



Supplementary Materials: Development of a new microextraction fiber combined to online sample stacking capillary electrophoresis UV detection for acidic drugs determination in real water samples

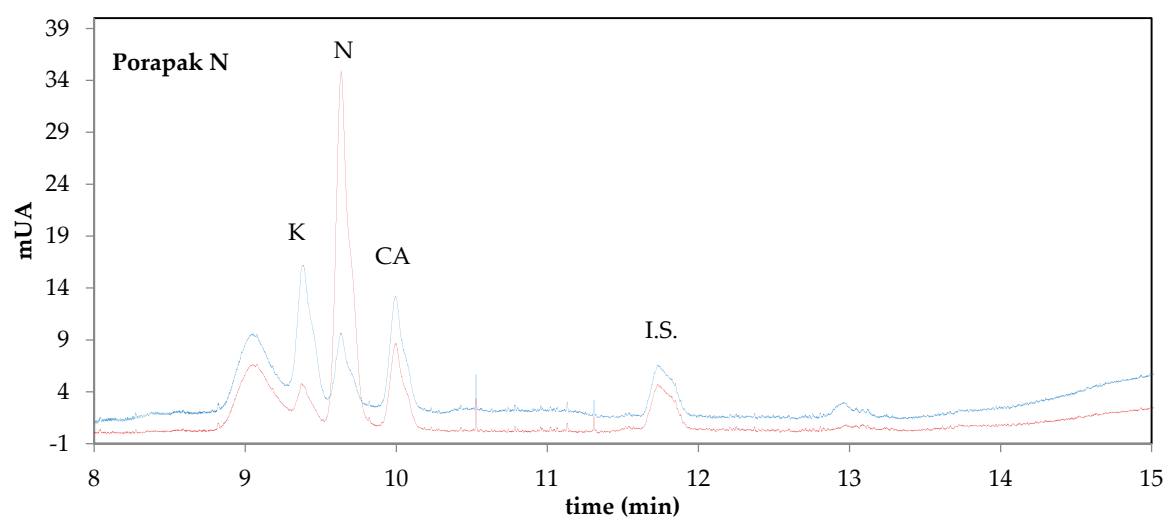
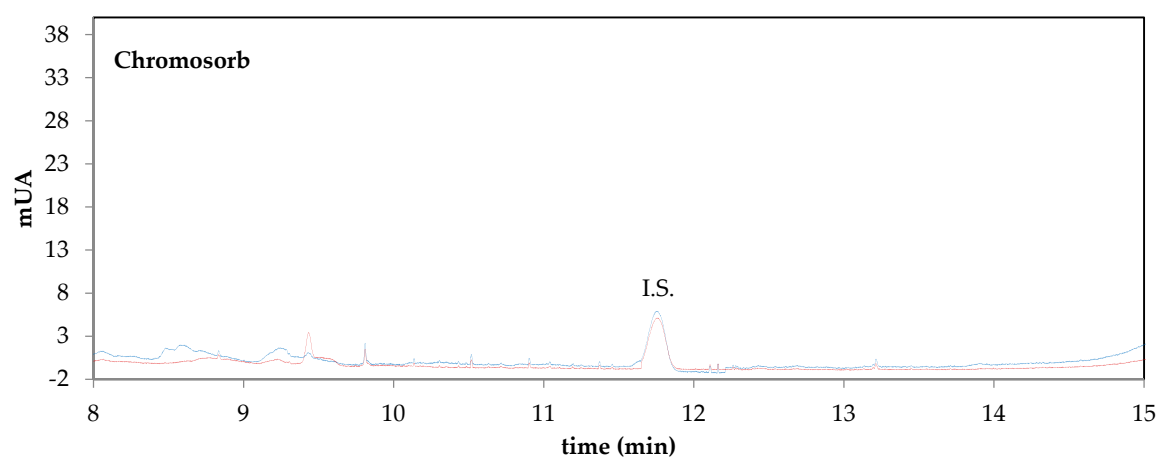
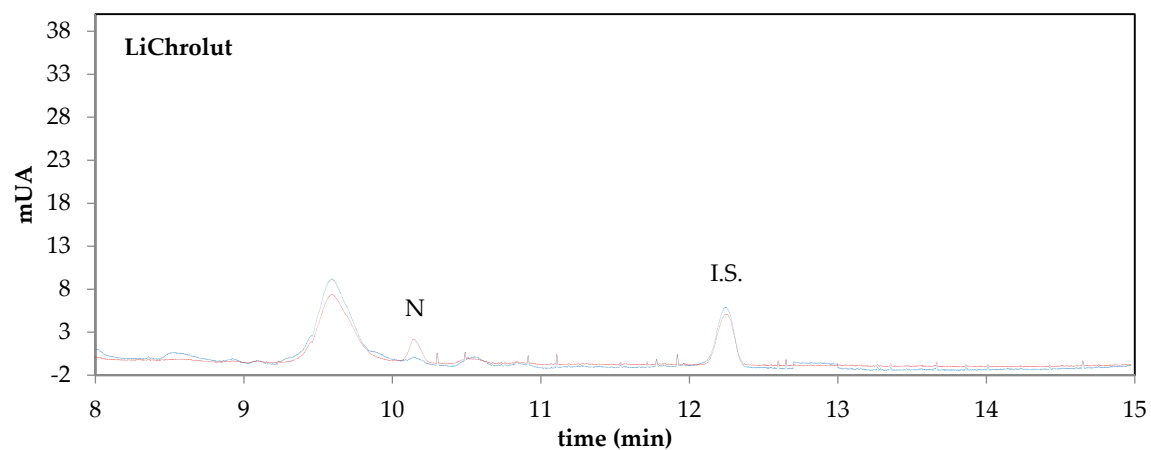
The selection of the appropriate sorbent is an important step in SPME methodology, since it depends on the chemical nature of the studied drugs. For its selection, certain aspects should be considered, such as: chemical affinity between sorbent and analytes, adequate volume of the stationary phase, and mechanical, thermal and chemical resistance of the fiber [1–3].

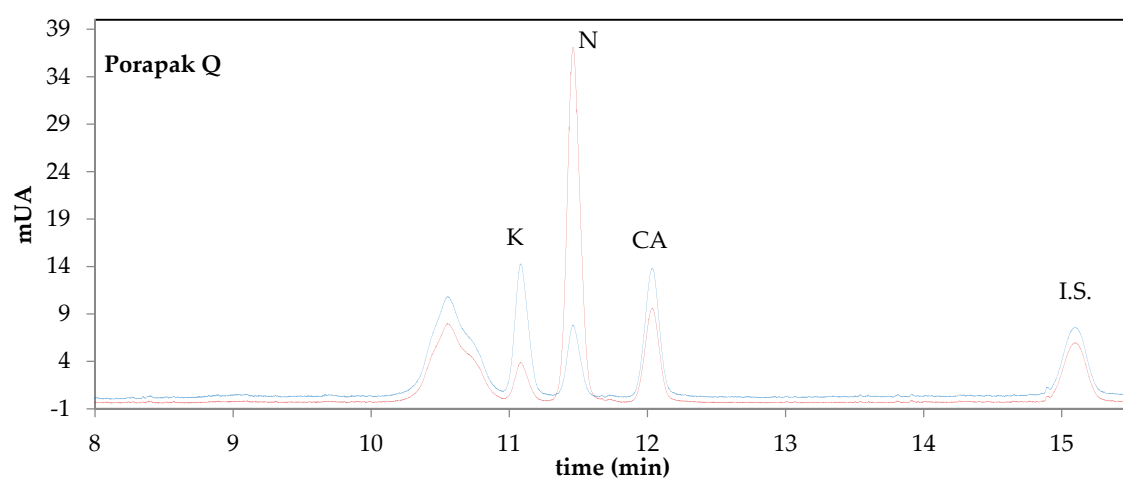
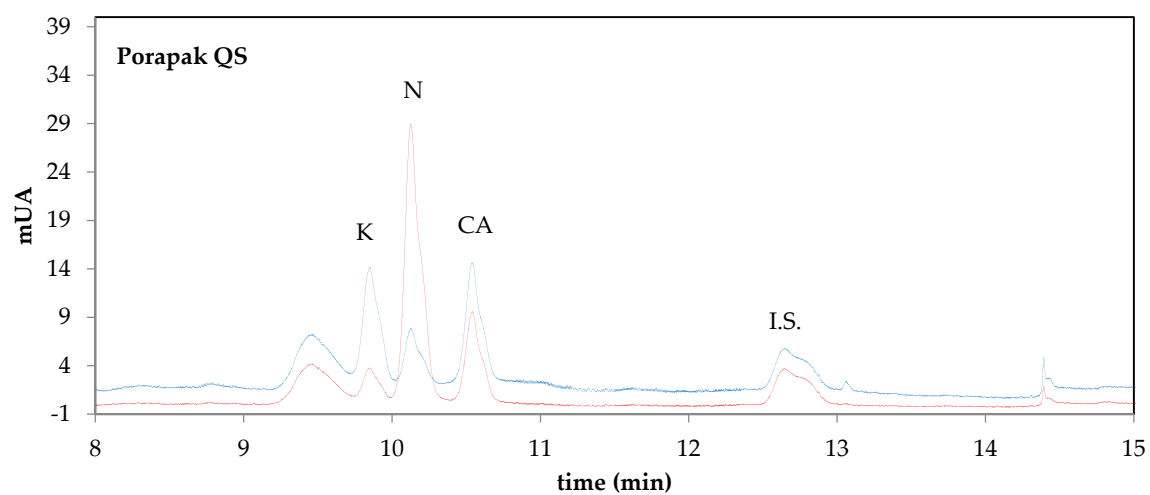
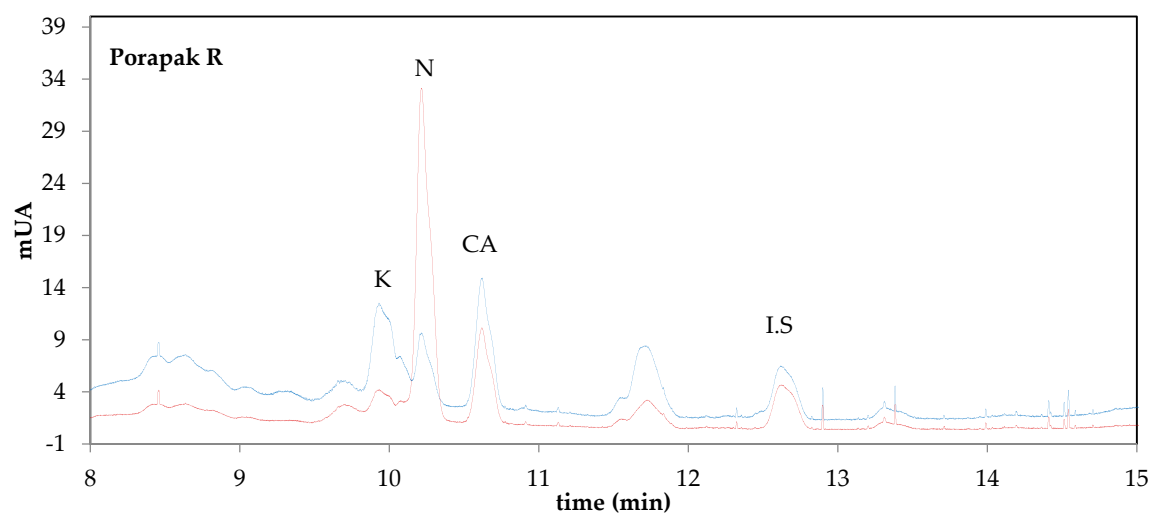
The sorbents that were tested were: C₁₈, graphitized carbon, LiChrolut, Chromosorb P and Porapak (Q, QS, R and N). The fiber with C₁₈ was tested at two thicknesses, one of 0.9 millimeters (thin) and one of 1.5 millimeters (thick). For SPME, samples of deionized water at pH 2 containing ketoprofen, naproxen and clofibric acid at 50, 37.5 and 75 µg.L⁻¹ respectively, were used. Each extraction was performed in triplicate under the conditions described in Table S1.

Table S1. SPME conditions with fibers prepared with different sorbents.

Variables	Value
Salt concentration, NaCl (% m/v)	0.01
Sample volume (mL)	25
Extraction time (min.)	20
Stirring speed (rpm)	600
Extraction temperature (°C)	25
Desorption time (min)	10
Volume of desorption solution (µL)	100

The graphitized carbon fiber lost part of the coating during desorption of the analyte as a result of the large particle size, which conferred it a low mechanical resistance. On the other hand, capillary clogging was found when using the thick fiber of C₁₈, which could have been due to particles of the stationary phase being released to the desorption solution when shocks occur between the fiber and the vial insert during sonication as a product of its thickness. Therefore, both fibers were discarded as part of the group of fiber sorbents to be investigated. The electropherogram corresponding to each of the remaining stationary phase materials are shown in Figure S1. These electropherograms were obtained with a silica capillary of 75 µm I.D with an extended optical path, and picric acid was used as an internal standard.





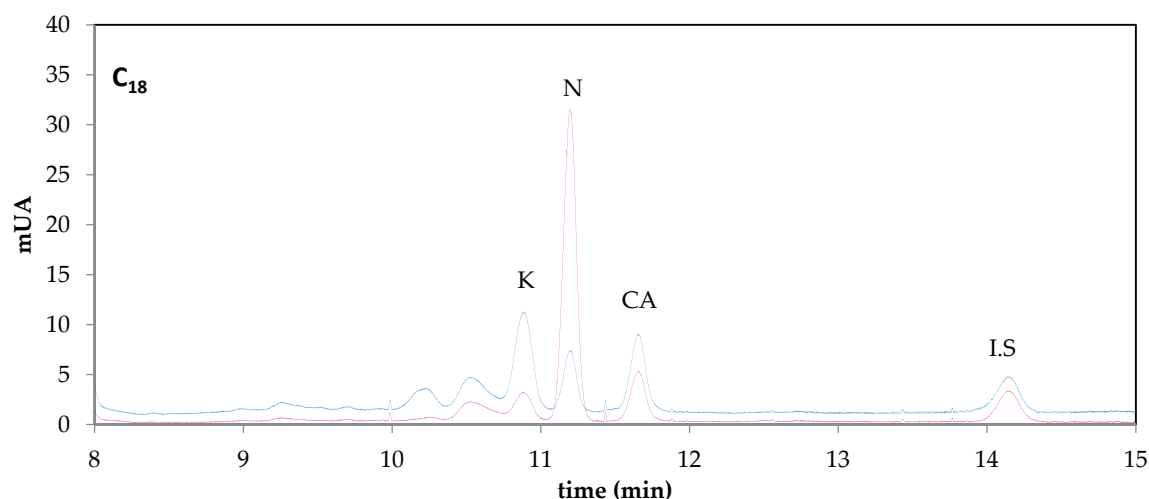


Figure S1. Electropherograms obtained after off-line SPME with laboratory-made fibers prepared with different sorbents, of a standard solution of ketoprofen (K), naproxen (N), clofibric acid (AC), and internal standard (I.S.), at 203 (blue) and 228 (red) nm.

As shown in Figure S1, with the materials LiChrolut and Chromosorb there was no extraction of study acidic drugs, whereas with the C₁₈ and Porapak fibers the opposite is observed, which may be due to the affinity of these materials to analytes, which are in non-dissociated form due to the low pH of the sample [1–3]. On the other hand, among the sorbents of the Porapak series, the one that allowed a good extraction with the smallest quantity of interfering peaks and with more symmetrical peaks was the Porapak Q. Thus, the thin-C₁₈ and Porapak Q fibers were selected during the multivariate optimization of SPME.

The great advantage of using fibers manufactured in the laboratory is the low cost of analysis, since considering that only 5 mg of the sorbent is used to build a SPME fiber, and that SPE requires the use of cartridges of 500 mg, then the SPME is at least 100 times more economical than the SPE[4].

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