

Electronic Supplementary Information

Table S1 Applications for iodine speciation analysis using HPLC (or IC) hyphenated with ICP-MS

Mode	Separation column	Mobile phase & flow rate	ICP-MS instrument	Analytes (Retention time, min)	Detection limit (µg L ⁻¹)	Sample analyzed	Ref.
AEC	G3154A/101 (150 mm×4.6 mm, 10 µm)	20 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 5.6), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500c Injection: 50 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.0), I(8.8)	Unknown	Microalgae	1
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm×4.6 mm)	30 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 8.0), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 1 mL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.2), I(8.8)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.008), I(0.012)	Marine aerosol	2
AEC	IonPac AS 19 (250 mm×4 mm, 7.5 µm)	45 mM KOH, 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500ce Injection: 25 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.6), I(5.2)	Unknown	Edible salt	3
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm×4.6 mm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 8.0), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 1 mL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.2), I(9.0)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.008), I(0.012)	Drinking water	4
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm×4.6 mm)	50 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 8.0), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 1 mL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.1), I(8.7)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.008), I(0.012)	Atmospheric aerosol	5
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm×4.6 mm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 1 mL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.7), I(8.8)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.025), I(0.025)	Groundwater	6
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm×4.6 mm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 1 mL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.7), I(8.8)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.035), I(0.025)	Underground water	7
AEC	AS11-HC (4.0 mm×250 mm)	A: H ₂ O; B: 200 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ , 1.0 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-3 min, 15%B; 3-8min, 15%B→50%B; 8-26min, 50%B→100%B; 26-36min, 100%B; 36-41min, 100%B→15%B; 41-43min, 15%B.	Elan DRC-e Injection: 100 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.6), I(5.3), MIAA(9.7), CIAA(15.2), DIAA(23.4)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.1), I(0.1), MIAA(0.1), CIAA(0.2), DIAA(0.2)	Drinking water, groundwater, surface water, and swimming pool water	8
AEC	PRP-X100 (150 mm×4.1 mm, 10 µm)	A: 15 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 10.0), B: 100 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 10.0), 1.5 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-1.5 min, 100%A; 1.5-3.5 min, 100%A→100%B; 3.5-9 min, 100%B	Elan 6100 DRC Injection: 200 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.3), I(7.2)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.001), I(0.002)	Tap water, urine, seaweed and milk powder	9
AEC	G3268A (30 mm×4.6 mm, 5 µm)	60 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent HP4500 Injection: 20 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.6), I(4.1)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.1), I(0.5)	Marine aerosol	10

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AEC	Dionex ASI6 (250 mm×4.0 mm, 9 µm)	35 mM NaOH, 0.9 mL min ⁻¹	Perkin Elmer Injection: unknown	IO ₃ ⁻ (4.0), I ⁻ (12.7)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.01), I ⁻ (0.02)	Rain, snow and aerosol	11
AEC	Dionex ASI6 (250 mm×4.0 mm, 9 µm)	35 mM NaOH, 0.9 mL min ⁻¹	Perkin Elmer Injection: unknown	IO ₃ ⁻ (4.3), I ⁻ (9.3)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.04), I ⁻ (0.04)	Snow	12
AEC	Dionex ASI6 (250 mm×4.0 mm, 9 µm)	35 mM NaOH, 0.9 mL min ⁻¹	Perkin Elmer Injection: unknown	IO ₃ ⁻ (4.3), I ⁻ (9.4)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.01), I ⁻ (0.02)	Snow	13
AEC	Dionex ASI6 (250 mm×4.0 mm, 9 µm)	35 mM NaOH, 0.9 mL min ⁻¹	Perkin Elmer Injection: unknown	IO ₃ ⁻ (3.7), I ⁻ (9.8)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.01), I ⁻ (0.02)	Rain	13
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm× 4.6 mm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 0.8–1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Yokogawa PMS-2000, Agilent HP4500 or 7500 Injection: 50–200 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.8), I ⁻ (7.1)	IO ₃ ⁻ and I ⁻ (0.1–1.0)	Rain, riverwater, brine, soil	14
AEC	IonPac AS 11 (250 mm×2.0 mm, 13 µm)	5 mM NaOH, 0.3 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500ce Injection: 20 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.9), I ⁻ (6.7)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.12), I ⁻ (0.2)	Seaweed	15
AEC	Self-made PS/DVB-type (100 mm×4 mm)	30 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 7.1), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Thermo VG PQ2+ Injection: 585 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.9), I ⁻ (10.9)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.045), I ⁻ (0.15)	Standard mixture solution	16
AEC	ICS-A23 (75 mm× 4.6 mm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.2), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent HP4500 Injection: 500 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.2), I ⁻ (7.5)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.034), I ⁻ (0.051)	Raw and ozonized water	17
AEC	IonPac AG 11 (50 mm×4.0 mm, 13 µm)	8 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ , 1.5 mL min ⁻¹	Thermo X series Injection: 20 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.8), I ⁻ (2.6)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.015), I ⁻ (0.081)	Edible salt	18
AEC	IonPac AS 7 (250 mm×4.0 mm)	175 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 3.8) in 15% Methanol Gradient: 0–8 min, 0.5 mL min ⁻¹ ; 8–9 min, 0.5→1.5 mL min ⁻¹ ; 9–17 min, 1.5 mL min ⁻¹ ; 17–18 min, 1.5→0.5 mL min ⁻¹ ; 18–20 min, 0.5 mL min ⁻¹	Thermo X series Injection: 50 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (3.1), MIT(4.9), DIT(7.1), I ⁻ (14.6)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.09), MIT(0.06), DIT(0.09), I ⁻ (0.08)	Seaweed	19
AEC	G3154A/101 (150 mm×4.6 mm, 10 µm)	20 mM NH ₄ NO ₃ (pH 5.6), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500c Injection: 10 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.4), I ⁻ (12.8)	IO ₃ ⁻ (1.5), I ⁻ (2.0)	Seawater	20
RPC	Shiseido C ₁₈ SG120 (35 mm×4.6 mm, 5 µm)	A: 100 mM (NH ₄) ₂ HPO ₄ –0.1% H ₃ PO ₄ (pH 7.3) in 10% MeOH for I ⁻ , MIT and DIT; B: 100 mM (NH ₄) ₂ HPO ₄ –0.1% H ₃ PO ₄ (pH 7.3) in 50% MeOH for T3, rT3 and T4. 1.0 mL min ⁻¹	Seiko SPQ-6100 Injection: 20 µL	I ⁻ (1.5), MIT(2.7), DIT(9.3) I ⁻ +MIT+DIT(1.6), T3(4.1), rT3(6.4), T4(8.6)	I ⁻ (1.7), MIT(2.2), DIT(3.5) T3(4.2), rT3(6.0), T4(6.5)	Enzymatic digest of bovine thyroglobulin	21

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RPC	Asahipak GS-220 7C (100 mm×7.5 mm)	50 mM malonic acid - 37.5 mM TMAH (pH 6.9), 1.0 mL min ⁻¹ A: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3); B: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3) in 50% MeOH. 0.5 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-5 min, 100%A→45%B; 5-8 min, 45%B→85%B; 8-10 min, 85%B→100%B; 10-40 min, 100%B	Thermo Element 2 Injection: 20 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (2.6), I ⁻ (5.3)	IO ₃ ⁻ (0.02), I ⁻ (0.03)	Seawater	22
RPC	Alltima C ₁₈ (150 mm×4.6 mm, 5 µm)	A: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3) in 1% MeOH; B: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) in 50% MeOH. 0.85 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-1 min, 100%A; 1-2 min, 20%B; 2-5 min, 20%B→45%B; 5-7 min, 45%B→85%B; 7-11 min, 85%B→100%B; 11-26 min, 100%B	Agilent 7500ce Injection: 50 µL	I ⁻ (2.9), MIT(9.8), DIT(12.1)	Unknown	Seaweed	15
RPC	Capcell-C ₁₈ (35 mm×4.6 mm, 7.5 µm)	A: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3) in 1% MeOH; B: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) in 50% MeOH. 0.85 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-1 min, 100%A; 1-2 min, 20%B; 2-5 min, 20%B→45%B; 5-7 min, 45%B→85%B; 7-11 min, 85%B→100%B; 11-26 min, 100%B	Elan 5000 Injection: 100 µL	I ⁻ (1.1), DIT(4.3), MIT(4.6), rT3(18.8), T3(19.9), T4(24.5)	Unknown	Human serum	23
RPC	Capcell-C ₁₈ (35 mm×4.6 mm, 7.5 µm)	A: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3) in 1% MeOH; B: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) in 50% MeOH. 0.85 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-1 min, 100%A; 1-2 min, 20%B; 2-6 min, 20%B→45%B; 6-8 min, 45%B→85%B; 8-12 min, 85%B→100%B; 12-26 min, 100%B	Elan 5000 Injection: 100 µL	I ⁻ (1.2), DIT(4.2), MIT(4.8), rT3(18.7), T3(20.8), T4(24.4)	I ⁻ (0.08), DIT(0.1), MIT(0.08), rT3(1.2), T3(1.5), T4(0.8)	Urine	24
RPC	Capcell-C ₁₈ (35 mm×4.6 mm, 7.5 µm)	A: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.3) in 1% MeOH; B: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) in 50% MeOH. 0.75 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-1 min, 100%A; 1-2 min, 20%B; 2-5 min, 20%B→45%B; 5-7 min, 45%B→85%B; 7-11 min, 85%B→100%B; 11-26 min, 100%B	Elan 5000 Injection: 100 µL	I ⁻ (1.2), DIT(4.2), MIT(4.8), rT3(18.7), T3(20.8), T4(24.4)	I ⁻ (0.08), DIT(0.1), MIT(0.08), rT3(1.2), T3(1.5), T4(0.8)	Zebrafish	25
RPC	Zorbax XDB-C ₈ (150 mm×4.6 mm)	A: 0.2% m/m CH ₃ COOH (pH 2.7); B: 0.2% m/m CH ₃ COOH (pH 2.3) in MeOH. 0.85 mL min ⁻¹ Gradient: 0-3 min, 100%A; 3-3.5 min, 100%A→90%A; 3.5-6 min, 10%B; 6-6.5 min, 10%B→20%B; 6.5-8 min, 20%B; 8-8.5 min, 20%B→40%B; 8.5-14 min, 40%B; 14-15 min, 40%B→0%B; 15-23 min, 100%A	Thermo X series Injection: 50 µL	I ⁻ +IO ₃ ⁻ (3.9), MIT(14.5), DIT(17.9)	I ⁻ +IO ₃ ⁻ (0.058), MIT(0.035), DIT(0.025)	Seaweed	19
SEC	Superdex-75 (300 mm×10 mm, 13 µm)	30 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.0), 0.75 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500c Injection: 50 µL	TG(10.6), T3(28.8), I ⁻ (39.2)	Unknown	Microalgae	1

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SEC	TSK G3000PW (300 mm×7.5 mm, 10 µm)	50 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 25 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (10.6), I ⁻ (17.4)	Unknown	Atmospheric aerosol	5
	TSK G3000PW (300 mm×7.5 mm, 10 µm)	30 mM (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃ (pH 9.4), 0.8 mL min ⁻¹	Agilent 7500a Injection: 25 µL	IO ₃ ⁻ (10.3), I ⁻ (15.5)	Unknown	Groundwater	
SEC	Superdex-75/200 (300 mm×10 mm, 13 µm)	30 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.0), 0.75 mL min ⁻¹	Elan 6000 Injection: 100 µL	TG(10.3), T3(28.4), I ⁻ (36.1)	TG(1.0), T3(1.0), I ⁻ (1.0)	milk	26

Abbreviations: monoiodoacetic acid (MIAA); chloroiodoacetic acid (CIAA); diiodoacetic acid (DIAA); 3-iodotyrosine (MIT); 3, 5-diiodotyrosine (DIT); tri-iodothyronine (T3); reversed tri-iodothyronine (rT3); tetra-iodothyronine (T4); thyroglobuline (TG); anion exchange chromatography (AEC); reversed phase chromatography (RPC); size exclusion chromatography (SEC); tetramethylammonium hydroxide (TMAH).

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