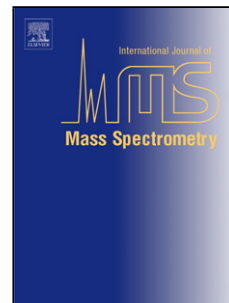


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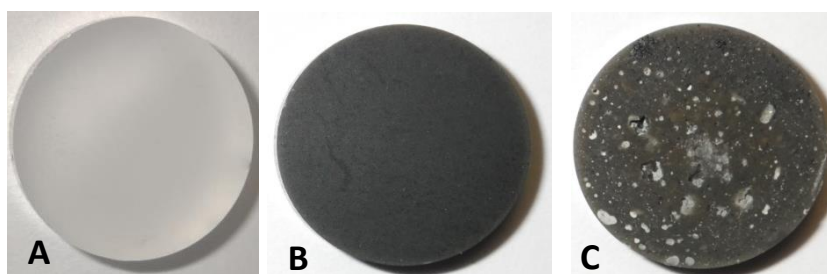
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## Graphical Abstract



Disks prepared from resin/hardener: A) blank (no sample), B) with BCR-2 powder under vacuum, and C) with BCR-2 powder in air. Bubbles are formed when resin impregnation takes place in air due to the evolution of interstitial air between powder grains.

## Highlights

- A simple and rapid method for preparing powdered materials and calibration standards in a form of rigid disks suitable for microanalysis using LA-ICP-MS is reported.
- Sample preparation under vacuum improves disk quality and avoids the confinement of air bubbles in the prepared disks.

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