PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool Release Notes



Introduction

This guide provides information about, and procedures for, installing the PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool. This tool is used to convert methods created with the Beckman Coulter CE Control for Empower for use with the PA 800 Plus EmpowerTM Driver.

Note: After converting a method, make sure to inspect it in the Instrument Method Editor. SCIEX cannot guarantee that the conversion is correct.

Download and Install the PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool

- 1. Download the installer from the SCIEX web site.
 - a. Go to sciex.com/software-support/software-downloads.
 - b. Locate PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool.
 - c. Complete the form and then click **Submit**.
 - d. Follow the on-screen instructions to download the **PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool.zip** file.
- 2. Double-click PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool.zip.
- 3. Double-click **setup.exe** and then follow the instructions to install the PA 800 Plus Method Conversion Tool.

Convert Existing Methods

Note: After converting a method, make sure to inspect it in the Instrument Method Editor. SCIEX cannot guarantee that the conversion is correct.

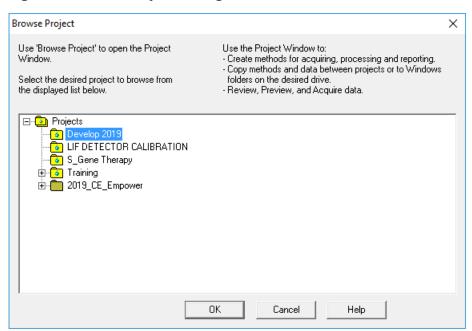
1. In the $Empower^{TM}$ Software Pro Interface window, click **Browse Projects**.



Figure 1 Empower[™] Software Pro Interface Window

The Browse Project dialog opens.





- Navigate to the project with the methods to be converted and then click **OK**.
 The Project window opens.
- 3. Click Applications > Sciex Method Conversion.

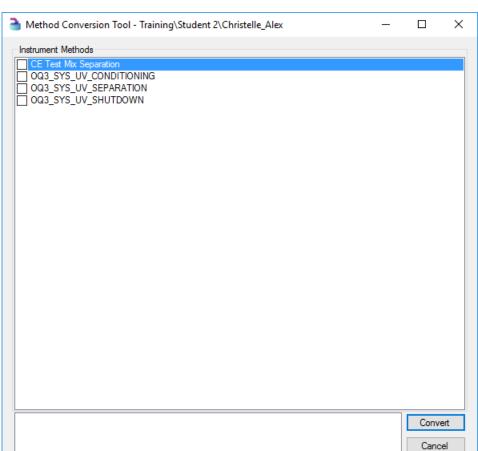


Figure 3 Method Conversion Tool Dialog

4. Select the methods to be converted, optionally type a comment in the field below the list, and then click **Convert**.

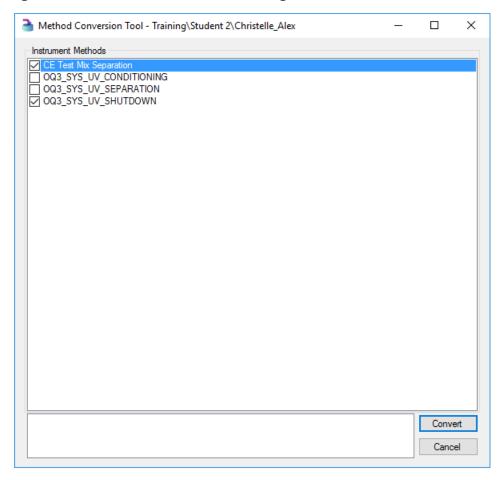


Figure 4 Method Conversion Tool Dialog with Methods Selected

5. If required, type the Empower[™] Software password for the current user in the **Password** field and then click **OK**.

During the conversion:

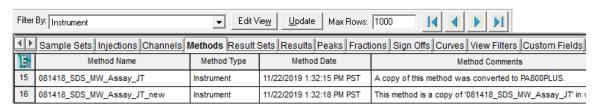
- "_new" is appended to the name of the converted method. Because method names are limited to 30 characters if the original name is longer than 26 characters, then the name is truncated to 26 characters before adding "_new".
- The message "This method is a copy of Method Name in which instrument type BCPACEMDQ was converted to PA800PLUS." is added to the Method Comments field in the converted method, where Method Name is the name of the original method.
- The message "A copy of this method was converted to PA800PLUS." is added to the **Method** Comments field in the original method.

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After the methods are converted, they are removed from the list in the Method Conversion Tool dialog.

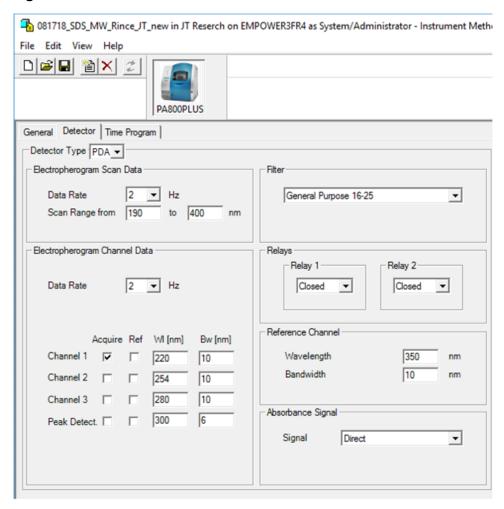
- 6. View the converted method in the Instrument Method Editor.
 - a. In the Project window, click the **Methods** tab.

Figure 5 Methods Tab with Converted Method



b. Right-click a method in the list and then click Open.

Figure 6 Instrument Method Editor Window



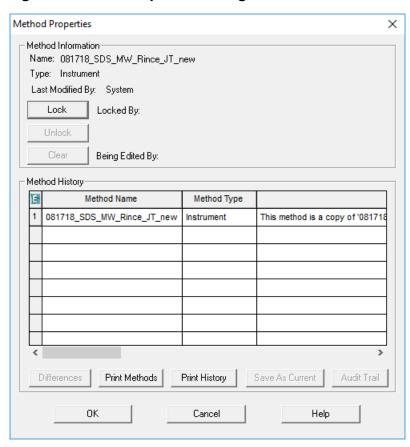
- c. View the method details in the **General**, **Detector**, and **Time Program** tabs to make sure that the conversion is correct.
- d. (Optional) Make any changes to the method and then click **File > Save**.
- e. Click File > Exit.

The Instrument Method Editor closes.

- 7. (Optional) View the properties of the converted method.
 - a. In the Project window, click the **Methods** tab.In the table, the converted methods have "_new" appended to the name.

b. Right-click a method in the list and then select Method Properties.

Figure 7 Method Properties Dialog



- c. (Optional) Scroll to the right to view the Method Comments field.
- d. Click OK.
- 8. In the Method Conversion Tool dialog, click the close box in the top right corner. The dialog closes.

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