

## **DIUTHAME MS imaging**

## of a mouse brain

MALDI-MSI (mass spectrometry imaging) is expected to be a powerful analytical tool for the biomedical and life science fields. However, matrix application on the sample' s surface—the essential procedure in MALDI-MSI—depends on dedicated matrix-coating equipment or on an individual' s experience and skill. In addition, matrix-derived peaks appearing in the low *m/z* region hamper low mass analysis. This paper reports the MSI results of applying DIUTHAME, instead of a matrix, on a frozen mouse brain tissue section.

## **Measurement conditions**

Measurement mode: Laser pitch 50 µm

 $\label{eq:Reflectron, positive & negative ion mode} \\ Sample: Mouse brain slice, 20 \, \mu m thick$ 

## Method



Set a slice of frozen mouse brain on an ITO glass slide.



Place DIUTHAME on the mouse brain slice before it thaws.



Thaw the sample using heat from a fingertip, so the sample' s components will soak up to the surface through capillary action.



▲ Left: A13331-18-2

Right: A13331-5019-1

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Start measurement after the sample dries.

Perform these steps in a cryostat.

## Results

The DIUTHAME-MSI results are shown below. Frozen tissue sections can be analyzed by MSI by simply mounting DIUTHAME onto a frozen sample and then letting the sample thaw.

#### *m/z* 848.6 [PC(38:4)+K]<sup>+</sup>



tissue sections of a mouse brain using DIUTHAME

The right figures show the DIUTHAME-MSI results of successive

A13331-5019-1. These show that DIUTHAME-MSI requires no technical skills or dedicated sample preparation apparatus,

### Laser irradiation marks on the DIUTHAME



#### Optical image

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m/z 890.7 [ST(d18:1/C24:0)-H]

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