

## Multi-Element Simultaneous Determination of Nutrients as well as Hazardous Elements in Brown Rice by ICPE-9000

Analysis of inorganic substances in plants might focus on micro-level hazardous metals besides the nutrients as analysis samples. The advantage of using an ICP emission spectrometer for such analyses is that both micro-levels and high-levels of substances can be measured simultaneously.

This Application News introduces an analysis of a brown rice sample using the Shimadzu ICPE-9000 multitype ICP emission spectrometer, in which digestion of the sample into a solution was conducted using a microwave digester.

### ■ Sample

Powdered brown rice standard substances  
NIES No.10-a, -b, -c

### ■ Analytical Conditions

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Instrument            | : ICPE-9000       |
| Radio Frequency Power | : 1.2 (kW)        |
| Plasma Gas            | : 10 (L/min)      |
| Auxiliary Gas         | : 0.6 (L/min)     |
| Carrier Gas           | : 0.7 (L/min)     |
| Misting Chamber       | : Cyclone Chamber |
| Plasma torch          | : Mini Torch      |
| View method           | : Axial/Radial    |

### ■ Sample Preparation

Add nitric acid and hydrochloric acid to 0.4 g of sample, and digest the sample using a microwave sample digester. After cooling, bring the solution volume to 20 mL using distilled water, and use this as the analysis sample.

### ■ Analysis Results

Table 1 shows the quantitation values and certified values.

The obtained results matched the certified values closely for most of the elements.

There are 3 levels of Cd contamination in the brown rice standard substances used as analysis samples, but excellent results were obtained even with the trace-level sample.

Fig. 2 and 3 show the spectral profile and calibration curve, respectively, for Cd.



Fig.1 ICPE-9000

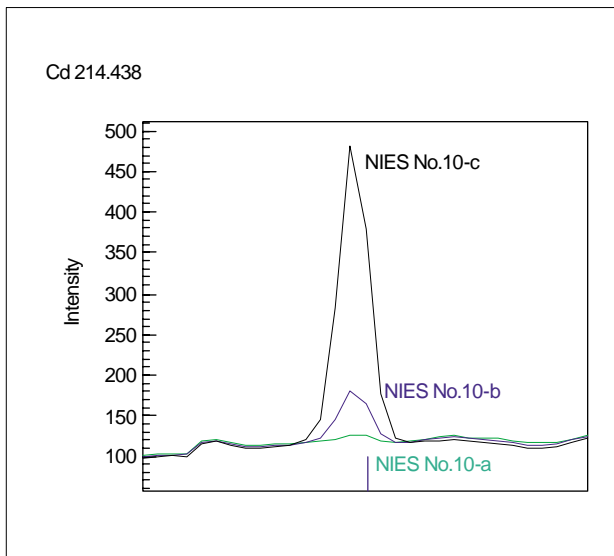


Fig. 2 Profile of Cd

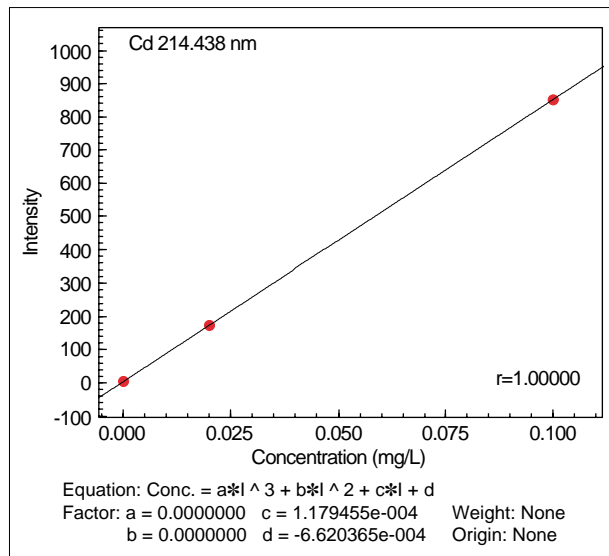


Fig. 3 Calibration Curve for Cd

Table 1 Quantitation Results

(Unit:  $\mu\text{g/g}$ )

| Element | NIES No.10-a      |                   | NIES No.10-b      |                 | NIES No.10-c      |                 |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|         | Quantiation Value | Certified Value   | Quantiation Value | Certified Value | Quantiation Value | Certified Value |
| Al      | 2.9               | ( 3 )             | 2.0               | ( 2 )           | 1.8               | ( 1.5 )         |
| Ca      | 95                | 93 $\pm$ 3        | 77                | 78 $\pm$ 3      | 94                | 95 $\pm$ 2      |
| Cd      | 0.02              | 0.023 $\pm$ 0.003 | 0.30              | 0.32 $\pm$ 0.02 | 1.80              | 1.82 $\pm$ 0.06 |
| Cu      | 3.4               | 3.5 $\pm$ 0.3     | 3.2               | 3.3 $\pm$ 0.2   | 4.2               | 4.1 $\pm$ 0.3   |
| Cr      | 0.07              | ( 0.07 )          | 0.19              | ( 0.22 )        | 0.09              | ( 0.08 )        |
| Fe      | 12.1              | 12.7 $\pm$ 0.7    | 12.6              | 13.4 $\pm$ 0.9  | 10.7              | 11.4 $\pm$ 0.8  |
| K       | 2770              | 2800 $\pm$ 80     | 2550              | 2450 $\pm$ 100  | 2760              | 2750 $\pm$ 100  |
| Mn      | 33.4              | 34.7 $\pm$ 1.8    | 30.5              | 31.5 $\pm$ 1.6  | 38.5              | 40.1 $\pm$ 2.0  |
| Mo      | 0.34              | 0.35 $\pm$ 0.05   | 0.44              | 0.42 $\pm$ 0.05 | 1.55              | 1.6 $\pm$ 0.1   |
| P       | 3440              | 3400 $\pm$ 70     | 3130              | 3150 $\pm$ 60   | 3330              | 3350 $\pm$ 80   |
| Zn      | 24.6              | 25.2 $\pm$ 0.8    | 22.8              | 22.3 $\pm$ 0.9  | 22.6              | 23.1 $\pm$ 0.8  |

\* Numbers in parentheses are reference values

## NOTES:

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