

Report on the test of the Anolyte produced by the unit EUROSTEL

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OBJECTIVE

The aim of the present study was to check the presence of toxic disinfection by-products, chlorite (ClO_2^-) and chlorate (ClO_3^-) in the Anolyte and to measure the acute toxicity of water treated by the Anolyte.

Anolyte was produced according to instructions given by representatives of AQUASTEL GROUP. Two different regimes were tested and according to these regimes Anolyte is called Anolyte Medium (pH= 2 - 3; ORP 1100 mV; C_{ac} 300 mg/l) and Anolyte Strong. (pH= 2 - 3; ORP 1100 mV; C_{ac} 500 mg/l). The Anolyte for examination was produced immediately before the test.

Ion chromatography was used for determination of chlorates and chlorites. The experiments were carried out utilising Ion Chromatograph CVET-3007 with the analytical column 6x600 mm filled with sorbent HIKS-1. 2.4 mM Na_2CO_3 aqueous solution was used for elution. Flow rate was 4.5 ml/min and the pressure 40-50 atm. The solutions of NaClO_3 with the concentration of ClO_3^- -ion of 29.15 and 7.29 mg/l were used as standards.

The preliminary runs demonstrated that under conditions mentioned above ClO_3^- - ion could be separated successfully from chloride (Cl^-) and determined at the level down to 0.5 mg/l. Chlorates were determined directly in the diluted Anolyte, the chlorites were detected in diluted Anolyte after the heating at 100° C for 5 minutes to convert chlorites to chlorates.

Anolyte medium was diluted 1:200, 1:100 and 1:20. No peak responsible for the presence of chlorate in all dilutions was observed. Also the tests with heated samples diluted the same way did not show the presence of chlorate (see chromatograms 1-3). Anolyte strong was diluted 1:200, 1:100 and 1:20. No peak responsible for the presence of chlorate in all dilutions was observed.

Also the tests with heated samples diluted the same way did not show the presence of chlorate (see chromatograms 4-6).

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Both Analytes, medium and strong were tested by chemical methods used by AQUASTEL (see pp. 11-13). According to the qualitative tests, for analysis of chlorate and chlorite proved no presence of chlorite and chlorate ions in the Analyte.

It may be concluded that the Analyte obviously contains the following forms of active chlorine: hypochlorous acid (HClO), hypochlorous ion (ClO⁻), free chlorine (Cl₂), and chloride ion (Cl⁻). No presence of chlorite and chlorate ions was determined in the Analyte.

TOXICITY TESTS

Daphnia magna 24 hours acute toxicity tests were carried out according to Finnish standard SFS 5062.

The dilutions used were:

Analyte medium 1:100, 1:500 and 1:2000.

Analyte strong was diluted 1:50, 1:200 and 1:500.

The corresponding data are presented in Table.

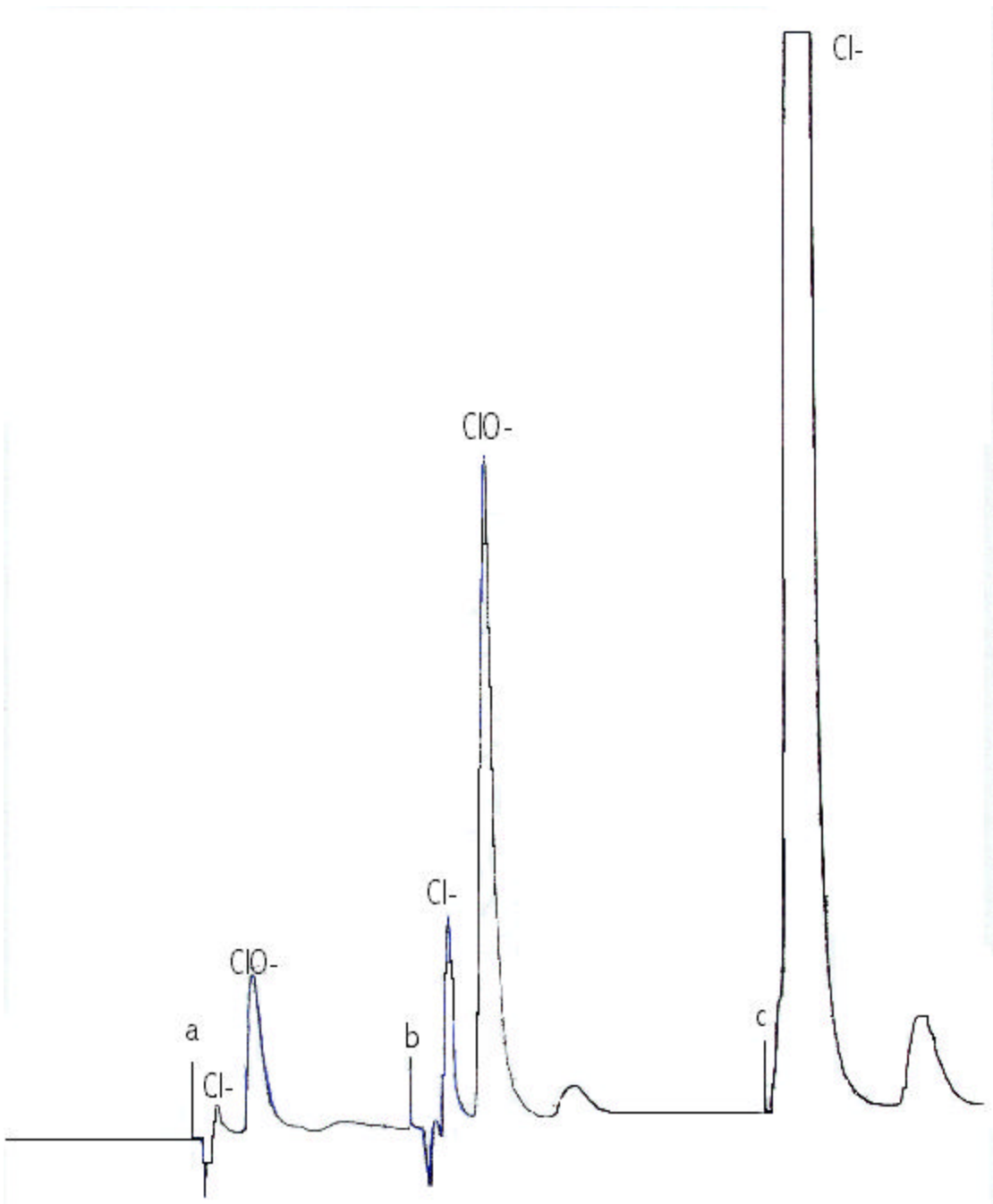
Table. The acute toxicity of Analyte.

Analyte type	Dilution	EC ₅₀ ; % (confidence limit)	EC ₅₀ ; % for initial Analyte
Analyte medium (c.ac ~350mg/l)	1:100	25 (22.5-28)	0. 25
	1:500	Not toxic	
	1:2000	Not toxic	
Analyte strong (c.ac ~500mg/l)	1:50	13 (11-16)	0. 26-0. 28
	1:200	56 (52-59)	
	1:500	Not toxic	

The toxicity test demonstrated that there were no acute effects for the Analyte diluted 1:500 or more. No significant differences in the toxicity of two Analytes (strong and medium) were observed. It should be noticed that the *Daphnia magna* test utilized in the present study indicates the acute toxicity, and the chronic one which is determined by other specific tests.

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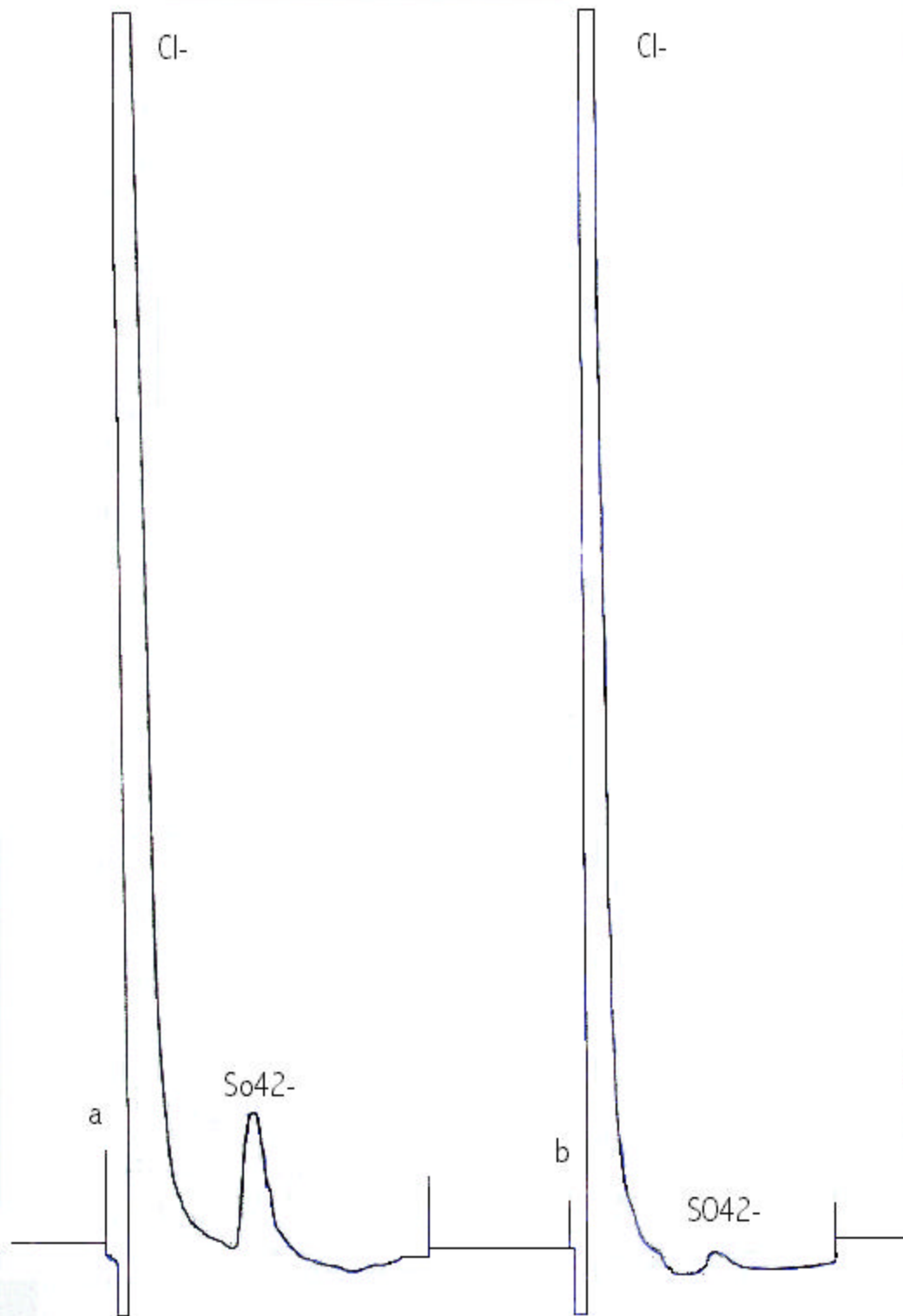
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Chromatogram 1. The ion chromatograms: a - standard (ClO_3^-) with concentration 7.29 mg/l; b - standard (ClO_3^-) with concentration 29.5 mg/l; c - sample analyte medium 1:20.



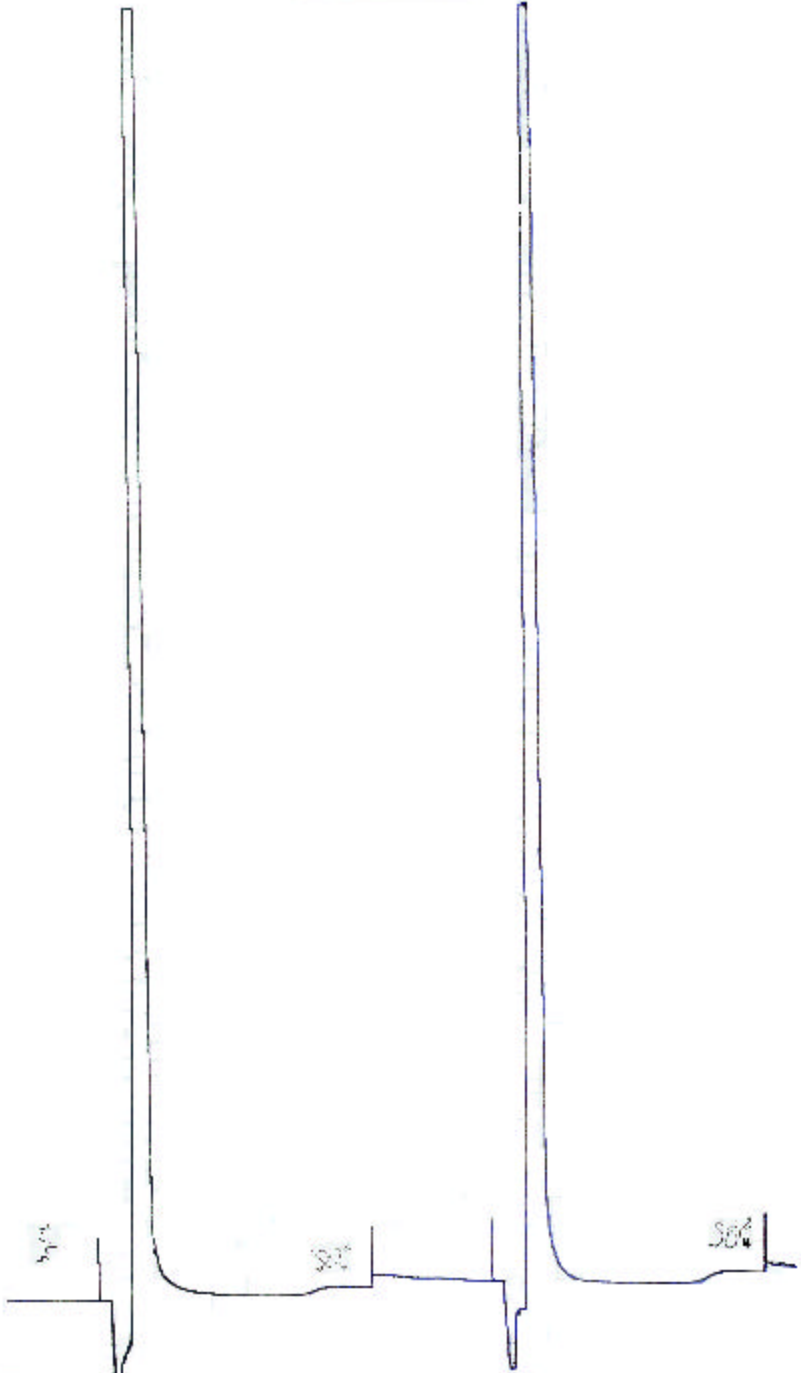
jChromatogram 2. The ion chromatograms: a - sample, anolyte medium 1:200; b - standard (ClO_3^-) with concentration 29.5 mg/l.



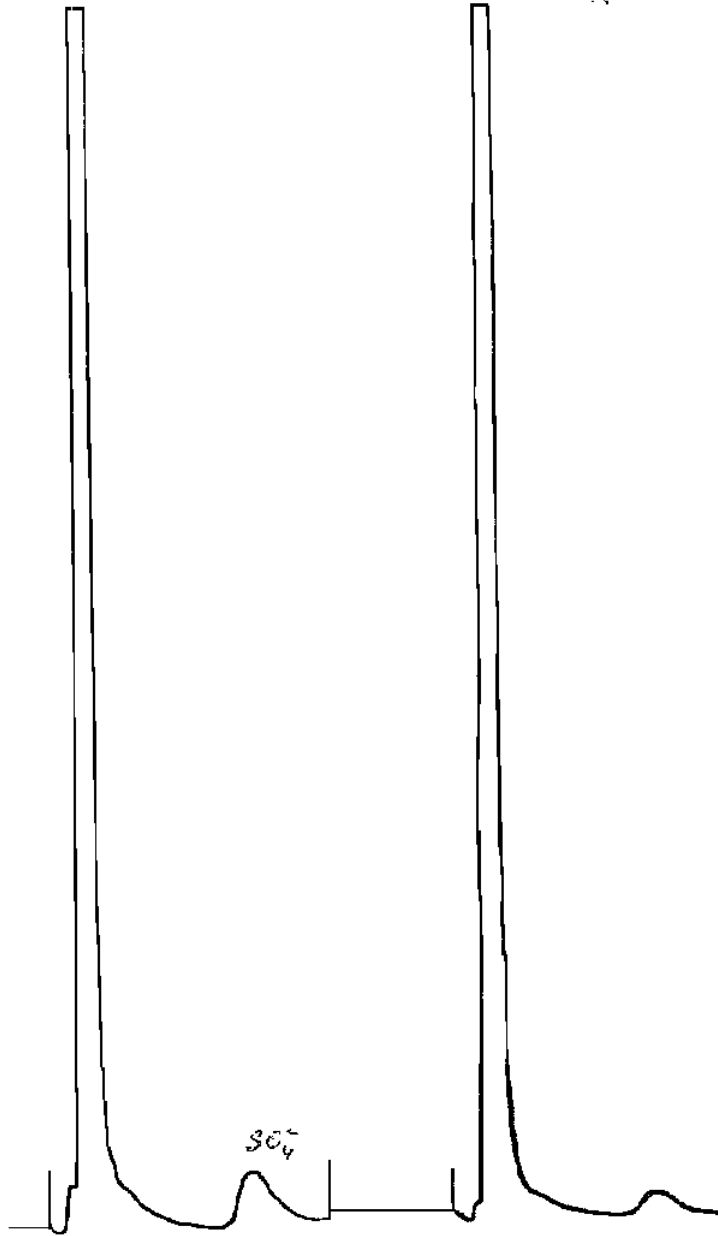
Chromatogram 3. The ion chromatograms: a - sample, anolyte medium 1:100; b anolyte medium 1:200. SO_4^{2-} ion was added to the sample to ascertain the efficiency of chromatographic conditions.



Chromatogram 4. The ion chromatograms: a - standard (ClO_3^-) with concentration 29.5 mg/l; b - standard (ClO_3^-) with concentration 7.29 mg/l.



Chromatogram 5. The ion chromatograms: a, b - sample, analyte strong 1:200.



Chromatogram 6. The ion chromatograms: a - sample, analyte strong 1:20; b - analyte strong 1:20. SO_4^{2-} ion was added to the samples to ascertain the efficiency of chromatographic conditions.