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# LC/MS/MS Method Package for PFAS in Drinking Water

# Provides Procedures and Methods for Analyzing Organofluorine Compounds in Drinking Water According to EPA Methods 533 and 537.1

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) have been used in coatings, surface treatment agents, emulsifiers, fire extinguishing media, and a wide variety of other products due to their water repellency, heat resistance, chemical resistance, and other characteristics. Meanwhile, due to concerns about their persistence, bioaccumulation, toxicity to biological organisms, and mobility over long distances in the environment, some PFASs have been targeted as substances governed by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Convention)<sup>11</sup>. In principle, the convention bans or restricts the manufacture, use, and import/export of target substances in the signatory states. As various countries implement regulations and assess the presence of PFASs in the environment and drinking water, there is a need to standardize the analytical methods used to quantitatively evaluate PFAS concentrations. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed and published EPA Method 537.1 in 2018 for analyzing 18 PFAS compounds in drinking water, and EPA Method 533 in 2019, which lists 25 PFAS compounds. The EPA plans to use Methods 533 and 537.1 as the analytical methods for assessing the status of 29 PFAS compounds in drinking water throughout the United States, based on the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5<sup>+2</sup>) scheduled for implementation between 2023 and 2025. The LC/MS/MS Method Package for Analyzing PFASs in Drinking Water includes ready-to-use analytical methods for EPA Methods 533 and 537.1, examples of analytical procedures for the two methods, and various other information, such as precautions for sample preparation and analysis. Using this product, 52 PFAS compounds<sup>+3</sup> in drinking water can be analyzed.

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1. Ready-to-Use Analytical Methods

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The package includes optimized analytical conditions for LC/MS/MS analysis, enabling analysis to start as soon as the system, reagents, and columns are available. There is no need to conduct a time-consuming process to determine analytical conditions.

2. Illustrated Examples of Analysis Procedures

Examples of analysis procedures compliant with the EPA methods are illustrated with diagrams. The illustrations help with understanding the difficult-to-interpret EPA methods.

In addition, each procedural step includes the corresponding original text from the relevant EPA method as a reference when necessary.

3. Precautions and Advice for Analysis Precautions and advice for ensuring an efficient analysis process are included.

# **Optional Kit for PFAS Analysis**

An "Optional Kit for PFAS Analysis" (sold separately) is available to minimize elution of organofluorine compounds from liquid contact surfaces in the LC system. Using the method package in combination with this kit enables organofluorine compound analysis with even higher reliability and robustness.



#### **Typical Chromatograms**



## List of Registered Compounds

EPA method 537.1

Anal	yte	Internal Standard	Surrogate
HFPO-DA	PFNA	13C2-PFOA	13C2-PFHxA
NEtFOSAA	PFOS	13C4-PFOS	13C2-PFDA
NMeFOSAA	PFOA	d3-NMeFOSAA	d5-NEtFOSAA
PFBS	PFTA		13C3-HFPO-DA
PFDA	PFTrDA		
PFDoA	PFUnA		
PFHpA	11CI-PF3OUdS		
PFHxS	9CI-PF3ONS		
PFHxA	ADONA		

Target compounds of both EPA Methods 533 and 537.1 are indicated in red.

\*1 Stockholm Convention:

http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ThePOPs/TheNewPOPs/tabid/2511/Default.aspx (viewed January 14, 2022)

\*2 UCMR5:

https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule (viewed January 14, 2022)

\*3 Including internal standard substances, surrogates, etc.

#### Precautions

1. Requires LabSolutions LCMS Ver. 5.113 or later and LabSolutions Insight<sup>™</sup> Ver. 3.8 SP3 or later.

2. This method package is intended for research use only. It may not be used for clinical diagnostic applications.

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EPA method 533

Anal	yte	Isotope Performance Standard	lsotope Dilution Analogue
11Cl-PF3OUdS	4:2 FTS	13C3-PFBA	13C4-PFBA
9CI-PF3ONS	PFHxS	13C2-PFOA	13C5-PFPeA
ADONA	PFHxA	13C4-PFOS	13C3-PFBS
HFPO-DA	PFMPA		13C2-4:2FTS
NFDHA	PFMBA		13C5-PFHxA
PFBA	PFNA		13C3-HFPO-DA
PFBS	6:2 FTS		13C4-PFHpA
8:2 FTS	PFOS		13C3-PFHxS
PFDA	PFOA		13C2-6:2FTS
PFDoA	PFPeA		13C8-PFOA
PFEESA	PFPeS		13C9-PFNA
PFHpS	PFUnA		13C8-PFOS
PFHpA			13C2-8:2FTS
			13C6-PFDA
			13C7-PFUnA
			13C2-PFDoA

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