STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE WITH
A STEP CHANGE IN SENSITIVITY

TQ-S

Waters
THE SCIENCE OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE.
Now you can quantify compounds at concentrations lower than you ever thought possible. This step change in sensitivity delivers the highest-quality, most comprehensive information — so you can consider quantification studies that were previously beyond your reach.

**UPLC/MRM 50 fg Reserpine ESI+**

- **Enhanced sensitivity with StepWave ion optics**
  - >25X increase in peak area
  - >5X increase in signal-to-noise

**Sensitivity without StepWave ion optics**
Thanks to a revolutionary off-axis ion source technology known as StepWave™ Xevo® TQ-S delivers unprecedented levels of sensitivity, selectivity, and accuracy.

All Xevo TQ systems are designed for quantitative UPLC®/MS/MS applications. With the increased sensitivity of the Xevo TQ-S, you can quantify and confirm trace components at even lower levels in the most complex samples.

Best of all, Xevo systems allow you to achieve your goals with unparalleled speed and ease.

With Xevo TQ-S, suddenly your laboratory will develop methods to advance biological and medical research, bring drugs to market faster, identify a broader array of food or environmental contaminants, or report reliable forensic data with total confidence.

**Innovative features for impressive results**

**ENGINEERED SIMPLICITY**

The combination of highest performance with system versatility and simplicity of operation.

**High Performance**

*StepWave™*: Revolutionary off-axis ion source technology that removes neutral molecules, reducing noise and providing robust performance.

*ScanWave™*: Innovative technology that provides rapid, high-quality, UPLC-compatible, MS/MS data acquisition.

*RADAR™*: Using simultaneous quantitative and qualitative data acquisition it is possible to understand sample complexity, enabling intelligent method development while accurately quantifying target compounds with no compromise on performance.

**Versatility**

*Ion sources*: Versatility of an extensive range of interface capabilities to service the broadest range of applications.

**Simplicity of Operation**

The accessibility of Engineered Simplicity™ guarantees maximum system performance and usability – as well as superior support to ensure your continued success.
ULTIMATE SENSITIVITY IN ALL ACQUISITION MODES

Step up to your analytical challenges with StepWave

Specifically designed to maximize sensitivity in all data acquisition modes, Xevo TQ-S is equipped with a larger ion sampling orifice, an enhanced vacuum pumping configuration, and revolutionary StepWave ion transfer optics.

With the sensitivity of Xevo TQ-S, now you can:

- Detect target compounds in complex samples at the very lowest concentrations
- Dilute samples to reduce matrix effects
- Work with smaller sample volumes

In the end, it means you can detect compounds you may never have been able to detect before.

This groundbreaking design transfers ions from the ion source to the quadrupole MS analyzer with the highest possible efficiency, at the same time ensuring undesirable neutral contaminants are actively filtered out. This dramatically increases MS ion intensities while minimizing background noise – for more confidence in the repeatability of your assay.

163 Zeptomoles (50 attograms) Midazolam on column Xevo TQ-S with ionKey
One giant step for science

The StepWave ion guide consists of two ion transfer stages both of which are T-Wave™ enabled. The first stage is revolutionary in its design, constructed from two stacked ring electrode devices that are conjoined to give a single off-axis ion transfer lens with unique properties.

As the ion beam passes through the source sampling orifice it undergoes a certain amount of expansion. The entrance of the StepWave is designed to be large enough to efficiently capture all of the ions in this expanded ion cloud.

The design of the first stage ensures that all the ions are efficiently focused and directed up into the second stage. The unique off-axis design ensures that any neutral materials entering the source sampling orifice are actively extracted from the system.
Market-leading limits of quantification allow you to take giant steps forward in your most challenging UPLC/MS/MS quantification applications.

### Pesticides in Drinking Water ESI+

#### Sensitivity without StepWave ion optics

- **Linuron**
- **Azinphos-methyl**
- **Atrazine**
- **Metosulam**

#### Enhanced sensitivity with StepWave ion optics

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### Therapeutic Peptide Desmopressin ESI+

- **Enhanced sensitivity with StepWave ion optics**
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- **25X increase in signal-to-noise**

### Prostaglandin in protein precipitated plasma ESI-

- **Enhanced sensitivity with StepWave ion optics**
- **30X increase in peak area**
- **37X increase in signal-to-noise**
“The speed, sensitivity and ability to multiplex peptide analyses has revolutionized the way we work, enabling quicker tests to be developed in a fraction of the time.”

Dr. Kevin Mills, Institute of Child Health & Great Ormond Street Hospital, University College, London.
Unlike conventional tandem quadrupole mass spectrometers, Xevo TQ-S gives you both the very best quantitative data as well as superior spectral MS/MS information. With a single instrument platform adaptable to a variety of different UPLC/MS/MS applications, you’ll quickly maximize your return on investment.

Conventional tandem quadrupole MS instruments are sensitive enough when used to monitor targeted compounds in MRM mode, but they are significantly less sensitive when used to acquire UPLC/MS/MS data in spectral mode.

ScanWave technology allows ions within the collision cell to be accumulated and then separated according to their mass-to-charge ratio (m/z). Synchronizing the release of these ions with the scanning of the second quadrupole mass analyzer significantly enhances the signal intensity of full scan product ion spectra. Simply put, this enables you to more easily confirm the identities and structures of your analytes of interest.

*ScanWave Enhanced is capable of the highest MRM data acquisition rates without significant losses in signal. This ensures the very best MRM quantification data for your demanding, high speed, and high resolution UPLC/MS/MS assays.*
KNOW THE SECRETS OF YOUR SAMPLE

You no longer have to accept the complications and uncertainty associated with matrix effects. When performing targeted quantification, RADAR allows you to see the whole picture, and have total confidence.

In RADAR mode, you can monitor for matrix interferences, metabolites, impurities, and degradants in your sample while accurately quantifying your target compounds.

With RADAR you can collect data in both multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) and full scan spectral acquisition modes at the same time. In addition, RADAR mode acquires all detectable ions in both positive and negative full scan MS, arming you with a depth of knowledge about your sample not previously possible from a traditional quantitative assay.

RADAR is only possible because of the ability to rapidly alternate between MS, MS/MS, positive, and negative ion modes without compromising performance in any mode.
CONFIDENT WORKFLOWS, MEANINGFUL INFORMATION, BETTER RESULTS

PREPARE
Waters MS technologies ensure that your system is operating optimally – ready to run for experts and beginners alike.

IntelliStart: Our unique IntelliStart technology allows quick and confident system setup – so it’s always ready.

Quanpedia: Our extensible and searchable Quanpedia database allows for quantitative LC/MS method information (automatic scheduling of MRM).

Proven sample preparation:
With proven sample preparation tools such as Oasis® and DisQuE™ Dispersive SPE, rugged, faster, and more efficient assays are guaranteed.

ANALYZE
UPLC-compatible data acquisition rates, optimal ion source designs, together with innovative StepWave and ScanWave technologies enable the lowest limits of quantification and the highest quality of spectral information to be generated within a single analytical run.

INTERPRET
Redefine your analytical workflow with an unprecedented ability to process, visualize, compare, and interpret the most complex data, automatically. Then turn it into meaningful information quickly with targeted MassLynx™ Application Managers.

DECIDE
It’s easier than ever to manage and act on the results of your data with MassLynx and NuGenesis® SDMS Software. With the ability to compile clear and accessible reports to share throughout your organization and store centrally, you’ll be able to make decisions faster and better than ever before.

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*Water-soluble vitamins multi-analyte method data for 19 separate analyses over an eight-month period.*
The universal ion source architecture of the Xevo family allows you to use the widest range of ionization techniques today, while future proofing for the innovations of tomorrow. You’ll have limitless choice in experimental options.

TOTAL FLEXIBILITY.
CHANGE YOUR ION SOURCES, NOT YOUR INSTRUMENTS.

When you need options and time is critical, ion sources are quickly interchangeable and ready to use within minutes.
Xevo TQ-S
A STEP UP TO THE ULTIMATE SENSITIVITY

The Xevo TQ-S micro
THE NEXT STEP IN ROBUST SENSITIVITY

Xevo TQD
RUGGED, ROBUST, AND PROVEN
Whatever your quantitative application, the Xevo tandem quadrupole family is up to the challenge.

Unparalleled reliability, sensitivity, and accessibility completes the Xevo tandem quadrupole family. Bringing results when you need them, helping you to overcome your complex scientific challenges.

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