

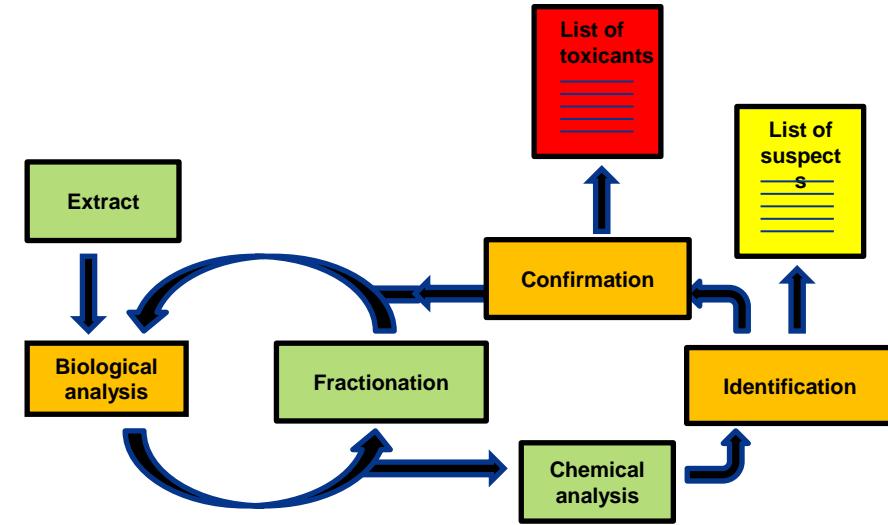
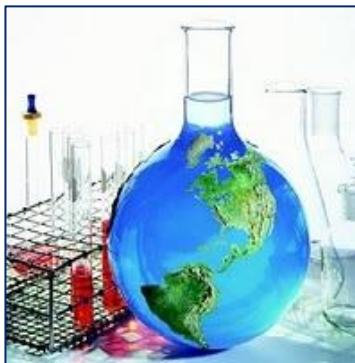


## Identification of thyroid hormone-disrupting compounds in polar bear plasma by effect-directed analysis (EDA)

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# Aim of our EDA study

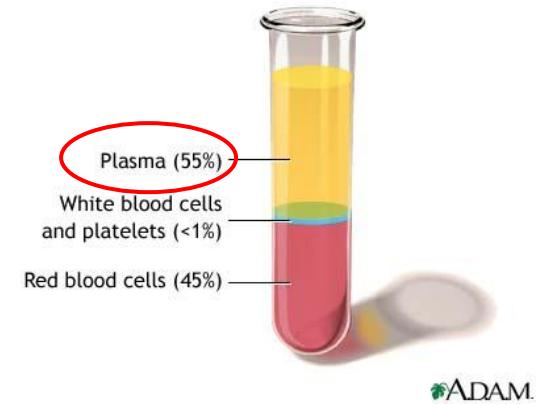
- EDA → biota  
→ new toxic endpoints
- Identify known/unknown TH-disruptors
- Identification strategy



# Polar bear plasma



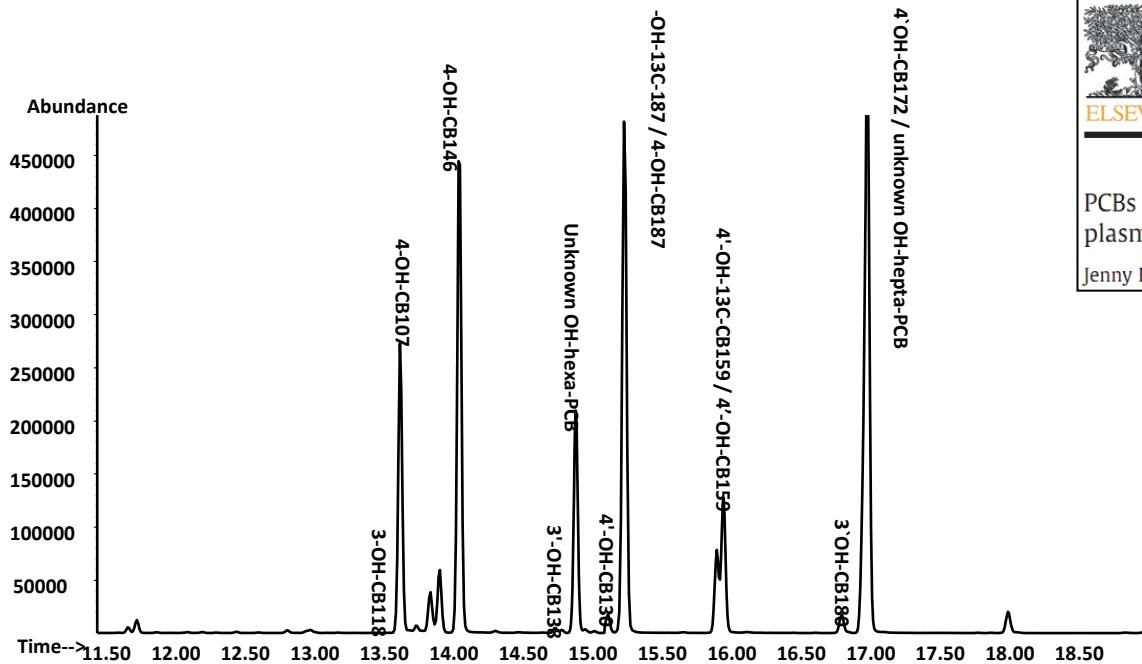
- Collaboration with Norwegian partners
- BearHealth project
- n = 31
- 1998 and 2008



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# Target analyzed compounds



OH-CBs, PFASs



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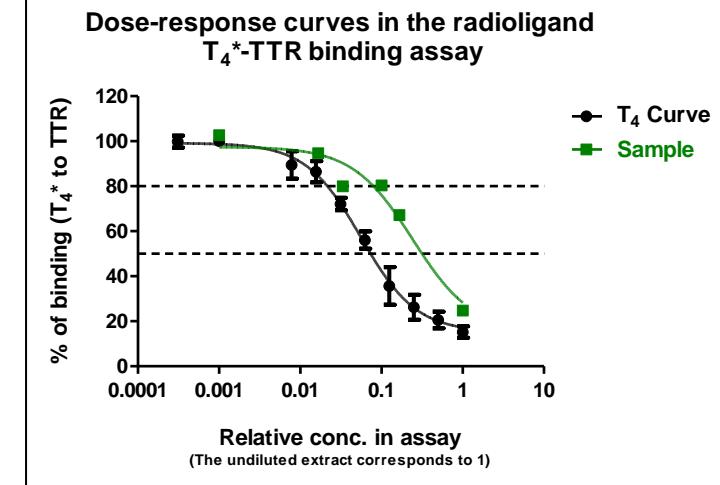
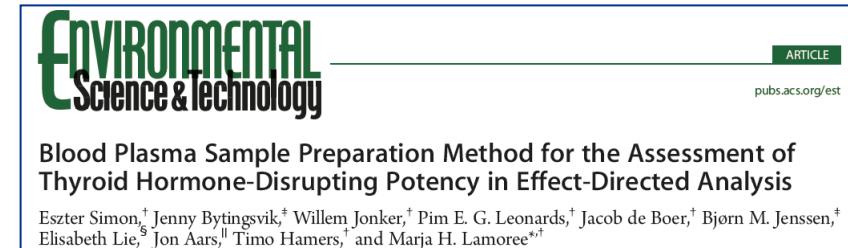
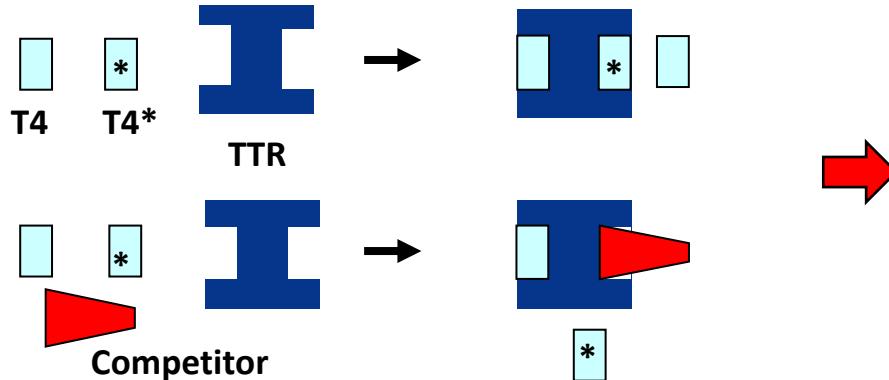
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# $T_4^*$ -TTR binding assay

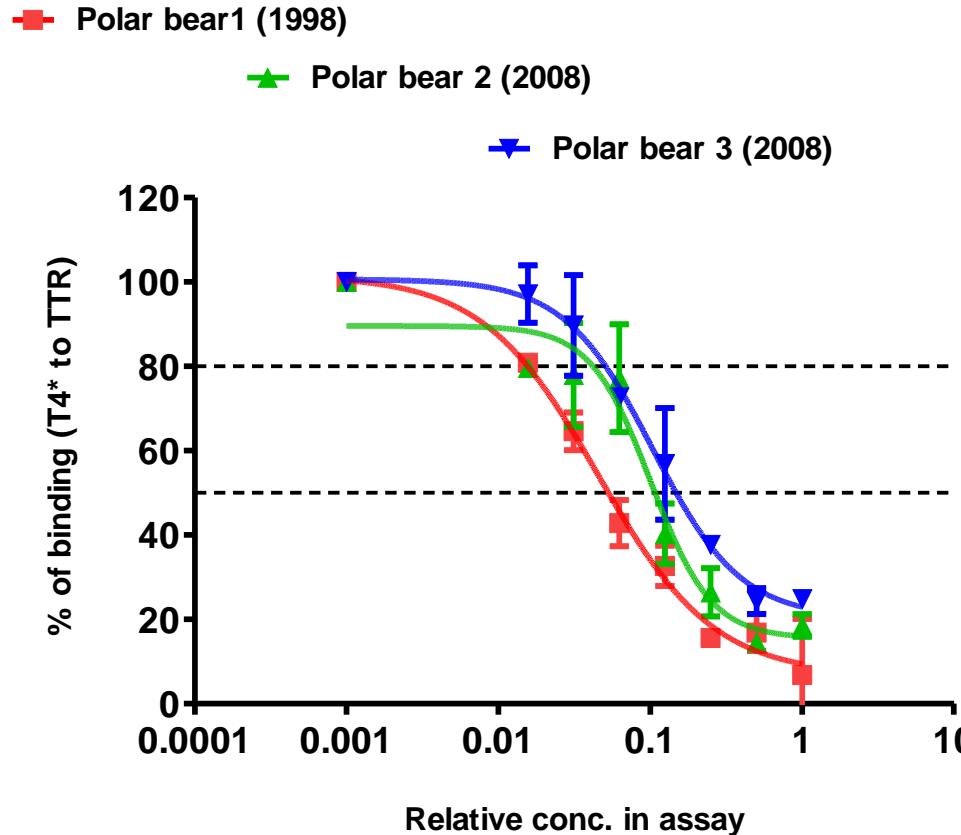
## Solid-phase Extraction (SPE<sub>MCX</sub>)



## $^{125}\text{I}$ -T4-TTR binding assay



# Sample selection for EDA



Selected cubs (n=3)	$T_4$ -Eq (nM)
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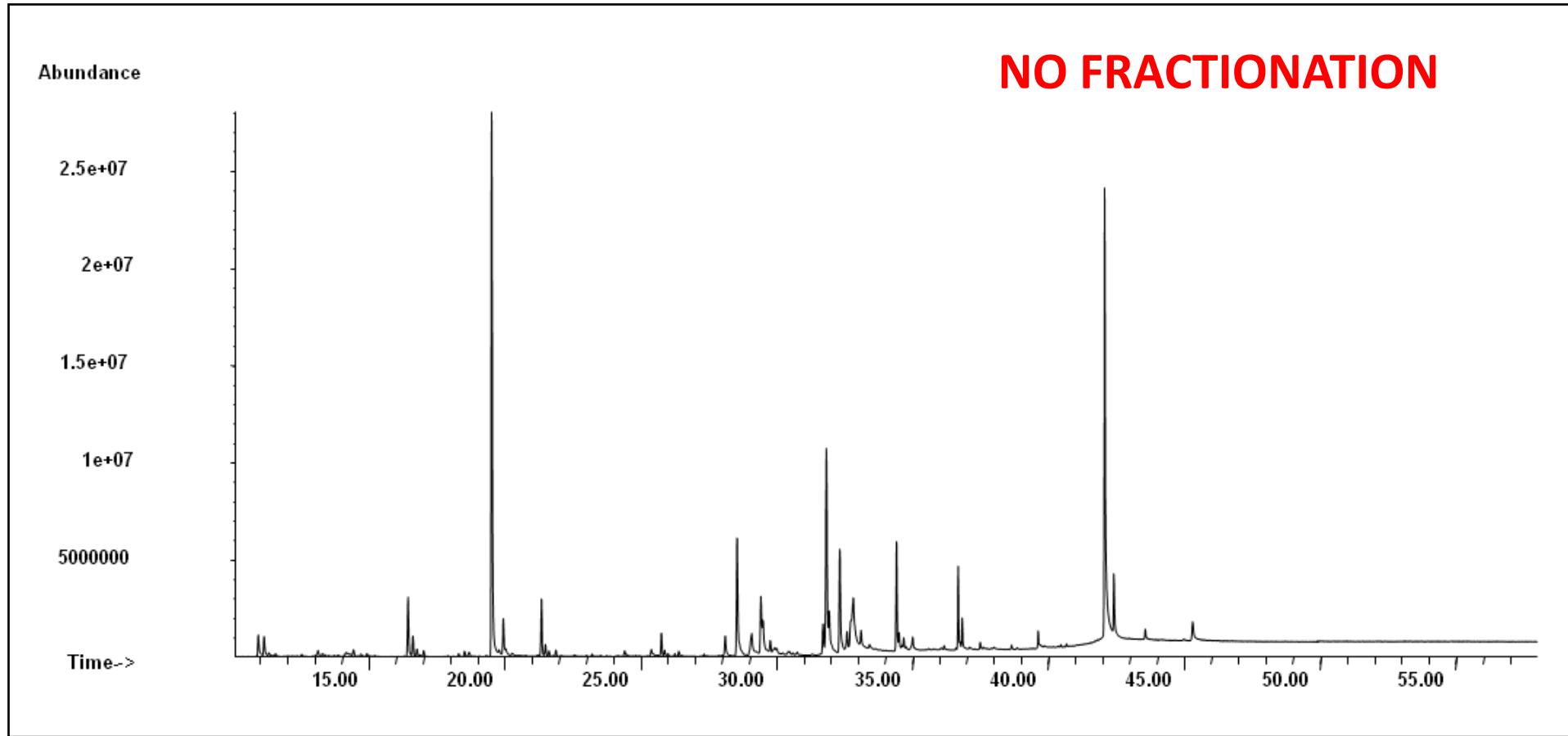
Calculated TTR-binding activity ~870

Measured TTR-binding activity ~2100



**54-60 % unexplained activity**

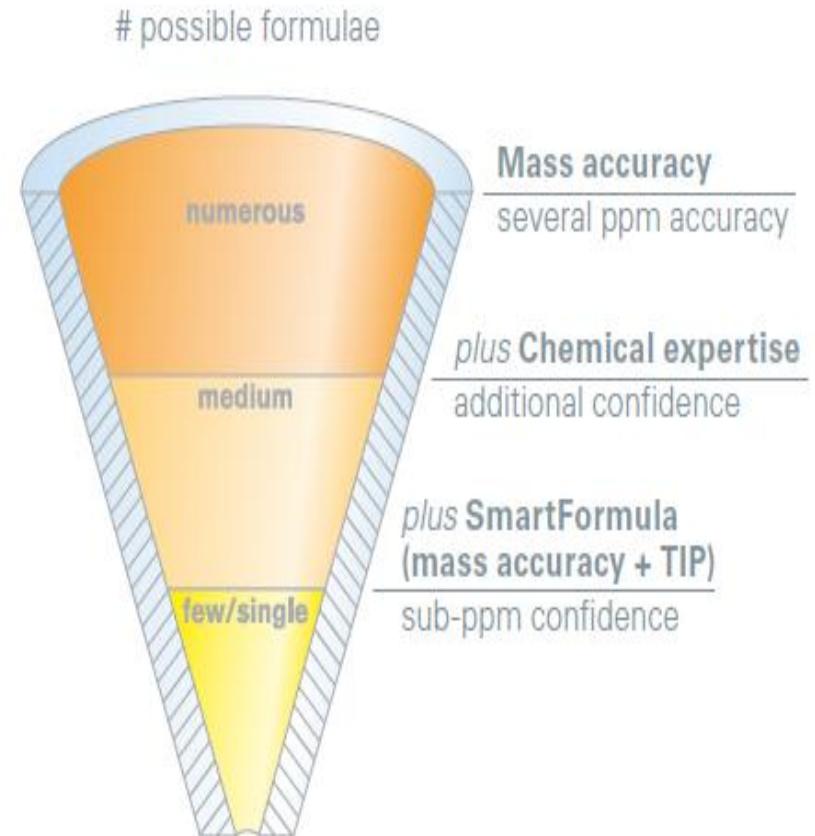
# GC-EI-MS – plasma extract



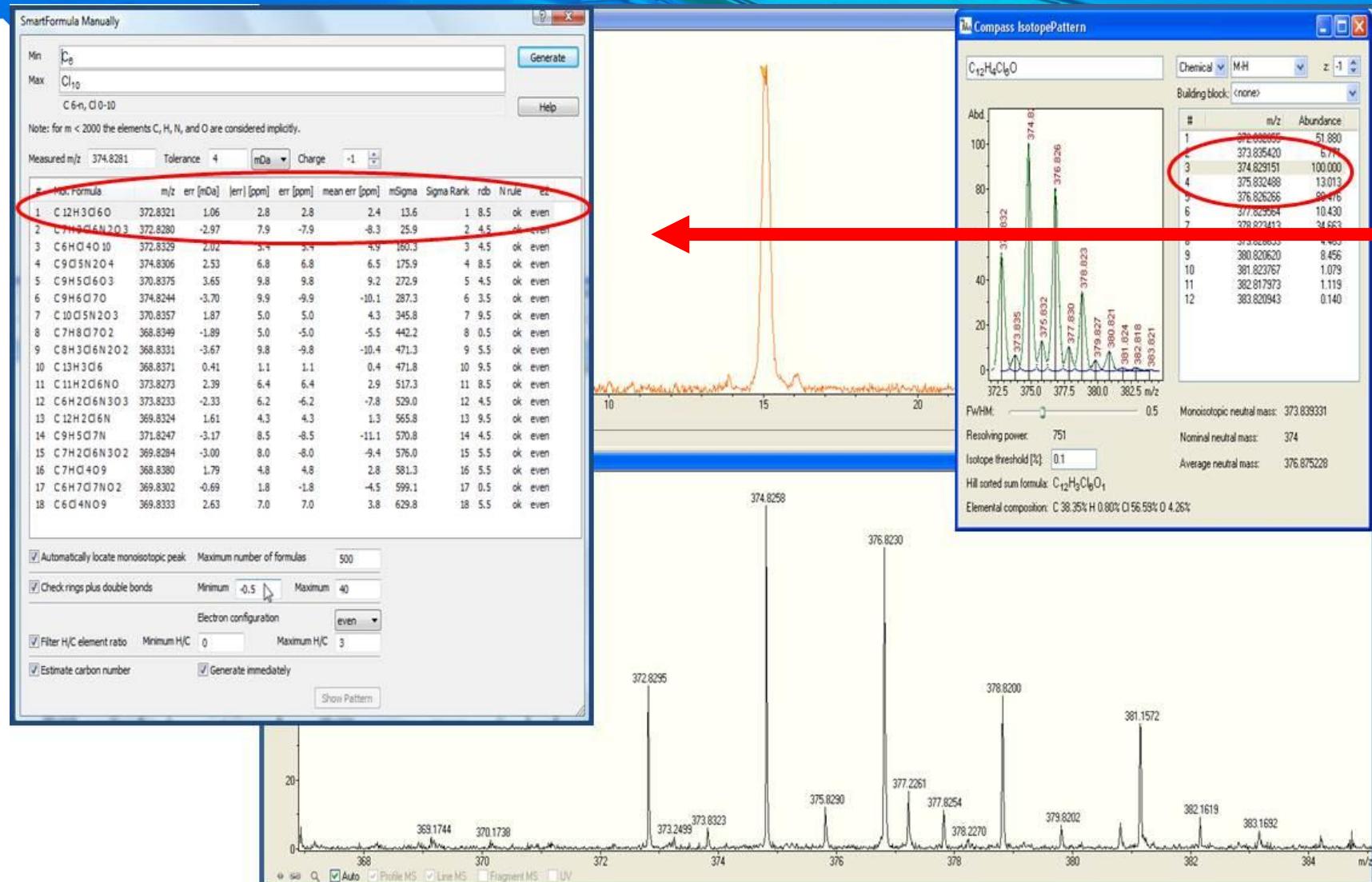
# Chemical analysis and confirmation



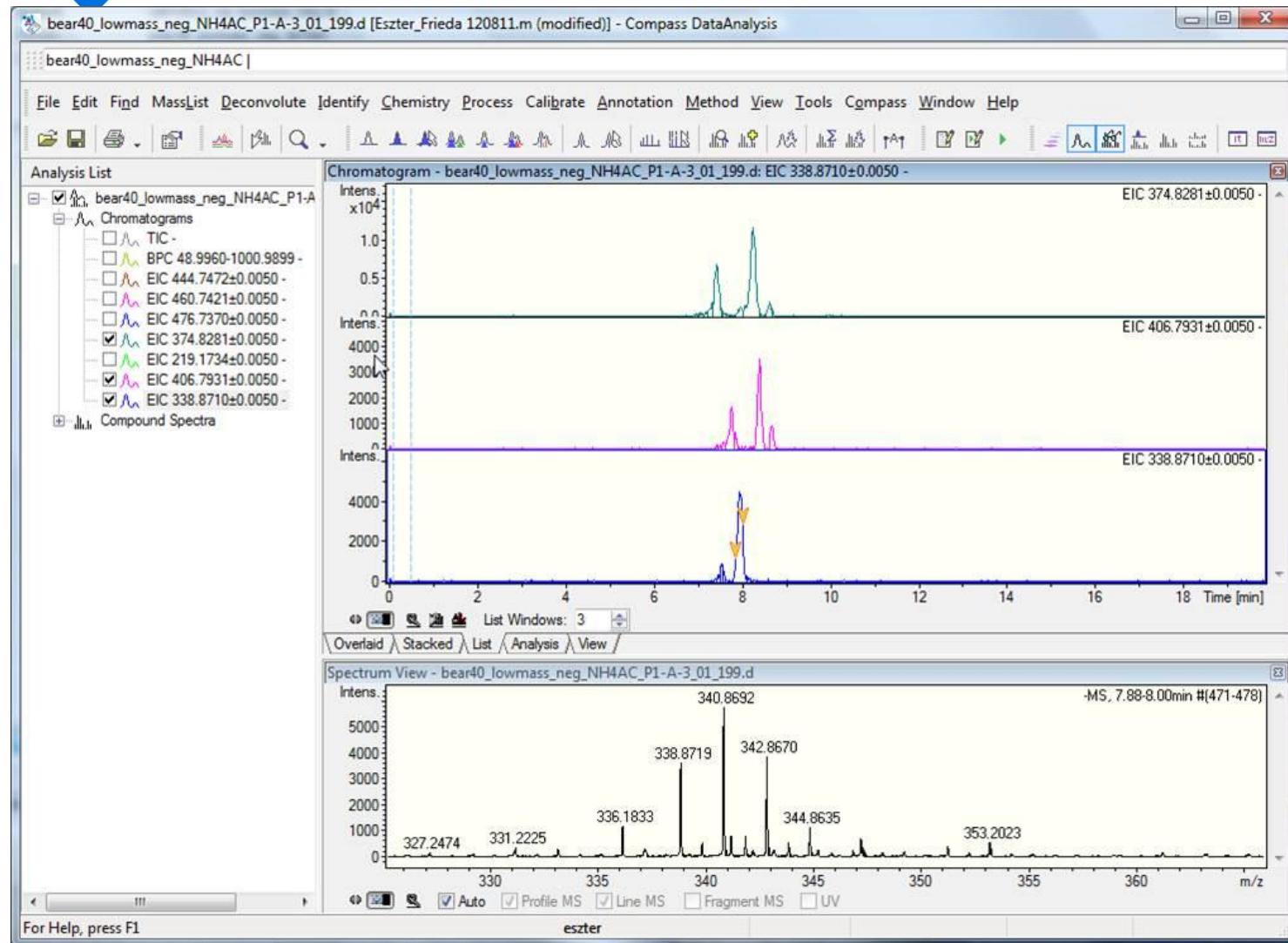
LC-Time-of-Flight-MS



# Confirmation of "knowns" – LC-ToF-MS



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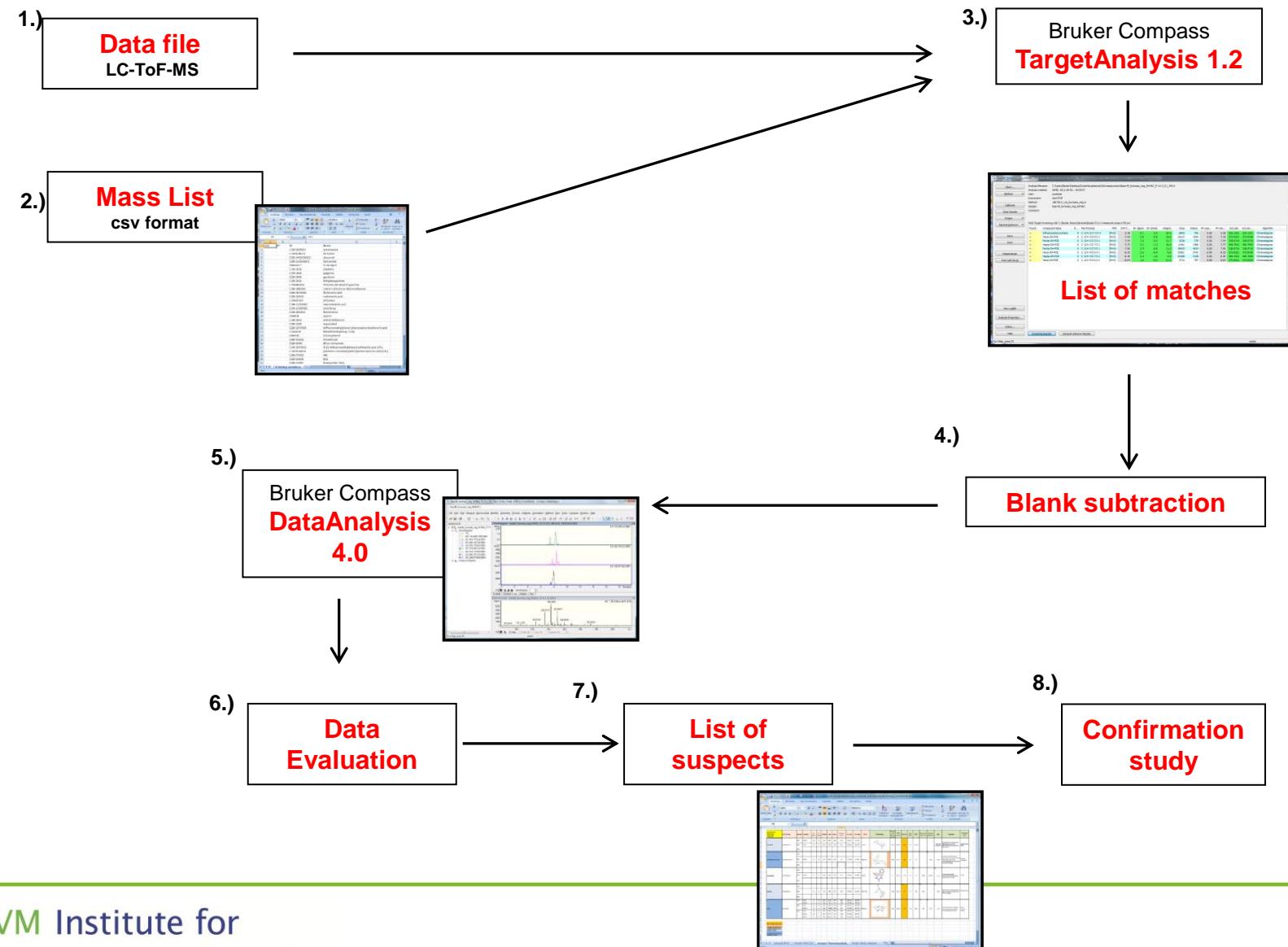


OH-hexa-CBs

OH-hepta-CBs

OH-penta-CBs

# Identification strategy – Mass libraries



# MASS LIBRARIES

	Library	Nr. of compounds in library	Nr. of matches	Potential suspects
1	Reported TTR-disrupting and blood accumulating compounds	248	20	1
2	P and/or B pharmaceuticals*	106	5	4
3	P and/or B halogenated chemicals **	594	25	25
4	Bruker library including dyes, pharmaceuticals, pesticides	225	20	1
5	EnviMass – Fresh water contaminants	143	3	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1316</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>31</b>

\* Howard and Muir, ES&T 2010; \*\* Howard and Muir, ES&T2011

Match is only based on chemical formula and exact mass, not on  $t_R$ !

# Analytical confirmation



Status	Nr. of compounds
Retention time ( $t_R$ )/accurate mass matches	1
Uncertain matches	2
No peak in the standards	9
No retention time ( $t_R$ ) matches	12
Standards are not available	3
Standards are way too expensive	4
Total	31

C, H, N, O, (P, Si)

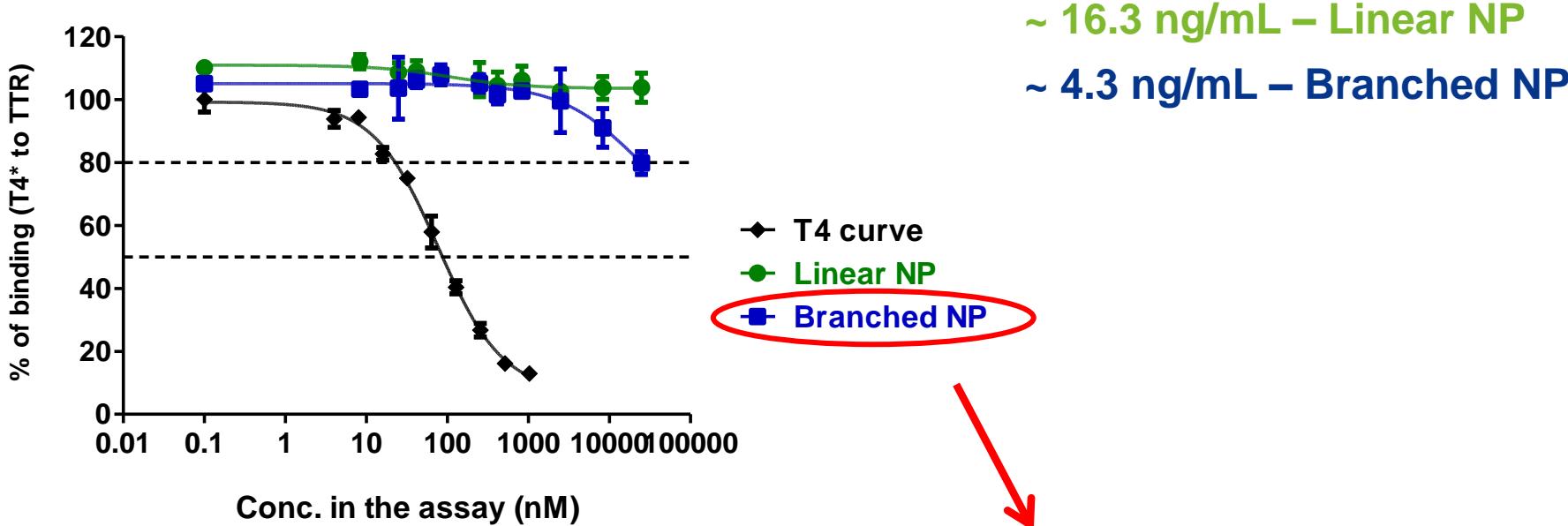


**NONYLPHENOL**



# Toxicological confirmation - nonylphenol

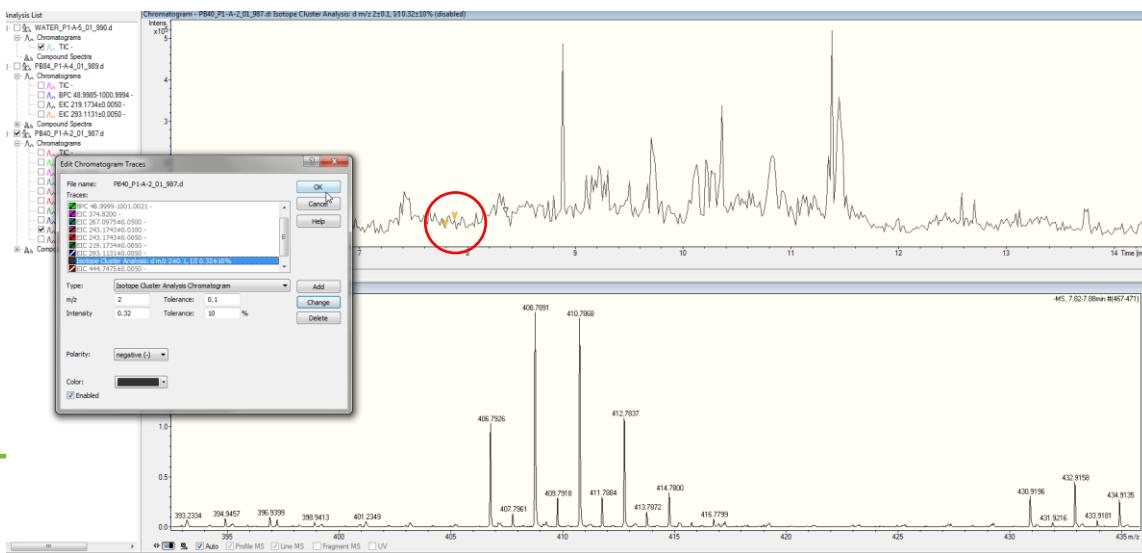
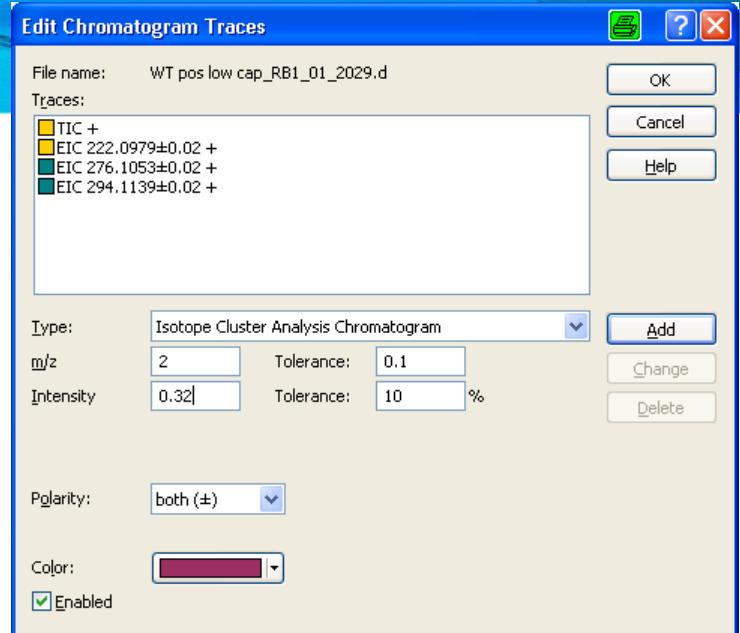
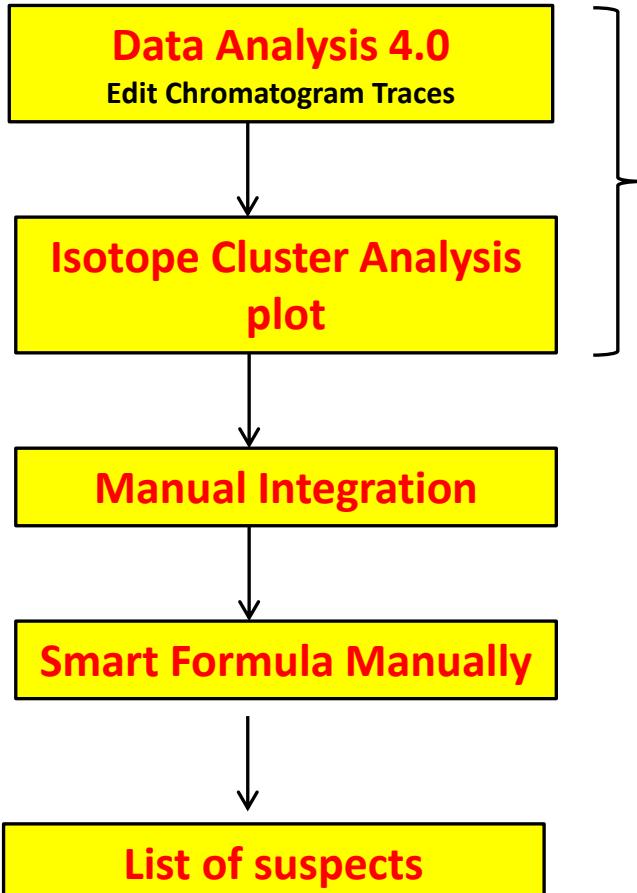
## Nonylphenols in the T4\*-TTR binding assay



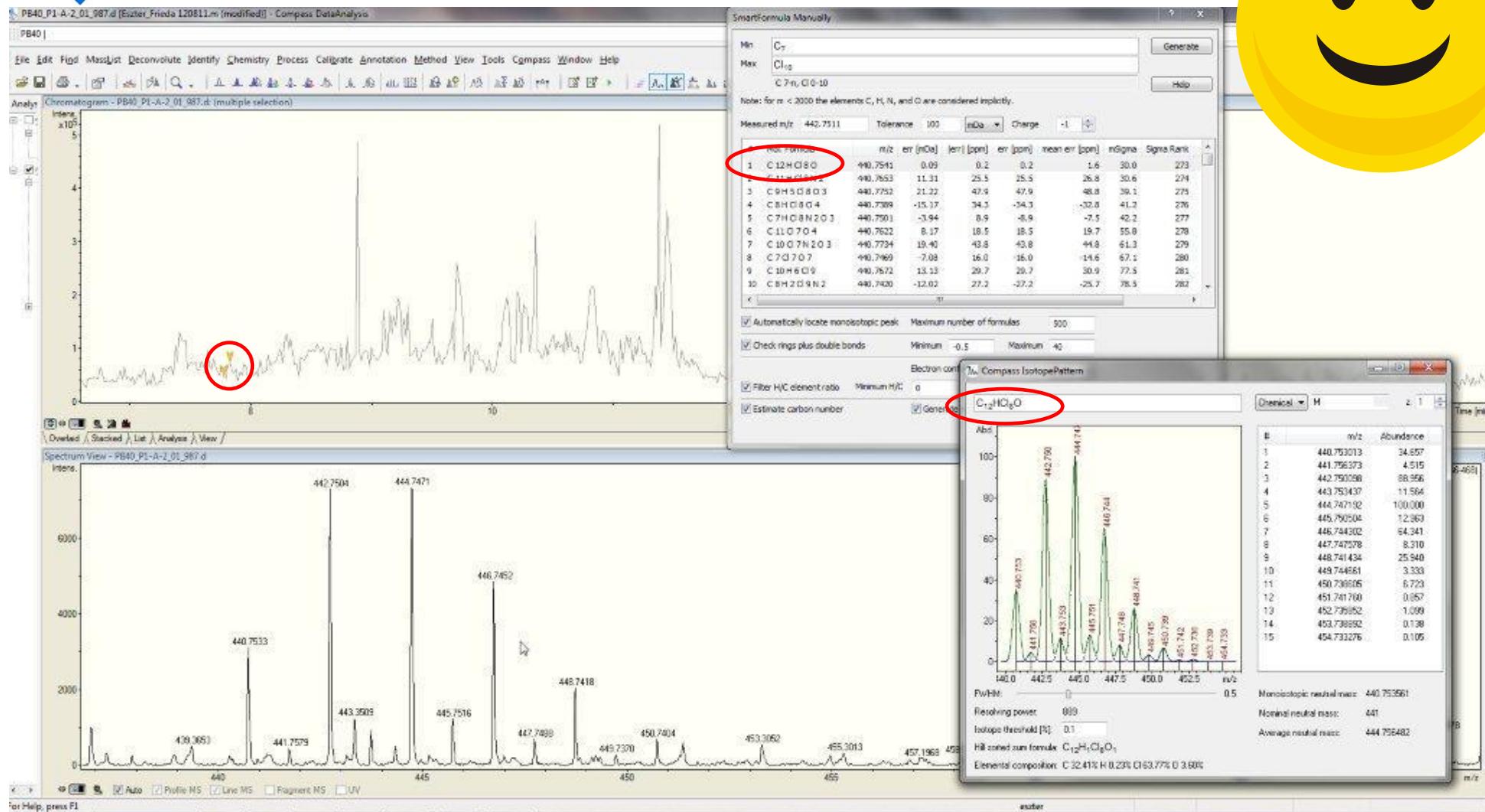
~ 16.3 ng/mL – Linear NP  
~ 4.3 ng/mL – Branched NP

~ 0.005 %  
of the total activity

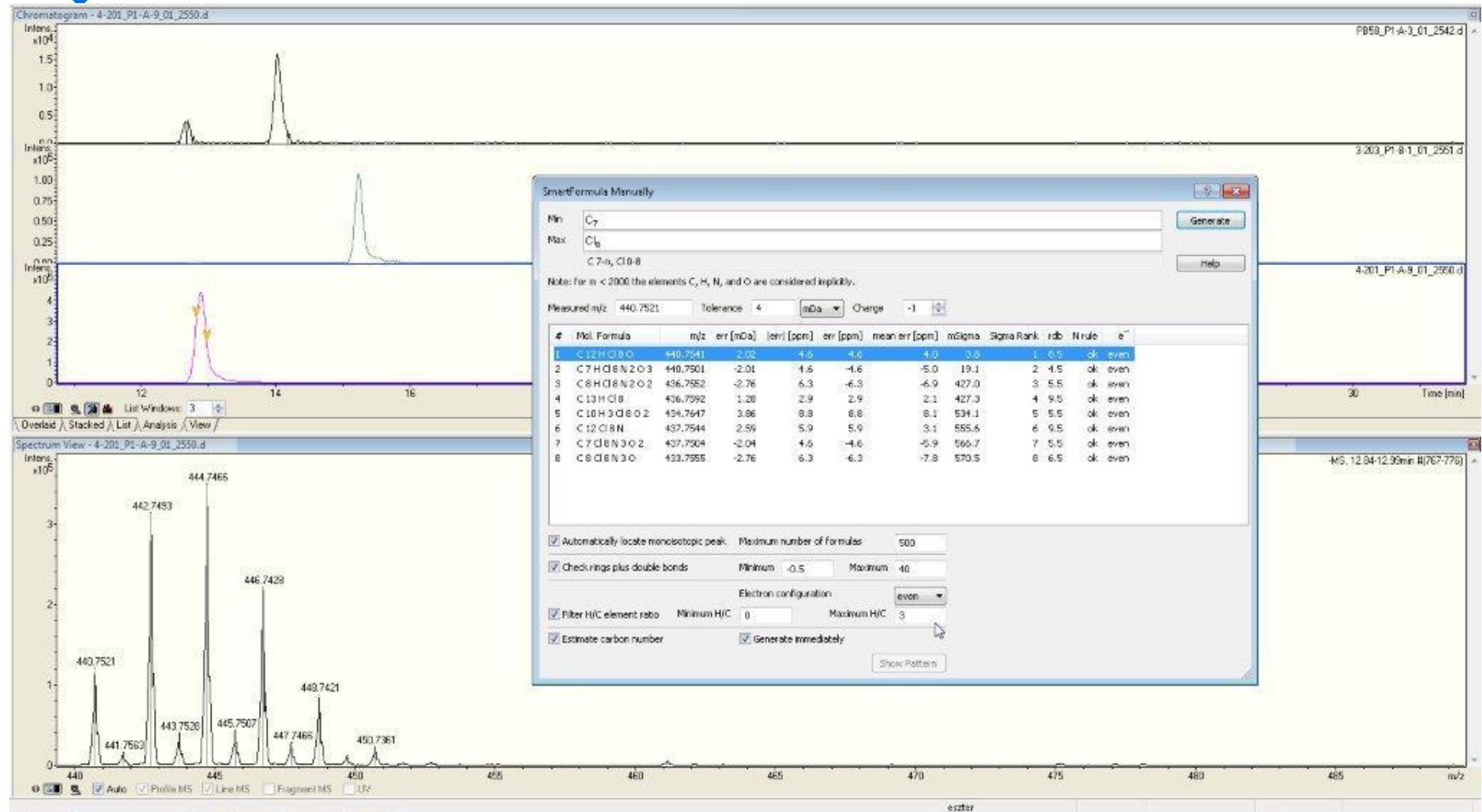
# Isotope Cluster Analysis



# 3 (di)OH-octaCBs

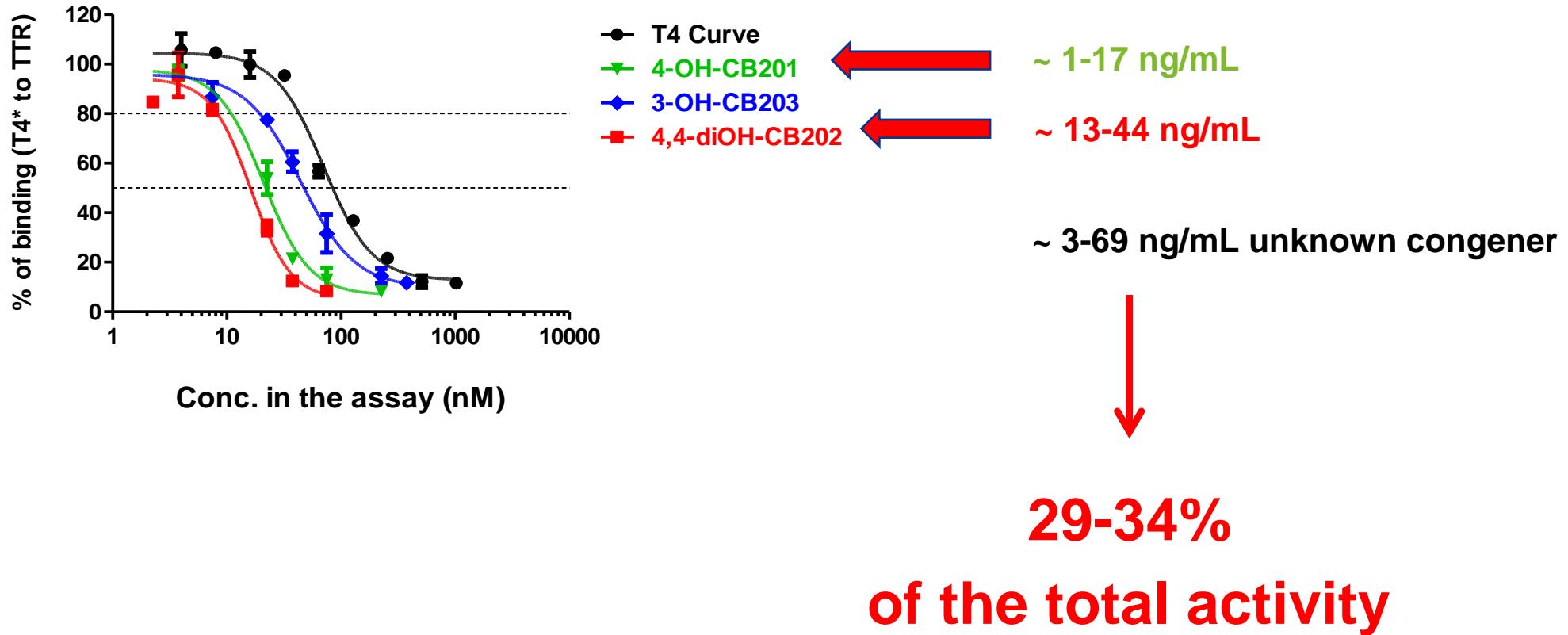


# Analytical confirmation – OH-octaCBs



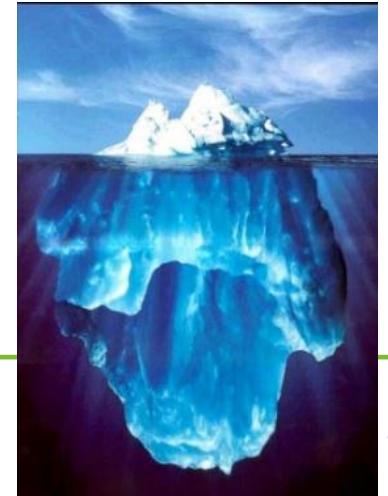
# Confirmation study

## TTR binding potency of hydroxy-octaCBs



# Concluding remarks

- Identification still very difficult
- Confirmation hampered by lack of standards
- Presence of elements with distinctive isotopes facilitates identification
- Creation of mass libraries to search for “known unknowns”
- MassBank initiative:  
**[massbank.jp](http://massbank.jp)**  
**[massbank.normandata.eu/MassBank](http://massbank.normandata.eu/MassBank)**



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