HPTLC-bioassay-MS, a rapid tool to search and analyse bioactive plant products

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There is a demand for new effective agents applicable in human and animal medicine as well as in plant protection.



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The origin of the vast number of diseases is infection by microorganism.

The increasing incidence of the resistance of pathogens against widely used antibiotics means a big issue in the medicine.





Direct bioautography (DB)

search of matrix components having antimicrobial effect fast, simple, relatively cheap, high-throughput investigation





bioluminescence





Characterization of biologically active components by techniques linked to layer chromatography

In situ

Densitometry - obtaining spectra IR, FT-IR, Raman and FT-Raman spectroscopy MS [e.g. DART (thermic desorption), DESI (charged liquid or gas stream), MALDI (laser), laserablation inductive coupled plasma MS (LA-ICP-MS)]

Ex situ

The analysis of the eluted compounds - what you can imagine (TXRF, MS, GC-MS, LC-MS or MS/MS, NMR, etc.)





1st example



A - crude extract B, C - OPLC fractions HPTLC Silica gel 60 (without F) 19% isopropyl acetate and 1% acetic acid in hexane



Application of reagents









Elution by TLC-MS-Interface











Was the position perfect?

vanillin



Aliivibrio fischeri





DART SVP-A-MS (Direct Analysis in Real Time)

Limitation – we must somehow transport the analyte from the adsorbent layer into the MS by warm gas stream







Stream of heated, excited gas without charge



DART-MS (Direct Analysis in Real Time)





HPTLC-DART-MS/MS





2nd example



HPTLC Silica gel 60 (without F) 10% isopropyl acetate in hexane













Conclusions

The reliable high-throughput HPTLC-Bioassay-MS systems enable the search for and the characterization of the bioactive compounds from different matrices.

These systems ensure a cheaper and less time-consuming way for the isolation of substances with desired biological activity.



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