#### Supplementary information for

#### Catechin as a new improving agent for photo-Fenton-like system at near-neutral

#### pH for the removal of inderal

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The supplementary materials (SM) contain complementary data concerning the adopted analytical methods and procedures, 9 figures and 2 tables.

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**Figure A.4** – The UV-vis spectra of Fe(III), catechin, a mixture of Fe(III) and catechin at (a) pH=6.0 and (b) pH=3.0. ([Fe(III)]=20  $\mu$ mol/L, [catechin]=200  $\mu$ mol/L) **Figure A.5** – The determination of Fe(III)-catechin conditional stability constant by

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1. The UV-vis spectra and the molecular structure of inderal



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## 2. Calibration curve





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### 3. The photodegradation of inderal by Fe(III)-nordihydroguaiaretic acid and Fe(III)-

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# 4. The molecular structure of five Fe(III) ligands

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Name	Molecular structure
catechin	HO OH HO OH OH OH
nordihydroguaiaretic acid	HO HO CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OH
pyrocatechol violet	OH OH O=S=O OH OH
2,3-dihydroxybenzoic acid	O OH OH
2-chloro-3',4'-dihydroxyacetophenone	HO OH CI



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6. The determination of Fe(III)-catechin conditional stability constant



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## 7. The determination of •OH and Fe(II)





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## 8. The main intermediates and the mass spectra of photodegradation products

GS-MS analysis.

Table A.2 Inderal and its major photolysis products in the Fe(III)-catechin system by

Retention time (min)	Name	Molecular structure
54.96	inderal	O OH H







**Figure A.7** – HPLC chromatograms and (+)-ESI-MS spectra of inderal and its photodegradation products.







inderal



3,4-dihydroxy mandelic acid





protocatechuic acid





gallic acid



malic acid



2-methyl-3-hydroxylsuccinic acid





2-methylglutaric acid



**Figure A.8** – The total ions chromatogram of GC-MS and comprison of mass spectra between photoproducts and standard compounds.