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## ABSTRACT

A novel, simple, sensitive and effective method has been developed for Preconcentration of Mo (II) on magneticnano-Fe3O4chitosan/graphene oxide solid-phase extraction adsorbent. A novel method applied a solid phase extraction (SPE) dispersive with magneticnano-Fe3O4chitosan/graphene oxide sorbent was established for the Preconcentration of trace quantities of Mo (II) and was identified by flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS). Some of the significant factors were nominated and optimized. Through the optimized circumstances the boundary of detection (LOD) and boundary of quantification (LOQ) were 49.6, 163.7 ng L-1 and the offered method has a good reproducibility 0.90% (RSD %). The enrichment factor was 200 and the percentage of recovery was in the range of 97-100%. The technique was effectively used to for recovering the Mo (II) in several kinds of water samples.

**Keywords:** magneticnano-Fe3O4chitosan/graphene oxide, Preconcentration, SPE, Preconcentration, FAAS, Mo (II)

## **INTRODUCTION**

The properties of nanomagnetic particles research on their functionality as magnetic carrier (Leyden et al, 1976). Also in medical imaging uses such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) it commonly, generated from industrial processes including electroplating, smelting, battery manufacturing, mining, metallurgy, and refining (Leyden et al, 1976; Narin et al, 2000; Akama et al, 2000; Ohta et al, 2001; Cyclic et al, 1997; Moghimi et al, 2012).

The normal and selective solid phase extractors are those derived from the immobilization of the organic compounds on the surface of solid supports which are mainly polyurethane foams (Arpadjan et al, 1997), filter paper (Leyden et al, 1975), cellulose (Gennaro et al, 1983) and ion exchange resins (Grote et al, 1985). Silica gel, alumina, magnesia and zirconia are the major inorganic solid matrices used to immobilize the target organic modifiers on their surfaces(Unger 1979) of which silica gel is the most widely used solid support due to the well documented thermal, chemical and mechanical stability properties compared to other organic and inorganic solid supports (Boudreau et al, 1989). The surface of silica gel is characterized by the presence of silanol groups, which are known as weak ion exchangers, causing low interaction, binding and extraction of the target analytes (Kvitek et al, 1982). For this reason, modification of the silica gel surface with certain functional groups has successfully been employed to produce the solid phase with certain selectivity characters (Bruening et al, 1991). Two approaches are known for loading the surface of solid phases with certain organic compounds and these are defined as the chemical immobilization which is based on chemical bond formation between the silica gel surface groups and those of the organic modifier. and the other approach is known as the physical adsorption in which direct adsorption of the organic modifier with the active silanol groups takes place (Unger 1979). Selective solid phase extractors and pre-concentrators are mainly based on impregnation of the solid surface with certain donor atoms such as oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur containing compounds (Mahmoud 1997: Mahmoud et al, 1997; Tong et al, 1990; Dadler et al, 1987). The most successful selective solid phases for soft metal ions are sulfur-containing compounds, which are widely used in different analytical fields. Amongst sulfurthese

containing compounds are dithiocarbamate derivatives for selective extraction of Co(II) (Mahmoud 1998; Mahmoud 1999) and preconcentration of various cations (Leyden et al, 1976: Narin et al. 2000: Akama et al. 2000: Ohta et al, 2001; Cuculic et al, 1997; Moghimi et al, 2009; Thurman 1998; Pawliszyn 1997; Izatt et al, 1996; Hagen et al, 1990; Krueger 1995; Yamini et al, 1994; Shamsipur et al, 1999; Shamsipur et al, 2001; Brunner et al, 2003; Zelder et al, 2004; Boll et al, 2005; Moghimi et al, 2007; Moghimi, Chinese Journal of Chemistry 2007,25, 640; Moghimi, Chinese Journal of Chemistry 2007, 10, 1536; Moghimi, Environmental chemistry an journal 2007) and 2-mercaptobenzo Indian thiazol-modified silica gel for on-line preconcentration and separation of silver for atomic absorption spectrometric determinations (Qiao sheng et al, 1998). Ammonium hexa-hydroazepin-1-dithiocarboxylate (HMDC)-loaded on silica gel as solid phase pre-concentration column for atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) and inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) was reported (Alexan drova et al, 1993). Mercapto-modified silica gel phase was used in pre-concentration of some trace metals from seawater (Moghimi et al, 2010). Sorption of Co (II) by some sulfur containing complexing agents loaded on various solid supports (Tajodini et al, 2010) was also reported. 2-Amino-1- cyclopentene-1-dithio caboxylic acid (ACDA) for the extraction of silver(I), Co(II) and palladium(II) (Moghimi et al, 2009s), 2-[2triethoxysilyl-ethylthio] aniline for the selective extraction and separation of palladium from other interfering metal ions (Narin et al, 2000) as well as thiosemicarbazide for sorption of different metal ions (Campderros et al, 1998) and thioanilide loaded on silica gel for pre-concentration of palladium(II) from water (Narin et al, 2000) are also sulfur containing silica gel phases.

In the present work, magneticnano-Fe3O4 chitosan/graphene oxide was employed for production of solid phase. The synthesized and characterized new sorbent magneticnano-Fe3O4 chitosan/graphene oxide was utilized for preconcentrati on of Mo (II) from water samples. Determination of Mo (II) concentration was achieved by GF-AAS after preconcentration procedure.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

## **Reagents and Chemicals**

The analytical grade D.W. (deionized water) was obtained by reverse osmosis system. All

containers and glassware were kept overnight in 10% nitric acid and rinsed three times with water before use.1,000 mg L-1stock Mo standard solution was prepared from Mo(NO3) 2.4H2O (Merck) and diluted as required to the µg L-1 levels. BDH Limited, Poole, England. Dioctyl phthalate, DOP, (purity> 99.55%), sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and 1-ethyl-3-(3dimethylaminoprophy) carbon diimidehydro chloride, chitosan and graphene oxide was purchased from BDH, UK. Mo nitrate, Mo (NO3)2, cadmium nitrate, Mo (NO3)2and NiCl2-6H2O was purchased from Merck. In interference study, captions were added as nitrates and the anions were added as sodium salts. Feasibility of the suggested method was tested with Lake Ontario water certified reference material (TMDA-53.3, lot 0310).

### Apparatus

A Philips X Pert-Pro diffracrometer (Mo K $\alpha$   $\lambda$ =1.54060 A°, 30 mA, 40 kV), and Perkin Elmer Spectrum 65 FTIR-ATR spectrometer were used to confirm the synthesized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-encapsulated-DOP nano-sorbent.Determination of Mo(II) in solutions were carried out by Perkin Elmer AAnalyst200 GF-AAS equipped with deuterium background correction. All measurements were performed in an air/acetylene flame. GFL 3005 orbital shaker having speed and time control was used for preparation of the sorbent.

During the solid phase extraction experiments, Help Scientific a SP311 peristaltic pump with Tygon tubes was used. A Thermo Orion 5 Star model pH meter, Heidolph MR 3001 K model magnetic stirrer, Sartorius TE214S electronic balance, Eppendorf Research micro pipettes were used for the present work. Funnel tipped glass tube (10x100 mm) equipped with stopcock was used as a column for the enrichment experiments.

## **Preparation of Magnetic Nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Sorbent**

The novel magnetic nano-iron oxide was first synthesized according to a previously reported method (Moghimi et. al.2019)... A 6.1 g sample of FeCl<sub>3</sub>-6H<sub>2</sub>O and 4.2 g FeSO<sub>4</sub>-7H<sub>2</sub>O were dissolved in 100 mL of distilled water. A total of 25.0mL of 6.5 M-NaOH was slowly added to the above solution.

The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h using a magnetic stirrer. After the complete addition of NaOH, the former black precipitate, nano-FejOa, was then washed several times with

distilled water, collected in a pure form by the assistance of an external magnetic field and dried in an oven at 70 °C.

## Synthesis of Nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Encapsulated-Chitosan/Graphene Oxide Sorbent

Geraphene oxide (0.1 g) dispersion was synthesised by soliciting grapheme oxide for 3 h in ultrapure water. A solution of 1-ethyl-3-(3dimethylaminoprophy) carbondiimide hydro chloride (0.05 M) and N-hydroxyl succinimide (0.05 M) was mixture to the graphene oxide dispersion with continuous stirring for 2 h in order to activate the carboxyl groups of graphene oxide (Moghimi et. al.2019). The pH of the producing solution was maintained at 7.0 using dilute sodium hydroxide.

Magnetic chitosan (0.1g) and graphene oxide solution were mixture in a flask and dispersed in distilled water by ultrasonic dispersion for 20 min. After ultrasonic dispersion, the mixed solutions were stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. The precipitate was washed with 2% (w/v) NaOH and distilled water in turn until pH was about 7. Then, the obtained Synthesize collected by the aid of an adscititious magnet and dried in a vacuum oven at 50 °C. The obtained product nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-encapsulated-chitosan/graphene oxide (Moghimi et. al, 2019)

## **Preparation of Solid Phase**

Adsorption characteristics of Mo (II) ions by magnetic nano-sorbents by the batch equilibrium technique. The applicability of magnetic nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> chitosan/graphene oxide. Sorbent for



**Figure1.** (a)Images of (a) Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

extraction of Mo (II) ions was studied by the batch equilibrium technique under several experimental controlling factors. These include the effect of pH, contact time, sorbent dosage, initial metal, desorption of eluent, ion concentration and interfering ions and calibration curve.

### **General procedure**

50 ngml<sup>-1</sup>Mo (II) content was prepared as a 100 ml solution. This solution was added to the magnetic nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide sorbent. Absorption of the nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>- chitosan /graphene oxide sorbent by using buffer solution, its pH was modified to 3.0, followed the container was shaken for 25min in order to allow easier Mo (II) ions (Moghimi et. al. 2019).

At the end of this stage, then ano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan /graphene oxide sorbent which had been formed on the bottom layer of the beaker was removed through applying an external field with 2.0T magnetic powers and was immediately decanted outside the supernatant. Mo (II) ions determinate1 ml of 1 molL<sup>-1</sup> ion of eluent was injected into GF-AAS.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### Surface morphology

Figures 1a and b show the morphology and size of magneticnano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide sorbent as shown in Figures 1a and b. The particles of nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide 339 sorbent retained a homogenous distribution in the range of 340 5.0–20.0 nm.



(b) Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) of nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide.



**Figure2.** Influence of sample pH and dissolving solvent of nano- Fe3O4 -DOP- EDon the percentage recovery of Mo (II).

## **Effect of Ph**

The pH of the sample solution plays important role in retention of metals on sorbent. The pH of the model solutions containing  $5\mu g$  Mo (II) were adjusted to certain value using diluted HNO<sub>3</sub> and NaOH. As shown in Figure2, the recovery results were not dramatically affected by the change in pH between 4 and 7.According to this, pH=3.5were chosen as centre value for the optimization protocol.

#### **Desorption Reagent**

Desorption of Mo(II) were tested 0.5 mol  $L^{-1}$  of HNO<sub>3</sub>, HCl, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for desorption of Mo(II) from nano- Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> -DOP- ED. The recovery percentages were varied between 9.8-97.4 % except HNO<sub>3</sub> elution experiments. It was showed that HNO<sub>3</sub> is the best as an eluent and the recovery percentage is 95.5±1.5 %.

### **Effect of Flow Rate on Sorption and Elution**

The retention of a metal ion on the sorbent also depends on the flow rate of the sample solution. Thus, the both effect of flow rate of the sample and eluent on the sorption and desorption of Mo ions were investigated between 3-20mL min<sup>-1</sup>. Quantitative results (> 95%) were obtained up to 10 and 8mL min<sup>-1</sup> for sorption and elution, respectively. In order to avoid an abrupt change in adsorption and increase the contact time of the sample solution with the sorbent, flow rate was selected as 4mL min<sup>-1</sup> for sorption and elution.

Table1. Levels and the real values of factors utilized in CCD.

Factors	For sorption Levels			els	Factors	For elution Levels	
racions	-α	-1 (	) +1	$+\alpha$	Factors	$-\alpha$ $-1$ $0$ $+1$ $+\alpha$	
pН	3.5	4 5	6	6.5	Flow rate(mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	2.3 3 4 5 5.7	
Flow rate(mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	2.3	3 4	5	5.5	Eluent Concentration(mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	0.08 0.25 0.5 0.75 0.92	
Sample volume(mL)	8.0	25 5	0 75	91.4	Eluent Volume	3.3 4 5 6 6.7	

#### **Optimization of Variables**

Three level full factorial CCD with 20 runs of Optimization and preliminary studies was achieved shows in Table1.The maximum, minimum and centre values of the variables for sorption and elution. External standard calibration method by GF-AAS was determined the metal concentration in solutions. Lists Tables 2and 3 the experimental design matrix and the results for sorption and elution are given.

Quadratic Eq. (1) and Eq. (2), which were obtained by using data of response values, are showed below for sorption and elution, respectively.

Table2. Experiments and recovery values for the sorption of Mo (II)

Run	X <sub>1</sub> pH	X <sub>2</sub> Flow rate(mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	X <sub>3</sub> Sample volume (mL)	Recovery%
1	3	3	25	99.2
2	3.5	3	25	101
3	4	5	25	98.2
4	3.5	5	25	101.3
5	4	3	75	99.4
6	3.5	5	75	99.6
7	4	5	75	104
8	6	5	75	98.5
9	5	4	50	102.6
10	3.3	4	50	96.7
11	4	4	50	97.6
12	3.7	2.3	50	101.4
13	3.7	5.7	50	99.0
14	3.7	4	8.0	100.1

15	3.7	4	92.0	99.2
16	3.7	4	50	99.8
17	3.7	4	50	101.0
18	3.7	4	50	98.9
19	3.7	4	50	100.0
20	3.7	4	50	99.8

Run	X <sub>1</sub> Flow rate (mLmi <sup>-1</sup> )	X <sub>2</sub> Eluent Concentration (mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	X <sub>3</sub> Eluent volume(mL)	Recovery%
1	3	0.25	4	99.2
2	5	0.25	4	101
3	3	0.75	4	98.6
4	5	0.75	4	100.6
5	3	0.25	6	98.9
6	5	0.25	6	98.9
7	3	0.75	6	100.7
8	5	0.75	6	99.5
9	4	0.5	5	99.5
10	2.3	0.5	5	101.5
11	5.7	0.5	5	97.5
12	4	0.08	5	1003
13	4	0.92	5	98.9
14	4	0.5	3.3	100.9
15	4	0.5	5	98.0
16	4	0.5	5	99.0
17	4	0.5	5	102.0
18	4	0.5	5	99.4
19	4	0.5	5	100.1
20	4	0.5	5	99.2

Table3. Experiments and recovery values for the elution of Mo (II)

 $\begin{array}{l} Y=\!0.512605\!\!\cdot\!\!0.73420x_1\!\!\cdot\!\!0.81067x_2\!\!\cdot\!\!0.97620x_3\!\!+\\ +0.045582x_1^2\!\!+\!\!0.171280x_2^2\!\!+\!\!0.493038x_3^2\!\!+\!\!1.465\\ 720x_1x_2\!\!+\!\!1.4556159x_1x_3\!\!+\!\!1.306404x_2x_3 \quad (1) \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} Y=\!0.647745\!\cdot\!0.018065x_1\!-\!1.241486 \quad x_2\!-\!0.121647 \\ x_3\!+\!0.565546{x_1}^2\!+\!1.224434{x_2}^2\!+\!0.33018{x_3}^2\!+\!0.0 \\ 72127x_1x_2\!+\!0.06768x_1x_3\!+\!0.07180x_2x_3(2) \end{array}$ 

 $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  represents the 1st, 2nd and 3rd factors. Derivatives of the equations in terms of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ were equalized to zero and solved using Microsoft Excel. The real values presented in Table 4 obtained from CCD and used as optimal conditions for further experiments.

#### **Interference Effects**

The Preconcentration protocols of trace metal ions can be strongly affected by other ions. For this reason, the effects of matrix ions were researched under optimal conditions. The results revealed that the nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide behaves as a neutral ionosphere in the pH range 3.0 [49, 50] so that the Mo ions are retained as ion pair complexes by the membrane disks. As seen, acetate ion is the most efficient counter anion for the solid phase extraction of Mo (II) ions. The influence of the concentration of sodium acetate ion on Mo recovery was investigated, and the results are given in Table4.

As seen, the percent recovery of  $Mo^{2+}$  increased with the acetate concentration until a reagent concentration of about 0.1 M is reached, beyond which the recovery remained quantitative. Moreover, acetate ion acts as a suitable buffering agent, while it effectively contributes to the ions- pair formation; thus, in the solid phase extraction experiments, there was no need for the addition of any buffer solution. The tolerance limit of coexisting ions was given in Table 5.The experiments indicated that, no further sample treatment or masking reagents are needed.

Table4. Optimum preconcentration conditions for Mo (II) by nano-Fe3O4-chitosan/graphene oxide

Optical condition				
sorption elution				
pН	2.9	Flow rate(mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	4.1	
Flow rate(mL min <sup>-1</sup> ) 4.3 Eluent Concentration (mol L <sup>-1</sup> ) 0.6		0.6		
Sample volume(mL)	55	Eluent Volume(mL)	5.1	

Diverse ion	Amounts taken(mg)	% Found	%Recovery of Mo <sup>2+</sup> ion
Na <sup>+</sup>	92.4	$1.15(2.4)^{b}$	98.7(1.8)
$ \frac{K^{+}}{Mg^{2+}} \\ \frac{K^{+}}{Ca^{2+}} \\ \frac{K^{+}}{Sr^{2+}} \\ Ba^{2+} \\ \frac{K^{+}}{Ba^{2+}} \\ \frac{K^{+}}{Ba^{$	92.5	1.32(2.3)	98.5(2.9)
$Mg^{2+}$	14.5	0.7(1.2)	98.9(1.8)
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	26.3	2.25(3.0)	98.5(1.6)
$\mathrm{Sr}^{2+}$	2.45	2.85(2.5)	98.4(2.0)
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	2.66	3.16(2.1)	98.3(2.3)
$Mn^{2+}$	2.66	1.75(2.2)	97.3(2.8)
$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Co}^{2+} \\ \text{Ni}^{2+} \\ \text{Zn}^{2+} \\ \text{Cd}^{2+} \\ \text{Cd}^{2+} \\ \end{array} $	2.16	1.4(2.3)	99.1(2.9)
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	1.65	2.0(2.4)	98.5(2.6)
$Zn^{2+}$	2.78	1.97(2.1)	98.4(2.2)
$\mathrm{Cd}^{2+}$	2.55	1.92.0)	98.2(2.8)
$Pb^{2+}$	0.54	2.7(1.9)	97(2.7)
$Hg^{2+}$	0.44	2.81(2.1)	97.7(2.8)
$Ag^+$	2.63	3.45(2.9)	96.6(2.9)
$Hg^{2+}$ $Ag^{+}$ $Cr^{3+}$ $UO^{2+}$	1.73	2.92(2.30	97.3(2.4)
$\mathrm{UO}^{2+}$	2.84	2.8(2.1)	98.3(2.7)

**Table5.** Separation of Mo from binary mixtures <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Initial samples contained 10µg Mo2+ and different amounts of various ions in 100 mL water (0.1M acetate ion). B Values in parentheses are RSDs based on five individual replicate analyses.

#### **Effect of Sample Volume**

The enrichment studies were applied to solutions within the range of 25-1000mL containing  $5\mu g$  amount of Mo (II) to explore the possibility of enriching at low concentration with high enrichment factor. The recovery value was obtained as 99.8 % at 1000mL sample volume by analysing 5mL eluant and the highest Preconcentration factor was found to be200.

### **Analytical Figures of Merit**

Accuracy and Relative standard deviation (RSD, %) of the proposed solid phase extraction procedure under optimal conditions were investigated (n=5) as  $101.0\pm0.2$  % and 2, respectively. Limits of detection and the limits of quantification (LOQ) were obtained by using

Table6. Analysis of standard reference material

рН	<b>Certified Value</b>	Found Value	Recovery%
CRM(TMDA-53.3)	$105 \pm 5.0$	102±0.2	99.8

### **Real Sample Analysis**

To assess the applicability of the method to real samples, it was applied to the extraction and determination of Mo from different water samples. Tap water (Tehran, taken after 10 min operation of the tap), rain water (Tehran, 25 January, 2016), Snow water (Varamin, 10 February, 2016) and Sea water (taken from Caspian Sea, near the Mahmoud-Abad shore) samples were analyzed (Table 7).

As can be showed from Table 4 the added Mo ions can be quantitatively recovered from the

water samples used. As is seen, the recovered Mo ion reveals that the results are quite reliable and are in satisfactory agreement with those obtained by ICPAES (Tables 7). In the present study, a new sorbent is prepared by using nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide and for Preconcentration of Mo (II) from natural water samples. With nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/ graphene oxide was prepared easily and sorbed Mo (II) rapidly. The Preconcentration parameters pH, flow rate and sample volume for sorption procedure was obtained by CCD as 5.2, 4.3mL min<sup>-1</sup>, 55.0 mL, respectively. Elution parameters, flow rate, eluent

a criterion signal-to-noise ratio of 3 and 10, respectively. The results were calculated 49.6ng  $L^{-1}$  for LOD and 163.7ng  $L^{-1}$  for LOQ.

# Validation and Application of the Improved Method

The developed procedure was validated by Mo (II) determination in certified reference material. The results are given in Table 6. A statistical evaluation was performed by Student's test and t value was calculated as 2.95.

Critical value (4.30) is higher than the calculated one at 95 % confidence level. This test showed no significant difference between Mo (II) concentration obtained from the presented method and the certified value.

concentration and eluent volume were also obtained as  $4.1 \text{mL} \text{ min}^{-1}$ , 0.6 mol L<sup>-1</sup> and 5.1 mL, respectively. Enrichment factor was found to

be 200 when 100mL of water sample (included  $5\mu g$ ) passed through the nano-Fe3O4-chitosan/ graphene oxide column.

**Table7.** Recovery of Pb added to 1000mL of different water samples (containing 0.1Macetate at pH=3.0).

Sample	Pb <sup>2+</sup> added (µg)	Pb <sup>2+</sup> determined(ng.mL <sup>-1</sup> )	ICP-AES
Top water	0.0	$1.78(3.0)^{a}$	ND
Tap water	10.0	11.68(3.2)	11.2
Snow water	0.0	4.46(2.2)	ND
	10.0	14.67(2.2)	14.3
Rain water	0.0	2.56(1.9)	ND
	10.0	12.65(2.7)	12.4
C Weter	0.0	12.65(2.6)	12.4
Sea Water	10.0	22.96(2.5)	23.5

A Values in parentheses are % RSDs based on five individual replicate analysis, B Not detected

The interference effects of some ions were also researched according to the improved method. The tolerance limits were between750-10,000 times greater are given in Table 5.The mean recovery values for spiked water samples were satisfactory and confirmed the validity of the method. Additionally, mean %RSD value was 2 and showed that the precision of the method is quite good. Preconcentration factor, LOD, RSD, eluent type and concentration and detection technique of present work was compared with **Table8.** *Comparison with other solid phase adsorbents*  literature data in Table8. In most cases, suggested method for Mo enrichment with nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/ grapheme oxide is comparable to, or better than, some of the previously reported nano-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-chitosan/graphene oxide based modified adsorbents. Finally, the proposed method can be suggested as simple, sensitive, accurate and repeatable method for determination of Mo (II) after enrichment. This new enrichment procedure can also be applied to some other metal ions.

References	Chelating agent/solid phase adsorbent	Method	Preconcentr ation factor	Eluent
Moghimi et al, 2012	Dithizone/microcrystalline naphthalene	FAAS	200	$7 \text{ mol } L^{-1}HCl$
Narin et al, 2000	$\beta$ -Naphthol/polyurethane foam	Atomic	50	$0.1 \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ HNO3}$
		absorptionspec-		
		trophotometry		
Tuzen et al, 2009	Dithizone/silica gel	FAAS	200	$10 \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{HCl}$
Liu et al, 2010	HgI <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> -Aliquat-336/naphthalene	Anodic stripping	80	Tetraphenyl-borate
		voltammetry		
Moghimi,2013	DuoliteGT-73 resin	ICP-AES	40	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> –H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> mixture
Choi et al, 2003	Dithioacetal/SiO <sub>2</sub>	FAAS	5	Water
Tajodini et al 2010	2-ercaptobenzoxazole/chromosorb	FAAS	300	$2 \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ HNO}_3 \text{ in}$ acetone
Present work	nano-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -chitosan/graphene oxide	GF-AAS	200	HNO <sub>3</sub>

## CONCLUSION

Results presented in this work demonstrate well the tremendous possibilities offered by the dispersive solid phase extraction of trace amounts of Mo (II) in water samples using magneticnano-Fe3O4chitosan/graphene oxide and its determination by FAAS.

The method developed was simple, reliable, and precise for determining Mo (II) in water. Also,

the proposed method was free of interference compared to conventional procedures to determine Mo (II) [51-57]. The method can be successfully applied to the separation and determination of Mo (II) in binary mixtures.

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