

1 **Electronic Supporting Material**

2

3 **Sensitive determination of psoralen and isopsoralen in *Fructus Psoraleae* by online solid**  
4 **phase microextraction with porphyrin-based porous organic polymers modified on**  
5 **capillary**

6 Yuling Chen, Rong Wang, Zilin Chen\*

7 Key Laboratory of Combinatorial Biosynthesis and Drug Discovery (Wuhan University), Ministry of  
8 Education, and Wuhan University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Wuhan, 430071, China

9

10

11

12 **Correspondence**

13 Dr. Zilin Chen,

14 Luojia Chair Professor

15 School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

16 Wuhan University, Wuhan, 430071, China

17 Phone: 86-27-68759893

18 Fax: 86-27-68759850

19 Email: [chenzl@whu.edu.cn](mailto:chenzl@whu.edu.cn)

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

## Electronic Supporting Material

The Electronic Supporting Material provides additional relevant details of this work, including:

- Capillary-based online SPME-HPLC for standard samples
- Optimization of synthetic conditions
- Fig. S1 Chemical structures of psoralen and isopsoralen.
- Fig. S2 Schematic of PPOPs-capillary-based online SPME-HPLC system.
- Fig. S3 XRD pattern (A) and FT-IR spectra (B) of PPOPs.
- Fig. S4 Effects of concentration of p-phthalaldehyde (A), synthetic time (B), and concentration of pyrrole (C).
- Fig. S5 SEM images of PPOPs-capillary before (A, C) and after use (B, D).
- Table S1 Enrichment factors of PPOPs-capillary for PAHs.
- Table S2 Comparison of this work and reported methods.

### 61 **Capillary-based online SPME-HPLC for standard samples**

62 The extraction capillary replaced the loop of a six-port valve on positions 1 and 4 (Supplementary  
63 material Fig. S2). Before sampling, the capillary was flushed with methanol and 10 mM phosphate buffer  
64 (pH 7) sequentially to remove the impurities and activate the column. Online SPME-HPLC consisted  
65 of two steps. In the sample loading step, the six-port valve was set to LOAD mode and a certain volume  
66 of psoralen and isopsoralen standard solution was introduced by a syringe pump for extraction. In the  
67 eluting step, the six-port valve was switched to INJECT mode and the analytes were eluted by the mobile  
68 phase into LC column with the flow rate of 0.1 mL/min for 2 min. After elution, the six-port valve was  
69 turned to LOAD position again and the analytes were separated and analyzed by HPLC-UV at the flow  
70 rate of 1.0 mL/min. In the meantime, the capillary was flushed with methanol and phosphate buffer (pH  
71 7) for next loading.

72

### 73 **Optimization of synthetic conditions**

74 P-phthalaldehyde layers were immobilized on the surface of capillary for growth of porphyrin based  
75 porous organic polymers because p-phthalaldehyde can supply aldehyde groups for growth of PPOPs. It  
76 was modified by Schiff reaction. The aldehyde groups of p-phthalaldehyde react with the amino groups  
77 of APTES in methanol solution, which produces aldehyde groups as active sites for growth of PPOPs.  
78 Therefore, as shown in Fig. S4A, different concentrations of p-phthalaldehyde varied from 1 to 4 mg/mL  
79 were investigated. The adsorption capacities of PPOPs-capillary to psoralen and isopsoralen increased  
80 gradually with the increase of the concentration of p-phthalaldehyde from 1 to 3 mg/mL. The increase of  
81 the concentration of p-phthalaldehyde can provide more effective aldehyde groups for supporting of  
82 PPOPs to some extent. When the concentration was higher than 3 mg/mL, the peak area increased slowly,  
83 indicating the almost completed reaction between the amino groups of APTES and p-phthalaldehyde. As  
84 a result, ensuring the efficient extraction, 4 mg/mL was chosen for modification.

85 PPOPs are modified on the inner face of CHO-terminated capillary according to Modak's method.  
86 In our work, the solution of pyrrole and p-phthalaldehyde in glacial acetic acid would turn into red color  
87 within a few minutes, indicating the feasible and quick formation of PPOPs. Therefore, appropriate  
88 synthetic time is essential for the completion of reaction. Considering the micropore of PPOPs, synthetic  
89 time should be investigated, ranging from 0.5 to 3 h. As described in Fig. S4B, the peak areas increased  
90 from 0.5 to 1 h and stabilized until 3 h. The result showed that the formation of PPOPs can be

91 accomplished within 1 h. Modest extension of the synthetic time is beneficial for the stability of PPOPs  
92 on the inner face of capillary. Considering the best extraction efficiency and short time-consumption,  
93 synthetic time of 2 h was selected.

94 Pyrrole is one of the monomer of PPOPs. Investigation of the concentration of pyrrole can increase  
95 the amount of PPOPs modified in the capillary. Thus the concentrations of pyrrole from 8.8 to 88 mM  
96 were studied. As shown in Fig. S4C, the peak areas kept an upward tendency with the increase of the  
97 concentration of pyrrole, suggesting that more PPOPs could be grown in the capillary in a higher  
98 concentration. However, when the concentration was larger than 88 mM, the capillary would sometimes  
99 be clogged. In order to obtain effective and permeable capillary, 88 mM was decided for synthesizing  
100 PPOPs.

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

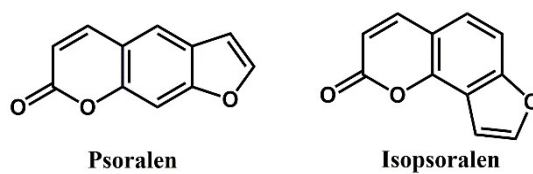
118

119

120

121 **Fig. S1** Chemical structures of psoralen and isopsoralen.

122



123

124

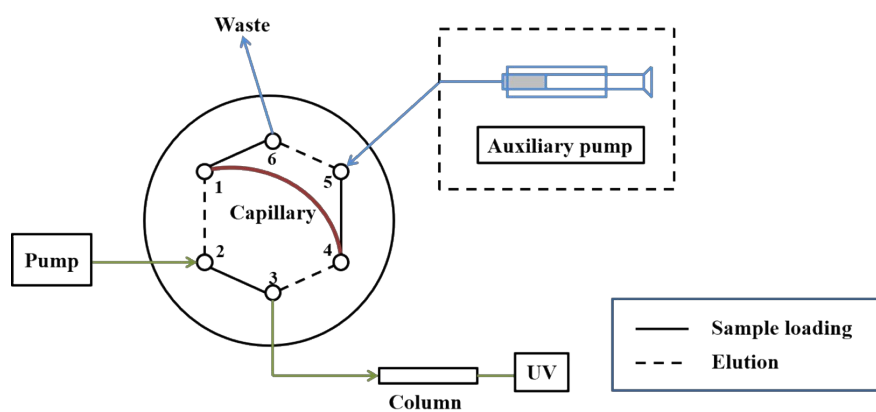
125

126

127

128 **Fig. S2** Schematic of PPOPs-capillary-based online SPME-HPLC system.

129

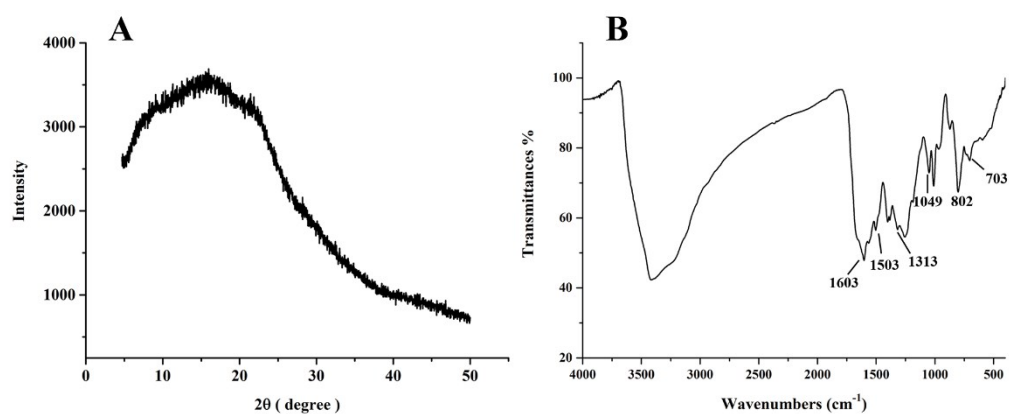


130

131

132 **Fig. S3** XRD pattern (A) and FT-IR spectra (B) of PPOPs.

133



134

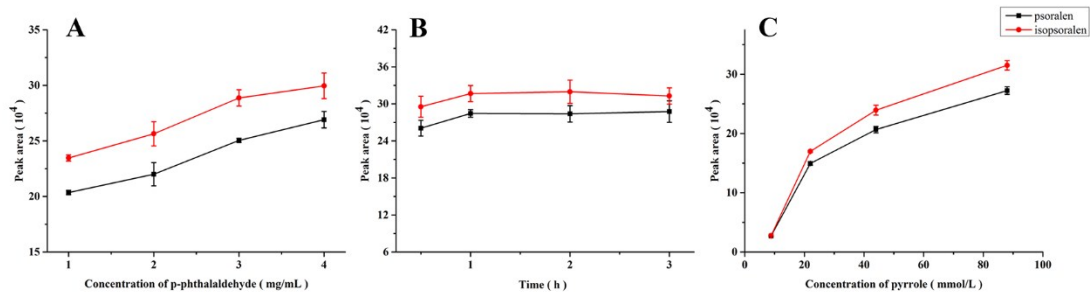
135

136

137 **Fig. S4** Effects of concentration of p-phthalaldehyde (A), synthetic time (B), and concentration of

138 pyrrole (C).

139



140

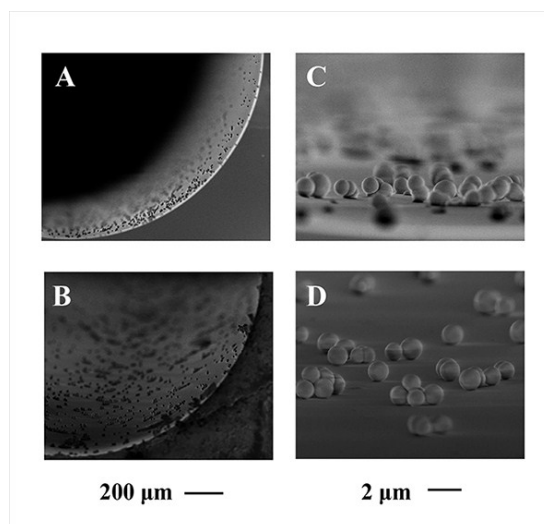
141

142

143

144 **Fig. S5** SEM images of PPOPs-capillary before (A, C) and after use (B, D).

145



146

147

148

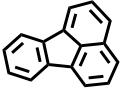
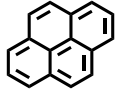
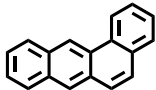
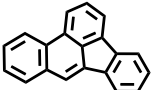
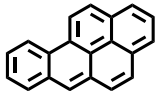
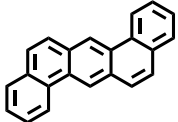
149

150

151

152

153 **Table S1** Enrichment factors of PPOPs-capillary for PAHs.

Compound	Structure	Log P	Size (Å)	EFs
Fluoranthene		5.16	9.18	150.77
Pyrene		5.05	9.23	190.72
Benz[a]anthracene		5.91	11.56	71.28
Benzo[b]fluoranthene		5.78	11.41	43.54
Benzo[a]pyrene		6.35	11.49	52.06
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene		6.57	13.68	50.89

154

155 **Table S2** Comparison of this work and reported methods.

Method	Extraction sorbent	Linear range (ng/mL)	LOD (ng/mL)
Solid phase extraction	Graphene-polydopamine	0.1-50	0.02
Solid phase extraction	Extraction-clean <sup>TM</sup> cartridges	0.1-3100	3.46-4.86
Solid phase extraction	MWCNT-β-CD	0.1-100	0.02
This work	PPOPs	0.05-100	0.01

156