

Supporting information

**A new alternative assay for sensitive analysis of ethylenethiourea and propylenethiourea in
fruit samples after their separation**

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1. Hydrodynamic Voltammetry

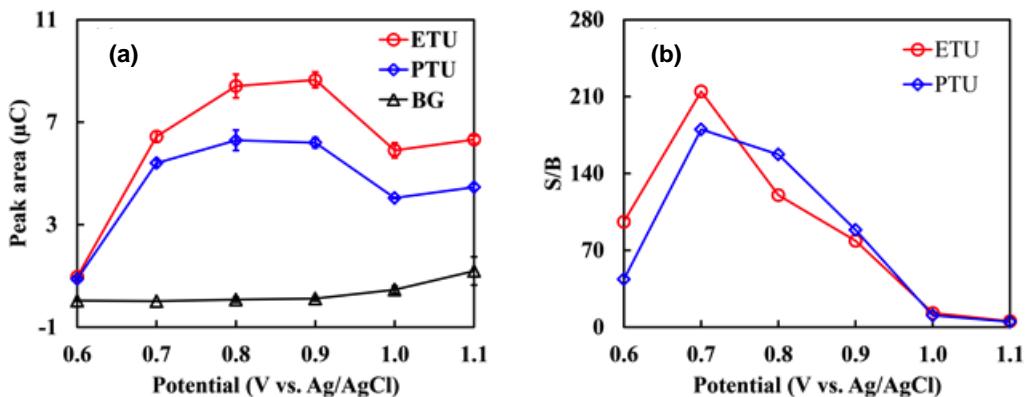


Fig. S1 (a) Hydrodynamic voltammograms in the presence and absence of a standard mixture containing $10 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ of each target analyte (ETU and PTU) in phosphate buffer solution (0.05 M, pH 4): MeOH (90:10) at CoPc-SPCE. (b) Hydrodynamic voltammogram of signal-to-background ratios extracted from the data shown in part a.

2. Application to real samples

Table S1 Determination of ETU and PTU levels in different samples (n=3) by traditional UHPLC-UV method and a new alternative UHPLC-ECD using CoPc-SPCE

Sample	Spiked level ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$)	Analyte	Amount founded ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) ($x \pm \text{SD}$)		Recovery (%)	
			UHPLC-ECD	UHPLC-UV	UHPLC-ECD	UHPLC-UV
Apple	1.0	ETU	1.06 \pm 0.04	1.00 \pm 0.02	105.9	100.4
	2.5		2.50 \pm 0.05	2.40 \pm 0.05	100.1	96.1
	5.0		4.67 \pm 0.08	4.75 \pm 0.01	93.3	95.0
	1.0	PTU	1.08 \pm 0.01	0.97 \pm 0.01	107.9	97.44
	2.5		2.54 \pm 0.02	2.59 \pm 0.01	101.6	103.6
	5.0		4.71 \pm 0.04	4.89 \pm 0.01	94.3	97.8
Grape	1.0	ETU	1.04 \pm 0.03	1.03 \pm 0.02	104.1	103.5
	2.5		2.36 \pm 0.18	2.45 \pm 0.08	94.4	98.1
	5.0		4.84 \pm 0.19	4.69 \pm 0.03	96.8	93.7
	1.0	PTU	1.02 \pm 0.01	0.99 \pm 0.01	102.0	99.9
	2.5		2.35 \pm 0.04	2.60 \pm 0.01	93.9	104.0
	5.0		4.76 \pm 0.07	4.90 \pm 0.02	95.1	97.9
Nut	1.0	ETU	0.85 \pm 0.02	1.04 \pm 0.03	85.6	104.3
	2.5		2.65 \pm 0.07	2.36 \pm 0.01	106.1	95.1
	5.0		4.82 \pm 0.08	4.92 \pm 0.02	96.5	98.4
	1.0	PTU	0.97 \pm 0.03	0.91 \pm 0.01	96.6	91.5
	2.5		2.35 \pm 0.08	2.60 \pm 0.01	102.1	104.0
	5.0		4.98 \pm 0.07	5.02 \pm 0.11	99.7	100.4
t-test		Mean	2.753	2.784		
		Variance	2.595	2.696		
		df	17			
		t Stat	-0.906			
		P(T<=t) two-tail	0.378			
		t Critical two-tail	2.110			