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## **I) Routine and Improved Analysis of Abused Substances**

### Issue:

Improved methods of analysis, i.e., faster, more discriminatory, more sensitive, less costly, etc., are needed for all abused substances. Additionally, standard analytical data are required for previously unknown or rarely encountered substances and/or new homolog or analog (i.e., "designer"-type) drugs.

### Solution:

Drug seizures and clandestine laboratory operations are continuously monitored to provide a comprehensive overview of new developments. Ongoing research in the forensic community, as well as in the general field of analytical chemistry, provide new and/or improved methods of analysis for both routine and specialized analyses of seized drugs. Reports providing standard analytical data for new drugs of abuse and/or improved analytical protocols for known drugs of abuse are generated for the forensic and enforcement communities.

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## **II) Synthesis and/or Cultivation of Abused Substances, their Precursors, and Essential Chemicals**

### Issue:

Forensic chemists must maintain familiarity with existing and new clandestine syntheses of abused substances, their precursors, and essential chemicals, and with the cultivation of abused natural products, in order to assist enforcement activities, to ensure safety and effectiveness during enforcement operations, and to provide expert testimony in legal proceedings.

### Solution:

Illicit drug seizures, clandestine laboratory operations, and illicit grow operations, are continuously monitored to maintain a comprehensive overview of the field. In cases where new drugs are synthesized, or new methodologies are utilized, case reports are generated for the forensic and enforcement communities.

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#### Issue:

Forensic chemists must maintain familiarity with clandestine laboratory procedures, setups, and techniques in order to assist enforcement activities, to ensure safety and effectiveness during enforcement operations, and in order to provide expert testimony in court proceedings.

#### Solution:

Clandestine laboratory operations are continuously reviewed to provide a comprehensive overview of the field. In cases where new methodologies are noted, or unusual safety concerns are salient, reports are generated for the forensic and enforcement communities.

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Many reference drug standards or structurally related internal standards are either commercially unavailable, or if available are extremely expensive.

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Controlled substances and their structural or isotopically labelled analogs are synthesized as needed. Internal standards are also prepared as needed. Case reports are published for new or unusual standards or improved synthetic approaches.

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## **V) Source Determination of Drugs (Impurity Profiling) and Comparative Analyses**

### Issues:

Impurity profiling of drugs is important for comparative analysis protocols, geo-sourcing, and synthetic route determinations. However, although certain drugs have been well characterized with respect to their impurity profiles, most have not been properly investigated.

Comparative analysis (i.e., the systematic application of impurity profiling for determination of commonality of origin) is complicated due to both the high complexity of the data and the large numbers of exhibits. Improved analytical and data handling techniques are needed.

### Solution:

High sensitivity analytical techniques (primarily chromatographic) provide detailed profiles of trace-level impurities, ions, trace metals, and stable isotopes. Identification of individual impurities enhance origin identification and comparative analyses and also aid in development of internal standards for improved accuracy and precision of analysis.

In-depth analysis via improved instrumental methodologies help identify discriminatory components in impurity profiles. Computer databases, sorting programs, and pattern recognition/neural networks provide enhanced data handling and analysis, enabling and improving comparative analyses. Case reports are generated for the forensic and enforcement communities.

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### Issue:

Most "street-level" drugs are "cut" with various adulterants and diluents. Many of these cutting agents are pharmaceutical products or precursors. Others are "carry-through" compounds present in precursors (especially in cold remedy products). Separation and identification of these extraneous materials can be tedious, especially in exhibits which contain many components. In addition, new or unusual adulterants and/or diluents are occasionally identified in drug exhibits, and standard analytical data are required for these substances. Finally, improved methods of analysis, i.e., faster, more discriminatory, less costly, etc., are needed for all cutting agents.

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Reports providing standard analytical data and/or improved analytical protocols for non-controlled pharmaceuticals, pseudo-drugs, adulterants, diluents, and precursors are generated for the forensic and enforcement communities.

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### Issue:

Forensic Chemists must maintain familiarity with updates in current instrumental techniques and become versant in new, improved methods of analysis.

### Solution:

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## VIII) Portable Detection and Analytical Instrumentation

### Issue:

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### Solution:

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