipea, 2-2831-0055, 2011	T-2	$7.6 \cdot 10^1$	$1.8 \cdot 10^1$
	Biopure Referenzsubstanzen			
Wheat flour	GmbH, -, -	T-2	$7.5 \cdot 10^1$	$3.6 \cdot 10^1$
Breakfast cereal	FAPAS, T2257, 2010	ZON	$70 \cdot 10^0$	$7.0 \cdot 10^0$
Maize #3	Bipea, 3-0731-0095, 2010	ZON	$39.9 \cdot 10^2$	$6.7 \cdot 10^2$

Table 2. Retention time, calibration range, number of evaluated levels, relative standard deviation of the lowest calibration level (RSD low) and LODs obtained for standards in pure solvent for the respective analytes.

Analyte	Retention Time [min]	Calibration Range [ng g ⁻¹]	Number of evaluated levels	RSD low [%]	LOD _{solvent} [ng g ⁻¹]
DON	5.9	160-3200	4	15	160
3ADON	8.8	162-3232	4	13	110
Ergocryptine	9.2	10-960	8	16	8
AFG ₂	9.7	13-643	6	14	12
AFM ₁	9.7	30-1536	6	10	32
RFC	9.7	8-162	7	14	8
AFG ₁	10.0	13-643	6	14	12
AFB ₂	10.3	13-637	6	13	12
AFB ₁	10.7	13-212	5	13	12
FB ₁	10.7	86-4281	9	5	8
HT-2	11.6	32-1078	7	17	24
FB ₂	11.7	86-4264	9	6	8
Tentoxin	11.9	16-794	6	17	16
T-2	12.3	16-1066	8	17	16
MPA	12.4	64-3200	6	9	64
Alternariol	12.8	54-1600	5	12	24
ZON	13.5	41-3232	7	15	40
OTA	13.7	26-1318	6	19	24
EnnB	14.8	22-214	4	18	12
EnnB ₁	14.9	87-1728	4	22	16

Table 3. Performance characteristics in presence of the matrix maize: concentration range, number of evaluated levels, relative standard deviation of the recovery function (RSD_{matrix}) at medium concentration of the calibration [$ng\ g^{-1}$], signal suppression/enhancement (SSE), LOD in presence of matrix maize (LOD_{matrix}) and recovery of the extraction step (R_E).

Analyte	Calibration Range [$ng\ g^{-1}$]	Number of evaluated levels	RSD_{matrix} [%] at conc. [$ng\ g^{-1}$]	SSE [%]	LOD_{matrix} [$ng\ g^{-1}$]	R_E [%]
DON	160-3200	4	11 (1520)	115	160	98*
3ADON	162-3232	4	12 (1535)	113	150	89*
Ergocryptine	19-960	6	11 (471)	94	16	72**
AFG ₂	32-643	4	12 (306)	77	32	110*
AFM ₁	51-1536	5	9 (743)	96	40	100**
RFC	32-162	4	60 (65)	39	8	***
AFG ₁	21-643	5	12 (311)	77	20	107*
AFB ₂	32-637	4	18 (303)	69	24	102*
AFB ₁	21-212	4	16 (96)	55	16	95*
FB ₁	121-2414	4	8 (1147)	114	8	57*
HT-2	65-1078	5	11 (507)	77	40	108*
FB ₂	120-2404	4	10 (1142)	124	12	67*
Tentoxin	27-794	5	14 (384)	102	24	110**
T-2	40-1066	6	19 (513)	81	32	105*
MPA	64-3200	6	5 (1568)	105	64	103**
Alternariol	80-1600	4	6 (760)	88	56	107**
ZON	65-3232	6	12 (1584)	99	64	93*
OTA	44-1318	5	7 (637)	96	24	100*
EnnB	22-214	4	5 (96)	109	12	103*
EnnB ₁	87-1728	4	11 (821)	104	20	103*

Note: Recovery of the extraction step from: *Sulyok et al., 2006: model matrix maize

**Sulyok et al., 2007: model matrix breadcrumbs

*** Not evaluated for cereals. It has been evaluated for the matrix dust (94 %) by Vishwanath et al., 2009.

Table 4. Putative compounds detected in test materials found via suspects screening. Only metabolites additionally found to the target toxins are shown. Compound name, test material, most intense ion species (I), *m/z* found, retention time, intensity, relative mass deviation and ratio of measured to calculated relative isotope abundance of the first carbon isotopologue (one ¹³C instead of ¹²C).

Compound Name	Test Material	Ret. Time [min]	Most int. ion species (I)	Intensity [counts]	<i>m/z</i> found [Th]	Rel. mass dev. [ppm]	[Int(I+1) _{meas}]/[Int(I+1) _{calc}]
Antibiotic Y	Maize 3	12.0	[M+H] ⁺	6.5*10 ⁴	319.045	0.05	0.71
Asperlactone	Wheat draff	8.2	[M+H] ⁺	1.3*10 ⁵	185.081	-1.62	0.67
Aurofusarin	Maize 3	13.5	[M+H] ⁺	6.4*10 ⁵	571.087	-0.01	0.71
Beauvericin	Maize 2	15.0	[M+Na] ⁺	3.3*10 ⁵	806.398	-0.25	0.85
Chlamydosporol	Wheat draff	8.5	[M+H] ⁺	8.2*10 ⁴	227.091	-1.34	1.02
Cyclopiazonic acid	Maize 1	11.8	[M+H] ⁺	8.9*10 ⁵	337.155	0.16	0.91
Cyclopiazonic acid	Maize 2	11.8	[M+H] ⁺	8.2*10 ⁵	337.155	0.62	0.82
Cyclopiazonic acid	Maize 3	11.8	[M+H] ⁺	1.2*10 ⁶	337.154	-0.56	0.84
Decarestrictine	Maize 1	7.7	[M+H] ⁺	3.1*10 ⁴	217.107	0.10	0.68
Decarestrictine	Maize 3	7.8	[M+H] ⁺	4.2*10 ⁴	217.107	-0.33	0.86
Enniatin B	Animal feed	14.8	[M+Na] ⁺	8.5*10 ⁵	662.397	-2.24	0.70
Enniatin B	Breakfast cereal	14.8	[M+Na] ⁺	6.2*10 ⁴	662.398	-1.14	1.02
Enniatin B	Grinded wheat	14.7	[M+Na] ⁺	8.7*10 ⁵	662.398	-1.41	0.68
Enniatin B	Maize 3	14.7	[M+Na] ⁺	2.4*10 ⁵	662.399	-0.21	0.85
Enniatin B	Wheat draff	14.8	[M+Na] ⁺	3.0*10 ⁶	662.397	-2.06	0.86
Enniatin B	Wheat flour	14.7	[M+Na] ⁺	3.4*10 ⁵	662.398	-0.40	0.81
Enniatin B1	Animal feed	15.0	[M+Na] ⁺	4.7*10 ⁵	676.413	-2.41	0.86
Enniatin B1	Grinded wheat	15.0	[M+Na] ⁺	1.8*10 ⁵	676.413	-2.05	0.92
Enniatin B1	Wheat draff	15.0	[M+Na] ⁺	2.0*10 ⁶	676.413	-1.69	0.79
Enniatin B1	Wheat flour	14.9	[M+Na] ⁺	3.9*10 ⁵	676.414	-0.34	0.74
Ergosine	Maize 3	12.9	[M+Na] ⁺	1.8*10 ⁴	570.268	-0.88	0.79
Fusarielin A	Maize 2	13.8	[M+Na] ⁺	1.4*10 ⁴	425.265	-2.79	0.76
Macrosporin	Animal feed	11.2	[M+H] ⁺	6.5*10 ⁴	285.076	-0.13	0.68
Penicillic acid	Wheat draff	3.5	[M+H] ⁺	2.6*10 ⁴	171.065	-1.07	0.82

Figure 1. Chromatogram for the separation of 20 selected mycotoxins (abbreviations see text). EICs were generated from FT-Orbitrap full scan data using a mass extraction window of ± 5 ppm.
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Supplement Table 1. List of fungal metabolites for screening purpose.

Compound	Molecular formula	CAS	Exact monoisotopic mass (M) [g mol ⁻¹]	<i>m/z</i> [M+H] ⁺	<i>m/z</i> [M+NH ₄] ⁺	<i>m/z</i> [M+Na] ⁺	<i>m/z</i> [M-H] ⁻
3-Acetyl-deoxynivalenol	C17H22O7	50722-38-8	338.13655	339.14383	356.17038	361.12577	337.12928
15-Acetyl-deoxynivalenol	C17H22O7	88337-96-6	338.13655	339.14383	356.17038	361.12577	337.12928
15-Monoacetoxyscirpenol	C17H24O6	2623-22-5	324.15729	325.16456	342.19111	347.14651	323.15001
16-Ketoaspergillimide	C20H27N3O4	199784-50-4	373.20016	374.20743	391.23398	396.18938	372.19288
2-Amino-14,16-dimethyloctadecan-3-ol	C20H43ON	540770-33-0	313.33447	314.34174	331.36829	336.32369	312.32719
3-O-Methylviridicatin	C16H13NO2	6152-51-4	251.09463	252.10191	269.12845	274.08385	250.08735
AAL-TA1 Toxin	C25H47NO10	79367-52-5	521.32000	522.32727	539.35382	544.30922	520.31272
Actinomycin D	C62H86N12O16	50-76-0	1254.62847	1255.63575	1272.66230	1277.61770	1253.62120
Aflatoxin B1	C17H12O6	1162-65-8	312.06339	313.07066	330.09721	335.05261	311.05611
Aflatoxin B2	C17H14O6	7220-81-7	314.07904	315.08631	332.11286	337.06826	313.07176
Aflatoxin G1	C17H12O7	1165-39-5	328.05830	329.06558	346.09213	351.04752	327.05103
Aflatoxin G2	C17H14O7	7241-98-7	330.07395	331.08123	348.10778	353.06317	329.06668
Aflatoxin M1	C17H12O7	6795-23-9	328.05830	329.06558	346.09213	351.04752	327.05103
Aflatoxin M2	C17H14O7	6885-57-0	330.07395	331.08123	348.10778	353.06317	329.06668
Agroclavine	C16H18N2	548-42-5	238.14700	239.15428	256.18082	261.13622	237.13972
Alamethicin F30	C92H150N22O25	27061-78-5	1963.11425	1964.12152	1981.14807	1986.10347	1962.10697
alpha-Zearalenol	C18H24O5	36455-72-8	320.16237	321.16965	338.19620	343.15160	319.15510
alpha-Zearalenol-4-O-glucoside	C24H34O10	135626-94-7	482.21520	483.22247	500.24902	505.20442	481.20792
Altenuene	C15H16O6	29752-43-0	292.09469	293.10196	310.12851	315.08391	291.08741
Altenusin	C15H14O6	31186-12-6	290.07904	291.08631	308.11286	313.06826	289.07176
Alternariol	C14H10O5	641-38-3	258.05282	259.06010	276.08665	281.04204	257.04555
Alternariolmethylether	C15H12O5	26894-49-5	272.06847	273.07575	290.10230	295.05769	271.06120
Altersolanol	C16H16O7	22268-16-2	320.08960	321.09688	338.12343	343.07882	319.08233
Altertoxin-I	C20H16O6	56258-32-3	352.09469	353.10196	370.12851	375.08391	351.08741
Antibiotic Y	C15H10O8	102426-44-8	318.03757	319.04484	336.07139	341.02679	317.03029
Apicidin	C34H49N5O6	183506-66-3	623.36828	624.37556	641.40211	646.35751	622.36101
Ascomycin	C43H69NO12	104987-12-4	791.48198	792.48925	809.51580	814.47120	790.47470

Aspercolorin	C25H28N4O5	29123-52-2	464.20597	465.21325	482.23980	487.19519	463.19869
Aspergillimide	C20H29N3O3	195966-93-9	359.22089	360.22817	377.25472	382.21011	358.21362
Asperlactone	C9H12O4	76375-62-7	184.07356	185.08084	202.10738	207.06278	183.06628
Asperloxine A	C21H19N3O5	223130-52-7	393.13247	394.13975	411.16630	416.12169	392.12519
Aspionene	C9H16O4	157676-96-5	188.10486	189.11214	206.13868	211.09408	187.09758
Aspyron	C9H12O4	17398-00-4	184.07356	185.08084	202.10738	207.06278	183.06628
Asterric Acid	C17H16O8	577-64-0	348.08452	349.09179	366.11834	371.07374	347.07724
Atpenin A5	C15H21Cl2NO5	119509-24-9	365.07968	366.08695	383.11350	388.06890	364.07240
Aureobasidin A	C60H92N8O11	127757-30-6	1100.68856	1101.69583	1118.72238	1123.67778	1099.68128
Aurofusarin	C30H18O12	13191-64-5	570.07983	571.08710	588.11365	593.06905	569.07255
Austdiol	C12H12O5	53043-28-0	236.06847	237.07575	254.10230	259.05769	235.06120
Austocystin A	C19H13ClO6	55256-58-1	372.04007	373.04734	390.07389	395.02929	371.03279
Avenacein Y	C15H10O8	102426-44-8	318.03757	319.04484	336.07139	341.02679	317.03029
Beauvericin	C45H57N3O9	26048-05-5	783.40948	784.41676	801.44331	806.39870	782.40220
beta-Zearalenol	C18H24O5	71030-11-0	320.16237	321.16965	338.19620	343.15160	319.15510
beta-Zearalenol-4-O-glucoside	C24H34O10	135626-93-6	482.21520	483.22247	500.24902	505.20442	481.20792
Brefeldin A	C16H24O4	20350-15-6	280.16746	281.17474	298.20128	303.15668	279.16018
Brevicompanine B	C22H29N3O2	215121-47-4	367.22598	368.23325	385.25980	390.21520	366.21870
Calphostin C	C44H38O14	121263-19-2	790.22616	791.23343	808.25998	813.21538	789.21888
Cephalosporin C	C16H21N3O8S	61-24-5	415.10494	416.11221	433.13876	438.09416	414.09766
Chaetocin	C30H28N6O6S4	28097-03-2	696.09532	697.10259	714.12914	719.08454	695.08804
Chaetoglobosin A	C32H36N2O5	50335-03-0	528.26242	529.26970	546.29625	551.25164	527.25515
Chanoclavin	C16H20N2O	2390-99-0	256.15756	257.16484	274.19139	279.14678	255.15029
Chetomin	C31H30O6N6S4	1403-36-7	710.11097	711.11824	728.14479	733.10019	709.10369
Chlamydosporol	C11H14O5	135063-30-8	226.08412	227.09140	244.11795	249.07334	225.07685
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Citrinin	C13H14O5	518-75-2	250.08412	251.09140	268.11795	273.07334	249.07685
Citromycetin	C14H10O7	478-60-4	290.04265	291.04993	308.07648	313.03187	289.03538
Cochliodinol	C32H30N2O4	11051-88-0	506.22056	507.22783	524.25438	529.20978	505.21328
Curvularin	C16H20O5	10140-70-2	292.13107	293.13835	310.16490	315.12029	291.12380
Cycloaspeptide A	C36H43N5O6	109171-13-3	641.32133	642.32861	659.35516	664.31056	640.31406
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Cytochalasin A	C29H35O5N	14110-64-6	477.25152	478.25880	495.28535	500.24074	476.24425
Cytochalasin B	C29H37O5N	14930-96-2	479.26717	480.27445	497.30100	502.25639	478.25990
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Cytochalasin H	C30H39NO5	53760-19-3	493.28282	494.29010	511.31665	516.27204	492.27555
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Deoxynivalenol	C15H20O6	51481-10-8	296.12599	297.13326	314.15981	319.11521	295.11871
Deoxynivalenol-3-glucoside	C21H30O11	131180-21-7	458.17881	459.18609	476.21264	481.16803	457.17154
Diacetoxyscirpenol	C19H26O7	2270-40-8	366.16785	367.17513	384.20168	389.15707	365.16058
Dihydroergosine	C30H39N5O5	7288-61-1	549.29512	550.30240	567.32894	572.28434	548.28784
Dihydroxyergotamine	C33H37N5O5	511-12-6	583.27947	584.28675	601.31329	606.26869	582.27219
Dihydrolysergol	C16H20N2O	18051-16-6	256.15756	257.16484	274.19139	279.14678	255.15029
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Enniatin B	C33H57N3O9	917-13-5	639.40948	640.41676	657.44331	662.39870	638.40220
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Enniatin B2	C32H55N3O9	632-91-7	625.39383	626.40111	643.42766	648.38305	624.38655
Enniatin B3	C31H53N3O9	864-99-3	611.37818	612.38546	629.41201	634.36740	610.37090
Enniatin B4	C34H59N3O9	19893-21-1	653.42513	654.43241	671.45896	676.41435	652.41785

Enniatin J1	C31H53N3O9	19893-15-3	611.37818	612.38546	629.41201	634.36740	610.37090
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Ergocornine	C31H39N5O5	564-36-3	561.29512	562.30240	579.32894	584.28434	560.28784
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Festuclovine	C16H20N2	569-26-6	240.16265	241.16993	258.19647	263.15187	239.15537
Fulvic Acid	C14H12O8	479-66-3	308.05322	309.06049	326.08704	331.04244	307.04594
Fumagillin	C26H34O7	23110-15-8	458.23045	459.23773	476.26428	481.21967	457.22318
Fumigaclavin A	C18H22N2O2	6879-59-0	298.16813	299.17540	316.20195	321.15735	297.16085
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Fumonisin B1	C34H59NO15	116355-83-0	721.38847	722.39575	739.42230	744.37769	720.38119
Fumonisin B2	C34H59NO14	116355-84-1	705.39356	706.40083	723.42738	728.38278	704.38628
Fumonisin B3	C34H59NO14	136379-59-4	705.39356	706.40083	723.42738	728.38278	704.38628
Fusaproliferin	C27H40O5	152469-17-5	444.28757	445.29485	462.32140	467.27680	443.28030
Fusarenone X	C17H22O8	23255-69-8	354.13147	355.13874	372.16529	377.12069	353.12419
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Fusidic Acid	C31H48O6	6990-06-3	516.34509	517.35237	534.37891	539.33431	515.33781
Fusaric acid	C10H13NO2	536-69-6	179.09463	180.10191	197.12845	202.08385	178.08735
Geodin	C17H12Cl2O7	427-63-4	397.99601	399.00328	416.02983	420.98523	396.98873

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5	Gibberellic Acid	C19H22O6	77-06-5	346.14164	347.14891	364.17546	369.13086	345.13436
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7	Griseofulvin	C17H17O6Cl	126-07-8	352.07137	353.07864	370.10519	375.06059	351.06409
8	HC-Toxin	C21H32N4O6	83209-65-8	436.23218	437.23946	454.26601	459.22141	435.22491
9	HT-2-Toxin	C22H32O8	26934-87-2	424.20972	425.21699	442.24354	447.19894	423.20244
10	hydrolyzed fumonisin B1	C22H47NO5	145040-09-1	405.34542	406.35270	423.37925	428.33464	404.33815
11	Kojic Acid	C6H6O4	501-30-4	142.02661	143.03389	160.06043	165.01583	141.01933
12	Lolitre B	C42H55NO7	81771-19-9	685.39785	686.40513	703.43168	708.38707	684.39058
13	Lysergol	C16H18N2O	602-85-7	254.14191	255.14919	272.17574	277.13113	253.13464
14	Macrosporin	C16H12O5	22225-67-8	284.06847	285.07575	302.10230	307.05769	283.06120
15	Malformin C	C23H39N5O5S2	59926-78-2	529.23926	530.24654	547.27309	552.22848	528.23198
16	Marcfortine A	C28H35N3O4	75731-43-0	477.26276	478.27003	495.29658	500.25198	476.25548
17	Meleagrin	C23H23N5O4	71751-77-4	433.17500	434.18228	451.20883	456.16423	432.16773
18	Methysergide	C21H27N3O2	361-37-5	353.21033	354.21760	371.24415	376.19955	352.20305
19	Mevastatin	C23H34O5	73573-88-3	390.24062	391.24790	408.27445	413.22985	389.23335
20	Mevinolin	C24H36O5	75330-75-5	404.25627	405.26355	422.29010	427.24550	403.24900
21	Moniliformin	C4H2O3	71376-34-6	98.00039	99.00767	116.03422	120.98962	96.99312
22	Mycophenolic acid	C17H20O6	24280-93-1	320.12599	321.13326	338.15981	343.11521	319.11871
23	Neosolaniol	C19H26O8	36519-25-2	382.16277	383.17004	400.19659	405.15199	381.15549
24	Neoxaline	C23H25N5O4	71812-10-7	435.19065	436.19793	453.22448	458.17988	434.18338
25	NG012	C32H38O15	141731-76-2	662.22107	663.22835	680.25490	685.21029	661.21379
26	Nidulin	C20H17Cl3O5	10089-10-8	442.01416	443.02143	460.04798	465.00338	441.00688
27	Nivalenol	C15H20O7	23282-20-4	312.12090	313.12818	330.15473	335.11012	311.11363
28	Nornidulin	C19H15Cl3O5	33403-37-1	427.99851	429.00578	446.03233	450.98773	426.99123
29	Ochratoxin A	C20H18NO6Cl	303-47-9	403.08227	404.08954	421.11609	426.07149	402.07499
30	Ochratoxin alpha	C11H9ClO5	19165-63-0	256.01385	257.02113	274.04768	279.00307	255.00657
31	Ochratoxin B	C20H19NO6	4825-86-9	369.12124	370.12851	387.15506	392.11046	368.11396
32	O-Methylsterigmatocystin	C19H14O6	17878-69-2	338.07904	339.08631	356.11286	361.06826	337.07176
33	Oxaspirodion	C13H14O5	774538-95-3	250.08412	251.09140	268.11795	273.07334	249.07685
34	Paraherquamide A	C28H35N3O5	77392-58-6	493.25767	494.26495	511.29150	516.24689	492.25039
35	Paspaline	C28H39NO2	11024-56-9	421.29808	422.30536	439.33191	444.28730	420.29080
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Paxilline	C27H33NO4	57186-25-1	435.24096	436.24824	453.27478	458.23018	434.23368
Penicillic acid	C8H10O4	90-65-3	170.05791	171.06519	188.09173	193.04713	169.05063
Penicillin G	C16H18O4N2S	61-33-6	334.09873	335.10600	352.13255	357.08795	333.09145
Penicillin V	C16H18N2O5S	87-08-1	350.09364	351.10092	368.12747	373.08286	349.08637
Penigequinolone A	C27H33NO6	180045-91-4	467.23079	468.23806	485.26461	490.22001	466.22351
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Pentoxifylline	C13H18N4O3	6493-05-6	278.13789	279.14517	296.17172	301.12711	277.13061
Pestalotin	C11H18O4	34565-32-7	214.12051	215.12779	232.15433	237.10973	213.11323
Phomopsin A	C36H45ClN6O12	64925-80-0	788.27840	789.28568	806.31222	811.26762	787.27112
Physcion	C16H12O5	521-61-9	284.06847	285.07575	302.10230	307.05769	283.06120
Pseurotin A	C22H25NO8	58523-30-1	431.15802	432.16529	449.19184	454.14724	430.15074
Pyrenophorol	C16H24O6	22248-41-5	312.15729	313.16456	330.19111	335.14651	311.15001
Pyripyropene A	C31H37NO10	147444-03-9	583.24175	584.24902	601.27557	606.23097	582.23447
Radicicol	C18H17ClO6	12772-57-5	364.07137	365.07864	382.10519	387.06059	363.06409
Roquefortine C	C22H23N5O2	58735-64-1	389.18518	390.19245	407.21900	412.17440	388.17790
Roridin A	C29H40O9	14729-29-4	532.26723	533.27451	550.30106	555.25645	531.25996
Rubellin D	C30H22O10	121325-49-3	542.12130	543.12857	560.15512	565.11052	541.11402
Rugulosin	C30H22O10	23537-16-8	542.12130	543.12857	560.15512	565.11052	541.11402
Satratoxin G	C29H36O10	53126-63-9	544.23085	545.23812	562.26467	567.22007	543.22357
Satratoxin H	C29H36O9	53126-64-0	528.23593	529.24321	546.26976	551.22515	527.22866
Scirpentriol	C15H22O5	2270-41-9	282.14672	283.15400	300.18055	305.13594	281.13945
Secalonic acid	C32H30O14	56283-72-8	638.16356	639.17083	656.19738	661.15278	637.15628
Setosusin	C29H38O8	182926-45-0	514.25667	515.26394	532.29049	537.24589	513.24939
Stachybotrylactam	C23H31NO4	163391-76-2	385.22531	386.23258	403.25913	408.21453	384.21803
Sterigmatocystin	C18H12O6	10048-13-2	324.06339	325.07066	342.09721	347.05261	323.05611
Sulochrin	C17H16O7	519-57-3	332.08960	333.09688	350.12343	355.07882	331.08233
T-2 Tetraol	C15H22O6	34114-99-3	298.14164	299.14891	316.17546	321.13086	297.13436
T-2 Toxin	C24H34O9	21259-20-1	466.22028	467.22756	484.25411	489.20950	465.21301
T-2 Triol	C20H30O7	34114-98-2	382.19915	383.20643	400.23298	405.18837	381.19188
Tentoxin	C22H30N4O4	28540-82-1	414.22671	415.23398	432.26053	437.21593	413.21943
Tenuazonic Acid	C10H15O3N	610-88-8	197.10519	198.11247	215.13902	220.09441	196.09792

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Terphenyllin	C20H18O5	52452-60-5	338.11542	339.12270	356.14925	361.10464	337.10815
Territrem B	C29H34O9	70407-20-4	526.22028	527.22756	544.25411	549.20950	525.21301
Trichodermin	C17H24O4	4682-50-2	292.16746	293.17474	310.20128	315.15668	291.16018
Ustiloxin A	C28H43N5O12S	143557-93-1	673.26289	674.27017	691.29672	696.25211	672.25562
Ustiloxin B	C26H39N5O12S	151841-41-7	645.23159	646.23887	663.26542	668.22081	644.22432
Ustiloxin D	C23H34N4O8	158243-18-6	494.23766	495.24494	512.27149	517.22689	493.23039
Verrucarín A	C27H34O9	3148-09-2	502.22028	503.22756	520.25411	525.20950	501.21301
Verrucarol	C15H22O4	2198-92-7	266.15181	267.15909	284.18563	289.14103	265.14453
Verrucofortine	C24H31N3O3	113706-21-1	409.23654	410.24382	427.27037	432.22576	408.22927
Verruculogen	C27H33O7N3	12771-72-1	511.23185	512.23913	529.26568	534.22107	510.22457
Viomellein	C30H24O11	55625-78-0	560.13186	561.13914	578.16569	583.12108	559.12459
Viridicatin	C15H11NO2	129-24-8	237.07898	238.08626	255.11280	260.06820	236.07170
Wortmannin	C23H24O8	19545-26-7	428.14712	429.15439	446.18094	451.13634	427.13984
Zearalenone	C18H22O5	17924-92-4	318.14672	319.15400	336.18055	341.13594	317.13945
Zearalenone-4-glucoside	C24H32O10	105088-14-0	480.19955	481.20682	498.23337	503.18877	479.19227
Zearalenone-4-sulfate	C18H22O8S	132505-04-5	398.10354	399.11081	416.13736	421.09276	397.09626