

## **Templates: Instrumental Descriptions for HR-ESI-MS and -MS/MS**

(QExactive spectrometer; Laboratory for Mass Spectrometry)

### **HR-ESI-MS with On-Flow Injection (routine service)**

High resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HR-ESI-MS): *Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system* (*ThermoFischer Scientifics*, Germering, Germany) connected to a QExactive MS with a heated ESI source (*ThermoFisher Scientific*, Bremen, Germany); on-flow injection of 1 µL sample ( $c = \text{ca. } 50 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  in the indicated solvent) with an XRS auto-sampler (CTC, Zwingen, Switzerland); flow rate 120 µL min $^{-1}$ ; ESI: spray voltage 3.0 kV, capillary temperature 280 °C, sheath gas 30 L min $^{-1}$ , aux gas 8 L min $^{-1}$ , s-lens RF level 55.0, aux gas temperature 250 °C (N<sub>2</sub>); full scan MS in the alternating (+)/(-)-ESI mode; mass ranges 80–1'200 m/z, 133–2'000 m/z, or 200–3'000 m/z at 70'000 resolution (full width half-maximum); automatic gain control (AGC) target of 3.00·10<sup>6</sup>; maximum allowed ion transfer time (IT) 30 ms; mass calibration to <2 ppm accuracy with *Pierce®* ESI calibration solns. (*ThermoFisher Scientific*, Rockford, USA); lock masses: ubiquitous erucamide ( $m/z$  338.34174, (+)-ESI) and palmitic acid ( $m/z$  255.23295, (-)-ESI).

### **LC-HR-ESI-MS**

Liquid chromatography high resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (LC-HR-ESI-MS): *Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system* (*ThermoFischer Scientifics*, Germering, Germany) equipped with a DAD-3000 diode array detector and connected to a QExactive MS with a heated ESI source (*ThermoFisher Scientific*, Bremen, Germany); injection of 1 µL sample ( $c = \text{ca. } 50 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  in the indicated solvent) with an XRS auto-sampler (CTC, Zwingen, Switzerland); *Acquity BEH C18* HPLC column (1.7 µm particle size, 2 × 100 mm, *Waters*) kept at 30 °C;\* elution at a flow rate of 400 µL min $^{-1}$  with A: H<sub>2</sub>O + 1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H and B: CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H, linear gradient from 5–98% B within 5 min, then isocratic for 1 min;\* UV spectra recorded from 200–600 nm at 1.2 nm resolution and 20 points s $^{-1}$ ; ESI: spray voltage 3.5 kV, capillary temperature 260 °C, sheath gas 45 L min $^{-1}$ , aux gas 15 L min $^{-1}$ , sweep gas 2 L min $^{-1}$ , s-lens RF level 450.0, aux gas temperature 250 °C (N<sub>2</sub>); full scan MS in (+)-ESI (or in (-)-ESI) mode; mass ranges 80–1'200 m/z, 133–2'000 m/z, or 200–3'000 m/z at 70'000 resolution (full width half-maximum)\*\*; automatic gain control (AGC) target of 3.00·10<sup>6</sup>; maximum allowed ion transfer time (IT) 30 ms; mass calibration to <2 ppm accuracy with *Pierce®* ESI calibration solns. (*ThermoFisher Scientific*, Rockford, USA); lock masses: ubiquitous erucamide ( $m/z$  338.34174, (+)-ESI) and palmitic acid ( $m/z$  255.23295, (-)-ESI).

\* check for effectively used chromatographic conditions (column and solvent system).

\*\* check for effectively used resolution.