

Photocatalytic Degradation of a Systemic Herbicide: Picloram from Aqueous Solution Using Titanium Oxide (TiO_2) under Sunlight

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Table S1. Analytical conditions for ion chromatography to determine NH_4^+ ion.

Analyte	: NH_4^+
Column	: IC YK-421
Eluent	: 5 mM $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{COOH})_2$ + 1mM $\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{N}(\text{COOH})_2$ (1.5 g/L H_3BO_3)
Flow rate	: 1 mL/min
Column temperature	: 40 °C
Injected volume	: 20 μL

Table S2. Analytical conditions for ion chromatography to determine Cl^- and NO_3^- ion.

Analyte	: Cl^- , NO_3^-
Column	: 2710-SK-IC
Eluent	: 1 mM $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})(\text{COOK})$
Flow rate	: 0.7 mL/min
Column temperature	: 40 °C
Injected volume	: 20 μL

Table S3. Analytical conditions to determine the formation of formic acid.

Analyte	: HCOOH
Column	: KC-811
Eluent	: 0.1 % H_3PO_4
Flow rate	: 0.8 mL/min
Wave length of detector	: 220 nm
Injected volume	: 20 μL

Table S4. UV-vis spectral changes data of picloram before and after UV irradiation.

Absorbance	Before irradiation	After 10 min irradtiation without TiO ₂	After 10 min irradtiation with TiO ₂
300	0.038	0.038	0.025
290	0.088	0.088	0.057
280	0.132	0.132	0.088
270	0.189	0.189	0.139
260	0.347	0.347	0.227
250	0.536	0.536	0.334
240	0.656	0.656	0.423
230	0.864	0.864	0.732
225	1.239	1.239	0.89
222	1.64	1.64	0.927
220	1.634	1.634	0.915
210	1.186	1.186	0.795
200	0.902	0.902	0.644

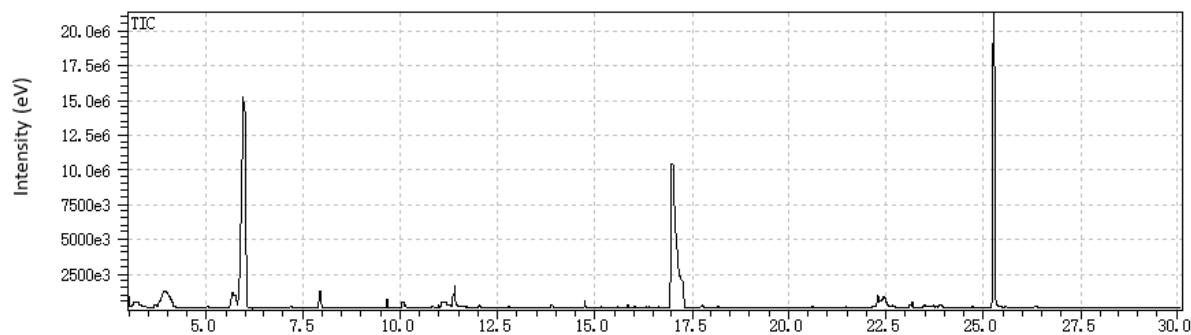


Figure S1. a). GC-MS-EI total ion chromatogram obtained for a SPE extraction of picloram solution.

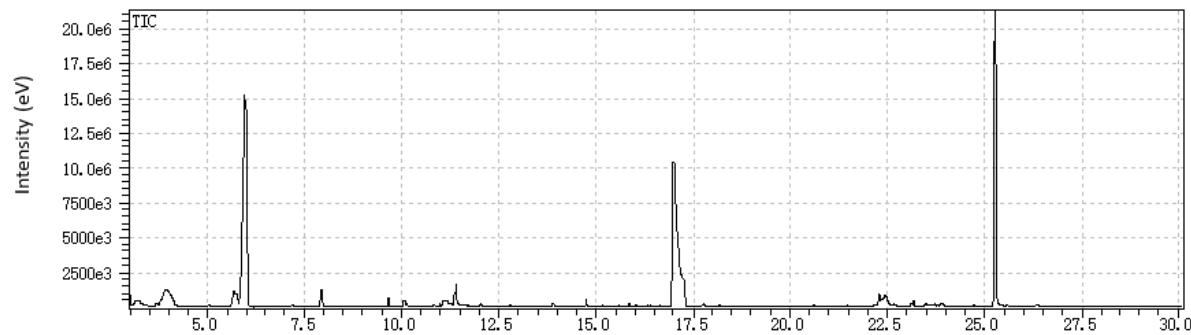


Figure 1. b). GC-MS-EI total ion chromatogram obtained for a SPE extraction of picloram solution after 10 min irradiation.

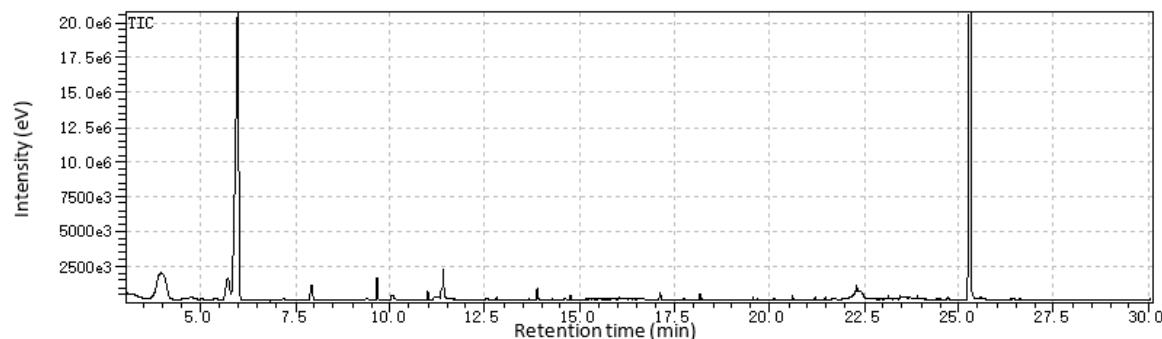


Figure S1. c). GC-MS-EI total ion chromatogram obtained for a SPE extraction of picloram solution after 30 min of irradiation.