

Supplementary Materials

Efficient extraction of the RuBisCO enzyme from
spinach leaves using aqueous solutions of
biocompatible ionic liquids

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Table S1. 2^3 factorial planning for each IL ([Ch]Cl and [Ch][Ac]).

Experiment	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃
1	-1	-1	-1
2	1	-1	-1
3	-1	1	-1
4	1	1	-1
5	-1	-1	1
6	1	-1	1
7	-1	1	1
8	1	1	1
9	-1.68	0	0
10	1.68	0	0
11	0	-1.68	0
12	0	1.68	0
13	0	0	-1.68
14	0	0	1.68
15	0	0	0
16	0	0	0
17	0	0	0
18	0	0	0
19	0	0	0
20	0	0	0

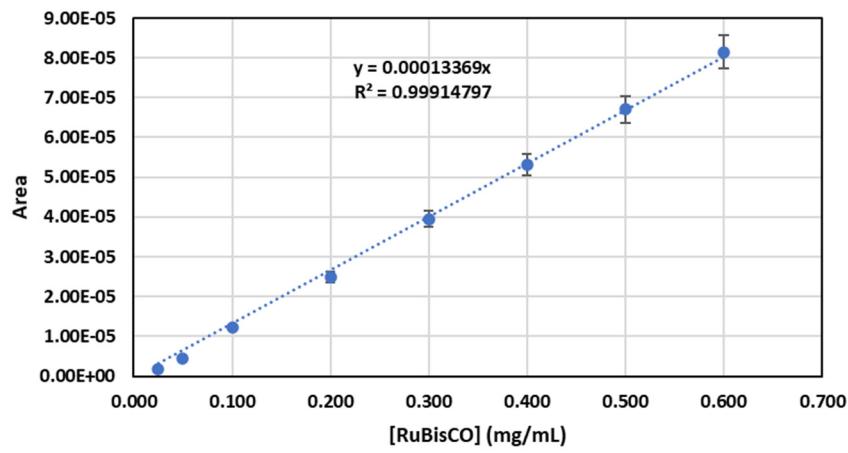


Figure S1. Calibration curve used to determine the concentration of RuBisCO in the samples. Equation: Area = 1.3369×10^{-4} [RuBisCO] and $R^2 = 0.9991$.

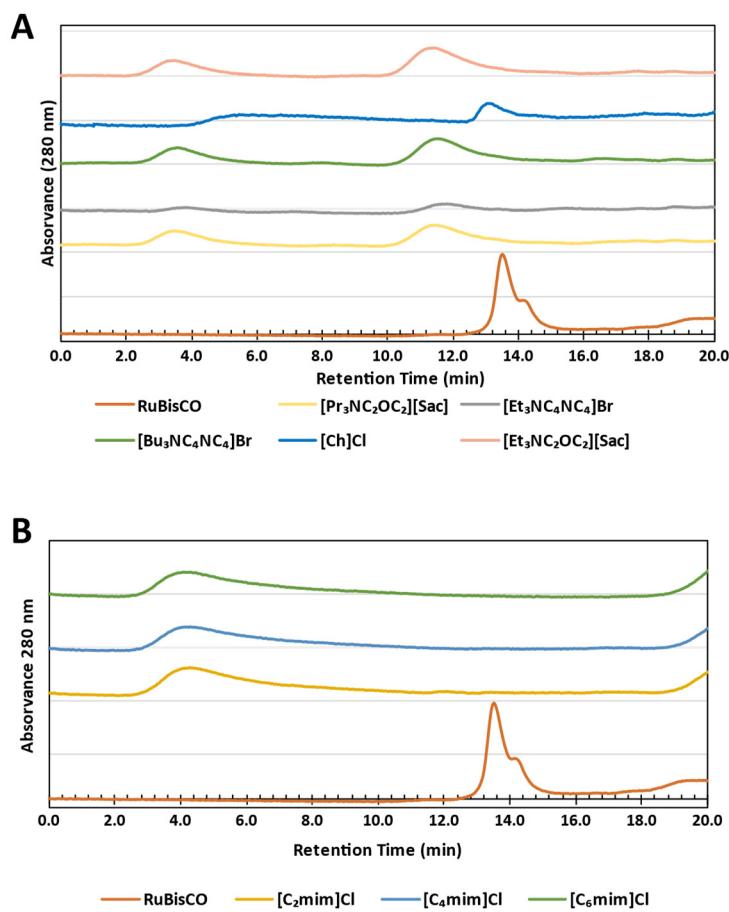


Figure S2. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of biocompatible ILs (A) and imidazolium-based ILs (B) after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with an IL concentration of 3.3 mM. RuBisCO chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and the peak at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. The peaks with retention times of 4.0 and 11.6 min correspond to protein aggregates.

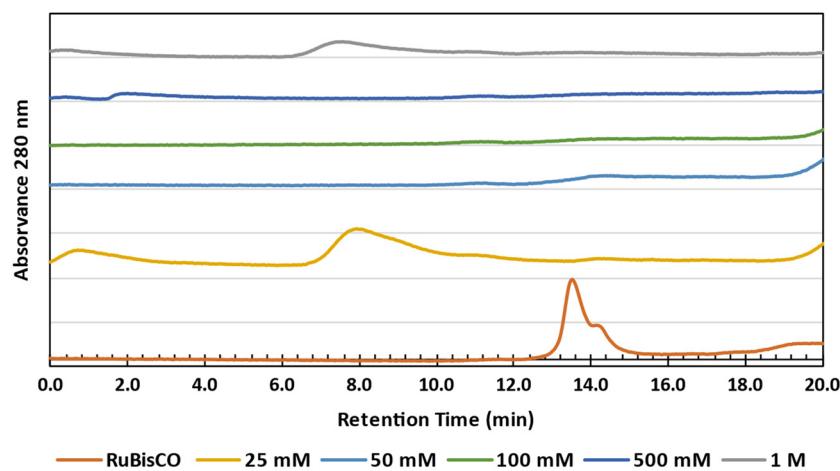


Figure S3. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of [Ch][DHP] after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with different IL concentrations. RuBisCO chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. The extracts with IL concentrations of 25 mM, 500 mM and 1 M present peaks with lower retention times (1.2, 2.0 and 8.0 min) corresponding to protein aggregates.

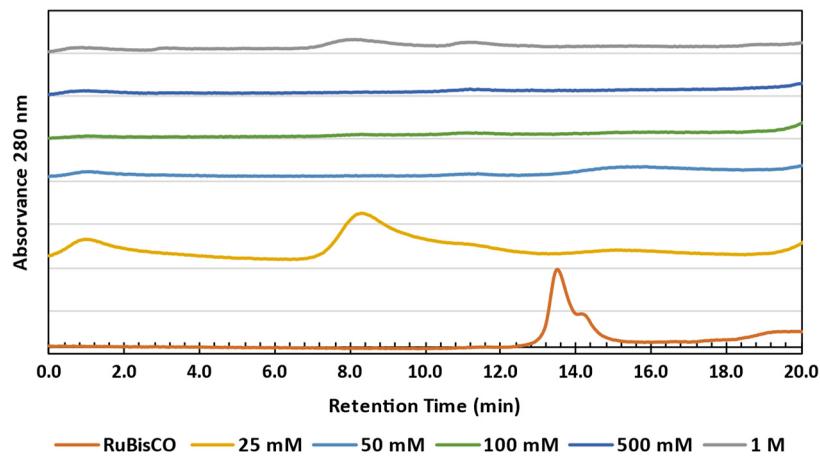


Figure S4. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of [Ch][DHC] after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with different IL concentrations. RuBisCO chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. The extract with IL concentrations of 25 mM and 1M present only peaks with lower retention times (1.2 and 8.0 min) corresponding to protein aggregates.

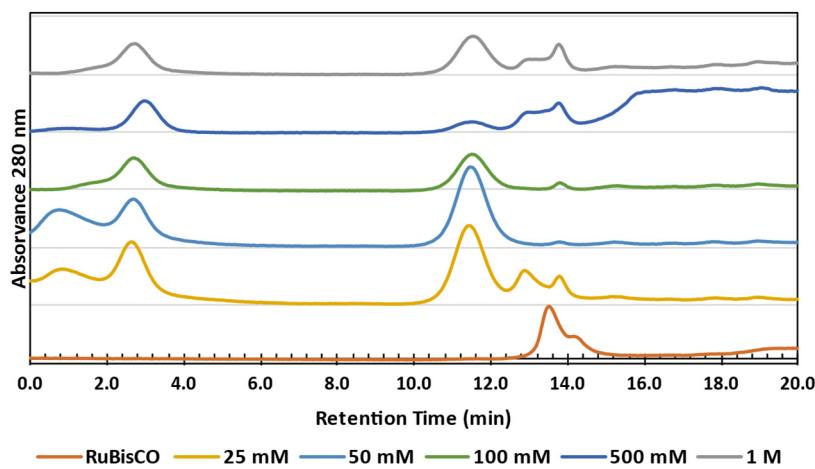


Figure S5. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of [Ch]Cl after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with different IL concentrations. RuBisCO control chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. The other peaks with lower retention times (1.2, 2.4, 11.6 and 12.6 min) correspond to protein aggregates.

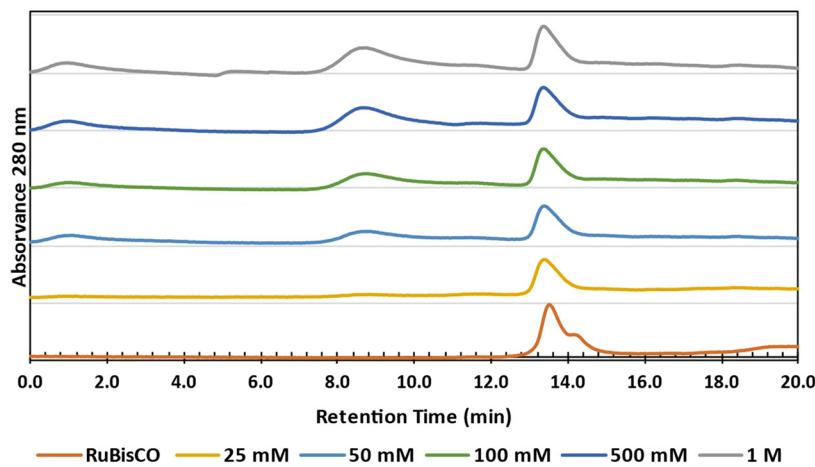


Figure S6. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of [Ch][Ac] after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with different IL concentrations. RuBisCO chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. All the extracts present a characteristic peak for RuBisCO. The peaks with a lower retention time (1.2 and 8.8 min) correspond to protein aggregates.

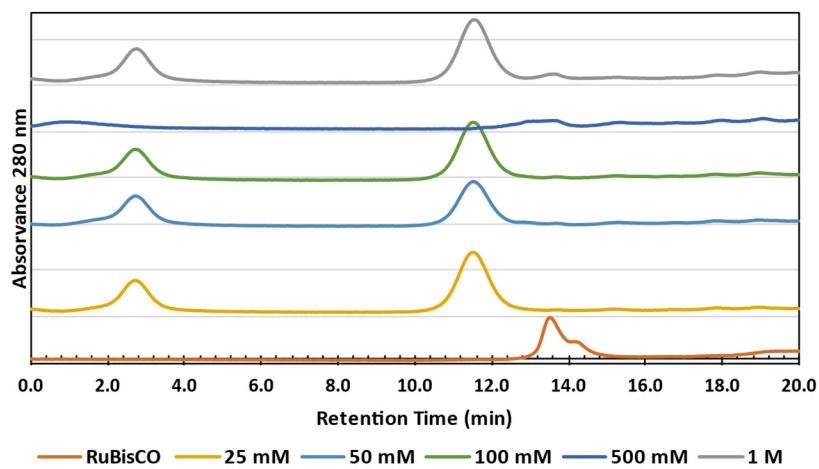


Figure S7. SE-HPLC spectra of aqueous solutions of [Ch]Br after RuBisCO's extraction from spinach leaves with different IL concentrations. RuBisCO chromatogram presents 2 peaks. The peak with a retention time of ~13.4 min corresponds to the RuBisCO and the peak at ~14.3 min corresponds to impurities. The peaks with lower retention times (2.8 and 11.6 min) correspond to protein aggregates.

Table S2. pH values of the IL aqueous solutions and of the extracts.

[IL] (mM)	[Ch]Cl		[Ch]Br		[Ch][Ac]		[Ch][DHC]		[Ch][DHP]	
25	pH _{IL} solutions	pH extracts								
50	5.29	6.45	5.70	6.39	6.16	6.30	3.77	4.13	3.47	5.37
100	3.97	6.23	4.07	6.29	6.03	6.12	3.72	3.93	3.43	5.07
500	4.35	6.28	5.28	6.26	5.99	6.03	3.69	3.82	3.42	4.42
1000	5.70	6.23	5.12	6.15	6.03	6.03	3.66	3.72	3.41	3.65
	4.54	6.11	4.87	6.06	6.10	6.10	3.70	3.74	3.58	3.70

Table S3. Experimental data and response surface predicted values of the factorial planning for RuBisCOs' concentration using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

Nº	pH	S/L RATIO	C (M)	Predicted Results	Observed Results	Relative deviation (%)
1	4.50	0.05	0.80	0.516	0.519	0.530
2	9.50	0.05	0.80	0.526	0.581	9.49
3	4.50	0.15	0.80	1.25	1.34	6.74
4	9.50	0.15	0.80	1.37	1.37	-0.036
5	4.50	0.05	2.2	0.410	0.370	-10.9
6	9.50	0.05	2.2	0.541	0.410	-31.9
7	4.50	0.15	2.2	1.12	1.03	-9.36
8	9.50	0.15	2.2	1.37	1.33	-3.29
9	2.80	0.10	1.5	0.703	0.709	0.892
10	11.2	0.10	1.5	0.921	0.973	5.31
11	7.00	0.02	1.5	0.189	0.237	20.2
12	7.00	0.18	1.5	1.50	1.51	0.673
13	7.00	0.10	0.32	1.05	0.940	-11.4
14	7.00	0.10	2.7	0.956	1.12	14.8
15	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.898	4.90
16	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.901	5.21
17	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.744	-14.9
18	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.777	-9.98
19	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.905	5.59
20	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.854	0.890	4.04

Table S4. Experimental data and response surface predicted values of the factorial planning for RuBisCOs' extraction yield using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

Nº	pH	S/L RATIO	C (M)	Predicted Results	Observed Results	Relative deviation (%)
1	4.50	0.05	0.80	8.73	7.36	-18.7
2	9.50	0.05	0.80	10.2	8.80	-15.5
3	4.50	0.15	0.80	6.36	6.00	-5.96
4	9.50	0.15	0.80	7.41	6.72	-10.3
5	4.50	0.05	2.2	10.4	10.0	-4.29
6	9.50	0.05	2.2	11.9	11.2	-6.82
7	4.50	0.15	2.2	8.56	8.80	2.73
8	9.50	0.15	2.2	9.66	9.92	2.56
9	2.80	0.10	1.5	6.47	7.07	8.52
10	11.2	0.10	1.5	8.61	9.59	10.3
11	7.00	0.02	1.5	12.3	14.1	12.8
12	7.00	0.18	1.5	8.35	8.14	-2.59
13	7.00	0.10	0.32	7.84	9.55	17.9
14	7.00	0.10	2.7	11.2	11.1	-1.13
15	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	9.02	6.30
16	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	8.72	3.09
17	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	7.39	-14.4
18	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	7.67	-10.2
19	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	8.77	3.64
20	7.00	0.10	1.5	8.45	8.87	4.70

Table S5. Experimental data and response surface predicted values of the factorial planning for RuBisCOs' concentration using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

Nº	pH	S/L RATIO	C (M)	Predicted Results	Observed Results	Relative deviation (%)
1	4.50	0.05	0.80	0.074	0.000	
2	9.50	0.05	0.80	0.412	0.482	14.4
3	4.50	0.15	0.80	0.260	0.000	
4	9.50	0.15	0.80	1.622	1.516	-6.99
5	4.50	0.05	2.2	0.093	0.000	
6	9.50	0.05	2.2	0.427	0.488	12.5
7	4.50	0.15	2.2	0.268	0.000	
8	9.50	0.15	2.2	1.625	1.500	-8.34
9	2.80	0.10	1.5	-0.317	0.000	
10	11.2	0.10	1.5	1.109	1.073	-3.36
11	7.00	0.02	1.5	0.074	0.000	
12	7.00	0.18	1.5	1.238	1.594	22.3
13	7.00	0.10	0.32	0.757	0.882	14.1
14	7.00	0.10	2.7	0.776	0.933	16.8
15	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.740	-1.19
16	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.832	10.0
17	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.802	6.60
18	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.640	-16.9
19	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.720	-4.03
20	7.00	0.10	1.5	0.749	0.710	-5.46

Table S6. Experimental data and response surface predicted values of the factorial planning for RuBisCOs' extraction yield using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

Nº	pH	S/L RATIO	C (M)	Predicted Results	Observed Results	Relative deviation (%)
1	4.50	0.05	0.80	0.280	0.00	
2	9.50	0.05	0.80	7.95	8.79	9.56
3	4.50	0.15	0.80	2.18	0.00	
4	9.50	0.15	0.80	10.8	9.94	-8.73
5	4.50	0.05	2.2	0.400	0.00	
6	9.50	0.05	2.2	8.09	9.00	10.2
7	4.50	0.15	2.2	2.11	0.00	
8	9.50	0.15	2.2	10.8	9.76	-10.1
9	2.80	0.10	1.5	-2.34	0.00	
10	11.2	0.10	1.5	11.4	10.8	-5.10
11	7.00	0.02	1.5	1.75	0.500	-250
12	7.00	0.18	1.5	5.60	8.65	35.3
13	7.00	0.10	0.32	8.06	8.93	9.73
14	7.00	0.10	2.7	8.11	9.04	10.3
15	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	7.43	3.96
16	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	6.98	-2.28
17	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	7.69	7.18
18	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	6.29	-13.4
19	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	7.22	1.11
20	7.00	0.10	1.5	7.14	6.90	-3.43

Table S7. Regression coefficients of the predicted second-order polynomial model for the RuBisCOs' concentration from RSM using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions, $R^2 = 0.95197$ and $r_{adj.} = 0.90875$.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	0.3896	0.4504	0.8649	0.4074
pH	0.0097	0.0769	0.1261	0.9021
pH²	-0.0024	0.0044	-0.5342	0.6049
Solid-liquid Ratio	6.583	3.491	1.886	0.0886
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-1.257	11.12	-0.1130	0.9122
IL Concentration	-0.4671	0.2534	-1.843	0.0951
IL Concentration²	0.1067	0.0567	1.880	0.0895
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	0.2366	0.2983	0.7932	0.4461
pH x IL Concentration	0.0172	0.0213	0.8084	0.4377
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-0.1247	1.065	-0.1170	0.9092

Table S8. Effects of the variables in the second-order polynomial model for the extraction RuBisCO concentration using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	0.8540	0.0430	19.85	0.0000
pH	0.1297	0.0571	2.271	0.0465
pH²	-0.0297	0.0556	-0.5342	0.6049
Solid-liquid Ratio	0.7801	0.0571	13.66	0.0000
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-0.0063	0.0556	-0.1130	0.9122
IL Concentration	-0.0545	0.0571	-0.9546	0.3623
IL Concentration²	0.1045	0.0556	1.880	0.0895
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	0.0592	0.0746	0.7932	0.4461
pH x IL Concentration	0.0603	0.0746	0.8084	0.4377
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-0.0087	0.0746	-0.1170	0.9092

Table S9. Regression coefficients of the predicted second-order polynomial model for the RuBisCos' extraction yield from RSM using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions, $R^2 = 0.75851$ and $r_{adj.} = 0.54116$.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	8.737	5.258	1.662	0.1276
pH	1.043	0.8981	1.161	0.2726
pH²	-0.0518	0.0519	-0.9967	0.3424
Solid-liquid Ratio	-75.50	40.75	-1.853	0.0936
Solid-liquid Ratio²	262.2	129.8	2.020	0.0710
IL Concentration	-1.267	2.958	-0.4283	0.6775
IL Concentration²	0.7607	0.6624	1.149	0.2775
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	-0.7645	3.483	-0.2195	0.8306
pH x IL Concentration	0.0080	0.2487	0.0320	0.9751
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	3.471	12.44	0.2791	0.7859

Table S10. Effects of the variables in the second-order polynomial model for the extraction yield of RuBisCO using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	8.453	0.5021	16.83	0.0000
pH	1.269	0.6665	1.903	0.0862
pH²	-0.6470	0.6491	-0.9967	0.3424
Solid-liquid Ratio	-2.320	0.6665	-3.481	0.0059
Solid-liquid Ratio²	1.311	0.6491	2.020	0.0710
IL Concentration	1.985	0.6665	2.978	0.0139
IL Concentration²	0.7455	0.6491	1.148	0.2775
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	-0.1911	0.8706	-0.2195	0.8306
pH x IL Concentration	0.0279	0.8706	0.0320	0.9751
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	0.2430	0.8706	0.2791	0.7859

Table S11. Regression coefficients of the predicted second-order polynomial model for the RuBisCos' concentration from RSM using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions, $R^2 = 0.90873$ and $r_{adj.} = 0.82659$.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	-0.8088	0.9426	-0.8580	0.4110
pH	0.2453	0.1610	1.524	0.1586
pH²	-0.0200	0.0093	-2.144	0.0577
Solid-liquid Ratio	-4.665	7.305	-0.6386	0.5374
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-13.08	23.27	-0.5620	0.5865
IL Concentration	-0.0179	0.5303	-0.0338	0.9737
IL Concentration²	0.0128	0.1187	0.1079	0.9162
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	2.046	0.6243	3.277	0.0083
pH x IL Concentration	-0.0006	0.0446	-0.0145	0.9887
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-0.0793	2.230	-0.0356	0.9723

Table S12. Effects of the variables in the second-order polynomial model for the RuBisCO concentration using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	0.7488	0.0900	8.318	0.0000
pH	0.8479	0.1195	7.097	0.0000
pH²	-0.2494	0.1164	-2.144	0.0577
Solid-liquid Ratio	0.6922	0.1195	5.794	0.0002
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-0.0654	0.1164	-0.5620	0.5865
IL Concentration	0.0113	0.1195	0.0948	0.9264
IL Concentration²	0.0126	0.1164	0.1079	0.9162
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	0.5115	0.1561	3.277	0.0083
pH x IL Concentration	-0.0023	0.1561	-0.0145	0.9887
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-0.0056	0.1561	-0.0356	0.9723

Table S13. Regression coefficients of the predicted second-order polynomial model for the RuBisCOs' extraction yield from RSM using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions, $R^2 = 0.89709$ and $r_{adj} = 0.80447$.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	-16.01	7.663	-2.097	0.0624
pH	3.510	1.309	2.682	0.0230
pH²	-0.1482	0.0757	-1.958	0.0787
Solid-liquid Ratio	109.5	59.39	1.844	0.0950
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-489.8	189.2	-2.589	0.0270
IL Concentration	-1.905	4.311	-0.4418	0.6680
IL Concentration²	0.6838	0.9653	0.7083	0.4949
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	1.918	5.075	0.3779	0.7134
pH x IL Concentration	0.0025	0.3625	0.0069	0.9946
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-1.407	18.13	-0.0776	0.9396

Table S14. Effects of the variables in the second-order polynomial model for the extraction yield of RuBisCO using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

	Regression Coefficients	Standard deviation	t-student (10)	p-value
Interception	7.137	0.7318	9.752	0.0000
pH	8.158	0.9713	8.399	0.0000
pH²	-1.852	0.9460	-1.958	0.0787
Solid-liquid Ratio	2.287	0.9713	2.354	0.0404
Solid-liquid Ratio²	-2.449	0.9460	-2.589	0.0270
IL Concentration	0.0326	0.9713	0.0336	0.9739
IL Concentration²	0.6701	0.9460	0.7083	0.4949
pH x Solid-liquid Ratio	0.4795	1.269	0.3779	0.7134
pH x IL Concentration	0.0088	1.269	0.0069	0.9946
Solid-liquid Ratio x IL Concentration	-0.0985	1.269	-0.0776	0.9396

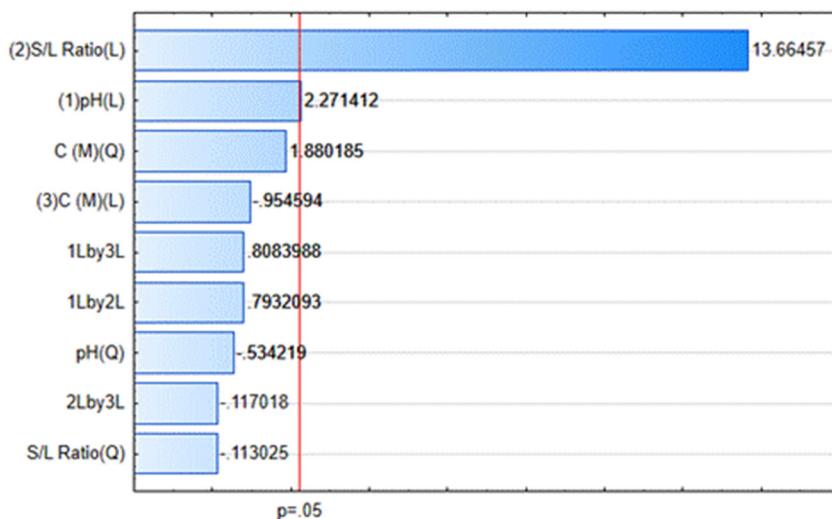


Figure S8. Pareto charts for the standardized main effects in the factorial planning with [Ch]Cl for RuBisCOs' concentration. The vertical line indicates the statistical significance of the effects.

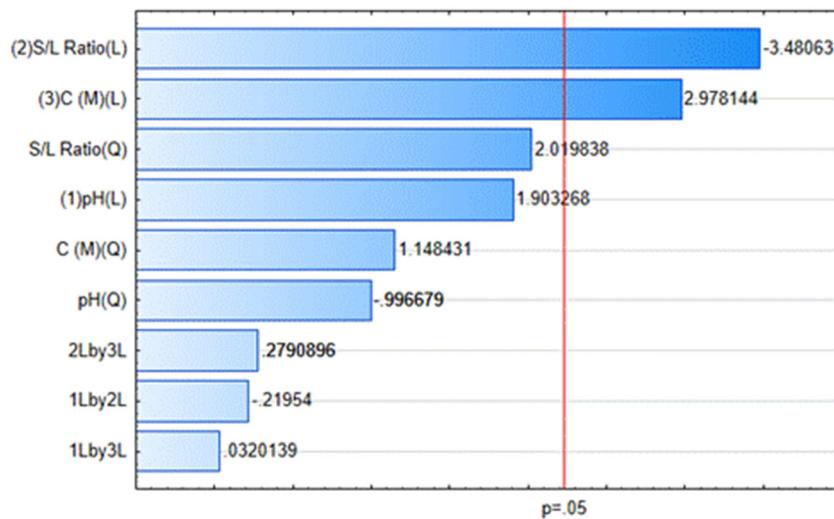


Figure S9. Pareto charts for the standardized main effects in the factorial planning with [Ch]Cl for RuBisCOs' extraction yield. The vertical line indicates the statistical significance of the effects.

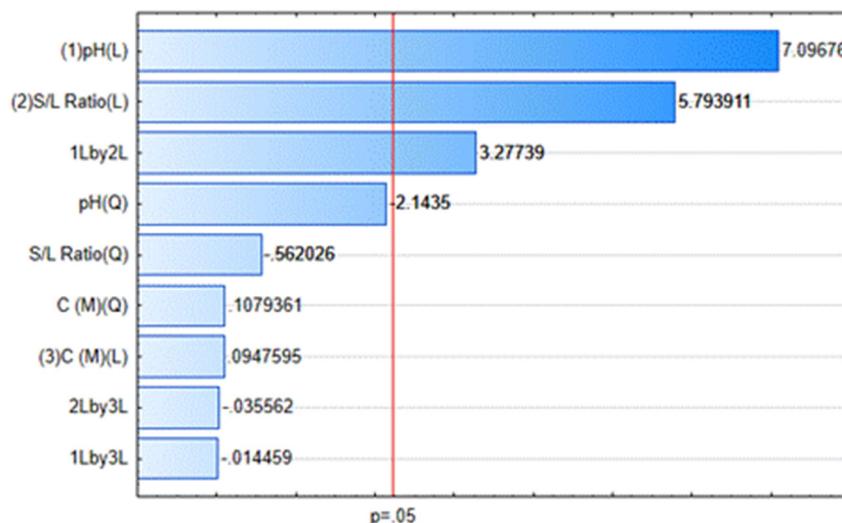


Figure S10. Pareto charts for the standardized main effects in the factorial planning with [Ch][Ac] for RuBisCOs' concentration. The vertical line indicates the statistical significance of the effects.

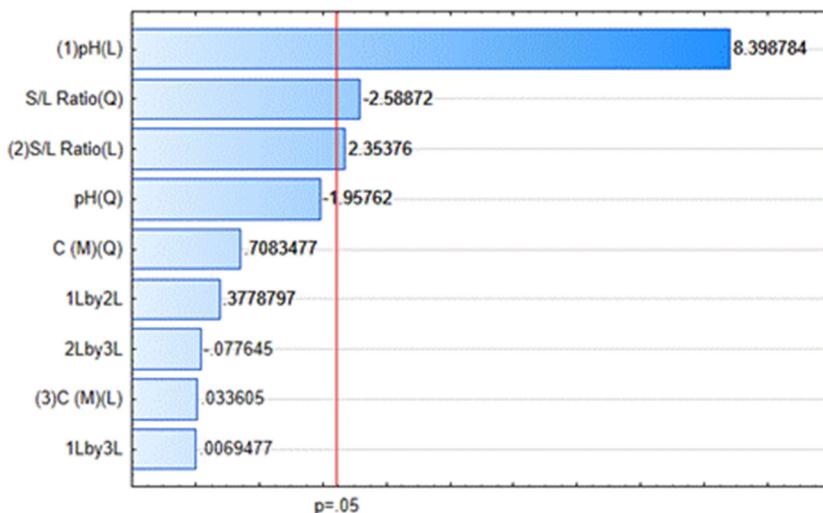


Figure S11. Pareto charts for the standardized main effects in the factorial planning with [Ch][Ac] for RuBisCOs' extraction yield. The vertical line indicates the statistical significance of the effects.

Table S15. ANOVA data for RuBisCO concentration when using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

	Sums of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	F-value	p-value
Regression	2.20	9.00	0.2450	22.02	0.000019
Residuals	0.11	10.0	0.0110		
Total	2.32				

Table S16. ANOVA data for the extraction yield of RuBisCO when using [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

	Sums of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	F-value	p-value
Regression	47.61	9.00	5.291	3.490	0.0322
Residuals	15.16	10.0	1.516		
Total	62.77				

Table S17. ANOVA data for RuBisCO concentration when using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

	Sums of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	F-value	p-value
Regression	4.850	9.00	0.5400	11.06	0.00
Residuals	0.490	10.0	0.0500		
Total	5.340				

Table S18. ANOVA data for the extraction yield of RuBisCO when using [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.

	Sums of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	F-value	p-value
Regression	280.7	9.00	31.19	9.686	0.0007
Residuals	32.20	10.0	3.220		
Total	312.9				

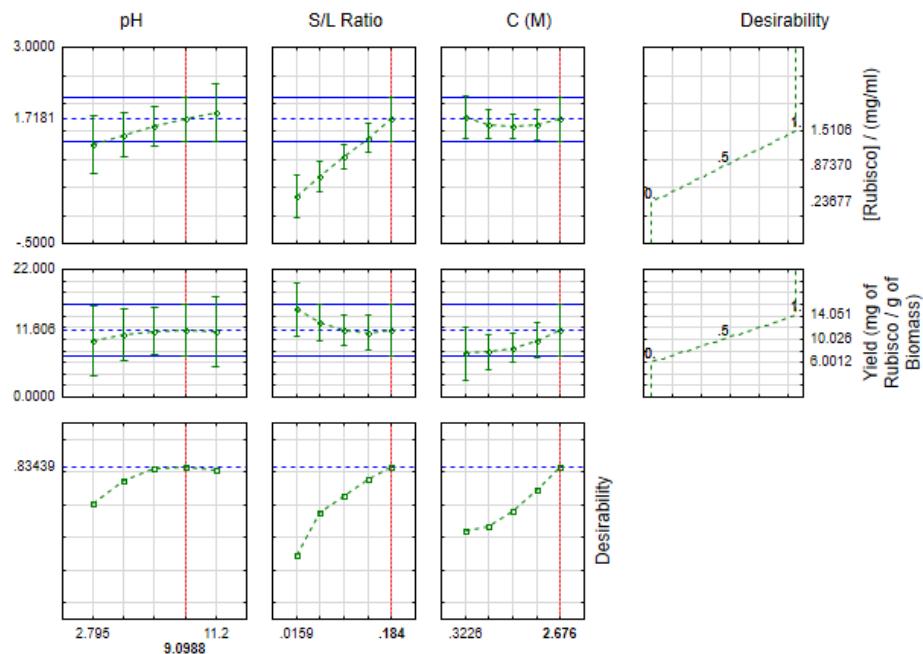


Figure S12. Profiles for predicted values and desirability in the factorial planning for both dependent variables with [Ch]Cl aqueous solutions.

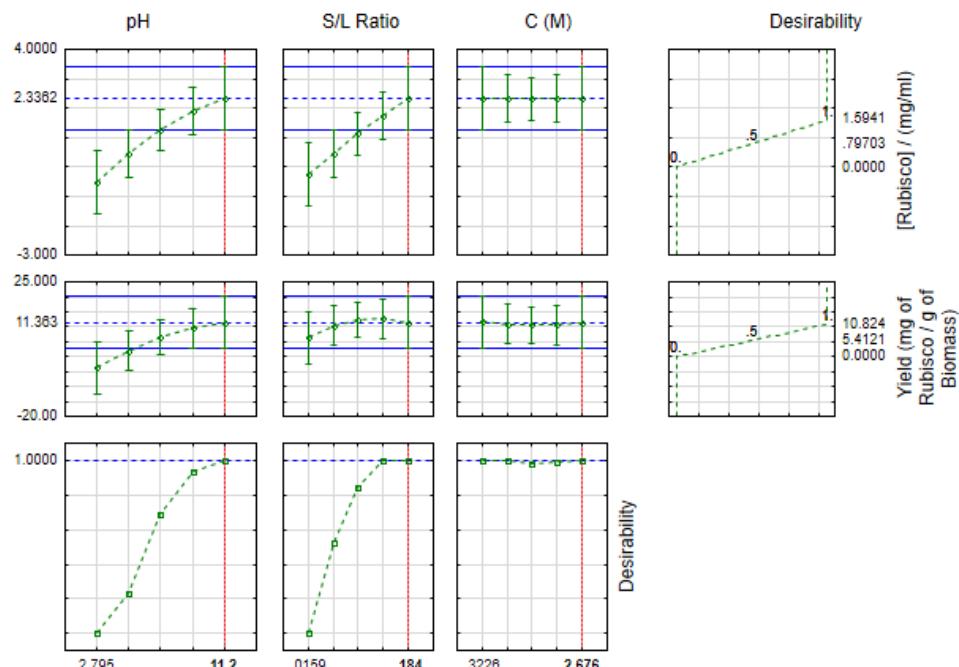


Figure S13. Profiles for predicted values and desirability in the factorial planning for both dependent variables with [Ch][Ac] aqueous solutions.