

1 **ELECTRONIC SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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3 **COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT MASS SPECTROMETRIC TECHNIQUES**
4 **FOR THE DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS BY**
5 **ISOTOPE DILUTION USING ³⁷CL-LABELLED ANALOGUES**

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28 **Table S1.** Experimental conditions employed in the GC-ICP-MS and GC-ICP-MSMS
 29 instruments.

GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY PARAMETERS		
Model	Agilent 6890	
Column	DB-5MS (15 m, 0.25 mm, 0.1 μ m)	
Injection mode	Cool On-column	
Injection volume	1 μ L	
Carrier gas flow	2.6 mL min ⁻¹ (He)	
Injection temperature	280°C	
Oven program	100°C(2min); 30°C/min to 195°C(0 min); 5°C/min to 210°C(0 min); 30°C/min to 300°C(8.83 min)	
Interface temperature	300 °C	
ION SOURCE AND MS PARAMETERS		
	GC-ICP-MS	GC-ICP-MS/MS
Model	Agilent 7700	Agilent 8800
Rf power	900	800
Carrier gas flow rate	0.95 L min ⁻¹	0.95 L min ⁻¹
Auxiliary gas pressure	30 Psi (N ₂)	30 Psi (N ₂)
Collision gas flow	2 mL min ⁻¹ (He)	
Reaction Gas flow		2 mL min ⁻¹ (H ₂)
m/z measured	35, 37	35→37, 37→39
Ion lens setting	Daily optimization	

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31 **Table S2.** Experimental conditions employed in the GC-NCI-MS instrument.

GC AND INTERFACE PARAMETERS	
Model	Shimadzu QP2010 Plus
Column	DB-5MS (30m, 0.25mm, 0.25 μ m)
Injection mode	Splitless
Sampling time	0.50 min
Injection volume	2 μ L
Carrier gas/Flow	He/ 2 mL/min
Injection temperature	280°C
Oven programme	80°C(1min); 20°C/min to 220°C(0min); 5°C/min to 232°C(0min); 30°C/min to 300°C(3 min)
Interface temperature	280°C
ION SOURCE AND MS PARAMETERS	
Source temperature	230°C
Source voltage	70 eV
Emission current	150 μ A
Reagent gas	CH ₄
Solvent delay	4 min
Acquisition mode	SIM
Selected m/z	35 and 37

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36 **Table S3.** Experimental conditions employed in the GC-EI-MSMS instrument.

CHROMATOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS	
Chromatograph	7890A Agilent Technologies
Column	DB-5MS (30 m x 0.25 mm i.d. x 0.25 μ m coating)
Carrier gas	He (2 mL/min)
Injection mode	Splitless (2 min of purge time)
Injector temperature	280°C
Temperature program	80°C (1min), 220°C (0 min) at 20°C/min; 232°C (0 min) at 5°C/min; 300°C (3 min) at 30°C/min
DETECTOR PARAMETERS	
Detector	Agilent 7000
Ionization current	35 μ A
Ionization energy	70 eV
Source temperature	230°C
Interface temperature	280°C

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