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Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008)**

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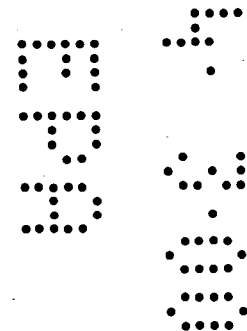
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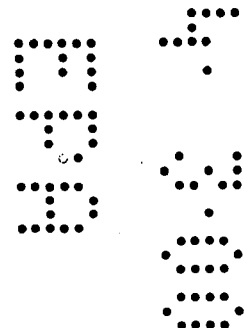
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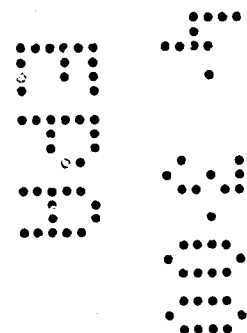
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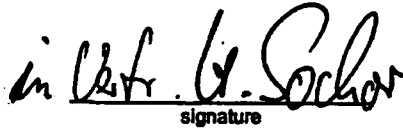
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SUMMARY**Enforcement Method for Soil by LC-MS/MS****Metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736)
Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008)****Relevant residue**

Metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736)

Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008)

Test commodity

Two Soils: loamy sand and silty loam

Principle of the method

Residues of the sulfonylureas were extracted with acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v) from soil. After evaporation to dryness, the residues were reconstituted in water acidified with formic acid (0.01 mol/L). After a liquid/liquid extraction with ethyl acetate / formic acid (0.01 mol/L), the sulfonylureas were determined by LC-MS/MS.

The determination of the residues was done with matrix matched standards. To establish the calibration curve matrix test solutions were injected into the LC-MS/MS-system.

Calibration

A curve of the form $y = a + bx + cx^2$ is applicable over the tested range of 0.1 to 5 ng/mL of matrix matched standards for the tested sulfonylureas.

Recovery efficiency, relative standard deviation (RSD)

Recovery experiments were conducted at 0.01 µg/kg, 0.02 µg/kg, 0.05 µg/kg and 0.5 µg/kg for two different soil types, a loamy sand and silty loam.

Validation results covering the requirements for enforcement methods were found for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) at the fortification levels of 0.02 µg/kg, 0.05 µg/kg and 0.5 µg/kg. Mean recoveries were found between 74 and 100 % at these fortification levels, with an RSD of 4 - 20 %.

It was demonstrated that also the level of 0.01 µg/kg could be detected. However this level do not completely fulfil the requirements of the validation of an analytical method. The apparent residues were found up to 0.006 µg/kg ($\leq 0.3 * LOQ$, $LOQ = 0.02 \mu\text{g/kg}$). The level of 0.02 µg/kg is therefore considered to be the appropriate limit of quantification for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008).

Summary table of recoveries:

Analyte	Soil type	Fortification level	Mean recovery	RSD (a)	n
		[µg/kg]	[%]	[%]	
AE F075736	Silty loam	0.01	81	6	5
		0.02	82	18	6
		0.05	92	13	13
		0.5	94	9	7
	Loamy sand	0.01	89	19	6
		0.02	100	16	6
		0.05	90	9	13
		0.5	90	6	7
AE F115008	Silty loam	0.01	82	25	6
		0.02	74	18	6
		0.05	85	20	11
		0.5	78	15	7
	Loamy sand	0.01	100	33	6
		0.02	90	4	5
		0.05	75	15	13
		0.5	84	13	7

LOQ = 0.02

a) $RSD = S.D. / \text{Mean Recovery} \cdot 100 \%$

$$S.D. = \left[\frac{\sum (R_i - R_m)^2}{n - 1} \right]^{1/2}$$

R_i: recovery
 R_m: mean recovery
 n: number of recoveries

Limit of quantification

The limit of quantification (LOQ) covering the requirements for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736), iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) in soil was established and validated at 0.02 µg/kg.

Specificity

Control samples of soils were analysed. The apparent residues were ≤ 0.006 µg/kg (≤ 0.3 * LOQ, LOQ = 0.02 µg/kg).

Due to the high specificity of MS/MS and the very low concentration analysed in soil, no further confirmation techniques are currently available.

Analytical method flow sheet*Extraction sulfonylureas*

50 g soil
100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v)
Shake for 20 min. on the shaking machine or treat the sample for 2 min. with a desintegrator (the sample will be pulsed)
centrifuge 5 min at 4000 rpm
filter over cotton wool
repeat with 100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v)
combine the organic phases
Reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C)

*clean up
liquid/liquid extraction
ethyl acetate / formic
acid*

Dissolve the residue in 20 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) using an ultrasonic bath
Transfer the solution in the Falcon beaker and centrifuge (5 min at 4000 rpm)
Transfer the solution into a 100 mL separation funnel
Repeat the first step with 10 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water)
Wash the round bottom flask with 15 mL ethyl acetate
Transfer the ethyl acetate into the centrifuge beaker (Falcon beaker)
Shake hardy
Centrifuge for 5 min at 4000 rpm
Transfer the ethyl acetate into the separatory funnel
Shake the formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) / ethyl acetate mixture for 1 min
Transfer the formic acid phase into a second separatory funnel
Give the ethyl acetate phase into a 100 mL round bottom flask
Repeat extraction of the formic acid twice with 15 mL ethyl acetate, each
Combine the ethyl acetate phases and reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C).

LC-MSMS

Dissolve in acetonitrile / water (1 : 1, v/v)
final volume should be 2.0 mL to 10.0 mL
(if necessary filter the final solution over an injection filter (0.45 µm))
LC-MS/MS

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2 Objectives

The objective of this study is the development of a multi-residue method for the determination of residues of sulfonylureas, e.g. metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736), iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008), in soil by LC-MS/MS.

3 Test commodities

For development of the analytical method two different types of soil from the field dissipation study ER 98 EUR 500 were used. One soil, a loamy sand (0.80 % org. C, pH 7.5), was from the field trial (I98001R) in Italy, the other soil, a silty loam (1.38 % org. C, pH 7.4), was from the field trial (S98001R) in Spain.

4 Relevant residue and reference substances

4.1 Relevant residue

The relevant residues consist of the parent compounds metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008).

4.2 Test and reference substances

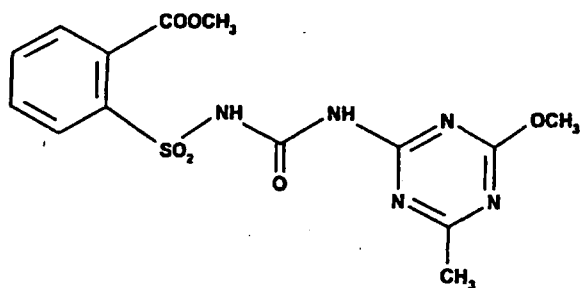
Metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736)

Chemical name (IUPAC): methyl 2-[3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) ureidosulfonyl]-benzoate

Empirical formula: $C_{14}H_{15}N_5O_6S$

Molecular weight: 381.4

Structural formula:



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Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008)

Chemical name (IUPAC): methyl 4-iodo-2-[3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)ureido-sulfonyl]benzoate, sodium salt

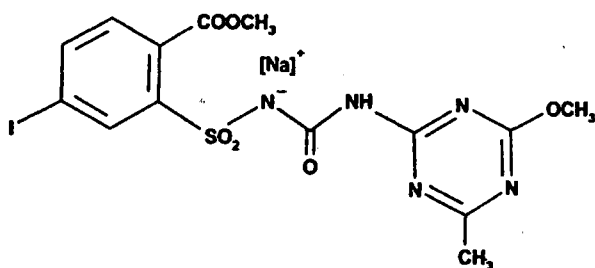
Empirical formula: $C_{14}H_{13}IN_5NaO_6S$

Molecular weight: 529.3

Solubility (20 °C):

Solvent	Solubility	Source
acetone	> 380 g/L	ref. 1
dichloromethane	> 500 g/L	ref. 1
ethyl acetate	23 g/L	ref. 1
n-hexane	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/L	ref. 1
methanol	12 g/L	ref. 1
n-heptane	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/L	ref. 1
2-propanol	4.4 g/L	ref. 1
toluene	2.1 g/L	ref. 1
acetonitrile	52 g/L	ref. 1
DMSO	> 500 g/L	ref. 1
PEG	87 g/L	ref. 1

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5 Procedures

5.1 Principle of Analytical Method

The method flow sheet is presented in Annex I.

Residues of the sulfonylureas were extracted with acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v) from soil. After evaporation to dryness, the residues were reconstituted in water acidified with formic acid (0.01 mol/L). After a liquid/liquid extraction with ethyl acetate / formic acid (0.01 mol/L), the sulfonylureas were determined by LC-MS/MS.

The determination of the residues was done with matrix matched standards. To establish the calibration curve matrix test solutions were injected into the LC-MS/MS-system.

5.2 Reagents

- acetonitrile Chromasolv p.A. (Riedel-de Haën, Germany)
- triethylamine, 0.02 mol/L
- formic acid, 0.01 mol/L
- ethyl acetate Pestanal (Riedel-de Haën, Germany)
- AE F075736, analytical standard (AgrEvo GmbH, Germany)
- AE F115008, analytical standard (AgrEvo GmbH, Germany)

Stock solutions of the analytical standards were prepared by dissolving about 50 mg of analytical standard of AE F075736 and AE F115008 in ca. 50 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine (0.02 mol/L), 4:1, v/v. Concentration of the stock solutions was 1.0 mg/mL. Working solutions were prepared from the stock solution by further dilution with acetonitrile / water, 1:1, v/v. The working solutions contain all needed analytical standards.

5.3 Apparatus

The following list contains the apparatus used in the laboratory of the author for method development and validation. Suitable alternatives can be taken.

- standard laboratory glassware
- rotary vacuum evaporator with water bath
- centrifuge tube
- ultrasonic bath
- centrifuge (e.g. Heraeus Labofuge GL with rotor)
- Ultraturrax Typ 18/10
- LC-MS/MS system Quattro LC-Z (Micromass) (see section 5.6)
- chromatography column, Hypersil BDS, 5 μ m, 250 mm x 3 mm

5.4 Preparation of samples and storage

Sample handling and preparation of the samples should be done following procedures mentioned in the relevant guidelines.

Soil samples should be mixed thoroughly and were stored deep-frozen.

5.5 Laboratory Steps

5.5.1 Extraction

Weigh 50 g of the homogenised soil sample into a centrifuge beaker. Fortify at this stage for recovery experiments. Add 100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v). Shake for 20 min. on the shaking machine or treat the sample for 2 min. with a desintegrator (the sample will be pulsed).

Centrifuge the mixture for 5 min at 4000 rpm and give the liquid phase into a 500 mL round bottom flask via a funnel with cotton wool. Repeat the extraction with 100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v).

Combine the extracts. Reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C).

5.5.2 Liquid-liquid clean-up

Dissolve the residue in 20 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) using an ultrasonic bath. Transfer the solution in the centrifuge beaker (Falcon beaker) and centrifuge (5 min at 4000 rpm). Transfer the solution into a 100 mL separation funnel. Repeat the first step with 10 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water).

Wash the round bottom flask with 15 mL ethyl acetate, transfer the ethyl acetate into the centrifuge beaker (Falcon beaker). Shake hardly. Centrifuge for 5 min at 4000 rpm. Transfer the ethyl acetate into the separatory funnel filled with the 30 mL formic acid (see above).

Shake the formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) / ethyl acetate mixture for 1 min. Transfer the formic acid phase into a second separatory funnel. Give the ethyl acetate phase into a 100 mL round bottom flask. Repeat extraction of the formic acid twice with 15 mL ethyl acetate, each. Combine the ethyl acetate phases and reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C).

(In the case of bad separation, combine the ethyl acetate phases with the mixed phases into a centrifuge beaker (Falcon beaker). Centrifuge the mixture for 1 min at 4000 rpm. Transfer the aqueous phase to waste using a 10 mL single syringe stainless steel cannula. Transfer the ethyl acetate phase into a round bottom flask. Reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C).)

Dissolve the residue in acetonitrile / water (1 : 1; v/v). The final volume should be 2.0 to 10.0 mL. This solution is ready for quantification with LC-MS/MS. If necessary filter the final solution over an injection filter (0.45 µm).

5.5.3 Matrix calibration

To 900 μ L matrix solution 100 μ L of a test solution with known amounts of sulfonylureas, e.g. metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008), was added. This gives a final volume of 1 mL. If smaller volumes were needed, aliquots of the matrix solution and test solution were used. However, the ratio matrix solution / test solution should be 9 : 1. For the matrix solutions a worked up control sample, diluted in acetonitrile / water (1 : 1; v/v) was used. To establish a calibration curve matrix test solutions were injected into the LC-MS/MS-system.

5.6 Determination of residues

The following conditions have been used successfully during validation of this analytical method. If different equipment and columns are used, modifications of the given conditions may be necessary.

HPLC-conditions

Column: Hypersil BDS, 5 μ m, 250 mm x 3 mm
Column temperature: 30 °C
Injection volume : 50 μ L
Flow: 0.25 mL / min
Pump A: Formic acid 0.01 mol/L
Pump B: Acetonitrile

Gradient

Time [min]	Formic acid [% A]	Acetonitrile [% B]
0	80	20
3	80	20
13	20	80
20	20	80
22	80	20
27	80	20

MS/MS Conditions

Analytical standards of all compounds should be taken to determine the most sensitive mass-transition from parent to daughter ion. Afterwards all relevant parameters of the MS/MS-system have to be optimized regarding a maximum sensitivity. Tabulated values below were chosen during this validation study but may vary depending on the system used.

To minimize contamination of the MS/MS system the capillary outlet behind the HPLC-column was connected to a switch valve. This construction ensures that only the flow within a certain time window (expected retention time \pm ca. 1.5 min) enters the system while the rest is discarded. During the discarding phase the MS/MS system is stabilised with a flow of 0.25 mL/min of formic acid 0.01 mol/L / Acetonitrile (1 : 1, v/v), provided by an additional HPLC pump.

Tune parameter MS/MS

Modus:	MRM; Electrospray positive	Analyser:	
Capillary:	3.50 kV	LM Res 1	10.0
Extractor:	2 V	HM Res 1	10.0
RF Lens:	0.20 V	I Energy 1	1.0 V
Source block temp.:	150 °C	Entrance	10
Desolvation temp.:	350 °C	Exit	15
		LM Res 2	15.0
		HM Res 2	15.0
Nebuliser gas	ca. 90 L/h	I Energy 2	2.0 V
Drying gas	ca. 600 L/h	Multiplier	650 V

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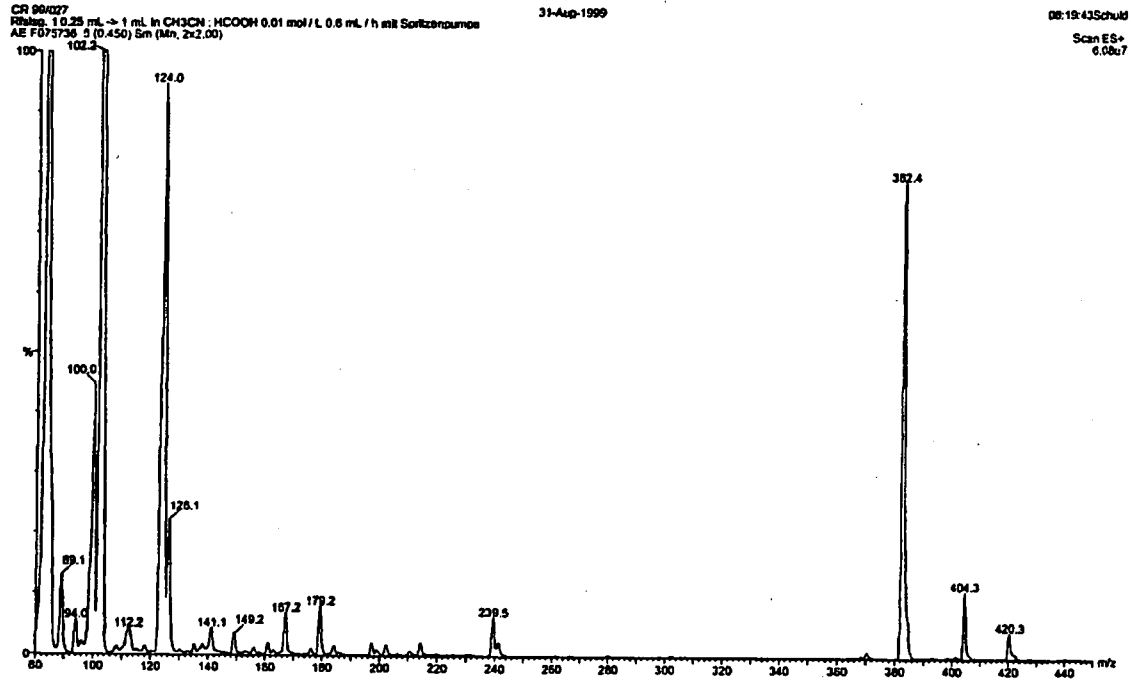
Substance	Parent [m/z]	Daughter [m/z]	Dwell [s]	Coll. Energy	Cone Voltage [V]
AE F075736	382.20	167.00	0.3	18	20
AE F115008	508.20	167.00	0.3	20	23

Retention time

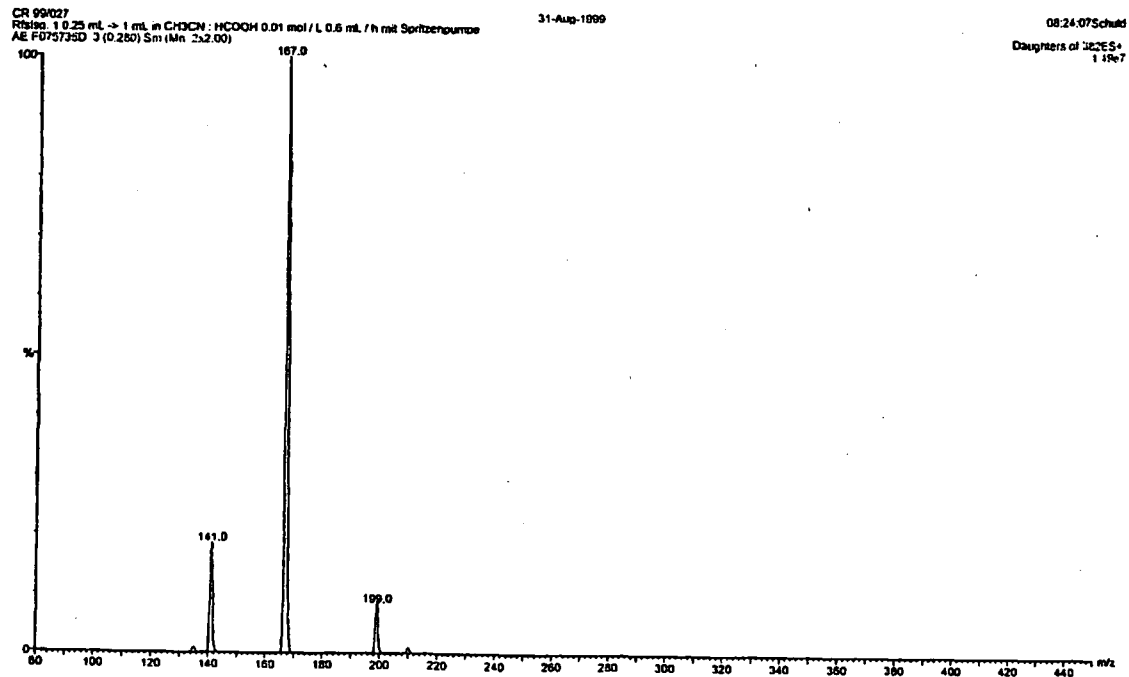
Substance	Retention time [min]	Detection time windows [min]
AE F075736	16.9	14.5 – 20.5
AE F115008	18.9	14.5 – 20.5

5.6.1 MS spectrum of AE F075736

Parent scan

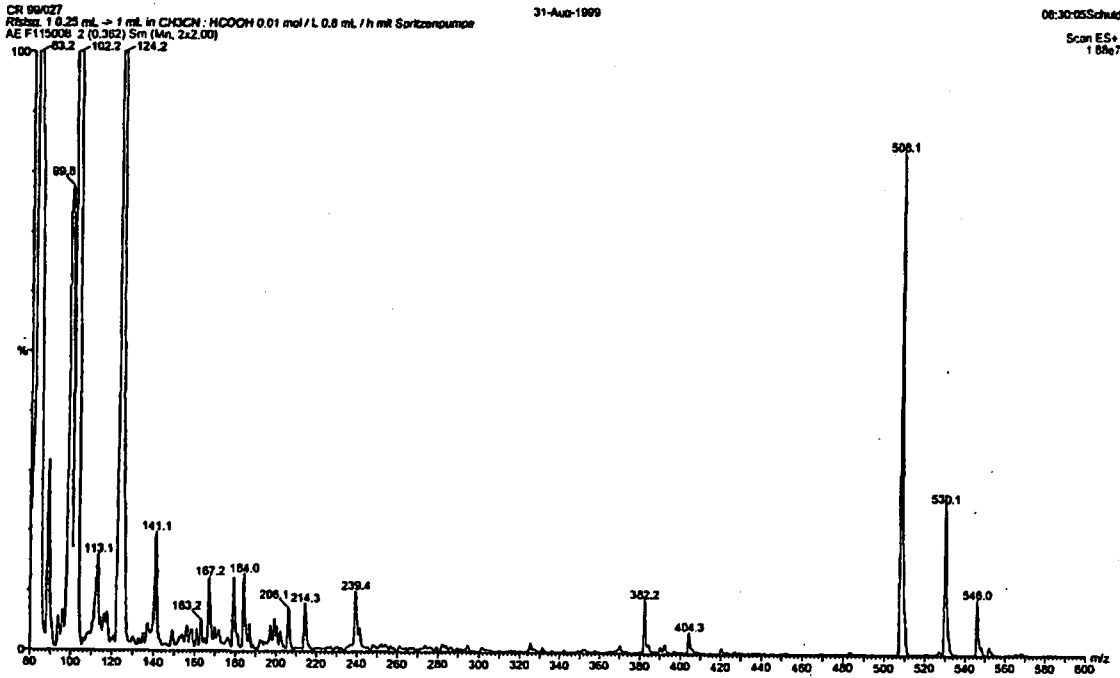


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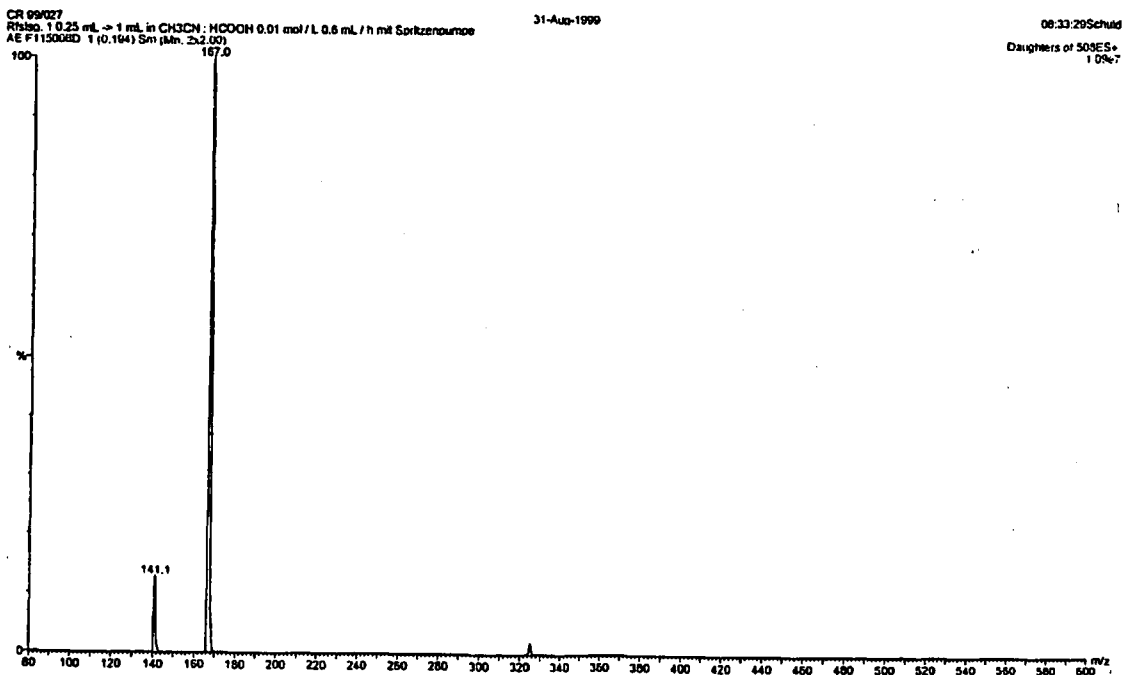


5.6.3 MS spectrum of AE F115008

Parent scan



Daughter scan



5.7 Calibration

The concentrations of the tested sulfonylureas were calculated using external standards at 5 - 6 different concentrations over a range from 0.1 pg/ μ L up to 5 pg/ μ L. The recommended order of samples / test solutions for setting up a sequence for LC-MS/MS-determination is 'test solution - sample - sample - test solution'. If different equipment is used and/or more or less samples are worked up, modifications of this order may be necessary.

5.8 Calculations

Determination of concentration of the analytical target in the final solution

The concentrations of the analytes in control samples, fortified samples and treated samples were calculated using external standard procedures with multi level or single level calibration.

Single level calibration (one point calibration):

$$C_S = \frac{P_S}{P_R} \cdot C_R \cdot \frac{I_R}{T_4} \quad \left[\text{pg}/\mu\text{L} = \frac{\text{counts}}{\text{counts}} \cdot \text{pg}/\mu\text{L} \cdot \frac{\mu\text{L}}{\mu\text{L}} \right] \quad (1)$$

C_S	Concentration in final sample solution V_{end} (Identical with conc. in T_4) (treated, untreated and recovery)	[pg/ μ L] = [ng/mL]
C_R	Concentration in reference solution	[pg/ μ L] = [ng/mL]
P_S	Peak area or peak height of the sample solution	[counts]
P_R	Peak area or peak height of the reference solution	[counts]
T_4	Injection volume of the sample solution	[μ L]
I_R	Injection volume of the reference solutions	[μ L]

Multi level calibration (calibration curve):

For the calibration peak areas (heights) of the standards were plotted versus the corresponding concentrations. An optimized calibration curve of the following form

$$f(C_S) = P = a + bC_S + cC_S^2 \quad (2)$$

is calculated, where $f(C_S)$ is the peak area (height), C_S the concentration of the analyte in the final sample extract and a, b, c are constants.

Determination of residues

Calculation of residues was carried out by a data handling software according to the following procedure

$$Res = \frac{C_S \cdot V_{end} \cdot f}{W \cdot 1000} \quad \left[\text{mg/kg} = \frac{(\text{ng/mL}) \cdot \text{mL} \cdot 1}{\text{g} \cdot 1000} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$f = \frac{V_1 \cdot V_2 \cdot V_n}{T_1 \cdot T_2 \cdot T_n} \quad \left[1 = \frac{\text{mL} \cdot \text{mL} \cdot \text{mL}}{\text{mL} \cdot \text{mL} \cdot \text{mL}} \right] \quad (4)$$

<i>Res</i>	Residue	[mg/kg]
<i>C_S</i>	Concentration in final sample solution <i>V_{end}</i> (treated, untreated and recovery)	[ng/mL]
<i>W</i>	Sample weight	[g]
<i>f</i>	Dilution factor	without dimension
<i>V₁</i>	Volume for primary extraction	[mL]
<i>V₂</i>	Volume after making up of aliquot <i>T₁</i>	[mL]
<i>V_n</i>	Volume after making up of aliquot <i>T_{n-1}</i> (<i>n</i> = 3, 4 and so on)	[mL]
<i>V_{end}</i>	Final sample solution (identical with <i>V₂</i> or <i>V₃</i> or <i>V_n</i> depending on the method)	[mL]
<i>T₁</i>	Aliquot of <i>V₁</i>	[mL]
<i>T₂</i>	Aliquot of <i>V₂</i>	[mL]
<i>T_n</i>	Aliquot of <i>V_n</i> (<i>n</i> = 3, 4 and so on)	[mL]

Determination of recovery rates

Calculation of recovery rates were carried out by a data handling software according to the following procedure

$$Res_d = Res_{(Rec)} - Res_{(Unt)} \quad \left[\frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}} = \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}} - \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$Rec = \frac{Res_d}{Res_f} \cdot 100 \quad \left[\% = \frac{\text{mg/kg}}{\text{mg/kg}} \cdot \% \right] \quad (6)$$

<i>Res_(Rec)</i>	Residue in the sample solution of the recovery test calculated with equation (3) and (4)	[mg/kg]
<i>Res_(Unt)</i>	Residue in the sample solution of the corresponding untreated control sample calculated with equation (3) and (4)	[mg/kg]
<i>Rec</i>	Recovery rate	[%]
<i>Res_f</i>	Concentration spiked for fortification	[mg/kg]
<i>Res_d</i>	Concentration detected by analytical method	[mg/kg]

6 Results

6.1 Recoveries

For the validation of the analytical method of metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) in soil, recovery experiments were conducted at 0.01 µg/kg, 0.02 µg/kg, 0.05 µg/kg and 0.5 µg/kg. At each level for each compound 5 - 13 recovery values were determined.

Validation results covering the requirements for enforcement methods were found for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) at the fortification levels of 0.02 µg/kg, 0.05 µg/kg and 0.5 µg/kg. For AE F075736 the mean recoveries were found between 82 and 100 % at fortification levels of 0.02 - 0.5 µg/kg, with an RSD of 6 - 18 %. For AE F115008 the mean recoveries were found between 74 and 90 % at fortification levels of 0.02 - 0.5 µg/kg, with an RSD of 4 - 20 %.

It was demonstrated that also the level of 0.01 µg/kg could be detected. However this level do not completely fulfil the requirements of the validation of an analytical method. The apparent residue were found in some cases also between 0.03 µg/kg and 0.06 µg/kg, an apparent residue only below 0.006 µg/kg ($\leq 0.3 * \text{LOQ}$, $\text{LOQ} = 0.02 \mu\text{g/kg}$) seems to be reachable. The level of 0.02 µg/kg is therefore considered to be the appropriate limit of quantification for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008).

Recoveries are calculated with calibration curves of matrix matched standards according to the procedure described in section 5.8 with correction for apparent residues.

Control samples of soils were analysed. The apparent residues were $\leq 0.006 \mu\text{g/kg}$ ($\leq 0.3 * \text{LOQ}$, $\text{LOQ} = 0.02 \mu\text{g/kg}$). For details see appendix II.

A summary of all recoveries for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) are given in the following table.

Summary table of recoveries:

Analyte	Soil type	Fortification level	Mean recovery	RSD	n
		[µg/kg]	[%]	(a) [%]	
AE F075736	Silty loam	0.01	81	6	5
		0.02	82	18	6
		0.05	92	13	13
		0.5	94	9	7
	Loamy sand	0.01	89	19	6
		0.02	100	16	6
		0.05	90	9	13
		0.5	90	6	7
AE F115008	Silty loam	0.01	82	25	6
		0.02	74	18	6
		0.05	85	20	11
		0.5	78	15	7
	Loamy sand	0.01	100	33	6
		0.02	90	4	5
		0.05	75	15	13
		0.5	84	13	7

The calculation was done with calibration function of peak areas.

a) $RSD = S.D. / \text{Mean Recovery} \cdot 100 \%$

$$S.D. = \left[\frac{\sum (R_i - R_m)^2}{n - 1} \right]^{1/2}$$

R_i: recovery
R_m: mean recovery
n: number of recoveries

6.2 Limit of Quantification (LOQ)

The lowest level at which metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008) have been quantified in this study and show valid results is 0.02 µg/kg in soil. This level is therefore considered to be the appropriate limit of quantification for metsulfuron-methyl (AE F075736) and iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (AE F115008).

6.3 Blank values

Analysis of control samples has shown that apparent residues observed were n.d. (non detectable, < 0.3 x LOQ, LOQ = 0.02 µg/kg). This demonstrates that 0.02 µg/kg are the feasible levels for recognition of residues with reasonable certainty.

6.4 Specificity

Due to the high specificity of MS/MS and the very low concentration analysed in soil, no further confirmation techniques are currently available.

6.5 Critical steps of the method

- Check the pH-value at „Liquid-liquid clean-up“ before adding ethyl acetate. The pH-value must be 3 to 4. At lower pH-values the sulfonylureas can decompose.
- End the evaporation of the „Liquid-liquid clean-up“ immediately after reaching dryness.
- Because of the very low LOQ, take care for a contamination of the samples.

6.6 Time for analysis

From extraction of the soil samples to preparation of the final solutions for LC-MS/MS determination, it is normally possible to analyse a batch of 12 samples in one day.

REFERENCES

No	Doc No	Report No	Author(s) Title Source and Date
1	A54684	CP 94/070	Sadowsky-Dunkmann I., Schmidt W., 1995 Substance, pure Code: HOE 115008 00 ZB97 0001 Solubility in organic solvents/vehicles according to Commission Directive 94/37/EEC (1994)

Annex I: Analytical method flow sheet

Extraction sulfonylureas

50 g soil
100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v)
Shake for 20 min. on the shaking machine or treat the sample for 2 min. with a desintegrator (the sample will be pulsed)
centrifuge 5 min at 4000 rpm
filter over cotton wool
repeat with 100 mL acetonitrile / triethylamine 0.02 mol/L (4:1, v/v)
combine the organic phases
Reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C)

clean up
liquid/liquid extraction
ethyl acetate / formic
acid

Dissolve the residue in 20 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) using an ultrasonic bath
Transfer the solution in the Falcon beaker and centrifuge (5 min at 4000 rpm)
Transfer the solution into a 100 mL separation funnel
Repeat the first step with 10 mL formic acid (0.01 mol/L water)
Wash the round bottom flask with 15 mL ethyl acetate
Transfer the ethyl acetate into the centrifuge beaker (Falcon beaker)
Shake hardly
Centrifuge for 5 min at 4000 rpm
Transfer the ethyl acetate into the separatory funnel
Shake the formic acid (0.01 mol/L water) / ethyl acetate mixture for 1 min
Transfer the formic acid phase into a second separatory funnel
Give the ethyl acetate phase into a 100 mL round bottom flask
Repeat extraction of the formic acid twice with 15 mL ethyl acetate, each
Combine the ethyl acetate phases and reduce to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator (bath temperature ca. 60 °C).

LC-MSMS

Dissolve in acetonitrile / water (1 : 1, v/v)
final volume should be 2.0 to 10.0 mL
(if necessary filter the final solution over an injection filter (0.45 µm))
LC-MS/MS

Annex II: Typical calibration curves

Typical calibration curves given on the following pages. These are curves of matrix matched standards (matrix soil).

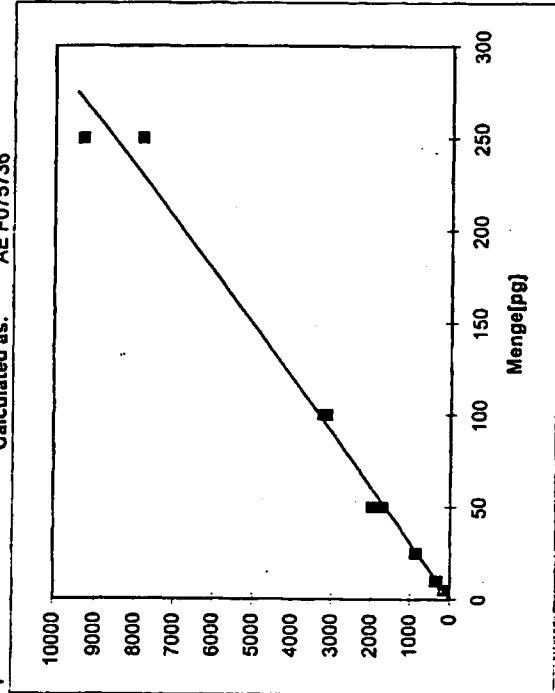
Soil

AE F075736

Analyst: *Schuld* *in* Study ID: CR 99/032 Batch SCH001
 Submission ID: AE F075736 Crop: Soil Active Ingredient: AE F075736
 Operation: AE F075736 Commodity: EM F13/99-0 Al/Metabolit: AE F075736
 Date: 05.12.1999 AL-Method: EM F13/99-0 Determined as: AE F075736
 Filename: Factor: 1 Calculated as: AE F075736

$y=B \cdot x + C \cdot x^2$, Weighting: None

A: 0.00000
 B: 32.61109
 C: 0.00661



Int. Standard No	Menge(exp) pg	Sign.(exp)	Sign.(ber)
I001	10	320	327
I002	5	153	163
I003	5	180	163
I004	10	373	327
I005	25	873	819
I006	25	835	819
I007	50	1698	1647
I008	50	1987	1647
I009	100	3138	3327
I010	100	3223	3327
I011	250	9321	8566
I012	250	7841	8566
Stdabw:	356		
Fehler-Summe:	-243		

Soil

AE F115008

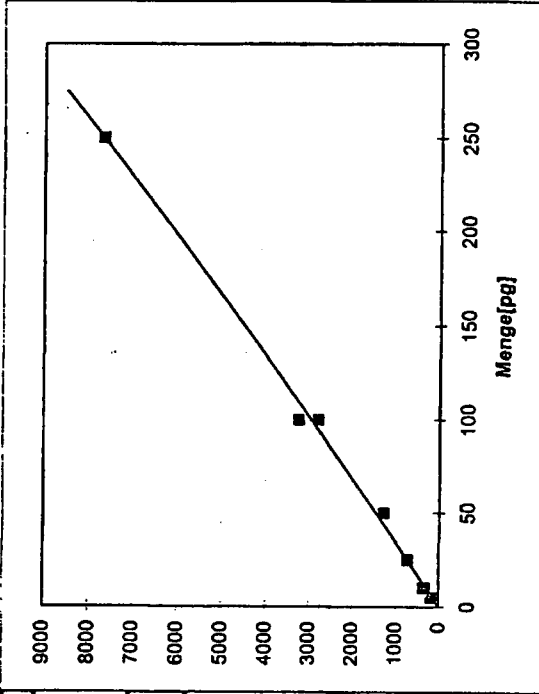
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 Operation: AE F115008 Commodity: AI/Metabolit: AE F115008
 Date: 06.12.1999 AL-Method: EM F13/99-0 Determined as: AE F115008
 Filename: Factor: 1 Calculated as: AE F115008

 $y = B \cdot x + C \cdot x^2$, Weighting: None

A: 0.00000
 B: 28.89490
 C: 0.00755

inL Standard NO	Menge(exp) pg	Sign.(exp)	Sign.(ber)
I001	10	307	290
I002	5	158	145
I003	5	189	145
I004	10	357	290
I005	25	717	727
I006	25	724	727
I007	50	1277	1464
I009	100	2794	2965
I010	100	3247	2965
I012	250	7685	7695
Stdabw:	137		
Fehler-Summe:	-43		

Blindwertabzug U002: 0 counts



Annex III: Typical chromatograms

The electronic plots of chromatograms presented on the following pages show the peak height in counts plotted vs. the retention time in minutes.

Examples of typical chromatograms are presented in the following order:

Soil type	Lab code		Description	Page
Silty loam	I004	Test	10 pg /injection of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam	31
	R032	Recovery	0.02 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam	32
	R001	Recovery	0.05 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam	33
	U001	Control	Matrix: silty loam	34
Loamy sand	I013	Test	10 pg /injection of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: loamy sand	35
	R041	Recovery	0.02 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: loamy sand	36
	R017	Recovery	0.05 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: loamy sand	37
	U003	Control	Matrix: loamy sand	38

Soil type	Lab code	Description
Silty loam	I004	Test 10 pg /Injection of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam

Quantify Sample Report
CR 99/032

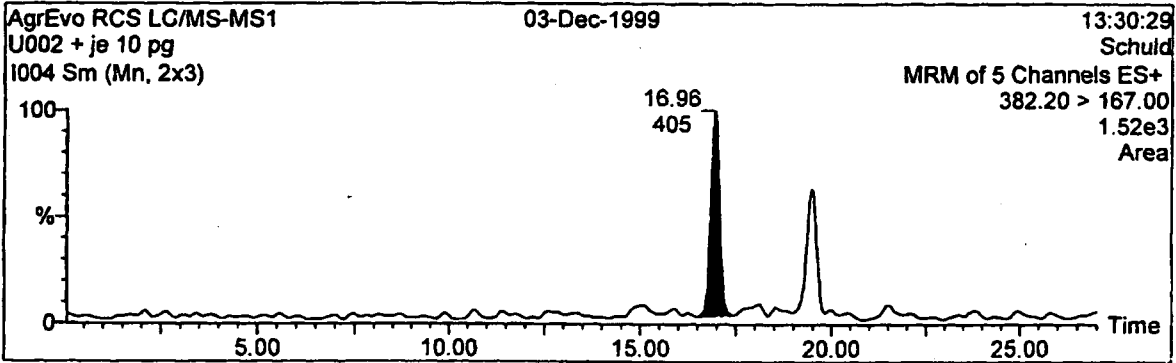
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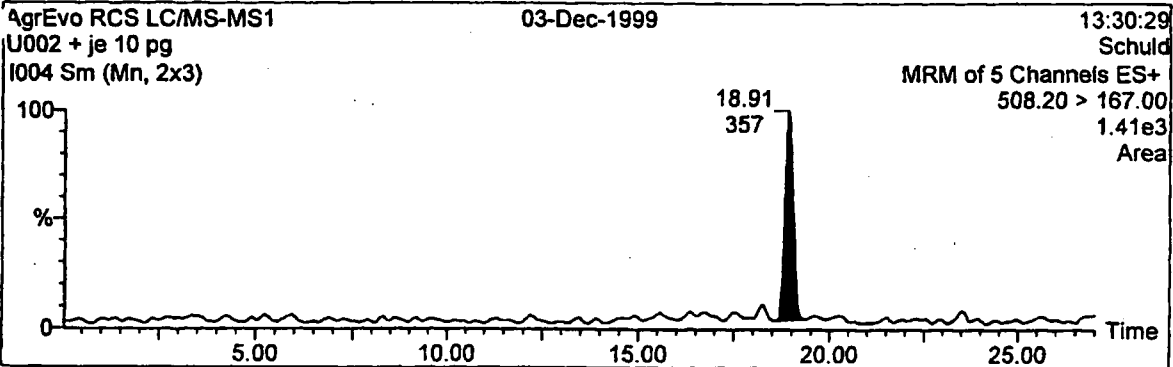
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Name: I004
Text: U002 + je 10 pg

2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



#	RT	Flags	Area	Mod.User	Mod.Time	Mod.Date
2	16.960	bb	405			
3	18.907	bb	357			

Soil type	Lab code	Description
Silty loam	R032	Recovery 0.02 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam

 Quantify Sample Report
 CR99/032

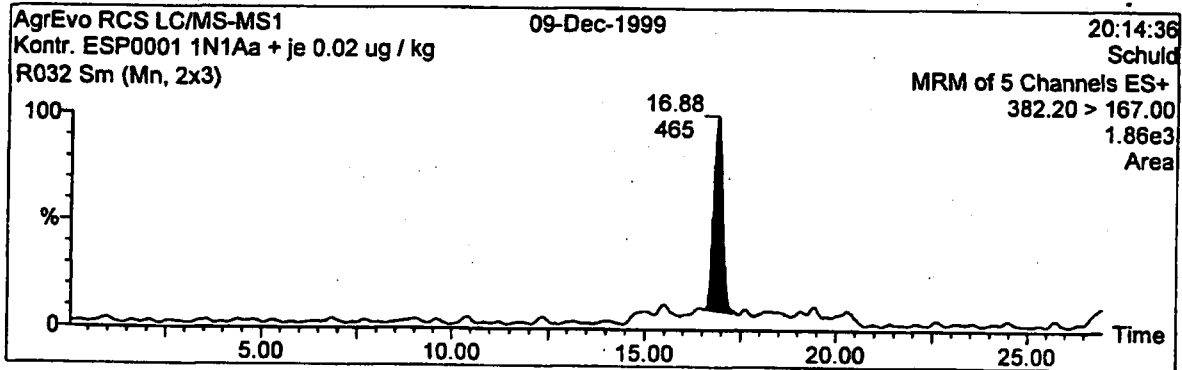
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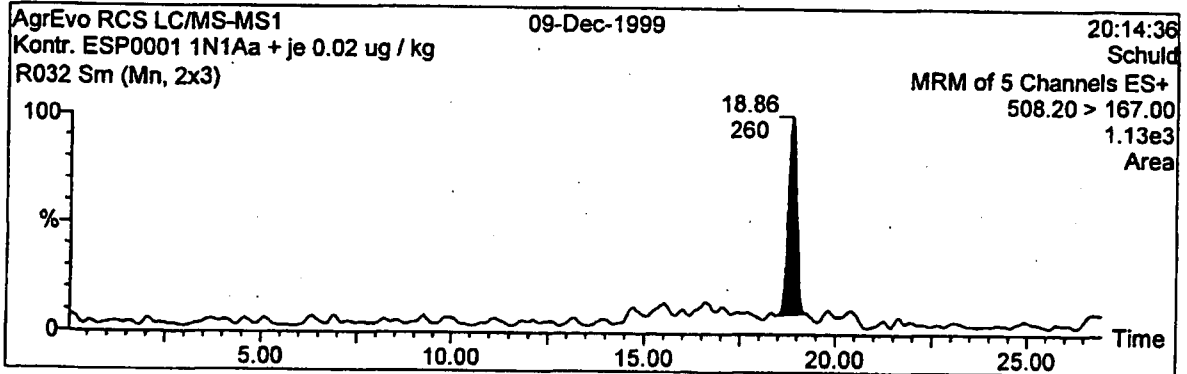
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 Text: Kontr. ESP0001 1N1Aa + je 0.02 ug / kg

2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



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2	16.881	bb	465						
3	18.856	bb	260						

Soil type	Lab code	Description
Silty loam	R001	Recovery 0.05 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: silty loam

 Quantify Sample Report
 CR 99/032

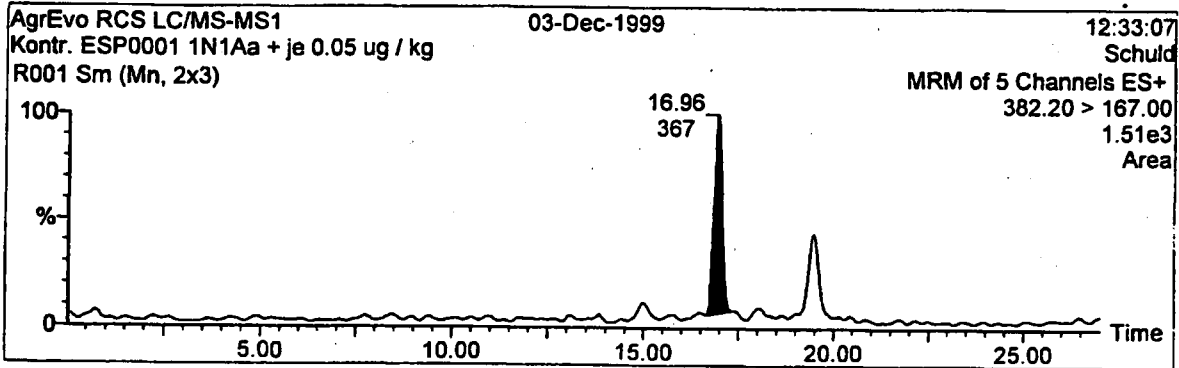
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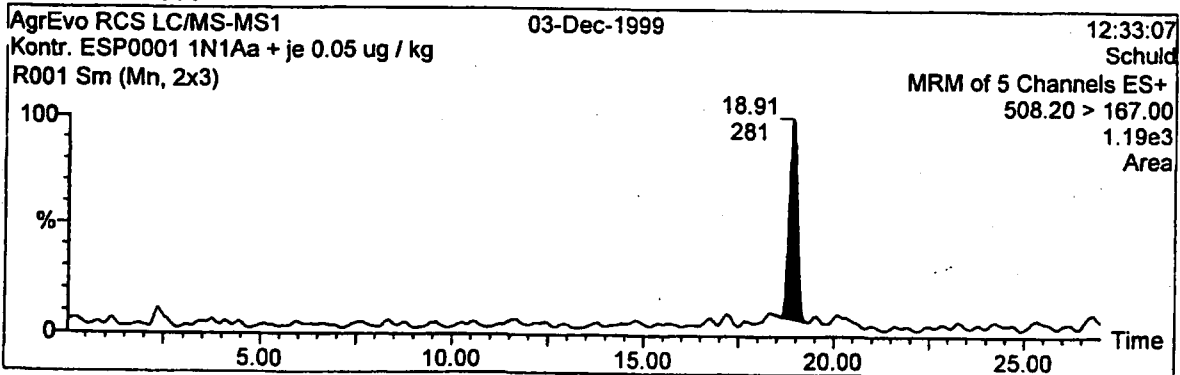
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Name: R001
 Text: Kontr. ESP0001 1N1Aa + je 0.05 ug / kg

2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



#	RT	Flags	Area	Mod.	User	Mod.	Time	Mod.	Date
2	16.963	bb	367						
3	18.910	bb	281						

Soil type	Lab code	Description	
Silty loam	U001	Control	Matrix: silty loam

Quantify Sample Report
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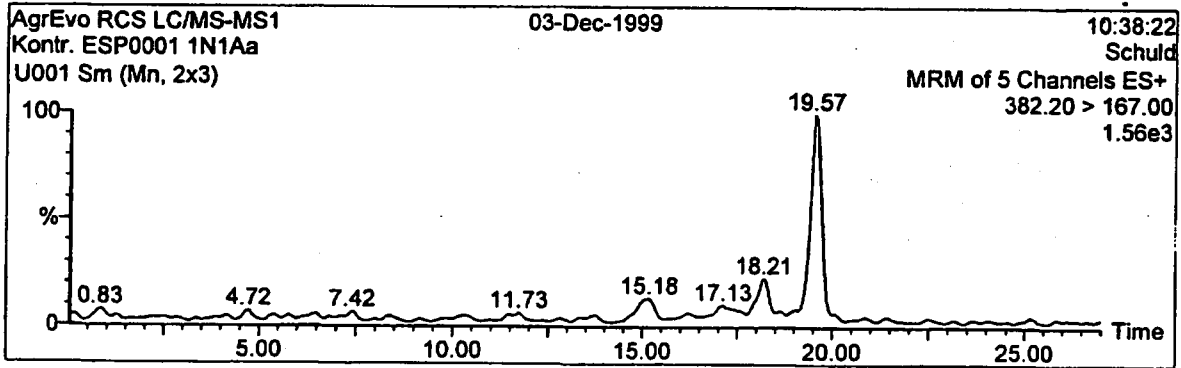
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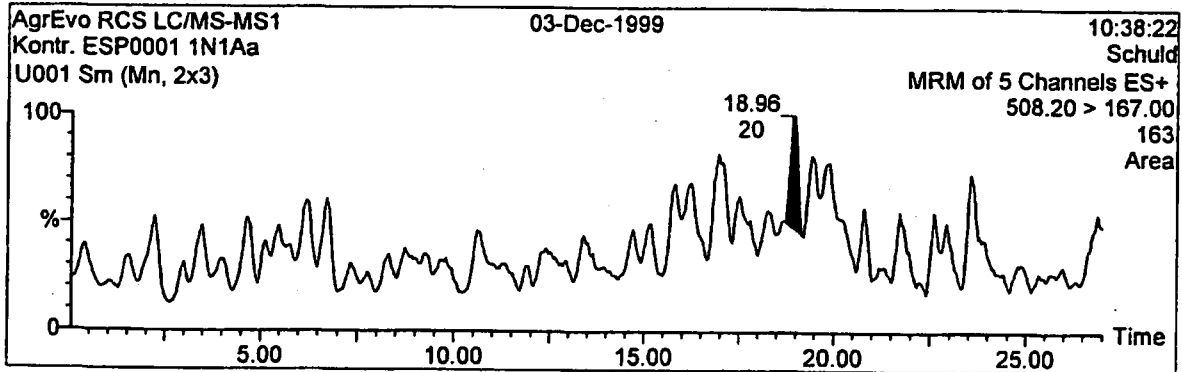
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Name: U001
 Text: Kontr. ESP0001 1N1Aa

2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



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2									
3	18.962	bb					20		

Soil type	Lab code	Description
Loamy sand	I013	Test 10 pg /Injection of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: loamy sand

 Quantify Sample Report
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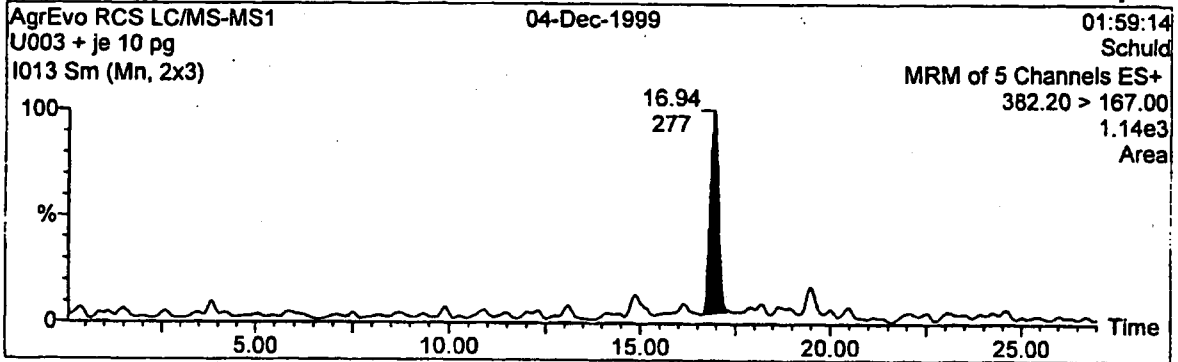
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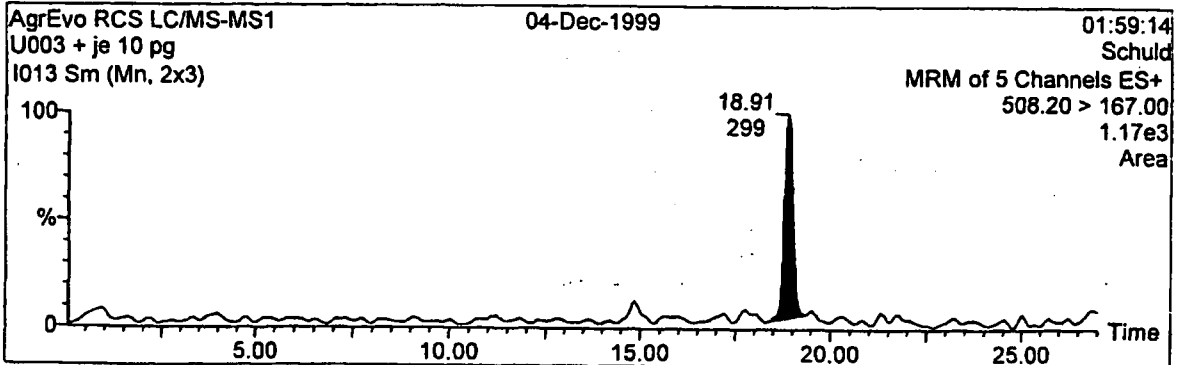
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 Text: U003 + je 10 pg

2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



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2	16.936 bb	277			
3	18.911 bb	299			

Soil type	Lab code	Description
Loamy sand	R041	Recovery 0.02 µg/kg of AE F075736, AE F115008 Matrix: loamy sand

 Quantify Sample Report
 CR99/032

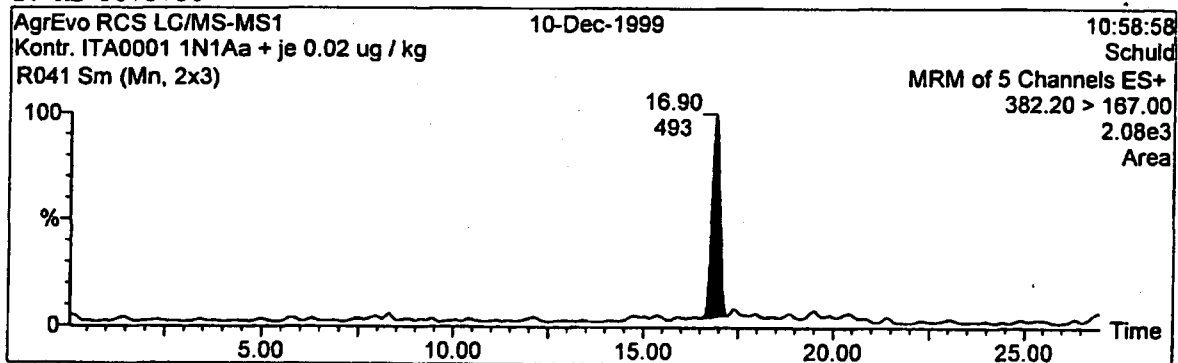
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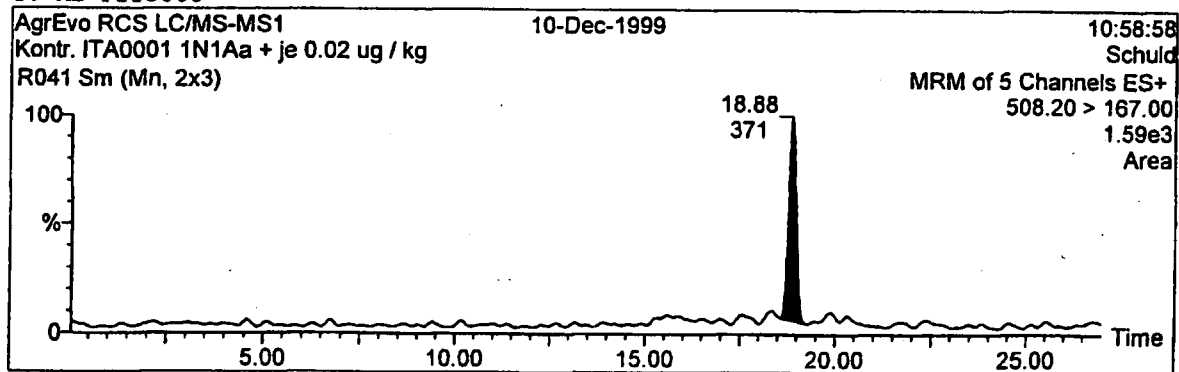
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2: AE F075736



3: AE F115008



#	RT	Flags	Area	Mod.	User	Mod.	Time	Mod.	Date
2	16.900	bb	493						
3	18.876	bb	371						

