

# Analysis of Pesticides Residue in Brown Rice by LCMS-8050RX —Comparison of On-Line Purification vs QuEChERS Methods—

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## User Benefits

- ◆ Enables quick and simple sample preparation by combining the QuEChERS extraction process with an on-line purification column.
- ◆ LCMS-8050RX enables analysis with good recovery rates and reproducibility.

## Introduction

With the increase in the number of regulated pesticides, more effective methods for simultaneous analysis of residual pesticides in food are required.

The QuEChERS method, which is widely used for pesticide residue analysis, is a pretreatment method that consists of an extraction step with acetonitrile and salts or a buffer and a purification step with dispersive solid-phase extraction (dSPE). The method can efficiently extract and purify pesticides without special equipment, but there are problems with operator-dependent data variability and the long time required for the process.

Revive in-line sample preparation (ILSP) columns<sup>1</sup> (RESTEK Co.) are pretreatment columns that can be incorporated into the LC flow path for on-line cleanup of matrix-derived components. It makes the sample preparation process quicker and simpler, and it can be expected to reduce plastic consumable waste and costs associated with pretreatment.

This article describes the results of comparing the purification efficiency of a Revive ILSP column versus a dSPE using an LCMS-8050RX.

## LCMS-8050RX

The LCMS-8050RX system (Fig. 1) used for this analysis was equipped with a newly developed nebulizer nozzle, CoreSpray, which improves nebulizer flow uniformity and enables more consistent ionization.



Fig. 1 LCMS-8050RX and CoreSpray

## Sample Preparation

Commercially available brown rice and pesticide mixture standard solutions 54, 58, 74, 75, and 78 (Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.) were used for this analysis. The sample preparation process is shown in Fig. 2.

A Q-sep QuEChERS extraction salts kit (AOAC method, RESTEK Co.) was used for the brown rice extraction process. 1.0 g of ground brown rice and 1 mL of water was put into a 50 mL tube. After 15 min, 15 mL of acetonitrile containing 1 % acetic acid was added and then the tube was shaken. Subsequently, the QuEChERS extraction salt kit was added and mixed. The tube was centrifuged and the supernatant was collected.

In order to compare the purification efficiency of the dSPE and ILSP columns, the pesticide mixture was added to the collected supernatant to make a matrix solution with a final concentration of 2 ng/mL of pesticides. That matrix solution was used for all subsequent purification steps.

## Analytical Conditions

The pesticides were analyzed using the methods included in the LC/MS/MS Method Package for Residual Pesticides Ver. 3. The analysis conditions are shown in Table 1.

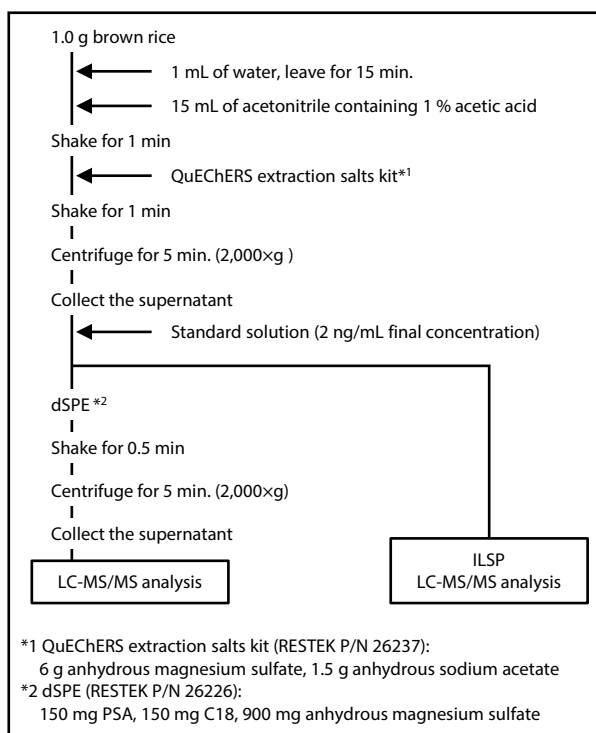


Fig. 2 Sample Preparation Process Flow

Table 1 Analytical Conditions

### HPLC Conditions (Nexera™ X3)

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Column:                    | Shim-pack Velox™ Biphenyl<br>(100 mm L × 2.1 mm I.D., 2.7 μm)<br>P/N 227-32015-03<br>Revive ILSP Pesticides Single 5 × 2.1 mm<br>Cartridge (RESTEK)<br>P/N 27882 |
| Mobile Phase A:            | 2 mM Ammonium formate-0.002 % formic acid-water  |
| Mobile Phases B, C (wash): | 2 mM Ammonium formate-0.002 % formic acid-methanol   |
| Gradient Program:          | B conc. 3 % (0 min) – 10 % (1 min) – 55 % (3 min)<br>– 100 % (10.5 to 12 min) – 3 % (12.01 to 15 min)  |
| Flowrate:                  | 0.4 mL/min   |
| Injection Volume:          | 2 μL (Co-injection 40 μL Water)  |

### MS Conditions LCMS-8050RX

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Ionization:          | ESI (positive, negative) |
| Mode:                | MRM                      |
| Nebulizing Gas Flow: | 3.0 L/min                |
| Drying Gas Flow:     | 10.0 L/min               |
| Heating Gas Flow:    | 10.0 L/min               |
| DL Temp.:            | 150 °C                   |
| Block Heater Temp.:  | 300 °C                   |
| Interface Temp.:     | 350 °C                   |
| Probe Position:      | +3 mm                    |

The flow path diagram incorporating the ILSP column and the LC time program are shown in Fig. 3 and 4, respectively.

Hydrophobic compounds from the matrix in injected samples are separated from pesticides by the Revive ILSP column, whereas the pesticides were eluted through the analytical column (upper Fig. 3). After the target pesticide components were eluted from the Revive ILSP column, the 6-port valve was switched to discharge the matrix components remaining in the Revive ILSP column into the drain by backflushing with the washing pump (lower Fig. 3 and Fig. 4). That enabled the Revive ILSP column to be reused. The samples purified by dSPE were analyzed only in the flow path shown in the lower diagram of Fig. 3.

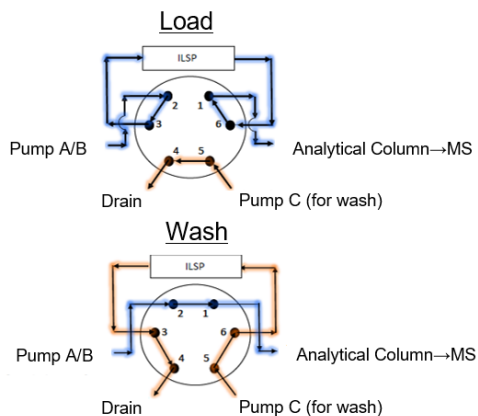


Fig. 3 Overview of ILSP System

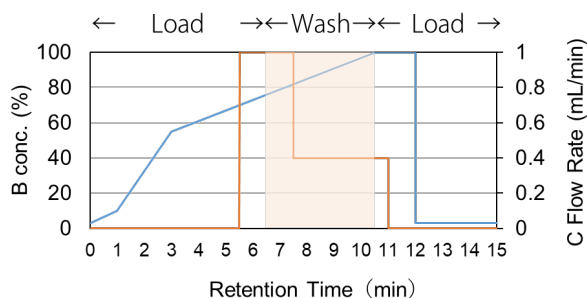


Fig. 4 LC Time Program

### ■ Linearity of Calibration Curves

Pesticide mixture standard solutions for the range from 0.5 to 50 ng/mL were measured to prepare calibration curves. Coefficient of determination  $R^2$  values and calibration ranges for all compounds are shown in Table 2. Linearity was good for both flow paths. The calibration curve for acetaminiprid and the chromatograms for 164 pesticides are shown (Fig. 5, 6).

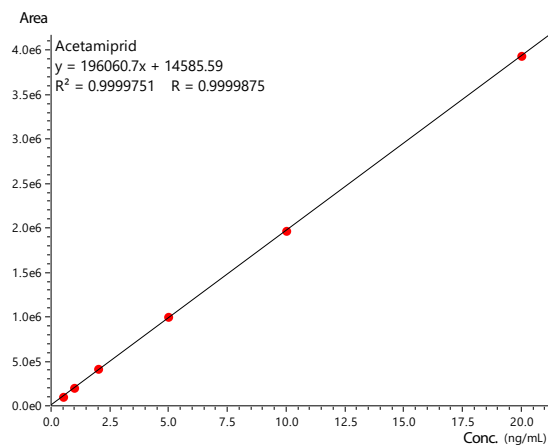


Fig. 5 Calibration Curve for Acetaminiprid (for ILSP)

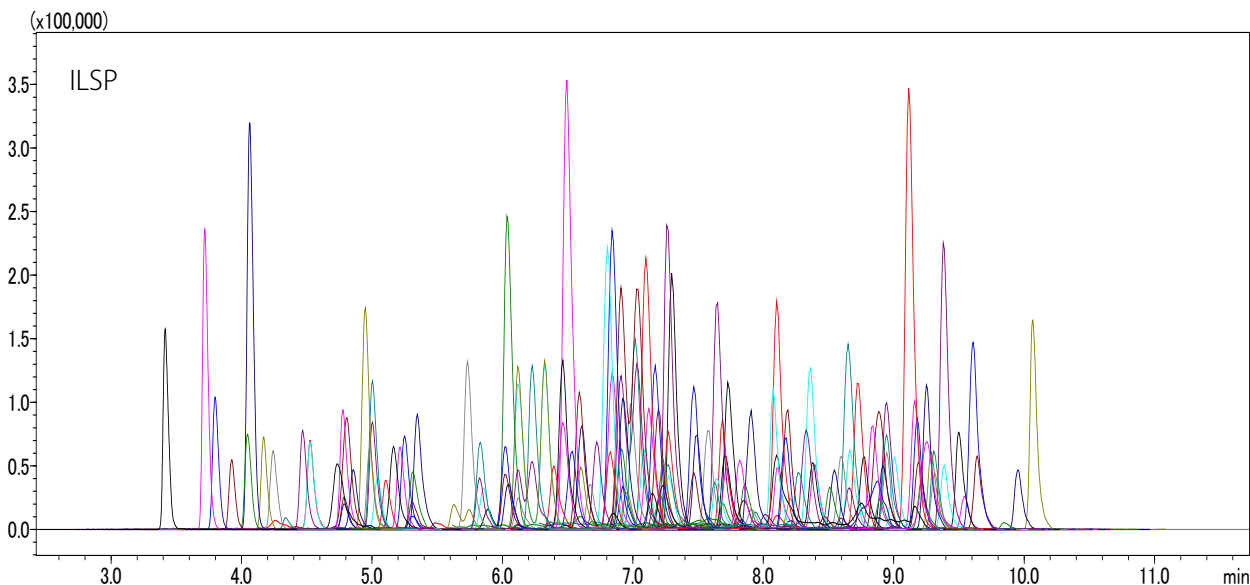


Fig. 6 Chromatogram for Pesticide Compounds

Table 2 Coefficients of Determination R<sup>2</sup> and Calibration Ranges

| Compound                       | dSPE           |               | ILSP           |               | Compound                 | dSPE           |               | ILSP           |               |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                | R <sup>2</sup> | Range (ng/mL) | R <sup>2</sup> | Range (ng/mL) |                          | R <sup>2</sup> | Range (ng/mL) | R <sup>2</sup> | Range (ng/mL) |
| Acetamidiprid                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Iprovalicarb             | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Acibenzolar-S-methyl           | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      | Isouron                  | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Aldicarb                       | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Isoxaflutole             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      |
| Aldicarb-sulfone (Aldoxycarb)  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Isoxathion               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      |
| Anilofos                       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Kresoxim-methyl          | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Avermectin B1a                 | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      | Lactofen                 | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Azamephosphos                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Linuron                  | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Azinphos-methyl                | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Lufenuron                | 0.997          | 2.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 2.0 - 50      |
| Azoxystrobin                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Malathion                | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Benalaxyl                      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Mandipropamid            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bendiocarb                     | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | Mepanipyrim              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bensulide                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Metalaxyl/Metalaxyl-M    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Metalaxyl-M (Mefenoxam)  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Benzofenap                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Metconazole              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bitertanol (diastereo isomers) | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | Methabenzthiazuron       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Boscalid                       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.998          | 1.0 - 20      | Methidathion             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bromacil                       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Methiocarb               | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bromobutide                    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | Methomyl                 | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Bromobutide-debromo            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Methoxyfenozide          | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Buprofezin                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Monolinuron              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Butachlor                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Napronilide              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Butafenacil                    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Novaluron                | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 2.0 - 20      |
| Carbaryl (NAC)                 | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Oryzalin                 | 0.999          | 2.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      |
| Carbofuran                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Oxadiazyl                | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| 3-Hydroxycarbofuran            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Oxamyl                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Carpropamid                    | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 2.0 - 20      | Oxaziclonmefone          | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Chloridazon                    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Oxycarboxin              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Chloroxuron                    | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Paclobutrazol            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Chlorpyrifos                   | 0.996          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pencycuron               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Chromafenozide                 | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Penthiopyrad             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Clofentezine                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Phenmedipham             | 0.998          | 0.5 - 50      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Clomepropr                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Phosphamidon             | 0.998          | 0.5 - 50      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Cloquintocet-mexyl             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Ploxim                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Clothianidin                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Piperonyl-butoxide       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Cumyluron                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pirimicarb               | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Cycoate                        | 0.998          | 0.5 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 20      | Pirimiphos-methyl        | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Cyenoxyrafen                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Prochloraz               | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Cyflufenamid                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Profenofos               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Cymoxanil                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 20      | Prometryn                | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Cyprodinil                     | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | Propaquizafop            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Daimuron (Dymron)              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Propoxur                 | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Di-allate                      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.997          | 1.0 - 20      | Pyraclofos               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Diethofencarb                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyraclonil               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Difenoconazole (isomer)        | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyraclostrobin           | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Diflubenzuron                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | Pyrazolynate             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Diflufenican                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyrazophos               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Dimethametryn                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyrazoxyfen              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Dimethirimol                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | Pyributicarb             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Dimethoate                     | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyridaben                | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Dimethomorph (E, Z)            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyrifthalid              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Diuron (DCMU)                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Pyriminobac-methyl (E)   | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Epoxiconazole                  | 0.996          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Quinoxifen               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Ethiprole                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | Quizalofop-ethyl         | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Etoxadole                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Simeconazole             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Famoxadone                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | Spinosyn A               | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fenamidone                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Spinosyn D               | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.994          | 2.0 - 20      |
| Fenobucarb                     | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Spirodiclofen            | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fenoxaprop-ethyl               | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tebuconazole             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fenoxycarb                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tebufenozide             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fenpropimorph                  | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tebuthiuron              | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fenpyroximate (E)              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Teflubenzuron            | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.998          | 2.0 - 20      |
| Fensulfothion                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Terbacil                 | 0.999          | 2.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      |
| Ferimzone (E)                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tetrachlorvinphos (CVMP) | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Ferimzone (Z)                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | Tetraconazole            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Flamprop-methyl                | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Thiabendazole            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Flubendiamide                  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Thiacloprid              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fludioxonil                    | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      | Thiamethoxam             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Flufenacet                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Thiodicarb               | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Flufenoxuron                   | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tiadinil                 | 0.999          | 2.0 - 50      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 50      |
| Fluometuron                    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tolfenpyrad              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Fluopicolide                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tralkoxydim              | 0.997          | 1.0 - 10      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 10      |
| Fluridone                      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Triadimefon              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Flusilazole                    | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Triadimenol (isomer)     | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Flutriafol (isomer)            | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Trichlamide              | 0.999          | 2.0 - 50      | 0.998          | 2.0 - 50      |
| Furametpyr                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Tridemorph (isomer)      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Furathiocarb                   | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Trifloxystrobin          | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Hexaflumuron                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 1.0 - 20      | Triflumizole             | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Hexythiazox                    | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Triflumizole Metabolite  | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 50      |
| Imazalil                       | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Triflumuron              | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Imidacloprid                   | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | Triforine (isomer)       | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Indanofan                      | 0.997          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | Triticonazole            | 0.998          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |
| Indoxacarb                     | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | XMC                      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      | 0.999          | 0.5 - 20      |

Table 3 Recovery Rates and Reproducibility

| Compound                       | dSPE              |      | ILSP              |      | Compound                 | dSPE              |      | ILSP              |      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
|                                | Recovery rate (%) | %RSD | Recovery rate (%) | %RSD |                          | Recovery rate (%) | %RSD | Recovery rate (%) | %RSD |
| Acetamidiprid                  | 90.6              | 2.0  | 96.2              | 2.4  | Iprovalicarb             | 94.4              | 3.1  | 103.2             | 3.0  |
| Acibenzolar-S-methyl           | 93.2              | 9.6  | 104.2             | 13.8 | Isouron                  | 91.8              | 1.6  | 96.5              | 1.7  |
| Aldicarb                       | 84.1              | 4.7  | 94.2              | 3.5  | Isoxaflutole             | 106.8             | 15.4 | 105.8             | 30.6 |
| Aldicarb-sulfone (Aldoxycarb)  | 93.9              | 1.4  | 102.3             | 0.8  | Isoxathion               | 67.6              | 6.4  | 117.5             | 9.7  |
| Anilofos                       | 46.5              | 5.9  | 74.0              | 3.5  | Kresoxim-methyl          | 67.8              | 5.9  | 79.1              | 7.6  |
| Avermectin B1a                 | 116.4             | 6.6  | 118.5             | 9.2  | Lactofen                 | 99.2              | 4.5  | 119.6             | 3.1  |
| Azamethiphos                   | 45.0              | 11.3 | 95.3              | 7.3  | Linuron                  | 88.8              | 6.9  | 91.4              | 6.3  |
| Azinphos-methyl                | 50.8              | 8.1  | 71.3              | 2.1  | Lufenuron                | 221.6             | 14.4 | 184.6             | 27.7 |
| Azoxystrobin                   | 88.5              | 8.8  | 100.9             | 6.0  | Malathion                | 88.9              | 2.7  | 92.2              | 1.5  |
| Benalaxyl                      | 63.3              | 3.7  | 83.7              | 3.2  | Mandipropamid            | 97.3              | 4.8  | 100.1             | 8.1  |
| Bendiocarb                     | 95.7              | 3.9  | 101.5             | 3.1  | Mepanipyrim              | 88.4              | 3.4  | 84.5              | 5.9  |
| Bensulide                      | 95.5              | 5.2  | 116.4             | 4.5  | Metalaxyl/Metalaxyl-M    | 92.7              | 2.1  | 100.3             | 3.6  |
| Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl      | 93.4              | 4.1  | 101.2             | 6.1  | Metalaxyl-M (Mefenoxam)  | 94.2              | 2.6  | 100.6             | 3.4  |
| Benzofenap                     | 79.2              | 2.3  | 99.4              | 1.7  | Metconazole              | 47.4              | 3.5  | 68.3              | 4.3  |
| Bitertanol (diastereo isomers) | 61.2              | 6.8  | 142.2             | 5.5  | Methabenzthiazuron       | 86.0              | 2.8  | 93.1              | 3.1  |
| Boscalid                       | 49.1              | 12.7 | 36.2              | 32.4 | Methidathion             | 78.6              | 2.7  | 90.6              | 1.9  |
| Bromacil                       | 62.6              | 2.9  | 69.2              | 1.6  | Methiocarb               | 86.6              | 6.9  | 97.0              | 3.3  |
| Bromobutide                    | 91.8              | 5.3  | 97.1              | 3.6  | Methomyl                 | 88.1              | 1.8  | 96.8              | 1.8  |
| Bromobutide-debromo            | 93.4              | 2.2  | 100.0             | 1.2  | Methoxyfenozide          | 84.2              | 0.8  | 87.2              | 5.0  |
| Buprofezin                     | 67.3              | 5.9  | 75.4              | 3.2  | Monolinuron              | 87.9              | 3.6  | 93.6              | 3.5  |
| Butachlor                      | 43.4              | 7.7  | 69.4              | 5.7  | Napronilide              | 62.5              | 1.9  | 80.5              | 3.4  |
| Butafenacil                    | 94.9              | 4.7  | 96.8              | 6.4  | Novaluron                | 35.7              | 12.4 | 55.9              | 22.9 |
| Carbaryl (NAC)                 | 86.2              | 4.8  | 96.4              | 3.6  | Oryzalin                 | 81.4              | 28.9 | 80.7              | 39.4 |
| Carbofuran                     | 91.5              | 4.7  | 97.4              | 4.2  | Oxadiargyl               | 66.9              | 2.7  | 77.3              | 6.9  |
| 3-Hydroxycarbofuran            | 95.1              | 2.9  | 99.0              | 2.0  | Oxamyl                   | 93.9              | 2.1  | 101.3             | 1.2  |
| Carpropamid                    | 74.4              | 10.4 | 62.4              | 16.4 | Oxaziclomefone           | 72.1              | 1.2  | 79.0              | 3.6  |
| Chloridazon                    | 69.9              | 4.3  | 70.4              | 3.1  | Oxycarboxin              | 85.4              | 3.1  | 91.4              | 5.8  |
| Chloroxuron                    | 89.0              | 11.7 | 90.2              | 10.9 | Paclobutrazol            | 50.9              | 2.5  | 75.2              | 3.7  |
| Chlorpyrifos                   | 67.2              | 7.9  | 79.8              | 6.6  | Pencycuron               | 64.8              | 7.5  | 89.7              | 5.6  |
| Chromafenozide                 | 76.4              | 1.7  | 97.1              | 2.3  | Penthiopyrad             | 84.7              | 2.6  | 93.7              | 2.7  |
| Clofentezine                   | 33.2              | 9.2  | 42.9              | 9.9  | Phenmedipham             | 122.2             | 5.6  | 131.4             | 1.8  |
| Clomeprop                      | 38.6              | 8.4  | 57.6              | 6.5  | Phosphamidon             | 97.1              | 4.0  | 93.9              | 2.3  |
| Cloquintocet-mexyl             | 81.7              | 4.0  | 99.4              | 5.2  | Phoxim                   | 39.2              | 4.8  | 59.6              | 12.5 |
| Clothianidin                   | 70.0              | 3.3  | 77.2              | 2.9  | Piperonyl-butoxide       | 37.7              | 5.5  | 72.1              | 3.2  |
| Cumyluron                      | 87.8              | 2.8  | 97.5              | 3.1  | Pirimicarb               | 95.1              | 2.5  | 91.9              | 5.9  |
| Cycloate                       | 86.6              | 12.1 | 103.1             | 15.0 | Pirimiphos-methyl        | 81.0              | 3.9  | 98.4              | 3.1  |
| Cyenoxyrafen                   | 76.2              | 3.6  | 96.1              | 2.8  | Prochloraz               | 66.6              | 1.7  | 74.4              | 1.0  |
| Cyflufenamid                   | 65.3              | 7.4  | 76.0              | 6.5  | Profenofos               | 44.1              | 9.8  | 61.3              | 6.1  |
| Cymoxanil                      | 65.6              | 10.6 | 69.7              | 25.2 | Prometryn                | 95.6              | 6.6  | 100.2             | 3.7  |
| Cyprodinil                     | 93.4              | 10.9 | 99.0              | 9.5  | Propaquizafop            | 78.2              | 7.1  | 101.2             | 3.2  |
| Daimuron (Dymron)              | 94.0              | 1.2  | 99.9              | 1.3  | Propoxur                 | 91.6              | 2.3  | 96.6              | 4.4  |
| Di-allate                      | 95.3              | 12.3 | 79.5              | 36.2 | Pyraclufos               | 56.5              | 8.0  | 81.4              | 1.3  |
| Diethofencarb                  | 59.3              | 3.0  | 94.1              | 3.4  | Pyraclonil               | 85.4              | 2.8  | 89.1              | 1.3  |
| Difenoconazole (isomer)        | 53.6              | 5.9  | 88.1              | 1.8  | Pyraclostrobin           | 66.4              | 4.8  | 70.7              | 4.1  |
| Diflubenzuron                  | 43.3              | 9.0  | 61.2              | 8.9  | Pyrazolynate             | 76.9              | 2.0  | 79.7              | 5.2  |
| Diflufenican                   | 47.0              | 8.2  | 69.3              | 6.1  | Pyrazophos               | 104.2             | 6.9  | 121.0             | 7.1  |
| Dimethametryn                  | 90.0              | 4.2  | 98.9              | 3.0  | Pyrazoxyfen              | 59.7              | 3.9  | 73.5              | 2.5  |
| Dimethirimol                   | 90.3              | 4.4  | 93.0              | 4.5  | Pyributicarb             | 81.7              | 4.2  | 94.8              | 3.2  |
| Dimethoate                     | 86.4              | 3.6  | 94.7              | 3.1  | Pyridaben                | 79.0              | 2.8  | 98.4              | 2.2  |
| Dimethomorph (E, Z)            | 76.8              | 6.3  | 90.8              | 5.3  | Pyrifthalid              | 78.7              | 5.5  | 97.7              | 4.6  |
| Diuron (DCMU)                  | 85.6              | 4.2  | 97.9              | 3.9  | Pyriminobac-methyl (E)   | 86.0              | 7.6  | 89.0              | 5.3  |
| Epoxiconazole                  | 56.1              | 15.3 | 81.6              | 4.6  | Quinoxifen               | 56.9              | 3.0  | 58.5              | 7.0  |
| Ethiprole                      | 68.5              | 7.4  | 83.4              | 9.7  | Quizalofop-ethyl         | 76.5              | 5.1  | 80.9              | 5.7  |
| Etoxadone                      | 66.3              | 4.6  | 97.4              | 2.7  | Simeconazole             | 50.5              | 4.1  | 71.6              | 4.1  |
| Famoxadone                     | 35.6              | 5.7  | 56.7              | 2.6  | Spinosyn A               | 73.6              | 4.0  | 90.9              | 3.4  |
| Fenamidone                     | 65.0              | 4.3  | 72.2              | 4.5  | Spinosyn D               | 70.0              | 11.6 | 151.4             | 15.2 |
| Fenobucarb                     | 88.1              | 2.7  | 94.0              | 4.1  | Spirodiclofen            | 59.7              | 7.4  | 101.3             | 3.0  |
| Fenoxaprop-ethyl               | 49.9              | 4.5  | 60.5              | 5.7  | Tebuconazole             | 50.0              | 4.7  | 73.7              | 4.0  |
| Fenoxycarb                     | 63.4              | 4.2  | 88.1              | 5.2  | Tebufenozide             | 86.0              | 2.7  | 92.6              | 3.4  |
| Fenpropimorph                  | 88.1              | 4.8  | 95.3              | 3.1  | Tebuthiuron              | 89.5              | 1.6  | 92.9              | 2.7  |
| Fenpyroximate (E)              | 65.4              | 3.2  | 92.3              | 3.4  | Teflubenzuron            | 209.3             | 6.1  | 294.5             | 11.2 |
| Fensulfothion                  | 90.9              | 0.8  | 96.3              | 3.5  | Terbacil                 | 116.4             | 9.4  | 147.8             | 11.7 |
| Ferimzone (E)                  | 96.2              | 6.3  | 104.2             | 5.3  | Tetrachlorvinphos (CVMP) | 85.7              | 5.1  | 89.0              | 14.3 |
| Ferimzone (Z)                  | 94.8              | 0.7  | 99.8              | 3.4  | Tetraconazole            | 52.3              | 4.2  | 74.8              | 5.7  |
| Flamprop-methyl                | 87.6              | 5.4  | 87.0              | 4.1  | Thiabendazole            | 105.1             | 4.5  | 100.4             | 4.8  |
| Flubendiamide                  | 73.7              | 9.8  | 88.9              | 7.8  | Thiacloprid              | 68.0              | 2.2  | 93.1              | 2.7  |
| Fludioxonil                    | 129.8             | 10.5 | 122.5             | 10.4 | Thiamethoxam             | 83.5              | 4.8  | 88.6              | 4.1  |
| Flufenacet                     | 82.7              | 4.3  | 84.1              | 4.3  | Thiodicarb               | 91.5              | 6.2  | 99.5              | 3.4  |
| Flufenoxuron                   | 52.7              | 12.0 | 61.2              | 4.8  | Tiadinil                 | 140.9             | 10.8 | 130.8             | 6.9  |
| Fluometuron                    | 90.5              | 5.6  | 90.4              | 4.0  | Tolfenpyrad              | 85.6              | 3.2  | 76.6              | 4.9  |
| Fluopicolide                   | 65.2              | 4.7  | 77.1              | 5.5  | Tralkoxydim              | 112.8             | 2.4  | 126.2             | 2.0  |
| Fluridone                      | 94.1              | 3.6  | 99.2              | 3.1  | Triadimefon              | 75.1              | 5.9  | 98.2              | 8.0  |
| Flusilazole                    | 57.8              | 5.1  | 68.4              | 4.1  | Triadimenol (isomer)     | 24.2              | 8.8  | 87.0              | 5.2  |
| Flutriafol (isomer)            | 49.8              | 3.4  | 62.2              | 3.5  | Trichlamide              | 146.9             | 17.8 | 121.5             | 14.0 |
| Furametpyr                     | 87.5              | 2.8  | 93.9              | 2.3  | Tridemorph (isomer)      | 76.6              | 7.9  | 96.7              | 4.3  |
| Furathiocarb                   | 64.8              | 2.3  | 84.5              | 3.2  | Trifloxystrobin          | 67.3              | 7.8  | 75.4              | 7.1  |
| Hexaflumuron                   | 238.0             | 12.7 | 232.3             | 7.5  | Triflumizole             | 91.4              | 3.8  | 95.0              | 3.5  |
| Hexythiazox                    | 71.8              | 2.5  | 87.9              | 2.6  | Triflumizole Metabolite  | 93.9              | 4.0  | 96.7              | 3.4  |
| Imazalil                       | 107.8             | 8.5  | 101.1             | 4.1  | Triflumuron              | 54.2              | 6.7  | 66.9              | 5.2  |
| Imidacloprid                   | 86.7              | 2.2  | 105.6             | 6.0  | Triforine (isomer)       | 51.1              | 4.9  | 70.3              | 5.1  |
| Indanofan                      | 39.8              | 25.0 | 68.6              | 14.6 | Triticonazole            | 42.5              | 6.1  | 64.2              | 3.1  |
| Indoxacarb                     | 81.3              | 9.7  | 107.0             | 7.3  | XMC                      | 91.7              | 3.6  | 97.3              | 1.7  |

## ■ Spike Recovery Rate and Reproducibility

A brown rice matrix solution was spiked with 164 pesticides at 2 ng/mL and purified by ILSP column or dSPE. Then recovery rates were confirmed by an external standard method. The recovery rate and reproducibility (%RSD, n=6) results are shown in Table 3. A breakdown of the number of compounds with respective recovery rate levels is shown in Fig. 7.

dSPE purification resulted in recovery rates from 70 to 120 % for 98 of the 164 compounds measured. In contrast, ILSP purification resulted in recovery rates from 70 to 120 % for 130 of the 164 compounds measured, with equivalent or better results than dSPE. %RSD values were 20 % or lower for most compounds in both cases.

Fig. 8 shows the chromatograms for prochloraz and pyridaben in the standard solution and each purification method. For dSPE purification, contaminant peaks were observed at around 8.9 to 9.2 min for prochloraz and at around 10.7 min for pyridaben. On the other hand, these contaminant peaks were not observed in ILSP purification, indicating that the contaminants were removed.

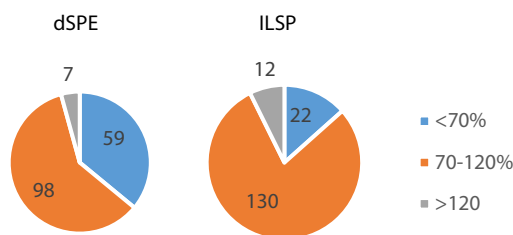


Fig. 7 Breakdown of Recovery Rate (Number of Compounds)

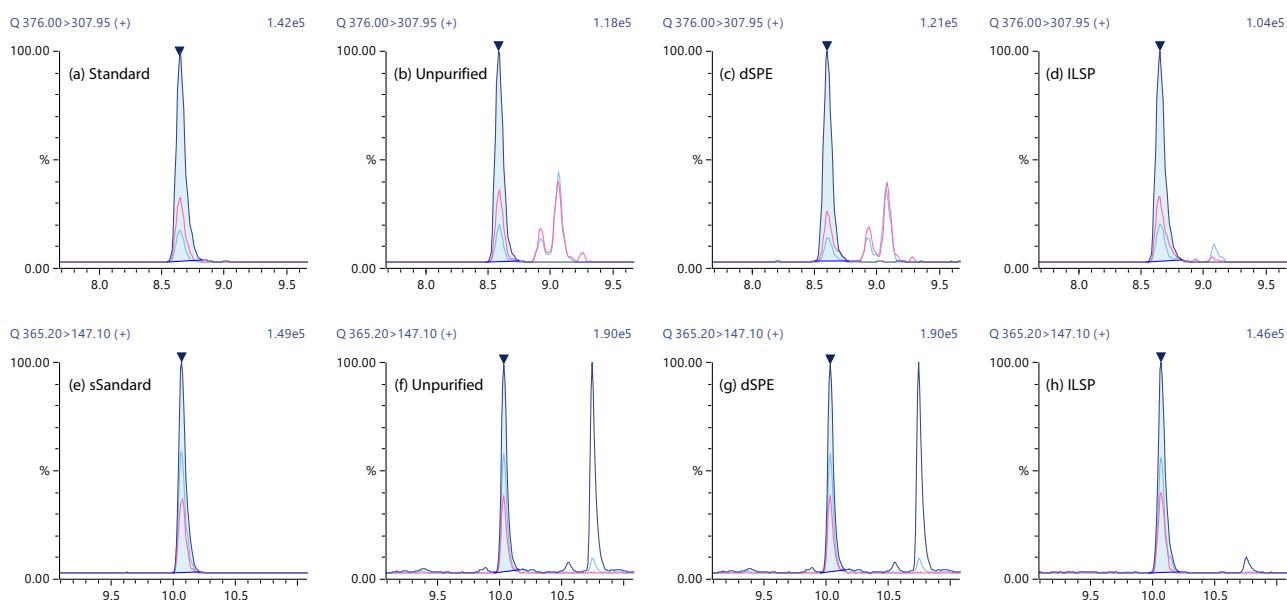


Fig. 8 Chromatograms of Prochloraz (a to d) and Pyridaben (e to h)  
From Acetonitrile (a, e) and Brown Rice Matrix Solutions

## ■ Conclusion

Simultaneous analysis of pesticides was performed using an LCMS-8050RX system. The combination of the QuEChERS method and Revive ILSP columns enabled the pretreatment process to be accelerated and simplified. On-line purification with a Revive ILSP column showed comparable recovery and reproducibility results to dSPE purification and demonstrated the ability to remove contaminants that remain with dSPE purification. Therefore, on-line purification with a Revive ILSP column could be used as a quick and simple alternative to dSPE for the QuEChERS method.

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