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## Quantification and biodegradability assessment of meso-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid adsorbed on iron oxide nanoparticles

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## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

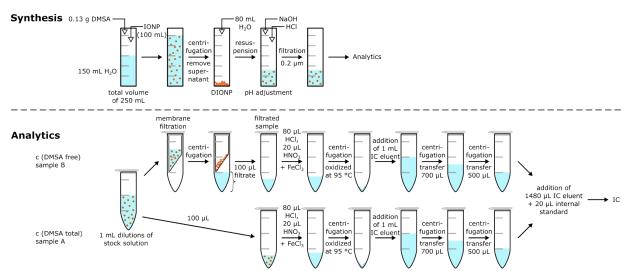


Fig. S1: Flowchart for sample preparation to determine bound DMSA concentrations.

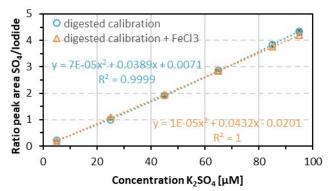


Fig. S2: Calibration and determination of recovery rates after the digestion process of  $K_2SO_4$  over the concentration range from 5 to 95  $\mu$ M with added FeCl<sub>3</sub> (0.125 mM). Data represent mean values  $\pm$  SD (n = 3).

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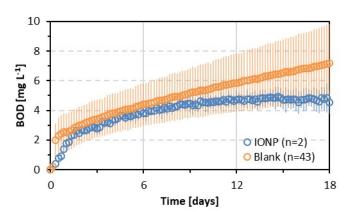


Fig. S3: Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of the sample controls (blank and uncoated iron oxide nanoparticles, IONP) for the biodegradation test system. Data represent mean values ± SD (error range as an area of coloured lines, n = 2 for IONP and n = 43 for blank).

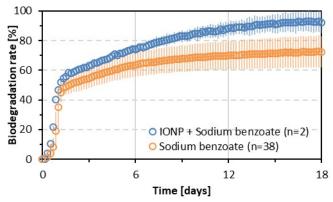


Fig. 54: Biological degradation of positive control sodium benzoate with and without the presence of IONP. Data represent mean values ± SD (error range as an area of coloured lines, n = 2 for IONP and n = 38 for sodium benzoate control).