

Stability and behaviour of spiked inorganic mercury in natural waters samples

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Complementary data

Table 1 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in coastal lagoon water samples stored in refrigerator conditions (darkness, 5°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.850 ± 0.057	5.029 ± 0.055	5.014 ± 0.056
	filtered natural ^b	4.039 ± 0.040	4.045 ± 0.049	3.899 ± 0.048
	filtered acidified	4.023 ± 0.045	3.832 ± 0.036	3.660 ± 0.036
1	total natural	4.640 ± 0.048	4.639 ± 0.045	4.802 ± 0.052
	filtered natural ^b	2.233 ± 0.028	2.260 ± 0.029	2.296 ± 0.027
	filtered acidified	4.021 ± 0.041	3.852 ± 0.041	3.712 ± 0.041
2	total natural	4.366 ± 0.048	4.370 ± 0.052	4.606 ± 0.048
	filtered natural ^b	2.079 ± 0.026	2.071 ± 0.025	1.965 ± 0.025
	filtered acidified	3.988 ± 0.045	3.869 ± 0.046	3.707 ± 0.047
5	total natural	4.034 ± 0.053	3.998 ± 0.065	4.115 ± 0.067
	filtered natural ^b	1.719 ± 0.031	1.870 ± 0.036	1.902 ± 0.032
	filtered acidified	4.227 ± 0.066	3.770 ± 0.060	3.675 ± 0.058
7	total natural	3.933 ± 0.063	4.357 ± 0.076	4.180 ± 0.065
	filtered natural ^b	1.461 ± 0.037	1.665 ± 0.041	1.790 ± 0.044
	filtered acidified	3.967 ± 0.077	3.858 ± 0.080	3.624 ± 0.078
9	total natural	3.773 ± 0.077	4.363 ± 0.083	4.384 ± 0.088
	filtered natural ^b	1.338 ± 0.045	1.749 ± 0.052	1.899 ± 0.051
	filtered acidified	3.959 ± 0.090	3.967 ± 0.092	3.802 ± 0.095
12	total natural	3.724 ± 0.08	4.103 ± 0.098	4.40 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	4.042 ± 0.083	3.95 ± 0.12	3.36 ± 0.14

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 2 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in coastal lagoon water samples stored in room conditions (illumination, 20°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	5.099 ± 0.053	4.845 ± 0.047	4.932 ± 0.051
	filtered natural ^b	4.024 ± 0.047	4.033 ± 0.048	3.783 ± 0.047
	filtered acidified	3.658 ± 0.041	3.417 ± 0.039	3.522 ± 0.041
1	total natural	4.410 ± 0.043	4.717 ± 0.044	4.439 ± 0.046
	filtered natural ^b	2.234 ± 0.028	2.176 ± 0.029	1.991 ± 0.026
	filtered acidified	3.705 ± 0.044	3.681 ± 0.040	3.543 ± 0.042
2	total natural	4.260 ± 0.048	4.521 ± 0.053	3.869 ± 0.046
	filtered natural ^b	1.993 ± 0.024	1.960 ± 0.028	1.719 ± 0.025
	filtered acidified	3.642 ± 0.041	3.509 ± 0.041	3.530 ± 0.044
5	total natural	4.160 ± 0.061	3.857 ± 0.056	2.445 ± 0.039
	filtered natural ^b	2.092 ± 0.036	2.282 ± 0.040	1.214 ± 0.026
	filtered acidified	3.498 ± 0.061	3.555 ± 0.054	3.490 ± 0.058
7	total natural	3.863 ± 0.068	4.086 ± 0.069	2.215 ± 0.059
	filtered natural ^b	2.034 ± 0.046	2.219 ± 0.047	1.201 ± 0.031
	filtered acidified	3.746 ± 0.077	3.441 ± 0.072	3.509 ± 0.080
9	total natural	4.02 ± 0.10	4.10 ± 0.10	2.499 ± 0.064
	filtered natural ^b	2.028 ± 0.053	2.287 ± 0.062	1.179 ± 0.046
	filtered acidified	3.631 ± 0.099	3.579 ± 0.093	3.664 ± 0.082
12	total natural	3.598 ± 0.088	4.16 ± 0.14	2.15 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.70 ± 0.12	3.42 ± 0.11	3.42 ± 0.11

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 3 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in marine water samples stored in refrigerator conditions (darkness, 5°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.908 ± 0.094	4.895 ± 0.094	5.016 ± 0.097
	filtered natural ^b	3.876 ± 0.079	3.988 ± 0.081	3.955 ± 0.080
	filtered acidified	3.820 ± 0.078	3.710 ± 0.076	3.767 ± 0.076
1	total natural	4.979 ± 0.098	4.806 ± 0.098	4.93 ± 0.10
	filtered natural ^b	2.629 ± 0.049	2.663 ± 0.059	2.733 ± 0.057
	filtered acidified	3.897 ± 0.084	3.910 ± 0.084	3.793 ± 0.082
2	total natural	5.070 ± 0.091	4.980 ± 0.081	4.927 ± 0.098
	filtered natural ^b	1.803 ± 0.042	1.793 ± 0.037	1.829 ± 0.046
	filtered acidified	3.987 ± 0.070	3.867 ± 0.077	3.896 ± 0.077
5	total natural	5.005 ± 0.097	4.806 ± 0.092	4.936 ± 0.093
	filtered natural ^b	1.161 ± 0.027	1.120 ± 0.030	1.150 ± 0.033
	filtered acidified	4.109 ± 0.089	3.954 ± 0.083	3.742 ± 0.077
7	total natural	4.81 ± 0.11	4.78 ± 0.11	4.85 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	1.370 ± 0.041	1.315 ± 0.040	1.312 ± 0.040
	filtered acidified	4.046 ± 0.092	3.914 ± 0.082	3.746 ± 0.091
9	total natural	4.98 ± 0.11	5.11 ± 0.12	5.25 ± 0.12
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	4.20 ± 0.11	3.96 ± 0.10	3.810 ± 0.095
12	total natural	5.09 ± 0.16	5.02 ± 0.17	5.206 ± 0.079
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	4.32 ± 0.14	3.965 ± 0.087	3.95 ± 0.12

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 4 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in marine water samples stored in room conditions (illumination, 20°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.934 ± 0.095	4.830 ± 0.093	4.910 ± 0.094
	filtered natural ^b	3.936 ± 0.080	3.894 ± 0.079	3.952 ± 0.081
	filtered acidified	3.592 ± 0.074	3.514 ± 0.073	3.406 ± 0.071
1	total natural	5.188 ± 0.097	5.014 ± 0.098	4.969 ± 0.099
	filtered natural ^b	1.452 ± 0.036	1.505 ± 0.043	1.462 ± 0.040
	filtered acidified	3.717 ± 0.068	3.582 ± 0.071	3.367 ± 0.072
2	total natural	5.097 ± 0.095	5.18 ± 0.10	5.04 ± 0.094
	filtered natural ^b	1.049 ± 0.028	1.026 ± 0.030	1.013 ± 0.027
	filtered acidified	3.918 ± 0.079	3.575 ± 0.063	3.618 ± 0.064
5	total natural	4.97 ± 0.10	5.14 ± 0.10	5.01 ± 0.10
	filtered natural ^b	0.905 ± 0.030	0.967 ± 0.029	0.911 ± 0.027
	filtered acidified	3.829 ± 0.070	3.589 ± 0.075	3.572 ± 0.073
7	total natural	4.97 ± 0.11	5.09 ± 0.11	4.99 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	0.835 ± .028	0.822 ± 0.029	0.797 ± 0.013
	filtered acidified	3.772 ± 0.082	3.505 ± 0.083	3.658 ± 0.083
9	total natural	4.74 ± 0.12	5.01 ± 0.10	4.98 ± 0.10
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.845 ± 0.097	3.589 ± 0.089	3.66 ± 0.10
12	total natural	4.79 ± 0.15	5.14 ± 0.16	4.88 ± 0.15
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.79 ± 0.12	3.611 ± 0.058	3.610 ± 0.084

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 5 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in river water samples stored in refrigerator conditions (darkness, 5°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.051 ± 0.059	4.109 ± 0.061	4.052 ± 0.057
	filtered natural ^b	3.055 ± 0.047	3.003 ± 0.044	2.953 ± 0.042
	filtered acidified	3.614 ± 0.053	3.700 ± 0.052	3.651 ± 0.048
1	total natural	3.730 ± 0.056	3.687 ± 0.052	3.788 ± 0.058
	filtered natural ^b	2.084 ± 0.032	2.049 ± 0.031	2.146 ± 0.033
	filtered acidified	3.685 ± 0.052	3.671 ± 0.052	3.362 ± 0.050
2	total natural	3.538 ± 0.054	3.509 ± 0.054	3.558 ± 0.054
	filtered natural ^b	1.802 ± 0.028	1.787 ± 0.027	1.847 ± 0.029
	filtered acidified	3.633 ± 0.054	3.604 ± 0.052	3.098 ± 0.044
3	total natural	3.485 ± 0.052	3.435 ± 0.054	3.442 ± 0.053
	filtered natural ^b	1.695 ± 0.028	1.699 ± 0.029	1.690 ± 0.027
	filtered acidified	3.691 ± 0.053	3.684 ± 0.055	2.997 ± 0.048
6	total natural	3.117 ± 0.060	3.020 ± 0.060	3.148 ± 0.066
	filtered natural ^b	1.688 ± 0.035	1.519 ± 0.029	1.672 ± 0.034
	filtered acidified	3.718 ± 0.068	3.479 ± 0.066	2.946 ± 0.060
8	total natural	2.826 ± 0.061	2.781 ± 0.063	3.140 ± 0.046
	filtered natural ^b	1.626 ± 0.039	1.559 ± 0.038	1.607 ± 0.042
	filtered acidified	3.712 ± 0.074	3.636 ± 0.089	2.821 ± 0.068
10	total natural	2.770 ± 0.073	2.736 ± 0.071	3.080 ± 0.063
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.709 ± 0.077	3.776 ± 0.046	2.944 ± 0.068
13	total natural	2.933 ± 0.092	2.859 ± 0.090	3.15 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.591 ± 0.097	3.38 ± 0.11	3.016 ± 0.094

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 6 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in river water samples stored in room conditions (illumination, 20°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.093 ± 0.061	4.042 ± 0.060	4.233 ± 0.051
	filtered natural ^b	3.062 ± 0.047	2.978 ± 0.042	3.128 ± 0.046
	filtered acidified	3.815 ± 0.050	3.703 ± 0.050	3.793 ± 0.053
1	total natural	3.913 ± 0.057	3.728 ± 0.057	3.974 ± 0.061
	filtered natural ^b	1.999 ± 0.031	1.905 ± 0.029	1.973 ± 0.031
	filtered acidified	4.020 ± 0.061	3.379 ± 0.049	3.695 ± 0.053
2	total natural	3.650 ± 0.056	3.286 ± 0.050	3.583 ± 0.055
	filtered natural ^b	1.906 ± 0.029	1.708 ± 0.027	1.992 ± 0.030
	filtered acidified	3.837 ± 0.059	3.476 ± 0.053	3.881 ± 0.059
3	total natural	3.444 ± 0.053	3.014 ± 0.049	3.382 ± 0.054
	filtered natural ^b	1.941 ± 0.030	1.711 ± 0.027	1.914 ± 0.030
	filtered acidified	3.785 ± 0.059	3.563 ± 0.052	3.845 ± 0.057
6	total natural	3.317 ± 0.062	-	3.266 ± 0.044
	filtered natural ^b	1.699 ± 0.033	1.500 ± 0.032	1.658 ± 0.035
	filtered acidified	3.895 ± 0.069	3.625 ± 0.064	3.944 ± 0.064
8	total natural	3.209 ± 0.067	2.681 ± 0.065	3.177 ± 0.060
	filtered natural ^b	1.519 ± 0.034	1.287 ± 0.036	1.459 ± 0.037
	filtered acidified	3.901 ± 0.084	3.592 ± 0.085	3.933 ± 0.090
10	total natural	3.402 ± 0.058	2.877 ± 0.072	3.143 ± 0.068
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.903 ± 0.087	3.828 ± 0.074	3.931 ± 0.075
13	total natural	2.393 ± 0.037	2.665 ± 0.081	2.974 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.914 ± 0.086	3.91 ± 0.12	3.84 ± 0.12

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 7 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in lake water samples stored in refrigerator conditions (darkness, 5°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.343 ± 0.039	4.407 ± 0.038	4.401 ± 0.031
	filtered natural ^b	3.615 ± 0.036	3.217 ± 0.031	3.376 ± 0.031
	filtered acidified	3.021 ± 0.032	3.047 ± 0.025	2.914 ± 0.028
1	total natural	4.442 ± 0.046	4.411 ± 0.044	4.431 ± 0.040
	filtered natural ^b	1.982 ± 0.023	2.097 ± 0.026	2.137 ± 0.026
	filtered acidified	3.029 ± 0.030	3.034 ± 0.037	2.932 ± 0.032
2	total natural	4.479 ± 0.044	4.457 ± 0.044	4.460 ± 0.050
	filtered natural ^b	1.754 ± 0.021	1.674 ± 0.021	1.754 ± 0.021
	filtered acidified	3.003 ± 0.034	2.922 ± 0.035	2.870 ± 0.033
3	total natural	4.396 ± 0.047	4.432 ± 0.043	4.673 ± 0.053
	filtered natural ^b	1.574 ± 0.017	1.653 ± 0.024	1.574 ± 0.025
	filtered acidified	3.049 ± 0.039	2.891 ± 0.035	2.925 ± 0.035
6	total natural	4.344 ± 0.059	4.818 ± 0.084	4.697 ± 0.082
	filtered natural ^b	1.237 ± 0.032	1.235 ± 0.032	1.260 ± 0.031
	filtered acidified	2.941 ± 0.057	2.847 ± 0.060	2.991 ± 0.070
8	total natural	4.263 ± 0.083	4.660 ± 0.087	4.506 ± 0.092
	filtered natural ^b	1.118 ± 0.035	1.071 ± 0.039	1.104 ± 0.035
	filtered acidified	2.756 ± 0.080	2.798 ± 0.079	2.875 ± 0.083
10	total natural	4.56 ± 0.10	4.19 ± 0.12	4.54 ± 0.11
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	2.891 ± 0.083	2.821 ± 0.093	2.813 ± 0.098

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 8 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in lake water samples stored in room conditions (illumination, 20°C).

storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)			
	treatment	replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
0 (ref.)	total natural	4.341 ± 0.038	4.438 ± 0.038	4.467 ± 0.047
	filtered natural ^b	3.365 ± 0.033	3.356 ± 0.029	3.546 ± 0.029
	filtered acidified	2.938 ± 0.031	2.912 ± 0.028	2.966 ± 0.029
1	total natural	4.311 ± 0.041	4.257 ± 0.044	4.493 ± 0.039
	filtered natural ^b	1.492 ± 0.019	1.983 ± 0.024	1.683 ± 0.010
	filtered acidified	2.956 ± 0.032	3.071 ± 0.040	2.964 ± 0.036
2	total natural	4.119 ± 0.039	4.401 ± 0.042	4.611 ± 0.050
	filtered natural ^b	1.028 ± 0.017	1.178 ± 0.017	1.293 ± 0.010
	filtered acidified	3.138 ± 0.030	2.888 ± 0.031	2.946 ± 0.040
3	total natural	4.334 ± 0.053	4.546 ± 0.051	4.840 ± 0.059
	filtered natural ^b	1.001 ± 0.018	0.936 ± 0.010	1.087 ± 0.019
	filtered acidified	3.085 ± 0.038	2.801 ± 0.036	2.894 ± 0.041
6	total natural	4.571 ± 0.076	-	4.736 ± 0.087
	filtered natural ^b	0.719 ± 0.025	0.868 ± 0.027	0.803 ± 0.024
	filtered acidified	-	2.828 ± 0.067	2.772 ± 0.065
8	total natural	4.76 ± 0.11	4.86 ± 0.12	4.78 ± 0.13
	filtered natural ^b	0.723 ± 0.038	0.731 ± 0.032	0.735 ± 0.037
	filtered acidified	2.857 ± 0.074	2.861 ± 0.087	2.843 ± 0.025
10	total natural	4.57 ± 0.11	4.65 ± 0.12	4.82 ± 0.13
	filtered natural ^b	-	-	-
	filtered acidified	3.063 ± 0.094	2.641 ± 0.025	2.877 ± 0.086

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^b total water stored in natural condition and filtered immediately before measurement

Table 9 Mercury stability in different waters stored in Teflon bottles. Labelled Hg concentration in rain water samples.

storage condition	storage time (d)	labelled Hg concentration ^a (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1	replicate 2	replicate 3
refrigerator 5°C	0 (ref.)	6.16 ± 0.11	5.23 ± 0.10	5.27 ± 0.10
	1	5.74 ± 0.11	5.49 ± 0.11	5.36 ± 0.11
	2	5.73 ± 0.12	5.54 ± 0.11	5.41 ± 0.11
	5	5.74 ± 0.11	5.49 ± 0.11	5.36 ± 0.11
	7	5.67 ± 0.12	5.55 ± 0.12	5.14 ± 0.12
	9	6.03 ± 0.13	5.64 ± 0.12	5.34 ± 0.13
	12	5.46 ± 0.16	5.58 ± 0.15	5.52 ± 0.17
room 20°C	0 (ref.)	5.18 ± 0.10	5.22 ± 0.10	5.11 ± 0.10
	1	5.58 ± 0.10	5.57 ± 0.11	5.26 ± 0.10
	2	5.55 ± 0.11	5.23 ± 0.10	5.30 ± 0.10
	5	5.58 ± 0.10	5.57 ± 0.11	5.26 ± 0.10
	7	5.46 ± 0.11	5.47 ± 0.11	5.38 ± 0.12
	9	5.47 ± 0.14	5.40 ± 0.12	5.40 ± 0.14
	12	5.08 ± 0.16	4.98 ± 0.10	5.19 ± 0.11

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

Table 10 Effect of the pH variation by sequentially HCl addition
Labelled Hg concentration in marine water samples

	replicate 1		replicate 2		replicate 3	
	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)
Time 0 total	8.06	8.59 ± 0.15	8.06	8.26 ± 0.14	8.03	8.42 ± 0.14
Time 0 filtered		7.07 ± 0.12		6.97 ± 0.12		6.92 ± 0.12
Time 1 total	8.01	6.17 ± 0.11	7.96	5.46 ± 0.11	8.00	6.62 ± 0.13
Time 1 filtered		3.926 ± 0.074		3.231 ± 0.064		3.892 ± 0.074
5case A total	7.03	5.41 ± 0.11	7.00	5.15 ± 0.10	7.00	6.13 ± 0.11
case A filtered		2.981 ± 0.061		2.868 ± 0.059		3.700 ± 0.078
case B total	6.00	4.682 ± 0.095	6.01	4.378 ± 0.087	6.00	5.32 ± 0.11
case B filtered		2.459 ± 0.050		2.287 ± 0.049		2.959 ± 0.059
case C total	5.43	4.455 ± 0.086	5.59	4.484 ± 0.094	5.62	5.01 ± 0.12
case C filtered		1.999 ± 0.047		1.885 ± 0.033		2.283 ± 0.053
case D total	3.60	4.081 ± 0.099	3.84	4.307 ± 0.096	3.87	5.133 ± 0.086
case D filtered		2.125 ± 0.047		1.818 ± 0.047		1.878 ± 0.053
case E total	2.57	3.53 ± 0.11	2.62	4.13 ± 0.12	2.63	4.65 ± 0.13
case E filtered		1.564 ± 0.046		1.487 ± 0.047		1.495 ± 0.050

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

**Table 11 Effect of the pH variation by sequentially HCl addition
Labelled Hg concentration in lake water samples**

	replicate 1		replicate 2		replicate 3	
	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)	pH	Hg conc. (ng L ⁻¹)
Time 0 total	7.86	8.93 ± 0.15	7.72	8.85 ± 0.15	7.73	8.85 ± 0.15
Time 0 filtered		6.15 ± 0.11		6.21 ± 0.11		6.33 ± 0.11
Time 1 total	7.84	8.16 ± 0.15	7.74	8.24 ± 0.15	7.72	8.79 ± 0.16
Time 1 filtered		3.249 ± 0.059		3.369 ± 0.064		3.581 ± 0.067
case A total	7.02	8.13 ± 0.15	6.95	8.52 ± 0.16	6.93	8.43 ± 0.16
case A filtered		3.031 ± 0.060		3.226 ± 0.057		3.034 ± 0.055
case B total	6.04	8.30 ± 0.15	5.95	8.53 ± 0.16	5.80	8.46 ± 0.15
case B filtered		2.871 ± 0.059		3.056 ± 0.052		3.038 ± 0.061
case C total	-	-	5.22	8.31 ± 0.17	4.97	8.37 ± 0.18
case C filtered		-		2.696 ± 0.054		2.585 ± 0.059
case D total	4.01	8.05 ± 0.15	3.72	8.26 ± 0.19	3.60	8.32 ± 0.19
case D filtered		2.352 ± 0.067		2.372 ± 0.056		2.308 ± 0.076
case E total	2.60	8.33 ± 0.19	2.57	7.64 ± 0.19	2.52	7.64 ± 0.19
case E filtered		1.667 ± 0.061		1.982 ± 0.059		2.020 ± 0.062

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Table 12 Mercury stability in different materials: Teflon. Labelled Hg concentration in lake water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	12.45 ± 0.12	12.43 ± 0.12	11.96 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.57 ± 0.11	12.204 ± 0.089	12.568 ± 0.096
	room, natural	12.704 ± 0.093	12.466 ± 0.090	12.464 ± 0.098
	refrigerator, natural	12.45 ± 0.12	12.525 ± 0.089	12.87 ± 0.10
1	room, acidified ^b	11.75 ± 0.11	11.99 ± 0.10	11.65 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.26 ± 0.11	12.42 ± 0.12	11.79 ± 0.11
	room, natural	11.35 ± 0.11	11.54 ± 0.11	11.50 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	11.63 ± 0.14	11.69 ± 0.11	12.04 ± 0.11
2	room, acidified ^b	11.94 ± 0.12	11.96 ± 0.11	11.91 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.04 ± 0.12	11.99 ± 0.12	11.77 ± 0.12
	room, natural	11.44 ± 0.11	11.48 ± 0.11	11.801 ± 0.092
	refrigerator, natural	11.28 ± 0.11	11.75 ± 0.12	11.47 ± 0.12
3	room, acidified ^b	11.82 ± 0.11	11.85 ± 0.11	12.22 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.57 ± 0.12	11.85 ± 0.13	11.87 ± 0.12
	room, natural	12.43 ± 0.13	12.35 ± 0.12	12.09 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	11.60 ± 0.11	11.69 ± 0.11	11.83 ± 0.12
6	room, acidified ^b	11.52 ± 0.14	11.94 ± 0.14	12.08 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.89 ± 0.14	12.34 ± 0.15	11.98 ± 0.15
	room, natural	13.08 ± 0.14	12.71 ± 0.17	12.99 ± 0.18
	refrigerator, natural	12.07 ± 0.15	11.92 ± 0.15	12.14 ± 0.14
8	room, acidified ^b	11.51 ± 0.18	12.01 ± 0.19	12.03 ± 0.18
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.42 ± 0.18	11.65 ± 0.21	11.44 ± 0.19
	room, natural	12.36 ± 0.20	11.98 ± 0.18	12.43 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, natural	11.73 ± 0.21	11.34 ± 0.21	11.69 ± 0.20
10	room, acidified ^b	12.26 ± 0.16	11.93 ± 0.22	12.46 ± 0.24
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.99 ± 0.26	11.91 ± 0.25	11.54 ± 0.27
	room, natural	12.79 ± 0.26	12.76 ± 0.27	12.54 ± 0.21
	refrigerator, natural	11.91 ± 0.22	11.83 ± 0.26	12.57 ± 0.23

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b 1 % HCl

Table 13 Mercury stability in different materials: borosilicate glass. Labelled Hg concentration in lake water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	12.16 ± 0.11	12.240 ± 0.098	12.39 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.33 ± 0.11	12.49 ± 0.12	12.45 ± 0.11
	room, natural	12.77 ± 0.12	12.77 ± 0.12	12.77 ± 0.12
	refrigerator, natural	12.79 ± 0.12	12.56 ± 0.12	12.35 ± 0.12
1	room, acidified ^b	12.47 ± 0.10	11.584 ± 0.090	12.77 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.086 ± 0.098	12.065 ± 0.091	12.169 ± 0.093
	room, natural	13.32 ± 0.11	13.229 ± 0.095	13.27 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	12.69 ± 0.10	12.50 ± 0.11	12.37 ± 0.12
2	room, acidified ^b	12.46 ± 0.11	11.92 ± 0.11	12.50 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.64 ± 0.10	12.25 ± 0.10	12.41 ± 0.13
	room, natural	13.16 ± 0.10	12.91 ± 0.11	12.852 ± 0.096
	refrigerator, natural	13.27 ± 0.12	12.96 ± 0.12	13.11 ± 0.13
3	room, acidified ^b	12.36 ± 0.11	12.38 ± 0.11	12.69 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.79 ± 0.13	12.23 ± 0.13	12.39 ± 0.13
	room, natural	13.58 ± 0.12	13.94 ± 0.12	13.62 ± 0.21
	refrigerator, natural	13.39 ± 0.14	13.13 ± 0.13	13.18 ± 0.14
6	room, acidified ^b	12.40 ± 0.17	12.51 ± 0.14	12.70 ± 0.15
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.77 ± 0.18	12.24 ± 0.14	12.43 ± 0.15
	room, natural	13.23 ± 0.18	13.53 ± 0.18	13.53 ± 0.18
	refrigerator, natural	13.39 ± 0.18	13.20 ± 0.18	13.07 ± 0.18
8	room, acidified ^b	12.40 ± 0.19	12.32 ± 0.19	12.50 ± 0.19
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.40 ± 0.22	12.14 ± 0.19	12.18 ± 0.18
	room, natural	13.34 ± 0.20	13.52 ± 0.22	13.57 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, natural	13.01 ± 0.20	12.78 ± 0.18	12.98 ± 0.23
10	room, acidified ^b	12.64 ± 0.24	12.71 ± 0.22	12.77 ± 0.23
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.83 ± 0.28	12.28 ± 0.26	13.07 ± 0.28
	room, natural	13.82 ± 0.25	14.10 ± 0.25	14.00 ± 0.27
	refrigerator, natural	14.04 ± 0.29	13.41 ± 0.24	13.28 ± 0.23

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b 1 % HCl

Table 14 Mercury stability in different materials: polyethylene. Labelled Hg concentration in lake water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	11.88 ± 0.13	11.06 ± 0.11	11.70 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.90 ± 0.11	12.134 ± 0.094	11.781 ± 0.098
	room, natural	12.177 ± 0.096	11.526 ± 0.094	12.486 ± 0.096
	refrigerator, natural	12.439 ± 0.093	12.94 ± 0.11	12.69 ± 0.12
1	room, acidified ^b	11.00 ± 0.10	11.021 ± 0.093	11.11 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.19 ± 0.10	10.982 ± 0.092	10.37 ± 0.10
	room, natural	10.828 ± 0.088	10.925 ± 0.086	11.086 ± 0.089
	refrigerator, natural	10.99 ± 0.11	11.44 ± 0.11	11.15 ± 0.11
2	room, acidified ^b	10.83 ± 0.17	10.71 ± 0.11	10.78 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.209 ± 0.094	10.813 ± 0.097	10.99 ± 0.11
	room, natural	10.356 ± 0.097	10.66 ± 0.11	10.91 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	11.323 ± 0.090	11.382 ± 0.091	11.384 ± 0.097
3	room, acidified ^b	10.47 ± 0.11	10.44 ± 0.11	10.58 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	10.79 ± 0.11	10.71 ± 0.11	10.87 ± 0.11
	room, natural	10.69 ± 0.12	11.10 ± 0.11	11.146 ± 0.098
	refrigerator, natural	11.39 ± 0.11	11.25 ± 0.11	11.06 ± 0.10
6	room, acidified ^b	10.01 ± 0.13	10.20 ± 0.15	10.33 ± 0.14
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	10.26 ± 0.10	9.87 ± 0.14	10.03 ± 0.12
	room, natural	10.73 ± 0.16	11.16 ± 0.14	11.08 ± 0.13
	refrigerator, natural	10.62 ± 0.15	10.95 ± 0.14	10.96 ± 0.14
8	room, acidified ^b	9.86 ± 0.16	10.16 ± 0.18	10.06 ± 0.14
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	10.24 ± 0.13	8.92 ± 0.14	10.10 ± 0.17
	room, natural	10.90 ± 0.17	11.64 ± 0.16	11.61 ± 0.18
	refrigerator, natural	10.22 ± 0.18	10.91 ± 0.16	11.47 ± 0.18
10	room, acidified ^b	9.83 ± 0.18	9.86 ± 0.17	9.78 ± 0.21
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	9.39 ± 0.21	8.98 ± 0.21	10.55 ± 0.20
	room, natural	10.56 ± 0.22	11.23 ± 0.23	11.10 ± 0.25
	refrigerator, natural	10.94 ± 0.20	11.54 ± 0.22	11.36 ± 0.24

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b 1 % HCl

Table 15 Mercury stability in different materials: Teflon. Labelled Hg concentration in marine water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	13.211 ± 0.094	13.228 ± 0.092	13.077 ± 0.094
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.074 ± 0.095	12.432 ± 0.084	12.753 ± 0.089
	room, natural	12.585 ± 0.093	12.327 ± 0.083	12.256 ± 0.083
	refrigerator, natural	12.380 ± 0.087	12.366 ± 0.082	12.091 ± 0.081
1	room, acidified ^b	13.07 ± 0.12	13.13 ± 0.11	13.13 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.03 ± 0.11	12.655 ± 0.093	12.84 ± 0.11
	room, natural	9.002 ± 0.084	9.262 ± 0.081	9.263 ± 0.085
	refrigerator, natural	9.808 ± 0.091	9.730 ± 0.091	10.034 ± 0.093
3	room, acidified ^b	13.67 ± 0.13	13.42 ± 0.11	13.91 ± 0.13
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.23 ± 0.12	12.67 ± 0.13	12.79 ± 0.12
	room, natural	7.032 ± 0.080	7.436 ± 0.077	7.961 ± 0.089
	refrigerator, natural	8.39 ± 0.10	8.139 ± 0.096	8.84 ± 0.10
6	room, acidified ^b	13.46 ± 0.18	13.60 ± 0.18	13.21 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.72 ± 0.16	12.77 ± 0.17	13.85 ± 0.19
	room, natural	5.395 ± 0.094	6.470 ± 0.088	5.472 ± 0.097
	refrigerator, natural	7.72 ± 0.11	9.39 ± 0.15	8.35 ± 0.12
7	room, acidified ^b	-	13.05 ± 0.17	13.04 ± 0.16
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.76 ± 0.21	13.42 ± 0.20	13.17 ± 0.20
	room, natural	5.80 ± 0.12	6.456 ± 0.099	6.70 ± 0.13
	refrigerator, natural	7.56 ± 0.11	7.80 ± 0.15	7.82 ± 0.12
10	room, acidified ^b	12.69 ± 0.27	13.16 ± 0.28	13.18 ± 0.24
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.84 ± 0.29	12.39 ± 0.27	12.87 ± 0.27
	room, natural	4.88 ± 0.14	5.21 ± 0.13	6.77 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, natural	6.38 ± 0.15	6.25 ± 0.19	7.30 ± 0.19

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b 1 % HCl

Table 16 Mercury stability in different materials: borosilicate glass. Labelled Hg concentration in marine water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	12.330 ± 0.086	12.43 ± 0.11	12.286 ± 0.093
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.16 ± 0.11	12.63 ± 0.11	12.21 ± 0.11
	room, natural	12.31 ± 0.11	12.28 ± 0.11	12.11 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	12.10 ± 0.11	11.894 ± 0.098	12.26 ± 0.11
1	room, acidified ^b	13.49 ± 0.10	12.93 ± 0.10	13.27 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.51 ± 0.12	12.59 ± 0.11	12.48 ± 0.11
	room, natural	11.526 ± 0.092	11.118 ± 0.097	11.273 ± 0.093
	refrigerator, natural	11.38 ± 0.10	11.829 ± 0.094	11.66 ± 0.12
3	room, acidified ^b	13.09 ± 0.13	13.04 ± 0.11	12.91 ± 0.12
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	13.25 ± 0.13	13.10 ± 0.13	12.45 ± 0.13
	room, natural	9.674 ± 0.094	10.13 ± 0.10	9.306 ± 0.088
	refrigerator, natural	11.20 ± 0.12	11.61 ± 0.12	11.21 ± 0.12
6	room, acidified ^b	13.03 ± 0.17	13.60 ± 0.17	13.01 ± 0.15
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.31 ± 0.18	12.55 ± 0.18	13.00 ± 0.17
	room, natural	9.17 ± 0.14	10.35 ± 0.12	10.01 ± 0.14
	refrigerator, natural	10.67 ± 0.12	11.66 ± 0.17	10.62 ± 0.13
7	room, acidified ^b	13.20 ± 0.15	13.33 ± 0.18	13.45 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.86 ± 0.19	12.96 ± 0.20	12.53 ± 0.20
	room, natural	10.18 ± 0.17	10.34 ± 0.15	8.70 ± 0.14
	refrigerator, natural	10.65 ± 0.18	11.51 ± 0.16	10.47 ± 0.15
10	room, acidified ^b	13.37 ± 0.23	12.50 ± 0.28	12.81 ± 0.21
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.81 ± 0.28	12.95 ± 0.26	11.61 ± 0.28
	room, natural	7.23 ± 0.17	7.71 ± 0.17	7.98 ± 0.18
	refrigerator, natural	9.62 ± 0.22	9.46 ± 0.23	8.93 ± 0.20

^a the uncertainties reported consider only the evaluation of gamma ray spectra

^b 1 % HCl

Table 17 Mercury stability in different materials: polyethylene. Labelled Hg concentration in marine water.

storage time (d)	condition	Hg concentration (ng L ⁻¹)		
		replicate 1 ^a	replicate 2 ^a	replicate 3 ^a
0 (ref.)	room, acidified ^b	12.55 ± 0.11	12.74 ± 0.11	12.47 ± 0.12
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.919 ± 0.092	12.29 ± 0.11	12.39 ± 0.11
	room, natural	12.22 ± 0.11	12.16 ± 0.11	12.25 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	12.253 ± 0.089	12.146 ± 0.083	12.158 ± 0.090
1	room, acidified ^b	12.47 ± 0.11	13.11 ± 0.11	12.63 ± 0.10
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.50 ± 0.10	12.43 ± 0.10	12.39 ± 0.11
	room, natural	8.378 ± 0.076	7.992 ± 0.071	7.675 ± 0.076
	refrigerator, natural	7.763 ± 0.068	7.847 ± 0.058	7.654 ± 0.065
3	room, acidified ^b	13.39 ± 0.13	13.52 ± 0.13	13.20 ± 0.12
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.05 ± 0.11	12.68 ± 0.12	12.63 ± 0.12
	room, natural	5.259 ± 0.070	5.198 ± 0.066	4.977 ± 0.059
	refrigerator, natural	6.649 ± 0.070	6.602 ± 0.077	6.358 ± 0.075
6	room, acidified ^b	14.11 ± 0.18	13.24 ± 0.18	13.16 ± 0.17
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.88 ± 0.17	13.03 ± 0.14	12.53 ± 0.14
	room, natural	3.066 ± 0.074	3.067 ± 0.065	2.920 ± 0.061
	refrigerator, natural	6.21 ± 0.11	5.89 ± 0.10	6.23 ± 0.11
7	room, acidified ^b	13.14 ± 0.20	13.22 ± 0.20	12.88 ± 0.19
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	12.53 ± 0.15	12.60 ± 0.16	12.57 ± 0.16
	room, natural	3.344 ± 0.085	2.630 ± 0.062	2.745 ± 0.069
	refrigerator, natural	5.95 ± 0.11	5.75 ± 0.10	6.16 ± 0.12
10	room, acidified ^b	12.80 ± 0.24	13.30 ± 0.28	12.92 ± 0.27
	refrigerator, acidified ^b	11.36 ± 0.20	13.00 ± 0.27	12.34 ± 0.22
	room, natural	2.04 ± 0.11	2.089 ± 0.089	2.15 ± 0.11
	refrigerator, natural	5.14 ± 0.15	5.32 ± 0.17	5.40 ± 0.16

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^b 1 % HCl