

Introduction

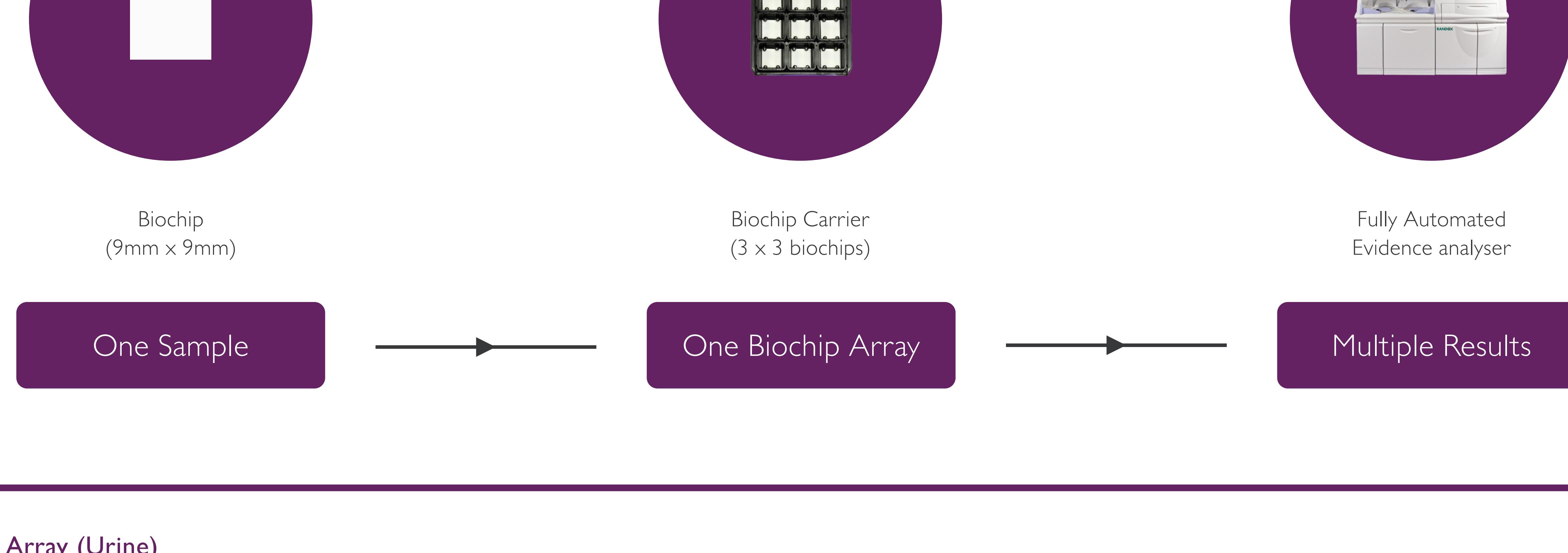
Biochip array technology allows the simultaneous detection of multiple drugs from a single undivided sample, which increases the screening capacity and the result output per sample. Polydrug consumption can be detected and by incorporating new immunoassays on the biochip surface, this technology has the capacity to adapt to the new trends in the drug market.

This study summarises the analytical performance of three different biochip arrays applied to the screening of acetyl fentanyl, AH-7921, amphetamine, barbiturates, benzodiazepines (including etizolam and clonazepam), benzoyllegconine/cocaine, benzylpiperazines, buprenorphine, cannabinoids, carfentanil, dextromethorphan, fentanyl, furanyl fentanyl, meprobamate, mescaline, methamphetamine, methadone, mitragynine, MT-45, naloxone, ocfentanyl, opioids, opiates, oxycodone, phencyclidine, phenylpiperazines, salvinorin, sufentanil, synthetic cannabinoids (JWH-018, UR-144, AB-PINACA, AB-CHMINACA), synthetic cathinones [mephedrone, methcathinone, alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone (alpha-PVP)], tramadol, tricyclic antidepressants, U-47700, W-19, zolpidem.

Methodology

Three different biochip arrays were used (DOA ULTRA, NPSI, NPSII). Simultaneous competitive chemiluminescent immunoassays on a biochip surface applied to the Evidence analyser were employed for the

screening of human urine samples (EV4101, EV4264, EV4269, EV3600, Randox Toxicology Ltd, Crumlin, UK). The results obtained are semi-quantitative.



Results

Drugs of Abuse ULTRA Array (Urine)

Cut-off, Limit of detection (LOD), Typical assay range, Cross-reactivity (CR)

Assay	Cut-off (ng/mL)	LOD (ng/mL)	Typical assay range* (ng/mL)	CR (>20%)	Compounds
Compound					
Amphetamine	200	31.7	S(+)-amphetamine	0-1500	(±)-MDA, PMA HCl, BDZ, (±)-Amphetamine, Phenetermine
Barbiturates	200	25.1	Phenobarbital	0-900	Secobarbital, Butabarbital, Pentobarbital, Alphonal, Cyclopentobarbital, p-OH-phenobarbital, Butalital, Amobarbital, Barbital
Benzodiazepines I	100	1.0	Oxazepam	0-400	Temazepam, Nordiazepam, alpha-H-Alprazolam, Alprazolam, Diazepam, Estazolam, Clozepam, Nitrazepam, 2-OH-Ethylnitrazepam, Præzem, Midazolam, Flunitrazepam, Flurazepam, Phenazepam, Desalkylflunitrazepam, Lorazepam, Clorazepoxide, Triazolam, Etizolam, N-Desmethylflunitrazepam, Bromazepam
Benzodiazepines 2	100	2.8	Lorazepam	0-500	Phenazepam, Clonazepam, Lorazepam glucuronide
Benzoyllegconine/Cocaine	150	8.6	Benzoyllegconine	0-750	Cocaine, m-Hydroxybenzoyllegconine, Cocaine
Buprenorphine Metabolite	5	0.1	Norpseudorepinephrine	0-25	
Cannabinoids (THC)	20	1.2	(-)-11-nor-9-carboxy-Δ⁹-THC	0-400	
Dextromethorphan	20	0.6	Dextromethorphan	0-100	Dextromethorphan tartrate salt, (±)-Nordextromethorphan
Fentanyl	2	0.2	Fentanyl	0-40	α-Methylfentanyl, p-Fluorofentanyl, Benzylfentanyl, Butyrylfentanyl HCl, Norfentanyl
Generic Opioids	100	10.4	Oxycodone	0-750	Morphine, Hydrocodone, Ethyl morphine HCl, Codeine, 6-Acetyl-codeine, Dihydrocodeine, Hydromorphone, Desomorphine, Morphine-3BD-glucuronide, Heroin, 6-MAM
Meprobamate	500	9.6	Meprobamate	0-2500	Carisoprodol
Methadone	300	4.7	Methadone	0-1500	
Methamphetamine	200	7.9	S(+)-methamphetamine	0-1000	PMMA HCl, MDMA, (±)-Methamphetamine
Opiates	200	13.4	Morphine	0-1000	Hydrocodone, Ethyl morphine HCl, Codeine, 6-Acetyl-codeine, Hydromorphone, Desomorphine, Morphine-6BD-glucuronide, Heroin, 6-MAM
Oxycodone 1	100	3.6	Oxycodone	0-400	Hydrocodone, Noroxycodone
Oxycodone 2	100	0.8	Oxycodone	0-400	Oxymorphone
Phencyclidine	25	0.9	Phencyclidine	0-100	
Tramadol	5	0.9	Tramadol	0-50	O-Desmethyltramadol
Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA)	100	4.6	Nortriptyline	0-1000	Imipramine N oxide, Imipramine, Trimipramine, Desipramine, Cyclobenzaprine, Amitriptyline, Opipramol, Promazine, Maprotiline, Doxepin, Clomipramine, Protriptyline, Cyproheptadine, Lofepramine, Dothiepin, Chlorpromazine
Zolpidem	10	0.5	Zolpidem	0-80	Metabolite I (4-carboxyzolpidem)

Inter-assay precision and recovery

-50% Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 74% to 129% and the inter-assay precision CV from 4.8% to 17.1%.

Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 75% to 127% and the inter-assay precision CV from 4.8% to 18.2%.

+50% Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 75% to 124% and the inter-assay precision CV from 6.9% to 18.2%.

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*Individual ranges of calibrator batches may vary slightly

New Psychoactive Substances I Array (Urine)

Cut-off, Limit of detection (LOD), Typical assay range, Cross-reactivity (CR)

Assay	Cut-off (ng/mL)	LOD (ng/mL)	Typical assay range* (ng/mL)	CR (>20%)	Compounds
Compound					
AB-CHMINACA	2	0.42	AB-CHMINACA	0-30	MA-CHMINACA, MDMB-CHMINACA
AB-PINACA	5	0.08	AB-PINACA N-pentanoic acid	0-76.25	AB-PINACA N-(5-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, AB-PINACA pentanoic acid metabolite, 5-Fluoro-AB-PINACA, AB-CHMINACA metabolite M1A, AB-PINACA N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, AB-PINACA, AB-PINACA pentanoic acid metabolite, ADB-PINACA N-(5-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, 5-fluoro-ADB-PINACA, 5-fluoro-AB-PINACA N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite
α-PVP	1	0.36	α-PVP	0-10	Pyrovalerone, 3,4-Methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV), Naphyrone, α-Pyrrolidinopentophenone, 4-Methyl-α-Pyrrolidinobutophenone (MPBP), 4-Methyl-α-Pyrrolidinohexanophenone (4-NMPH)
Benzylpiperazines	10	2.41	I-Benzylpiperazine	0-100	1-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl]piperazine, 4,4-hydroxy-benzylpiperazine (p-OH-BZP), 3-(Piperazin-1-ylmethyl)phenol diHCl, 1-Piperonylpiperazine, N-(3-Methylbenzyl)piperazine diHCl
JWH-018	10	0.43	JWH-018	0-300	AM1220, JWH-018 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, AM2201, (1-(4-Carboxybutyl))-1H-indol-3-yl(naphthalen-1-yl)methane (N-Carboxybutyl) JWH-018, JWH-200 6-hydroxyindole metabolite, (5'-Carboxy) JWH-018, JWH-073 N-Butanol, JWH-073 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, JWH-018 N-(6-hydroxyhexyl) metabolite, JWH-073, (±)-JWH-018 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, AM2201 N-(4-fluoropentyl) isomer, JWH-200, (±)-JWH-073 N-(3-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, JWH-018 N-(3-methylbutyl) isomer, JWH-073 6-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-019, JWH-018 6-methoxyindole analog, JWH-022, AM2201 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, JWH-018 5-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) β-D-glucuronide, JWH-018 6-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 N-pentanoic acid metabolite, JWH-073 5-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl) isomer, AM2201 6-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-073 N-(2-methylpropyl) isomer, JWH-073 7-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 7-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 N-(2-methylbutyl) isomer, JWH-073 4-butanoic acid metabolite, JWH-019 5-hydroxyindole metabolite, JWH-018 N-(1-methylbutyl) isomer, JWH-398 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) metabolite
Mephedrone	5	0.19	Mephedrone HCl	0-50	Methylene HCl, Mephedrone HCl, Flephedrone HCl, Methcathinone HCl, R(+)-Methcathinone HCl, 3-Fluoromethcathinone HCl
Mescaline	7.5	1.71	Mescaline HCl	0-250	(+/-)-3,4,5-Trimethoxyamphetamine hydrochloride (TMA)
Phenylpiperazines I	7.5	0.17	I-(3-Chlorophenyl)piperazine monohydrochloride (mCPP)	0-75	I-(3-Methylphenyl)piperazine, I-(2-Chlorophenyl)piperazine HCl, I-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)piperazine, I-Phenylpiperazine, I-(4-Methoxyphenyl)piperazine DiHCl, I-(4-Chlorophenyl)piperazine, Para-fluorophenylpiperazine DiHCl, I-(4-Methylphenyl)piperazine, I-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)piperazine
Phenylpiperazines II	7.5	0.29	I-(3-Chlorophenyl)piperazine monohydrochloride (mCPP)	0-75	I-(3-Methylphenyl)piperazine, I-(2-Chlorophenyl)piperazine HCl, I-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)piperazine, I-Phenylpiperazine, I-(4-Chlorophenyl)piperazine, Para-fluorophenylpiperazine DiHCl, I-(4-Methylphenyl)piperazine, I-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine HCl, I-(2-Methoxyphenyl)piperazine DiHCl
Salvinorin	0.5	0.02	Salvinorin A	0-10	Salvinorin B
UR-144	5	0.05	UR-144 N pentanoic acid	0-30	A79626, AB-005, A-834735, UR144 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) β-D-glucuronide, UR144 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, UR144 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) metabolite, UR144 desalkyl

Inter-assay precision and recovery

-50% Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 77% to 138% and the inter-assay precision CV from 7.0% to 16.6%.

Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 86% to 127% and the inter-assay precision CV from 6.1% to 15.8%.

+50% Cut-off

The biochip array recovery ranged from 74% to 112% and the inter-assay precision CV from 5.3% to 10.9%.

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New Psychoactive Substances II array (Urine)

Cut-off, Limit of detection (LOD), Typical assay range, Cross-reactivity (CR)

Assay	Cut-off (ng/mL)	LOD (ng/mL)	Typical assay range* (ng/mL)	CR (>20%)	Compounds
Compound					
AH-7921	1	0.02	AH-7921	0-5	Nor-AH-7921
Buprenorphine metabolite	0.5	0.02	Norbuprenorphine	0-5	
Designer Benzodiazepine assays	2	0.05	Clonazepam	0-15	N-Desmethylflunitrazepam, Delorazepam, 7-Aminoclonazepam, Nitrazepam, Phenazepam
Designer Benzodiazepine assays	2	0.05	Etizolam	0-10	Brotizolam, Alpha-OH Etizolam, Estazolam, Deschloroetizolam
Designer Fentanyl Assays					
Acetyl fentanyl	1	0.04	Ocfentanyl	0-20	Buptylfentanyl, Acetyl fentanyl, Thiofentanyl, Methoxacetyl fentanyl, Fentanyl, Butyrylfentanyl, Alpha-Methylfentanyl, Furanylfentanyl, Parafuorylfentanyl, Tetrahydrofuran fentanyl, Ortho-Fluorofentanyl, Isobutylfentanyl, Valeryl fentanyl, 4-Fluoro-isobutyl fentanyl, (±)-cis-3-methylfentanyl, Cis-Mefentanyl, D-Hydroxyfentanyl, (±)-trans-3-methylfentanyl, Para-methoxy-Butyrl fentanyl (HCl).
Designer Fentanyl Assays					
Carfentanil	0.25	0.07	Carfentanil	0-2.19	Remifentanil Acid, Alfentanil, Norcarfentanil
Designer Fentanyl Assays					
Furanfentanyl	1	0.10	Ocfentanyl	0-20	Furanfentanyl, Thiofentanyl, Methoxacetyl fentanyl, Fentanyl, Butyrylfentanyl, Alpha-Methylfentanyl, Furanylfentanyl, Parafuorylfentanyl, Tetrahydrofuran fentanyl, Ortho-Fluorofentanyl, Cyclofentanyl, Valeryl fentanyl, 4