Application Note AN-RS-020

痕量检测咖喱粉中的金胺 O

用 Misa 保护消费者安全

Auramine O (AO) is an industrial dye used for a broad range of manufactured products and as a fluorescent stain for detecting acid-fast bacteria in clinical specimens. Due to its intense yellow coloration, AO is also prized as an additive for enhancing the visual appeal of illicitly processed food products. Curry powder is a likely target for such adulteration, as it is a bright yellow mixture of several spices. Health hazards associated with ingestion, and even improper handling of AO, include a high risk of several cancers, neural and liver toxicity, and even death. Despite bans on AO as a food additive, surveillance testing indicates its persistent use as an adulterant in foods and spices.

Misa (Metrohm Instant SERS Analyzer) achieves the rapid and sensitive detection of AO in curry powder in a simple assay format.

INTRODUCTION

Misa is a versatile tool for the rapid and accurate detection of banned food colorants. This application note details a facile extraction procedure for detecting AO in adulterated curry powder.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AND LIBRARY CREATION

To establish a reference spectrum for AO, a pure standard in alkaline water (100 µg/mL, pH 13) was analyzed using gold nanoparticles (Au NPs). The unique SERS spectrum shown in Figure 1 can be used to create a library entry for AO.

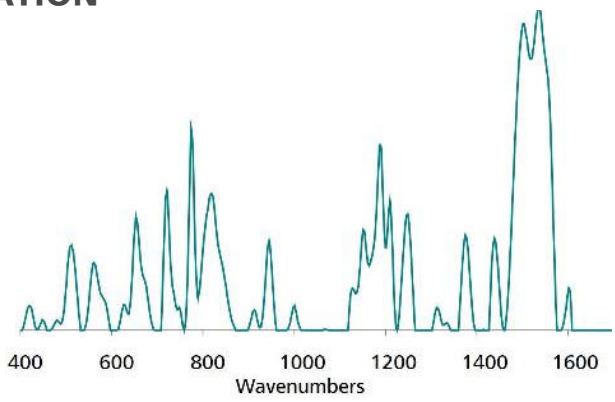

Figure 1. Standard SERS reference spectrum of Auramine O.

EXPERIMENT

In a simulated test for AO in curry powder, solid AO was mixed with purchased curry powder to yield a concentration range of spiked test samples: 1000, 100, 10, 5, and 1 µg/g. Liquid extraction of AO was performed by adding 1 mL of 0.1 mol/L NaOH to 100 mg of sample in a glass vial. This slurry was mixed and allowed to rest for 2 minutes. Ethyl acetate (EA, 1 mL) and NaCl (100 mg) were added to the vial, which was then inverted gently a few times (*do not shake vigorously*) to promote extraction of AO into the EA layer. After 10 minutes, 50 µL of the top EA layer was added to a vial containing 400 µL of Au NPs and 50 µL of 0.5 mol/L NaCl. The vial was shaken to mix and immediately placed in the vial attachment on Misa for measurement.

Table 1. Experimental parameters

Instrument		Acquisition	
Firmware	0.9.33	Laser Power	5
Software	Misa Cal V1.0.15	Int. Time	10 s
Misa Vial Attachment	6.07505.040	Averages	10
ID Kit - Au NP	6.07506.440	Raster	ON

RESULTS

Overlaid, baseline-corrected SERS spectra of basic EA extracts of curry powder spiked with varying concentrations of AO demonstrate reliable detection down to 1 µg/g (Figure 2). Note: Peaks in AO SERS spectra show solvent and pH-related shifts.

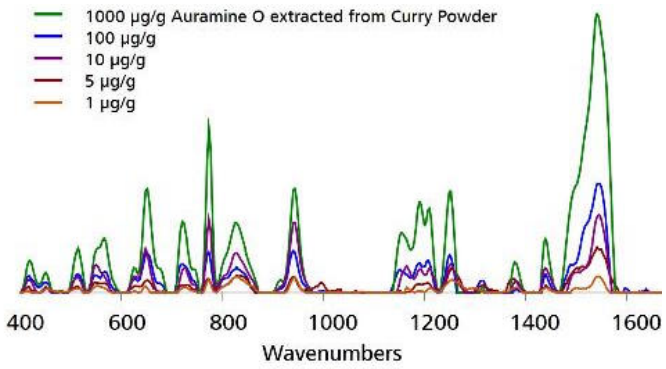

Figure 2. Detection range of AO with Misa and Au NPs.

FIELD TEST PROTOCOL

Detection of Auramine O in the field

Using the large end of the scoop, add 3–4 scoops of sample to a 2 mL vial. Add NaOH solution to the vial until halfway full. Add 3–4 scoops solid NaCl, then fill vial to the top with ethyl acetate. Cap and invert the vial a few times to mix, but *do not shake the vial vigorously.* Let the sample rest for 5 minutes, as distinct layers will form. Fill a *clean vial* halfway full with Au NPs. Using pipettes, add 2 drops each of the *top layer* of the sample solution and NaCl solution to Au NPs, cap and shake the vial gently to mix. Insert into vial attachment on Misa for measurement.

Table 2. Requirements for field test protocol

ID Kit - Au NP	6.07506.440
includes:	Gold nanoparticles (Au NP)
	Scoop
	Disposable pipettes
	2 mL glass vials
Reagents	
NaOH solution	0.4 g NaOH in 100 mL water
Solid NaCl	
Ethylene acetate	
NaCl solution	3 g NaCl in 100 mL water
Test settings	Use **ID Kit OP** on MISA

CONCLUSION

The facile and sensitive detection of AO in adulterated curry powder is demonstrated using Misa. This analysis requires minimal user training and minimal consumables, making it an ideal analytical platform for on-site QC testing in food manufacturing, shipping, and receiving facilities. Misa's portability and ease-of-use in trace detection of illicit colorants outperforms complex extraction and analysis procedures in a laboratory setting.

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CONFIGURATION

MISA Advanced

Metrohm Instant SERS Analyzer (MISA) 是一款高性能、便携式分析系统,可快速检测/鉴定非法物质、食品添加剂和微量食品污染物。MISA 的特点是配备了 Metrohm 的轨道光栅扫描 (ORS) 技术设备的光谱仪。其空间需求小和并且电池寿命有所延长,适用于现场测试或移动实验室应用。MISA 提供各种 1 级激光附件,可灵活选择取样。该分析仪可通过 BlueTooth 或 USB 连接运行。

MISA Advanced 套件是一个完整套件,其作用是让用户能用 Metrohms 纳米颗粒溶液和 P-SERS 试剂条进行 SERS 分析。

MISA Advanced 套件包含了一个 MISA 小管附件、一个 P-SERS-附件、一个 ASTM 校正标准件、一个 USB 迷你电缆、一个 USB 供电单元和用于运行 MISA 仪器的 MISA Cal 软件。还随供了一个用来安全保管仪器和附件的坚固保护箱。

ID – Au NP

ID 套件 - Au NP 包含了 Mira/Misa 用户使用胶体金溶液进行 SERS 分析所需的组件。该套件包含了一个一次性抹刀、一个移液管、样品小瓶和一个含金胶体的瓶子。