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4 17 **Abstract:** The residue analysis of pesticide in high-fat oil crops is a challenging task
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14 22 n-octadecylphosphonic acid modified magnetic microsphere (Fe_3O_4 -OPA) was
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16 23 established for the determination of 52 pesticides in oil crops by gas chromatography
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18 24 coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (GC-MS/MS). The ability of $m-ZrO_2@Fe_3O_4$ to
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24 27 acids than that of PSA, a commonly used sorbent to remove acidic co-extracts in
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26 28 QuEChERS method. The parameters affecting the cleanup performance were also
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28 29 investigated, including the amounts of $m-ZrO_2@Fe_3O_4$ and Fe_3O_4 -OPA. Under the
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1. Introduction

Vegetable oils, as the main source of human body fat, have become an irreplaceable component of our balanced diet¹⁻². Generally, vegetable oils are extracted by mechanical pressure or organic solvents from oil crops, such as peanuts, rapeseed, soybean and sesame. Nowadays, various classes of pesticides have been widely used in the production of oil crops to increase farming yield³. However, because many pesticides remain in the crops up to harvest stage, they can easily contaminate the final vegetable oil products, causing great threat to human health. Therefore, development of simple, effective and sensitive analytical methods for analysis of pesticide residues in oil crops is very significant, which can help to effectively prevent vegetable oils being polluted by pesticides.

For the fat-free or low-fat fruits and vegetables such as tomato, lettuce, apple, citrus, etc., there have been some reliable methods developed for analysis of pesticide⁴⁻⁵. However, for high fatty samples such as oil crops, the analysis of pesticide residues is always a challenging problem, because high amount of lipid co-extracts can seriously affect the extraction efficiency and performance of analytical instruments⁶⁻⁷. Even small amount of lipids could cause significant damage to column, source and detector⁸⁻⁹. Additionally, fatty acids also interfere with the analysis because they produce broad peaks overlapping the analytes and increase matrix effects¹⁰⁻¹¹. Therefore, sample pretreatment techniques are required to remove the lipid co-extractives prior to chromatography and/or mass spectrometry analysis.

Traditionally, low-temperature fat precipitation, liquid-liquid extraction (LLE),

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23 68 lipids. However, some pesticides with high molecular mass (e.g. pyrethroids) can not
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26 69 be separated from lipids by GPC¹⁶⁻¹⁷. Additionally, GPC also consumes large volume
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29 70 of solvents and takes much time and labor, which reduces laboratory efficiency and
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31 71 sample throughput. In order to improve the removal efficiency of lipids and the
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33 72 selectivity for the target analytes, some other kinds of sample preparation methods
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35 73 such as matrix solid-phase dispersion extraction¹⁸, solid phase microextraction¹⁹,
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39 75 extraction based on carbon nanotubes²² have been applied to oily matrices for
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46 77 Quick, easy, cheap, effective, rugged and safe (QuEChERS) method originally
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52 80 extended to determine multiple pesticides in oil crops²⁴⁻²⁵. Koesukwiwat et al. firstly
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55 81 evaluated a modified QuEChERS method for determination of pesticide residues in
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11 85 and used to remove lipids from four oil crops ²⁵. However, the adsorption capacity of
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17 87 of abundant lipids ¹¹. Furthermore, in conventional QuEChERS methods, adsorbents
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24 90 Therefore, development of modified QuEChERS methods based on novel adsorbents
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31 93 Zirconium dioxide (ZrO_2) has an amphoteric characteristic and its surface
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37 95 bases such as fatty acids and glycerides. It has been reported that ZrO_2 -based sorbents
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39 96 can be used as adsorbents of QuEChERS methods in some high fatty matrices, such
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42 97 as avocado, almonds ¹⁰. The reported results indicate that the matrix components such
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44 98 as fatty acids and glycerides can be efficiently removed from sample extracts by ZrO_2
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47 99 composite. Recently, our group has prepared and evaluated a novel mesoporous ZrO_2
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49 100 magnetic microsphere ($m-ZrO_2@Fe_3O_4$) and n-octadecylphosphonic acid modified
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54 102 and 7 polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in fishes by a modified QuEChERS method
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57 103 combined with gas chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (GC-MS/MS) ²⁶.
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4 104 Under the magnetic field, magnetic materials can be easily separated from the
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11 107 In this work, the m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ and Fe₃O₄-OPA microspheres were used as
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13 108 QuEChERS adsorbents for the analysis of 52 pesticides in four oil crops. By using
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15 109 this modified QuEChERS combined with GC-MS/MS, a rapid, high-throughput and
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23 24 25 113 **2. Materials and methods**

26 27 114 **2.1 Reagents and materials**

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31 116 chloride hexahydrate (FeCl₃·6H₂O), zirconyl chloride octahydrate (ZrOCl₂·8H₂O)
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33 117 anhydrous sodium acetate (NaOAc), ethanol (EtOH), ethylene glycol (EG),
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35 118 ammonium hydroxide (NH₄OH), tetrahydrofuran (THF), potassium hydroxide
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37 119 (KOH), sodium bisulfate, ethylenediamine and isooctane were all of analytical
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39 120 reagent grade and supplied by Shanghai General Chemical Reagent Factory
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41 121 (Shanghai, China). n-Octadecylphosphonic acid was purchased from TCI (Shanghai,
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43 122 China). PSA was supplied by Agela Technologies. Acetonitrile (ACN), methanol
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45 123 (MeOH) and acetone of HPLC grade were obtained from Tedia (Ohio, USA). Purified
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47 124 water was obtained from a Millipore Milli-Q apparatus (Bedford, MA, USA).

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56 125 The standard solutions of 52 pesticides (1000 µg/mL) were provided by the
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6 127 The standard stock solution of a mixture 52 pesticides was made up to 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ with

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130 **2.2 Preparation of m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ and Fe₃O₄-OPA magnetic microspheres**

131 The magnetite microspheres were prepared through the solvothermal reaction ²⁷,

132 as described as follows: FeCl₃·6H₂O (5.4 g) was dissolved in ethylene glycol (160

133 mL) under magnetic stirring for 0.5 h. Then NaOAc (14.4 g) and polyethylene glycol

134 (4.0 g) were added to the solution. After stirring for another 0.5 h, the resultant

135 solution was transferred into a 200 mL Teflon lined stainless-steel autoclave. The

136 autoclave was sealed and heated at 200 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h and then cooled to room

137 temperature. The magnetic microspheres were collected with the help of magnet,

138 followed by washing with ethanol and deionized water 4 times. The product was dried

139 in vacuum at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 8 h.

140 Mesoporous ZrO₂ was directly coated onto the surface of magnetic Fe₃O₄ by the

141 hydrolysis of ZrOCl₂ and using cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB) as the

142 mesoporous template reagent according to our previous report ²⁶. Fe₃O₄ microspheres

143 (0.5 g) were dispersed in a solution containing 1.5 g CTAB, 400 mL of deionized

144 water, 7.5 mL of concentrated NH₄OH solution (28%) and 300 mL of ethanol. The

145 mixture was stirred continuously for 30 min to form a homogenized dispersion. To the

146 above dispersed solution, an aqueous solution of ZrOCl₂ (3.1 g dissolved in the

147 minimum volume of water) was added drop-wise and then the reaction mixture was

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9 150 and refluxed at 80 °C for 60 h. The resultant particles were then washed with
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11 151 deionized water, separated through magnetic decantation and dried in vacuum at 60
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13 152 °C for 12 h. At last, the obtained m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ was further calcined at 300 °C for 6
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19 154 The Fe₃O₄-OPA was prepared according to the previously described method ²⁶.
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21 155 OPA (1.0 g) was dissolved in 50 mL THF, then bare Fe₃O₄ (5.0 g) was added into the
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23 156 solution. The mixture was refluxed at 80 °C for 12 h. The final product was
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36 161 Commercial oil crops (peanut, rapeseed, soybean and sesame) were cut into
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42 164 Eppendorf vial (50 mL). ACN (10 mL) and deionized water (10 mL) were added and
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46 166 with the entire sample. Subsequently, anhydrous NaCl (1.0 g) and anhydrous MgSO₄
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4 170 standing for 1 min, and the supernatant was collected for the subsequent steps.
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12 174 (m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ and Fe₃O₄-OPA), then the mixture was shaken vigorously for 0.5
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26 179 GC-MS/MS analysis was performed using a Shimadzu GCMS-TQ8030
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28 180 equipped with an AOC-20i auto-sampler (Kyoto, Japan). Data acquisition and
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32 182 Japan). The separation was achieved on a fused silica capillary column (Rtx-5MS, 30
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34 183 m × 0.25 mm i.d., film thickness 0.25 μm) (Restek, Pennsylvania, USA). The oven
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36 184 temperature was programmed at 40 °C for 4.0 min, increased to 125 °C at a rate of 25
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38 185 °C min⁻¹, and then increased to 300 °C at a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ and held for 6.0 min.
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40 186 The solvent cut time was 7 min. The injection volume was 1.0 μL and splitless
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42 187 injection mode was used. The splitless time was 1.0 min. Helium (purity 99.999%)
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44 188 was used as the carrier gas at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min⁻¹. Argon (purity 99.999%) was
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46 189 used as a collision cell gas. The injection port, ion source and interface temperatures
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193 194 **3. Results and Discussion**

195 **3.1 Selection of target analytes and optimization of GC-MS/MS conditions**

196 Nowdays, a variety of pesticides have been widely applied in oil crops. In order
197 to establish a universal method for multi-residues analysis of pesticides in oil crops,
198 52 kinds of commonly used pesticides were selected in the present work, including
199 organochlorine, organophosphorus, organonitrogen, dimethrin and so on.

200 Compared with other analytical instruments, GC-MS/MS possesses the
201 advantages of higher sensitivity, specificity and selectivity. Therefore, it was
202 employed in this work, and multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) acquisition methods
203 were used. To optimize the triple quadrupole MS/MS, the relevant conditions were
204 considered for the best response, such as the choice of precursor ions, product ions,
205 and optimization of collision energies²⁸. The mass spectrometric parameters option
206 was initially performed by full scan for the compounds. After that, the precursor ion
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208 second quadrupole) were optimized to generate MS/MS product ions. The
209 characteristic ion transition and collision energy for each compound during MRM
210 acquisition are listed in **Table 1**. The collision energy was optimized for two selective
211 ion transitions for every pesticide. Both pairs of MRM transitions were used for
212 confirmation analysis, which meets the EU Decision (European Council 2002/657/EC,
213 implementing council directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical

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4 214 methods and the interpretation of results, 2002), and the most sensitive transitions
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9 216 **3.2 Compared with other QuEChERS adsorbents**

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11 217 In order to test the purification efficiency of the m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄, it was
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15 219 co-extracts. Twelve kinds of common fatty acids (chain length was C₁₈:3, C₁₆:1, C₂₂:2,
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17 220 C₁₈:1, C₁₇:0, C₂₀:2, C₂₀:1, C₁₈:2, C₂₄:1, C₂₄:0, C₁₆:0, C₁₈:0, respectively) were detected
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19 221 in the peanuts blank extract, which was then purified by m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ and PSA,
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21 222 respectively. The purification efficiency of two sorbents was relative to the change of
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23 223 relative content of total fatty acids. The relative concentrations of fatty acids in
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47 232 **3.3 Optimization of sample pretreatment**

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49 233 The lipid contents of peanut, rapeseed, sesame seeds, soybean were 49.24%,
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51 234 40.71%, 49.67% and 21.62%, respectively²⁵. In this study, we used a blank peanut
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23 244 **Optimization of the amount of m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄.** The surface of m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄
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27 246 QuEChERS extract of oil crops. The amount of m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ was optimized. The
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31 248 Eppendorf vial (1.5 mL) which was containing different amounts of m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄
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4 258 Therefore, the quantity of OPA-Fe₃O₄ was optimized. m-ZrO₂@Fe₃O₄ (35 mg) and
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28 268 **3.4 Validation of the method**

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51 279 are higher than 0.9904 in the range from 5 to 1000 µg/kg. The LOD and LOQ were
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11 283 **Accuracy and precision.** To assay the accuracy of the method, peanut was also
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21 287 method was assessed by determining the intra-day and inter-day relative standard
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26 289 summarized in **Table 3**. Except p,p'-DDE, p,p'-DDD, o,p'-DDT and p,p'-DDT, the
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31 291 relative standard deviation less than 15.1%. The recoveries of p,p'-DDE, p,p'-DDD,
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33 292 o,p'-DDT and p,p'-DDT range from 41.1% to 64.0%, which is relatively low because
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36 293 of their high lipid solubility in the lipid matrix^{5,29}. Simultaneously, the intra-day and
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47 297 also verified. As shown in **Table 5**, the recoveries of 48 pesticides in the three samples
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49 298 were in the range from 69.6 to 118.5% with the RSDs less than 14.3%, while the
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19 308 **3.5 Application to commercial oil crops samples**

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44 319 of interferents from different oil crops matrices in the QuEChERS method. Compared
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48 321 centrifugation, the modified QuEChERS method using magnetic adsorbents endows
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393 **Tables**394 **Table 1** Optimized GC-MS/MS acquisition method parameters for the 52 pesticides.

Pesticide	Retention time (min)	Quantitation ion (m/z)	CE1	Confirmation ion (m/z)	CE2
Dichlorvos	10.046	185.00>93.00	14	185.00>109.00	14
Trifluralin	14.632	306.10>264.10	8	306.10>206.10	14
Phorate	14.907	260.00>75.00	8	260.00>231.00	4
alpha-HCH	15.072	218.90>182.90	8	218.90>144.90	20
Dimethoate	15.309	125.00>79.00	8	125.00>47.00	14
beta-HCH	15.629	218.90>182.90	8	218.90>144.90	20
Gamma-HCH	15.758	218.90>182.90	8	218.90>144.90	20
Quintozine	15.853	294.80>236.80	16	294.80>264.80	12
Pyrimethanil	15.965	198.10>183.10	14	198.10>158.10	18
Diazinon	15.978	304.10>179.10	10	304.10>162.10	8
delta-HCH	16.246	218.90>182.90	10	218.90>144.90	20
Chlorothalonil	16.336	265.90>230.80	14	265.90>168.00	22
Vinclozolin	16.973	285.00>212.00	12	285.00>178.00	14
Parathion-methyl	17.007	263.00>109.00	14	263.00>136.00	8
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	17.002	285.90>93.00	22	285.90>270.90	14
Metalaxyl	17.232	249.20>190.10	8	249.20>146.10	22
Fenitrothion	17.538	277.00>260.00	6	277.00>109.10	14
Malathion	17.697	173.10>99.00	14	173.10>127.00	6
Fenthion	17.909	278.00>109.00	20	278.00>125.00	20
Clorpyrifos	17.94	313.90>257.90	14	313.90>285.90	8
Parathion	17.961	291.10>109.00	14	291.10>137.00	6
Triadimefon	18.001	208.10>181.00	10	208.10>127.00	14
Dicofol	18.035	250.00>139.00	14	250.00>215.00	8
Isocarbophos	18.086	289.10>136.00	14	289.10>113.00	6
Isofenphos-methyl	18.435	199.00>121.00	14	199.00>167.00	22
Pendimethalin	18.579	252.10>162.10	10	252.10>191.10	8
Fipronil	18.714	366.90>212.90	30	366.90>254.90	22
Procymidone	18.936	283.00>96.00	10	283.00>255.00	12
Profenofos	19.677	336.90>266.90	14	336.90>308.90	6
p,p'-DDE	19.772	246.00>176.00	30	246.00>211.00	22
Chlorfenapyr	20.214	247.10>200.10	15	247.10>227.10	15
p,p'-DDD	20.566	235.00>165.00	24	235.00>199.00	14
o,p'-DDT	20.641	235.00>165.00	24	235.00>199.00	16
Triazophos	20.847	257.00>162.00	8	257.00>134.00	22
p,p'-DDT	21.262	235.00>165.00	24	235.00>199.00	16
Iprodione	21.941	314.00>245.00	12	314.00>56.00	22
Phosmet	22.170	160.00>133.00	14	160.00>77.00	24
Bromopropylate	22.156	340.90>182.90	18	340.90>184.90	20

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3	Bifenthrin	22.115	181.10>166.10	12	181.10>153.10	8
4	Fenpropathrin	22.264	265.10>210.10	12	265.10>172.10	10
5	Phosalone	22.845	182.00>111.00	14	182.00>138.00	8
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7	Cyhalothrin-1	22.899	197.00>161.00	8	197.00>141.00	12
8	Cyhalothrin-2	23.092	197.00>161.00	8	197.00>141.00	12
9	Permethrin-1	23.860	183.10>168.10	14	183.10>165.10	14
10	Permethrin-2	23.983	183.10>168.10	14	183.10>165.10	14
11	Pyridaben	24.033	147.10>117.10	22	147.10>132.10	14
12	Cyfluthrin-1	24.427	226.10>206.10	14	226.10>199.10	6
13	Cyfluthrin-2	24.509	226.10>206.10	14	226.10>199.10	6
14	Cyfluthrin-3	24.626	226.10>206.10	14	226.10>199.10	6
15	Cyfluthrin-4	24.626	226.10>206.10	14	226.10>199.10	6
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17	Cypermethrin-1	24.748	181.10>152.10	22	181.10>127.10	22
18	Cypermethrin-2	24.835	181.10>152.10	22	181.10>127.10	22
19	Flucythrinate-1	24.938	199.10>157.10	10	199.10>107.10	22
20	Cypermethrin-3	24.940	181.10>152.10	22	181.10>127.10	22
21	Cypermethrin-4	25.128	181.10>152.10	22	181.10>127.10	22
22	Flucythrinate-2	25.128	199.10>157.10	10	199.10>107.10	22
23	Phenvalerate-1	25.740	419.10>225.10	6	419.10>167.10	12
24	Fluvalinate-1	25.906	250.10>55.00	20	250.10>200.00	20
25	Phenvalerate-2	25.963	419.10>225.10	6	419.10>167.10	12
26	Fluvalinate-2	25.962	250.10>55.00	20	250.10>200.00	20
27	Difenoconazole-1	26.271	323.00>265.00	14	323.00>202.00	28
28	Difenoconazole-2	26.357	323.00>265.00	14	323.00>202.00	28
29	Deltamethrin-1	26.374	252.90>93.00	20	252.90>171.90	8
30	Deltamethrin-2	26.644	252.90>93.00	20	252.90>171.90	8
31	Azoxystrobin	27.033	344.00>329.10	15	344.00>183.10	15

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398 **Table 2** Determination coefficients (R^2), limit of detection (LOD) and limit of
 399 quantification (LOQ) of the target pesticides in peanut, rapeseed, soybean, sesame.

Pesticide	Peanut			Rapeseed			Soybean			Sesame		
	R^2	LOD	LOQ	R^2	LOD	LOQ	R^2	LOD	LOQ	R^2	LOD	LOQ
Dichlorvos	0.9994	2.3	7.6	0.9908	0.3	0.9	0.9939	0.4	1.3	0.9975	0.2	0.5
Trifluralin	0.9972	0.2	0.7	0.9929	0.1	0.2	0.9963	0.2	0.7	0.9961	0.2	0.5
Phorate	0.9964	0.8	2.8	0.9914	0.2	0.7	0.9932	0.4	1.3	0.9972	0.4	1.5
alpha-HCH	0.9975	0.3	1.0	0.9919	0.1	0.3	0.9954	0.2	0.6	0.9968	0.3	0.9
Dimethoate	0.9932	2.7	8.8	0.9910	1.6	5.3	0.9980	4.1	13.5	0.9988	1.1	3.6
beta-HCH	0.9949	0.2	0.8	0.9953	0.1	0.3	0.9962	0.2	0.7	0.9977	0.2	0.7
gamma-HCH	0.9942	0.4	1.2	0.9934	0.1	0.4	0.9943	0.3	0.9	0.9972	0.3	0.9
Quintozine	0.9936	0.9	3.0	0.9930	0.3	0.9	0.9932	0.6	2.1	0.9978	0.6	2.1
Pyrimethanil	0.9953	2.4	7.9	0.9904	2.7	9.0	0.9969	3.1	10.4	0.9981	0.4	1.3
Diazinon	0.9914	0.2	0.6	0.9944	0.1	0.4	0.9951	0.3	0.9	0.9956	0.2	0.7
delta-HCH	0.9942	0.5	1.6	0.9906	0.3	0.9	0.9956	0.3	1.1	0.9969	0.3	0.9
Chlorothalonil	0.9930	1.8	6.1	0.9921	0.2	0.7	0.9974	1.4	4.6	0.9934	1.1	3.8
Vinclozolin	0.9956	0.2	0.7	0.9957	0.1	0.5	0.9947	0.5	1.8	0.9978	0.5	1.5
Parathion-methyl	0.9932	0.7	2.5	0.9968	1.6	5.3	0.9975	0.3	1.2	0.9979	0.5	1.6
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	0.9924	0.4	1.3	0.9914	0.3	0.9	0.9957	0.3	0.9	0.9967	1.5	5.0
Metalaxyl	0.9961	0.3	0.9	0.9955	0.1	0.4	0.9974	0.5	1.6	0.9981	0.3	0.8
Fenitrothion	0.9923	2.5	8.2	0.9948	0.7	2.3	0.9979	0.3	1.1	0.9979	0.4	1.4
Malathion	0.9923	0.2	0.8	0.9941	0.5	1.7	0.9982	0.1	0.5	0.9984	0.1	0.3
Fenthion	0.9937	0.1	0.5	0.9933	0.1	0.3	0.9970	0.1	0.4	0.9984	0.1	0.2
Clorpyrifos	0.9921	0.1	0.2	0.9954	0.1	0.2	0.9967	0.1	0.3	0.9976	0.1	0.3
Parathion	0.9915	0.9	3.0	0.9946	0.3	0.9	0.9990	0.3	0.9	0.9973	0.4	1.2
Triadimefon	0.9915	0.6	2.1	0.9956	0.8	2.7	0.9951	0.4	1.4	0.9992	1.2	4.1
Dicofol	0.9967	0.3	1.0	0.9972	0.1	0.3	0.9967	0.3	0.9	0.9990	0.3	0.8
Isocarbophos	0.9912	1.3	4.3	0.9924	0.3	0.9	0.9987	0.4	1.4	0.9991	0.4	1.4
Isofenphos-methyl	0.9931	0.1	0.2	0.9951	0.1	0.4	0.9963	0.1	0.2	0.9990	0.1	0.2
Pendimethalin	0.9911	0.4	1.2	0.9961	2.1	6.9	0.9969	1.7	5.5	0.9968	0.1	0.4
Fipronil	0.9929	0.3	0.9	0.9905	0.1	0.3	0.9990	3.4	11.2	0.9978	1.4	4.8
Procymidone	0.9967	0.2	0.7	0.9969	0.8	2.7	0.9950	0.2	0.6	0.9998	0.1	0.5
Profenofos	0.9988	1.1	3.6	0.9943	0.2	0.6	0.9958	0.3	1.0	0.9998	0.2	0.6
p,p'-DDE	0.9981	0.1	0.2	0.9965	0.1	0.3	0.9957	0.1	0.2	0.9998	0.1	0.2
Chlorfenapyr	0.9985	0.4	1.3	0.9952	0.8	2.6	0.9988	1.3	4.5	0.9997	0.9	2.9
p,p'-DDD	0.9985	0.1	0.3	0.9956	0.1	0.3	0.9964	0.1	0.2	0.9996	0.1	0.3
o,p'-DDT	0.9941	0.4	1.3	0.9965	0.2	0.6	0.9973	0.1	0.2	0.9997	0.1	0.4
Triazophos	0.9952	0.3	1.0	0.9940	0.4	1.3	0.9971	0.1	0.4	0.9992	0.1	0.3
p,p'-DDT	0.9932	0.2	0.8	0.9959	0.2	0.5	0.9973	0.1	0.2	0.9998	0.1	0.3
Iprodione	0.9993	1.7	5.6	0.9967	0.3	0.9	0.9969	0.3	1.0	0.9968	0.4	1.4
Phosmet	0.9967	2.3	7.7	0.9969	0.3	0.9	0.9990	1.1	3.5	0.9976	0.4	1.3
Bromopropylate	0.9983	0.1	0.3	0.9955	0.1	0.3	0.9977	0.8	2.8	0.9983	0.1	0.2

Bifenthrin	0.9967	0.4	1.3	0.9961	0.5	1.7	0.9973	0.2	0.8	0.9988	0.2	0.8
Fenpropathrin	0.9968	0.3	1.0	0.9966	0.2	0.5	0.9957	0.2	0.6	0.9979	0.1	0.4
Phosalone	0.9958	0.1	0.4	0.9966	0.7	2.4	0.9980	0.7	2.3	0.9964	0.4	1.3
Cyhalothrin	0.9971	0.8	2.7	0.9975	0.2	0.8	0.9968	0.2	0.6	0.9963	0.1	0.5
Permethrin	0.9992	1.9	6.4	0.9980	2.2	7.3	0.9971	2.0	6.5	0.9944	0.8	2.6
Pyridaben	0.9965	0.3	1.1	0.9964	0.3	1.0	0.9974	0.2	0.8	0.9963	0.2	0.8
Cyfluthrin	0.9978	1.7	5.6	0.9987	0.2	0.7	0.9989	0.4	1.4	0.9939	0.4	1.5
Cypermethrin	0.9964	1.3	4.3	0.9959	1.2	4.1	0.9985	1.1	3.8	0.9936	1.2	4.1
Flucythrinate	0.9955	1.2	4.1	0.9969	0.7	2.5	0.9988	0.8	2.7	0.9936	0.4	1.5
Phenvalerate	0.9954	0.9	3.1	0.9957	0.2	0.6	0.9977	0.4	1.4	0.9943	0.3	1.0
Fluvalinate	0.9979	0.5	1.6	0.9978	0.1	0.4	0.9993	0.2	0.5	0.9943	0.1	0.4
Difenoconazole	0.9989	0.2	0.7	0.9972	0.1	0.2	0.9982	0.1	0.4	0.9915	0.3	1.2
Deltamethrin	0.9968	2.1	6.9	0.9978	1.2	3.9	0.9978	1.8	6.1	0.9953	1.7	5.6
Azoxystrobin	0.9993	1.3	4.3	0.9971	2.5	8.2	0.9984	3.1	10.3	0.9908	1.2	3.9

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402 **Table 3** Average recoveries and RSDs of 52 pesticides spiked in peanut at three
 403 different concentration levels via GC–MS/MS analysis (n=4).

Analytes	10 ng/g spiked level		50 ng/g spiked level		200 ng/g spiked level	
	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Dichlorvos	75.2	2.6	106.7	5.8	100.7	3.7
Trifluralin	98.7	8.3	76.1	5.5	88.6	2.0
Phorate	100.4	7.8	86.6	4.7	101.7	0.9
alpha-HCH	96.0	7.0	84.2	5.0	95.8	2.9
Dimethoate	100.4	8.6	95.3	4.2	112.6	8.0
beta-HCH	97.8	7.8	87.3	5.1	98.8	1.9
gamma-HCH	93.9	4.0	86.2	5.4	96.6	2.2
Quintozine	70.4	9.4	70.2	3.5	69.6	0.9
Pyrimethanil	105.9	4.2	86.0	4.4	95.2	1.8
Diazinon	107.4	10.9	92.1	5.2	107.5	2.1
delta-HCH	93.2	4.3	85.0	4.7	97.6	2.7
Chlorothalonil	93.8	13.0	85.2	4.5	104.3	8.7
Vinclozolin	110.3	9.6	96.3	4.2	109.1	1.3
Parathion-methyl	111.5	6.5	93.3	4.0	112.4	2.0
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	93.4	7.9	83.7	5.5	98.9	1.3
Metalaxyl	120.0	6.0	100.3	2.1	119.3	4.1
Fenitrothion	103.1	2.5	93.5	5.3	111.6	1.4
Malathion	109.2	2.8	96.7	4.4	115.9	4.1
Fenthion	102.3	2.5	94.7	3.3	107.8	1.5
Clorpyrifos	106.6	12.0	76.0	2.3	87.9	1.2
Parathion	110.7	6.4	91.8	4.8	111.2	2.1
Triadimefon	117.5	5.9	102.3	3.1	115.2	2.8
Dicofol	90.4	1.4	82.3	11.8	86.3	13.3
Isocarbophos	114.1	11.5	99.3	4.8	115.3	3.4
Isofenphos-methyl	109.8	3.0	96.7	4.3	112.9	2.2
Pendimethalin	92.6	5.8	71.4	4.4	83.6	1.2
Fipronil	99.8	3.3	88.7	5.5	109.5	2.6
Procymidone	108.5	6.1	101.4	2.8	110.6	2.0
Profenofos	86.8	2.8	94.3	2.2	96.0	0.7
p,p'-DDE	58.1	7.9	41.1	1.8	44.3	0.6
Chlorfenapyr	91.0	6.2	93.5	3.1	103.3	5.6
p,p'-DDD	79.8	8.0	63.3	1.5	70.2	0.8
o,p'-DDT	64.0	1.5	44.4	1.7	49.1	0.4
Triazophos	103.2	4.7	100.7	3.5	115.1	3.7
p,p'-DDT	61.9	6.8	45.7	2.0	51.0	0.9
Iprodione	92.4	6.4	102.9	3.4	115.1	3.6
Phosmet	89.6	6.2	99.9	2.5	110.1	10.6

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Bromopropylate	89.8	6.3	82.0	1.9	89.1	0.7
Bifenthrin	76.1	11.1	73.4	3.5	70.5	1.0
Fenpropathrin	102.2	15.1	79.9	4.7	89.0	1.5
Phosalone	102.9	3.9	95.2	4.3	108.0	3.5
Cyhalothrin	91.4	6.8	79.5	5.2	90.1	1.5
Permethrin	79.9	11.7	77.9	2.4	75.2	1.1
Pyridaben	83.1	8.1	70.7	3.2	78.8	0.9
Cyfluthrin	97.9	8.6	78.8	6.1	87.7	1.4
Cypermethrin	96.4	8.2	71.3	5.8	81.5	1.7
Flucythrinate	102.7	5.8	90.1	5.7	102.3	1.0
Phenvalerate	90.9	9.4	70.2	7.3	79.8	1.4
Fluvalinate	91.6	14.7	71.3	5.0	80.1	1.2
Difenoconazole	105.7	8.5	104.9	4.7	115.8	6.9
Deltamethrin	85.1	11.8	69.1	5.8	80.1	1.6
Azoxystrobin	111.1	15.0	106.9	4.7	116.5	12.6

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406 **Table 4** Method precisions at three different concentrations for determination 52
 407 pesticides in peanut samples.

Analytes	Intra-day precision (RSD%, n=4)			Inter-day precision (RSD%, n=4)		
	Low	Middle	High	Low	Middle	High
Dichlorvos	2.7	7.6	3.0	2.7	8.6	5.1
Trifluralin	1.4	5.6	2.0	4.0	7.4	4.4
Phorate	6.7	6.9	0.9	8.8	9.5	4.0
alpha-HCH	2.6	4.4	1.5	2.3	5.4	4.4
Dimethoate	11.9	13.1	9.7	9.8	14.9	6.0
beta-HCH	3.0	3.3	1.6	1.8	5.5	3.9
gamma-HCH	3.0	3.8	0.8	3.7	5.7	4.6
Quintozine	4.1	4.7	0.9	6.0	6.1	4.0
Pyrimethanil	0.3	2.3	1.9	5.5	5.2	4.7
Diazinon	8.6	6.6	1.0	1.1	9.5	4.3
delta-HCH	4.8	2.7	1.9	4.2	5.3	5.1
Chlorothalonil	10.3	3.1	8.5	12.6	6.8	8.8
Vinclozolin	7.2	2.2	0.8	12.0	4.4	5.1
Parathion-methyl	5.2	9.4	2.4	6.1	12.7	4.9
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	5.5	4.7	1.3	7.0	7.2	4.5
Metalaxyl	3.3	5.4	1.5	5.4	5.6	3.7
Fenitrothion	2.1	10.1	0.6	3.1	13.4	5.6
Malathion	2.4	10.7	3.9	2.4	13.6	5.4
Fenthion	0.7	4.4	0.4	2.3	6.4	4.4
Clorpyrifos	8.1	3.4	1.5	6.9	4.5	4.7
Parathion	6.8	7.4	1.8	8.6	10.4	7.0
Triadimefon	3.7	2.0	2.9	3.6	4.1	3.8
Dicofol	3.2	3.0	14.7	1.9	12.5	10.7
Isocarbophos	12.1	11.7	3.4	10.2	14.5	5.8
Isofenphos-methyl	1.2	7.5	0.5	2.9	9.9	4.9
Pendimethalin	5.2	4.9	1.2	3.0	6.8	6.0
Fipronil	2.1	9.6	3.1	6.4	13.9	2.9
Procymidone	2.7	4.0	1.1	4.0	4.1	4.4
Profenofos	3.8	2.9	0.1	3.9	3.8	4.6
p,p'-DDE	0.9	2.0	0.4	2.4	3.1	4.3
Chlorfenapyr	7.4	4.5	2.0	8.5	4.7	8.4
p,p'-DDD	1.1	3.2	0.5	2.9	3.8	4.9
o,p'-DDT	0.7	2.1	0.4	2.1	3.1	4.0
Triazophos	4.6	6.7	3.6	5.6	9.5	5.2
p,p'-DDT	1.6	2.1	0.4	1.0	3.3	5.0
Iprodione	14.0	1.6	4.2	12.3	2.8	5.7
Phosmet	6.1	8.2	12.0	6.6	11.2	9.3
Bromopropylate	1.7	3.0	0.9	1.2	3.6	5.9

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Bifenthrin	0.2	1.9	0.7	0.7	3.4	4.5
Fenpropathrin	3.3	6.0	2.0	5.2	6.7	4.7
Phosalone	4.4	4.6	3.5	4.2	7.5	5.7
Cyhalothrin	1.8	6.5	1.5	4.2	8.6	4.8
Permethrin	0.6	2.0	0.7	1.2	4.0	3.7
Pyridaben	3.3	3.0	1.2	3.5	4.1	5.4
Cyfluthrin	6.6	7.4	0.9	9.8	8.7	4.3
Cypermethrin	8.1	6.6	2.3	6.5	8.5	4.7
Flucythrinate	1.6	10.7	0.2	1.8	10.7	4.4
Phenvalerate	10.3	10.2	1.5	5.8	12.2	5.2
Fluvalinate	4.8	6.1	0.5	0.7	7.8	4.8
Difenoconazole	1.5	8.9	7.4	7.1	9.1	6.2
Deltamethrin	9.0	7.2	1.9	2.6	8.5	4.8
Azoxystrobin	10.6	7.6	14.6	4.6	8.3	9.3

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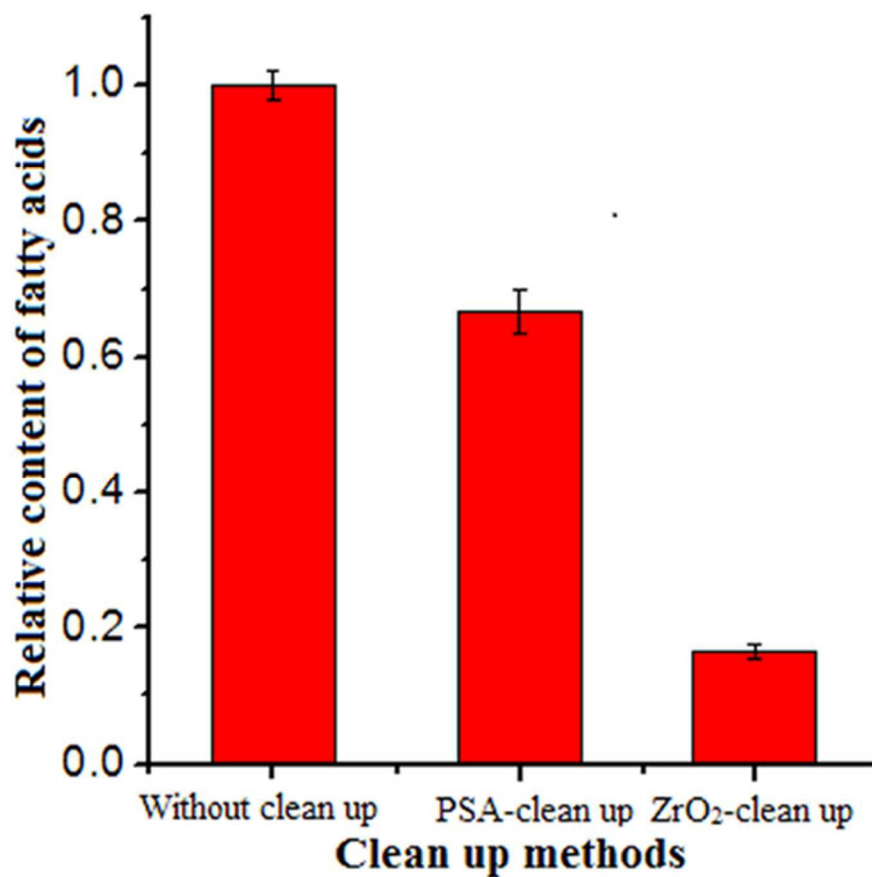
410 **Tables 5** Average recoveries and RSDs of 52 pesticides spiked in other three oil crops
 411 (sesame, soybean, rapeseed) via GC–MS/MS analysis (n=4).

Analytes	Sesame		Soybean		Rapeseed	
	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Dichlorvos	107.6	9.4	108.0	4.4	100.1	0.7
Trifluralin	73.2	11.9	83.3	1.1	101.9	9.5
Phorate	74.0	0.8	96.3	1.9	101.0	3.7
alpha-HCH	78.6	8.5	91.8	2.3	97.7	2.2
Dimethoate	95.7	14.3	104.1	7.4	113.2	5.8
beta-HCH	84.7	3.5	94.1	4.6	99.2	4.9
gamma-HCH	86.6	5.3	93.7	3.1	97.3	2.7
Quintozine	74.8	10.2	71.5	3.1	96.7	6.0
Pyrimethanil	83.9	11.4	111.2	0.7	101.5	7.7
Diazinon	93.7	7.4	104.4	1.9	99.8	3.7
delta-HCH	88.2	3.7	98.4	3.7	101.3	4.4
Chlorothalonil	100.7	8.8	102.2	7.2	85.6	0.1
Vinclozolin	93.6	9.5	110.7	2.0	102.6	6.0
Parathion-methyl	81.1	0.9	111.6	5.3	104.7	11.8
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	80.7	6.2	98.0	2.3	100.0	3.1
Metalaxyl	110.7	6.6	114.3	3.6	102.1	6.5
Fenitrothion	88.6	13.6	115.5	4.3	104.4	4.7
Malathion	109.8	6.0	117.9	3.2	99.2	6.7
Fenthion	93.1	1.3	107.3	2.9	101.0	4.4
Clorpyrifos	81.1	1.5	94.8	1.2	97.5	3.4
Parathion	90.6	11.7	112.1	1.1	100.7	5.0
Triadimefon	109.2	1.7	117.3	2.4	100.9	3.0
Dicofol	94.5	5.2	96.4	4.5	99.3	7.7
Isocarbophos	100.5	9.4	110.0	6.1	100.6	2.4
Isofenphos-methyl	95.8	6.8	110.0	2.4	100.1	4.4
Pendimethalin	69.8	11.8	83.4	1.3	100.6	7.9
Fipronil	107.6	9.0	113.4	2.7	97.7	10.3
Procymidone	97.3	3.0	118.5	3.3	101.8	6.9
Profenofos	92.0	4.1	106.0	0.9	99.0	0.4
p,p'-DDE	48.6	1.6	41.1	0.6	58.8	4.1
Chlorfenapyr	92.9	2.1	106.7	11.6	95.0	5.0
p,p'-DDD	64.6	2.1	63.4	1.5	67.1	9.8
o,p'-DDT	52.5	0.6	49.7	1.4	45.9	10.6
Triazophos	95.5	9.5	101.4	3.1	103.6	5.1
p,p'-DDT	55.3	0.6	50.8	2.3	94.9	5.8
Iprodione	105.2	3.7	116.8	3.7	100.7	12.9
Phosmet	97.8	7.0	104.0	6.3	91.9	1.1

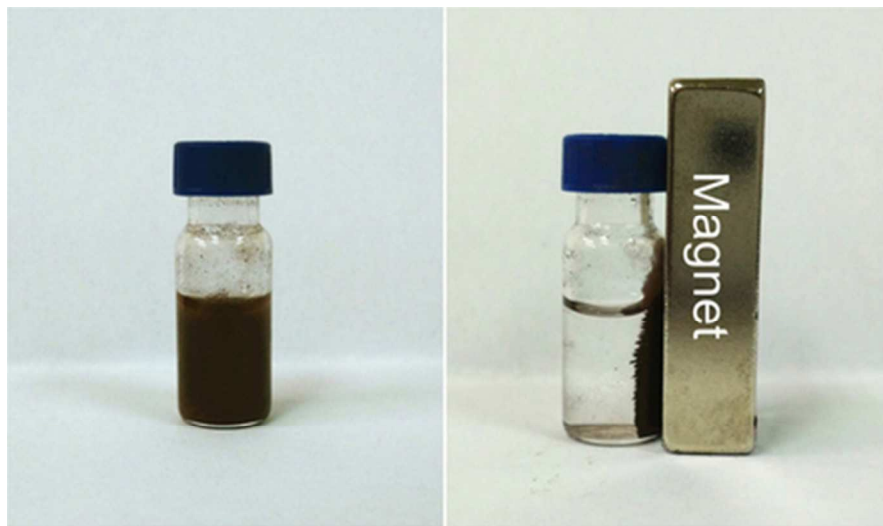
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3	Bromopropylate	72.9	2.5	84.5	1.5	99.2	7.7
4	Bifenthrin	70.3	2.2	77.7	0.9	96.4	11.0
5	Fenpropathrin	74.8	3.4	84.2	2.7	98.5	9.6
6	Phosalone	85.5	7.2	117.2	2.8	105.1	12.9
7	Cyhalothrin	76.4	11.4	78.5	1.1	95.9	7.4
8	Permethrin	80.1	4.1	78.0	1.9	95.0	9.5
9	Pyridaben	83.2	6.2	78.3	1.1	96.4	9.0
10	Cyfluthrin	83.8	8.6	84.8	3.4	96.6	6.3
11	Cypermethrin	72.6	8.3	96.2	1.7	97.0	5.1
12	Flucythrinate	69.6	5.8	95.1	4.4	93.7	6.9
13	Phenvalerate	88.2	5.3	71.3	3.3	106.2	11.9
14	Fluvalinate	86.2	5.7	76.3	3.3	94.4	6.8
15	Difenoconazole	87.8	9.4	116.7	5.6	90.0	2.0
16	Deltamethrin	88.3	6.1	80.2	6.4	91.9	8.0
17	Azoxystrobin	97.5	3.2	116.6	8.1	84.7	1.8
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Technique	Commodity	Cleanup process	Determination method	Analytes and LODs	Recoveries (%)	RSD (%)	Time required (min)	Reference
QuEChERS	flaxseeds, peanut	d-SPE with 150 mg PSA and 50 mg C-18	GC-TOF-MS	34 pesticides: 5-300 µg/kg	22-113	<26	> 5 min	24
	avocado, almond	d-SPE cleanups (Z-Sep, Z-Sep+, PSA + C18 and silica)	LC-MS/MS	113 pesticides: 3-15 µg/kg	70-120	<20	> 15 min	7
	avocado, almond	d-SPE cleanups (Z-Sep, Z-Sep+)	GC-MS/MS	166 pesticides: 3-15 µg/kg	28-159	<20	> 15 min	10
low temperature fat precipitation	rapeseed, rapeseed oil	12 h freezing	LC-MS/MS	27 pesticides: 0.1-6.0 µg/kg	70-118	<27	12 h	13
	peanut oil	24 h freezing following by d-SPE with 100 mg MWCNTs and 1 g neutral alumina	GC-MS	9 pesticides: 0.7-1.6 µg/kg	85.9-114.3	< 8.84	> 24 h	14
ASE+LLE+GPC+SPE	soybean	A combined method including LLE, GPC and SPE	Capillary electrophoresisUV	6 herbicides 5.2-36 µg/kg	72-88.6	<11	> 15 min	30
GPC	olive oil	Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) with ethyl acetate-cyclohexane (1:1) as mobile phase	GC-MS/MS	32 pesticides: 0.5-20 µg/kg	89-105	<20	> 35 min	17
SPE	sesame seeds	MAE+SPE (florisil column)	GC/MS	16 pesticides: 1.5-3 µg/kg	86-103	<12	> 20 min	20
Modified QuEChERS	rapeseed, peanut, soybean and sesame seeds	d-SPE with 35 mg m-ZrO ₂ @Fe ₃ O ₄ and 40 mg C ₁₈	GC-MS/MS	52 pesticides: 0.1-4.1 µg/kg	69.1-120.0 (except p,p'-DDE, p,p'-DDD, o,p'-DDT and p,p'-DDT range from 41.1% to 64.0%)	< 14.9	<3min	This work

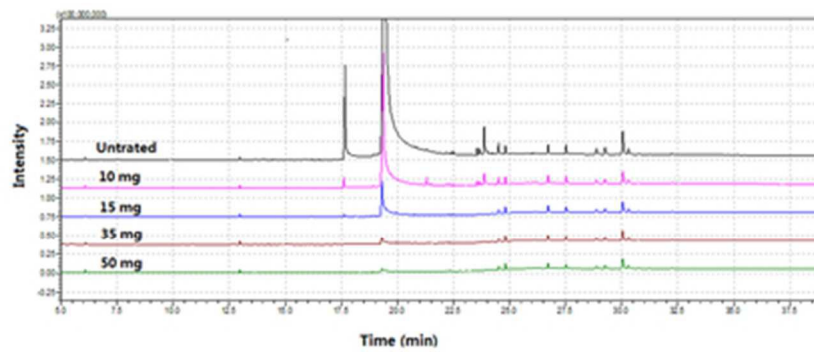


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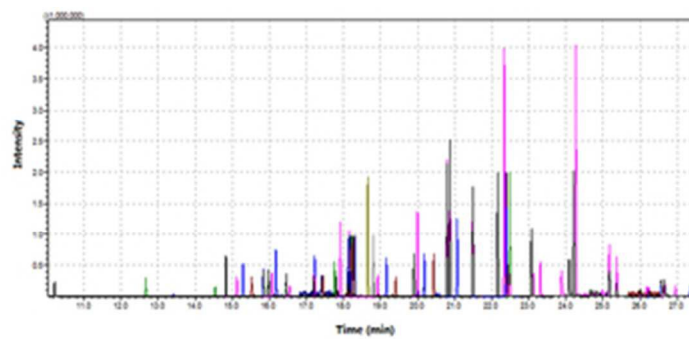
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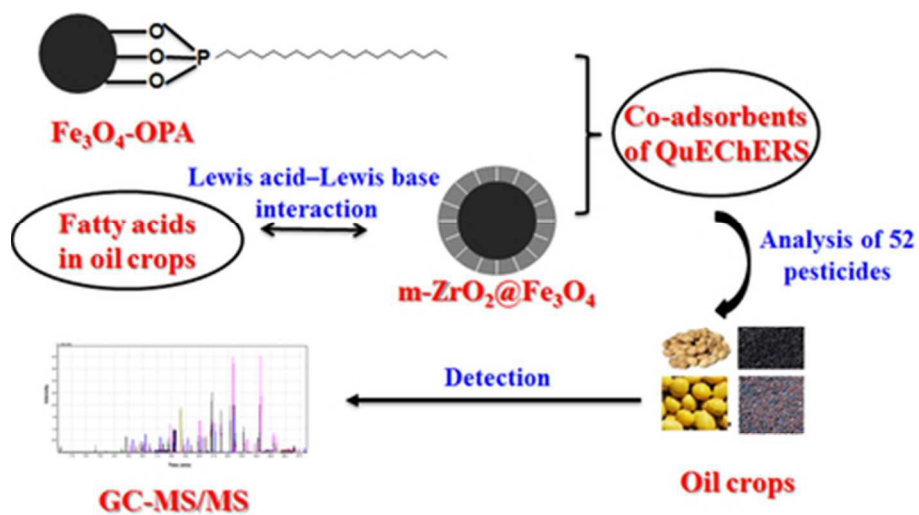


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GC-MS/MS chromatograms of a blank peanut sample spiked with 52 pesticides at 100 µg/kg level
30x14mm (300 x 300 DPI)



A modified QuEChERS method based on magnetic zirconium dioxide microspheres for the determination of 52 pesticides in oil crops by gas chromatography tandem mass spectrometry was demonstrated

39x22mm (300 x 300 DPI)