

# Matrix of the Month

November, 2013:  
**Ochratoxin A**  
**in Nutmeg**



Do you have a special matrix that we should test for mycotoxins?  
 Please let us know and write an e-mail to [info@LCTech.de](mailto:info@LCTech.de)!

## Protocol

20 g sample are extracted with 2 g NaCl in 100 mL 80/20 methanol/water with 50 ml n-hexane (10 min) and then filtrated.

The filtrate (2 mL) is diluted with 12 mL PBS buffer containing 8% Tween20 and completely applied onto the immunoaffinity column OtaCLEAN.

The column is washed with 10 ml water, dried and eluted with 2 x 1 ml methanol. The first milliliter methanol should incubate on the column bed for 5 minutes to be sure that the antibody is entirely denaturated.

## HPLC Conditions

HPLC: Dionex Ultimate 3000 isocratic

Column oven: 40 °C

Separation column: RP C18

Flow rate: 0.6 mL/min (40/55/5) (water/methanol/acetonitrile (v/v/v) + 0.1% acetic acid)

Excitation wavelength: 335 nm

Emission wavelength: 465 nm

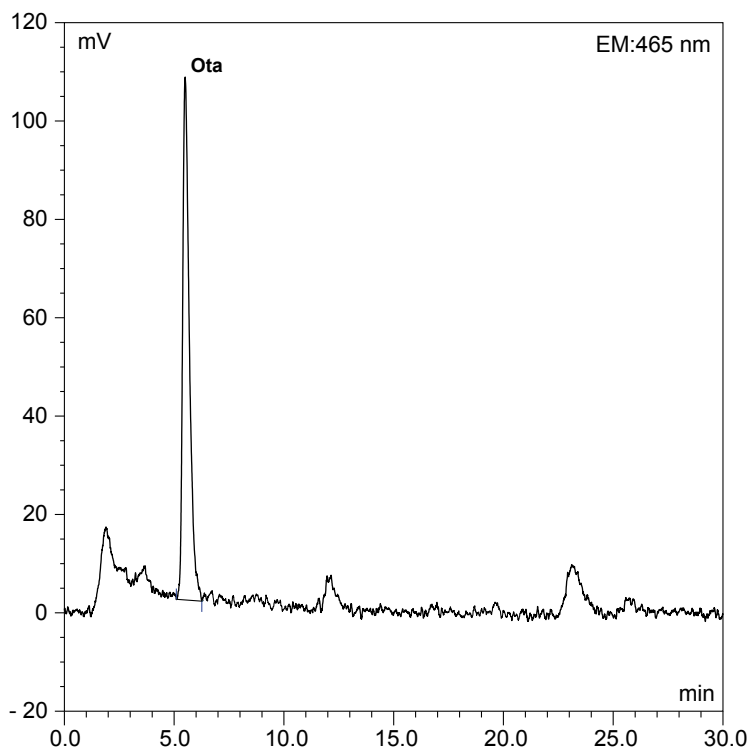
## Recovery Rate

Content of Ochratoxin A in nutmeg	
	Ochratoxin A
Standard*	100
Recovery rate** nutmeg, spiked with 10 ppb	91

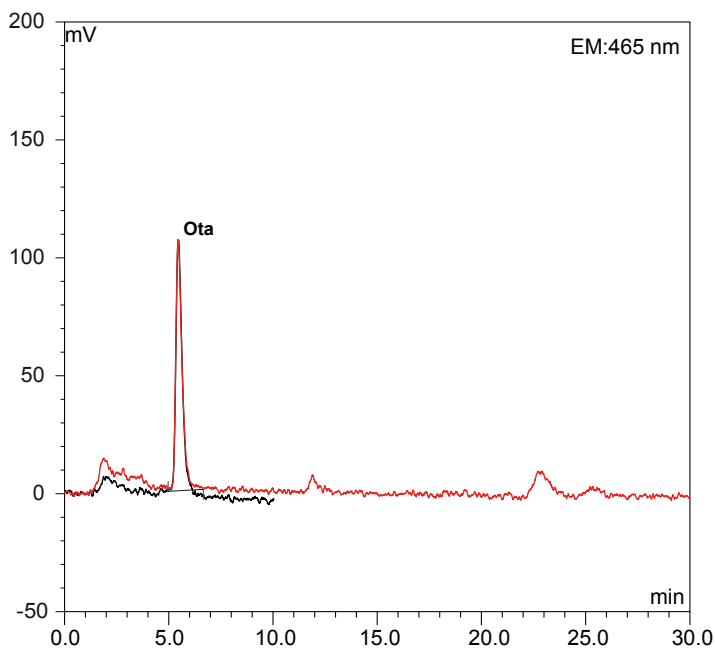
\* Standard is set = 100 % , \*\* corrected with non-spiked sample

Chromatograms

Nutmeg (OTA without post column derivatisation), spiked with 10 ppb



Overlay with standard chromatography



This LCTech product was used:

OtaCLEAN,  
Immunoaffinity column  
for Ochratoxin A

P/N 10515

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