

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Speciation and determination of inorganic arsenic species in water and biological samples by ultrasound assisted-dispersive-micro-solid phase extraction on carboxylated nanoporous graphene coupled with flow injection-hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry

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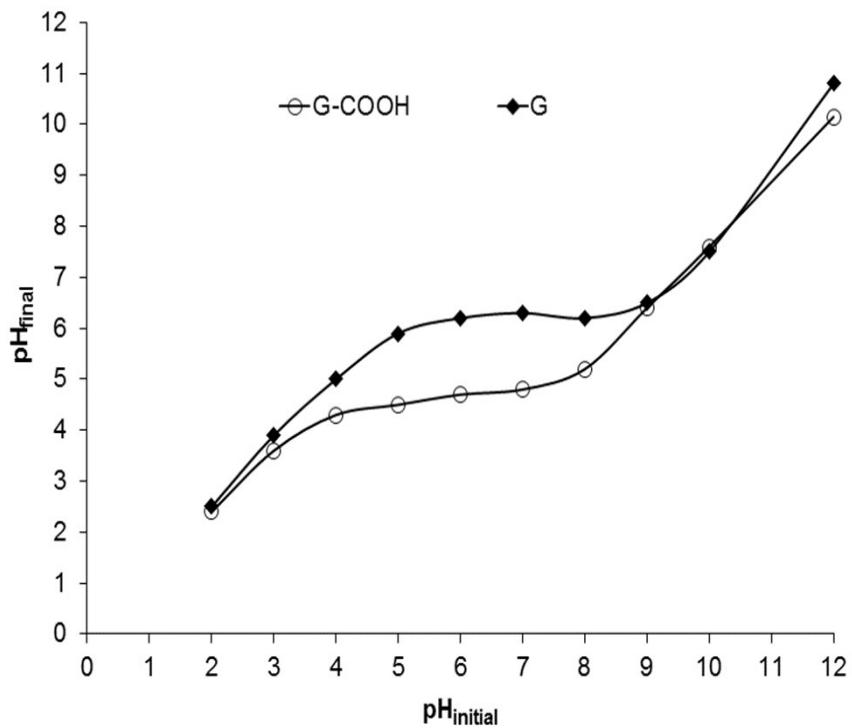
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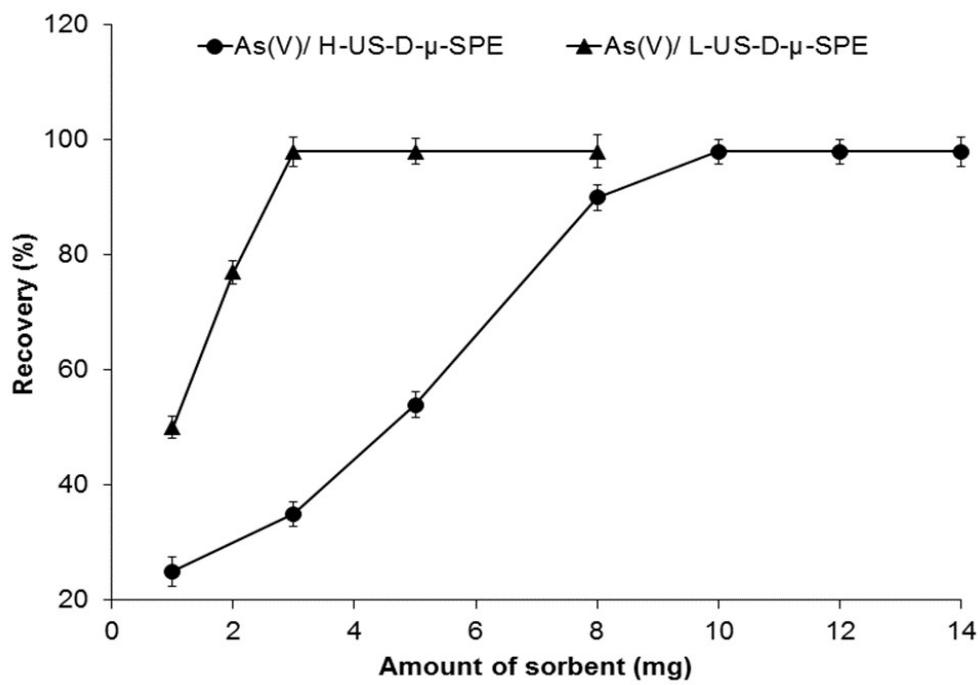
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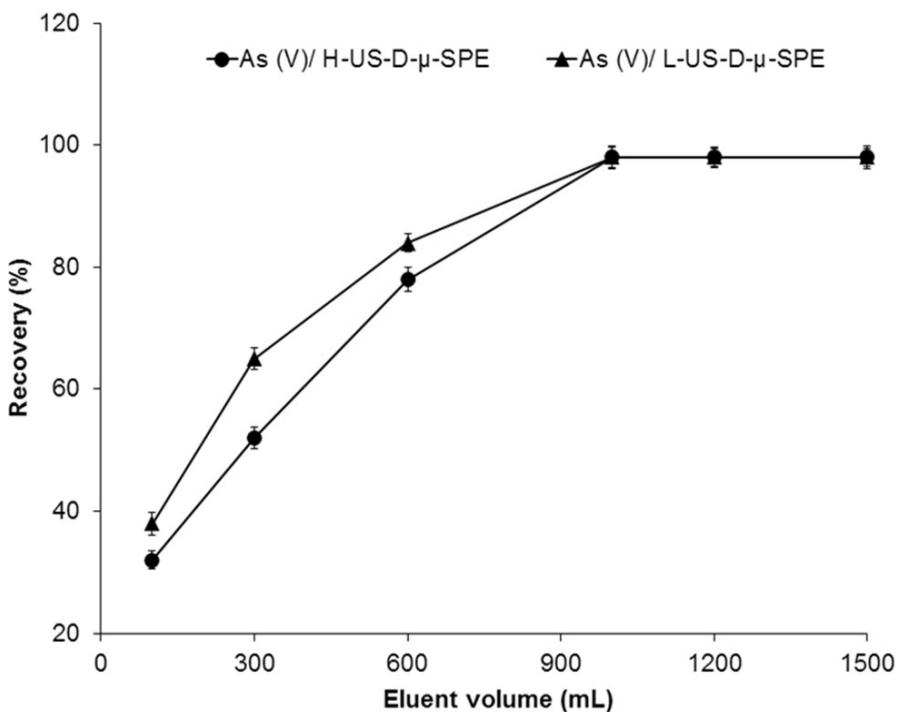
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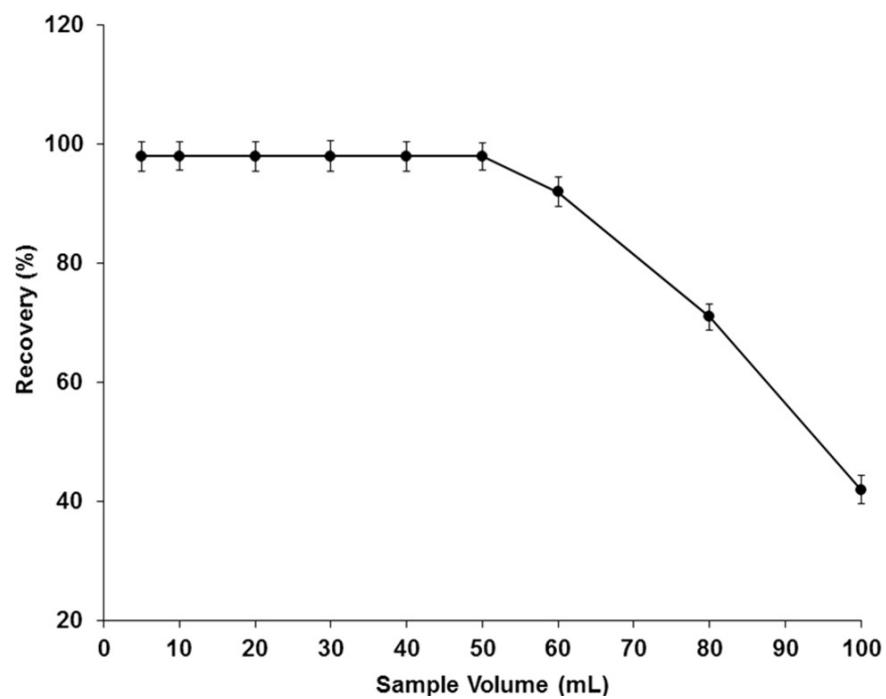
**Fig. S1** Final pH versus initial pH plots for 0.15 g of pristine and carboxylated nanoporous graphene.



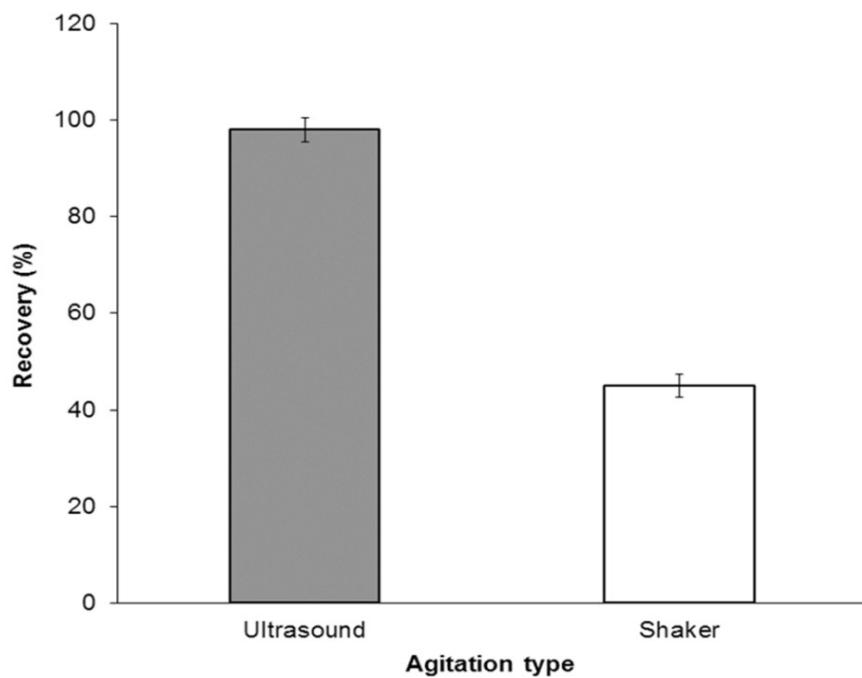
**Fig. S2** Effect of amount of adsorbent on the recovery of  $0.5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  of As (V) ions. Conditions. solution pH 3.5; (a) H-US-D- $\mu$ -SPE: sample volume 50 mL; eluent 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $0.5 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH; extraction time 3 min. (b) L-US-D- $\mu$ -SPE: sample volume 5 mL; eluent 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $0.3 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH; extraction time 1 min.



**Fig. S3** Effect of eluent volume on the recovery of  $0.5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  of As (V) ions. Conditions. solution pH 3.5; (a) H-US-D- $\mu$ -SPE: sample volume 50 mL, sorbent 10 mg; eluent  $0.5 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH; extraction time 3 min. (b) L-US-D- $\mu$ -SPE: sample volume 5 mL; sorbent 3 mg; eluent  $0.3 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH; extraction time 1 min.



**Fig. S4** Effect of sample volume on the recovery of 0.025 µg of As (V) ions. Conditions: solution pH 3.5; sorbent 10 mg; eluent 1000 µL of 0.5 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH; extraction time 3 min.



**Fig. S5** Effect of agitation type on the recovery of  $0.5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  of As (V) ions. Conditions: sample volume 50 mL; solution pH 3.5; sorbent 10 mg; eluent 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $0.5 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH; extraction time 3 min.

**Table S1** The FI-HG-AAS conditions for arsenic determination.

| Features                                  | Value                  |
|---|------------------------|
| Linear range, $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$        | 0.5–30                 |
| Correlation coefficient                   | 0.9988                 |
| Wavelength, nm                            | 197.2                  |
| Lamp current, mA                          | 8.0                    |
| Slit, nm                                  | 1.0                    |
| Mode                                      | Peak Area              |
| HCl carrier solution, % (v/v)             | 5.0                    |
| NaBH <sub>4</sub> reducing agent, % (m/v) | 0.6 (in 0.5% w/v NaOH) |
| Argon flow rate, mL min <sup>-1</sup>     | 10                     |
| Air flow rate, mL min <sup>-1</sup>       | 4.7                    |
| Acetylene flow rate, mL min <sup>-1</sup> | 1.2                    |

**Table S2** Comparison of the adsorption capacities of various adsorbents for removal of As (V) ions from water samples by batch method.

| Metal ions       | Adsorbent  | Adsorption capacity   |        |  | Ref.      |  |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|--|-----------|--|
|                  |  | (mg g <sup>-1</sup> ) |        |  |           |  |
|                  |  | As (III)              | As (V) |  |           |  |
| As (V)           | GO <sup>a</sup> /ferric hydroxide  | -----                 | 23.78  |  | 63        |  |
| As (V)           | GO   | -----                 | 59.60  |  | 64        |  |
| As (V)           | Magnetic GO  | -----                 | 80.10  |  | 64        |  |
| As (III), As (V) | GO–ZrO(OH) <sub>2</sub>  | 95.15                 | 84.89  |  | 65        |  |
| As (III), As (V) | NZVI <sup>b</sup> –RGO <sup>c</sup> composite                                    | 35.83                 | 29.04  |  | 66        |  |
| As (III), As (V) | Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> –RGO <sup>c</sup> –MnO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles | 14.04                 | 12.22  |  | 67        |  |
| As (III), As (V) | Cu doped Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>  | 37.97                 | 42.90  |  | 68        |  |
| As (V)           | Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -loaded activated carbon                          | -----                 | 43.70  |  | 69        |  |
| As (V)           | Iron-treated clinoptilolite  | -----                 | 30.21  |  | 70        |  |
| As (V)           | Mn <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> crystalline powder                                | -----                 | 0.35   |  | 71        |  |
| As (V)           | surfactant-modified zeolite  | -----                 | 74.30  |  | 72        |  |
| As (V)           | Fe <sup>2+</sup> oxide coated ethylenediamine-MWCNT <sup>d</sup>                 | -----                 | 17.80  |  | 73        |  |
| As (V)           | Granular TiO <sub>2</sub>  | -----                 | 41.40  |  | 74        |  |
| As (V)           | Carboxylated nanoporous graphene   | -----                 | 125.40 |  | This work |  |
| As (V)           | Nanoporous graphene  | -----                 | 35.00  |  | This work |  |

<sup>a</sup>Graphene oxide, <sup>b</sup>Nanoscale zero valent iron, <sup>c</sup> Reduced graphite oxide.

**Table S2.** Comparison of the developed US-D- $\mu$ -SPE methods with other reported procedures for determination of As ions in different matrixes.

| Species                             | Method/ Detection                            | Sorbent   | Matrix                  | PF <sup>a</sup> | LOD <sup>b</sup><br>( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ ) | R.S.D <sup>c</sup><br>(%) | Linear range<br>( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ ) | Loading time (min) | Sample volume (mL) | Ref. |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|------|
| As(V), As(III) converted to As(V)   | SPE <sup>d</sup> / HG-AAS <sup>e</sup>       | Nano ZrO <sub>2</sub> /B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | Water                   | 20              | 0.185  | ----                      | 0.03–40                                  | 33                 | 100                | 9    |
| As(V), As(III) converted to As(V)   | SPE/ Molybdenum blue                         | CTAB@ACMNPs <sup>f</sup>                              | Water                   | 175             | 0.028 mg L <sup>-1</sup>                     | 2.8                       | 0.09–4.0                                 | ----               | 350                | 19   |
| As(V), As(III) converted to As(V)   | Online-microcolumn SPE/ ICP-OES <sup>g</sup> | CTAB-alkyl silica                                     | Water                   | 27.6*           | 0.15   | 4                         | 0.5–1000                                 | 106 s              | 3                  | 75   |
| As(V)                               | SPE/ HG-AFS <sup>h</sup>                     | Eggshell membrane                                     | Water                   | 33.3            | 0.001  | 2.1                       | ----                                     | 67                 | 200                | 4    |
| As(V), As(III)                      | SPE/ FI-ICP-OES                              | Anion exchange resin                                  | Water                   | ----            | As(V): 0.1<br>As(III): 0.1                   | 5<br>3                    | 0.5–2.0                                  | 15                 | 20                 | 76   |
| As(III)<br>As(V)                    | SPE/ ICP-MS <sup>i</sup>                     | APDC <sup>j</sup> -Carbon nanofibers                  | Water                   | 33*             | As(III): 0.0045<br>As(V): 0.24               | 1.9<br>2.6                | ----                                     | 100                | 100                | 77   |
| As(III), As(V) converted to As(III) | SPE/ HG-AAS                                  | Alternaria solani coated HP-2MG resin                 | Water, Food, Human hair | 35              | 0.011  | < 7                       | ----                                     | 50                 | 250                | 3    |
| As(III), As(V) converted to As(III) | SPE/ HG-AAS                                  | Streptococcus pyogenes immobilized on Sepabeads SP 70 | Water and food          | 36              | 0.013  | < 8                       | 1–25                                     | 62.5               | 250                | 11   |

|  |                                     |  |                                       |              |                                  |            |                            |        |         |              |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| As (III, V), Sb (II, IV),<br>As (V) converted to<br>As (III) | SPE/ ET-AAS <sup>k</sup>            | APDC-CNT <sup>l</sup>                                      | Water                                 | As (III):250 | 0.02                             | 3.5        | 0.03–0.6                   | 33     | 50      | 14           |
| As (III, V), Sb (II, IV),<br>Se (IV)                         | SPE/ ICP-MS                         | APDC-C18   | water                                 | 50           | As (V): 0.09<br>As (III): 0.0012 | ----       | ----                       | ----   | ----    | 78           |
| As(III)  | SPE/ GF-AAS <sup>m</sup>            | Immobilized<br>nanometer TiO <sub>2</sub>                  | Water                                 | 50           | 0.024                            | 4.8        | Up to 200                  | 50     | 50      | 79           |
| As(III), As(V)<br>converted to As(III)                       | On-line SPE/<br>FI-HG-AAS           | SiO <sub>2</sub> /ZrO <sub>2</sub>                         | Water                                 | 20*          | 0.05                             | <8         | ----                       | 31     | 100     | 80           |
| As (III, V), Sb (III,V)                                      | Online-micro column<br>SPE/ ICP-OES | Modified mesoporous<br>TiO <sub>2</sub>                    | Water                                 | 10           | As (III):0.49<br>As (V): 0.53    | 1.5<br>3.9 | ----                       | ---    | ---     | 81           |
| As(III), As(V)   | SPE/ ICP-MS                         | Thiol- and amine-<br>bifunctionalized<br>mesoporous silica | Water                                 | ---          | As (III):0.025<br>As (V): 0.015  | 4.5<br>5.6 | ----                       | ----   | 10      | 18           |
| As(V), As(III)<br>converted to As(V)                         | D-μ-SPE/FI-HG-AAS                   | Carboxalated<br>nanoporous graphen                         | Water and<br>Human serum<br>and urine | 50.3<br>5.1  | 0.0021<br>0.0248                 | 3.1<br>2.6 | 0.01 – 0.65<br>0.11 – 6.60 | 3<br>1 | 50<br>5 | This<br>work |

<sup>a</sup> Preconcentration factor, <sup>b</sup> Detection limit, <sup>c</sup> Relative standard deviation, <sup>d</sup> Solid phase extraction, <sup>e</sup> Hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry, <sup>f</sup> Cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide immobilized on alumina-coated magnetite nanoparticles, <sup>g</sup> Inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry, <sup>h</sup> Hydride generation atomic fluorescence spectrometry, <sup>i</sup> Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry, <sup>j</sup>Ammonium pyrrolidine dithiocarbamate, <sup>k</sup> Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry, <sup>l</sup> Carbon nanotubes, <sup>m</sup> Graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry, \* Enrichment factor

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