

**Determination of As in particulate matter using Se as an  
internal standard by multi-element electrothermal atomic  
absorption spectrometry.**

**Supplementary Material**

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<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Definition</b>
alpha	$\mu\text{L}/(\mu\text{L } ^\circ\text{C})$	Thermal expansion coefficient
reps		Replicates
temperature	$^\circ\text{C}$	Temperature
Vpipet	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the bulk solution pipetted for preparing the stock solution
Vpipet2	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the stock solution pipetted for preparing the first dilution solution
Vfirstdil	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the first dilution solution pipetted for preparing the second dilution solution
Vsecdil	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the second dilution pipetted for preparing the working solution
Vsampling	$\mu\text{L}$	Sampling volume
Vafterdigest	$\text{mL}$	Final volume of the sample after digestion
Fsample		Dilution factor of the sample
Cbulk	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the bulk solution
Cstock	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the stock solution
Cworksolution	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the working solution
Cstd	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Mean concentration of all calibration standards
Aij	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the calibration standard i
Astd	AU	Mean absorbance of all calibration standards
$\beta_1$	AU/ ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	Calculated best fit slope (gradient) of the calibration curve
$\beta_0$	AU	Calculated best fit intercept of the calibration curve
ARij	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the i fortification level solution
Cbsi	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Mean arsenic concentration of the i fortification level solution
dbiasi		Bias component of the uncertainty of Cbsi
drep <i>i</i>		Reproducibility component of the uncertainty of Cbsi
Ci	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Final arsenic concentration of the i fortification level solution (all components of uncertainty included)

**Suppl. Table 1:** Terms and definitions of the Mathematical code used in MCM when Se was not used as internal standard.



**Mathematica program code used for the uncertainty estimation based on MCM  
without the use of an internal standard**

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reps=1000000;  
  
alpha=0.00021;  
  
meansN={meanVpipet,meanVpipet2,meanVfirstdil,meanVsecdil,meanVsampling};  
sdN={sdVpipet,sdVpipet2,sdVfirstdil,sdVsecdil,sdVsampling};  
  
meanU={meanVafterdigest,meanT ,meanCbulk};  
sdU={sdVafterdigest,sdT ,sdCbulk};  
  
Temperature=22;  
  
meanA1={A11,A12,A13};  
  
meanA2={A21,A22,A23};  
  
meanA3={A31,A32,A33};  
  
meanA4={A41,A42,A43};  
  
meanA5={A51,A52,A53};  
  
meanAR1={AR11,AR12,AR13};  
  
meanAR2={AR21,AR22,AR23};  
  
meanAR3={AR31,AR32,AR33};  
  
meanAR4={AR41,AR42,AR43};  
  
sdAi=0.001897;  
  
a=(2meanU-sdU Sqrt[12])/2;  
b=(2meanU+sdU Sqrt[12])/2;  
  
Vpipet=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[1]],sdN[[1]]]],{reps}];  
Vpipet2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[2]],sdN[[2]]]],{reps}];  
Vfirstdil=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[3]],sdN[[3]]]],{reps}];  
Vsecdil=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[4]],sdN[[4]]]],{reps}];  
Vsampling=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[5]],sdN[[5]]]],{reps}];
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Vafterdigest=Table[RandomReal[ {a[[1]],b[[1]]}],{reps}];

T=Table[RandomReal[ {a[[2]],b[[2]]}],{reps}];

Cbulk=Table[RandomReal[ {a[[3]],b[[3]]}],{reps}];

Vpipet=Vpipet(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Vpipet2=Vpipet2(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Vfirstdil=Vfirstdil(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Vsecdil=Vsecdil(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Vsampling=Vsampling(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Vafterdigest=Vafterdigest(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

Fsample=Vafterdigest/Vsampling;

Cstock=(Cbulk*Vpipet)/Vfirstdil;

Cworksolution=(Cstock*Vpipet2)/Vsecdil;

Cstd=(6Cworksolution)/25;

aA1=(2meanA1-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bA1=(2meanA1+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;aA2=(2meanA2-
sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bA2=(2meanA2+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;

aA3=(2meanA3-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bA3=(2meanA3+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;aA4=(2meanA4-
sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bA4=(2meanA4+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;

aA5=(2meanA5-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bA5=(2meanA5+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;

A11=RandomReal[ {aA1[[1]],bA1[[1]]},reps];A12=RandomReal[ {aA1[[2]],bA1[[2]]}
},reps];

A13=RandomReal[ {aA1[[3]],bA1[[3]]},reps];A21=RandomReal[ {aA2[[1]],bA2[[1]]}
},reps];

A22=RandomReal[ {aA2[[2]],bA2[[2]]},reps];A23=RandomReal[ {aA2[[3]],bA2[[3]]}
},reps];

A31=RandomReal[ {aA3[[1]],bA3[[1]]},reps];A32=RandomReal[ {aA3[[2]],bA3[[2]]}
},reps];

A33=RandomReal[ {aA3[[3]],bA3[[3]]},reps];A41=RandomReal[ {aA4[[1]],bA4[[1]]}
},reps];

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A42=RandomReal[ {aA4[[2]],bA4[[2]]},reps];A43=RandomReal[ {aA4[[3]],bA4[[3]]}
},reps];

A51=RandomReal[ {aA5[[1]],bA5[[1]]},reps];A52=RandomReal[ {aA5[[2]],bA5[[2]]}
},reps];

A53=RandomReal[ {aA5[[3]],bA5[[3]]},reps];

Astd1=A11+A12+A13;

Astd2=A21+A22+A23;

Astd3=A31+A32+A33;

Astd4=A41+A42+A43;

Astd5=A51+A52+A53;

Astd=(Astd1+Astd2+Astd3+Astd4+Astd5)/15;

\[Beta]1=(5Total[Astd*Cstd]-Total[Cstd]*Total[Astd])/(5Total[Cstd^2]-
Total[Cstd]^2);

\[Beta]0=Mean[Astd]-\[Beta]1*Mean[Cstd];

aAR1=(2meanAR1-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAR1=(2meanAR1+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aAR2=(2meanAR2-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAR2=(2meanAR2+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aAR3=(2meanAR3-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAR3=(2meanAR3+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aAR4=(2meanAR4-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAR4=(2meanAR4+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;

AR11=RandomReal[ {aAR1[[1]],bAR1[[1]]},reps];AR12=RandomReal[ {aAR1[[2]],b
AR1[[2]]},reps];

AR13=RandomReal[ {aAR1[[3]],bAR1[[3]]},reps];AR21=RandomReal[ {aAR2[[1]],b
AR2[[1]]},reps];

AR22=RandomReal[ {aAR2[[2]],bAR2[[2]]},reps];AR23=RandomReal[ {aAR2[[3]],b
AR2[[3]]},reps];

AR31=RandomReal[ {aAR3[[1]],bAR3[[1]]},reps];AR32=RandomReal[ {aAR3[[2]],b
AR3[[2]]},reps];

AR33=RandomReal[ {aAR3[[3]],bAR3[[3]]},reps];AR41=RandomReal[ {aAR4[[1]],b
AR4[[1]]},reps];

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AR42=RandomReal[ {aAR4[[2]],bAR4[[2]]},reps];AR43=RandomReal[ {aAR4[[3]],b
AR4[[3]]},reps];

AR1mean=(AR11+AR12+AR13)/3;AR2mean=(AR21+AR22+AR23)/3;AR3mean=(
AR31+AR32+AR33)/3;AR4mean=(AR41+AR42+AR43)/3;

Cobs1=(AR1mean-\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs2=(AR2mean-
\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs3=(AR3mean-\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs4=(AR4mean-
\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;

dbias1=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.094]],{reps}];

dbias2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.081]],{reps}];

dbias3=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.029]],{reps}];

dbias4=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.018]],{reps}];

drep1=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,2.41]],{reps}];

drep2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,14.7]],{reps}];

drep3=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,10.5]],{reps}];

drep4=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,7.69]],{reps}];

C1=Cobs1*Fsample+dbias1+drep1;C2=Cobs2*Fsample+dbias2+drep2;
C3=Cobs3*Fsample+dbias3+drep3;C4=Cobs4*Fsample+dbias4+drep4;

Mean[C1]

Mean[C2]

Mean[C3]

Mean[C4]

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**Suppl. Table 2:** Terms and definitions of the Mathematica code used in MCM when Se was used as internal standard.

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Definition</b>
alpha	$\mu\text{L} / (\mu\text{L } ^\circ\text{C})$	Thermal expansion coefficient
reps		Replicates
temperature	$^\circ\text{C}$	Temperature
Vpipet	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the bulk arsenic solution pipetted for preparing the stock solution
Vpipet2	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the stock arsenic solution pipetted for preparing the first dilution solution
Vfirstdil	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the first dilution of the arsenic solution pipetted for preparing the second dilution solution
Vsecdil	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the second dilution of the arsenic solution pipetted for preparing the working solution
Vsampling	$\mu\text{L}$	Sampling volume
Vafterdigest	$\text{mL}$	Final volume of the sample after digestion
Fsample		Dilution factor of the sample
Cbulk	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the bulk solution
Cstock	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the stock solution
Cworksolution	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Arsenic concentration of the working solution
Cstd	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Mean concentration of all calibration standards
Aij	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the calibration standard i
Astd	AU	Mean absorbance of all calibration standards
$\beta_1$	$\text{AU} / (\mu\text{g/L})$	Calculated best fit slope (gradient) of the calibration curve
$\beta_0$	AU	Calculated best fit intercept of the calibration curve
AR <sub>ij</sub>	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the i fortification level solution
Cobsi	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Mean arsenic concentration of the i fortification level solution
dbiasi		Bias component of the uncertainty of Cobsi
drep <sub>i</sub>		Reproducibility component of the uncertainty of Cobsi
C <sub>i</sub>	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Final arsenic concentration of the i fortification level solution (all components of uncertainty included)

VpipetSe	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the bulk selenium solution pipetted for preparing the stock solution
VpipetSe2	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the stock selenium solution pipetted for preparing the first dilution solution
VfirstdilSe	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the first dilution of the selenium solution pipetted for preparing the second dilution solution
VsecdilSe	$\mu\text{L}$	Volume of the second dilution of the selenium solution pipetted for preparing the working solution
CbulkSe	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Selenium concentration of the bulk solution
CstockSe	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Selenium concentration of the stock solution
CworksolutionSe	$\mu\text{g/L}$	Selenium concentration of the work solution solution
ARISij	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the fortification level solution of the analyte to internal standard
AntoISij	AU	Integrated absorbance of the j measurement of the calibration standard i (arsenic to internal standard selenium)

## Mathematica code used for the uncertainty estimation based on MCM when Se was used as an internal standard

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alpha=0.00021;
reps=1000000;
meansN={meanVpipet,meanVpipet2,meanVfirstdil,meanVsecdil,meanVsampling,me
anVpipetSe,meanVpipetSe2,meanVfirstdilSe,meanVsecdilSe};
sdN={sdVpipet,sdVpipet2,sdVfirstdil,sdVsecdil,sdVsampling,sdVpipetSe,sdVpipetSe
2,sdVfirstdilSe,sdVsecdilSe};
meanU={meanVafterdigest,meanT ,meanCbulk,meanCbulkSe};
sdU={sdVafterdigest,sdT ,sdCbulk,sdCbulkSe};
Temperature=22;
meanAntoIS1={AntoIS11,AntoIS12,AntoIS13};
meanAntoIS2={AntoIS21,AntoIS22,AntoIS23};
meanAntoIS3={AntoIS31,AntoIS32,AntoIS33};
meanAntoIS4={AntoIS41,AntoIS42,AntoIS43};
meanAntoIS5={AntoIS51,AntoIS52,AntoIS53};
meanARIS1={ARIS11,ARIS12,ARIS13};
meanARIS2={ARIS21,ARIS22,ARIS23};
meanARIS3={ARIS31,ARIS32,ARIS33};
meanARIS4={ARIS41,ARIS42,ARIS43};
sdAi=0.63797521;
a=(2meanU-sdU Sqrt[12])/2;
b=(2meanU+sdU Sqrt[12])/2;
Vpipet=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[1]],sdN[[1]]]],{reps}];
Vpipet2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[2]],sdN[[2]]]],{reps}];
VpipetSe=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[6]],sdN[[6]]]],{reps}];
VpipetSe2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[7]],sdN[[7]]]],{reps}];
Vfirstdil=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[3]],sdN[[3]]]],{reps}];
Vsecdil=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[4]],sdN[[4]]]],{reps}];
VfirstdilSe=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[3]],sdN[[3]]]],{reps}];
VsecdilSe=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[8]],sdN[[8]]]],{reps}];
Vsampling=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[meansN[[9]],sdN[[9]]]],{reps}];
Vafterdigest=Table[RandomReal[{a[[1]],b[[1]]}],{reps}];
T=Table[RandomReal[{a[[2]],b[[2]]}],{reps}];
Cbulk=Table[RandomReal[{a[[3]],b[[3]]}],{reps}];
CbulkSe=Table[RandomReal[{a[[4]],b[[4]]}],{reps}];
Vpipet=Vpipet(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
Vpipet2=Vpipet2(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
VpipetSe=VpipetSe(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
VpipetSe2=VpipetSe2(1+alpha(T-Temperature));

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Vfirstdil=Vfirstdil(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
Vsecdil=Vsecdil(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
Vsampling=Vsampling(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
Vafterdigest=Vafterdigest(1+alpha(T-Temperature));
Fsample=Vafterdigest/Vsampling;
Cstock=(Cbulk*Vpipet)/Vfirstdil;
CstockSe=(CbulkSe*VpipetSe)/VfirstdilSe;
Cworksolution=(Cstock*Vpipet2)/Vsecdil;
CworksolutionSe=(CstockSe*VpipetSe2)/VsecdilSe;
Cstd=(6Cworksolution)/25;

aAntoIS1=(2meanAntoIS1-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAntoIS1=(2meanAntoIS1+sdAi
Sqrt[12])/2;aAntoIS2=(2meanAntoIS2-sdAi
Sqrt[12])/2;bAntoIS2=(2meanAntoIS2+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aAntoIS3=(2meanAntoIS3-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAntoIS3=(2meanAntoIS3+sdAi
Sqrt[12])/2;aAntoIS4=(2meanAntoIS4-sdAi
Sqrt[12])/2;bAntoIS4=(2meanAntoIS4+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aAntoIS5=(2meanAntoIS5-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bAntoIS5=(2meanAntoIS5+sdAi
Sqrt[12])/2;
AntoIS11=RandomReal[{aAntoIS1[[1]],bAntoIS1[[1]]},reps];AntoIS12=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS1[[2]],bAntoIS1[[2]]},reps];
AntoIS13=RandomReal[{aAntoIS1[[3]],bAntoIS1[[3]]},reps];AntoIS21=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS2[[1]],bAntoIS2[[1]]},reps];
AntoIS22=RandomReal[{aAntoIS2[[2]],bAntoIS2[[2]]},reps];AntoIS23=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS2[[3]],bAntoIS2[[3]]},reps];
AntoIS31=RandomReal[{aAntoIS3[[1]],bAntoIS3[[1]]},reps];AntoIS32=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS3[[2]],bAntoIS3[[2]]},reps];
AntoIS33=RandomReal[{aAntoIS3[[3]],bAntoIS3[[3]]},reps];AntoIS41=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS4[[1]],bAntoIS4[[1]]},reps];
AntoIS42=RandomReal[{aAntoIS4[[2]],bAntoIS4[[2]]},reps];AntoIS43=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS4[[3]],bAntoIS4[[3]]},reps];
AntoIS51=RandomReal[{aAntoIS5[[1]],bAntoIS5[[1]]},reps];AntoIS52=RandomRea
l[{aAntoIS5[[2]],bAntoIS5[[2]]},reps];
AntoIS53=RandomReal[{aAntoIS5[[3]],bAntoIS5[[3]]},reps];
AntoISstd1=AntoIS11+AntoIS12+AntoIS13;
AntoISstd2=AntoIS21+AntoIS22+AntoIS23;
AntoISstd3=AntoIS31+AntoIS32+AntoIS33;
AntoISstd4=AntoIS41+AntoIS42+AntoIS43;
AntoISstd5=AntoIS51+AntoIS52+AntoIS53;
AntoISstd=(AntoISstd1+AntoISstd2+AntoISstd3+AntoISstd4+AntoISstd5)/15;

\[Beta]1=(5Total[AntoISstd*Cstd]-Total[Cstd]*Total[AntoISstd])/(5Total[Cstd^2]-
Total[Cstd]^2);
\[Beta]0=Mean[AntoISstd]-\[Beta]1*Mean[Cstd];

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aARIS1=(2meanARIS1-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bARIS1=(2meanARIS1+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aARIS2=(2meanARIS2-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bARIS2=(2meanARIS2+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aARIS3=(2meanARIS3-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bARIS3=(2meanARIS3+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
aARIS4=(2meanARIS4-sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;bARIS4=(2meanARIS4+sdAi Sqrt[12])/2;
ARIS11=RandomReal[ {aARIS1[[1]],bARIS1[[1]]},reps];ARIS12=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS1[[2]],bARIS1[[2]]},reps];
ARIS13=RandomReal[ {aARIS1[[3]],bARIS1[[3]]},reps];ARIS21=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS2[[1]],bARIS2[[1]]},reps];
ARIS22=RandomReal[ {aARIS2[[2]],bARIS2[[2]]},reps];ARIS23=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS2[[3]],bARIS2[[3]]},reps];
ARIS31=RandomReal[ {aARIS3[[1]],bARIS3[[1]]},reps];ARIS32=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS3[[2]],bARIS3[[2]]},reps];
ARIS33=RandomReal[ {aARIS3[[3]],bARIS3[[3]]},reps];ARIS41=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS4[[1]],bARIS4[[1]]},reps];
ARIS42=RandomReal[ {aARIS4[[2]],bARIS4[[2]]},reps];ARIS43=RandomReal[ {aA
RIS4[[3]],bARIS4[[3]]},reps];
ARIS1mean=(ARIS11+ARIS12+ARIS13)/3;ARIS2mean=(ARIS21+ARIS22+ARIS2
3)/3;ARIS3mean=(ARIS31+ARIS32+ARIS33)/3;ARIS4mean=(ARIS41+ARIS42+A
RIS43)/3;
Cobs1=(ARIS1mean-\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs2=(ARIS2mean-
\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs3=(ARIS3mean-\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;Cobs4=(ARIS4mean-
\[Beta]0)\[Beta]1;

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dbias1=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.048]],{reps}];
dbias2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.063]],{reps}];
dbias3=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.017]],{reps}];
dbias4=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.008]],{reps}];
drep1=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.042]],{reps}];
drep2=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.048]],{reps}];
drep3=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.015]],{reps}];
drep4=Table[RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0,0.083]],{reps}];
C1=Cobs1*Fsample+dbias1+drep1;C2=Cobs2*Fsample+dbias2+drep2;
C3=Cobs3*Fsample+dbias3+drep3;C4=Cobs4*Fsample+dbias4+drep4;
Mean[C1]
Mean[C2]
Mean[C3]
Mean[C4]

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