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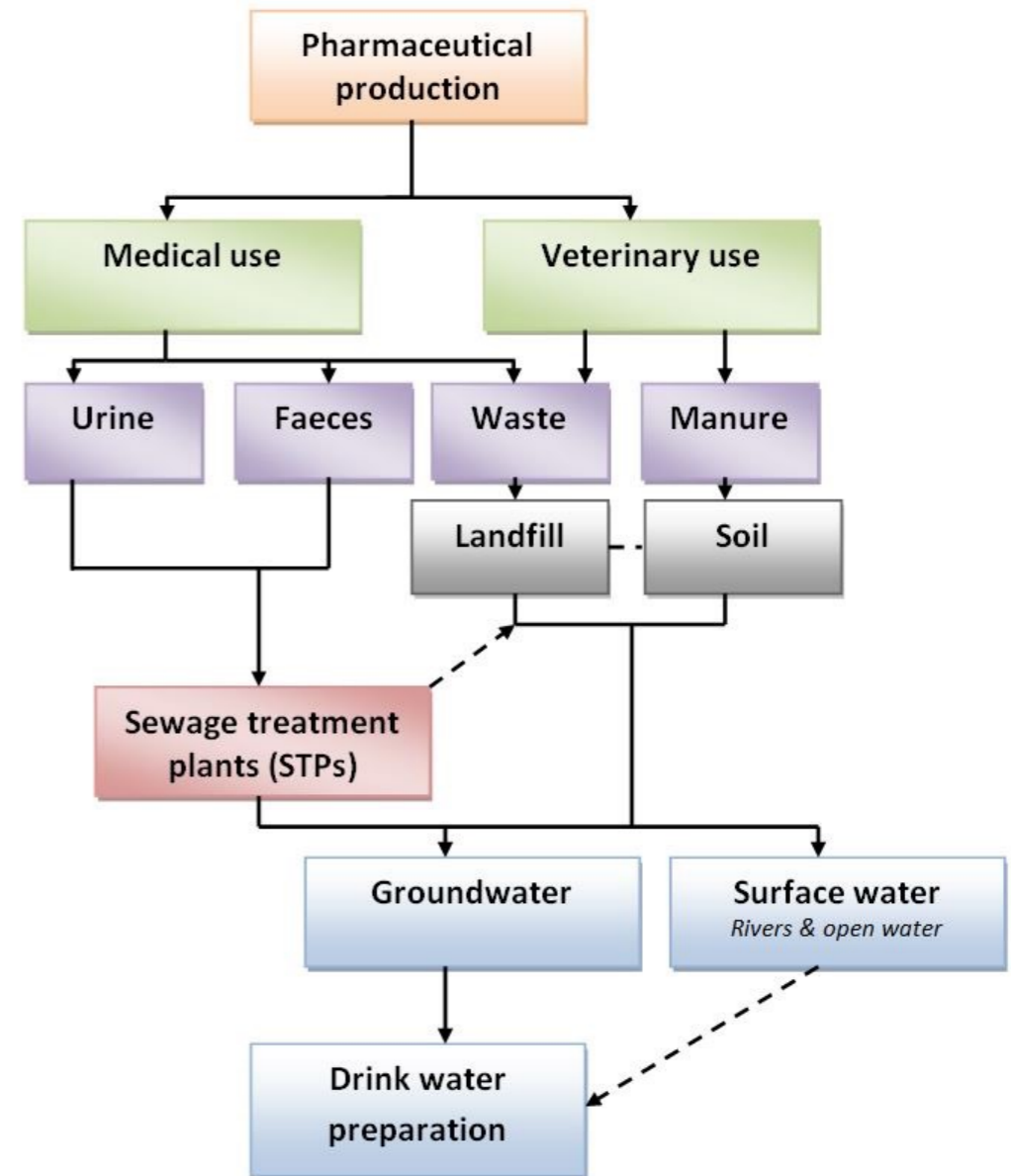
Using Plasma-activated water and UV/H₂O₂ treatment for the oxidation of persistent pharmaceuticals



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Introduction

- Widespread usage of pharmaceuticals
 - *Veterinary and human use*
- Discharge via direct and indirect routes
- Sewage treatment plants (STPs)
 - *Filtration*
 - *Biodegradation*



Selection of priority substances

- MEDUWA consortium -> Taskforce
 - Shortlist as guidance
- Selection criteria:
 - *Measurements in Vechte basin*
 - *Consumption*
 - *Biodegradation*
 - *Toxicity*
- Shortlist: ***Antibiotics, anti-epilepticum, cytostatic, synthetic hormone and anti-diabetic***



Aim of the research study

- **Prevention of contamination**
- **Oxidative degradation of pharmaceuticals**
 - Plasma Activated Water (PAW)-laboratory simulation
 - Test different matrices e.g.; tap water, urine, sewage water
- **Toxicity Assays**
 - Formation of harmful components?

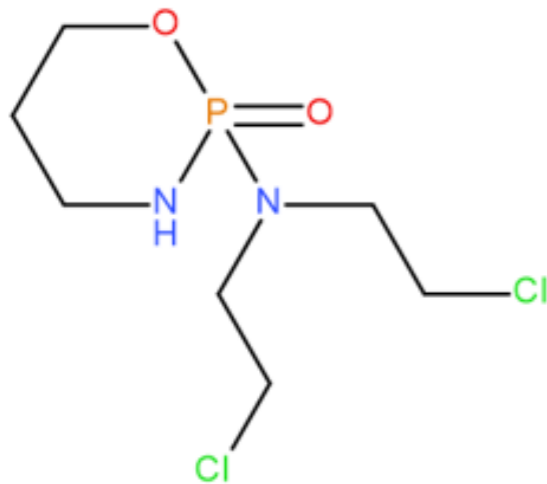
Cyclophosphamide

Compound, *class* and structure

Molecular weight (g/mol)

C₇H₁₅Cl₂N₂O₂P; Cyclophosphamide
Antineoplastic agent

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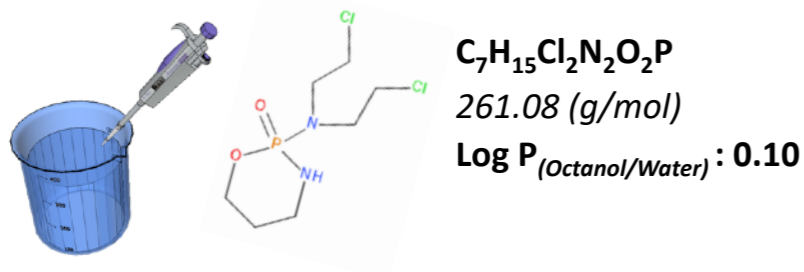


- Carcinogenic and mutagenic
- Not easily removed by STPs
- Dutch River water: < **0.3 – 4 ng/L**
 - 2010 - 2017
- Study simulation concentrations:
 - **4 µg/L: 'Low' conc.**
 - **1 mg/L: 'High' conc.**

Applied laboratory methodology

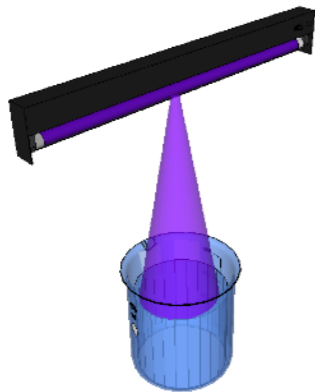
1) Spiking Cyclophosphamide

2a) PAW Treatment

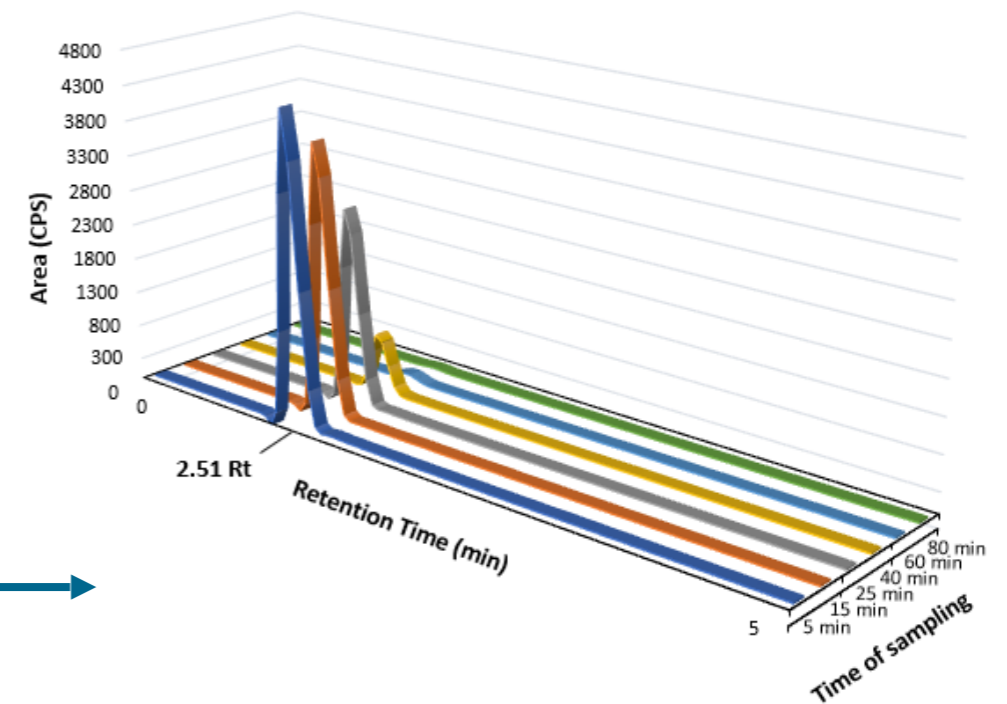


2b) UV/H₂O₂

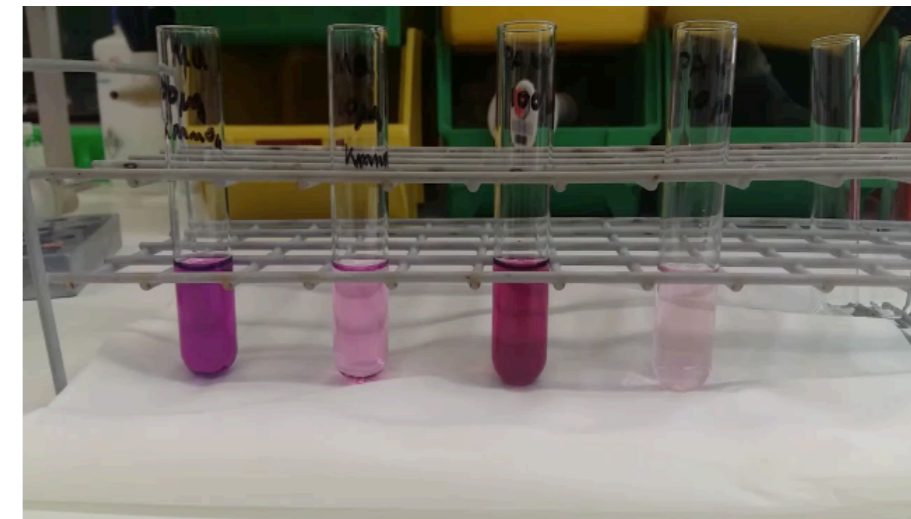
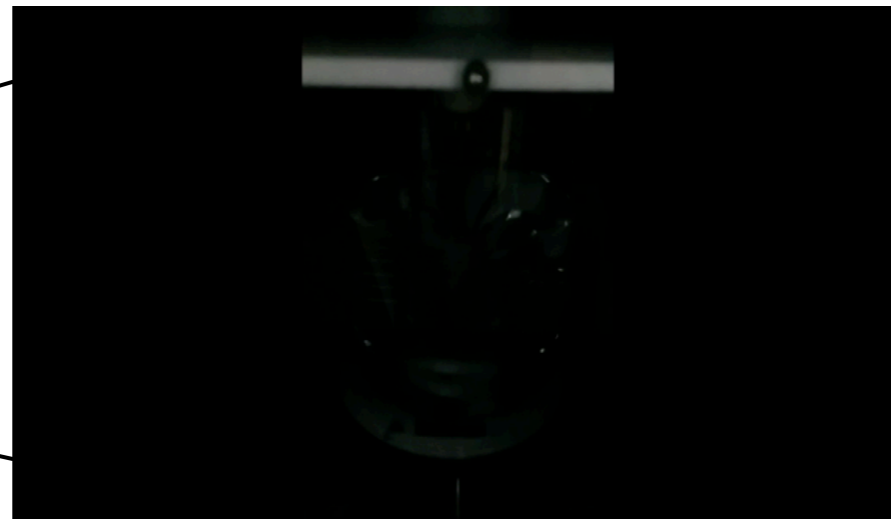
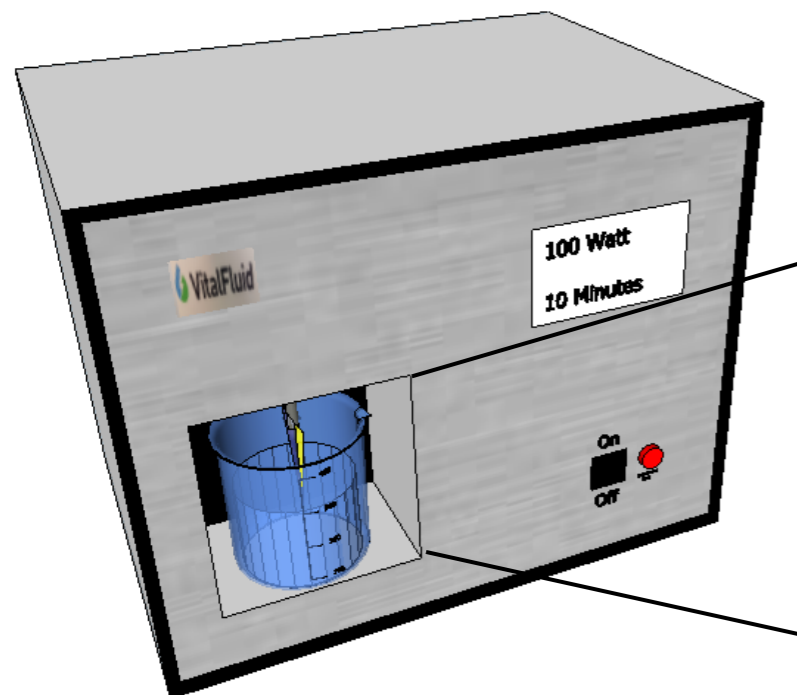
3) LC-MS/MS analysis



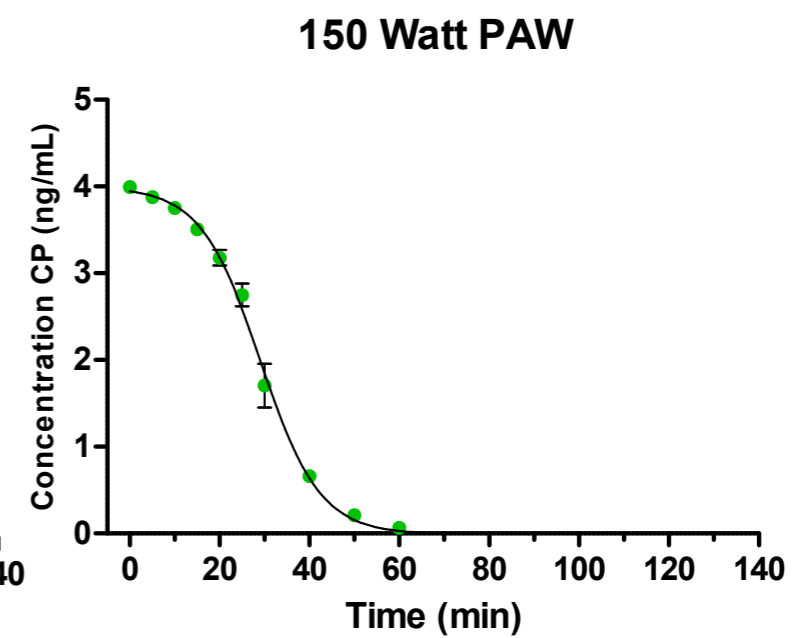
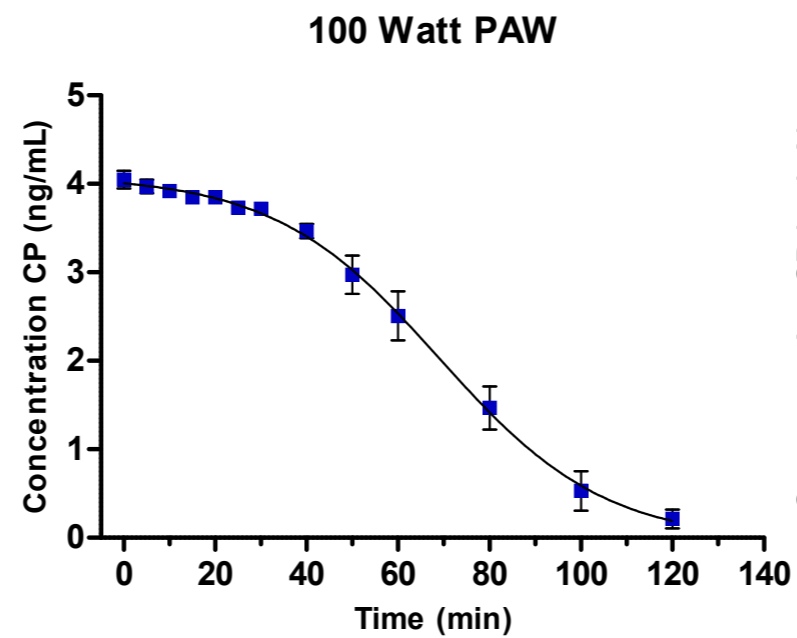
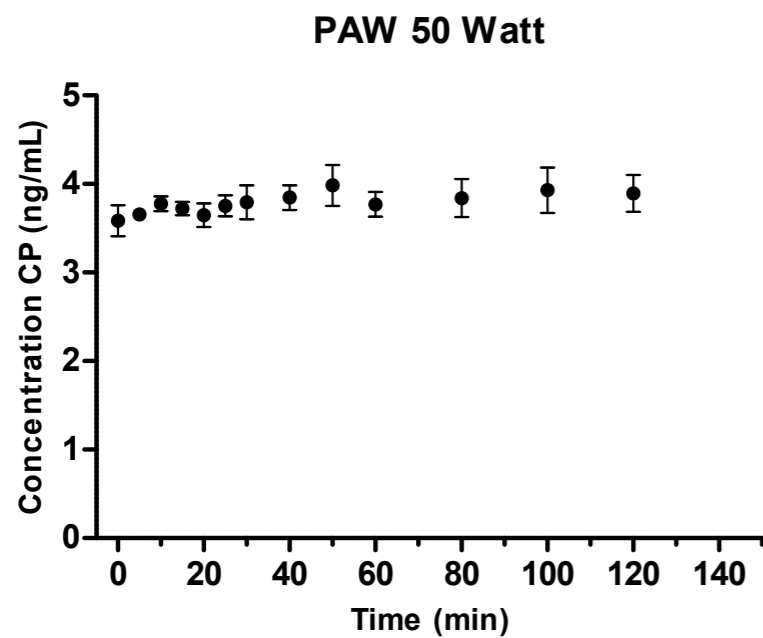
Chromatogram CP degradation



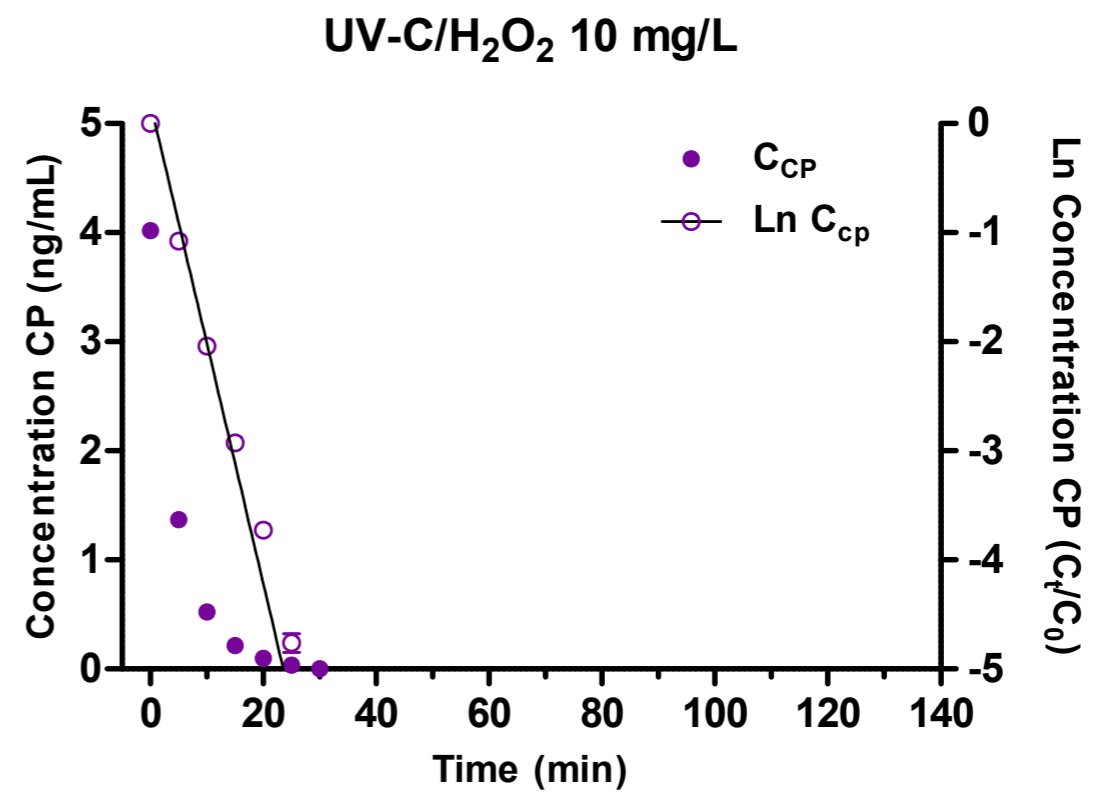
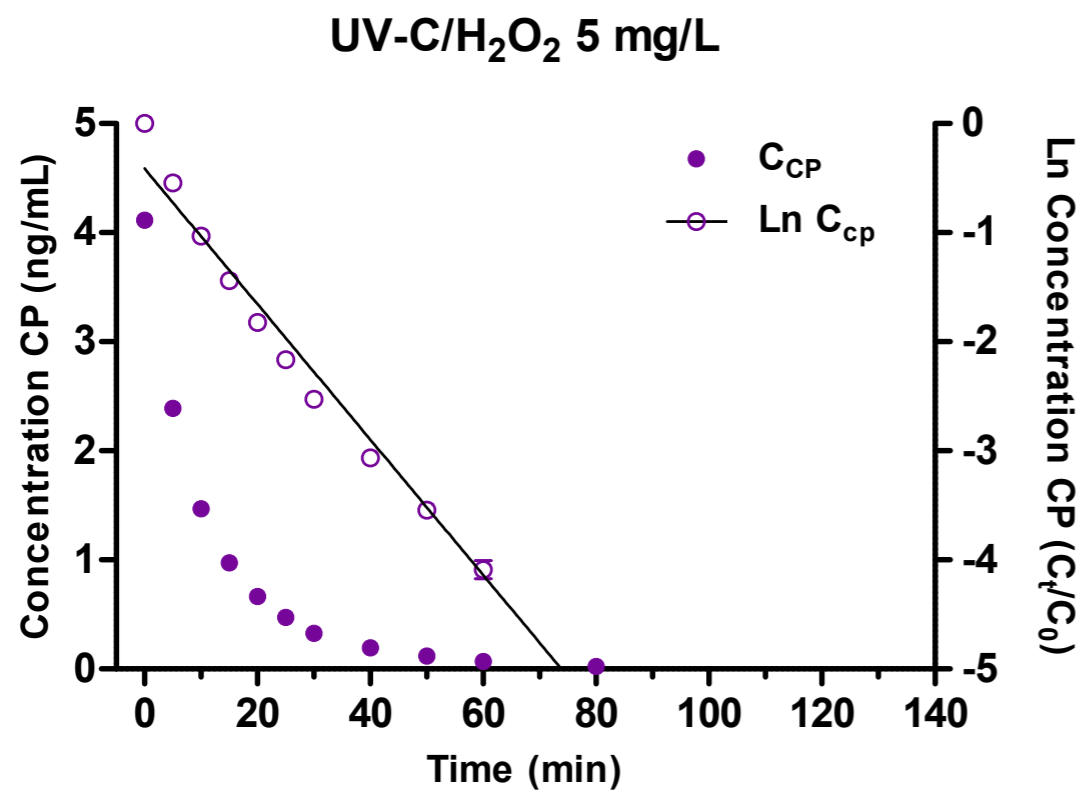
Plasma-activated Water (PAW)



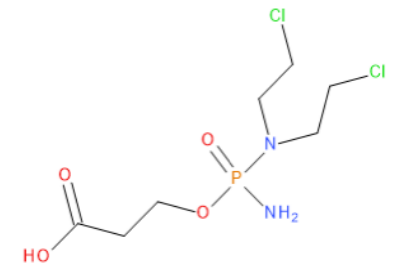
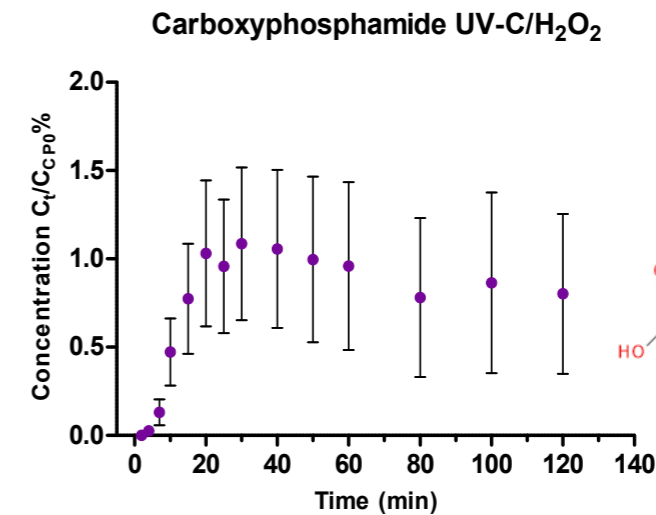
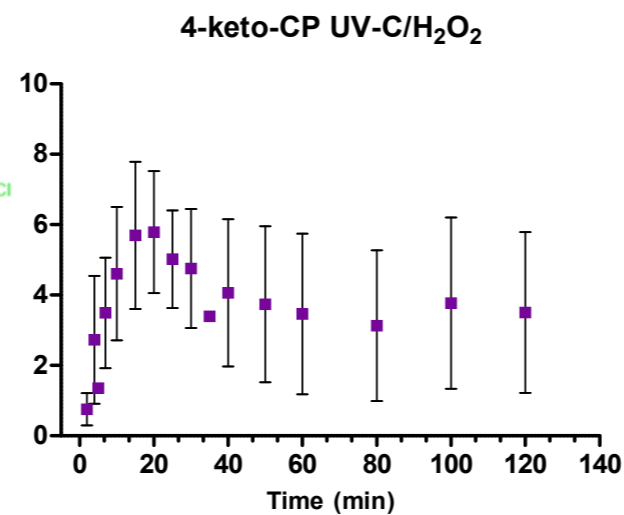
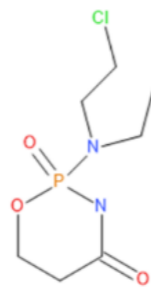
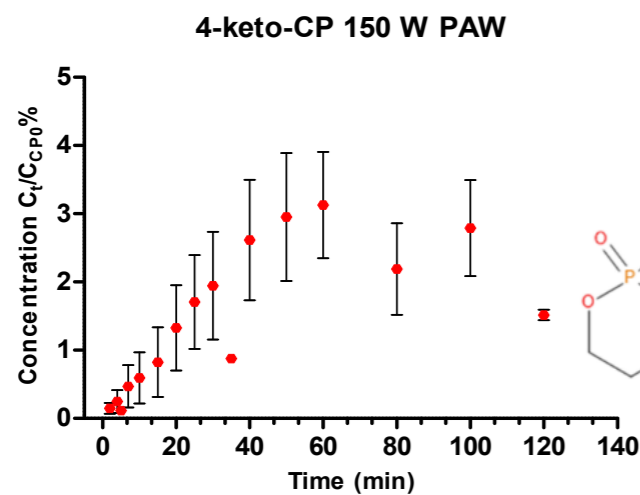
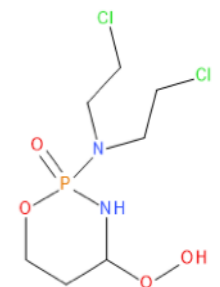
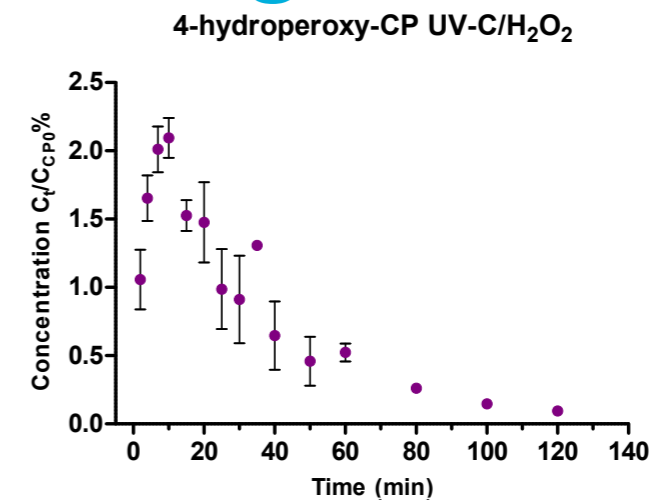
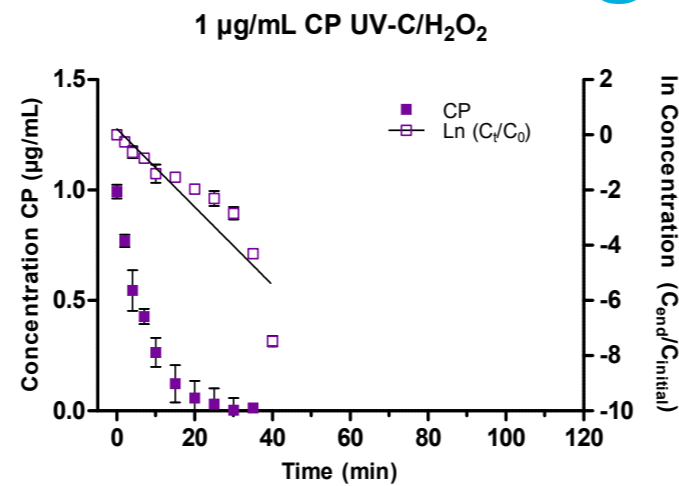
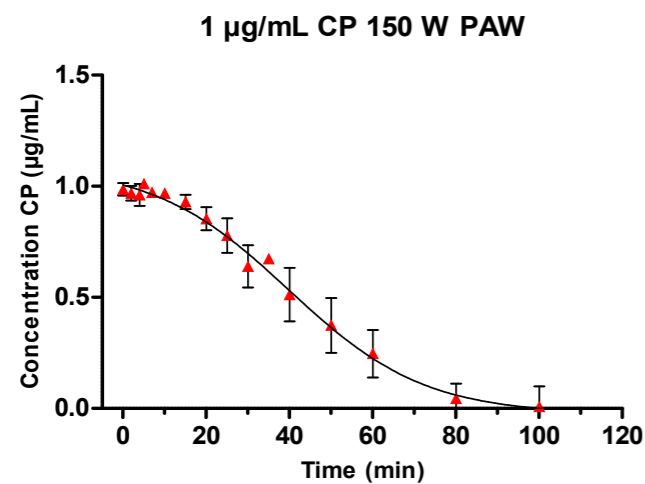
PAW Results: 4 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ CP



UV-C/H₂O₂ Results: 4 μg/L CP

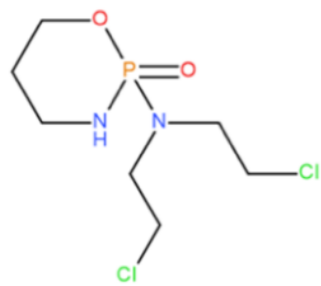


Reaction intermediates after 'High' CP degradation

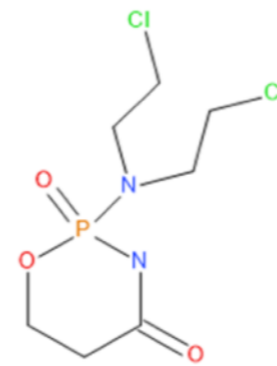


Characterisation and Identification

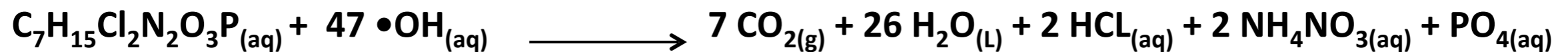
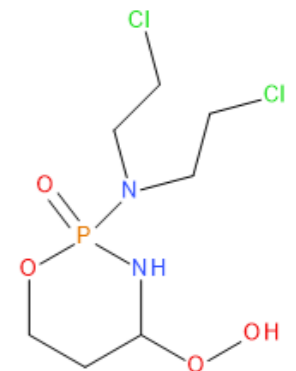
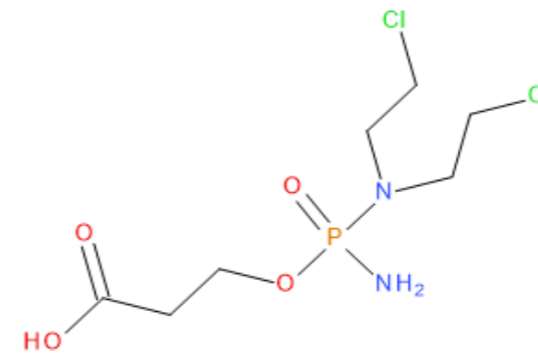
- Oxidation of CP:



mediates PAW vs UV/H₂O₂



- Hypothetical mineralisation:*



Research perspectives

- **Oxidative treatment started for:**
 - Metformin, Carbamazepine, Diclofenac, Iopamadiol
 - Antibiotics
- **The introduction of a more complex matrix:**
 - Urine, mixture, sewage water
- **Testing the toxicity:**
 - Oxidative stress, DNA damage and protein damage



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