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## Abstract

The protocol summarises the procedures used for analytical control. The protocol describes the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the optimization of advanced tertiary treatment of water, based on a comprehensive quality and risk assessment.

## Guidelines


Directive 2008/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy.

Materials

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parameter	V (mL) x R	S	Processing	Analytical method	Result	LOD / LOQ	Goal value
Metals	50 x 2	On ice	Acidification (0.15M HNO3)	ICPM-MS	Metals quantity (parts per billion (ppb) / parts per trillion (ppt))	Limit of Detection Al – 0.1 ppb V – 0.01 ppb Cr – 0.001 ppb Mn – 0.01 ppb Fe – 0.05 ppb Co – 0.001 ppb Ni – 0.01 ppb Cu – 0.01 ppb Zn – 0.05 ppb Th – 0.01 ppt Cd – 0.0005 ppb Csi – 0.005 ppb Ba – 0.01 ppb Pb – 0.005 ppb As – 0.01 ppb Sn – 1.0 ppt Sb – 1.0 ppt Pt – 0.1 ppt Tl – 0.01 ppt Bi – 0.01 ppt U – 0.01 ppt Ag – 0.01 ppt Hg – 0.01 ppt La – 0.01 ppt Ce – 0.01 ppt Pr – 0.001 ppt Nd – 0.01 ppt Sm – 0.005 ppt Eu – 0.005 ppt Gd – 0.01 ppt Tb – 0.005 ppt Dy – 0.005 ppt Ho – 0.005 ppt Er – 0.005 ppt Tm – 0.005 ppt Yb – 0.005 ppt Lu – 0.005 ppt	

**Material:** Metal-free centrifuge tubes

Safety warnings

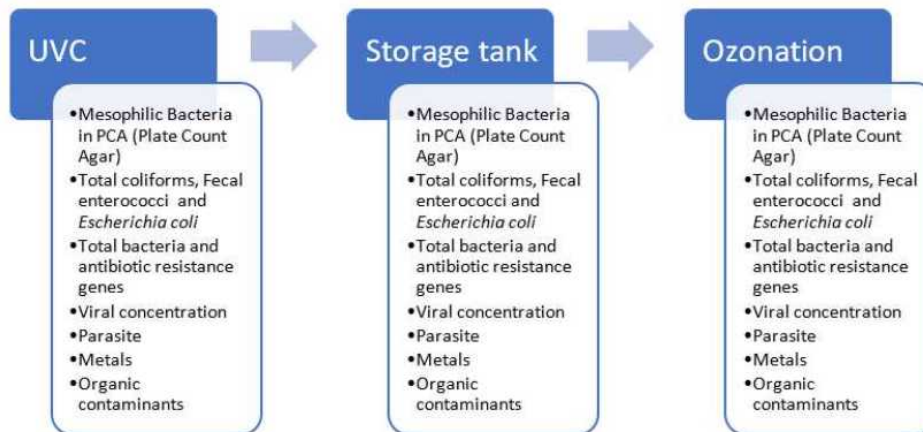
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## Metals

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- 1 The water production for AWARE main activities includes three stages – disinfection by ultraviolet C radiation (UVC), storage for ⌚ 12:00:00 - ⌚ 24:00:00 (according to water load and season) and ozonation. The water quality is monitored at these three stages, for the parameters indicated in Figure 1 below.

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**Figure 1.** Treatment and storage of municipal treated wastewater used for integrated aquaponics and an indication of the comprehensive quality and risk assessment.

### 1.1 Sampling, Processing, and Analyses

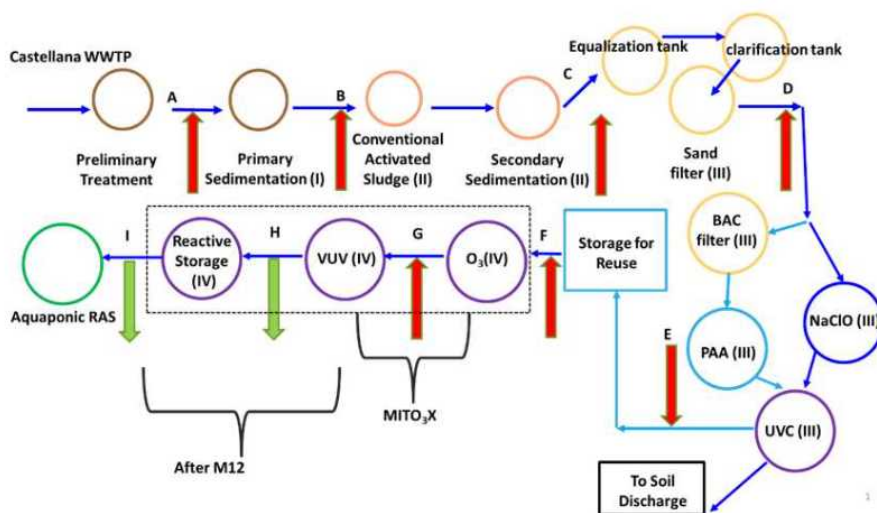
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Water samples are collected (see Figure 2) and processed within a ⌚ 06:00:00 interval, before being shipped for the partner responsible for the analyses (Table 1). In case no processing is needed, samples are frozen and stored at 🌡️ -80 °C within ⌚ 03:00:00 .

For each sampling event, the date, day of the week and hour; the temperature and rain. Sampling points, indicated in Figure 2 were designated from A to I:

- Influent of primary treatment (A)
- Influent of biological treatment (activated sludge) (B)
- Treated secondary effluent (C)
- Sand filter effluent (D)
- UVC effluent (E)
- Storage for reuse tank effluent (F)
- Ozonation effluent (1 dose, e.g., 🧪 5 mg O<sub>3</sub>) - MITO3X technology - (G)

- Effluent of the vacuum UV oxidation (VUV) (H)
- Effluent of reactive storage / Influent of the recirculation aquaculture system (RAS) (I)



**Figure 2.** Diagram representing the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), advanced treatment and sampling points.


**Methods:** The section below summarises the procedures used for analytical control – detailed protocols are annexed to this protocol.

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## 2 Metals:

**Analysis:** Detection and quantification of metals

**Method:** Acidified water samples were analyzed for several metals (e.g. Al, Cu, Ni, Co, Pb, Zn, Cd, Pt, Sb, Sn, U, As, Ag, Hg, REEs) by means of ICP-MS (7900 Agilent) using matrix-matched external calibration.

**Observations:** Samples were filtered/centrifuged within  12:00:00 after collection, and then acidified to 0.15M HNO<sub>3</sub>.

### Parameters framed by Legal and Regulatory Requirements:

### 3 Using the EU Drinking Water Directive:

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