

## **Instructions on R analysis of ICP-MS data**

**About:** This document was originally made to support sample analysis and data analysis with the PerkinElmer NexION 300D ICP-MS in the Murphy lab in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the University of British Columbia. The methods and R scripts described within are available on Github and can be used more broadly for ICP-MS data analysis with other machines and in other lab settings.

*All data analysis scripts:* <https://github.com/Tomas-RS/ICPMS-data-analysis-scripts.git>  
*'ICPMSheavymetals' R package:* <https://github.com/Tomas-RS/ICPMSheavymetals.git>

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### **General ICP-MS data analysis protocol:**

1. Prepare samples
2. Analyze samples
3. Prepare data files (Sample\_run and Sample\_digest) for analysis
4. Set up Rstudio with data files and scripts
5. Run appropriate data analysis scripts
6. Copy Results files and back up all files on lab drive

\*This document describes steps 3, 4, 5, and 6. For steps 1 and 2, consult 'ICP-MS notes and protocols' Word document in Murphy lab server (ICPMS > ICP-MS notes and protocols) and consider the following notes to ensure the R scripts work correctly:

- Sample names should not contain any special characters (% , / , ! ) and should have underscores instead of spaces where possible (e.g. 'Fe\_media\_TRS1', not 'TRS media (Fe)')
- In the ICP-MS sample run, make sure all blanks are named "Blank", all standards for standard curves are named "\_\_ ppb metal standard" (e.g. '10 ppb metal standard' or '1 ppb metal standard'), and all standards used throughout to check for drift are named "\_\_ ppb standard" (e.g. '1 ppb standard'). The exact spelling (including upper/lower case) is important for the R script to recognise each of these types of samples. Often the 1 ppb standard solution will be used for both drift detection and standard curve construction, so take care to use the appropriate names ('1 ppb standard' vs '1 ppb metal standard') at different instances.
- Use last lines of script (clear console/environment/plots) at any stage to restart data analysis.

**Set up of data files (Sample\_run\_date and Sample\_digest\_date):**

1. ICP-MS data analysis on the PerkinElmer NexION 300D has a table of values as the main output (Report view window → Intensities tab). This should be exported as an Excel file, making sure 'Show RSDs' box is checked before clicking 'Export all'. Save the file with the name "Sample\_run\_date" (e.g. Sample\_run\_201211). Also copy this file to the Murphy lab server as raw data.

\*Figure 1 shows table in NexION software prior to exporting

2. The Sample\_run\_date file should be modified in the Intensities' worksheet accordingly:
  - A) Delete 'Daily performance check' rows along with any other rows that should not be included in the analysis (e.g. early blanks, tubes that the autosampler missed, samples with signals affected by high concentration of previous samples)
  - B) Add column titles 'Sequence\_position' and 'Sample\_name', and add underscores to metals (e.g. Fe 56 (cps) becomes Fe\_56).
  - C) Delete columns corresponding to acquisition time, dataset file, and method file.
  - D) Delete all other worksheets in the Excel file (keep only 'Intensities')
  - E) Save as a .csv file (Save as > CSV (Comma Delimited))

\*Figures 2 and 3 represent a before and after for preparing a 'Sample\_run\_date' file.

3. The "ICPMS\_sample\_digest\_date(yymmdd)\_date (R compatible)" file in the Murphy lab drive should be copied (do not overwrite file in lab drive) and then edited accordingly:
  - A) Enter sample digestion values using the provided 'Wet Ash' and 'Dry Ash' formulae - 'standard\_factor\_digestion', and 'Sample\_dilution\_factor' columns will autofill. Sample\_name must EXACTLY MATCH those entered in the NexION software during the ICP-MS run – if they do not match then modify them in either of the .csv documents prior to R analysis. Add details on right side of document (lab, name, dates) and save Excel file for record keeping.
  - B) Make a copy of this file and delete peripheral rows (wet/dry ash examples, instructions) and columns (lab/name/dates).
  - C) Save as a .csv file (Save as > CSV (Comma Delimited)) and rename to 'Sample\_digest\_date' (e.g. Sample\_digest\_201211).
  - D) Open .csv file and delete all columns except 'Sample\_name', 'standard\_factor\_digestion', and 'Sample\_dilution\_factor'. Save file.

\* Figures 4 and 5 represent a before and after for preparing a 'Sample\_digest\_date' file.

**Figure 1:** Screenshot of NexION 300D software output for ICP-MS data analysis:

Report View

Current SampleIntensitiesConcentrationsUnfactored ConcentrationsInternal Standards

☒ Show RSDs

		Acquisition Time	Be 9 (cps)	Bkgd 220 (cps)	Ce 140 (cps)	Ce++ 70 (cps)	CeO 156 (cps)	In 115 (cps)	Mg 24 (cps)	U 238 (cps)
1	Daily Performance Check	9/28/2020 11:46:20 AM	5065.7	0.1	28259.8	953.3	471.9	58184.0	29136.8	31560.4
	RSD		3.6%	136.9%	3.8%	8.8%	6.2%	2.5%	4.5%	2.3%
2	Daily Performance Check	9/28/2020 11:54:42 AM	4456.7	3.3E-2	23106.5	758.6	401.3	55695.8	25327.9	28532.0
	RSD		3.4%	223.6%	2.6%	8.7%	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%	1.6%

**Figure 2:** Before Step 2 of 'Set up of data files' (modification of Sample\_prep file)

Sample\_run\_190522 - Excel

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
			Acquisition Time	Dataset File	Method File	Be 9 (cps)	Bkgd 220 (cps)	Ce 140 (cps)	Ce + 70 (cps)	CeD 156 (cps)	In 115 (cps)	Mg 24 (cps)	U 238 (cps)		
1															
2	1	Daily Performance Check	5/22/2019 9:58:31 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	5980.4	0.1	48373.8	1301.1	991.9	65899.5	46820.9	45918.1		
3		RSD				5.2%	149.1%	0.8%	5.8%	2.2%	1.1%	6.5%	2.4%		
4															
5	2	Blank	5/22/2019 10:31:30 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	1020.0	740.0	20634.9	4980.9	179541.2	200.0				
6		RSD													
7	3	Blank	5/22/2019 10:35:23 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	618.7	318.3	11310.5	3669.1	143267.5	70.7				
8		RSD				3.7%	3.0%	3.0%	4.1%	1.2%	11.4%				
9	4	Blank	5/22/2019 10:39:05 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	784.4	342.7	19460.9	7192.8	187770.4	104.0				
10		RSD				3.7%	7.8%	0.5%	3.1%	1.1%	10.0%				
11	5	Blank	5/22/2019 10:42:48 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	778.7	366.7	16450.1	5867.9	171364.7	105.7				
12		RSD				5.4%	7.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.3%	10.1%				
13	6	Blank	5/22/2019 10:46:30 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	769.4	354.7	17003.4	5592.8	172073.2	99.7				
14		RSD				5.3%	1.3%	2.2%	4.7%	1.0%	20.3%				
15	7	Blank	5/22/2019 10:50:12 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	766.4	344.0	16727.8	5476.4	168780.6	96.7				
16		RSD				0.6%	2.0%	1.6%	0.5%	1.3%	26.5%				
17	8	Blank	5/22/2019 10:53:55 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	805.7	356.7	17038.5	5383.7	167612.0	96.7				
18		RSD				4.5%	1.3%	1.9%	2.1%	1.4%	11.1%				
19	9	0.1 ppb Sc	5/22/2019 10:57:37 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	2128.2	976.4	27817.1	6771.6	171720.6	320.3				
20		RSD				3.6%	4.7%	1.7%	5.8%	2.2%	5.2%				
21	10	1 ppb Sc	5/22/2019 11:01:18 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	5301.7	2396.9	22329.5	13574.1	163157.2	667.3				
22		RSD				0.2%	2.8%	3.6%	2.0%	3.6%	0.4%				
23	11	5 ppb Sc	5/22/2019 11:05:00 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	14008.9	6596.9	40697.9	49473.5	166190.8	1822.4				
24		RSD				1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.5%	1.7%				
25	12	10 ppb Sc	5/22/2019 11:08:41 AM	C:\Nex\ONData	C:\Nex\ONData	26441.8	12205.2	67055.4	94728.4	171572.6	2862.0				

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**Figure 3:** After Step 2 of 'Set up of data files' (modification of Sample\_prep file)

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**Figure 4:** Before Step 3 of 'Set up of data files' (modification of Sample digest file)

ICPMS\_sample\_digest\_date(yymmdd)\_date (R compatible) - Excel

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
	Sample_name	Metal(s) of interest	Mass of vial + lid (g)	Mass of Teflon vial + lid + sample (g)	Mass of falcon tube (g)	WET ASH ONLY Mass of falcon tube + post-digest sample (g)	Mass of falcon tube + post-digest sample + diluent (g)	Mass of pre-digest sample (g)	Mass of post-digest sample (g)	Volume for analysis (g)	Diluent added (g)	standard_factor_dig estion	Sample_d ilution_fa ctor				
1	Example for <b>wet ash</b> . (delete this row)	Cu Fe Mn Zn Co	34.138	34.168	6.291	7.35	11.4389	0.0297	1.059	5.1479	4.0889	0.79428505	0.00578934				
2	Example for <b>dry ash</b> . (delete this row)	Cu Fe Mn Zn Co	34.138	34.168	6.291		11.4389	0.0297		5.1479		1	0.00578934				
3	Enter samples here (formula currently set to 'wet ash')							0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
4								0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
5								0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
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8								0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
9								0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
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23								0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!				
24	Fill in the above columns					The above columns will fill automatically											
25	Instructions to person preparing this document:					Note on Wet Ash vs Dry Ash: A wet ash digestion requires measurement of the post-digest sample (column F) to account for the mass of the acid remaining before dilution - this is important in calculating the Sc_factor_digestion (how much the 20 ppb Sc is diluted in the sample for analysis). In a dry ash, 'Sc_factor_digestion' should be put down as 1 and columns F, I and K should be left blank as acid is evaporated off and hence the entire volume for analysis is made up of diluent (containing 20 ppb Sc).											
26	For Sample_name please do not include any special characters or symbols, and use underscores instead of spaces. Fill in the columns highlighted in blue and the remaining columns will auto-fill. Fill in lab and name on																
27	Instructions to ICP-MS users and for data analysis:																
28	analysis: Ensure that Sample_name is copied exactly as is into ICP-MS sample sequence list and in the exact same order. Make sure no special characters have been included aside from underscores (_). Use 'Save as' to make a .csv																
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**Figure 5:** After Step 3 of 'Set up of data files' (modification of Sample digest file)

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### **Set up of R studio for analysis:**

1. Download the newest versions of R (<https://www.r-project.org/>) and R studio (<https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download>).
2. Create a folder on your computer's desktop named "R working directory ICPMS" and copy the data files (Sample\_prep.csv and Sample\_run.csv) and relevant R scripts into this folder.
3. Open the relevant R script and modify the following sections in the script:
  - A) Change line 15 of the script by modifying the working directory to match that of the 'R working directory ICPMS' folder on your computer. Examples below:  
`#Set working directory - change user name and file path as required`  
`setwd("C:/Users/tomas/Desktop/R working directory ICPMS")` → Tom's laptop  
`setwd("C:/Users/mikehata/Desktop/R working directory ICPMS")` → ICP-MS computer
  - B) Change lines 34-35 of the script by modifying the Sample\_run and Sample\_digest file names to match those given. Examples below:  
`#Read as csv (read.csv) or excel file (read_excel from readxl package)`  
`Intensities <- read.csv("Sample_run_test.csv")`  
`Sample_prep <- read.csv("Sample_digest_test.csv")` → default in script  
`Intensities <- read.csv("Sample_run_201211.csv")`  
`Sample_prep <- read.csv("Sample_digest_201211.csv")` → files from Dec 12, 2020
  - C) Change lines 111-116 and 134-138 by modifying the standard curve sample concentrations to match those used in the ICP-MS run. Examples below:  
`#Group (under Iron_standard curve) then rename all standard curve samples and convert to numeric`  
`Iron_standardcurve <- filter(Iron_analysis, Sample_name == "0.1 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "1 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "5 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "10 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "50 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "100 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "200 ppb metal standard")` → default in script  
`Iron_standardcurve <- filter(Iron_analysis, Sample_name == "0.09 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "1.22 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "4.99 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "10.05 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "50.10 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "101.38 ppb metal standard"`  
`| Sample_name == "200.95 ppb metal standard")` → modified
4. Run R script by highlighting lines 1-181 (until ####END DATA ANALYSIS####) and then hitting Ctrl+Enter. This runs the highlighted script with output in the console, and data frames and plots appearing on the right side of the Rstudio window. Look in newly generated 'Results' folder in R working directory for the results of the analysis (Desktop > R working directory ICPMS > Results).

**Figure 6:** Sections to edit in script from steps 3A (working directory) and 3B (file names)

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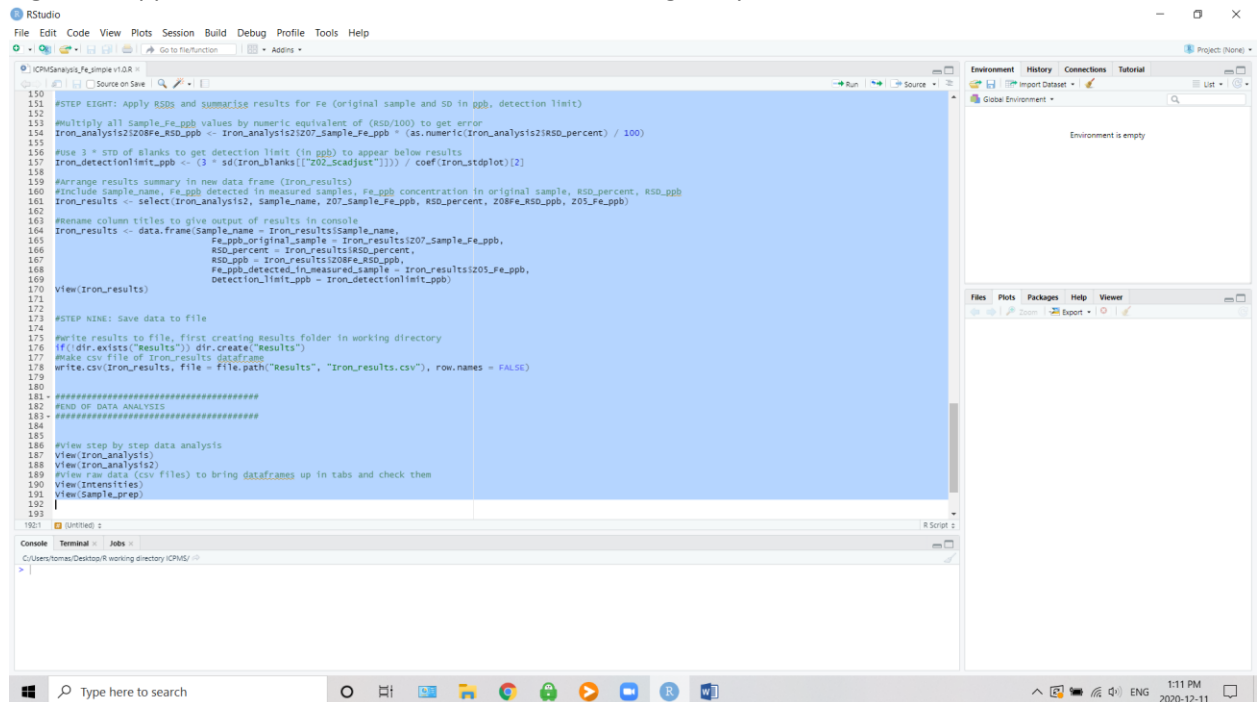
1 #Simple script for ICP-MS data analysis of iron (single metal, no drift adjust)
2 #Latest version of RStudio recommended
3
4 #R SET UP
5
6 #Install then load tidyverse (contains all packages needed such as dplyr and ggplot2) and basicTrendline
7 #Make sure these are loaded each time this is used
8 if(!require("tidyverse")) install.packages("tidyverse")
9 library(tidyverse)
10 if(!require("basicTrendline")) install.packages("basicTrendline")
11 library(basicTrendline)
12
13 #Set working directory - change user name and file path as required
14 setwd("C:/Users/tomas/Desktop/R working directory ICPMS")
15
16 #PREPARING EXCEL DOCUMENTS
17
18 #Sample_prep csv file must be prepared to ensure that each 'Sample_name' exactly matches those in the ICPMS sequence
19 #Prepare Sample_run csv files by adding:
20 #...Sequence.position and Sequence.name column titles, underscores to metals (Fe 56 becomes Fe_56),
21 #...and removing columns for acquisition time, dataset file and method file
22 #...and deleting all worksheets except 'Intensities' (has both Intensities and RSDs)
23 #Save this worksheet as a .csv file (Sample_run_XYZ)
24 #Files must be in same folder as working directory/project/script
25
26 #STEP ONE: Load relevant .csv files into RStudio
27
28 #Change file names and sample names (standards e.g. "1 ppb standard" or "10 ppb metal standard") in script below as required
29 #Create data frames for both .csv files (Sample_run_XYZ, Sample_digest_XYZ)
30
31 #Read as csv (read.csv) or Excel file (read_excel from readxl package)
32 Intensities <- read.csv("Sample_run_test.csv")
33 Sample_prep <- read.csv("Sample_digest_test.csv")
34
35 #STEP TWO: Rearrange 'Intensities' data frame to move RSD values from separate rows to new column
36 #Can always skip STEP TWO if this has already been done manually in Excel
37
38 #Retrieve sequences positions without 'NA's in new data frame (seq_pos)
39 seq_pos <- Intensities$Sequence_position
40 seq_pos <- seq_pos[!is.na(seq_pos)]
41
42 (Untitled)
  
```

**Figure 7:** Sections to edit in script from step 3C (standard concentrations)

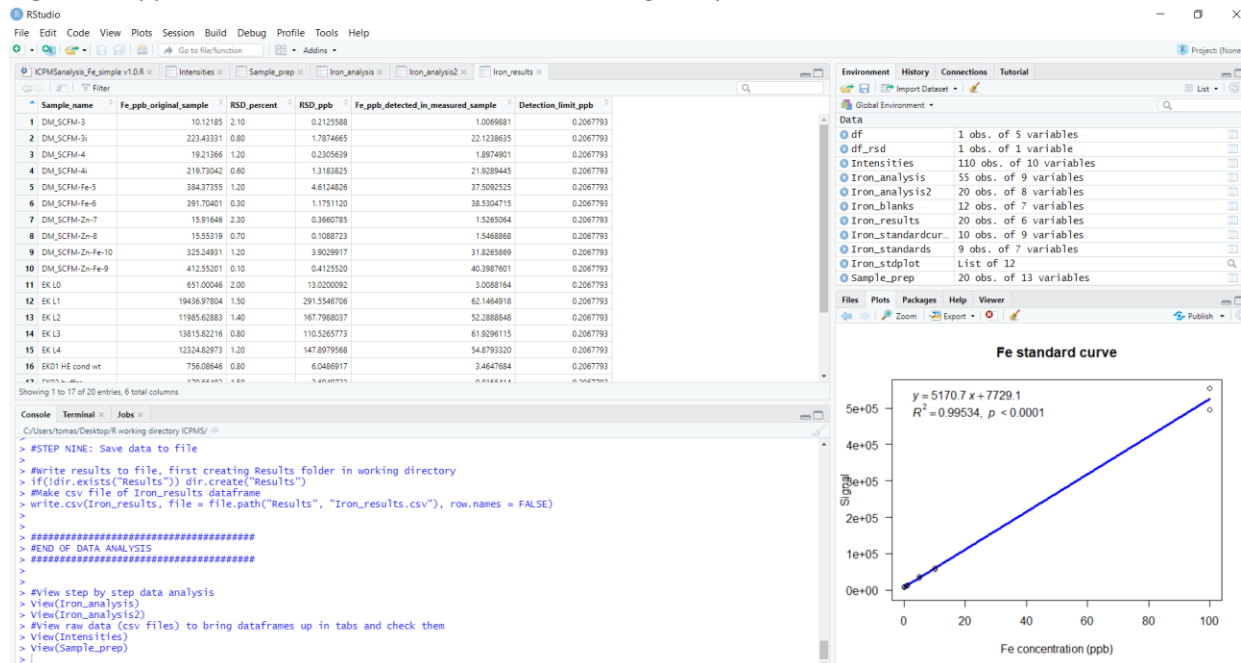
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107
108
109 #STEP SIX: Plot Fe standard curve and use gradient to convert all sample Fe signals from cps to ppb
110
111 #Group (under Iron_standard_curve) then rename all standard curve samples and convert to numeric
112 Iron_standardcurve <- filter(Iron_analysis, Sample_name == "0.1 ppb metal standard"
113 | Sample_name == "1 ppb metal standard" | Sample_name == "5 ppb metal standard"
114 | Sample_name == "10 ppb metal standard" | Sample_name == "50 ppb metal standard"
115 | Sample_name == "100 ppb metal standard" | Sample_name == "200 ppb metal standard")
116 Iron_stdconcharacters <- gsub(" ppb metal standard", "", Iron_standardcurve$Sample_name)
117 Iron_standardcurve$concentration <- as.numeric(Iron_stdconcharacters)
118 #Plot trendline and use gradient to convert signal to ppb for all samples
119 trendline(Iron_standardcurve$concentration, Iron_standardcurve$I204_Fe_blankadjust, model = "line2p",
120 pvalue.corrected = TRUE, linecolor = "blue", lty = 1, lwd = 3,
121 show.equation = TRUE, show.Rpvalue = TRUE, Rname = 1, Pname = 0, xname = "x", yname = "y",
122 yhat = FALSE, summary = TRUE, text.col = "black", main = "Fe standard curve",
123 xlab = "Fe concentration (ppb)", ylab = "Signal", CI.fill = FALSE, CI.lty = "blank")
124 Iron_stdplot <- lm(Iron_standardcurve$I204_Fe_blankadjust ~ Iron_standardcurve$concentration)
125 #This gives new column (Z05_Fe_ppb) in Iron_analysis
126 Iron_analysis$Z05_Fe_ppb <- Iron_analysis$I204_Fe_blankadjust / coef(Iron_stdplot)[2]
127
128 #STEP SEVEN: Calculate Fe concentration in original samples by accounting for dilution during sample prep/digestion
129
130 #Make Iron_analysis2 dataframe as subset of Iron_analysis dataframe, matching number of rows to Sample_prep.csv
131 Iron_analysis2 <- Iron_analysis %>%
132 filter(Sample_name != "0.1 ppb metal standard" & Sample_name != "1 ppb metal standard"
133 & Sample_name != "5 ppb metal standard" & Sample_name != "10 ppb metal standard"
134 & Sample_name != "50 ppb metal standard" & Sample_name != "100 ppb metal standard"
135 & Sample_name != "200 ppb metal standard"
136 & Sample_name != "Blank" & Sample_name != "1 ppb standard") %>%
137 select(Sample_name, Z05_Fe_ppb, RSD.percent)
138
139 #Merge Sample_prep.csv data into Iron_analysis2, match rows by Sample_name
140 Iron_analysis2 <- merge(Iron_analysis2,
141 Sample_prep[,c("Sample_name", "standard_factor_digestion", "Sample_dilution_factor")],
142 by = "Sample_name")
143
144 #Wetashcorrect (column Z06) - Adjust metal concentration for standard dilution during Wet Ash digestion (Dry Ash = 1X)
145 Iron_analysis2$Z06_wetashcorrect <- Iron_analysis2$Z05_Fe_ppb / Iron_analysis2$standard_factor_digestion
146 #Sample_Fe_ppb (column Z07) - Adjust sample Fe values by dilution factor from digestion and sample prep
147 Iron_analysis2$Z07_Sample_Fe_ppb <- Iron_analysis2$Z06_wetashcorrect / Iron_analysis2$Sample_dilution_factor
148
149 (Untitled)
  
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**Figure 8:** Appearance of Rstudio window before running analysis



**Figure 9:** Appearance of Rstudio window after running analysis





## List of R scripts

### Murphy lab scripts:

R data...	Murphy lab scripts	↕	↺	🔍	Search
Name					
🔍	ICPMS data analysis script_AllMetals_driftadjust_v1.0				
🔍	ICPMS data analysis script_AllMetals_v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Fe_simple (drift adjust) v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Fe_simple v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Zn_simple (drift adjust) v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Zn_simple v1.0				
📄	Sample_digest_test				
📄	Sample_run_test				

### Heavy Metals scripts:

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Name					
🔍	ICPMS data analysis script_HeavyMetals_Inadjust (Cd) (version 1.0)				
🔍	ICPMS data analysis script_HeavyMetals_Iradjust (Pb and Hg) (version 1.0)				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Cd_simple (drift adjust) v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Cd_simple v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Hg_simple (drift adjust) v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Hg_simple v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Pb_simple (drift adjust) v1.0				
🔍	ICPMSanalysis_Pb_simple v1.0				
📄	Sample_run_HeavyMetalstest_modified				

\*Simple scripts are recommended if edits need to be made or if only a few metals are being analyzed.

\*Complex scripts are recommended when many metals are being analyzed at once.

### *Murphy lab...*

**ICPMSanalysis\_Fe\_simple:** Simple script for analyzing iron concentration in samples

**ICPMSanalysis\_Fe\_simple (drift adjust):** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

**ICPMSanalysis\_Zn\_simple:** Simple script for analyzing zinc concentration in samples

**ICPMSanalysis\_Zn\_simple (drift adjust):** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

**ICPMS data analysis script\_AllMetals:** More complex script for analyzing many metals at once. Currently set to use Sc\_45 as internal standard so will have to edit script if other internal standard is used.

**ICPMS data analysis script\_AllMetals\_driftadjust:** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

### *Heavy Metals project...*

**ICPMSanalysis\_Cd\_simple:** Simple script for analyzing cadmium concentration in samples

**ICPMSanalysis\_Cd\_simple (drift adjust):** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

**ICPMSanalysis\_Hg\_simple:** Simple script for analyzing mercury concentration in samples

**ICPMSanalysis\_Hg\_simple (drift adjust):** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

**ICPMSanalysis\_Pb\_simple:** Simple script for analyzing lead concentration in samples

**ICPMSanalysis\_Pb\_simple (drift adjust):** same as above but with drift adjustment applied

**ICPMS data analysis script\_HeavyMetals\_Inadjust (Cd):** Complex script to analyze cadmium concentrations in sample using indium internal standard. It is recommended to use ICPMSanalysis\_Cd\_simple script instead.

**ICPMS data analysis script\_HeavyMetals\_Iradjust (Pb and Hg):** Complex script to analyze lead and mercury concentrations in sample using iridium internal standard. It is recommended to use ICPMSanalysis\_Pb\_simple and ICPMSanalysis\_Hg\_simple scripts instead.

\*HEAVY METALS NOTE: Scripts for Heavy Metals project have already been modified to remove the need for the Sample\_digest file and instead apply a 1/50 dilution factor directly. These scripts only require the Sample\_run file to be prepared according to above instructions.



## **R package and Github repositories**

Github repository 1: ICPMS data analysis scripts

<https://github.com/Tomas-RS/ICPMS-data-analysis-scripts.git>

This repository supplements the information in this document, containing files for all of the described R scripts, and supplementary .csv files for testing. The R scripts all contain annotation to explain each step of the data analysis method. Files are available for download from the repository.

Github repository 2: ICPMSheavymetals R package

<https://github.com/Tomas-RS/ICPMSheavymetals.git>

This repository contains an R package that was developed to facilitate ICP-MS data analysis using R. This was specifically made for the Heavy Metals Project collaboration with CBR at UBC. R scripts contained in Github repository 1 (ICPMS data analysis scripts) were adapted into functions and made into an R package that can be installed directly from github into R studio. Each data analysis process is split into three separate functions which must be called one at a time.

For example, the functions to use if analyzing cadmium concentration without drift adjustment:

**setup\_all1** – This first function takes the ICP-MS raw results (.csv file) and arranges the relevant data into a data frame named ‘Intensities’. Input into the function is a .csv file name (e.g. “Sample\_run\_test”).

**setup\_cadmium2** – This second function takes the ‘Intensities’ data frame and rearranges the data for just the cadmium results, giving the ‘Cadmium\_analysis’ data frame. Alternatively, there are other functions (**setup\_lead2** and **setup\_mercury2**) available when other metals are being analyzed. Input into the functions are “Cd\_111”, “Pb\_208”, or “Hg\_202”, along with ‘Intensities’ to use the data frame generated by the first function.

**analyse\_cadmium3** – This last function takes the ‘Cadmium\_analysis’ data frame and carries out the remainder of the data analysis using the In\_115 internal standard, including plotting baseline drift (but not adjusting accordingly), subtracting blank values, plotting a standard curve, converting cps to ppb, then adjusting for dilution factor (1/50) to give the cadmium concentration in the original blood sample. If you want to adjust according to baseline drift, instead use the **analyse\_cadmium\_withdrift3** function. Similar functions exist for lead (**analyse\_lead3**, **analyse\_lead\_withdrift3**) and mercury (**analyse\_mercury3**, **analyse\_mercury\_withdrift3**) which use the Ir\_193 internal standard. Inputs into the functions include ‘Cadmium\_analysis’, ‘Mercury\_analysis’, or ‘Lead\_analysis’ to use the data frame generated by the second function, followed by the standard that was used to monitor baseline drift (e.g. “1 ppb standard”), then the standards used for a standard curve (e.g. “10 ppb metal standard”).

For example, run this script in R to determine lead concentration with drift adjustment:

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setup_all1("Sample_run_HeavyMetalstest_modified.csv")
setup_lead2("Pb_208", Intensities)
analyse_lead_withdrift3(Lead_analysis, "1 ppb standard", "0.0004 ppb metal standard", "0.002 ppb metal standard", "0.02 ppb metal standard", "0.1 ppb metal standard", "0.5 ppb metal standard", "1 ppb metal standard", "5 ppb metal standard", "10 ppb metal standard")
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To install this package directly in R studio, run the following code:

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("Tomas-RS/ICPMSheavymetals")
library(ICPMSheavymetals)
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