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Integrated and innovative key actions for mycotoxin management in the food and feed chain

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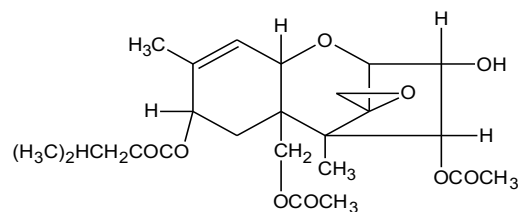
Mycotoxin Monitoring

FPIA for T-2 and HT-2 toxins and modified forms in wheat

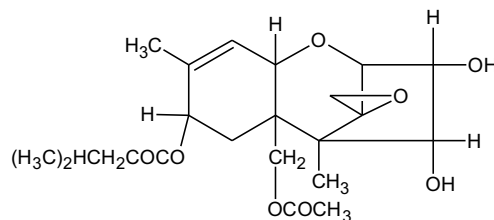
ISSUE

T-2 and HT-2 toxins are among the most toxic trichothecenes affecting a variety of cereal grains, including wheat. They may also occur as modified forms (mainly glucosides).

Analytical methods able to simultaneously detect mycotoxins and their glucosides (even though expressed as the sum) are very useful in view of possible future requirements of European regulations.



T-2 toxin (T-2)

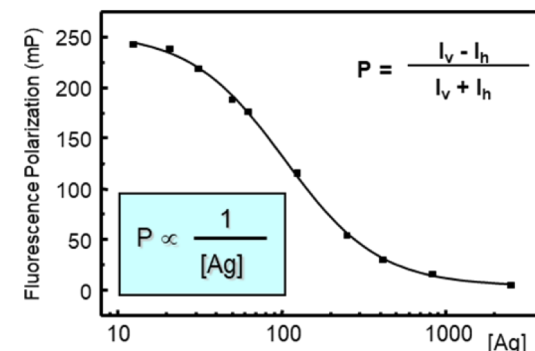
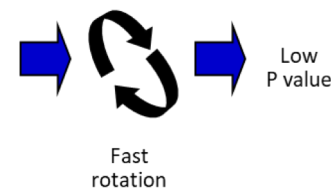
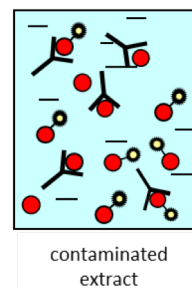
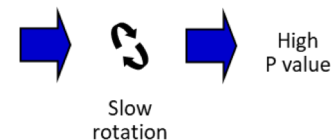
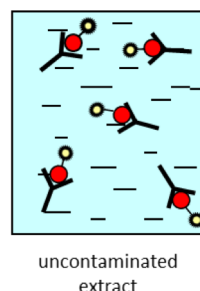


HT-2 toxin (HT-2)

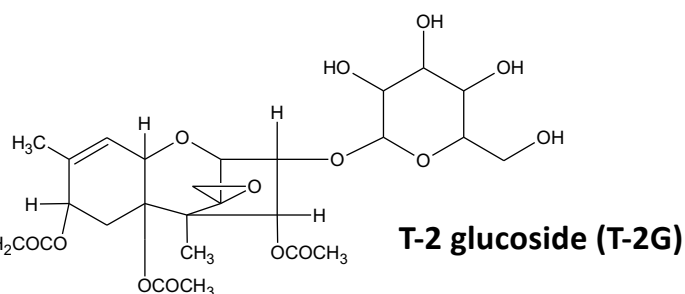
APPROACH

Fluorescence Polarization Immunoassay (FPIA) is a homogeneous competitive fluorescence immunoassay based on the competition in solution of free antigen (Ag) with a tracer (Ag-FL) for a specific monoclonal antibody (Ab).

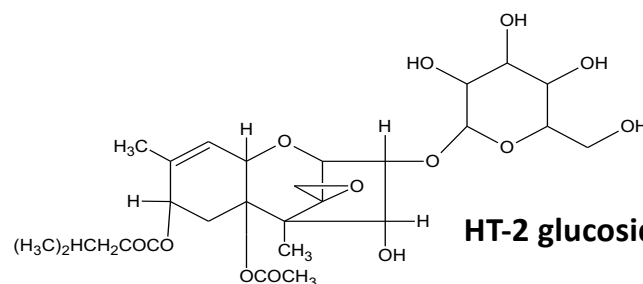
An **FPIA** has been developed for the rapid and **simultaneous determination** of **T-2, HT-2, T-2G and HT-2G** (expressed as sum).



✓ *P is inversely related to free antigen content in solution that competes with the tracer*



T-2 glucoside (T-2G)



HT-2 glucoside (HT-2G)

OUTCOMES

Two rapid (10-15 min) and easy-to-use methods using different extraction protocols, based on the use of organic (Protocol A) and non-organic (Protocol B) solvents, were developed and validated for the determination of T-2, HT-2, T-2G and HT-2G in wheat. These methods showed **analytical performances** in terms of sensitivity (LOD 10 g/kg) recovery (92–97%) and precision (RSDs 13%) **fulfilling the criteria** established by the European Union.

Protocol A

EXTRACTION

50 g of wheat with 100mL of methanol:water (90:10), blending 2 min

FILTRATION
(paper filter)

DILUTION

(1:5 with 4% NaCl solution)

FILTRATION
(glass microfibre filter)

Protocol B

EXTRACTION

10 g of wheat with 100 mL of water, blending 2 min

FILTRATION
Double step
(paper and glass microfibre filter)



Filtered extract

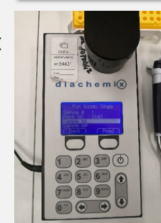


+ PBS-A
+ HT-2-MAb

vortex

FPIA

Measure FP
(blank)



Add tracer
(HT-2-FL)

Incubate

5 min

Measure FP

