

NanoLC[™] Systems

For TripleTOF® Systems

System Integration Test and Data Log







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Introduction 1

This guide describes the steps for preparing for and performing an LC-MS/MS system integration test for a NanoLC System combined with the SCIEX TripleTOF 4600, 5600/5600+, or 6600/6600+ mass spectrometer. The system might include the cHiPLC System or an external column and one of the following NanoLC Systems:

- NanoLC[™] 400 System
- NanoLC Ultra[®] System
- NanoLC[™] System
- Tempo[™] System

Note: Read the safety instructions in the *Operator Guide* prior to running the system integration test.

Note: For information about assembly and operation of the NanoSpray[®] or OptiFlow[™] Turbo V Ion Source, refer to the *Ion Source Operator Guide*. For information about assembly and operation of the Digital PicoView Nanospray Ion Source, refer to the *Digital PicoView Nanospray Source Hardware Manual*.

Note: Optimize the ion source before beginning this test.

About the Test

The test in this document determines the performance level of the LC-MS system. This test can be used as a measure of the system performance. The results from this test can provide a baseline measurement of system performance. The test can be performed regularly and used as a system quality control test in the future. Record the test results in the System Integration Test Data Log and Signoff.

Perform this test when the mass spectrometer is known to be operating well and meeting performance specifications. Refer to Mass Spectrometer System Calibration and the *Ion Source Tests, Specifications, and Data Log* document.

If the LC system has been idle for two weeks or more, re-initialize transducers, then verify the flow rate and, if necessary, calibrate.

Before starting the test, make sure that the system is plumbed in a trap-and-elute configuration (with either the cHiPLC® System or an external trap and column). Refer to Plumbing Diagrams.

Note: The test in this document is written with Gradient 1 as the low-flow channel. If this is not true for the system being tested (for example, a 2D system), then make the appropriate changes throughout the test. Refer to Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Channel Flow Rate

Pump	Channel	Flow Rate
Gradient 1	Low flow	300 nL/min
Loading pump	High flow	5 μL/min

Time Required

Approximate time required:

- 1. Create the methods and batch: 45 minutes
- 2. Prepare the system for testing: 60 minutes (or 3 to 4 hours if the column needs conditioning)
- 3. Perform the test: 3 hours

Required Materials

Note: If you are not using pre-mixed solvents, make sure that you use LC-MS-grade water, acetonitrile, and formic acid.

Note: We do not recommend using Milli-Q water because it is not of suitable quality for use in LC-MS systems.

Table 1-2 Required Materials for All Configurations

	Vendor	Part Number
LC-MS Peptide Calibration kit	SCIEX	4465867
Beta-galactosidase digest	SCIEX	4465938
Burdick and Jackson acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (or equivalent)	VWR	BJLC441-1.0
Burdick and Jackson water with 0.1% formic acid (or equivalent)	VWR	BJLC452-1

Table 1-3 Required Materials for a NanoLC System with a cHiPLC® System

Description	Part Number
Reversed phase cHiPLC [®] column (75 μm × 15 cm ChromXP [™] C18-CL 3 μm 120 Å)	804-00001
cHiPLC [®] trap (200 μm × 0.5 mm ChromXP [™] C18-CL 3 μm 120 Å)	804-00006
Trap-and-elute jumper chip	800-00389

Table 1-4 Required Materials for a NanoLC System with an External Column

Ion Source	Description	Part Number
NanoSpray® or Digital	Reversed phase ChromXP $^{\text{TM}}$ nanoLC column (75 μ m ID \times 15 cm, ChromXP $^{\text{TM}}$ C18 3 μ m 120 Å)	805-00120
PicoView Nanospray Ion Source	ChromXP [™] nanoLC Trap column (350 μm ID × 0.5 mm, ChromXP [™] C18 3 μm 120 Å)	5016752
	NanoSpray emitter tip	910-00051
TM	bioZen Peptide Polar-C18 column (75 μ m ID \times 15 cm, Polar-C18 3 μ m 100 Å) 1	SCIEX 5073903 Phenomenex 00F-4782-AW-SX
OptiFlow [™] Turbo V Ion Source	Nano Trap RP-1 trap column (75 μm ID × 1.0 cm, RP-1) ¹	SCIEX 5073904 Phenomenex 05N-4252-AW
	SteadySpray NANO probe with a NANO electrode	5068771

¹ This column only available for purchase by users from Phenomenex. The equivalent SCIEX part is only available to Field Service Employees (FSEs).

Create the Methods

Create the autosampler and LC methods in the Eksigent Control Software and the acquisition method in the Analyst TF Software.

Create the Autosampler Method

- 1. Plumb the autosampler valve with a 10 μ L sample loop.
- 2. Open the Analyst® TF Software.
- 3. In the **Autosampler** control window, click **Method Editor**.
- 4. Create the autosampler method for a trap-elute configuration. Refer to the appropriate appendix for the system.
 - Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System
 - Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column
 - Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with a cHiPLC® System
 - Methods for NanoLC Ultra[®] Systems with an External Trap and Column
 - Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System
 - $\bullet \quad \text{Methods for NanoLC}^{\text{TM}} \text{ and Tempo}^{\text{TM}} \text{ Systems with an External Trap and Column}$
- 5. Type the name of the method as specified in the appendix, and then click **Save**.
- 6. Click OK.

Create the LC Methods

Fill the aqueous channel for each pump (side A) with buffer A. Fill the organic channel (side B) with buffer B. For the loading pump, buffer A is always used. Required buffers are shown in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Mobile Phase Mixtures

	Buffer A	Buffer B	Modifier
Gradient 1	100% water	100% acetonitrile	0.1% formic acid
Gradient 2	100% water	100% acetonitrile	0.1% formic acid
Loading pump	100% water	N/A	0.1% formic acid

Create the Loading Pump Method

In this method, the loading pump is the channel with the microflow module.

- 1. Open the Analyst® TF Software.
- 2. In the **Acquisition** window that opens (from the Eksigent Control Software), click the arrow in the top, right corner of the window to select the high-flow or loading pump.
- 3. Click LC Methods.
- 4. Create the loading pump method. Refer to the appropriate appendix for the system:
 - Methods for NanoLCTM 400 Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System
 - Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column
 - Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with a cHiPLC® System
 - Methods for NanoLC Ultra[®] Systems with an External Trap and Column
 - Methods for NanoLC $^{\text{TM}}$ and Tempo $^{\text{TM}}$ Systems with a cHiPLC $^{\text{®}}$ System
 - Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with an External Trap and Column
- 5. Type the method name as specified in the appropriate appendix.
- 6. Click Save.
- 7. Click **OK**.

Create the Gradient Method

For the analytical gradient (typically on the gradient 1 channel with the nanoflow module), create the gradient method.

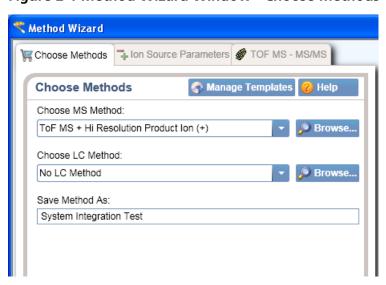
- 1. In the **Acquisition** window that opens (from the Eksigent Control Software), click the arrow in the top, right corner of the window to select the nanoflow or gradient pump.
- 2. Click LC Methods.
- 3. Create the gradient method. Refer to the appropriate appendix for the system:

- Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System
- Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column
- Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with a cHiPLC® System
- Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with an External Trap and Column
- Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System
- Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with an External Trap and Column
- 4. Type the method name as specified in the appropriate appendix.
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Click OK.

Create the Acquisition Method

- 1. Close the Eksigent Control Software, if it is open.
- 2. Verify that the Analyst® TF Software drivers are installed. Refer to the appropriate installation document for details.
- 3. Open the Analyst® TF Software.
- 4. Create a hardware profile.
- 5. On the Navigation toolbar, click **Acquire > Method Wizard**.

Figure 2-1 Method Wizard Window - Choose Methods Tab



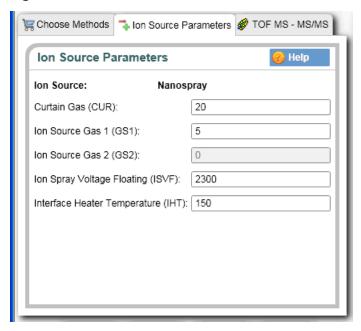
6. In the Choose MS Method list, select ToF MS + Hi Resolution Product Ion (+).

- 7. Specify the LC method in one of the following ways:
 - If an autosampler and LC method have already been associated with an acquisition method, in the Choose LC Method list, select the existing acquisition method (.dam).
 - If an autosampler and LC method has not been used before, then select **No LC Method**.

Tip! Any method can be selected as it can be edited after creation of this acquisition method.

- 8. In the **Save Method As** field, type **System Integration Test** for the acquisition method, and then press **Enter**.
- 9. Click Next.
- 10. On the **Ion Source Parameters** tab, specify the source conditions that were determined during the ion source test.
 - For the NanoSpray® or OptiFlow™ Turbo V Ion Source, refer to the *Ion Source Tests, Specifications,* and Data Log.
 - For the Digital PicoView Nanospray Ion Source, refer to the *NanoLC Systems Installation Checklist* and *Data Log.*

Figure 2-2 Method Wizard - Ion Source Parameters Tab



- 11. Click Next.
- 12. On the **TOF MS MS/MS** tab, specify the acquisition parameters.

Note: The acquisition time should be more than 1 minute shorter than the LC run time.

Table 2-2 Acquisition Parameters

Parameter	Value
Start TOF Mass (Da)	400
Stop TOF Mass (Da)	1800
TOF Accumulation Time (s)	0.250
MS2 Start Mass (Da)	100
MS2 Stop Mass (Da)	1800
MS2 Accumulation Time (s)	0.5
Mass Spec Acquisition Duration (min)	42
Product of m/z (Da)	729.3652
Collision Energy (V)	45
Collision Energy Spread (V)	3

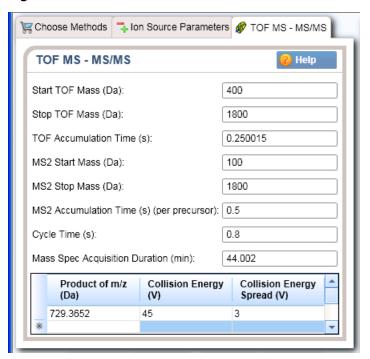


Figure 2-3 Method Wizard - TOF MS - MS/MS Tab

13. Click Finish.

Add LC Information to the Acquisition Method

1. Click **Acquisition Method** in the left pane, and then set **Synchronization Mode** to **LC Sync**.

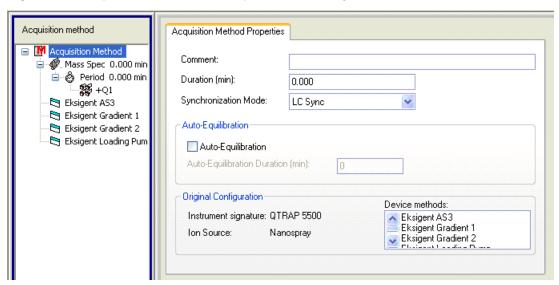
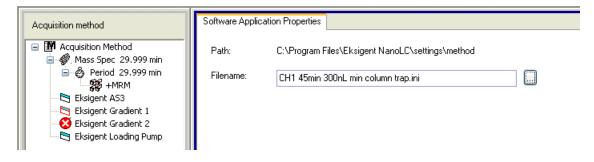


Figure 2-4 Acquisition Method Properties Tab—Synchronization Mode

- 2. Click the autosampler (for example, Eksigent AS2 or AS3) and then select the appropriate autosampler method. Refer to Create the Autosampler Method.
- 3. If Eksigent Gradient 2 appears in the device list, right-click **Eksigent Gradient 2** and then clear the "Use" selection as it is not being used.
- 4. Click **Eksigent Gradient 1** and then select the appropriate gradient pump method. Refer to Create the Gradient Method.

Figure 2-5 Software Application Properties Tab—Gradient 1 Method



- Click Eksigent Loading Pump and then select the appropriate loading pump method. Refer to Create the Loading Pump Method.
- 6. Save the acquisition method.

Prepare the System for Testing

Plumb the system in trap-elute configuration to perform the pre-column desalting workflow. Refer to Plumbing Diagrams. For wiring information for a NanoLCTM or Tempo System with the cHiPLC[®]. Refer to Wire Connections.

Prepare the 1 pmol/µL Stock Solution of Beta-Galactosidase Digest Solution



WARNING! Toxic Chemical Hazard. Refer to the chemical product *Safety Data Sheets* and follow all of the recommended safety procedures when handling, storing, and disposing of chemicals. For health and safety precautions, refer to the *Operator Guide*.

Required Materials

- Beta-galactosidase digest (PN 4465938)
- Buffer A
- 1. Add 625.0 µL of buffer A (100% water:0.1% formic acid) to the beta-galactosidase vial.
- 2. Vortex the vial for at least 30 seconds.
- 3. Using a centrifuge, spin the vial to bring the liquid down to the bottom of the vial before opening.
- 4. Repeat step 2 to step 3 to confirm dissolution.
- 5. Aliquot the stock solution into 50 μL volumes and then store them at -35 °C to -15 °C for up to one year.

Note: Aliquots of the beta-galactosidase stock solution can be stored at 4 °C for up to three days after thawing.

Condition the System

A trap and column typically require two to three runs with 200 fmol/ μ L of protein digest for conditioning. Prepare a 200 fmol/ μ L dilution and use it in two or three 1 μ L injections at the beginning of the batch.

If the column is already conditioned, this procedure is not required. Proceed to Prepare the Sample for the System Integration Test.

Prepare a 200 fmol/µL Dilution of the Beta-Galactosidase to Condition the System

Required Materials

- Stock solution, prepared in Prepare the 1 pmol/µL Stock Solution of Beta-Galactosidase Digest Solution
- 1. Combine 40 μL of buffer A (100% water:0.1% formic acid) with 10 μL of the stock solution in a clean vial.
- 2. Mix the solution for at least 30 seconds using a vortex mixer.
 - This step produces a 1:5 dilution, with a concentration of 200 fmol/µL.
- 3. Transfer the solution to the autosampler vial, making sure there is no bubble on the bottom of the vial.

Prepare the Sample for the System Integration Test

Required Materials

- Beta-galactosidase stock solution, prepared in Prepare the 1 pmol/µL Stock Solution of Beta-Galactosidase Digest Solution
- Water with 0.1% formic acid (Buffer A)
- 1. Combine the specified amount of the 1 pmol/µL beta-galactosidase stock solution with Buffer A in clean vial. Refer to Table 2-3.

Table 2-3 Sample Dilutions by Mass Spectrometer

System	Buffer A (µL)	Stock Solution (µL)	Final Concentration
TripleTOF [®] 4600 System	390	10	25 fmol/μL
TripleTOF [®] 5600/5600+ System			
TripleTOF [®] 6600/6600+ System			

- 2. Mix the solution for at least 30 seconds using a vortex mixer.
- 3. Transfer the solution to the autosampler vial, making sure that there is no bubble on the bottom of the vial.

Verify System Readiness

Make sure that the LC system meets performance specifications.

Note: For information about assembly and operation of the NanoSpray[®] or OptiFlow[™] Turbo V Ion Source, refer to the *Ion Source Operator Guide*. For information about assembly and operation of the Digital PicoView Nanospray Ion Source, refer to the *Digital PicoView Nanospray Source Hardware Manual*.

Note: Optimize the ion source before beginning this test.

- 1. Connect the flow from the LC system to the ion source and verify that the spray is stable by monitoring the background signal in the Analyst® TF Software.
- 2. Equilibrate the LC-MS system with the starting conditions of the method outlined above.
- 3. On the Navigation bar, double-click **Manual Tuning**.
- 4. Type the key parameters from Table 2-4 and then click **Start** to begin acquisition. Refer to the following figures as an example.

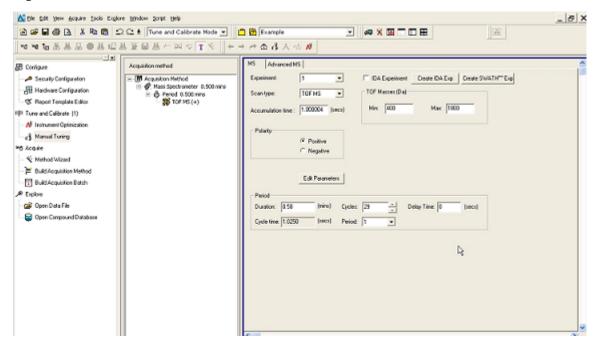


Figure 2-6 TOF MS Parameters

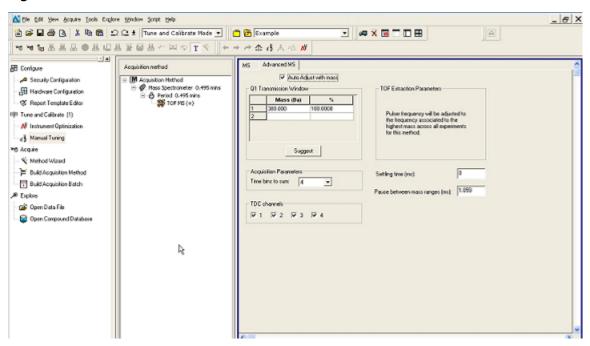


Figure 2-7 TOF Advanced MS Parameters

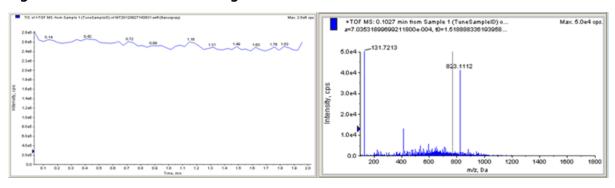
Table 2-4 Key Parameters

Parameter	Value
MS	•
Scan type	TOF MS
Accumulation time (sec)	1.0
Polarity	Positive
TOF masses (Da)	400 to 1800
Duration (min)	0.5
Advanced MS	•
MCA	On
Auto Adjust with mass	On
Q1 Transmission window	Default (with Auto-adjust)
Pulsar frequency	Default (with Auto-adjust)
Time bins to sum	4

Table 2-4 Key Parameters (continued)

Parameter	Value	
Settling time	Default	
Pause between mass ranges	Default	
Source/Gas		
Ion Source Gas 1 (GS1)	5 (or as optimized)	
Curtain Gas (CUR)	20 (or as optimized)	
Temperature (TEM) (°C)	150 (or as optimized)	
IonSpray Voltage Floating (ISVF) (V)	2300 (or as optimized)	
Compound	•	
Declustering Potential (DP)	70 (or as optimized)	

Figure 2-8 TOF MS Scan for Background Noise



5. Make sure that the spray is still stable by monitoring the background signal with a TOF MS scan.

An example of stable spray is shown on the left side of the previous figure (the spectrum on the right will vary system to system). Refer to Figure 2-8.

Unstable spray can be caused by air bubbles in the spray and appears as shown in the following figure. Bubbles in the spray are almost always caused by a poor post-column fitting.

- If air bubbles are present in the spray, verify that all post-column fittings and connections have been made properly.
- If the spray is not stable, tune the ion source again by infusion. Refer to the *Operator Guide*.

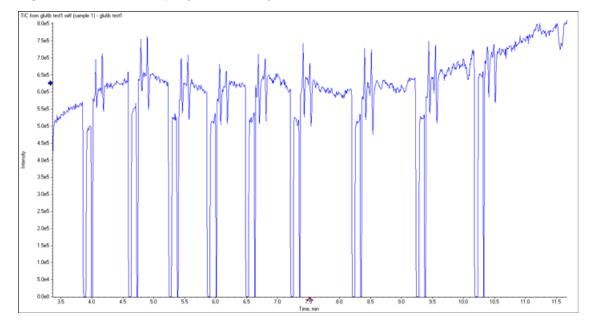


Figure 2-9 Unstable Spray Induced by Air Bubbles

Perform the System Integration Test

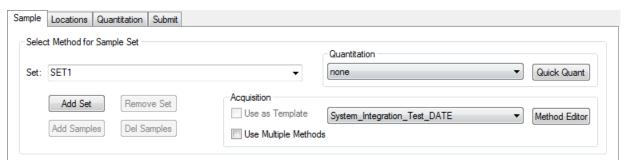
Create the acquisition batch, run the batch and then verify the results. Type the test results in the System Integration Test Data Log and Signoff.

Note: If the system includes a cHiPLC[®] System, make sure that the cHiPLC[®] System is in the Load position before beginning this test.

Create the LC-MS Acquisition Batch

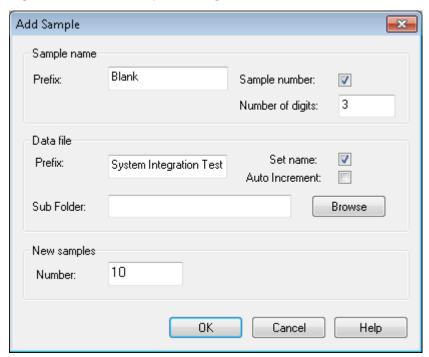
- 1. Double-click **Build Acquisition Batch** on the **Navigation** bar.
- 2. On the **Sample** tab, in the **Acquisition** group, select the acquisition method created in Create the Acquisition Method from the list.

Figure 2-10 Sample Tab—Acquisition Group



- 3. Click Add Set.
- 4. Click Add Samples.

Figure 2-11 Add Sample Dialog



- 5. Specify the sample information as shown in the previous figure. Refer to Figure 2-11.
 - a. In the **Number** field, type **10**.
 - b. Click **OK**.
- 6. Specify the rack and plate position for the samples as shown in the following figure. Refer to Figure 2-12.

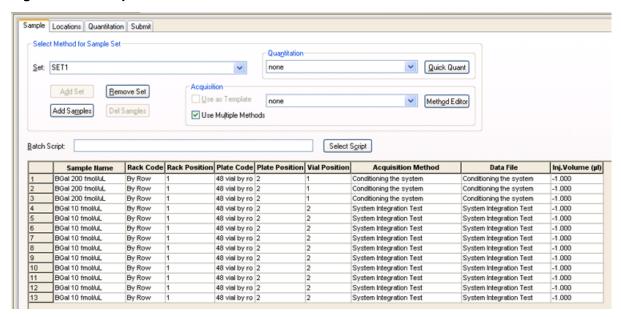


Figure 2-12 Sample Tab—Method Creation

- 7. Create a batch. Refer to Figure 2-12.
- 8. Save the batch file as YYYYMMDD LC TOFMS BGal Integration Test.
- 9. On the **Location** tab, identify the position of the beta-galactosidase sample vial.

Figure 2-13 Locations Tab

Run the Batch

1. Click **Submit** on the **Submit** tab.

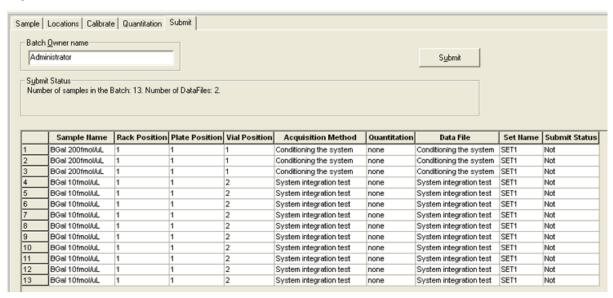


Figure 2-14 Submit Tab

- 2. Click View > Sample Queue.
- 3. Click Acquire > Start Sample.

Assess the Results

Assess the TOF MS Data in the PeakView® Software

- 1. Open the data file and double-click the arrow in the middle of the X-axis (Time, min) to display the individual TICs.
- 2. Right-click **TIC from Experiment 1, +TOF MS** in the top left corner of the graph.
- 3. Select **Remove all Traces Except Active** to display only the TOF MS TIC plot.
- 4. Extract the TOF MS peak XICs for the target peptides:
 - a. Click **Show** > **Extract Ions Using**.

b. Specify the masses and extraction width for the peptides as shown in Figure 2-15. Only the masses and widths are required.

Note: These peaks are the most stable and the most reproducible from batch-to-batch and from lot-to-lot.

🔙 Specify XIC Ranges Center Width Compound 503.2368 YSQQQLMETSHR 0.05 542.2645 0.05 GDFQFNISR 671.33789 0.05 VDEDQPFPAVPK 714.84692 0.05 DWENPGVTQLNR 729.36517 0.05 APLDNDIGVSEATR OΚ Cancel

Figure 2-15 Specify XIC Ranges Dialog

5. Click OK.

The XICs for each peptide are generated. The peak areas of the extracted peaks can be used to evaluate the MS sensitivity and the peak retention times can be used to evaluate the chromatography.

Note: The XIC can be used to evaluate the NanoLC peak retention times and shapes. Peak widths, retention times, and XIC width vary from LC system to LC system depending on transfer line volumes, column type used, column age, and more.

6. In the **XIC** pane, click and drag across the range of the more intense peaks, as shown in Figure 2-16.

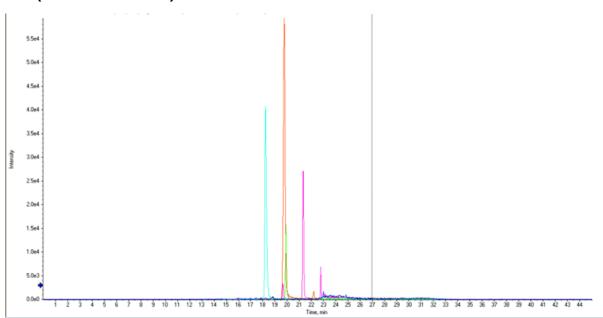


Figure 2-16 TOF MS XICs of Peptides from Beta-galactosidase NanoLC Ultra® Trap Elute Run (25 fmol on column)

- 7. Click Window > Graph Selection Window.
- 8. Record the peak area and resolution for each XIC.

Note: Only the peak area for the selected peptide XIC (in bold text in the heading in the top left corner) will be displayed in the **Graph Selection** window. Individually select each peptide XIC in the top left heading to display the corresponding peak area.

Note: This test is not a specification. Use this example to confirm injection and peak separation and shape only. Refer to the peak area specification in the *Installation Checklist and Data Log*. Refer to the "TOF MS Test" section in the *Ion Source Tests, Specifications and Data Log* document for resolution specifications for the NanoSpray on Source.

- 9. Make sure that the peaks have good separation and shape using the PeakView® Software:
 - a. Click Window > Graph Selection Window.

b. Record the retention times of the chosen peaks.

Retention times will vary with each system. Time of elution of the first is about 14 minutes to 16 minutes. The longer elution time indicates that LC dead volume should be minimized.

Note: Most of the XICs obtained should have peak widths of approximately 0.2 minutes half height on average and have peak intensities similar to those shown in Figure 2-16. Some peaks will be narrower and some will be broader.

Record the Results in the Data Log

- 1. Calculate the average peak area and average peak resolution for the last three injections for the following four peptides:
 - 729.4 m/z
 - 714.8 m/z
 - 671.3 m/z
 - 542.3 m/z
- 2. Record the values in the Data Log. Refer to Table 3-8 and Table 3-9.
- 3. Examine the last three injections to make sure that the average peak area for each of the four QC peaks meet the minimum requirements specified in the Data Log.
- 4. Record the retention time for the last three samples analyzed for the following three peptides:
 - 729.4 m/z
 - 671.3 m/z
 - 542.3 m/z

The absolute retention time will vary with each system.

Tip! Use a column oven to increase the retention time reproducibility. The temperature effect on retention time differs from peptide to peptide. In order to get the retention time reproducibility within specification, the temperature of the column should be stable within 1 °C. Factors to consider include not only the column temperature itself, but the room temperature, especially during overnight runs as the room temperature can shift dramatically.

- 5. Calculate the difference between the latest and earliest elution of each peptide and record the difference in the Data Log. Refer to Table 3-10.
- 6. Make sure that the difference meets the minimum requirements specified in the Data Log.

Troubleshoot Peak Issues

This section provides information for troubleshooting peak related problems such as broad or tailing peak widths, lack of separation between peaks, and low peak area.

Peak widths are too broad or are tailing

- Inspect all connections in the flow path to verify that there are no dead volumes.
- Look at connections post-column and around the trap column. A small increase in peak width is often seen when a trap column is used.
- Broad peaks may also result from overloading the column. If this occurs when conditioning the column, ignore
 it. If this occurs during a sample run, either decrease the injection volume or dilute the sample and then inject
 the sample again.

CAUTION: Potential System Damage: If peak with problems persist and a cHiPLC® System is in use, do not attempt to troubleshoot the fittings connected to the chip.

No separation between the peaks

- Make sure that both pumps are delivering the correct amount of solvent.
- Make sure that the pressure drop upon injection is not too severe in the high-flow channel (change in pressure less than 300 psi).
- A large pressure drop upon injection suggests an air bubble has been introduced to the sample loop or is present in the trap column plumbing.

Note: The overall separation with trap and elute will often be less than with direct injection. Components that elute comparably on the trap and analytical column will not resolve on the analytical column and, as a result, spread out or bunch together.

Peak intensity or peak area is too low

- Verify that the correct amount of sample has been withdrawn from the autosampler vial by performing an aspiration test.
- Verify the performance of the mass spectrometer and the ion source spray.
 - For the NanoSpray® or OptiFlow™ Turbo V Ion Sources, refer to the infusion tests in the *Ion Source Tests, Specifications, and Data Log* document.
 - For the Digital PicoView Nanospray Ion Source, refer to the *NanoLC Systems Installation Checklist* and *Data Log.*

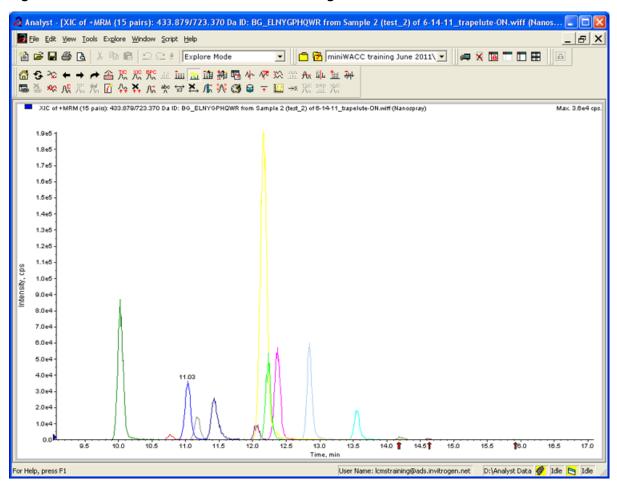
- If there is a large pressure drop upon injection, inspect for air bubbles in the sample loop or trap column plumbing.
- Verify that the trap and analytical column are well conditioned with protein digest injections before performing
 this test. A trap typically requires two to three runs with 200 fmol of protein digest on the column for
 conditioning.
- Perform a direct injection with a protein digest on the analytical column to determine whether the problem is related to the trap, or 10-port switching valve, or the cHiPLC[®] System.
- If the first LC peak does not elute for a long time, inspect the system for dead volume.

Tip! Minimize tubing length wherever possible and make sure that all the tubing for the flow path for the gradient channel has an inner diameter of 18 μm to 25 μm.

• If the early eluting peaks are not visible or are very low in intensity, replace the trap. Invisible or low-intensity peaks can result from trapping efficiency.

If the late eluting peaks are not visible or are very low in intensity, the column might be getting old. In rare
cases, the beta-galactosidase standard is degraded. The following figure is an example of a scan with an older
column. Refer to Figure 2-17.

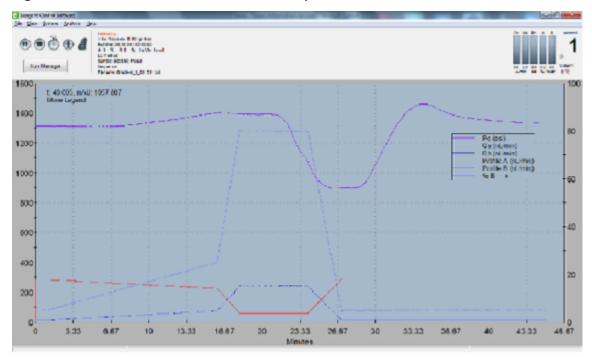




- Always monitor the column and trap pressure over time. Increasing pressure often indicates increasing blockage,
 probably at the ion source emitter tip. If the pressure drops quickly when the connection between the column
 and the ion source is unfastened, the tip is getting clogged and should be changed.
- For better long-term column lifetime, verify that the pressure drops at least 30% during the high organic flush
 of the column. Increase the duration of the high organic flush until a good pressure change is observed. This
 time might increase for the trap column configuration relative to the direct injection configuration.

• The following figure shows a minimal pressure change upon injection (at time 0) and a 30% pressure decrease (at 23 minutes to 30 minutes) during the high organic flush. Refer to Figure 2-18.





System Integration Test Data Log and Signoff

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Table 3-6 Ion Source Information

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Table 3-7 Mass Spectrometer Information

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Serial number	

Peak Area and Resolution

Most of the XICs obtained should have peak widths of approximately 0.2 min half height on average. Some peaks will be narrower and some will be broader.

Additionally, verify that the peaks elute within five minutes of each other.

Table 3-8 TOF MS Data: Peak Area

TOF-MS	Peptide ID	Peak Area Spec	Avg. Peak Area
542.2645	GDFQFNISR	1.0 × 10 ⁵	
671.3379	VDEDQPFPAVPK	2.0 × 10 ⁵	
714.8469	DWENPGVTQLNR	5.0 × 10 ⁴	
729.3652	APLDNDIGVSEATR	2.0 × 10 ⁵	
	Specification Passed?		

Table 3-9 TOF MS Data: Average Peak Resolution

TOF-MS	Peptide ID	Average Resolution
542.2645	GDFQFNISR	
671.3379	VDEDQPFPAVPK	
714.8469	DWENPGVTQLNR	
729.3652	APLDNDIGVSEATR	
	Resolution should be ≥ 25 000 for all peaks.	
	Specification Passed?	

Retention Time

For the three peptides, record the retention time for the last three samples analyzed then calculate the difference between the latest and earliest retention times.

Tip! Use a column oven to increase the retention time reproducibility. The temperature effect on retention time differs from peptide to peptide. In order to get the retention time reproducibility within specification, the temperature of the column should be stable within 1 °C. Factors to consider include not only the column temperature itself, but the room temperature, especially during overnight runs as the room temperature can shift dramatically.

Table 3-10 Retention Time for Beta-Galactosidase Peptides

Peptide m/z	Retention Time			Difference
	Run A	Run B	Run C	
729.4				
671.3				
542.3				
For NanoLC [™] 400 Systems, difference should be < 0.3 min.				
For NanoLC Ultra $^{\circ}$, NanoLC $^{\text{TM}}$ and Tempo $^{\text{TM}}$ Systems, difference should be $<$ 0.5 min.				
Specification Passed?				

Comments and Exceptions			
Signoff			
Organization			
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Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System

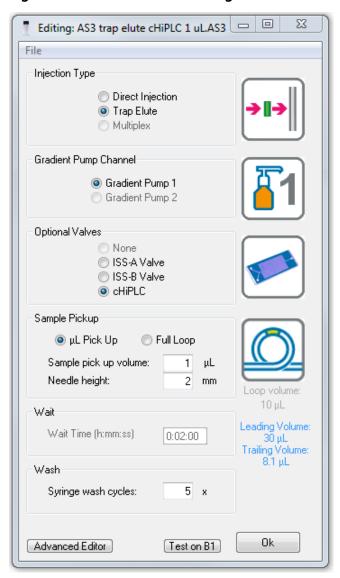


This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLC[™] 400 System with a cHiPLC[®] System.

For methods for a NanoLC[™] 400 System with an external trap and column, refer to Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column.

Autosampler Method Parameters

Figure A-1 Method Editor Dialog



The following table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Advanced Editor** dialog. Refer to Table A-1.

Table A-1 Advanced Editor Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Description	
Initialize	Autosampler Device	
Wait	for 0:00:01	
Needle Wash	Pre-wash—1 ×	
Wait	for Gradient 1 ready to start	
Wait	for Loading pump ready to start	
Get Sample	μL Pickup—1 μL—0.5 μL/s—2 mm from bottom	
Start	Loading Pump	
Valve	Injector Inject	
Wait	Wait for loading pump injection complete	
Start	Gradient Pump 1	
Valve	Injector Load	
Needle Wash	Clean Up—5 ×	

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure A-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

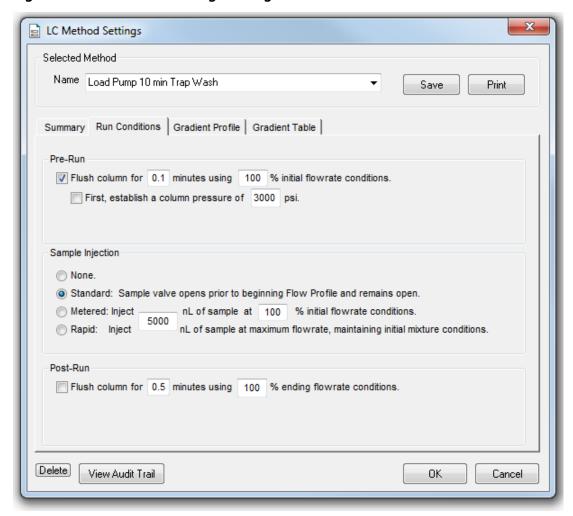


Table A-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Figure A-3 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (cHiPLC® System)

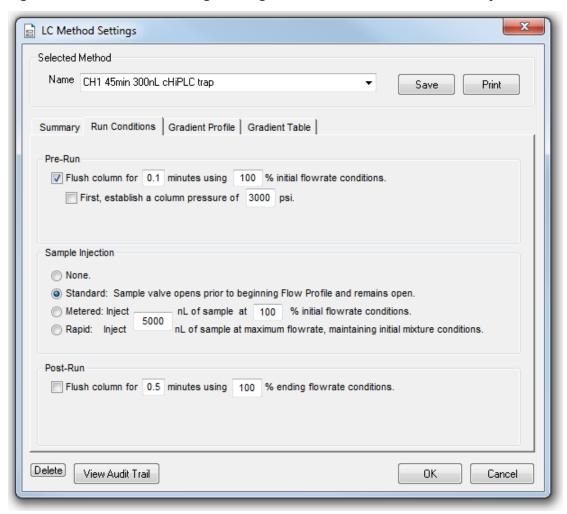


Table A-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	% A	% B	Event
1	0	95	5	
2	1	95	5	
3	16	75	25	
4	18	20	80	

Table A-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab) (continued)

Step	Time	% A	% B	Event
5	24	20	80	
6	27	95	5	
7	45	95	5	

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

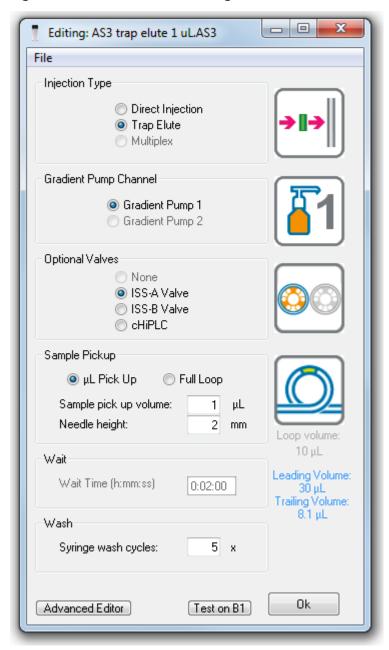
Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column

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This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLC[™] 400 System with an external trap and column. For methods for a NanoLC[™] 400 System with a cHiPLC[®] System, refer to Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System.

Autosampler Method Parameters

Figure B-1 Method Editor Dialog



The following table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Advanced Editor** dialog. Refer to Table B-1.

Methods for NanoLC[™] 400 Systems with an External Trap and Column

Table B-1 Advanced Editor Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Description	
Initialize	Autosampler Device	
Valve	ISS-A Load	
Needle Wash	Pre-wash—1 × using Wash Solvent 1	
Wait	for Gradient 1 ready to start	
Wait	for Loading Pump ready to start	
Get Sample	μL Pickup—1 μL - 0.5 μL/s - 2 mm from bottom	
Start	Loading Pump	
Valve	Injector Inject	
Wait	for Loading Pump injection complete	
Valve	ISS-A Inject	
Start	Gradient Pump 1	
Valve	Injector Load	
Needle Wash	Clean Up—5 × using Wash Solvent 1	

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure B-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

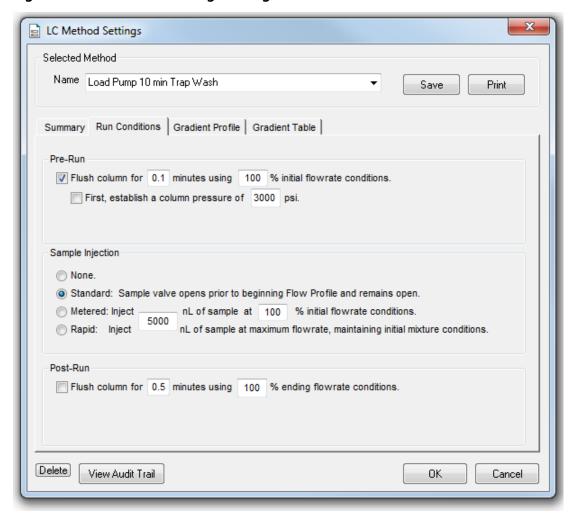


Table B-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Figure B-3 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (External Column)

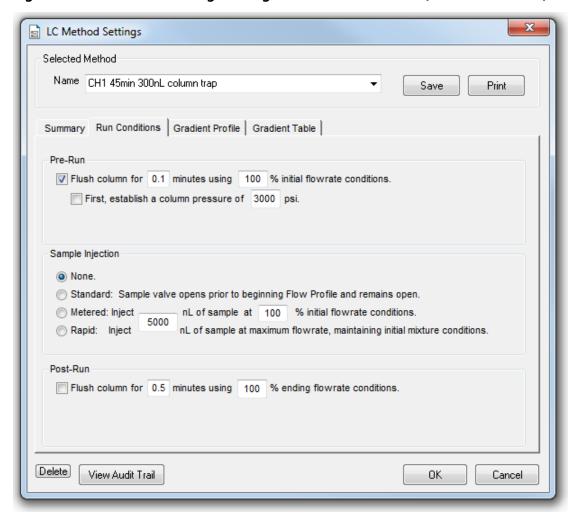


Table B-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
1	0	95	5	
2	1	95	5	
3	16	75	25	
4	18	20	80	

Table B-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab) (continued)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
5	24	20	80	
6	27	95	5	
7	45	95	5	

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

Methods for NanoLC Ultra[®] Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System

C

This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLC Ultra® System with a cHiPLC® System.

For methods for a NanoLC Ultra® System with an external trap and column, refer to Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with an External Trap and Column.

Autosampler Method Parameters

This table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Method Editor** dialog.

Table C-1 Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Valve		Injector Load	
External Events		Wait for Gradient 1 Ready	
External Events		Wait for Loading Pump Ready	
Needle Wash	50 μL	Port 1	
Aspirate	19 µL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	1 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 3
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 3
Aspirate	5 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		

Table C-1 Autosampler Method Parameters (continued)

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
External Events		Start Loading Pump	
Valve		Injector Inject	
External Events		Wait for Loading Pump Inject	
Valve		Injector Load	
External Events		Start Gradient 1	
Dispense	25 μL	Waste	Speed: 5
			Height: 0
Needle Wash	200 μL	Port 1	
END			

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure C-1 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

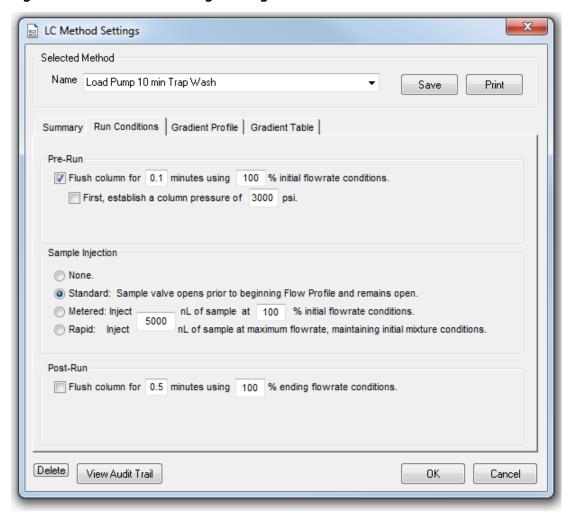


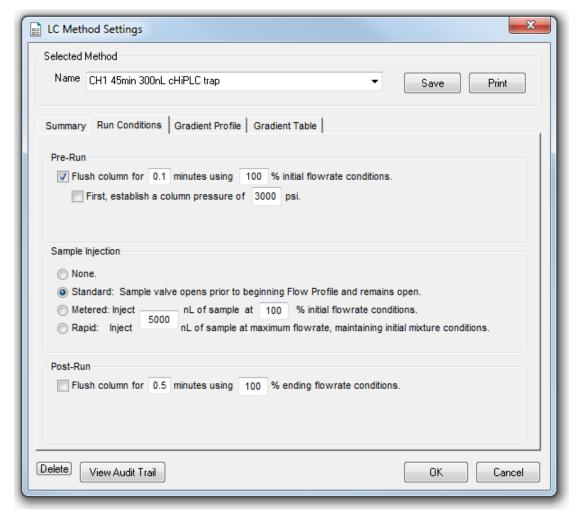
Table C-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Note: The events shown below verify the correct switching of the cHiPLC® valve. The signals at Time 0 will move the cHiPLC® valve to the Inject position and the signal at Time 45 will move the cHiPLC® valve back to the Load position.

Figure C-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (cHiPLC® System)



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Table C-3 Gradient Method Parameters

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
1	0	95	5	AUX3 TTL Low
2	0	95	5	AUX4 TTL High
3	0.1	95	5	AUX3 TTL High
4	16	75	25	
5	18	20	80	
6	24	20	80	
7	27	95	5	
8	45	96	5	AUX4 TTL Low

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with an External Trap and Column

D

This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLC Ultra® System with an external trap and column. For methods for a NanoLC Ultra® System with a cHiPLC® System, refer to Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with a cHiPLC® System.

Autosampler Method Parameters

This table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Method Editor** dialog.

Table D-1 Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Valve		Injector Load	
External Events		Wait for Gradient 1 Ready	
External Events		Wait for Loading Pump Ready	
Needle Wash	50 μL	Port 1	
Aspirate	19 µL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	1 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 3
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 3
Aspirate	5 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5

Methods for NanoLC Ultra® Systems with an External Trap and Column

Table D-1 Autosampler Method Parameters (continued)

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
External Events		Start Loading Pump	
Valve		Injector Inject	
External Events		Wait for Loading Pump Inject	
Valve		Injector Load	
External Events		Start Gradient 1	
Dispense	25 μL	Waste	Speed: 5
			Height: 0
Needle Wash	200 μL	Port 1	
END			

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure D-1 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

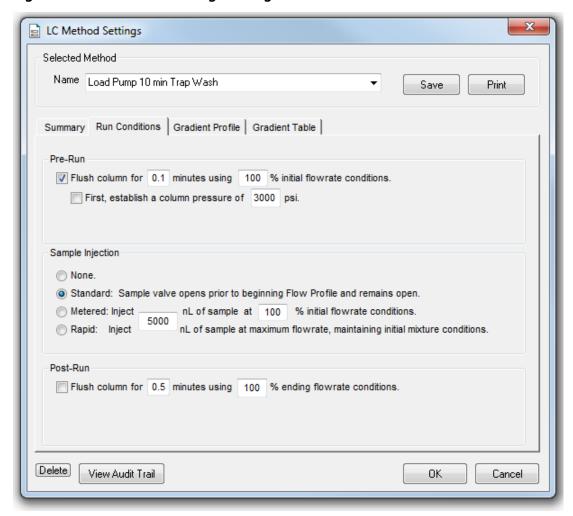


Table D-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Figure D-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (External Column)

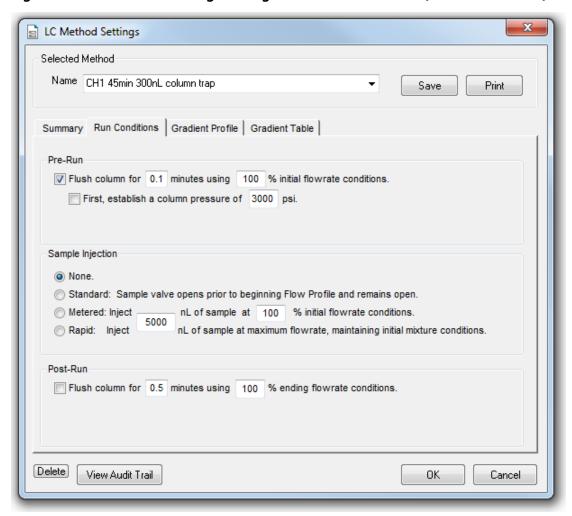


Table D-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
1	0	95	5	
2	1	95	5	
3	16	75	25	
4	18	20	80	

Table D-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab) (continued)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
5	24	20	80	
6	27	95	5	
7	45	95	5	

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System

E

This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System.

Refer to Connecting NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System for plumbing information.

For methods for NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with an external trap and column, refer to Methods for NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with an External Trap and Column.

Autosampler Method Parameters

This table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Method Editor** dialog.

Table E-1 Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Output		1-OFF	
Output		2-OFF	
Valve		Injector Load	
Aspirate	19 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	1 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	5 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		

Table E-1 Autosampler Method Parameters (continued)

Command	Value	Parameter	Values	
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1	
			Height: 5	
Output		1-ON		
Wait for input		1-LOW		
Valve		Injector Inject		
Wait for input		1-HIGH		
Valve		Injector Load		
Output		2-ON		
Dispense	25 μL	Waste	Speed:5	
			Height: 0	
Needle wash	200 μL	Port 1		
END				

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure E-1 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

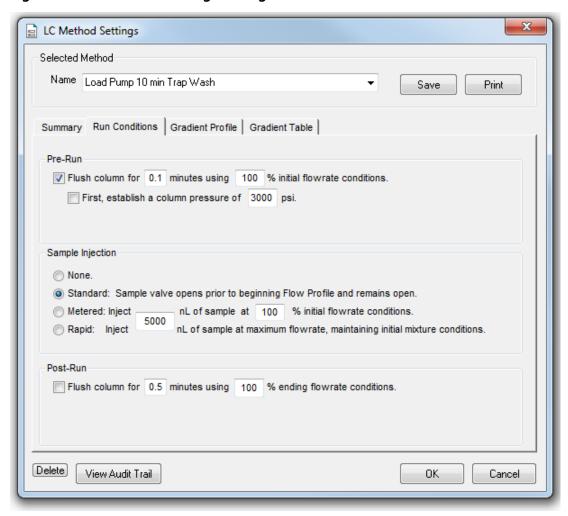


Table E-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Figure E-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (cHiPLC® System)

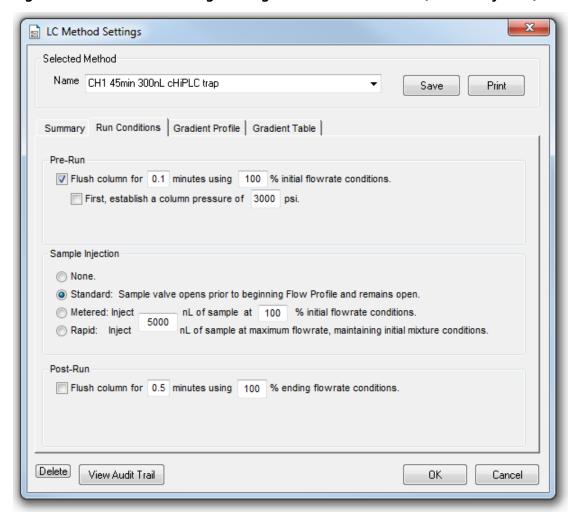


Table E-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	% A	% B	Event
1	0	95	5	
2	1	95	5	
3	16	75	25	
4	18	20	80	

$\textbf{Methods for NanoLC}^{\texttt{TM}} \textbf{ and Tempo}^{\texttt{TM}} \textbf{ Systems with a cHiPLC}^{\texttt{@}} \textbf{ System}$

Table E-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab) (continued)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
5	24	20	80	
6	27	95	5	
7	45	95	5	

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with an External Trap and Column

F

This appendix includes method parameters for a NanoLCTM or TempoTM System with an external trap and column. For methods for a NanoLCTM or TempoTM System with a cHiPLC[®] System, refer to Methods for NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System.

Autosampler Method Parameters

This table contains the autosampler method parameters as they are shown in the **Method Editor** dialog.

Table F-1 Autosampler Method Parameters

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Output		1-OFF	
Output		2-OFF	
Valve		Injector Load	
Aspirate	19 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	1 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		
Aspirate	0 μL	Sample	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Aspirate	5 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Wait	00:00:05		

Methods for NanoLC[™] and Tempo[™] Systems with an External Trap and Column

Table F-1 Autosampler Method Parameters (continued)

Command	Value	Parameter	Values
Aspirate	0 μL	Reagent-1	Speed: 1
			Height: 5
Output		1-ON	
Wait for input		1-LOW	
Valve		Injector Inject	
Wait for input		1-HIGH	
Valve		Injector Load	
Output		2-ON	
Dispense	25 μL	Waste	Speed:5
			Height: 0
Needle wash	200 μL	Port 1	
END			

Loading Pump Method Parameters

Figure F-1 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions

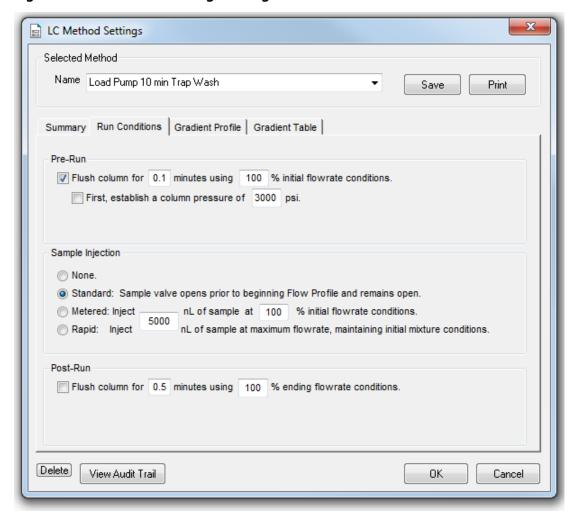


Table F-2 Loading Pump Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	Qa
1	0	2
2	10	2

Gradient Pump Method Parameters

Figure F-2 LC Method Settings Dialog—Run Conditions Tab (External Column)

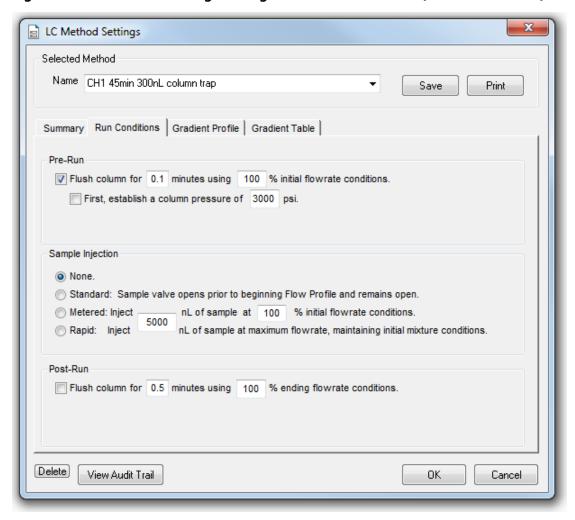


Table F-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
1	0	95	5	
2	1	95	5	
3	16	75	25	
4	18	20	80	

Table F-3 Gradient Method Parameters (Gradient Table Tab) (continued)

Step	Time	% A	% В	Event
5	24	20	80	
6	27	95	5	
7	45	95	5	

Note: Flow rate is set to 300 nL/min.

Connecting NanoLCTM and TempoTM Systems with a cHiPLC[®] System

G

This appendix includes wiring information required when performing the system integration test with a NanoLC[™] or Tempo[™] System and the cHiPLC[®] System.

Wire Connections

Table G-1 provides the wiring connections for a NanoLC[™] System with the cHiPLC[®] System. The output on the NanoLC system (4-pin connector) is usually used for switching the external 10-port valve. However, the 10-port valve is not used when using the cHiPLC[®] System. Use the same communication ports, as shown in Table G-1.

Table G-1 Pin Assignments

Output on NanoLC System (Valve I/O)	Input on cHiPLC [®] System
GND	Pin 1 (Ground) [1st on Left]
VIv 1	Pin 3 (Position B)
VIv 2	Pin 2 (Position A)
Pin 10 (Channel I/O)	Pin 6 (Interlock signal)

Mass Spectrometer System Calibration







WARNING! Ionizing Radiation Hazard, Biohazard, or Toxic Chemical Hazard. Follow all safety guidelines and applicable local regulations when handling, storing, and disposing of system components. Components might have been exposed to hazardous materials.

If the mass spectrometer has not been calibrated recently, then calibrate the system using the [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B, included in the LC-MS Peptide Calibration Kit (PN 4465867).

Note: Do not infuse the tuning solution and then the [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B solution. Use mobile phase A to thoroughly flush the lines between running tests to avoid clogging the emitter tip on the ion source.

Prepare the [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B Dilution

Required Material

- [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B, included in the LC-MS Peptide Calibration Kit (PN 4465867)
- Standard diluent, included in the LC-MS Peptide Calibration Kit
- Powder-free gloves (nitrile or neoprene is recommended)
- Safety glasses
- Lab coat

For the list of masses for [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B, refer to Masses for [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B.

Note: Always prepare the dilution just before running the test.

Note: The [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B might become lodged in the rubber septum of the vial. Gently tap or shake it down before opening the vial. Then, partially remove the septum to reveal a slot. Add the dilution solvent through the slot. Then push the septum back into place and mix well to dissolve.

CAUTION: Potential Wrong Result. Do not use expired solutions.

- 1. Add 900 μL of Standard diluent (0.1% formic acid, 10% acetonitrile) to the glass amber vial containing 0.1 mg [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B.
- 2. Cover the vial tightly, shake it, and then vortex it for at least 2 minutes, to make sure that the peptide is fully dissolved.

Note: Peptide concentration may vary depending on the total peptide content and peptide purity of the standard solution. Refer to the Certificate of Analysis provided by the vendor. At 100% purity, 0.1 mg [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B dissolved as described in the preceding steps produces a stock solution with a concentration of approximately 66.67 pmol/µL.

- 3. Aliquot the stock solution in 50 μ L volumes into clean tubes. Freeze unused aliquots at -20° C for future use.
- 4. Put 50 μ L of the stock solution into a clean tube and then add 450 μ L of standard diluent.
- 5. Vortex the tube for 30 seconds.

This is a 1:10 dilution, providing 500 µL of a 6.7 pmol/µL solution.

- 6. Put 50 μL of the 6.7 pmol/μL solution into another clean tube.
- 7. Add 450 µL of standard diluent.
- 8. Vortex the tube for 30 seconds.

This is a 1:10 dilution, providing 500 μ L of the 667 fmol/ μ L solution.

- 9. Put 50 µL of the 667 fmol/µL solution into another clean tube.
- 10. Add 450 μL of standard diluent.
- 11. Vortex the tube for 30 seconds.

This is a 1:10 dilution, providing 500 µL of the final 66.7 fmol/µL solution, to be used for the infusion test.

Masses for [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B

Table H-1 [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B (Monoisotopic Molecular Weight, 1569.6696 Da)

Charge	(M+nH)n ⁺ Monoisotopic m/z
+1	1570.6768
+2	785.8421*
+3	524.2305*
+4	393.4247

Table H-1 [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B (Monoisotopic Molecular Weight, 1569.6696 Da) (continued)

Charge	(M+nH)n ⁺ Monoisotopic m/z	
+5	_	
+6	_	

^{*} Indicates more commonly observed charged states.

Table H-2 contains the exact monoisotopic masses for the theoretical cleavages of [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B, as calculated for positive ion mode.

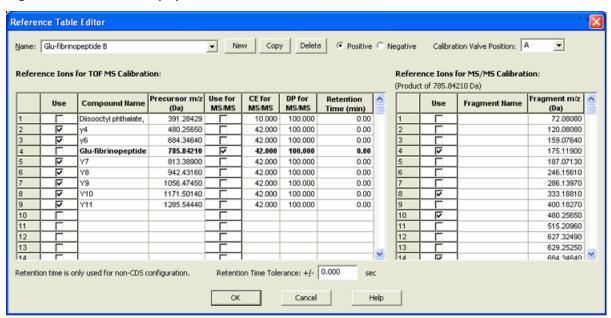
Table H-2 Theoretical Fragment Ions of [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B

b ions		y ions	
m/z	Fragment	m/z	Fragment
_	_	1570.6768	EGVNDNEEGFFSAR
130.0499	E	1441.6342	GVNDNEEGFFSAR
187.0713	EG	1384.6128	VNDNEEGFFSAR
286.1397	EGV	1285.5444	NDNEEGFFSAR
400.1827	EGVN	1171.5014	DNEEGFFSAR
515.2096	EGVND	1056.4745	NEEGFFSAR
629.2525	EGVNDN	942.4316	EEGFFSAR
758.2951	EGVNDNE	813.3890	EGFFSAR
887.3377	EGVNDNEE	684.3464	GFFSAR
944.3592	EGVNDNEEG	627.3249	FFSAR
1091.4276	EGVNDNEEGF	480.2565	FSAR
1238.4960	EGVNDNEEGFF	333.1881	SAR
1325.5281	EGVNDNEEGFFS	246.1561	AR
1396.5652	EGVNDNEEGFFSA	175.1190	R
1552.6663	EGVNDNEEGFFSAR		_

Edit the Calibration Reference Table for [Glu¹]-Fibrinopeptide B

- 1. In the Navigation bar, click **Tune and Calibrate** sidebar.
- 2. Click Tools > Settings > Tuning Options.
- 3. On the Calibration tab, click Reference.
- 4. In the Reference Table Editor, select Glu-Fibrinopeptide B in the Name list.
- 5. Add the masses in Figure H-1 to the **Reference Ions for TOF MS Calibration** table (on the left side of the dialog).





- 6. Click OK.
- 7. Click **OK** in the **Tuning Options** dialog.

Calibrate in TOF MS Mode

1. Set the method parameters as shown in Table H-3.

Table H-3 Method Parameters

Parameter	Value		
MS Parameters			
Scan type	TOF MS		
Accumulation time (sec)	1		
Polarity	Positive		
TOF masses (Da)	400 to 1800		
Duration (min)	0.5		
Advanced MS Parameters			
MCA	Off		
Auto Adjust with mass	On		
Q1 Transmission window	Default (with Auto-adjust)		
Pulsar frequency	Default (with Auto-adjust)		
Time bins to sum	4		
Settling time	Default		
Pause between mass ranges	Default		
Syringe Pump Method Parameters			
Flow rate (μL/min)	0.5		
Syringe Size (μL)	100 Gastight (1.46 mm)		
Source/Gas Parameters			
Ion Source Gas 1 (GS1)	3 (or as optimized)		
Curtain Gas (CUR)	35 (or as optimized)		
Interface Heater Temperature (IHT) (°C)	75 (or as optimized)		
Ion Spray Voltage Floating (ISVF)	2300 (or as optimized)		
Compound-dependent Parameters			
Collision energy (CE) (V)	40 (or as optimized)		
Compound Parameters			
Declustering Potential	100 (or as optimized)		

- 2. Make sure that spray is stable.
- 3. Click **Acquire** and acquire at least 30 seconds of scan data.
- 4. In the **TIC** window (lower left) highlight 30 seconds of TIC signal to average.
- 5. Double-click the highlighted area.
- 6. In the window that appears (at the bottom of the screen), right-click and select **Re-Calibrate TOF** from the menu that appears.
- 7. In the TOF Calibration window, select [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B in the Reference Table list.
- 8. Make sure that proper experimental masses have been identified from the infusion spectrum and match up with the reference table theoretical masses.
- 9. Review the **Average Error** value displayed to the right of the **Calculate New Calibrations** button.
- 10. Click Calculate New Calibrations.
- 11. Verify that the **Average Error** value has dropped to less than 2 ppm.
- 12. In the Calibration Values area, click Calibrate Spectrum.
- 13. In the Save Current Calibration area, select the Set as Instrument Default and Overwrite Current File check boxes.
- 14. Click **Entire File** to save new calibration for the TOF MS mode.
- 15. Click Close.

Calibrate in Product Ion Mode

1. Set the method parameters as shown in Table H-4.

Table H-4 Method Parameters

Parameter	Value		
MS Parameters			
Scan type	Product Ion		
Product of	785.8		
Accumulation time (sec)	1		
Polarity	Positive		
TOF masses (Da)	100 to 1800		
High sensitivity	Off		

Table H-4 Method Parameters (continued)

Parameter	Value		
High resolution	On		
Duration (min)	0.5		
Advanced MS Parameters			
MCA	Off		
Auto Adjust with mass	On		
Q1 Transmission Window	Default (with Auto-adjust)		
Pulsar Frequency	Default (with Auto-adjust)		
Time bins to sum	4		
Settling time	Default		
Pause between mass ranges	Default		
Source/Gas Parameters			
Ion Source Gas 1 (GS1)	3 (or as optimized)		
Curtain Gas (CUR)	35 (or as optimized)		
Interface Heater Temperature (IHT) (°C)	75 (or as optimized)		
Ion Spray Voltage Floating (ISVF)	2300 (or as optimized)		
Compound-dependent Parameters			
Collision energy (CE) (V)	45 (or as optimized)		
Resolution Parameters			
Q1 resolution	Unit		

- 2. Make sure that spray is stable.
- 3. Click **Acquire** and acquire at least 30 seconds of scan data.
- 4. In the **TIC** window (lower left) highlight 30 seconds of TIC signal to average.
- 5. Double-click the highlighted area.
- 6. In the window that appears (at the bottom of the screen), right-click and select **Re-Calibrate TOF** from the menu that appears.
- 7. In the TOF Calibration window, select [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B in the Reference Table list.

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- 8. Make sure that proper experimental masses have been identified from the infusion spectrum and match up with the reference table theoretical masses.
- 9. Review the **Average Error** value displayed to the right of the **Calculate New Calibrations** button.
- 10. Click Calculate New Calibrations.
- 11. Verify that the **Average Error** value has dropped to less than 2 ppm.
- 12. In the Calibration Values area, click Calibrate Spectrum.
- 13. In the Save Current Calibration area, select the Set as Instrument Default and Overwrite Current File check boxes.
- 14. Click **Entire File** to save the calibration for the Product Ion mode.
- 15. Click Close.

Plumbing Diagrams

This appendix includes two plumbing diagrams for the trap-and-elute configuration, one for external trap-and-elute, the other for the $\mathsf{cHiPLC}^{\circledcirc}$ System.

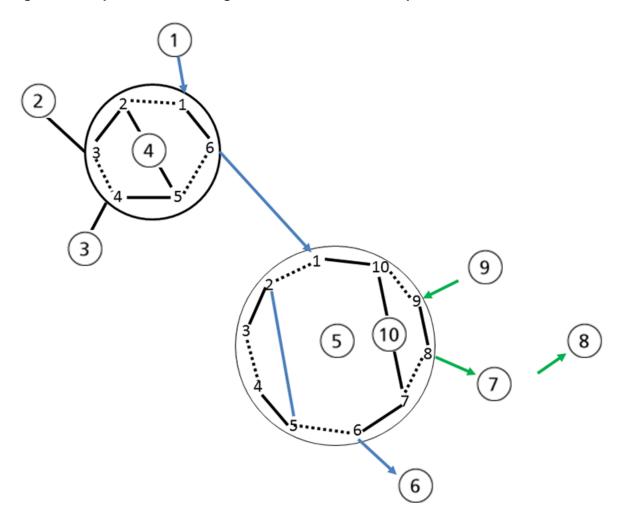
Table I-1 Legend for the Plumbing Diagrams

Item	Description
1	Loading pump
2	Syringe dispenser
3	Sample needle
4	Sample loop
5	10-port valve
6	Waste
7	Column
8	To mass spectrometer
9	Nanoflow pump
10	Trap
11	cHiPLC [®] valve
12	Filter
13	cHiPLC® column chip
14	cHiPLC® trap column
15	cHiPLC® trap/elute jumper chip
16	Union
	Load
	Inject
	25 μm i.d., 360 μm o.d.

Table I-1 Legend for the Plumbing Diagrams (continued)

Item	Description
	30 μm i.d., 180 μm o.d.
	50 μm i.d., 360 μm o.d.

Figure I-1 Trap-and-elute Configuration with External Trap and Column



In Figure I-2, the nanoflow channel (usually gradient 2) is plumbed from pump to the filter attached to port 8 of the cHiPLC® System. The microflow channel (usually Channel 1) is plumbed from the pump to port 1 of the autosampler. Port 6 of the autosampler is plumbed to the filter attached to port 6 of the cHiPLC® System.

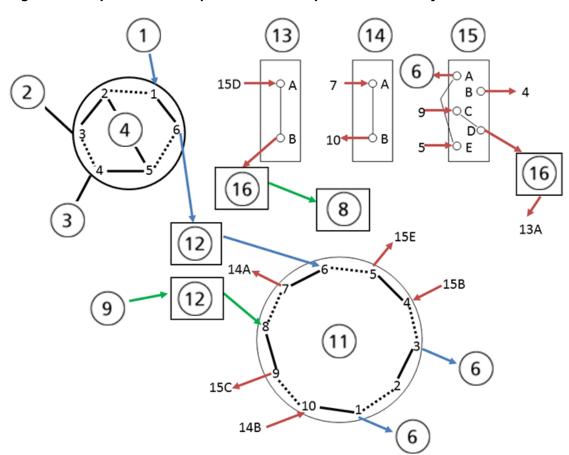


Figure I-2 Trap-and-elute Experiment with Optional cHiPLC® System

Best Practices

This section describes best practices and sample preparation techniques for a NanoLC System.

- Keep the system turned on and fluid flowing at all times. If the system is shut off for more than a few days, then purge and possibly calibrate the system prior to use. Refer to the appropriate operator guide.
- Use LC-MS-grade pre-made solvents such as those from Burdick-Jackson (that is, HPLC-grade water with 0.1% formic acid and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid). These solvents can be ordered from VWR:
 - PN BJLC452-2.5 Water with 0.1% formic acid
 - PN BJLC441-2.5 Acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid.

Note: We do not recommend using Milli-Q water because it is not of suitable quality for use in LC-MS systems.

- Verify that the gas flow rate and pressure are consistent. Do not disconnect the gas supply.
- Avoid biological growth.
 - Change solutions frequently.
 - Include 0.1% formic acid in all mobile phase bottles.
- Verify that the mobile phase solutions in the bottles match the mobile phase and composition values in the Eksigent Control Software (**System > Mobile Phases**).

Table J-1 Recommended Mobile Phase Mixtures

	Buffer A	Buffer B	Modifier
Gradient 1	100% water	100% acetonitrile	0.1% formic acid
Gradient 2	100% water	100% acetonitrile	0.1% formic acid
Loading pump	100% water	N/A	0.1% formic acid

- Remove air from the mobile phase bottles weekly by purging the system a minimum of 10 times per channel.
- Keep the pump seal wash bottle filled with 5% methanol and change the solutions quarterly.
- Empty the waste bottle once a week or more often if needed.
- Check the flow rate daily. Re-initialize the pressure transducers weekly.
- Pre-swage all fittings.

- When cutting silica, wash the end with methanol and flow solution through the cut end before connecting.
- Do not cut PEEK-lined fused silica tubing.
- Perform an autosampler Initial Wash or System Wash daily.

Sample Preparation Techniques



WARNING! Toxic Chemical Hazard. Refer to the chemical product *Safety Data Sheets* and follow all of the recommended safety procedures when handling, storing, and disposing of chemicals. For health and safety precautions, refer to the *Operator Guide*.

In general, the standard practices and procedures for reversed phase LC-MS/MS experiments using electrospray mass spectrometry also apply to the use of the NanoLCTM Systems, including the cHiPLC[®] System.

- Use HPLC- or MS-grade solvents at all times.
- Avoid the use of non-volatile salts and buffers such as CHAPS, phosphate, TRIS, HEPES, and perchlorates. These
 additives will foul the electrospray source and mass spectrometer orifice.
- Centrifuge all samples at 10 000 rpm for 5 minutes to remove particulates from the sample solution.
- Dilute all samples to a maximum of 5% organic modifier to prevent sample precipitation in the chromatographic system and at the electrospray source. This also ensures binding to the stationary phase.
- Make sure that detergents used during sample preparation are reduced to a concentration less than 0.01% prior to analysis.

Mass Assignments K

Table K-1 Beta-Galactosidase Mass Assignments

Peptide Fragment	Monoisotopic Molecular Weight (Da)	m/z	Charge State
ELNYGPHQWR	1298.62	433.88	3
FNDDFSR	899.38	450.7	2
YSQQQLMETSHR	1506.69	503.24	3
RDWENPGVTQLNR	1583.78	528.93	3
GDFQFNISR	1082.51	542.27	2
IDPNAWVER	1098.55	550.28	2
DVSLLHKPTTQISDFHVATR	2264.19	567.06	4
ITDSLAVVLQR	1213.70	607.86	2
VDEDQPFPAVPK	1340.66	671.34	2
LPSEFDLSAFLR	1393.72	697.87	2
DWENPGVTQLNR	1427.68	714.85	2
APLDNDIGVSEATR	1456.72	729.37	2
LSGQTIEVTSEYLFR	1741.89	871.95	2
VNWLGLGPQENYPDR	1756.85	879.43	2

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