

## **Sodium hexametaphosphate-treated halloysite based solid-phase extraction of biguanides from dietary supplements**

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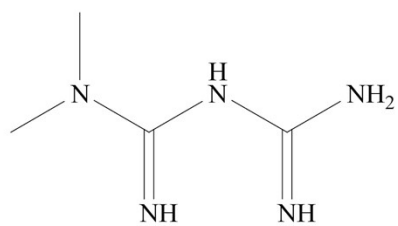
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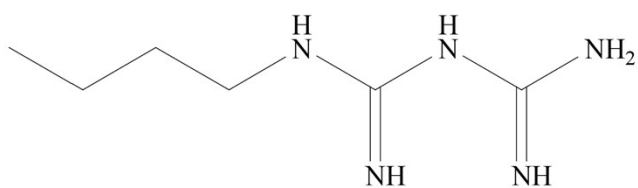
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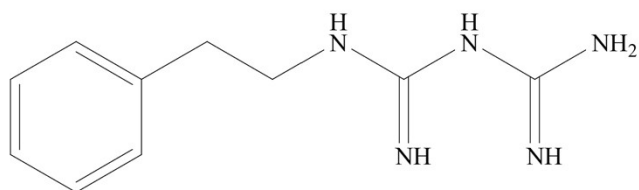
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Metformin



Buformin



Phenformin

Fig. S1 Chemical structures of metformin, buformin, and phenformin.

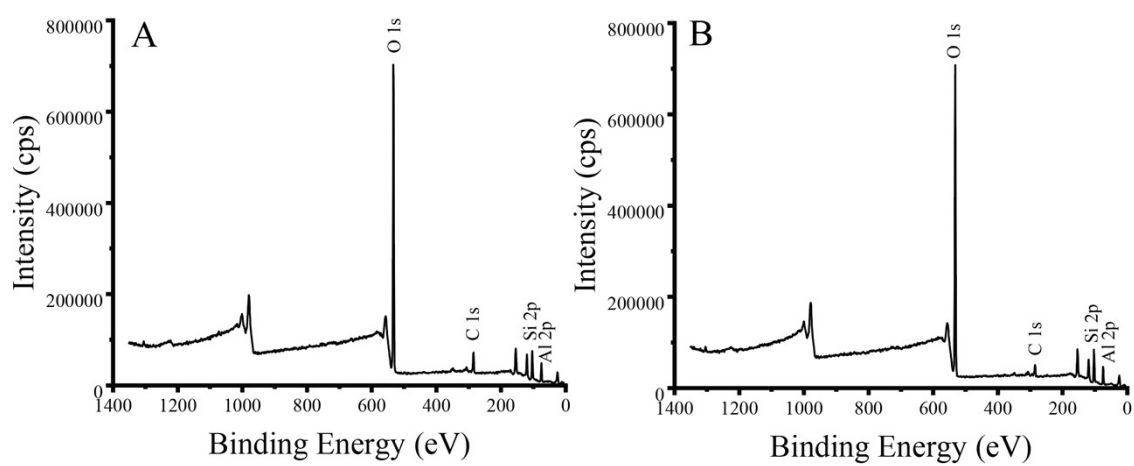


Fig. S2 XPS survey of the raw halloysite (A) and the purified halloysite (B).

Table S1 The  $pK_{a1}$ ,  $pK_{a2}$ , and  $\log P$  values of metformin, buformin, and phenformin.

Compound	$pK_{a1}$ <sup>a</sup>	$pK_{a2}$ <sup>b</sup>	$\log P$ <sup>b</sup>
Metformin	2.95	12.27	-1.43
Buformin	2.92	12.27	-1.20
Phenformin	2.86	12.15	-0.64

<sup>a</sup> Calculated using Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs) Software V6.0.

<sup>b</sup> From ref. 25.

Table S2 MRM parameters for metformin, buformin, and phenformin analyzed by

RPLC-MS/MS.

Analyte	Retention time (min)	Precursor ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	Product ions ( <i>m/z</i> )	Declustering potential (V)	Collision energy (V)
Metformin	1.9	130.3	60.3*/71.4	45	19/31
Buformin	3.7	158.3	60.1*/116.	55	23/22
Phenformin	4.9	206.0	60.2*/105.0	80	31/36

\* Quantitation ion.

Table S3 XPS atomic content (at.%) for the raw halloysite and the purified halloysite.

Material	Surface concentration (at. %)			
	Al	Si	O	C
Raw halloysite	13.17	14.41	61.86	10.56
Purified halloysite	14.04	15.43	63.74	6.79