TIPS FOR ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES







CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF ICP

- Lead in blood and urine
 - Pica in children
 - Urban poisoning
 - OSHA regulations
- Hg, As, and Cd
 - Insecticides
 - Certain fish
 - Water and air
 - Toys

- Forensic applications
 - Intentional poisoning
 - Weapon ID
- Essential trace nutrients
 - Se as antioxidant
 - Cr for glucose metabolism
 - Co for Vitamin B12







CHALLENGES OF CLINICAL SAMPLES

Challenges:

- Homogeneity
- Complex matrix
- Limited volume
- Speciation

Solutions:

- Digestion; sonication; sample size
- Neb, torch, injector
- Micro nebs, increased transport
- HPLC-ICP-MS



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT NEBULIZER

Application

- High dissolved solids
- Particulates and high TDS
- Limited volume
- Very small sample

Nebulizer

- SeaSpray
- VeeSpray
- Low uptake SeaSpray
- (0.4ml/min)
- MicroMist (0.05ml/min)



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TORCH SELECTION

- Injector shape
- Aerosol dilution
- Outer tube material





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PATENTED D-TORCH

- Demountable outer tube
- Demountable injector
- Optional ceramic outer tube
- Economical price





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QUARTZ VS. CERAMIC

6 HOURS OF RUNNING 10% NaCl





Quartz outer tube

Ceramic outer tube







WHY SPECIATION?

Bad form	Not so bad
■ AsIII, AsV	MMA, DMA
■ CrVI	■ CrIII
■ (CH3)Hg	■ HgII
■ BrO₃-	■ Br-

- Increasing requirement of speciation methods for toxicity limits (As, S, Cr).
- Need for reliable HPLC and IC interface to your ICP.







HPLC & IC INTERFACE KIT

The Answer: Glass Expansion LC Fittings Kit

- Quick and easy connection of your HPLC & IC to your ICP.
- Compatible with any GE U-Series nebulizer.
 - Resists blockage
 - Fast washout
 - Zero dead volume
 - Minimizes peak broadening



U-SERIES NEBULIZER



- Made from constant bore thick walled tubing
- Machined exterior provides proper aerodynamics
- Heated and drawn glass capillary
- Variation in wall thickness
- Variation in bore ID



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ANALYSIS OF LIMITED SAMPLE VOLUMES

- Biological applications
 - Intracellular fluids
 - Neonatal samples
- Forensic applications
- Waste reduction applications
 - Radioactive samples
 - Toxic samples
- Requires micro-flow nebulization
- Sensitivity and DL's usually sacrificed









EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON SENSITIVITY

(20µL/min uptake)



PE Optima 2100DV



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EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON DL



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FEATURES OF ISOMIST

- Programmable from -10 to 60°C in 1°C increments
- Maintains temperature to within 0.1°C
- Compact design (7.5x4x4 inches)
- 100% self-contained (no external lines)
- Incorporates Bluetooth[®] technology for clean wireless control (USB available)
- Compatible with all ICP-OES and ICP-MS models





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CONSTANT TEMPERATURE BENEFITS

(1mL/min sample uptake)





- Higher accuracy
- Higher productivity
- Greater reproducibility
- Better experiments



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