

# Simultaneous Solid-Phase Extraction and Determination of Three Bisphenols in Water Samples and Orange Juice by a Porous $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin Polymer

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# Abstract

A porous  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin polymer (P-CDP) was used as a new sorbent for simultaneous solid-phase extraction (SPE) and determination of bisphenol A (BPA), bisphenol F (BPF), and bisphenol AF (BPAF). The P-CDP was obtained via the cross-linking of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin with tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile, and then was characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy, nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms, and thermo-gravimetric analysis. Adsorption tests showed that the P-CDP had good binding ability and fast uptake kinetics for three bisphenols. When used as a SPE sorbent for three bisphenols, P-CDP showed high extraction efficiencies, high enrichment factors, and good reusability. Based on the P-CDP sorbent, a new SPE-HPLC-UV method was developed and successfully applied to the detection of three bisphenols in real samples. The recoveries of BPF, BPA, and BPAF in water samples were 91.2–102.6% (RSD = 1.4–2.9%), 98.0–101.2% (RSD = 1.3–2.7%), and 96.3%–103.7% (RSD = 1.3–2.9%), respectively. Moreover, the recoveries of BPF, BPA, and BPAF in orange juice were 94.3–97.1% (RSD = 1.4–2.9%), 102.7–103.6% (RSD = 1.7–3.5%), and 94.5–101.0% (RSD = 1.3–2.8%), respectively. The limits of detection (S/N = 3) and the limits of quantification (S/N = 10) for all analytes were 0.3 and 1.0 ng/mL, respectively. Therefore, P-CDP can be used as a good SPE sorbent for the simultaneous determination of BPA, BPF, and BPAF in environmental water samples and beverages.

**Keywords** Porous  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin polymer · Solid-phase extraction · Bisphenols · Water samples · Beverage · High-performance liquid chromatography

# Introduction

Bisphenol A (BPA) is a high-yield industrial chemical mainly used in the production of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016). These polymers are widely applied in food container, paper products, water pipes, toys, medical equipment, and electronics (Chen et al. 2016). Due to its leaching from these products to the surroundings, BPA has been found in packed food, beverages, environmental samples, and biological samples (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016). On the other hand, BPA is a well-known xenoestrogen (Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015). Many studies have demonstrated the adverse effects of BPA on the neural, cardiovascular, metabolic, immune, reproduction, and development systems in human and animals (Chen et al. 2016; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015; Williams et al. 2016). The serious concerns on BPA led the industry to replace it with other bisphenols. Bisphenol F (BPF) and bisphenol AF (BPAF) are two structural analogues of BPA, which are used as the main substitutes of BPA in the manufacturing of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins (Chen et al. 2016). However, available studies have reported various toxic effects of these BPA analogues, including endocrine disruption, cytotoxicity, genotoxicity, reproductive toxicity, dioxin-like effects, and neurotoxicity (Chen et al. 2016). Therefore, robust analytical methodologies are urgently needed for monitoring BPA analogues.

Presently, HPLC and GC are the commonly used methods for determination of bisphenols (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015); even some others approaches have also been reported including CE (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015), enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015), electrochemical sensors (Yang et al. 2014; Zhu et al. 2015), fluorescent biosensors (Long et al. 2014; Marks et al.

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2014), and bioreporters (Rajasärkkä and Virta 2013). Due to the complexity of various real samples and the low concentration levels of bisphenols, an efficient sample pretreatment procedure is usually required before analysis to remove the interferences and concentrate the analytes. A variety of pretreatment methods have been reported for the extraction of bisphenols, such as solid-phase extraction (SPE), liquid-liquid extraction, and some other modern extraction techniques (e.g. solid-phase microextraction, liquid-phase microextraction, matrix solidphase dispersion, ultrasound-assisted extraction, magnetic SPE, and dispersive SPE) (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016; Cerqueira et al. 2014; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015; Wu et al. 2017). Among these methods, SPE is the most frequently used one for analyzing bisphenols due to its high extraction efficiency, high enrichment factor, low cost, simple operation, and low consumption of organic solvent (Caballero-Casero et al. 2016; Jiménez-Díaz et al. 2015). The SPE sorbents currently used for bisphenols include C18 silica (Chen et al. 2012), Nexus® sorbent (Li et al. 2013b), Oasis® HLB (Yang et al. 2014b), Oasis® MAX (Yang et al. 2014b), and molecularly imprinted materials (Hu et al. 2016; Wu et al. 2016; Yang et al. 2015a; Yu et al. 2015). However, the new sorbents with higher adsorption capacities are still needed for SPE of bisphenols.

 $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin ( $\beta$ -CD), a macrocyclic oligosaccharide consisting of seven glucose units, has a toroidal-shaped structure with a hydrophobic interior cavity and a hydrophilic exterior (Morin-Crini and Crini 2013; Xiao et al. 2017). Its hydrophobic cavity makes it easy for  $\beta$ -CD to selectively bind various organic compounds to form host-guest complexes, while its hydrophilicity causes the good water dispersibility of the  $\beta$ -CD-based materials. These properties make the  $\beta$ -CD-based materials the appropriate sorbents for organic molecules in water samples (Zhang et al. 2017). Meanwhile, most of the molecular  $\beta$ -CD derivatives are water-soluble; therefore, they are necessarily incorporated into polymers or grafted onto insoluble supports for the effective adsorption of the targets in water (Alzate-Sánchez et al. 2016). Several  $\beta$ -CD-based polymers have been obtained by the crosslinking of  $\beta$ -CD with epichlorohydrin (Morin-Crini and Crini 2013), monochlorotriazine (Cabrales et al. 2012), polyfunctional carboxylic acids (Agrawal and Warmoeskerken 2012; Machín et al. 2012), and acrylamide (Guo et al. 2016); however, they all exhibited low surface areas and poor uptake performance. Recently, Dichtel and co-workers reported a porous  $\beta$ -CD polymer (P-CDP) with high surface area, high adsorption capacity, and fast uptake kinetics, and applied it to the rapid removal of several different organic micropollutants from water (Alsbaiee et al. 2016). They also prepared a P-CDP-functionalized cotton fabric for capture of organic pollutants from contaminated air and water (Alzate-Sánchez et al. 2016). Very recently, a magnetic P-CDP was documented for the magnetic SPE of microcystins from water samples (Zhang et al. 2017).

In this work, a porous P-CDP was used as sorbent for the simultaneous SPE and determination of BPA, BPF, and BPAF. P-CDP was characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy (FT-IR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms, and thermo-gravimetric analysis (TGA). The static adsorption ability, binding kinetics, and SPE ability of P-CDP for three bisphenols were investigated. Finally, using P-CDP as the sorbent, a SPE-HPLC-UV method was developed and successfully applied to the determination of three bisphenols in water samples and orange juice.

# **Materials and Methods**

#### **Reagents and Materials**

 $\beta$ -Dyclodextrin ( $\beta$ -CD) was bought from Sinopharm C h e m i c a l R e a g e n t C o ., L t d ., C h i n a . Tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile (TFP, 99%) was purchased from Shanghai Macklin Biochemical Co., Ltd., China. Bisphenol A (BPA, 96%), bisphenol F (BPF, 97%), bisphenol AF (BPAF, 99%), tetrahydrofuran (THF, superdry, 99.5%), and dimethylformamide (DMF, superdry, 99.8%) were all obtained from Beijing J&K Scientific Co., Ltd., China. Methanol was of HPLC grade supplied by Merck, Germany. The ultrapure water was obtained from the KL-III-40 purification system of AK, Taiwan. Tap water was taken from Wuhan city, and lake water from the Southern Lake in Wuhan city. All other reagents were of analytical grade.

#### Preparation of P-CDP

The P-CDP sorbent was prepared according to a previous method (Alsbaiee et al. 2016). Briefly,  $\beta$ -CD and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> were predried at 120 °C under vacuum overnight. Then, dry  $\beta$ -CD (0.200 g, 0.176 mmol), TFP (0.100 g, 0.500 mmol), and dry  $K_2CO_3$  (0.300 g, 2.17 mmol) were added into a flame-dried flask and were flushed with nitrogen for 5 min. After that, dry THF (7.2 mL) and dry DMF (0.8 mL) were added, followed by being bubbled with nitrogen for an additional 3 min. The mixture was placed in an oil bath at 80 °C and magnetically stirred for 48 h under nitrogen. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, 1 mol/L HCl solution was added dropwise to remove residual K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> until CO<sub>2</sub> evolution stopped. The light yellow solid was isolated by filtration and then was washed by water, THF, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in sequence for three times. Finally, the solid was dried under vacuum at 77 K in a liquid nitrogen bath for 10 min and then at room temperature for 2 days. The finally obtained pale yellow powder was P-CDP.

For comparison, a non-porous  $\beta$ -CD polymer (NP-CDP) was similarly prepared using 6 mol/L NaOH instead of

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> according to a previous method (Alsbaiee et al. 2016). The mixture containing  $\beta$ -CD, TFP, and NaOH solution was mixed vigorously until it was solidified. The solid was then washed with water, THF, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in sequence for three times, followed by drying under vacuum at room temperature for 2 days. The finally obtained solid was NP-PCDP.

#### **Characterization of P-CDP**

FT-IR spectra were collected using a Nicolet Avatar 360 FT-IR spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on a TGA/DSC1 Thermal Analyzer (Mettler Toledo, Switzerland). Nitrogen adsorption was achieved on a TriStar II 3020 M automatic surface area and pore analyzer (Micromeritics, USA). The specific surface area and pore volume were calculated by the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) method, and the pore size distribution was obtained using the Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) theory. SEM images were observed on a Phenom Pro scanning electron microscope (Phenom-World BV, Netherlands).

#### **Adsorption Experiment**

For the static adsorption test, 20 mg of sorbent (P-CDP or NP-CDP) was added to 1 mL of the aqueous solution containing three bisphenols with different concentrations (10–800 µg/mL) and 15% methanol (v/v). The mixture was oscillated at 25 °C for 1 h. After centrifugation separation, the concentrations of bisphenols in the supernatant were measured by HPLC. The adsorption amounts (Q, mg/g) of bisphenols were calculated as  $Q = (c_0 - c)V/W$ , where  $c_0$  and c are the initial and final concentrations of each bisphenol with unit of milligrams per milliliter, and V (mL) and W (g) are the volume of solution and the mass of sorbent, respectively. Finally, the adsorption isotherms of all bisphenols were plotted.

For binding kinetics test, 20 mg of sorbent (P-CDP or NP-CDP) was added to 1 mL of the aqueous solution containing three bisphenols with each concentration of 800  $\mu$ g/mL and 15% methanol ( $\nu/\nu$ ), and immediately the mixture was oscillated at 25 °C for different times (1–40 min). After fast filtration, the concentrations of the bisphenols in the filtrate were determined and subsequently the binding amount of each bisphenol was calculated according to the above method. The kinetic profiles of all bisphenols were plotted finally.

#### **SPE Experiments**

The SPE cartridge was prepared by packing 150 mg of P-CDP into a 3-mL empty polyethylene syringe between two sieve plates, and then it was conditioned with 20 mL methanol and 10 mL water sequentially. After that, 1 mL of bisphenol solution, containing BPF, BPA, and BPAF with different concentrations (0.2, 2, or 20 µg/mL) and 15% methanol ( $\nu/\nu$ ), was loaded and passed through the cartridge. Subsequently, the cartridge was washed with 1 mL water, dried with nitrogen, and eluted with 2 mL methanol in sequence. After the solvent in the elution was evaporated completely by nitrogen, the residues were re-dissolved with 0.25 mL methanol and then analyzed by HPLC. The extraction efficiency (*E*, %) of three bisphenols was calculated as the ratio of the mass of analyte after SPE to that before SPE.

To evaluate the enrichment ability of the SPE cartridge, different volumes (1.0–12.0 mL) of the aqueous solutions containing three bisphenols with each concentration of 0.2  $\mu$ g/mL and 15% methanol were tested. The SPE procedure was the same as the above method. The enrichment factor was calculated as the ratio of the volume of the bisphenol solution before SPE to that after SPE.

To investigate the reusability of the SPE cartridge, 8 mL of the aqueous solution, containing three bisphenols with each concentration of 50 ng/mL and 15% methanol, was tested. After each SPE test, the cartridge was washed with 20 mL methanol and 10 mL water sequentially and dried by nitrogen for the next SPE cycle.

For real sample analysis, lake water, tap water, and orange juice were filtered with a 0.22- $\mu$ m membrane and then kept at 4 °C for further use. Finally, 8 mL of the as-pretreated sample was used for real sample analysis.

# **HPLC Analysis**

All HPLC analyses were carried out on a Dionex UltiMate 3000 HPLC system (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA), using a Dionex Acclaim<sup>TM</sup> 120 C<sub>18</sub> column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) and a wavelength-variable UV detector. The column temperature was kept at 30 °C, detection wavelength was set at 276 nm, and injection volume was 20  $\mu$ L. For all analyses, a gradient program was used at a flow rate of 1 mL/min, by combining solvent A (water) and solvent B (methanol) as follows: 35–80% (37 min).

# **Results and Discussion**

#### **Characterization of P-CDP**

FT-IR spectra of  $\beta$ -CD, TFP, and P-CDP were collected first as shown in Fig. 1a. In the spectrum of TFP, the peaks at 2241 and 1271 cm<sup>-1</sup> are attributed to the C=N and C-F stretches, respectively, and those at 1681 and 1483 cm<sup>-1</sup> belong to the C-C aromatic stretches. Meanwhile, these peaks also appear in the spectrum of P-CDP. Moreover, the peak of the C-O stretch at 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectrum of  $\beta$ -CD also occurs in that of P-CDP. These results verified well the successful synthesis of P-CDP.



Fig. 1 Characterization of P-CDP. **a** FT-IR spectra of (i)  $\beta$ -CD, (ii) TFP, and (iii) P-CDP. **b** TGA curve of P-CDP. **c** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of P-CDP

To evaluate its stability, the TGA curve of P-CDP was measured at the temperature range of 50–1000 °C. As depicted in Fig. 1b, no obvious mass loss was observed below 270 °C, indicating the good thermal stability of P-CDP.

Figure 1c shows the nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of P-CDP. At the same time, the nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of NP-CDP were also measured. The BET area of P-CDP was 103.48 m<sup>2</sup>/g, which is much larger than that of NP-CDP ( $0.0838 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ ). The average pore size of P-CDP was 2.45 nm, which is close to that in the previous report (Alsbaiee et al. 2016).

The SEM images of NP-CDP and P-CDP were taken for characterization of their morphologies. As shown in Fig. 2, NP-CDP and P-CDP all showed an irregular shape. However, P-CDP owned a coarser surface which might be attributed to its porous structure.

#### **Adsorption Ability of P-CDP**

The static adsorption ability of the sorbent for three bisphenols was investigated first. Figure 3a shows the adsorption isotherms of three bisphenols on P-CDP and NP-CDP. It can be seen that, within the concentration range of 10–800  $\mu$ g/mL, the adsorption amounts of three bisphenols on P-CDP were much higher than those on NP-CDP. For example, at the concentration of 800  $\mu$ g/mL, the adsorption amounts of BPAF, BPA, and BPF on P-CDP were 39.84, 37.72, and 37.53 mg/g, respectively, while those on NP-PCDP were 18.85, 24.19, and 24.33 mg/g. The binding amounts of bisphenols on P-CDP were much higher than those on other sorbents (Sun et al. 2014; Wu et al. 2016; Yang et al. 2015b; Yu et al. 2015). The high adsorption ability of P-CDP might be due to its porous structure.

The binding kinetics of bisphenols on sorbents was also studied. As shown in Fig. 3b, P-CDP showed a fast binding kinetics for three bisphenols with the adsorption equilibrium time less than 1 min, which might be also attributed to its porous structure. Moreover, the results further verified that the adsorption ability of P-CDP for bisphenols was much higher than that of NP-CDP.

#### SPE Ability of P-CDP

Three bisphenol mixtures with different concentrations (0.2, 2, or 20  $\mu$ g/mL) were used to investigate the SPE ability of the P-CDP cartridge. As shown in Fig. 4a, the extraction efficiencies of BPA, BPF, and BPAF were 96.2–103.1, 94.1–100.2, and 97.1–103.8%, respectively. These results showed that the P-CDP cartridge had high extraction ability and therefore it could be used as a good SPE sorbent for bisphenols.

In order to evaluate the validation of the new SPE method, the enrichment factor of bisphenol mixtures on the P-CDP cartridge was studied. Different volumes (1.0-12 mL) of bisphenol aqueous solutions with the concentration of 0.2 µg/mL for each bisphenol were tested. Results are shown in Fig. 4b. When 1.0-10 mL of bisphenol solutions was used with the enrichment factors of 4–40 folds, the extraction efficiencies of BPF, BPA, and BPAF were 95.1–104.8, 97.0– 105.8, and 96.2–104.9%, respectively. However, when 12 mL of bisphenol solution was used, the extraction efficiencies of BPF, BPA, and BPAF decreased to 86.9, 89.8, and 85.2%, respectively. To obtain satisfactory extraction efficiency, 8 mL of sample solution was used with the enrichment factor of 32 folds for the following tests.





#### **Reusability of the P-CDP Cartridge**

The reusability of the P-CDP cartridge was also studied. Eight milliliters of the aqueous solution containing 50 ng/mL BPA, BPF, and BPAF was used for test. After each SPE test, the cartridge was washed with methanol and water in sequence for the next extraction cycle. The results are shown in Fig. 5. It can be seen that, even after eight extraction cycles, the P-CDP cartridge still presented a good SPE ability for BPF, BPA, and



BPAF with the extraction efficiencies of 94.0, 103.0, and 94.0%, respectively, indicating its good reusability.

#### **Analysis of Real Samples**

The calibration curves for determination of bisphenols were measured by directly analyzing six standard solutions on HPLC with concentrations of 0.1–120.0 µg/mL for each bisphenol. The obtained linear regression equations were A = 0.0246 + 0.3363c ( $r^2 = 0.9999$ ) for BPF, A = 0.0191 + 0.2982c ( $r^2 = 0.9999$ ) for BPA, and A = 0.0099 + 0.1392c



Fig. 3 a Adsorption isotherms of BPA, BPF, and BPAF on P-CDP and NP-CDP. **b** Kinetic binding profiles of bisphenols on P-CDP and NP-CDP. In the inset,  $P_{BPF}$ ,  $P_{BPA}$ , and  $P_{BPAF}$  mean the adsorption amounts of bisphenols on P-CDP, while  $N_{BPF}$ ,  $N_{BPA}$ , and  $N_{BPAF}$  mean those on NP-CDP

Fig. 4 Extraction efficiencies of bisphenols on P-CDP cartridge. **a** At different concentrations. **b** At concentration of 0.2  $\mu$ g/mL with different enrichment factors



Fig. 5 Reusability of the P-CDP cartridge



Fig. 6 HPLC-UV chromatograms of 8 mL tap water spiked with 1 ng/mL bisphenols. a After SPE. b Before SPE

 $(r^2 = 0.9999)$  for BPAF, where A and c (µg/mL) are the peak area and concentration of each analyte, respectively.

A new SPE-HPLC-UV method was developed by using P-CDP as sorbent for determination of three bisphenols in real samples (tap water, lake water, and orange juice). Since the found contents of three bisphenols in these real samples were all lower than the limits of detection (LODs), different amounts of bisphenol were spiked with three concentration levels (10.0, 20.0, or 50 ng/mL for each analyte) for test. As listed in Table 1, the recoveries and precisions for determination of three bisphenols were all satisfactory. For water samples, the obtained recoveries of BPF, BPA, and BPAF were 91.2–102.6% (RSD = 1.4-2.9%), 98.0–101.2% (RSD = 1.3-2.7%), and 96.3–103.7% (RSD = 1.3-2.9%), respectively. For orange juice, the recoveries of BPF, BPA, and BPAF were 94.3–97.1% (RSD = 1.4-2.9%), 102.7–103.6% (RSD = 1.7-3.5%), and 94.5–101.0% (RSD = 1.3-2.8%), respectively.

Figure 6a, b shows the chromatograms of 8 mL tap water spiked with 1 ng/mL bisphenols after and before SPE. No

signal of bisphenols could be detected in the chromatogram of the spiked tap water before SPE, while obvious peaks of three analytes were observed after SPE. The LODs (S/N=3)and limits of quantification (LOQs, S/N = 10) for the three bisphenols in real samples were 0.3 and 1.0 ng/mL, respectively. Therefore, the new SPE-HPLC-UV method can be applied to the simultaneous determination of BPA, BPF, and BPAF in environmental water samples or beverages. In addition, the performance of the present method was compared with other SPE-HPLC-UV methods in previous reports as listed in Table 2. It can be seen that the LOD of the present method is lower than those of most of the previous methods (Chu et al. 2015; Filippou et al. 2017; Grumetto et al. 2008; Li et al. 2013; Reyes-Gallardo et al. 2016; Yang et al. 2015a, b), close to those of four previous methods (Hu et al. 2016; Li et al. 2017; Wu et al. 2017; Yu et al. 2015), while higher than those of two previous methods (Sun et al. 2014; Wu et al. 2016). Therefore, the present method is sensitive enough for

 Table 1
 Determination of BPF, BPA, and BPAF in real water samples and orange juice

Analyte	Spiked (ng/mL)	Lake water			Tap water			Orange juice		
		Found (ng/mL)	R (%)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{RSD} \\ (\%, n = 3) \end{array}$	Found (ng/mL)	R (%)	RSD (%, n=3)	Found (ng/mL)	R (%)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{RSD} \\ (\%, n=3) \end{array}$
BPF	0	< LOD			< LOD			< LOD		
	10	9.51	95.1	2.8	9.21	92.1	2.9	9.62	96.2	1.8
	20	20.52	102.6	1.5	19.26	96.3	1.4	19.42	97.1	1.4
	50	45.60	91.2	2.3	48.00	96.0	2.8	47.15	94.3	2.9
BPA	0	< LOD			< LOD			< LOD		
	10	9.80	98.0	2.7	9.96	99.6	1.0	10.36	103.6	2.5
	20	20.22	101.1	1.8	20.10	100.5	1.3	20.54	102.7	1.7
	50	50.60	101.2	2.6	50.00	100.0	2.0	51.45	102.9	3.5
BPAF	0	< LOD			< LOD			< LOD		
	10	9.63	96.3	1.8	10.37	103.7	1.9	9.71	97.1	2.1
	20	20.02	100.1	1.3	20.50	102.5	1.3	20.20	101.0	1.3
	50	50.85	101.7	2.9	50.55	101.1	2.6	47.25	94.5	2.8

Sorbents	SPE type	Analytes	Samples	LOD	Ref.
Imprinted silica	SPE	Five bisphenols	River sediments	0.43–0.71 ng/g	Yang et al. 2015a
MIP microsphere	SPE	Eight bisphenols	Human urine	1.2–2.2 ng/mL	Yang et al. 2015b
Magnetic activated carbon	MSPE	BPA	Milk	0.75 ng/mL	Filippou et al. 2017
Magnetic nylon 6	MSPE	BPA	Milk	3.05 ng/mL	Reyes-Gallardo et al. 2016
4-Butylaniline-modified attapulgite	SPE	BPA	Water samples	3.9 ng/mL	Chu et al. 2015
Hollow MIP	SPE	BPA	Tap water	3 ng/mL	Li et al. 2013a, b
C18 Strata E	SPE	BPA, BPB	Canned tomatoes	15.4–20 ng/mL	Grumetto et al. 2008
Magnetic imprinted silica	MSPE	BPA	Water samples, orange juice	0.3 ng/mL	Wu et al. 2017
Imprinted silica	SPE	BPA	Water samples	0.3 ng/mL	Yu et al. 2015
Surface imprinted silica	SPE	BPA	Water samples, orange juice	0.3 ng/mL	Hu et al. 2016
Quartz wool-supported imprinted silica	SPE	BPA	Water samples, orange juice	0.3 ng/mL	Li et al. 2017
Magnetic MIP	MSPE, SPE	BPA	Sea water	0.02 µM, 0.18 nM	Wu et al. 2016
MIP particles	SPE	Five bisphenols	Water samples	2.2-3.8 ng/L	Sun et al. 2014
P-CDP	SPE	BPA, BPF, BPAF	Water samples, orange juice	0.3 ng/mL	This work

Table 2 Comparison of the present method to other SPE-HPLC-UV methods in literatures for determination of bisphenols

MIP molecularly imprinted polymer, MSPE magnetic SPE

detection of trace bisphenols in environmental samples and juices. Moreover, due to the effective combination of SPE with the HPLC method, the selectivity of the present method is high enough for measurement of bisphenols in these samples.

# Conclusions

A new SPE-HPLC-UV method was developed using P-CDP as sorbent for the simultaneous determination of BPA, BPF, and BPAF. The P-CDP sorbent showed good adsorption ability and fast binding kinetics for three bisphenols. When used as SPE sorbent, P-CDP presented high extraction efficiencies, high enrichment factor, and good reusability for three analytes. Based on the P-CDP sorbent, a new SPE-HPLC-UV method was developed and applied successfully to the detection of BPA, BPF, and BPAF in two water samples and orange juice. The new method showed high recoveries, good precisions, and low LODs for all analytes. Therefore, P-CDP can be used as a good SPE sorbent for the simultaneous determination of BPA, BPE, and BPAF in environmental water samples and beverage.

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