

## Supplementary material

## Sulfate radicals based degradation of the antraquinone textile dye in plug flow photoreactor

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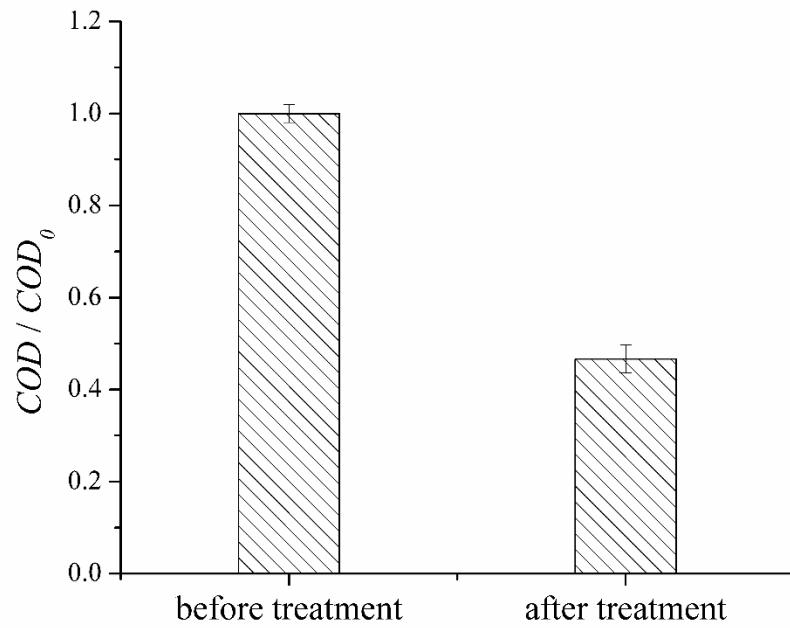
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9 TABLE I. General characteristic of RB 19 dye

Properties	Dye
Commercial name	Remazol Brilliant Blue R
C. I. number	61200
Apparent color	Blue
Purity	~ 50 %
Molecular weight	626 g mol <sup>-1</sup>
Molecular formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>11</sub> S <sub>3</sub>
Chemical structure	<p>The chemical structure shows a central quinone-like core with two carbonyl groups (C=O) at the 2 and 4 positions. The 1-position is connected to a phenyl ring fused to the core. The 3-position has an amino group (NH2) and the 5-position has a sulfonamido group (HN-SO2-CH2-CH2-OSO3-Na).</p>
Maximum absorption wavelength	592 nm
Water solubility	10 g dm <sup>-3</sup>

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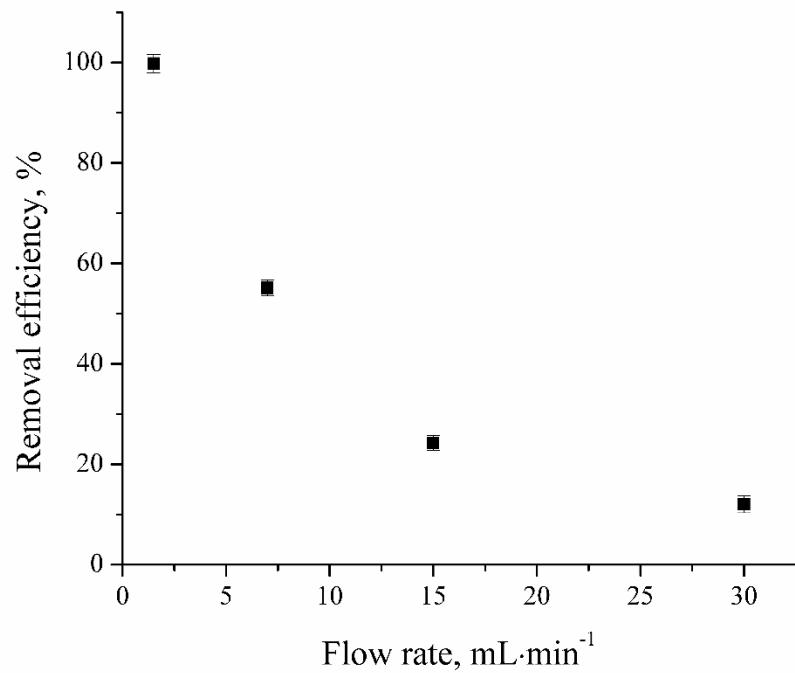
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18 Figure 1. COD changes before and after UV/S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub><sup>2-</sup> treatment.  $c_0(\text{RB 19}) = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $c_0(\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-})$   
19 = 1 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup>, flow rate 1.5 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, pH 3 ± 0.1, UV light intensity was 1950 μW·cm<sup>-2</sup>,  
20 temperature was 25 ± 0.5 °C.

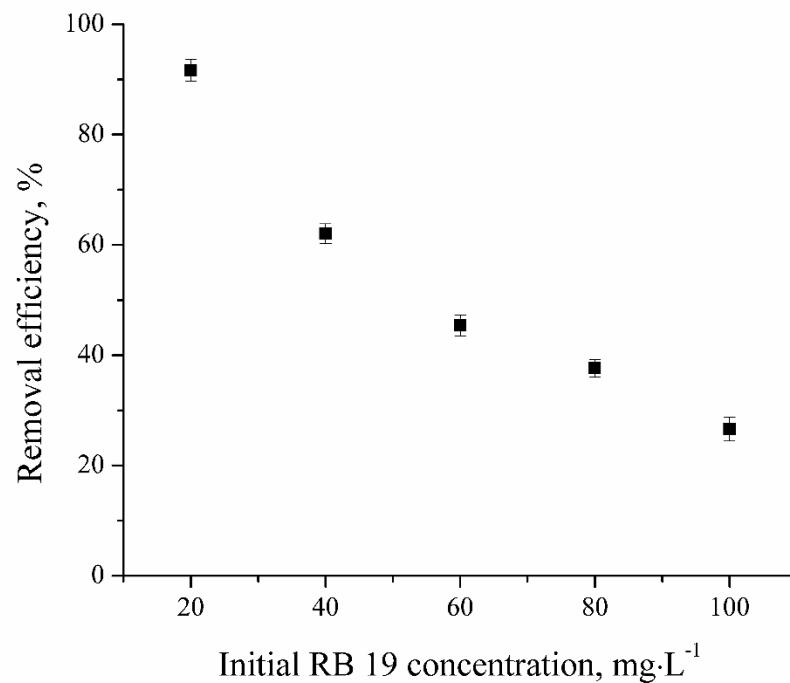
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TABLE II. Removal of RB 19 dye with UV/S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub><sup>2-</sup> under different experimental conditions

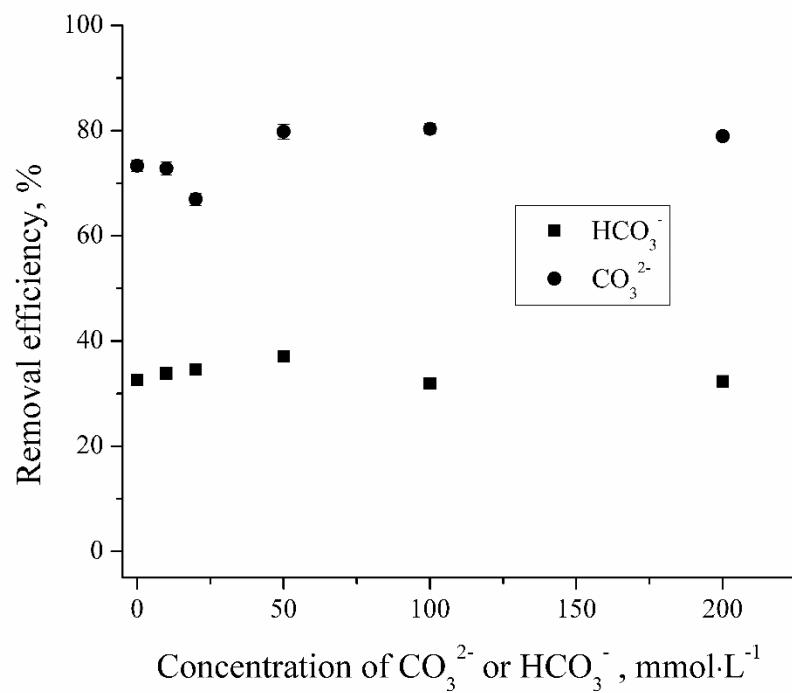
<b>c<sub>0</sub>(RB 19) (mg·L<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>c<sub>0</sub>(S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub><sup>2-</sup>) (mmol·L<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Flow rate (mL·min<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>k (min<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>RE (%)</b>
<b>The effect of initial S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub><sup>2-</sup></b>					
50	0.05	7	4	0.022	39
50	0.1	7	4	0.038	57
50	0.2	7	4	0.083	84
50	0.4	7	4	0.204	98
<b>The effect of initial pH value</b>					
50	0.1	7	3	0.155	99
50	0.1	7	5	0.042	62
50	0.1	7	7	0.032	51
50	0.1	7	9	0.022	40
50	0.1	7	10	0.016	30
<b>The effect of flow rate</b>					
50	0.1	30	4	0.006	12
50	0.1	15	4	0.013	24
50	0.1	7	4	0.036	55
50	0.1	1.5	4	0.282	99
<b>The effect of initial dye concentration</b>					
20	0.1	7	4	0.113	92
40	0.1	7	4	0.044	62
60	0.1	7	4	0.027	45
80	0.1	7	4	0.0215	37
100	0.1	7	4	0.014	26



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26 Figure 2. Influence of flow rate on RB 19 dye degradation.  $c_0(\text{RB 19}) = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $c_0(\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}) =$   
27  $0.1 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , native pH ( $3.8 \pm 0.1$ ), UV light intensity was  $1950 \mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ , temperature was  $25 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ .  
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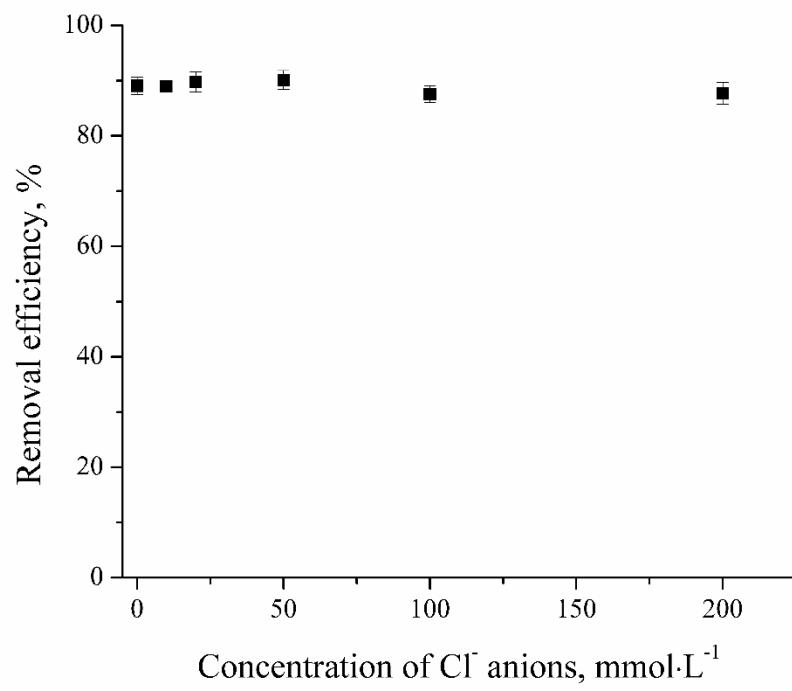


32     Figure 3. Influence of different initial RB 19 concentration on the its degradation.  $c_0(\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}) =$   
33      $0.1 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , flow rate  $7 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ , pH native ( $3.8 \pm 0.1$ ), UV light intensity was  $1950 \mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ,  
34     temperature was  $25 \pm 0.5^\circ \text{C}$



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Figure 4. Influence of different carbonate and bicarbonate anions concentrations on the removal efficiency of RB 19.  $c_0(\text{RB 19}) = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $c_0(\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}) = 0.1 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , flow rate  $7 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ , pH  $8.0 \pm 0.1$  (for bicarbonate)  $12 \pm 0.1$  (for carbonate), UV light intensity was  $1950 \mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$



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Figure 5. Influence of different chloride anions concentrations on the removal efficiency of RB 19.  $c_0(\text{RB 19}) = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $c_0(\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}) = 0.1 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , flow rate  $7 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ , pH native ( $3.8 \pm 0.1$ ), UV light intensity was  $1950 \mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$