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Identifying unknown persistent, bioaccumulative and risky antibiotics in river water in Beijing, China

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Table S1. List of 95 human use antibiotics in China

| CAS no. | Antibiotics | Therapeutic group | PV, kg | KOWWIN | BIOWIN1 | HPV | P | B |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|---------|-----|---|---|
| 085721-33-1 | Ciprofloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 1745104 | 0 | -0.3974 | × | × | |
| 000599-79-1 | Sulfasalazine | Sulfonamides | 49684 | 3.81 | 0.4541 | | × | × |
| 005250-39-5 | Flucloxacillin | β -Lactams | 22453 | 3.42 | -0.0972 | | × | × |
| 062013-04-1 | Dirithromycin | Macrolides | 26384 | 3 | -1.2900 | | × | × |
| 081103-11-9 | Clarithromycin | Macrolides | 384338 | 3.18 | -1.7926 | | × | × |
| 083905-01-5 | Azithromycin | Macrolides | 772983 | 3.24 | -1.6578 | | × | × |
| 000057-62-5 | Chlortetracycline | Sulfonamides | 75257 | -0.68 | 0.4211 | | × | |
| 000057-68-1 | Sulfadimidine | Sulfonamides | 228266 | 0.76 | 0.4906 | | × | |
| 000057-92-1 | Streptomycin | Aminoglycosides | 760611 | -7.53 | 0.2881 | | × | |
| 000068-35-9 | Sulfadiazine | Sulfonamides | 298158 | -0.34 | 0.3946 | | × | |
| 000114-07-8 | Erythromycin | Macrolides | 528338 | 2.48 | -1.4385 | | × | |
| 000723-46-6 | Sulfamethoxazole | Sulfonamides | 968684 | 0.48 | 0.4479 | | × | |
| 001695-77-8 | Spectinomycin | Aminoglycosides | 71826 | -0.82 | -0.0047 | | × | |
| 008025-81-8 | Spiramycin | Macrolides | 48902 | 1.87 | -1.7448 | | × | |
| 023155-02-4 | Fosfomycin | others | 557794 | -1.53 | 0.3345 | | × | |
| 024916-51-6 | Acetylspiramycin | Macrolides | 371356 | 2.03 | -1.7494 | | × | |
| 032385-11-8 | Sisomicin | Aminoglycosides | 663 | -3.45 | 0.0477 | | × | |
| 051940-44-4 | Pipemidic acid | Fluoroquinolones | 140188 | -1.7 | 0.4260 | | × | |
| 056391-56-1 | Netilmicin | Aminoglycosides | 127 | -2.5 | 0.0344 | | × | |
| 070458-96-7 | Norfloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 537681 | -0.31 | -0.3916 | | × | |
| 074011-58-8 | Enoxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 201098 | -0.21 | -0.5467 | | × | |
| 078110-38-0 | Aztreonam | others | 172450 | -3.36 | 0.4054 | | × | |
| 080214-83-1 | Roxithromycin | Macrolides | 348732 | 2.75 | -2.1892 | | × | |
| 082419-36-1 | Ofloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 174634 | -0.2 | -0.6388 | | × | |
| 098079-51-7 | Lomefloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 1238 | 0.31 | -1.2169 | | × | |
| 100986-85-4 | Levofloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 519092 | -0.2 | -0.6388 | | × | |
| 112811-59-3 | Gatifloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 25922 | 0.5 | -0.2864 | | × | |
| 127045-41-4 | Pazufloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 31016 | -0.13 | -0.2379 | | × | |
| 127294-70-6 | Balofloxacin | Fluoroquinolones | 1972 | 0.99 | -0.2931 | | × | |
| 000061-72-3 | Cloxacillin | β -Lactams | 2777 | 3.22 | 0.7213 | | | × |
| 006990-06-3 | Fusidic acid | others | 1164 | 6.75 | 0.5141 | | | × |
| 000061-33-6 | Benzylpenicillin | β -Lactams | 2115750 | 1.85 | 1.0802 | × | | |
| 000069-53-4 | Ampicillin | β -Lactams | 3268503 | 1.45 | 1.1722 | × | | |
| 000079-57-2 | Oxytetracycline | Sulfonamides | 6831824 | -2.87 | 0.7710 | × | | |
| 000154-21-2 | Lincomycin | Lincosamides | 1350475 | 0.29 | 0.8465 | × | | |
| 000738-70-5 | Trimethoprim | Trimethoprim | 1156363 | 0.73 | 0.5922 | × | | |
| 026787-78-0 | Amoxicillin | β -Lactams | 15844961 | 0.97 | 1.1523 | × | | |
| 038821-53-3 | Cefradine | Cephalosporins | 2266176 | 0.41 | 1.2280 | × | | |
| 063527-52-6 | Cefotaxime | Cephalosporins | 1759217 | 0.64 | 0.9641 | × | | |

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|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----|---|---|
| 069739-16-8 | Cefodizime | Cephalosporins | 1786466 | 0.71 | 0.9105 | × | | |
| 073384-59-5 | Ceftriaxone | Cephalosporins | 1381391 | -1.37 | 0.7428 | × | | |
| 000056-75-7 | Chloramphenicol | Amphenicols | 474923 | 0.92 | 0.5935 | | | |
| 000059-01-8 | Kanamycin | Aminoglycosides | 158811 | -6.70 | 0.8539 | | | |
| 000060-54-8 | Tetracycline | Tetracyclines | 880055 | -1.33 | 0.6199 | | | |
| 000066-79-5 | Oxacillin | β-Lactams | 16818 | 2.57 | 1.0483 | | | |
| 000080-35-3 | Sulfamethoxypyridazine | Sulfonamides | 16051 | 0.20 | 0.5123 | | | |
| 000087-08-1 | Phenoxymethylpenicillin | β-Lactams | 679165 | 1.87 | 1.1498 | | | |
| 000519-02-8 | Matrine | Others | 6659 | 1.71 | 0.6342 | | | |
| 000564-25-0 | Doxycycline | Tetracyclines | 260877 | -1.36 | 1.0172 | | | |
| 000914-00-1 | Metacycline | Tetracyclines | 6200 | -1.37 | 0.9635 | | | |
| 001404-90-6 | Vancomycin | Others | 25749 | -0.84 | 2.0137 | | | |
| 004697-36-3 | Carbenicillin | β-Lactams | 1641 | 1.19 | 1.1319 | | | |
| 005508-58-7 | Andrographolide | Others | 160320 | 1.90 | 0.8632 | | | |
| 015318-45-3 | Thiamphenicol | Amphenicols | 17990 | -0.33 | 0.8828 | | | |
| 015686-71-2 | Cefalexin | Cephalosporins | 270693 | 0.40 | 1.3571 | | | |
| 016837-52-8 | Ammothamnine | Others | 142926 | -1.35 | 0.8314 | | | |
| 018323-44-9 | Clindamycin | Lincosamides | 80050 | 2.01 | 0.5676 | | | |
| 021967-41-9 | Baicalin | Others | 187797 | 0.74 | 1.3669 | | | |
| 025953-19-9 | Cefazolin | Cephalosporins | 439144 | -2.19 | 1.0788 | | | |
| 026973-24-0 | Ceftazole | Cephalosporins | 204913 | -2.74 | 1.0308 | | | |
| 032986-56-4 | Tobramycin | Aminoglycosides | 6827 | -5.76 | 0.6983 | | | |
| 033075-00-2 | Cefathiamidine | Cephalosporins | 185897 | 0.86 | 1.1897 | | | |
| 034444-01-4 | Cefamandole | Cephalosporins | 91647 | -0.71 | 1.3072 | | | |
| 034787-01-4 | Ticarcillin | β-Lactams | 17668 | 1.01 | 1.0010 | | | |
| 035607-66-0 | Cefoxitin | Cephalosporins | 106774 | 0.22 | 0.6400 | | | |
| 037091-66-0 | Azlocillin | β-Lactams | 193733 | 1.71 | 0.8095 | | | |
| 037517-28-5 | Amikacin | Aminoglycosides | 351448 | -8.78 | 1.1746 | | | |
| 050370-12-2 | Cefadroxil | Cephalosporins | 161670 | -0.08 | 1.3372 | | | |
| 053994-73-3 | Cefaclor | Cephalosporins | 73302 | 0.35 | 1.2360 | | | |
| 055268-75-2 | Cefuroxime | Cephalosporins | 925752 | 0.29 | 1.1180 | | | |
| 056796-20-4 | Cefmetazole | Cephalosporins | 51606 | -0.94 | 0.7918 | | | |
| 058152-03-7 | Isepamicin | Aminoglycosides | 354 | -7.17 | 0.8396 | | | |
| 058569-36-1 | Sulbenicillin | β-Lactams | 18461 | 0.81 | 1.0958 | | | |
| 061270-58-4 | Cefonicid | Cephalosporins | 3695 | -3.93 | 1.3774 | | | |
| 061477-96-1 | Piperacillin | β-Lactams | 417065 | 1.83 | 1.1484 | | | |
| 061622-34-2 | Cefotiam | Cephalosporins | 135673 | -1.40 | 0.6060 | | | |
| 062893-19-0 | Cefoperazone | Cephalosporins | 688303 | -0.42 | 1.2591 | | | |
| 064544-07-6 | Cefuroxime axetil | Cephalosporins | 303584 | 0.11 | 1.3527 | | | |
| 065243-33-6 | Cefetamet pivoxil | Cephalosporins | 24651 | 1.86 | 0.8550 | | | |

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| 068373-14-8 | Sulbactam | β -Lactams | 370552 | 0.50 | 0.7354 | | | |
| 068401-81-0 | Ceftizoxime | Cephalosporins | 124882 | 0.55 | 0.8243 | | | |
| 070797-11-4 | Cefpiramide | Cephalosporins | 12497 | 0.30 | 1.2907 | | | |
| 072558-82-8 | Ceftazidime | Cephalosporins | 416731 | -1.36 | 0.6344 | | | |
| 079350-37-1 | Cefixime | Cephalosporins | 245004 | 0.12 | 0.8636 | | | |
| 080370-57-6 | Ceftiofur | Cephalosporins | 669 | 1.57 | 0.7575 | | | |
| 084305-41-9 | Cefminox | Cephalosporins | 321919 | -4.37 | 0.6884 | | | |
| 084957-29-9 | Cefpirome | Cephalosporins | 12714 | 2.67 | 0.8707 | | | |
| 088376-58-3 | Cefepime | Cephalosporins | 70257 | 0.20 | 0.7770 | | | |
| 089786-04-9 | Tazobactam | β -Lactams | 19369 | -1.72 | 0.7035 | | | |
| 091700-98-0 | Norvancomycin | Others | 391 | -1.31 | 2.0203 | | | |
| 091832-40-5 | Cefdinir | Cephalosporins | 20666 | 1.47 | 0.8185 | | | |
| 096036-03-2 | Meropenem | β -Lactams | 86658 | -1.25 | 1.3705 | | | |
| 120410-24-4 | Biapenem | β -Lactams | 360 | -2.97 | 1.0213 | | | |
| 756762-35-3 | Mezlocillin | β -Lactams | 484431 | 2.98 | 0.9073 | | | |
| 783258-71-9 | Houttuyfonate | Others | 39224 | -0.57 | 0.9964 | | | |

Table S2. Number of antibiotics in each therapeutic group

| Therapeutic group | Number of antibiotics | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Total | P, B or P&B | not P and not B |
| Aminoglycosides | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Amphenicols | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Cephalosporins | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| Fluoroquinolones | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Lincosamides | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Macrolides | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Others | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Sulfonamides | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Tetracyclines | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Trimethoprim | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| β -Lactams | 17 | 2 | 15 |
| SUM | 95 | 31 | 64 |

Table S3. Analytical conditions employed for targeted screening procedure

| HPLC-MS/MS analytical conditions | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Instrument | Shimadzu high performance liquid chromatograph (LC-30A) coupled with a TSQ mass spectrometer (LCMS-8030) | | | | |
| Column | Shim-pack XR-ODS C18, 2 mm × 75 mm, 2.2 μm | | | | |
| Mobile phase | Formic acid:H ₂ O/Acetonitrile gradient elution | | | | |
| Ionization mode | ESI negative/positive | | | | |
| MS mode | Precursor/product ion spectra, multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) | | | | |
| MS/MS parameters for target antibiotics | | | | | |
| Substances | Precursor ion (m/z) | Product ion (m/z) | Q1 Pre bias | CE (eV) | Q3 Pre Bias |
| Erythromycylamine | 368.35 | 83.15 115.2 | 18 | 24 | 16 |
| Ampicillin | 350.2 | 106.2 192.2 | 17 | 19 | 19 |
| Cefotaxime | 456.15 | 395.95 323.9 | 22 | 11 | 28 |
| Fusidic acid | 539.3 ^a | 479.4 | 28 | 19 | 24 |

^a It is the precursor ion of sodium fusidate as only this form is available for pharmaceutical use and analytical standards.

Table S4. Validation of method performance for determination of antibiotics in water samples with different spiked concentrations

| Pharmaceutical | Recovery (Mean±SD, %) at varied spiked levels | | | LOD, ng/L | LOQ, ng/L | MDL, ng/L |
|-------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 30 ng/L ^a | 80 ng/L | 150 ng/L | | | |
| Erythromycylamine | 61.9±11.4 | 70.4±3.40 | 60.4±10.7 | 0.05 | 0.16 | 0.13 |
| Ampicillin | 54.4±7.50 | 53.2±9.10 | 54.1±4.50 | 0.08 | 0.26 | 0.43 |
| Cefotaxime | 119±5.40 | 104±8.00 | 104±10.5 | 0.20 | 0.60 | 0.66 |
| Fusidic acid | 92.3±6.10 | 91.3±10.8 | 90.9±5.80 | 0.86 | 2.60 | 3.97 |

^a Spiked concentration

LOD, limit of detection; LOQ, limit of quantification; MDL, method detection limit

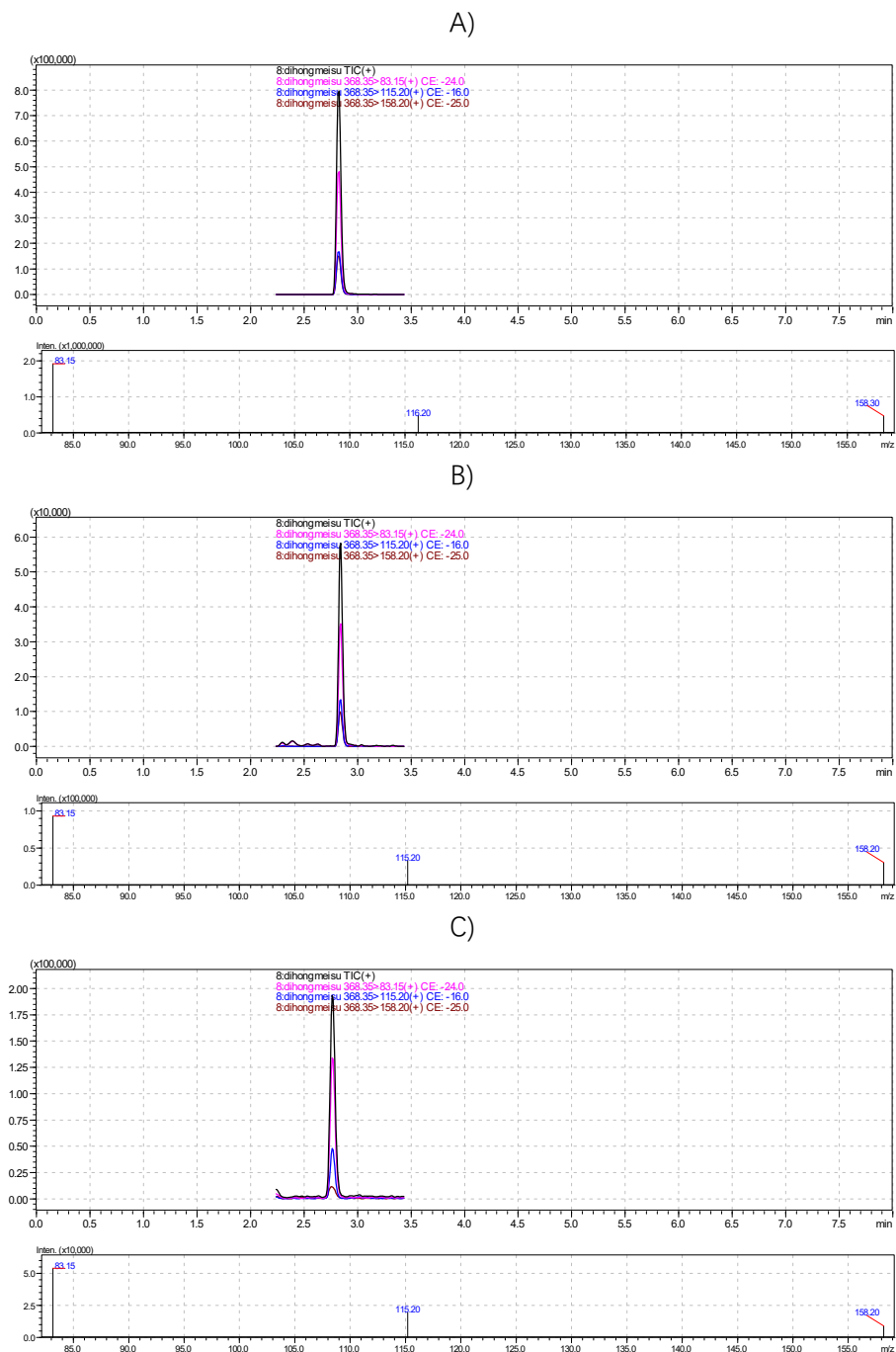


Figure S1. Chromatogram and mass spectra of erythromyclamine in: A) a standard solution; B) spikes samples; C) water from Qing River

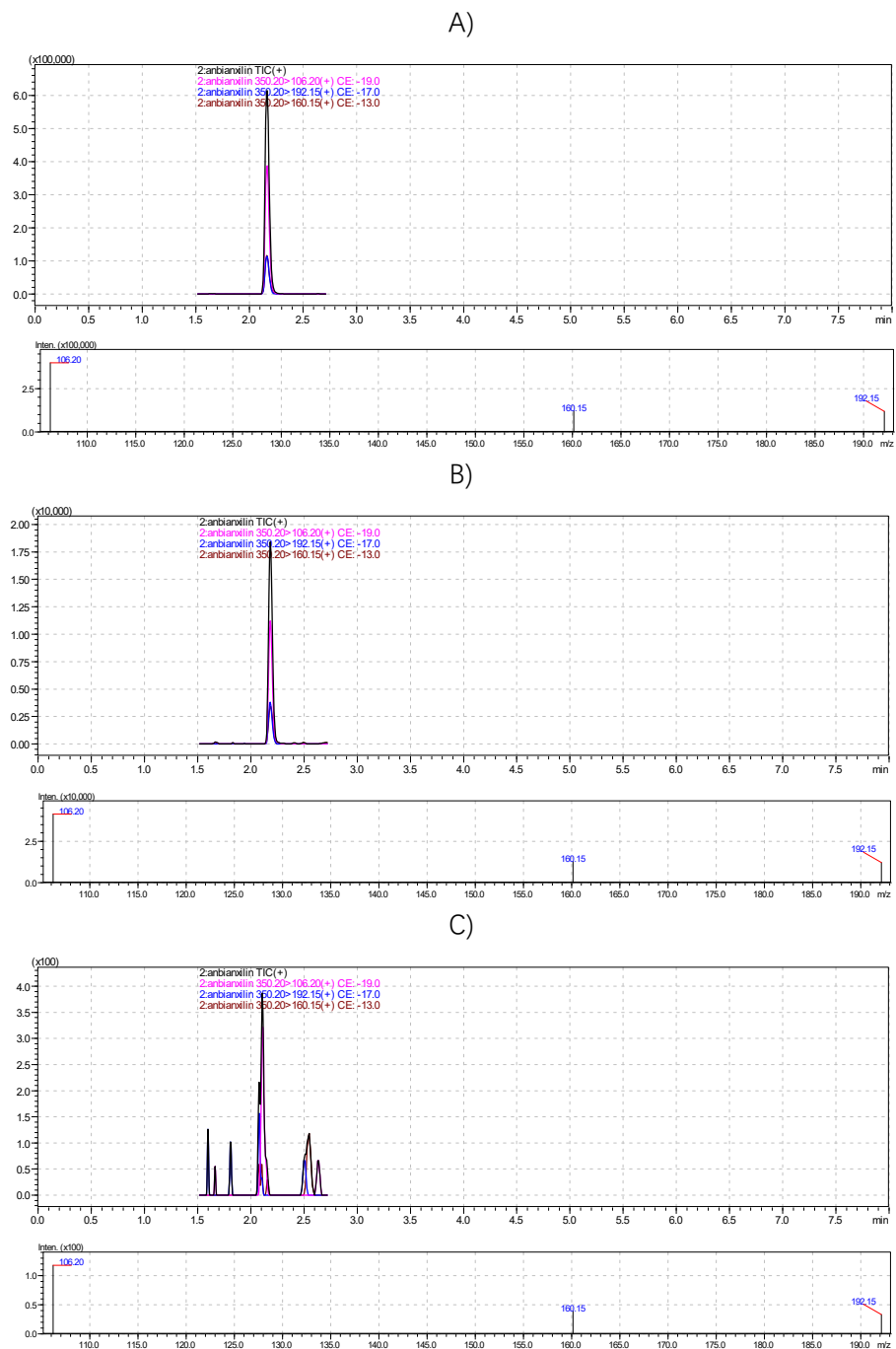


Figure S2. Chromatogram and mass spectra of ampicillin in: A) a standard solution; B) spikes samples; C) water from Qing River

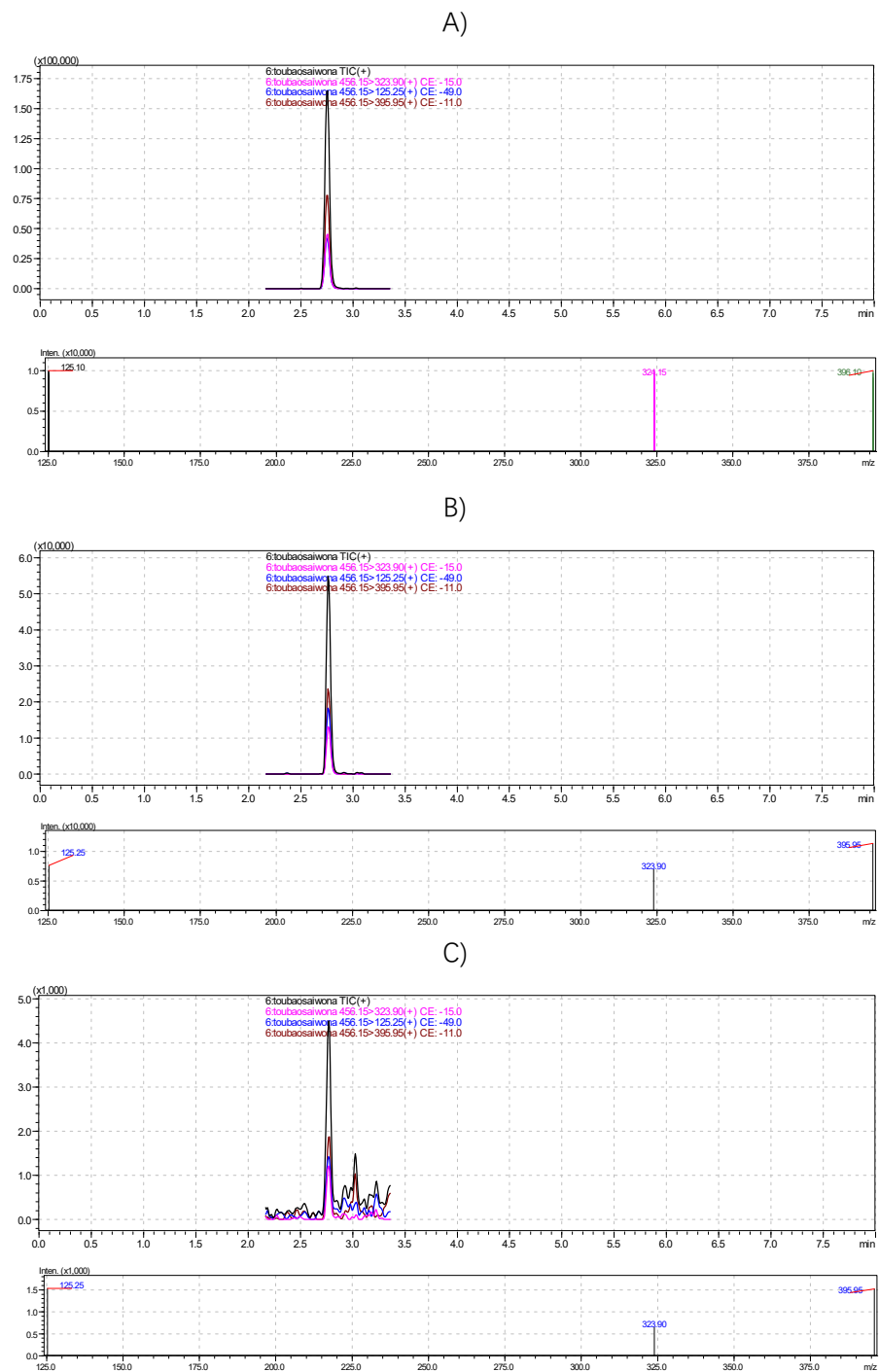


Figure S3. Chromatogram and mass spectra of cefotaxime in: A) a standard solution; B) spikes samples; C) water from Qing River