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I am sending you the manuscript entitled "Electrochemical determination of 5-dodecylsalicylaldoxime and 2-hydroxy-5-nonylacetophenoneoxime in commercial extractants" by María P. Elizalde, María del Sol Rúa, Marta Huebra and Begoña Menoyo, for consideration for publication as an Original scientific paper in the Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society.

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In this paper we have developed a DPV method optimized with factorial and central composite design so as to determine 5-dodecylsalicylaldoxime and 2-hydroxy-5-nonylacetophenoneoxime. These compounds are the active components of several commercial extractants used in copper removal from industrial acidic effluents. As the pure extractants are not available it is necessary to know the amount of the active components in order to study fundamental extraction processes.

The developed method has been applied to the determination of these two compounds in several commercial extractants and the results obtained showed good agreement with previous results obtained with different techniques.

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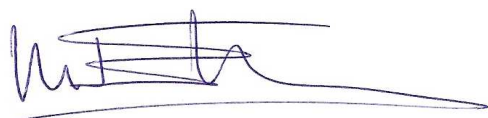
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