## **Supplementary Information**

## An effective method for detecting nitrous oxide using alkaline washing

## and GC-MS

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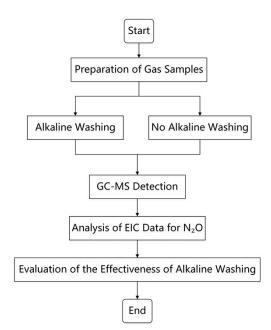


Fig. S1 Overall process flowchart.

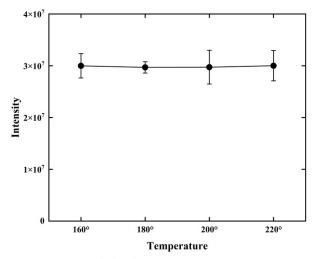


Fig. S2 Injection port temperature optimization.

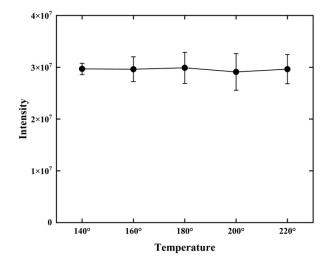


Fig. S3 Column final temperature optimization.

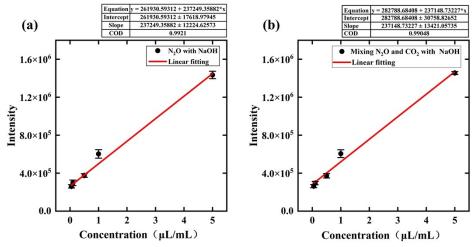


Fig. S4 Linear plot of EIC peak area after low concentration gas alkali washing. (a) Alkali washing with single  $N_2O$  gas. (b) Alkali washing with mixed gases of  $N_2O$  and  $CO_2$ .

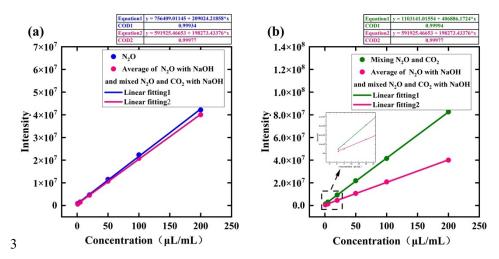


Fig. S5 Linear comparison of EIC peak area between direct detection and detection of  $N_2O$  after alkaline washing. (a) Single  $N_2O$  gas in non alkaline washing state. (b) mixed gases of  $N_2O$ -CO<sub>2</sub> in non alkaline washing state.

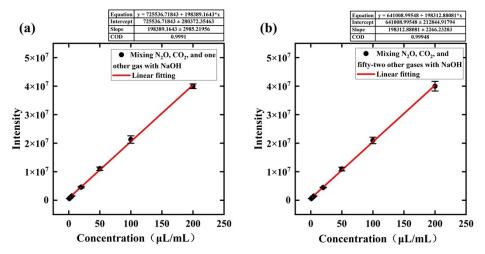


Fig. S6 Linear plot of EIC peak area under impurity gas interference. (a) under one impurity gas condition. (b) Under 52 impurity gas conditions.