Cite this: DOI: 10.1039/c0xx00000x

www.rsc.org/xxxxx

# **ARTICLE TYPE**

# Magnetic retrieval of extractant: Fast ultrasound-assisted emulsification liquid-liquid microextraction for the determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in environmental water samples

Niya Wang,<sup>a</sup> Rui Shen,<sup>a</sup> Zhihong Yan,<sup>a,b</sup> Qingyun Cai<sup>\*a</sup> and Shouzhuo Yao<sup>a</sup>

s Received (in XXX, XXX) Xth XXXXXXXX 200X, Accepted Xth XXXXXXXX 200X DOI: 10.1039/b000000x

### **Supplementary Information**

### 1. Experimental

**Table S1** Excitation and emission wavelength program used for the <sup>10</sup> fluorescence detection of PAHs.

PAHs	Time (min)	Excitation (nm)	Emission (nm)
Flu	0	260	340
Ant	12	250	370
FlA	15	289	462
BaA	21	266	403
BbF, BkF	25	294	430

## 2. Results and discussion

#### 2.1 Characterization of HMPs



**Fig. S1.** FESEM images of (a) pristine carbonyl iron particles, (b) Fe–PD <sup>15</sup> particles, and (c) Fe–PD/Ag particles. EDX spectrum of resultant HMPs (d).



**Fig. S2.** FTIR spectra of (a) pristine carbonyl iron particles, (b) dopamine, (c) Fe–PD particles, and (d) resultant HMPs.

- <sup>20</sup> The specific surface area of the resultant HMPs was studied using Brurauer Emmerr Teller (BET) Procedure, giving a BET surface area of 1.234m<sup>2</sup>/g. The BET surface area is relatively small, which might be attributed to the solid structure and relative large diameter of the particles.
- 25 2.2 Extraction optimization and comparison of two-step USAEME-MR with direct MSPE



**Fig. S3.** (a) Effect of salt addition and (b) comparison of the extraction efficiencies of the two-step USAEME–MR with the direct MSPE. <sup>30</sup> Composition of the aqueous solution: Flu (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), Ant (5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), FlA (10  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), BaA (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), BbF (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), and BkF (0.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>); sample volume: 20 mL; organic extractant: 1-octanol; volume of organic extractant: 15  $\mu$ L; emulsification time: 4 min; vortex time: 4 min; desorption solvent: acetonitrile; desorption time: 4 min.

#### 35 2.3 Application to real samples



Fig. S4. HPLC chromatograms of PAHs in unspiked (a) and spiked (b) water samples from Xiangjiang river: (1) Flu; (2) Ant; (3) FlA; (4) BaA; (5) BbF; (6) BkF. Spiked concentration: Flu (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), Ant (5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), 5 FlA (10  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), BaA (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), BbF (2.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), and BkF (0.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>).