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On

## Effect of 4Well Alkaline Drops on the Removal of Pesticide Residues in Water

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## TEST REPORT

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J.O. No.: FL/W/SL/10082023-002  
Report Date: 15-08-2023  
Sample Receipt Date: 10-08-2023  
Account Manager: BD Team 1  
Credit Manager: Gulab Singh

### Customer Provided Information: #

Nature/Name of the Sample

: 4 Well Alkaline Drops

### Laboratory Provided Information:

Sample Quantity & Packaging

: 30ml x 1, Glass Bottle

Date of Performance of Test

: 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Method of Sampling

: Sample is provided by Darju9 Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.,  
through Courier.

## Analysis Report

S. No.	Parameters	Test Results
1.	Effect of 4Well Alkaline Drops on the Removal of Pesticide Residues in Water	Report Attached

Reviewed by

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes the work on the “Effect of 4Well Alkaline Drops on the Removal of Pesticide Residues in Water”.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the study was as under:

- To test the 4Well Alkaline Drops effect on the removal of pesticide residues in water sample

## **3. DETAILS OF EXPERIMENTS**

### **3.1. EQUIPMENTS**

- Gas Chromatography -Tandem Mass Spectrometer - Agilent 7000C Series , 7890B GC-MS/MS (or) equivalent and Agilent 6460 & 1260 Series LC-MS/MS Conditions -Multi Residue Method
- Nitrogen Concentrator Low Volume , temperature controlled
- Micropipettes 10-100  $\mu\text{L}$  capacity and 100-1000  $\mu\text{L}$  capacity, calibrated
- Ultrasonic Bath, temperature controlled
- Water bath, temperature controlled
- Mechanical Shaker , Horizontal
- Vortex Mixer

### **3.2. CHEMICALS AND GLASSWARES**

- Volumetric Flasks - 10ml and 100 ml
- Eppendorf tube 2 ml
- Auto sampler vials
- Milli - Q Water
- Sodium Chloride, Merck
- Anhydrous Sodium Sulfate, AR Grade
- Methanol, HPLC Grade
- Ethyl acetate, HPLC Grade
- Certified Reference Material
- Separating Funnel-2 Litre
- Dichloromethane- HPLC Grade
- Hexane -HPLC Grade
- Acetonitrile- (J.T. Baker)
- Filter Paper-0.2  $\mu\text{m}$

### **3.3. PREPARATION OF STANDARDS**

#### **3.3.1. Preparation of Pesticide Standard Stock Solution (1000 mg/L)**

Weighed equivalent to 10mg ( $\pm 0.1$  mg) of standard into a 10mL volumetric flask and dissolved in Acetonitrile and Made into the volume with the same. Labelled the name of the standard, concentration and preparation and expiry date and stored the solution in a refrigerator at 4-8  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Prepared the stock standards individually.

### **3.4. EXTRACTION PROCEDURE**

#### **3.4.1. Method for Multi-Residues Extraction**

- 150 mL of water sample was taken in a separating funnel (500 mL) and added 8 gm of sodium chloride, and shake well until sodium chloride dissolved in it. (The purpose of adding NaCl was to avoid emulsion during solvent extraction).



- Followed by added of 25 ml Dichloromethane through measuring Cylinder into separating funnel and mixed well for 20 minutes and kept it aside to stand for 5 minute for the separation of the organic layer.
- The bottom separated organic layer was collected in round Bottom Flask. (Note: no water droplets should not enter the organic layer).
- Dried the organic layer by adding small amount of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in to round bottom flask and mixed by shaking the flask for 2 minutes
  - (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> activated with acetone and dry it in oven for 1 hour at 140 °C and cool in Desiccator and place in air tight container).
- Then transferred the organic layer in to another Round Bottom Flask.
- Add 25 ml Dichloromethane with measuring cylinder in same separatory
- Funnel and repeat the above mentioned procedure twice.
- Collected all the organic dichloromethane layer and evaporated using Nitrogen Concentrator at 35°C until complete to dryness.
- To the round bottom flask, added of 5 ml hexane and evaporated until complete to dryness.
- Reconstituted with 1 ml of ethyl acetate and filter through 0.20 Micron Nylon filter membrane and inject on GCMS/MS
- Reconstituted with 1 ml of 50:50 water: ACN and filtered through 0.20 Micron Nylon filter membrane and inject on LCMS/MS.

### 3.5. EQUIPMENT METHODS

#### 3.5.1. Agilent 7000C & 7890B GCMSMS Conditions for Multi Residues Method

<b>Equipment</b>	Gas Chromatograph- Mass Spectrometer (GCMSMS)		
<b>Make &amp; Model</b>	AGILENT- 7000C; 7890B		
<b>Column</b>	HP5-MS (30 m X 250 mm x 0.25 µm)		
<b>Gas Chromatography Conditions</b>			
<b>Injection Volume</b>	1 µl		
<b>Oven Program</b>	Temp (°C / min)	Temp (°C)	Hold Time (Min.)
		70	2
	25	150	0
	3	200	0
	8	280	10
<b>Injector temperature program</b>	Temp (°C / min)	Temp(°C)	Hold Time (Min.)
<b>Total Flow</b>	25 ml/min -	280	-
<b>Purge Flow to split vent</b>	30 ml/min		
<b>Carrier Gas</b>	Helium		
<b>Carrier gas flow rate</b>	2.66 ml/min		
<b>Maximum Temperature</b>	325 °C		
<b>Run time</b>	41.86 min		
<b>MSMS Conditions</b>			
<b>Acquisition Mode</b>	MRM		
<b>Collision Gas</b>	Nitrogen		
<b>Ion Source Temperature</b>	280 °C		



### 3.5.2. Agilent 6460 & 1260 Series LC-MSMS Conditions -Multi Residue Method

Equipment	Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometer (LCMSMS)		
Make & Model	AGILENT 6460 –MSMS, 1260 Infinity –LC		
Column	Zorbax RRHD-C18,1.8 µm, 3.0 X 100 mm, Pressure-600 bar		
Liquid Chromatography Conditions			
Mobile Phase A	5mM Ammonium Formate and 0.01% Formic acid in water		
Mobile Phase B	Acetonitrile (0.1%)		
Flow Rate	0.5ml/minute		
Injection Volume	2.0 µl/min		
Column Temperature	40°C		
Mode	Gradient		
	Time (Min.)	A %	B %
	0	90	10
	1	90	10
	3	10	90
	8	10	90
	9	90	10
	15	90	10
<b>MSMS Conditions</b>			
Mode	ESI Positive, Negative		
Gas temperature (°C)	300		
Gas flow (l/min)	5		
Nebulizer (psi)	45		
Sheath Gas Temp.	250		
Sheath Gas Flow	5		
Capillary voltage	3000		
Delta EMV	500		

### 3.6. CALCULATIONS

Reference Material – Salt & Purity Correction Formula:

$$X = \frac{(\text{Molecular weight of Compound with salt} - \text{Salt Mass})}{\text{Molecular weight of Compound with salt}} * \text{Reference Material Weight} * \text{Purity}$$

Purity = x/100 where x = percentage of compound

Final concentration in solution Y (mg/L) = X \* 1000/V where V is the makeup volume.





### 3.7. BATCH SEQUENCE AND QUALITY CONTROL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

S. No.	QC Point	Criteria	Run
1	Solvent Blank	Analyte Free	1
2	Calibration Standard-5 Levels	$R^2 \geq 0.9900$	each 1
3	Matrix Blank	Analyte Free (or) <30% LOD	1
4	QC Recovery @ LOQ	70% to 120% Refer Validation data (or) as prescribed in the standard	1
5	Reagent Blank	Analyte Free	1

### 3.8. Laboratory Quality Control Check

- Spike concentrations at MRL level for any pesticides to check the recovery.
- Suitable concentration at or around LOQ level was taken for spike and recovery for the analyte having  $LOQ > 0.01 \mu\text{g/L}$ .
- Calculate the recovery and compare against the standard method validation study.

### CALCULATIONS

$$\text{Conc, mg/ltr.} = \frac{(\text{Concentration From calibration} \times \text{Volume make up})}{\text{Volume of sample (ml)}}$$

Results with Recovery Correction: Calculated concentration X Recovery factor

$$\text{Conc, mg/ltr} = \frac{(\text{Sample Area K Standard Con. (ppm K Volume make up)})}{\text{Standard Area K Volume of sample (ml)}}$$

### 3.9. Preparation Test Water Sample

- The milli-Q water (Resistivity at 25 °C, 18.2 MΩ.cm) from our facility was used to prepare the pesticide residues spiked (100 µg/L) water sample.
- The above prepared pesticide residues spiked sample was used throughout the study

## 4. RESULTS

The water sample without the addition of 4Well alkaline drops and with the addition of 2 drops and 4 drops of 4Well alkaline drops were extracted (Figure 1) for the pesticide residues in to organic solvent and injected as per the requirement of the analysis in GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS. The analysis results are included in the Table 1 & Table 2.



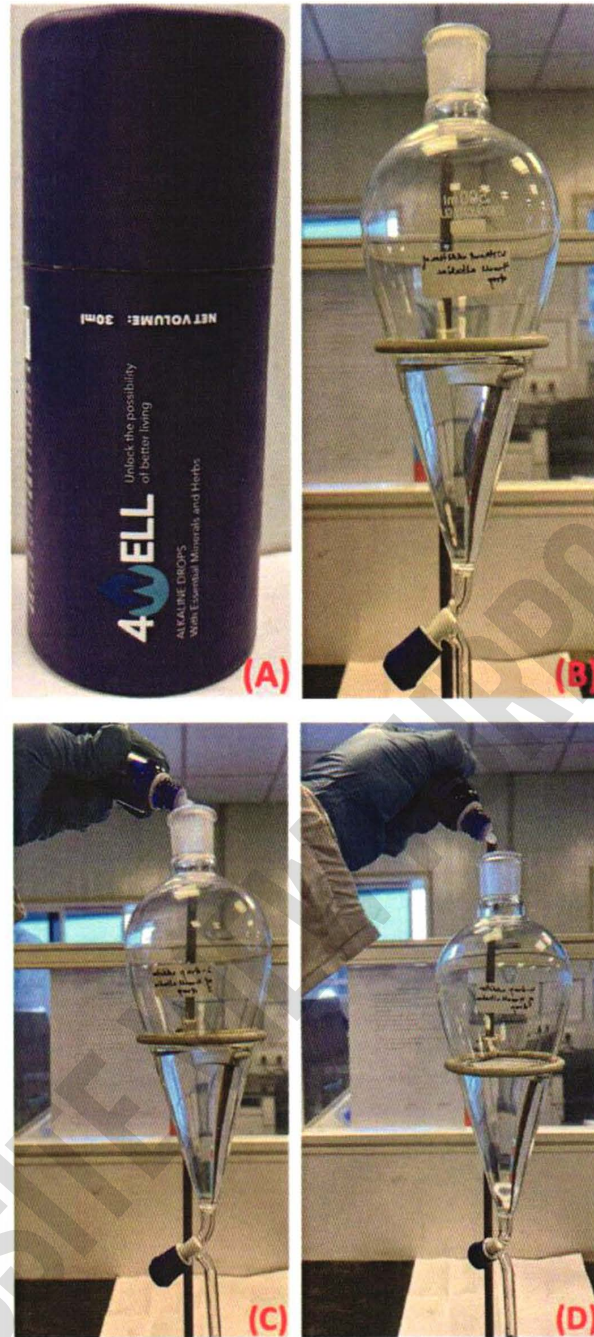


Figure 1: (A) Picture of 4Well Alkaline Drops sample as received, (B) Extraction of pesticide residues present in the water without the addition of 4Well Alkaline Drops, (C) Extraction of pesticide residues present in the water with the addition of 4 drops of 4Well Alkaline Drops, (D) Extraction of pesticide residues present in the water with the addition of 4 drops of 4Well Alkaline Drops.



**Table 2:** Pesticide residues concentrations in water without the addition and the addition of 4 drops of 4 well alkaline drop and the % variations in the reduction of the pesticide residues in water.

S. No.	Parameter- Pesticide Residues	Unit	Without the addition of 4Well Alkaline Drops ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	With the addition of 4 drops of 4Well Alkaline Drops ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	% Variation w.r.t analysis without addition of 4Well Alkaline Drops (4drops)
1	2,4- Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	$\mu\text{g/L}$	108.65	97.33	10.41
2	Alachlor	$\mu\text{g/L}$	103.55	88.32	14.70
3	Aldrin	$\mu\text{g/L}$	90.35	85.36	5.52
4	Alpha HCH	$\mu\text{g/L}$	94.32	65.23	30.84
5	Atrazine	$\mu\text{g/L}$	98.65	94.78	3.92
6	Beta HCH	$\mu\text{g/L}$	112.57	88.01	21.81
7	Butachlor	$\mu\text{g/L}$	102.36	50.37	50.79
8	Chlorpyrifos	$\mu\text{g/L}$	98.56	79.34	19.50
9	Delta HCH	$\mu\text{g/L}$	99.75	80.64	19.15
10	Dieldrin	$\mu\text{g/L}$	79.68	75.94	4.69
11	Endosulfan-alpha	$\mu\text{g/L}$	103.98	96.57	7.126
12	Endosulfan-beta	$\mu\text{g/L}$	97.15	94.44	2.78
13	Endosulfan-sulphate	$\mu\text{g/L}$	99.98	97.32	2.66
14	Ethion	$\mu\text{g/L}$	94.37	55.62	41.06
15	Gamma - HCH (Lindane)	$\mu\text{g/L}$	108.94	89.57	17.78
16	Isoproturon	$\mu\text{g/L}$	93.42	84.35	9.70
17	Malathion	$\mu\text{g/L}$	111.28	93.34	16.12
18	Methyl parathion	$\mu\text{g/L}$	92.74	84.33	9.06
19	Monocrotophos	$\mu\text{g/L}$	104.36	95.87	8.13
20	Phorate	$\mu\text{g/L}$	93.46	84.35	9.74
21	2,4-DDT	$\mu\text{g/L}$	103.28	91.54	11.36
22	4,4-DDT	$\mu\text{g/L}$	104.65	94.65	9.55
23	2,4-DDE	$\mu\text{g/L}$	110.64	92.75	16.16
24	4,4-DDE	$\mu\text{g/L}$	101.56	90.23	11.15
25	2,4-DDD	$\mu\text{g/L}$	109.75	93.68	14.64
26	4,4-DDD	$\mu\text{g/L}$	99.75	92.47	7.29
27	Azinphos methyl	$\mu\text{g/L}$	102.64	91.37	10.98
28	Captan	$\mu\text{g/L}$	97.44	93.55	3.99
29	Dimethoate	$\mu\text{g/L}$	107.64	96.57	10.28
30	Disulfoton	$\mu\text{g/L}$	96.45	84.35	12.54

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- The reduction in the pesticide residues concentration was studied with and without the addition of 4Well Alkaline Drops and found that the addition of 4 drops of 4Well Alkaline Drops was effective.



## **REFERENCES**

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>	<b>TERMS</b>
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
GC-MS/MS	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry /Mass Spectrometry
LC-MS/MS	Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry /Mass Spectrometry
MRM	Multiple Reaction Monitoring
LOD	Limit of Detection
LOQ	Limit of Quantification

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