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## The Determination and Speciation of Arsenic in Rice

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### ABSTRACT

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Arsenic is a highly toxic and carcinogenic metalloid that is found in soil and contaminated water. It accumulates in rice when contaminated water is exposed to paddy fields and creates a major threat to human health. The anaerobic growing condition of flooded rice paddies and the physiological specificities of rice are major factors responsible for increased arsenic levels in rice. Periodically, different techniques are developed for the determination, separation, and quantification of arsenic in various parts of the rice plant. In this chapter, we discussed different determination techniques for arsenic and their speciation as well as extraction and separation methods for different parts of rice. The formation/transformation and chemical complexity of arsenic species (Arsenite, Arsenate, DMA, MMA, AsC, AsB, DMTAV, TMAO, Me4As+, DPAA, PAA, MPAA, DMPAO, MDPAO) is also discussed here. Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) and ion chromatography are the most common methods used for simultaneous speciation of arsenic. ICP-MS hyphenated to high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) or laser ablation (LA) is broadly used. Hydride generation atomic absorption spectrophotometry (HG-AAS) and DNA-gated graphene field effect transistors are specific non-chromatographic methods developed

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