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12	Abstract
13	This paper proposes a flow-batch methodology for the determination of free glycerol in biodiesel
14	that is notably eco-friendly, since non-chemical reagents are used. Deionized water (the solvent) was
15	used alone for glycerol (sample) extractions from the biodiesel. The same water was used to generate
16	water-cavitation sonoluminescence signals, which were modulated by the quenching effect
17	associated with the amount of extracted glycerol. The necessarily reproducible signal generation was
18	achieved by using a simple and inexpensive piezoelectric device. A linear response was observed for
19	glycerol within the 0.001 - 100 mg/L range, equivalent to 0.004 - 400 mg/kg free glycerol in
20	biodiesel. The lowest measurable concentration of free glycerol was estimated at 1.0 $\mu$ g/L. The
21	selectivity of the proposed method was confirmed by comparing the shape and retention of both real
22	and calibration samples to standard solution chromatograms, presenting no peaks other than glycerol.
23	All samples (after extraction) are greatly diluted; this minimizes (towards non-detectability) potential
24	interference effects. The methodology was successfully applied to biodiesel analysis at a high
25	sampling rate, with neither reagent nor solvent (other than water), and with minimum waste

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