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Abstract

Traditionally, the screening of unknown pesticides in food has been accomplished by GC/MS methods using conventional library searching routines. However, many of the new polar and thermally labile pesticides are more readily and easily analysed by LC/MS methods and no searchable libraries currently exist (with the exception of some user libraries, which are limited). Therefore, there is a need for LC/MS libraries that can detect pesticides and their degradation products. This paper reports an identification scheme using a combination of LC/MS time-of-flight (accurate mass) and an Access database of 350 pesticides that are amenable to positive ion electrospray. The approach is different from conventional library searching of fragment ions. The concept here consists of three parts. Firstly, initial screening of possible pesticides in actual market-place fruit extracts (apple and orange) using accurate mass and generating an accurate mass via an automatic ion extraction routine. Secondly, searching the Access database manually for a screening

identification of a pesticide. Thirdly, identification of the suspected compound by accurate mass of at least one fragment ion and comparison of retention time with an actual standard. Imazalil and iprodione were identified in apple and thiabendazole in oranges using this database approach.

Keywords:- pesticide residues, LC/MS, TOF-MS, database, imazalil, iprodione, thiabendazole

Introduction

The identification and quantitation of unknown pesticides in fruit and vegetables are greatly important to individuals and health organizations around the world. In order to meet these health concerns, the European Union (EU) and the US have set new Directives for pesticides at low levels in vegetables. For example, new laws, such as the European Directive 91/414/EEC or the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) in the US, have changed the standards for human health, workers, and environmental protection, which require lower levels of pesticides in food [EU Food Directives, Food Quality Protection Act]. They also require re-registration for older pesticides.

Furthermore, the review programs have withdrawn authorizations for many of the crop protection products currently on the market, 177 compounds in US and 320 in Europe. Moreover, it was announced in Europe that a total of 110 products would be withdrawn in the near future (EU Directive 91/414/EEC). Furthermore, the revision of the review program in Europe dictates that over 450 existing active substances will be taken off the market by 2008 with about 400 pesticides remaining in use.

Next, the quality standards within the new regulations include the re-assessment of the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for vegetables. EU directives are setting different MRLs for each pesticide within each food group, and typically, the MRLs are lower than the previous ones. Furthermore, the new directives also lead to different MRLs for each EU country, which are still being decided. EU directives state that the individual country MRLs will be maintained in the new program. Finally, banned compounds have the lowest MRLs, which is set now at 0.01 mg/kg (ppm). With the planned program to remove so many compounds from the market, it is important, even necessary, that screening for unknown pesticides may be done by LC/MS on vegetable extracts. Because it is not always possible to know which banned substances may be used, it is of vital importance to environmental food monitoring that there be a system of unknown identification to give fast and accurate screening of unknown substances in food and food products.

Thus, there is an important need for research studies and methods development on the analysis and screening of pesticides in food by new LC/MS methods, such as accurate mass screening using LC/TOFMS and database analysis [Ferrer and Thurman, 2003a; Thurman et al. 2005a, Thurman et al. 2005b; Garcia-Reyes et al. 2005]. This combined with the use of large accurate mass databases of pesticides is an important and useful new screening procedure, especially when accurate mass is less than 3-ppm accuracy.

The combination of LC/MS TOF and database screening consists of three steps, which are outlined in detail below. They are:

- 1. Analyse the fruit or vegetable extract with LC/TOFMS in full scan looking for important unknown peaks using a mild in-source CID fragmentation.
- Search the Access pesticide database using the accurate mass found in full scan for initial screening.
- 3. If samples screen positive for a pesticide, make identification using at least one fragment ion with its accurate mass combined with retention time.

This paper gives several detailed examples of this process using retail samples of apples and oranges, which show the screening by accurate mass and database entry, followed by identification of several pesticides that are major components of the samples.

Materials and Methods

Whole-vegetable extraction. Portions of apples (2 kg) were obtained from the market place and homogenized by chopping. Then 15 g portions of the homogenized chopped fruit were weighted into a 200 mL PTFE centrifuge tube. 45 mL ethyl acetate and 1 mL NaOH (6.5 M) were added and blended in a Polytron (high-speed blender) for 30 seconds at 21,000 rpm. The combined extracts were then filtered through a thin layer of 20 g of anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solid was washed with 50 mL of ethyl acetate and the combined extracts were evaporated to dryness on a vacuum rotary evaporator using a water bath at $45 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C. The dried residue was dissolved by sonication in 15 mL of methanol. The extracts, which contained 1 g of sample per mL, were filtered through 0.2 μ m PTFE filters (Millex FG, Millipore) prior to LC/TOFMS analysis.

LC/TOFMS Methods. LC Pumps were HP 1100, injection volume 50 μL, column: ZORBAX Eclipse® XDB 4.6x150 mm C-8, 5-micron, mobile phase A=ACN and B=0.1% formic acid in water, gradient was 15%A to 100%A over 30 minutes at a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min, model LC/MSD TOF (Agilent Corp, Santa Clara, CA, USA) with electrospray source positive ESI+, capillary 4000V, nebulizer 40 psig, drying gas 9 L/min, gas temp 300°C, fragmentor 190V, skimmer 60V, Oct DC1 37.5 V, OCT RF V 250V, reference masses (Agilent Solution): 121.0509 (purine) and 922.0098 (hexakis(1H, 1H, 3H-tetrafluoropropoxy)phosphazine) m/z, resolution: 9500±500 @ 922.0098 m/z, reference A sprayer 2 is constant flow rate (600 μL/hr) during the run.

Results and Discussion

Creation of Access Database. Table 1 shows the list of 350 compounds that were used in the database for the search of pesticides in fruit extracts. The list consists of the three major classes of pesticides that are commonly used in Europe for treating crops of fruits and vegetables, as well as many of the pesticide degradation products. There are insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides. An Excel spreadsheet was used to calculate the accurate masses of each of the 350 pesticides. The compounds in the database are known to ionise in positive ion electrospray and were collated from a series of publications, as well as from approximately 100 standards analysed in our laboratory. Figure 1 shows the appearance of the Access database, called Pesticidas. The front page of the database has 4 basic key functions. The first is called "Find Accurate Mass" and consists of the accurate masses of all 350 pesticides to the fourth decimal place. The program searches these and finds all compounds that have the correct mass to the second decimal place. This allows for compounds that have either similar or identical accurate masses. It turns out that although accurate mass is a very

powerful technique, it is possible for pesticides to have the same empirical formula, and thus the same accurate mass! In fact in this database of 350 compounds, 8 compounds have the same formula. This includes several degradate products of the triazines. These compounds also require retention time and fragment ions for a final confirmation.

The second key of the database is "Find Pesticide". This key will locate any compound in the database and display its formula, structure, and accurate mass to 4 decimal points. The third key is "New Pesticide" key, which is used to add new compounds to the database. The fourth key is "Edit List", which allows one to change parameters of the compounds within the database. The edit key is disabled when the program is used in the laboratory in order to protect the safety of the program from error entries. The fifth and last key is the "Exit" key, which exits the database program. The logo of the University of Almeria (Almeria, Spain) is also shown on the front page of the database.

Advantages of using Access for this pesticide database is that this program is available as part of the software of Office (Microsoft) and thus is available to use on any computers that run XP Windows. The database is approximately 18 megabytes in size; thus, it is easily transported and available for use by other scientists that are working on pesticide analysis. It can be readily sent by email or by transfer by memory stick, CD etc. The database is used in manual mode by entering the accurate mass, this is a limitation at this time, which will be explained in the next section.

Database Search of Apple Extract. Figure 2 shows the total ion chromatogram (TIC) for the extraction of a store purchased apple. There are approximately 20 major peaks in the chromatogram at retention times from 2 to 30 min. However, the matrix is not simple and over 1000 peaks are present in sample with a signal to noise of 10:1. However, in this manual application we are screening only the major peaks. Thus, two major peaks at 18.0 and at 25.3 min were screened as possible pesticides by the manual database search. Figure 2 shows an example positive pesticide screen. We start with an accurate mass, in this case, the m/z 297.0574 ion at 18.0 min. This ion was chosen because it is the protonated molecule of the peak at 18.0 min. The database gave a positive screen for imazalil (Figure 1). Here we differentiate between a screen and an identification of a pesticide.

Screening is a test that shows that a possible pesticide is present based on an analysis that is inadequate for confirmation, but that is rapid and inexpensive (i.e. the database search of the molecular ion with a retention time). The identification is based on further analysis, which includes the accurate mass of the protonated molecule and a one fragment ion with the correct retention-time match.

Thus, continuing with the example of a positive screen, the database works by first entering the accurate mass of the protonated molecule. The mass is checked versus the database to two decimal places (note the value of 297.06 showing in Figure 1). Next the compound name is entered in the database and the structure, formula, and accurate mass appear for imazalil. The accuracy in this case was a difference of 0.0018 u or ~6 ppm. The error in accuracy was caused by the very high concentration of imazalil in the sample, which saturated the detector. Typically, the extracted ion

should be less than 10^6 counts (10^5 is ideal), rather than the 10^7 value, which is two orders of magnitude above the ideal accurate mass window [Ferrer and Thurman, 2005]. Ideally the sample should be diluted 10 times and re-analyzed. Another quicker way is to take the accurate mass on the tail of the peak, which lowers the counts by an order of magnitude and gives an accurate mass of 297.0557, which is within 0.1 mD of the correct value (see Figure 1)! Note the lower intensity at 3 x 10^5 counts. This procedure completes the screen for imazalil, but the compound is not yet identified. Identification requires more information including fragment ion and retention time matching, which will be addressed in the following section. The sample can either be diluted and re-injected or, more simply, a smaller volume, such as 5 μ L rather than the initial 50 μ L can be injected. The concentration of imazalil is estimated at approximately 0.5 ppm in this apple extract.

Another screening example showing the power of the accurate mass and the database is the second positive screen at 25.3 min, which had an accurate mass of 330.0409. Entering this value into the database gave the screening identification of iprodione (Figure 3). Note here that the intensity was 10⁴, which is in the "sweet zone" accurate mass range of the instrument [Ferrer and Thurman, 2005]. The accuracy is 0.2 mD for an accuracy of less than 1 ppm, which is typical of the instrument when carefully calibrated and run in its most accurate mode [Ferrer and Thurman, 2005]. The "sweet zone" is between 10⁴ and 10⁵ counts and reflects the instrument dynamics and tuning. Using this approach it has been possible to measure the mass of an electron with reproducible results [Ferrer and Thurman, 2005]. Thus, this sample gave two positive screens for pesticides, imazalil and iprodione.

The database also works well on compounds that are not chlorinated. For example, Figure 4 shows the TIC for an orange extract and the exact mass for a large peak at 7.6 minutes with a m/z of 202.0437. Entering the accurate mass in the database gives the formula and structure for only one compound, thiabendazole. Note that the mass spectrum also shows a sulphur isotope at m/z 204.0407, which is consistent with the structure of thiabendazole. Approximately 75% of the compounds in the pesticide database of 350 compounds contain Cl, Br, or S. These A+2 isotopes are useful in both the screening and the identification of the compounds. But they are not necessary as the next section will show.

Identification of Pesticides. After the initial screening of the pesticides in the apple or orange extract, the next step is to identify the compounds. The usual approach is to acquire the standard and to measure both retention time and at least one fragment ion for identification [Stolker et al., 2003]. The accurate mass fragment ions for imazalil, iprodione, and thiabendazole are shown in Figure 5, along with the structure of the proposed fragment ion. According to the identification point system [Stolker et al., 2003, Ferrer and Thurman, 2003b], the high resolution accurate mass of the protonated molecule and the fragment ion give a total of 4 IPs, which is used for identification along with the ion ratio. The IP system also requires a resolving power of 10,000 (defined as 10% valley), which is not possible with benchtop TOF instrumentation. Thus, unfortunately these data do not meet the IP standard. We consider this a shortcoming of the IP system, which was designed with GC/MS in mind rather than benchtop LC/TOFMS. The quality of the measurements meet the requirement of identification but not of the IP system.

Nonetheless, further information is also obtained from the characteristic chlorine isotope cluster of both the protonated molecules and the fragment ions in these two cases. Note that the two chlorine isotope signature is obtained for the protonated molecule of imazalil m/z 297.0574 and 299.0038 (Figure 2) and for its fragment ion at m/z 255.0086 and 257.0045 in Figure 5.

Iprodione also showed a two chlorine isotopic signature at m/z 330.0409 and 332.0387 (Figure 4) for the protonated molecule and m/z 244.9881 and 246.9853 for the fragment ion (Figure 5). These chlorine signatures show the presence of two chlorine atoms in both molecules and give valuable identification information. Likewise, thiabendazole has an accurate mass fragment ion at m/z 175.0340, which also has the S isotope signature at A+2 mass units for futher confidence in the identification.

Note that this two-step procedure requires first the screening of the pesticide followed by an identification step. The goal of our project, ultimately, is to include this information in the database, both fragment ion and retention time, and to automate the process. However, one must note that when this occurs the database becomes more of a user database because the retention time conditions may be variable from instrument to instrument. This problem of variability has been solved in GC/MS by the use of retention time locking and standardized electron impact spectra. Eventually this problem may be solved in LC/MS by similar approaches. Variation in fragmentation intensity is not critical with the use of accurate mass since the accurate mass of the fragment ion gives its molecular formula. Thus, at this time the database approach

remains a screening tool, but powerful and fast because only the molecular formula is needed.

Conclusions

The use of accurate mass LC/TOFMS combined with database searching is a powerful example of a new wave of technology for screening of pesticides in food. The use of classical fragmentation libraries (i.e. comparison of spectra containing multiple ions) with LC/TOFMS is not needed, rather the use of molecular formula (accurate mass of the protonated molecule) and the accurate mass of fragment ion, when combined with retention time gives the identity of compounds without the worry of the intensity of the fragment ions and how this may vary from instrument to instrument and matrix to matrix. Thus, it is the view of the authors that LC/TOFMS will become a more important tool in the screening and identification of pesticides in the near future. However, there are problems to address before database screening is routine. First is the automation of the database. Second is to address the issue of false positives and false negatives. Of these, the false positives are easier to deal with because they involve the identification process. The false negative is more serious, since a pesticide is present in the food but is not detected. Also the topic of resolving power and identification points needs to be re-addressed in our opinion. These topics will be the subject of our future work on databases and LC/TOFMS.

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Table 1. Continued, "Pesticidas"

Pesticide	Formula	MH+		Pesticide	Formula	MH+
Methidathion	C6H11N2O4PS3	302,9691		Fenbuconazole	C19H17CIN4	337.1214
Clofentezine	C14H8Cl2N4	303.0199		Bitertanol	C20H23N3O2	338.1863
Ovanofenphos	C15H14NO2PS	304.0556		Phenyl mercuric acetate	C8H8HaO2	339.0303
Fenamiphos	C13H22NO3PS	304.1131		Dimefuron	C15H19CIN4O3	339.1218
Fenpropimorph	C20H33NO	304.2635		Pyridaphenthion	C14H17N2O4PS	341.0719
Diazinon	C12H21N2O3PS	305.1083		Bifenox	C14H9Cl2NO5	341.9931
Pirimiphos-methyl		305.1083		Propiconazole	C15H17Cl2N3O2	341.9931
SUPROFEZIN	C16H23N3OS	306.1635		THIOPHANATE-METHYL	C12H14N4O4S2	343.0529
oxamide	C15H15QN2O3	307.0844		Prothiophos	C11H15G2O2PS2	344.9701
enazaguin	C20H22N2O	307.0844		Azinphos-ethyl	C12H16N3O3PS2	344.9701
	C15H8Cl2FNO	308.0040		TRIFLUMIZOLE	C15H15CIF3N3O	346.0928
Quinoxyfen FEBUCONAZOLE	C16H22QN3O	308.0040		Isofenphos	C15H24NO4PS	346.0928
DIELUBENZUBON		309.1324		Tolvlfluanid	C10H13CI2FN2O2S2	346.1236
SAZOTOS	C14H9UF2N2U2 C9H17CIN3O3PS	314.0490		Coroxon	C14H16ClO6P	346.9852
oxathion	C13H16NO4PS	314.0610		Gibberellic acid	C19H24O6	349.1646
Triazophos	C12H16N3O3PS	314.0723		Clodinafop-Propargyl	C17H13CIFNO4	350.0590
Hexaconazole	C14H17Cl2N3O	314.0821		Fenpropathrin	C22H23NO3	350.1751
Kresoxim-methyl	C18H19NO4	314.1387		Propargite	C19H26O4S	351.1625
∕/alaoxon	C10H19O7PS	315.0662		Hexythiazox	C17H21CIN2O2S	353.1085
luarimol	C17H12QFN2O	315.0695		TEBUFENOZIDE	C22H28N2O2	353.2224
Flusilazole	C16H15F2N3Si	316.1076		THIODICARB	C10H18N4O4S3	355.0563
Bupirimate	C13H24N4O3S	317.1642		TRIFLUMURON	C15H10CIF3N2O3	357.0259
Phosmet	C11H12NO4PS2	318.0018		CHLORSULFURON	C12H12CIN5O4S	358.0372
Azinphos-methyl	C10H12N3O3PS2	318.0130		Chlorfenvinphos	C12H14Cl3O4P	358.9768
Friticonazole	C17H20GN3O	318.1368		OXYFLUORFEN	C15H11CIF3NO4	360.0256
Metconazole	C17H22QN3O	320.1524		FLORASULAM	C12H8F3N5O3S	360.0373
PROVALICARB	C18H28N2O3	321.2173		CLETHODIM	C17H26CINO3S	360.1395
Tamprop	C16H13QFNO3	322.0641		Haloxyfop	C15H11CIF3NO4	362.0401
Pyriproxyfen	C20H19NO3	322.1438		Fenoxaprop-ethyl	C18H16CINO5	362.0790
Sulfotep	C8H20O5P2S2	323.0300		Couraphos	C14H16ClO5PS	363.0217
Sulprofos	C12H19O2PS3	323.0358		Flufenacet	C14H13F4N3O2S	364.0737
PN	C14H14NO4PS	324.0454		Benzoximate	C18H18CINO5	364.0946
Azamethiphos	C9H10CIN2O5PS	324,9809		Flamprop-isopropyl	C19H19CIFNO3	364.1110
Diniconazole	C15H17G2N3O	326.0821		Tetrachlorvinphos	C10H9CHO4P	364.9065
Benalaxyl	C20H23NO3	326.1751		Pyridaben	C19H25CIN2OS	365.1449
SOXAFLUTOLE	C12H15F3NO4S	327 0747	$\overline{}$	Dinocap	C18H24N2O6	365,1707
Fluazifop acid	C15H12F3NO4	328.0791		Phosalone	C12H15CINO4PS2	367.9941
Diclobutrazol	C15H19Cl2N3O	328.0978		Methoxyf enozide	C22H28N2O3	369.2173
oxygen	C11H15G2G3PS	328.9929		IOXYNIL	C7H3I2NO	369.8231
Pencycuron	C19H21QN2O	329.1415		AMIDOSULFURON	C9H15N5O7S2	370.0486
prodione	C13H14Cl2N3O3	330.0407		Thiophanate ethyl	C14H18N4O4S2	371.0842
Mecarbam	C10H20NO5PS2	330.0593		TETRA CONAZOLE	C13H11Cl2F4N3O	372.0288
Epoxiconazole	C17H13CIFN3O	330.0804		Profenofos	C11H15BrQQ3PS	372.9424
Fluridone	C19H14F3NO	330,1100		QUIZALOFOP-ETHYL	C19H17CIN2O4	373.0950
Dacthal	C10H6Cl4O4	330.9093		Pyrazophos	C14H20N3O5PS	374.0934
Fenarimol	C17H12G2N2O	331 0399		Famoxadone	C22H18N2O4	375.1339
Malathion	C10H19O6PS2	331.0433		Phosfon	C20H34Cl2P	375.1339
Dichlofluanid	C9H11Cl2FN2O2S2	332,9696		Bromuconazole	C13H12BrQ2N3O	375.9614
Flurtamone	C18H14F3NO2	334,1049		Fluquinconazole	C16H8Cl2FN5O	375.9614
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Pirimiphos-ethyl	C13HP4NBCBPS	//3341349 //ThC-	n	lamuscr	ofcent	a71.03
Tebufenpyrad	C18H24CN3C	334.1681			(Inci-insulf-sixO4	
Flamprop-methyl	C17H15GFNO3	336.0797		FLAZASULFURON	C13H12F3N5O5	376.0863
Cloquintocet-	Oral Incomica	000 4004		Olaha da a Marida	017180080040	070 4044
Mexyl	C18H22GNO3	336.1361		Clethodim-sulfoxide	C17H26CINO4S	376.1344

Pesticide	Formula	MH+
Etofenprox	C25H28O3	377.2111
Naled	C4H7Br2Cl2O4P	378,7898
Endrin	C12H8Cl6O	378.8779
Dieldrin	C12H8Cl6O	378.8779
PYRIDATE	C19H23CIN2O2S	379.1242
TEFLUBENZURON	C14H6Cl2F4N2O2	380.9815
Carbosulfan	C20H32N2O3S	381,2206
Metsulfuron	C14H15N5O6S	382.0816
FURATHIOCARB	C18H26N2O5S	383.1635
Fluazifop-butyl	C19H20F3NO4	384.1417
Ethion	C9H22O4P2S4	384.9949
Thifensulfuron methyl	C12H13N5O6S2	388.0380
DIMETHOMORPH	C21H22CINO4	388.1310
Clethodim-sulf on	C17H26CINO5S	392.1293
Dialifos	C14H17CINO4PS2	394.0098
Diflufenican	C19H11F5N2O2	395.0813
Rotenone	C23H22O6	395.1489
Tribenuron methyl	C15H17N5O6S	396.0972
TRIASULFURON	C14H16CIN5O5S	402.0633
AZOXYSTROBIN	C22H17N3O5	404.1241
Difenoconazole	C19H17Cl2N3O3	406.0720
Flazasulfuron	C13H12F3N5O5S	408.0584
Trifloxystrobin	C20H19F3N2O4	409.1370
Bensulfuron-methyl	C16H18N4O7S	411.0969
NICOSULFURON	C15H18N6O6S	411.1081
Renfuracarb	C20H30N2O5S	411.1948
CINOSULFURON	C15H19N5O7S	414.1078
Metosulam	C14H13Cl2N5O4S	418.0138
HALOXYFOP ETHOXYETHYLESTER	C19H19CIF3NO4	418.1027
PROSULFURON	C15H16F3N5O4S	420.0948
Fenpyroximate	C24H27N3O4	420.0946
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RIMSULFURON	C14H17N5O7S2	432.0642
Haloxyfop-etotyl	C19H19CIF3NO5	434.0977
HEXAFLUMURON	C16H8Cl2F6N2O3	458.9743
Sulfosulfuron	C19H21N3O7S2	468.0894
Primisulfuron-methyl	C15H12F4N4O7S	469.0436
FLUFENOXURON	C21H11CIF6N2O3	489.0435
Trisulfuron methyl	C17H19F3N6O6S	493.1112
Deltamethrin	C22H19Br2NO3	503.9804
LUFENURON	C17H8Cl2F8N2O3	510.9857
INDOXACARB	C22H17CIF3N3O7	528.0780
Chlorfluazuron	C20H9Cl3F5N3O3	539.9702
Acrinathrin	C26H21F6NO5	542.1397
anc@tanc	#41H65NQ10	732.4681
SPINOSYN D	C42H67NO10	746.4838
Avermectin B1b	C47H70O14	859.4844
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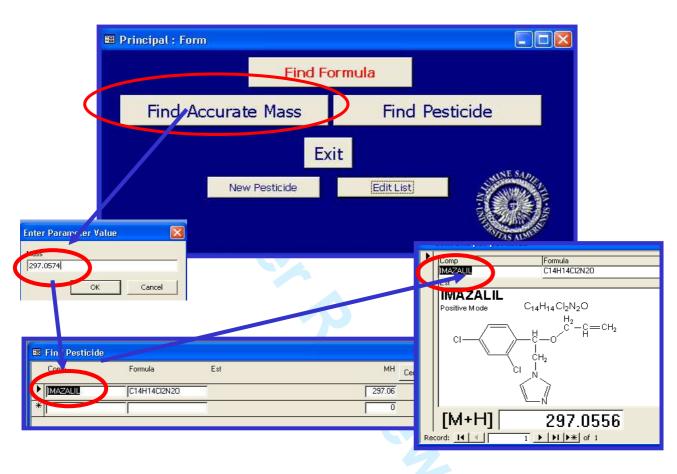


Figure 1. Access database search for accurate mass of the m/z 297.0574 ion.

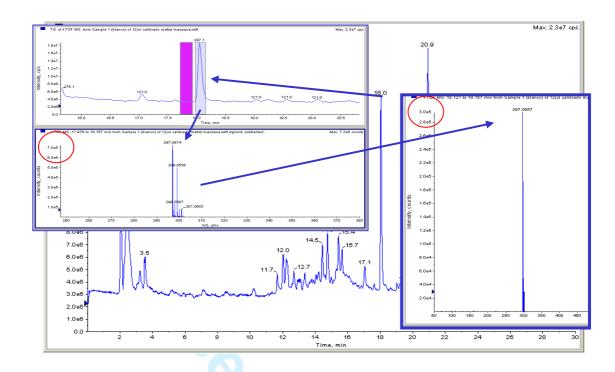


Figure 2. Total ion chromatogram of apple extract using LC/TOFMS.

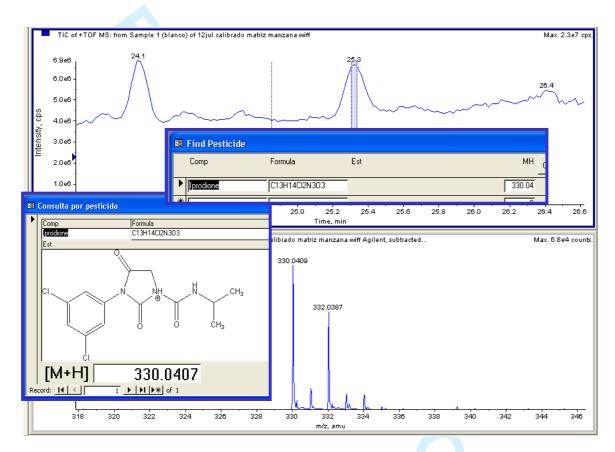


Figure 3. Accurate mass screening for mass of m/z 330.0409.

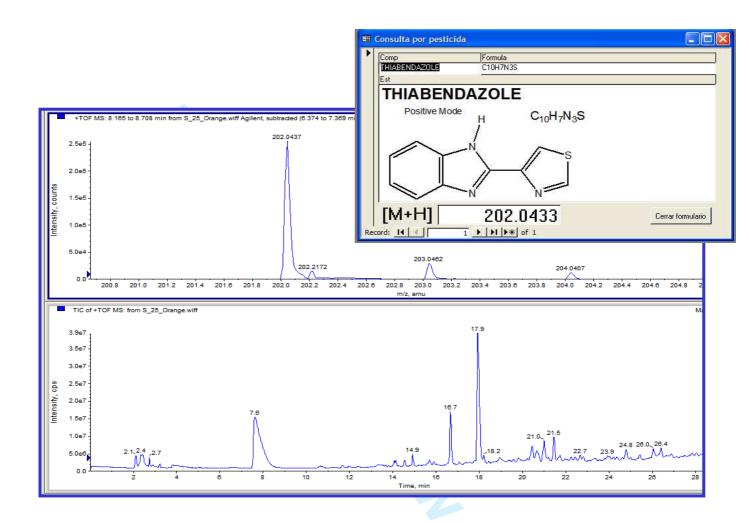


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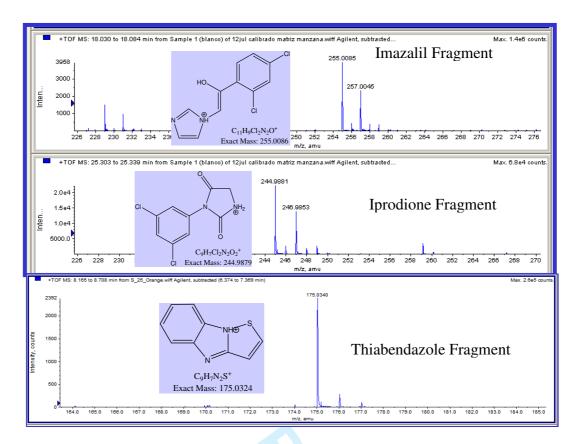


Figure 5. Fragment ions for the three pesticides, imazalil, iprodione, and thiabendazole.

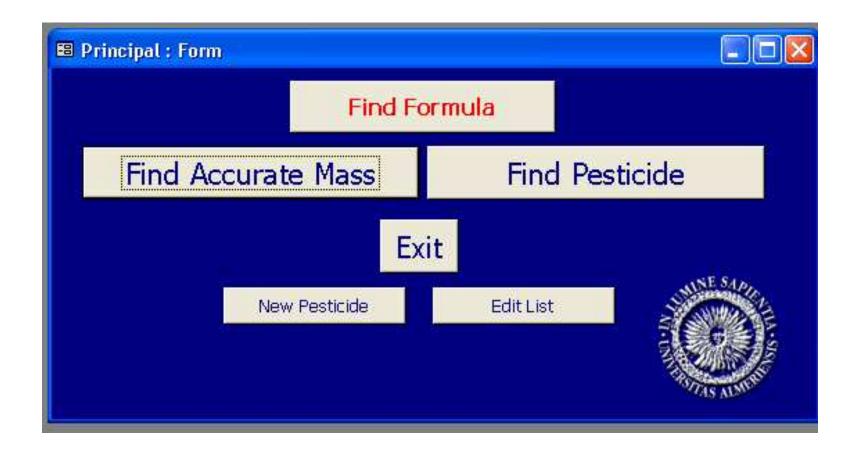


Figure 1. Appearance of the Access Database, called Pesticidas

Table 1. List of 350 Pesticides in "Pesticidas" Database.

Pesticide	Formula	MH+	Pesticide	Formula	MH+
METHAMIDOPHOS	C2H8NO2PS	142.0086	ALDICARB SULFOXIDE	C7H14N2O3S	207.0798
8-Hydroxyquinoline	C9H7NO	146.0600	Isoproturon	C12H18N2O	207.1492
Phenoxyacetic acid	C8H8O3	153.0546	Quinoclamine	C10H6CINO2	208.0160
Daminozide	C6H12N2O3	161.0921	PROMECA RB	C12H17NO2	208.1332
Dazomet	C5H10N2S2	163.0358	Aminocarb	C11H16N2O2	209.1285
METHOMYL	C5H10N2O2S	163.0536	PROPOXUR	C11H15NO3	210.1125
Nicotine	C10H14N2	163.1230	Acibenzolar-S-methyl	C8H6N2OS2	210.9994
Fenuron	C9H12N2O	165.1022	Propachlor	C11H14CINO	212.0837
2-Phenoxypropionic acid	C9H10O3	167.0703	Deethylcyanazine	C7H9CIN6	213.0650
CYROMAZINE	C6H10N6	167,1040	Chlorotoluron	C10H13CIN2O	213.0789
Diphenylamine	C12H11N	170.0964	OMETHOATE	C5H12NO4PS	214.0297
Deethylhydroxyatrazine	C6H11N5O	170.1036	Chlorpropham	C10H12CINO2	214.0629
Deisopropylatrazine	C5H9N5Cl	174.0541	Simetryn	C8H15N5S	214.1121
Propham	C10H13NO2	180.1019	Deethylterbutryn	C8H15N5S	214.1121
ACEPHATE	C4H10NO3PS	184.0192	MCPA methylester	C10H11ClO3	215.0469
Demethyl monuron	C8H9CIN2O	185.0476	Monolinuron	C9H11CIN2O2	215.0582
Fuberidazole	C11H8N2O	185.0709	Metribuzin	C8H14N4OS	215.0961
Deethylsimetryne	C6H11N5S	186.0808	ATRAZINE	C8H14CIN5	216.1010
1-Napthalene acetamide	C12H11NO	186.0913	Cycloate	C11H21NOS	216.1417
Chlorophenoxyacetic acid	C8H7ClO3	187.0156	Terbacil	C9H13CIN2O2	217.0738
1-Naphthaleneacetic acid	C12H10O2	187.0754	THIABENDAZOLE	C10H7N3OS	218.0383
Deethylatrazine	C6H11N5Cl	188.0697	PYMETROZINE	C10H11N5O	218.1036
Molinate	C9H17NOS	188.1104	2.4-D	C8H6Cl2O3	218.9621
PROPAMOCA RB					
	C9H20N2O2	189.1598	Demethylfluometuron THIOFANOX	C9H9F3N2O	219.0740
Tricyclazole EPTC	C9H7N3S	190.0433	OXAMYL	C9H18N2O2S	219.1162
	C9H19NOS	190.1260		C7H13N3O3S	220.0750
BUTOCARBOXIM	C7H14N2O2S	191.0849	Dichlorvos	C4H7Cl2O4P	220.9532
ALDICARB	C7H14N2O2S	191.0849	QUINMERAC	C11H8CINO2	222.0316
Clopyralid	C6H3Cl2NO2	191.9614	Chloridazon	C10H8CIN3O	222.0429
CARBENDAZIM	C9H9N3O2	192.0768	Methabenzthiazuron	C10H11N3OS	222.0696
Demethylisoproturon	C11H16N2O	193.1335	CARBOFURAN	C12H15NO3	222.1125
3,4,5-TRIMETHA CARB	C11H15NO2	194.1176	ACETAMIPRID	C10H11N4Cl	223.0745
Hydroxyatrazine	C8H15N5O	198.1349	ALDICARB SULPHONE	C7H14N2O4S	223.0747
Deethylterbumeton	C8H15N5O	198.1349	BUTOXYCARBOXIM	C7H14N2O4S	223.0747
MCPA	C9H9ClO3	199.0167	ALDOXYCARB	C7H14N2O4S	223.0747
Monuron	C9H11CIN2O	199.0633	Sulfallate	C8H14CINS2	224.0329
Cymoxanil	C7H10N4O3	199.0826	Monocrotophos	C7H14NO5P	224.0682
Deisopropylprometryne	C7H13N5S	200.0964	BENDIOCARB	C11H13NO4	224.0917
Deethylametryn	C7H13N5S	200.0964	Mepanipyrim	C14H13N3	224.1182
PYRIMETHANIL	C12H13N3	200.1182	Desmethylpirimicarb	C10H16N4O2	225.1346
MCPA	C9H9ClO3	201.0313	METHIOCARB	C11H15NO2S	226.0896
acetate	C13H12O2	201.0910	ETHIOFENCA RB	C11H15NO2S	226.0896
THIABENDAZOLE	C10H7N3S	202.0433	CYPRODINIL	C14H15N3	226.1339
SIMAZINE	C7H12CIN5	202.0854	Terbumeton	C10H19N5O	226.1662
CARBARYL	C12H11NO2	202.0863	Dichlone	C10H4Cl2O2	226.9661
Fenfuram	C12H11NO2	202.0863	Ametryn	C9H17N5S	228.1277
2-Naphthoxyacetic acid	C12H10O3	203.0703	Metoxuron	C10H13CIN2O2	229.0738
METAMITRON	C10H10N4O	203.0927	Tebuthiuron	C9H16N4OS	229.1118
Hormodin	C12H13NO2	204.1019	DIMETHOATE	C5H12NO3PS2	230.0069
Pebulate	C10H21NOS	204.1417	Dicryl	C10H9Cl2NO	230.0134

Pesticide	Formula	MH+	Pesticide	Formula	MH+
Trietazine	C9H16CIN5	230.1167	Diallate	C10H17Cl2NOS	270.0481
TERBUTHYLAZINE	C9H16CIN5	230.1167	Alachlor	C14H20CINO2	270.1255
Methfuroxam	C14H15NO2	230.1176	5-Hydroxy-imidacloprid	C9H10CIN5O3	272.0545
DEMETON-S-METHYL	C6H15O3PS2	231.0273	Napropamide	C17H21NO2	272.1645
Deethylcyanazine amide	C7H11CIN6O	231.0756	BROMOXYNIL	C7H3Br2NO	273.8508
Deethylcyanazine acid	C7H10CIN5O2	232.0596	Fenpropidin	C19H31N	274.2529
DIURON	C9H10Cl2N2O	233.0243	Anilazine	C9H5Cl3N4	274.9653
Fluometuron	C10H11F3N2O	233.0896	Difsulfoton	C8H19O2PS3	275.0358
Dichlorprop	C9H8Cl2O3	234.9923	Neburon	C12H16Cl2N2O	275.0712
2,4-D Methyl ester	C9H8Cl2O3	234.9923	Paraoxon	C10H14NO6P	276.0632
Thiofanox sulfoxide	C9H18N2O3S	235.1111	imazameth	C14H17N3O3	276.1343
Carboxin	C12H13NO2S	236.0740	Phorate sulfone	C7H17O5PS2	277.0328
Fenpiclonil	C11H6Cl2N2	236.9981	2,4-D Butyl ester	C12H14Cl2O3	277.0393
Buturon	C12H13CIN2O	237.0789	Metazachlor	C14H16CIN3O	278.1055
Carbetamide	C12H16N2O3	237.1234	Fenthion	C10H15O3PS2	279.0273
3-Hydroxy Carbofuran	C12H15NO4	238.1074	Ofurace	C14H16CINO3	282.0891
PIRIMICA RB	C11H18N4O2	239.1503	Propetamphos	C10H20NO4PS	282.0923
Clomazone	C12H14CINO2	240.0786	Pendimethalin	C13H19N3O4	282.1448
Thiram	C6H12N2S4	240.9956	Dodemorph	C18H35NO	282.2791
Cyanazine	C9H13CIN6	241.0963	Procymidone	C13H11Cl2NO2	284.0240
Prometryne	C10H19N5S	242.1434	FOSTHIAZATE	C9H18NO3PS2	284.0538
Terbutryn	C10H19N5S	242.1434	Penconazole	C13H15Cl2N3	284.0716
Dixanthogen	C6H10O2S4	242.9636	METOLACHLOR	C15H22CINO2	284.1412
Ethoprophos	C8H19O2PS2	243.0637	VINCLOZOLIN	C12H9Cl2NO3	286.0032
METALAXYL	C15H21NO4	244.1543	Ethofumesate	C13H18O5S	287.0948
Phorate oxygen analogue	C7H17O3PS2	245.0429	Difenoxuron	C16H18N2O3	287.1390
OXYDEMETON-METHYL	C6H15O4PS2	247.0222	VAMIDOTHION	C8H18NO4PS2	288.0488
FLUDIOXONIL	C12H6F2N2O2	247.0324	Cyanofenphos oxygen	C15H14NO3P	288.0784
Paraoxon-methyl	C8H10NO6P	248.0319	Terbufos	C9H21O2PS3	289.0514
LINURON	C9H10Cl2N2O2	249.0192	Myclobutanil	C15H17CIN4	289.1214
Heptenophos	C9H12ClO4P	251.0235	Chloroxuron	C15H15CIN2O2	291.0895
Thiofanox sulfone	C9H18N2O4S	251.1060	Thiamethoxam	C8H10CIN5O3S	292.0266
THIA CLOPRID	C10H9CIN4S	253.0309	Parathion	C10H14NO5PS	292.0403
Hexazinone	C12H20N4O2	253.1659	Chlorbromuron	C9H10BrCIN2O2	292,9687
2,4,5-T	C8H5Cl3O3	254.9377	Etrimfos	C10H17N2O4PS	293.0719
Fluroxypyr	C7H5Cl2FN2O3	254.9734	Triadimeton	C14H16CIN3O2	294.1004
Propyzamide	C12H11Cl2NO	256.0290	Paclobutrazol	C15H20CIN3O	294.1368
IMIDA CLOPRID	C9H10CIN5O2	256.0596	Folpet	C9H4Cl3NO2S	295.9101
N-m-Tolylphthalamic acid	C15H13NO3	256.0968	Triadimenol	C14H18CIN3O2	296.1160
Dimethachlor	C13H18CINO2	256.1099	2,4,5-T Isopropyl ester	C11H11Cl3O3	296.9847
Trichlorfon	C4H8Cl3O4P	256.9299	IMAZALIL	C14H14Cl2N2O	297.0556
Metobromuron	C9H11BrN2O2	259.0077	SPIROXAMINE	C18H35NO2	298.2741
Cyanazine amide	C9H15CIN6O	259.1069	Phoxim	C12H15N2O3PS	299.0614
Cyanazine acid	C9H14CIN5O2	260.0909	Quinalphos	C12H15N2O3PS	299.0614
Phorate	C7H17O2PS3	261.0201	Merphos	C12H27PS3	299.1085
Bromacil	C9H13BrN2O2	261.0233	Captan	C9H8Cl3NO2S	299.9414
phorate sulfoxide	C7H17O4PS2	261.0379	Phosphamidon	C10H19CINO5P	300.0762
2,4-D Isopropyl ester	C11H12Cl2O3	263.0236	Tolclofos methyl	C9H11Cl2O3PS	300.9616
Parathion-methyl	C8H10NO5PS	264.0090	DESMEDIPHAM	C16H16N2O4	301.1183
aclonifen	C12H9CIN2O3	265.0374	PHENMEDIPHAM	C16H16N2O4	301.1183
Oxycarboxin	C12H13NO4S	268.0638	FENHEXAMID	C14H17Cl2NO2	302.0709
Diethofencarb	C14H21NO4	268.1543	Flutriafol	C16H13F2N3O	302.1099
			FENOXY CARB		

Table 1. Continued, "Pesticidas" Access Database

Pesticide	Formula	MH+	Pesticide	Formula	MH+
Methidathion	C6H11N2O4PS3	302.9691	Fenbuconazole	C19H17CIN4	337.121
Clofentezine	C14H8Cl2N4	303.0199	Bitertanol	C20H23N3O2	338.186
Cyanofenphos	C15H14NO2PS	304.0556	Phenyl mercuric acetate	C8H8HgO2	339.030
Fenamiphos	C13H22NO3PS	304.1131	Dimefuron	C15H19CIN4O3	339.121
Fenpropimorph	C20H33NO	304.2635	Pyridaphenthion	C14H17N2O4PS	341.071
Diazinon	C12H21N2O3PS	305.1083	Bifenox	C14H9Cl2NO5	341.993
Pirimiphos-methyl		306.1036	Propiconazole	C15H17Cl2N3O2	342.077
BUPROFEZIN	C16H23N3OS	306.1635	THIOPHANATE-METHYL		343.052
oxamide	C15H15CIN2O3	307.0844	Prothiophos	C11H15Cl2O2PS2	344.970
Fenazaquin	C20H22N2O	307.1805	Azinphos-ethyl	C12H16N3O3PS2	346.044
Quinoxyfen	C15H8Cl2FNO	308.0040	TRIFLUMIZOLE	C15H15CIF3N3O	346.092
TEBUCONAZOLE		308.1524	Isofenphos	C15H24NO4PS	346.123
DIFLUBENZURON		309.0248	Tolylfluanid	C10H13Cl2FN2O2S2	346.985
Isazofos	C9H17CIN3O3PS	314.0490	Coroxon	C14H16ClO6P	347.044
Isoxathion	C13H16NO4PS	314.0490	Gibberellic acid	C19H24O6	349.164
Triazophos	C12H16N3O3PS	314.0723	Clodinafop-Propargyl	C17H13CIFNO4	350.059
Hexaconazole	C14H17Cl2N3O	314.0821	Fenpropathrin	C22H23NO3	350.175
Kresoxim-methyl	C18H19NO4	314.1387	Propargite	C19H26O4S	351.162
Malaoxon	C10H19O7PS	315.0662	Hexythiazox	C17H21CIN2O2S	353.108
Nuarimol	C17H12CIFN2O	315.0695	TEBUFENOZIDE	C22H28N2O2	353.222
Flusilazole	C16H15F2N3Si	316.1076	THIODICARB	C10H18N4O4S3	355.056
Bupirimate	C13H24N4O3S	317.1642	TRIFLUMURON	C15H10ClF3N2O3	357.025
Phosmet	C11H12NO4PS2	318.0018	CHLORSULFURON	C12H12CIN5O4S	358.037
Azinphos-methyl	C10H12N3O3PS2	318.0130	Chlorfenvinphos	C12H14Cl3O4P	358.976
Triticonazole	C17H20CIN3O	318.1368	OXYFLUORFEN	C15H11CIF3NO4	360.025
Metconazole	C17H22CIN3O	320.1524	FLORASULAM	C12H8F3N5O3S	360.037
IPROVALICARB	C18H28N2O3	321.2173	CLETHODIM	C17H26CINO3S	360.139
Flamprop	C16H13CIFNO3	322.0641	Haloxyfop	C15H11CIF3NO4	362.040
Pyriproxyfen	C20H19NO3	322.1438	Fenoxaprop-ethyl	C18H16CINO5	362.079
Sulfotep	C8H20O5P2S2	323.0300	Coumaphos	C14H16ClO5PS	363.021
Sulprofos	C12H19O2PS3	323.0358	Flufenacet	C14H13F4N3O2S	364.073
EPN	C14H14NO4PS	324.0454	Benzoximate	C18H18CINO5	364.094
Azamethiphos	C9H10CIN2O5PS	324.9809	Flamprop-isopropyl	C19H19CIFNO3	364.111
Diniconazole	C15H17Cl2N3O	326.0821	Tetrachlorvinphos	C10H9Cl4O4P	364.906
Benalaxyl	C20H23NO3	326.1751	Pyridaben	C19H25CIN2OS	365.144
ISOXAFLUTOLE	C12H15F3NO4S	327.0747	Dinocap	C18H24N2O6	365.170
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Fluazifop acid	C15H12F3NO4	328.0791	Phosalone	C12H15CINO4PS2	367.994
Diclobutrazol	C15H19Cl2N3O	328.0978	Methoxyfenozide	C22H28N2O3	369.217
oxygen	C11H15Cl2O3PS	328.9929	IOXYNIL	C7H3I2NO	369.823
Pencycuron	C19H21CIN2O	329.1415	AMIDOSULFURON	C9H15N5O7S2	370.048
lprodione	C13H14Cl2N3O3	330.0407	Thiophanate ethyl	C14H18N4O4S2	371.084
Mecarbam	C10H20NO5PS2	330.0593	TETRACONAZOLE	C13H11Cl2F4N3O	372.028
Epoxiconazole	C17H13CIFN3O	330.0804	Profenofos	C11H15BrOlO3PS	372.942
Fluridone	C19H14F3NO	330,1100	QUIZALOFOP-ETHYL	C19H17CIN2O4	373.095
Dacthal	C10H6Cl4O4	330.9093	Pyrazophos	C14H20N3O5PS	374.093
Fenarimol	C17H12Cl2N2O	331.0399	Famoxadone	C22H18N2O4	375.133
Malathion	C17H12G2N2G C10H19O6PS2	331.0399	Phosfon	C22H18N2O4 C20H34Cl2P	375.133
Dichlofluanid	C9H11Cl2FN2O2S2	332.9696	Bromuconazole	C13H12BrCl2N3O	375.961
Flurtamone	C18H14F3NO2	334.1049	Fluquinconazole	C16H8Cl2FN5O	376.016
Pirimiphos-ethyl	C13H24N3O3PS	334.1349	Prochloraz	C15H16Cl3N3O2	376.038
Tebufenpyrad	C18H24CIN3O	334.1681	HALOXYFOP-METHYL	C16H13CIF3NO4	376.055
Flamprop-methyl Cloquintocet-	C17H15CIFNO3	336.0797	FLAZASULFURON	C13H12F3N5O5	376.086
Mexyl	C18H22CINO3	336.1361	Clethodim-sulfoxide	C17H26CINO4S	376.13

Pesticide	Formula	MH+
Etofenprox	C25H28O3	377.2111
Naled	C4H7Br2Cl2O4P	378.7898
Endrin	C12H8Cl6O	378.8779
Dieldrin	C12H8Cl6O	378.8779
PYRIDATE	C19H23CIN2O2S	379.1242
TEFLUBENZURON	C14H6Cl2F4N2O2	380.9815
Carbosulfan	C20H32N2O3S	381.2206
Metsulfuron	C14H15N5O6S	382.0816
FURATHIOCA RB	C18H26N2O5S	383.1635
Fluazif op-butyl	C19H20F3NO4	384.1417
Ethion	C9H22O4P2S4	384.9949
Thifensulfuron methyl	C12H13N5O6S2	388.0380
DIMETHOMORPH	C21H22CINO4	388.1310
Clethodim-sulfon	C17H26CINO5S	392.1293
Dialifos	C14H17CINO4PS2	394.0098
Diflufenican	C19H11F5N2O2	395.0813
Rotenone	C23H22O6	395.1489
Tribenuron methyl	C15H17N5O6S	396.0972
TRIASULFURON	C14H16CIN5O5S	402.0633
AZOXYSTROBIN	C22H17N3O5	404.1241
Difenoconazole	C19H17Cl2N3O3	406.0720
Flazasulfuron	C13H12F3N5O5S	408.0584
Trifloxystrobin	C20H19F3N2O4	409.1370
Bensulfuron-methyl	C16H18N4O7S	411.0969
NICOSULFURON	C15H18N6O6S	411.1081
Benfuracarb	C20H30N2O5S	411.1948
CINOSULFURON	C15H19N5O7S	414.1078
Metosulam	C14H13Cl2N5O4S	418.0138
HALOXYFOP-ETHOXYETHYLESTER	C19H19CIF3NO4	418.1027
PROSULFURON	C15H16F3N5O4S	420.0948
Fenpyroximate	C24H27N3O4	422.2074
RIMSULFURON	C14H17N5O7S2	432.0642
Haloxyfop-etotyl HEXAFLUMURON	C19H19CIF3NO5 C16H8Cl2F6N2O3	434.0977 458.9743
Sulfosulfuron	C19H21N3O7S2	468.0894
Primisulfuron-methyl	C15H12F4N4O7S	469.0436
FLUFENOXURON	C21H11ClF6N2O3	489.0435
Trisulfuron methyl	C17H19F3N6O6S	493.1112
Deltamethrin	C22H19Br2NO3	503.9804
LUFENURON	C17H8Cl2F8N2O3	510.9857
INDOXACARB	C22H17CIF3N3O7	528.0780
Chlorfluazuron	C20H9Cl3F5N3O3	539.9702
Acrinathrin	C26H21F6NO5	542.1397
SPINOSYN A	C41H65NO10	732.4681
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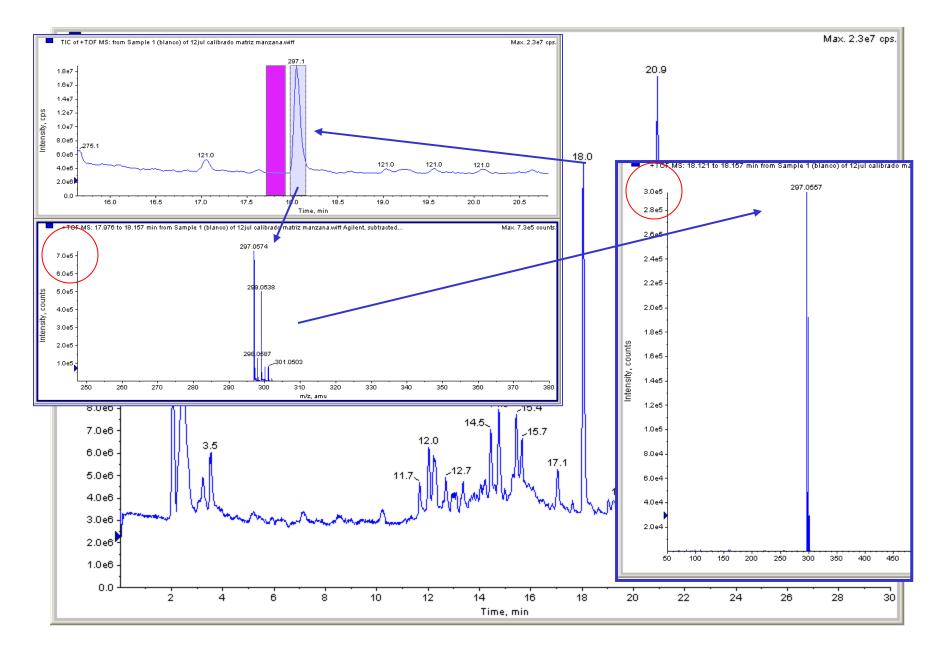
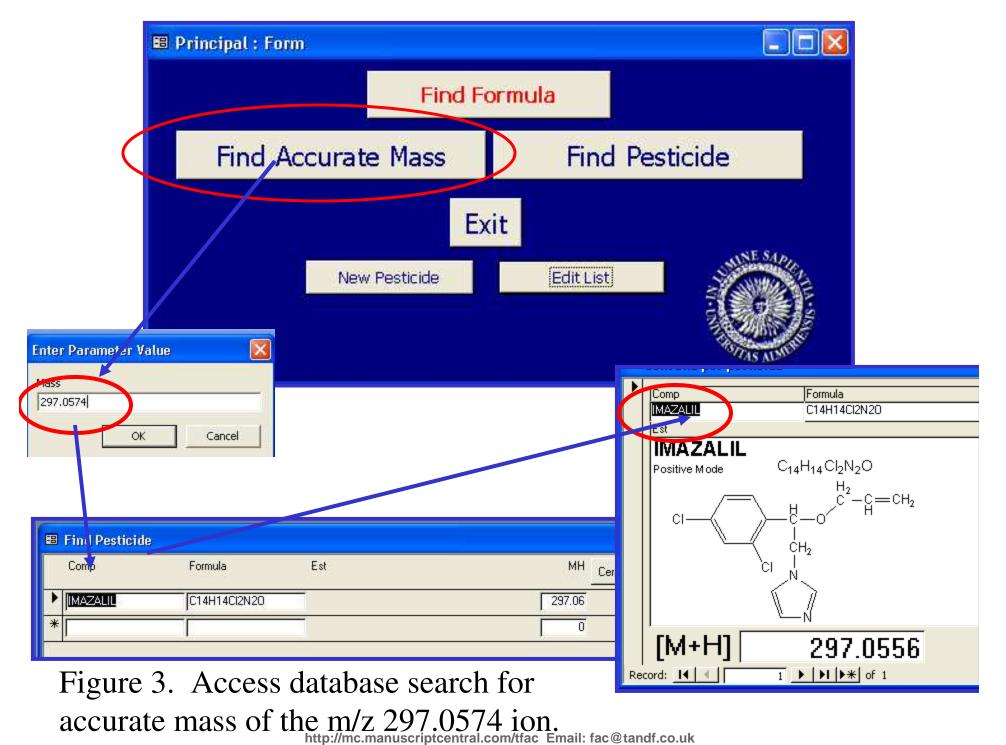


Figure 2. Total ion chromatogram of apple extract using LC/TOFMS.



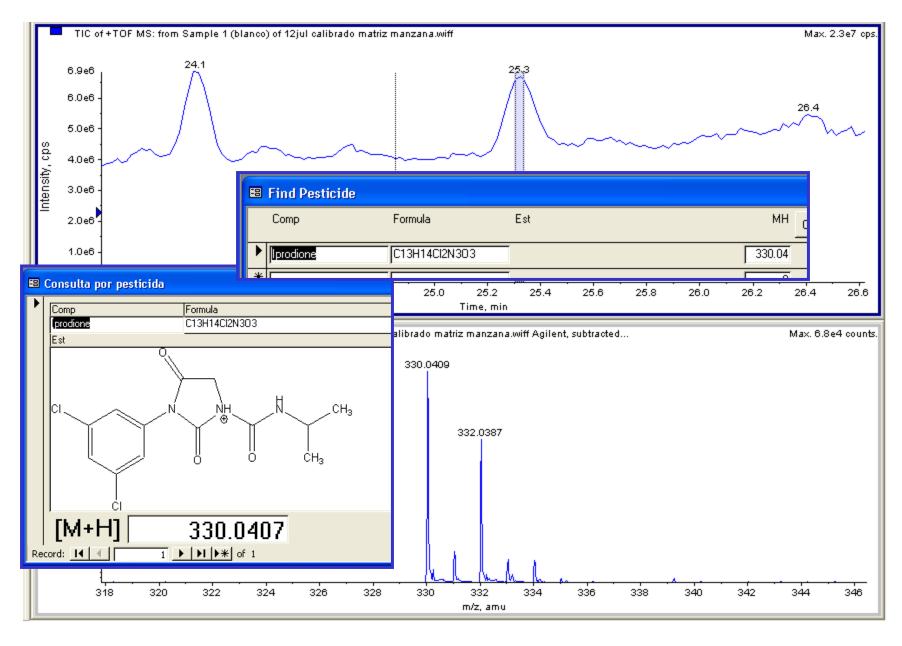


Figure 4. Accurate mass screening for mass of m/z 330.0409.

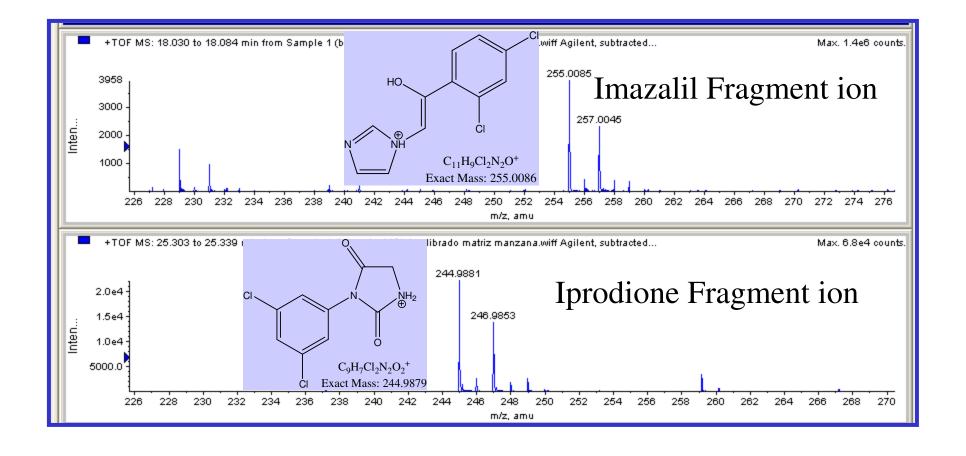


Figure 5. Fragment ions for the two pesticides, imazalil and iprodione with accurate masses and structural assignments.