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Removal of the iodinated X-ray contrast medium

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diatrizoate by anaerobic transformation

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49 **Materials and methods**

50 **Chemicals, standards and solvents**

51 Diatrizoate, dansyl chloride, formic acid (LC-MS grade), acetonitrile and methanol (both LC-
52 MS grade) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Steinheim, Germany).
53 3,5-bis(acetylamino)benzoic acid (TP 236) was obtained from ChemBridge (San Diego, CA,
54 USA). 3-acetamido-5-aminobenzoic acid (TP 194), iron(III) chloride, barium chloride dehydrate,
55 ammonium acetate, sodium hydroxide, glacial acetic acid, hydrochloric acid (25%), sulphuric
56 acid (96%) and gelatin were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). 3,5-diaminobenzoic
57 acid (DABA) was provided by TCI Europe (Eschborn, Germany). Sodium acetate and 1,10-
58 phenanthroline hydrochloride monohydrate were purchased from C. Roth (Karlsruhe, Germany).
59 Ultrapure water was obtained from a Milli-Q water purification system (Millipore, Darmstadt,
60 Germany). Nitric acid (65%, p. a.) was purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) and
61 subboiled prior use by means of a subboiling unit (DST-1000) from Savillex (Eden Prairie, MN,
62 USA).

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64 **Environmental samples**

65 Groundwater (grab samples) from different depths, including Fe(III) and Mn(IV) reducing
66 zones, was sampled from two wells that are influenced by infiltrating water from a polishing
67 pond receiving the effluent of a conventional WWTP (Figure 1a). The first well (GW1) is
68 directly connected to the infiltrating water of the pond, while the second well (GW2) is located
69 approximately 55 m downstream of GW1, corresponding to a travel time of approximately 2
70 years. At the time of sampling, oxygen was not detectable in both wells. In GW1 and GW2

71 ferrous iron concentrations were 2.1 mg/L and 0.16 mg/L, Mn(II) concentrations were 0.30 mg/L
72 and 0.17 mg/L, sulfate concentrations were 130 mg/L and 100 mg/L, sulfide concentrations
73 (semi-quantitative determination with colorimetric test kit by Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) were
74 <0.1 mg/L in both samples, and redox potentials were approximately 70 mV and 180 mV,
75 respectively.

76 Grab samples were taken from the effluents of two technical wetlands (TW) fed by the WWTP
77 effluent mentioned above (Figure 1b). TW1 is a subsurface flow wetland (SSF) consisting of
78 sand mixed with straw and TW2 is a pond covered with floating plants. An additional 24 h
79 composite sample was taken from the corresponding WWTP effluent. At the time of sampling, in
80 the effluents of TW1 and TW2 oxygen concentrations were 0.14 mg/L and 0.09 mg/L and redox
81 potentials were -90 mV and -40 mV, respectively.

82 In total, 40 sets of samples were taken over a period of 5 months from three consecutive
83 reactors of a pilot WWTP (Figure 1c): a conventional denitrifying and nitrifying reactor (R0,
84 HRT 12 h, 3 d composite samples from the effluent) and two anaerobic reactors (R1, HRT
85 5.75 d, grab samples from the aqueous phase in the reactor; R2, HRT 5.75 d, 3 d composite
86 samples from the effluent). During sampling of R2 a contact with oxygen could not be avoided,
87 however, the redox potential of the sampled water (cooled down to 4 °C) was still < -200 mV
88 after the three days. The reactors were operated as sequencing batch reactors, each operated in
89 parallel cycles of 3 h. Oxygen dosing in R0 was regulated to keep the oxygen concentration in
90 the reactor between 1 mg/L and 3 mg/L during nitrification. Prior to the transfer to R1, oxygen
91 was depleted to <0.1 mg/L in R0. Acetate was dosed into R1 to achieve a sufficient
92 denitrification and to establish strictly anaerobic conditions. In R1 and R2 the oxygen
93 concentrations (on-line monitored) remained always < 0.01 mg/L. In R1 the redox potential (on-

94 line monitored) decreased to < -200 mV until the end of a cycle and remained < -200 mV in R2
95 throughout a cycle. Ferrous iron concentrations (determined at the end of a cycle in the aqueous
96 phases of the reactors, method provided above) were < 2 mg/L (i.e. $< \text{LOQ}$) in both R1 and R2.
97 The dissolved sulfide concentrations (determined with photometric test kits (Hach-Lange,
98 Düsseldorf, Germany) at the end of a cycle in the aqueous phases of the reactors, starting from
99 the 3rd month of sampling, $n = 19$) were up to 2.22 mg/L in R1 and up to 1.87 mg/L in R2.
100 Sulfate concentrations (determined in the composite samples at the same time points as the
101 sulfide concentrations; method provided above) were 88 ± 17 mg/L in R0, 65 ± 13 mg/L in R1
102 and 66 ± 12 mg/L in R2. Diatrizoate concentrations were measured in all composite samples.
103 After method development, concentrations of diatrizoate TPs were measured in a set of samples
104 (R0, R1, R2) covering a 3 d period.

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106 **Photometric determination of ferrous iron and sulfate concentrations**

107 For the determination of ferrous iron and sulfate concentrations in the batch experiments,
108 samples were taken and filtered (0.45 μm regenerated cellulose syringe filters, C. Roth,
109 Karlsruhe, Germany) under an argon atmosphere. Samples for the determination of ferrous iron
110 were stabilized with HCl at a concentration of 15 mmol/L before they were removed from the
111 argon atmosphere.

112 *Determination of ferrous iron concentrations:* Ferrous iron was determined by complexation
113 with 1,10-phenanthroline. The procedure was modified from the Standard methods for the
114 Examination of Water & Wastewater.¹ 2 mL sample aliquots were incubated at room
115 temperature for 5 min with 500 μL of a 0.5% (w/w) aqueous solution of 1,10-phenanthroline

116 hydrochloride monohydrate and 500 μ L of an ammonium acetate buffer (100 g ammonium
117 acetate, 50 mL ultrapure water and 125 mL glacial acetic acid replenished with ultrapure water to
118 250 mL). The absorbance of the formed complex at 510 nm was determined, and quantification
119 was realized by means of an external calibration ranging from 0.1 mg/L to 15 mg/L (20 points).

120 *Determination of sulfate concentrations:* Sulfate concentrations were determined by
121 precipitation with barium chloride based on the method of Tabatabai.² 3 mL sample aliquots
122 were incubated for 1 h at room temperature with 150 μ L of a 40 g/L solution of barium chloride
123 dihydrate in 2.5 g/L gelatin gel and 300 μ L 1 N HCl. The turbidity caused by the precipitated
124 barium sulfate was determined by measuring the absorbance at 420 nm. Quantification was
125 realized by means of an external calibration ranging from 0.4 mg/L to 50 mg/L (11 points).

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127 **Identification of transformation products**

128 *Analysis of TPs via LTQ Orbitrap Velos ESI FT-MS (LC-ESI-HR-MSⁿ):* Chromatographic
129 conditions were similar to those used for quantification by LC-ESI-MS/MS (see below). The ESI
130 source parameters were set as follows: capillary temperature, 275 °C; capillary voltage, 2.7 kV;
131 heater temperature, 350 °C; sheath gas flow rate, 45 AU; aux gas flow rate, 20 AU; S-lens RF
132 level, 69%. Data dependent acquisition was used to gain MS² and MS³ spectra as follows: a full
133 scan (100 – 800 m/z , positive mode) was performed followed by MS² for the most intense ion
134 with an intensity of >10,000 and MS³ scans for the two most intense MS² fragments with
135 intensities >1,000. Collision induced dissociation (CID) and high-energy collision dissociation
136 (HCD, only MS²) with normalized collision energies of 20% and 40%, respectively, were used
137 for fragmentation. In addition, dynamic exclusion was applied (exclusion of masses for which

138 three MSⁿ experiments have been performed; exclusion duration: 30 s) enabling also MSⁿ
139 experiments for less abundant ions (e.g., during co-elution of different substances).

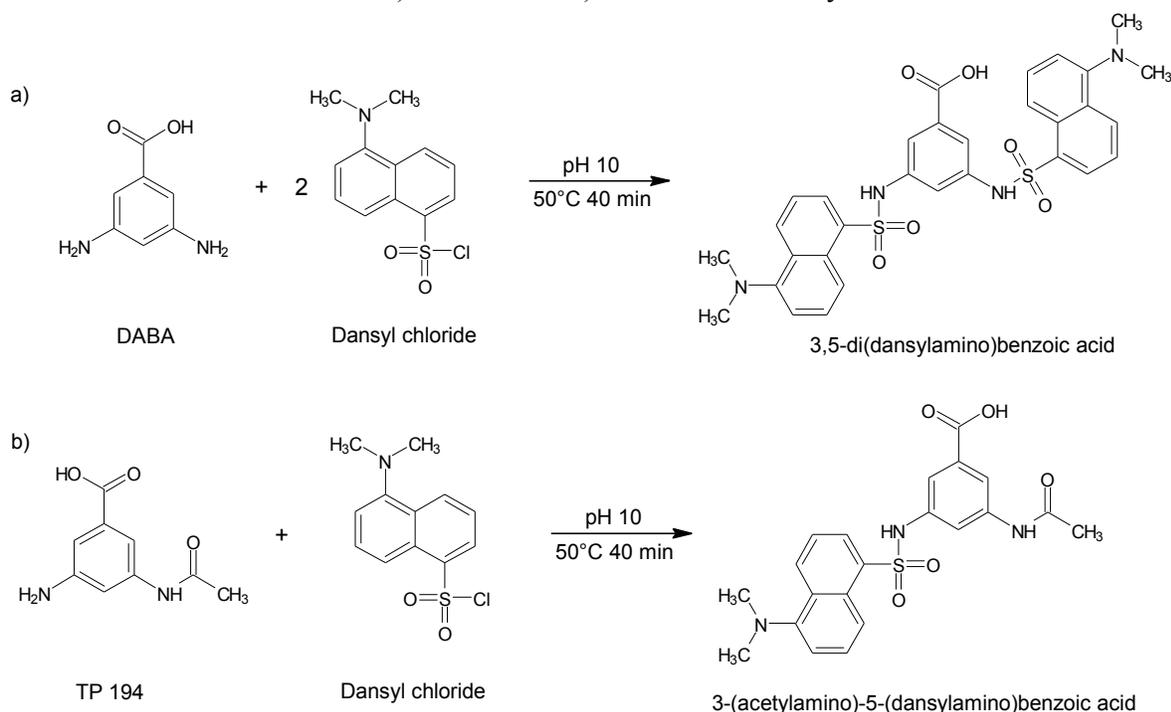
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141 **Preparation of samples**

142 *Solid phase extraction*(Dugo, Vilasi et al. 2006): Different types of adsorbents (Oasis HLB,
143 200 mg, 33 µm, Waters, Milfort, USA; Isolute ENV+, 500 mg, 90 µm, Biotage, Uppsala,
144 Sweden; Bakerbond SDB1, 200 mg, J.T. Baker, Deventer, the Netherlands; ENVI-Carb Plus,
145 400 mg, Supelco, Bellefonte, USA; Strata SAX, 500 mg, 55 µm, Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg,
146 Germany; Oasis WAX, 150 mg, 30 µm, Oasis MAX, 150 mg, 30 µm; Oasis MCX, 60 mg,
147 30 µm, each Waters, Milford, USA), pH values of the sample, and different elution solvents
148 were tested using 200 mL of groundwater spiked with 500 ng/L of diatrizoate and each of the
149 commercially available non-iodinated TPs 236, 194 and DABA. In addition, the groundwater
150 samples were spiked with 50 µL of a sample from a batch experiment (initial diatrizoate
151 concentration: 10 mg/L) containing most TPs to assess also the absolute recoveries of TPs for
152 which no reference standards were available. Based on the results of these tests, the following
153 method was developed: A sample volume of 20 mL was adjusted to pH 2.6 – 2.8 with 3.5 M
154 sulfuric acid. Bakerbond SDB1 cartridges (200 mg, 3 mL, J.T. Baker, Deventer, the Netherlands)
155 were conditioned with 3 x 2 mL methanol and 4 x 2 mL groundwater (pH 2.6 – 2.8). After
156 loading the samples onto the cartridges, the cartridges were dried with nitrogen gas. The analytes
157 were eluted with 5 x 2 mL methanol, the eluate was reduced to 0.1mL under a light nitrogen gas
158 stream, and 1.9 mL of ultrapure water were added.

159 *Derivatization:* In the samples of batch experiment VI spiked with 5 $\mu\text{g/L}$ diatrizoate and in the
160 environmental samples the amino groups of the TPs 194 and DABA were derivatized with
161 dansyl chloride (Scheme S1). The procedure was modified from Dugo et al.³ 900 μL sample
162 aliquots were incubated with 50 μL of a 0.75 mM dansyl chloride solution in acetonitrile and
163 50 μL of a 7.5 mM Na_2CO_3 buffer solution (pH 10) at 50°C for 40 min.

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165 **Scheme S1.** Derivatization of a) DABA and b) TP 194 with dansyl chloride.



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168 Quantitative Analysis of samples

169 *Liquid chromatography – inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometry (LC-ICP-MS):*
170 Quantification was realized using an HPLC 1260 Infinity system from Agilent Technologies
171 (Waldbronn, Germany) coupled with an ICP-sector field-mass spectrometer (ICP-SF-MS)
172 Element 2 (Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany). Coupling of the LC unit with the ICP-SF-MS

173 instrument was realized with a peltier-cooled quartz spray chamber PC³ (4 °C) and a μ-flow
 174 PFA-ST ES-2040 nebulizer (both from Elemental Scientific Inc., Omaha, NE, USA). A Hydro-
 175 RP column (250 mm x 3 mm, 4 μm; Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg, Germany) was used for
 176 chromatographic separation. Mobile phase A was 0.1% formic acid in ultrapure water, mobile
 177 phase B was 0.1% formic acid in methanol. The gradient of A was as follows: 0 – 20 min 85%,
 178 21.5 – 24 min 10%, 24.6 – 27 min 2%, 27.6 – 28.5 min 85%. The column oven was set to 40 °C,
 179 flow rate to 0.4 mL/min and injection volume was 20 μL. By means of a T-piece and a peristaltic
 180 pump (circa 100 μL/min) diluted HNO₃ (6.5%) was added post-column to achieve further
 181 acidification of the HPLC effluent to abet ionization in the ICP source. The ICP-SF-MS
 182 parameters applied are listed in Table S1.

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184 **Table S1.** ICP-SF-MS parameters applied

	LC/ICP-SF-MS	FI approach
power [W]	1,500	1,500
nebulizer gas flow rate [L/min]	0.75-0.86	0.75
aux gas flow rate [L/min]	0.7	0.7
cool gas flow rate [L/min]	16.0	16.0
dwel time [ms]	10	20
passes; runs	1, 2,530	1, 4,000
nuclides/isotopes monitored	¹¹⁵ In, ¹²⁷ I	¹¹⁵ In, ¹²⁷ I
run time	38 min 3 s	02 h 0 min 9 s
internal standard flow [mL/min]	~ 0.12 – 0.13	~ 0.12 – 0.13

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186 For total iodine determination a flow-injection (FI) approach (5 μL injection volume) was
 187 applied bypassing the autosampler of the HPLC via an electronic switching valve (FCV-14AH,
 188 Shimadzu, Japan); the pump-flow rate was set to 0.4 mL/min @ 15% B. Samples were injected
 189 manually (disposable syringes, 1 mL, Braun, Melsungen, Germany).

190 *Liquid chromatography – electrospray ionization – tandem mass spectrometry (LC-ESI-*
191 *MS/MS)*: Quantification was realized using an Agilent HPLC system (1260 Infinity, Agilent
192 Technologies, Waldbronn, Germany) coupled with an API 5500 QTrap MS (Applied
193 Biosystems, Langen, Germany) operated with ESI in positive ionization mode. A Hydro-RP
194 column (250 mm x 3 mm, 4 µm; Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg, Germany) was used for
195 chromatographic separation. Mobile phase A was 0.1% formic acid in ultrapure water, mobile
196 phase B was 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile. The gradient of A was as follows: 0 – 2 min 100%,
197 12.5 min 45%, 15 – 18 min 10%, 18.5 – 27 min 100%. The column oven was set to 40 °C, flow
198 rate to 0.4 mL/min and injection volume was 25 µL. For complementary measurements to allow
199 for peak assignment of the iodinated TPs in the LC-ICP-MS chromatograms, the
200 chromatographic conditions were chosen as for LC-ICP-MS measurements (see description
201 above).

202 Detection was accomplished by multiple reaction monitoring (MRM). Two transitions (MRM1
203 for quantification, MRM2 for confirmation) were monitored for each analyte. Optimization of
204 the compound specific parameters (declustering potential, collision energy, cell exit potential)
205 was performed in continuous flow mode (10 µL/min) injecting derivatized and non-derivatized
206 aqueous standard solutions (0.1 – 10 µg/L) or (for the TPs which were not available as analytical
207 standards) undiluted samples from the batch experiments spiked with 10 mg/L containing the
208 TPs (Table S2).

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210 **Table S2.** Precursor, product ions and MS parameters used for LC-MS/MS detection

Compound	MRM1 [m/z]	MRM2 [m/z]	DP ^a [V]	CE ^b (MRM1/MRM2) [eV]	CXP ^c (MRM1/MRM2) [V]
Diatrizoate	615 → 361	615 → 233	80 ^d	26 / 63	10 / 8
TP 488	489 → 235	489 → 193	30	30 / 65	10 / 10
TP 362	363 → 194	363 → 152	30	30 / 50	10 / 10
TP 320	321 → 152	321 → 194	50	40 / 40	10 / 10
TP 278	279 → 152	279 → 108	50	40 / 40	10 / 10
TP 236	237 → 219	237 → 177	60	20 / 25	15 / 12
TP 194	195 → 153	195 → 107	65	20 / 35	12 / 7
TP 194	428 → 177	428 → 170	80	25 / 35	12 / 15
derivatized DABA	153 → 92	153 → 80	32	25 / 40	15 / 13
derivatized DABA	619 → 385	619 → 368	120	30 / 30	35 / 30

211 ^a DP = Declustering potential, ^b CE = Collision energy, ^c CXP = Cell exit potential, ^d MRM2:
212 40 V

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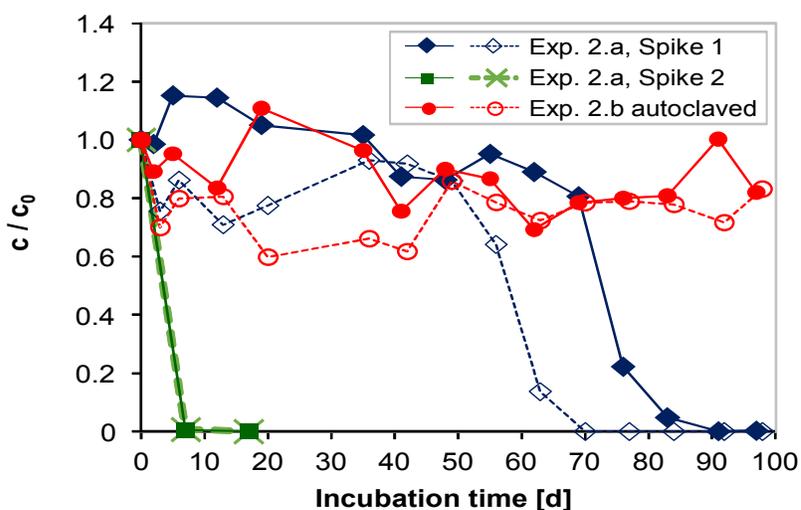
214 *Method validation:* Absolute recoveries of the SPE method were determined in triplicate by
215 spiking 200 mL groundwater (pH 2.6 – 2.8) with 50 µL of a sample from the batch experiments
216 containing all iodinated TPs and with 500 ng/L of diatrizoate and each of the commercially
217 available non-iodinated TPs 236, 194 and DABA. The spiked groundwater samples were
218 subjected to the SPE procedure described above. Absolute recoveries were calculated as the ratio
219 of peak areas of the samples subjected to SPE and the standard solutions diluted in ultrapure
220 water. HPLC column recovery for iodinated compounds by LC-ICP-MS measurements was
221 determined by comparing the sum of iodine concentrations from all peaks in the chromatograms
222 with total iodine concentrations in the samples obtained from flow injection with external
223 calibration.

224 Limits of quantification (LOQ) were determined by extra- or interpolation from spiked samples
225 as the concentrations at which the signal to noise ratios were > 10 for quantification (MRM1) or
226 > 3 for confirmation (MRM2), respectively.

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228 Results and discussion

229 Dissipation of diatrizoate in batch experiment 2



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231 **Figure S1.** Time series of diatrizoate concentrations in two replicates of experiment 2.a after first
232 and second spike each, and in two autoclaved replicates of experiment 2.b. Solid and dashed
233 lines represent the results of both replicates of each experiment.

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236 **Identification of transformation products**

237 The fragments of diatrizoate and its anaerobic TPs resulting from MSⁿ experiments are listed
 238 in Table S3.

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240 **Table S3.** Precursor and product ions of diatrizoate and its anaerobic TPs obtained by MSⁿ
 241 experiments using LTQ-Orbitrap-MS with electrospray ionization in the positive ionization
 242 mode. TPs are named after their nominal mass and not the measured high resolution mass
 243 [M+H]⁺.

Compound	m/z	Mass error [ppm]	Elemental composition	Proposed fragmentation
Diatrizoate	614.7775	-0.48	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄ N ₂ I ₃	[MH] ⁺
	487.8719	-1.13	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄ N ₂ I ₂	[MH-I] ⁺
	360.9674	-1.09	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄ N ₂ I	[MH-I-I] ⁺
	318.9572	-0.75	C ₉ H ₈ O ₃ N ₂ I	[MH-I-I-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺
	233.0556	-0.66	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₄ N ₂	[MH-I-I-HI] ⁺
	192.0530	-0.48	C ₉ H ₈ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-I-I-I-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺
	148.0392	-0.60	C ₈ H ₆ O ₂ N	[MH-I-I-HI-C ₂ H ₃ NO-CO] ⁺
TP 488	488.8808	1.09	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ N ₂ I ₂	[MH] ⁺
	470.8692	-1.14	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ N ₂ I ₂	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺
	361.9756	-0.67	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ N ₂ I	[MH-I] ⁺⁺
	235.0713	-0.27	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ N ₂	[MH-I-I] ⁺
	193.0608	-0.37	C ₉ H ₉ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O-I-I] ⁺
TP 362	362.9841	-0.20	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ N ₂ I	[MH] ⁺
	344.9727	-0.90	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₃ N ₂ I	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺ (F1) ^a
	236.0791	-0.25	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ N ₂	[MH-I] ⁺⁺ (F2) ^a
	217.0608	-0.04	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-HI-H ₂ O] ⁺ (F3) ^a
	194.0686	0.29	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-I-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺⁺ (F4) ^a
	190.0739	1.37	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-I-H ₂ O-CO] ⁺⁺ (F5) ^a
	152.0579	-0.91	C ₇ H ₈ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-I-C ₂ H ₂ O-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺⁺ (F6) ^a
TP 320	320.9733	-1.06	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₃ N ₂ I	[MH] ⁺
	194.0686	-2.85	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-I] ⁺⁺
	152.0580	-4.00	C ₇ H ₈ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-I-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺⁺
TP 278	278.9622	-0.76	C ₇ H ₈ O ₂ N ₂ I	[MH] ⁺
	260.9517	-0.81	C ₇ H ₆ ON ₂ I	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺

	234.9727	-0.46	C ₆ H ₈ N ₂ I	[MH-CO ₂] ⁺
	232.9572	0.57	C ₆ H ₆ N ₂ I	[MH-H ₂ O-CO] ⁺
	152.0579	-0.72	C ₇ H ₈ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-I] ⁺⁺
	151.0503	-0.62	C ₇ H ₇ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-HI] ⁺
	108.0680	-1.94	C ₆ H ₈ N ₂	[MH-I-CO ₂] ⁺⁺
TP 236	237.0874	1.59	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ O ₄ N ₂	[MH] ⁺
	219.0760	-2.05	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺
	195.0761	-1.89	C ₉ H ₁₁ O ₃ N ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺
	191.0812	-2.12	C ₁₀ H ₁₁ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-H ₂ O-CO] ⁺
	177.0656	-1.78	C ₉ H ₉ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O-H ₂ O] ⁺
TP 194	195.0768	1.70	C ₉ H ₁₁ O ₃ N ₂	[MH] ⁺
	177.0658	-0.59	C ₉ H ₉ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺
	167.0815	-0.03	C ₈ H ₁₁ O ₂ N ₂	[M+H-CO] ⁺
	153.0658	-0.68	C ₇ H ₉ O ₂ N ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺
	149.0707	-1.34	C ₈ H ₉ ON ₂	[MH-CO-H ₂ O] ⁺
	138.0661	-10.8	C ₈ H ₁₀ O ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₃ ON] ⁺
	135.0553	-0.29	C ₇ H ₇ ON ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O-H ₂ O] ⁺
	109.0759	-1.42	C ₆ H ₉ N ₂	[MH-C ₂ H ₂ O-CO ₂] ⁺
	107.0602	-1.35	C ₆ H ₇ N ₂	[M+H-H ₂ O-CO-C ₂ H ₂ O] ⁺
DABA	153.0662	-2.00	C ₇ H ₉ O ₂ N ₂	[MH] ⁺
	135.0552	-0.37	C ₇ H ₇ ON ₂	[MH-H ₂ O] ⁺
	109.0759	-1.15	C ₆ H ₉ N ₂	[MH-CO ₂] ⁺
	107.0602	-1.73	C ₆ H ₇ N ₂	[MH-H ₂ O-CO] ⁺
	92.0493	-2.02	C ₆ H ₆ N	[MH-H ₃ N-CO ₂] ⁺

244 ^a F1 – F6: labelling of fragments in Figure S2

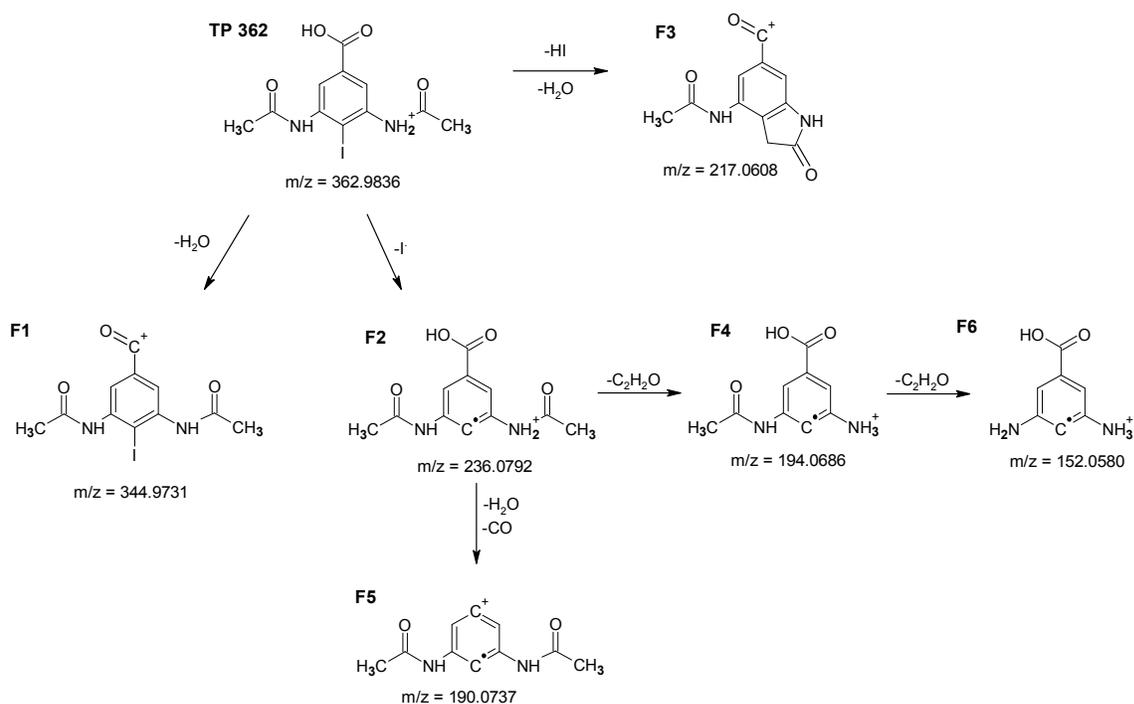
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246 In Figure S2 the proposed fragmentation pathway of TP 362 is shown exemplarily. The main
247 fragments of TP 362 resulted from the cleavage of iodine (iodine radical and HI), acetyl moieties
248 (ketene, C₂H₂O) and the carboxylic moiety (H₂O and CO). The cleavage of one iodine confirmed
249 that only one instead of three iodine atoms are present. Moreover the cleavage of two ketenes
250 and CO + H₂O revealed that the amide moieties and the carboxylic group of diatrizoate remained
251 unaltered. Hence, based on the exact mass (362.9841 +/- 0.20 ppm) leading to the sum formula

252 (C₁₁H₁₂O₄N₂I) as well as on the MS² spectra TP 362 could be identified as di-deiodinated
253 diatrizoate (3,5-diacetamido-iodobenzoic acid).

254 However, the exact positions of the deiodination and deacetylation reactions could not be
255 determined by MSⁿ fragmentation. For this NMR measurements are required which were
256 impossible since the isolation of pure reference standards from the batch experiments failed (data
257 not shown). Accordingly to the methodology presented for TP 362, the chemical structures of
258 the other detected TPs were determined.

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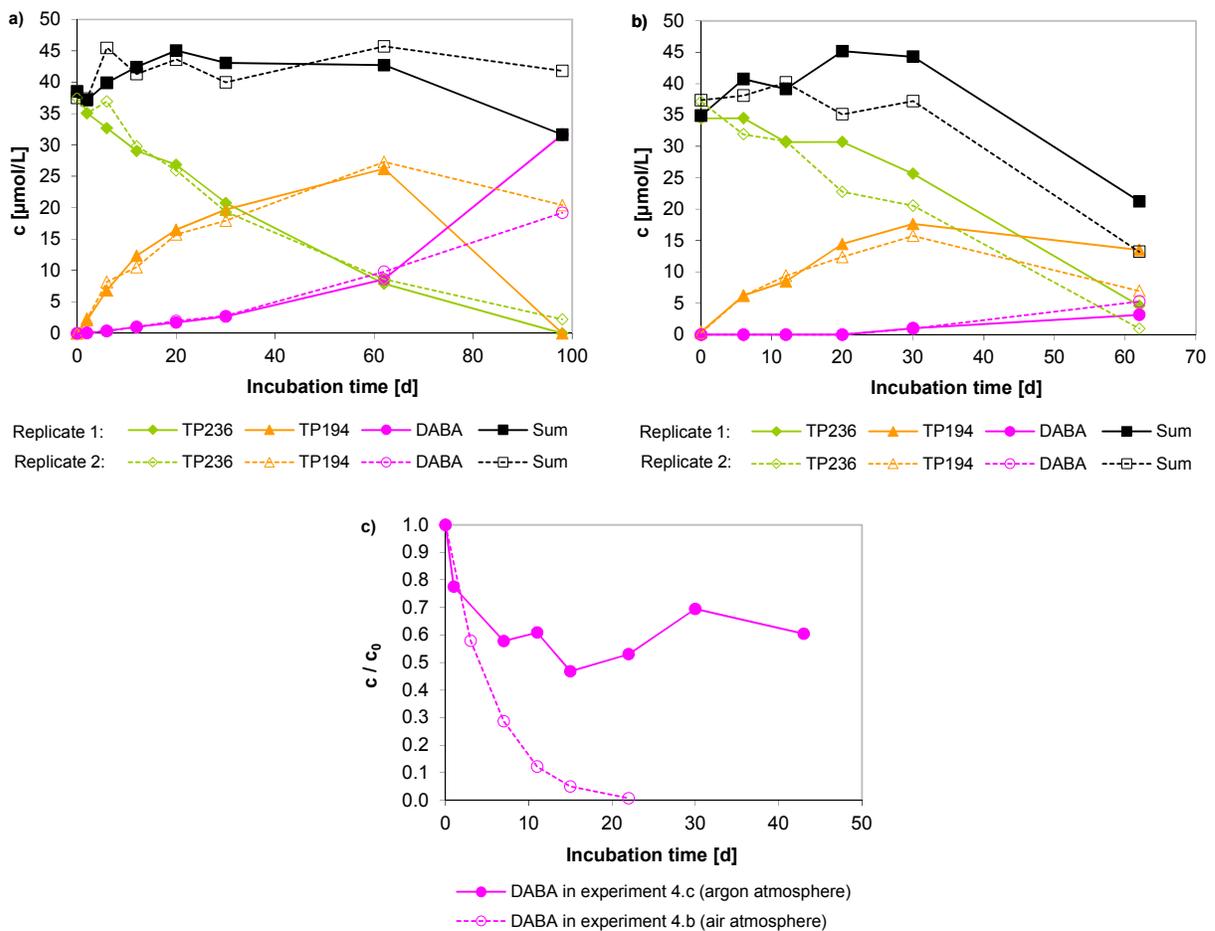
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261 **Figure S2.** Proposed fragmentation pathway of TP 362 determined by LC-LTQ-Orbitrap MS
262 with theoretical m/z ratios. The positions of cleaved iodines and ketene groups as well as charges
263 have been assigned arbitrarily.

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Transformation pathway

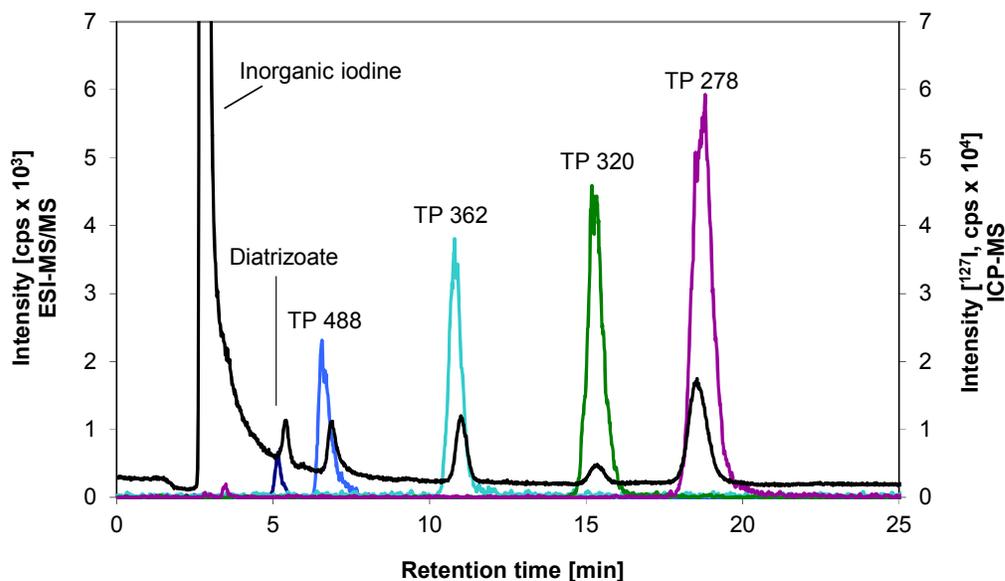


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268 **Figure S3.** Concentrations of the TPs 236, 194 and DABA a) during incubation of TP 236 ($c_0 =$
 269 10 mg/L) under an argon atmosphere (Experiment 3, $n = 2$) and b) under an air atmosphere
 270 (Experiment 4 a, $n = 2$). The dashed and solid lines represent the results of the two replicates; c)
 271 during incubation of DABA ($c_0 = 10$ mg/L) under an argon and an air atmosphere in experiments
 272 4b and 4c. The 40% decrease of DABA within the first 6 d under argon atmosphere is
 273 presumably caused by spiking of DABA before strictly anaerobic conditions had been developed
 274 in the batch system.

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279 **Figure S4.** Peak assignment for LC-ICP-MS measurement (black line) of iodinated diatrizoate
 280 TPs with complementary LC-ESI-MS/MS measurement (coloured lines are extracted ion
 281 chromatograms of the single TPs).

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283 **Table S4.** LOQs of the different quantification methods used for the quantification of diatrizoate
 284 and its anaerobic TPs in the batch experiments. LOQs are given in $\mu\text{g/L}$. The values in brackets
 285 represent the molar ratio (in percent) of the LOQ of TPs to the lowest spiked molar concentration
 286 of diatrizoate ($5 \mu\text{g/L}$, batch experiment 5).

quantification method	Diatrizoate	TP 488	TP 362	TP 320	TP 278	TP 236	TP 194	DABA
LC-ICP-MS	0.2 (3)	0.2 (5)	0.3 (10)	0.25 (10)	0.25 (10)			
SPE + LC-ICP-MS	0.02 (0.3)	0.02 (0.5)	0.03 (1)	0.03 (1)	0.25 (10)			
LC-ESI- MS/MS					0.06 (3)	0.03 (2)	0.1 (6)	0.5 (40)
Derivatization + LC-ESI- MS/MS							0.07 (5)	0.02 (2)

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289 **Table S5.** Absolute recoveries of diatrizoate and its anaerobic TPs by SPE enrichment of the
 290 batch experiments with SDB1 cartridges (arithmetic means and standard deviations, n = 3).

	Diatrizoate	TP 488	TP 362	TP 320	TP 278	TP 236	TP 194	DABA
absolute recovery [%]	97 ± 13	78 ± 14	94 ± 10	87 ± 12	11 ± 3	97 ± 9	26 ± 1	< 5

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