

## Multi-Residue Analysis of Pesticides in Avocado Using AOAC QuEChERS Method by UPLC-MS/MS

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This is an Application Brief and does not contain a detailed Experimental section.

## Abstract

This application brief demonstrates multi-residue analysis of pesticides in avocado using AOAC QuEChERS method by UPLC-MS/MS.

## Experimental

### Extraction Procedure

1. Add 15 mL 1% acetic acid in acetonitrile into the 50 mL DisQuE extraction tube.
2. Add 15 g of homogenized sample into the 50 mL tube.
3. Add any internal standards and standard mixture.
4. Shake vigorously for 1 minute and centrifuge > 1500 rcf for 5 minute.
5. Transfer 1 mL of the acetonitrile extract into the 2 mL clean-up tube containing 50 mg PSA, 150 mg MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and 50 mg C<sub>18</sub>.
6. Shake for 30 seconds and centrifuge >1500 rcf for 1 minute.
7. Transfer 100 µL of final extract into a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube.
8. Add any post-extraction internal standards.
9. Dilute as needed with an appropriate buffer or solvent.
10. Centrifuge > 16000 rcf for 5 minutes.
11. Transfer to autosampler vial.

### Test Conditions

## LC Conditions

LC System: Waters ACQUITY UPLC System

Column: ACQUITY UPLC BEH C<sub>18</sub>, 2.1 x  
100 mm, 1.7 µm

Column Temp: 40 °C

Sample Temp: 4 °C

Flow Rate: 0.3 mL/min.

Mobile Phase A: Water + 0.1% formic acid

Mobile Phase B: Methanol + 0.1% formic acid

Injection Volume: 15 µL, Partial loop injection

## Gradient:

Time	Flow Rate	A%	B%
0.00	0.3	75	25
0.25	0.3	75	25
7.75	0.3	5	100
8.50	0.3	0	100
8.51	0.5	75	25
10.50	0.5	75	25

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Time	Flow Rate	A%	B%
11.0	0.3	75	25

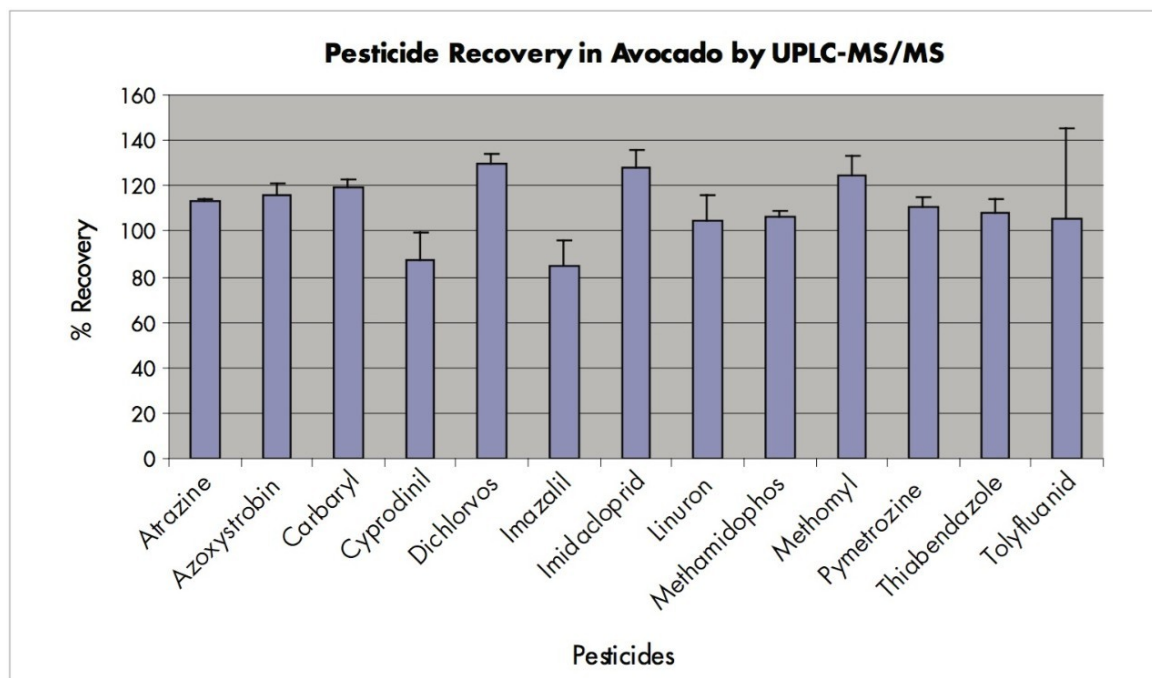
## MS Conditions

Instrument: Waters ACQUITY TQ Detector

Ionization: Positive electrospray (ESI+)

Acquisition: Multiple reaction monitoring  
(MRM)

## Results and Discussion



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- [ACQUITY UPLC System <https://www.waters.com/514207>](https://www.waters.com/514207)

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