

## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) parameters and retention time for target compound.

Analyte	Monoisotopic mass (g/mol)	Precursor ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	Ionization state	Product ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	Collision energy (eV)	Retention time (min)
Ptaquiloside	398.1	399	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	<u>181</u> *	16	3.21
				381	10	
				277	10	

\*Underlined ion is quantitative ion, and other ions are qualitative ions.

**Table S2.** Detailed LC–MS parameters.

Parameter	Conditions
Liquid chromatograph Mass spectrometer	Vanquish UHPLC (Thermo Fisher Scientific, California, USA) TSQ Altis (Thermo Fisher Scientific, California, USA)
Column	Kinetex 2.6- $\mu\text{m}$ C18 100 Å (100 × 21 mm <sup>2</sup> )
Mobile Phase	A: Water with 0.1% of formic acid (v/v) B: Acetonitrile with 0.1% of formic acid (v/v)
Flow rate	0.5 mL/min
Injection volume	10 $\mu\text{L}$
Column temperature	35 °C
Ion mode	ESI positive
The gradient elution condition	5% B (0–0.5 min), 5%–95% B (0.5–3 min), 95% B (3–4 min), 95%–5% B (4–4.1 min), and 5% B (4.1–5 min)
Ion Source condition	Ion spray voltage: 3500 V, sheath gas: 50 Arb, aux gas: 10 Arb, sweep gas: 1 Arb, ion transfer–tube temperature: 325 °C, vaporization tempera- ture: 350 °C, and dwell time: 48 ms
MRM transition	Quantitative ion pair: <i>m/z</i> 399 > 181 (CE: 16 eV) Confirmatory ions pairs: <i>m/z</i> 399 > 381 (CE: 10 eV) and <i>m/z</i> 399 > 277 (CE: 10 eV)

**Table S3.** Ptaquiloside (PTA) calibration curve equation, linearity, the limit of detection (LOD), and limit of quantification (LOQ).

Range ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Equation ( $y = ax + b$ )	Linearity ( $r^2$ )	LOD ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	LOQ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )
0.1–50	$y = 37732x + 1079.4$	0.9979	0.03	0.09

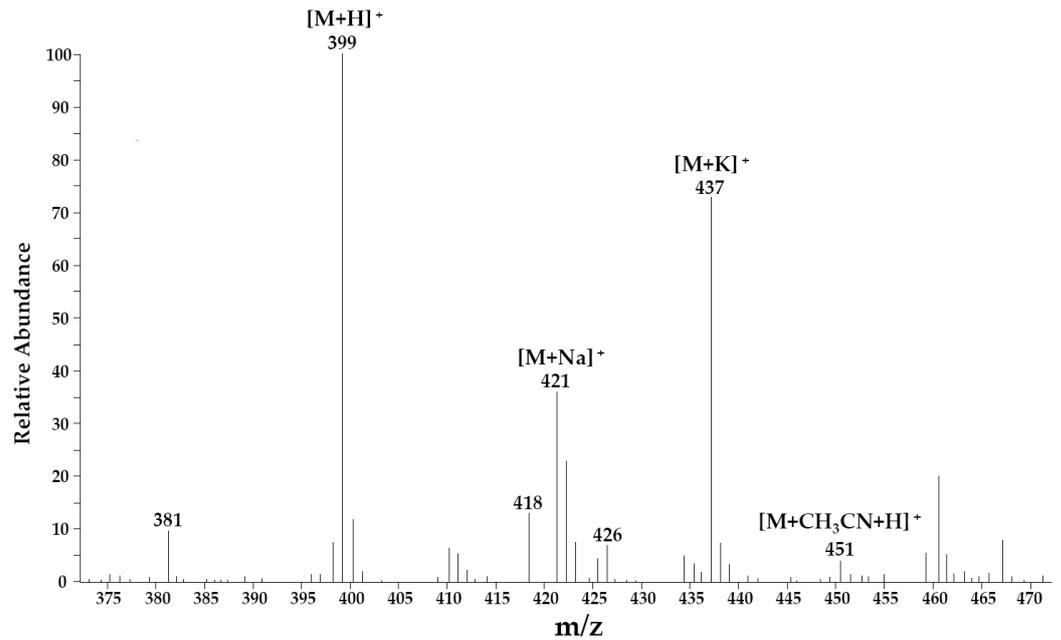
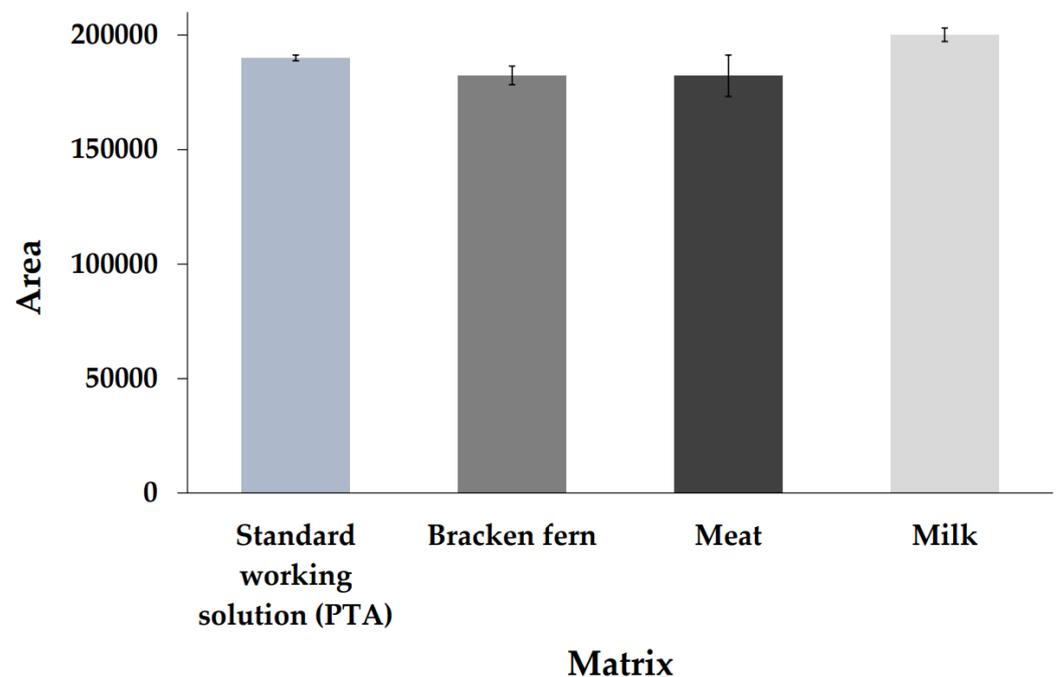


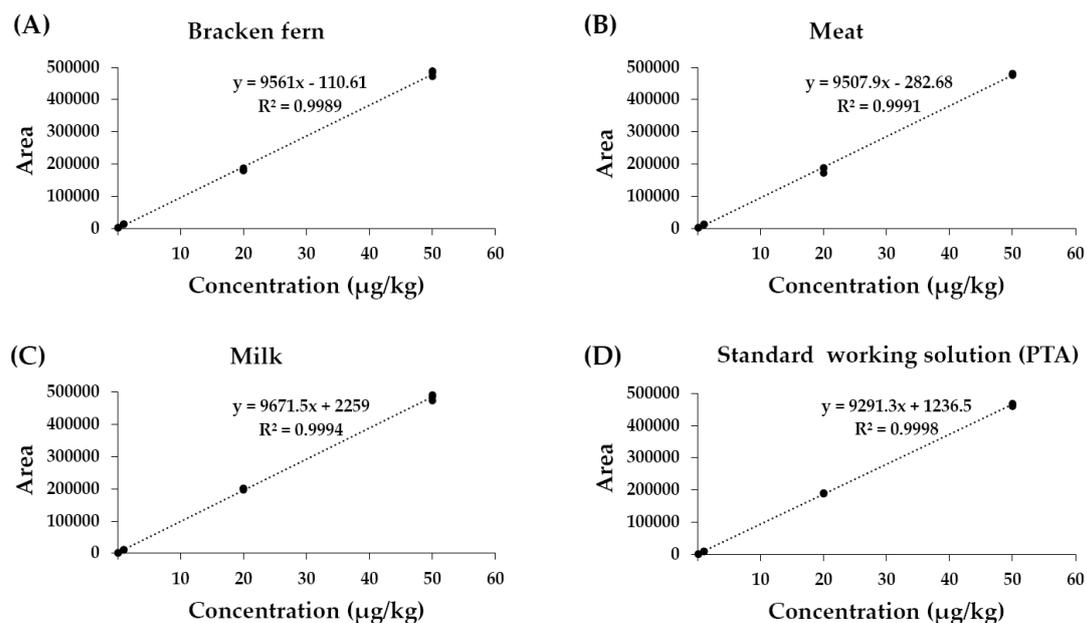
Figure S1. Q3 full scan of ptaquiloside (PTA) standard working solution.



Matrix	The area value difference (%) with the PTA standard working solution <sup>a</sup>
Bracken fern	- 4.0
Meat	- 4.1
Milk	+ 5.3

a: The area value difference (%) with the PTA standard working solution = [(the area value of PTA standard working solution – the area value PTA spiked into each matrix) / the area value of PTA standard working solution] × 100 ( $n = 3$ , and error bars represent standard deviation)

Figure S2. Comparison of the relative differences in the peak areas for the same concentration of (20 µg/kg) analyte (ptaquiloside; PTA) in different matrices (bracken fern, meat, and milk) and the standard working solution for PTA.



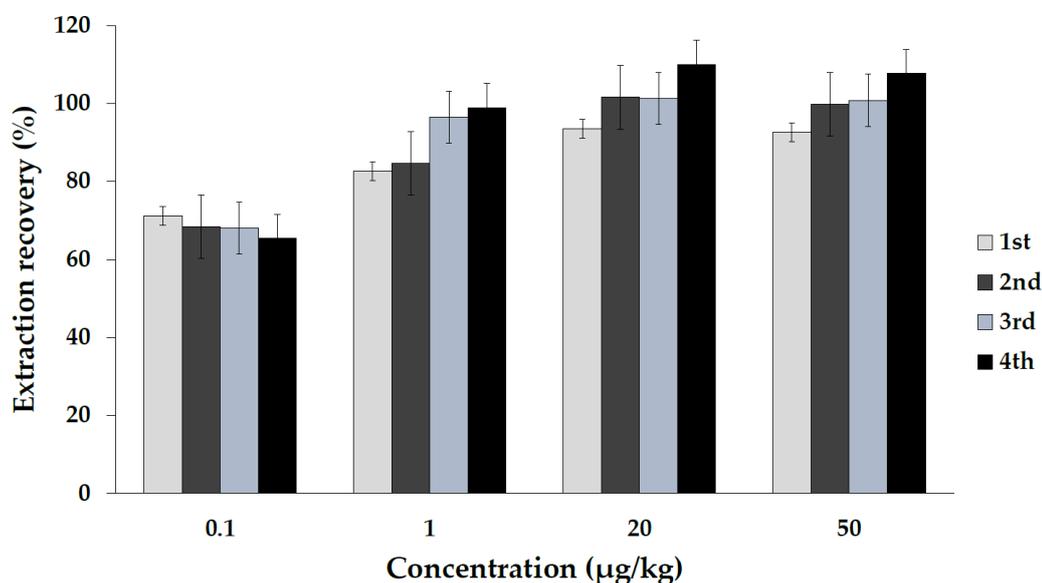
**Figure S3.** A procedure for verifying the relative matrix effect in different matrices: bracken fern (A), meat (B) milk (C), and PTA standard working solution (D).

**Table S4.** Comparison of the slope of each matrix-matched standard calibration curve with the slope of the PTA standard calibration curve.

Matrix	Equation ( $y = ax + b$ )	Linearity ( $r^2$ )	Slope difference (%) <sup>a</sup>	Slope CV (%) <sup>b</sup>
Bracken fern	$y = 9561x - 110.61$	0.9989	2.9	
Meat	$y = 9507.9x - 282.68$	0.9991	2.3	
Milk	$y = 9671.5x + 2259$	0.9994	4.1	1.7
Standard working solution (PTA)	$y = 9291.3x + 1236.5$	0.9998	-	

a: [(Slope value of standard working solution (PTA) calibration curve - the slope values of each matrix-matched standard calibration) / slope value of standard working solution (PTA)] × 100.

b: Precision value (coefficient of variation; CV, %) = [Standard deviation for the slope values of each matrix-matched calibration curve / Mean for the slope values of each matrix-matched calibration curve] × 100.



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**Figure S4.** Extraction recovery (%) at 0.1, 1, 20, and 50 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ) levels of PTA. Measurements were 4 replicates for each concentration ( $n = 3$ , and the error bars indicate the standard deviation of three samples per assay batch for each concentration). In total, there were  $4 \times 4 \times 3 = 96$  samples analyzed. Extraction recovery (%) = (matrix spiked before extraction / matrix spiked after extraction)  $\times 100$ .