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- 11 Highlights:

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- Overview of illicit drug globally and its methods of detection, its drawbacks
- The role of nanotechnology in detection of illicit drugs
- Recognition sites for targeting particular illicit drug
- Working example of nanoprobes and nanochips for detection of illicit drugs
- Advantages of nano enable screening of illicit drug
- 18 Abstract:
- 19 Drug analysis is an important branch of modern Analytical Chemistry with many legal and
- 20 socially relevant implications in forensic investigations. It needs significant role of
- 21 nanotechnology due to issues on cost effectiveness, instrumentation constrains and sensitivity of
- traditional approach. So, driven need to detect illicit drug, nanodevices can play an important
- 23 role as efficient tools in this field considering their well known advantages of sensitivity,
- 24 selectivity, easy functioning, affordability and capability of miniaturization and automation.
- Although, the use of nanodevices in the forensic practice is still very limited, it has been shown
- by the inadequate number of articles reported on nanoprobes, nanosensors and nanochips. Thus,
- 27 this critical review will hint at the potential of this new-fangled area of research, which aimed to

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