## **Abstract**

In this study, chitosan-zinc oxide nanoparticles was used as solid-phase dispersion combining with dispersive liquid-liquid microextraction for the determination of thirteen n-alkanes such as  $C_8H_{18}$  to  $C_{20}H_{42}$  in soil samples. The solid samples were directly blended with chitosan - nanoparticles in solid-phase dispersion method. The eluent of solid-phase dispersion was applied as the dispersive solvent dispersive liquid-liquid microextraction. The compounds were used gas chromatography-flame ionization detector analysis. The optimized conditions were 200  $\mu$ L of extracting solvent volume, 2 mL dispersive solvent volume, an extraction time of 2 min, 1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> of solt and the ratio of sample:sorbent up to 1:2. Under the optimum conditions detection limits between 0.08 to 2.5 ngg<sup>-1</sup> and good linearity with correlation coefficients in the range 0.9991-0.9995 were achieved. The presented procedure was combined the advantages of chitosan-zinc oxide nanoparticles, solid-phase dispersion and dispersive liquid-liquid microextraction, and could be applied for the determination of n-alkanes in complicated soil samples.

**Keywords:** n-Alkanes; Solid-phase dispersion; Dispersive liquid-liquid microextraction; Soil samples.



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