

Supplementary Information

Speciation of Chromium in Water Samples after Dispersive Liquid-Liquid Microextraction, and Detection by Means of High-Resolution Continuum Source Atomic Absorption Spectrometry

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Table S1. Absorbance values of the fractional factorial design 2_v^{5-1} for determination of Cr^{III} and Cr^{VI} using APDC

| Experiment | pH | APDC / (mmol L ⁻¹) | Extractant | Disperser | NaCl (m/v) / % | Integrated absorbance / s | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | | | solvent volume / μL | solvent volume / μL | | Cr ^{III} | Cr ^{VI} |
| 1 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.009 | 0.340 |
| 2 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.007 | 0.176 |
| 3 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.036 | 0.449 |
| 4 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.020 | 0.459 |
| 5 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.025 | 1.135 |
| 6 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.009 | 1.908 |
| 7 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.033 | 2.974 |
| 8 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.006 | 1.305 |
| 9 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.007 | 0.086 |
| 10 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.036 | 0.366 |
| 11 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.031 | 0.162 |
| 12 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.033 | 0.032 |
| 13 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.263 | 0.345 |
| 14 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.083 | 0.565 |
| 15 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.212 | 0.342 |
| 16 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.333 | 0.210 |
| 17 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.021 | 1.070 |
| 18 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.014 | 1.090 |
| 19 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.022 | 1.310 |

Concentration of Cr^{III} and Cr^{VI}: 1000 μg L⁻¹.

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Table S2. Absorbance values of the fractional factorial design 2_v^{5-1} for determination of Cr^{III} and Cr^{VI} using DDTC

| Experiment | pH | APDC / (mmol L ⁻¹) | Extractant solvent volume / μL | Disperser solvent volume / μL | NaCl (m/v) / % | Integrated absorbance / s | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Cr^{III} | Cr^{VI} |
| 1 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.003 | 0.277 |
| 2 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.005 | 0.129 |
| 3 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.006 | 0.685 |
| 4 | 2.0 (-1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.014 | 0.490 |
| 5 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.024 | 0.290 |
| 6 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.015 | 0.262 |
| 7 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.008 | 0.445 |
| 8 | 2.0 (-1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.003 | 0.396 |
| 9 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.007 | 0.320 |
| 10 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.002 | 0.042 |
| 11 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.005 | 0.010 |
| 12 | 7.0 (1) | 0.4 (-1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.002 | 0.583 |
| 13 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 100 (-1) | 5 (1) | 0.255 | 0.303 |
| 14 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 100 (-1) | 0 (-1) | 0.133 | 0.228 |
| 15 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 50 (-1) | 300 (1) | 0 (-1) | 0.486 | 0.896 |
| 16 | 7.0 (1) | 6.0 (1) | 200 (1) | 300 (1) | 5 (1) | 0.397 | 0.641 |
| 17 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.018 | 0.505 |
| 18 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.013 | 0.523 |
| 19 | 4.5 (0) | 3.2 (0) | 125 (0) | 200 (0) | 2.5 (0) | 0.007 | 0.402 |

Concentration of Cr^{III} and Cr^{VI} : 1000 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.

Table S3. Absorbance values of the factorial design 3^2 to determine Cr^{III} using APDC and DDTC

| Experiment | pH | Disperser solvent volume / μL | Integrated absorbance / s | |
|------------|----------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | | APDC | DDTC |
| 1 | 6.0 (-1) | 250 (-1) | 0.031 | 0.136 |
| 2 | 6.5 (0) | 250 (-1) | 0.030 | 0.387 |
| 3 | 7.0 (1) | 250 (-1) | 0.019 | 0.639 |
| 4 | 6.0 (-1) | 275 (0) | 0.024 | 0.140 |
| 5 | 6.5 (0) | 275 (0) | 0.071 | 1.029 |
| 6 | 7.0 (1) | 275 (0) | 0.136 | 0.592 |
| 7 | 6.0 (-1) | 300 (1) | 0.033 | 0.096 |
| 8 | 6.5 (0) | 300 (1) | 0.036 | 0.608 |
| 9 | 7.0 (1) | 300 (1) | 0.020 | 0.639 |
| 10 | 6.5 (0) | 275 (0) | 0.076 | 1.133 |
| 11 | 6.5 (0) | 275 (0) | 0.038 | 0.594 |

Concentration of Cr^{III} : $1000 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.

Table S4. Analysis of variance for fitting the model of prediction for the Cr^{III} with APDC

| Source of variation | Sum of square (SS) | Number of degrees freedom | Mean of square (MS) |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Model | 0.005911 | 5 | 0.00118 |
| Residual | 0.006476 | 5 | 0.00130 |
| Lack of fit | 0.005612 | 3 | 0.00187 |
| Pure error | 0.000864 | 2 | 0.00043 |
| Total | 0.012388 | | |

Variation explained = 91.27%; maximum of variation explained = 93.02%.

Table S5. Analysis of variance for fitting the model of prediction for the Cr^{III} with DDTC

| Source of variation | Sum of square (SS) | Number of degrees freedom | Mean of square (MS) |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Model | 0.861832 | 5 | 0.17237 |
| Residual | 0.302985 | 5 | 0.06060 |
| Lack of fit | 0.139773 | 3 | 0.04659 |
| Pure error | 0.163212 | 2 | 0.08161 |
| Total | 1.164817 | | |

Variation explained = 73.99%; maximum of variation explained = 85.99%.

Table S6. Factors and levels evaluated in the Plackett-Burman design to study concomitant species

| Factor | Level / ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | -1 | 0 | +1 |
| Aluminum | 175 | 350 | 700 |
| Barium | 670 | 1,340 | 2,680 |
| Cadmium | 8 | 16 | 32 |
| Calcium | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Lead | 25 | 50 | 100 |
| Chloride | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Cobalt | 35 | 70 | 140 |
| Copper | 30 | 60 | 120 |
| Iron | 120 | 240 | 480 |
| Manganese | 50 | 100 | 200 |
| Magnesium | 9,850 | 19,700 | 39,400 |
| Nickel | 80 | 160 | 320 |
| Nitrate | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Potassium | 2,500 | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Sodium | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Sulfate | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Zinc | 100 | 200 | 400 |

Concentration of Cr^{III} and Cr^{VI} : $50 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.

Table S7. Absorbance values obtained in the study of concomitant species at pH 2.0 value, integrated absorbance (IA)

| Experiment | Al ³⁺ | Ba ²⁺ | Cd ²⁺ | Ca ²⁺ | Pb ²⁺ | Cl ⁻ | Co ²⁺ | Cu ²⁺ | Fe ³⁺ | Mn ²⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Ni ²⁺ | NO ₃ ⁻ | K ⁺ | Na ⁺ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Zn ²⁺ | IA / s |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.102 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.050 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.111 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.051 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.088 |
| 6 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.142 |
| 7 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.145 |
| 8 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.119 |
| 9 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.047 |
| 10 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.041 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.095 |
| 12 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.068 |
| 13 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.083 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.126 |
| 15 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.140 |
| 16 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.098 |
| 17 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.055 |
| 18 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.082 |
| 19 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.133 |
| 20 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.101 |
| 21 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.122 |
| 22 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.069 |
| 23 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.097 |
| 24 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.211 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.143 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.129 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.087 |

Table S8. Absorbance values obtained in the study of concomitant species at pH 7.0 value

| Experiment | Al ³⁺ | Ba ²⁺ | Cd ²⁺ | Ca ²⁺ | Pb ²⁺ | Cl ⁻ | Co ²⁺ | Cu ²⁺ | Fe ³⁺ | Mn ²⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Ni ²⁺ | NO ₃ ⁻ | K ⁺ | Na ⁺ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Zn ²⁺ | IA ^a / s |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.200 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.088 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.177 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.096 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.131 |
| 6 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.128 |
| 7 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.145 |
| 8 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.161 |
| 9 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.230 |
| 10 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.156 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.096 |
| 12 | - | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 0.151 |
| 13 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.162 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.132 |
| 15 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0.114 |
| 16 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.210 |
| 17 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.082 |
| 18 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.124 |
| 19 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.133 |
| 20 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0.125 |
| 21 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.155 |
| 22 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0.113 |
| 23 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0.217 |
| 24 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0.214 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.148 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.096 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.195 |

IA = integrated absorbance.

Table S9. Graphite furnace temperature program for chromium determination

| Step | Temperature / °C | Ramp / (°C s ⁻¹) | Hold / s | Ar flow rate / (L min ⁻¹) |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Drying | 90 | 5 | 20 | 2.0 |
| Drying | 105 | 3 | 20 | 2.0 |
| Drying | 130 | 2 | 20 | 2.0 |
| Pyrolysis | 1700 | 250 | 15 | 2.0 |
| Atomization | 2500 | 1200 | 5 | 0 |
| Cleaning | 2800 | 500 | 4 | 2.0 |

Sample volume: 20 µL; chemical modifier: 3 µL (0.5 g L⁻¹ Mg(NO₃)₂); linear range: 2.5-50 µg L⁻¹; LOD: 0.03 µg L⁻¹; LOQ: 0.10 µg L⁻¹.