











Figure 7: Calibration line fit plots for (a) MO (b) EBT (c) CR

Table 1: Analytical figures of merit of the determination of dyes by CPE-Spectrophotometry

Parameter	MO	EBT	CR
$\lambda_{max}$ (nm)	434	536	506
Regression equation with CPE procedure	$y = 0.3417x - 0.00589$	$y = 0.1204x -$	$y = 1.4136x - 0.0333$
Standard error for regression line (sy/x)	0.006774	0.00202	0.020037
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9977	0.9988	0.9987
Coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ )	99.54%	99.76%	99.75%
C.L. for the slope ( $b \pm tsb$ ) at 95%	$0.3417 \pm 0.0207$	$0.1204 \pm 0.00445$	$1.4136 \pm 0.0631$
C.L. for the intercept ( $a \pm tsa$ ) at 95%	$-0.0059 \pm 0.0135$	$0.0007 \pm 0.00263$	$-0.0333 \pm 0.0301$
Concentration range ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	0.2-1.2	0.05-1.00	0.05 - 0.90
Limit of Detection ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	0.059	0.040	0.042
Limit of Quantitation ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	0.198	0.167	0.140
Sandell's sensitivity ( $\text{mg cm}^{-2}/0.001\text{A.U}$ )	0.0029	0.0083	0.00071
Molar absorptivity ( $\text{L.mol}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$1.12 \times 10^5$	$5.29 \times 10^4$	$9.85 \times 10^5$
RSD% (n=3) at $0.3 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	1.67%	0.81%	0.52
Preconcentration factor	33.0	50.0	33.0
Enrichment factor	36.7	75.8	19.9

### 3.8 Precision and Accuracy

For the purpose of evaluating the proposed method in terms of the presence of systematic and random errors or not, samples of drinking water were collected from the campus and river water from Diyala river. The river water samples were filtered immediately to avoid any suspended materials which certainly affect the determination. Each sample was spiked with 0.2, 0.4 and 0.6  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of each analyte and subjected to the general CPE procedure for three replicate

measurements. The results were summed up in the Table 2. The results revealed that there are no highly significant determinate errors, indicating no contribution of other constituents present in the selected water samples affect the determination of dyes by using the proposed method. Also, the suggested method has shown an acceptable precision in term of repeatability (RSD %), through the analysis of three replicate for each sample which ranged between 0.47 and 6.83% as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Representative recovery percentages and precision for analysis of M.O, E.B.T and C.R in tap and river water by the proposed CPE-Spectrophotometry.

Analyte	Sample	Amount added $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	Amount found $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	Rec (%)	Mean Rec $\pm t(\alpha_{0.05})s/\sqrt{n}$	$E_{rel}$ (%)	RSD (%) (n=3)
M.O	Tap water	0.2	0.196	98.0	$99.1 \pm 3.508$	-2.0	2.94
		0.4	0.384	96.0	$97.2 \pm 4.317$	-4.0	2.62
		0.6	0.619	103.1	$102.4 \pm 2.934$	3.1	0.74
	River water	0.2	0.208	104.0	$103 \pm 3.042$	4.0	2.22
		0.4	0.379	94.9	$96.6 \pm 5.172$	-5.1	0.97
		0.6	0.610	102.2	$104 \pm 5.476$	2.2	0.47
E.B.T	Tap water	0.2	0.209	104.9	$103.2 \pm 4.603$	4.9	4.68
		0.4	0.401	100.2	$99.3 \pm 2.738$	0.2	4.10
		0.6	0.620	104.1	$103.1 \pm 3.042$	4.1	3.92
	River water	0.2	0.193	96.6	$97.5 \pm 3.365$	-3.4	6.83
		0.4	0.409	102.2	$101.1 \pm 3.346$	2.2	4.10
		0.6	0.616	102.7	$102 \pm 2.129$	2.7	3.24

C.R	Tap water	0.2	0.188	94.1	95.4± 3.955	-5.9	0.79
		0.4	0.374	93.7	95.2± 4.564	-6.3	0.62
		0.6	0.590	98.4	99.01±1.825	-1.6	0.12
	River water	0.2	0.186	93.3	94.7± 4.259	-6.7	0.63
		0.4	0.377	94.4	96.4± 6.085	-5.6	0.59
		0.6	0.596	99.3	98.1± 3.804	-0.7	0.47

### 3.9 Determination of dyes in laboratory wastewater

Four wastewater samples were withdrawn randomly from the collected wastewater containers before the chemical treatment in each laboratory, classified according to the type of experiments (i.e. containers related to each indicator used; MO and Congo Red for acid-base titration and EBT for titration of calcium) which have been carried out by the first stage students in the analytical chemistry of Department of Chemistry /College of Science /University of Diyala. Each sample was subjected to the general CPE procedure and the dyes were determined spectrophotometrically at their respective  $\lambda_{\max}$  for triplicate measurements. All samples, on the other hand, have been analyzed by direct conventional UV-Vis spectrophotometric method for the purpose of comparison with the proposed method. The results are summed up in Tables 3, 4 and 5.

The statistical analysis of the results shown in Table 3, 4 and 5 showed that the calculated experimental values  $|t|$  were of 0.27, 1.44 and 1.15. These  $t$  values are less than the critical value of 3.182 ( $\alpha=0.05$ , dof=3, two-tailed) and supported by  $p$  values  $[P(T<t)]$  which was 0.803, 0.245 and 0.333 for MO, EBT and CR respectively, indicating acceptance of null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) which specified that there appears insufficient evidence to suggest the accuracy of the established CPE-Spectrophotometry differs from that of traditional UV-Vis method (i.e. there is a good agreement between the results obtained by the two methods).

**Table 3:** Determination of MO in laboratory wastewater samples by proposed method.

Sample No.	Proposed method ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Traditional UV-Vis Spectrophotometry ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Paired t-Test $t = \frac{\bar{x}_d \sqrt{n}}{s}$
1	0.639	0.623	$\bar{X}_d = 0.0028$ $S_d = 0.023531$ $t_{\text{cal}}(n=4) = 0.27$ $t_{\text{crit}}(\alpha=0.05, \phi=3) = 3.182$ $p\text{-value} = 0.803$
2	0.575	0.564	
3	0.901	0.940	
4	0.510	0.500	

### 4. Conclusions

In this work, the combined CPE-Spectrophotometry was established for the sequential determination of dyes such MO, EBT and CR in drinking and polluted water samples for the first time. The proposed method was compared statistically with traditional UV-Vis spectrophotometric technique, showing no significant difference at 0.05 significance level. This method proved to be a high sensitive, low detection limit with good precision and accuracy. The addition of electrolytic solutions was unnecessary to the extraction system of these dyes and gave high extraction efficiency in one step extraction.

**Table 4:** Determination of EBT in laboratory wastewater samples by proposed method.

Sample No.	Proposed method ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Traditional UV-Vis Spectrophotometry ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Paired t-Test $t = \frac{\bar{x}_d \sqrt{n}}{s}$
1	0.591	0.620	$\bar{X}_d = 0.03725$ $S_d = 0.051616$ $t_{\text{cal}}(n=4) = 1.44$ $t_{\text{crit}}(\alpha=0.05, \phi=3) = 3.182$ $p\text{-value} = 0.245$
2	0.840	0.743	
3	0.483	0.440	
4	0.226	0.188	

**Table 5:** Determination of EBT in laboratory wastewater samples by proposed method.

Sample No.	Proposed method ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Traditional UV-Vis Spectrophotometry ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	Paired t-Test $t = \frac{\bar{x}_d \sqrt{n}}{s}$
1	0.456	0.558	$\bar{X}_d = -0.02875$ $S_d = 0.049982$ $t_{\text{cal}}(n=4) = 1.15$ $t_{\text{crit}}(\alpha=0.05, \phi=3) = 3.182$ $p\text{-value} = 0.333$
2	0.696	0.699	
3	0.639	0.631	
4	0.220	0.238	

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