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MS/MS analysis of Polyphenols



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LC-MS Profile of the methanolic extract of KDS Column: C₈ Aquapore; 7μ m, 100 x 4.6 mm i.d. Solvent: CH₃CN:H₂O (10-40%, run time 30 min)



What is tandem mass spectrometry?

The ability to induce fragmentation and perform successive mass spectrometry experiments (MS/MS) on those fragments. In MS/MS mode, product ion, precursor ion and constant neutral loss scans are performed. Multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) is useful technique for quantitation.

How does it work?

Tandem in space means having two mass spectrometers in series. It uses two stages of mass analysis, one to pre-select an ion and the Second to analyze fragments induced, for instance, by collision with An inert gas like argon or helium. This dual analysis can be dual in Space, or dual in time. The most commonly used tandem mass spectrometry is the triple quadrupole (QqQ).



MS/MS data interpretation

- 1. Identification of molecular ions or quasi-molecular ions.
- 2. Origin of product ions.
- 3. Stability and relative intensity of ions.

Product ion spectra apigenin vs. genistein



Product ion spectra of daidzin [A] and puerarin [B] in ESI-MS/MS



Product ion spectrum of genistein glucuronide in ESI-MS/MS



ESI-MS/MS Spectra of Biochanin A and Prunetin



^{m/z} Loss of methyl radical is characteristic for methylated flavonoids

Structural identification of unknown based on product ions



Full scan ESI-MS of the methanolic extract of kudzu dietary supplement. Constant neutral loss scans to identify the isoflavone components.



Comparison of the product ions obtained in ESI-MS/MS of 3'-chlorogenistein [a] and 3'-chlorodaidzein [b]



Product ion spectra of a reaction product at *m/z* 303 in LC-MS/MS



HCI loss is diagnostic for positioning chlorine in the aromatic ring.

Urinary metabolites detected in a rat fed with grape seed extract





3'-O-methylcatechin



4'-O-methylcatechin

Full-scan ESI-MS spectrum of the methanolic extract of grape seed extract



Product ion spectrum of the ion m/z 305 in LC-MS/MS analysis (Rt. 7.10 min)



Product ion spectrum of the ion m/z 305 in LC-MS/MS analysis (Rt. 7.88 min)



Proposed structures of product ions obtained from *m***/***z* **305 in ESI-MS/MS**



LC-MS/MS-MRM spectra for catechin and 3'and 4'-O-methylcatechin in rat urine





- The CID of isoflavones in ESI-MS generates a series of cluster ions due to the subsequent losses of carbonyl/aldehyde or oxygen.
- The presence of prominent ions at *m/z* 133 and 135 in MS/MS of genistein and daidzein indicates that they are not originated from the ring A.
- Isoflavones glycosides (O- and C-glycosides) generate different product ions in ESI-MS/MS due to the neutral losses of 162 and 120, respectively.
- The major fragmentation of isoflavones with chlorinated ring B in MS/MS starts with elimination of HCI, whereas the loss from product ions was observed with those chlorine in the ring A.