Supplementary Information

Fluorocarbon Plasma Gas Passivation Enhances Performance of Porous Silicon for Desorption/Ionisation Mass Spectrometry

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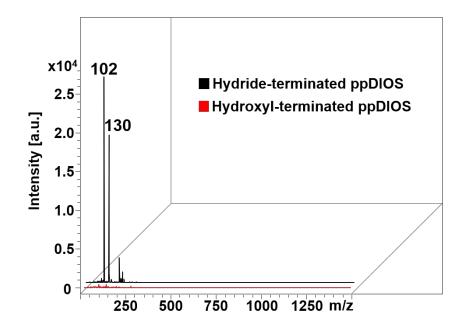


Figure S1: Background mass spectra for freshly etched (hydride-terminated) and ozoneoxidised (hydroxyl-terminated) ppDIOS surfaces. Background peaks are observed at *m*/z 102, 130, 198 and 212.

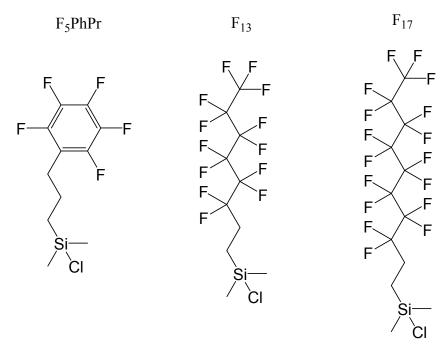


Figure S2. Chemical structures of F_5 PhPr, F_{13} and F_{17} , common silanes used to functionalise DIOS surfaces.

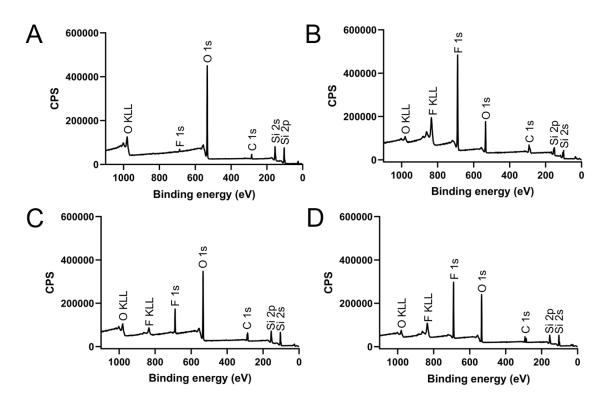


Figure S3: X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) survey spectra for DIOS surfaces functionalised via A) ozone-oxidation, B) plasma polymerisation, C) F_5 PhPr-silanisation and D) F_{13} -silanisation.

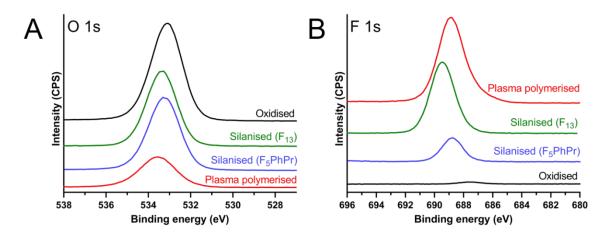


Figure S4: XPS analysis for functionalised DIOS surfaces showing A) high-resolution O 1s spectra and B) high-resolution F 1s spectra.

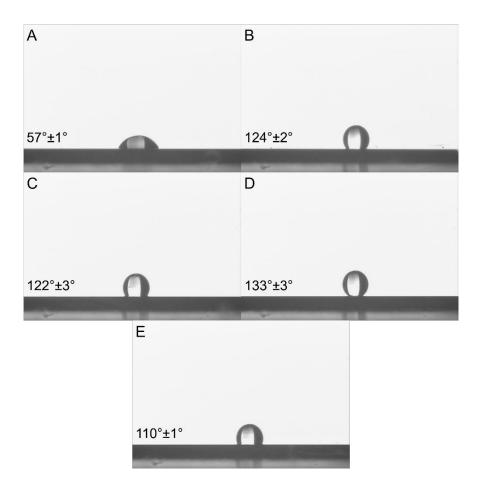


Figure S5: Water contact angle (WCA) measurements for DIOS substrates following A) ozone-oxidation, B) plasma polymerisation, C) F_5 PhPr-silane functionalisation, D) F_{13} -silane functionalisation, and E) F_{17} -silane functionalisation. WCA was determined using 1 µL of water on a contact angle goniometer.

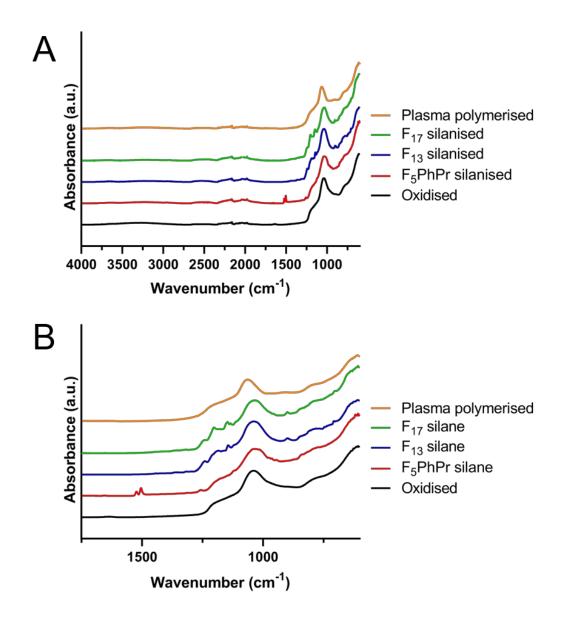


Figure S6. IR spectra overlays of oxidised, plasma polymerised and silanised DIOS surfaces between A) 4000-600 cm⁻¹ and B) 1750-600 cm⁻¹.

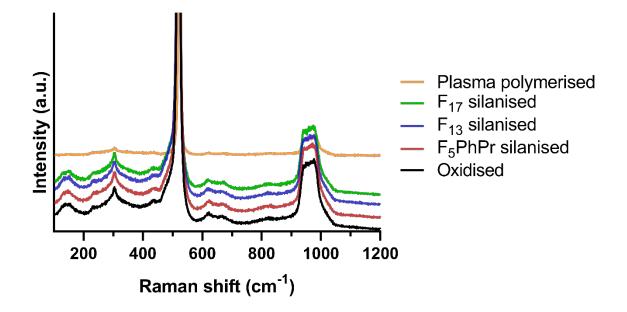


Figure S7. Raman spectra overlays of oxidised, plasma polymerised and silanised DIOS surfaces.

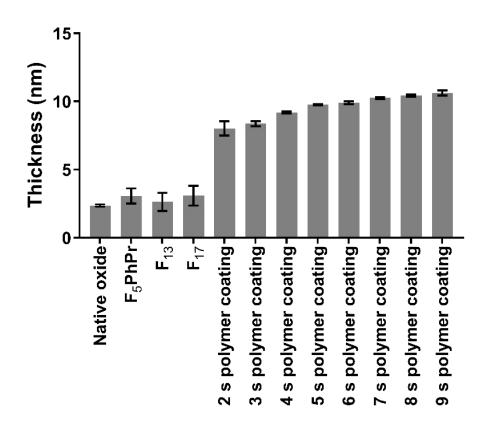


Figure S8: Average thickness of ppDIOS substrates following fluorocarbon gas passivation at various lengths of time. The native oxide layer present on the Si substrate, F_5 PhPr, F_{13} and F_{17} -silanes, have been included for comparison. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (n=3).

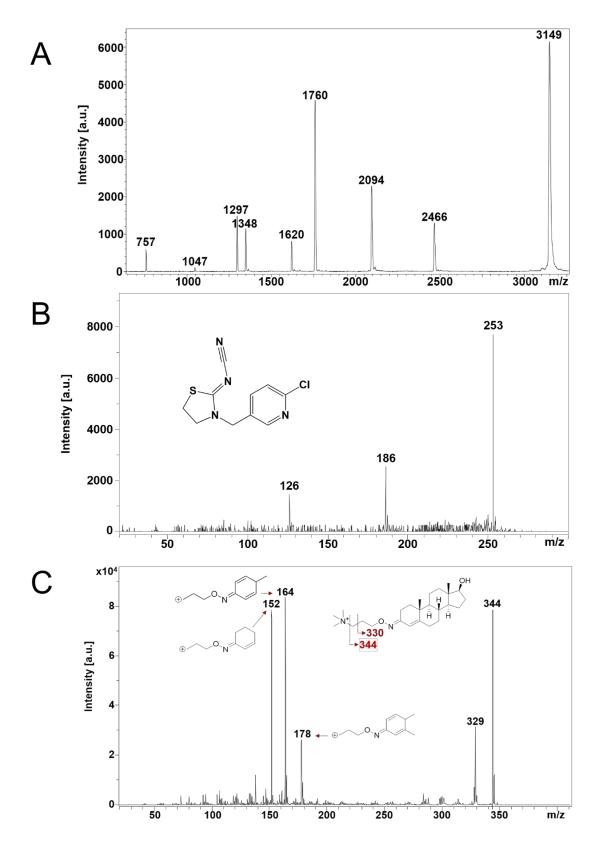


Figure S9. Mass spectra obtained using an F_{13} -silanised surface for A) a standard peptide mixture containing nine different peptides ranging from *m*/*z* 757 to *m*/*z* 3147; B) thiacloprid (*m*/*z* 253), at a concentration of 1 µg/mL, extracted directly from Surine; and C) quaternary aminooxy (QAO) derivatised testosterone, at a concentration of 100 ng/mL, extracted directly from Surine.

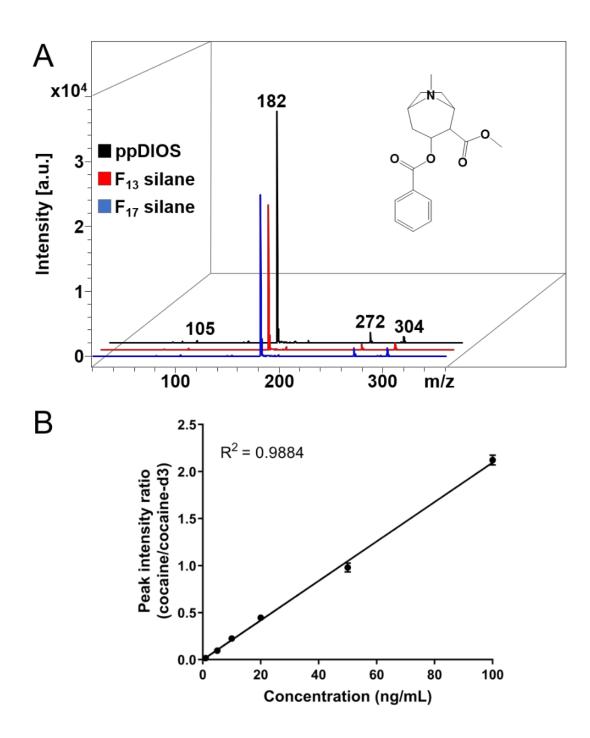


Figure S10. (A) Representative mass spectrum for cocaine (100 ng/mL, in water) at an ion of *m*/*z* 304, analysed using DIOS-MS on a ppDIOS surface. Fragment peaks are observed at *m*/*z* 105, *m*/*z* 182 and *m*/*z* 272. (B) Linear regression curve for cocaine in water for concentrations ranging from 1 to 100 ng/mL. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (n=3).

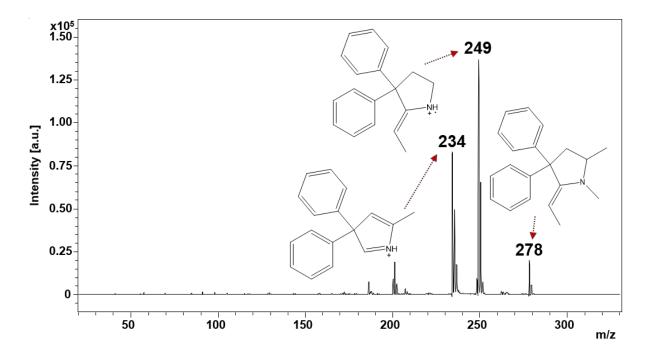


Figure S11. MS/MS mass spectrum for EDDP, a major urinary metabolite of methadone, at an ion of m/z 278, analysed using an F₁₃-silanised DIOS surface. Fragment peaks are observed at m/z 234 and m/z 249.

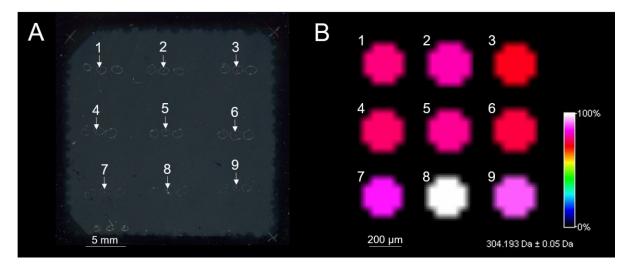


Figure S12: ppDIOS imaging of cocaine (100 ng/mL in chloroform) showing: A) a spot array where analysis was performed from nine different locations throughout the ppDIOS surface, and B) zoomed-in view of each of the imaged spots. The parent peak of cocaine was detected at m/z 304. An arbitrary colour scale detailing the relative intensity of each peak is displayed to the right.

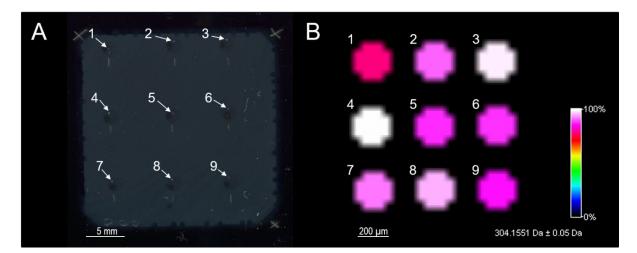


Figure S13: DIOS imaging of cocaine (100 ng/mL in chloroform) showing: A) a spot array where analysis was performed from nine different locations throughout the DIOS surface, and B) zoomed-in view of each of the imaged spots. The parent peak of cocaine was detected at m/z 304. An arbitrary colour scale detailing the relative intensity of each peak is displayed to the right. Reprinted with permission from (¹). Copyright (2020) American Chemical Society.

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