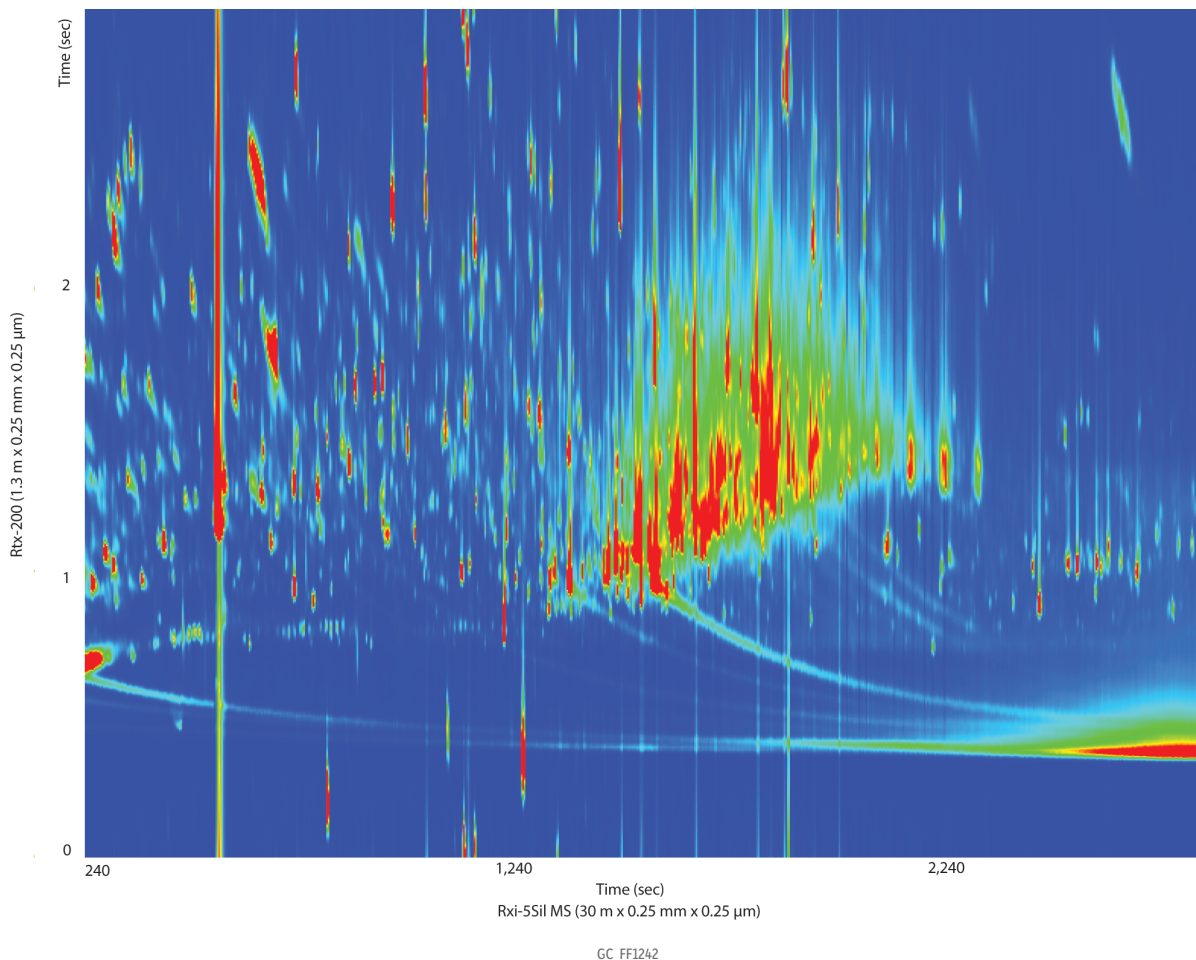


GCxGC-TOFMS Analysis of Unfortified Tobacco Extract After QuEChERS Extraction and dSPE Cleanup With 25 mg PSA and 7.5 mg GCB



Column Rxi-5Sil MS 30 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 μm (cat.# 13623)
Rtx-200 1.3 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 μm (cat.# 15124)
Tobacco extract with dSPE cleanup

Standard/Sample Injection
Inj. Vol.: 1.0 μL splitless (hold 1.0 min)
Liner: Premium 4 mm single taper w/wool (cat.# 23303)
Inj. Temp.: 250 °C

Oven
Oven Temp.: Rxi-5Sil MS: 90 °C (hold 1.0 min) to 310 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 2.0 min)
Rtx-200: 95 °C (hold 1.0 min) to 315 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 2.0 min)
He, corrected constant flow (2 mL/min)

Carrier Gas Modulation
Modulator Temp. Offset: +20 °C
Second Dimension Separation Time: 3 sec
Hot Pulse Time: 0.9 sec
Cool Time between Stages: 0.6 sec

Detector
Mode: MS
Transfer Line Temp.: 300 °C
Analyzer Type: TOF
Source Temp.: 225 °C
Electron Energy: 70 eV
Mass Defect: -20 mu/100 u
Ionization Mode: EI

Acquisition Range: 45 to 550 amu
Spectral Acquisition Rate: 100 spectra/sec
Instrument LECO Pegasus 4D GCxGC-TOFMS

Sample Preparation

QuEChERS Extraction:
A 2 g sample of tobacco was weighed into a 50 mL polypropylene centrifuge tube (cat.# 26239). After the addition of 10 mL of organic-free water to the sample, 100 μL of QuEChERS internal standard mix for GC-MS analysis (cat.# 33267) was added to each sample. Next, 10 mL of acetonitrile was added and the samples were vortexed for 30 min. Immediately after vortexing, pre-packaged QuEChERS European EN 15662 method formulation extraction salts (cat.# 26236) were added to each centrifuge tube. The tubes were immediately shaken for 1 min and then centrifuged for 5 min at 3000 g.

Sample Cleanup:
A 1 mL aliquot of the extract was fortified with 5 μL of an anthracene standard (cat.# 33264) and added to a dSPE tube containing 150 mg MgSO₄, 25 mg PSA and 7.5 mg GCB (cat.# 26218). The tubes were gently shaken for 2 min and then centrifuged for 5 min using a Q-sep 3000 centrifuge (cat.# 26230). A 0.5 mL portion of the supernatant extract was removed and placed into an autosampler vial and 5 μL of a 5% formic acid solution in acetonitrile was added to each sample prior to analysis. Rtx-200 (cat.# 15124) is a 2 m column. A 1.3 m section was cut off and used as the second dimension column.

Notes