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Abstract:

Micro contaminant analysis such as pharmaceuticals and pesticides in environmental matrices has received lot of attention in recent years. Understanding the occurrence and transformation of these contaminants is fundamental in order to propose effective treatment methods to eliminate them. Therefore, this study has two research lines: i) identify pharmaceuticals and their transformation products in raw hospital wastewater through different strategies using high resolution mass spectrometry and a homemade database of pharmaceuticals and their transformation products that usually do not have analytical standards. In this context, a simple, fast and cheap extraction / preconcentration method is proposed for TPs analysis during drug degradation by Photo Fenton Solar processes. ii) In addition to drugs, pesticides are widely used in Brazil and worldwide. Currently, many quantitative methods are reported, but the use of a database for screening analysis of a wide range of pesticides simultaneously, using high resolution mass spectrometry, is still not widespread. Thus, the construction of a large database



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containing permitted and banned compounds in Brazil and around the world was built for the assessment of surface water contamination in the western region of Paraná state and also in the northwestern of Rio Grande do Sul state. In addition, studies on the prediction of the toxicity, biodegradability and mutagenicity of these contaminants were performed using free software to better understand the risk assessment of the compounds found in different environmental matrices.

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