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Forensic Toxicology WorkFlow

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Summary

- Liquid Chromatography



- Mass Spectrometry

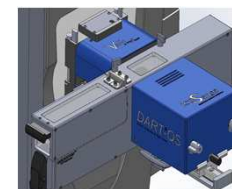


- Softwares

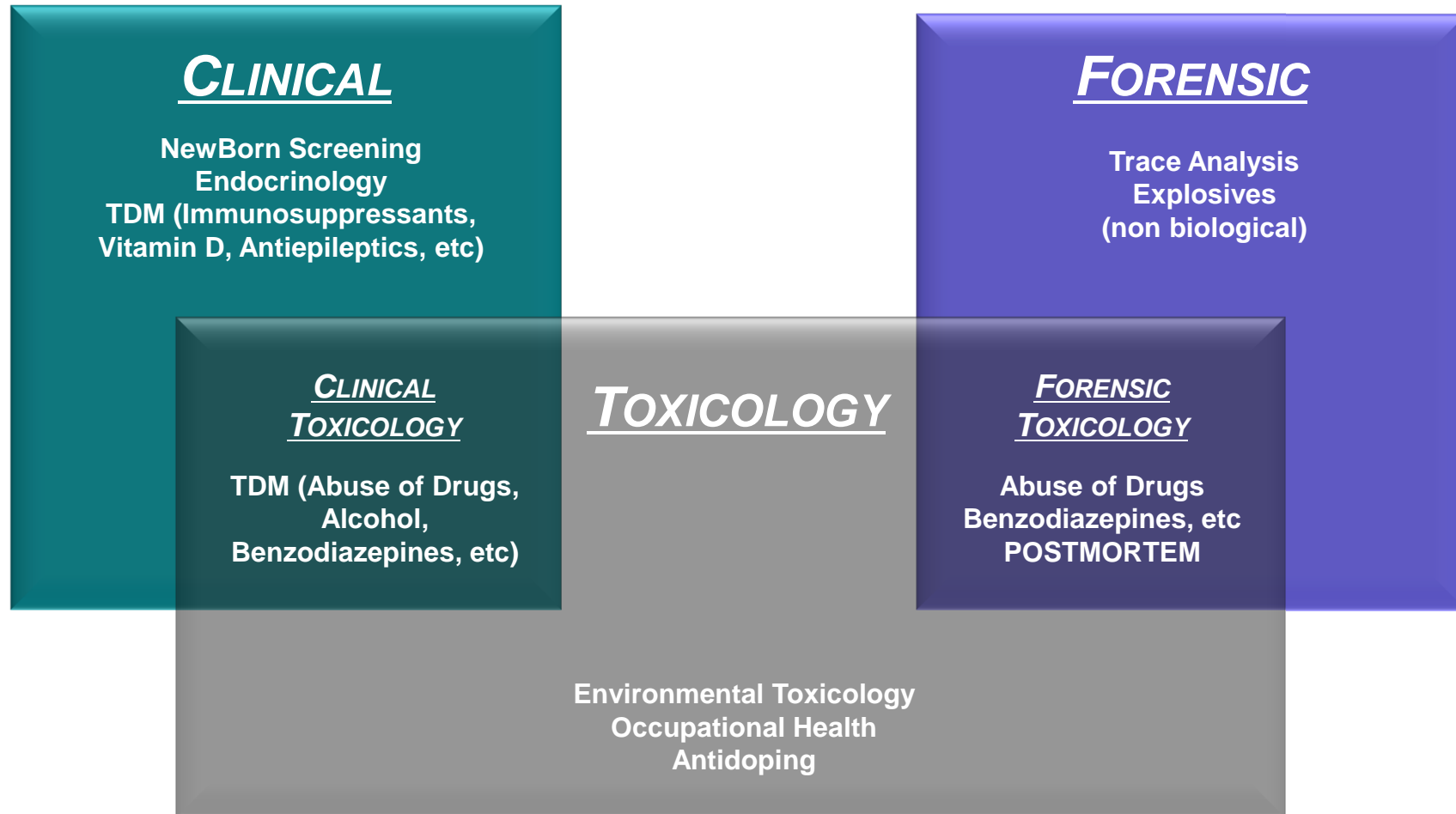


- Applications

- Trendy Techniques



Clinical and Forensic - A Lot of Overlapping Areas



Customers Expectations/Requirements

I want to perform targeted screening with database/library searching

- I want to be able to screen samples using a database of at least 1000 compounds
- I want to be able to use offline and online spectral libraries

I want to identify unknown and need retrospective analysis

- I want to search for totally unknown compounds in addition to targeted screening
- I need to retrospectively interrogate a sample searching for new/unexpected compounds

I want to do quantitation

- I want ultimate sensitivity
- I want to quantify small concentrations in heavy matrices
- I want to quantify more than 1000 compounds in a run

Screening Approaches – Some Definitions

Targeted Screening “Search for what you know”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compound search after targeted acquisition using a specific list of compounds• Detection parameters need to be numerous and selective to avoid false positives
Untargeted Screening “Search for what you suspect”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compound search following acquisition based on most intense signals NOT on a list of compounds• Identification based on compound databases and/or spectral libraries
Unknown Screening “Search for the rest”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search of compounds with an totally untargeted acquisition• Putative identification typically followed by structural elucidation

Screening Workflow

Sample Preparation

- Related to sample matrix (urine, blood, serum, plasma, etc)

CLEAN

Filtration
Dilute-and-Shoot
Protein Precipitation
Solid Phase Extraction
TurboFlow
Liquid Liquid Extraction
Supported Liquid Extraction

EASY

Data acquisition

- Ion Trap



- Triple Quadrupole



- High Resolution MS



Data Processing

- TraceFinder



- Compound databases



- Spectral libraries



- mzCloud



- Compound Discoverer

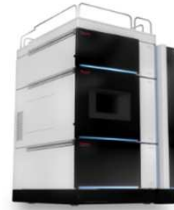


Front Ends and Sample Preparation

Liquid Chromatography



Ultimate 3000
Flexibility



Vanquish
High-end UHPLC

- Require offline sample preparation
- Suitable for multi-channel solutions

TurboFlow



Transcend II
Flexibility



Prelude
Robustness

- Require minimal or no sample preparation
- Suitable for multi-channel solutions

Paperspray



Velox 360
Simplicity

- NO sample preparation
- Simple to use
- Fast

Third Party Vendors Ion Sources

- Paper Spray (Prosolia)

- No sample preparation



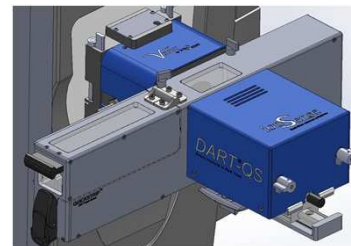
- LDTD (Phytronix)

- Some sample preparation



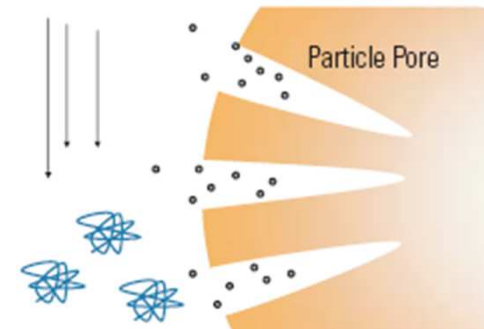
- DART (IonSense, Inc.)

- Some or no sample preparation



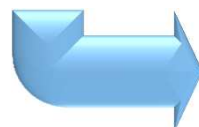
TurboFlow for Online Sample Extraction

- Online sample extraction that adds less than 2 minutes to the normal LC runtime
- Allows for the direct injection of complex matrices
- A cleaner sample reaches the mass spec
 - less background noise → better sensitivity
 - longer LC column lifetime
 - cleaner mass spec → less routine cleaning
- You can inject more (up to 100µL)
 - better sensitivity



Paperspray – No Sample Preparation

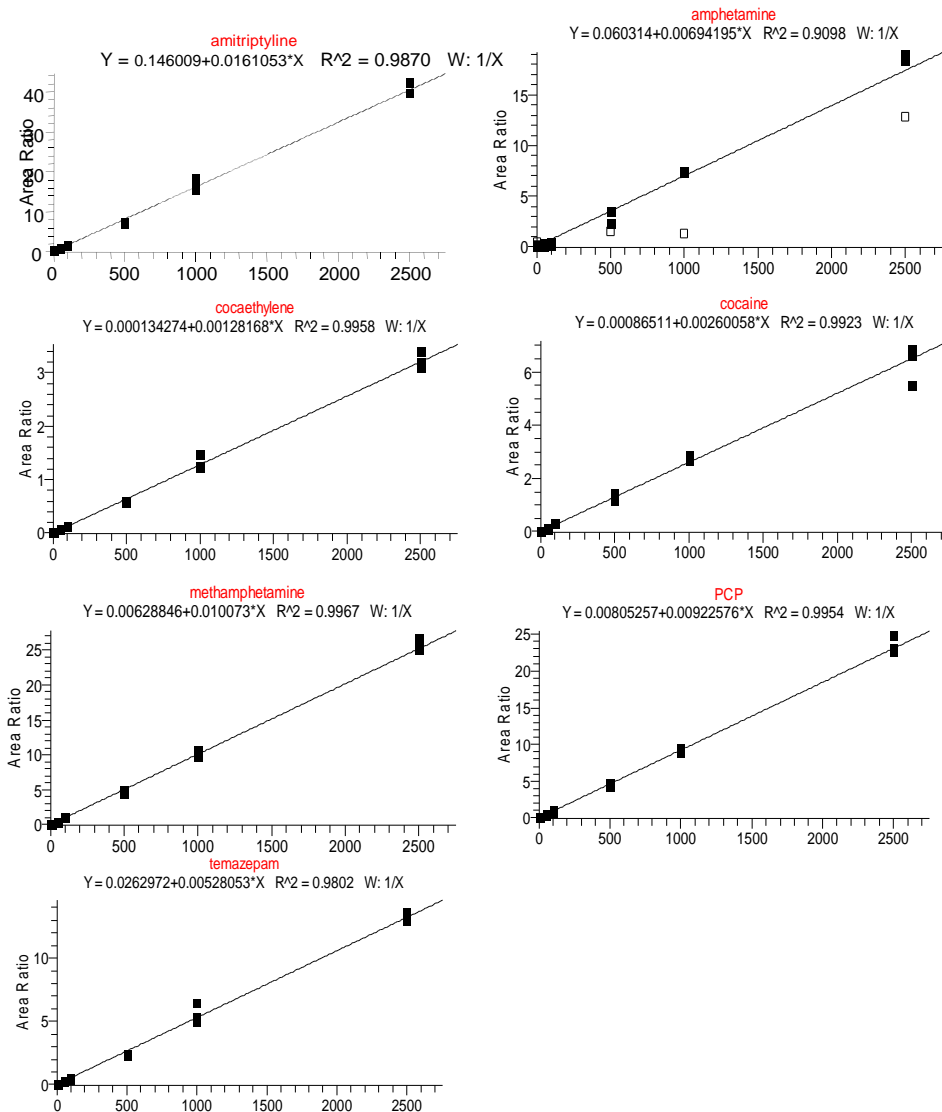
<http://www.prosolia.com/resources/videos/velox-360>



Paperspray on TSQ Quantiva – DoA Quantification in Urine

- LOQs in the 0.5 to 50 ng/mL
- LODs in the 0.5-1 ng/mL
- No sample preparation
- No chromatography

Amitriptyline
Amphetamine
Cocaethylene
Cocaine
Codeine
Methamphetamine
PCP
Temazepam



Mass Spectrometers – A Leading Portfolio



Non-targeted Analysis

HR/AM



- Metabolomics
- Proteomics
- Bioanalysis

Quantitative

- Food Safety
- Environmental
- Clinical/Toxicology

Applied Markets

Transform Your Science

Research Markets

- Biomarker Discovery
- Proteomics
- Metabolism

Qualitative

- Metabolomics
- PTM Analysis
- Lipidomics



MS, MSⁿ

Targeted Analysis



Triple Quadrupoles for Targeted Screening and Quantitation



TSQ Endura

Extreme Quantitative Value

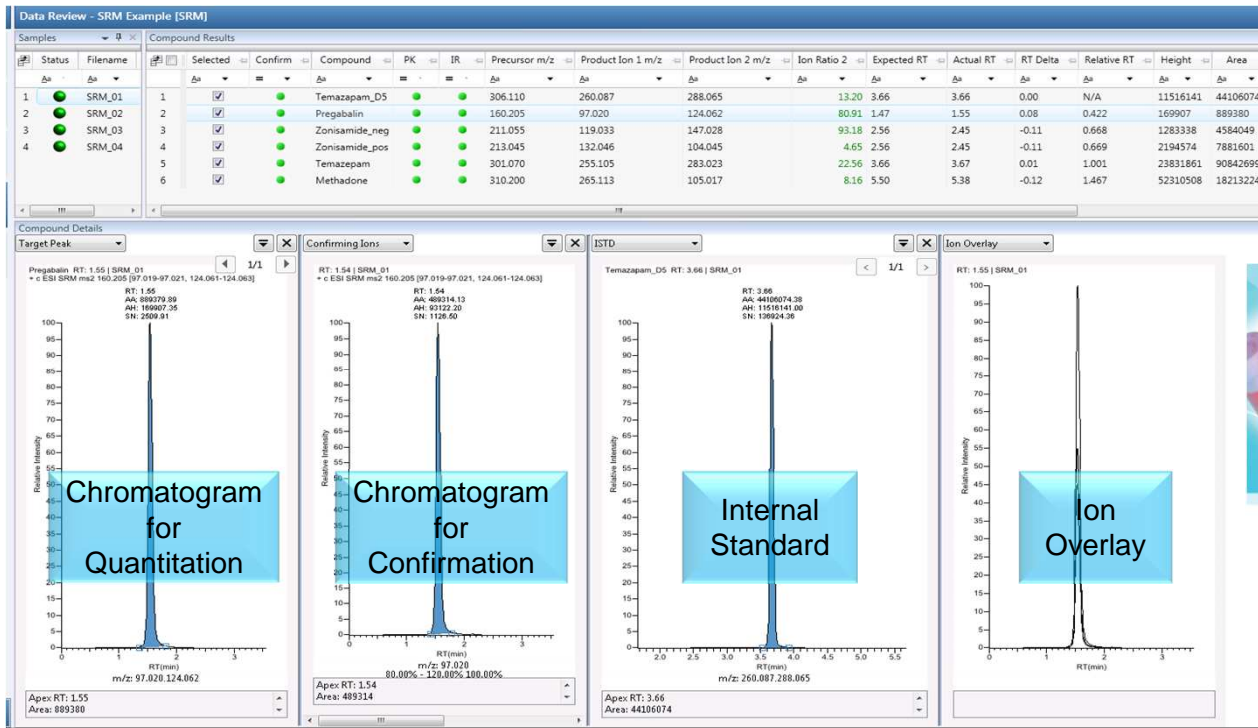
- Best-in-class performance
- Unprecedented usability
- Exceptional robustness



TSQ Quantiva

Extreme Quantitative Performance

- Attogram sensitivity
- Unprecedented usability
- Exceptional robustness

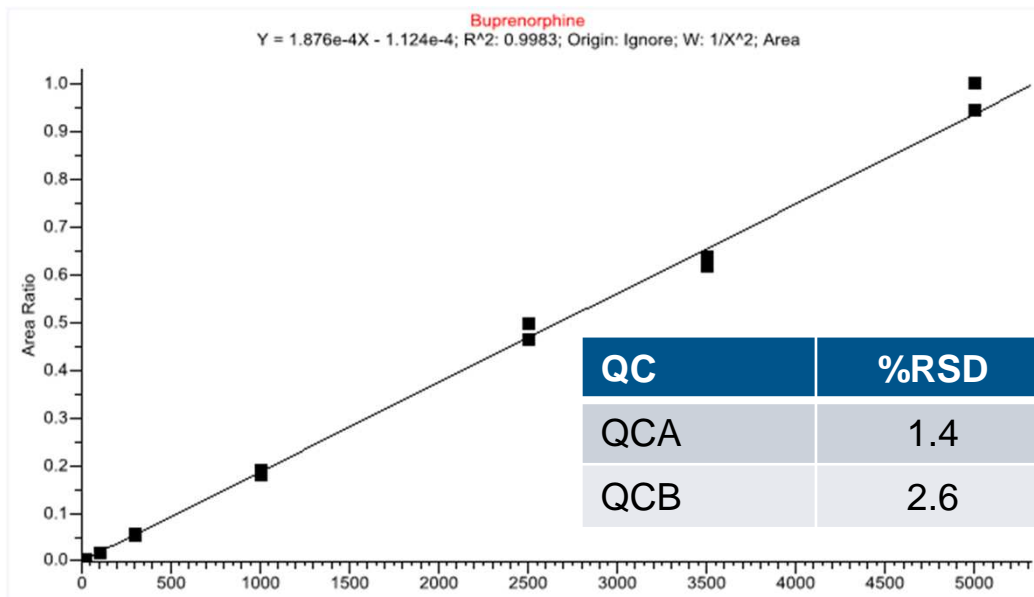


ToxFinder 1.0

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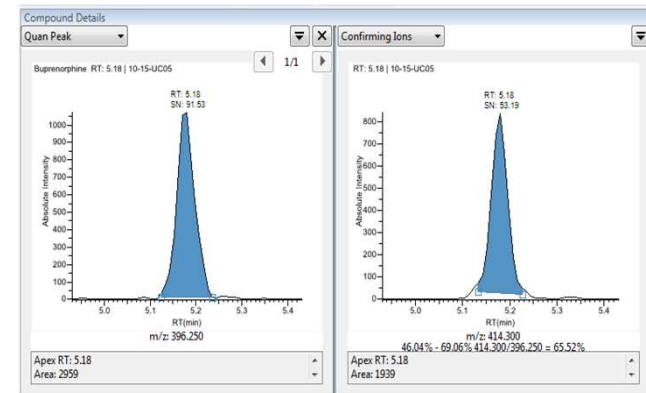
Triple Quadrupoles for Quantitation

- Quantitation of 72 Drugs of Abuse on Urine on TSQ Quantiva
 - Simply dilute-and-shoot
 - Polarity switching
 - One SRM for quantitation and one or two for confirmation
 - Calibration range 5 to 5000 ng/mL



QUANTIFIER

QUALIFIER



Why Q Exactive and Q Exactive Focus MS for Forensic Labs?



Versatile lab of the future

- Targeted screening
- Untargeted screening
- Unknown screening
- Quantitative confirmation



Ultimate performance

- High sensitivity
- High selectivity
- High Resolution & Mass Accuracy
- Polarity switching



Ease of use

- Simple calibration, holds for days
- No need for optimization
- No compound-specific setup
- Robust platform, low maintenance



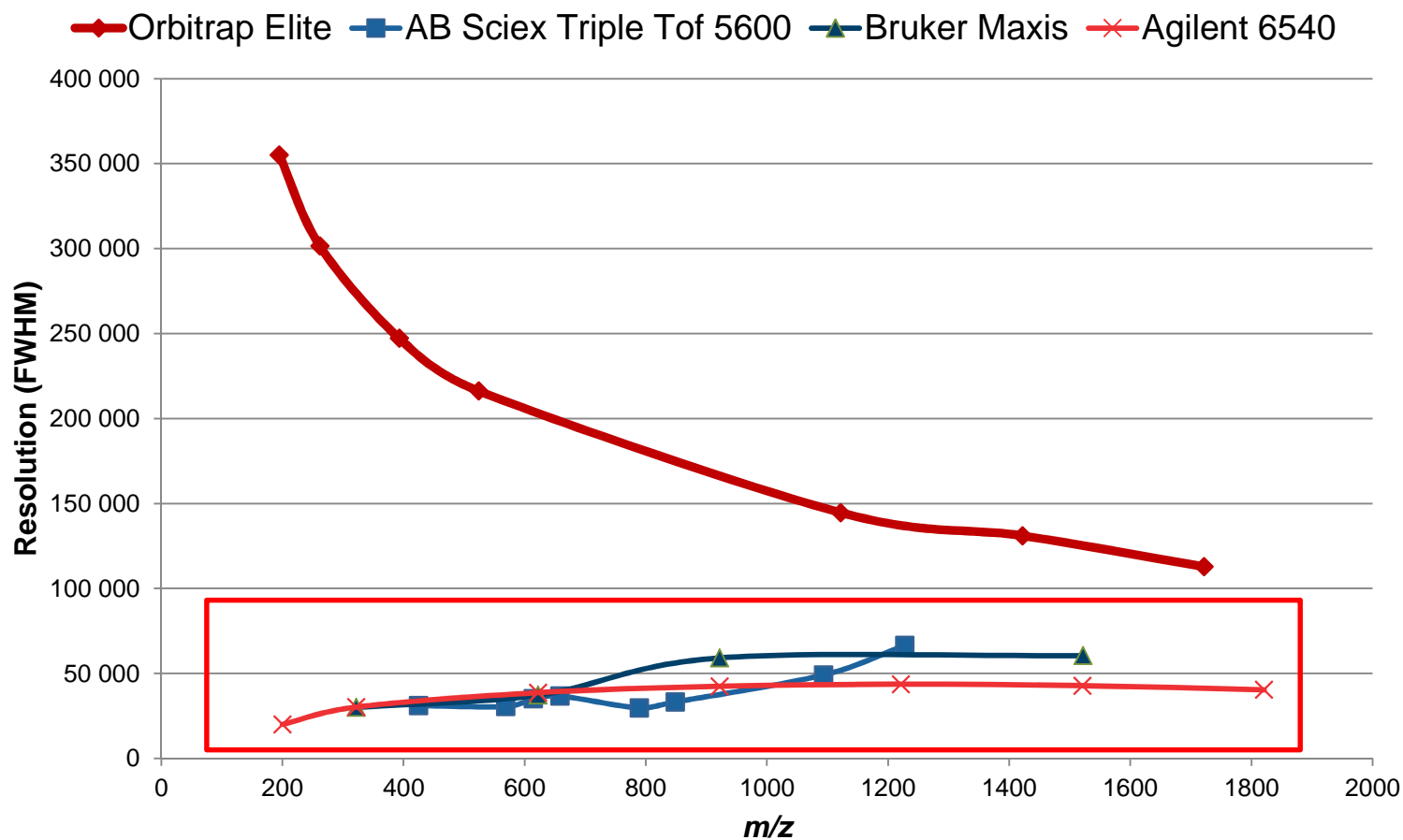
Affordable Focus version

- Price comparable to high end Triple Quad



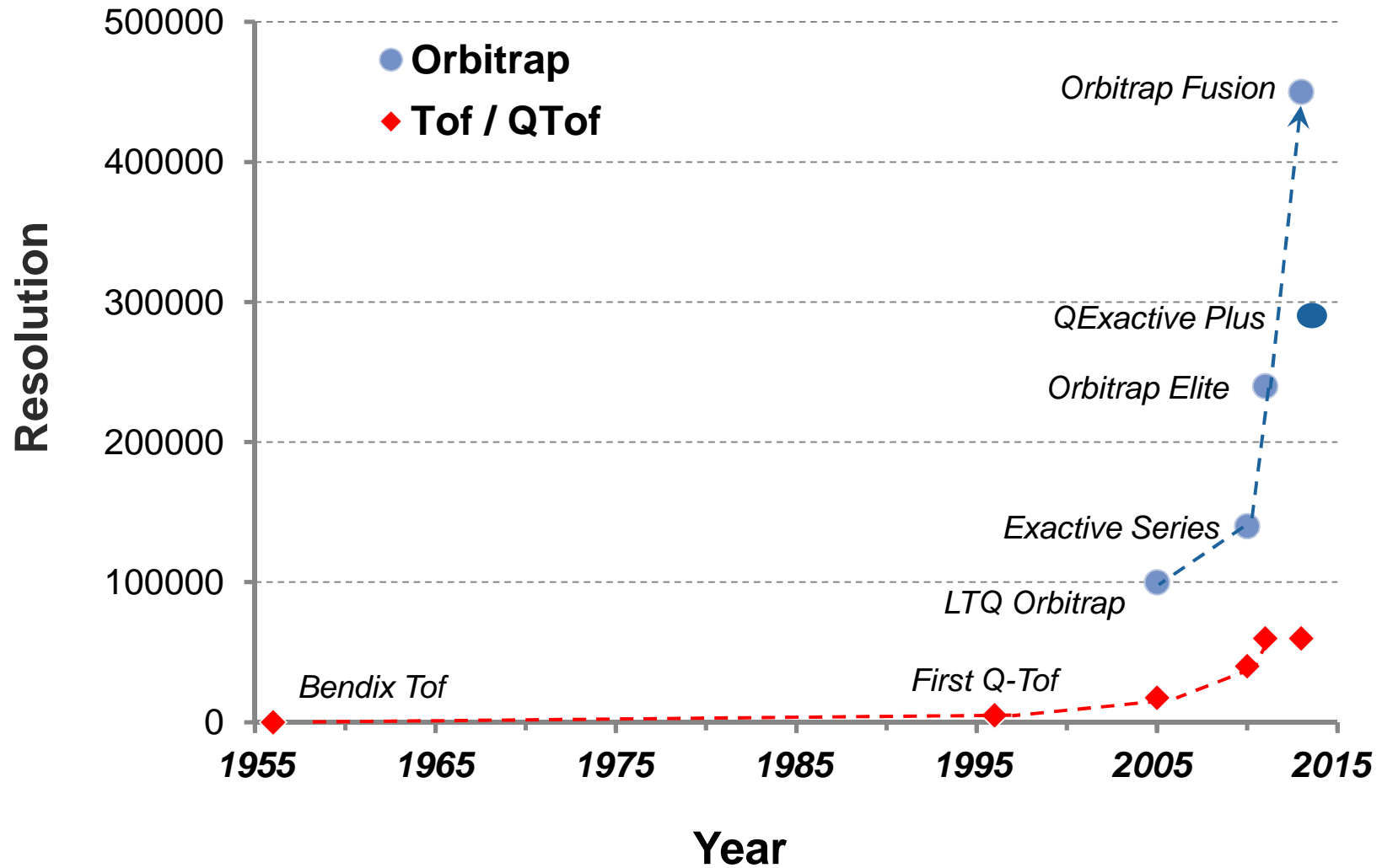
Your High Resolution Accurate Mass lab of the future

Resolution vs. Competition

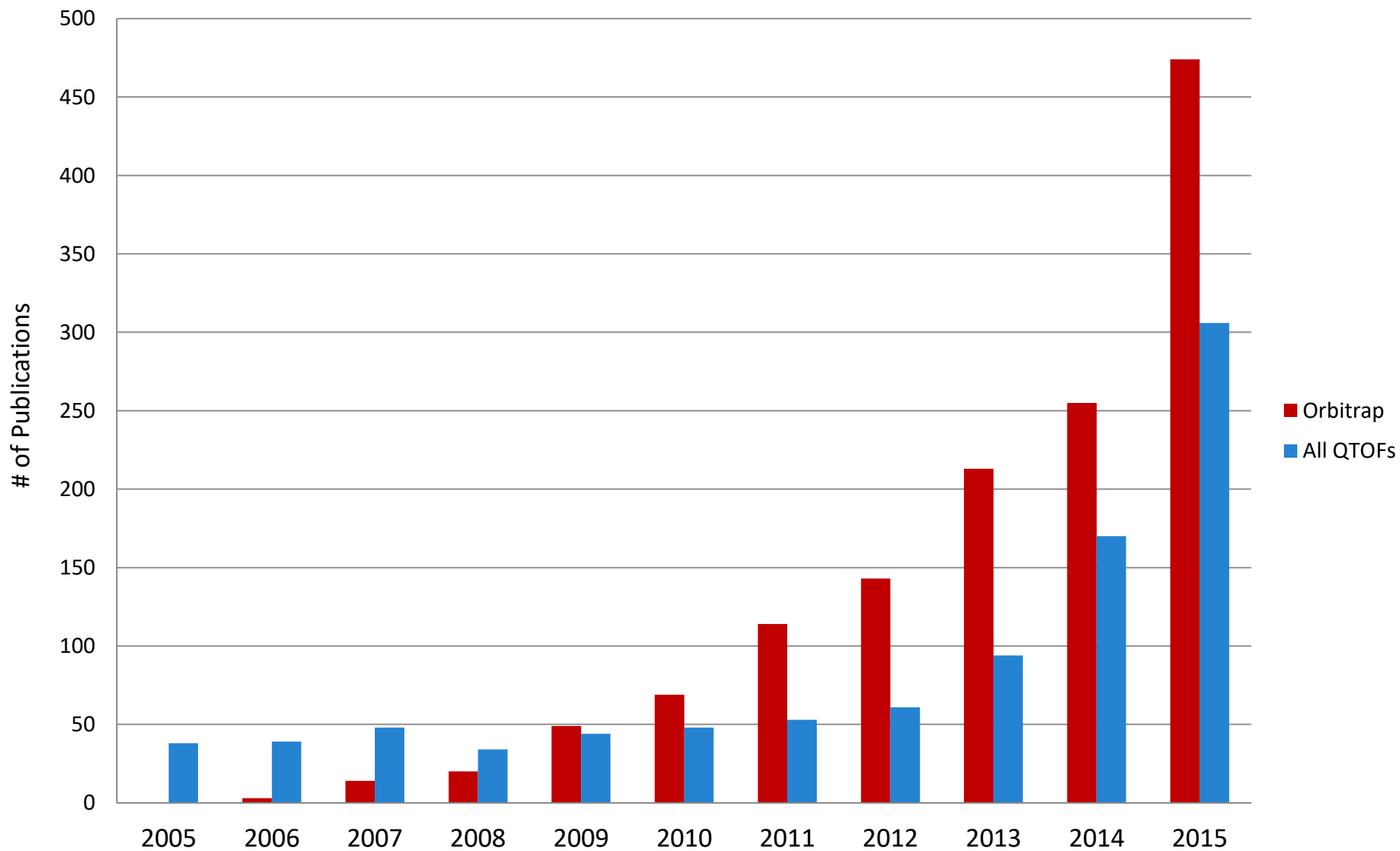


- *Outperforming High Res QTofs by a factor >5*
- *2013 Fusion by a magnitude*

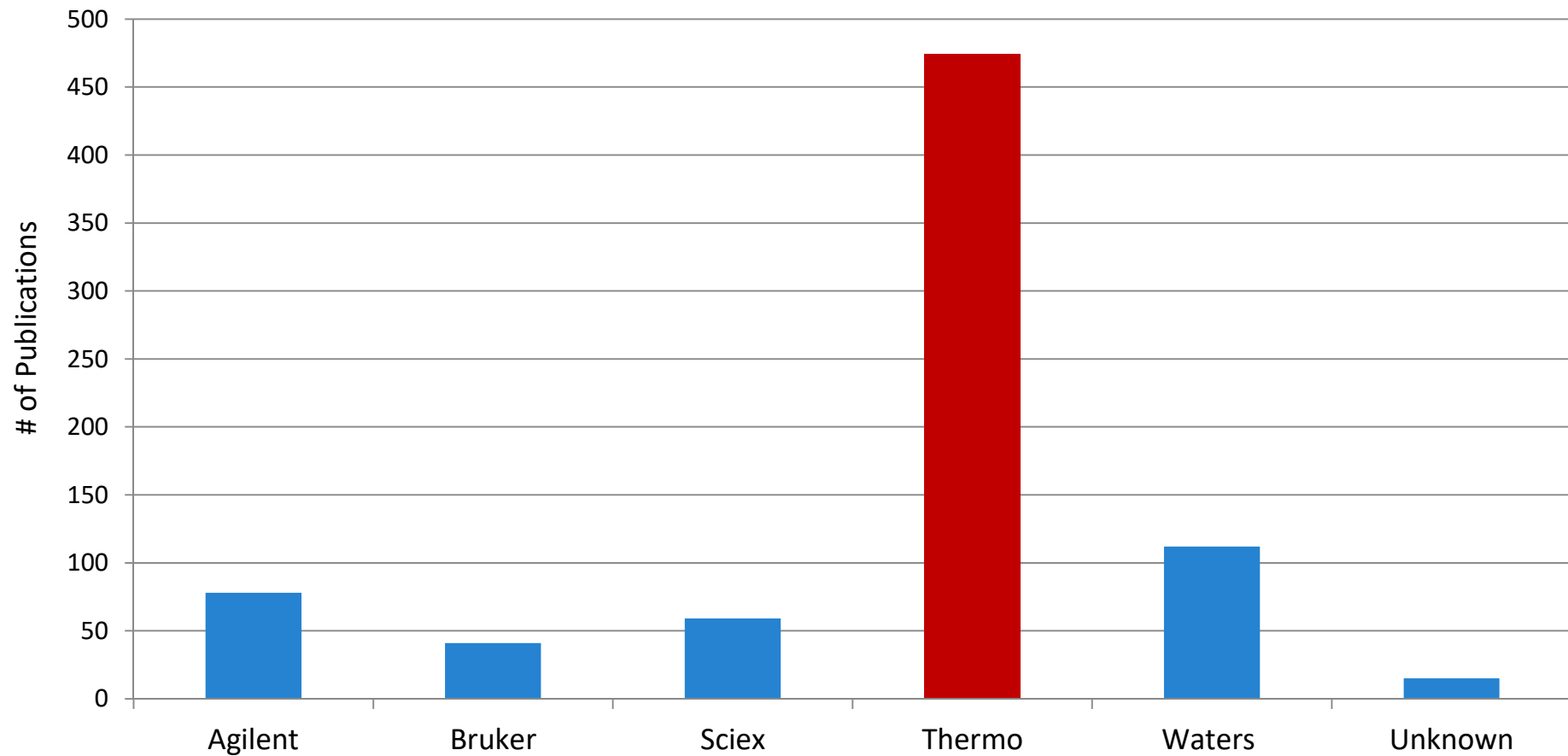
Race for Resolution – Q Exactive vs. Q-ToF



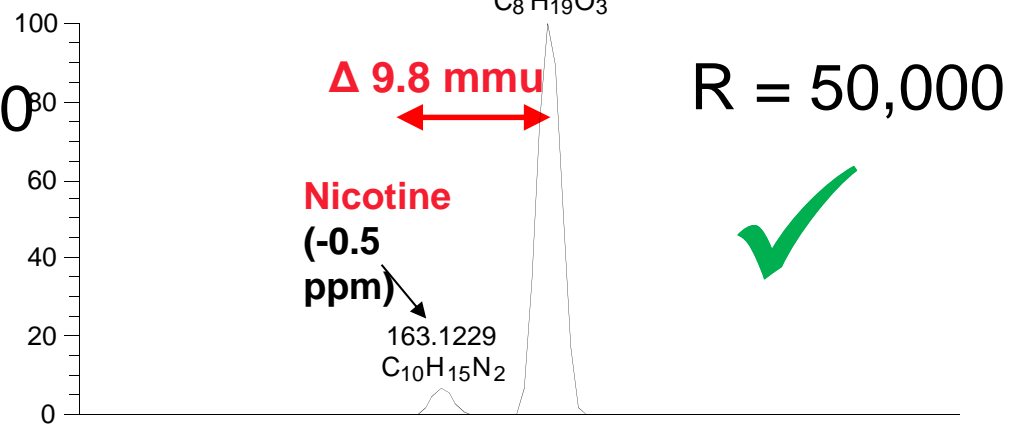
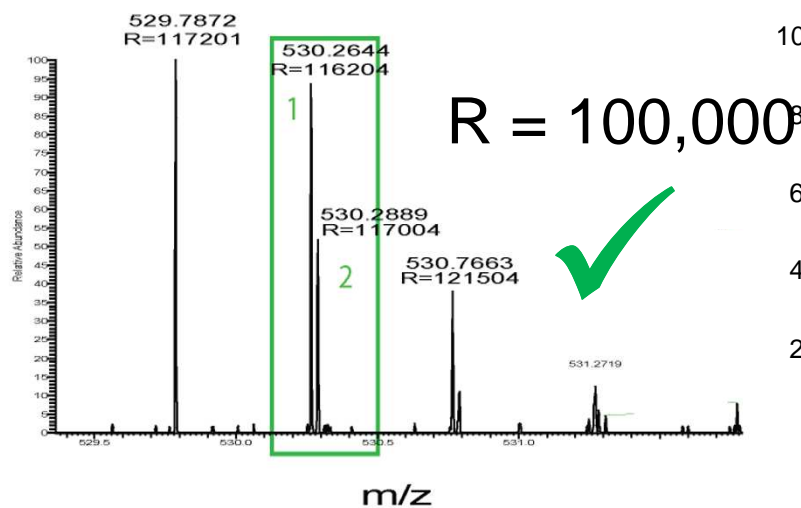
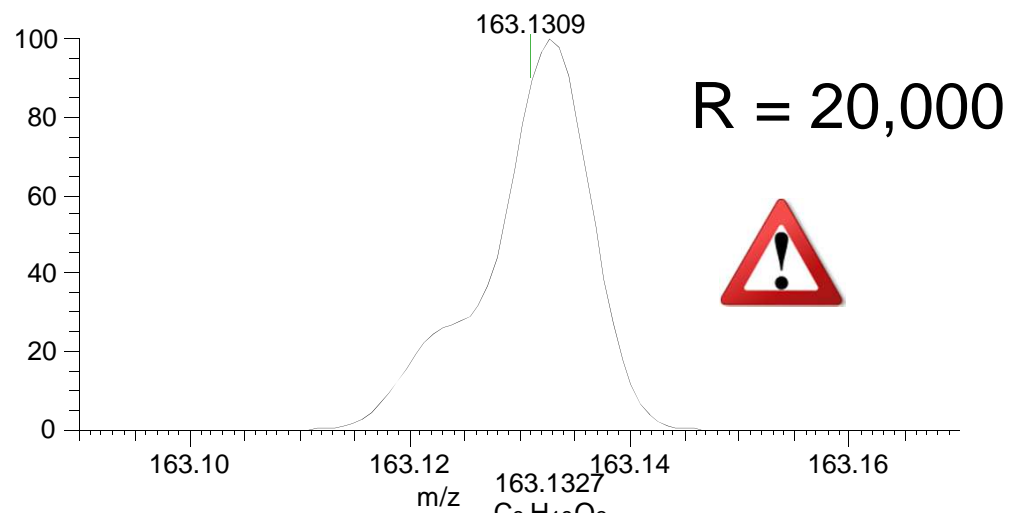
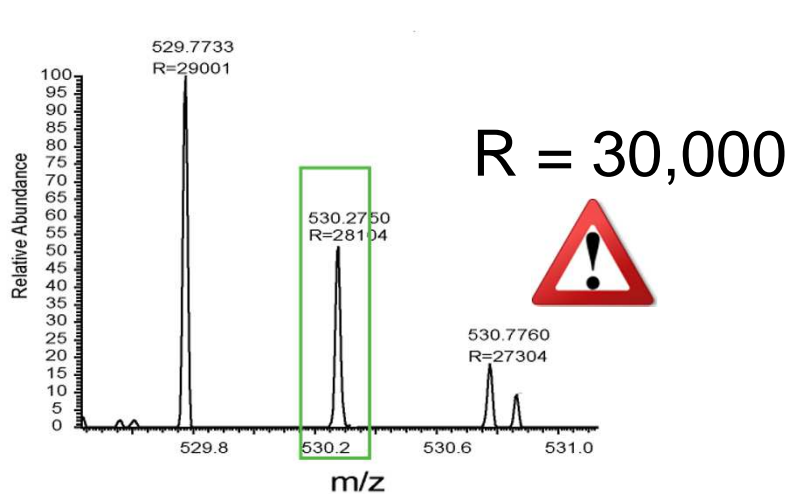
Nature and Science Family of Publications: Orbitrap vs Competition



Nature and Science Family of Publications 2015: Orbitrap vs QTOFs



1st Rule of High Resolution Accurate Mass Quantitation



You can't quantify, what you can't detect.

Benefits of Using Q Exactive for Screening

Resolving power	Separate target compounds from interference
Mass stability and mass accuracy	Calibration maintained for days to weeks Unrivaled scan to scan mass accuracy and precision
Fast polarity switching	Quick positive-negative switch maintaining accurate mass/charge determination
No trade-off between resolution and sensitivity	Both resolution and sensitivity are retained
Minimum scan to scan variance	Excellent signal/noise, no need for averaging
Experiment flexibility	Easy to use, a plug and play device

Screening Approach Using a Q Exactive



Fragmentation types:

1. **“Confirmational MS2” for targeted screening**
Triggers all compounds of a specific list
2. **“Discovery MS2” for untargeted screening**
Triggers compounds having the highest intensity
3. **“AIF” or “vDIA” MS2 for unknown screening**
Fragments everything

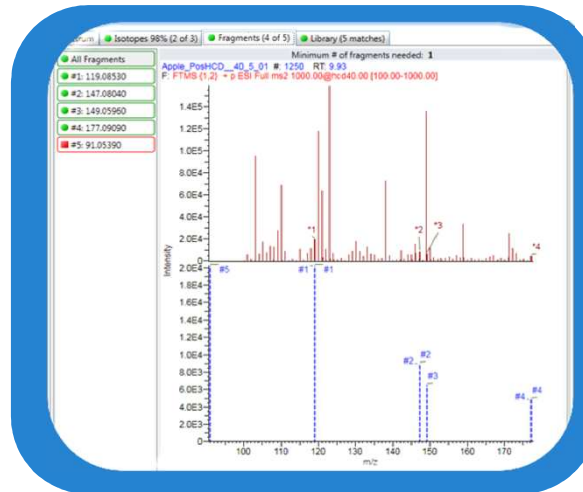
TraceFinder Software for Data Acquisition and Processing

Routine Quan



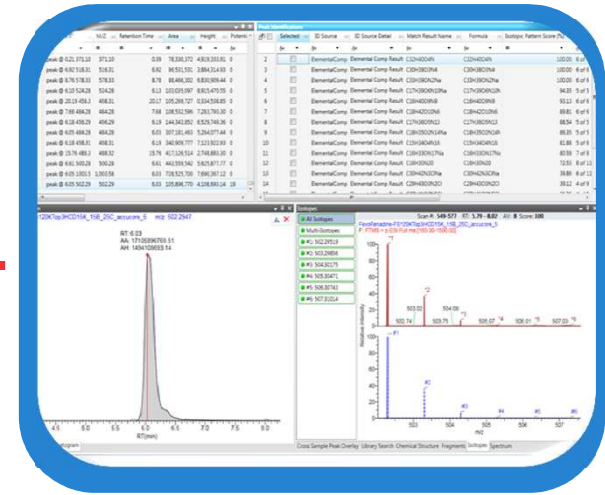
- Rugged and robust quantitation for multiple markets, across LC and GCMS systems

Targeted and Untargeted Screening



- Provides multiple forms of confirmation for targeted screening applications (spectral library, MS/MS2 database, isotopic pattern confirmation)

Unknown Screening



- New in 3.3, allows for screening for unknowns in conjunction with quan or targeted screening

Providing a complete quantitation and screening workflow for routine applications

TraceFinder WorkFlow for Targeted / Untargeted Screening

1

Identifies chromatographic peaks based on parent mass from a specific database

2

Confirms identification based on retention time in the database

3

Compares theoretical and experimental isotopic pattern for the parent

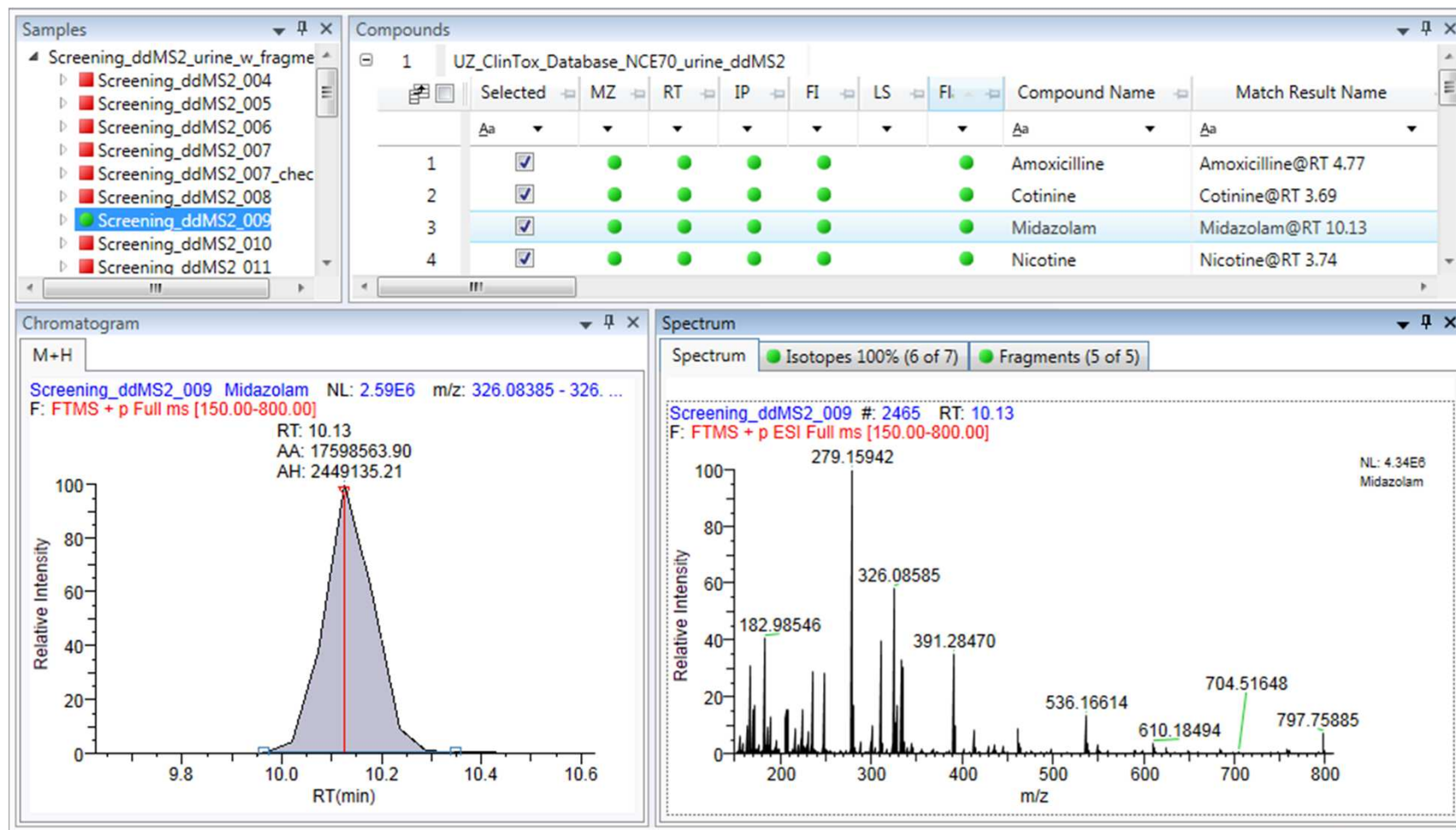
4

Compares theoretical and experimental mass spectrum of the parent using a specific spectral library

5

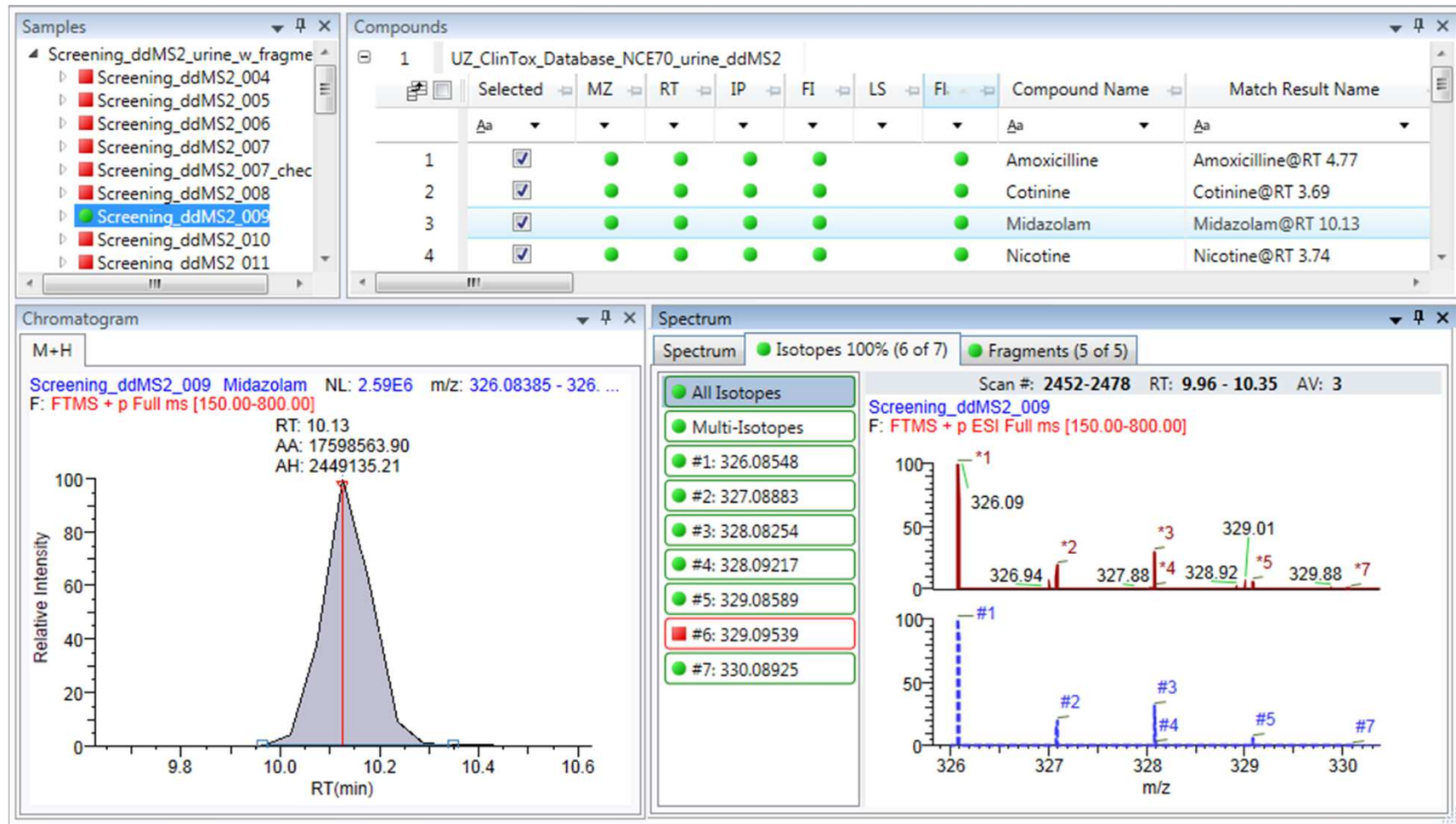
Further confirms based on mass of fragments reported in the database

TraceFinder and Targeted / Untargeted Screening



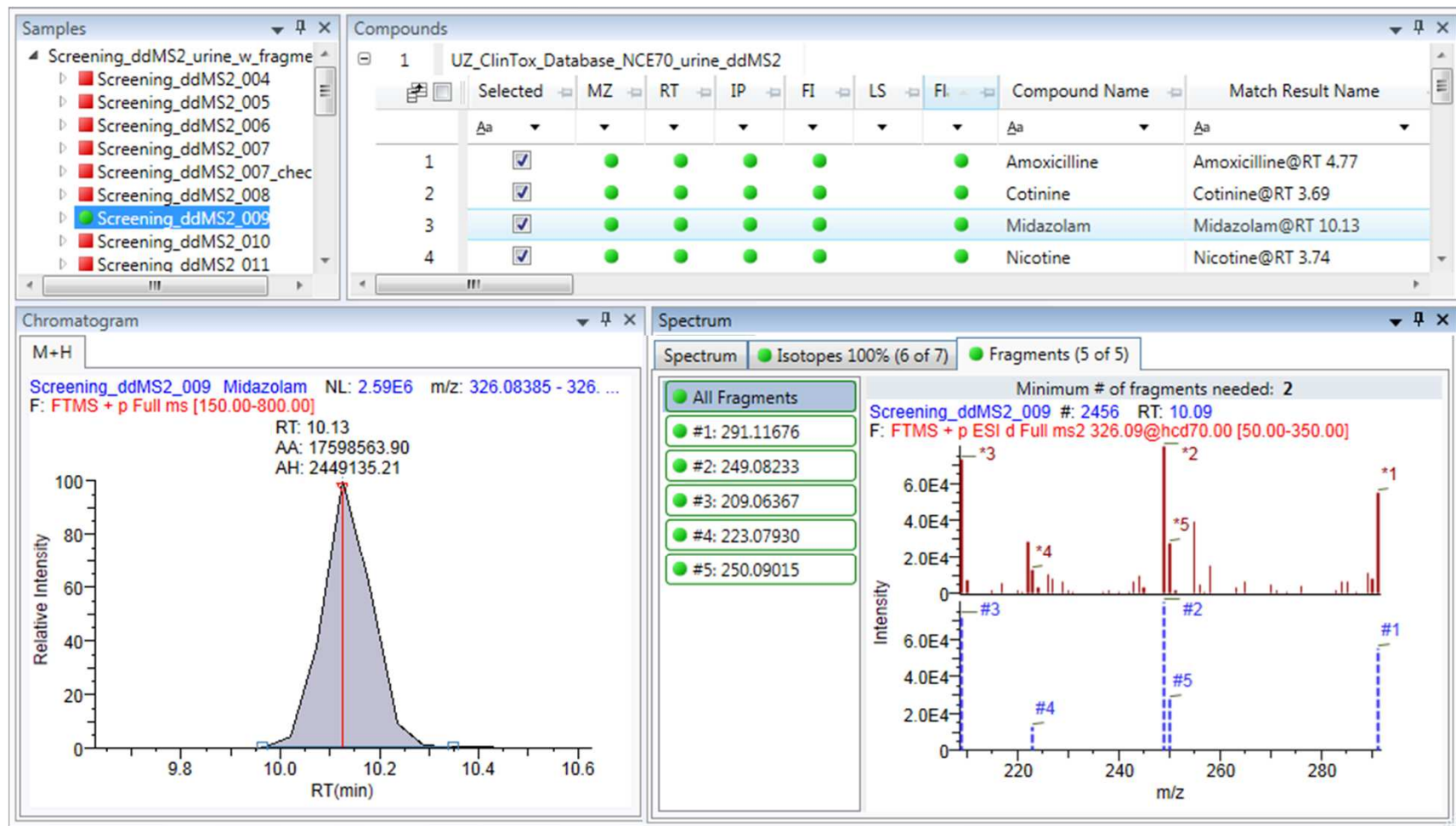
- multiple forms of confirmation: spectral library, MS/MS2 database, isotopic pattern confirmation

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New in TraceFinder 3.3 – Unknown Screening

1

Detect all chromatographic peaks above user specified threshold

2

Identify detected peaks using local database

3

For peaks not identified in step #2 propose molecular formula based on accurate mass and isotopic pattern

4

Search proposed molecular formulas with ChemSpider databases

5

Confirm obtained ChemSpider hit by comparing theoretical fragmentation to experimental fragmentation

The Importance of Databases and Spectral Libraries



Over 900 unique compounds of interest to the clinical research and forensic toxicology communities:

- Prescription drugs

and industrial toxins

of abuse

of interest for monitoring research
performance enhancing drugs

A novel mass library/database
of fragmentation mass spectra
(**MS/MS** and **MSⁿ** spectra)

Structural info for compounds

they are not represented in
a free chemical
database
by through identification of
structures

providing fast text and
structure search access
to over 43 million
structures from
hundreds of data
sources.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Viewer' interface. On the left, a search results table lists compounds with their IDs and molecular masses. The main area displays a mass spectrum plot with a tree view of fragmentation patterns. The 'Structure' panel on the right shows the chemical structure of the selected compound.

ID	Compound Name	Mol Mass
1244	ANTHRAMIDE	243.16042
1245	APOMORPHINE	267.12593
1246	AMFEBUTAMONE	239.10769
1247	AMIDEPHRINE	244.08816
1248	AMILORIDE	229.04789
1249	p-AMINO BENZOIC ACID	137.04768

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Compound Discoverer 2.0



TraceFinder

Targeted Profiling



m/z Cloud

Compound
Identification



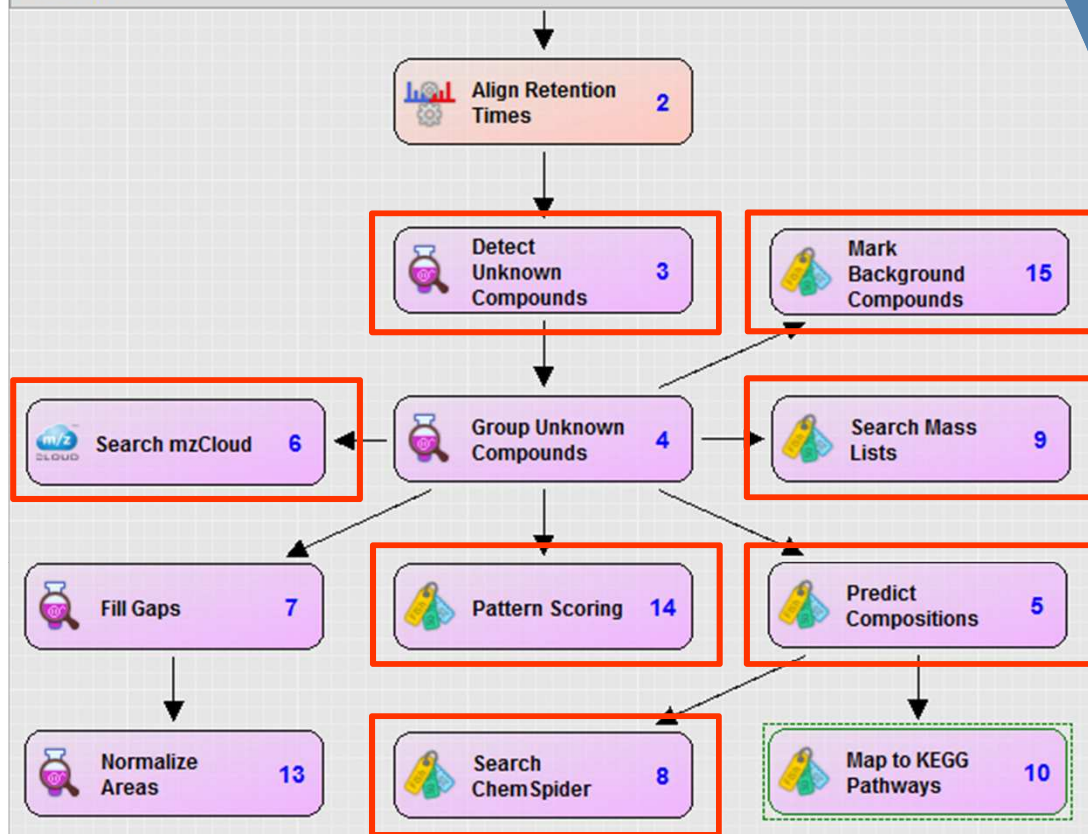
Compound Discoverer

Untargeted Discovery

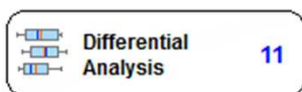
Complete small
molecule research and
structure identification
in a Next Generation
platform

Compound Discoverer 2.0

Workflow Tree



Post-Processing Nodes



- Unknown compound detection
- Automatic background filtering
- Composition prediction
- Mass list search
- Pattern Scoring
- Search mzCloud
- Search ChemSpider

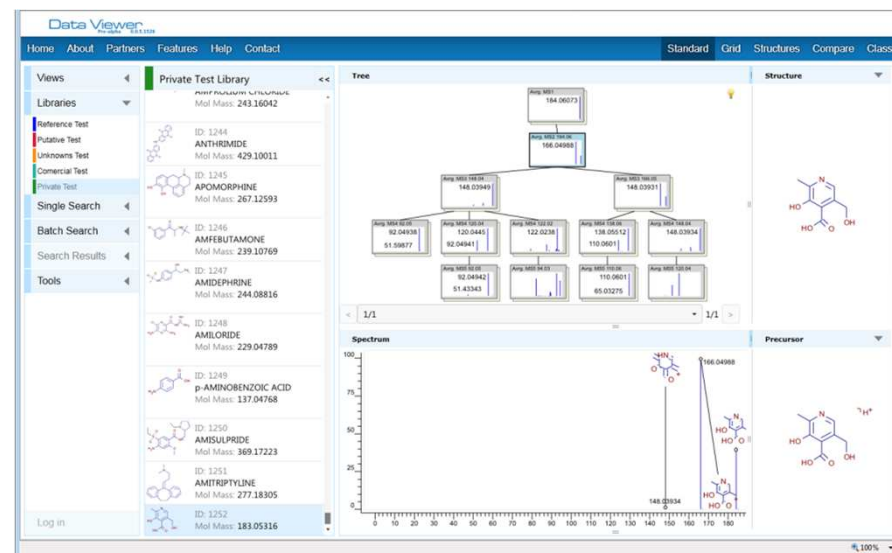
Unknown Screening

- Targeted Screening using database/library is one approach
 - 10 new Street drugs every week – Impossible to keep database up-to-date.
 - Need for an alternative approach
- Impossible to use ChemSpider only.
 - 28 millions of structures
 - Codeine $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$: 4902 structures in ChemSpider



- A novel mass database/library of **MS/MS** and **MSⁿ** spectra (140.000 FWHM at m/z 200)
- Structural info for compounds even if they are not represented in the library through identification of **substructures**
- Multi-energy, Multi-fragment level, Multi-fragment technique
- Open consortium to establish a large public domain library which our

• <https://www.mzcloud.org/>



Manually Curated Data



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