1 Apparatus

1.1. Analytical balance- 0.0001 g sensitivity

1.2. Beaker (10 mL, 50 mL)

1.3. Vials

1.4. Pipettes

1.5. Fume hood

1.6. Column holder or rack

1.7. Alternatively a vacuum box system incl. vacuum pump or a positive pressure set-up (e.g. peristaltic pump based) might be used

1.8. Empty columns e.g. ***AC-142-TK*** *(or empty cartridges e.g.* ***AC-100-R01*** *in case of use of a vacuum or positive pressure system) incl. appropriate frits*

2 Reagents

All references to water should be understood to mean deionized water (18 MΩ).

2.1 Hydrochloric acid (HCl), 37%, p.a.

2.2 *2M HCl* - Add ca. 600 mL of water in to a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 167 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid. Complete with water. This solution can be used for 1 year after its preparation.

2.3 Alternative: 6M HCl - Add ca. 400 mL of water in to a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 500 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid. Complete with water. This solution can be used for 1 year after its preparation.

2.4 0.05M oxalic acid – Weigh 450 mg of anhydrous oxalic acid or 630 mg oxalic acid dihydrate into a 100 mL volumetric flask. Add ca. 80 mL of water to dissolve the oxalic acid. Complete with water. This solution should be prepared freshly.

2.5 Bulk ZR Resin[1] - A or S grade

2.6 optional: ascorbic acid or hydroxylamine hydrochloride as reducing agent for Fe(III)

3 Procedure

3.1 Column preparation:

3.1.1 Per column to be packed weigh 100mg of the resin into a suitable vial (e.g. 2 mL Eppendorf cap)

3.1.2 Add 1-3 mL of water (alternatively 2M HCl may be used) and allow resin to soak for at least 60 min, preferably while shaking

3.1.3 Allow column and frits to soak in water for at least 30 min

3.1.4 Place appropriately sized containers below the column.

3.1.5 Empty soaked columns.

3.1.6 Transfer soaked resin into empty column, allow to settle.

3.1.7 Place frit on top of resin. Do not compact the resin (ideally the frit should remain approx. 1 mm above the resin bed.

3.1.8 Break tip and allow liquid to pass the column.

3.2 Zr separation:

3.2.1 Pass 3 mL of 2M HCl through the column to precondition (in case the dissolved target is loaded from 6M HCl precondition with 3 mL 6M HCl).

3.2.2 Load dissolved target (2M or 6M HCl, the dissolution may e.g. be performed as described in [2]) onto the column

NOTE: The method has been tested or up to 300 mg stable Y

NOTE: In order to improve the Fe removal a suitable reducing agent such as ascorbic acid or hydroxylamine hydrochloride may be added to the dissolved target (a few grains)

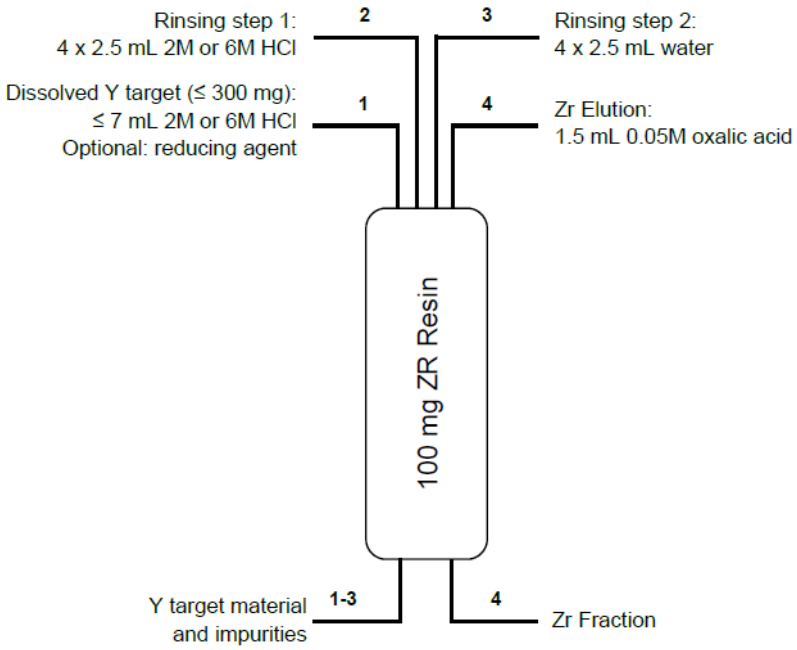
3.2.3 Rinse column with four times 2.5mL 2M HCl

3.2.4 Rinse column with four times 2.5 mL water

3.2.5 Place clean labeled container below column

3.2.6 Elute Zr using 1.5 mL 0.05M oxalic acid

3.3 Synopsis of the separation



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