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Quantitative Analysis

Familiarization Guide



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In this Guide...

The *Familiarization Guide* presents step-by-step exercises to help you learn to use the Quantitative Analysis program. You can do these exercises with the demo batch DrugsOfAbuse (Exercises 1 and 3 through 5) and Verapamil-targeted (Exercise 2), shipped with the system (in the **Data** folder of your installation disk), or with data you acquire.

The DrugsOfAbuse batch consists of MRM data files acquired on the Agilent 6410 Triple Quad LC/MS system. The Verapamil batch consists of Q-TOF data files acquired on the Agilent 6500 Series Q-TOF LC/MS system.

1 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired MRM data files

In this exercise, you set up a batch table, a quantitation method, and target compounds, using acquired datafiles. Finally, you analyze the batch and save the results.

2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

In this exercise, you set up a batch table, a quantitation method, and a target compound, using acquired datafiles. Finally, you analyze the batch and save the results.

3 Review quantitation results

In this exercise, you inspect the sample and compound data in a batch file, customize layouts and export your batch results to a Microsoft Excel file.

4 Use three new tools to evaluate results

The new tools in this exercise make it easier for you to evaluate and obtain more accurate quantitation results.

5 Work with quantitation reports

In this exercise, you generate reports using specified templates, review reports in Microsoft Excel and customize the report template.

What's New B.01.04

- You can sort compounds by their group number in Quantitative Analysis.
- New templates are added that report the compounds that were not detected in Quantitative Analysis.
- The processing and browsing time in Quantitative Analysis is significantly faster.
- Quantitative Analysis provides three icons to launch the program in three different ways. These three ways are customized for the different instruments and show the appropriate mass precision, scan types and menu choices.
- Dual mode data is supported.
- Excel 2007 is supported for Quantitative Analysis.
- Reporting speed is increased by a factor of 2.

Choosing the correct Quantitative Analysis icon

You will find three different icons installed on the desktop when you install the Quantitative Analysis program. When you start the Quantitative Analysis program from these icons, the default values and some of the features are customized to the appropriate instrument type.

When you click the Quantitative Analysis icon on the desktop, the full name of the icon is displayed. Make sure you choose the icon which matches the type of data in the batch you want to analyze.

Before you begin these exercises

Copy the folder named Data from your installation disk in uncompressed format to any location on your hard disk.

This folder contains all of the data files needed for these exercises. You may need to first extract the data files from their zip format.

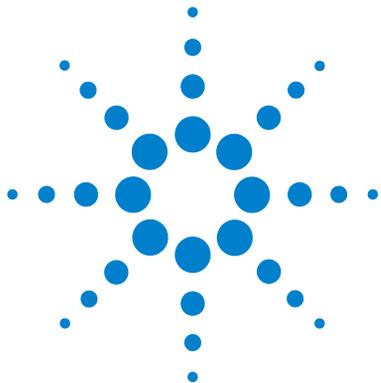
Do not reuse the example data files already on your system unless you know that you copied them from the originals on the disk and you are the only one using them. If the example data files already on the system do not match the original ones on the disk exactly, then the results obtained during these exercises will not match those shown in this guide.

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Exercise 1

Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired MRM data files

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In this exercise you set up a quantitation method for a batch of acquired data files. You carry out the exercise with the **DrugsOfAbuse** data files on your installation disk and learn how to perform the following tasks:

- Set up a Batch Table containing unknown sample and calibration data files for drugs of abuse: amphetamine, cocaine, methamphetamine and MDMA.
- Set up a new quantitation method based on the calibration standard of the highest concentration.
- Set up target compounds.
 - View the MRM transitions and chromatographic parameters for the compounds in the data file.
 - Set up an internal standard for each of the compounds.
- Set up quantitation for the method.
 - Enter the concentration of the highest concentration calibration standard and the dilution pattern.
 - Set up qualifier ions and the calibration curve.
- Automatically quantitate the batch and save the results.



1 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired MRM data files

Each exercise is presented in a table with three columns:

- Steps – Use these general instructions to proceed on your own to explore the program.
- Detailed Instructions – Use these if you need help or prefer to use a step-by-step learning process.
- Comments – Read these to learn tips and additional information about each step in the exercise.

Before you begin...

Make sure that you have copied the **DrugsOfAbuse** folder from the **Data** folder of the installation disk to a folder on your system.

Task 1. Set up a new batch

In this task you set up a Batch Table containing data files for three unknown samples and several calibration samples of drugs of abuse: amphetamine, cocaine, methamphetamine and MDMA.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Create a new batch to hold samples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select all of the data files from the DrugsOfAbuse folder. Name the batch file, iii_test_01, where "iii" are your initials. 	<p>a To start the Quantitative Analysis program, click the Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) icon on your Desktop. </p> <p>When you first use the program, the default layout appears, as shown in Figure 1 below.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can also access the program by clicking Programs > Agilent > MassHunter Workstation > Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) from the Start menu. Different features are available when you are working with QQQ data.

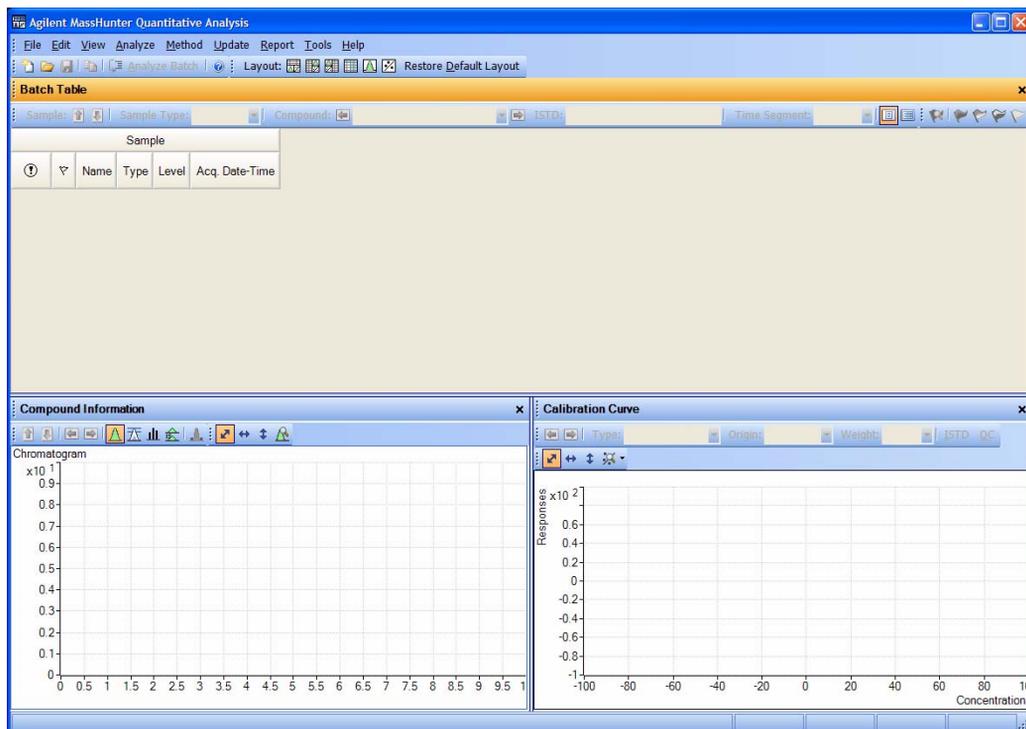
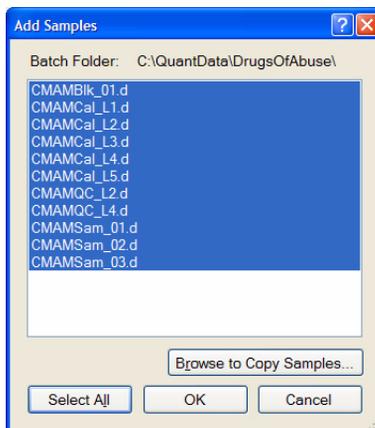


Figure 1 Default layout

1 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired MRM data files

Task 1. Set up a new batch

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>b Click File > New Batch. The system opens the New Batch dialog box.</p> <p>c Navigate to the folder \ <i>Your Directory</i> \ DrugsOfAbuse \.</p> <p>d Type the batch filename <i>iii_Test_01</i> and click Open.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the default layout is not present, click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar before creating a new batch. <p>Restore Default Layout</p>
<p>2 Add all the samples in the DrugsOfAbuse folder to the batch.</p>	<p>a Click File > Add Samples: The system displays the Add Sample dialog box.</p> <p>b Click Select All to select all samples, and then click OK to add them to the batch.</p> <p>The Batch Table is no longer empty. It now contains the calibration, QC and unknown samples. See Figure 2 on the next page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note that only three of the files are unknown samples, one is a blank five are calibration files at different calibration levels and two are QC samples.



Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

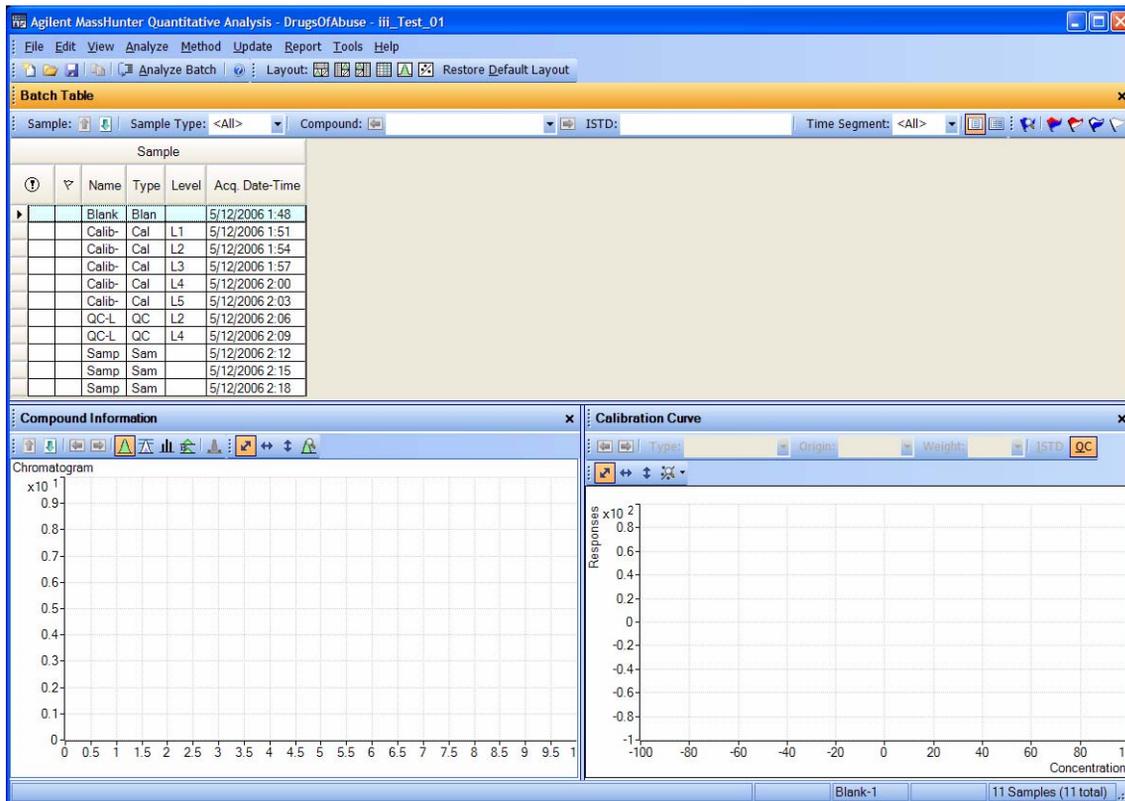


Figure 2 Batch table containing Drugs of Abuse samples before quantitation

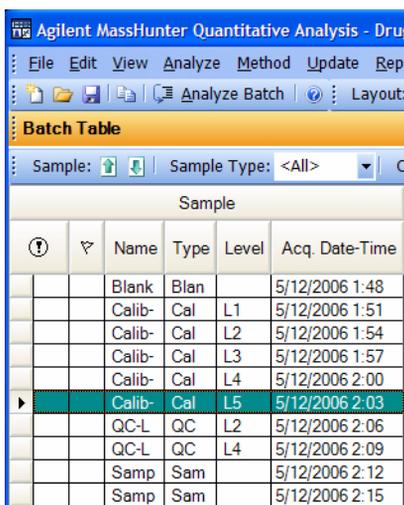
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Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

This task shows you how to set up a new quantitation method based on the calibration data file with the highest concentration of sample.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1 Create a new method from acquired MRM data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the calibration data file with the highest signal.	a Use the mouse cursor to highlight the calibration standard that has the highest concentration level, as shown in the figure below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using a sample with strong signals for the compounds, such as a high concentration calibration sample, lets the program create a method with the appropriate retention times and qualifier ratios.



Batch Table					
Sample:		Sample Type: <All>			
Sample					
		Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time
		Blank	Blan		5/12/2006 1:48
		Calib-	Cal	L1	5/12/2006 1:51
		Calib-	Cal	L2	5/12/2006 1:54
		Calib-	Cal	L3	5/12/2006 1:57
		Calib-	Cal	L4	5/12/2006 2:00
		Calib-	Cal	L5	5/12/2006 2:03
		QC-L	QC	L2	5/12/2006 2:06
		QC-L	QC	L4	5/12/2006 2:09
		Samp	Sam		5/12/2006 2:12
		Samp	Sam		5/12/2006 2:15

- b** Click **Method > Edit** to switch to method editing mode.

The Method Edit Tasks appear in the column to the left of the View, as shown in Figure 3.

- Note that Figure 3 shows the default layout for method editing.
- If the default layout is not present, click **Restore Default Layout** on the toolbar before creating a new method in the next step.

[Restore Default Layout](#)

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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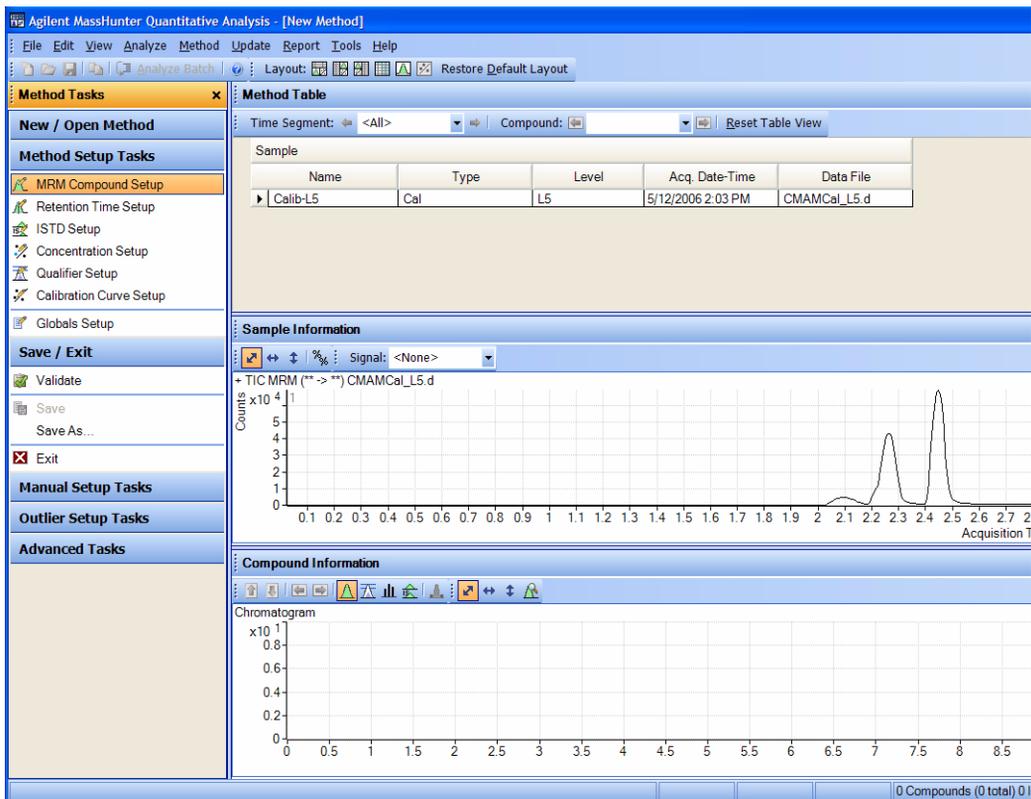


Figure 3 Method Edit mode

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Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>c Under Method Tasks in the sidebar to the left of the Method Table, click New/Open Method > New Method from Acquired MRM Data. The system displays a <i>Please select a sample folder...</i> dialog box.</p> <p>d click CMAMCal_L5.d and click Open to import acquisition method information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can also click Method > New > New Method from Acquired MRM Data.• The figure below shows the default layout for the level 5 calibration standard.

The screenshot displays the Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis software interface. The main window is titled "Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis - [New Method]". The interface is divided into a sidebar on the left and a main Method Table on the right.

Method Tasks Sidebar:

- New / Open Method**
 - New Method from Acquired MRM Da...
 - New Method from Acquired Scan Dat...
 - New Method using Manual Setup
- Open Method from Existing File...**
- Open Method from Existing Batch...**
- Method Setup Tasks**
 - MRM Compound Setup
 - Retention Time Setup
 - ISTD Setup
 - Concentration Setup
 - Qualifier Setup
 - Calibration Curve Setup
- Globals Setup**
- Save / Exit**
 - Validate
 - Save
 - Save As ...
 - Exit
- Manual Setup Tasks**
 - New Compound
 - New Qualifier
 - New Calibration Level
- Delete**
- Outlier Setup Tasks**
- Advanced Tasks**

Method Table:

Time Segment: <All> | Compound: | Reset Table View

Sample

Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	
CMAMCal_L5.d				CMAM

Quantifier

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target

Qualifier

Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Transition	Rel. Resp.	U
136.2	119.4	136.2 -> 119.4	26.5	

Quantifier

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD

Qualifier

Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Transition	Rel. Resp.	U
141.1	124.4	141.1 -> 124.4	26.4	

Quantifier

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target

Qualifier

Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Transition	Rel. Resp.	U
304.1	82.0	304.1 -> 82.0	3.8	

Quantifier

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD

Qualifier

4 Compounds (4 total) 4 ISTD (4 total)

Task 3. Set up target compounds

With this task you learn to inspect the MRM transitions and the RT data for the new quantitation method, which you can change for individual target compounds. You also learn to set up an ISTD compound for each target compound.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1 Check the new quantitation method created from the imported acquisition method for MRM transitions.	a Under Method Tasks in the sidebar to the left of the Method Table window, click Method Setup Tasks > MRM Compound Setup .	• The compound names associated with MRM transitions are entered in the acquisition method. By default, the largest signal is chosen as the quantifier ion.

Sample						
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File		
CMAMCal_L5.d				CMAMCal_L5.d		
Quantifier						
Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	Precursor Ion	Product Ion
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	136.2	91.4
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD	141.1	93.4
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target	304.1	182.0
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD	307.1	185.0
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target	194.2	163.2
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD	199.2	164.3
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target	150.1	119.3
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD	155.1	92.3

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Task 3. Set up target compounds

Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

- b** To inspect the imported retention time data, click **Method Setup Tasks > Retention Time Setup**.
- You can modify data fields in blue for individual compounds.

Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
CMAMCal_L5				CMAMCal_L5.d

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	RT	Left RT Delta	Right RT Delta	RT Delta Unit
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	2.101	1.000	1.000	Minutes
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD	2.076	1.000	1.000	Minutes
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target	2.448	1.000	1.000	Minutes
Cocaine-d	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD	2.448	1.000	1.000	Minutes
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target	2.271	1.000	1.000	Minutes
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD	2.268	1.000	1.000	Minutes
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target	2.237	1.000	1.000	Minutes
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD	2.231	1.000	1.000	Minutes

2 Set up ISTD compounds.

- Assign the corresponding deuterated compound as the internal standard (ISTD) for each target compound.

- a** click **Method Setup Tasks > ISTD Setup**.
- b** For each target compound row, click the down arrow in the **ISTD Compound Name** cell.
- Do not attempt to enter the ISTD name into the ISTD compound row.

Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
CMAMCal_L5				CMAMCal_L5.d

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	ISTD Compound Name
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	Amp-d5
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD	<None>
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target	Cocaine-d3
Cocaine-d	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD	Amp-d5
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target	Cocaine-d3
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD	MDMA-d5
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target	Meth-d5
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD	<None>

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c click the ISTD name associated with the target compound. d Type the ISTD Conc (Concentration) for each ISTD compound. | |
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Method Table

Time Segment: <All> Compound: Meth-d5 Reset Table View

Sample				
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
CMAMCa_L5.d				CMAMCa_L5.d

Quantifier									
Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	ISTD Compound Name	ISTD Flag	ISTD Conc.	Time Re	
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD	<None>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.0000		
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD	<None>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.0000		
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD	<None>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.0000		
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD	<None>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.0000		

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Task 4. Set up quantitation

Task 4. Set up quantitation

This task presents instructions for setting up the quantitation parameters for the method.

- Calibration levels
- Qualifier ions
- Calibration curve fit

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1	<p>Create five calibration levels for each compound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set the highest concentration for amphetamine of 125.• Set a Dilution Pattern of 1:5:2:2.5:2 for amphetamine.• Compare the concentrations for the five levels with the Dilution Pattern.	<p>a click Method Setup Tasks > Concentration Setup, and type 125 in the Dil. High Conc. column for amphetamine (Amp).</p> <p>b Type 1 : 5 : 2 : 2 . 5 : 2 in the Dil. Pattern column for Amp.</p> <p>c Make sure Level Name Prefix is L and # of Levels is 5 in the Serial Dilution toolbar.</p>

Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis - [New Method]

File Edit View Analyze Method Update Report Tools Help

Analyze Batch Layout: Restore Default Layout

Method Tasks

New / Open Method

Method Setup Tasks

MRM Compound Setup

Retention Time Setup

ISTD Setup

Concentration Setup

Qualifier Setup

Calibration Curve Setup

Globals Setup

Save / Exit

Validate

Save

Method Table

Time Segment: <All> Compound: Amp Reset Table View

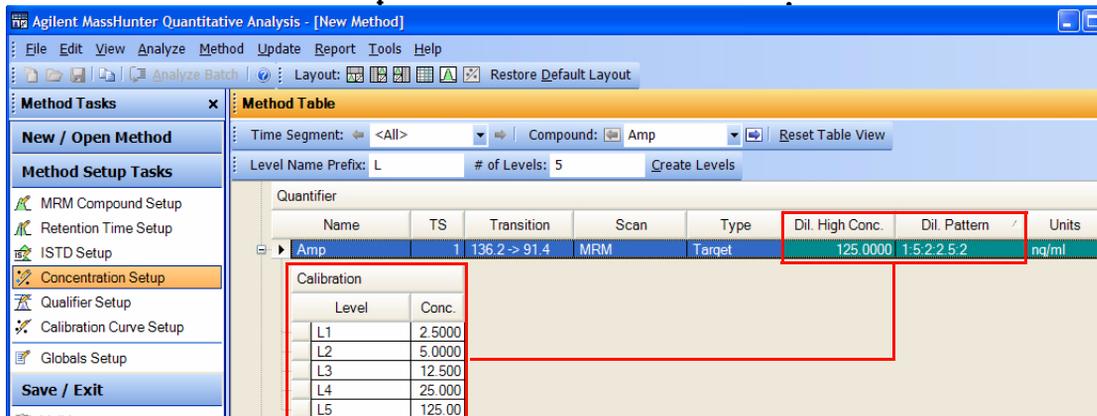
Level Name Prefix: L # of Levels: 5 Create Levels

Sample				
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
CMAMCal_L5.d				CMAMCal_L

Qualifier								
Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	Dil. High Conc.	Dil. Pattern	Units	
▶ Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	125.0000	1:5:2:2.5:2	ng/ml	
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml	
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target			ng/ml	
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml	
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target			ng/ml	
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml	
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target			ng/ml	
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml	

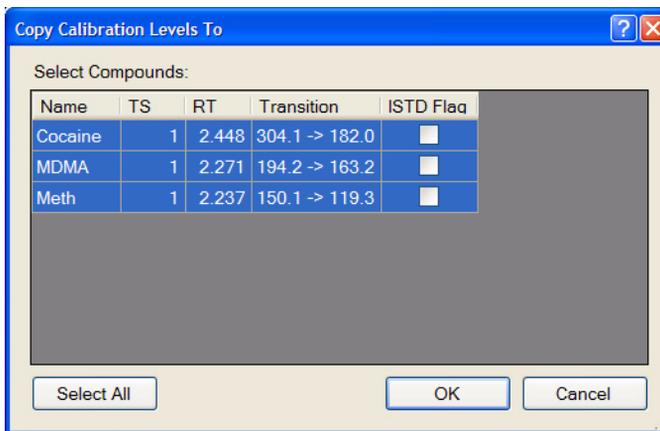
Figure 4 Creating five calibration levels for first compound

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>d Click Create Levels.</p> <p>e Compare the newly created calibration levels with Dilution High Concentration and Dilution Pattern.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After you create the calibration table for amphetamine, you tell the program to copy this table to the other target compounds in step 2.



- 2** Copy the calibration levels and concentrations to the other compounds.
- Close the Compound Information window.
 - Compare the calibration setup for the four compounds.

- a** Click **Method > Copy Calibration Levels To...**
The system displays the Copy Calibration Levels dialog box.
- b** Click **Select All**, and then click **OK**.



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Task 4. Set up quantitation

Steps

Detailed Instructions

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- c Close the **Compound Information** window and the Sample Information window in the lower half of the Quantitative Data Analysis main view.
- d Browse the Method Table to compare the calibration concentration setup among the four target compounds, Amp, Cocaine, Meth and MDMA

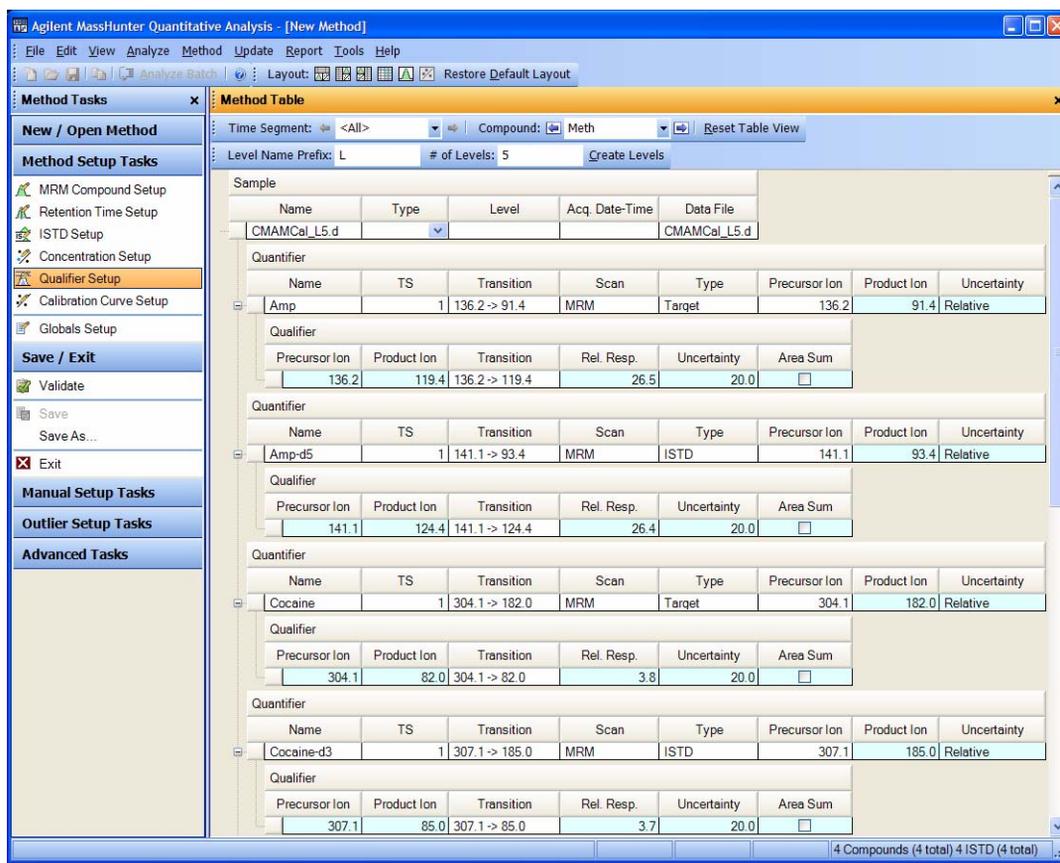
The screenshot displays the Quantifier table in the software, showing three rows of data for different compounds. Each row includes a table for calibration levels. The calibration levels are as follows:

Level	Conc.
L1	2.5000
L2	5.0000
L3	12.500
L4	25.000
L5	125.00

The main table data is summarized below:

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	Dil. High Conc.	Dil. Pattern	Units
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target	125.0000	1:5:2:2:5:2	ng/ml
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target	125.0000	1:5:2:2:5:2	ng/ml
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD			ng/ml
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target	125.0000	1:5:2:2:5:2	ng/ml

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
3 Set up qualifier ions and a calibration curve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Qualifier setup parameters. Change the default curve origin from Linear to Force. 	a click Method Tasks > Qualifier Setup , and inspect the Qualifier setup parameters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system automatically populates the qualifier setup parameters when it imports MRM acquisition information. During method creation, additional MRM transitions besides the quantifier ion for a compound are assigned as qualifier ions.



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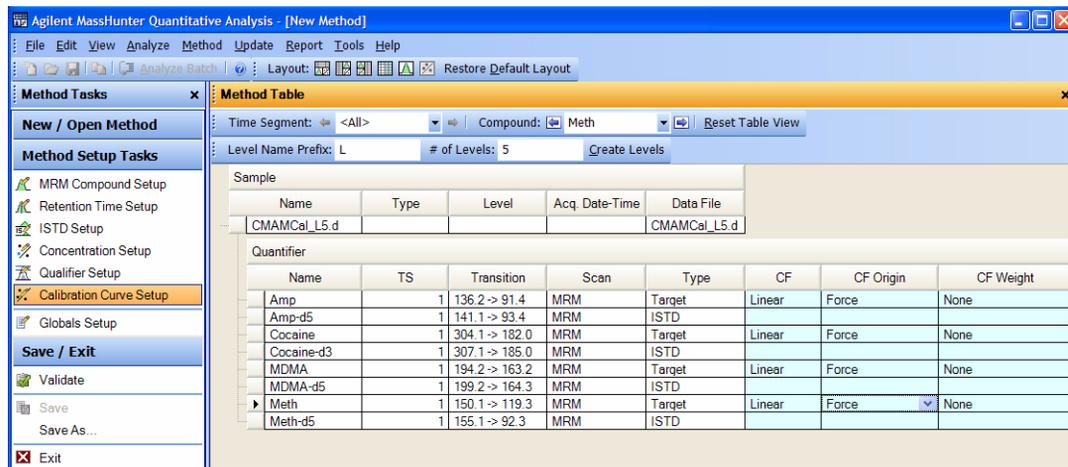
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Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

- b click **Method Tasks > Calibration Curve Setup**,
- c For each target compound change the **CF Origin** to **Force**.



The screenshot shows the 'Method Table' window in Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis. The window title is 'Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis - [New Method]'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Analyze, Method, Update, Report, Tools, and Help. The toolbar shows 'Analyze Batch' and 'Restore Default Layout'. The 'Method Tasks' pane on the left is expanded to 'Calibration Curve Setup'. The 'Method Table' pane shows the following data:

Sample		Quantifier										
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File	Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	CF	CF Origin	CF Weight
CMAMCal_L5.d				CMAMCal_L5.d								
Amp		1			Amp	136.2	91.4	MRM	Target	Linear	Force	None
Amp-d5		1			Amp-d5	141.1	93.4	MRM	ISTD			
Cocaine		1			Cocaine	304.1	182.0	MRM	Target	Linear	Force	None
Cocaine-d3		1			Cocaine-d3	307.1	185.0	MRM	ISTD			
MDMA		1			MDMA	194.2	163.2	MRM	Target	Linear	Force	None
MDMA-d5		1			MDMA-d5	199.2	164.3	MRM	ISTD			
Meth		1			Meth	150.1	119.3	MRM	Target	Linear	Force	None
Meth-d5		1			Meth-d5	155.1	92.3	MRM	ISTD			

Steps**Detailed Instructions****Comments**

4 Validate and save the method.

a Click **Save/Exit > Validate** to validate the method setup.

• You can view any validation errors that do occur at the bottom of the screen.

Method Table

Time Segment: <All> Compound: Meth-d5
 Level Name Prefix: L # of Levels: 5 Create Levels

Sample				
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
CMAMCal_L5.d				CMAMCal_L5.d
Quantifier				
Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type
Amp	1	136.2 -> 91.4	MRM	Target
Amp-d5	1	141.1 -> 93.4	MRM	ISTD
Cocaine	1	304.1 -> 182.0	MRM	Target
Cocaine-d3	1	307.1 -> 185.0	MRM	ISTD
MDMA	1	194.2 -> 163.2	MRM	Target
MDMA-d5	1	199.2 -> 164.3	MRM	ISTD
Meth	1	150.1 -> 119.3	MRM	Target
Meth-d5	1	155.1 -> 92.3	MRM	ISTD

Method Error List

Category	Message
	Method validated. No errors or warnings found.

b After the validation message appears, click **OK**.

c Click **Save/Exit > Exit**, and click **Yes** to the **Would you like to apply this method to the batch?** prompt.

1 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired MRM data files

Task 5. Analyze and save the batch

Task 5. Analyze and save the batch

In this exercise you automatically quantitate the batch and then save the results.

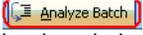
Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

1 Analyze the batch, and inspect the results for each compound.

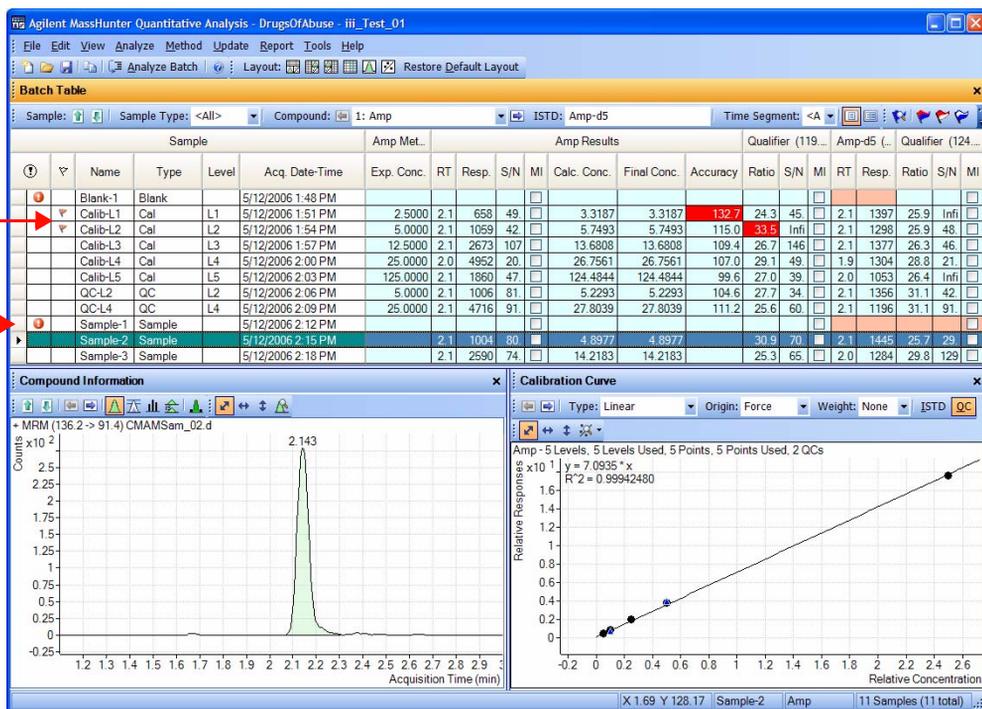
- Examine the Quantitation Message(s), which identify samples with no quantitated signals.
- Examine the outlier flag messages.

- Click the **Analyze Batch** icon  in the toolbar to start batch analysis.
- Pass the mouse cursor over the quantitation message for Sample 1.
- Pass the mouse cursor over the flags for the first 2 calibration standards.

- Note that the program found no data for Amphetamine (Amp) in Sample-1.
- Note that two calibration standards contain outlier data.

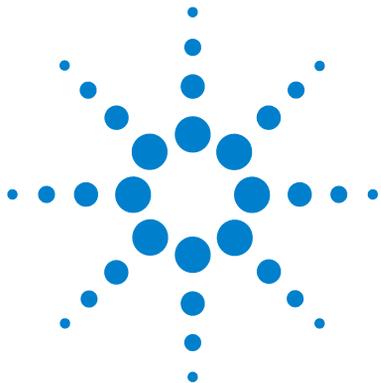
Outlier Flag Messages

Quantitation Message



2 Save the batch.

- Click **File > Save Batch**.
- Click **File > Close** to close the batch.



Exercise 2

Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

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In this exercise you set up a quantitation method for a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files. You carry out the exercise with the **Verapamil** data files on your installation disk and learn how to perform the following tasks:

- Set up a Batch Table containing blank and calibration data files for verapamil.
- Set up a new quantitation method based on the calibration standard of the highest concentration.
- Set up a target compound.
 - View the product ion and chromatographic parameters for the verapamil compound in the data file.
- Set up quantitation for the method.
 - Enter the concentration of the highest concentration calibration standard and the dilution pattern.
 - Set up qualifier ions and the calibration curve.
- Automatically quantitate the batch and save the results.



2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

Each exercise is presented in a table with three columns:

- Steps – Use these general instructions to proceed on your own to explore the program.
- Detailed Instructions – Use these if you need help or prefer to use a step-by-step learning process.
- Comments – Read these to learn tips and additional information about each step in the exercise.

Before you begin...

Make sure that you have copied the **Verapamil-targeted** folder from the **Data** folder of the installation disk to a folder on your system.

Task 1. Set up a new batch

In this task you set up a Batch Table containing data files for calibration samples of verapamil. Many of the tasks in this section are similar to the tasks in Exercise 1.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Create a new batch to hold samples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select all of the data files from the Verapamil folder. Name the batch file, iii_test_02, where "iii" are your initials. 	<p>a To start the Quantitative Analysis program, click the Quantitative Analysis (Q-TOF) icon on your Desktop.  When you first use the program, the default layout appears, as shown in Figure 5 below.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can also access the program by clicking Programs > Agilent > MassHunter Workstation > Quantitative Analysis (Q-TOF) from the Start menu.

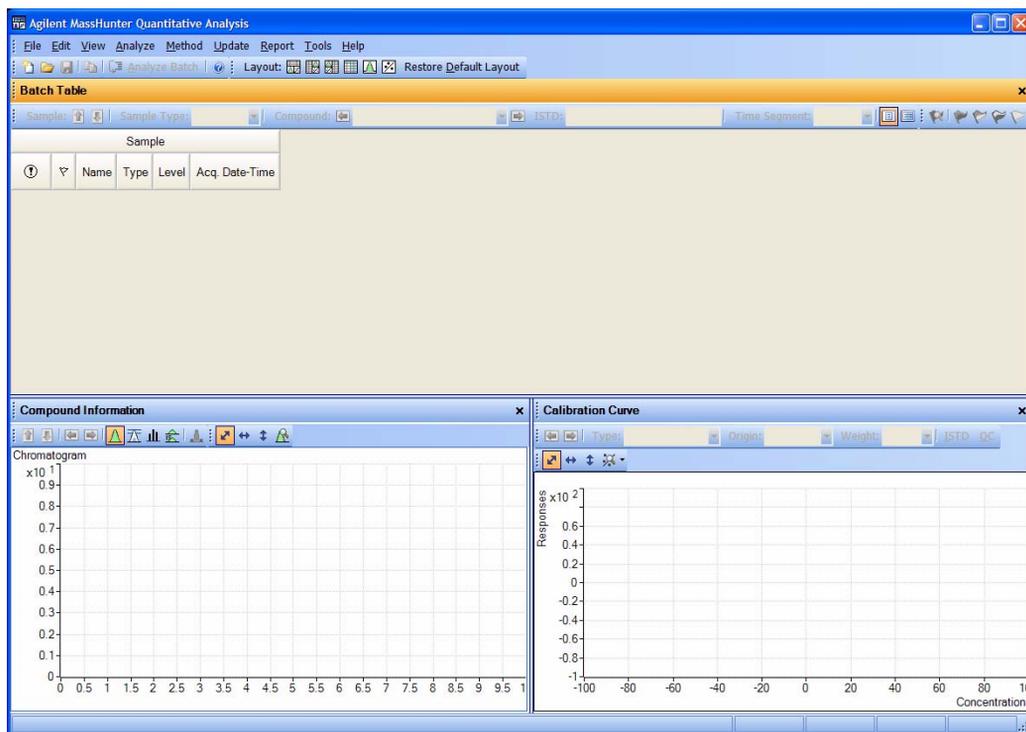
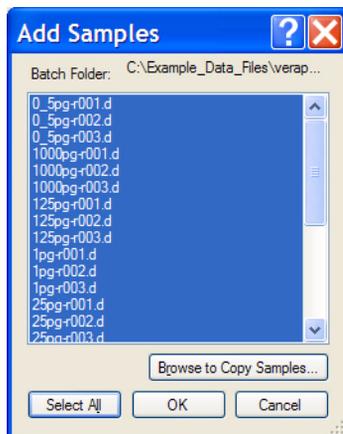


Figure 5 Default layout

2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

Task 1. Set up a new batch

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>b Click File > New Batch. The system opens the New Batch dialog box.</p> <p>c Navigate to the folder \ <i>Your Directory</i> \ Verapamil \.</p> <p>d Type the batch filename <i>iii_Test_01</i> and click Open.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the default layout is not present, click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar before creating a new batch. Restore Default Layout
<p>2 Add all the samples in the Verapamil folder to the batch.</p>	<p>a Click File > Add Samples: The system displays the Add Sample dialog box.</p> <p>b Click Select All to select all samples, and then click OK to add them to the batch.</p> <p>The Batch Table is no longer empty. It now contains the calibration and blank samples. See Figure 6 on the next page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note that five of the files are blanks and the other files are all calibration files at different calibration levels.



Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

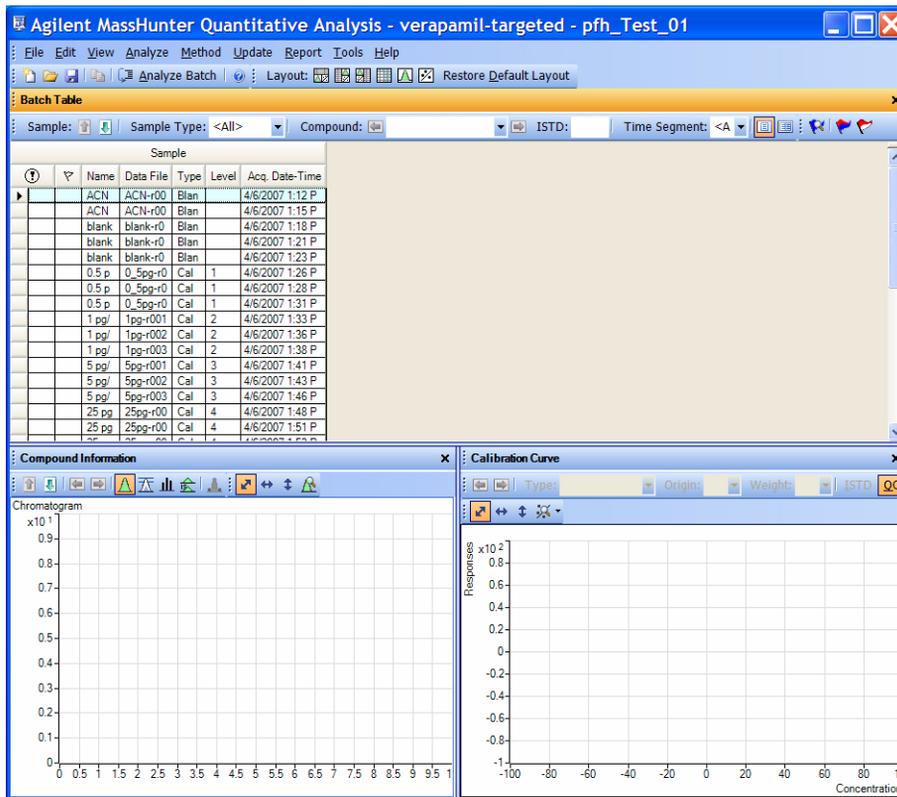


Figure 6 Batch table containing Verapamil samples before quantitation

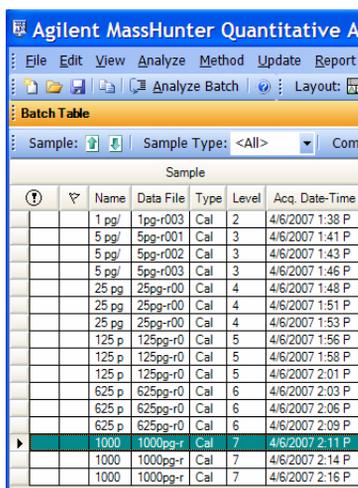
2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

This task shows you how to set up a new quantitation method based on the calibration data file with the highest concentration of sample.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1 Create a new method from acquired MRM data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the calibration data file with the highest signal.	a Use the mouse cursor to highlight the calibration standard that has the highest concentration level, as shown in the figure below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using a sample with strong signals for the compounds, such as a high concentration calibration sample, lets the program create a method with the appropriate retention times and qualifier ratios.



Sample						
	Name	Data File	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	
	1 pg/	1pg-r003	Cal	2	4/6/2007 1:38 P	
	5 pg/	5pg-r001	Cal	3	4/6/2007 1:41 P	
	5 pg/	5pg-r002	Cal	3	4/6/2007 1:43 P	
	5 pg/	5pg-r003	Cal	3	4/6/2007 1:46 P	
	25 pg	25pg-r00	Cal	4	4/6/2007 1:48 P	
	25 pg	25pg-r00	Cal	4	4/6/2007 1:51 P	
	25 pg	25pg-r00	Cal	4	4/6/2007 1:53 P	
	125 p	125pg-r0	Cal	5	4/6/2007 1:56 P	
	125 p	125pg-r0	Cal	5	4/6/2007 1:58 P	
	125 p	125pg-r0	Cal	5	4/6/2007 2:01 P	
	625 p	625pg-r0	Cal	6	4/6/2007 2:03 P	
	625 p	625pg-r0	Cal	6	4/6/2007 2:06 P	
	625 p	625pg-r0	Cal	6	4/6/2007 2:09 P	
	1000	1000pg-r	Cal	7	4/6/2007 2:11 P	
	1000	1000pg-r	Cal	7	4/6/2007 2:14 P	
	1000	1000pg-r	Cal	7	4/6/2007 2:16 P	

- b** Click **Method > Edit** to switch to method editing mode.

The Method Edit Tasks appear in the column to the left of the View, as shown in [Figure 7](#).

- Note that [Figure 7](#) shows the default layout for method editing.
- If the default layout is not present, click **Restore Default Layout** on the toolbar before creating a new method in the next step.

[Restore Default Layout](#)

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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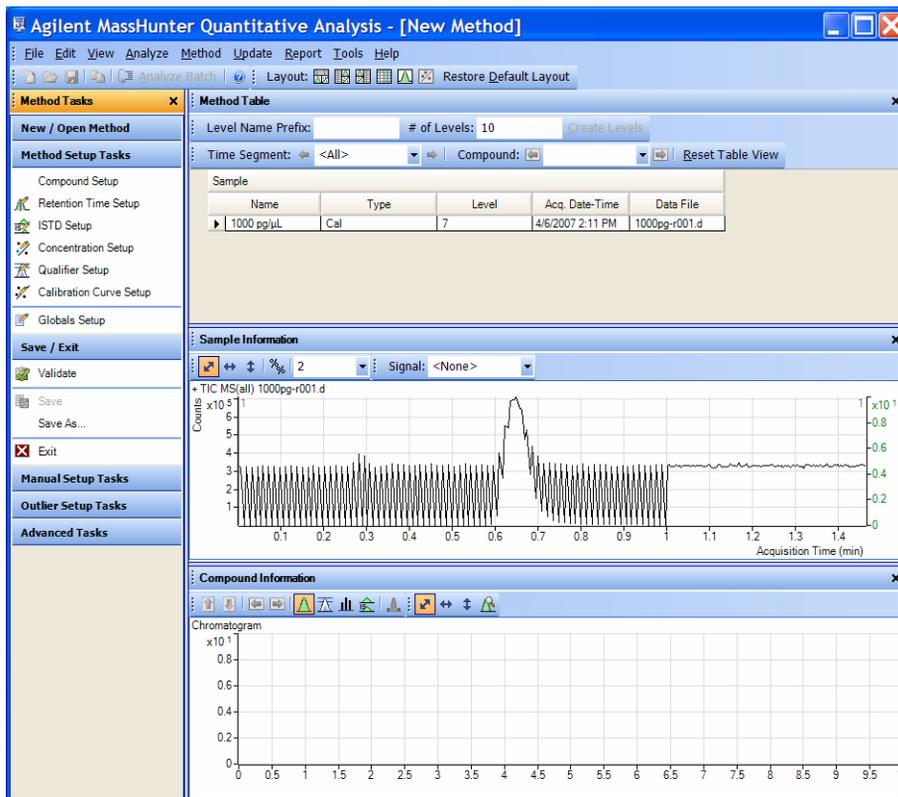


Figure 7 Method Edit mode

2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

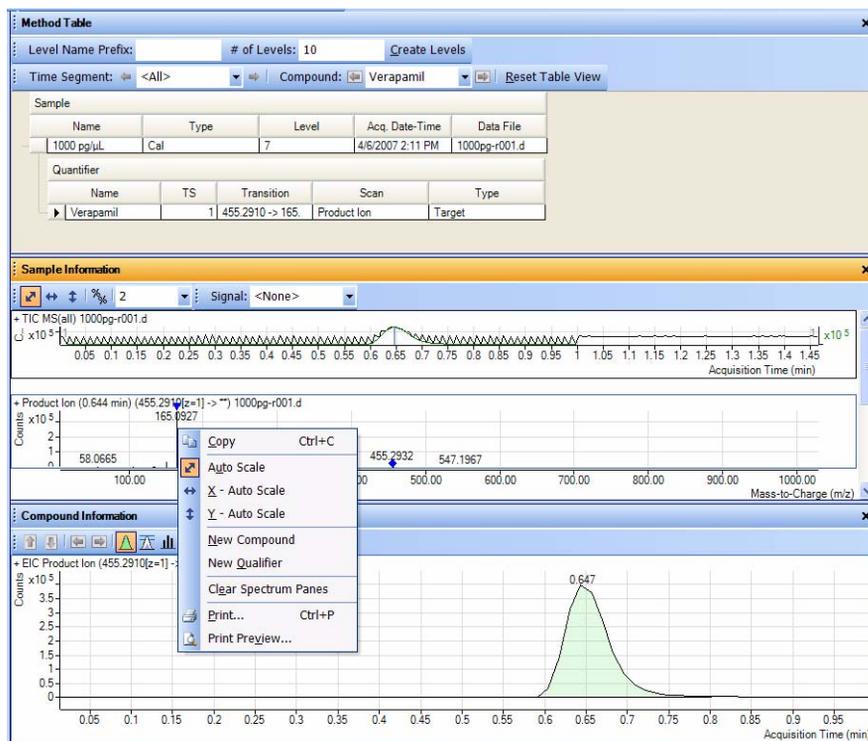
Task 2. Set up a new method for the batch

Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

- c Under Method Tasks in the sidebar to the left of the Method Table, click **New/Open Method > New Method using Manual Setup**.
 - d In the Sample Information window, click the middle of the peak. Right-click and click **Extract Spectrum**.
 - The spectrum "+ Product Ion (0.644 min)(455.2910[z=1] -> **)" is displayed.
 - e Click the largest ion, 165.0927. Right-click that location and click **New Compound**.
 - f Type Verapamil as the **Name** in the Method Table.
- The figure below shows the shortcut menu in the Sample Information window that is used to add a compound to the method.



Task 3. Set up target compounds

With this task you learn to inspect the Product Ions and the RT data for the new quantitation method, which you can change for individual target compounds.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1	<p>Check the new quantitation method created from the Sample Information window for the product ion.</p> <p>a Under Method Tasks in the sidebar to the left of the Method Table, click Method Setup Tasks > Compound Setup.</p>	

Sample				
Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Data File
1000 pg/μL	Cal	7	4/6/2007 2:11 PM	1000pg-r001.d

Quantifier							
Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	Product Ion	Ion Polarity	Criteria
Verapamil	1	455.2910 -> 165.	Product Ion	Target	165.0927	Positive	Greatest Response

2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

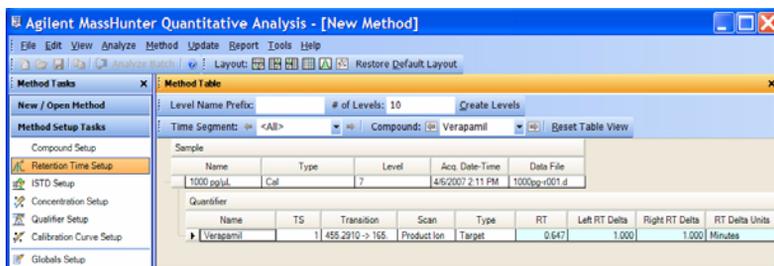
Task 3. Set up target compounds

Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

- b To inspect the retention time set from the spectrum, click **Method Setup Tasks > Retention Time Setup**.
- You can modify data fields in blue for individual compounds.

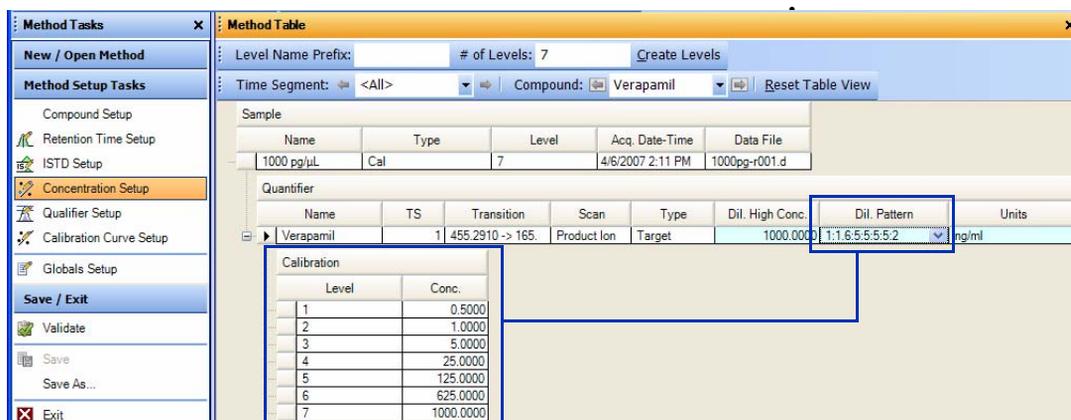


Task 4. Set up quantitation

This task presents instructions for setting up the quantitation parameters for the method.

- Calibration levels
- Qualifier ions
- Calibration curve fit

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Create five calibration levels for each compound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the highest concentration for amphetamine of 125. • Set a Dilution Pattern of 1:5:2:2.5:2 for amphetamine. • Compare the concentrations for the five levels with the Dilution Pattern. 	<p>a Click Method Setup Tasks > Concentration Setup, and type 125 in the Dil. High Conc. column for amphetamine (Amp).</p> <p>b Type 1 : 1 . 6 : 5 : 5 : 5 : 5 : 2 in the Dil. Pattern column for Verapamil.</p> <p>c Make sure Level Name Prefix is empty and # of Levels is 7 in the Serial Dilution toolbar.</p>	
	<p>d Click Create Levels.</p> <p>e Compare the newly created calibration levels with Dilution High Concentration and Dilution Pattern.</p>	



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Task 4. Set up quantitation

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
2 Set up qualifier ions and a calibration curve. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the Qualifier setup parameters.Change the default curve origin from Linear to Force.	<p>a Select the spectrum "+ Product Ion (0.644 min)(455.2910[z=1] -> **) 1000 pg-r001.d" in the Sample Information window.</p> <p>b Click the largest ion, 165.0927. Right-click that location and click New Qualifier.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can select more than one qualifier ion.A blue triangle indicates the selected m/z in the spectrum.

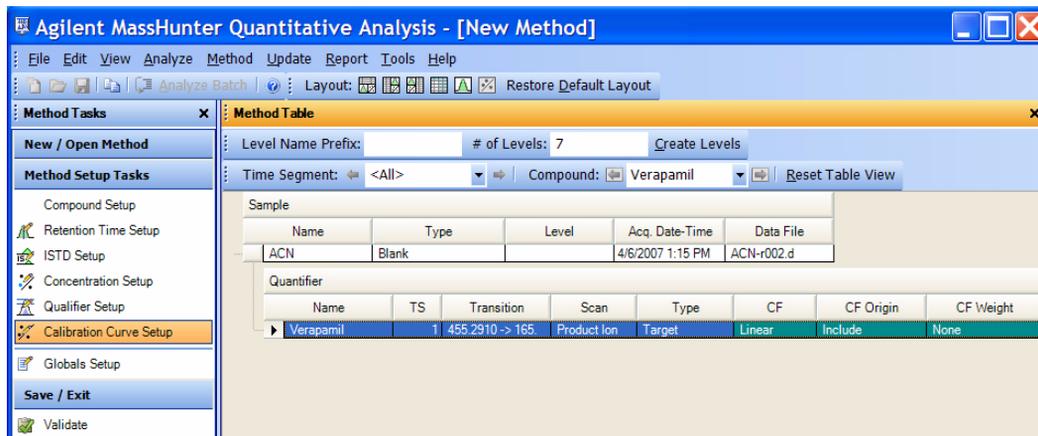
The screenshot displays the Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis software interface. The main window is titled "Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis - [New Method]". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Method Tasks:** A sidebar on the left contains various setup tasks, with "Qualifier Setup" highlighted.
- Method Table:** The top section shows method parameters: Level Name Prefix, # of Levels (7), Time Segment (<All>), Compound (Verapamil), and Sample Information (1000 pg/µL, Cal, Level 7, Acq. Date-Time: 4/6/2007 2:11 PM, Data File: 1000pg-r001.d).
- Qualifier Table:** A table below the Method Table lists the selected qualifier ion:

Name	TS	Transition	Scan	Type	Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Uncertainty
Verapamil	1	455.2910 -> 165	Product Ion	Target	455.2910	165.0927	Relative
- Sample Information:** The bottom section shows a Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) and a Product Ion Spectrum. The TIC plot shows a peak at approximately 0.644 minutes. The Product Ion Spectrum plot shows the base peak at m/z 165.0927.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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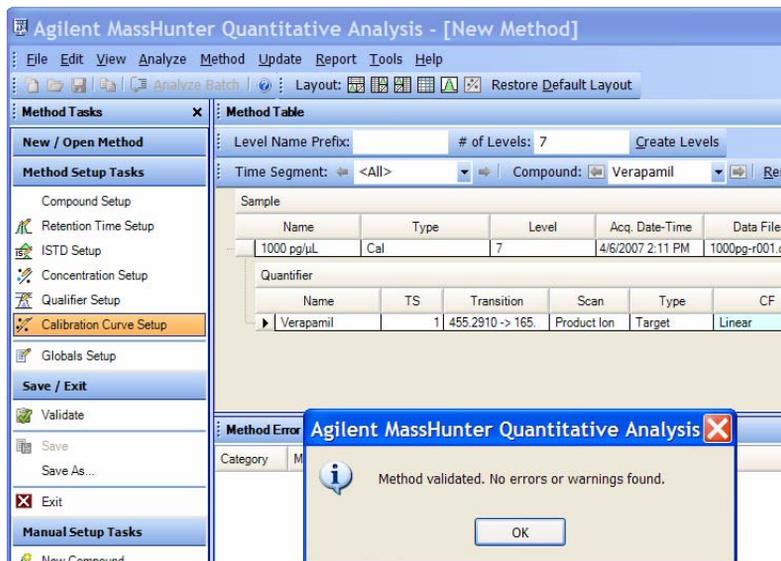
- c Click **Method Tasks > Calibration Curve Setup**,
- d For the Verapamil compound change the **CF Origin** to **Include**.



2 Set up and quantitate a batch of acquired Q-TOF data files

Task 4. Set up quantitation

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
3 Validate and save the method.	a Click Save/Exit > Validate to validate the method setup.	• You can view any validation errors that do occur at the bottom of the screen.



- b After the validation message appears, click **OK**.
- c Click **Save/Exit > Exit**, and click **Yes** to the **Would you like to apply this method to the batch?** prompt.

Task 5. Analyze and save the batch

In this exercise you automatically quantitate the batch and then save the results.

Steps

Detailed Instructions

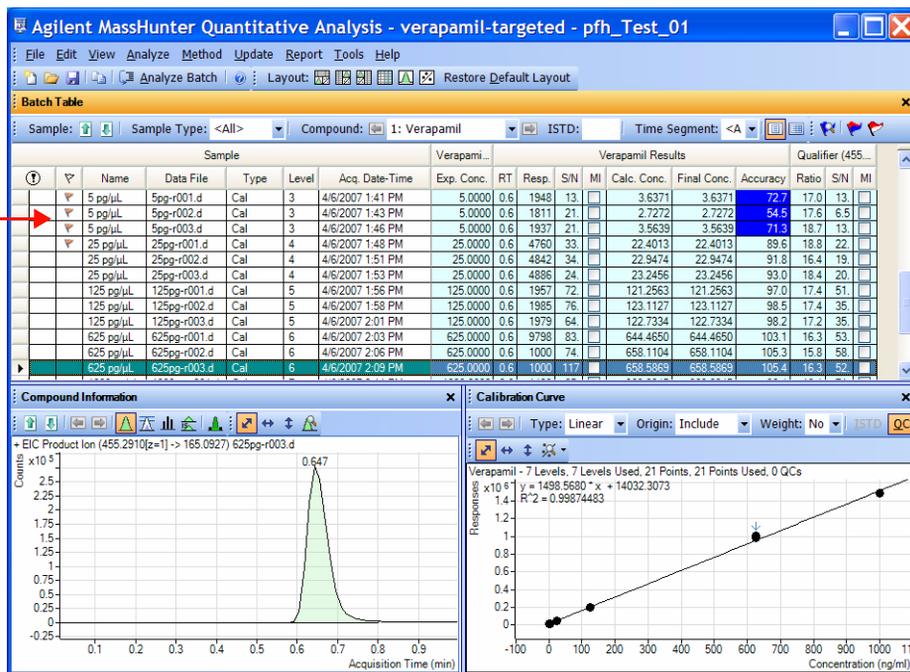
Comments

- Analyze the batch, and inspect the results for each compound.
 - Examine the Quantitation Message(s), which identify samples with no quantitated signals.
 - Examine the outlier flag messages.

- Click the **Analyze Batch** icon  in the toolbar to start batch analysis.
- Pass the mouse cursor over the quantitation message for Sample 1.
- Pass the mouse cursor over the flags for the first 2 calibration standards.

- Note that the program found no data for Amphetamine (Amp) in Sample-1.
- Note that two calibration standards contain outlier data.

Outlier Flag Messages

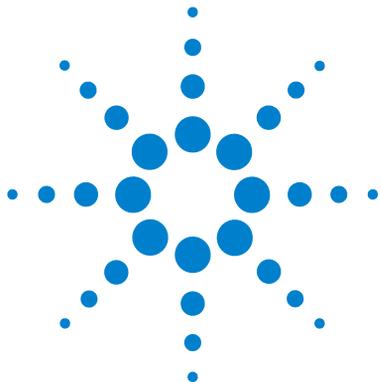


- Save the batch.

- Click **File > Save Batch**.
- Click **File > Close Batch** to close the batch.

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Task 5. Analyze and save the batch



Exercise 3

Review quantitation results

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The tasks in this exercise show you how to inspect the sample and compound data in a batch file, customize result layouts, export your data to Microsoft Excel, and preview and print the data.

The DrugsOfAbuse batch is used in this exercise. The same tasks can be performed with Triple Quad data files, Q-TOF data files and TOF data files.

Each exercise is presented in a table with three columns:

- Steps – Use these general instructions to proceed on your own to explore the program.
- Detailed Instructions – Use these if you need help or prefer to use a step-by-step learning process.
- Comments – Read these to learn tips and additional information about each step in the exercise.



3 Review quantitation results

Task 1. Navigate the Batch Table results

Task 1. Navigate the Batch Table results

This task shows you how to scroll through your samples and compounds, observing changes in the Batch Table and Compound Information data. It also shows you how to display various sample types.

Steps

Detailed Instructions

Comments

1 Open the batch file

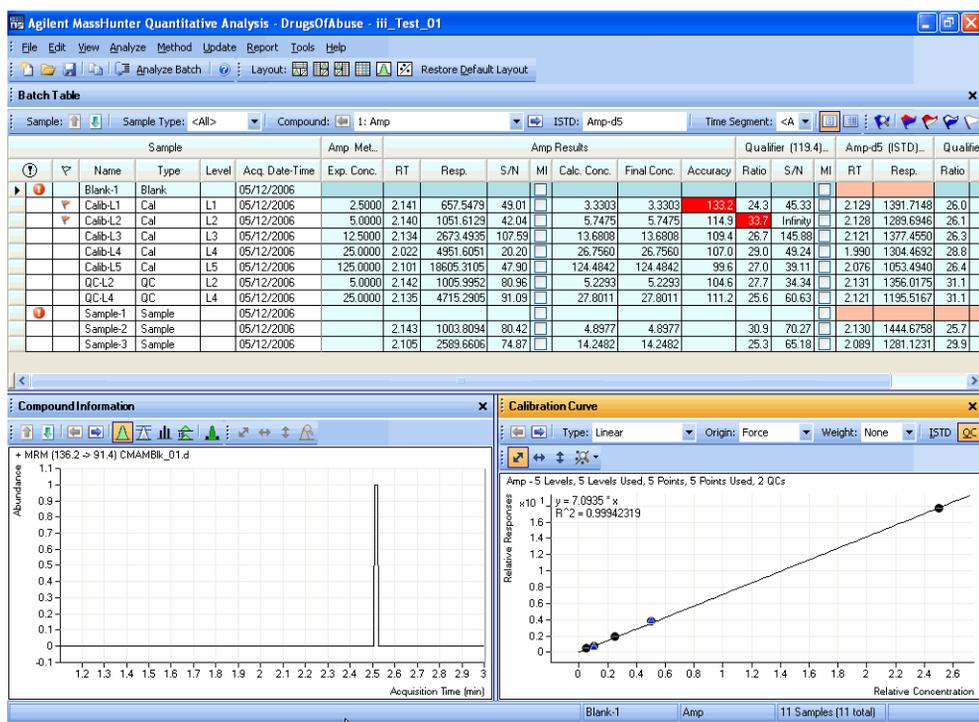
iii_Test_01.batch.xml, created in Exercise 2.

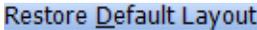
a To start the Quantitative Analysis program, click the **Quantitative Analysis** icon on your Desktop .

b Click **Open Batch**  on the toolbar to display the Open Batch dialog box.

c Navigate to *\Your Directory\DrugsOfAbuse* and click *iii_Test_01.batch.xml*.

• The main View that appears should look like the one below. This is the default layout and contains the default column settings.

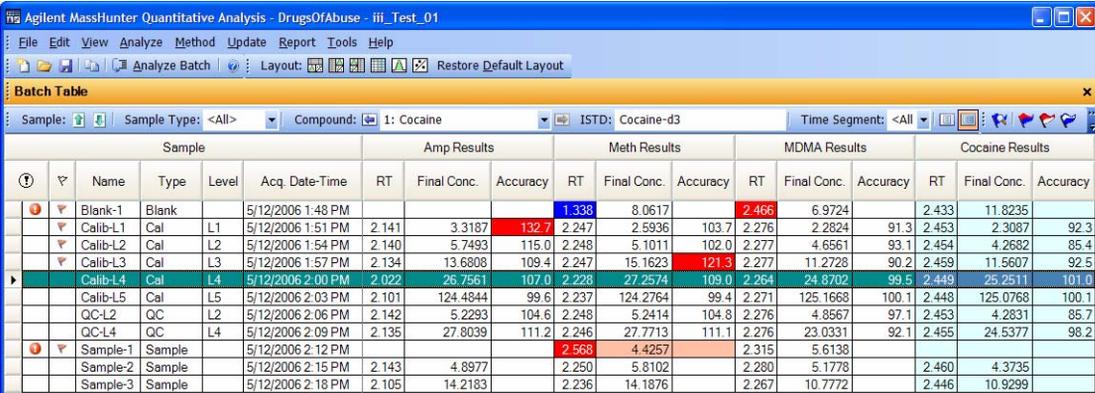


Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>2 (optional) If you see a different layout than the one in the figure on the previous page...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If fewer than three windows are present in the main View, or they are in a different arrangement, restore the default layout. If the column settings are different than those you see in the figure above, restore the default column settings. If panes other than the Chromatogram pane are present in the Compound Information window, hide the other panes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To restore the default layout, click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar before scrolling from sample to sample.  To restore the default column settings, right-click anywhere in the Batch Table window and click Restore Default Columns. To hide extra panes, click the highlighted icons other than the Show/Hide Chromatogram icon  in the Compound Information toolbar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The default layout is set at the factory and cannot be changed. If you want to create your own layout, see “Task 2. Change result window layouts” on page 49.
<p>3 Scroll from sample to sample until you reach the end of the Batch Table, and then return to Cal-L5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Next Sample and Previous Sample arrows on the toolbar . Note the changes in the Batch Table and Compound Information of amphetamine for each sample. Select sample Calib L4 in the Batch Table to view the Batch Table and Compound Information changes. 	<p>a Click the Next Sample arrow  in the Batch Table Standard toolbar until the system displays the desired sample. Inspect the changes in the Compound Information window.</p> <p>b To return to Cal-L5, click the Previous Sample icon  in the Batch Table Standard toolbar.</p> <p>c Select any cell in the row for sample Calib_L4 in the Batch Table window to view the changes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the linkage between the highlighted data file in the Batch Table and the chromatogram in the Compound Information window.

3 Review quantitation results

Task 1. Navigate the Batch Table results

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>4 Scroll from compound to compound through all four compounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the Next Compound and Previous Compound arrows on the toolbar. 	<p>a Click the Next Compound or Previous compound arrow in the toolbar until the system displays the desired compound.</p> <p>b Inspect the changes in Batch Table, Compound Information and Calibration Curve windows.</p> <p>c Click the down arrow next to the Compound list.</p> <p>d Click Cocaine.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the differences in the Batch Table, Compound Information and Calibration Curve windows between the compounds.Select Cocaine from the list.		

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>5 Examine results for multiple compounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View the RT for each compound for the Cal-L4 sample. • After reviewing the results for all the compounds, return to viewing the cocaine results. 	<p>a Click the Multiple Compound View icon in the toolbar to display the quantitation results for all target compounds. You can also the View > Batch Table Layout > Multiple Compound View menu item.</p> <p>b Click the Cal-L4 cell, and note the difference in RT in the Compound Information window for each compound.</p>	<p>A different set of columns is displayed when you are in Multiple Compound View mode versus Single Compound View mode. If you add a column to the table when you are Multiple Compound View mode, that change is not automatically made in the Single Compound View mode.</p>
		
	<p>c To return to the display of detailed quantitation results for the selected target compound, click the Single Compound Display icon in the toolbar.</p> <p>d If necessary, click the down arrow next to the Compound list, and click Cocaine.</p>	

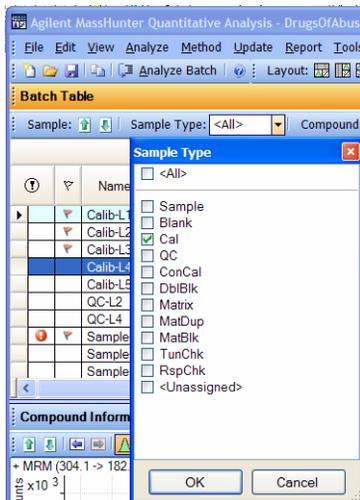
3 Review quantitation results

Task 1. Navigate the Batch Table results

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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- 6 View selected Sample Types.
- Display only the Calibration standards.
 - Then display all Sample Types.

- a Click the down arrow in the **Sample Type** dropdown list. The Sample Type dialog box is displayed.
- b Clear the **<All>** check box and mark the **Cal** check box.



- c Click **OK**.
The Batch Table should contain only the Cal standards for cocaine.
- d Click the down arrow in the **Sample Type** dropdown list.
- e Click **<All>**, then click **OK**.
The system marks all the check boxes and displays all sample types.

Task 2. Change result window layouts

This task shows you how to customize your layout using the toolbar icons and how to recreate the default layout.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Use layout icons on the toolbar to position the Batch Table, Compound Information and Calibration Curve windows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The default layout is called Table Top because the Batch table is at the top of the main view. Change the layout to Table Left, then to Table Right. Return to the Table Top layout. 	<p>a Click the Layout – Table Left icon in the toolbar .</p> <p>b Click the Layout – Table Right icon in the toolbar .</p> <p>c Click the Layout – Table Top icon .</p>	
<p>2 Use layout icons on the toolbar to maximize each individual window:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Compound Information Calibration Curve Return to the default layout. 	<p>a Click the Maximize Table icon in the toolbar .</p> <p>b Click the Maximize Compound Information icon in the toolbar .</p> <p>c Click the Maximize Calibration Curve icon in the toolbar .</p> <p>d To return to the default layout, click the Restore Default Layout icon on the toolbar.</p>	
<p>3 Change the panes in the Compound Information window for Cal-L4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show qualifiers. Show spectra. Show ISTD chromatogram, qualifiers and spectra. 	<p>a In the Batch Table, select the Cal-L4 row.</p> <p>a In the Compound Information toolbar, click the Show/Hide Qualifiers icon .</p> <p>b Click the Show/Hide Spectrum icon .</p> <p>c Click the Show/Hide ISTD icon . The layout and results look like those in the figure on the next page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This step assumes that you started this task with just the Chromatogram pane in the Compound Information window. Changing the layout changes only the position and visibility of the six panes. The panes in the Compound Information window are not affected by changing the layout.

3 Review quantitation results

Task 2. Change result window layouts

Steps

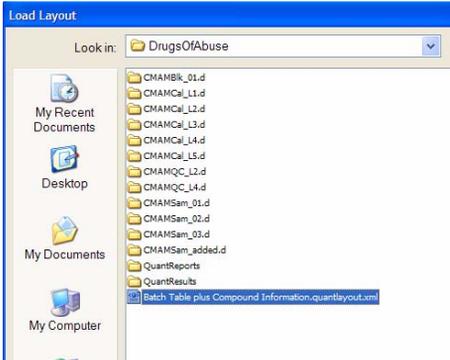
Detailed Instructions

Comments

The screenshot displays the Agilent MassHunter Quantitative Analysis interface. The main window shows a **Batch Table** with columns for Sample Name, Type, Level, Acq. Date-Time, Exp. Conc., RT, Resp., S/N, MI, Calc. Conc., Final Conc., Accuracy, Ratio, S/N, MI, RT, Resp., Ratio, S/N, MI. The table lists various calibration standards (Calib-L1 to Calib-L5) and samples (Sample-1 to Sample-3) for Cocaine-d3. Below the table, two windows are open: **Compound Information** showing MRM peaks for Cocaine-d3 (e.g., 304.1 to 182.0, 307.1 to 185.0) and **Calibration Curve** showing a linear relationship between Relative Responses and Relative Concentration for Cocaine-d3 with the equation $y = 5.5508 \cdot x$ and $R^2 = 0.99985846$.

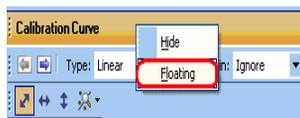
- 4 Save the default layout without the calibration curve.
 - Save the new layout as **Batch Table plus Compound Information** in the **DrugsOfAbuse** folder.

- a Close the **Calibration Curve** window.
- b Click **View > Window Layout > Save Layout**.
The system displays the Save Layout File dialog box.
- c Name the layout file **Batch Table plus Compound Information**, and click **Save**.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>5 Load the newly created layout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore the default layout. • Load the layout Batch Table plus Compound Information. 	<p>a Click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar.</p> <p>b Click View > Window Layout > Load Layout. The system displays the Load Layout dialog box.</p>	
		
	<p>c Click Batch Table plus Compound Information and click Open. The results window should now look like Figure 8 on the next page</p>	

Steps **Detailed Instructions** **Comments**

- 6 Create the layout as shown in [Figure 9](#) on page 53, with the calibration curve and compound information windows floating.
- Hint: More than the Batch Table is on the left.
- Restore the default layout (click **Restore Default Layout** on the toolbar).
 - Right-click inside the title bar of the Calibration Curve window, and then mark the **Floating** check box.



- Right-click the title bar of the Compound Information window, and then mark the **Floating** check box.
- Resize the windows to match the layout in [Figure 9](#).

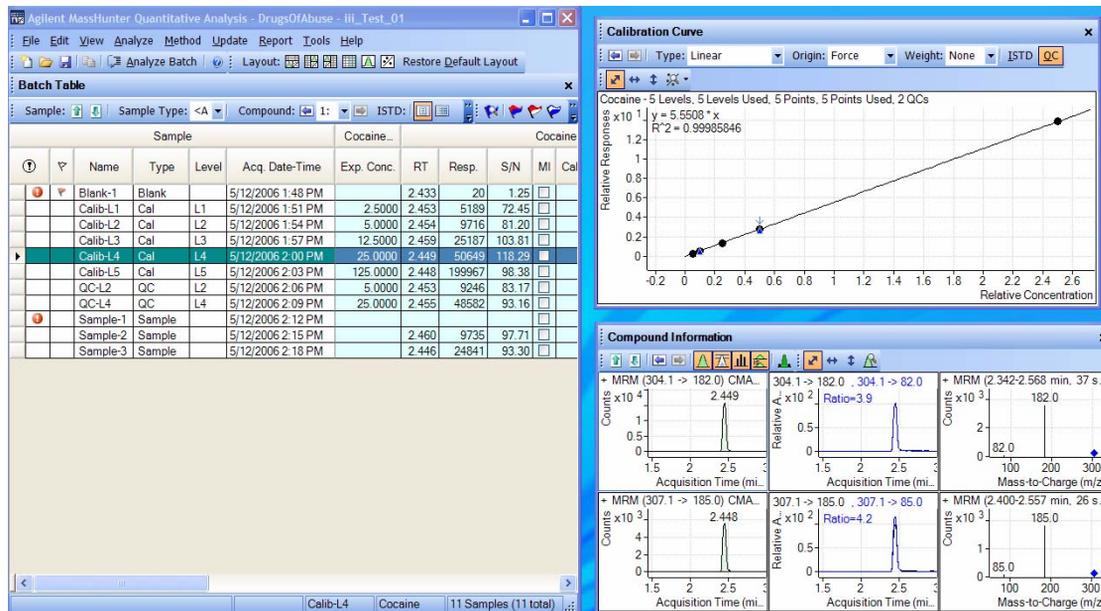


Figure 9 Display with Calibration Curve and Compound Information windows floating

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>g Right-click inside the title bar of the Calibration Curve window, and clear the Floating check box.</p> <p>h Move the Compound Information window so that the layout corresponds to the one pictured at the start of the task.</p>	
<p>7 Recreate (do not restore) the default layout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this step you learn to recreate layouts without using the layout icons or Restore Default Layout. 	<p>a Maximize the program main View.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must anchor the Calibration Curve window first, and then the Compound Information window, to recreate the default layout. • If after anchoring the two windows, the Calibration Curve is on the left side, you can right-click the title bar of the Calibration Curve window and drag it to the right. A gray rectangle is drawn that shows where this window will be placed within the main view. Drag the Calibration Curve to the bottom right corner of the main view.

3 Review quantitation results

Task 3. Export and print results

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This exercise shows you how to export your data to a Microsoft Excel file and how to preview and print your Batch Table and Compound Information data.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1	<p>Export the batch file iii_Test_01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify My Documents as the destination directory. Use iii_Test_01.xls as the export file name, where "iii" are your initials. 	<p>a To make the Batch Table window active, click the title bar of the Batch Table window.</p> <p>b Click File > Export > Export Table.</p> <p>c Select My Documents as the destination directory.</p> <p>d Type iii_Test_01.xls as the export file name.</p> <p>e Click Save.</p>

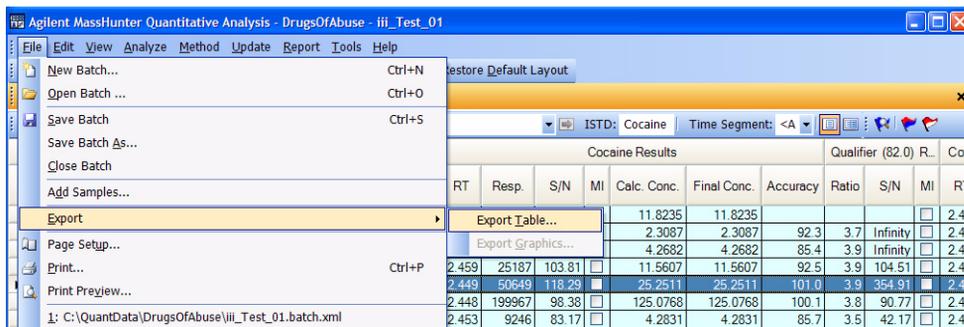
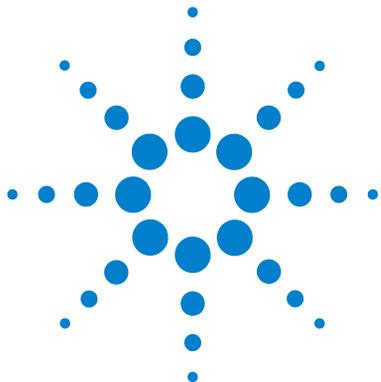


Figure 11 Export results

2	<p>View the batch results as they appear in Excel; then exit Excel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note what is exported and what is not. 	<p>a Start Microsoft Excel.</p> <p>b Open My Documents \ iii_Test_01.xls.</p> <p>c Note what is exported and what is not.</p> <p>d Close Excel when you are finished.</p>
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Exercise 4

Use three new tools to evaluate results

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In this exercise you use three new tools to help you evaluate and obtain more accurate quantitation results:

- Curvefit Assistant, which calculates all combinations of curves and presents results with an equation and confidence band
- Parameter-less integrator so you don't have to figure out the parameters to change to improve the integration
- Outlier messages to help you easily detect result values that are out of the specified range

The DrugsOfAbuse batch is used in this exercise. The same tasks can be performed with Triple Quad data files, Q-TOF data files and TOF data files.

Each exercise is presented in a table with three columns:

- Steps – Use these general instructions to proceed on your own to explore the program.
- Detailed Instructions – Use these if you need help or prefer to use a step-by-step learning process.
- Comments – Read these to learn tips and additional information about each step in the exercise.



4 Use three new tools to evaluate results

Task 1. Adjust the calibration curve fit

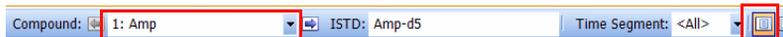
Task 1. Adjust the calibration curve fit

This task shows you how to find the accuracy outlier for a compound, adjust its curve fit and re-analyze the batch.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 If necessary, open the batch file <i>iii_Test_01.batch.xml</i>.</p> <p>If the batch is already open, skip to step 2.</p>	<p>a To start the Quantitative Analysis program, click the Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) icon  on your Desktop.</p> <p>b Click Open Batch  on the toolbar to display the Open Batch dialog box.</p> <p>c Navigate to <i>\Your Directory\DrugsOfAbuse</i> and click <i>iii_Test_01.batch.xml</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can also access the program by clicking Programs > Agilent > MassHunter Workstation > Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) from the Start menu. If the default layout is not present, click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar before opening the batch. <p style="text-align: right;">Restore Default Layout</p>

- 2 Find the accuracy outlier for amphetamine, and change the curve fit.
- Set **Origin** to **Ignore**, and **Weight** to **1/y**.

- a** Make sure the Batch Table is set to single compound display mode, and the displayed target compound is Amp. See circled portions of the illustration below.

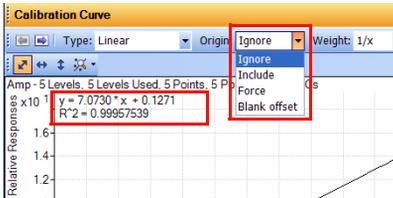
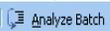
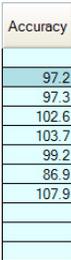


- b** Point to the cell in the Calib-L1 row and the Accuracy column to display the Outlier message as shown below.
- Cells containing outliers can be in red (high) or blue (low).

Batch Table

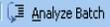
Sample:  Sample Type: <All> Compound: 1: Amp ISTD: Amp-d5 Time Segment: <A

Sample						Amp Met...		Amp Results					
▼	▽	Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Exp. Conc.	RT	Resp.	S/N	MI	Calc. Conc.	Final Conc.	Accuracy
		Blank-1	Blank		5/12/2006 1:48 PM								
		Calib-L1	Cal	L1	5/12/2006 1:51 PM	2.5000	2.141	658	49.10		3.3187	3.3187	132.7
	▼	Outlier(s)											
		Amp: Accuracy value = 132.7 is outside the allowed range [80.0, 120.0]											
		Calib-L4	Cal	L4	5/12/2006 2:00 PM	25.0000	2.022	4952	20.26		26.7561	26.7561	107.0

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>c In the Calibration Curve window, set Origin to Ignore, and Weight to 1/y. The program displays a new curve fit formula and R2 value.</p> 	<p>Curve Fit Origin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Force – Forces the curve fit line to go through the origin point (X=0, Y=0). • Ignore – Does not force the curve fit line to use the origin point (X=0, Y=0). <p>Curve Fit Weight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None – Gives equal weight to all data points. • 1/Y – Applies the formula 1/Y to the data points. This formula reduces the influence of high Y values while boosting the influence of low Y values.
<p>3 Analyze the batch and inspect the results in the Batch Table.</p>	<p>a Click the Analyze Batch icon in the toolbar  to analyze the batch.</p> <p>b Inspect the results in the Batch Table after batch analysis.</p> 	
<p>4 Find accuracy outliers, if any, for other compounds.</p>	<p>a Click Next Compound in the Batch Table toolbar  to view individual compounds, such as Cocaine, MDMA, and Met.</p> <p>b Examine the quantitation results, especially the values in the Accuracy column.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that the Accuracy value for the Calib-L3 standard for methamphetamine is out of the specified range.

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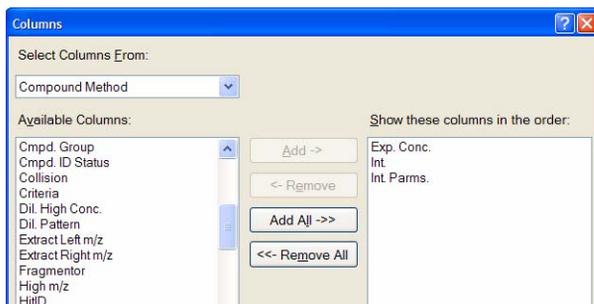
Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
5 Change the curve fit for methamphetamine, and analyze the batch.	<p>a In the Calibration Curve Fit window, set Origin to Ignore, and Weight to 1/y. The Quantitative Analysis program displays a revised curve fit formula and R² value.</p> <p>b Click Analyze Batch in the main toolbar  to analyze the batch. The Batch Table displays the new results after batch analysis</p>	

Task 2. Integrate without parameters

This section shows you how to inspect data for proper integration. You learn how to perform the following tasks.

- Add integration columns to the Batch Table
- View default integration values
- Closely examine the chromatogram, looking for such details as:
 - outlier messages
 - baseline parameters
 - peak labels

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Add integration columns to the Batch Table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the Integrator Type and Integrator Parameters columns from the Compound Method list. • Add the Integrator Metric column to the Batch Table from the Compound Results list. 	<p>a Right-click anywhere in the Batch Table, and click Add/Remove Columns. The system displays the Columns dialog box.</p> <p>b Select Compound Method from the Select Columns From dropdown list.</p> <p>c Select Int. (Integrator Type) and Int. Parm. (Integrator Parameters) from the Available Columns list, and click Add. The Quantitative Analysis program moves the selected columns to the Show these columns in the order list.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This task assumes that the batch, iii_Test_01, is already open. If it is not, see step 1 in Task 1.

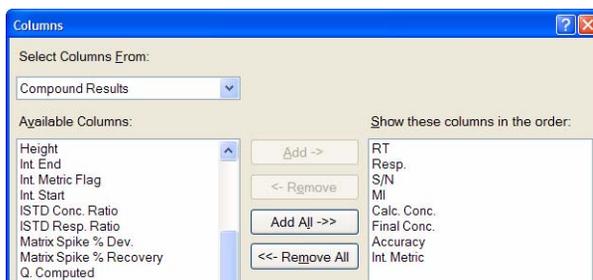


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- d Select **Compound Results** from the **Select Columns From** dropdown list.
- e Select **Int. Metric** (Integrator Metric) from the **Available Columns** list, and click **Add**.
The system moves the selected column to the **Show these columns in the order** list.
- f Click **OK**.



- 2 View the default integration values for amphetamine.
 - View the Int. type and Int. Params. columns
 - View the Int. Metric column.
- a Click **Previous Compound** in the Batch Table toolbar  to view amphetamine (**Amp**).
 - b Examine the default values in the Int. and Int. Params columns in the Batch Table.
- Note that the default integrator used is the MS-MS integrator, which does not need you to enter parameters. That is why the Int. Params column is blank.

Int.	Int. Params.
MS-MS	

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| <p>c Examine the default values in the Int. Metric column in the Batch Table.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These values reflect the default integration quality metric used for the target compound Amp. |
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1: Amp ISTD: Amp-d5 Time Segment: <All>

Amp Method			Amp Results									
Sample	Exp. Conc.	Int.	Int. Params.	RT	Resp.	S/N	MI	Calc. Conc.	Final Conc.	Accuracy	Int. Metric	
	2.5000	MS-MS		2.141	658	49.10	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4296	2.4296	97.2	Accepted	
	5.0000	MS-MS		2.140	1059	42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8673	4.8673	97.3	Accepted	
	12.5000	MS-MS		2.134	2673	107.28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12.8217	12.8217	102.6	Accepted	
	25.0000	MS-MS		2.022	4952	20.26	<input type="checkbox"/>	25.9349	25.9349	103.7	Accepted	
	125.0000	MS-MS		2.101	18605	47.90	<input type="checkbox"/>	123.9465	123.9465	99.2	Accepted	
	5.0000	MS-MS		2.142	1006	81.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.3457	4.3457	86.9	Accepted	
	25.0000	MS-MS		2.135	4716	91.48	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.9858	26.9858	107.9	Accepted	
		MS-MS					<input type="checkbox"/>					
		MS-MS		2.143	1004	80.65	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.0131	4.0131		Accepted	
		MS-MS		2.105	2590	74.97	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.3607	13.3607		Accepted	

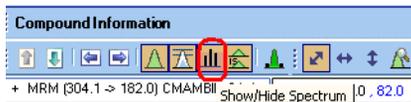
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Task 2. Integrate without parameters

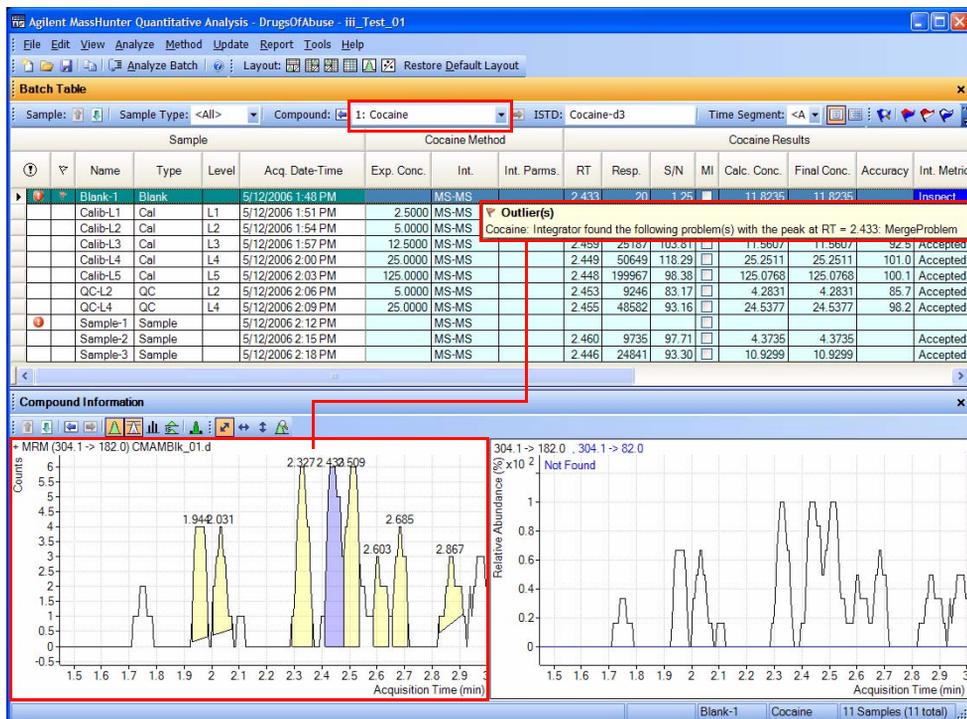
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- 3 View integration problems for cocaine and MDMA.
- Enlarge the chromatogram portion of Compound Information so that only the quantifier and qualifier chromatograms appear.
 - Look for outlier messages at the intersection of the Int. Metric column and the Blank-1 sample.

- Close the Calibration Curve window.
- To enlarge the chromatogram portion on the Compound Information toolbar, click the **Show/Hide Spectrum** icon.



- Also click the **Show/Hide ISTD** icon.
- Click the **Next Compound** icon in the Batch Table toolbar until the system displays the compound **Cocaine**.
- Select the **Blank-1** row, and point to the Int. Metric column for that row. The system displays any outlier message for that data, as well as the integrated chromatogram for cocaine.



Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>f Click the Next Compound icon  in the Batch Table Standard tool bar or the Previous Compound icon  in the Batch Table Standard toolbar until the system displays the compound MDMA.</p> <p>g Select the Blank-1 row, and point to the Int. Metric column. The system displays any outlier message for that data, as well as the integrated chromatogram for MDMA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outlier messages reads “MDMA: Integrator found the following problems with the peak at RT = 2.4664: Interference Problem”. Note that these colors appear for the integration metric: Green - Accepted Blue - Inspect Red - Rejected These colors are also reflected in the peak colors.

- 4** Change the noise algorithm.
- Add the Noise Algorithm column from the Compound Method list.
 - View the values in the Noise Alg. and S/N columns for amphetamine.

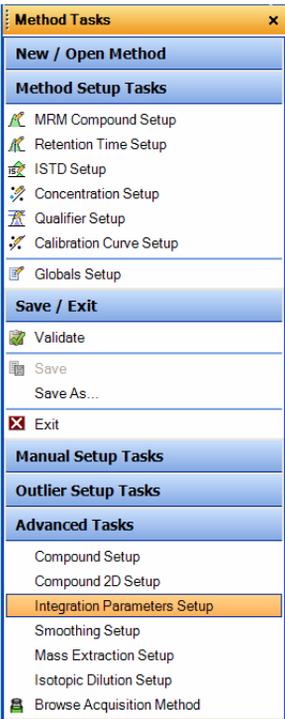
- a** Right-click anywhere in the Batch Table, and click **Add/Remove Columns**. The system displays the Columns dialog box.
- b** Select **Compound Method** from the **Select Columns From** dropdown list.
- c** Select **Noise Alg.** (Noise Algorithm Type) from the **Available Columns** list, and click **Add**. The system moves the selected column to the **Show these columns in the order** list.
- d** Click **OK**.
- e** Click the **Previous Compound** icon in the Batch Table tool bar  until the system displays the compound Amp.
- f** Examine the values in the **Noise Alg.** and **S/N** (signal-to-noise ratio) columns.

: Amp ISTD: Amp-d5 Time Segment: <A

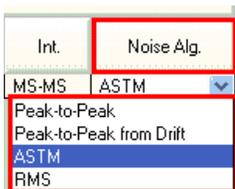
Amp Results										Qualifier (119.4)			Amp
Noise Alg.	RT	Resp.	S/N	MI	Calc. Conc.	Final Conc.	Accuracy	Int. Metric	Ratio	S/N	MI	RT	
RMS													
RMS	2.141	658	49.10		2.4296	2.4296	97.2	Accepted	24.3	45.47		2.12	
RMS	2.140	1059	42.25		4.8673	4.8673	97.3	Accepted	33.5	Infinity		2.12	
RMS	2.134	2673	107.28		12.8217	12.8217	102.6	Accepted	26.7	146.48		2.12	
RMS	2.022	4952	20.26		25.9349	25.9349	103.7	Accepted	29.1	49.40		1.99	
RMS	2.101	18605	47.90		123.9465	123.9465	99.2	Accepted	27.0	39.22		2.07	
RMS	2.142	1006	81.00		4.3457	4.3457	86.9	Accepted	27.7	34.47		2.13	
RMS	2.135	4716	91.48		26.9858	26.9858	107.9	Accepted	25.6	60.79		2.12	
RMS													
RMS	2.143	1004	80.65		4.0131	4.0131		Accepted	30.9	70.54		2.13	
RMS	2.105	2590	74.97		13.3607	13.3607		Accepted	25.3	65.40		2.08	

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Task 2. Integrate without parameters

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
5 Practice changing the noise algorithm from RSM to ASTM for amphetamine in the method. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exit, but don't save, the method.	<p>a Click Method > Edit to switch to method editing mode.</p> <p>b Click Method Tasks > Advanced Tasks > Integrator Parameters Setup. The system displays the integrator parameters in the Method Table.</p> 	
	<p>c Click the Noise Alg. column for Amp in the Method Table. A list of available Noise Algorithms appears.</p> <p>d Click ASTM.</p>	

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- e Click **Method Tasks > Save/Exit > Exit.**
- f Click **No** to the exit prompt **Would you like to apply this method to the batch?**
 The system displays Batch Analysis mode.

- 6 Turn the baseline (highest concentration standard) off and then back on for amphetamine.
 - Make sure that only the Compound Information pane is visible in the window.
 - Compare the two chromatograms: one with the baseline on and the other with it off.

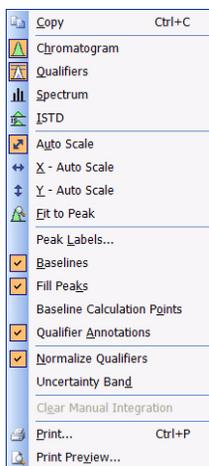
- a Select sample **Calib-L5** (if it is not already selected), and click the **Maximize Compound Information** icon in the toolbar.
 - Notice that the baseline is drawn in for the quantifier chromatogram as the default setting.

Sample					Cocaine Meth			
?	▼	Name	Type	Level	Acq. Date-Time	Exp. Conc.	Int.	Int. F
	!	Blank-1	Blank		5/12/2006 1:48 PM		MS-MS	
		Calib-L1	Cal	L1	5/12/2006 1:51 PM	2.5000	MS-MS	
		Calib-L2	Cal	L2	5/12/2006 1:54 PM	5.0000	MS-MS	
		Calib-L3	Cal	L3	5/12/2006 1:57 PM	12.5000	MS-MS	
		Calib-L4	Cal	L4	5/12/2006 2:00 PM	25.0000	MS-MS	
		Calib-L5	Cal	L5	5/12/2006 2:03 PM	125.0000	MS-MS	
		QC-L2	QC	L2	5/12/2006 2:06 PM	5.0000	MS-MS	

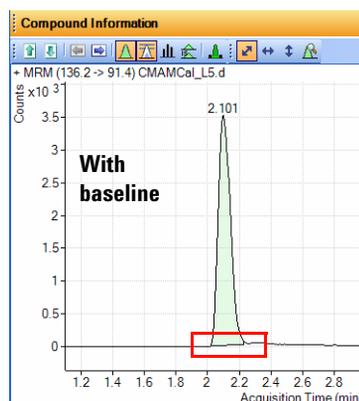
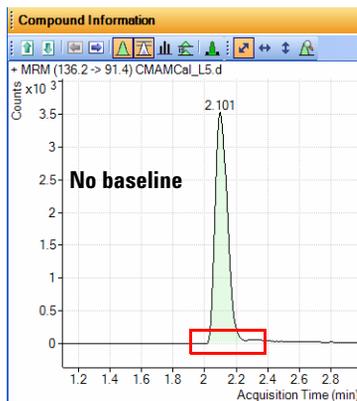
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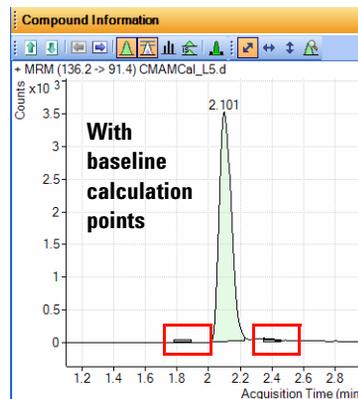
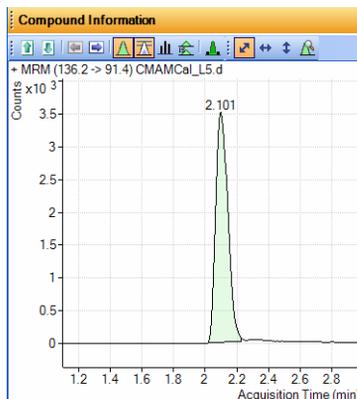
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	<p>b Right-click either of the chromatograms to open the shortcut menu.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice that the baseline disappears after the it in the shortcut menu.



- c** Clear the **Baselines** checkbox in the shortcut menu.
- d** Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and mark the **Baselines** check box in the shortcut menu.
- e** Compare the chromatograms with and without a drawn baseline.



Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
7 Inspect the calculation points for the baseline for amphetamine.	<p>a Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and mark the Baseline Calculation Points check box in the shortcut menu. You can now see where the baseline starts and stops.</p> <p>b Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and clear the Baseline Calculation Points check box in the shortcut menu.</p> <p>c Compare the chromatograms with and without Baseline Calculation Points.</p>	

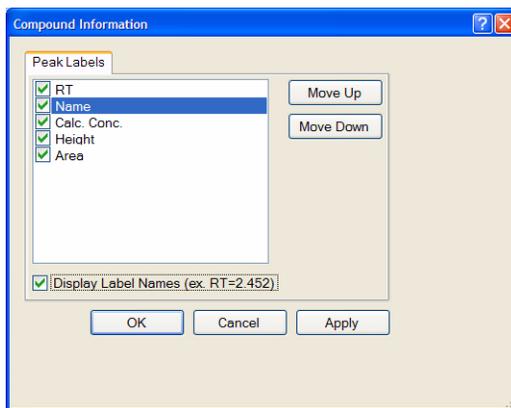


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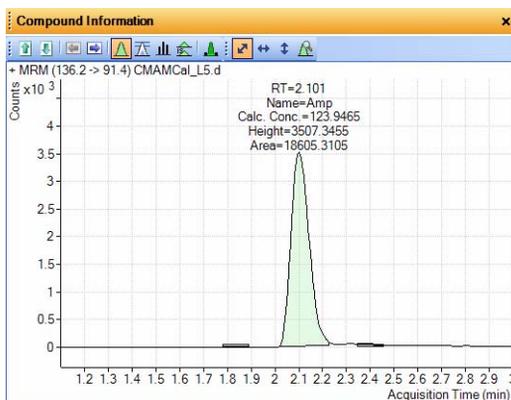
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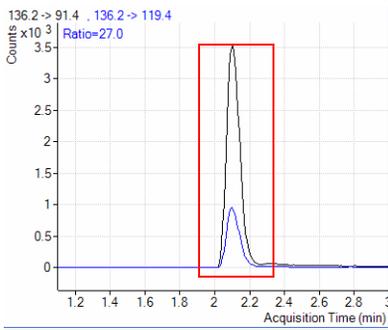
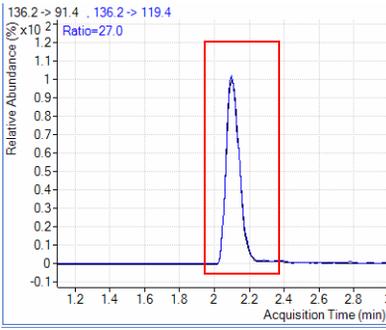
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| <p>8 Display the peak labels for amphetamine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Display those found in the figure on the next page.• Then display the original retention time peak label. | <p>a Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and click Peak Labels from the shortcut menu. The system displays the Compound Information dialog box.</p> <p>b Mark all the Peak Labels check boxes, and the Display Label Names check box, and click OK.</p> | |
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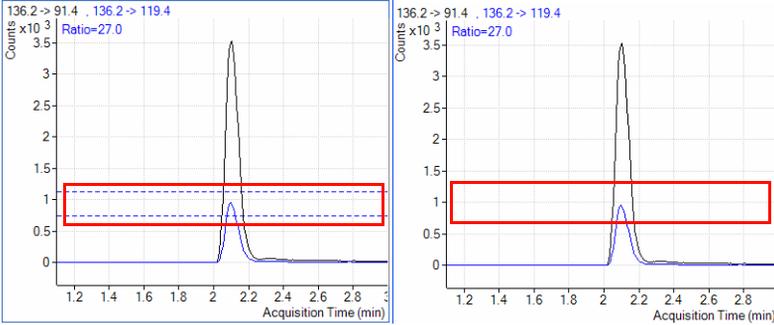
The peak labels should now match those shown in the example below.



Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>c Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and click Peak Labels from the shortcut menu. The system displays the Compound Information dialog box.</p> <p>d Clear all the Peak Labels checkboxes except RT (retention time). Clear the Display Label Names checkbox, and click OK.</p>	
<p>9 Display the qualifier chromatogram before and after normalization.</p>	<p>a Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and mark the Normalize Qualifiers check box in the shortcut menu. The two peaks now converge and appear as one peak.</p> <p>b Right-click in the Compound Information window, and clear the Normalize Qualifiers check box in the shortcut menu.</p> <p>c Compare the qualifier chromatogram with and without normalization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice that the default setting displays the qualifier peak overlaid on the quantifier peak before normalization.
		

4 Use three new tools to evaluate results

Task 2. Integrate without parameters

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
10 View the uncertainty band.	<p>a Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and mark the Uncertainty Band check box in the shortcut menu. The uncertainty band appears in the qualifier chromatogram.</p> <p>b Right-click either of the two chromatograms, and clear the Uncertainty Band checkbox in the shortcut menu.</p> <p>c Compare the qualifier chromatogram with and without Uncertainty Band.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">uncertainty band - a dashed band that shows the upper and lower boundaries for the qualifier abundance
		
11 Remove the Int. and Int. Parm. columns.	<p>a Right-click the Batch Table, and click Add/Remove Columns.</p> <p>b Select Int. and Int. Parm. (Compound Methods) from the right-hand list.</p> <p>c Click Remove, then OK.</p>	

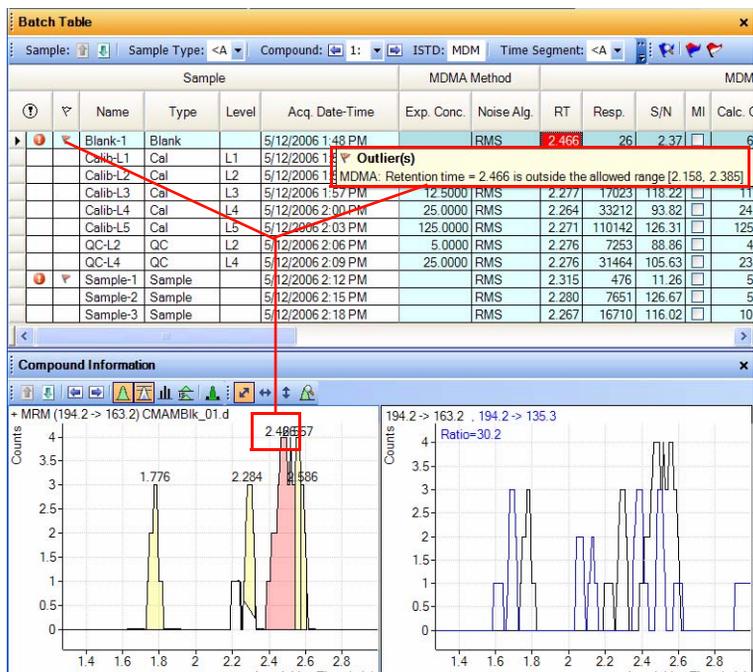
Task 3. Detect outliers

This task shows you how to fine-tune the accuracy range for a compound and hide and show results with outlier flags.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
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1 View outlier information for MDMA.

- Click **Next Compound** in the Batch Table toolbar until the system displays the compound MDMA.
- Select the **Blank-1** row, and point the cursor to the RT column, as shown in the example below.



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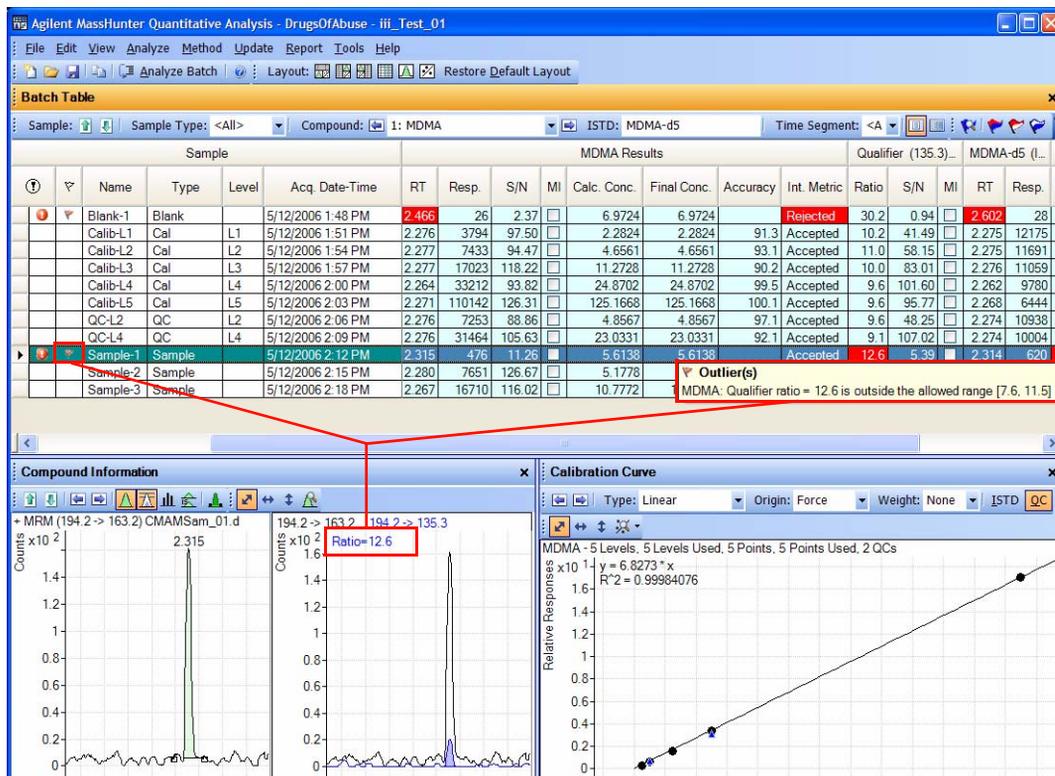
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- c Examine the outlier information in the Qualifier ... Results > Ratio column for Sample 1, as shown in the example below.



- 2 Change the accuracy range for amphetamine in the method, and re-analyze the batch.
- Set the accuracy maximum percent deviation (**Accuracy Max % Dev**): to 5%.

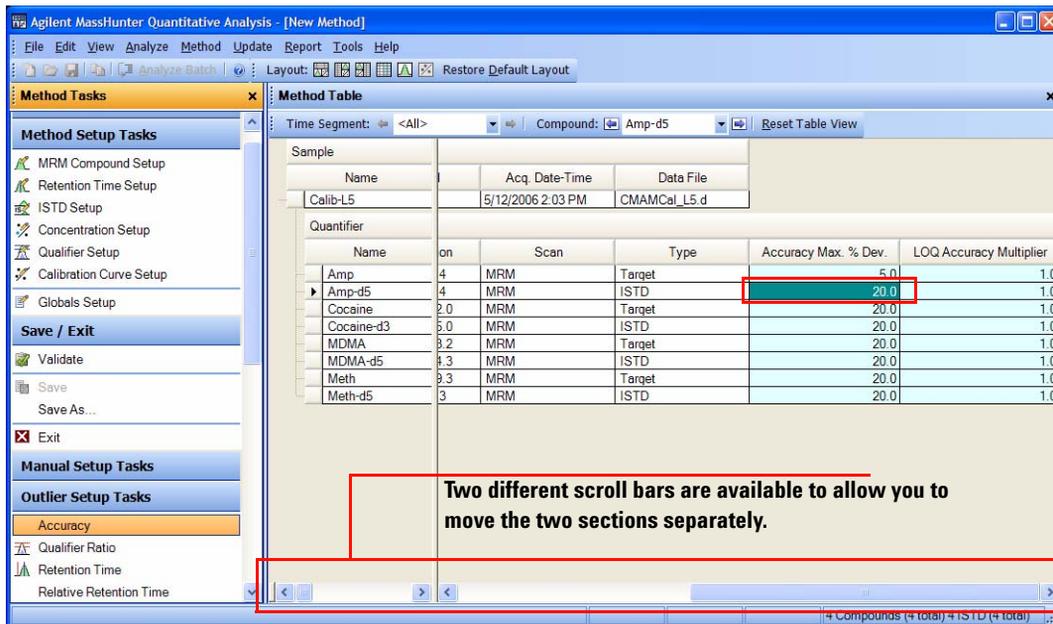
- Click the **Previous Compound** icon in the toolbar  until the system displays the compound **Amp**.
- Select the **Calib-L5** row in the table.
- Click **Method > Edit** to switch to method editing mode.
- Click **Method Tasks > Outlier Setup Tasks > Accuracy**.
- Set the **Accuracy Max % Dev** value to 5% for **Amp**.

You can split the Method Table by dragging the small rectangle to the left of the scroll bar. In the example below, the rectangle next to the bottom scroll bar was used to split the Method Table. The information in the two sections is exactly the same. You can use these two panes to look at two sections of the table at the same time.

Steps

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- f Click **Method Tasks > Save/Exit > Exit**, and click **Yes** in the confirmation prompt, to exit the method and apply the method to the batch.
- g Press F5 to analyze the batch. Red (high) and blue (low) outlier values now appear in the Accuracy column for Amp.

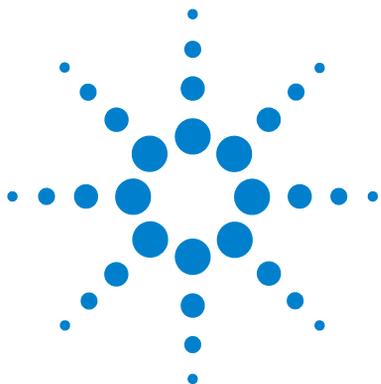
You can also split the Batch Table into two sections. By default, the Sample columns are locked in position and only the other columns are scrolled. If you split the table into two sections, you can determine which columns appear in each section. You need to clear the **Lock Sample Columns** menu item in the Batch Table shortcut menu if you split the Batch Table.

Sample		Results		
Name	Type	Final Conc.	Accuracy	Int. Metr
Blank-1	Blank			
Calib-L1	Cal	2.4296	97.2	Accepte
Calib-L2	Cal	4.8673	97.3	Accepte
Calib-L3	Cal	12.8217	102.6	Accepte
Calib-L4	Cal	25.9349	103.7	Accepte
Calib-L5	Cal	123.9465	99.2	Accepte
QC-L2	QC	4.3457	86.9	Accepte
QC-L4	QC	26.9858	107.9	Accepte
Sample-1	Sample			
Sample-2	Sample	4.0131		Accepte
Sample-3	Sample	13.3607		Accepte

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Task 3. Detect outliers

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>3 Using the following set of outlier flag icons :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for samples with high outliers• Check for samples with both high and low outliers• Display all samples again.• Hide the outlier flags for Accuracy and RT for Amp.• Show these outlier flags again	<p>a Click the Display samples that have High outliers  icon on the toolbar to display only samples with high outliers.</p> <p>b Click the Display samples that have High/Low outliers  icon on the toolbar to display only samples with low outliers.</p> <p>c Click the Display samples that have High/Low outliers  icon again to display all the samples.</p> <p>d Click the Select Outliers  icon to bring up the Outliers dialog box.</p> <p>e Clear the Accuracy and Retention Time check boxes, and click OK.</p> <p>f Click the Select Outliers  icon to bring up the Outliers dialog box.</p> <p>g Mark the Accuracy and Retention Time check boxes, and click OK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note that to restore the Batch Table to view all data files, with and without outliers, simply click again on the icon you selected for filtering outliers.



Exercise 5

Work with quantitation reports

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This exercise helps you learn how to do these tasks:

- Generate reports using specified templates
- Review the reports, looking for outliers
- Customize reports by adding columns and changing the report header

The DrugsOfAbuse batch is used in this exercise. The same tasks can be performed with Triple Quad data files, Q-TOF data files and TOF data files.

Each exercise is presented in a table with three columns:

- Steps – Use these general instructions to proceed on your own to explore the program.
- Detailed Instructions – Use these if you need help or prefer to use a step-by-step learning process.
- Comments – Read these to learn tips and additional information about each step in the exercise.



5 Work with quantitation reports

Task 1. Generate quantitation reports

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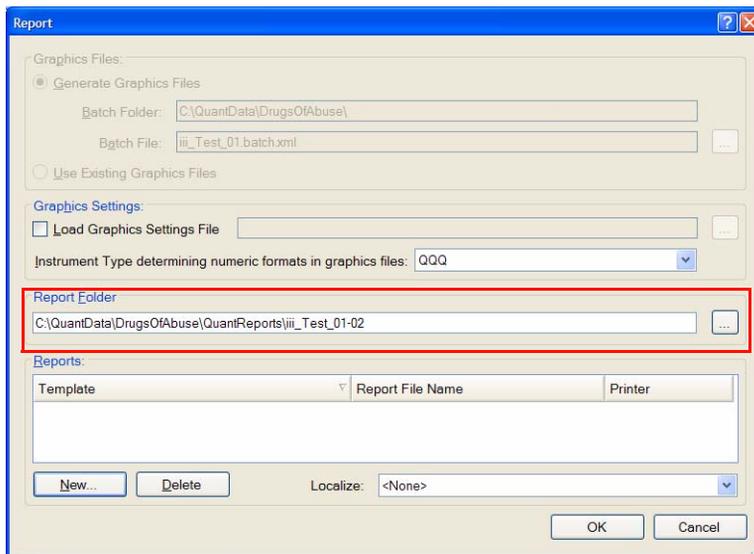
In this task, you generate ISTD and Qualifier Ratio reports using the corresponding templates.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 If necessary, open the batch file <i>iii_Test_01.batch.xml</i>.</p> <p>If the batch is already open, skip to step 2.</p>	<p>a To start the Quantitative Analysis program, click the Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) icon on your Desktop.</p> <p>b Click Open Batch  on the toolbar to display the Open Batch dialog box.</p> <p>c Navigate to \Your Directory\DrugsOfAbuse and click <i>iii_Test_01.batch.xml</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can also access the program by clicking Programs > Agilent > MassHunter Workstation > Quantitative Analysis (QQQ) from the Start menu.If the default layout is not present, click Restore Default Layout on the toolbar before opening the batch. <p>Restore Default Layout</p>
<p>2 Verify the default destination directory for reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The destination directory should be \Your Directory\DrugsofAbuse\QuantReports.The default filename is <i>iii_Test_01</i>, where “<i>iii</i>” are your initials.	<p>a Click Report > Generate. The system displays the Report dialog box.</p> <p>b Specify the default destination directory for saving Excel reports in the Report Folder text box; for example, \Your Directory\DrugsOfAbuse\QuantReports\iii_Test_01.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can also specify the Instrument Type determining numeric formats in graphics files. This value is used to determine how many decimal places to show in the graphics.

Steps

Detailed Instructions

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3 Add an ISTD template.

- Add the template, Quantreport_ISTD_B_01_03.xlt.
- Make sure the report name is *TemplateName.xls*, where *TemplateName* is the exact name of the template.

a Click **New** in the Report dialog box. The system displays the Open dialog box.

b Select **Quantreport_ISTD_B_01_03.xlt** and click **Open**. The program adds the template to the Template field in the Reports pane.

c In the Report File Name field in the Reports pane, verify that the report file name is **QuantReport_ISTD_B_01_03.xls**.

- Note that the **B_01_03** designation corresponds to the Quantitative Analysis software release, which will change over time. Therefore, the default report file name may change correspondingly.

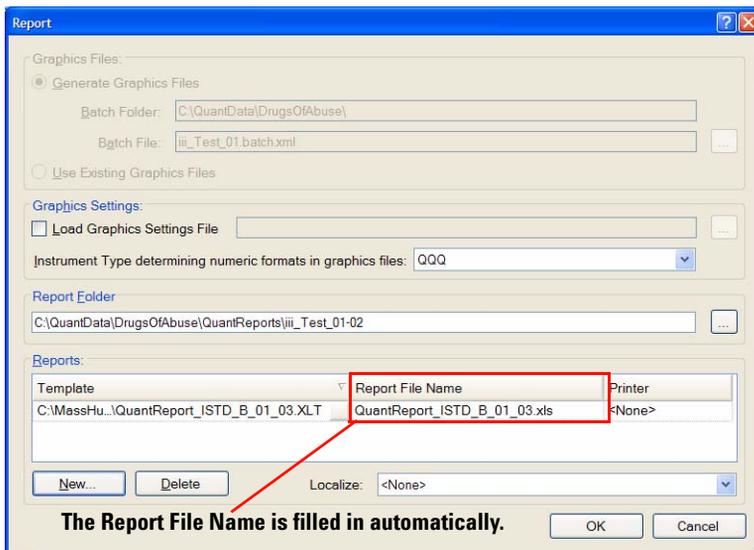
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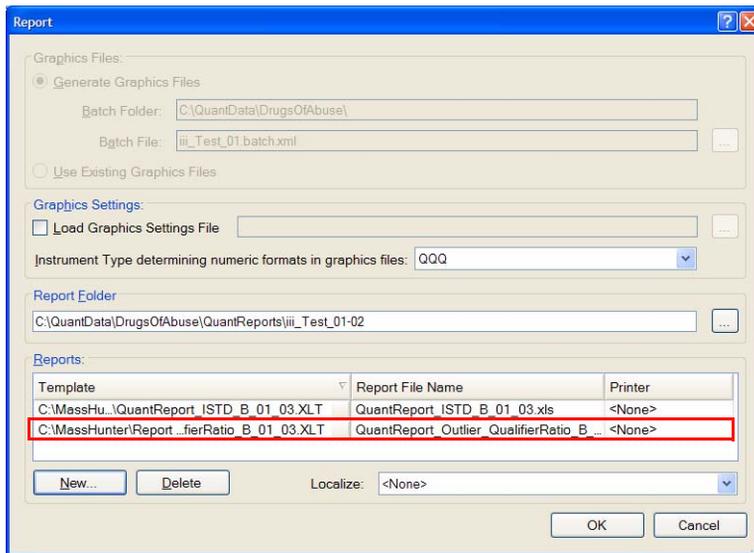
- 4 Add a Qualifier Ratio template.
- Add the template, Quantreport_Outlier_Qualifier_ratio_B_01_03.xlt.
 - Make sure the report name is *TemplateName.xls*, where *TemplateName* is the exact name of the template.

- a Click **New** in the Report dialog box. The system displays the Open dialog box.
- b Switch to the **Outliers** directory.
- c Select **Quantreport_Outlier_Qualifier_ratio_B_01_03.xlt** and click **Open**.
- d In the Report File Name field in the Reports pane, verify that the report file name is **Quantreport_Outlier_Qualifier_Ratio_B_01_03.xls**.

Steps

Detailed Instructions

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- 5 Generate the reports.
 - View the status of the report generation in the Task Queue Viewer.
- a Click **OK** in the Report dialog box to generate the report.
- b Click **Report > Queue Viewer** to monitor the report generation process. The system displays the Task Queue Viewer dialog box.
- c Watch the progress of the report in the Status column.

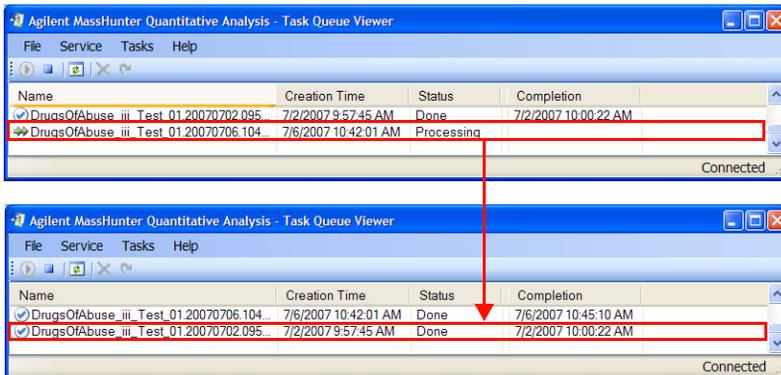
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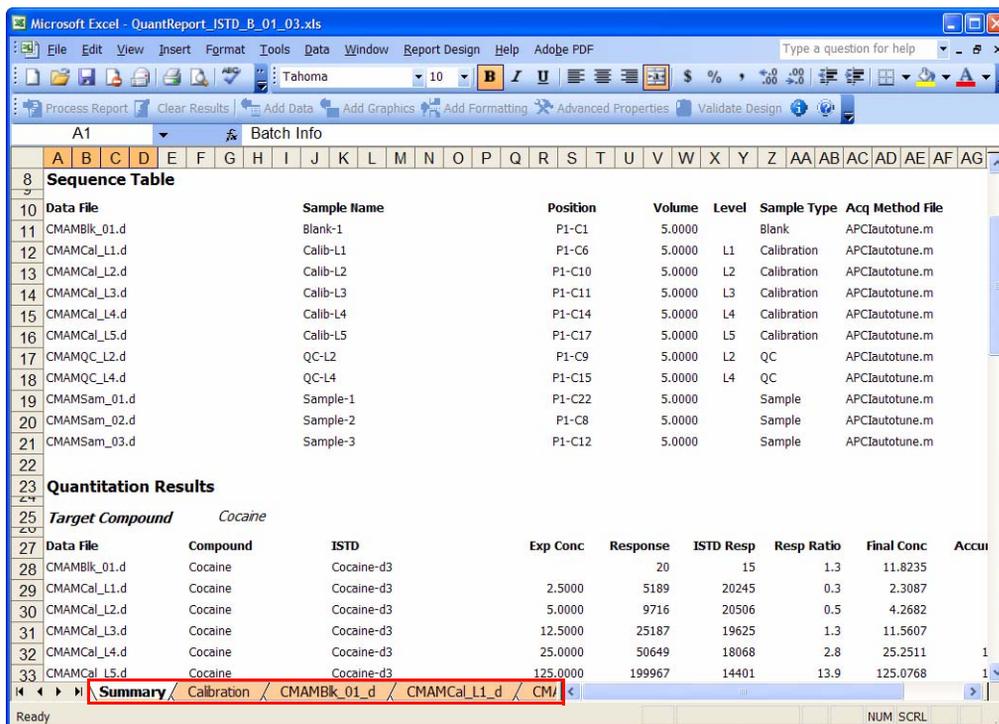


- When the Status column says Done,
the report is finished.
- d** Close the **Task Queue Viewer**.

Task 2. Review the reports

In this task, you review the reports from the last task in Microsoft Excel and look for outliers.

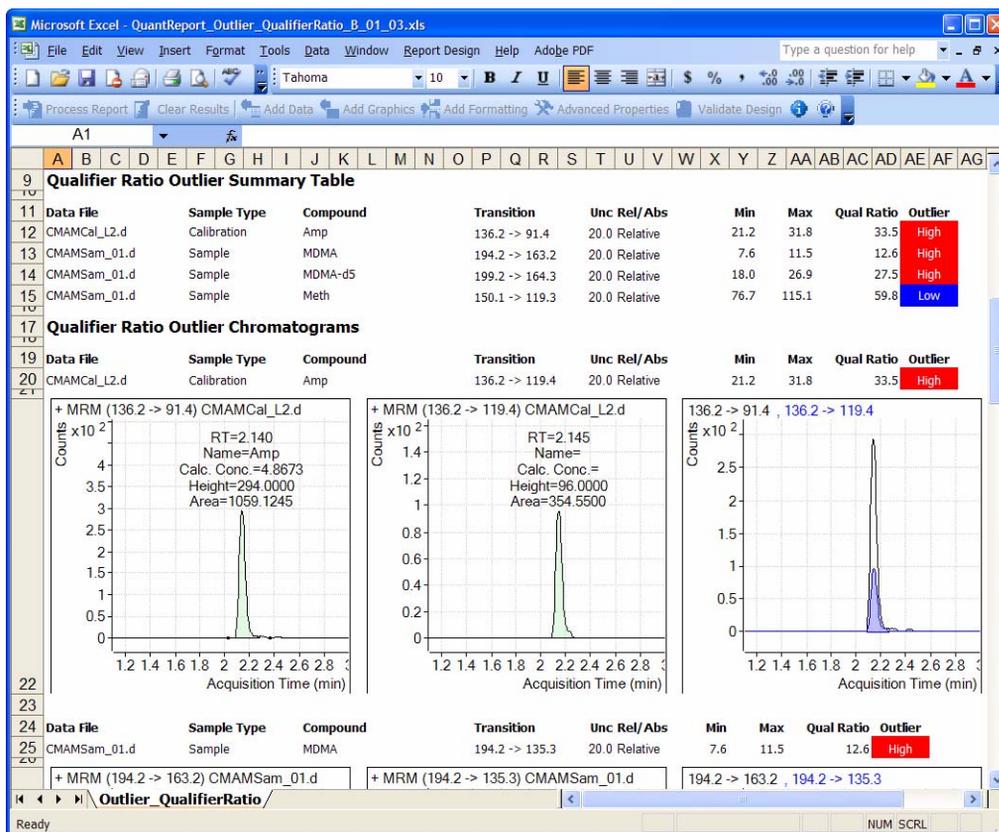
Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
1	<p>Review the ISTD report generated in the previous task to familiarize yourself with its organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View the organization of each worksheet. 	<p>a Go to the directory C:\Your Directory\DrugsOfAbuse\QuantReports\Test_01.</p> <p>b Right-click Quantreport_ISTD_B_01_03.xls, and click Open.</p> <p>c Inspect the contents of each worksheet in the Excel file.</p>



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Task 2. Review the reports

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
2	<p>Review the qualifier ratios in the Qualifier Ratio report, Quantreport_Outlier_Qualifier_ratio_B_01_03.xls.</p> <p>a Go to C:\Quantdata\DrugsOfAbuse\QuantReports\Test_01.</p> <p>b Right-click Quantreport_Outlier_Qualifier_Ratio_B_01_03.xls, and click Open.</p> <p>c Examine the qualifier ratio outliers reported in the Excel file.</p>	Only Qualifier Ratios that are either High or Low are included in the report.

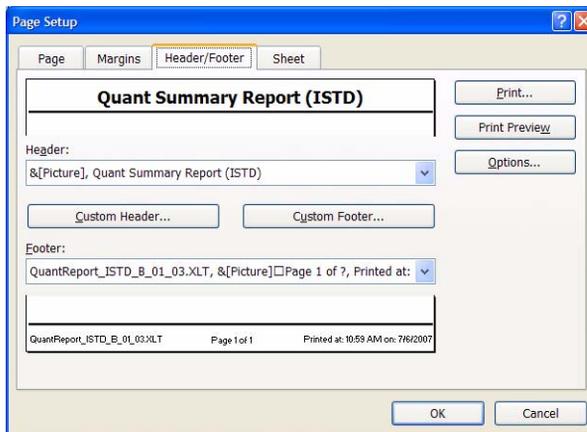


Task 3. Customize a report template

This task shows you how to:

- add a logo to a report header of the ISTD template
- add a column and change the font color
- generate and review the new report based on the customized template

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
<p>1 Modify the ISTD report template header.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Quantreport_ISTD_B_01_03.xlt. • Add the ASMS2006logo.bmp file to the header. • Look at a preview of the report. 	<p>a Go to the folder \Report Templates\Quant.</p> <p>b Right-click Quantreport_ISTD_B_01_03.xlt, and click Open from the shortcut menu.</p> <p>c Click View >Header and Footer in the Excel window. The system displays the Page Setup dialog box.</p> <p>d Click the Header/Footer tab.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must open the Excel file in this way (right-click the file name, and click Open) to access an editable file.
	<p>e Click Custom Header. The system opens the Header dialog box.</p>	



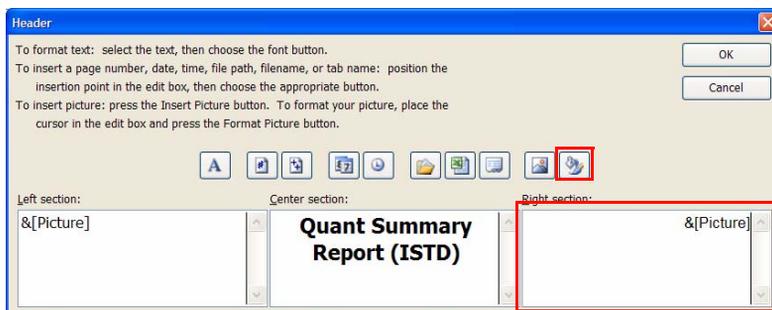
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Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>f Move mouse cursor to the Right section, and click the Insert Picture icon.</p> <p>g If you are asked, click Replace on the message asking whether or not to replace the existing picture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The image Agilent_Logo.tif is in the directory Report Templates\Quant\Logo+Header+Footer.• You can use this image to learn how to include additional graphics in the header.

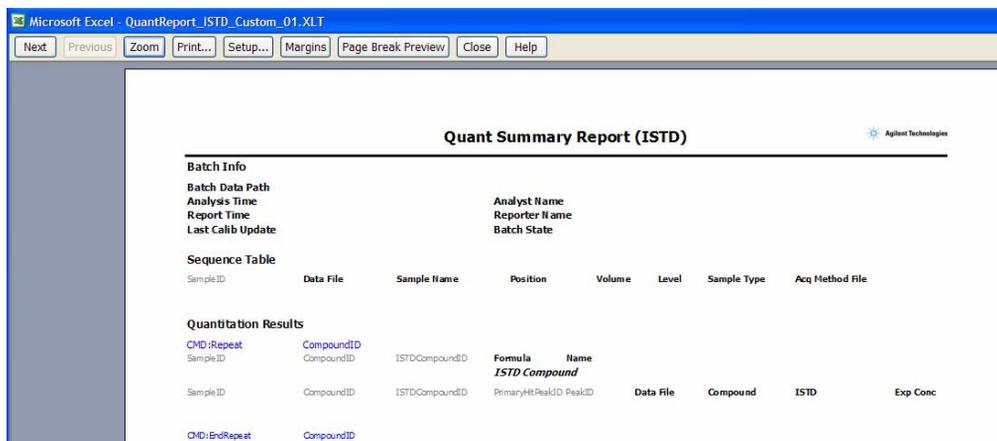


- h** In the Insert Picture dialog box, click **Agilent_Logo.tif** and click **Insert**. You may also need to format the picture by clicking the **Format Picture** icon. In the Agilent templates, the Height is scaled to 80%.



- i** Click **OK** in the Header dialog box.
- j** Click **OK** in the Page Setup dialog box.

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>k Click the Print Preview icon to view the position of the logo on the page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When adding your own company logo, make sure that it is an appropriate size to fit in the header.



- l** Verify the display of the modified header, and click **Close**.
- m** If more than one design tab is part of the report, you need to make the change on each tab. For this report, you need to change the header on the Design-Summary tab, the Design-Calibration tab and the Design-Sample tab.

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Task 3. Customize a report template

Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
2 Add a Dilution column. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use QuantitationDataSet_Map1 to find the Dilution column.Change the font color of this column name to Automatic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Click Data > XML > XML Source. The system displays the XML Source window on the right side of the Excel window.Click on two different columns in the table that you are adding to.Drag the element Dilution from the XML Source window, and drop it in the Sequence Table as shown in the example below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See the Online Help for definitions of each of the Quantitation DataSet_Map1 columns that you can add to the report.You can use any of the XML maps that start QuantitationDataSet_Map.If the cell you dragged the element to displays in red, it is because it is not from the same section of the XML Source map as the table's element.

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First, click on two different fields in the table.

Sample Type Acq Method Dilution

Compound ISTD Exp Conc

Second, drag an item from that same section in the XML Source map to the Excel table.

XML Source

XML maps in this workbook:

QuantitationDataSet_Map1

- ns1:AcqMethodFileName
- ns1:AcqMethodPathName
- ns1:BalanceOverride
- ns1:Barcode
- ns1:Comment
- ns1:Completed
- ns1:DADateTime
- ns1:DAMethodFileName
- ns1:DAMethodPathName
- ns1:DataFileName
- ns1:DataPathName
- ns1:Dilution
- ns1:EquilibrationTime
- ns1:GraphicSampleChromatogram
- ns1:InjectionsPerPosition
- ns1:InjectorVolume
- ns1:InstrumentName
- ns1:InstrumentType
- ns1:ISTDDilution

To map repeating elements, drag the elements from the tree onto the worksheet where you want the data headings to appear.

To import data, use the Import XML Data button on the List toolbar.

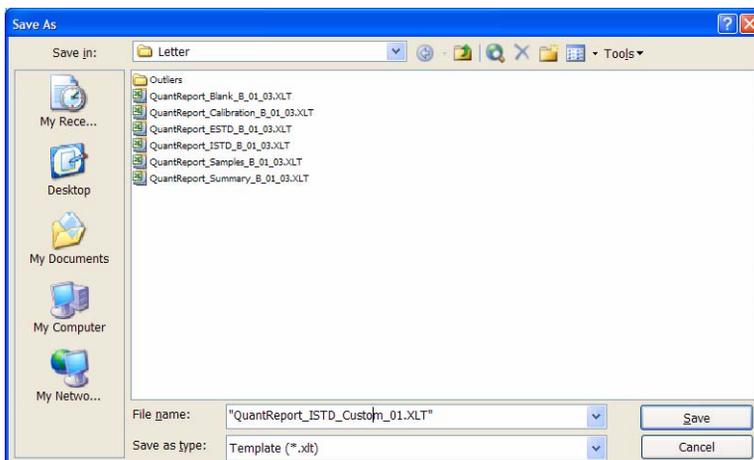
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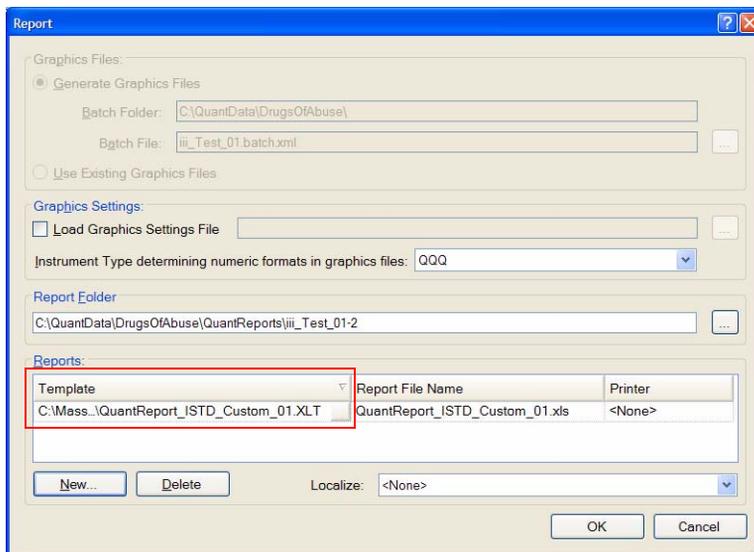
Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
	<p>d Click the new column heading, Dilution.</p> <p>e Click the Font Color button on the toolbar.</p> <p>f Select Automatic from the Color dropdown menu.</p>	
<p>3 Save the new template.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the filename Quantreport_ISTD_custom_01.xlt. • Hint: The filename must be double-quoted. 	<p>a Click File > Save As. The system displays Save As dialog box.</p> <p>b Type the file name Quantreport_ISTD_custom_01.xlt in the File name text box. Make sure the filename is double quoted in the dialog box.</p> <p>c Click Save to close the Save As dialog box and save the modified template.</p>	



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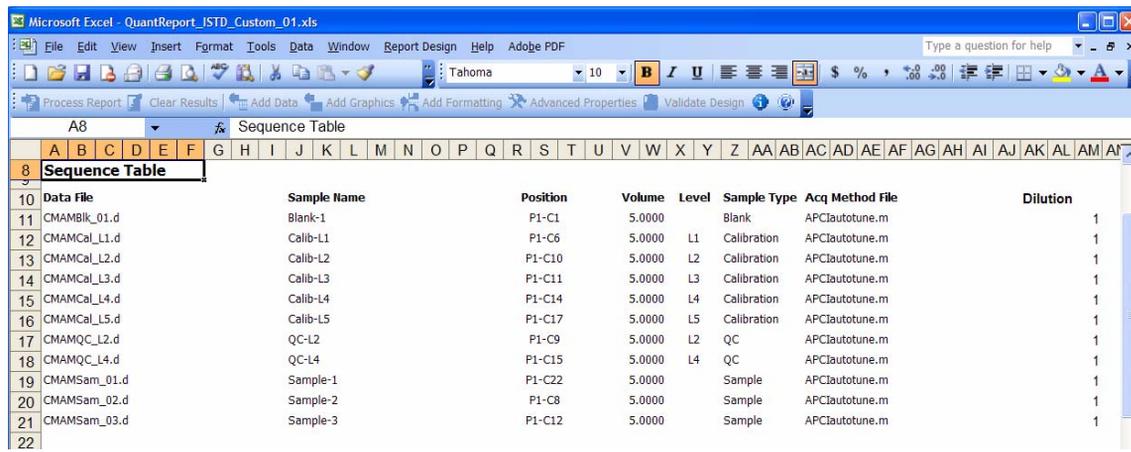
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Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
4 Generate a new ISTD report in the folder, Test_01-1.	<p>a To exit Excel, click File > Exit.</p> <p>b Click Report > Generate. The system opens the Report dialog box.</p> <p>c Change the Report Folder from \ Test_01 to Test_01-1.</p> <p>d Click New.</p> <p>e Select Quantreport_ISTD_Custom_01.xlt, and click Open.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This step assumes that the program is still running. If not, see Task 1, step 1.



- f** Click **OK** in the Report dialog box to begin generating the report.
- g** Click **Report > Queue Viewer** to monitor the progress of report generation.
The system displays the Task Queue Viewer dialog box.

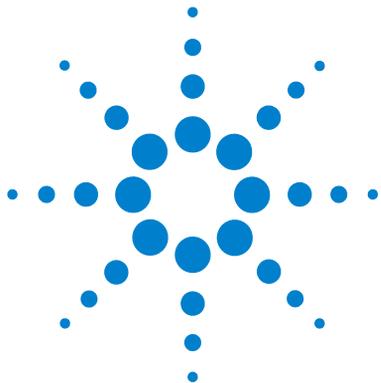
Steps	Detailed Instructions	Comments
5	<p>Make sure that the Dilution column appears in the new ISTD report.</p> <p>a Go to the directory \Quantdata\DrugsOfAbuse\QuantReports\Test_01-1.</p> <p>b Double-click Quantreport_ISTD_custom_01.xls.</p>	



- c Verify that the new column you added, Dilution, appears in the Excel spreadsheet.
- d Click **File > Exit**.

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Nine Main Capabilities

Quantitative Analysis includes nine capabilities that help you integrate, quantitate and review your data more easily and powerfully:

Batch-at-a-Glance: Batch Table Setup

- New batch – Creates a Batch Table in which you can operate on samples and compounds from a single view
- Analyze – Recreates calibration curve and requantitates all samples using the method that is currently open
- Quantitate – Applies the existing calibration curve to current batch, sample, or compound

The granularity of applying quantitation allows you to quickly manipulate a particular signal.

- Integrate – Integrates signals to the current batch, sample or compound

Method Editor

- MRM Setup – Presents a quantitation method in simple stepwise fashion
- Create method from acquired MRM data – Creates a quantitation method automatically from the acquisition method after requiring only the assignment of ISTD relationship and concentrations
- Create a method manually using the graphics in the Sample Information window
- Group by time segment – Organizes methods by compounds in ordered time segments
- Validate – Ensures that a quantitation method meets rigorous criteria
- Isotopic dilution – Supports adjustments from (Rx, Ry) Colby constant calculations

Calibration

- CurveFit assistant – Calculates all combinations of curves; picks disabled points; and presents results with an equation that is sortable by confidence band and custom filterable by R^2 , standard error and max % residual
- Dilution assistant – Calculates and creates calibration levels based on a default or specified serial dilution scheme

- Copy Cal levels – Copies calibration levels from one compound to other compounds
- Disable Cal points – Disables calibration points based on level, or individual compounds in tables, or interactively through graphs
- Curve fits – Supports curves by
 - Type: Linear, Quadratic, First order ln, Second order ln, Average of Response Factors
 - Origin: Ignore, Include, Force, Blank Offset
 - Weight: None, 1/x, 1/x², 1/y, 1/y², Log, 1/SD²
- Replace curve – Creates calibration curves from existing calibration samples
- Average replicates – Averages in new replicates into existing calibration curves by compounds
- Import levels – Imports calibration levels and concentrations from a file
- Scale graphs – Provides graphs with the capability to be auto-scalable by X, Y, X-log, and Y-log; and intelligent zooming to fit specified levels

Integrator

- MS-MS integrator – Provides a parameter-free integrator at all levels of signals that reduces manual integration efforts
- Integrator metrics – Generates metrics that characterize the signal's integration to accept, inspect or reject the integration
- Signal-to-noise – Calculates signal-to-noise for peaks
- Graphics – Shows superior interaction with the graphing of a compound and the display of peak information

Batch-at-a-Glance: Results

- Navigation – Moves (previous, next, direct) between samples, compounds, time segments and compound groups
- Compound views – Switches between the details of the current compound or the summaries of multiple compounds
- Batch table views – Enables flat-table layouts or the capability to drill-down to vertically- or horizontally-nested tables for details
- Window layout – Reorganizes the screen to its defaults, or saves or loads custom-window layouts

- Float pane – Floats any pane onto another monitor to enable dual-monitor presentations
- Export Table – Exports Batch-at-a-Glance tables directly to Excel files
- Export Graphics – Exports any graphic to a customized size in multiple formats
- Copy/Paste – Copies or pastes any graphic directly into Microsoft Office applications such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.
- Print/Preview – Prints or previews screen content in WYSIWYG format (what-you-see-is-what-you-get)
- AutoReview – Displays each sample automatically and interactively allowing you to stop at any time for closer inspection
- Filter – Displays any combination of sample types
- Sort – Sorts any column that appears in a table
- Columns – Enables you to add, remove, reorder, save, load, restore, or reset columns

Outlier Detection

- Manage – Sets up and selects specific outliers that can be detected and individually controlled
- Highlight – Highlights outlier values (high-red, low-blue) in the results table
- Filters – Lets you display selected types of filters
- Outliers – Supports specific types of data for outlier detection
- Quantitation message – Warns you of samples that encountered serious problems during quantitation

Report

- Generate – Generates graphics and report results for importing and formatting for Excel XML
- Custom – Lets you customize the Excel template

Update

- Update/Average RT – Updates or averages compound's retention times

- Update Qualifier Ratios – Updates qualifier ratios based on compound's current sample
- Update Mass Assignments - Updates mass assignments based on compounds current sample

Qualitative

- Sample Information - lets you display the chromatogram and extracted spectra for the current sample
- Chromatogram/Spectrum – Provides significant features that can be used to explore spectra for different types of signals

Batch-at-a-Glance – Batch Table Setup

All quantitative methods and results are based on operating on batches of acquired data. You first set up a Batch Table, adding samples from multiple data files. This table is called Batch-at-a-Glance because you can perform all operations on the data from this View.

Quantitative Methods

The Method Editor lets you create a new quantitation method from an MRM acquisition data file (Figure 13), from an acquired Scan data file or manually.

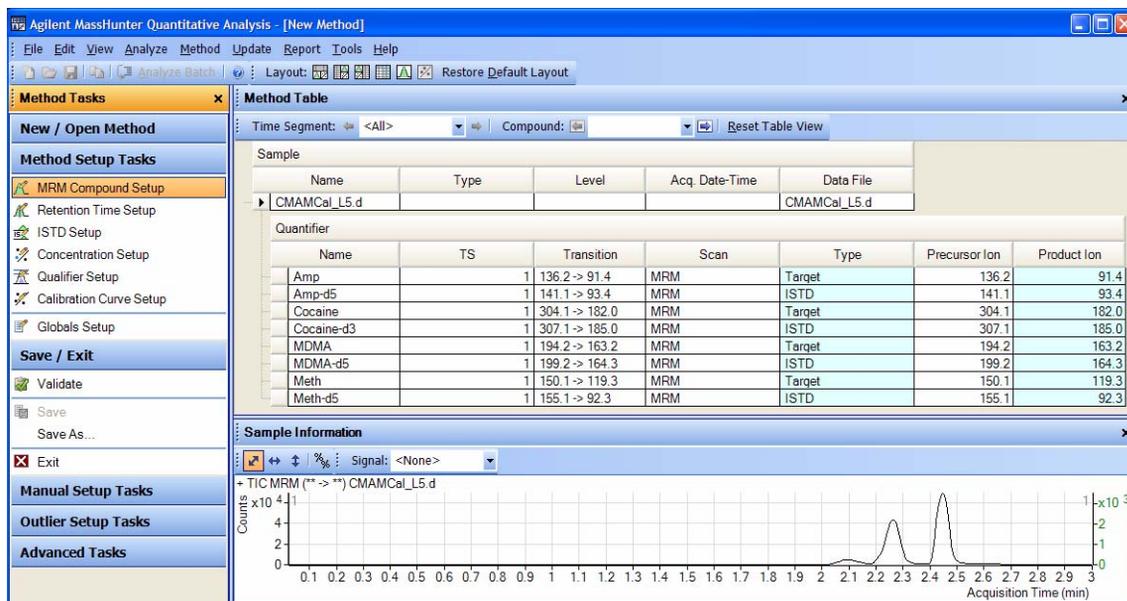


Figure 13 Quantitative view – Method Editor

A file selected from the Batch Table is used as a reference for developing the method settings. These settings are then used to generate the calibration curve and quantitate the standards, QCs and samples.

Parameter-free Integrator

What is the parameter-free integrator?

Agilent has developed a new peak integrator algorithm that works especially well for MS/MS data. The parameter-free integrator presents these advantages:

- Handles low-level noisy data by setting a peak's starting and ending points statistically
- Adjusts the threshold automatically
- Eliminates the need for manually re-integrating peaks for low-level MRM signals
- Identifies those peaks that appear reliable and those that should be discarded

Example of integration results

Figure 14 shows data at two extremes.

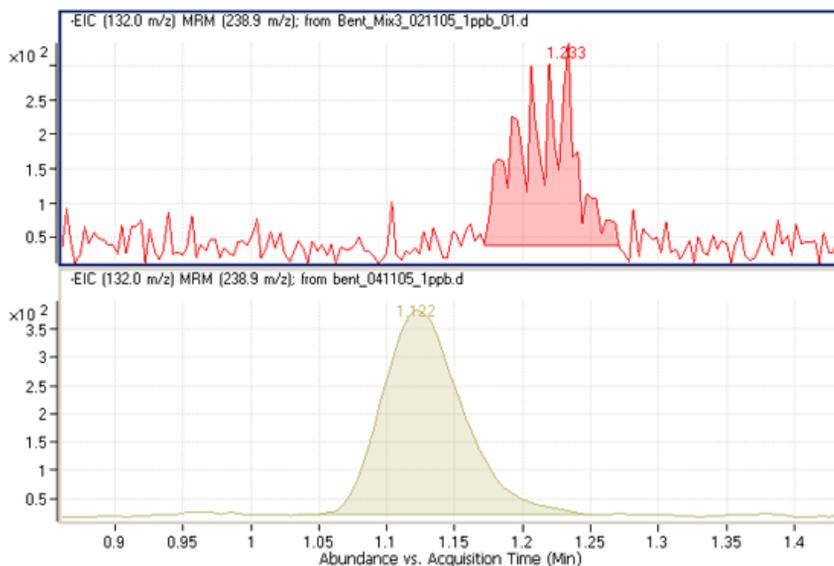


Figure 14 Parameter-free integrator – Data at two extremes

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Parameter-free Integrator

The lower chromatographic peak could be easily integrated since it is a nice Gaussian-shaped peak, but it would be difficult to define the baseline of the upper peak. In fact, many integrator algorithms might interpret these results as multiple peaks.

However, Agilent's new algorithm had no trouble defining the baseline and recognized this as a single peak. In fact, the new integrator algorithm would integrate this as a single peak even if the baseline were rising, instead of being flat, as shown.

Batch-at-a-Glance: Results

The integration results obtained from the analysis of amphetamine (Amp) are shown in Figure 15. This is a flat view of the Batch Table, Compound Information and Calibration Curve.

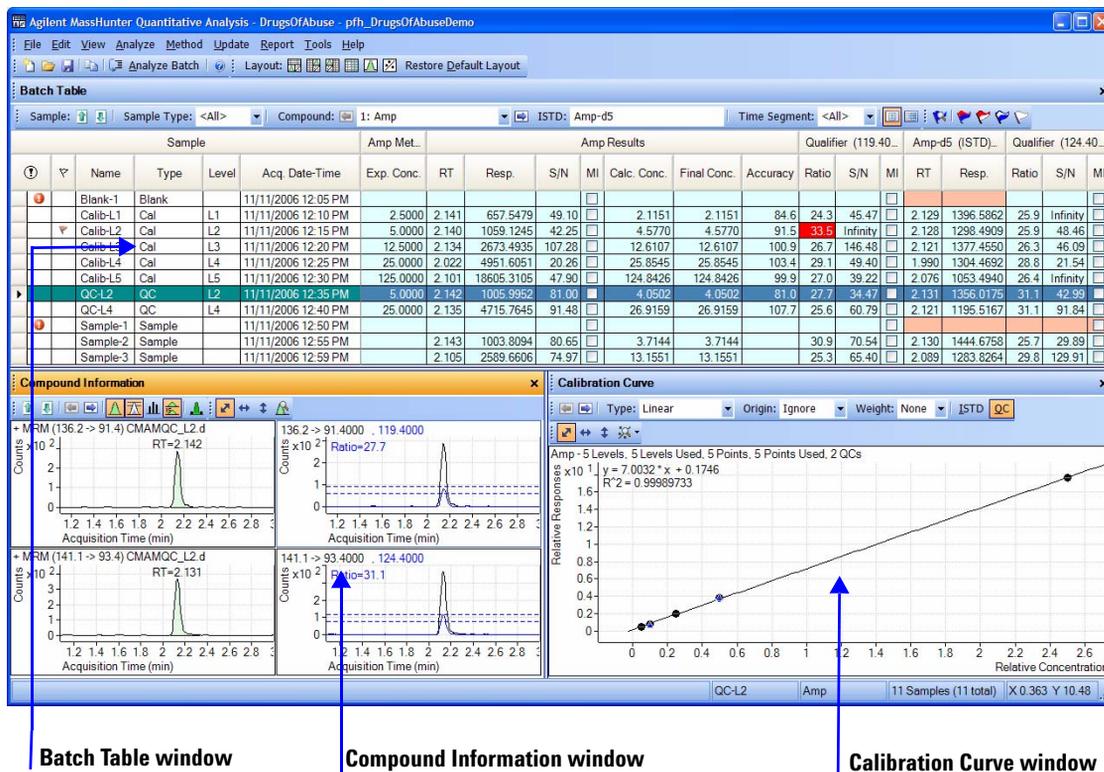


Figure 15 Amp results

- The Batch Table shows the integration results from applying the quantitation method to each data file. Colored highlights correspond to results that are lower (blue) or higher (red) than expected.
- The Compound Information window at the lower left displays the integrated chromatographic peaks.
- The Calibration Curve is shown at the lower right.

Compound Confirmation

The format shown in Figure 16 can be of value to certified drug-testing laboratories. It shows two sets of plots that can be obtained from a THC analysis.

Overlap of quantifier and qualifier ions

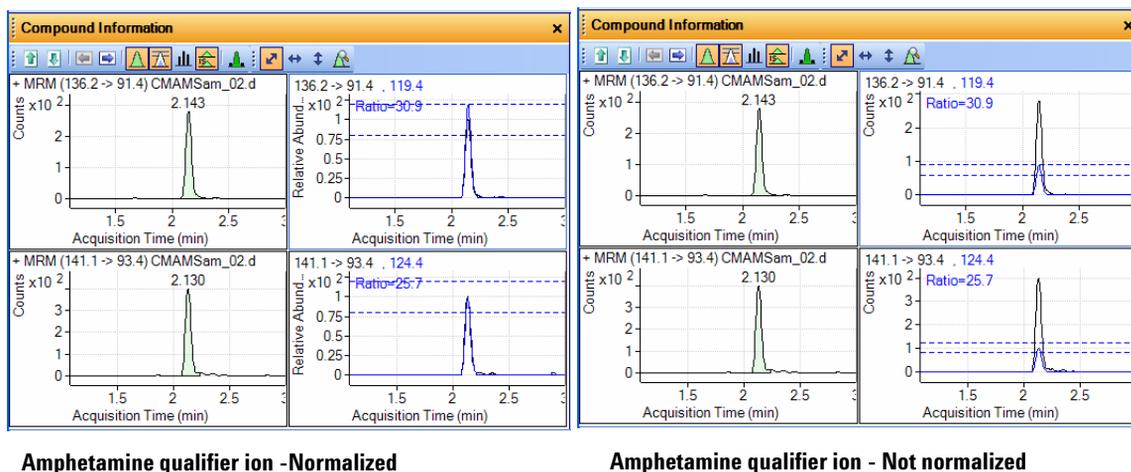


Figure 16 Amp in Quantitative Analysis

Two product ions must be acquired for confirmation: a quantifier ion and a qualifier ion. Typically, the quantifier ion that is used for quantitation is the most abundant of the two product ions.

To be able to confirm the presence of Amphetamine, the qualifier ion peak area must be at least a certain percentage of the quantifier ion, a number that is set in the quantitation method. In this example, 26.5% is used with a window of $\pm 20\%$. This means that the area of the qualifier ion must be in the range of 21.2% to 31.8% of the quantifier ion for the analyte Amp. The qualifier for the ISTD, or Amp - d5, also has a specific range that it must be in.

From the figure on the left, whether or not the qualifier ion falls within the accepted window is not easily determined because the size of the qualifier peak is normalized by a factor of $1/0.265$. In the figure on the right, the acceptance window is centered at 26.5% of the quantifier ion peak and the

qualifier ion is drawn not normalized, or on the same scale as the quantifier. If the ion is not within the required acceptance window, then it is shaded blue, but still transparent so as not to hide the quantifier ion. This makes it easier to confirm the presence of compounds visually.

Compound Calibration

The Quantitative Analysis program contains several tools to help calibrate and quantitate compounds.

- CurveFit Assistant
- Cursor Pointer for Data Point Information
- Data Point Zooming

CurveFit Assistant

The CurveFit Assistant provides an analytical view of evaluating the possible curve fits ([Figure 17](#)).

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Compound Calibration

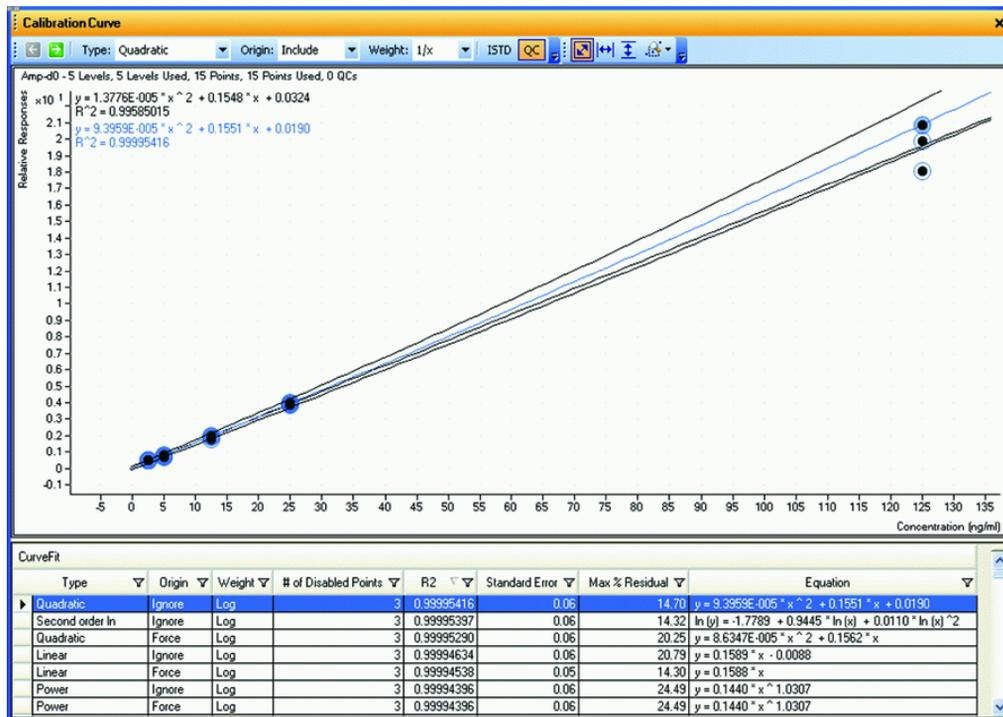


Figure 17 CurveFit Assistant

Note that the black line drawn through the data points uses Quadratic as the Fit, 1/x as the Weight, and Include as the Origin as shown at top. Many other combinations of the curve settings are listed below the calibration curve with the selected one highlighted in blue. The highlighted settings are also plotted in blue in the curve window.

You can find the best curve fit, for example, one that corresponds to the highest R^2 value, by ordering all of the possible results from the best to the worse R^2 values and then deciding how many data points to consider as being outliers.

For example, the first set of parameters in the list corresponds to a Linear Fit, Ignore Origin and Equal Weight. The corresponding R^2 value is 0.9998001477, which is very good. The corresponding curve can be plotted by simply clicking this entry in the table.

Using these settings, data can be requantitated. Eliminating outliers is common as a standard operating procedure (SOP) in some laboratories.

Data point information

Overlapping data points are not unusual in a calibration curve, especially with triple quad MS data, where %RSD values are quite low (Figure 18). To help distinguish the data points from one another, the mouse cursor can be moved over the data points to obtain more information about them.

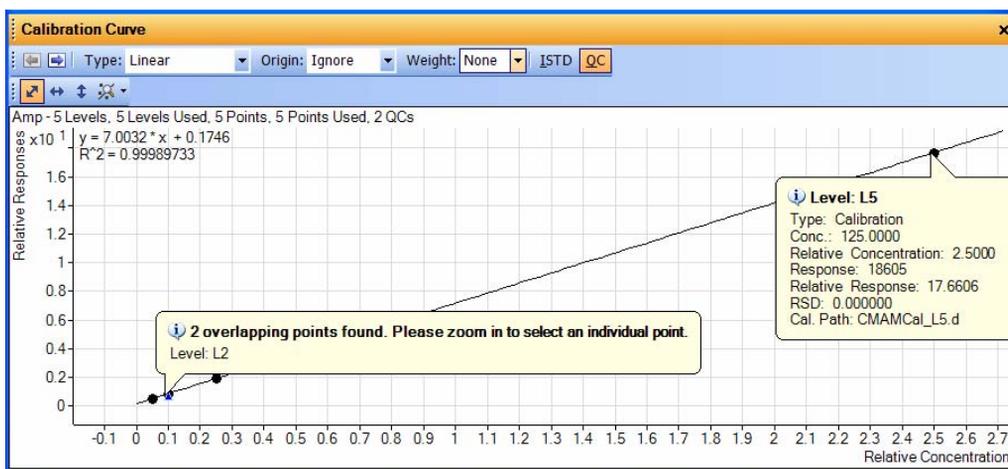


Figure 18 Amp results: Calibration data point information

This figure shows two examples of this type of information. The first example shows that the data points overlap and you are advised to zoom in to see them separately. The second example shows information on the data point itself.

Data point zooming

You can zoom in on overlapping data points to see individual data points not visible in the visual presentation.

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Compound Calibration

In This Book

The Familiarization Guide presents exercises to help you use the Quantitative Analysis program. In this guide you learn:

- How to set up and quantitate a batch of Agilent Triple Quad LC/MS data files
- How to set up and quantitate a batch of Agilent Q-TOF LC/MS data files
- How to inspect your quantitation results, and how to spot irregularities
- How to improve result accuracy
- How to generate and review quantitation reports

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