

Peer-Reviewed Literature for Clinical Laboratories



Liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry systems enable *in vitro* quantification of a variety of compounds in biological matrices. This document provides references to illustrative publications demonstrating feasibility of LC-MS/MS to quantify various compounds. This list is not meant to be all inclusive. It is intended to represent LC-MS/MS capabilities broadly, utilizing a variety of devices, not a specific instrument or system.

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