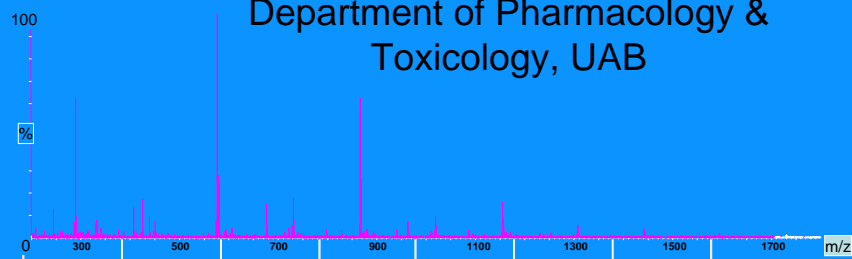


# *Mass Spectrometry in Bioanalysis of botanicals*

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## *Talk Overview*

- Introduction to bioanalysis
- Quantitative analysis of puerarin/salvinorin A/EGCG in biological samples by LC-MS/MS

## *Bioanalysis Flow Chart*

Sample preparation



Chromatographic separation



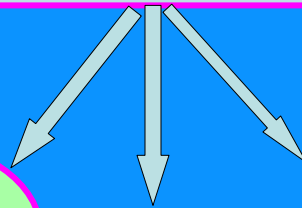
MS ionization



MS analysis

*Sample preparation is a crucial step in removing the interfering compounds from biological matrix*

Sample preparation



Liquid-liquid  
Extraction  
LLE

Protein  
Precipitation  
PP

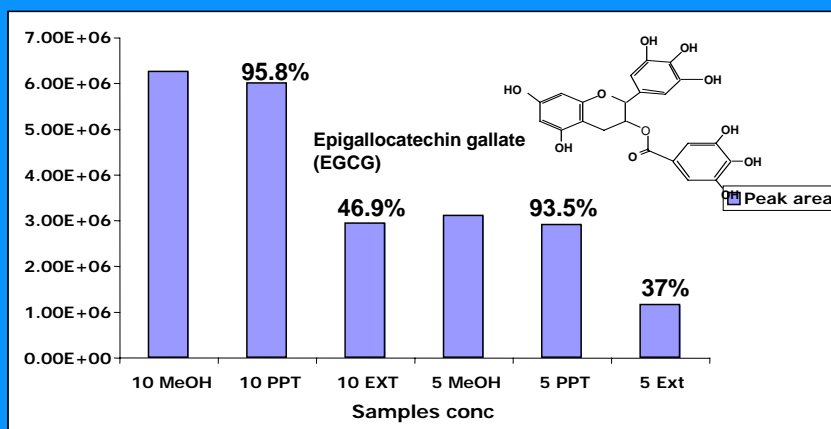
Solid phase  
Extraction  
SPE

*The method of choice will be determined by the sample matrix and the concentration of compounds in samples*

## Properties of a Good Internal Standard

- Is not found in the original sample
- The structure of the internal standard needs to be similar to the analyte.
- Provides data about your extraction process:
  - a. Hydrolysis of 4-Methylumbelliferyl sulfate
  - b. Hydrolysis of Phenolphthalein glucuronide
  - c. Extraction Efficiency (Apigenin)

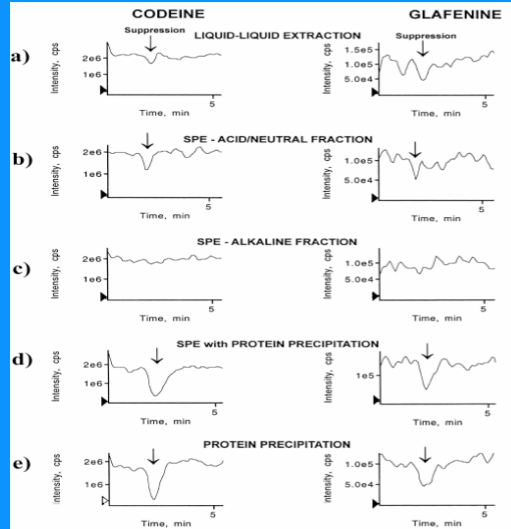
### Comparison among MeOH, protein precipitation (PPT) and EtOAc extraction (EXT) method in terms of peak areas obtained from MRM experiments



PPT method appears to be superior than LLE by EtOAc for polar compounds like EGCG

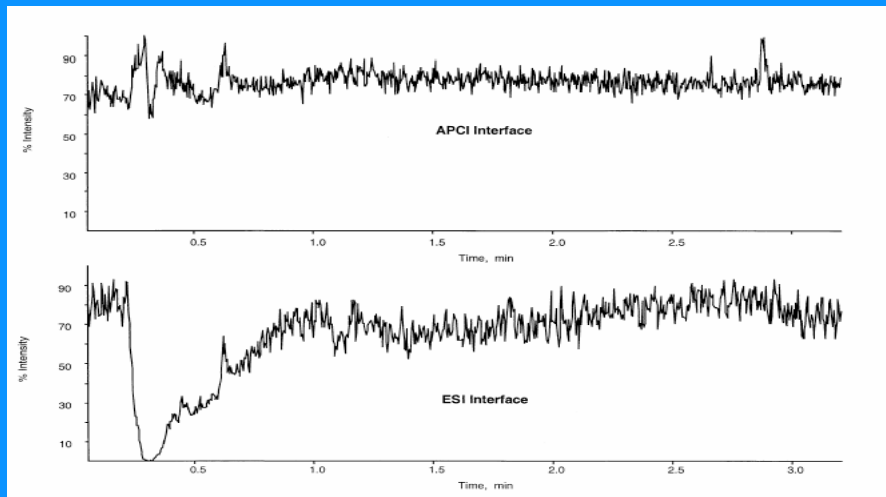
*Prasain et al. (unpublished results)*

## Severe ion suppression effect for codeine and glafenin was observed with PPT and SPE-PPT



Muller et al. J. Chrom B (2002)

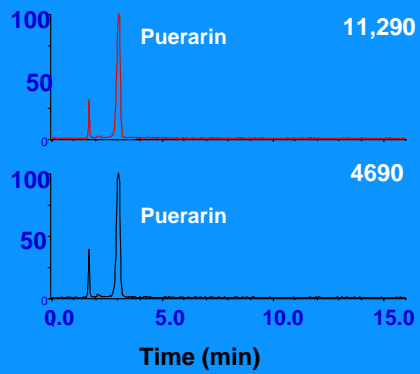
## APCI is less prone to than ESI to the effects of ion suppression



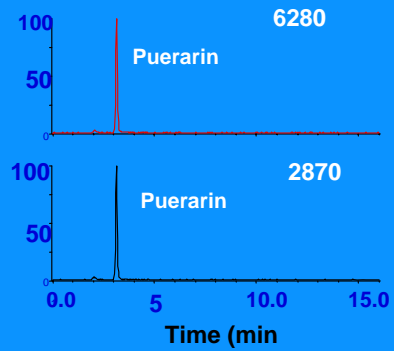
King et al. J. Am Soc Mass Spectrom 2000

*Urinary metabolites may be analyzed unextracted by LC-MS/MS. However, extensive dilution is needed for quantitative analyses*

SPE sample after 5 fold dilution



Un-extracted sample after 10 fold dilution



*Quantitative determination of puerarin/  
salvinorin A and EGCG in rat serum  
by LC-MS/MS*

## ***Analytical method validation***

- **Should demonstrate specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision**
- **Lower limit of quantification**

**Stability (freeze/thaw)**

**Robustness**

## **LC/MS/MS Method for Puerarin**

**Column:** Waters X-Terra C18 with guard,  
2.1 x 100 mm, 3.5 micron

**Mobile Phase A:** 10% MeCN + 10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc

**Mobile Phase B:** 70% MeCN + 10mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc

**Gradient:** 0 minutes = 100% A

6 minutes = 100% B

7 minutes = 100% A

10 minutes = Stop

**Injection Volume:** 20 ul

**Flow Rate:** 0.2 ml/min split flow

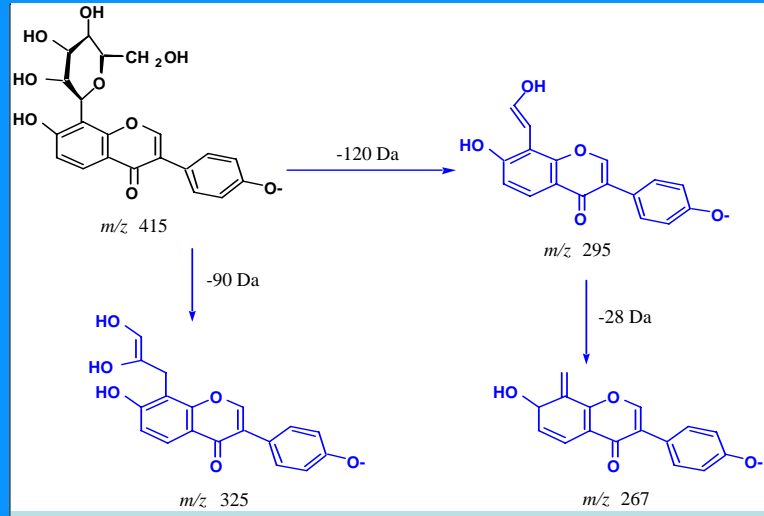
**Mass Spectrometer:** Negative Electrospray

**Mass Transitions:** 415/267 (Puerarin)

415/295 (Puerarin)

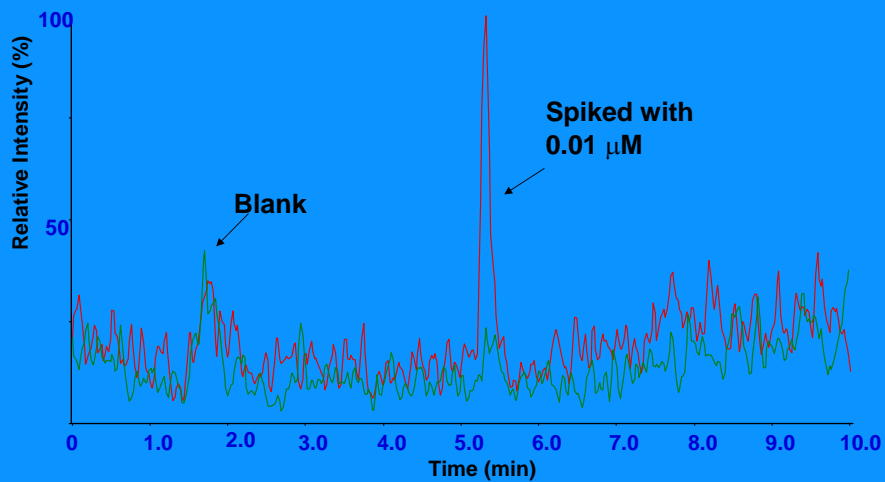
269/149 (apigenin, IS)

**Possible product ions of puerarin in ESI-MS/MS negative ion mode**



*Prasain et al. J Agric Food Chem. 51, 4213, 2003.*

**Ion chromatograms of a rat serum spiked sample (0.01  $\mu$ M of puerarin) vs. blank serum**



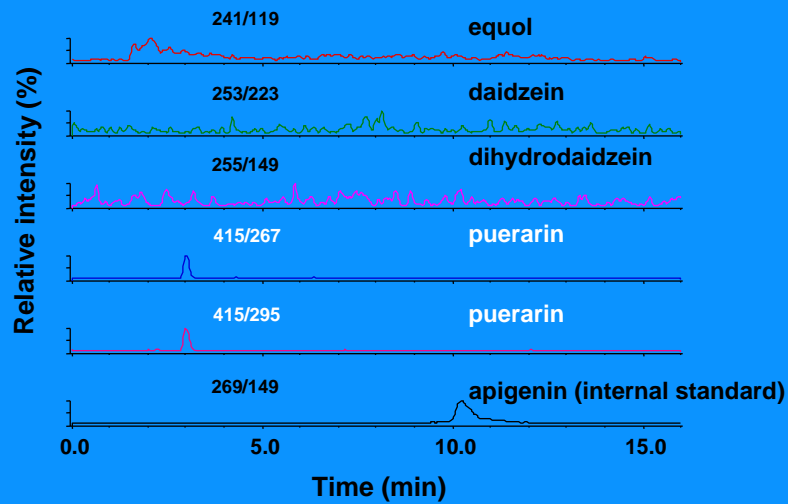
## Intra-day and inter-day % accuracy and precision of Puerarin in rat serum

Standard Curve Linearity r = 0.990				
uM	calculated uM beginning of run	calculated uM end of run	mean calculated uM	mean % accuracy
0.01	0.00971	0.00971	0.00971	97.1
0.05	0.0629	0.0449	0.0539	107.8
0.1	0.0957	0.0821	0.0889	88.9
0.5	0.563	0.534	0.5485	109.7
1	0.876	0.994	0.935	93.5
Standard Curve Linearity r = 0.990				
uM	calculated uM beginning of run	calculated uM end of run	mean calculated uM	mean % accuracy
0.01	0.0098	0.0101	0.00995	99.5
0.05	0.056	0.0494	0.0527	105.4
0.1	0.0952	0.082	0.0886	88.6
0.5	0.567	0.556	0.5615	112.3
1	0.92	0.943	0.9315	93.15

	calculated concentration stats		calculated concentration stats	
	<b>2.0 uM</b>		<b>0.2 uM</b>	
2.0 QC1	1.76		0.2 QC1	0.199
2.0 QC2	1.92		0.2 QC2	0.186
2.0 QC3	1.76		0.2 QC3	0.205
2.0 QC4	2.03		0.2 QC4	0.202
2.0 QC mean=	1.868		0.2 QC mean=	0.198
2.0 QC st dev=	0.132		0.2 QC st dev=	0.008
% C.V. =	7.1		% C.V. =	4.2
2.0 Re1	2.16		0.2 Re1	0.215
2.0 Re2	1.88		0.2 Re2	0.211
2.0 Re3	2.54		0.2 Re3	0.228
2.0 Re4	1.87		0.2 Re4	0.202
2.0 Re mean=	2.113		0.2 Re mean=	0.214
2.0 Re st dev=	0.315		0.2 Re st dev=	0.011
% C.V. =	14.9		% C.V. =	5.0
	% recovery		% recovery	
	<b>2.0 uM</b>		<b>0.2 uM</b>	
mean % recovery =	90.4		mean % recovery =	92.7
st dev % recovery =	18.187		st dev % recovery =	5.221
% C.V. =	20.1		% C.V. =	5.6

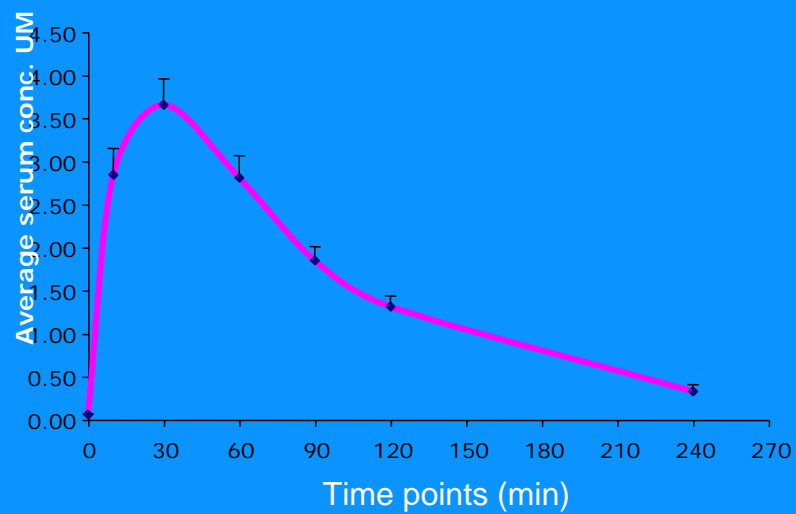


***MRM is useful in detection of puerarin specifically in a rat serum samples treated with puerarin***



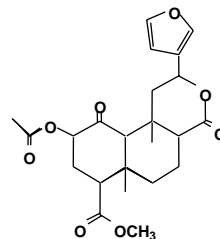
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***Average serum concentration of puerarin versus time after Oral administration of 50 mg/kg puerarin***



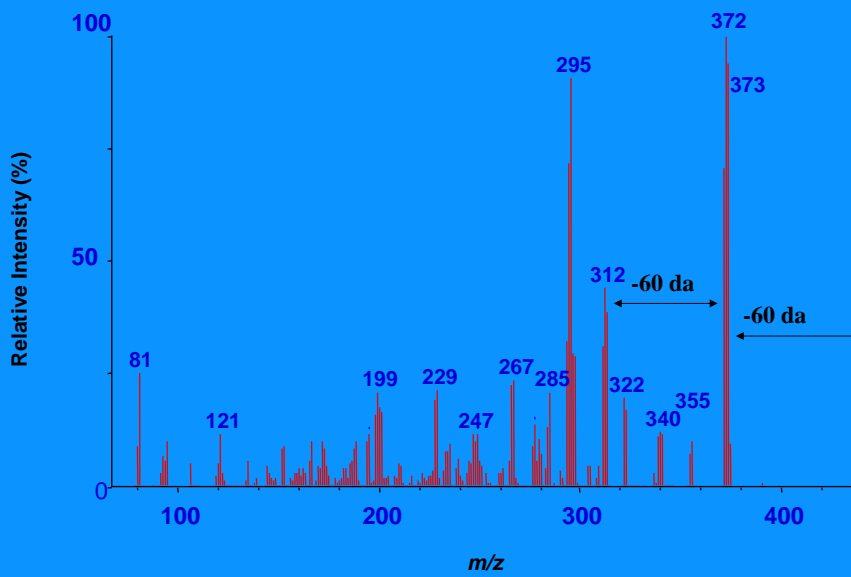
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*Salvia divinorum* - a plant of the mint family has been used as a recreational drug and salvinorin A, the presumed main active ingredient of *S. divinorum*

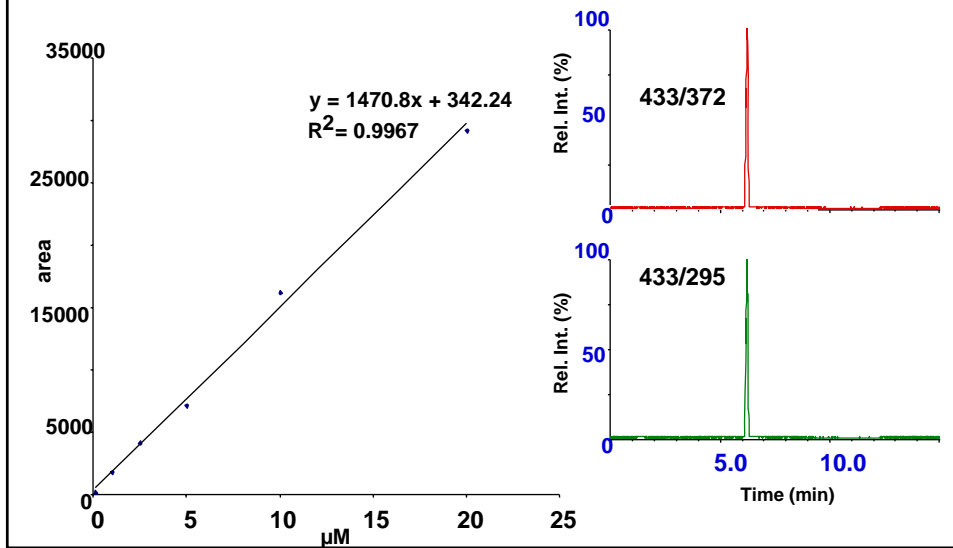


**Salvinorin A**

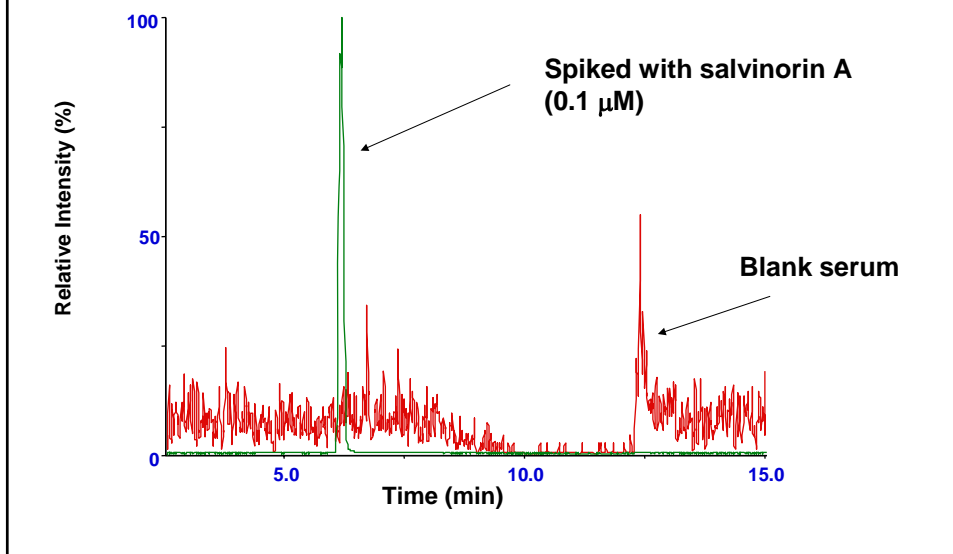
Neutral losses of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH (2 x 60 Da) are characteristics of MS/MS fragmentation of protonated salvinorin A m/z 433



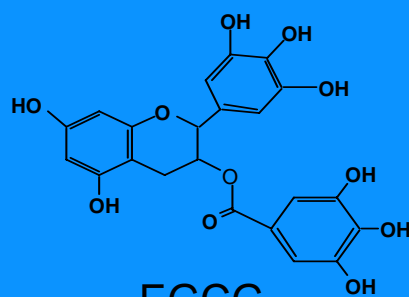
**MRM chromatogram of salvinorin A and standard curve showing excellent linearity (0.1-20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with a correlation coefficient  $>0.99$**



**A representative chromatogram of a serum sample spiked with salvinorin A after LLE showing specificity of the LC-MS/MS method**

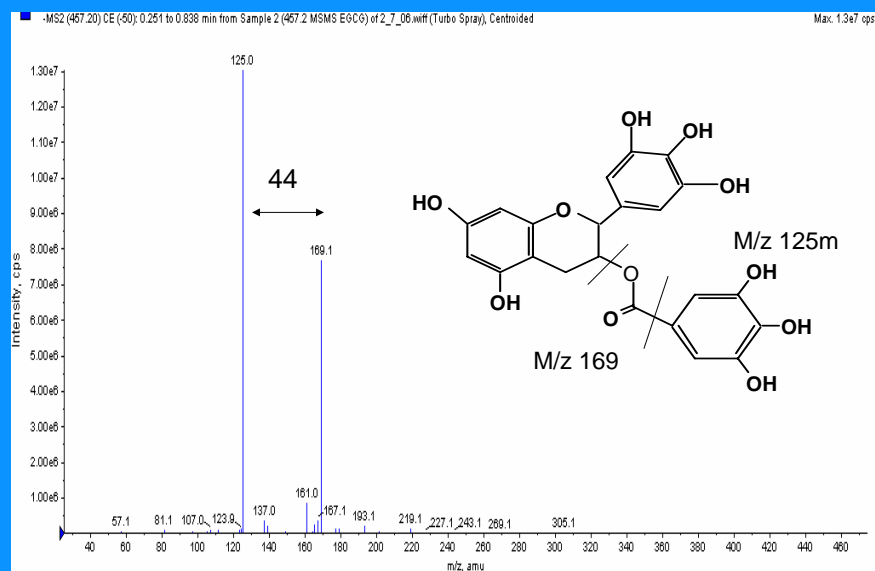


## Analysis of tea catechin in biological samples

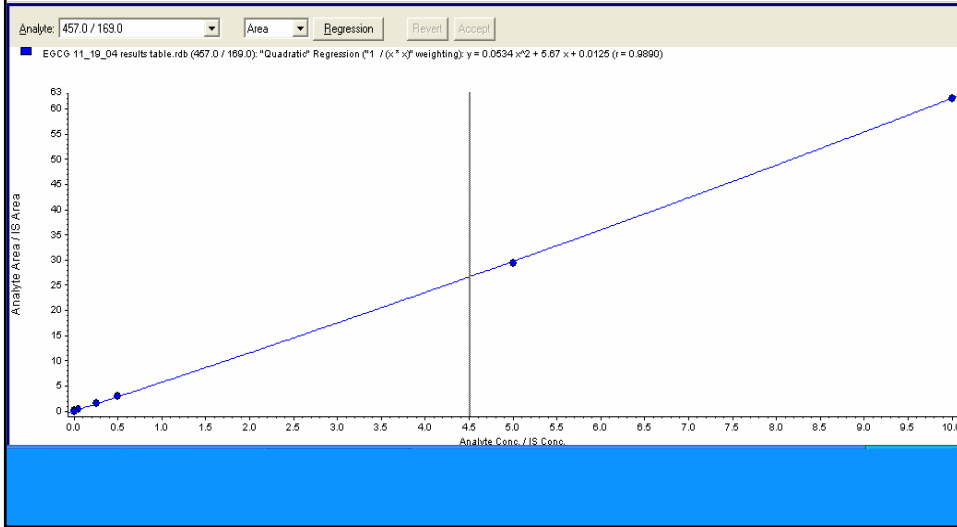


EGCG  
[M-H]<sup>-</sup> m/z 457

## Product ion spectrum of the ion m/z 457



## Calibration curve for EGCG (1-10,000 nM) after extracting from rat serum



## Typical chromatogram of a serum sample spiked with 5 nM after protein precipitation

