

# Agilent MassHunter EnviroQuant (EPA) Mode Using Quantitative Analysis

Workflow Guide



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## In This Guide...

This Workflow describes how to use MassHunter EnviroQuant to create a database of compounds, qualifiers, their calibration curves, and specify quality control parameters to comply with EPA regulations. The example used here is EPA Method 8270. A similar process would be use for other EPA methods.

More common operations, not directly associated with the EnviroQuant Workflow mode, are briefly discussed here, but are covered in more detail in both online Help and Familiarization Guides. Please refer to the online Help for more details on these topics and for links to unabridged versions MassHunter Familiarization Guides specific to your instrument.

A brief summary of chapter contents for this Workflow Guide follows.

### 1 Before You Begin

Chapter 1 describes how to set up your MassHunter GCMS Acquisition and MassHunter Quantitative Data Analysis programs for using the EnviroQuant (EPA) Workflow Mode user interface (UI).

## 2 Create the Data Acquisition Method

Chapter 2 describes how to set up a method for data acquisition. A Data Acquisition method must exist prior to the creation of a Quantitative Data Analysis method.

### 3 Create a Quantitation Method

Chapter 3 describes how to create a basic MassHunter Quantitation method from a ChemStation Quant database. Alternate instructions are included for creating a quantitation method from a calibration sample data file if you are not interested in converting ChemStation methods.

## 4 Run Samples for Quant Method Creation

This chapter explains how to create a sequence, that when run, will generate a batch containing the analyzed results of samples used to update the compound calibration curves in the quantitation method. You will also use these samples to create the Tune Evaluation Method (tunevaluation.xml), create the Reference Library, and initialize the CC sample response.

## **5 Enter EnviroQuant Parameters** in the Method

Chapter 5 explains how to add outliers to a quantitative method that monitor compound properties and instrument performance as specified by the EPA or your laboratory requirements (for example EPA Method 8270).

### **6 Create Report Methods**

Chapter 6 explains how to create report methods that enable you to save report parameters, including multiple report templates, to a file than can be applied to a sample or group of samples. These methods can be used both interactively in EnviroQuant or used to generate a report automatically when samples are run from an automated sequence.

### **7 Run Samples**

Chapter 7 describes a workflow for running initial calibrations and a workflow for running daily fields samples.

### Where to Find More Information

Accompanying your hardware and software is a comprehensive collection of manuals, videos, user applications, and method development tools. These are located on the:

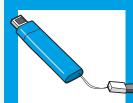
- · Agilent GC and GC/MS Manuals and Tools DVD set
- · Agilent GC/MS Software Information and Manuals memory stick



## **To Install Your Hardware Library**

Insert Disk 1 into your DVD drive and follow the prompts.

This can be installed by anyone who has authority to copy information onto the receiving computer.



### **To Install Your Software Library**

Insert the memory stick into a USB port and follow the prompts.

This can be installed by anyone who has authority to copy information onto the receiving computer.

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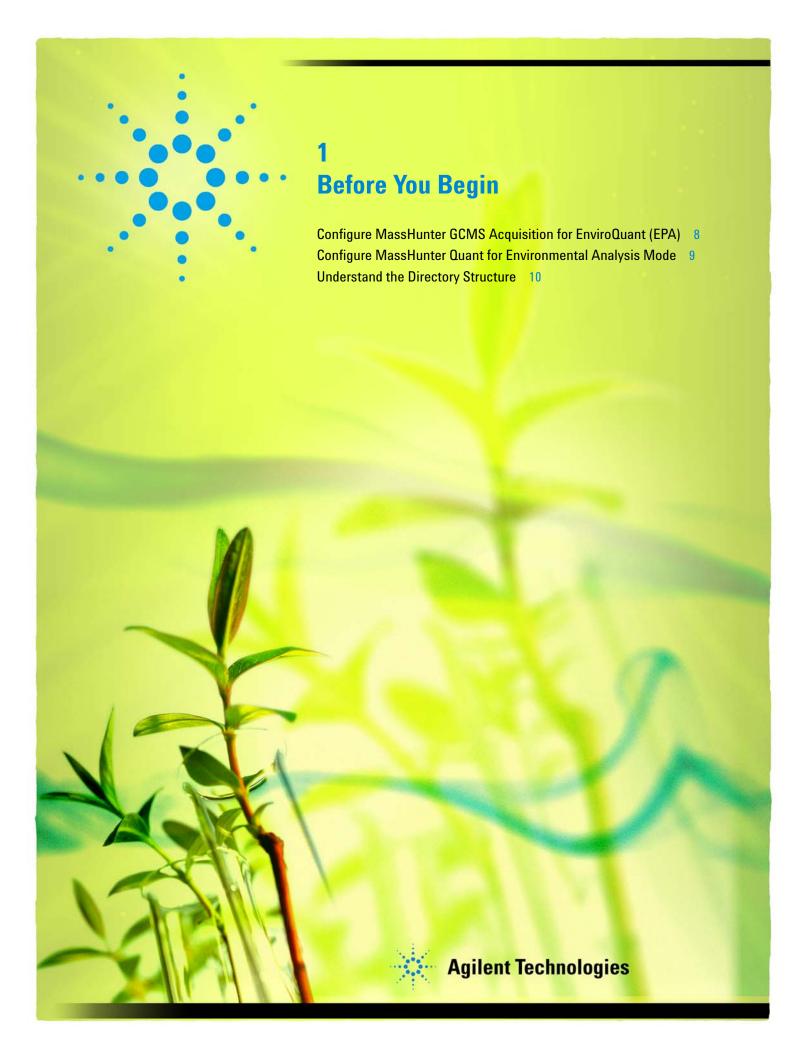
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# Configure MassHunter GCMS Acquisition for EnviroQuant (EPA)

- 1. Double-click the GCMS
  Configuration desktop icon to
  launch the Agilent GC/MS
  Configuration program.
- Select the instrument name that you will be running to acquire the data. Instrument 1 is selected in this example.
- Select the EnviroQuant (EPA)
   Workflow Mode and click OK to
   close the dialog.

4. Click **Yes** to confirm the configuration and exit the Agilent GC/MS Configuration program.

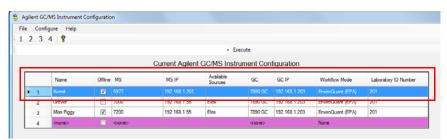
Depending on your instrument, MassHunter GCMS Acquisition and MassHunter Quantitative Analysis may be set up to run in several Workflow Modes, including:

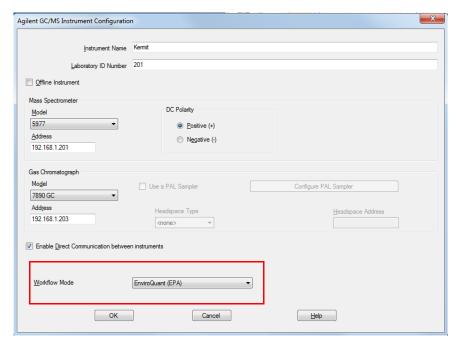
- Enhanced
- Drug Quant
- EnviroQuant (EPA)
- · Aromatics in Gasoline

Here we are going to be using the **EnviroQuant (EPA)** Workflow Mode. So, before doing anything else, you must set up the MassHunter GCMS Acquisition program and the MassHunter Quantitative Analysis program to run in the EnviroQuant Workflow Mode.

To reconfigure an existing GC/MSD instrument to work in the EnviroQuant Mode:







### 1. Before You Begin

 Double-click the Instrument icon to launch MassHunter GCMS Acquisition.



## Configure MassHunter Quant for Environmental Analysis Mode

**Check for the Startup icon** 

## Add a startup icon

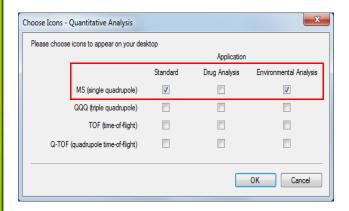
- From the windows Start menu select Agilent\MassHunter Workstation\Quant Tools\Setup Desktop Icons.
- 2. Check the **Environmental Analysis** mode for your instrument(s).
- Click **OK** to close the dialog and add your newly selected startup icon(s) to the desktop.

When MassHunter Quantitative Analysis is installed, a group of icons used for starting Quantitative Analysis, is placed on the desktop.

To begin MassHunter Quantitative Analysis, double-click the applicable icon.

For example, to start a Quantitative Analysis session for single quadrupole data in the EnviroQuant workflow mode you would click the desktop icon labeled **Environmental Quant (MS)**. The Quant program is then optimized for single quadrupole data in the EnviroQuant workflow mode.

If you do not see a desktop icon labeled **Environmental Quant (MS)** for your instrument, add it from the Setup Desktop Icons tool.



In this example, both the Standard and Environmental Analysis modes are selected for the MS, single quadrupole instrument.

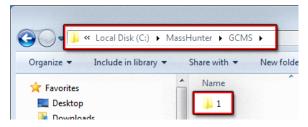
## Understand the Directory Structure

Locate the instrument directories.

Review the default data, methods, and sequence directories. You can configure and run up to four instruments with MassHunter GCMS Acquisition.

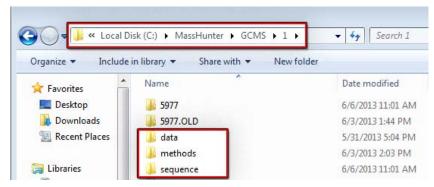
For each instrument you configure, MassHunter GCMS Acquisition will create a numbered directory corresponding to the instrument number;

**drive**:\MassHunter\GCMS\1 for example. Although drive C is shown here, Agilent supplied PCs with MassHunter factory installed store an instrument's data on the D drive.

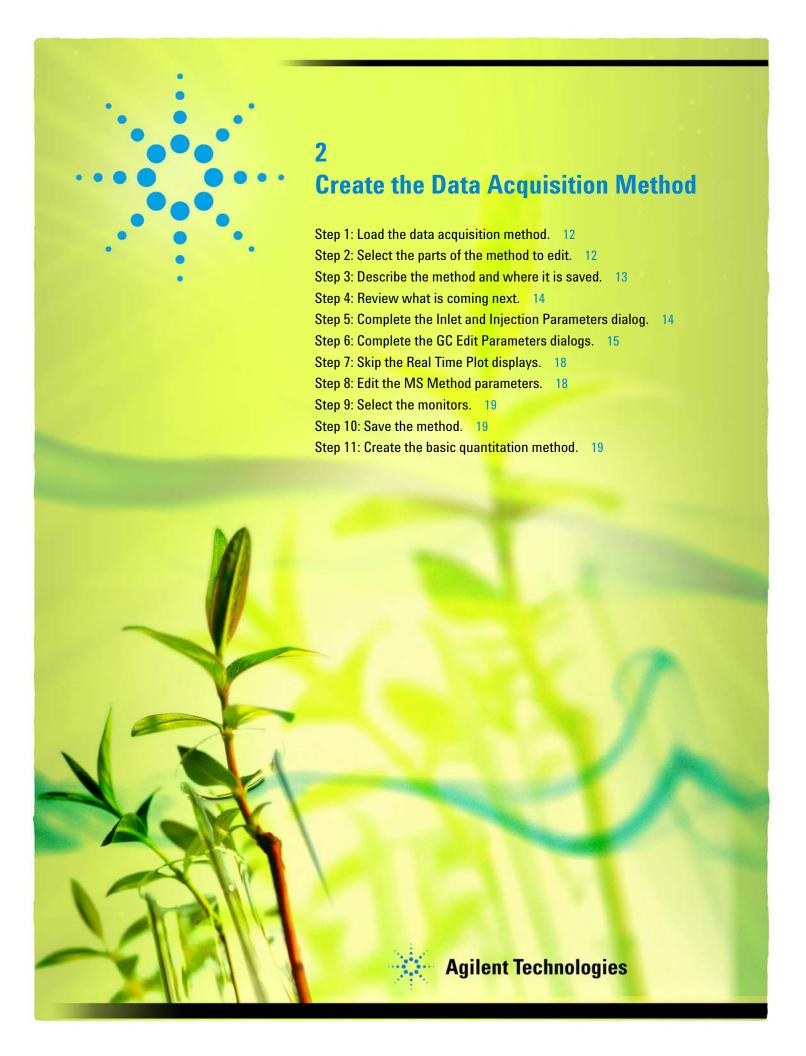


Under each instrument directory (1 shown here), you will see a default data, methods, and sequence subdirectory, as shown in the next example.

These are the recommended and default locations for your data, methods, and sequences. Your files can be located here or you can locate these files anywhere that is accessible to the MassHunter programs.



- The data directory contains the data files from each batch, stored in a user named batch directory specified at the beginning of a run.
- The methods directory contains your master methods. Each method has a user
  defined file name with a file extension of m. Master methods in the sequence get
  updated when sample types such as CAL are included in the batch.
- The sequence directory contains all of your sequence files. Each sequence has a
  user defined file name with a file (.sequence.xml) extension.



# Step 1: Load the data acquisition method.

- Double-click the Instrument icon to launch MassHunter GCMS Acquisition.
- From the Instrument Control view, select Method > Load Method then navigate to and select
   C:\MassHunter\GCMS\1\Default.m.

## Step 2: Select the parts of the method to edit.

 Select Method > Edit Entire Method.

2. Check each item listed.

3. Click **OK** to display the Method Information dialog.

The following describes how to create a data acquisition method to acquire sample data for environmental analysis. Here we will be showing the acquisition parameters in a demonstration method named bnalist.m. This method is located in the Envdemo folder provided with the Agilent GC/MS Productivity ChemStation.

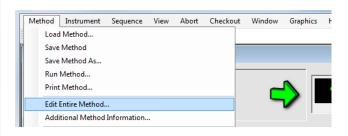


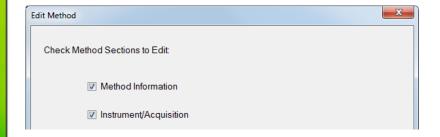


GC/MS Methods created in MSD Productivity ChemStation can be opened directly in MassHunter and used. It might be good practice to save as a new name to maintain compatibility with older systems if you are not moving every instrument to MassHunter.

You can load the bnalist.m from the Productivity ChemStation, if available, or another similar method instead of using the default method as a starting point.

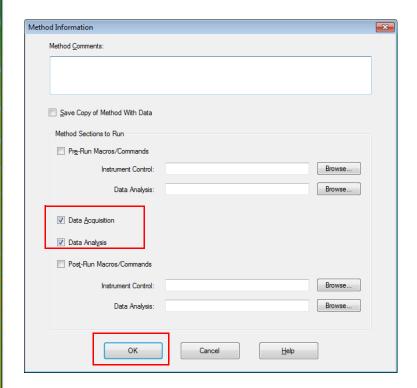
During this process we will cover the parts of a data acquisition method that are related to environmental analysis.





# Step 3: Describe the method and where it is saved.

- Provide a description of the method in Method Comments.
- Decide whether or not to save a copy of this method with the data file.
- 3. Select Data Acquisition and Data Analysis for the run. Although the MassHunter Quantitative Analysis method does not yet exist, you will want to run the data analysis portion of the method when it is available.
- 4. Click **OK** to continue.

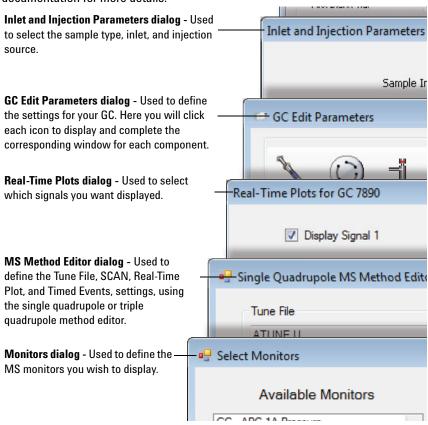


**Note** – In MassHunter the data analysis method cannot be edited in the Data Acquisition program. The data analysis method can only be created or edited in the MassHunter Quantitative Analysis program. See Chapter 3, "Create a Quantitation Method" for more details.

# Step 4: Review what is coming next.

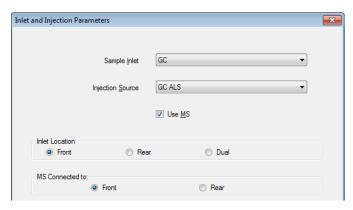
During this process you will be presented with the following 5 Instrument Acquisition parameter dialog boxes. Complete each one as shown in the examples on the following pages and click **OK** to continue. Each time you click **OK** the next dialog is opened automatically.

**Note:** These dialogs are completed in the exactly the same way for all Workflow Modes (i.e., Enhanced, EnviroQuant (EPA), Gasoline, etc.), and are described in detail the MassHunter Familiarization guide and in online Help. Please refer to that documentation for more details.



Step 5: Complete the Inlet and Injection Parameters dialog.

Select the inlet, injection source, Use MS, inlet location, and MS Connected to.



Click **OK** when you are finished, and the **GC Edit Parameters** dialog is displayed.

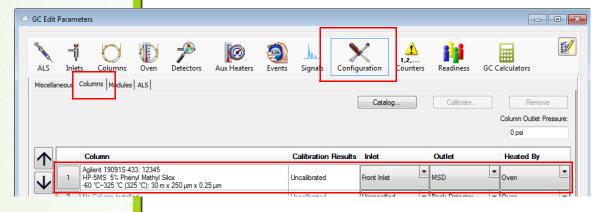
# Step 6: Complete the GC Edit Parameters dialogs.

For this example we are going to complete five screens within the GC Edit Parameters dialog: **Configuration**, **Columns**, **Inlets**, **Oven**, and **Aux Heater**. The parameters entered are from the bnalist.m method previously noted.

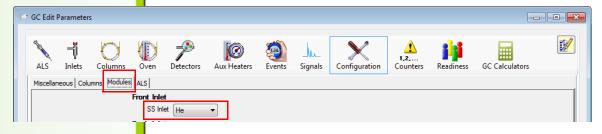
Do NOT click OK until told to do so. Doing so will take you to the Real Time Plot dialog (shown in Step 7), and you do not want to do that until all the GC Parameters are set. Click OK only after completing all the GC Parameters; at the end of Step 6.

### **GC Configuration Settings**

 Click the Configuration icon, then go to the Columns tab and configure the column as shown here. Under the **Configuration** icon, we will complete three tabs, the: **Columns**, **Modules**, and **ALS** tabs.



2. Select the **Modules** tab and set the Inlet to He.



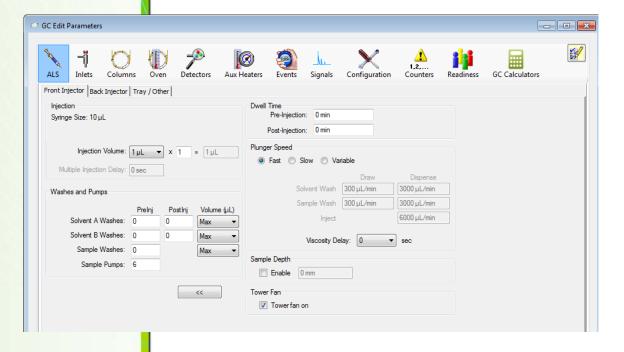
3. Select the **ALS** tab and set the syringe size to 10 ML.



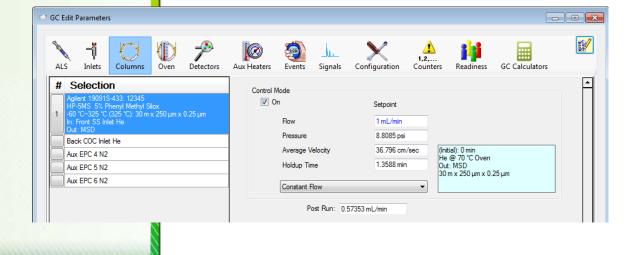
Do NOT click OK until you have finished all the GC Parameters; and you are told to do so, on page 18.

### **GC Method Parameters**

 Click the ALS icon and edit the ALS parameters appropriate to your method. Next we will complete the settings for the ALS, Columns, Inlets, Oven, and Aux Heater.



Click the Columns icon and edit the Column parameters appropriate to your method. Because settings made in the **Columns** parameters dialog automatically modify Pressure and Flow parameters in the Inlet Parameters tab, and vice versa, it is a good idea to set the **Columns** settings before the **Inlets** settings. Therefore, we will enter the column settings first and the Inlet settings next.

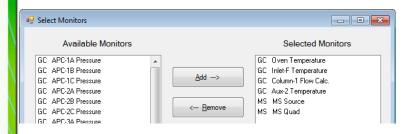


Click the Inlets icon and edit the inlet parameters appropriate to your method. \_\_\_\_X GC Edit Parameters ij ALS Aux Heaters GC Calculators Inlets SSL - Front | COC - Back | Split-Splitless Inlet Gas Saver: Setpoint ✓ On ▼ Heater: 250 °C 20 mL/min After: 2 min 8.8085 psi 54 mL/min Septum Purge Flow: 3 mL/min Septum Purge Flow Mode Standard Purge Flow to Split Vent: 50 mL/min at 2 min 4. Click the Oven icon and edit the oven parameters appropriate to your method. - - X GC Edit Parameters Events Signals Backflush GC Calculators Inlets Columns Oven Aux Heaters Configuration Readiness Rate °C/min Value °C Hold Time Run Time Oven Temp On 70 (Initial) 70 °C 230 5 47 Ramp 1 Equilibration Time 0.5 min Maximum Oven Temperature 325 °C Overide Column Max: 325 °C Post Run: 70 ℃ Post Run Time: 0 min

The MS Transfer line temperature is set via the GC. Click the Aux Heaters icon and edit the Aux Heaters parameters appropriate to your method, then click OK. GC Edit Parameters Configuration Aux Heaters Inlets Columns Oven Detectors GC Calculators Thermal Aux 2 (MSD Transfer Line) ✓ On When you click **OK**, the Real Time Plot dialog displays. Step 7: Skip the Real Time For this example, leave these entries blank, and click **OK** to continue. Plot displays. Real-Time Plots for GC Display Signal 1 Display Signal 2 Display Signal 3 Display Signal 4 <u>H</u>elp Step 8: Edit the MS Method When done, click **OK** to continue. parameters. 🖳 Single Quadrupole MS Method Editor Tune File SIM Real-Time Plot Timed Events 10.00 min Run Time ATUNE.U ... 🔍 Solvent Delay 3.00 min ▼ Total Ion Chromatogram Tune Type Detector Setting ▼ Spectrum Tune EMV 1200 Base Peak Chromatogram Gain Factor 1.000 Gain Factor MS Source Offline 230 Applied EM Voltage (V) 500 <u>A</u>pply ☐ EM Saver Extracted Ion Chromatogram Display Sum Limit 1e8 (Default) Label Mass or Mass Range Acquisition Type Frequency (scans/sec) Cycle Time (ms) Step Size Start Mass End Mass Threshold Scan Speed (u/s) 1,562 [N=2] ▼ 50.00 550.00 150 2.9

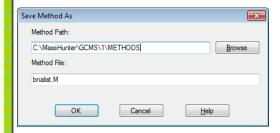
### **Step 9: Select the monitors.**

In the Monitors dialog, select the monitors you want to see and click  ${\bf 0K}$  to continue.



## Step 10: Save the method.

Save the method as C:\MassHunter\GCMS\1\METHODS\bnalist.m and click **OK** to continue. Although drive C is shown here, Agilent supplied PCs with MassHunter factory installed store an instrument's data on the D drive.



This completes the Edit Entire Method process. Your method is now saved.

You are now ready to continue by creating a EnviroQuant Data Analysis method.

Step 11: Create the basic quantitation method.

See Chapter 3, "Create a Quantitation Method".



### Introduction

## Step 1: Convert an MSD ChemStation method.

- 1. Start the GC MSD ChemStation Translator tool.
- 2. Select Translate Quantitation Databases.

In step 1 of this chapter you will learn how to create a basic MassHunter Quantitation method from an MSD ChemStation quant database.

An alternative would be to create a quantitation method from an existing scan data file. This is documented in the MassHunter Quantitative Analysis for GC/MSD Familiarization Guide G3335-90200 provided with your MassHunter software documentation for the 5977 MSD and available for download from the Agilent website.

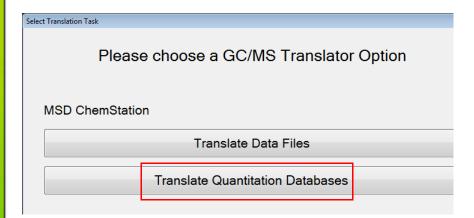
Once you have a Quantitation database developed, using either of the above procedures, you can complete the quantitation method as described in Chapter 5, "Enter EnviroQuant Parameters in the Method". In that chapter you will see how to edit the method's parameters with EPA specific outliers, add a Tune Check method, and initialize a compound's continuing calibration concentration to monitor compliance with EPA Method 8270.

This step describes how to convert an existing MSD ChemStation method to a MassHunter Quantitative Analysis method using the **GC MSD Translator** tool.

For this example we are using a sample SCAN method bnalist.m. This is an environmental demonstration method installed in **C:\envdemo\bnalist.m**. during a ChemStation installation.

The quantitation database in this demo method was set up for EPA method 8270. This is a good starting point for creating a Quantitative method for your analysis.

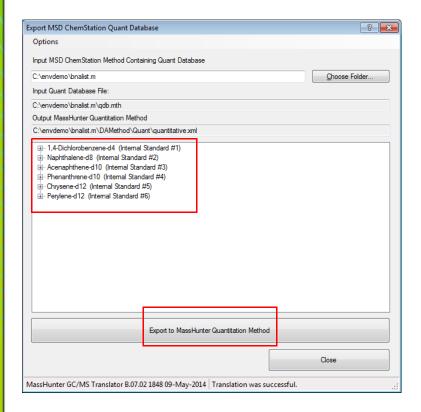




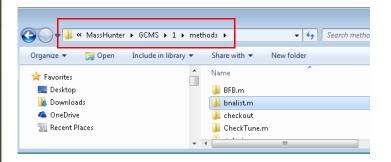
3. Select the bnalist.m method. 4. Click Export to MassHunter Quantitation Method. 5. Copy the converted method to your master method directory.



The method is converted in place. When the process is complete, you will see Translation was successful at the bottom of the screen. The tool shows the assigned ISTDs which can be expanded to see the list of compounds assigned to an ISTD.



Here we are using instrument 1's method directory as our master method directory.

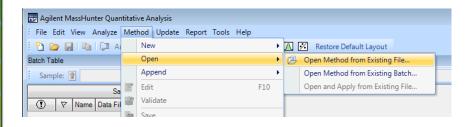


### Step 2: Examine the method.

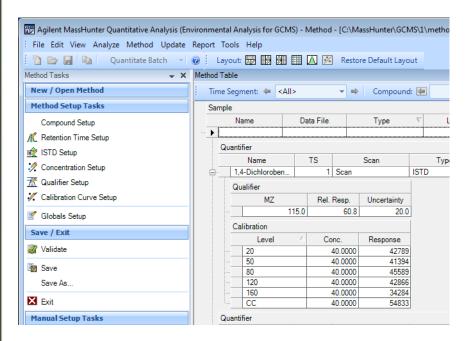
- In MassHunter Quantitative
   Analysis, select Method > Open
   Method from Existing File.
- Select the
   C:\MassHunter\GCMS\1\
   METHODS\bnalist.m file that
   you converted in the last section
   and click OK.

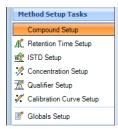
3. Select Compound Setup.

The converted method contains the quantitation database with all compounds, qualifiers, and calibration curves but the ChemStation's EPA monitoring parameters are not converted. In later steps we will enter the EPA monitoring parameters.



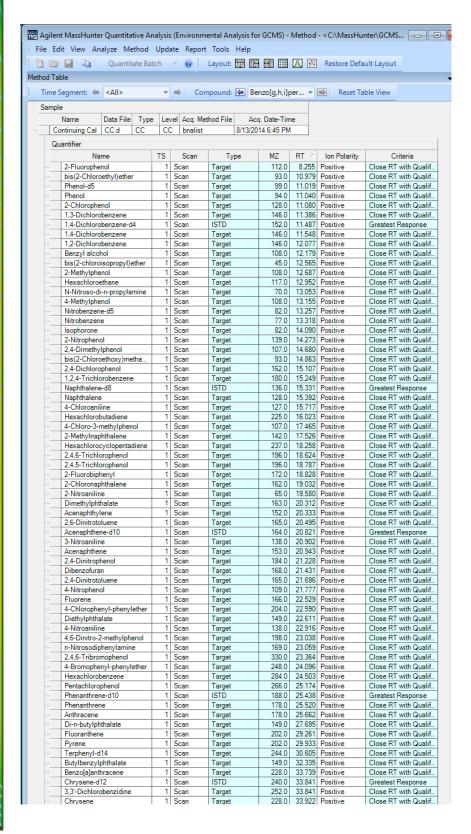
The EnviroQuant Method Editor opens with the converted method loaded. Although drive C is shown here, Agilent supplied PCs with MassHunter factory installed store an instrument's data on the D drive.





4. Review the newly imported list of compounds.

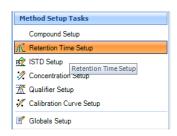
The compound parameters are displayed and may be edited. When first opened, the list is sorted by retention time. Notice that the converted method's compound **Type**, **mz**, **RT**, and identity **Criteria** are correctly converted.



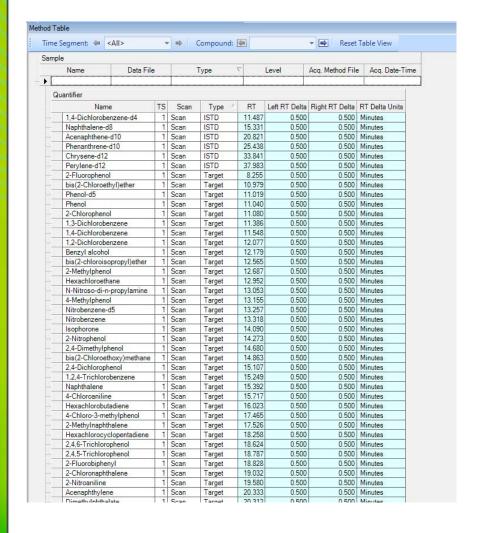
# Step 3: Review the Retention Times.

1. Select Retention Time Setup.

2. Review the converted retention times.



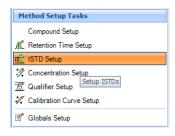
The compound parameters are displayed and may be edited. Notice that the converted method's **Left RT Delta**, **Right RT Delta**, and **RT Delta Units** are correctly converted.



### Step 4: Review the ISTDs.

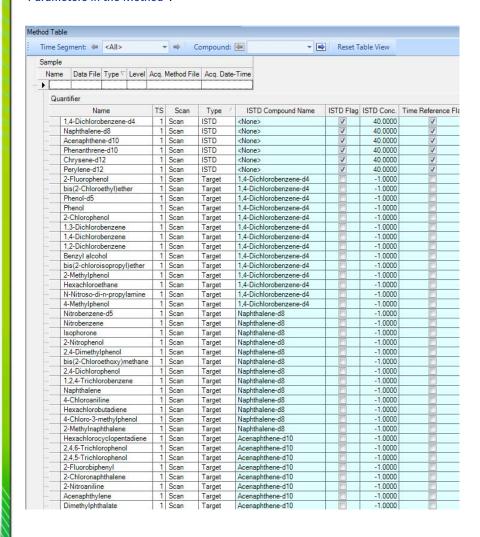
Select ISTD Setup.

2. Review the converted ISTDs.



The compound parameters are displayed and may be edited. Notice that the conversion correctly identified the ISTD, the **ISTD concentration**, the **Time Reference Flag**, and the ISTD internal assignment to all target compounds.

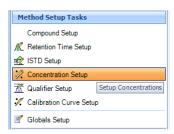
The original ChemStation method assigned Surrogates and Matrix Spike compounds as subcategories of Target compounds. MassHunter assigns these as compound Types. This Type subcategory can't be directly converted so we will manually assign these EPA compound Types in Chapter 5, "Enter EnviroQuant Parameters in the Method".



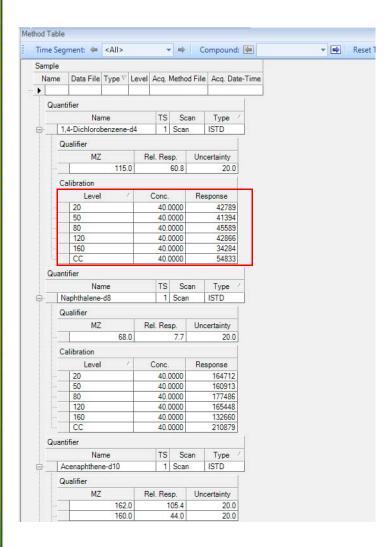
# Step 5: Review the Concentrations.

1. Select Concentration Setup.

2. Review the converted concentrations and levels.



The **Conc** and **Level** parameters are displayed and may be edited. Notice that the converted method's **Level**, **Conc.** and **Response** were converted correctly. We will be updating these responses with new sample data in the next chapter.



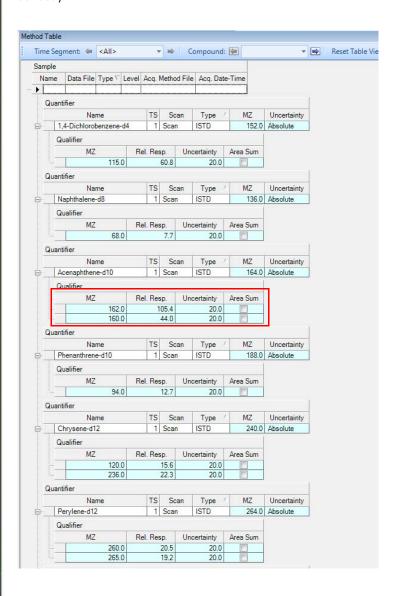
# Step 6: Review the Qualifiers.

1. Select Qualifier Setup.

2. Review the converted qualifiers.



The compound parameters are displayed and may be edited. Notice that the converted method's mz, Rel Resp, Uncertainty, and Area Sum state were converted correctly.



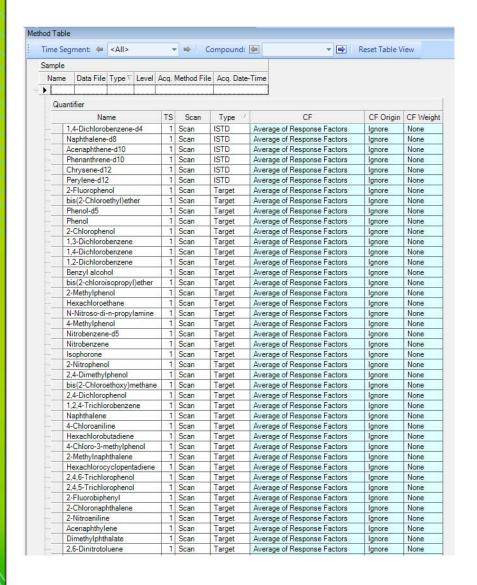
# Step 7: Review the Calibration Curve Settings.

1. Select Calibration Curve Setup.

2. Review the converted Calibration curve.



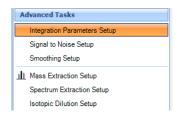
The compound parameters are displayed and may be edited. Notice that the Curve Fit (**CF**), **CF Origin**, and **CF Weight** were correctly converted.



### Step 8: Set up the Integrator.

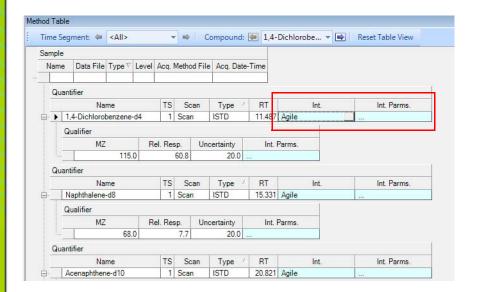
- In the Advanced Tasks area, select Integration Parameters Setup.
- 2. Review the integrator used.
- To change to the type of integrator used in the ChemStation method, select General for the first quantifier then select Fill Down from the context menu.

 Select Int. Parms. in the Method Table for the first quantifier and edit the integration parameters to suit your method then select Fill Down from the context menu.

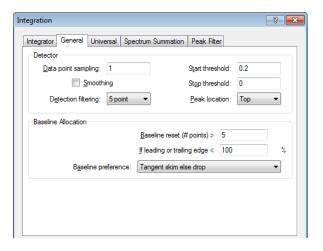


During the ChemStation method conversion the MassHunter parameterless **Agile** integrator was substituted for the ChemStation specified integrator.

All quantifiers now use the **General** integrator originally used in the ChemStation method.



By default, the qualifiers are assigned the same integration parameters as the quantifier but this can be overridden by selecting the **Int Params** for the qualifiers.



### Step 9: Save the method.

1. In the Save/Exit area, select Validate.

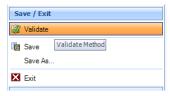
2. Select Save As.

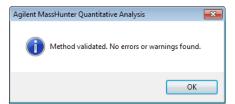
3. Navigate to the MassHunter\GCMS\1\methods \ directory and double-click the bnalist.m. This is then added to the bnalist unified method where the data acquisition method was saved.

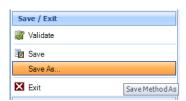
4. Exit [F11] the method editor.

Step 10: Run Samples.

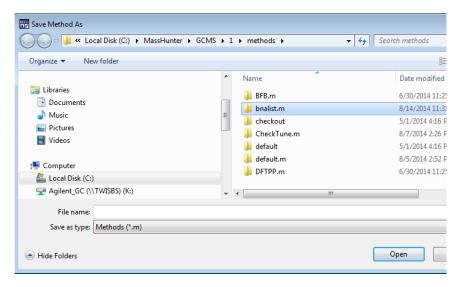
There should be no errors. If there is an error, click on the error and you will be directed to where you can change the settings.







Although drive C is shown here, Agilent supplied PCs with MassHunter factory installed store an instrument's data on the D drive.



You are returned to Batch table view where the batch table is empty.

This completes the creation of the basic quantitation method portion of the workflow.

Before you can complete the EPA portion of the Quantitation method you must run required samples as described in Chapter 4, "Run Samples for Quant Method Creation".



### Introduction

### Step 1: Create a batch.

- Double-click the Instrument icon to launch MassHunter GCMS Acquisition.
- 2. Load a default sequence.
- Select Sequence > Edit
   Sequence, complete the entries similar to those shown here, then click OK.

 Select Sequence > Save Sequence As... and save the sequence as QuantSetup. This chapter explains how to create a sequence, that when run, will generate a batch containing the analyzed results of samples used to update the compound calibration curves in the quantitation method. You will also use these samples to create the Tune Evaluation Method (tunevaluation.xml), create the Reference Library, and initialize the CC sample response.



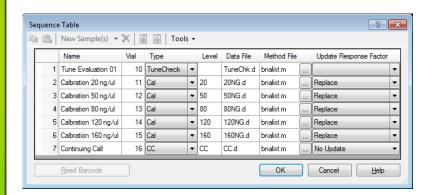
The first sample in this sequence should contain compounds that are representative of what will be analyzed (e.g., Pentachlorophenol, DFTPP, Benzidine, and DDT for EPA method 8270).

The next 5 sample are calibration samples that will be used to create the calibration curves for all compounds in the method.

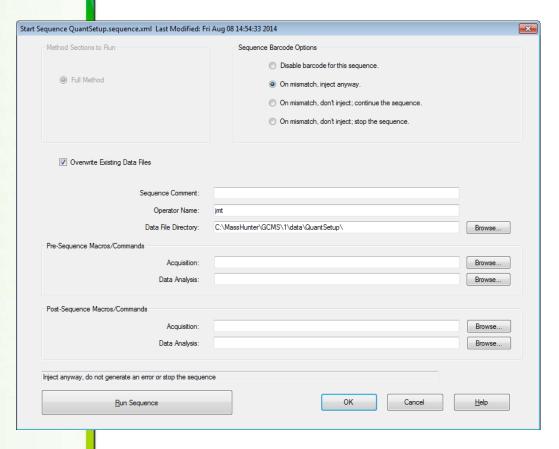
The last column, **Update Response Factor**, is specifying that the current response factors in the method should be replaced with the response factors from these 5 CAL samples.

Also, one of these samples will be used to create a Reference Library.

The Continuing Cal sample's compound responses will be manually entered into the method to initialize future CC's.



 Select Sequence > Run Sequence, and complete the dialog as shown here.



Click Run Sequence when finished. MassHunter Data Acquisition will automatically create a batch containing these data files and save it in the MassHunter folder specified in the Sequence table. In this case: C:\MassHunter\GCMS\1\data\QuantSetup.

The method's response factors for the 5 CAL samples are automatically updated.

### Step 2: Complete the Tune Evaluation criteria.

The Tune Evaluation Tool in MassHunter EnviroQuant makes it easy to enter EPA required analyzer tune and GC performance criteria. Once the criteria are entered and saved (as *tunevaluation.xml*), they become part of the unified method.

In practice, the tune evaluation sample is processed as the first sample in the batch. During processing, if the tune evaluation sample fails to comply with the criteria specified in the Tune Evaluation method (which is one part of the unified method), the sequence will automatically stop to prevent the remaining samples from running on an instrument that requires tuning.

The following describes how to build the tune evaluation method (tunevaluation.xml). The example shown here includes the criteria for **EPA method 8270**. Entries for other EPA methods are entered in a similar manner. The last step in the process describes how to set up a Reference Library.

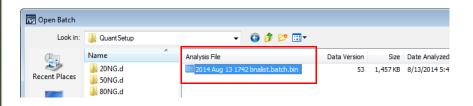
1. Start MassHunter EnviroQuant. 2. Select File > Open Batch, and open the timestamped bnalist.bin batch that was just created. 3. Highlight the Tune Evaluation 01 data file. 4. Select Tools > Tune Evaluation.

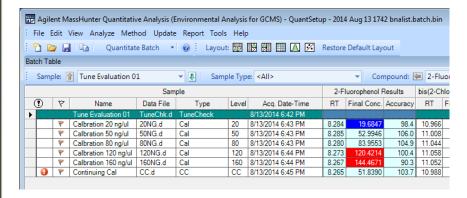
The compounds that will be included are:

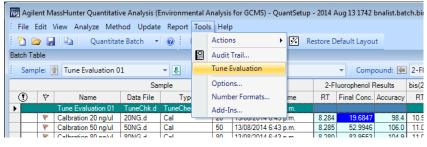
- · Pentachlorophenol
- **DFTPP**
- Benzidine
- DDT



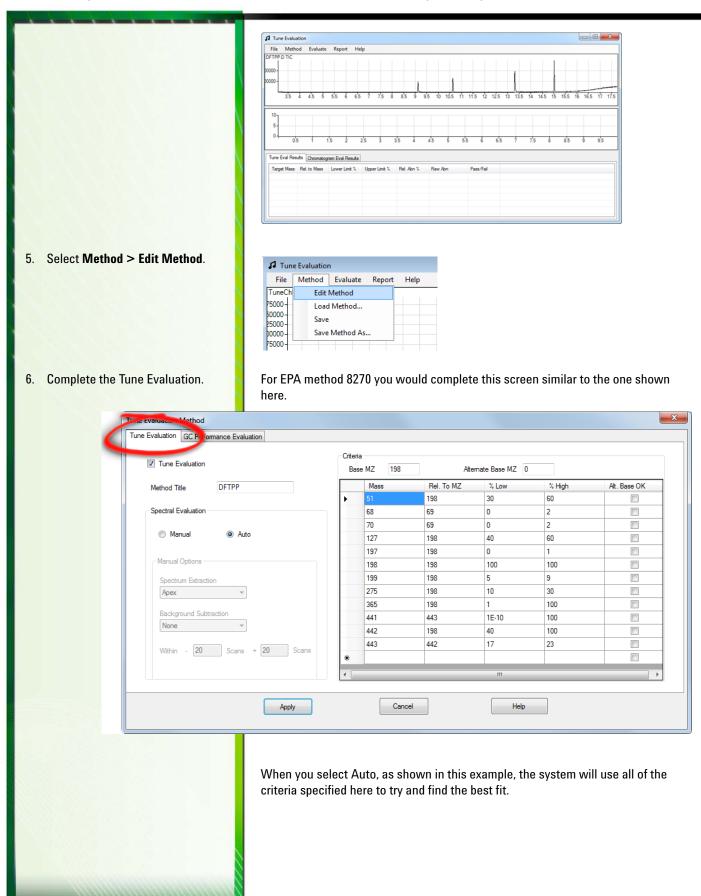
Navigate to the C:\MassHunter\GCMS\1\data\QuantSetup folder.







The Tune Evaluation dialog opens.

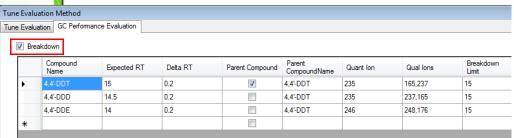


## Step 3: Complete the GC Performance Evaluation criteria.

Click the GC Performance
 Evaluation tab, select
 Breakdown to enable the test
 and enter the Breakdown
 parameters.

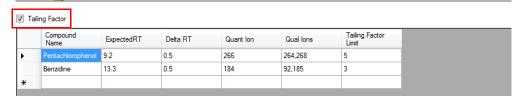
For EPA method 8270, we will enter degradation of DDT, DDD, and DDE, and tailing for Pentachlorophenol and Benzidine. Notice that here we are finding the compounds by mass, however, the evaluation is done on the total ion chromatogram for the method.

Enter the parameters for the degradation of DDT, DDD, and DDE as shown here.



2. Select **Tailing Factor** to enable the test and enter the Tailing Factor parameters.

Enter tailing factor parameters for Pentachlorophenol and Benzidine.

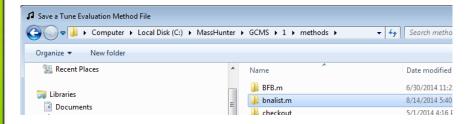


- 3. Apply the criteria.
- Select Method > Save Method
   As, and save this to:
   MassHunter\GCMS\1 \Methods\bnalist.m.

Reply **Yes** when asked to overwrite the existing method.

Click **Apply**, when ready, and the results are displayed online. See "Step 4: Review the tune evaluation results." on page 39.

MassHunter saves this as the **tunevaluation.xml** method in the DAMethod  $\$  sub-directory of the bnalist.m method.



Once the criteria are entered and saved, they become part of the bnalist method which now contains method parameters for data acquisition, quantitative analysis, and Tune Evaluation.

### Step 4: Review the tune evaluation results.

Tune evaluation results can be viewed interactively in the Tune Evaluation Tool, shown below, or they can be generated as one of the printed reports for the batch.

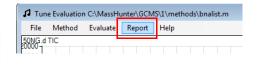
#### **Online Results**

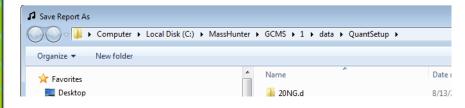


### **Tune Evaluation PDF Report**

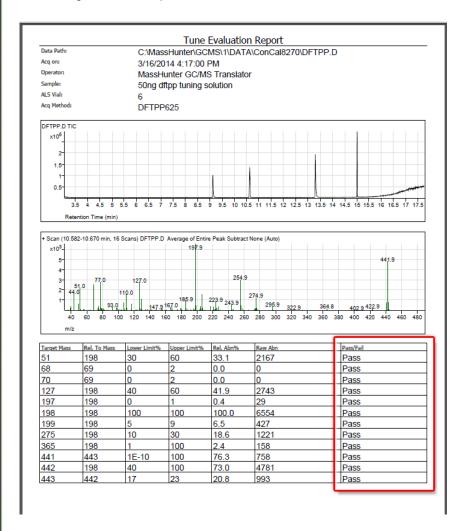
- 1. Click Report in Tune Evaluation.
- 2. Accept the default location and name for the PDF report.

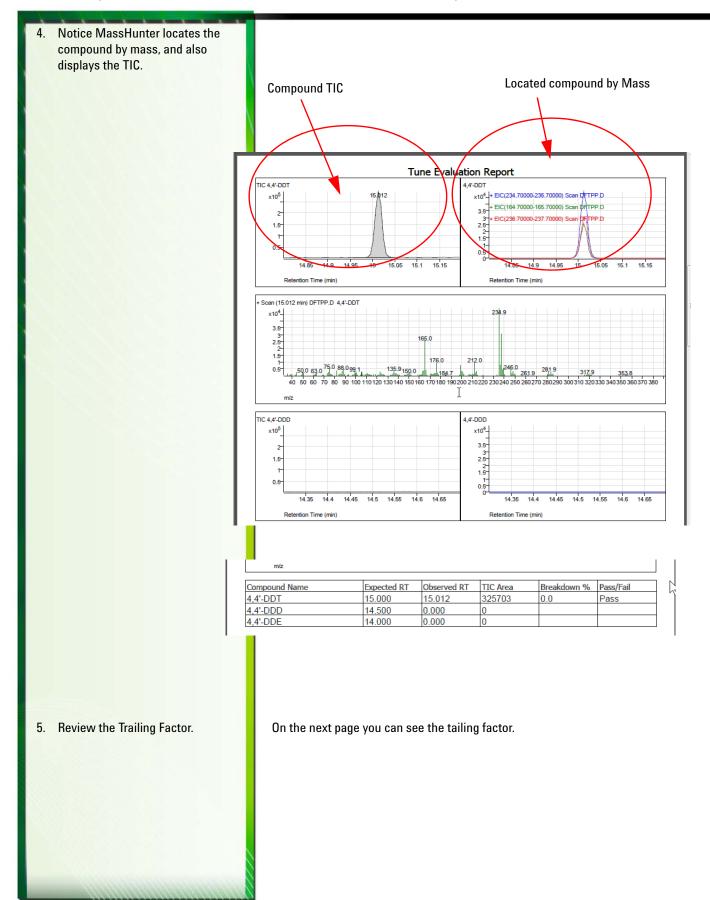
3. Review the Pass/Fail condition for the first compound.

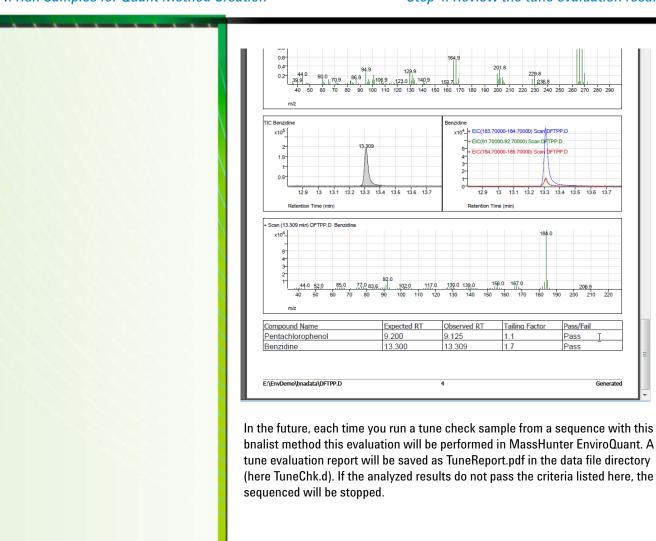




The PDF is generated and opened in Acrobat.







### Step 5: Create a Reference library.

- In the Batch table select the Calibration 80 ng sample.
- Enter the method editor [F10], and select Method > Setup Reference Library.

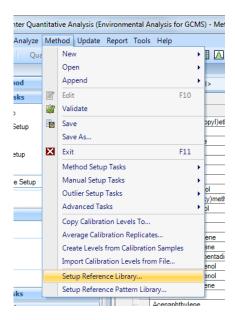
3. Select **Obtain reference spectra** from sample.

4. Click **OK** to save the library to the selected folder.

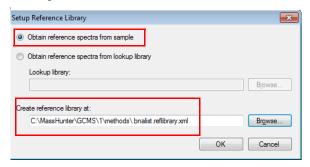
Using MassHunter's Reference Library allows you to easily compare your acquired sample's spectral data to the spectral data stored in a reference library.

The library match score is clearly displayed in the compound information window, showing the degree to which the sample compound data matches the library entries.

A representative clean sample containing all the compounds in the method is required to create the library.

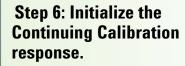


This is the Calibration 80 ng sample that we selected in the batch table before entering the method editor.

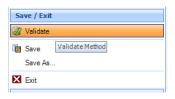


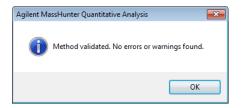
Save the library in a location accessible to future bnalist methods.

- Validate the method. There should be no errors.
- 6. Exit the method editor [F11].
- 7. Examine the scan data in the Compound Information window for various compounds.



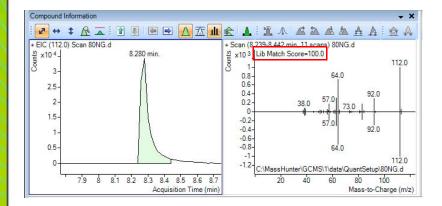
 Select Analyze > Replace Calibration.



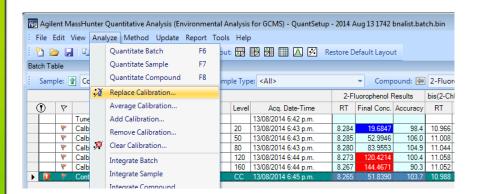


You are returned to Batch table view.

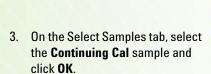
The Compound Information now shows the actual data file comparison to the library in the spectral data window. The library match score is displayed and its outlier can now be enabled.

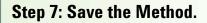


The converted ChemStation method contains a CC level with a response, however, the Calibration STD Acquisition has an invalid acquisition time and date. This would generate an error if we tried to generate a QA Check Report. This step adds the newly acquired CC sample data and time stamp to the CC level so a valid report can be generated.

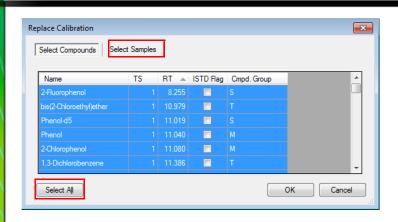


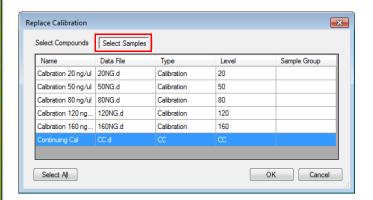
2. In the Select Compounds tab, click **Select All** then click **Select Samples** tab.





1. Select Save As.





The responses for the continuing calibration compounds are replaced with the responses in the data file.

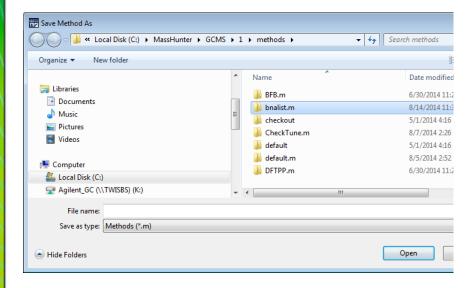


 Navigate to the MassHunter\GCMS\1\methods \ directory and select the bnalist.m unified method where the data acquisition was saved.

3. Exit [F11] the method editor.

Step 8: Complete the quantitation method.

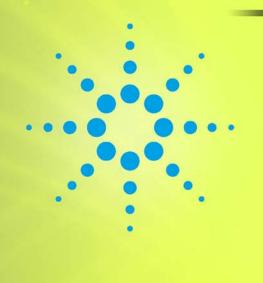
The unified bnalist method is used for the data acquisition, quantitative analysis, and Tune Evaluation methods.



You are returned to the Batch table view.

Up to this point you have created the quantitation method, added calibration curve responses to all compounds in the method, and created a Tune Check method and a reference library.

Continue the workflow by adding EPA monitoring to the quantitation method Chapter 5, "Enter EnviroQuant Parameters in the Method".



# 5 Enter EnviroQuant Parameters in the Method

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### Introduction

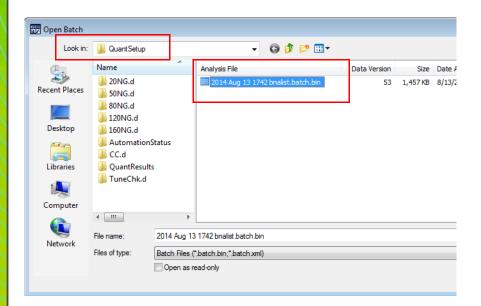
### Step 1: Open the batch.

 In MassHunter EnviroQuant select File > Open Batch.

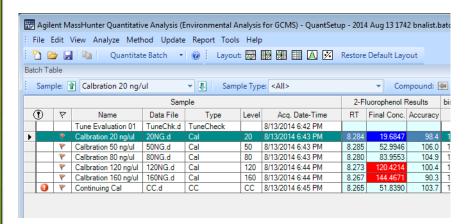
2. Navigate to the QuantSetup folder, select the bnalist batch, and click **Open**.

In this chapter you will learn how to add outliers to a quantitative method that monitor compound properties and instrument performance as specified by EPA Method 8270.

If the bnalist batch saved in the in the QuantSetup folder in the previous chapter is already open, skip this step.



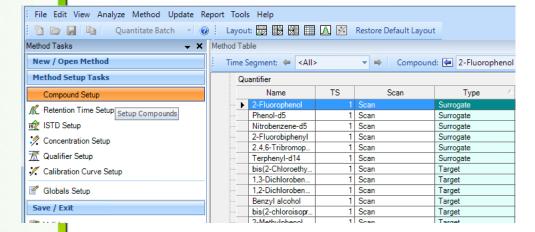
The batch table opens with all samples quantitated.



# Step 2: Specify the surrogates and matrix spikes.

- 1. Open the method editor [F10].
- 2. Select Compound Setup.

Surrogates and matrix spikes were identified as a subcategory of target compounds in ChemStation, here in MassHunter they need to be identified as a compound type.

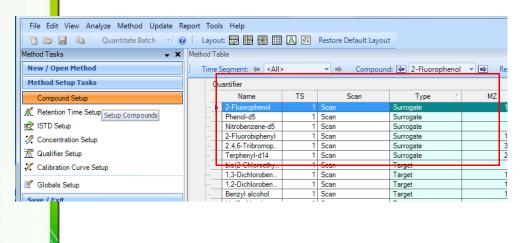


Specify Surrogate as the Type for these compounds. In the Quantifier table set the compound **Type** for each of these 6 compounds to **Surrogate**.

2-Fluorophenol Phenol-d5 Nitrobenzene-d5 2-Fluorobiphenyl 2,4,6-Tribromophenol Terphenyl-d14

4. Compare your edits with this example.

After editing these compounds, click on **Type** to sort the compounds by type and scroll to the Surrogate compound Types.



Specify Matrix Spike as the Type for these compounds.

In the Quantifier table set the compound Type for each of these 11 compounds to Matrix Spike.

Phenol

2-Chlorophenol

1,4-Dichlorobenzene

N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene

4-Chloro-3-methylphenol

Acenaphthene

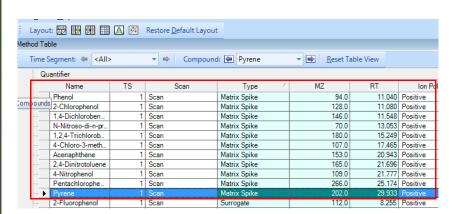
2-4-Dinitrotoluene

4-Nitrophenol

Pentachlorophenol

Pyrene

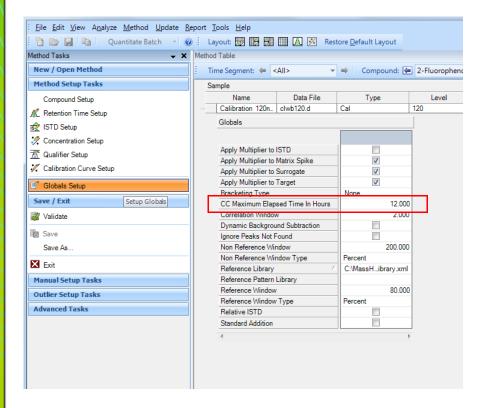
After editing these compounds, click on Type to sort compounds by type and scroll to the Matrix Spike compound Types.



### Step 3: Set up the CC Maximum Elapsed Time to 12 hours.

- In the Method Setup Tasks area, select Globals Setup.
- 2. Set the CC Maximum Elapsed Time in Hours to 12.000.

This global parameter sets the maximum amount of time that samples can be run without performing another continuous calibration. For EPA method 8270 that time is 12 hours. The QA Check Report uses this value when reporting if all samples in a batch were run before this time elapsed.



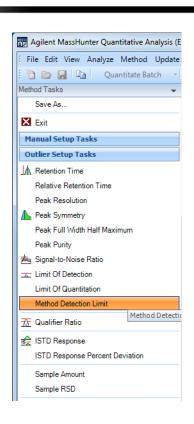
### Step 4: Set up outlier limits for the EPA method criteria.

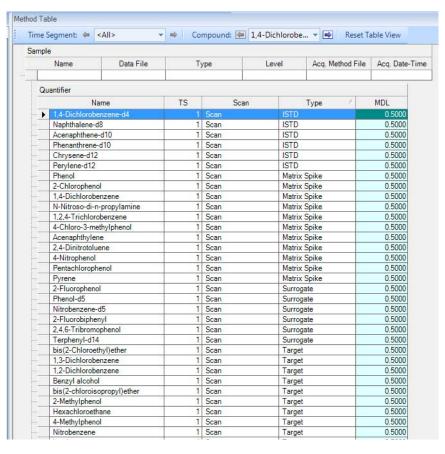
In this section you will set outlier criteria for monitoring compounds and instrument performance as required by EPA Method 8270, including the:

- Method Detection Limit
- Surrogate Concentration, Percent recovery min and max
- ISTD Response Min and Max Percent Deviation to compare the Con Cal ISTD response to the Mid-point calibration levels ISTD responses.
- Accuracy max percent deviation for Con Cal if the curve fit is not average response
- Average Response Factor for the ICal Report Minimum RF
- Average Response Factor RSD for the ICal Report RSD
- Curve Fit R2 for the ICal Report curve fits other than Average Response Factor
- CC Relative Response for the Minimum CC Response Factor
- CC Average Response Factor Con Cal report if the curve fit is average response factor
- · Matrix Spike Percent Difference
- · Matrix Spike Percent Recovery
- · Matrix Spike Group Recovery
- · Surrogate Percent Recovery
- · Library Match Score

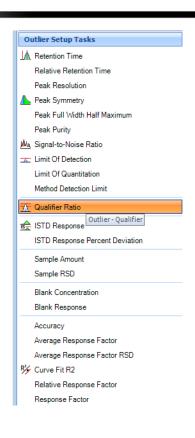
Once these outliers are set they can be displayed as color coded cells in the Batch Table and Compounds-at-a-Glance.

 In the Method Editor view, from the Outlier Setup Tasks. area select Method Detection Limit. Fill in the shaded column as shown here.



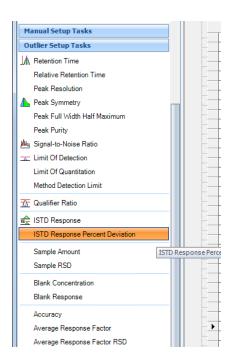


 Scroll down the list of Outliers and select Qualifier Ratio. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.

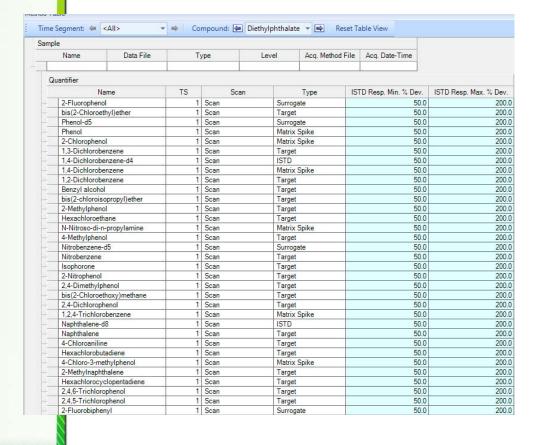




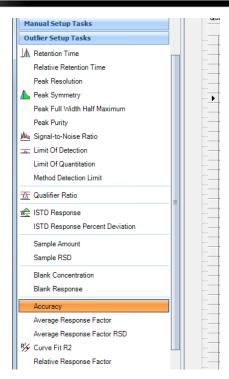
3. Select ISTD Response Percent Deviation. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.



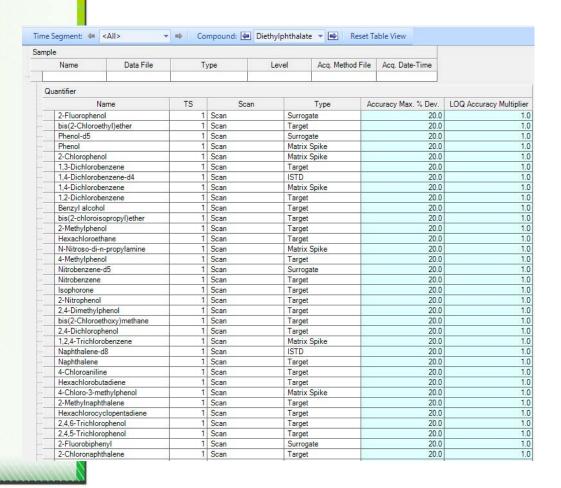
This will be used to compare Con Cal ISTD response to mid-point calibration levels ISTD responses.



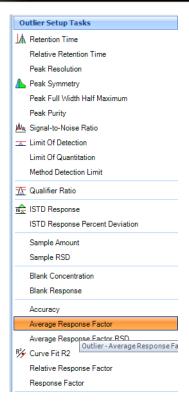
4. Under Outlier Setup Tasks, select Accuracy. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.



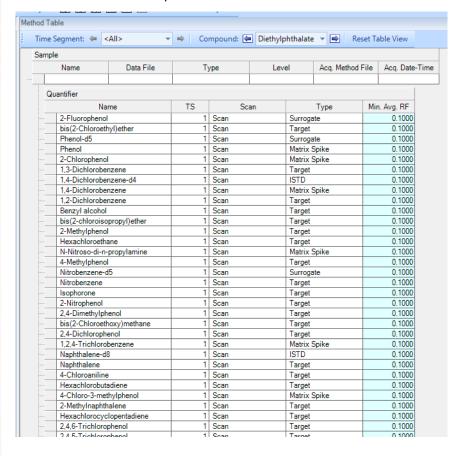
This will be used for Con Cal if the curve fit is not average response.



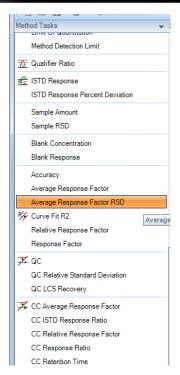
5. Select Average Response Factor. Fill in the shaded column as shown here.



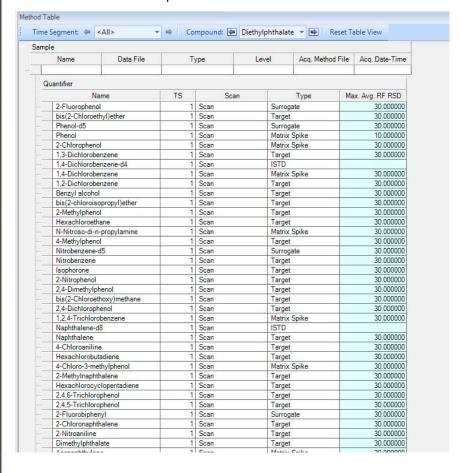
This will be used for ICAL Report minimum RF.



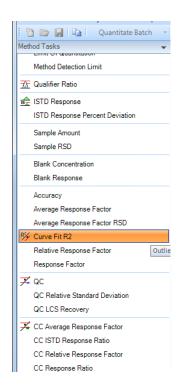
6. Select Average Response Factor RSD. Fill in the column as shown here.



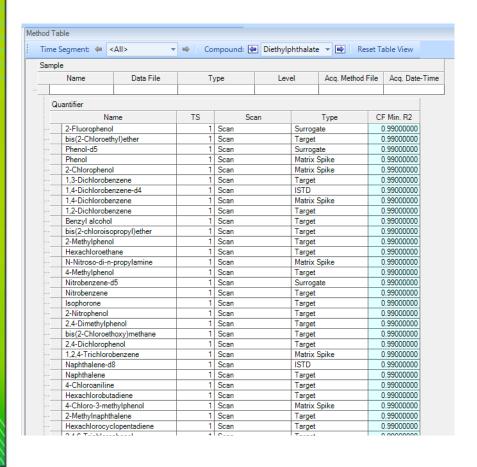
#### This will be used for ICAL Report RSD.



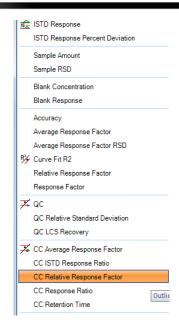
7. Select **Curve Fit R2**. Fill in the shaded column as shown here.



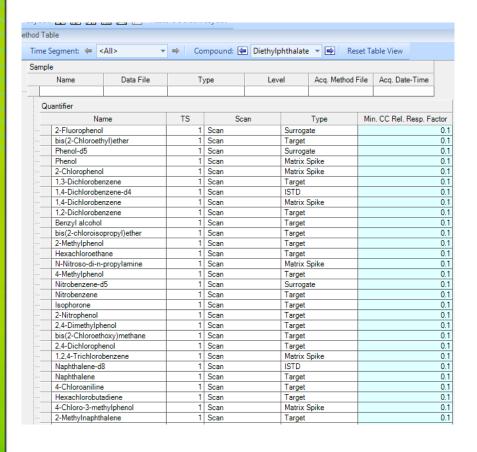
This will be used for ICAL Report curve fits other than Average Response Factor.



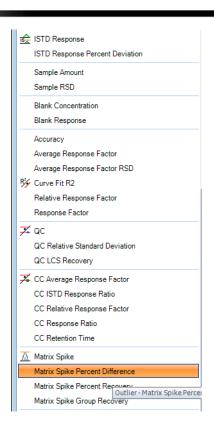
8. Select CC Relative Response Factor. Fill in the shaded column as shown here.

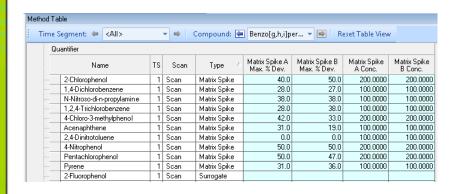


This is the minimum RF for the continuing cal. It will be used for Minimum CC RF.



 Still under Outlier Setup tasks, select Matrix Spike Percent Difference. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.

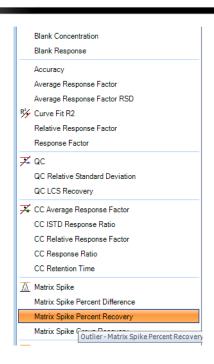


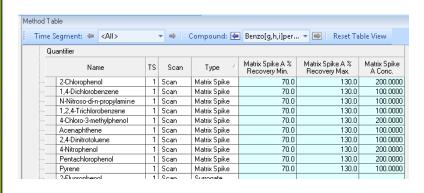


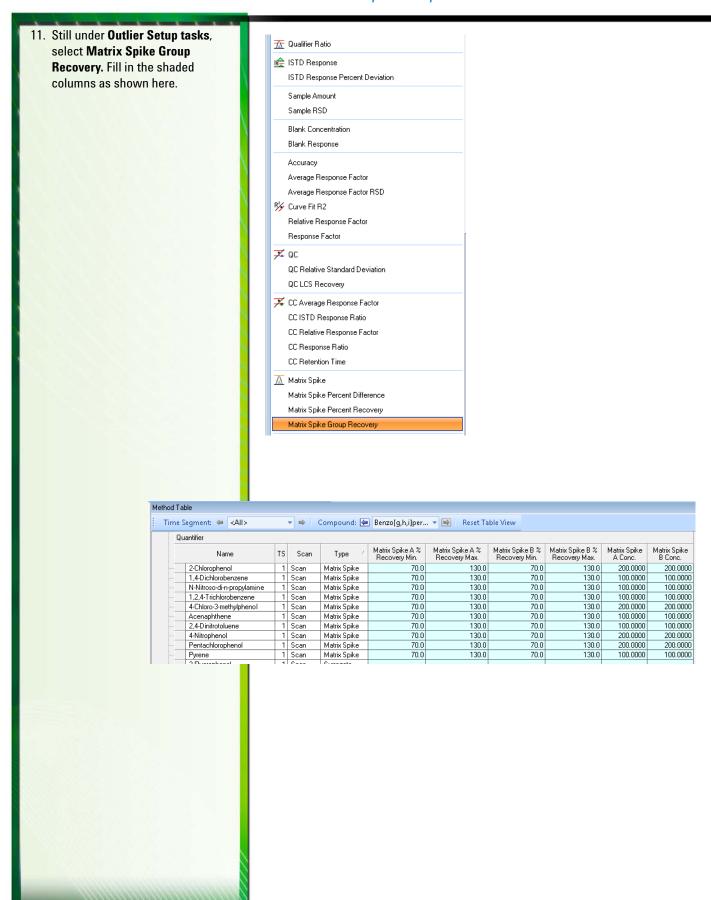
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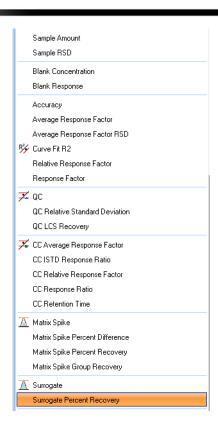
10. Still under Outlier Setup tasks, select Matrix Spike Percent Recovery. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.

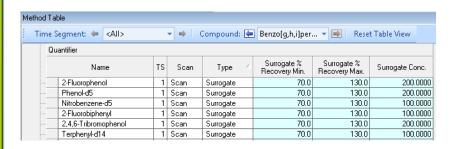




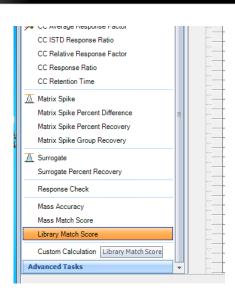


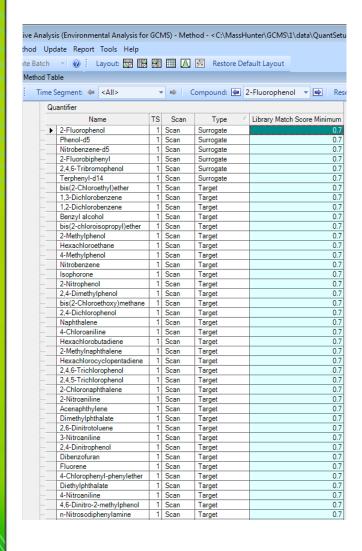
12. Select Surrogate Percent Recovery. Fill in the shaded columns as shown here.





13. Select **Library Match Score.** Fill in the shaded column as shown here.

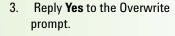




### Step 5: Save the method.

1. Select Save As.

 Navigate to the MassHunter\GCMS\1\methods \ directory and select the bnalist.m unified method where the data acquisition was saved, then click Save.



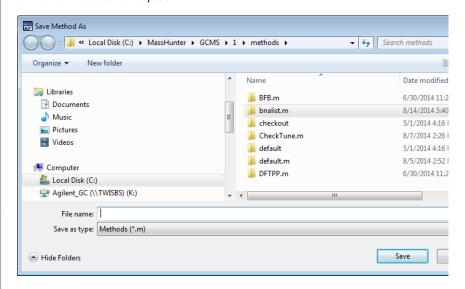
4. Exit [F11] the method editor. You are prompted to apply the method to the batch.

5. Click **Yes** to the Apply Method prompt.

Step 6: Create report methods.



The unified bnalist method is used for the data acquisition, quantitative analysis, and Tune Evaluation analyses.





You are returned to Batch table view.

Continue the workflow by creating report methods to automate report generation. See Chapter 6, "Create Report Methods".



#### Introduction

Reports can be generated in two ways:

- · Automatically, at the end of a run
- · Interactively, after manual integration, for example

Report methods enable you to save report parameters including multiple report templates, to a file than can be applied to a single sample in an automated sequence or interactively to a single sample or group of samples.

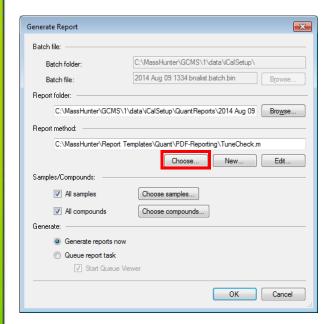
When you create the sequence for a run you can enter the report method you want processed for an individual sample in the run. This can be done by saving the report method in the unified method for that sample or by specifying the report method for a sample in the sequence table report method column.

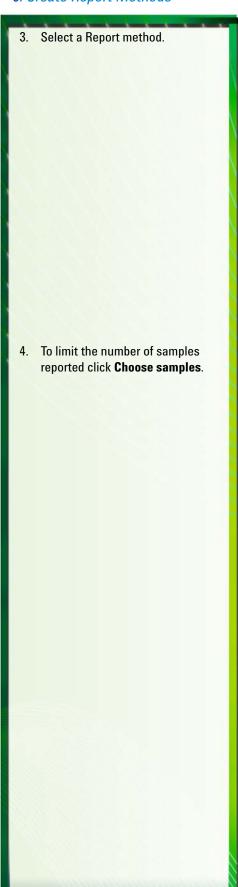
When you are working interactively with a batch of data, after doing manual integration for example, you may select any saved report method, or create one on the spot, and generate a report interactively.

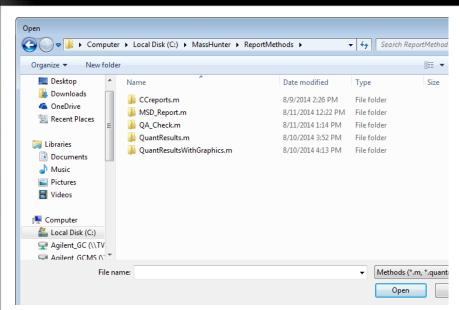
This section describes how to generate reports both automatically, and interactively.

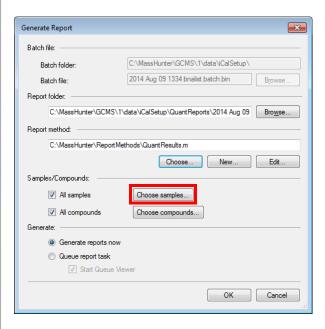
### Step 1: Generate an interactive report.

- From MassHunter's main menu select Report > Generate.
- Click **Choose** and navigate to where you saved your report method templates.

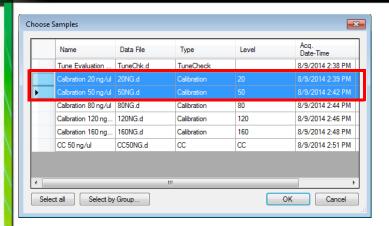




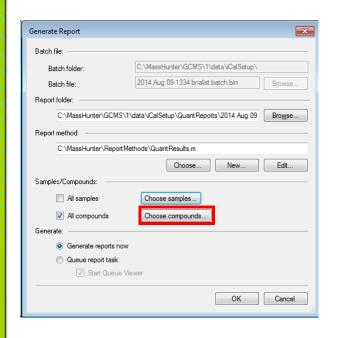




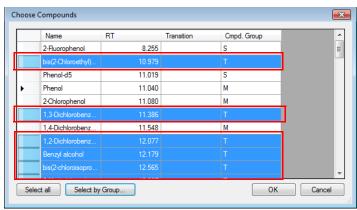
5. Select the samples to be included in the report and click **OK**.



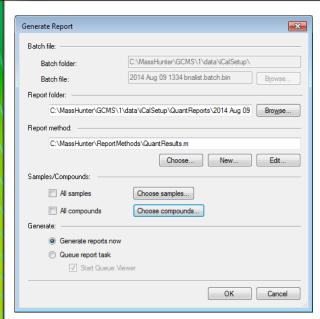
6. To limit the number of compounds to include in the report, click **Choose compounds**.



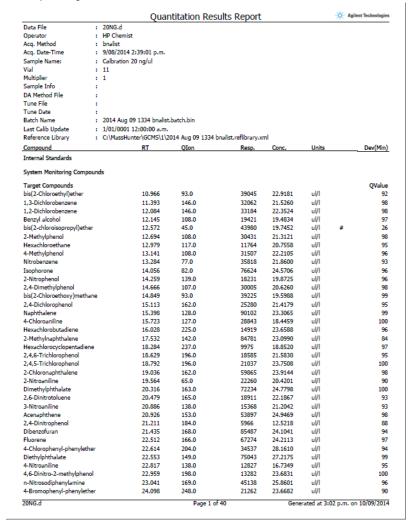
7. Select the compounds to be included in the report then click **OK**. (In this example we selected the compounds by target group.)







#### The report is generated.



### Step 2: Create an Initial Calibration Report Method.

- In the Report Method Edit dialog, click Add Template then navigate to the PDF-Reporting folder and select Env\_InitialCal.report.xml.
- In the Templates tab, under Report mode, keep the Batch default. Leave the other parameters in this tab with their default settings for a PDF report.

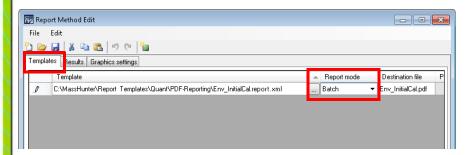
 Click the Results tab and select GCMS for a single quad instrument.

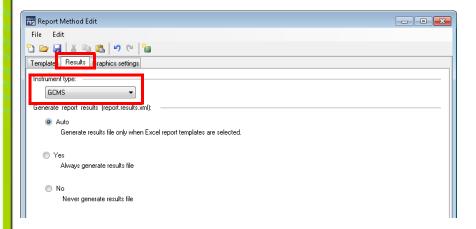
4. Skip the **Generate report results** section since this is a PDF report.

An Initial Calibration Report is always generated interactively in Quant since it reports on all the calibration samples in the batch.

The specified template is added to the Report Method Edit dialog. If you wanted to add additional reports you could add more templates here.

When this method is run, the report is saved as Env\_InitCal.pdf. This report is located in a subfolder of QuantReports folder in the batch directory. The subfolder has the same name as the batch with a numbered prefix.



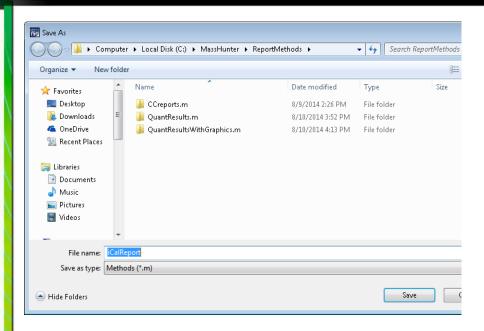


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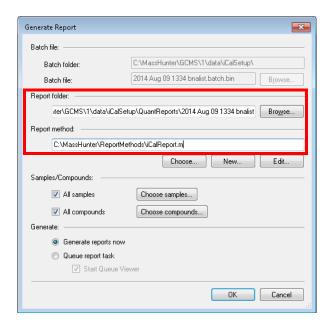
 Click Save & Exit, then navigate to the ReportMethods directory and name the method iCalReport.m.

Click Save to return to the Generate Report dialog.

 Click Cancel and the report method is available for interactive generation.



The system displays the path to the Report folder based on the current batch location loaded in MassHunter Quant. The **Report method** shows the location that you selected when you saved the report method.



An Initial Calibration Report is always generated interactively in Quant since it reports on all the calibration samples in the batch. An automated report generated by a sequence can only report on a single sample.

The first page of an Initial Calibration PDF report is shown on the next page.



			I	Initial Calibration Report					Agilent Technologie		
Met	hod Path										
Met	hod File										
Bato	ch Name	C:\EnvDemo\bn	nadata\QuantRe	sults\bnadata_	_01.batch.bin						
Last	t Calib Update	3/11/2014 3:26	:09 AM								
Level Name Calibration Files							Acq, Date-Time		Level Last Update Time		
20		C:\EnvDemo\bnad	1/28/1991 2:16:00 PM		3/11/2014 3:26:09 AM						
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50		C:\EnvDemo\bnad	1/28/1991 5:56:00 PM		3/11/2014 3:26:09 AM						
Соп	npound		20	80	120	160	50	Avg RF	%RSD		
ı	1,4-Dichlorobe	nzene-d4				ISTD -					
	2-Fluorophenol		1,2826	1,3675	1,3077	1.1766	1.3812	1.3031	6.268		
	bis(2-Chloroet		1.8237	1.6684	1,4883	1.3200	1.5792	1.5759	12.002		
	Phenol-d5		1.9668	1.7185	1.5199	1.3675	1.8568	1.6859	14.472		
М	Phenol		2.0332	1.6681	1.4639	1.3112	1.7377	1.6428	16.782 #		
М	2-Chlorophen	ol	1.4549	1.3096	1.1235	1.0279	1.3642	1.2560	14.003		
т	1,3-Dichlorobe		1.4976	1.4352	1.2435	1.1775	1.5149	1.3737	11.189		
М	1,4-Dichlorobe	enzene	1.5014	1.3018	1.2324	1.1325	1.5119	1.3360	12.503		
т	1,2-Dichlorobe	enzene	1.5499	1.3935	1.2822	1.1473	1.4674	1.3681	11.542		
	Benzyl alcohol		0.9071	0.9841	0.9651	0.8555	0.9008	0.9225	5.633		
Т	bis(2-chloroise	propyl)ether	2.0542	2.2180	2.1602	1.9017	2.0764	2.0821	5.780		
Т	2-Methylpheno	ol	1.4214	1.3229	1.2882	1.1782	1.3464	1.3114	6.792		
Т	Hexachloroeth	ane	0.5495	0.5455	0.4947	0.4413	0.5620	0.5186	9.695		
М	N-Nitroso-di-n	-propylamine	1.2713	1.3040	1.5031	1.0896	1.2185	1.2773	11.771		
Т	4-Methylpheno	ol	1.4716	1.3545	1.2259	1.1286	1.3737	1.3109	10.245		
	Naphthalene-d					ISTD -					
	Nitrobenzene-	d5	0.4347	0.4441	0.4049	0.3919	0.4400	0.4231	5.502		
	Nitrobenzene		0.4347	0.4001	0.4020	0.3476	0.3975	0.3964	7.880		
	Isophorone		0.9300	0.9138	0.8740	0.7878	0.8533	0.8718	6.430		
	2-Nitrophenol		0.2213	0.2328	0.2337	0.2028	0.2126	0.2206	6.007		
	2,4-Dimethylp		0.3642	0.3777	0.3496	0.3295	0.3464	0.3535	5.181		
	bis(2-Chloroet	**	0.4761	0.4918	0.4710	0.4370	0.4864	0.4725	4.539		
	2,4-Dichloroph		0.3068	0.2867	0.2688	0.2368	0.2961	0.2791	9.824		
	1,2,4-Trichlore Naphthalene	openzene	0.3316 1.0936	0.3257 0.9722	0.2944	0.2706 0.7610	0.3240 0.9860	0.3093	8.401 13.816		
	4-Chloroaniline		0.3501	0.3905	0.8512	0.7610	0.9860	0.9328	4.336		
	Hexachlorobut		0.3501	0.1530	0.1499	0.1246	0.1660	0.3701	13.528		
M	4-Chloro-3-me		0.1811	0.1530	0.3338	0.3049	0.1660	0.1549	8.498		
	2-Methylnapht		1.0290	0.8461	0.7728	0.7284	0.9669	0.8686	14.647		
I	Acenaphthene-d10										
	Hexachlorocyc		0.2080	0.2525	0.2191	0.1962	0.2283	0.2208	9.690		
	2,4,6-Trichlore	•	0.3876	0.3549	0.3329	0.3031	0.3915	0.3540	10.538		
	2,4,5-Trichloro	•	0.4387	0.3592	0.3061	0.2702	0.4282	0.3605	20.490		
	2-Fluorobipher	•	1.3735	0.9759	0.9248	0.8498	1.2211	1.0690	20.564		
	2-Chloronapht		1.2485	0.9535	0.9461	0.8500	1.1571	1.0310	16.025		
	2-Nitroaniline		0.4642	0.4498	0.4552	0.4138	0.4727	0.4511	5.018		
т	Dimethylphtha	late	1.5065	1.1533	1.0743	1.0188	1.2722	1.2050	16.061		
М	Acenaphthyle	ne	1.9827	1.4204	1.2367	1.1352	1.5884	1.4727	22.669		
Т	2,6-Dinitrotolu	ene	0.3944	0.3503	0.3381	0.2971	0.3602	0.3480	10.156		
Т	3-Nitroaniline		0.3205	0.2879	0.2738	0.2583	0.3415	0.2964	11.503		
Т	Acenaphthene		1.1240	0.8258	0.7584	0.6908	1.0219	0.8842	20.630		
Т	2,4-Dinitrophe	nol	0.1244	0.2305	0.2319	0.2013	0.2065	0.1989	22.057		
					age 1 of 3				AM on 3/13/201		

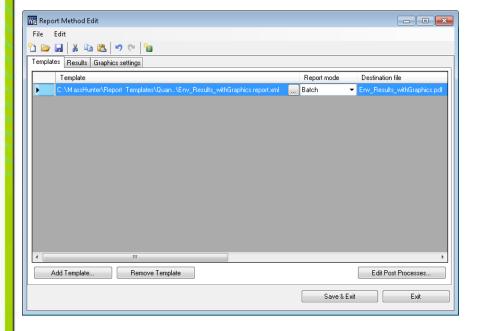
The first page of an Initial Calibration PDF report.

## Step 3: Create a Quant Report Method.

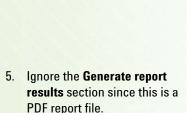
- In the Report Method Edit dialog, click Add template, navigate to the PDF-Reporting folder.
- 2. For this example we are selecting Env\_Results\_withGraphics.repo rt.xml for a report with graphics. However, alternatively, you may select Env\_Results.report.xml for a simple report.
- 3. For this example, leave the default entries on the **Template** tab as they are.

You can create a simple Quant Report without graphics, or a detailed report containing graphics. This section explains creating both types.

A Quant report is an ideal candidate to run with every sample using this unified bnalist method. Save this report method to bnalist.m to have it automatically generate a Quant report each time a sample is run with this unified method.

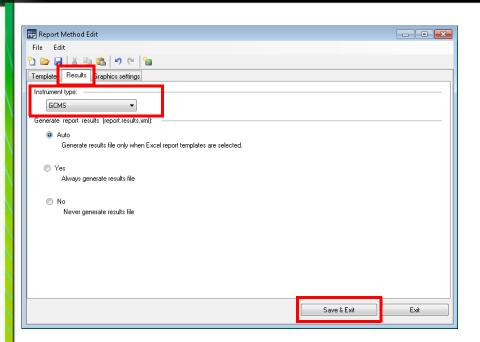


 Click the **Results** tab and select **GCMS** for a single quad instrument.

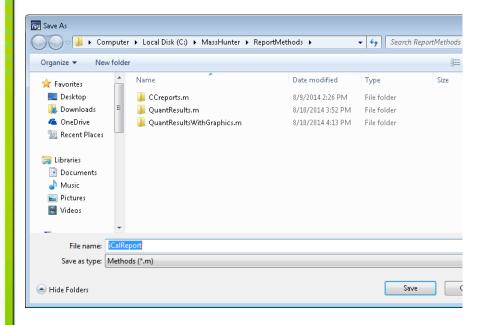


 Click Save & Exit, then navigate to the ReportMethods directory and name the method QuantReportGraphics.m.

7. Click **Cancel** and the Report method is available for automatic generation via the sequencing table or for selection during interactive report generation in Quant.



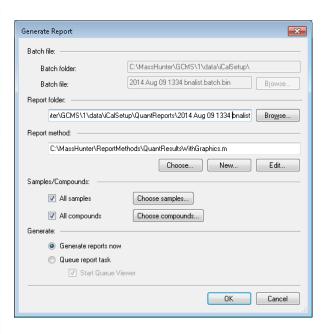
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The Report folder shows the path based on the current batch loaded in MassHunter Quant.



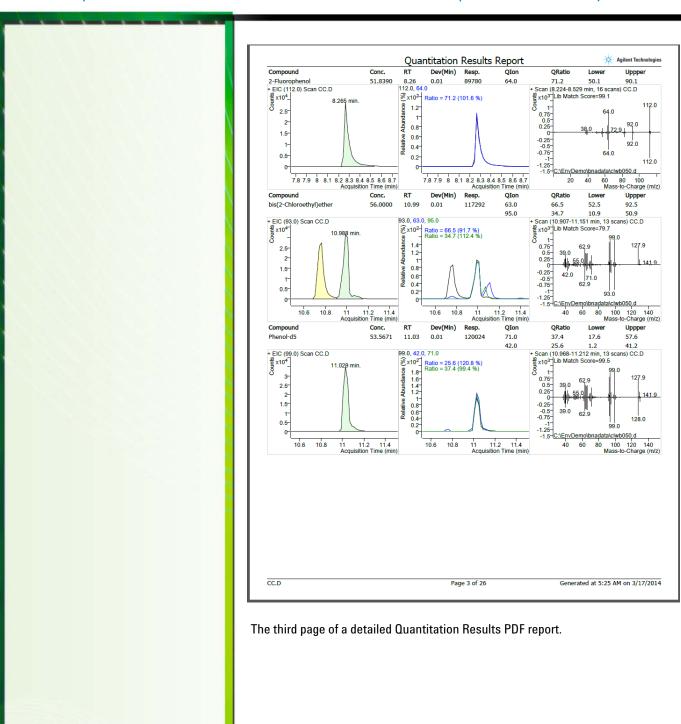
The Report method is the location that you selected when you saved the report method.



A sample of the Quantitation Results Report is on the next page.

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Operator	: HP Ch								
Acq. Method	: 82600	: 2014 6:29:08 PM							
Acq. Date-Time Sample Name:	: 3/26/2 : CC	2014 6:29:08 PM							
Vial	: 2								
Multiplier	: 1								
Sample Info	1								
DA Method File	: 82600	C.M							
Tune File									
Tune Date	1								
Batch Name	: 2014	Mar 26 1741 8260C.	batch.bin						
Last Calib Update	: 3/26/2	2014 5:36:18 PM							
Compound		RT	QIon	Resp.	Conc.	Units		Dev(Mi	
Internal Standards									
Bromochloromethane		7.953	128.0	11753	50.0000	ug/l	#	0.00	
1,4-Difluorobenzene		18.189	114.0	66432	50.0000	ug/l		0.00	
Chlorobenzene-d5		22.959	117.0	56912	50.0000	ug/l		0.00	
System Monitoring Compo	unds								
1,2-Dichloroethane-d4		10.783	65.0	27951	49.0124	ug/l		0.00	
Spiked Amount: 50.000		Range: 70.	0 - 130.0%		Recovery =	98.02%			
Toluene-d8		21.795	98.0	57736	46.9910	ug/l		0.0	
Spiked Amount: 50.000			0 - 130.0%		Recovery =				
Bromofluorobenzene		26.720	95.0	60889	47.8139	ug/l		0.00	
Spiked Amount: 50.000		Range: 70.	0 - 130.0%		Recovery =	95.63%			
Target Compounds								QVal	
Chloromethane		0.935	50.0	22697	56.5783	ug/l		9	
Bromomethane		1.595	94.0	20107	50.3441	ug/l		9	
Vinyl Chloride		2.060	62.0	24364	52.9130	ug/l		1	
Chloroethane		2.796	64.0	15845	55.8761	ug/l			
Methylene Chloride		4.657	84.0	25338	52.1980	ug/l			
Acetone		5.278	43.0	5973	62.2877	ug/l			
Carbon Disulfide		6.053	76.0	67619	48.7868	ug/l		1	
1,1-Dichloroethene 1,1-Dichloroethane		7.410 8.728	96.0 63.0	22503 53766	52.3404 50.7923	ug/l			
1,1-Dichloroethane 1,2-Dichloroethene (total)		9,542	96.0	49055	52.0435	ug/l ug/l			
Chloroform		10.163	83.0	54361	51.6489	ug/l			
2-Butanone		10.822	43.0	10586	48.1767	ug/l			
1,2-Dichloroethane		10.900	62.0	34902	49.6957	ug/l			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane		12.063	97.0	42530	48.1024	ug/l			
Carbon Tetrachloride		12.451	117.0	34876	46.9982	ug/l			
Vinyl Acetate		12.722	43.0	76597	49.2078	ug/l		1	
Bromodichloromethane		13.148	83.0	50509	48.2418	ug/l		9	
1,2-Dichloropropane		14.350	63.0	38472	48.2057	ug/l		9	
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene		14.661	75.0	55677	49.2258	ug/l		9	
Trichloroethene		15.242	130.0	27706	49.4570	ug/l			
Benzene Dibananahan		15.630	78.0 129.0	76861	48.8134	ug/l		10	
Dibromochloromethane trans-1,3-Dichloropropene		15.902 15.979	129.0 75.0	31823 21542	47.9801 44.7259	ug/l			
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene 1,1,2-Trichloroethane		15.979	75.0 97.0	21542 24769	51.5477	ug/l ug/l			
1,1,2-1richioroethane Bromoform		18.577	173.0	18220	45.8956	ug/i ug/l		3	
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone		18,926	43.0	29316	47.7556	ug/l			
2-Hexanone		20.438	43.0	18294	48.1704	ug/l			
Tetrachloroethene		20.787	164.0	21623	46.3880	ug/l			

The first page of a simple Quantitation Results PDF report.

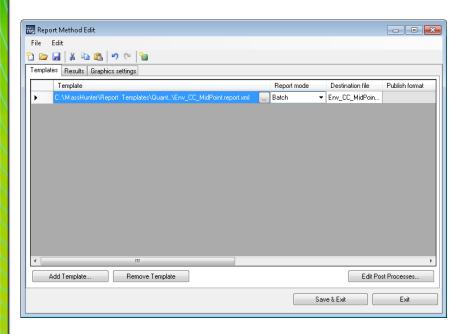


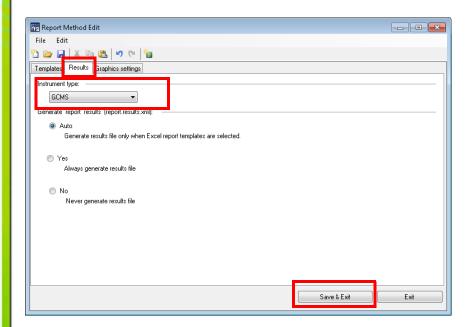
## Step 4: Create a Continuing Calibration Report Method.

 In the Report Method Edit dialog, click Add template, navigate to the PDF-Reporting folder and select Env CC MidPoint.report.xml.

 Click the **Results** tab and select **GCMS** for a single quad instrument.

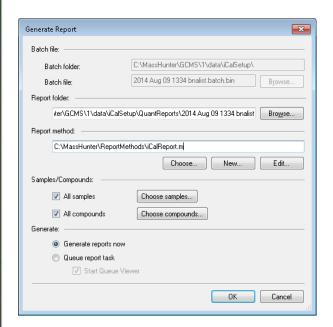
 Ignore the Generate report results section since this is a PDF report file. In the **Templates** tab leave the default settings for a PDF report.





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- Click Save & Exit, navigate to the ReportMethods directory and name the method iCalReport.m.
- Click Save to return to the Generate Report dialog.



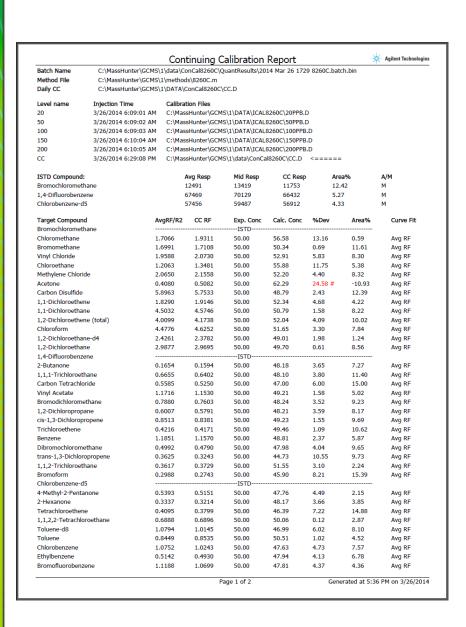
The **Report folder** displays the path to the report folder based on the current batch location loaded in MassHunter Quant.

The **Report method** shows the location that you selected when saving the report method.

When this method is run, the report is saved in Env\_CC\_MidPoint.pdf. This report is located in the batch directories' QuantReports folder in a time stamped folder of the same name as the quant method.

If the results of this Continuing Calibration Report are acceptable the abundance data for each compound replaces the current value in the calibration table for the CC level.

 To generate this report interactively, click Choose samples and Choose compounds then generate the report.



The first page of a Continuing Calibration PDF report.

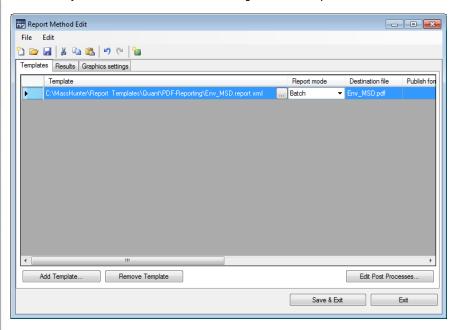
#### Step 5: Create a Matrix Spike Duplicate Report Method.

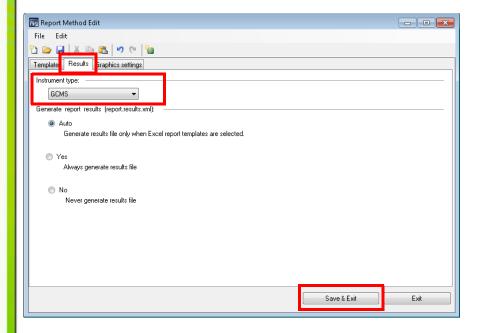
 In the Report Method Edit dialog, click Add template, navigate to the PDF-Reporting folder and select Env\_MSD.report.xml.

 Click the **Results** tab and select **GCMS** for a single quad instrument.

 Ignore the Generate report results section since this is a PDF report file. A Matrix Spike Duplicate Report is always generated interactively in Quant since it reports on multiple samples in the batch.

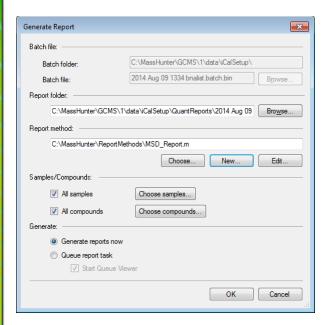
In the **Templates** tab leave the default settings for a PDF report.





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- Click Save & Exit, navigate to the ReportMethods directory and name the method MSD Report.m.
- Click Save to return to the Generate Report dialog.



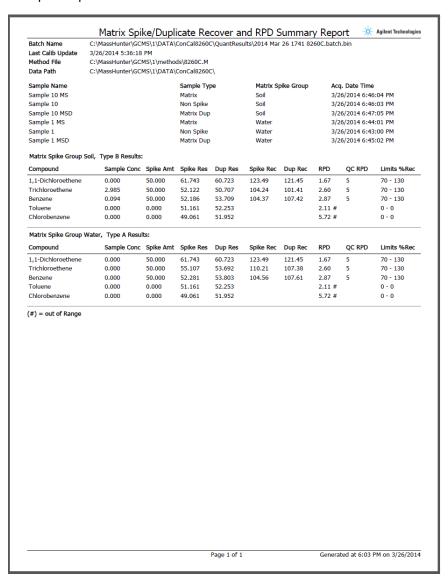
The **Report folder** displays the path to the report folder based on the current batch location loaded in MassHunter Quant.

The **Report method** shown is the location that you selected when saving the report method.

When this method is run, the report is saved in Env\_MSD.pdf. This report is located in the batch directories' QuantReports folder in a time stamped folder of the same name as the quant method.

6. To generate this report interactively, click **Choose samples** and **Choose compounds** then generate the report.

This report must be generated interactively since it must include results from multiple samples in the batch.



A Matrix Spike Duplicate PDF report.

### Step 6: Create a QA Check Report Method.

 In the Report Method Edit dialog, click Add template, navigate to the PDF-Reporting folder and select

Env\_QA\_Check.report.xml.

2. Click the **Results** tab and select **GCMS** for a single quad instrument.

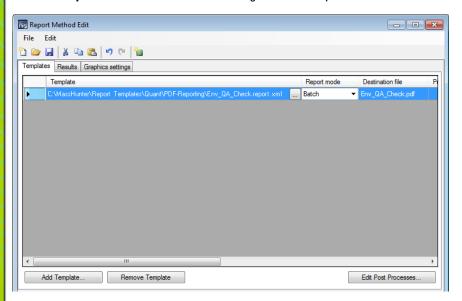
 Ignore the Generate report results section since this is a PDF report file. This report is used to make sure all the data files in the batch were injected within the specified time range of the Tune Check data file. We used the global outlier CC Maximum Elapsed Time in Hours that was defined in the initial setup of the method.

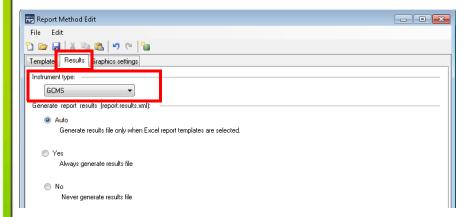
This report will also:

- Check to make sure that the ISTD's areas are within the specified allowable limit compare to the Con Cal ISTDs areas.
- · Flag any of the surrogates that do not meet the outlier limits.

This report is always generated interactively since it operates on all samples in the batch.

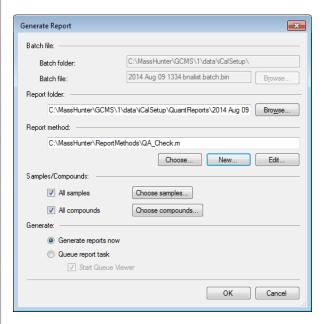
In the **Templates** tab leave the default settings for a PDF report.





A pdf report does not allow graphic customizations found in the **Graphic settings** tab. Custom settings found in the **Graphic Settings** tab are used with excel templates only.

- Click Save & Exit, navigate to the ReportMethods directory and name the method QA Check.m.
- 5. Click **Save** to return to the Generate Report dialog.

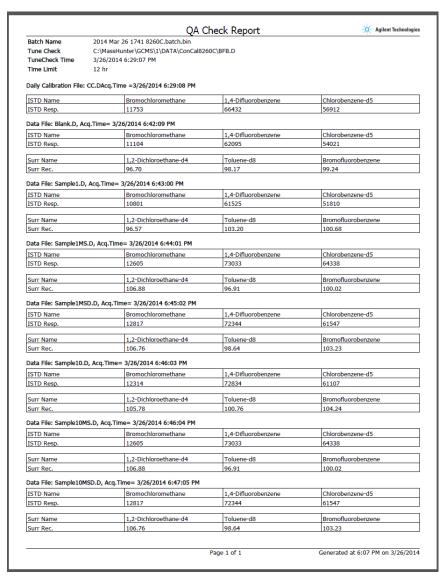


The **Report folder** displays the path to the report folder based on the current batch location loaded in MassHunter Quant.

The **Report method** shown is the location that you selected when saving the report Click **Cancel** and the Report method is available for automatic generation via the sequencing table.

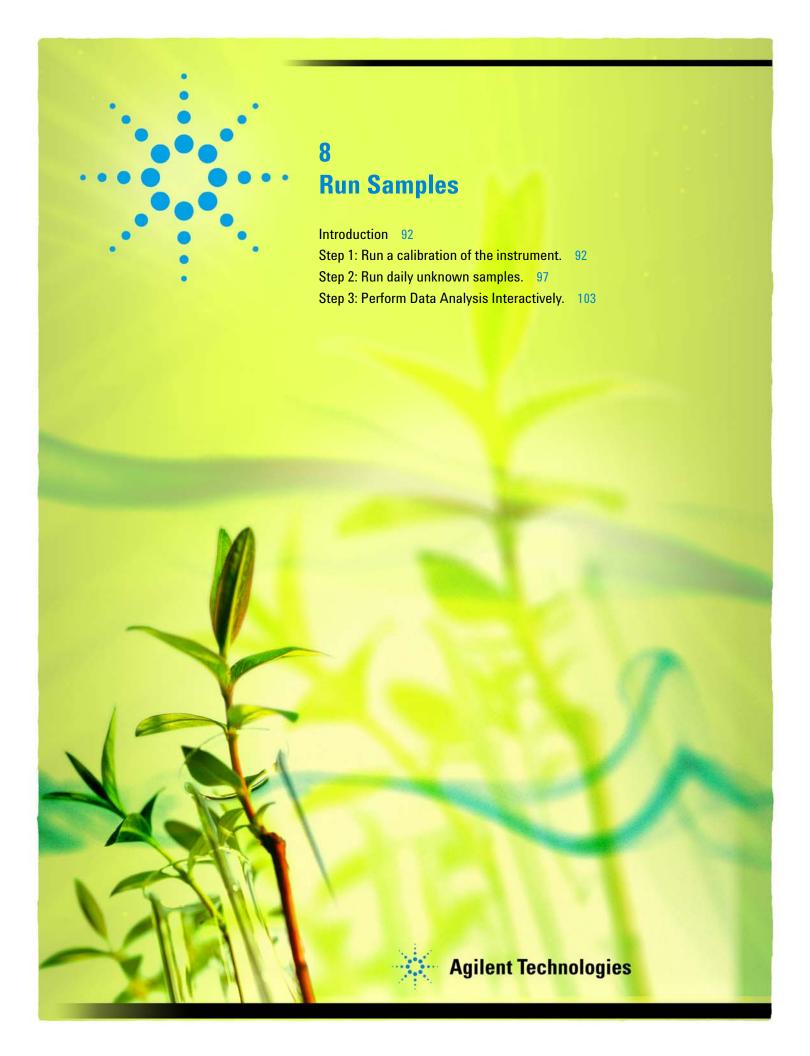
When this method is run, the report is saved in the Env\_QA\_Checkpdf. This report is located in the batch directories' QuantReports folder in a time stamped folder of the same name as the quant method.

 To generate this report interactively, click Choose samples and Choose compounds then generate the report. This report must be generated interactively since it must include results from all samples in the batch.



Step 7: Run samples.

Next we will look at some common workflows for running samples in Chapter 7, "Run Samples".



8. Run Samples Introduction

#### Introduction

Step 1: Run a calibration of the instrument.

1. Load the default Sequence.

2. Edit the Sequence Table.

Two basic workflows exist when processing samples:

- · One for calibrating the instrument
- · One for daily sample processing

These workflows are reviewed below.

For EPA method 8270, the initial calibration must be run to begin the process, as well as when a continuing calibration indicates the instrument is out of calibration.

Our example uses 5 calibration levels for each compound. The responses for these 5 new calibration samples replace the calibration curve responses in the 5 levels in the quant method.

In this example, at the start of the automatic calibration sequence for the initial calibration, we include a Tune Evaluation sample to verify the instrument is within the tune specifications set for EPA method 8270.

The tune evaluation is processed and:

- If the instrument fails the evaluation, the sequence will pause for operator intervention.
- If the instrument passes the evaluation, the 5 calibration samples are then run and analyzed and, as shown in this example, an Initial Calibration report can then be generated interactively in Quant.

In the Data Acquisition Instrument Control view, click the **Load Sequence** icon then select the **default.sequence.xm**l file from your instrument directory sequence folder.



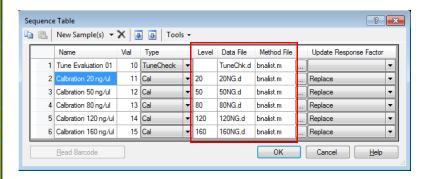
Click the Edit Sequence icon to open the Sequence Table for editing.



- From the Tools menu, select
   Add/Remove Columns and add
   columns so the table resembles
   the example below.
- Add additional samples to the table, name the samples, specify the ALS vial containing the sample, and specify the sample type.
- 5. Fill in the level for the Cal sample types as shown.

- 6. Fill in the **Data File** names as shown.
- 7. Fill in the **Method** names as shown.
- For the Cal samples, set the Update Response Factor parameter to Replace, and click OK to close the sequence table.

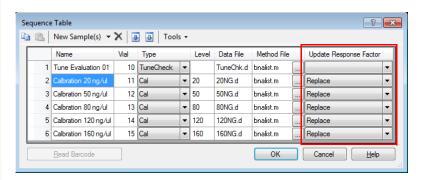
 Save the completed sequence as iCal.sequence.xml for future initial calibrations.



We previously specified that all batch directories will be in the root of the **Data** folder for instrument #1 (**Method** > **Set New Default Paths**).

We previously specified that all master methods are located in the root of the **Method** folder for instrument #1. Here we are using the same bnalist unified method containing both the data acquisition, data analysis, report, and the tune evaluation methods.

This automatically updates the calibration curves in the master method.





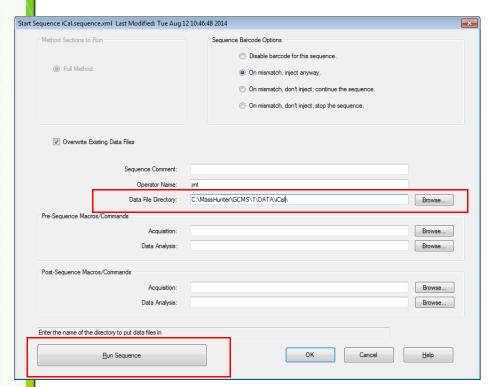
 Click the **Run Sequence** icon to start the automated acquisition of sample data.



The Start Sequence dialog displays.

11. Change the **Data File Directory** name to **iCal**.

This becomes your Quant batch directory.

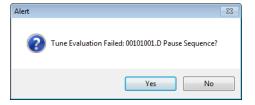


 Click Run Sequence to start the automated acquisition of sample data and generation of reports. A Quant report is automatically generated for each sample since the report method was stored in the bnalist method. A Tune Evaluation report PDF is generated automatically by the tuneEvaluation method stored in the bnalist method.

The Tune Evaluation sample is processed.

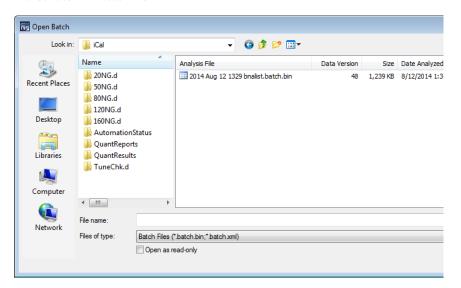
If the tune evaluation passes, the 5 calibration samples are next processed.

If the Tune Evaluation fails you are given the chance to pause the sequence or continue. EPA method 8270 does not accept quantitation results for samples run after a failed tune evaluation.

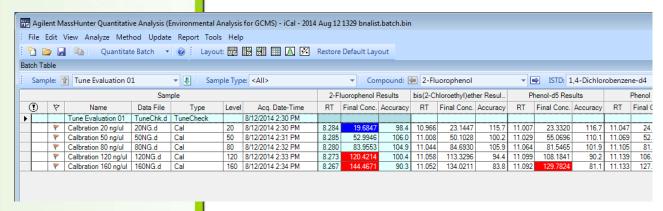


- When Sequence Completed is displayed in the status line, start MassHunter Quantitative analysis.
- 14. Select **File > Open batch** and navigate to the paused batch.

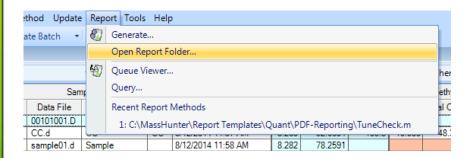
In this example we navigated to the iCal batch folder and selected the time stamped bnalist.batch.bin batch file.

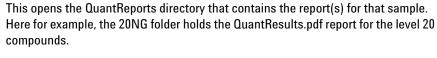


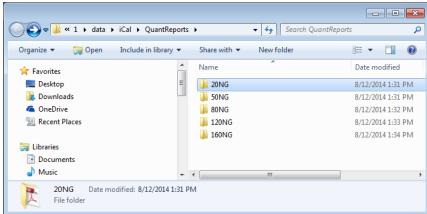
The batch table opens.



15. To review the reports automatically generated by the sequence, select Report > Open Report Folder.







- 16. Open and review each sample's PDF report to see if the results are acceptable.
- To review the Tune Check report, navigate to the batch directory, open the TuneCheck.d folder and then open the TuneReport.pdf.
- 18. Generate an Initial Calibration report interactively.

Select **Report > Generate**, choose the previous saved iCalReport.m method and click **OK** to generate the report.

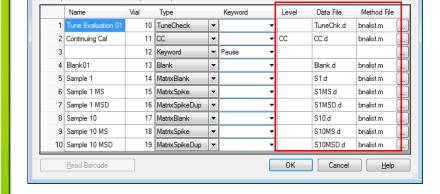
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#### Step 2: Run daily unknown samples.

To comply with EPA method 8270, at the start of the sequence you include a Tune Evaluation sample to verify the instrument is within the tune specifications set for EPA method 8270, followed by a continuing calibration sample to verify the continuing calibration, and then by the unknown samples to be processed.

These are the general steps that occur during daily processing. These are discussed in more detail on the following pages.

- 1 The Tune Evaluation sample runs.
  - If the instrument passes the evaluation, the continuing calibration sample runs.
  - If the instrument fails the evaluation, the sequence will pause for operator intervention.
- 2 The continuing calibration sample runs next to verify the calibration curves for compounds are valid for this sample.
- 3 After the continuing calibration sample runs, the sequence pauses.
- The operator reviews the continuing calibration report to verify the calibration is acceptable.
- **5** If the continuing calibration is acceptable, the Quant method is manually updated with these newly acquired CC responses.
- **6** The paused sequence is then restarted to process the remaining samples.
- Open a default sequence, then from the Tools menu, select Add/Remove Columns and add columns so that the table resembles the example below.
- Add additional sample rows to the table, name the samples, specify the ALS vial containing the sample, and specify the sample type.



- 3. Fill in the level for the CC sample type as shown in the red box in the step 2-2 graphic.
- 4. Fill in the **Data File** names as shown in the red box in the step 2-2 graphic.

We previously specified that all batch directories will be in the root of the **Data** folder for instrument #1 (**Method > Set New Default Paths**).

Sequence Table

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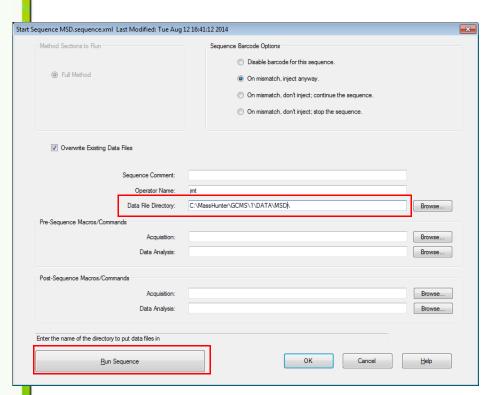
- Fill in the **Method** names as shown in the red box in the step 2-2 graphic.
- Click OK to close the Sequence table and save it as MSD.sequence.xml.
- 7. Click the Run Sequence icon.

- 8. Change the **Data File Directory** name to **MSD**. This becomes your Quant batch directory.
- Click Run Sequence to start the automated acquisition of sample data.

We previously specified that all master methods are located in the root of the **Method** folder for instrument #1. Here we are using the same bnalist unified method containing both the data acquisition, data analysis, report, and the tune evaluation methods.



The Start Sequence dialog displays.



The Tune Evaluation sample is processed.

10. When the sequence pauses, from MassHunter Quant select File > Open batch and navigate to it.

11. Select Report > Open Report Folder.

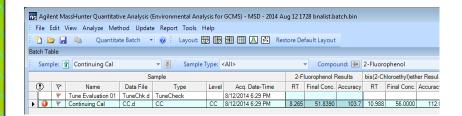
12. Review the Continuing Calibration PDF report.

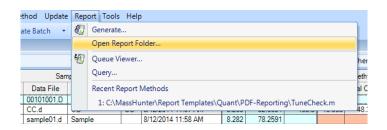
If the tune Evaluation fails, you are given the chance to pause the sequence or continue. EPA method 8270 does not accept quantitation results for samples run after a failed tune evaluation.

If the tune evaluation passes, the Continuing Cal sample is next processed.

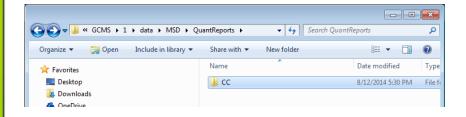
In this example we navigated to the MSD batch folder and selected the time stamped bnalist.batch.bin batch file.

The batch table opens with the Continuing Calibration sample quantitated.





This opens the QuantReports folder with the CC folder that holds the PDF reports.



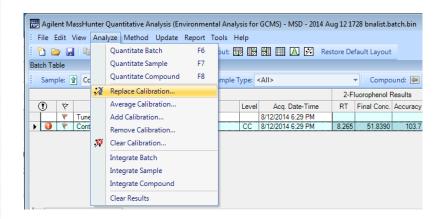
If the Continuing Calibration report shows the instrument is out of calibration, quit this workflow and run an initial calibration before restarting this sample sequence. (See "Step 1: Run a calibration of the instrument." on page 92.)

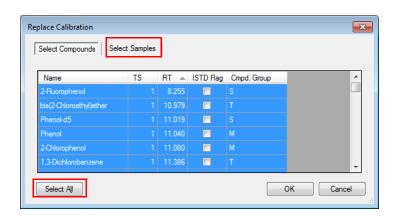
If the report shows the results are acceptable, replace the CC responses for all compounds with the values in this CC data file in the batch table as shown in the following steps.

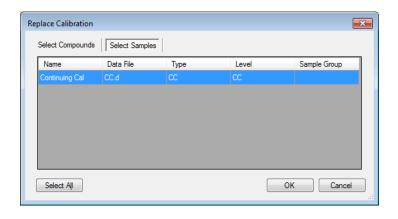
13. Select Analyze > Replace Calibration.

14. In the Select Compounds tab, click **Select All** then click the **Select Samples** tab.

15. On the Select Samples tab, select the **Continuing Cal** sample and click **OK**. The responses for the continuing calibration compounds are replaced with the responses in the data file.





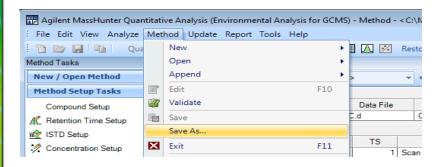


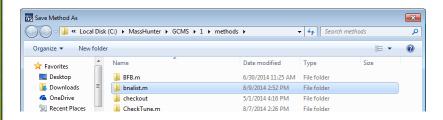
- 16. Open [F10] the method editor.
- 17. Select Method > Save As.

18. Save the method to the original bnalist unified method.

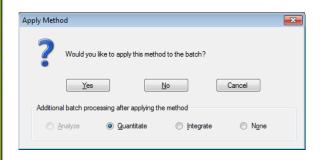
- 19. When prompted, accept to overwrite the existing method.
- 20. Exit the method editor [**F11**] and when prompted, apply the method to the batch.

- In MassHunter Data Acquisition, click Sequence > Restart Paused Sequence to resume the paused sequence.
- 22. When **Sequence Completed** is displayed in the status line, return to MassHunter Quantitative analysis.





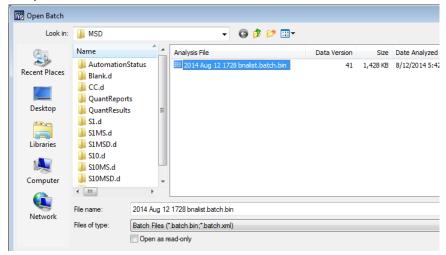
Only the Quant part of the method is overwritten.



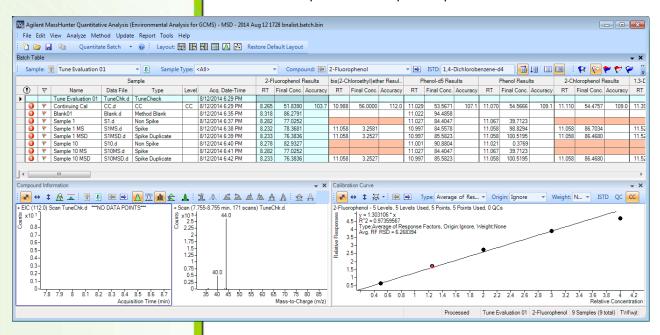


23. Select **File > Open batch** and open your batch.

In this example we navigated to the MSD batch folder and selected the time stamped bnalist.batch.bin batch file.



The batch table opens and all samples are quantitated.

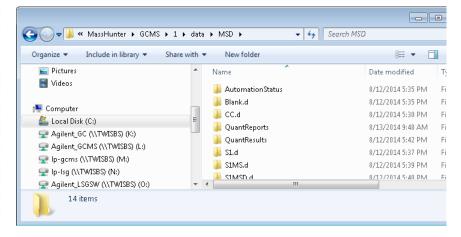


24. To review the reports automatically generated by the sequence, select **Report > Open Report Folder**.

This opens the Quant Report directory with the sample named folders and the report(s) for that sample.

25. Open and review each PDF for acceptable results.

PDF reports are located in the directory named after that sample.



To review the Tune Check report, navigate to the batch directory, open the TuneCheck.d folder and then open the TuneReport.pdf.

Select **Report > Generate**, choose the previously saved MSD.m method and click **OK** to generate the report.

For this workflow you have generated the following reports:

- Tune Evaluation
- Continuing Calibration
- · Matrix Spike Duplicate
- Quant Reports for every sample

Use EnviroQuant interactively to review data, manually integrate compounds, and generate final reports.

For a detailed look at how this is done, see GC/MSD Familiarization Guide G3335-90200 available with your MassHunter software documentation for the 5977 MSD or on the Agilent website.

26. Generate a Matrix Spike Duplicate report interactively.

# **Step 3: Perform Data Analysis Interactively.**

