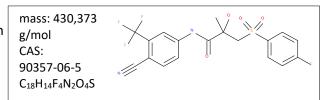


## **Bicatulamide**

Bicalutamide is an antiandrogen medication used primarily to treat prostate cancer.



The LANUV measurements meet the following criteria necessary for clear identification:

- 1) match of the exact mass,  $\pm$  5 ppm
- 2) match of the isotope pattern, min. 70 %
- 3) match of a reference spectrum
- 4) match of retention time

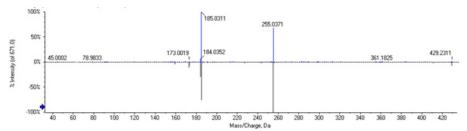


Figure 1: comparison of fragment-ion-spectra, blue: sample Ruhr near Mülheim, gray: reference substance

## **Analysis and occurrence**

Bicalutamide can be detected with the existing measuring method in negative mode. It was found in all the investigated rivers (Rhine, Ruhr and

<sup>1</sup> https://www.astrazeneca.com/content/dam/az/our-company/Sustainability/2017/bicalutamide.pdf

Wupper) and therefore it belongs to the ubiquitous substances. The general precautionary value of  $0.1 \mu g/L$  is not exceeded.

## Relevance

The substance has a relevant ecotoxicological potential. The PNEC determined by the manufacturer is 1  $\mu$ g/L, but this was not exceeded in any sample.<sup>1</sup>

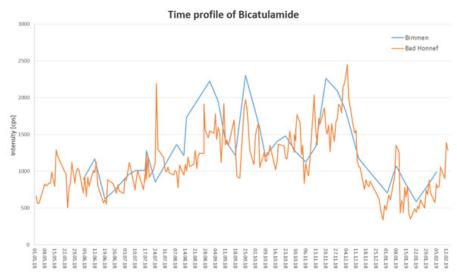


Figure 1: Time profile of Bicalutamide in the river Rhine, orange: Bad Honnef Rhine-km 640, blau: Bimmen Rhine-km 865

## **Further procedure:**

Bicatulamid will not be included in the regulatory monitoring because the PNEC of 1  $\mu$ g/L was not exceeded in any sample. By further measurements, no gain in knowledge is expected.

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