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UHPLC-APPI-MS Method for High- Sensitivity and High- Throughput Analysis of US EPA Sixteen Priority Pollutants Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Oyster

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In response to Gulf of Mexico deepwater horizon oil spill, we developed a QuEChERS and APPI based UHPLC-MS method for analysis of PAHs in oyster using the Agilent 1290 Infinity LC System coupled to an Agilent 6140 Single Quadrupole LC/MS System equipped with the Syagen PhotoMate APPI source. APPI gave major ions of M⁺ for all PAHs using chlorobenzene as a dopant. In comparison with the existing HPLC-UV/D/FLD and GC or GC-MS based methods, this method offers better selectivity and higher sample throughput. UHPLC-APPI-MS gave 3.6 – 5.1 (Ave. 4.4) orders of dynamic linear ranges ($R^2 \geq 0.995$) for these analytes. Ten grams of oyster were used for QuEChERS extraction and d-SPE cleanup. The method detection limits (MDLs, 6σ S/N=3) were: Naphthalene: 0.028 ppm; Acenaphthylene: 0.129 ppm; Acenaphthene: 0.102 ppm; Fluorene: 0.013 ppm; Phenanthrene: 0.040 ppm; Anthracene: 0.030 ppm; Fluoranthene: 0.030 ppm; Pyrene: 0.023 ppm; Benzo[a]anthracene: 0.030 ppm; Chrysene: 0.031 ppm; Benzo[b]fluoranthene: 0.021 ppm; Benzo[k]fluoranthene: 0.021 ppm; Benzo[a]pyrene: 0.027 ppm; Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene: 0.013 ppm; Benzo[g,h,i]perylene: 0.057 ppm; Indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene: 0.040 ppm. These MDLs were as much as four orders of magnitude lower than the US FDA levels of concern (LOCs). The spike recoveries ranged from 77% to 110% with %RSD of 0.6-6.7 at spike conc. (Level 1) lower or substantially lower than LOCs, and 71% to 92% with %RSD of 0.3-4.3 at Level 2 (5x Level 1).

Biography

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