Development of an analytical method for analyzing pyrrolizidine alkaloids in different groups of food by UPLC-MS/MS

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Table S1 SPE elution profile with neutralized, alkaline and acidic extract

	pH 6.7		pH 8.4		pH 3.4	
PAs	1st eluate	2nd eluate	1st eluate	2nd eluate	1st eluate	2nd eluate
	(MeOH)	(2.5% NH ₃	(MeOH)	(2.5% NH ₃	(MeOH)	(2.5% NH ₃
		MeOH)		MeOH)		MeOH)
	Recoveries without IS correction (%)					
Em	73	0	69	0	0	87
EmN	75	0	76	0	11	70
Er	69	0	73	0	0	83
ErN	73	0	74	0	37	42
Eu	72	0	69	0	0	84
EuN	74	0	73	0	0	89
Hn	74	0	76	0	0	94
HnN	71	0	74	0	0	85
Im	72	0	73	0	0	88
ImN	71	0	76	0	0	91
Jb	69	0	65	0	0	85
JbN	72	0	73	0	52	23
Lc	70	2	64	2	0	81
LcN	73	0	65	0	16	54
La	75	0	70	0	0	82
LaN	76	0	76	0	0	85
Mc	72	0	73	0	10	61
McN	68	0	70	0	22	57
Re	71	0	72	0	0	86
ReN	79	0	78	0	24	61
Sc	74	0	70	0	0	88
ScN	75	0	74	0	12	63
Sp	72	0	74	0	0	70
SpN	71	0	68	0	12	15 ¹
Sv	72	0	61	0	0	83
SvN	72	0	79	0	19	66
Sk	58	11 ²	51	12 ²	0	82
Td	64	0	68	0	0	84

Remarks: 1, SpN degradation in alkaline MeOH.

2, Sk completely eluted in alkaline MeOH.

Table S2 Estimates of LOQs of 28PAs in different food matrices

	Estimated LOQs	
	Range (μg kg ⁻¹)	
Cow milk	0.010-0.040	
Tea infusion	0.015-0.075	
Honey	0.014-0.074	
Cooked chicken egg	0.013-0.052	
Cooked beef	0.010-0.087	
Barley flour	0.011-0.063	
Clove leave	0.04-0.76	

Figure S1 Chromatogram of quantitation MRMs of PAs/PANs at concentration of 0.1 µg L⁻¹

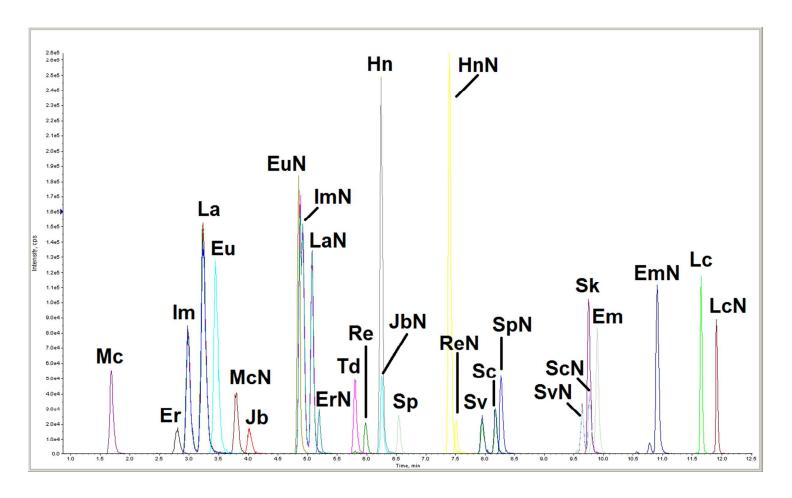


Figure S2 Milky milk extracts becomes translucent after the freeze-out steps

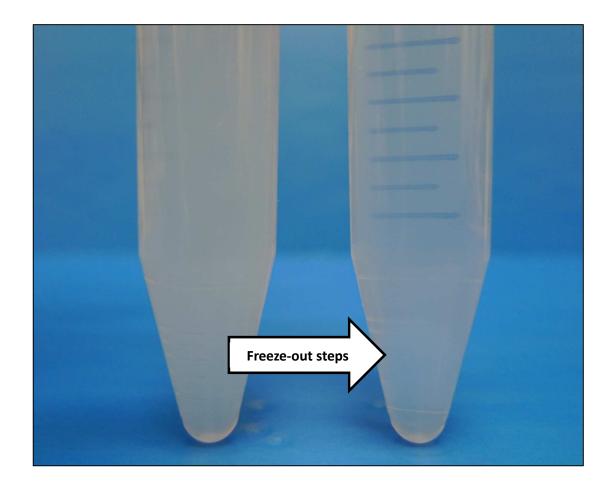


Figure S3 Sample solutions (left: black tea; right: black pepper) with and without the acetonitrile washing step

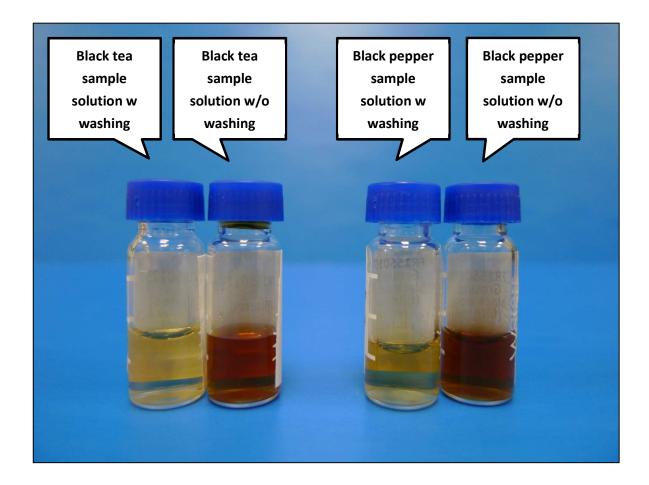


Figure S4 Lasiocarpine responses in water with different percentages of methanol

