

Supplementary Information

Method development and optimization of DLLME factors using RSM with DF for the determination of organic contaminants in water samples by UHPLC–QTOF–MS: Risk and greenness assessment

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Table S1 Retention times and mass measurements of molecular ions of target compounds in a mixture standard solution.

Compound	Retention time (min)	Elemental composition	Experimental mass (m/z)	Theoretical mass (m/z)	Error	
					mDa	ppm
ESI (+) mode						
Mifepristone (MIF)	4.13	[M + H] ⁺ C ₂₉ H ₃₆ NO ₂	430.2747	430.2741	-0.7	-1.5
Benzophenone (BP)	5.52	[M + H] ⁺ C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O	183.0806	183.0804	-0.2	-1.1
ESI (-) Mode						
Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA)	7.78	[M-H] ⁻ [C ₂₀ H ₂₉ O ₂	301.2172	301.2173	0.4	1.3
Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)	8.47	[M-H] ⁻ [C ₂₂ H ₃₁ O ₂	327.2330	327.2328	0.3	1.0

Table S2 Elemental composition and accurate mass measurement for product ions obtained in a standard solution using the Q–TOF mode.

Compound	Precursor ion (m/z)	Product ions	Error			
Compound		Elemental composition	Experimental mass	Theoretical mass	mDa	ppm
MIF (ESI+)	430	[C ₉ H ₁₁ N] + H ⁺	134.0965	134.0964	-0.0	0.7
		[C ₂₆ H ₃₁ NO ⁻]H ⁺	372.2329	372.2322	-0.7	1.9
BP (ESI+)	183	[C ₆ H ₅] ⁺	77.0382	77.0386	0.4	-5.2
		[C ₇ H ₅ O] ⁺	105.0336	105.0335	-0.1	0.9
EPA (ESI-)	301	[C ₁₉ H ₂₉] ⁻	257.2277	257.2280	0.6	-1.2
DHA (ESI-)	327	[C ⁹ H ¹⁴] ⁻ – H ⁻	121.1023	121.1023	-0.0	0.1
		[C ₁₇ H ₂₅] ⁻	229.1964	229.1962	-0.2	0.8
		[C ₂₁ H ₃₁] ⁻	283.2432	283.2431	-0.1	0.4

Table S3 Method relative standard deviations (RSD) and enrichment factors (EF)

Compound	Influent (% RSD)	Influent (EF)	Effluent (% RSD)	Effluent (EF)	River (% RSD)	River (EF)
MIF	0.65	39.71	1.08	52.34	1.13	51.72
BP	4.78	72.72	10.37	59.66	6.91	47.28
DHA	10.34	61.40	14.03	11.66	8.86	33.14
EPA	11.63	32.42	14.12	15.57	10.23	42.52