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MEASURING PROTEIN-UNBOUND TACROLIMUS

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Highlights

- A highly sensitive LC–MS/MS method for direct quantification of free tacrolimus.
- The automatic on-line column sample extraction step saves time and costs.
- Formation of tacrolimus lithium adduct ions for increase of assay sensitivity.
- An LLOQ of 1 pg/mL (10 fg on column) using 10 µL of ultracentrifuged human plasma.

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