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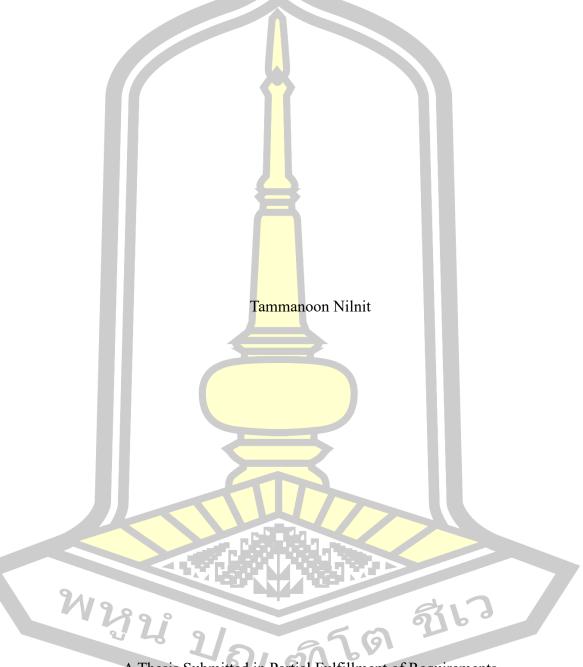
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#### **ABSTRACT**

Tetracyclines (TCs) are widely used for treating and preventing bacterial infections in beekeeping, leading to presence of TC residues in honey. Therefore, natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) were synthesized using phenolic compounds extracted from the bark of Hevea brasiliensis Muell. Arg.. Ultrasound-assisted continuous-flow techniques was utilized to improve synthesis efficiency and reduce the size distribution of MNPs. These MNPs were employed as sorbents in magnetic solid phase extraction (MSPE) to enrich of tetracycline (TC), chlortetracycline (CTC), oxytetracycline (OTC), and doxycycline (DC) residues in honey samples prior to HPLC-UV analysis. The effects of physical and chemical parameters on MNPs synthesis and the extraction method were investigated. The synthesized MNPs were characterized by Zetasizer, TEM, FT-IR, XRD, BET and VSM. The results demonstrated that the shape of the natural phenoliccoated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs was spherical and exhibited superparamagnetic behavior, with a saturation magnetization of 87.8 emu g<sup>-1</sup>. Under the optimum d-SPE conditions, the developed method exhibited limits of detection (LOD) and limits of quantification (LOQ) of 0.50 and 0.70–1.00 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, which are lower than the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements for the analysis of TC residues in honey and the maximum residue limits. Additionally, this method demonstrated good linearity ( $R^2 = 0.9953$ ) and a high enrichment factor (32– 91). The proposed method was successfully applied to extract and enrich TC residues in honey samples, with recoveries ranging from 81.3% to 117.9%.

Keyword : Tetracyclines, Magnetic nanoparticle, HPLC, Magnetic solid phase extraction, Hevea brasiliensis Muell. Arg., Honey

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# CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Problems and provenance

Honey is a product derived from bees that humans prefer to use as food and medicine due to its antimicrobial properties [1]. However, bee mortality rates are currently rising due to threats from diseases such as American foulbrood (AFB) and European foulbrood (EFB), caused by the gram-positive bacteria *Penibacillus larvae* and *Melissocccus plutonius* [2]. Antibiotics like tetracyclines are therefore commonly used to treat or prevent bee diseases [3] because tetracyclines have an inhibitory effect on both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria [4], resulting in possible tetracycline residues in honey. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics can lead to adverse health effects, including drug resistance to pathogens and serious allergies [5]. Therefore, the European Union has recommended content for screening total of tetracycline (TC), oxytetracycline (OTC), and chlortetracycline (CTC) concentration in honey at 20 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>, and many countries have been established the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for tetracyclines in honey in order to ensure the safety of consumers, for example: Belgium and Switzerland have been set the limit at 20 µg kg 1, while France and China were regulated at 10 and 50 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively [6]. Additionally, the European Union have been set the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements (MMPRs) for the analysis of tetracycline residues in honey at  $10 \mu g kg^{-1}$  [7].

However, residual antibiotics are found at low concentrations in a complicated matrix and contain many interferences. Therefore, the sample preparation process prior to analysis is very important. Because it can increase the extraction efficiency and reduce the effect of interference. Currently, there are various sample preparation methods that can effectively preconcentrate tetracyclines for analysis, including dispersive liquid-liquid microextraction (DLLME) [8], solid phase extraction (SPE) [9], cloud-point extraction (CPE) [10], and dispersed solid phase extraction (d-SPE). Among these preparation methods, the d-SPE technique is simple, has a short extraction time, and has low solvent consumption [11]. Magnetic Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles

are one of the commonly used as the sorbents for tetracyclines extraction due to their small size and high surface area, resulting in high extraction efficiency. The superparamagnetic properties of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles led to the quick and easy collection of sorbents by using an external magnetic field. It causes avoids time-consuming centrifugation or filtration procedures [12][13]. However, magnetic particles are toxic to biological systems and the environment, which can be avoided the toxicity by complexing with green polymers like tannin [14].

Therefore, in this research, we are interested in the synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles using natural reagents from *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark and further use as sorbents in dispersive magnetic solid phase extraction in combination with high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) for enrichment and determination of four tetracyclines, including tetracycline (TC), doxycycline (DC), oxytetracycline (OTC), and chlortetracycline (CTC) residues in honey samples. Ultrasound synergized with a flow system was utilized to synthesize magnetic nanoparticle-based natural reagents. This proposed method provided high sensitivity, high accuracy, and rapid.

## 1.2 Objectives

- 1.2.1) To synthesize the magnetic nanoparticle-based natural reagent from *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark. as an adsorbent for extraction using a flow system synergized with ultrasonication
- 1.2.2) To develop an extraction method for the enrichment of tetracyclines in honey samples using dispersive solid phase extraction followed by high performance liquid chromatography
- 1.2.3) To apply the developed method for quantification of tetracycline residues in honey samples obtained from Maha Sarakham, Roi-Et, and Kalasin provinces

## 1.3 Scope of this work

1.3.1) Investigation of parameters that influence on magnetic nanoparticle synthesis such as the concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> · 7H<sub>2</sub>O, flow rate, ultrasonic temperature, pH, and stir time

- 1.3.2) Investigation of parameters that influence the extraction efficiency, such as weight of the honey sample, pH, total volume, volume of buffer, magnetic nanoparticle volume, ionic strength, vortex time, magnetic nanoparticle collection time, concentration and volume of desorption solvent
- 1.3.3) Investigation of method validation such as linearity, limit of detection (LOD), limit of quantification (LOQ), precision (intra-day, inter-day), and accuracy
- 1.3.4) Application of the proposed method to real honey samples

## 1.4 Benefit of research

The four tetracycline residues in honey can be easily and quickly preconcentrated with a method of high extraction efficiency, precision, and accuracy using the dispersive solid phase extraction technique, which employing nanoparticle-based natural reagents as adsorbents.

# 1.5 Venue of the study

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# CHAPTER II LITERATURES REVIEW

# 2.1 Tetracyclines

Tetracyclines are a class of antibiotics that can be produced by *Streptomyces* spp. Chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline are the first tetracycline antibiotics discovered by Dr. Benjamin Duggar and Alexander Finlay in the 1948s and 1950s, respectively. Tetracyclines are an active agent against the activity of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, as well as chlamydia, mycoplasmas, rickettsia, and protozoan parasites. Tetracyclines are transported into the bacterial cell and bind to the 30S subunit of the ribosomal to prevent the binding of tRNA to the ribosomal acceptor, which results in inhibition of bacterial protein synthesis [15]–[17]. The tetracyclines antibiotics can be divided into three generations according to their synthesis. The first generation includes tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline, and demeclocycline, which are obtained by biosynthesis or naturally occurring. The second generation includes doxycycline, lymecycline, meclocycline, methacycline, minocycline, and rolitetracycline, which are derivatives of semi-synthesis. The third generation includes tigecycline, which is obtained by total synthesis [18].

# 2.1.1 Chemical structure of tetracyclines

Each antibiotic in the tetracyclines class has a very similar chemical structure. Four fused rings of the common hydronaphthacene nucleus are the core chemical structure, as shown in Figure 1 and Table 1, which present the chemical name and substituent group of the hydronaphthacene nucleus [19].

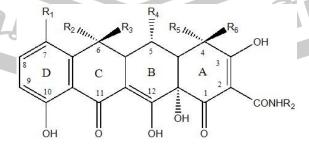


Figure 1 The chemical structure of Tetracyclines.

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TCs name	Chemical name	R.	$\mathbf{R}_2$	R3	R <sub>4</sub> R <sub>5</sub>	<b>%</b>	<b>R</b> 6	<b>R</b> <sub>7</sub>
Tetracycline (TC)	4-(Dimethylamino)- 1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro -3,6,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6- methyl-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene carboxamide monohydrochloride.	Н	СН3	НО	H	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	н	Н
Chlortetracycline (CTC)	7-chloro-tetracycline	C1	$CH_3$	НО	Η	H N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Η	Н
Oxytetracycline (OTC)	5-hydroxy-tetracycline	Н	$CH_3$	НО	НО	OH N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Н	Н
Methacycline (MTC)	6-methylene-5-hydroxy tetracycline H	Н	$-CH_2$	-CH <sub>2</sub>	НО	-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Н	Н
Minocycline (MNC)	7-dimethylamino-6-demethyl-6-deoxy-tetracycline	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> H	Н	Н	Н	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Н	Н
Doxycline (DC)	6-deoxy-5-hydroxy-tetracycline	Н	-CH <sub>2</sub> H	Н	НО	OH N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Η	Н
Demeclocycline (DMCT)	Demethylchlortetracycline	CI	Н	НО	Н	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Н	Н
Meclocycline (MCC)	Chlormethylenecycline	C1	$-CH_2$	I	НО	OH N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Η	Н
Rolitetracycline (RTC)	Pyrrolidinomethyltetracycline	Н	СН3 ОН	НО	H	H N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> H	н	N-Z-NO-

# 2.1.2 Acid dissociation constants of tetracyclines

Acid dissociation constant (pKa) values indicate the acidity of molecules. The tetracyclines provide 3 values of pKa from 3 sites of the structure, as shown in Figure 2. pKa<sub>1</sub> is 3–4, pKa<sub>2</sub> is 7–8, and pKa<sub>3</sub> is 9–10, which is unique to each tetracycline. It depends on the functional groups and their position. If the TCs are presented at a pH below 3, they are positively charged. At a pH between 3 and 8, they are neutral, and at a pH higher than 8, they have a negative charge [20] [21].

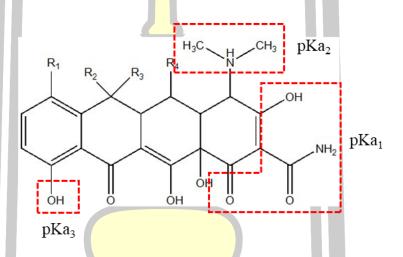


Figure 2 Structures and pKa sites of tetracyclines [21].

The target analytes of tetracyclines for this research work include tetracycline, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline, and doxycycline, which have physical and chemical properties listed in Table 2 [22].



**Table 2** Some chemical and physical properties of 4 tetracyclines antimicrobials [22].

Antimicrobial	Chemical structure	Acidity (pKa)	Polarity (Log P)	Molecular mass
		•	` ` ` ` ` ` `	(g/mol)
Tetracycline (TC)	H <sub>3</sub> C CH <sub>3</sub>	pKa <sub>1</sub>	-1.3	444.4
	HO LINICH <sub>3</sub> OH	3.3		
		pKa <sub>2</sub>		
		H <sub>2</sub> 7.7		
	OH O OH O O	$pKa_3$		
- 11		9.7	Ш	
Oxytetracycline	H <sub>3</sub> C CH <sub>3</sub>	$pKa_1$	-3.6	460.4
(OTC)	HO OH N OH	3.2		
		$pKa_2$		
		7.5		
	OH O OH O O	$pKa_3$		
- 11		8.9	Ш	
Chlortetracycline	CI HO CH H <sub>3</sub> C CH <sub>3</sub>	$pKa_1$	-0.62	478.8
(CTC)	CI HO NICH3 OH	4.5		
		pKa <sub>2</sub>		
	NI OH	7.8		
		pKa3		
- 11		9.8		
Doxycycline	CH <sub>3</sub> OH N CH <sub>3</sub>	pKa <sub>1</sub>	-1.9	444.4
(DC)	CH <sub>3</sub> OH N	3.0		
		pKa <sub>2</sub>		
	N			
94	OH O OH O O	pKa <sub>3</sub>		
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# 2.1.3 Application and Maximum Residue Limit of tetracyclines

Tetracyclines are broad-spectrum antibiotics that are readily available, inexpensive, and have effective antibacterial activity. Therefore, TCs are commonly used in livestock such as cattle, pigs, poultry, and fish for the prevention or treatment of animal infections by directly injection or mixed in food or drinking water for animals and used as food additives to promote the growth of animals [23], [24]. However, excessive use of TCs may cause residues of this antibiotic in animal-derived products such as meat, eggs, honey, and milk, which may cause adverse effects on human health such as allergic reactions, tooth discoloration and pigmentation, carcinogenesis in a fetus, and drug resistance to pathogens [25]. Therefore, many countries have established maximum residue limits (MRLs) for tetracyclines in food products of animal origin to ensure consumer safety, as shown in Table 3 [22]. Importantly, tetracycline residues in honey have been instituted the MRLs in many nations; for example, 20 µg kg<sup>-1</sup> in Belgium and Switzerland, while France and China were controlled at 10 and 50 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. And the recommended content for screening the total concentration of tetracycline (TC), oxytetracycline (OTC), and chlortetracycline (CTC) in honey has been established at 20 µg kg<sup>-1</sup> by the European Union [6]. Additionally, the European Union has set the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements (MMPRs) for the analysis of tetracycline residues in honey at 10 μg kg<sup>-1</sup> [7].



 Table 3 Some chemical and physical properties of four tetracyclines antimicrobials.

Authority	Animal group	Target	MRL	Ref.
•		food	(µg kg-1)	
Codex Alimentarius	Poultry	Eggs	400	[26]
	Poultry	Muscle	200	
	Poultry	Liver	600	
	Cattle	Milk	100	
	Cattle and Swine	Muscle	200	
	Cattle and Swine	Liver	600	
	Fish	Muscle	200	
Canadian	Poultry	Eggs	400	[27]
	Poultry	Muscle	200	
	Poultry	Liver	600	
	Cattle	Milk	100	
	Cattle and Swine	Muscle	200	
- 11	Cattle and Swine	Liver	600	
European Union	Poultry	Eggs	200	[28]
	Poultry, Cattle and	Muscle	100	
	Swine		- 11	
	Poultry, Cattle and	Liver	300	
	Swine			
- 11	Cattle	Milk	100	
Chinese	Poultry	Eggs	200	[29]
	All Animal Source	Muscle	100	
	Foods			
	All Animal Source	Liver	300	
94	Foods	10.1		
1299	Cattle and Lamb	Milk	100	
Brazilian (PNCRC)	Poultry	Eggs 9	_	[30]
	Poultry, Cattle and	Muscle	200	
	Swine			
	Poultry, Cattle and	Liver	_	
	Swine			
	Cattle	Milk	100	

### 2.2 Phenolic compounds

Phenolic compounds are secondary metabolites synthesized via the shikimic acid and phenylpropanoid pathways. The ability of phenolic compounds is bioactive, as antioxidants by chelating with metals involved in the formation of radicals or scavenging free radicals by donating hydrogen atoms or electrons. Phenolic compounds can be found in plant tissues such as fruits, seeds, leaves, roots, and stems. Phenolic compounds in plants have more than 8000 structures, and the general chemical structure of phenolic compounds consists of at least one aromatic ring with one or more substituent hydroxyl groups, which allows them to be divided into several subgroups such as phenolic acids, flavonoids, tannins, lignans, quinones, stilbenes, coumarins, and curcuminoids [31]–[33].

#### 2.2.1 Tannins

Tannins or tannic acid are classified as water-soluble phenolic compounds. Tannins molecular mass was between 500-3000 Da and can be found in various parts of plants such as bark, leaves, stems, fruit, seed, and root [34][35]. Tannins have binding properties to proteins, macromolecules, pigments, and metal ions and can act as antioxidants. Considering the structural characteristics of the molecules, tannins can be divided into hydrolyzable tannins and condensed tannins [36].

# 2.2.1.1 Hydrolyzable tannins

Hydrolyzable tannins are derived from esterification between polyols such as D-glucose (mostly), fructose, xylose, saccharose, and structures like hamamelose with gallic acid or hexahydroxydiphenic acid. Hydrolyzable tannins can release gallic acid and/or ellagic acid when hydrolyzed by dilute acid. Hydrolyzable tannins can be divided into gallotannin and ellagitannin [34][37][38], whose structures are shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 a) Structure of gallotannin, b) Structure of ellagitannin [39].

# 2.2.1.2 Condensed tannins

Condensed tannins or proanthocyanidins, are the most abundant natural phenolic compounds. Condensed tannins have a more complex structure than hydrolyzable tannins. The structure of condensed tannins consists of products obtained by oligomerization of flavan-3-ol units, where two flavan-3-ol units form carbon-carbon bonds between carbon-4 and carbon-8 of each flavan-3-ol unit, which is a highly stable bond. Examples of flavan-3-ol such as catechin and/or epicatechin and epigallocatechin [34][37][38]. The structure of condensed tannins is shown in Figure 4.

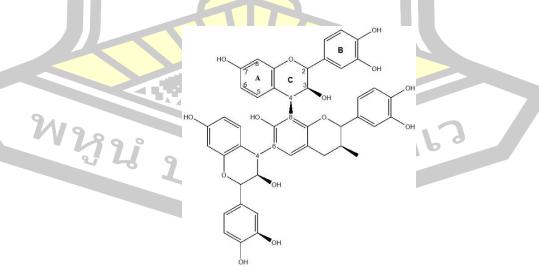


Figure 4 Basic structure of a condensed tannin [40].

#### 2.3 Para rubber

The Para rubber tree or *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg., is a native plant in the tropical forests of the Amazon basin, Brazil, which belongs to the family Euphorbiaceae. The para rubber tree produced natural rubber latex, as shown in Figure 5. Natural rubber can be used to make a wide range of finished goods, such as tires, paints, pharmaceuticals, plastics, rain protection cloth, and pipes for transporting gases and liquids. As a result, the rubber tree is an important economic crop around the world. More than 10 million hectares of rubber trees are planted in Southeast Asia (92%), Africa (9%), and Latin America (2%), where the most profitable rubber industry countries are Malaysia, Thailand, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Cambodia [41]–[43].



Figure 5 The latex obtained from the tapping of the rubber tree.

# 2.3.1 Phenolic compounds in the Para rubber tree

Phenolic compounds are essential for the growth and reproduction of plants. They can be produced to defend injured plants against pathogens. Additionally, phenolic compounds are strong antioxidants against free radicals and other reactive oxygen species [44]. *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. or Para rubber tree is one of the plants reported to contain phenolic compounds. Which can be found in the latex, wood, leaves, and seeds of the Para rubber tree. The

leaves of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. are the part with a higher amount of phenolic content than the seeds, explaining the reason that, the leaves are the site for the biosynthesis of these phenolic compounds and they are transferred from the leaves to the site of storage via the xylem or phloem tissues through long distance translocation [45]–[47].

# 2.4 Extraction technique

Tetracyclines are antibiotics used in beekeeping around the world to prevent and treat bacterial diseases. Thus, there may be residual TCs in the honey that cause adverse effects on consumer health, such as allergies. To ensure the safety of the public, many countries have established the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for tetracycline residues in honey; for example, Belgium and Switzerland have been set the limit at 20 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>, while France and China were regulating at 10 and 50 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Additionally, 20 µg kg<sup>-1</sup> is the recommended content for screening the sum of tetracycline (TC), oxytetracycline (OTC) and chlortetracycline (CTC) in honey for the European Union [6]. Moreover, the European Union have been set the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements (MMPRs) for the analysis of tetracycline residues in honey at 10 µg kg<sup>-1</sup> [7]. Because of the low concentration of MRLs and MMPRs at the ppb level, a sample preparation method is needed to enrich TCs before analysis, which is essential for the determination of tetracycline residues in honey samples [48]. Sample preparation typically consists of sampling, extraction, clean-up, and preconcentration prior to analysis. Sampling is the process to obtain the sample smaller but representative of the whole sample. The clean-up is a procedure to remove or reduce the effect of the interference. Extraction is the separation of the analyte from the matrix based on differences in chemical and physical properties such as charge, polarity, and solubility. Moreover, the preconcentration of analyte concentration increases the detection ability and reduces the limit of detection and quantitation. The sample preparation procedure depends on the composition of the sample, such as the matrix, concentration, and properties of the target analyte contained in the sample. Especially when performing ultra-trace level analysis, the uncertainty increases as the concentration of the analyte decreases.

Therefore, the extraction and preconcentration steps in the sample preparation method are important to reduce or eliminate possible errors and uncertainties [49].

Nowadays, many methods for extraction and preconcentration have been developed. The application of the analytical method for the determination of tetracycline residues in honey samples is summarized in Table 4, which presents the main sample preparation methods, separation techniques, and method efficiency.

**Table 4** Application of analytical methods for the determination of tetracycline residues in honey samples.

Sample preparation	Technique	Linear range	Sensitivity	Recovery (%)	Ref.
Dissolution with the mixture of McIlvaine buffer-Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA and followed by extraction with SPE cartridge.	HPLC-FLD	25-500 μg kg <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 8 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 25 μg kg <sup>-1</sup>	86-111	[50]
Dissolution with Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA–McIlvaine buffer (pH 4.0) and analyzed with on-line SPE-HPLC.	HPLC-UV	50-1000 ng g <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 5-12 ng g <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 17-40 ng g <sup>-1</sup>	84.2-120.6	[51]
Dissolution with Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA–McIlvaine buffer and extracted with d-SPE method.	HPLC- MS/MS	0.25-500 ng g <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.073- 0.435 ng g <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.239- 1.449 ng g <sup>-1</sup>	88.7-126.2	[52]
Extraction with QuEChERS method	UPLC- MS/MS	0.05-50 ng L <sup>-1</sup> and 0.1-100 ng L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.05- 1.02 µg kg <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.17- 3.40 µg kg <sup>-1</sup>	70.5-119.8	[53]
Precipitated the proteins with ACN and dissolved with DI water before Magnetic-SPE extraction.	HPLC-UV	10-3000 μg L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 2.5 μg L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 10 μg L <sup>-1</sup>	82.9-107.3	[54]
Dissolution with water before being extracted with miniaturized SPE method.	UHPLC-Q- TOF/MS	0.010-0.89 μg mL <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.61- 10.34 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 2.02- 34.46 μg kg <sup>-1</sup>	81.5-101.4	[55]

Sample preparation	Technique	Linear range	Sensitivity	Recovery (%)	Ref.
Extraction with McIlvaine-Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA buffer (pH 4) and clean-up with HLB cartridge.	HPLC-FLD	5-1000 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.29- 4.69 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.96- 15.62 μg kg <sup>-1</sup>	81.52- 97.25	[56]
Liquid extraction with acetone.	Voltammetry	0.40-3.00 μM	LOD 0.15 µM	91.46- 105.54	[57]
Homogenization with DI water and extraction with fatty acid-based ternary deep eutectic solvents for vortex assisted microextraction method	UV-vis spectrophoto metry	3.3-450 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 1.0 μg L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 3.3 μg L <sup>-1</sup>	95.6-103.4	[58]

# 2.4.1 Dispersive solid phase extraction

Dispersive solid phase extraction (d-SPE) is an extraction technique developed from solid phase extraction (SPE) methodology to overcome the problems of time-consuming extraction, cartridge clogging, and the difficulty of simultaneous extraction operation of the conventional SPE [59]. The advantages of d-SPE are its short extraction time, simplicity, adaptability, and ease of handling in comparison with traditional techniques. The principle of d-SPE involves the direct addition of solid sorbent to the sample or analytical solution, followed by its dispersion throughout the solution through shaking or agitation, thereby increasing the contact surface area between the sorbent and the analyte. After the sorbent dispersion step is completed, the sorbent containing the analyte is collected using centrifugation, filtration, or an external magnetic field in case the sorbent has magnetic properties. Finally, the analyte is desorbed with a suitable desorption solvent before being analyzed by the appropriate instrument. The schematic of the sorbent dispersion method and the extraction procedure of the d-SPE method are shown in Figure 6 [60][61].

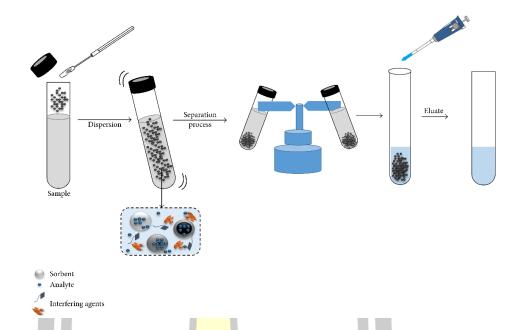


Figure 6 Scheme of dispersion methodology by dispersive solid phase extraction [60].

## 2.4.2 Sorbent

The sorbent plays an important role in the efficiency of the d-SPE method. The sorbent used in this technique has a high sorption capacity, high specificity, low cost, non-toxicity, reusability, and excellent chemical and physical stability. As a result, selecting the sorbent for the d-SPE method is critical. Both of the chemical and physical properties are considered to maximize the interaction between the sorbent and the analyte [62].

# 2.4.2.1 Magnetic sorbent

Magnetic sorbents are magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) with a magnetic core such as iron, cobalt, nickel, and their oxides, which iron oxide (γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) is the most widely used as MNPs. MNPs are functionalized with other materials to improve the sorption capacity, target analyte selectivity, and stability in acidic media such as metal organic frameworks (MOFs), layered double hydroxide (LDHs), covalent organic frameworks (COFs), molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs), and carbon nanotubes (CNTs) as magnetic nanocomposites.

In recent years, magnetic sorbents have attracted considerable interest as adsorbents in extraction techniques to preconcentrate and separate analytes from sample solutions since the magnetic sorbents can be easily and quickly collected and separated from the aqueous solution using an external magnetic field. The filtration or centrifugation steps in the extraction process are eliminated, resulting in a short extraction time, and the magnetic adsorbent also has advantages including recyclability, reusability, eco-friendliness, high extraction efficiency, high extraction capacity, and a significantly higher surface-area-to-volume ratio compared with other sorbents [63][64].

## 2.4.2.1.1 Magnetic nanoparticle synthesis methods

Several methods were used for efficient synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles to achieve highly stable, uniform particle size and excellent magnetic properties, such as the coprecipitation method, flow-based synthesis, hydrothermal method, sol-gel method, thermal decomposition method, microemulsion method, and aerosol/vapor-phase-based methods.

## 1) Co-precipitation method

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The co-precipitation method relies on the precipitation reaction of two or more cations in a homogeneous solution to obtain a uniform composition. The co-precipitation method is probably the simplest and most convenient way to synthesize magnetic nanoparticles in a chemical pathway and it is one of important methods for the synthesis of composite materials containing two or more metal elements [65]. For example, the synthesis of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles of suitable diameter under optimal process conditions such as pH and temperature. The

representative chemical reaction is shown in the following equation:

$$Fe^{2+} + 2Fe^{3+} + 8OH^{-} \rightarrow Fe_3O_4 + 4H_2O$$

The main advantage of the co-precipitation method is that it synthesized magnetic nanoparticles in large quantities. However, the obtained particles have a wide size distribution, which means that the conditions during the synthesis process should be carefully determined [66].

## 2) Continuous-flow synthesis

The continuous flow technique relies on the continuous reaction of reagents within a narrow channel, and this technique gained interest in research related to the fields of pharmaceuticals and fine chemistry as a tool for solving synthesis problems. In continuous flow synthesis, a pump is used to carry two or more streams of different reactants along a pipe or tube at a specific flow rate into a mixing junction and through a reactor coil to produce the final product [67][68].

Continuous flow synthesis has several advantages compared to batch synthesis, such as lower cost, ease of scaling up, reduced waste, rapid mixing resulting in reduced particle size distribution, safe handling of hazardous reagents, and fast heat transfer for reactions that require high temperatures [69].

# 3) Ultrasound-assisted synthesis

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Ultrasound-assisted synthesis is one of the most powerful tools in the synthesis of nanostructured materials [70]. The ultrasonic-assisted processes have a key factor involved in cavitation generated by the liquid medium exposed to ultrasonic waves. Cavitation is the formation,

growth, and collapse of bubbles in a liquid medium with high pressure, a high specific temperature, and high energy. The collapse of microscopic bubbles can generate high localized temperatures of ~5000–10,000 K and a pressure of approximately 100–200 MPa, which results in a transient local hot spot. When the collapse occurs near the surface of a solid substrate, the solid is activated to split larger particles into smaller or deagglomerate nanoparticles [71]–[73].

The main advantages of the ultrasound-assisted synthesis method are that the desired particles have a uniform shape and a narrow size distribution, controllable reaction conditions, potentially low processing costs, and a fast reaction rate [74].

Examples of previously reported studies on the application of magnetic particles for tetracycline analysis are summarized in Table 5.



Table 5 Application of magnetic nanoparticles for tetracyclines analysis.

	Reference					
	[12]	[94]	[67]	[86]	[66]	[96]
Matrix samples	Humen serum	Water	Water	Milk	Water	Milk
Analyte	OTC, TC and DC	OTC, TC and CTC	TC, CTC, OTC, DC, DMC and MC	Chloramphenicol (CP) and TC	TC, OTC and CTC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC
Magnetic	Surfactant- coated Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	C <sub>18</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> /Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	Carboxyl- modified MNPs	C-nanofiber coated MNPs	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @FeO magnetic nanocomposite	Water-soluble amino functionalized MNP
MNPs synthesis method	Co-precipitation method	Co-precipitation and Sol-gel	Solvothermal method	Hydrothermal method	Solvothermal method and hydrothermal method	Co-precipitation method
Analytical technique	HPLC-DAD	HPLC-DAD	LC-MS/MS	HPLC-DAD	UPLC-TUV	HPLC-UV
Sensitivity	LOD 0.03-0.08 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 2.0-10.0 μg L-1 LOQ 8.0-40.0 μg L-1	LOD 12.0-74.1 ng L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 40.1-247 ng L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD  TC 3.52 ng mL <sup>-1</sup> CP 3.02 ng mL <sup>-1</sup> LOD  TC 9.83 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.027-0.107 μg L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.133-0.267 μg L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 40 μg L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 50 μg L <sup>-1</sup>
Recovery (%) Precision (%)	90-115	82.2-87.7 <10.0	95.4-111.1	CF 9.03 ng mL 94.6-105.4 <4.0	91.0-104.6 <4.0	88-108 <2.2

## 2.4.2.2 Tannic acid-iron nanoparticles

Tannin or tannic acid (TA) is a non-toxic and biodegradable natural phenolic compound that can be extracted from plant parts such as leaves, fruit, wood, and bark. Tannic acid also acts as a chelating ligand that can bind various metals to form hydrophobic tannic acid-metal complexes. Especially ferric ion is often a metal ion that coordinates with tannic acid via the ortho-dihydroxy (catechol) or trihydroxy benzene (galloyl) group. Due to their strong interaction with ligands, high link ability, and low toxicity as compared to other metal ions, the metal complexes forming them are highly stable. The coordination of ferric ions and TA is shown in Figure 7. In addition, the iron-mediated self-assembly of Fe-TA complexes is a unique property of the interaction between tannic acid and ferric ions, resulting in molecular nanoparticles of Fe-TA complexes. The large Fe-TA complexes are large paramagnetic molecular nanoparticles, which have a good capability to increase the rate of protonwater exchange by slowing the rotational diffusion to enhance magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) signals [75]–[77].

The synthesis of Fe-TA nanoparticles can be easily carried out within minutes by mixing a ferric and tannic acid solution in a neutral pH buffer at room temperature in ambient air [77].



Figure 7 The coordination of ferric ion and tannic acid [78].

## 2.4.3 Application of dispersive solid phase extraction for the determination of tetracyclines

Mahboob Nemati et al. developed a dispersive solid phase extraction method (d-SPE) for the extraction and preconcentration of four tetracyclines (oxytetracycline, doxycycline, chlortetracycline, and tetracycline) in milk samples prior to analysis with HPLC-DAD. The d-SPE was performed in a home-made extraction device using activated carbon as the sorbent, dispersed in the sample solution with the aid of an air stream, and floated on top of the solution with the aid of air bubbles and lauryl betaine, which acts as a surfactant. The analytes were eluted from sorbents with a tetrabutyl ammonium chloride-propionic acid deep eutectic solvent under sonication, resulting in this developed method that can eliminate the use of organic dispersive and extraction solvents and the centrifugation step of sorbent collection [79].

Yue-Hong Pang et al. developed a dispersive solid phase extraction method (d-SPE) using compounding MOFs of MIL-101 (Cr), MIL-100 (Fe), and MIL-53 (Al) at a ratio of 7:1:2, respectively, as adsorbents for the determination of four tetracyclines (oxytetracycline, doxycycline, chlortetracycline, and tetracycline) in honey samples combined with HPLC-MS/MS. The use of compounding MIL-101 (Cr), MIL-100 (Fe), and MIL-53 (Al) as an adsorbent in the proposed method aimed to improve the adsorption capacity of the four types of TCs based on the differences in adsorption properties of each MOFs with different ligands, crystal structures, and pore sizes [52].

Ehsan Soleimanirad et al. developed a dispersive micro solid-phase extraction (DMSPE) method as a simple and efficient sample preparation method for the simultaneous extraction and cleanup of four antibiotics (azithromycin, amoxicillin, doxycycline, and tetracycline) in human urine and hair samples using chitosan@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles as a green and magnetic sorbent prior to analysis with HPLC-DAD. The chitosan@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles were prepared by chemically coating the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles with chitosan. The antibiotic extraction efficiency of this sorbent was also compared with other sorbents such as ZnO nanoparticles, CuO nanoparticles, and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles. In addition, the central composite design and the one factor at a time strategy were used in this work to evaluate and optimize the effective factors for antibiotic extraction [80].

Ning Ma et al. reported a novel composite absorbent for the dispersive magnetic solid phase microextraction method for the determination of seven tetracyclines (minocycline, chlortetracycline, tetracycline, oxytetracycline, demeclocycline, doxycycline, and methacycline) in chicken muscle prior to UPLC-PDA analysis. The proposed novel composite was synthesized using polymerization of the molecularly imprinted nano-polymer of minocycline on the surface of the metal organic framework material UiO-66 in order to obtain a high absorption capacity and reusability many times [81].

Yunyun Sun et al. reported the development of the synthesis of magnetic graphene/carbon nanotube composites (M-G/CNTs) for application as

adsorbents of magnetic dispersive solid-phase extraction for the determination of oxytetracycline in sewage water samples in combination with a HPLC-fluorescence detector. M-G/CNTs were synthesized by modifying graphene/carbon nanotubes with Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles in a reduction procedure, which is a simple and time-saving one-pot synthesis method to shorten the synthesis time by avoiding the drying process of graphite oxide. The resulting M-G/CNTs exhibit good magnetic properties, outstanding thermal stability, and excellent adsorption capacity [82].

Details of the application of dispersive solid phase extraction for the determination of tetracyclines are summarized in Table 6.



Table 6 Application of dispersive solid phase extraction for determination of tetracyclines.

	Reference				
	[67]	[52]	[80]	[81]	[82]
Matrix samples	Milk	Honey	Human urine and hair samples	Chicken muscle	Sewage water
Analyte	TC, CTC, DC and OTC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC	Azithromycin, amoxicillin, DC and TC	MC, CTC, TC, OTC, DMC, DC and MTC	OTC
Sorbent	Activated carbon	Compounding MOFs of MIL-101 (Cr), MIL-100 (Fe) and MIL-53 (Al)	Chitosan@Fe3O4 NPs	MIP-MOF composite	Magnetic graphene/carbon nanotube composites (M- G/CNTs)
Analytical technique	HPLC-DAD	HPLC-MS/MS	HPLC-DAD	UPLC-PDA	HPLC- fluorescence detector
Coefficients of determination	≥0.994	>0.9965	>0.9958	≥0.9334	1.9997
Sensitivity	LOD 0.1-0.3 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.6-1.0 μg	LOD 0.073-0.435 ng g <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.239-1.449	LOD <0.1 μg L <sup>-1</sup> LOQ <3.5 μg L <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 0.2-0.6 ng g <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 0.5-2.0 ng g <sup>-1</sup>	LOD 3.6 ng mL <sup>-1</sup> LOQ 12 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>
Recovery (%) Precision (%)	kg <sup>-1</sup> 80-91 <9.8	ng g <sup>-1</sup> 88.1-126.2 <9.4	94.7-106.75	92-97	95.5-112.5 <5.8

#### 2.5 High Performance Liquid Chromatography

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is a technique of liquid chromatography used for the separation, identification, and quantification of components in mixtures. This technique is ideal for compounds that are non-volatile, thermally unstable, and possess a high molecular mass. The principle of HPLC is based on using a pump to drive the mobile phase to carry the liquid-injected mixture into the column to achieve separation of the individual analytes. The separation relies on different chemical and physical properties of the analytes, such as the polarity and/or size of the molecules, which interact differently with the stationary phase inside the column. As a result, the column ejects each target analyte at different times. The target analytes are detected with the detector, with the chromatogram showing the peak of each target analyte at different retention times [83][84].

Reverse-phase HPLC and normal-phase HPLC separation systems are used mainly for HPLC. Reverse-phase HPLC is the use of a stationary phase column composed of non-polar alkyl hydrocarbons such as C-8 and C-18 chains bound to silica or another inert support. Polar mobile phase such as water, methanol, and acetonitrile were employed, whereas as a result, the more polar analyte is evacuated from the column and reaches the detector before the less polar analyte. And the normal phase HPLC is the use of the polar stationary phase with plain silica or organic compounds such as amino or cyano groups bound to silica as a support, and a non-polar mobile phase such as hexane or heptane. The separation result of the more nonpolar analyte was eluted from the column before the more polar analyte. There are two modes of operation of HPLC, including the isocratic mode (an analysis in which the component ratio of the mobile phase remains constant throughout the analytical run) and the gradient mode (an analysis in which the component ratio of the mobile phase is changed through the programming of the pump). The components of the HPLC system are shown in Figure 8 [83][84].

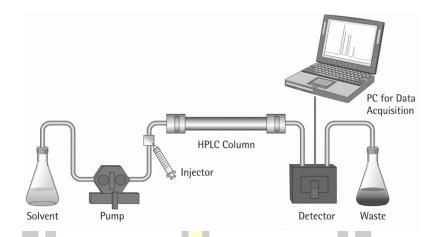


Figure 8 The components of the HPLC system [84].

Examples of previously published research journals involving highperformance liquid chromatography (HPLC) for the determination of tetracyclines are summarized in Table 7.



Table 7 Previously published journals related to the determination of tetracyclines using HPLC.

Matrix         Milk         (103)         (103)           Sample size         Milk         Chicken tissue         Milk         Water           Sample size         0.5 g         1.0 g         1.50 mL         Water           Analyte         OTC, TC, CTC and DC         MNC, OTC, TC, DMCT, TC, TC and DC         OTC, TC, MTC and DC         MTC and DC           Extraction         Methanol and Oxalic         20% (v/v) acetonitrile         20% (w/v) trichloroacetic         NATC and DC           Sorbent of SPE         QuEChERS dispersive         Electrospun Graphene Oxide         Dissolvable layered double         CarC, MTC and DC           Column         OubchERS dispersive         Electrospun Graphene Oxide         Dissolvable layered double         CarC, MTC and DC         ATC and DC           Column         Orbit 100Cd (5 μm)         Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18         Phydroxide         Phyd		Reference			
Milk         Chicken tissue         Milk           0.5 g         1.0 g         1.50 mL           OTC, TC, CTC and DC         OTC, TC, CTC and DC         MNC, OTC, TC, DMCT,           Methanol and Oxalic         20% (v/v) acetonitrile         20% (w/v) trichloroacetic           acid         acid in methanol         20% (v/v) acetonitrile         20% (w/v) trichloroacetic           Electrospun Graphene Oxide-         Dissolvable layered double         20% (w/v) trichloroacetic           Orbit 100C4 (5 μm)         Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18         Acid in methanol           250 × 4.0 mm)         × 4.6 mm 1.D., 5 μm particle         column (150 mm × 4.6           350 × 4.0 mm)         Actin particle         column (150 mm × 4.6           10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/         M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-         Moxalic acid           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile           BDD, 355 nm         Emission: 535 nm         Acetonitrile           Bmission: 535 nm         50-150 μg/L           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile           Acetonitrile		[100]	[101]	[102]	[103]
0.5 g  0.5 g  1.0 g  MNC, OTC, TC, DMCT,  CTC, MTC and DC  Methanol and Oxalic  20% (v/v) acetonitrile  20% (w/v) trichloroacetic  acid in methanol  Electrospun Graphene Oxide-  Electrospun Graphene Oxide-  Orbit 100C4 (5 μm, Peclipse Plus C18 column (200 Gemini-C18  250 × 4.0 mm)  N. +4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle  Column (150 mm × 4.6 mm.)  Magnesium chloride (0.05 mm, 5 mm)  Acetonitrile  Acetonitrile  DAD, 355 nm  ELD (Excitation: 375 nm  VWD 358 nm  Emission: 535 nm  Emission: 535 nm  Emission: 535 nm  S3.07-106.3  84.7-106.3  S1.00  CTC, MTC and DC  Acid in methanol  Dywovitrichloroacetic  acid in methanol  hydroxide  column (150 mm × 4.6  mm, 5 mm)  Moxalic acid  Acetonitrile  6.5)/Methanol  DAD, 355 nm  Emission: 535 nm  CMD 358 nm  CMD 358 nm  CMD 50 μg/L  S3.07-106.3  S4.7-106.3  S4.7-106.3  S4.7-106.3	Matrix	Milk	Chicken tissue	Milk	Water
oTC, TC, CTC and DC       OTC, TC, CTC and DC       MNC, OTC, TC, DMCT,         n       CTC, MTC and DC         Methanol and Oxalic       20% (v/v) acetonitrile       20% (w/v) trichloroacetic         a cid       acid in methanol       20% (w/v) trichloroacetic         extraction       Doped Nanofiber       Dissolvable layered double         Orbit 100C4 (5 μm)       Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18       Gemini-C18         250 × 4.0 mm)       × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle       column (150 mm × 4.6         Size)       Magnesium chloride (0.05 mm, 5 mm)       Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01         Acetonitrile       M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-       M oxalic acid         Acetonitrile       Acetonitrile       Acetonitrile       Acetonitrile         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       Emission: 535 nm       S0-150 μg/L         R 33.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         < 5.0	Sample size	0.5 g	1.0 g	1.50 mL	20 mL
Methanol and Oxalic 20% (v/v) acetonitrile 20% (w/v) trichloroacetic acid in methanol acid acid in methanol acid acid in methanol boped Nanofiber by droxide by traction Belipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18 × 4.6 mm 1.D., 5 μm particle column (150 mm × 4.6 mm 1.D., 5 μm particle size) Methanol amm, 5 mm) Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01 Moxalic acid ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol BAD, 355 mm Emission: 535 mm  100-200 μg/kg 100-500 ng/g 50-150 μg/L 5	Analyte	OTC, TC, CTC and DC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC	MNC, OTC, TC, DMCT,	OTC, TC, DMCT, CTC,
Methanol and Oxalic       20% (v/v) acetonitrile       20% (w/v) trichloroacetic acid in methanol         Bacid       acid in methanol         EqueChERS dispersive       Electrospun Graphene Oxide- Dissolvable layered double extraction       Doped Nanofiber Dissolvable layered double hydroxide         Orbit 100C4 (5 μm, Doped Nanofiber Oxide- Orbit 100C4 (5 μm, Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18 Size)       Column (150 mm × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle column (150 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 mm)         NO.01 M Oxalic acid - Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/O.01 M)- Moxalic acid dectonitrile       Moxalic acid Methanol/acetonitrile/O.01 Moxalic acid ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       50-150 μg/L         R3.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         *45.5       <5.0       <10.0				CTC, MTC and DC	MTC and DC
πacidacid in methanolEQuEChERS dispersiveElectrospun Graphene Oxide- Doped NanofiberDissolvable layered double hydroxideOrbit 100C4 (5 μm, 250 × 4.0 mm)Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18 × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle Size)column (150 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 mm)0.01 M Oxalic acid - 10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/ AcetonitrileMagnesium chloride (0.05 mm oxalic acid ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/MethanolMethanol/acetonitrile/0.01DAD, 355 nmFLD (Excitation: 375 nm Emission: 535 nmVWD 358 nm100-200 μg/kg100-500 ng/g50-150 μg/L83.07-106.384.7-106.393.5-100 <10.0	Extraction/	Methanol and Oxalic	20% (v/v) acetonitrile	20% (w/v) trichloroacetic	NA
EQuEChERS dispersiveElectrospun Graphene Oxide—Dissolvable layered double extractionOrbit 100C4 (5 μm, Oxbit 100C4 (5 μm)Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18 x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particleColumn (150 mm x 4.6 size)250 x 4.0 mm)x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particleColumn (150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 mm)0.01 M Oxalic acid —Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01Moxalic acid10-4 M Na2EDTA/ M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)—M oxalic acidAcetonitrileammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/MethanolM oxalic acidDAD, 355 nmFLD (Excitation: 375 nmVWD 358 nm100-200 μg/kg100-500 ng/g50-150 μg/L100-200 μg/kg84.7-106.393.5-100<15.5<5.0<10.0	deproteination	acid		acid in methanol	
extraction         Doped Nanofiber         hydroxide           Orbit 100C4 (5 μm,         Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18           250 × 4.0 mm)         × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle         Gemini-C18           Size)         mm, 5 mm)         mm, 5 mm)           0.01 M Oxalic acid – Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/O.01         Moxalic acid           Acetonitrile         ammonia buffer solution (pH         Moxalic acid           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile/O.01         Moxalic acid           Acetonitrile         Moxalic acid         Moxalic acid           Acetonitrile         Moxalic acid         Acetonitrile/O.01           Acetonitrile         Moxalic acid         Acetonitrile/O.01           Acetonitrile         Moxalic acid         Acetonitrile/O.01           Acetonitrile         Acetonitrile         Acetonitril	Sorbent of SPE	QuEChERS dispersive	Electrospun Graphene Oxide-		Carboxyl Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> magnetic
Orbit 100C4 (5 μm,         Eclipse Plus C18 column (250 Gemini-C18           250 × 4.0 mm)         × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle         column (150 mm × 4.6 mm)           250 × 4.0 mm)         × 2.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle         column (150 mm × 4.6 mm)           9.01 M Oxalic acid —         Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01         Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01           Acetonitrile         ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol         Moxalic acid           DAD, 355 mm         FLD (Excitation: 375 mm         VWD 358 mm           Emission: 535 nm         50-150 μg/L           100-500 μg/kg         100-500 ng/g         50-150 μg/L           83.07-106.3         84.7-106.3         93.5-100           <15.5         <5.0         <10.0		extraction	Doped Nanofiber	hydroxide	nanoparticle
250 × 4.0 mm)       × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle       column (150 mm × 4.6 mm × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle         Size)       mm, 5 mm)         0.01 M Oxalic acid – Magnesium chloride (0.05 10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/       M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-       M oxalic acid         Acetonitrile       ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol       M oxalic acid         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       Emission: 535 nm       50-150 μg/L         100-200 μg/kg       100-500 ng/g       50-150 μg/L         83.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         <15.5       <5.0	Column	Orbit 100C4 (5 µm,	Eclipse Plus C18 column (250	Gemini-C18	Phenomenex Gemini-C18
Size)       mm, 5 mm)         0.01 M Oxalic acid – 10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/       Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01 Moxalic acid ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol       M oxalic acid Moxalic acid ammonia buffer solution (pH 6.5)/Methanol         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       Emission: 535 nm       50-150 μg/L         100-200 μg/kg       100-500 ng/g       50-150 μg/L         83.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         <15.5       <5.0       <10.0		$250 \times 4.0 \text{ mm}$	$\times$ 4.6 mm I.D., 5 µm particle	column (150 mm $\times$ 4.6	column (150 mm $\times$ 4.6
0.01 M Oxalic acid –       Magnesium chloride (0.05 Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01         10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/       M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-       M oxalic acid         Acetonitrile       ammonia buffer solution (pH       M oxalic acid         6.5/Methanol       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       50-150 μg/L         100-200 μg/kg       100-500 ng/g       50-150 μg/L         83.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         <15.5       <5.0       <10.0			Size)	mm, 5 mm)	mm, 5 µm)
10 <sup>-4</sup> M Na2EDTA/       M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-       M oxalic acid         Acetonitrile       ammonia buffer solution (pH       6.5)/Methanol         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm       VWD 358 nm         Emission: 535 nm       Emission: 535 nm       50-150 μg/L         100-200 μg/kg       100-500 ng/g       50-150 μg/L         83.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         <15.5       <5.0       <10.0	Mobile phase	0.01 M Oxalic acid –	Magnesium chloride (0.05	Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01	Methanol/acetonitrile/0.01
Acetonitrile       ammonia buffer solution (pH         6.5)/Methanol       VWD 358 nm         DAD, 355 nm       FLD (Excitation: 375 nm         100-200 μg/kg       100-500 ng/g       50-150 μg/L         100-200 μg/kg       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         415.5       <5.0       <10.0		$10^{-4}$ M Na2EDTA/	M)-malonic acid (0.1 M)-	M oxalic acid	M oxalic acid
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Emission: 535 nm 100-200 μg/kg 100-500 ng/g 50-150 μg/L 83.07-106.3 84.7-106.3 93.5-100 <15.5 <5.0 <10.0	Detector	DAD, 355 nm	FLD (Excitation: 375 nm	VWD 358 nm	VWD 355, 370, 346 nm
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83.07-106.3 84.7-106.3 93.5-100 <15.5 <5.0 <10.0	Spike range	$100-200  \mu \mathrm{g/kg}$	100-500 ng/g	$50-150 \mu \mathrm{g/L}$	Tap water 0.063-3.29
83.07-106.3 84.7-106.3 93.5-100 <15.5 <5.0 <10.0					µg/L; Pond water 0.5-2.5
83.07-106.3       84.7-106.3       93.5-100         <15.5       <5.0       <10.0					µg/L
<15.5 <5.0 <10.0	Recovery (%)	83.07-106.3	84.7-106.3	93.5-100	76.2-98.0
	Precision (%)	<15.5	<5.0	<10.0	<15.5

Table 7 (continued)

Water  Water  Water  Bovine milk, eggs and chicken liver  30 mL  TC  OTC, TC, CTC and DC  Not shown  EDTA-McIlvaine's buffer  Magnetic adsorbent based Microporous covalent on chitosan-kaolin triazine-terphenyl polymer nanocomposite  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse  CORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5 (5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 (0.01 M oxalic acid in water/ M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm  UV 360 nm  5-100 µg/L  81.3-98.7		Reference			
Water  Mater  Bovine milk, eggs and chicken liver  5 g  TC  OTC, TC, CTC and DC  Not shown  EDTA-McIlvaine's buffer  manocomposite  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse Agilent Zorbax Eclipse Plus C18 column  CTP <sub>CC-TP</sub> ) HLB  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column  (CTP <sub>CC-TP</sub> ) HLB  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column  (S µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03  OUI M oxalic acid in water/ acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm  UV 360 nm  5-100 µg/L  81.3-98.7		[104]	[105]	[96]	[62]
30 mL  TC  OTC, TC, CTC and DC  Not shown  Magnetic adsorbent based Microporous covalent on chitosan–kaolin triazine-terphenyl polymer nanocomposite  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5 (5 μm, 4.6 × 150 mm) μm×150 mm×4.6 mm) Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/ M oxalic acid  DAD 351,365 nm  UV 360 nm 5-100 μg/L 89-103  81.3-98.7	Matrix	Water	Bovine milk, eggs and chicken liver	Bovine milk	Milk
Not shown  Magnetic adsorbent based Microporous covalent on chitosan–kaolin triazine-terphenyl polymer nanocomposite  Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/  M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm  UV 360 nm 5-100 µg/L 89-103  81.3-98.7	Sample size	30 mL	58	4 mL	10 mL
Not shown  Magnetic adsorbent based Microporous covalent on chitosan–kaolin triazine-terphenyl polymer nanocomposite (CTP <sub>CC-TP</sub> ) HLB Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5 (5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/ M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm  UV 360 nm 5-100 µg/L 89-103 89-103	Analyte	TC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC	OTC, TC, CTC and DC
Magnetic adsorbent based Microporous covalent triazine-terphenyl polymer nanocomposite (CTP <sub>CC-TP</sub> ) HLB Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5 μm, 4.6 × 150 mm) μm×150 mm×4.6 mm) Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/acetonitrile acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm UV 360 nm 5-100 μg/L 89-103 81.3-98.7	Extraction/ deproteination	Not shown	EDTA-McIlvaine's buffer	Acetonitrile and perchloric acid	Trichloroacetic acid
Agilent Zorbax Eclipse ZORBAX SB-C18 Column Plus C18 column (3.5  (5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03  0.01 M oxalic acid in water/  M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm UV 360 nm  5-100 µg/L 100-1000 µg/kg  89-103 81.3-98.7	SPE	Magnetic adsorbent based on chitosan–kaolin	Microporous covalent triazine-terphenyl polymer	Water-soluble amino functionalized magnetite	Activated carbon
Plus C18 column (3.5 (5 μm, 4.6 × 150 mm)  μm×150 mm×4.6 mm)  Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/  M oxalic acid  DAD 351,365 nm  5-100 μg/L  89-103  81.3-98.7	Column	Agilent Zorhax Eclinse	ZORBAX SB-C18 Column	SunFire C18-5 µm 250	Zorbax_SB_Ag C18 (100
μm×150 mm×4.6 mm)         Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03       0.01 M oxalic acid in water/         M oxalic acid       acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)         DAD 351,365 nm       UV 360 nm         5-100 μg/L       100-1000 μg/kg         89-103       81.3-98.7		Plus C18 column (3.5	(5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm)	mm × 4.6 mm	$mm \times 4.6 \text{ mm}$ , 3 $\mu m$
Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03 0.01 M oxalic acid in water/ M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm  5-100 μg/L  89-103  81.3-98.7		$\mu$ m×150 mm×4.6 mm)			particles size)
M oxalic acid acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)  DAD 351,365 nm 5-100 μg/L 89-103 81.3-98.7	Mobile phase	Methanol/acetonitrile/0.03	0.01 M oxalic acid in water/	Acetonitrile/ 0.5%	0.5% formic acid/
DAD 351,365 nm UV 360 nm 5-100 μg/kg 89-103 81.3-98.7		M oxalic acid	acetonitrile: methanol (1:1)	trifluoracetic acid	acetonitrile: methanol,
DAD 351,365 nm UV 360 nm 5-100 μg/L 100-1000 μg/kg 89-103 81.3-98.7					70:30 v/v
5-100 µg/L 100-1000 µg/kg 89-103 81.3-98.7	Detector	DAD 351,365 nm	UV 360 nm	PDA 360 nm	DAD 335, 296 nm
89-103 81.3-98.7	Spike range	$5-100  \mu g/L$	100-1000 µg/kg	$100\text{-}200\mu\text{g/L}$	$20-100  \mu g/kg$
LL/	Recovery (%)	89-103	81.3-98.7	87.8-107.5	80-91
1:1/	Precision (%)	<2.7	<i>&lt;</i> 7.7	<2.2	≥9.8

# CHAPTER III MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 3.1 Chemicals and reagents

All chemicals and reagents used in this research were laboratory-grade and analytical-grade. They were used without further purification and are listed in Table 8.

Table 8 List of all chemicals used in this research.

No.	Chemicals	Formul <mark>a</mark>	Grade	Company	Country
1.	Tetracycline	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ·HCl	HPLC	Sigma-	Germany
	hydrochloride			Aldrich	
2.	Oxytetracycline	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ·HCl	HPLC	Sigma-	Germany
	hydrochloride			Aldrich	
3.	Chlortetracycline	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>23</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ·HCl	HPLC	Sigma-	Germany
	hydrochloride			Aldrich	
4.	Doxycycline	C22H2 <mark>4N2O8</mark> ·HCl ·	HPLC	Sigma-	Germany
	hyclate	0.5H <sub>2</sub> O·0.5C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O		Aldrich	
5.	Methanol	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	HPLC	Merck	Germany
6.	Acetonitrile	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	HPLC	Merck	Germany
7.	Trifluoroacetic acid	C <sub>2</sub> HF <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	LR	Fisher	USA
			)	Scientific	
8.	Iron(III) chloride	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	LR	Chem-	Australia
	anhydrous			supply	
9.	Iron(II) sulphate 7-	FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	AR	KemAus	Australia
	hydrate				
10.	Sodium acetate 3-	CH <sub>3</sub> COONa·3H <sub>2</sub> O	AR	KemAus	Australia
	hydrate				
11.	Acetic acid	CH₃COOH	AR	ANaPURE	New
					Zealand
12.9	Sodium hydroxide	NaOH	AR	Ajax	Australia
	1980°			Finechem	
13.	Sodium chloride	NaCl	AR	Ajax	Australia
	4	ໄຄ້ ທີ່	o V	Finechem	
14.	Deionized water	- 70	-	Milli-Q	USA

AR grade means analytical reagent grade

HPLC grade means high performance liquid chromatography grade

LR grade means laboratory reagent grade

#### 3.2 Instrumentation

The HPLC system was equipped with a Waters 1525 Binary HPLC pump (USA) and a Waters 2489 UV-Visible detector. The determination of TCs was performed at 365 nm, and the data acquisition was done using Breeze software version 2.0. The analytical column was a Purospher® STAR RP-18 endcapped column (4.6 x 150 mm, 5.0 µm) (Merck, Germany), and it was carried out at room temperature. The isocratic elution using a mixture of 0.2% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid in acetonitrile (mobile phase A) and 0.2% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid (mobile phase B) were used as mobile phase at a ratio of 27:73, respectively, for the TCs separation at a flow rate of 0.7 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and the injection volume was 20 µL. The solution was mixed using a vortex mixer (50 Hz, model ZX3, VELP SCIENTIFICA, Italy). Ultrasonic bath (37 Hz, model S 30H, ELMA, Germany) and peristaltic pumps (model ISM 828B, ISMATEC, USA) were used for temperature and flow rate control of the reagents in the magnetic nanoparticle synthesis procedure, respectively.

#### 3.3 Experimental

3.3.1 Preparation of a stock standard solution of 1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> TCs

Individual stock standard solutions of TC, OTC, CTC, and DC (1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) were prepared by dissolving 0.010 g of each standard in 10 mL of methanol and were stored in an amber glass bottle at 4 °C. The daily working TCs mixed standard solutions were prepared by stepwise dilution of the stock solution with deionized water.

#### 3.3.2 Preparation of 0.10 mol L<sup>-1</sup> iron(III) solution

A 0.10 mol L<sup>-1</sup> iron(III) solution was prepared by dissolving 0.828 g ferric chloride in 50 mL of deionized water.

#### 3.3.3 Preparation of 0.10 mol L<sup>-1</sup> iron(II) solution

A 0.10 mol L<sup>-1</sup> iron(II) solution was prepared by dissolving 1.390 g ferrous sulfate heptahydrate in 50 mL of deionized water.

#### 3.3.4 Hevea brasiliensis Muell. Arg. bark preparation

The bark of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. was collected from a plantation in Kalasin province, Thailand. Then, the latex was removed from the bark, and the air dried in the shade. The dried bark was ground into a fine powder, then sieved into a zip-lock bag and stored in a dry place.

#### 3.3.5 Preparation of a natural reagent solution

The natural reagent solution was prepared by boiling 2 g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark in 50 mL of deionized water on a hot plate at 75 °C for 15 min with constant stirring. The mixture was then filtered with Whatman No. 1 filter paper. Finally, the final volume was adjusted to 50 mL with deionized water.

#### 3.3.6 Preparation of a 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> acetate buffer solution, pH 5.0

Acetate buffer solution was prepared by mixing 0.435~g of sodium acetate trihydrate with an appropriate volume of deionized water and  $103~\mu L$  of glacial acetic acid solution. Then, the final volume was adjusted to 100~mL with deionized water. Finally, the obtained buffer solution was adjusted to pH 5.0~mL with  $1~mol~L^{-1}$  sodium hydroxide solution.

#### 3.3.7 Preparation of 9% TFA in ACN

TFA 9% in ACN was prepared by pipetting 900 µL of 99% TFA into a 10 mL volumetric flask containing a small amount of ACN. Then, the final volume was adjusted to 10 mL with ACN.

#### 3.3.8 Preparation of the mobile phase

The mobile phase consisted of 0.2% TFA in ACN (mobile phase A) and 0.2% TFA (mobile phase B), which were prepared by pipetting 2 mL of 99% TFA into a 1000 mL volumetric flask and then adjusting the final volume to 1000 mL with ACN and deionized water for the mobile phases A and B, respectively.

#### 3.4 Magnetic nanoparticle-based natural reagent synthesis

The magnetic nanoparticle synthesis process was adapted from previous work [14]. Briefly, the reagents consisting of 50 mL of 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> FeCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 mL of 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> FeSO<sub>4</sub> · 7H<sub>2</sub>O, and 50 mL of the extracted natural reagent solution were placed in a temperature-controlled ultrasonic bath at 65 °C. All reagents were pushed and mixed in the mixing coil using peristaltic pumps at a flow rate of 4 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. Then, the solution was cooled down at ambient temperature (~30 min). The pH of the solution products was adjusted to 10.5 with 1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> sodium hydroxide solution and stirred for 1 hour. Magnetic nanoparticles were collected using an external magnet, and the solution was discarded to obtain a final volume of 20 mL. The schematic procedure of nanoparticle synthesis using the ultrasound-assisted continuous flow technique and the diagram of the magnetic nanoparticle synthesis procedure are shown in Figures 9 and 10, respectively.

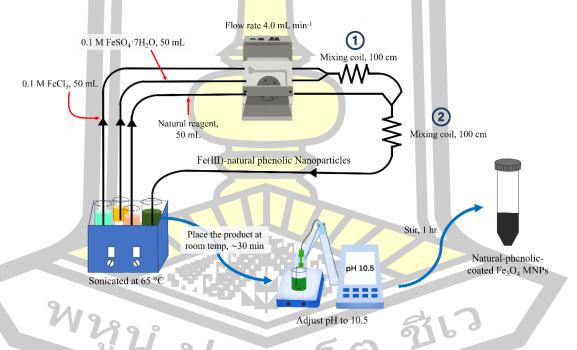


Figure 9 Schematic procedure of nanoparticle synthesis using ultrasound-assisted continuous flow technique.

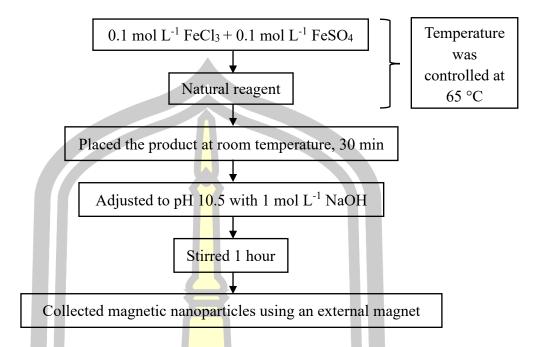


Figure 10 Diagram of the magnetic nanoparticle synthesis procedure.

### 3.5 d-SPE using magnetic nanoparticle-based natural reagents for enrichment TCs

A d-SPE was performed as follows. Initially, 2.0 g of honey samples were weighed into a 50-mL centrifuge tube. Then, 180  $\mu$ L of magnetic nanoparticles and 1 mL of 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> acetate buffer pH 5 were added. The volume was adjusted to 40 mL with deionized water and added 0.04 g of NaCl (0.1% w/v). After that, the solution was mixed using a vortex mixer for 10 s. Magnetic nanoparticles were collected using an external magnet for 2 minutes, and the supernatant phase was discarded. TCs were eluted from sorbents using 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN. The eluent containing the analytes was then filtered with a 0.20  $\mu$ m nylon filter and injected into HPLC-UV for analysis. The schematic procedure of d-SPE for extracting TCs in honey samples and the diagram of the d-SPE procedure for extracting TCs in honey samples are demonstrated in Figures 11 and 12, respectively.

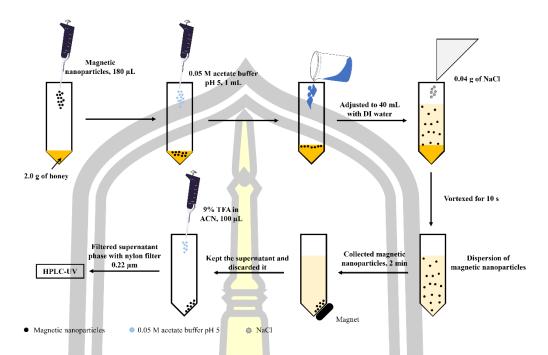
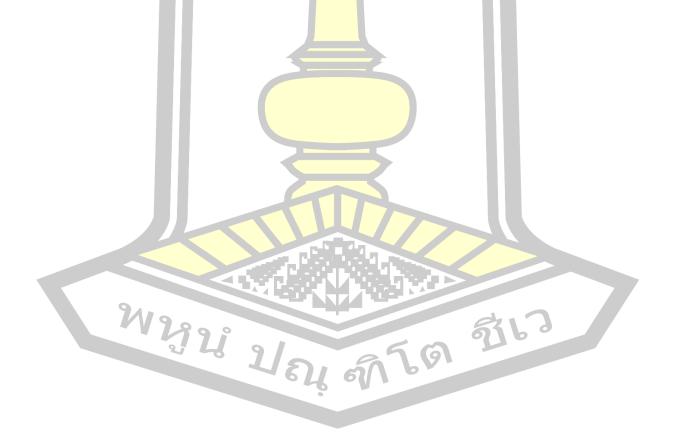
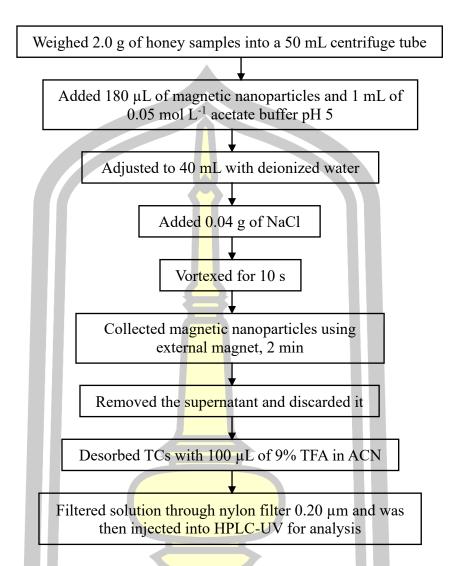


Figure 11 Schematic procedure of the d-SPE for extracting TCs in honey samples.





**Figure 12** Diagram of dispersive solid phase extraction procedure for extracting TCs in honey samples.

#### 3.6 Optimization of magnetic nanoparticle synthesis parameters

3.6.1 Batch and flow technique for magnetic nanoparticle synthesis

Batch and flow techniques were employed in the synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles.

#### 3.6.2 Tool for temperature control

A tool for temperature control in magnetic nanoparticle synthesis was studied by using a hotplate and an ultrasonic bath for temperature control.

#### 3.6.3 The effect of the molarity concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub> and FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O

The effect of the molarity concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub> and FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O was investigated at 0.2 M:0.1 M, 0.1 M:0.1 M, and 0.1 M:0.2 M for FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively.

#### 3.6.4 The effect of flow rate

The effect of flow rate was investigated in the range of 2.0, 4.0, 6.0, and 8.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 3.6.5 The effect of temperature

An ultrasonic bath was used to control the temperature of the reagent and obtain a product for rapid and complete nanoparticle formation. The temperature was studied in the range of 55, 60, 65, and 75 °C.

#### 3.6.6 The effect of pH

The pH of the solution affects the magnetic properties of nanoparticles. In this work, the effects of pH in the range of pH 5, 6.5, 8.5, 10.5, and 12.5, were investigated.

#### 3.6.7 The effect of stirring time

Stirring time affected the oxidation of Fe ions, which affected the magnetic properties of nanoparticles. Therefore, the stirring times at 30, 60, 90, and 120 min were studied.

#### 3.6.8 Characterization of magnetic nanoparticle-based natural reagents

The ultrasound-assisted continuous-flow synthesized bare, natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs and the ultrasound-assisted continuous-flow synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction were characterized by Zetasizer, TEM, FT-IR, XRD, BET and VSM.

#### 3.7 Optimization of the d-SPE extraction parameter

#### 3.7.1 Effect of honey sample weight

The honey weight was studied in the range of 1–5 g, as this work was performed matrix-matched to eliminate the matrix effect.

#### 3.7.2 Effect of pH

The effect of pH on extraction efficiency was studied in the range of pH 3.0-7.0 using 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> acetate buffers (pH 3.0-5.0) and 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> phosphate buffers (pH 6.0-7.0).

#### 3.7.3 Effect of total volume

The total volume was studied to reduce the viscosity of the honey. It was studied in the range of 10–50 mL using deionized water to dilute the sample.

#### 3.7.4 Effect of buffer solution volume

The effect of buffer solution volume was studied in the range of 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 mL.

#### 3.7.5 Effect of magnetic nanoparticle volume

The effect of magnetic nanoparticle volume was studied in the range of 60, 100, 140, 180, and 220  $\mu$ L.

#### 3.7.6 Effect of ionic strength

The effect of ionic strength was studied for both the type and concentration of salt.

The type of salt was independently studied by adding NaCl, CH<sub>3</sub>COONa, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at a concentration of 0.1% w/v and no salt added.

The concentration of salt was studied at 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, and 0.20% (w/v).

#### 3.7.7 Effect of vortex time

The vortex was used to achieve homogenization of the solution and to allow the magnetic nanoparticles to disperse throughout the sample solution, resulting in an increase in the contact area between the magnetic nanoparticles and the target analyte. Therefore, the vortex time was studied at 10, 30, 60, and 90 s.

#### 3.7.8 Effect of magnetic nanoparticle collection time

Magnetic nanoparticles were collected by using an external magnetic field. In this work, the effect of collection time was studied at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 min.

#### 3.7.9 Effect of concentration and volume of desorption solvent

In this work, TFA in ACN was used as an eluent for the desorption of the target analyte from the sorbents.

The effect of TFA concentration in ACN was studied at 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9% v/v.

The effect of volume of eluent was studied in the range of 100–300 μL.

#### 3.8 Method validation

To confirm the capability and performance of the proposed method, in this work, linear range, detection limits, quantitation limits, precision, and accuracy were studied under optimal conditions of extraction and HPLC.

#### 3.8.1 Linearity

The linear range was studied by the plotting calibration curves of each analyte at least five different concentrations and evaluating the linearity from the calibration curve equation (y = mx + c) and the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) value. The calibration curve was obtained by plotting the peak areas versus the concentration of the mixed standard solution and was constructed by the matrix-matched method using a blank honey sample.

#### 3.8.2 Limits of detection and limit of quantification

The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) were studied to evaluate the sensitivity of the proposed method. The limit of detection (LOD) was considered at concentrations providing a signal-to-noise ratio of 3:1,

and the limit of quantification (LOQ) was considered at concentrations providing a signal-to-noise ratio of 10:1.

#### 3.8.3 Precision

The precision of the method was reported as the relative standard deviation (%RSD), which was studied by analyzing standard solutions mixed at three concentrations within intra-day and inter-day at six concentrations continuously for five days.

#### 3.8.4 Accuracy

The accuracy of the d-SPE method was studied in terms of relative recoveries (%RR) under optimum extraction conditions to achieve the highest relative recoveries (%RR). It can be inferred that the proposed method was capable of extracting the target compounds from the real honey samples.

#### 3.9 Real sample

Honey samples were purchased from convenience stores and department stores in Maha Sarakham and nearby provinces. Samples were extracted according to the procedure in Section 3.5 without sample pretreatment.

#### 3.10 Data analysis

#### 3.10.1 Mean $(\bar{x})$

The mean of results was calculated by dividing the sum of individual results by the number of individual values (n).

$$\bar{x} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

#### 3.10.2 Standard deviation (SD)

The standard deviation (SD) is an indication of how similar the results are to each other, which was calculated as follows:

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

where

SD is standard deviation.

 $\Sigma$  mean "sum of".

x is value of individual result.

 $\bar{x}$  is mean of results.

n is the number of individual values.

#### 3.10.3 Relative standard deviation (%RSD)

The relative standard deviation (%RSD) was calculated by dividing the standard deviation (SD) by the mean  $(\bar{x})$ , as follows:

$$%RSD = \frac{SD}{\bar{x}} \times 100$$

#### 3.10.4 Relative recoveries (%RR)

The relative recoveries (%RR) were calculated by dividing the difference between the analyte concentration in the spiked sample ( $C_{spike}$ ) and the analyte concentration in the unspiked sample ( $C_{unspike}$ ) with the concentration of the standard solution added to the sample ( $C_{added}$ ), as shown in the following equation.

$$\%RR = \frac{C_{spike} - C_{unspike}}{C_{added}} \times 100$$



## CHAPTER IV RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 Performance of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs for enrichment of TCs

To achieve the best extraction efficiency and enrichment of TCs, the development of sorbents was important to obtain sorbents with high adsorption capacity and a large contact surface area. In this research, batch-synthesized bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Batch Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and batch-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Batch Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@phenolic) were compared to use as magnetic sorbents in d-SPE for TCs extraction. The results in Figure 13 show that the batch-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs provided higher extraction efficiency. This can be attributed to the surface of MNPs was functionalized with natural phenolic compounds, resulting in a functional group of phenolics like hydroxyl groups that enhanced the adsorption capability and stability of MNPs more than MNPs without coated with phenolic compounds [85]. However, when the ultrasound-assisted continuous flow technique was used in the synthesis of MNPs, the performances for extraction and preconcentration of TCs by batch-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Batch Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@phenolic) and ultrasound-assisted continuous flowsynthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Flow Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@phenolic) were compared, and the results are shown in Figure 13. It was found that employing of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs as a sorbent obtained from ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized can provided the extraction efficiency higher than batchsynthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP. Because using of ultrasound-assisted and continuous-flow techniques allowed for the control of MNPs size, leading to a smaller and uniform size [69], [74]. This increased the contact surface area and opportunities for interaction with TCs. Therefore, natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs from ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized were employed as magnetic adsorbents in d-SPE for the extraction and enrichment of TCs.

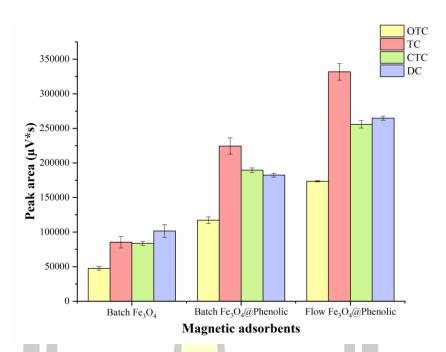


Figure 13 Peak area of all TCs after being extracted and enriched by batch-synthesized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Batch Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), batch-synthesized natural-phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Batch Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@phenolic), and ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural-phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (Flow Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@phenolic).

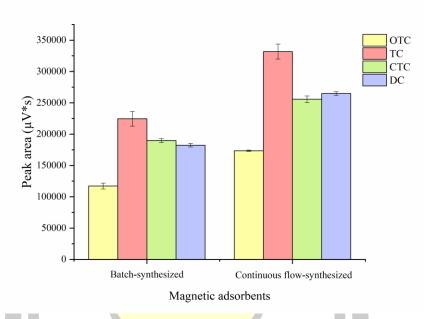
## 4.2 Optimization of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs synthesis by continuous flow synergistic with ultrasound-assisted

The natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were synthesized using a continuous flow technique combined with an ultrasound-assisted technique to produce MNPs that are uniform in size and exhibit high magnetism. The parameters affecting MNPs synthesis, such as the concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub>, flow rate, temperature, pH, and stir time, were optimized. The optimum conditions of each parameter were optimized by the one factor-at-a-time approach with three replicates and were chosen based on the extraction efficiency that was evaluated in terms of peak area.

#### 4.2.1 Batch and flow technique for magnetic nanoparticle synthesis

The magnetic nanoparticle synthesis techniques were studied by comparing the TCs extraction efficiency of solid sorbent obtained from batch-synthesized MNPs and continuous flow-synthesized MNPs as solid sorbent. The results are shown in Figure 14. It was found that continuous flow-synthesized

MNPs provided higher extraction efficiency than batch-synthesized MNPs because the continuous-flow technique can control the size of MNPs better than the batch technique, resulting in continuous flow-synthesized MNPs having a smaller and uniform size, which increased the chance of the interaction between MNPs and TCs analytes [69]. Therefore, the continuous-flow technique was used in the MNP synthesis process.



**Figure 14** Peak area of all TCs after being extracted and enriched by batch-synthesized MNPs and continuous flow-synthesized MNPs.

#### 4.2.2 Tool for temperature control

A tool for temperature control was investigated by using a hotplate compared with an ultrasonic bath. The results demonstrated that the MNPs synthesized using hotplate provided a very low response to external magnets and that after the extraction process, the MNPs did not respond to external magnets. On the other hand, MNPs synthesized using an ultrasonic bath responded very well to an external magnet, and it can provide high TCs extraction efficiency compared to the direct injection method (500 µg/L of mix TCs standard), as shown in Figure 15. This result may be described by using an ultrasonic bath can be temperature controlled better than a hotplate. Additionally, an ultrasonic bath can generate ultrasound wave, resulting in

controllable particle size distribution and an increasing reaction rate [74]. Therefore, an ultrasonic bath was used to control the temperature in the MNP synthesis process.

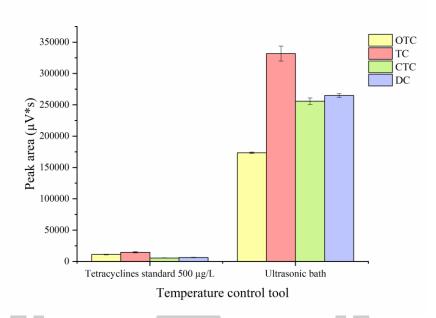
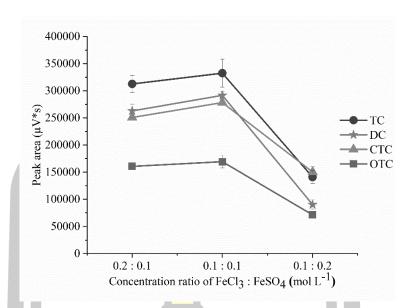


Figure 15 Peak area of all TCs after being extracted and enriched by MNPs synthesized using a continuous-flow technique combined with an ultrasonic bath.

#### 4.2.3 Effect of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> molarity concentration ratio

The effect of the molarity concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> was studied at 0.2 M:0.1 M, 0.1 M:0.1 M, and 0.1 M:0.2 M. The result indicated that the concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> at 0.1 M:0.1 M provided the highest extraction efficiency, as shown in Figure 16. This can be explained by the equal concentration ratio of Fe<sup>3+</sup>: Fe<sup>2+</sup>, resulting in high-purity Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> precipitation. On the other hand, excess Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Fe<sup>2+</sup> precipitate as iron oxide when the concentration ratios of Fe<sup>3+</sup>:Fe<sup>2+</sup> are not equal, which results in saturation magnetization decreasing [86]. Therefore, 0.1 M:0.1 M was used as the concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> for MNP synthesis.

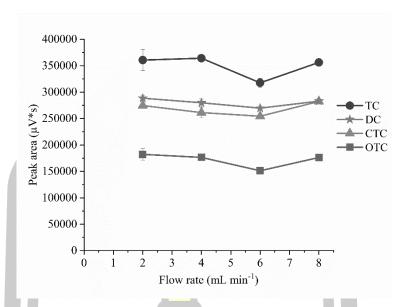


**Figure 16** Effect of molarity concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub>. Conditions: 2g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark, flow rate at 4 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, temperature at 65 °C, pH 10.5, stir time of 1 hr., and 500 µg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.2.4 Effect of flow rate

The effect of flow rate on MNP synthesis was evaluated at 2.0, 4.0, 6.0, and 8.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The results are shown in Figure 17. It was found that flow rates of 2.0, 4.0, and 8.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> were provided the extraction efficiency was not significantly different (p > 0.05). Therefore, a flow rate of 4.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> was used for MNP synthesis in the further experiments because using 8 mL min<sup>-1</sup> may cause problems during the synthesis process, such as joint leakage caused by excessive pressure. Additionally, the synthesis time using 4.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> (approximately 37 min) is faster than with 2.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> (approximately 71 min).

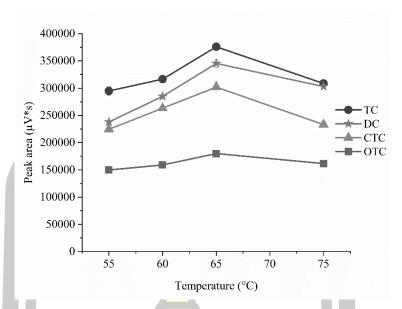
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**Figure 17** Effect of flow rate. Conditions: concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> was 0.1 M:0.1 M, 2g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark, temperature at 65 °C, pH 10.5, stir time of 1 hr., and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.2.5 Effect of temperature

The temperature of the co-precipitation method affected the kinetic and thermodynamic conditions of the chemical reactions. The effect of temperature was investigated at 55, 60, 65, and 75 °C. The results are shown in Figure 18. It was found that the extraction efficiency increased with the temperature increase from 55 to 65 °C. This can be attributed to an increase in temperature, resulting in a decrease in the size of the nanoparticles produced, which was caused by the higher frequency of nuclei collisions, leading to a decrease particle aggregation. Conversely, the extraction efficiency decreased when the temperature increased from 65 to 75 °C because of the increase in nanoparticle size, which can be explained by the disruption of the magnetic growth mechanism and the redeposition of stable nuclei with particles [87]. Consequently, this resulted in a reduced contact area. Therefore, a temperature of 65 °C was chosen for the synthesis of MNPs.



**Figure 18** Effect of temperature. Conditions: concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> was 0.1 M:0.1 M, 2g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark, flow rate at 4 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, pH 10.5, stir time of 1 hr., and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.2.6 Effect of pH

The effect of pH was investigated in the range of 5.0 to 12.5 using 1 M NaOH for pH adjustment. The results revealed that the extraction efficiency increased with the rise in pH from 5.0 to 10.5 and then decreased, as illustrated in Figure 19. The increase in extraction efficiency can be explained by the heightened purity of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase, resulting in an increase in saturation magnetization [88]. Subsequently, extraction efficiency decreased when pH > 10.5 because the excess OH<sup>-</sup> reacted with Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> to form the goethite (FeO (OH)) phase, causing a decrease in the purity of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase. Hence, pH 10.5 was chosen as the optimum pH for the synthesis of MNPs.

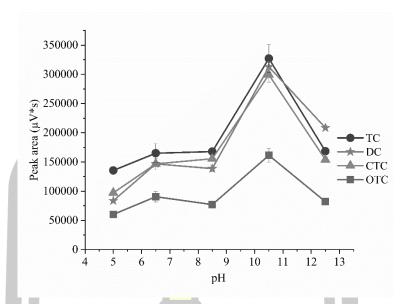
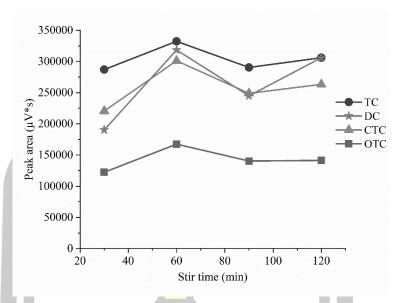


Figure 19 Effect of pH. Conditions: concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> was 0.1 M:0.1 M, 2g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark, flow rate at 4 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, temperature at 65 °C, stir time of 1 hr., and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.2.7 Effect of stir time

The effect of stir time was studied in the range of 30 to 120 min, and the results are presented in Figure 20. It was observed that the highest extraction efficiency was achieved at a stir time of 60 min, indicating an equilibrium state in the reaction process at this duration. However, when the stir time exceeded 60 min, the extraction efficiency decreased due to nanoparticle agglomeration, leading to an increase in particle size [89]. Consequently, the MNP synthesis procedure was conducted with a stir time of 60 min.

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**Figure 20** Effect of stir time. Conditions: concentration ratio of FeCl<sub>3</sub>:FeSO<sub>4</sub> was 0.1 M:0.1 M, 2g of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. bark, flow rate at 4 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, temperature at 65 °C, pH 10.5, and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

The summarized of the optimum condition for MNPs synthesis by ultrasound-assisted continuous-flow was presented in Table 9.

Table 9 The optimum condition of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> magnetic nanoparticle synthesis for use as an adsorbent in dispersive solid phase extraction to extract tetracyclines.

Parameters	Optimum conditions
Temperature control	Ultrasonic bath
Synthesis method	Flow technique
Concentration ratio of FeCl <sub>3</sub> and FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O (mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	0.1:0.1 (FeCl <sub>3</sub> :FeSO <sub>4</sub> )
Flow rate (mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	4.0
Temperature (°C)	65
рН	10.5
Stir time (min)	60

### 4.3 Characterization of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs

The functional group of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs, ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenoliccoated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction were investigated from FTIR spectra, as shown in Figure 21. The Fe-O stretching characteristics band of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> can be observed at around 557 cm<sup>-1</sup> in all three spectra. The characteristic band of phenolics, including conjugated C=O stretching (1707 cm<sup>-1</sup>), aromatic C=C stretching (1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and C-O stretching (1381 and 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup>) was appeared in the spectra of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs. Moreover, it can clearly observe the stretching vibrations of -O-H groups more than in the spectra of bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs. Therefore, these results show that the surface of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs was successfully coated with natural phenolic compounds. Comparing the FTIR spectra of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction. The adsorption band of O-H stretching at 3206 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectra of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs differed and shifted from the stretching vibrations of -O-H groups (3445 cm<sup>-1</sup>) after TC extraction. The deformation absorption band peak of C-H stretching, C-C stretching, stretching vibrations of C-O, and O-H bending was observed at around 2948 to 2837 cm<sup>-1</sup> and between 1608 to 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup> in spectra of natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs after TC extraction. These results demonstrate the existence of an interaction between TCs and functional groups of phenolics on the surface of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.

The crystallinity of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized bare and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs was investigated, and the XRD pattern results are shown in Figure 22(a). The XRD patterns of both samples exhibited six diffraction peaks at 18.4°, 30.3°,35.7°,43.4°,57.4 and 63.0°, corresponding to the planes (111), (220), (311), (400), (422), (511), and (440), respectively. Moreover, the XRD patterns of bare and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were identical, indicating that the phenolic coating did not affect the phase transformation of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Additionally, the XRD pattern of each sample was compared with the 01-075-0449 reference database, and it was found that the diffraction peaks of each sample matched those of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

The magnetic properties of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized bare and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were evaluated using VSM. The results

presented in Figure 22(b) show that both synthesized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs exhibited superparamagnetic behavior, and the saturation magnetization of bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were 96.4 and 87.8 emu g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The reduction in saturation magnetization for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs after coating with phenolic compounds could be explained by the presence of nonmagnetic phenolic molecules on the surface of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs [90].

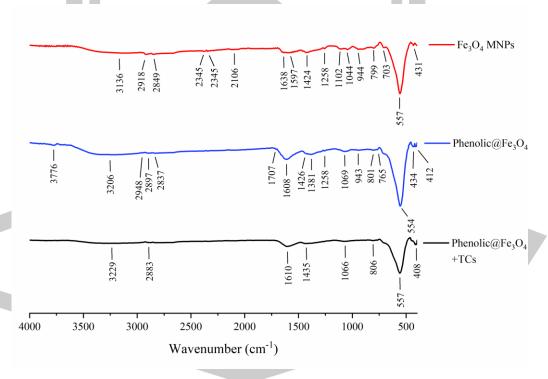
The surface charge of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction was measured using Zeta potential. The result demonstrated that the surface charge of the magnetic adsorbent was positive ( $5.6\pm0.6$  mV) before TCs extraction and increased to  $8.9\pm0.7$  mV after TCs extraction.

In terms of morphological properties, the particle size of the natural phenoliccoated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs synthesized using the ultrasound-assisted continuous flow method and the batch method was measured using TEM image analysis with the ImageJ program combined with data analysis with a Gaussian distribution. It was observed that the particle size of the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs synthesized using the ultrasound-assisted continuous flow method (7.5±0.3 nm) was smaller than that of those synthesized using the batch method (14.7 $\pm$ 0.3 nm), as shown in Figure 23. Additionally, Figure 24(a) and (b) show TEM images of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction, respectively. It was found that the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were spherical with average diameters of 7.5±0.3 nm and increased in size to 22.5±0.6 nm after TCs extraction. The results of pore structure and surface area analysis of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs are shown in Figure 24(c). The obtained N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms exhibit a type-V curve [91]. Moreover, the BET surface area, BJH Adsorption cumulative volume of pores (cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), and BJH Adsorption average pore width (4V/A) were 45.3 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, 0.16 cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, and 150.6 Å, respectively, classifying the pore size as mesopore (20-500 Å) [92].

Therefore, the results obtained from FTIR, TEM, and zeta potential analyses can explain the possible interactions in the extraction of TCs with ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs as follows: The

abundant hydroxyl (-O–H) functional groups in the structures of both the phenolic compounds coated on Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and TCs can form hydrogen bonding interactions with each other.  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions occur between the  $\pi$  electrons in the aromatic rings of phenolic compounds and those of TCs. Electrostatic interactions are formed between the positive charge of the magnetic adsorbent and the negative charge of TCs, which can be described under pH 5, where TCs exhibit properties as zwitterions (TCH<sub>2</sub><sup>±</sup>), while the surface charge of ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs was positive (as determined by Zeta potential). Finally, the physical adsorption between the inner surface of the pores of MNPs and TCs molecules due to the pore size of the MNPs is 150.6 Å (as determined by BET), resulting in MNPs being able to adsorb tetracyclines with a size of 14.80 × 9.00 × 7.47 Å [93].

The summarized graphitic layer extraction mechanism is presented in Figure 25.



**Figure 21** FTIR spectra of flow-synthesized bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction.

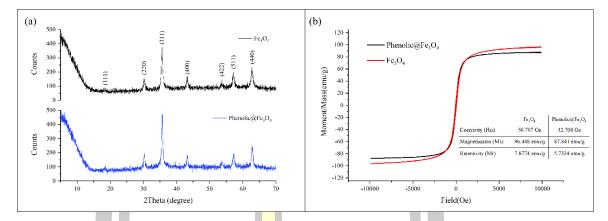


Figure 22 (a) XRD patterns of flow-synthesized bare and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs, (b) VSM magnetization of flow-synthesized bare and natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.

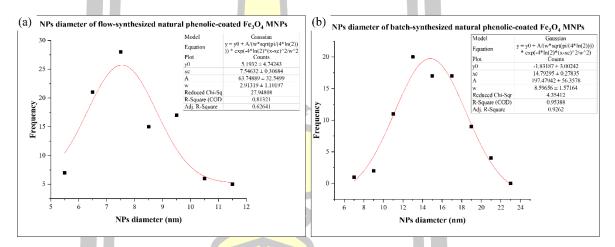
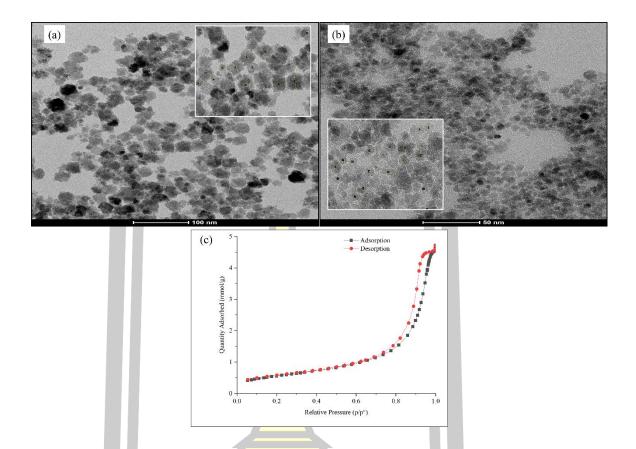


Figure 23 Gaussian distribution curves of (a) flow-synthesized and (b) batch-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.

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**Figure 24** (a and b) TEM images of flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs before and after TCs extraction, respectively, and (c) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.



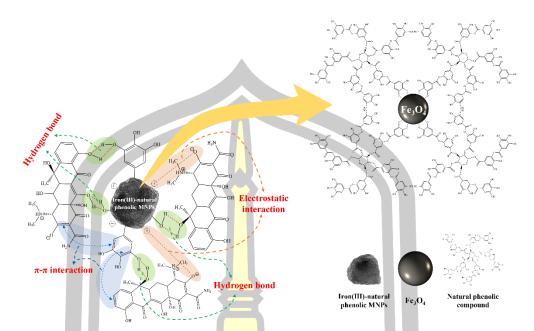


Figure 25 The summarized graphitic layer extraction mechanism between ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs and TCs analytes.

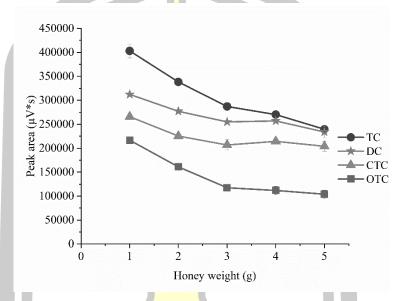
## 4.4 Optimization of the d-SPE procedure to TCs extraction using ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs

To achieve the highest extraction efficiency, the parameters affecting the extraction efficiency of the d-SPE method, including pH, honey weight, total volume, buffer solution volume, MNPs volume, ionic strength, vortex time, MNPs collection time, concentration, and volume of desorption solvent, were optimized. These parameters were optimized by the one-factor-at-a-time approach with three replicates. Additionally, the optimum conditions study was performed using the matrix-matched method with the addition of TC-free honey samples for each condition.

### 4.4.1 Effect of honey weight

To eliminate or reduce the effect of honey matrix on extraction efficiency, in this work, the optimum conditions and method validation were performed using the matrix-matched method with the addition of TCs-free honey samples. The effect of honey weight was evaluated at 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0 g. The results indicated that the extraction efficiency decreased as the honey weight increased, as shown in Figure 26. These results can be attributed

to an increase in viscosity, resulting in difficult dispersion of MNP sorbents throughout the sample solutions. Therefore, 2 g was used as the weight of honey because 2 g of honey contains more matrix than 1 g, but it can still provide a satisfactory extraction efficiency range.



**Figure 26** Effect of honey weight. Conditions: 100  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05 M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 10 mL, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.2 Effect of pH

The pH is an important parameter that affacts the extraction efficiency and adsorption of analytes on the sorbent. It has influenced both the chemical structure of the TCs and the surface charge of the adsorbent. The pKa<sub>1</sub> of TCs is 3–4, pKa<sub>2</sub> is 7–8, and pKa<sub>3</sub> is 9–10, which is unique to each TC. At a pH below 3, TCs are positively charged. At pH between 3 and 8, they are presented in neutral (zwitterionic form), and at pH higher than 8, they have a negative charge [20], [21]. In this work, the effect of pH was investigated in the range of pH 3.0-7.0 using 5 mL of 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> acetate buffers (pH 3.0-5.0) and 0.05 mol L<sup>-1</sup> phosphate buffers (pH 6.0-7.0). It was found that the extraction efficiency increased when the pH increased from 3.0 to 5.0 and decreased afterward when the pH was higher than 5.0, as shown in Figure 27. This occurred because, at a pH lower than 5.0, the functional group of the natural phenolic ligand might be

protonated, and active sites were occupied with protons [90]. Additionally, at a pH higher than 5.0, TCs were deprotonated, forming an anionic stage, resulting in a decreased hydrophobic interaction between TCs and MNPs [94]. Thus, pH 5.0 was chosen for further experiments.

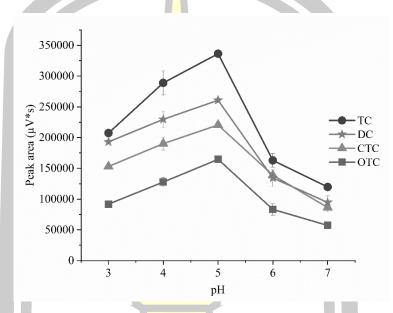


Figure 27 Effect of pH. Conditions: 2 g of honey,  $100 \,\mu\text{L}$  of MNPs, total volume was  $10 \,\text{mL}$ , vortex  $60 \,\text{s}$ , MNPs collection time was 2 min,  $100 \,\mu\text{L}$  of 9% TFA in ACN, and  $500 \,\mu\text{g} \,\text{L}^{-1}$  of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.3 Effect of total volume

The effect of total volume was investigated in the range of 10 to 50 mL. The results are shown in Figure 28. It was found that the extraction efficiency increased with the increase in solution volume, which can be explained by the decrease in solution viscosity. Therefore, 40 mL was chosen as the total volume of the solution because it provided satisfactory extraction efficiency and higher precision compared to 50 mL.

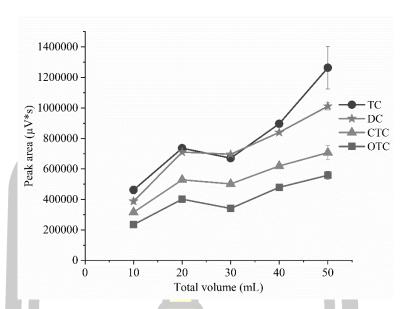
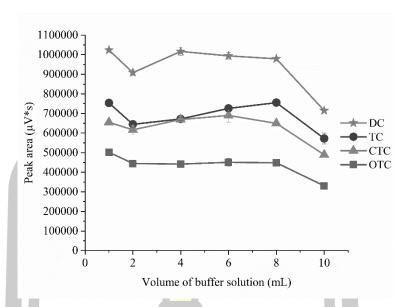


Figure 28 Effect of total volume. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 100  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05 M acetate buffer pH 5.0, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.4 Effect of buffer solution volume

The effect of buffer solution volume was studied by adding  $0.05~\mathrm{M}$  acetate buffer pH 5 at 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 mL. The results indicated the extraction efficiency was not significantly different (p > 0.05) when the volume of acetate buffer was increased from 1 to 8 mL and decreased afterward, as shown in Figure 29. Therefore, 1 mL was chosen as the optimum volume of  $0.05~\mathrm{M}$  acetate buffer, pH 5.





**Figure 29** Effect of buffer solution volume. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 100  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05 M acetate buffer pH 5.0, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.5 Effect of MNP volume

The effect of MNP volume was studied at 60, 100, 140, 180, and 220  $\mu L$  to extract and preconcentrate TCs from honey samples. The results are shown in Figure 30. The extraction efficiency increased with increasing MNP volume from 60 to 180  $\mu L$  and decreased thereafter due to the increase in MNP volume, which made desorption difficult with fixed-volume desorption solvent [90]. Therefore, 180  $\mu L$  of MNP volume was chosen as the optimum volume of MNPs.



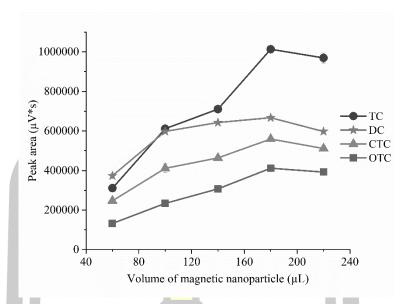


Figure 30 Effect of MNP volume. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 0.05 M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

# 4.4.6 Effect of ionic strength (salt type)

The ionic strength in terms of salt type was studied by adding ammonium chloride, sodium acetate, and sodium chloride at a concentration of 0.1% w/v and without salt addition to the sample solution. From the results shown in Figure 31, it was found that the highest extraction efficiency was obtained when adding sodium chloride, and it was used in further experiments.



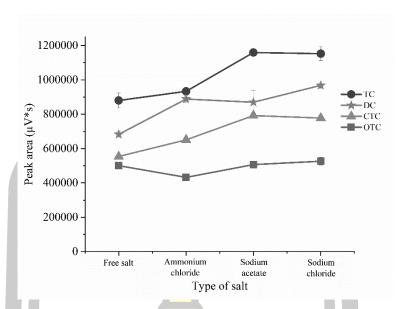


Figure 31 Effect of salt type. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 180 μL of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100 μL of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.7 Effect of ionic strength (salt concentration)

The ionic strength in terms of salt concentration was investigated by adding sodium chloride at concentrations of 0.01, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, and 0.20% (w/v). The results are demonstrated in Figure 32. The extraction efficiency increased when the NaCl concentration increased from 0.01 to 0.10%, which could be explained by the salting-out effect principle. After the concentration of salt was higher than 0.1% (w/v), the extraction efficiency decreased due to an increase in the viscosity of the sample solution, which made the sorbent difficult to disperse and reduced the interaction between the adsorbent and the analyte. Therefore, 0.10% (w/v) was used as the sodium chloride concentration.

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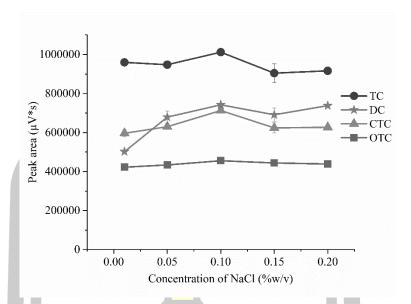


Figure 32 Effect of NaCl concentration. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 180  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, vortex 60 s, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.8 Effect of vortex time

The vortex is a procedure that accelerates the dispersion of the magnetic sorbent into the sample solution containing the analytes, resulting in increased interaction between the analyte and the adsorbent, which affects the extraction efficiency. In this work, the vortex time was investigated in the range of 10–90 s at a speed of 2000 rpm. The results are shown in Figure 33. It was found that the optimum condition of the vortex time was 10 s because it could give the highest extraction efficiency. Therefore, 10 s was used as the vortex time in the further experiments.

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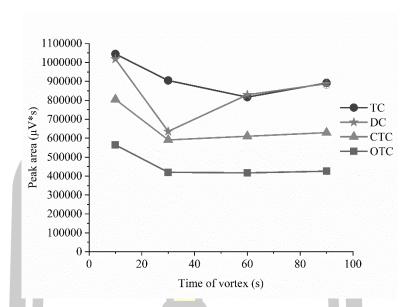


Figure 33 Effect of vortex time. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 180 μL of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, 0.1% NaCl, MNPs collection time was 2 min, 100 μL of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.9 Effect of MNP collection time

MNPs containing TCs should be collected completely or as much as possible to obtain the best extraction efficiency, accuracy, and precision. The magnetic nanoparticle collection time was studied in the range of 0.5-5 min. The results are shown in Figure 34. It was found that at 1-5 min, the extraction efficiency was not significantly different (p > 0.05). Therefore, 2 min was chosen as the suitable time for MNPs collection due to its short time and low standard deviation, which indicates that collecting MNPs was consistent.



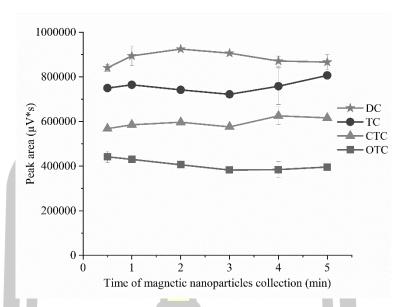


Figure 34 Effect of vortex time. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 180  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, 0.1% NaCl, vortex 10 s, 100  $\mu$ L of 9% TFA in ACN, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

#### 4.4.10 Effect of concentration of desorption solvent

In this work, TFA in ACN was used as a desorption solvent to desorb TCs on the MNPs before quantitation analysis by HPLC-UV. The concentration of TFA in ACN was studied in the range of 0.0–9.0% (v/v). It was found that 9% TFA in ACN was the concentration that yielded the highest extraction efficiency, as shown in Figure 35. The lower extraction efficiency was observed when TFA concentrations were less than 9% (v/v). It may result in the incomplete desorption of TCs from the adsorbent. Therefore, 9% (v/v) was used as the proper concentration of TFA in the ACN to desorb TCs from the adsorbent.

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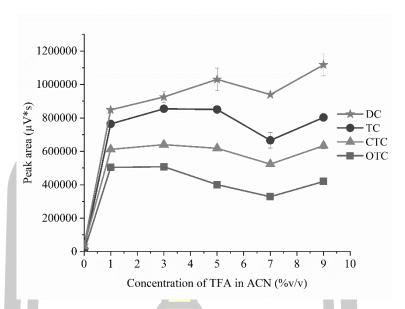


Figure 35 Effect of concentration of desorption solvent. Conditions: 2 g of honey,  $180 \mu L$  of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, total volume was 40 mL, 0.1% NaCl, vortex 10 s,  $100 \mu L$  of TFA in ACN, and  $500 \mu g L^{-1}$  of each tetracycline.

# 4.4.11 Effect of desorption solvent volume

The effect of 9% TFA in ACN volume was tested in the range of  $100-250~\mu L$ . The results are shown in Figure 36. It was found that the extraction efficiency decreased with increasing the volume of 9% TFA in ACN. This can be explained by the dilution effect. Therefore,  $100~\mu L$  was chosen as the volume of 9% TFA in ACN for desorption of TCs from the adsorbent in further experiments.



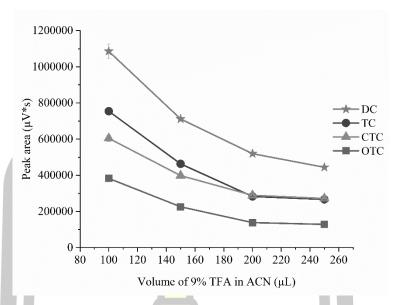


Figure 36 Effect of concentration of desorption solvent. Conditions: 2 g of honey, 180  $\mu$ L of MNPs, 0.05M acetate buffer pH 5.0, a total volume was 40 mL, 0.1% NaCl, vortex 10 s, and 500  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline.

The summarized optimum condition for TCs extraction by d-SPE based on natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP sorbent obtained from ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesis is presented in Table 10.



**Table 10** The optimum condition of dispersive solid phase extraction for the extraction of tetracyclines using natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP sorbent from ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesis.

Parameters	Optimum conditions
Honey sample weight (g)	2.0
pH of buffer solution	5.0
Total volume (mL)	40.0
Buffer solution volume (mL)	1.0
Magnetic nanoparticles volume (μL)	180.0
Ionic strength (salt type)	NaCl
Ionic strength (concentration of salt) (%(w/v))	0.10
Vortex time (s)	10.0
MNPs collection time (min)	2.0
Concentration of desorption solvent (TFA in ACN) $(\% (v/v))$	9.0
Volume of desorption solvent (TFA in ACN) (μL)	100.0

#### 4.5 Method validation

To ensure the performance of the proposed method for the extraction and preconcentration of TCs under the optimum conditions, the validation of the method was evaluated in terms of linearity, limit of detection (LOD), limit of quantitation (LOQ), precision (intra-day and inter-day), accuracy, and enrichment factor (EF). The results are summarized in Table 11. The calibration graph was constructed by the matrix-matched method using a blank honey sample. The linearity was in the range of 0.70–500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> for OTC and TC, and 1.00–500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> for CTC and DC, with the coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) greater than 0.9953 for all analytes. The LODs and LOQs were calculated based on a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of 3 and 10 were obtained at 0.50 μg L<sup>-1</sup> (10 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and 0.70–1.00 μg L<sup>-1</sup> (14–20 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>), respectively, and the LODs of the proposed method were equal to the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements (MMPRs) for the analysis of TC residues in honey (10 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>) [7]. The precision was investigated by performing 7 replicates of analysis for the mixed standard solution at 10, 50, and 100 μg L<sup>-1</sup> in the

same day (intra-day RSDs) and performing 3 replicates of analysis for the mixed standard solution at concentrations in the ranges 10–500 µg L<sup>-1</sup> in 5 consecutive days (inter-day RSDs). The results found that %RSD was less than 6.91% and 13.17% for intra- and inter-day precision, respectively. Recovery was used to assess accuracy by spiked TCs standard to honey samples at concentrations of 1.00, 3.00, and 5.00 µg L<sup>-1</sup> and found that recovery was in the range of 81.3–117.9%. Therefore, the precision and accuracy of the developed method were considered to be within the acceptable range (70–120%, RSD <20%) [95]. Furthermore, the EF was calculated in accordance with the ratio of the slope of the after-preconcentration calibration curve to the slope of the before-preconcentration calibration curve, and the results were obtained at 32.05, 63.71, 96.82, and 90.46 for the EF of OTC, TC, CTC, and DC, respectively. Additionally, the obtained chromatogram from the TCs standard solution analysis by direct injection method and the proposed method are shown in Figure 37.

**Table 11** Method validation of the proposed method in terms of limit of detection, limit of quantitation, linear range, R<sup>2</sup>, enrichment factor, and precision for the determination of tetracyclines in honey matrix.

	LODs a	LOQs b	LR c			RS	SD f
Analytes	μg L <sup>-1</sup> )	(μg L <sup>-1</sup> )	LΚ (μg L <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mathbb{R}^{2 d}$	EF e	Intra-day	Inter-day
	(μg L )	(µg L )	(µg L')			(n=7)	$(n=5\times3)$
	0.50	0.70	0.70 - 500				
OTC	$(10 \mu g$	$(14 \mu g$	$(14-10^4  \mu g  kg^{-1})$	0.9965	32.05	4.50	6.72
	$kg^{-1}$ )	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(14 – 10 μg kg )				
	0.50	0.70	0.70 - 500				
TC	(10 µg	(14 µg	$(14-10^4 \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$	0.9982	63.71	6.91	10.15
	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(14 - 10 μg kg )	3			
	0.50	1.00	1.00 – 500				
CTC	(10 µg	(20 µg	$(20-10^4 \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$	0.9976	96.82	4.35	7.65
	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(20 - 10 μg kg )		27 6		
	0.50	1.00	1.00 - 500	(9)			
DC	(10 µg	(20 µg	$(20-10^4 \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$	0.9953	90.46	2.59	13.17
	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(20 – 10 μg kg )				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Limit of detection (µg L<sup>-1</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Limit of quantification (µg L<sup>-1</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Linear range (µg L<sup>-1</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) <sup>e</sup> Enrichment factor = slope of the calibration curve with extraction / slope of the calibration curve without extraction

f Relative standard deviation percent (RSD)

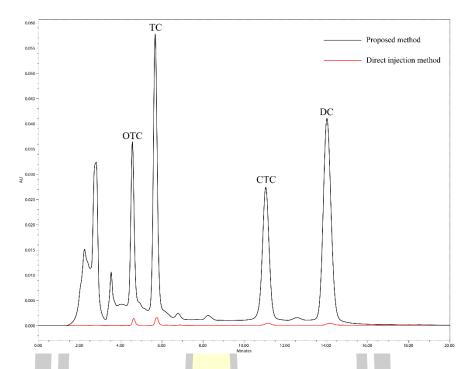


Figure 37 Chromatogram of tetracyclines standard solution analysis by direct injection method and preconcentrated by the proposed method (500 μg L<sup>-1</sup> of each tetracycline).

### 4.6 Stability of the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP

The stability of the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP was assessed by comparing the results of using the intra-batch of the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP, which was synthesized as an adsorbent in the TC extraction procedure, as described in Section 3.5. The results in Figure 38 indicate that the developed sorbent demonstrated close extraction efficiency for TCs over a 20-day period. The precision, measured as the relative standard deviation (%RSD), was less than 17% for all analytes. Hence, the results demonstrate that the natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNP has satisfactory stability.

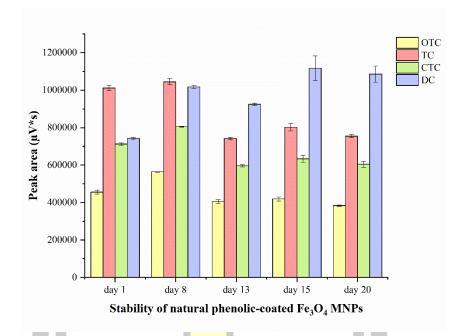
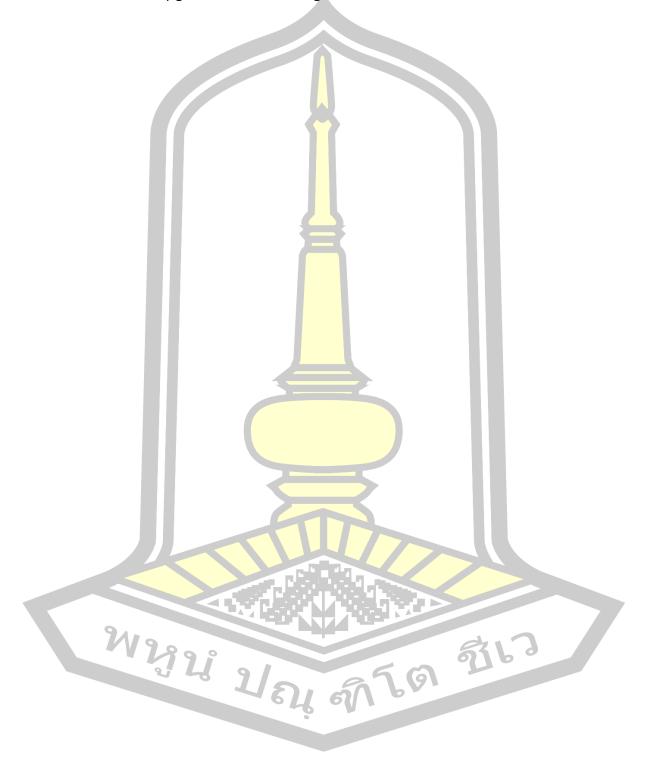


Figure 38 Peak area of all TCs after being extracted and enriched over a 15-day period by intra-batch-synthesized MNPs.

#### 4.7 Application of the developed method to honey samples

Twelve samples of honey were purchased from department stores and convenience stores within Maha Sarakham province and nearby provinces. The honey samples weighing 2.0 g were analyzed for quantitation of the four tetracyclines (OTC, TC, CTC, and DC) using a method developed under appropriate conditions as described above. The quantitation of four residues of TCs in honey was analyzed by our developed method combined with HPLC-UV. The accuracy was evaluated by spiking TCs at three concentration levels (1.00, 3.00, and 5.00 µg L<sup>-1</sup>) each analyte into the sample. The results are presented in Table 12. It was observed that TC was not detected in any of the samples. However, OTC was detected only in sample 12 at a concentration of 0.90 µg L<sup>-1</sup> (18 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>). Three samples (3, 11, and 12) detected CTC at concentrations ranging from 2.40 to 6.40 µg L<sup>-1</sup> (48 to 128 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>). CTC was found below the LOQ in sample 8. DC was detected at 1.00-2.40 μg L<sup>-1</sup> (20-48 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>) in samples 4, 11, and 12, and DC was obtained below the LOQ in samples 1, 2, 6, and 8. Therefore, from the results of the determination of tetracycline residues in twelve honey samples, it was found that only CTC detected in samples 11 and 12 had a concentration exceeding the maximum residue limits (MRLs) (50 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>) [6].

Representation chromatograms of honey samples spiked with standard TCs at 0.05, 0.15, and 0.25  $\mu g \ L^{-1}$ , are shown in Figure 39.



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**Table 12** Application of the developed method for determination of TCs in real honey samples.

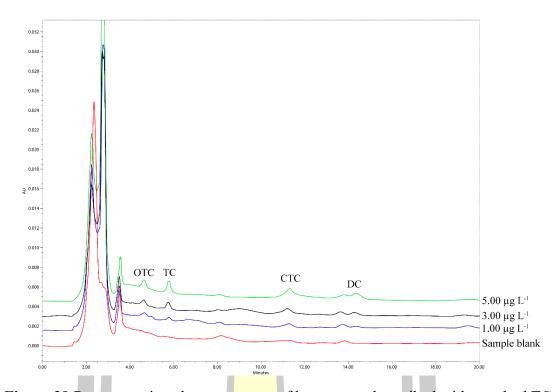
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N.D.: Not detected ( )\*:  $\mu g/kg$ 

 Table 12 (continued)

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N.D.: Not detected ( )\*:  $\mu g/kg$ 



**Figure 39** Representation chromatograms of honey samples spiked with standard TCs at 1.00, 3.00, and  $5.00 \mu g L^{-1}$ .

# 4.8 Comparison of the analytical performance of the developed sample preparation with the previous method

Magnetic nanoparticles as adsorbents for the determination of TCs have been previously reported in several works. To confirm the performance of the developed method, it was compared with previously reported results, as summarized in Table 13. The ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs demonstrated a capability to provide lower LODs and LOQs compared to using surfactant-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs [12], C<sub>18</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs [94], and water-soluble amino functionalized MNP [96] as adsorbents in the TCs extraction. Moreover, the developed method exhibited a higher enrichment factor and a wider linearity range than many comparable methods. Additionally, the suggested method provided the advantages of utilizing reagents derived from agricultural waste, increasing its environmental friendliness, and importantly, this research is the first work that uses natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs for extracting and enriching TCs.

Therefore, the proposed method provides another suitable alternative method for the determination of TCs in honey samples.

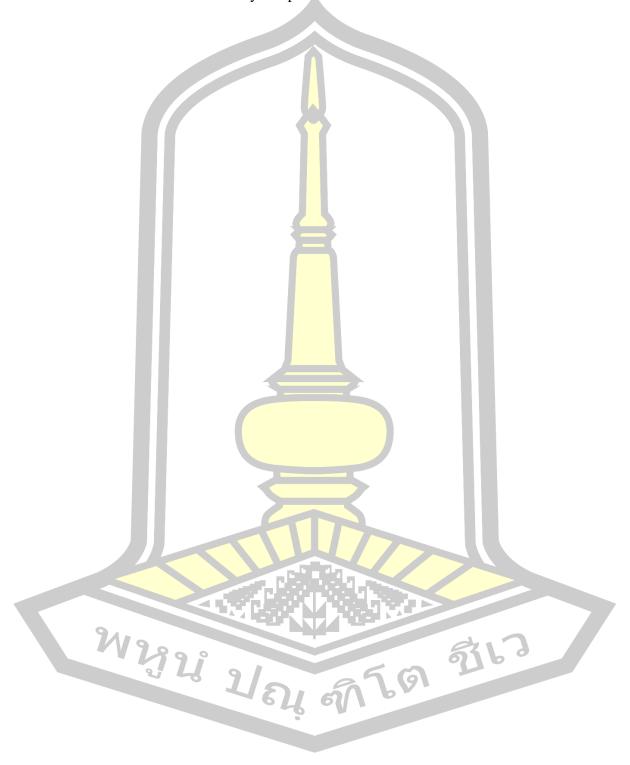


Table 13 Comparison of the analytical performance method between the proposed methods and other previously reported methods for using magnetic nanoparticles for tetracycline analysis.

Sorbents	Sample	Analytes	LODs	roos b	LR	EF d	Recovery (%)	RSD <sup>e</sup>	Reference
		OTC	$0.03~\mathrm{mg}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	Not shown	0.10–10 mg L <sup>-1</sup>		97–108		
Surfactant-coated Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	Human serum	TC	$0.08~\mathrm{mg~L^{-1}}$	Not shown	$0.2510~\mathrm{mg}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$	Not shown	90–112	1-6% (intra-day) <8% (inter-day)	[12]
		DC	0.03 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	Not shown	$0.10-10 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$		99–115		
		OTC	2.0 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	8.0 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	2.0-1000 µg L <sup>-1</sup>		83–88	<10%	
$C_{18}/SiO_2/Fe_3O_4$ MNPs	Water	TC	$10.0~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$40.0~\mu g~L^{\text{-}1}$	$10.0\!\!-\!\!1000~\mu gL^{\text{-}1}$	Ś	83–87	(repeatability) <6%	[94]
		DC	$10.0~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$40.0~\mu g~L^{\text{-1}}$	$10.0\!-\!1000~\mu gL^{\text{-}1}$		82–87	(reproducibility)	
		OTC	12.0 ng L <sup>-1</sup>	40.1 ng L <sup>-1</sup>	0.1-200 µg L <sup>-1</sup>		99–105		
		TC	$19.6~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$65.4~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$0.1{-}200~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$		98–111		
Carboxyl-	117	CTC	$74.1~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$247.0 \text{ ng L}^{-1}$	$0.5200~\mu g~L^{\text{-}1}$	700	97–111	<9% (intra-day)	5
modified MNPs	water	DC	$12.4~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$41.4~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$0.1200~\mu g~L^{\text{-}1}$	204 – 270	97–106	<12% (inter-day)	[/6]
		DMC	$21.2~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$72.6~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-1}}$	$0.1{-}200~\mu \mathrm{g}\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$		96-103		
		MC	$19.2~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$64.1~\mathrm{ng}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$0.1200~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$		96–106		
C-nanofiber-		CP	3.02 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	9.63 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	10-600 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	124	93–104		
coated MNPs	Milk	TC	$3.52~\mathrm{ng~mL^{-1}}$	$9.83~\mathrm{ng~mL^{-1}}$	$10600 \; \rm ng \; mL^{-1}$	109	95–105	<4%	[86]
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<sup>a</sup> Limit of detection, <sup>b</sup> Limit of quantification, <sup>c</sup> Linear range, <sup>d</sup> Enrichment factor, <sup>e</sup> Relative standard deviation.

OTC: Oxytetacycline, TC: Tetacycline, CTC: Chlortetacycline, DC: Doxycycline, DMC: Demeclocycline, MC: Metacycline and CP: Chloramphenicol.

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Sorbents	Sample	Sample Analytes	LODs a	LOQs b	LR c	EF d	Recovery (%)	RSD e	Reference
Fe.O.@SiO.@FeO		OTC	$0.027~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	0.133 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.133-333 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	23	91–95		
magnetic	Water	TC	$0.027~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$0.133~\mu g~L^{\text{-}1}$	$0.133333~\mu gL^{\text{-}1}$	25	93–103	<2% (intra-day) <4% (inter-day)	[66]
nanocomposite		CTC	$0.107~\mathrm{\mu g~L^{-1}}$	$0.267~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$0.267-333~\mu g L^{-1}$	24	94–105		
		OTC	40 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	50 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	50-2500 μg L <sup>-1</sup>		93–96		
Water-soluble amino	A C.11.	TC	$40~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$50~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$502500~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$	17	98–108	) (	[20]
functionalized MNP	MIIIK	CTC	$40~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$50~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$502500~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{\text{-}1}$	Not snown	06-88	0/7:7	[96]
		DC	$40~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$50~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$502500~\mu gL^{\text{-}1}$		88–90		
		OTC	0.5 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.7 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	0.7-500 µg L-1	32	85–118		
			$(10~{ m \mug~kg^{-1}}) \ 0.5~{ m ug~L^{-1}}$	$(14 \ { m \mug \ kg^{-1}}) \ 0.7 \ { m ug \ L^{-1}}$	$(14-10^4  \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$ 0.7-500 ug L <sup>-1</sup>				
Natural-phenolic-	11	IC	$(10 \ \mu g \ kg^{-1})$	$(14  \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$	$(14-10^4  \mathrm{\mu g  kg^{-1}})$	64	81 - 117	<7% (intra-day)	Ē
coated Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	нопеу	CTC	$0.5~\mu \mathrm{g}~\mathrm{L}^{-1}$	$1.0~\mathrm{\mu gL^{-1}}$	1.0-500 µg L <sup>-1</sup>	67	81–116	<14% (inter-day)	I IIIS WOFK
		)	$(10~{ m \mu g~kg^{-1}})$	$(20 \ \mu g \ kg^{-1})$	$(20-10^4  \mu \mathrm{g  kg^{-1}})$	`			
		2	$0.5~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$1.0~\mu \mathrm{g~L^{-1}}$	$1.0$ – $500~\mu g~L^{-1}$	06	87 115		
		3	$(10 \ \mu \mathrm{g \ kg^{-1}})$	$(20 \ \mu g \ kg^{-1})$	$(20-10^4  \mu \mathrm{g  kg^{-1}})$	0	671-70		

<sup>a</sup> Limit of detection, <sup>b</sup> Limit of quantification, <sup>c</sup> Linear range, <sup>d</sup> Enrichment factor, <sup>e</sup> Relative standard deviation.

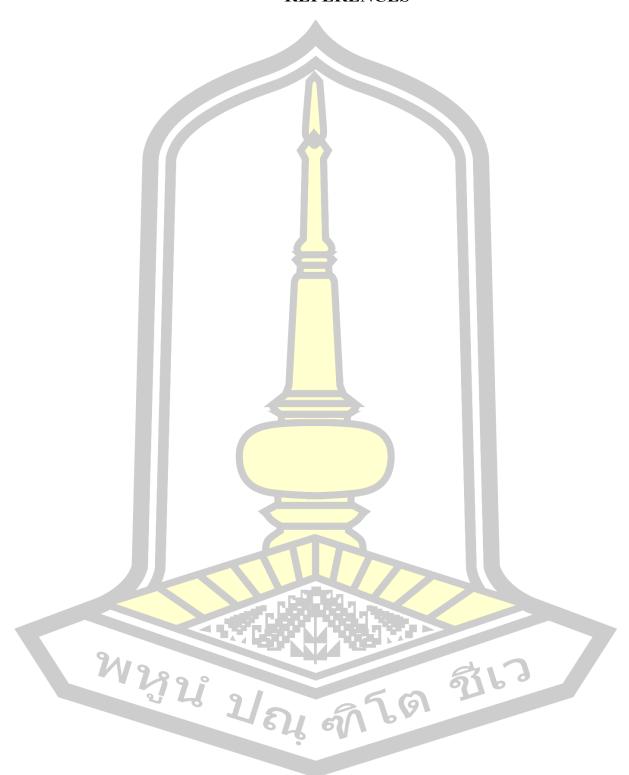
OTC: Oxytetacycline, TC: Tetacycline, CTC: Chlortetacycline, DC: Doxycycline.

# CHAPTER V CONCLUSION

This is the first study to synthesize magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) with a surface-functionalized natural phenolic extractant from the bark of *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. by ultrasound-assisted continuous flow techniques to improve adsorption capacity and reduce the size distribution of MNPs. The ultrasound-assisted continuous flow-synthesized natural phenolic-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs were successfully applied as an adsorbent for the d-SPE method to extract and enrich TC residues in honey samples before being analyzed with HPLC-UV. Under optimal conditions obtained from the study, the proposed method indicated good linearity, satisfactory precision, high extraction efficiency, and high enrichment factor, especially the obtained LODs and LOQs from the proposed method were 0.50 µg L<sup>-1</sup> (10 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and 0.70-1.00 µg L<sup>-1</sup> (14-20 μg kg<sup>-1</sup>) for all tetracyclines analytes, respectively, that were lower than the maximum residue limits (MRLs) of TC residues in honey samples. Additionally, the LODs of the proposed method were equal to the EURL Guidance on minimum method performance requirements (MMPRs) for the analysis of tetracycline residues in honey. Therefore, the developed method can be employed as an alternative sample preparation method for the determination of antibiotic residues in samples.



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