

# Strategies for a flawless determination of prohibited drugs in contaminated foods: a case study of deliberate fish exposure to multi-dyes

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**Anses (France)**



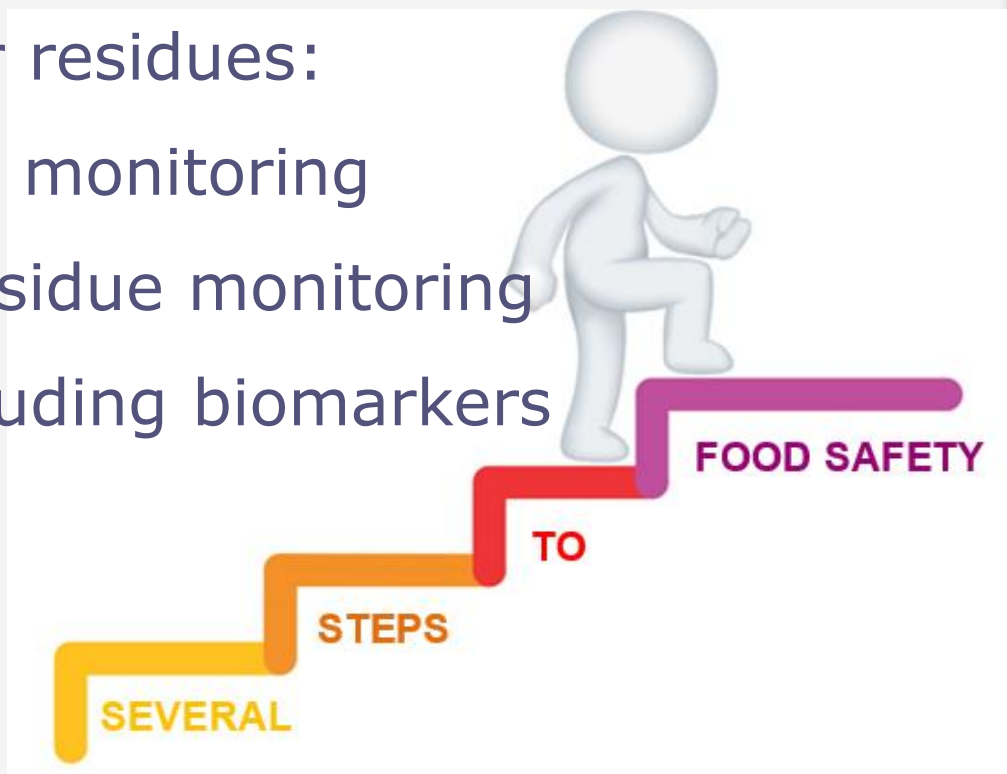
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- Use of prohibited vet drugs
- Regulation
- Overview of existing analytical strategies
- Considerations to monitor residues:

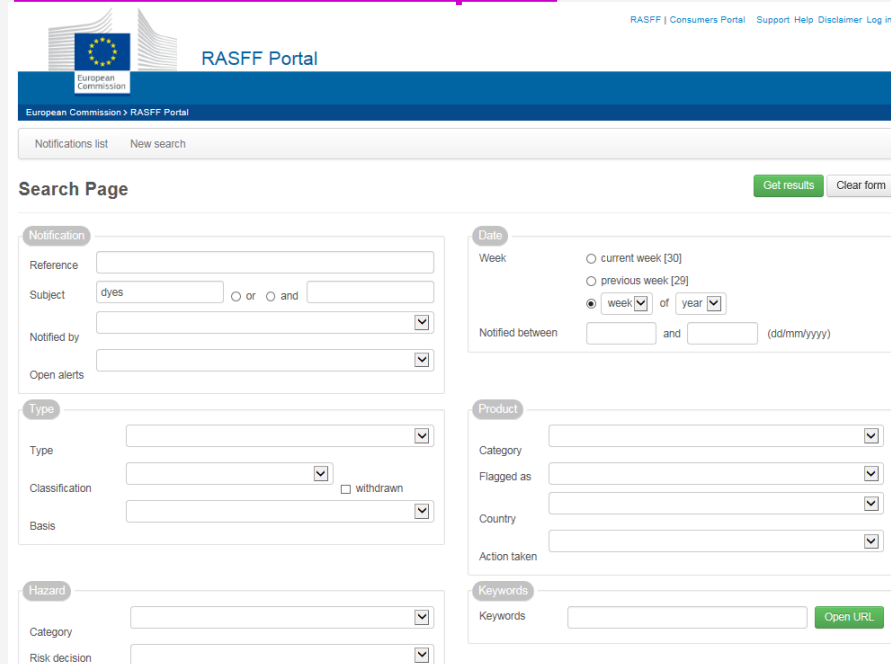


- Restrictive residue monitoring
- Extensive multi-residue monitoring
- Multi-residues including biomarkers  
/metabolites





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Category:

Flagged as:

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Type:

Classification:   withdrawn

Basis:

**Hazard**

Category:

Risk decision:

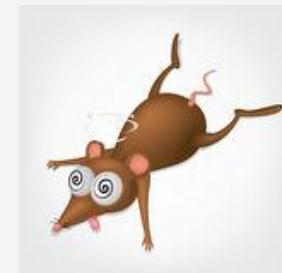
Ronidazole :        13 alerts (since 2005)  
AMOZ:                111 alerts (since 2002)  
Chloramphenicol:    520 (since 2001)  
Malachite green:    150 (since 2002)  
Crystal violet:        15 (since 2002)  
Victoria pure blue bo: 1 (in 2010)

## Dyes: Toxicity and harmful effects for consumers



classified 20 dyes (2017) :

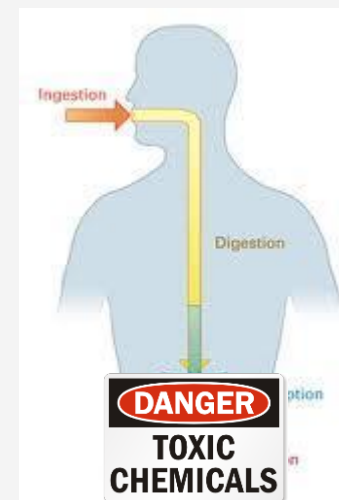
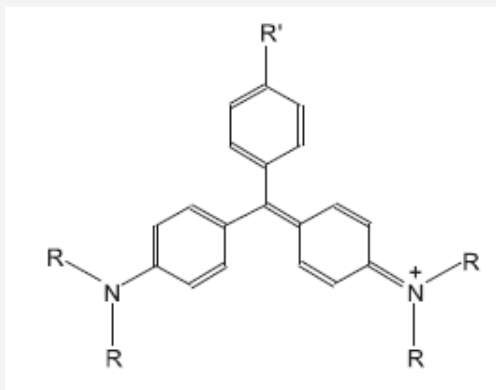
Substance belongs to **Group I**.  
TSV is **0.0025** µg/kg bw per day



Residues

Food poisoning

Genotoxic  
Mutagenic



Malachite green- Crystal violet

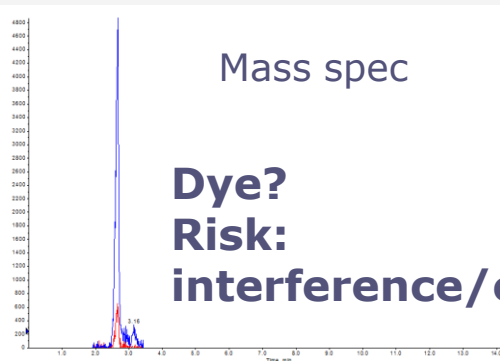
Brilliant green- Victoria blue - Pararosaniline- Other dyes ...

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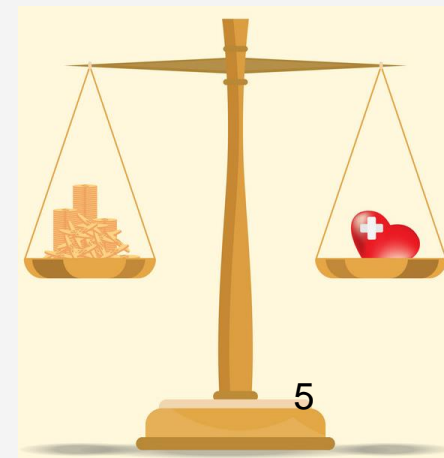
WHO/FAO

Policy of "zero tolerance" adopted in most countries  
JECFA → ADI (acceptable daily intake)

Analytical Methods: what is required for prohibited substances?  
Identification points (in EU) to ensure reliability of analyte control



**Is it enough?**



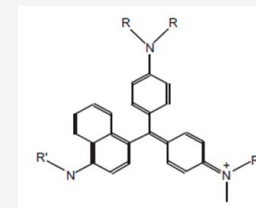
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- Avoid false negatives: Safety for Health!
  - But also false positives:  
Important consequences for farmers!



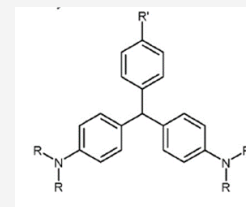
**40 years**

Multi-class  
methods

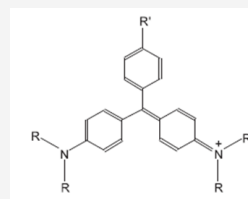
10 residues (multi-families  
of dyes) + some metabolites



3 residues + metabolites



1 residue (+ leuco form)





## 1st option: Restrictive monitoring



Malachite green  
Crystal violet  
(Brilliant green)

in



by



+

Leuco  
metabolites



Based on known **fraudulent treatment or occurrence**

Often Post-alerts: "curative"

Suited for National Residues control plans:  
routine methods



## 1st option: Restrictive monitoring

### example



1152 HURTAUD-PESEL ET AL.: JOURNAL OF AOAC INTERNATIONAL Vol. 96, No. 5, 2013

#### VETERINARY DRUG RESIDUES

**Determination of Residues of Three Triphenylmethane Dyes and Their Metabolites (Malachite Green, Leuco Malachite Green, Crystal Violet, Leuco Crystal Violet, and Brilliant Green) in Aquaculture Products by LC/MS/MS: First Action 2012.25**

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#### RESIDUES AND TRACE ELEMENTS

**+ Dye Residue Analysis in Raw and Processed Aquaculture Products: Matrix Extension of AOAC INTERNATIONAL Official Method<sup>SM</sup> 2012.25**

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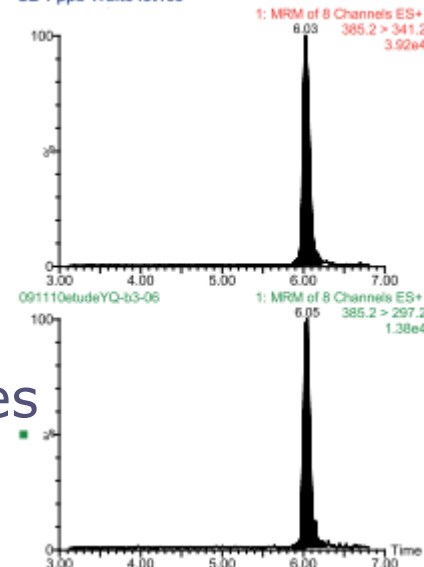
Very reliable and sensitive (range 0.5 - 2 µg/kg)  
Often methods with extensive sample purification  
Intensive validation: inter-species, inter-laboratories

### Issues



- only three dyes monitored
- not all metabolites available
- some false results due to cross contamination is possible

SRM for BG  
SE 1 ppb Truite lot168





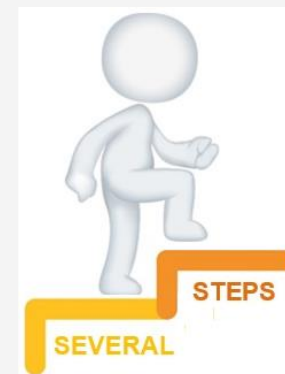
## 2nd option: Extensive multi-families monitoring

Triarylmethanes  
Triarylnaphtylmethanes  
Phenothiazines  
Phenoxazines  
Xanthènes



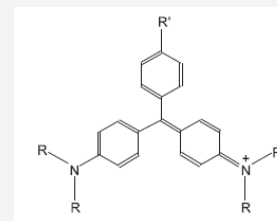
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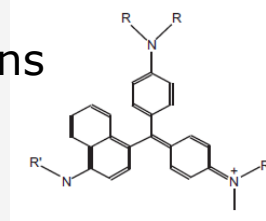


Based on known **similar properties**  
**and/or therapeutic effects**

(Alderman, Journal of Fish Diseases, 1982)



twins



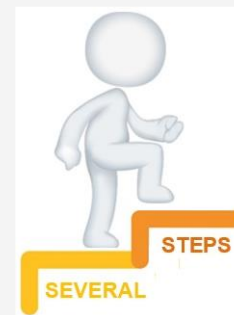
Parasitic fungi

Not necessarily proofs of fraudulent use  
More costly methods: not yet applied in routine



## 2nd option: Extensive multi-families monitoring

### examples



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### **Multiresidue determination of triarylmethane and phenothiazine dyes in fish tissues by LC-MS/MS**

Jonathan A. Tarbin<sup>\*</sup>, Danny Chan, George Stubbings, Matthew Sharman

Central Science Laboratory, Sand Hutton, York YO41 1LZ, UK

Journal of Chromatographic Science 2012;50:591-597  
doi:10.1093/chromsci/bms054 Advance Access publication April 26, 2012

### **Simultaneous Determination of Malachite Green, Crystal Violet, Methylene blue and the Metabolite Residues in Aquatic Products by Ultra-Performance Liquid Chromatography with Electrospray Ionization Tandem Mass Spectrometry**

Ying-Jiang Xu<sup>1,2</sup>, Xiu-Hui Tian<sup>1,2</sup>, Xiu-Zhen Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Xiang-Hong Gong<sup>1,2</sup>, Hui-Hui Liu<sup>1,2</sup>, Huan-Jun Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Hui Huang<sup>3</sup> and Li-Min Zhang<sup>1,2\*</sup>

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Multi-dye residue analysis of triarylmethane, xanthene, phenothiazine and phenoxazine dyes in fish tissues by ultra-performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry

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Article

Reliable and sensitive, sometimes a compromise between molecules with  $\pm$  extensive purification

Validation intra-lab in line with the regulatory requirements

## 2nd option: Extensive multi-families monitoring

### example

Oxidation step to convert unknown leuco forms



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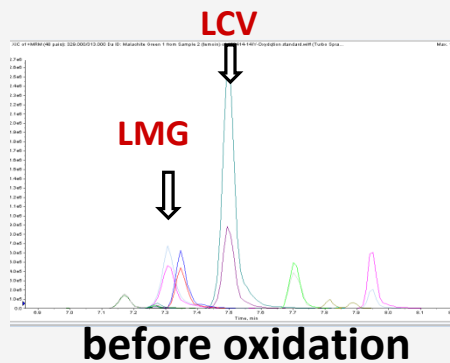
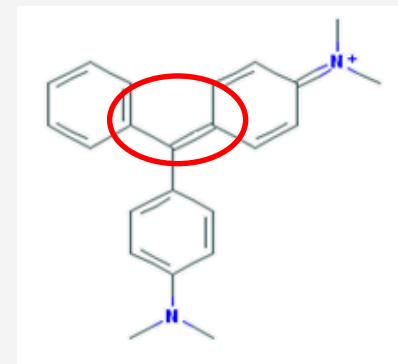
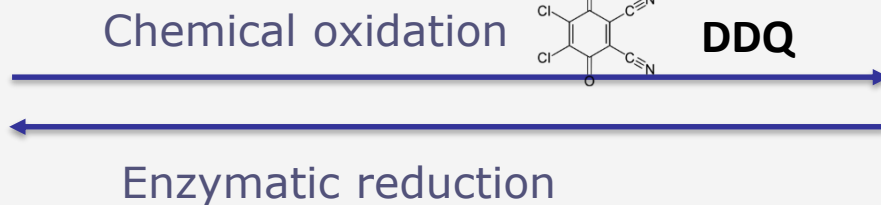
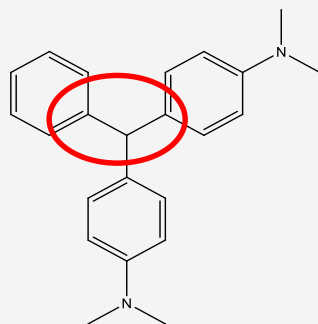
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Review

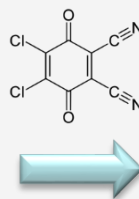
Dye residues in aquaculture products: Targeted and metabolomics mass spectrometric approaches to track their abuse

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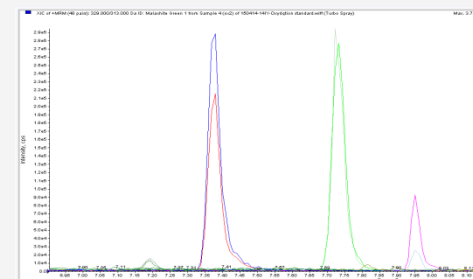
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Extract of spiked sample

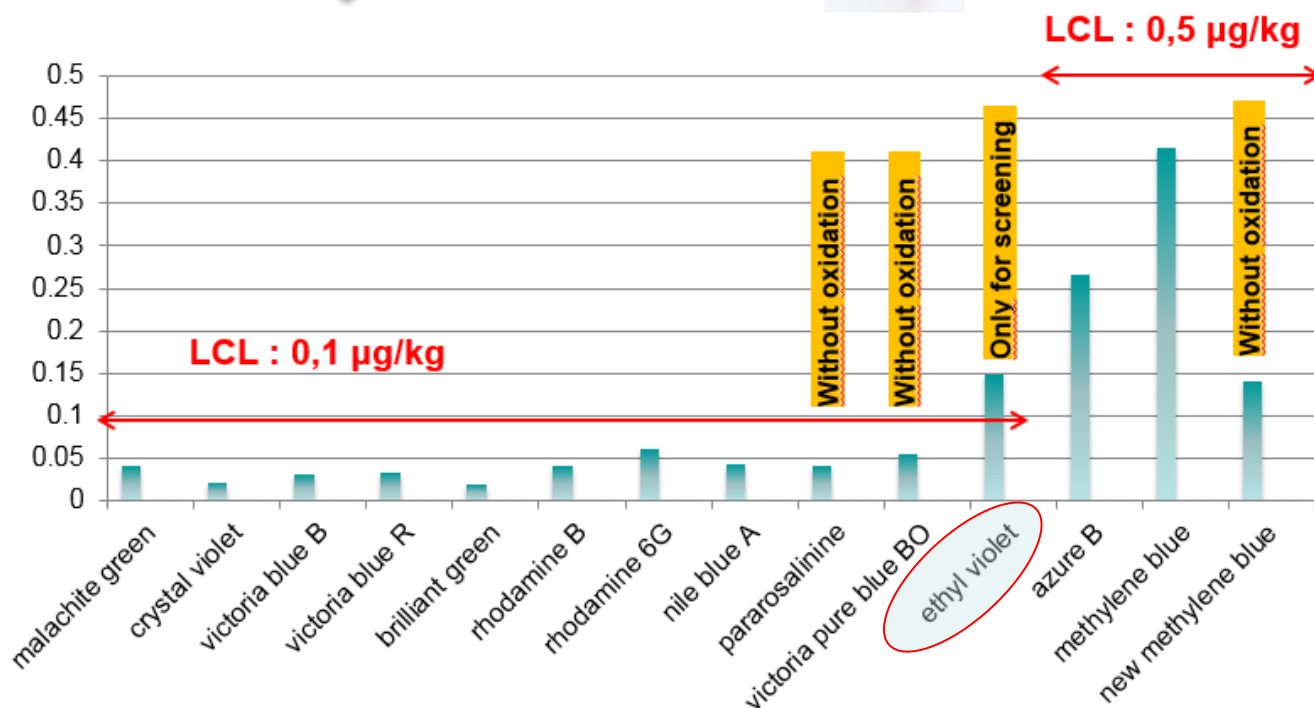


After addition of DDQ



## 2nd option: Extensive multi-families monitoring

Limits of Decision  $CC\alpha$



### Issues



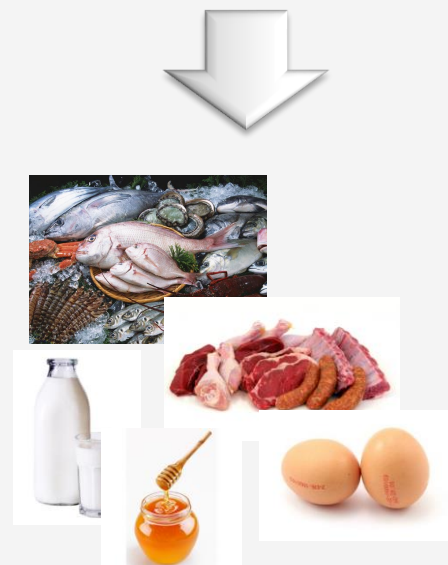
- Oxidation solves the non-availability of standards of metabolites powders but no more proof of treatment
- Some false results due to cross contamination/interference still possible



## 3rd option: Multi-class of veterinary drugs monitoring

Multi-class of  
veterinary drugs  
(banned or not)

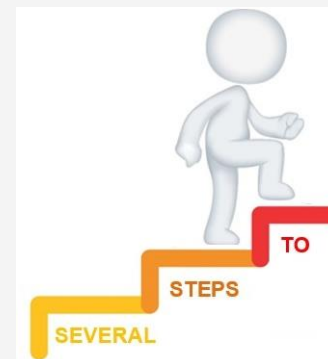
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High resolution MS



### Issues

- 
- . Expensive instruments
  - . Often for screening and not enough sensitive for confirmation of banned VD
  - . More suited for Applied Research (exposomics) and for risk assessment



## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

Multi-families of Dyes

+

Relevant metabolites

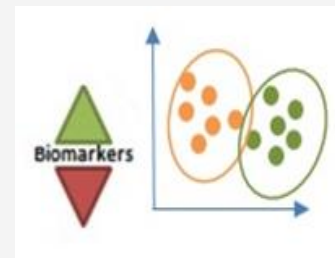
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Biomarkers of effects

in



by



### Issues

. Based on endogenous/exogenous metabolism

. **Need to implement *in vitro*/*in vivo* experiments**

. Bring better proof of fraudulent use

. More suited for research (new practices) and for risk assessment





## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers



Chemosphere  
Available online 10 August 2019, 124538  
In Press, Journal Pre-proof

*In vitro* investigations of the metabolism of Victoria pure blue BO dye to identify main metabolites for food control in fish

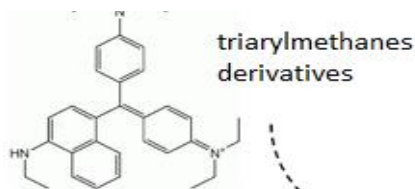
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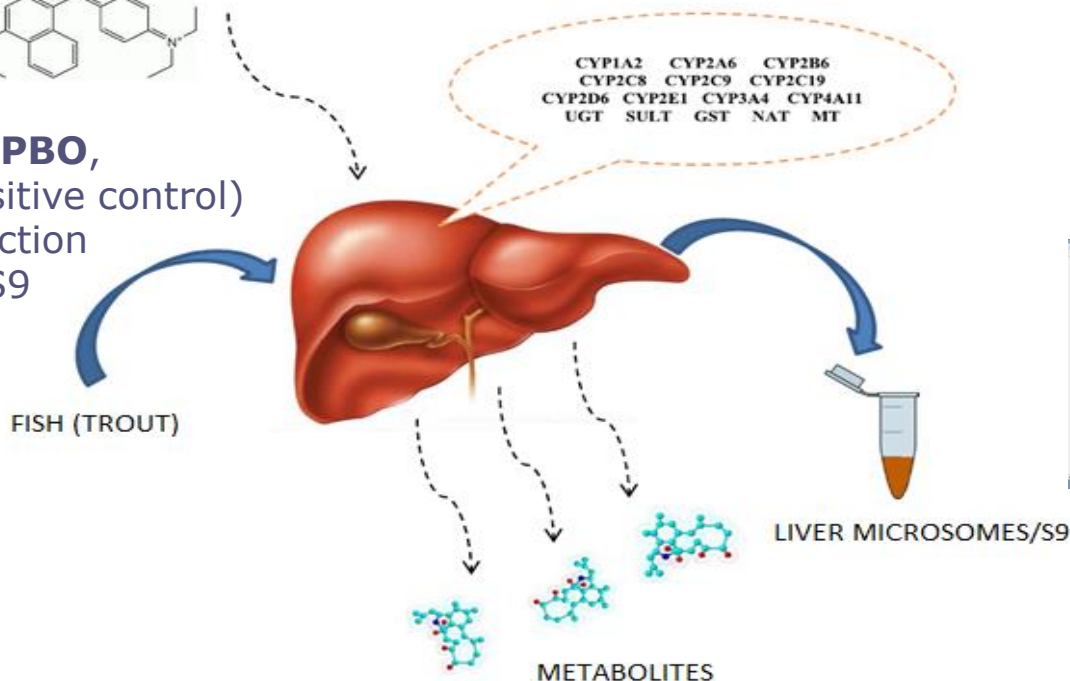


Step 1: *in Vitro* investigations for search of metabolites

LC-HRMS analysis



Substrate = **VPBO**,  
or MG (for positive control)  
Enzyme = Fraction  
**microsome/S9**



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Networks + Bibliography

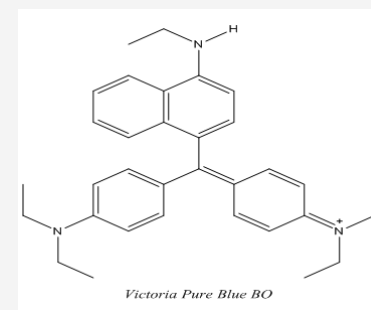
## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

- Rapid to implement
- Incubations for each dye

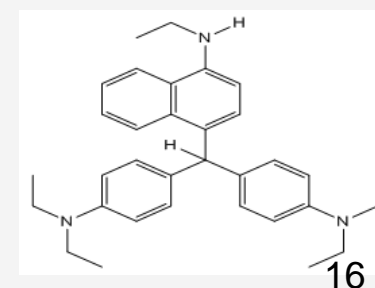
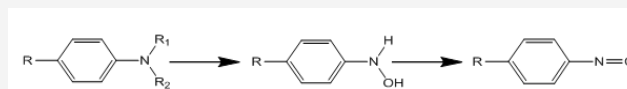


Step 1: *in Vitro* investigations for search of metabolites

Métabolite	$\Delta m/z$	Métabolisation proposé	Liver Micro	Liver S9 BNF
VPBO	0	-	67,0%	77,4%
Deéthylation (-28,03130)	-28,03130	N-deethylation	25 197 736	83 207 072
	-56,0626	Double Deethylation	34 875 279	47 038 661
	-84,0939	triple Deethylation	6 868 805	10 527 223
	-112,1252	quadruple Deethylation	642 658	1 156 568
	-140,1565	quintuple Deethylation	49 302	433 473
Demethylation (-14,01565)	-14,01565	N-demethylation*	538 242	1 556 792
	-42,04695	Deethyl + DM*	85 220	77 755
Hydroxylation (+15,99491)	15,99491	Oxidation de VPBO**	331 525	1 299 942
	-12,03639	Deethyl + O** de VPBO	357 525	1 248 496
	-40,06769	Double Deethylation + O** de VPBO	261 357	478 910
	-68,09899	triple Deethylation + O** de VPBO	88 259	205 989
	-96,13029	quadruple Deethylation + O** de VPBO	-	-
Hydroxylation + désaturation	13,97926	O** + DS*** de VPBO	NF	360 560
	-14,05204	Deethyl + O** + DS*** de VPBO	NF	327 640
	-42,08334	double Deethylation + O** + DS*** de VPBO	NF	393 826
	-70,11464	triple Deethylation + O** + DS*** de VPBO	99 634	237 218
Leuco-DE-VPBO	-26,01565	Deethyl-Leuco-VPBO	NF	544 773



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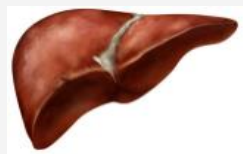
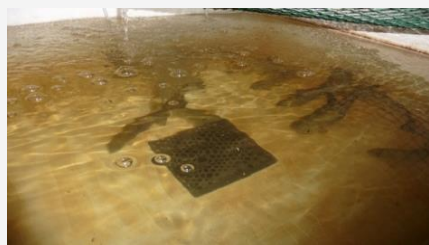


## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

Trout exposed to VPBO in water bath, 1 day of treatment, 64 days of depuration



Step 2 optional: *in Vivo* investigations for metabolites



liver



muscle



skin



plasma

ACN extraction

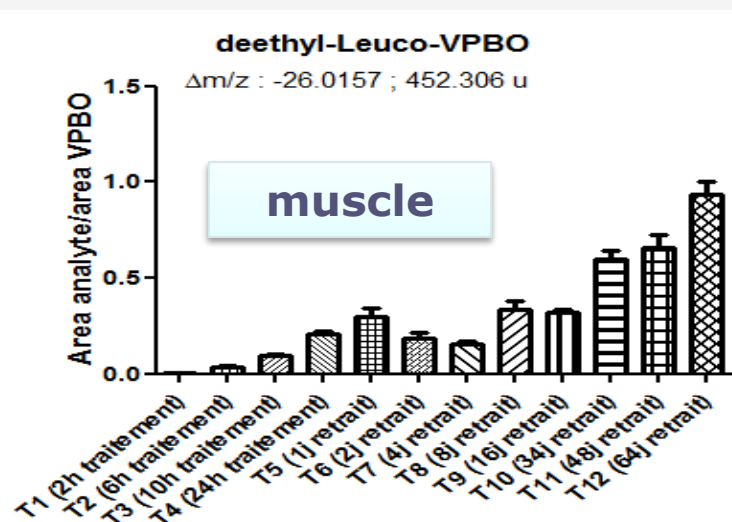
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LC-HRMS  
analysis

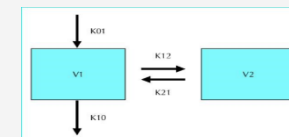


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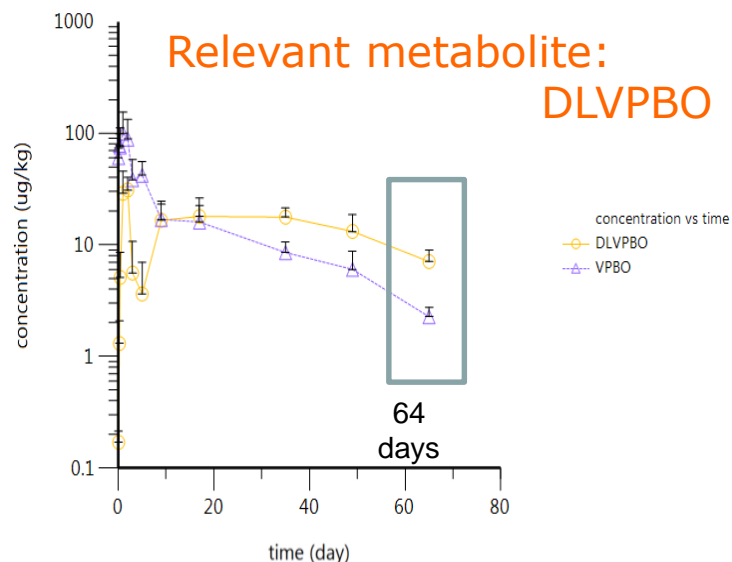
## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers



## Step 2: *in Vivo* investigations for metabolites



⇒ Modelisation 2 compartments:  
phoenix software



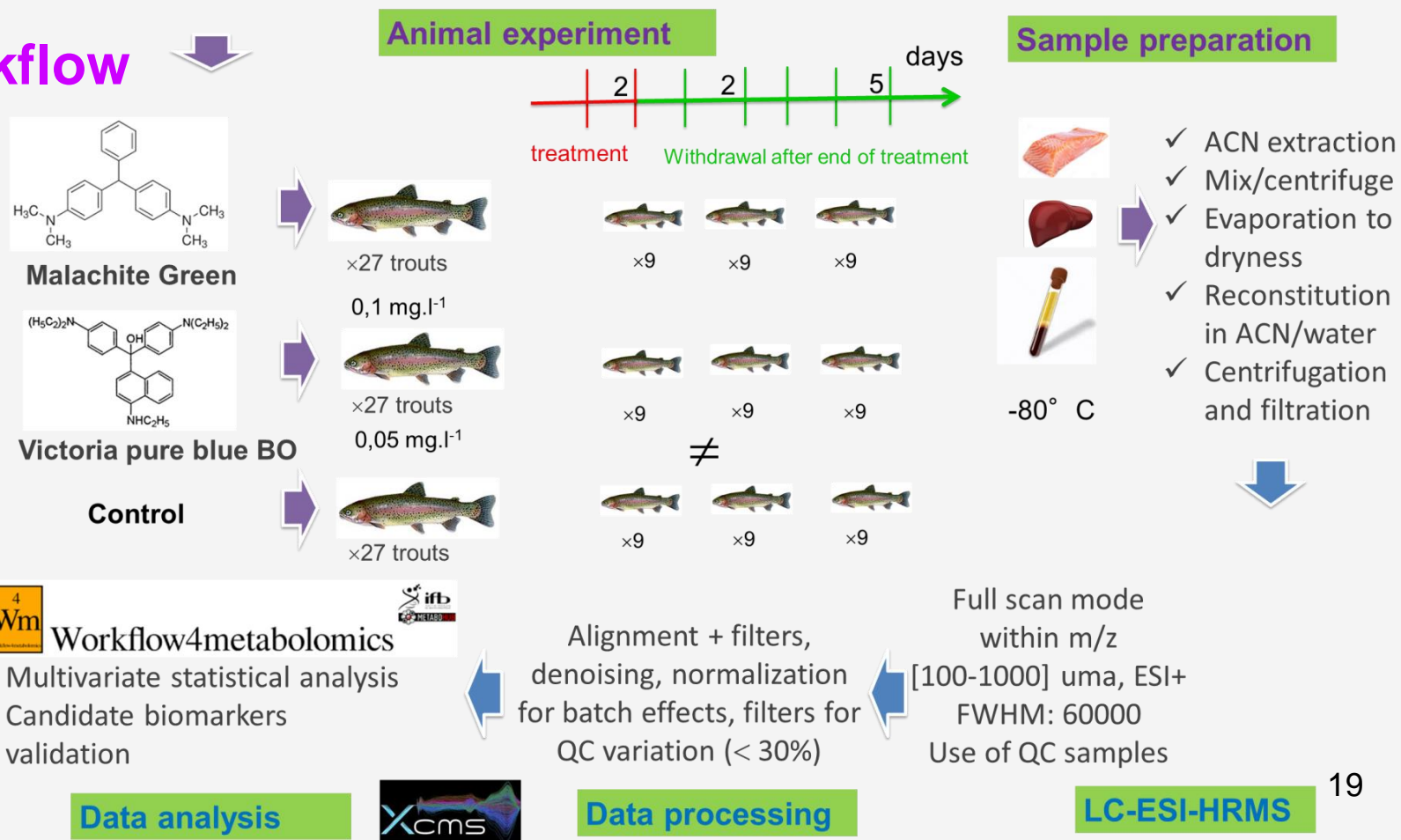
	Muscle	
	VBPO	DLVBPO
$\lambda_z$ (/days)	0.0352	0.03079
HL $\lambda_z$ (d)	19.69	22.51
$AUC_{last}$ ( $\mu\text{g d/l ou kg}$ )	956.9 $\pm$ 56.7	945.1 $\pm$ 63.8
$AUC_{INF}$ ( $\mu\text{g h/l ou kg}$ )	1010.2	1174.6
$AUC_{Extrap}$ (%)	5.52	19.53
$MRT_{last}$ (d)		
$MRT_{INF}$ (d)	12.25	110.80
$T_{max}$ (d)	1	1
$C_{max}$ ( $\mu\text{g/l ou kg}$ )	99.9 $\pm$ 22.2	28.9 $\pm$ 6.9

## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

Other possibility to metabolite investigation: Untargeted metabolomic study

Step 3: *in Vivo* investigations for biomarkers

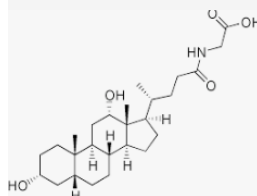
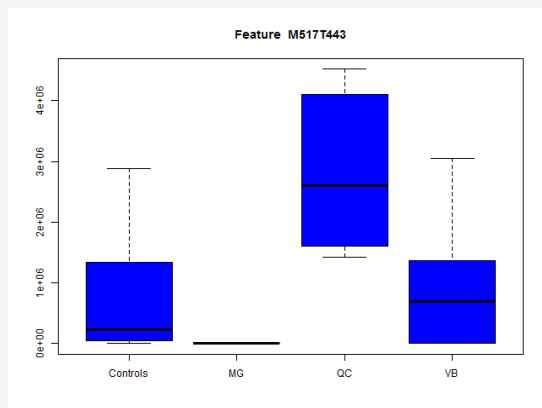
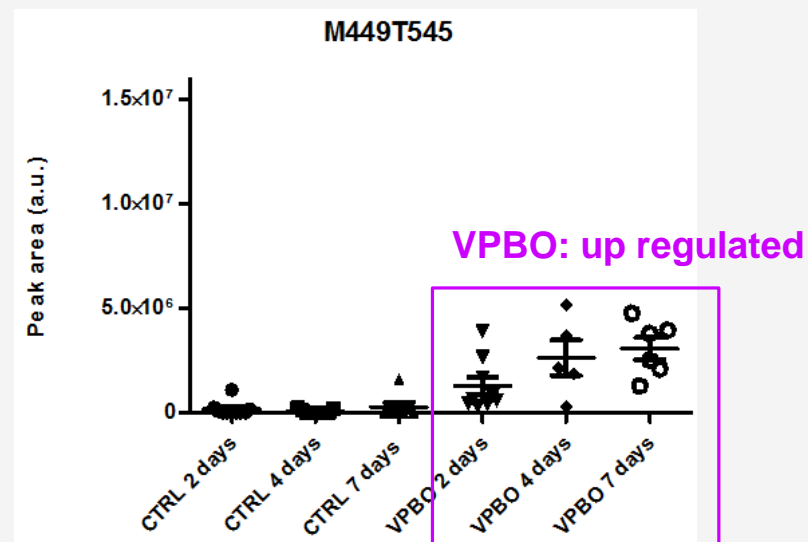
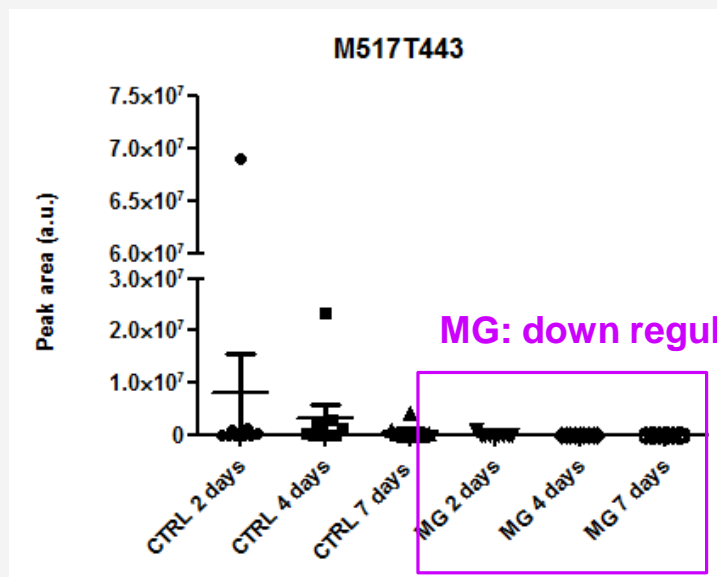
### Workflow



## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers



### Step 3: *in Vivo* investigations for biomarkers



Endogenous metabolites involved



Identification as bile acids





## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

### example

#### Dyes (15)

Malachite green (MG)  
Crystal violet (CV)  
Azur B (AZB)  
Victoria blue B (VBB)  
Victoria pure blue bo (VPBO)  
Victoria blue R (VBR)  
Methylene blue (MB)  
New methylene blue (NMB)  
Brilliant green (BG)  
Rhodamine B (RHB)  
Ethyl violet (EV)  
Nile blue A (NBA)  
Rhodamine B (RHB)  
Rhodamine G (RHG)  
Pararosalinine (PRRA)

### Combination ...

#### Metabolites (4)

Leuco MG (LMG)  
Leuco CV (LCV)  
-  
-

Deethyl leuco VPBO (DLVPBO)

-  
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#### Endogenous biomarkers (3)

Taurodeoxycholic acid (TRDA)  
Glycodeoxycholate (GCDA)  
Deoxycholic acid (DCA)

#### Internal standards (4)

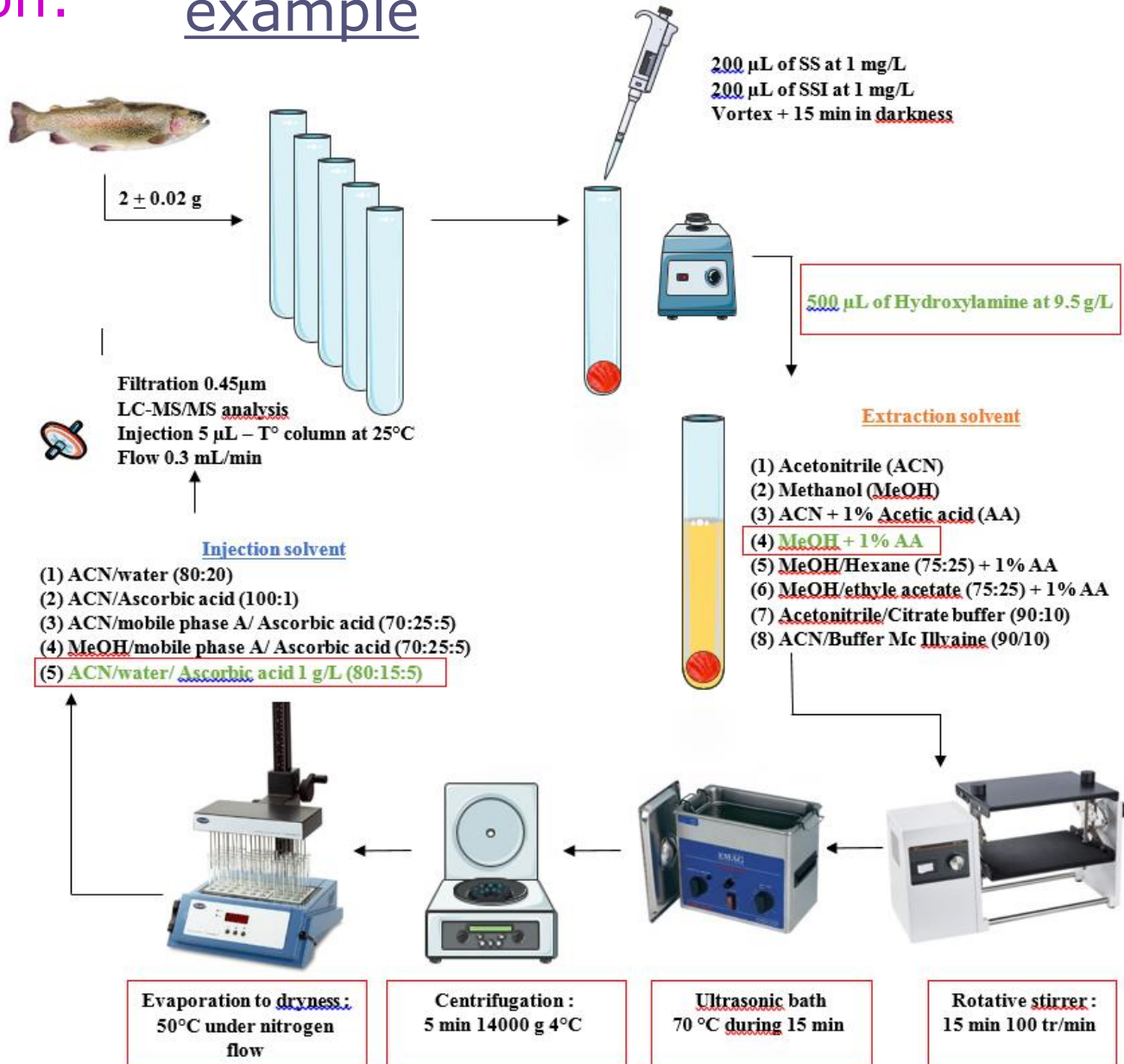
MG-d5, LMG-d5  
CV-d6, LCV-d6

... to be continued

→ To find transitions of DLVPBO, contaminated extract was injected in different modes (SIM, MS/MS et ≠ CE (V) )

## 4<sup>th</sup> option:

## example



## 4<sup>th</sup> option: Multi-families monitoring including metabolites/biomarkers

Applicability: analysis of a positive sample from a routine lab



### Catfish



Malachite green: **0,905  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$**   
Leuco Malachite green: **23,062  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$**

### Levels of bile acids:

DCA: 49  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$

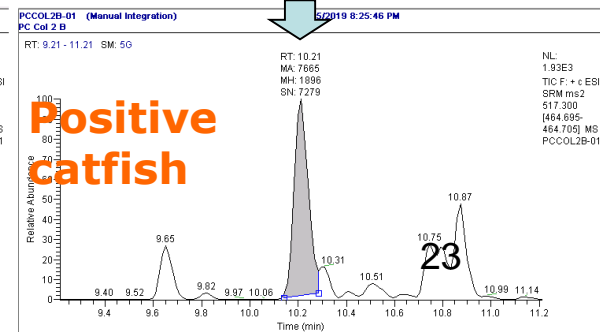
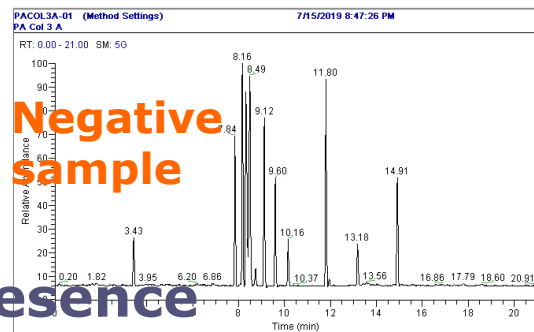
TRDA: 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$



Up-regulation

MG confirmation of presence

### Ex:TRDA



## Considerations for the monitoring of residues of banned Vet Drugs:

**unflinching insurance**



**Multi-res. incl. biomarkers / metabolites**  
**Extensive multi-residue monitoring**  
**Restrictive residue monitoring**