

Table 1: The chosen independent variables and their intervals

Label	Independent variables		-1	+1
X_1	w	amount of water [§] [-]	0.75	1.25
X_2	$acid$	concentration of acid [mol/l]	0	0.66
X_3	ω_A	intensity of stirring A [rpm]	715	2160
X_4	$t_{mix\ A}$	time of stirring A [§] [min]	-1	+1
X_5	$t_{sed\ A}$	time of sedimentation A [min]	5	20
X_6	ω_B	intensity of stirring B [rpm]	715	2160
X_7	$t_{mix\ B}$	time of stirring B [min]	2	10

$t_{mix\ A}$ is time of first stirring and $t_{mix\ B}$ is time of second stirring

[§] Amount of water: Lower limit (0.75) means 75 % and upper limit (1.25) means 125 % of optimal amount of water needed for the maximum transmission of RRM at 570 nm (see 3.3).

[§] Time of stirring after addition of water. Lower limit (-1) means that the mixture is stirred until constant value of absorbance. Upper limit (+1) means that the mixture is stirred twice as long.

Table 2: Plackett-Burman: Detailed experimental plan for independent variables

number of experiment	w [-]	<i>acid</i> [mol/l]	ω_A [rpm]	$t_{mix\ A}$ [min]	$t_{sed\ A}$ [min]	ω_B [rpm]	$t_{sed\ B}$ [min]
1	1.25	0.66	2160	+1	5	715	2
2	1.25	0.66	715	-1	20	2160	2
3	0.75	0.66	715	+1	5	2160	10
4	0.75	0	2160	+1	20	2160	2
5	1.25	0	715	+1	20	715	10
6	0.75	0.66	2160	-1	20	715	10
7	1.25	0	2160	-1	5	2160	10
8	0.75	0	715	-1	5	715	2

Table 3: Verification of the model: chosen and calculated variables

	Oil	<i>acid</i> [mol/l]	$t_{mix\ A}$ [min]	$t_{sed\ A}$ [min]	ω_B [rpm]	Y_1 [g/g]	Y_5 [mg/g]	Y_6 [mg/kg]
chosen variables	RO	0.66	+1	5	715	0.198	0.48	150
	SO	0	-1	5	2160	0.195	0.27	191
calculated variables	Oil	w [-]	ω_A [rpm]	$t_{mix\ B}$ [min]	Y_2 [wt-%]	Y_3 [wt-%]	Y_4 [g/g]	Y_7 [wt-%]
	RO	0.26	2020	9.11	0	19.67	0.802	0.215
	SO	0.75	1830	9.1	1.4	17.17	0.805	0.286

Table 4: Verification of the model: comparison of prediction and experimental values
 (experimental value is 100 %)

	value	Y_1 [g/g]	Y_2 [wt-%]	Y_3 [wt-%]	Y_4 [g/g]	Y_5 [mg/g]	Y_6 [wt-%]	Y_7 [mg/kg]
RO	pred.	0.198	0.00	19.67	0.802	0.48	150	0.215
	exper.	0.191	0.00	20.19	0.809	0.58	134	0.227
	corr. [%]	103.7	100.0	97.4	99.1	82.3	111.6	94.6
SO	pred.	0.195	1.40	17.17	0.805	0.27	191	0.286
	exper.	0.210	1.10	17.08	0.790	0.33	177	0.267
	corr. [%]	107.6	78.1	99.5	98.2	122.2	92.6	93.3