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#### 10 Abstract

Two years of monthly sampling and hydrological monitoring were performed at the 11 outlet of a Mediterranean watershed in northern Tunisia to determine the contents of 469 12 pesticide active ingredients and metabolites in water and evaluate their behavior. Wadi 13 Guenniche is a tributary of the Bizerte coastal lagoon, with a watershed area of 86 km<sup>2</sup>, which 14 exhibits pluvial cereal, legume, and orchid cultivation and irrigated market gardening. Twenty-15 nine pesticide active ingredients and 2 metabolites were detected in water. Twenty-four 16 pesticide active ingredients were authorized for use in Tunisia. Among them, 14 had never been 17 mentioned in previous farmer surveys. Five herbicides and their metabolites were the most 18 frequently detected: aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) (100%), glyphosate (94%), 19 20 simazine (94%), 2,4-D (70%), and deisopropylatrazine (DIA) (47%). The detection frequency and concentration range suggested that the phytosanitary pressure and resulting water 21 contamination are close to those on the northern Mediterranean shore. These results, in addition 22 to characterizing the pollution state, emphasized the need for additional studies on the use and 23 fate of pesticides on the southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, particularly in Tunisia. 24

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#### Introduction

Pesticides are used for plant protection for agriculture, disease vector control for public 35 health and maintenance of urbanized areas<sup>[1]</sup>. Once spread across large surfaces, multiple active 36 ingredients may cause water contamination by parental coumpounds and their metabolites <sup>[2]</sup>. 37 As seen in many parts of the world, water contamination can cause environmental stress, thus 38 decreasing biodiversity, <sup>[3]</sup> and harm humans through the contamination of food and drinking 39 water<sup>[4]</sup>. Moreover, the combined effects of different contaminants may enhance environmental 40 stress and health problems through the interaction of multiple pesticide ingredients and 41 metabolites; <sup>[5]</sup> thus, the coexistence of multiple contaminants is an important issue. 42

The situation varies between countries on the northern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, 43 where European Union directives promote extensive public monitoring and studies on 44 numerous pesticide substances in water bodies, and southern countries, where limited or no 45 information is available to the public or the scientific community<sup>[6]</sup>. The high cost and/or low 46 47 availability of analytical measurements have led to little interest in public monitoring. Water body contamination by pesticides is presumably lower due to the smaller amount of pesticides 48 used by Tunisian farmers than in northern countries and because of the drier and warmer climate 49 with intermittent streams that favor retention and degradation upon transport. Nevertheless, the 50 occurrence of environmental issues in hot spots, such as the Bizerte Lagoon, has triggered 51 studies focusing on the use and detection of pesticides in sediments, organisms and surface 52 water bodies. Farm surveys near Ichkeul Lake and Bizerte Lagoon have estimated pesticide 53 use<sup>[7-9]</sup>. The estimated cereal and fodder area of 113390 ha was treated with 22.7 tons of 54 pesticide products, corresponding to 5 active ingredients belonging to the herbicide class 55 [iodosulfuron (1ton), fenoxaprop (2.6 tons), 2,4-D (2.3 tons), mesosulfuron (0.6 tons) and 56 glyphosate (2.8 tons)], 2 active ingredients belonging to the fungicide class [tebuconazole (4.6 57 tons) and epoxiconazole (8.8 tons)] and one insecticide [deltamethrin (0.3 tons)]. 58

Another study reported farmer surveys identifying 20 fungicides, 2 insecticides, and 17 60 herbicides applied in the lagoon watersheds south of Bizerte (Tinja and Menzel Bourguiba)<sup>[10]</sup>. 61 In the same study, the use of polar organic chemical integrative sampler (POCIS) technology 62 allowed the detection of 22 pesticide substances in three wadis and lagoon waters. However, 63 pollutant flows into the lagoon could not be estimated since the study did not consider water 64 level monitoring and no water flow was determined; indeed, the only information provided by 65 the POCIS was average concentrations. Moreover, legacy pesticide contents belonging to the 66 organochlorine chemical family (18) were measured in lagoon sediments, including DDT 67 68 metabolites,  $\alpha, \gamma, \beta, \delta$ -HCHs,  $\alpha$ -endosulfan, heptachlor and its metabolites, dieldrin, endrin, and its metabolites, and aldrin<sup>[8]</sup>. In the Bizerte Lagoon water, acetochlor, alachlor, diuron and two 69 degradation products were detected, namely, N-(3,4 dichlorophenyl)-N-(methyl)-urea and N-70 (3,4 dichlorophenyl)-N-(methyl)-urea, deisopropylatrazine (DIA), linuron and simazine<sup>[11]</sup>. In 71 2020, the Tunisian list of authorized active ingredients for agricultural use <sup>[12]</sup> included 232 72 active ingredients (excluding minerals, bacteria, pheromones, conditioners, and growth 73 controllers) encompassing more than 1000 formulations. Due to the diversity of pesticide 74 products available to farmers and the limited analysis capability, previous southern 75 76 Mediterranean studies focused on a very small number of pesticide ingredients, which may not reflect the real contamination state. Knowledge of the active agricultural ingredients used by 77 farmers should aid in the selection of the studied analytes while considering toxicity, 78 79 occurrence, and scientific interests and considering their technical availability and budget. This approach may generate blind spots. First, legacy contamination may be caused by active 80 ingredients applied long ago and thus cannot be targeted by existing practice surveys. Second, 81 important ingredients, such as glyphosate, may be difficult to analyze at local laboratory 82 facilities and/or may be too costly to analyze in multiple samples. Third, the use of pesticides 83

in urban areas (i.e., not for agriculture) is not often examined. Uses for pesticides in urban areas 84 may include residential and facility treatments for disease vector control (cockroaches, fleas, 85 flies, mosquitos, rodents, etc.), vegetation control (in parks, roads, streets, tracks, etc.) and 86 fungicide treatments of materials (wood, textiles, etc.). To reduce these blind spots, it is possible 87 to implement multiresidue analysis methods that allow the analysis of a water sample with a 88 quantification limit (QL) of 0.01  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> for 469 pesticide ingredients and metabolites. These 89 methods are not commonly applied in developing countries such as Tunisia and may highlight 90 new contamination concerns. 91

The objective of this work was to characterize the contamination of surface water by pesticide active ingredients and their metabolites and to target the largest number of analytes available, within the context of a typical Mediterranean watershed with agricultural and urban activities. By combining monthly water sampling data with continuous flow measurements collected over more than two years, we aimed to relate available agricultural practices to the contamination pattern.

#### 98 Materials and methods

#### 99 *Site description*

100 We selected wadi Guenniche (Figure 1) as an inflow tributary of the Bizerte Lagoon because it potentially carries multiple contaminants resulting from agricultural and urban activities. The 101 watershed covers an estimated area of 86 km<sup>2</sup> and is representative of coastal plains with a 102 slight slope less than 1% surrounded by higher slopes, reaching an altitude of 401 m above sea 103 level (asl) (Figure 1). The El Alia district area included in the watershed accounts for 82% of 104 105 the total watershed area. The city of El Alia is located in the upper part of the watershed, and according to the 2014 Tunisian census, the population of the city was 18,359 inhabitants. 106 Notably, outputs of rain drainage networks occasionally presenting black waters for the cities 107

of El Alia and Khetmine were reported<sup>[13]</sup>. In fact, a 1.2 km cemented open canal exits El Alia
town on the northeastern side (37°10'5.42"N, 10°0'37.02"E) following Farhat Hached Street
(Figure 1). This collector frequently experiences sewage water flow, with a flow rate of
approximately 10-50 L s<sup>-1</sup>. The collector is connected to the main course of the wadi that
reaches the Bizerte Lagoon 8.81 km away. A few small villages, namely, Khetmine,
Magheraoua, and Hariza, are distributed in the lower parts of the city, which comprises a
cultivated plain with agricultural drains connected to the wadi.

### 115 Watershed land use

Agricultural data <sup>[14]</sup> for El Alia district allowed us to approximate the following characteristics 116 of the Guenniche watershed: a forest cover area of approximately 1700 ha, a constructed area 117 of approximately 200 ha, and a pasture area of 100 ha. The remaining area (cultivated land) is 118 approximately 6600 ha. For the other districts around the lagoon reported by Mhadhbi et al.<sup>[10]</sup>, 119 cereals (wheat, oat, barley, and triticale) account for 68% (4500 ha) of the surface area, fodder 120 121 (fenugreek, ray grass, triticale, and colza) accounts for 5.5% (363 ha) of the surface area, and legumes account for 12.7% (838 ha) of the surface area. Notably, in 2018, 92200 tons of cereals, 122 14100 tons of fodder, 35000 tons of legumes, and 8100 tons of beans were produced in El Alia 123 district <sup>[15]</sup>. Moreover, El Alia district exhibited notable fruit (average: 7000 tons) and citrus 124 (average: 3400 tons) tree production covering an area smaller than 400 ha. Similarly, olive trees 125 (1057 tons of olive oil) cover an area of approximately 1100 ha but were often cultivated in 126 combination with cereals. At the scale of the Bizerte governorate, the yields varied between 2.4 127 and 2.9 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> for wheat, between 1.5 and 2.5 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> for barley and between 1.8 and 2.8 tons 128 ha<sup>-1</sup> for triticale <sup>[15]</sup>. These yield ranges are consistent with the estimated area of 4500 ha 129 dedicated to cereals in the Guenniche watershed and the 2018 production level. To establish a 130 correlation between the growing season and the presence of pesticides in water bodies, it is 131 important to consider the agricultural calendar in Tunisia. Legumes (peas, beans, chickpeas, 132

etc.) are cultivated from the end of October (sowing) to the end of April (harvest). Cereals
(wheat, oat, barley, etc.) are cultivated from October–November (sowing) to June (harvest).
Vegetable crops (melons, cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, etc.) are cultivated from March–April
to June–July (harvest), and fruits are grown throughout the year (Table 1S). Applying the
recommended doses of the main active ingredients to estimated areas of the different crop
categories provided an estimation of the amounts spread yearly in the watershed (Table 1).

## 139 Hydrological description of wadi Guenniche

Daily precipitation data were downloaded from reanalysis datasets of the European Centre for 140 Medium-Range Weather Forecasts<sup>[16]</sup> and compared to data obtained from the station nearest 141 Bizerte Airport (37°15'00"N, 09°47'59"E). The annual total precipitation during the 2-vear 142 monitoring period was 594 mm from 2019-2020 and 559 mm from 2020-2021. The second 143 year was globally drier but had higher monthly precipitation in December (188 mm in 2020) 144 compared with 91 mm in 2019) (Figure 2). According to Bizerte delegation data, cereal 145 146 production was 2.7% greater during the 2021 harvest, with a similar wheat yield. However, the barley and triticale yields increased by 47% and 16.7%, respectively, emphasizing the 147 importance of December precipitation. 148

149 The hydrological station and sampling site are located at the last bridge before the lagoon (37°10'24.55"N, 9°56'41.80"E). The wadi course from the station to the lagoon is 1.85 km 150 long. The monitoring station contained a water level measurement device with a LevelTroll® 151 probe TROLL 200 with a piezoresistive sensor. Data were acquired at 10-min intervals from 152 the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The control section was an old concrete slab 153 154 at the point where the old road crosses the wadi, and the relationship between the water level and the flow in the section was calibrated by flow measurements at 5 different water levels 155 using a portable magnetic flow meter (Flow-Mate Cometec<sup>®</sup>). The measurements were repeated 156 three times during the water-falling phase. The flow was extrapolated between points along the 157

flow section using the Manning equation. In this work, the flow measurements were integrated 158 on a daily basis. The measured flow rates ranged from 12 to 1443 L s<sup>-1</sup>. Analysis of the daily 159 stream time series was performed using the in-line hydrograph separation tool Sephydro, and 160 (https://sephydro.hydrotools.tech/) the local minimum method was applied<sup>[17]</sup>. During the 161 studied period, base flow accounted for 68% of the total stream; thus, 70% of the daily flow 162 rates were lower than 100 L.s<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 2). Compared with the usual Mediterranean hydrologic 163 behavior, the wadi never dries in summer. This phenomenon may be explained by 3 water 164 contributions: i) drainage inputs from irrigated fields, ii) underground water, and iii) permanent 165 urban wastewater inputs from El Alia city and small villages. Short-term flood events are 166 167 generally caused by rain. Moreover, the larger amount of December precipitation impacted the streams. Notably, the monthly averages were 149 and 383 L s<sup>-1</sup> for December 2019 and 168 December 2020, respectively. The yearly stream averages were 89.4 and 152.1 L s<sup>-1</sup> for the 169 170 2019-20 and 2020-21 hydrologic cycles, respectively. Streamflow accounted for 5.5% and 9.9% of the total precipitation during the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 hydrological cycles, 171 respectively. The short-term correspondence between rain events was studied using the cross-172 correlation between the daily precipitation and daily wadi streamflow. The average hydrogram 173 response unit (Figure 3S) indicated a continuous correlation between one day before and 14 174 175 days after rain events. Four days after a given rain event, the significant (p>95%) correlation was less than 0.2, indicating a quick return to the base flow conditions. 176

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#### Water sampling and chemical analysis

A total of 548 ingredients were mentioned in this study (Tables 4S-1-5]). Ingredients belonged to one or more of the four following groups: 1) the 233 active synthetic ingredients authorized in Tunisia<sup>[12]</sup>; 2) the 38 active ingredients mentioned by farmers during the surveys reported in previous studies<sup>[8-10]</sup>; 3) the 469 analytes considered by the multiresidue analysis protocol (Table 4S,5S,6S); 4) detected 31 molecules in water (Table 6S). The results of the contingency analysis are reported in Table 2. Only 154 (66%) of the active ingredients authorized for use in
Tunisia could be analyzed because analytical methods for these ingredients were not available.
This phenomenon reflects one of the limitations of this study: despite the 469 analytes
considered, 78 potential contaminants were beyond the detection scope.

Water sampling was performed on a monthly basis in the wadi, with some gaps due to COVID-187 19 lockdowns and travel restrictions (Figure 2). The Guenniche watershed output location was 188 not adequate to secure the installation of an automatic time-regulated or stream-regulated 189 sampling device. Indeed, all the sampling was punctual and was performed between 8:30 and 190 9:30. Twenty samples were collected during the study period: 17 samples were collected at the 191 192 wadi monitoring point, one sample was collected in the nearest traditional well, one sample was collected at the output of the cemented canal, and one sample was collected in a tributary of the 193 Guenniche watershed, i.e., the wadi Helia. The samples were stored in 1-L glass bottles (for 194 multiresidue analysis) and 150-mL plastic bottles (for glyphosate and aminomethylphosphonic 195 acid (AMPA) analysis) at -18°C, and they were transported within 48 hours in iceboxes two 196 197 times a year by car and boat from Tunis (Tunisia) to Montpellier (France). The samples were subsequently processed Drome Departmental Laboratory 198 at La (https://www.ladromelaboratoire.fr/en/the-laboratory/) by a dedicated transporter to ensure the 199 200 cold chain. Notably, 469 pesticide active ingredients and metabolites (Tables 5S-[1-4]) were analyzed according to ISO standards N° 10695, 6468, 11369, and 12918 and EPA methods N° 201 507, 508, and 625. MultipH liquid/liquid extraction was performed, followed by gas and/or 202 liquid chromatography by instruments coupled with different detectors (diode array detector, 203 electron capture detector, flame ionization detector, ion trap and tandem mass spectrometry 204 205 device). For glyphosate, AMPA, and glufosinate, ISO standards N° 21458 and 16308 were applied, and information on the methods used was summarized (Tables 5S-[1-4]) 206

#### 207 Provisional load estimates

Monthly sampling cannot represent the short-term variation in contents that may be driven by 208 runoff events and treatments. However, we proposed to estimate provisional river annual loads 209 for the most frequent analytes for the following reasons: 1) Importance of base flow implied 210 that direct runoff episodes were limited in time and volume; thus, the hydrological behavior of 211 the watershed indicated intervention of large buffering capacity; and 2) Samplings were taken 212 outside flooding events with flow stream values less than 150 L s<sup>-1</sup>. 3) No significant correlation 213 was detected between the wadi discharge values at the sampling time and the pesticide 214 concentrations in the water on one hand or between the discharge values and salinity on the 215 other hand. We computed daily linear interpolation of the contents (µg L<sup>-1</sup>) between the 17 216 punctual samplings. Each interpolated value was multiplied by the daily stream value (L  $d^{-1}$ ) 217 load results were reported in (Table 6S). In some cases, a laboratory report may indicate the 218 presence of an analyte in the sample at a concentration lower than the OL. In such instances, 219 220 the concentration used for daily interpolation was QL/3. If the analyte was not mentioned in the report, the values were set to 0. To determine the influence of the QL on the annual budget, we 221 computed the annual substance flow according to this limit. Considering a mean annual flow 222 of 3.5  $10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> and analytes with QL values of 0.01, 0.02 or 0.05 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, contaminant annual 223 loads that could be neglected would be less than or equal to 0.035, 0.070 or 0.175 kg  $y^{-1}$ , 224 respectively. 225

## 226 Temporal and seasonal analysis

The serial time arrangement of the detected substances was obtained on the basis of the sampling dates <sup>[18]</sup> using seriation date-constrained mode in the Past4<sup>®</sup> software results were reported in Table 7S.

## 230 Predicted no-effect concentrations

The predicted no-effect concentration (PNEC) for fresh water may provide a relative toxicity 231 232 benchmark for each substance regarding its impact on biota. The lowest PNEC values are constantly being updated because they depend on toxicological experimental data for each 233 substance and organism and model application. Nevertheless, whenever the detected 234 concentration of a given substance in a water body is equal to or greater than the corresponding 235 PNEC, a priority warning should be issued. We gathered lowest PNEC values for fresh water 236 from the Norman database <sup>[19]</sup> and compare them to the maximum concentration reached in the 237 wadi water. 238

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#### 240 **Results and discussion**

### 241 Detected pesticide active ingredients and metabolites

During the survey, 31 pesticide active ingredients and metabolites were quantified in the water 242 samples, 3 of which were detected only in city wastewater (Table 6S). In contrast, 7 analytes 243 244 detected in the water samples did not belong to the list of authorized ingredients for agricultural use in Tunisia (Table 2, Table 4S-1). Two of them were metabolites of authorized ingredients 245 (DIA and AMPA obtained from the degradation of simazine and glyphosate, respectively), and 246 4 unauthorized active ingredients detected were not mentioned by the farmers' surveys. In 247 addition, 14 (58%) of the 24 authorized ingredients detected in the water were not mentioned 248 by the farmers' surveys. These results indicated that local farmer surveys could not effectively 249 delimit potential active ingredient water contamination. On the one hand, these analytes may 250 be related to urban origins. On the other hand, this finding could encourage authorities and 251 252 scientists to include the largest list of substances in contamination diagnostics and not exclusively rely on farmer interviews and/or authorization lists. 253

#### 254 Concentrations reached in stream water

The range of concentrations of active ingredients and metabolites is reported in Figure 3, with 255 256 analytes sorted by the maximum concentration observed in the wadi samples. The same figure also indicates the average, minimum, and maximum contents, as well as the standard error of 257 the mean. Six analytes of concern were detected, with concentrations higher than 0.5  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>: 258 three herbicide active ingredients (2,4-D, glyphosate and simazine), 1 metabolite from 259 herbicides (AMPA), and one fungicide with only one detection (fludioxonil). Moreover, the 260 concentrations of 16 active ingredients exceeded the threshold of 0.1 µg L<sup>-1</sup>. Notably, the 261 maximum contents of 4 herbicides (metribuzin, mesosulfuron, chloroturon, florosulam) and 262 one metabolite with 8 detections (DIA), two fungicides (methomyl, flusilazole) and 4 263 insecticides (acetamiprid, clethodim, alphamethrin, permethrin) ranged from 0.1–0.5 µg L<sup>-1</sup>. 264 Then, 14 active ingredients with maximum contents in the range of 0.1-0.02 µg/L were 265 quantified, among which carbendazime, propamocarb, and metalaxyl were the most frequently 266 267 detected, with 6, 7 and 3 quantifications, respectively.

No organochlorine pesticide was detected in this study, indicating that persistent organic 268 269 pollutant (POP) water contamination does not occur at concentrations higher than the LQ (0.01 µg L<sup>-1</sup>) in the wadi. Recently, analyzing DDT in water with an LQ 100 times lower in the 270 Mejerdha River <sup>[20]</sup> allowed DDT quantification with a maximum content of  $0.027 \,\mu g \, L^{-1}$  and 271 an average of 0.009  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>. In an oasis in the Kebili region<sup>[23]</sup>, the DDT water content reached 272 0.0015  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, with an average of 0.0006  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>. In the drainage waters of Cap Bon citrus 273 orchards <sup>[21]</sup>, the DDT concentration reached 0.044  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, with an average of 0.023  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>. 274 Moreover, DDT was quantified in other matrices, such as soil irrigated with treated wastewater 275 near Nabeul <sup>[22]</sup> and locally in Bizerte Lagoon sediments <sup>[9]</sup> and fish <sup>[23]</sup>, accompanied by HCH. 276

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#### 278 Frequency and leachability of ingredients

Among the 17 wadi water samples, 116 detections were observed : 79 were associated with 11 279 280 herbicides and their metabolites, 27 were associated with 11 fungicides, and 10 were associated with 7 insecticides. Nine analytes were detected more than 2 times, and these substances can 281 be considered regular contaminants (Figure 4). The frequency of detection and concentration 282 of active ingredients are often related to their specific characteristics, which describe their 283 ability to degrade and be retained in the soil. For instance, the groundwater ubiquity score<sup>[24]</sup> 284 (GUS) is commonly used as a leachability index that describes the mobility of an active 285 ingredient released from the soil (see Table 2S for  $K_{0c}$  and  $DT_{50}$  values used). 286

For negative GUS values, all the analytes had fewer than 3 quantifications, most of which were 287 insecticides. In fact, all the detected insecticide ingredients had GUS values lower than 0.9, and 288 their average or single concentrations were lower than  $0.3 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ . The analytes quantified more 289 than 5 times had GUS values in the range of [0.9-4.82], which corresponded to low to high 290 leachability. Five of them were herbicides, and their metabolites had average concentrations 291 higher than 0.09  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>; two of them were fungicides with average concentrations in the range 292 of  $[0.03-0.04] \mu g L^{-1}$ . Nevertheless, 13 ingredients had the same range of GUS values, with 293 fewer than 3 detected. In conclusion, negative GUS values corresponded to chemical 294 characteristics that constitute a potential mobility threshold. The low and moderate 295 296 leachabilities of glyphosate and AMPA were sufficient, in this context, to favor a high frequency of detection and high concentrations. High leachability favored an elevated number 297 of detections (>8) for the other main herbicides and metabolites (simazine, 2,4D and DIA). 298

299 Frequency and treatment doses

The frequency of detection was associated with the estimated amount applied (Table 1) to the watershed, assuming the recommended dose for the corresponding ingredients and metabolites (Figure 5). A linear trend linked the logarithm of the estimated applied amounts to the number of detections ( $R^2=0.78$ ). This trend indicated that, at the watershed scale, the occurrence of these

contaminants was more easily related to the doses applied than to their retention and 304 305 degradation characteristics. Glyphosate is used as a total herbicide that can be applied throughout the year since it is registered for all culture types. Glyphosate is frequently used in 306 urban areas to clear vegetation from railways, backyards, streets, etc. Moreover, the application 307 dose for plants (12 L ha<sup>-1</sup>, with a product concentration of 360 g.L<sup>-1</sup>) in agricultural or urban 308 activities could explain the considerable amount reaching the lagoon. Moreover, we determined 309 an AMPA concentration of 5.56  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> in the wastewater output of El Alia, emphasizing the 310 city's contribution to the total contamination level. The provisional loads of the Guenniche 311 watershed output included a glyphosate load of 2.57 kg y<sup>-1</sup> and an AMPA load of 12.6 kg y<sup>-1</sup> 312 313 (Table 6S). The presence of AMPA is due to the degradation of glyphosate by either biological or chemical pathways. Moreover, as the mole weight of glyphosate is 1.67 times that of AMPA, 314 the total amount corresponds to 23.7 kg y<sup>-1</sup> of the initial amount of glyphosate exported. 315 Reported to the area of the watershed the load was 2.7 g ha<sup>-1</sup>. This value is close to the 3.11 g 316 ha<sup>-1</sup> observed in Argentina for a study in a larger watershed<sup>[25]</sup>. For 23060 kg of the 317 recommended dose, the export ratio would be approximately 0.1%. This ratio clearly agrees 318 with the values reported in the literature. For instance, glyphosate applied in a 2.2 ha catchment 319 vineyard in western France was detected during 20 runoff events between 2009 and 2012, for 320 an export coefficient of 0.33% [26]. Moreover, at a French vineyard scale of 42 ha, pesticide 321 losses were consistently less than 1% and even less than 0.1%. Notably, the glyphosate export 322 coefficient varied between 0.009% and 0.033% [27]. 323

While it is banned for use in Europe, simazine remains authorized for agricultural use in Tunisia. This herbicide active ingredient is recommended for peas and legumes. Thus, it may be useful in peri-urban gardens. The authorities recommend the addition of 1.5 L ha<sup>-1</sup> of a product with a simazine concentration of 0.5 kg L<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to an amount of 0.75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> of simazine (Table 1), and the treatment is applied two times a year. The annual application

within an area of 838 ha should correspond to a spread amount of 1257 kg y<sup>-1</sup>. The computed 329 provisional load of simazine in the wadi output was 0.627 kg.y<sup>-1</sup>. The export ratio reached 330 approximately 0.05%. In a 2320 ha watershed in Ontario, Ng et al. <sup>[28]</sup> reported a simazine 331 export value of 0.816 g ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> in runoff water. If applied to 838 ha with a 100% treated area of 332 peas and legumes, this could result in a  $0.683 \text{ kg y}^{-1}$  runoff load that is relatively close to our 333 estimates. A recent study<sup>[29]</sup> reported that a 5-year treatment resulted in an average simazine 334 load of 1.28 g ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> in different Salt River basin subwatersheds (USA). The authors advocated 335 that simazine load data could provide a reliable proportion of treated areas. In our case, a rate 336 of 1.28 g ha<sup>-1</sup> applied to 838 ha with a 100% treated area resulted in a value of 1.072 kg.y<sup>-1</sup>, 337 338 indicating that the export ratio between the simazine surface load treatment and the corresponding outlet flux was lower but of the same order as that in the US. 339

DIA is a metabolite produced from simazine and atrazine by both chemical and biotic 340 degradation <sup>[30]</sup>. The latter was not authorized for use in Tunisia in 2020<sup>[12]</sup>. This metabolite has 341 been frequently detected in northern aquifers <sup>[30]</sup> but also around the Mediterranean Sea <sup>[31,32]</sup> 342 in southern bank countries such as the Gaza strip <sup>[33]</sup> due to its notable persistence in 343 underground waters. The presence of DIA may not necessarily indicate the actual use of 344 atrazine or simazine, as this metabolite may be stored in aquifers for a long time and could be 345 obtained through chemical or biotic degradation. The main DIA flow occurred in summer and 346 thus may be related to the contribution of contaminated underground waters to the wadi in the 347 absence of surface runoff. 348

2,4-D is a selective herbicide found in wastewater samples and is commonly used to eliminate
broadleaf weeds and most commonly affects cereal crops. The recommended dose for two
treatments on a 4500 ha area could reach 5830 kg y<sup>-1</sup> (0.9 L ha<sup>-1</sup> by 0.72 kg L<sup>-1</sup> by 2 on 4500 ha).
The estimated load of the wadi output of 2,4-D was 1.67 kg y<sup>-1</sup>, resulting in an export ratio of
0.03%. This ratio was lower than those reported in the literature. For instance, reported export

ratios of 1.53%, 0.37%, and 0.06% during successive events from corn cultivated plots in coastal Georgia (USA) treated with 0.56 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> were reported <sup>[34]</sup>. More recently, on a golf course, an export value of 0.5% was obtained <sup>[35]</sup>.

357 Seasonal pattern

A clear seasonal pattern was observed in the chemical analysis data, and the number of 358 detections and variety of analytes differed among the various seasons (Figure 6). In winter, 359 most of the detected compounds originated from the applied herbicides, with the greatest 360 variety. Twenty-four of the 29 detected substances originated from the 11 herbicides and their 361 362 metabolites. Before sprouting and during cultivation (in the interbank area), systemic herbicides (glyphosate for cereals or atrazine for legumes) may be applied mostly in winter and spring. 363 During cultivation, largely in spring, for pluvial crops and irrigated fields, selective herbicides 364 (2,4D, clethodim, etc.) are applied. The amount and variety of herbicides detected decreased in 365 autumn, spring and summer to reach a minimum number of detections in summer, where 6 366 367 herbicides were detected in 15 detections. The smallest number of detections in the wadi course in summer was due to the small surface area affected by the treatments and because rainfed 368 soils exhibited the driest state, and precipitation could not easily initiate runoff. This result 369 agrees with the outputs of glyphosate and AMPA measured in the Saone River (a tributary of 370 the Rhone River), where the smallest amount was registered during the summer season <sup>[36]</sup>. 371

Fungicide active ingredients were particularly common in the wadi in spring, when the largest number of analytes was observed (8) with the highest detection number (9). Similarly, insecticides were more frequently detected in spring, but during autumn and winter, they exhibited the lowest detection rates and the lowest variety levels compared to the other classes of pesticides. Indeed, insecticides and fungicides are applied to fruits, legumes, and foliar systems at the end of the cycle in spring and summer.

#### 378 Comparison of the two years

The sampling period (from July 2019 to the end of May 2021) corresponds to two agricultural 379 periods for each product. This observation explains the presence of analytes exclusively at the 380 381 beginning (clethodim, carbendazim, propamocarb-HCl, acetamiprid, and DIA) or at the end of the monitoring period (cypermethrin, tebuconazole, etc.) (Table 7S). The concentrations during 382 these two periods are also distinct from the stream values because the end of 2020 and the 383 384 beginning of 2021 exhibited more flood events. Fifty percent of the average daily flows were lower than 57 L s<sup>-1</sup> from July 2019 to July 2020 and 82 L s<sup>-1</sup> from July 2020 to July 2021. We 385 considered that the 2020–2021 stream flows were influenced more notably by the contributions 386 387 of black water stemming from the city of El Alia, which altered the contamination pattern, as described in past studies <sup>[37,38]</sup>. Indeed, higher chlorpyrifos and permethrin concentrations were 388 found in black water originating from the city canal and in the watershed outputs during the 389 second hydrological cycle. Permethrin is an insecticide authorized as a biocide for veterinary 390 and home use against fleas and lice but is not allowed for field use. Chlorpyrifos is an insecticide 391 392 authorized for agricultural use but is often used for gardening and residential purposes. Finally, certain herbicides, such as glyphosate and its metabolites AMPA, simazine and 2,4-D, were 393 observed throughout the monitoring period. Small amounts can be issued from urban areas <sup>[38]</sup>. 394 395 Propamocarb hydroxide and carbendazim are two fungicides that are applied mainly in summer and autumn. Recommended treatments are usually performed at the last fruit or legume growth 396 stage, usually a few weeks before harvest. The two years of monitoring demonstrated that some 397 main active ingredients may be distinctly present during the first dry period relative to the 398 second hydrological period. For instance, the most frequently detected fungicides, carbendazim 399 400 and propamocarb, were detected from 2019-2020 but were not found in the samples collected during the 2020–2021 rainy period. Acetamiprid was detected 4 times, mostly in spring (used 401 against leaf miner insects on citrus trees) and autumn (used against thrips on citrus plants). 402

403 Permethrin was mostly observed in summer and, in particular, in city black water, at relatively404 high concentrations.

#### 405 Environmental risk pattern of Guenniche water

PNEC values for freshwater were obtained from the Norman database network <sup>[18]</sup>, and 406 the maximum concentrations in the Guenniche water samples and number of detections were 407 used for construction (Figure 7). The results demonstrated that 2,4-D and simazine attained 408 maximum concentrations greater than or equal to the lowest PNEC values (0.6 and 1  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, 409 respectively), with high occurrence in the water samples. 2,4-D and simazine are known to have 410 acute (7 days) effects on aquatic plant biomass, with  $EC_{50}$  values of 2.7 and 0.3 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, 411 respectively<sup>[33]</sup>. Moreover, simazine had an acute (72 hours) effect on algae growth (EC<sub>50</sub> value 412 of  $0.04 \text{ mg } \text{L}^{-1}$ ). 413

Regarding glyphosate and AMPA (the most frequently detected analytes), the maximum 414 concentrations measured in the Guenniche watercourse (at 2.23 and 23.3  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) 415 were two orders of magnitude lower than the lowest PNEC values for each (120 and 1500 µg L<sup>-</sup> 416 <sup>1</sup>, respectively). We reported a relatively high concentration of AMPA in Helia Wadi (76.6 417  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>), but the maximum concentration was less than the lowest PNEC. Nevertheless, as i) the 418 419 active ingredients glyphosate and AMPA are likely to generate unknown cumulative effects, ii) numerous glyphosate products, including unevaluated toxic coformulants, may be present, and 420 iii) additional sensitive species should be considered in risk assessments, while environmental 421 toxicity evaluations should be updated in the coming years <sup>[39]</sup>. 422

All the maximum contents of insecticides in the water were greater than the corresponding lowest PNEC values, but the individual detection frequencies were low. These contaminations, with maximum concentrations ranging from 0.02 to 1  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, may be a concern because they mostly occur during specific periods (summer 2019 and spring 2021). Thus, the
lowest PNEC thresholds of 2 to 3 insecticide active ingredients were exceeded at the same time.

In contrast, all fungicides demonstrated maximum content values lower than the lowest PNEC values, with higher frequencies for certain fungicides, such as carbendazim. In the latter case, the ratio decreased by one order of magnitude, and indeed, the maximum detected value of  $0.06 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$  corresponded to a lowest PNEC value of  $0.44 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ . In a recent review, Zhou et al. <sup>[40]</sup> advocated for enhanced quantification of the toxicological effects of carbendazim on organisms under field conditions.

434 Conclusion

With more than 119 quantifications of 32 pesticide active ingredients and metabolites, 435 this study allowed us to characterize the detailed signatures of agricultural and urban water 436 contamination by pesticides in the Guenniche watershed and to rank the amounts of pesticides 437 reaching the Bizerte Lagoon. Multiresidue analysis was very effective in consolidating 438 contamination diagnostic approaches. No POPs were detected in Wadi Guenniche water during 439 the two-year monitoring period for an LQ equal to  $0.01 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ . With more specific and sensitive 440 analytical methods, DDT water contents were quantified at lower concentrations in Mejerdha 441 River<sup>[22]</sup> and Cap Bon citrus orchard drainage waters<sup>[23]</sup>. From our perspective, our encouraging 442 results demonstrated that DDT and HCH are not heavily used today in the Guenniche 443 watershed. These active ingredients have been banned in Tunisia since the end of the 1980s. 444 Indeed, POP pollution in sediments either originates from other watersheds or represents a 445 legacy phenomenon of the 1980s. 446

We detected 4 ingredients in water that were not authorized for use or mentioned in the surveys. Furthermore, we detected 14 pesticide active ingredients authorized for use in Tunisia but not mentioned in previous surveys. One limitation of this study is that 72 authorized active

ingredient could not be analyzed. Glyphosate and simazine and their quantified metabolites 450 451 (AMPA and DIA, respectively), accompanied by 2.4-D, were the main molecules involved in water flow. This short list corresponds to the main cultivated cereals and legumes in the 452 watershed. DIA is a metabolite that corresponds to either the past use of atrazine or the actual 453 use of simazine for legumes. For the 5 leading molecules (glyphosate, AMPA, simazine, DIA 454 and 2.4-D), we estimated the order of magnitude of annual loads and compared them to 455 456 estimates of pesticide-recommended treatments in the main crop categories. For positive GUS values, relative leachability differences between analytes were overridden by the relative 457 quantities of pesticide applied. 458

Our results represent the first attempt to understand pesticides stream outputs of a 459 coastal plain watershed on the southern Mediterranean bank during a two-year monitoring 460 period. We found that the relative behavior of the ingredients in surface water generally 461 corresponded to the literature, suggesting that pesticide treatment intensities and behaviors are 462 comparable on both sides of the Mediterranean. The behaviors of glyphosate and simazine were 463 464 compatible with the application of recommended doses in Tunisia on estimated surfaces. We 465 cannot assume that the use of glyphosate by farmers is very low, as stated in previous studies <sup>[8,9]</sup>. For 2,4-D, the load and export ratio ranges were comparable to those of the treatments 466 quantified by Ben Salem et al. <sup>[8,9]</sup> and recommended doses. Apart from more frequently 467 detected herbicides, the detected ingredients and metabolites were not distributed evenly during 468 the two-year monitoring period. For instance, most insecticides were detected in the last 469 samples of spring 2021, indicating exceptional inputs from city wastewater and/or higher 470 stream values. 471

Finally, the results of this first multi-residue monitoring study conducted over two years in the Guenniche watershed, which is characterized by a typical combination of agricultural and urban activities, led us to recommend additional monitoring of the quality of surface water in

northern Tunisia. We acknowledge that the modest number of punctual samplings (17) and the 475 476 difficulty of maintaining an automatic sampler device on the wadi were significant limitations. However, these initial results will help in the design of future studies in Tunisia by facilitating 477 the choice of substances to monitor and providing information on pesticide behavior and the 478 associated environmental risks. Indeed, within the socioeconomic and climatic contexts of 479 northern Tunisia, Bizerte Lagoon watershed water contamination triggered by recent 480 agricultural and urban activities should not promote less concern than that in the European shore 481 area. Moreover, neither smaller quantities of pesticides, nor lower ambient retention, nor 482 increased degradation limited the contamination of the wadi by the herbicides. AMPA, 483 484 glyphosate and 2,4D exhibited high contamination fluxes. These ingredients should be specifically monitored in Tunisia, as they occur ubiquitously in the surface water of European 485 countries. Moreover, multiresidue studies combined with practice surveys and the use of 486 sampler devices should be recommended in other watersheds in northern Tunisia, particularly 487 near Beja, Bousalem, Kelibia, and Grombalia, to enhance the knowledge of the fate of 488 pesticides in water in these agroecosystems, thereby identifying problematic ingredients and 489 metabolites to eventually enforce specific laws and regulations. 490

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## 496 Data availability statement

The chemical data are presented in the supporting material (Table 8S). The daily hydrological
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## 648 FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. Locations of the Guenniche watershed and sampling points. The catchment arealimits were delineated using SRTM data. El Alia district is a an administrative limit.

**Figure 2.** Daily streamflow (L s<sup>-1</sup>) of wadi Guenniche, precipitation (mm) and number of sampling days during the monitoring period.

**Figure 3.** Concentrations of active ingredients and metabolites sorted by the maximum concentrations observed in the wadi Guenniche samples (average, minimum, maximum, standard error of the mean (Boxplots)). Numbers indicate the counts of quantifications when greater than 2.

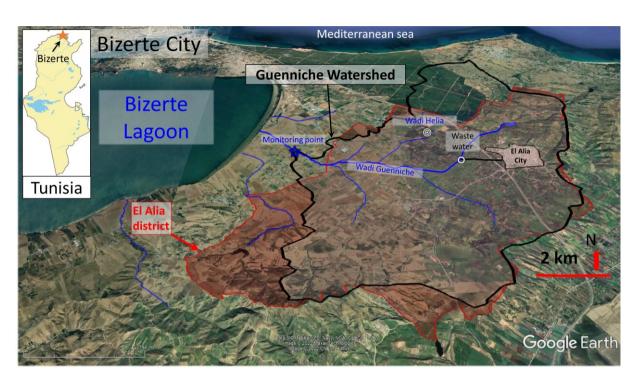
**Figure 4.** Groundwater ubiquity score (GUS) and number of detected analytes. The diameter of the bubbles is proportional to the  $\log_{10}([00^* \text{ average concentration in } (\mu g L^{-1}))$ . Green represents herbicides and their metabolites, brown represents fungicides, and red represents insecticides.

**Figure 5.** Estimated amounts of main active ingredients spread on the watershed (assuming recomanded doses) related to the number of detections observed. The diameter of the bubbles is proportional to the  $\log_{10}([00^* \text{ average concentration in } (\mu g L^{-1}))$ . Green represents herbicides and their metabolites, brown represents fungicides, and red represents insecticides. The metabolites (DIA and AMPA) are associated to their mother ingredient (Glyphosate and simazine).

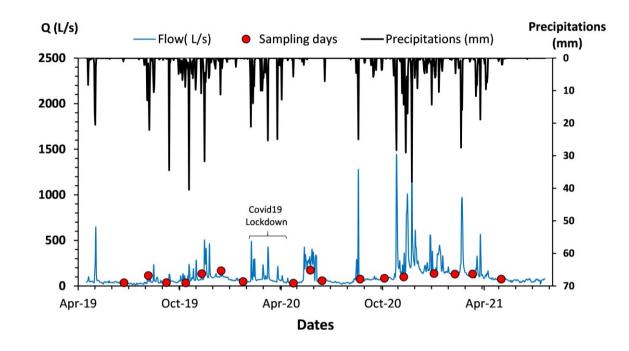
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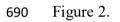
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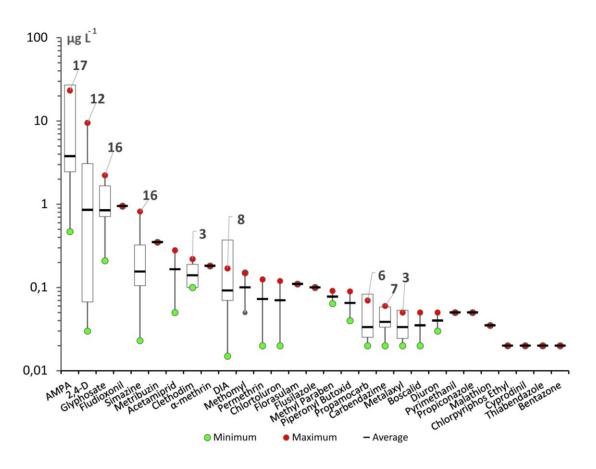
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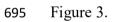


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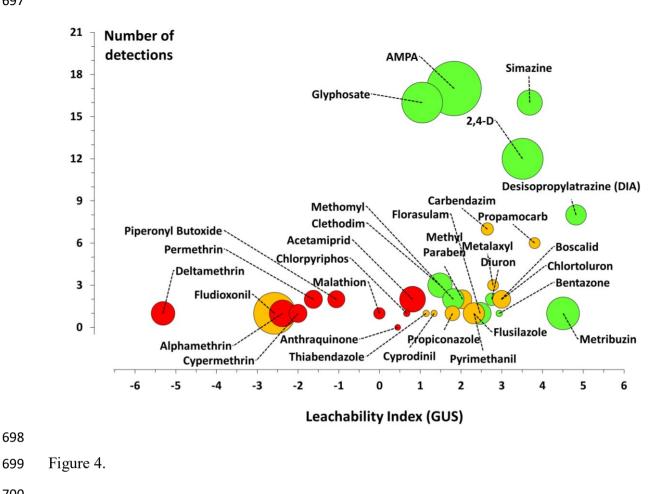


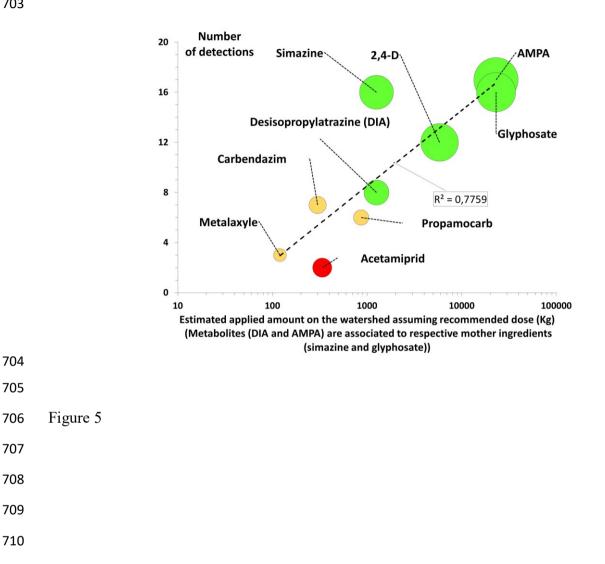


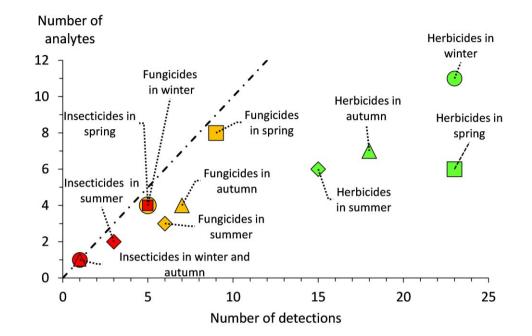






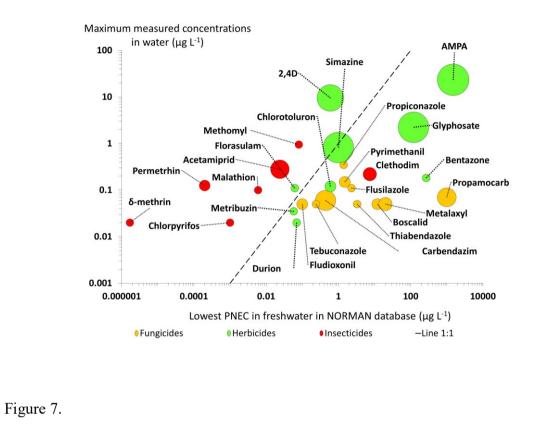






- 714 Figure 6.





Active ingredients	Crop category		ecommen treatmer		Surfaces in watershed	Number of treatments	Resulting amounts
Name		L ha <sup>-1</sup>	kg L <sup>-1</sup>	Kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	ha	By year	Kg y <sup>-1</sup>
Glyphosate	Cereals & legumes	12	0.36	4.32	5338	1	23060
Simazine	Legumes	1.5	0.50	0.75	838	2	1257
2.4-D	Cereals	0.9	0.72	0.65	4500	2	5832
Propamocarb	Vegetables	2	0.72	1.44	300	2	866
Carbendazim	Fruit trees	0.5	0.50	0.25	600	2	300
Acetamiprid	Fruit trees	0.4	0.70	0.28	600	2	336
Metalaxyl	Vegetables	2.5	0.08	0.20	300	2	120

730	Table 1 : Estimates of active ingredients supplies by year in the Guenniche watershed assuming
731	application of recommended treatments and surfaces evaluation based on 2018 production.

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735	<b>Table 2:</b> Overview of the pesticide active ingredients and metabolites considered: i) Authorized
736	list of pesticides for agricultural use in Tunisia <sup>[12.]</sup> .; ii) Pesticide treatments mentioned by local
737	farmers in the literature <sup>[8-10]</sup> .; iii) Laboratory analytes' listing( Table 4S).; iv)Quantified active
738	ingredients and metabolites of this study(Tables 4S & 8S).

	Active ingredients not authorized in Tunisia and metabolites			Active ingredients authorized in Tunisia			
Mention in farmers' surveys	Analyzed		Not analyzed	Ana	lyzed	Not analyzed	-
	<ql< th=""><th>&gt;QL</th><th></th><th><ql< th=""><th>&gt;QL</th><th></th><th>Total</th></ql<></th></ql<>	>QL		<ql< th=""><th>&gt;QL</th><th></th><th>Total</th></ql<>	>QL		Total
Ingredient mentioned	2	1	1	18	10	6	38
Not mentioned	306	6*	-	112	14	72	438
Total analyzed	308	7*	-	130	24	-	469
Total	315*		1	154		78	548

 $\langle QL = less than the quantification limit. > QL = above the quantification limit. * With 2 metabolites (AMPA and DIA)$ 

## Suplemental material

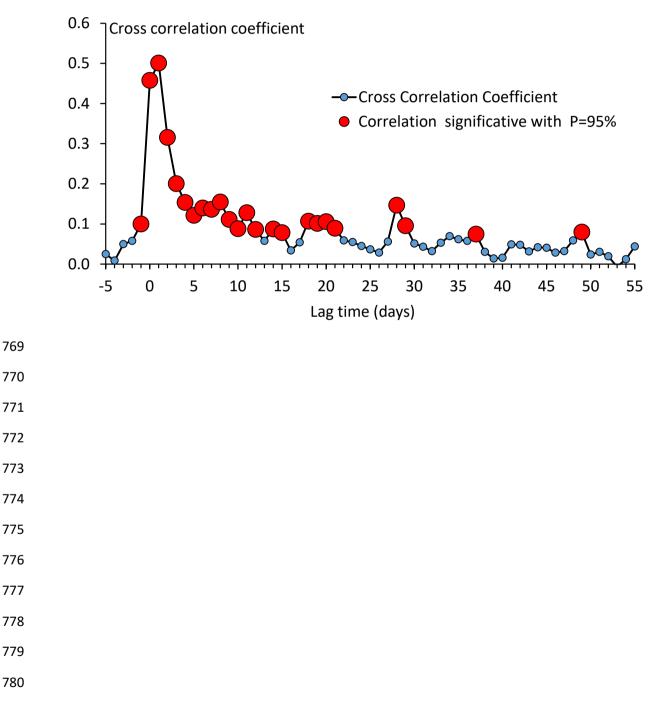
**Table 1S:** Main crops cultivated in the Guenniche watershed. period of cultivation and example of authorized active ingredients; H: herbicide. F: fungicide. I: insecticide. 

Crops	Growing period	Before sprouting	Interbank or foliar treatments	End cycle treatment Fruit and grain protection	
Legumes	15 October–15 November until 15 April		clethodim (H). glyphosate (H) simazine (H)		
Cereals	-		florasulam (H). 2.4-D (H). chlortoluron (H). bentazone (H).	tebuconazole (F)	
	until 15 June		cypermethrin (I)		
Vegetable crops	March to July April to June– July	Glyphosate (H)	clethodim (H). metribuzin (H). glyphosate (H). methomyl (I). cypermethrin (I). α-methrin (I)	fludioxonil (F propamocarb (F)	
Fruit trees	Perennial cultivation		glyphosate (H). methomyl (I). cypermethrin (I). α-methrin (I). acetamiprid (I)	cyprodinil (F) propamocarb (F)	
Olive trees	Perennial cultivation		cypermethrin (I). malathion (I). chlorpyrifos-ethyl (I)		

757	Table 28. Active ingredients detected in water. Koc. Half-life from PPDB. Lgal status in
758	Tunisia <sup>[12]</sup> and Europe (PPDB) agricultural use and example of doses.

Active ingredients detected in water	Koc PPDB *=INERIS §=SAGE L kg <sup>-1</sup>	DT <sub>50</sub> <sup>\$</sup> (PPDB typical or Field) Days	Legal status in Tunisia: "mentioned". "or "not mentioned" in the 2020 list of authorized ingredients in Tunisia for agricultural use. If mentioned. target cultivations	Appro ved in CEE <sup>\$</sup>	Doses L/ha.kg/ha. g/hl.cc/hl-g/L
AMPA	2002	419.0	Not mentioned Metabolite (from glyphosate)	Yes	
Glyphosate	1424	17.3	All cultivation. soil nude	Yes	12L/ha-360g/L
Simazine	130		Legumes	No	1.5l/ha
2.4-D	39	28.8	Cereals	Yes	0.4kg/ha
(DIA)	69		Metabolite (from atrazine (not mentioned))	No	
Propamocarb h.	41§	39.3	Cucumbers. melons. potatoes	Yes	200cc/hl- 722g/L
Carbendazime	223*	40.0	Fruits and apples trees	No	50cc/hl- 500g/L
Acetamiprid	200	3.0	Strawberries. apple and citrus trees	Yes	40g/200L
Metalaxyle	162	36.0	potato. tomato. circumbitaceaous.	Yes	200cc/hl- 500g/L
Boscalid	772*	484.4	Vineyards. wheat. pear & apple trees	Yes	75g/hl-500g/l
Permethrin	100000	42.0	Not mentioned (Veterinary and urban)	No	-
Diuron	680	229.0	Not mentioned	No	-
Clethodim	8§	3.0	Peas. garlics. Onions	Yes	1L/ha-120g/L
Piperonyl Butoxide	89125	13.0	Not mentioned(Synergizer of pyrethrinoids)		-
Methyl Paraben	119*	11.4	Not mentioned (Food conservative)		
Chlortoluron	108*	33.5	Wheat	Yes	4.8L/ha-500g/L
Pyrimethanil	438§	50.9	Vineyards. tomatoes. strawberries. apples trees	Yes	250cc/hl-300g/L
Chlorpyriphos Ethyl	5509	386.0	Vineyard. Corn. tomato.Fig. Citrus & Apples trees	No	100cc/hl-480g/L
Cyprodinil	1550§	45.0	Apple pear & peach trees		50g/hl-500g/L
Fludioxonil	145405*	164.0	Potato seeds. Vineyards. Strawberry. Circumbit.	Yes	25%-60-120g/hl
Thiabendazole	3983	724.0	Wheat. barley	Yes	200cc/Q1 -25g/L
Florasulam	22	8.5	Wheat tricital. oats	Yes	0.75L/ha -1.5g/L
Methomyl	72	7.0	Market gardening. Corn	No	150g/hl-200g/L
Propiconazole	1086	71.8	Wheat barley.	No	0.8L/ha-124g/L
Flusilazole	1164	300.0	Not mentioned	No	-
Alphamethrin	288735	42.6	Beet. tomato. pears. fruits with glitches	No	30cc/hl-100g/L
Bentazone	55		Peas. wheat. fenugreek	Yes	4L/ha-480g/L
Malathion	1800	1.0		Yes	500cc/ha-500g/L
Metribuzin	3	19.0	Potato. tomato. tobacco	Yes	700g/ha-750g/kg
Anthraquinone	3215§	8.0	Not mentioned	No	-
Cypermethrin	307558	22.1	Market gardening. olive. beet. wheat. corn. fruits	Yes	50cc/hl-250g/L
Deltamethrin	10240000		Tomato. apple tree. beet. cereals. potato. legume.	Yes	100cc/hl-25g/L

Figure 3S. Cross-correlations between the daily precipitation (mm) and daily streamflow (L s<sup>-</sup>
 <sup>1</sup>) of wadi Guenniche during the monitoring period.



French analytes names	CAS N°	LQ (µ L <sup>-1</sup>
Analyzed. quantified. authorized. reported by farmers' surve	eys	
2.4-D	94-75-7	0.020
Bentazone	25057-89-0	0.020
Boscalid	188425-85-6	0.020
Carbendazime	10605-21-7	0.020
Clethodim	99129-21-2	0.050
Deltaméthrine	52918-63-5	0.020
Florasulam	145701-23-1	0.020
Glyphosate	1071-83-6	0.030
Propiconazole	60207-90-1	0.050
Simazine	122-34-9	0.020
Analyzed. quantified. authorized. Not reported by farmers' s	urveys	
Acetamiprid	135410-20-7	0.020
améthrine	67375-30-8	0.020
Chlorpyriphos Ethyl	2921-88-2	0.020
Chlortoluron	15545-48-9	0.020
Cyperméthrine	52315-07-8	0.020
Cyprodinil	121552-61-2	0.040
Fludioxonil	131341-86-1	0.040
Malathion	121-75-5	0.040
Métalaxyle	57837-19-1	0.020
Méthomyl	16752-77-5	0.010
Métribuzine	21087-64-9	0.010
Propamocarbe Hydrochloride (Hcl)	25606-41-1	0.020
Pyriméthanil	53112-28-0	0.040
Thiabendazole	148-79-8	0.020
Analyzed. quantified. un-authorized. reported by farmers' su	irveys	
Flusilazole	85509-19-9	0.050
Analyzed. quantified. un-authorized. Not reported by farmer	s' surveys	
AMPA (Acide Amino Méthyl Phosphonique )	1066-51-9	0.030
Anthraquinone	84-65-1	0.020
Atrazine Déisopropyl (DIA)	1007-28-9	0.020
Diuron	330-54-1	0.020
Perméthrine	52645-53-1	0.020
Piperonyl Butoxide	55218	0.040
Not analyzed. un-authorized. but reported by farmers'		
surveys		
Fenoxatrop	95617-09-07	_

**Table 4S-1**: List of Ingredients quantified in water. authorized or not for agricultural use in
Tunisia and/or surveyed (reported by farmers). LQ is the limit of quantification.

# **Table4S-2**: Un-analyzed ingredients (French Names. CAS N°) authorized in Tunisia and not reported by farmers' surveys.

French Analytes Names	CAS N°	French analytes Names	CAS N°
(3E.8Z.11Z) Tetradecatrien 1- Acetate	163041-94-9	Hymexazole	10004-44-1
Acetate d'ammonium	631-61-8	Iodosulfuron	185119-76-0
Alkylphenolexy-Ethylène		Mandipropamide	374726-62-2
Ally Isothiocyanate	57-06-7	Mefenoxam (Metalxyl)	70630-17-0
Ametoctradine	865318-97-4	Mefenpyr	135591-00-3
Aminopyralydes	150114-71-9	Meptyldinocap	131-72-6.
Amisulbrom	348635-87-0	Mesosulfuron	400852-66-6
Arylex active (halauxifen- methyl)	943831-98-9	Metaflumizone	875656-67-0
Azadirachtine	11141-17-6	Métaldéhyde	9002-91-9
Benzovindiflupyr	1072957-71-1	Metam potassium	137-41-7
Bixafen	581809-46-3	Métam sodium	137-42-8
Capsaicine	404-86-4	Methoxyfenozide	161050-58-4
Chinozole (8-Hydroxyquinoline)	148-24-3	Milbemectin (A3+A4)	51596-10-2 & 51596-11-3
Chlorantraniliprole	500008-45-7	Naphoxy 2acétamide	35368-77-5
Chlormequat-chlorure	7003-89- 6	Nerolidol	40716-66-3
Chromafénozide	143807-66-3	Oxychlorure de cuivre	1332-40-7
Cloquintocet acide	88349-88-6	Phenamiphos	22224-92-6
Cyantraniliprole	736994-63-1	phenothiol	29656-15-3
Cyflufenamid	180409-60-3	Prohexadione-Calcium	127277-53-6
Cyromazine	66215-27-8	Propinèbe	12071-83-9 / 9016-72-2
Diafenthiuron	80060-09-9	Proquinazid	189278-12-4
Dimoxystrobine	149961-52-4	Pyrethrins	8003-34-7
Dodine	2439-10-3	Pyridalyl	179101-81-6
Emamectin benzoate	155569-91-8	Saflufenacil	372137-35-4
Farnesol	4602-84-0	Sedaxane	874967-67-6
Fenpyrazamine	473798-59-3	S-metolachlor	87392-12-9
Flubendiamide	272451-65-7	Sodium lauryl ether sulfate	68585-34-2
Flucarbazone-sodium	181274-17-9	Spinetoram	935545-74-7
Flumetsulam	98967-40-9	Spinosade	131929-63-0
Fluopicolide	239110-15-7	Spiromesyfen	283594-90-1
Fluopyram	658066-35-4	Spirotetramat	203313-25-1
Fluoxastrobine	361377-29-9	Tepraloxydim	149979-41-9
Flupyradifurone	951659-40-8	Thiocyclame hydrogène oxalate	31895-22-4
Fluxapyroxad	907204-31-3	Triticonazole	131983-72-7
γ-Cyhalothrine	76703-62-3	Zeta-cypermethrine	1315501-18-8
Geraniol	106-24-1	Zirame	137-30-4

Table 4S-3. Analyzed analytes. Un-detected in water samples. Un-authorized in Tunisia. not
 met in farmers surveys. (French Names. CAS N°. LQ is the limit of quantification)

NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ
1-(3.4-DichloroPhényl) Urée	155998	0.02	Benoxacor	98730-04-2	0.01	Chlorfenvinphos	470-90-6	0.02
DCPMU	3567-62-2	0.02	Bensulfuron-Methyl	83055-99-6	0.02	Chlorfluazuron	71422-67-8	0.01
1-(4-IsopropylPhényl) Urée	56046-17-4	0.02	Thiobencarbe	28249-77-6	0.02	Chloridazone	1698-60-8	0.05
1.2.3.4 Tétrachlorobenzène	634-66-2	0.05	β-Cyfluthrine	68359-37-5	0.02	Chlorméphos	24934-91-6	0.04
1.2.4.5 Tétrachlorobenzène	95-94-3	0.01	Bifénox	42576-02-3	0.05	Chlormequat Chloride	999-81-5	0.02
2.4' DDD	53-19-0	0.01	Bioresméthrine	28434-01-7	0.04	Chlormequat (ion)	7003-89-6	0.01
2.4' DDE	3424-82-6	0.01	Biphenyl	92-52-4	0.01	Chloroneb	2675-77-6	0.04
2.4' DDT	789-02-6	0.01	Bitertanol	55179-31-2	0.01	Chlorophacinone	3691-35-8	0.05
2.4.5-T	93-76-5	0.02	Bromacil	314-40-9	0.05	Chloroxuron	1982-47-4	0.05
2.4-DB	94-82-6	0.01	Bromadiolone	28772-56-7	0.10	Chlorsulfuron	64902-72-3	0.02
2.4-MCPA	94-74-6	0.02	Bromophos Ethyl	4824-78-6	0.04	Chlorthal Diméthyl	1861-32-1	0.01
2.4-MCPB	94-81-5	0.04	Bromophos Méthyl	2104-96-3	0.04	Chlorthiamide	1918-13-4	0.01
2.6 Dichlorobenzamide	2008-58-4	0.02	Bromopropylate	18181-80-1	0.02	Cinidon-Ethyl	142891-20-1	0.02
4.4' DDD	72-54-8	0.01	Bromoxynil	1689-84-5	0.04	Coumaphos	56-72-4	0.05
4.4' DDE	72-55-9	0.01	Bromoxynil Octanoate	1689-99-2	0.05	Coumatétralyl	5836-29-3	0.04
Acetochlor	34256-82-1	0.02	Buprofézine	69327-76-0	0.05	Cyanazine	21725-46-2	0.02
Acifluorfen	50594-66-6	0.04	Butraline	33629-47-9	0.04	Cyazofamide	120116-88-3	0.01
Alachlore	15972-60-8	0.04	Buturon	3766-60-7	0.05	Cycluron	2163-69-1	0.02
Aldicarbe	116-06-3	0.02	Cadusaphos	95465-99-9	0.02	Cyfluthrine	68359-37-5	0.02
Aldicarbe Sulfone	1646-88-4	0.02	Captafol	191906	0.02	Cyhalofop Butyl	122008-85-9	0.02
Aldicarbe Sulfoxyde	1646-87-3	0.02	Carbaryl	63-25-2	0.02	Dazomet	533-74-4	0.02
Aldrine	309-00-2	0.01	Carβmide	16118-49-3	0.01	DDT 44'	50-29-3	0.01
Allethrine	584-79-2	0.01	Carbofuran	1563-66-2	0.02	Déméton (O+S)	8065-48-3	0.10
Amétryne	834-12-8	0.02	Carbofuran-3-Hydroxy	16655-82-6	0.02	Demeton O	298-03-3	0.10
Amitraze	33089-61-1	0.02	Carbophénothion	786-19-6	0.04	Déméton S Methyl	919-86-8	0.10
Asulam	3337-71-1	0.10	Carbosulfan	55285-14-8	0.02	Déméton S Met. Sulf.	17040-19-6	0.10
Atrazine	1912-24-9	0.02	Carboxine	5234-68-4	0.02	IPPMU	34123-57-4	0.01
DEA	6190-65-4	0.02	Chinométhionate	196869	0.02	Diallate	2303-16-4	0.05
Azaconazol	60207-31-0	0.01	Chlorbromuron	13360-45-7	0.01	Diazinon	333-41-5	0.04
Azamétiphos	35575-96-3	0.01	Chlorbufame	1967-16-4	0.04	Dichlobenil	1194-65-6	0.05
Azimsulfuron	120162-55-2	0.05	Chlordane	57-74-9	0.01	Dichlofenthion	97-17-6	0.02
Azinphos Ethyl	2642-71-9	0.04	Chlordane a	5103-71-9	0.01	Dichlofluanide	1085-98-9	0.04
Azinphos Méthyl	86-50-0	0.04	Chlordane <sup>β</sup>	5103-74-2	0.02	Dichlofop Méthyl	51338-27-3	0.04
Bendiocarbe	22781-23-3	0.02	Chlordane y	5566-34-7	0.02	Dichloroaniline 3.4	95-76-1	0.02
Benfluraline	1861-40-1	0.02	Chlordecol	1034-41-9	0.01	Dichlorophène	97-23-4	0.02
Benfuracarbe	82560-54-1	0.10	Chlordécone	143-50-0	0.01	Dicofol	115-32-2	0.02
Bénomyl	17804-35-2	0.08	Chlordecone 5b Hydro	53308-47-7	0.01	Dieldrine	60-57-1	0.01

NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ
Difethialone	104653-34-1	0.02	Fluridone	59756-60-4		Ioxynil Methyl Ester	3336-40-1	0.05
Diflubenzuron	35367-38-5	0.01	Flurochloridone	61213-25-0		Ioxynil Octanoate	3861-47-0	0.05
Diméfuron	34205-21-5	0.02	Flurprimidol	56425-91-3	0.02	Isazofos	42509-80-8	0.04
Dimétachlor	50563-36-5	0.05	Flutolanil	66332-96-5	0.02	Isodrine	465-73-6	0.01
Dimetilan	644-64-4	0.04	Fomesafen	72178-02-0	0.01	Isophenphos	25311-71-1	0.04
Diniconazole	76714-88-0	0.04	Fonofos	944-22-9	0.02	Isoproturon	34123-59-6	0.02
DNOC	534-52-1	0.05	Foramsulfuron	173159-57-4	0.02	Isoxaflutole	141112-29-0	0.02
Dinosèbe	88-85-7	0.04	Form. Hydrochloride	23422-53-9	0.02	Lénacile	96639	0.05
Dinoterbe	1420-07-1	0.04	Formothion	2540-82-1	0.04	MCPA-1-Butyl Ester	1713-12-8	0.05
Disulfoton	298-04-4	0.05	Fosthiazate	98886-44-3	0.02	MCPA-2-Ethyl Hex. Es.	29450-45-1	0.05
Dithianon	3347-22-6	0.05	Furalaxyl	57646-30-7	0.05	MCPA-Butoxy Et. Es.	19480-43-4	0.05
Dodemorphe	1593-77-7	0.02	Furathiocarbe	65907-30-4		MCPA-Ethyl-Ester	2698-38-6	0.05
Endosulfan α	959-98-8	0.01	HCH a	319-84-6	0.01	MCPA-Methyl-Ester	2436-73-9	0.05
Endosulfan β	33213-65-9	0.01	НСН β	319-85-7	0.01	Mecoprop (MCPP)	93-65-2	0.02
Endosulfan Sulf.	1031-07-8	0.01	НСН б	319-86-8	0.01	Mecoprop-1-Octyl E.	161922-37-8	0.01
Endrine	72-20-8	0.01	НСН ү	1537222	0.01	Mecoprop-2.4.4-	217487-13-3	0.05
EPTC	759-94-4	0.04	Lindane	58-89-9	0.01	Mecoprop-2-but. Et. Es.	23359-62-8	0.05
Ethidimuron	30043-49-3	0.01	Hepta-Cl	76-44-8	0.01	Mecoprop-2-Et.Hex.Es.	71526-69-7	0.05
Ethion	563-12-2	0.02	Hepta-Cl- Endo Epo.	28044-83-9	0.01	Mecoprop-2-Octyl Es.	28473-03-2	0.05
Ethiophencarbe	29973-13-5	0.05	Hepta-Cl Epo. Σ iso.	28044-83-9	0.01	Mecoprop-M. Es.	2786-19-8	0.05
Fénarimol	60168-88-9	0.01	Hepta-Cl Exo Epox.	1024-57-3	0.01	Mecoprop-n/iso-but. Es.	/	0.05
Fenbuconazole	114369-43-6	0.05	Hepténophos	23560-59-0	0.02	Mefenacet	73250-68-7	0.04
Fenchlorphos	299-84-3	0.05	Hexachlorobenzène	118-74-1	0.01	Mefluidide	53780-34-0	0.02
Fénitrothion	122-14-5	0.04	Hexaconazole	79983-71-4	0.05	Mepanipyrim	110235-47-7	0.02
Fenpropathrine	39515-41-8	0.02	Hexaflumuron	86479-06-3	0.04	Mepiquat Chloride	24307-26-4	0.02
Fenthion	55-38-9	0.04	Hexazinone	51235-04-2	0.05	Mepiquat (ion)	15302-91-7	0.02
Fénuron	101-42-8	0.01	Hydramethylnon	67485-29-4	0.02	Mépronil	55814-41-0	0.01
Fipronil	120068-37-3	0.01	Hydroxyatrazine	2163-68-0	0.04	Mésotrione	104206-82-8	0.01
Flazasulfuron	104040-78-0	0.10	Hydroxyterbuthylazine	66753-07-9	0.02	Métamitron	41394-05-2	0.05
Flocoumafen	90035-08-8	0.02	Imazalil	35554-44-0	0.02	Methabenzthiazuron	18691-97-9	0.02
Flumioxazine	103361-09-7	0.02	Imazamétabenz-M.	81405-85-8	0.05	Méthidathion	950-37-8	0.04
Flupyrsulfuron M.	144740-54-5	0.10	Iodofenphos	18181-70-9	0.02	Méthoxychlore	72-43-5	0.02
Fluquinconazole	136426-54-5	0.01	Ioxynil	1689-83-4	0.04	Métobromuron	3060-89-7	0.02

**Table 4S-4**. Analyzed analytes (Name. CAS N°. Limit of Quantification). Un-detected in
water. Un-authorized in Tunisia. Not met in farmer's surveys.

Table 4S-5. Analyzed analytes (Name. CAS N°. Limit of Quantification). Un-detected in
water. Un-authorized in Tunisia. Not met in farmer's surveys.

NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ	NAME	CAS	LQ
Métoxuron	19937-59-8	0.02	Phoxime	14816-18-3	0.01	Sulcotrione	99105-77-8	0.01
Mévinphos	7786-34-7	0.04	Picloram	6607	0.04	Sulfotep	3689-24-5	0.05
Mirex	2385-85-5	0.02	Picolinafen	137641-05-5	0.02	Tébufénozide	112410-23-8	0.04
Molinate	2212-67-1	0.02	Pirimicarbe Des.	30614-22-3	0.01	Tébutame	35256-85-0	0.02
Monocrotophos	6923-22-4	0.05	Prétilachlore	51218-49-6	0.02	Teméphos	3383-96-8	0.01
Monolinuron	1746-81-2	0.02	Procymidone	32809-16-8	0.04	Terbacile	5902-51-2	0.04
Monuron	150-68-5	0.02	Profenophos	41198-08-7	0.04	Terbuméton	33693-04-8	0.02
Naled	300-76-5	0.04	Promecarbe	2631-37-0	0.01	Terbumeton Des.	30125-64-5	0.02
Napropamide	15299-99-7	0.02	Prométhryne	7287-19-6	0.05	Terbuphos	13071-79-9	0.02
Naptalam	132-66-1	0.02	Prométon	1610-18-0	0.04	Terbutryne	886-50-0	0.04
Néburon	555-37-3	0.04	Propachlor	1918-16-7	0.04	Terbutylazine Dés.	30125-63-4	0.02
Nicosulfuron	111991-09-4	0.02	Propanil	709-98-8	0.04	Tétrachlorobenzène	12408-10-5	0.05
Norflurazon	27314-13-2	0.05	Propaquizafop	111479-05-1	0.04	Tétrachlorvinphos	22248-79-9	0.04
Norflurazon Des.	23576-24-1	0.05	Propargite	2312-35-8	0.05	Tétraconazole	112281-77-3	0.05
Nuarimol	63284-71-9	0.01	Propazine	139-40-2	0.02	Tétradifon	116-29-0	0.10
Ofurace	58810-48-3	0.01	Propazine-2-Hydroxy	7374-53-0	0.02	Tétraméthrine	7696-12-0	0.04
Ométhoate	1113-02-6	0.10	Propétamphos	31218-83-4	0.04	Thiazasulfuron	25366-23-8	0.08
Oryzalin	19044-88-3	0.05	Propoxur	114-26-1	0.02	Thiodicarbe	59669-26-0	0.01
Oxadiargyl	39807-15-3	0.10	Pyrazophos	13457-18-6	0.02	Thiometon	640-15-3	0.10
Oxadiazon	19666-30-9	0.02	Pyridabène	96489-71-3	0.04	Tolclofos Methyl	57018-04-9	0.02
Oxadixyl	77732-09-3	0.02	Pyridate	55512-33-9	0.05	Tolylfluanide	731-27-1	0.04
Oxydémeton M.	301-12-2	0.02	Pyrifenox	88283-41-4	0.02	Tralomethrine	66841-25-6	0.02
Paclobutrazole	76738-62-0	0.06	Pyrimiphos Et.	23505-41-1	0.04	Triadimefon	43121-43-3	0.05
Paraquat (ion)	4685-14-7	0.01	Quinalphos	13593-03-8	0.04	Triallate	2303-17-5	0.04
Paraquat dichl.	1910-42-5	0.02	Quinoxyfen	124495-18-7	0.01	Triazophos	24017-47-8	0.05
Parathion Ethyl	56-38-2	0.04	Quintozene	82-68-8	0.01	Triazoxide	72459-58-6	0.02
Parathion Méthyl	298-00-0	0.04	Rimsulfuron	122931-48-0	0.02	Triclopyr	55335-06-3	0.02
Penoxsulam	219714-96-2	0.02	Rotenone	83-79-4	0.01	Triclosan		0.10
Pentachlorobenzène	608-93-5	0.01	Sébuthylazine	7286-69-3	0.02	Trinexapac Ethyl	95266-40-3	0.02
Pentachlorophénol	87-86-5	0.02	Secbuméton	26259-45-0	0.04	Vinchlozoline	50471-44-8	0.02
Phorate	298-02-2	0.04	Silthiopham	175217-20-6	0.02			
Phosalone	2310-17-0	0.04	Σ des DDT	/	0.01			
Phosphamidon	13171-21-6	0.05	$\Sigma$ Endosulfan ( $\alpha$ + $\beta$ +Sulf.)	/	0.01			

### **Table 5S-1: Analysis methods employed CMO\_MT02 and corresponding analytes.**

807 (/ compound French name (CAS Number) /) In red and bold compounds detected in this

808 study.

### Method internal name "CMO\_MT02"

This method is used to determine pesticides. PAHs. and hydrocarbons in water intended for human consumption. including groundwater. surface water. and salt and brackish water. While the method is also applicable to wastewater. the presence of organic matter and suspended solids in such samples can cause more interferences and result in higher analytical thresholds. The method combines liquid-liquid extraction (multi-pH) with multi-detection techniques. Water samples are stored in 1L glass bottles. and extraction must be performed within 48 hours of receipt. The extraction process utilizes a separating funnel for liquid-liquid extraction. Initially. 50 mL of a dichloromethane/ethyl acetate mixture (80/20) is added to the water sample. which is then shaken for 30 minutes while ensuring degassing. The first organic phase is collected in a beaker. In the next step. 2 mL of H3PO4 and 50 mL of the dichloromethane/ethyl acetate mixture (80/20) are added to the sample and shaken for another 30 minutes. The organic phase obtained is combined with the first phase. This step is repeated. and all organic phases are mixed together. In the final step. 25 mL of dichloromethane is added. and the mixture is shaken manually. The obtained extracts are then concentrated before chromatographic analysis by LC-MS/MS or GC/MS. A high recovery rate is crucial for the fidelity and accuracy of the analytical results. The recovery rate depends on the specific compounds being analyzed and generally exceeds 60%.

#### compounds analyzed with CGMS

1.2.3.4 Tétrachlorobenzène(634-66-2) / 1.2.4.5 Tétrachlorobenzène(95-94-3) / 2.4 D - Isopropyl-Ester(71164) / 2.4 D - Methyl-Ester(1928-38-7) / 2.4' DDD(53-19-0) / 2.4' DDE(3424-82-6) / 2.4' DDT(789-02-6) / 2.6 Dichlorobenzamide(2008-58-4) / 4.4' DDD(72-54-8) / 4.4' DDE(72-55-9) / Acetochlor(34256-82-1) / Acibenzolar-s-Méthyl(135158-54-2) / Acifluorfen(50594-66-6) / Aclonifen(74070-46-5) / Acrinathrine(101007-06-1) / Alachlore(15972-60-8) / Aldrine(309-00-2) / Allethrine(Depallethrine)(584-79-2) / Alphaméthrine(67375-30-8) / Amétryne(834-12-8) / Amitraze(33089-61-1) / Anthraquinone(84-65-1) / Bénalaxyl(71626-11-4) / Benfluraline(1861-40-1) / Benfuracarbe(82560-54-1) / Benoxacor(98730-04-2) / Béta-Cvfluthrine(68359-37-5) / Bifenazate(149877-41-8) / Bifénox(42576-02-3) / Bifentrine(82657-04-3) / Bioresméthrine(28434-01-7) / Biphenyl(92-52-4) / Boscalid(188425-85-6) / Bromacil(314-40-9) / Bromophos Ethyl(4824-78-6) / Bromophos Méthyl(2104-96-3) / Bromopropylate(18181-80-1) / Bromoxynil Octanoate(1689-99-2) / Bromuconazole(116255-48-2) / Bupirimate(41483-43-6) / Buprofézine(69327-76-0) / Butraline(33629-47-9) / Cadusaphos(95465-99-9) / Captafol(191906) / Captane(133-06-2) / Carbophénothion(786-19-6) / Carbosulfan(55285-14-8) / Carfentrazone-Ethyl(128639-02-1) / Chinométhionate(196869) / Chlorbufame(1967-16-4) / Chlordane(57-74-9) / Chlordane alpha(5103-71-9) / Chlordane Béta(5103-74-2) / Chlordane gamma(5566-34-7) / Chlorfenvinphos(470-90-6) / Chlorméphos(24934-91-6) / Chloroneb(2675-77-6) / Chlorothalonil(1897-45-6) / Chlorpropham(101-21-3) / Chlorpyriphos Ethyl(2921-88-2) / Chlorpyriphos Méthyl(5598-13-0) / Chlorthal Diméthyl(1861-32-1) / Clodinafop-Propargyl(105512-06-9) / Clomazone(81777-89-1) / Cloquintocet Mexyl(99607-70-2) / Coumaphos(56-72-4) / Cycluron(2163-69-1) / Cyfluthrine(68359-37-5) / Cyhalofop Butyl(122008-85-9) / Cyperméthrine(52315-07-8) / Cyprodinil(121552-61-2) / Dazomet(533-74-4) / DDT 44'(50-29-3) / Deltaméthrine(52918-63-5) / Déméton(O+S)(8065-48-3) / Demeton O(298-03-3) / Déméton S Methyl(919-86-8) / Déméton S Methyl Sulfone(17040-19-6) / Desmétryne(1014-69-3) / Diallate(2303-16-4) / Diazinon(333-41-5) / Dichlobenil(1194-65-6) / Dichlofenthion(97-17-6) / Dichlofluanide(1085-98-9) / Dichlofop Méthyl(51338-27-3) / Dichloroaniline 3.4(95-76-1) / Dichlorvos(62-73-7) / Dicofol(115-32-2) / Dieldrine(60-57-1) / Diflufénicanil(83164-33-4) / Diméfuron(34205-21-5) / Dimétachlor(50563-36-5) / Diméthoate(60-51-5) / Dinocap(39300-45-3) / Disulfoton(298-04-4) / Dodemorphe(1593-77-7) / Endosulfan Alpha (959-98-8) / Endosulfan Béta(33213-65-9) / Endosulfan Sulfate(1031-07-8) / Endrine(72-20-8) / EPTC(759-94-4) / Esfenvalérate(66230-04-4) / Ethion(Diethion)(563-12-2) / Ethofumésate(26225-79-6) / Ethoprophos(13194-48-4) / Etofenprox(80844-07-1) / Etoxazole(153233-91-1) / Famoxadone(131807-57-3) / Fénamidone(161326-34-7) / Fénazaquin(120928-09-8) / Fenchlorphos(299-84-3) / Fenhéxamide(126833-17-8) / Fénitrothion(122-14-5) / Fénoxaprop Ethyl(66441-23-4) / Fenpropathrine(39515-41-8) / Fenpropidine(67306-00-7) / Fenpropimorphe(67306-03-0) / Fenthion(55-38-9) / Fipronil(120068-37-3) / Fluazifop-p-Butyl(79241-46-6) / Fludioxonil(131341-86-1) / Flumioxazine(103361-09-7) / Flurochloridone(61213-25-0) / Fluroxypyr Methyl Heptyl Ester(81406-37-3) / Flurprimidol(56425-91-3) / Flutolanil(66332-96-5) / Flutriafol(76674-21-0) / Folpel(133-07-3) / Fonofos(944-22-9) / Formothion(2540-82-1) / Furalaxyl(57646-30-7) / Furathiocarbe(65907-30-4) / HCH Alpha(319-84-6) / HCH Beta(319-85-7) / HCH Delta(319-86-8) / HCH Epsilon(1537222) / HCH Gamma(Lindane)(58-89-9) / Heptachlore(76-44-8) / Heptachlore Endo Epoxyde(28044-83-9) / Heptachlore Exo Epoxyde(1024-57-3) / Hepténophos(23560-59-0) / Hexachlorobenzène(118-74-1) / Imazamétabenz-Méthyl(81405-85-8) / Indoxacarbe(173584-44-6) / Iodofenphos(18181-70-9) / Ioxynil Methyl Ester(3336-40-1) / Ioxynil Octanoate(3861-47-0) / Iprodione(36734-19-7) / Isazofos(42509-80-8) / Isodrine(465-73-6) / Isophenphos(25311-71-1) / Isoxaflutole(141112-29-0) / Kresoxim Méthyl(143390-89-0) / Lambda Cyhalothrine(91465-08-6) / Lénacile(96639) / MCPA-1-Butyl Ester(1713-12-8) / MCPA-2-Ethyl Hexyl Ester(29450-45-1) / MCPA-Butoxy Ethyl Ester(19480-43-4) / MCPA-Ethyl-Ester(2698-38-6) / MCPA-Methyl-Ester(2436-73-9) / Mecoprop-1-Octyl Ester(161922-37-8) / Mecoprop-2.4.4-Trimethyl Pentyl Ester (217487-13-3) / Mecoprop-2-butoxy Ethyl Ester(23359-62-8) / Mecoprop-2-Ethyl Hexyl Ester(71526-69-7) / Mecoprop-2-Octyl Ester(28473-03-2) / Mecoprop-Methyl Ester(2786-19-8) / Mecoprop-n / iso-butyl ester(Melange)( /) / Mefenacet(73250-68-7) / Mefenpyr-diéthyl(135590-91-9) / Mepanipyrim(110235-47-7) / Mépronil(55814-41-0) / Méthoxychlore(72-43-5) / Metrafenone(220899-03-6) / Mévinphos(7786-34-7) / Mirex(2385-85-5) / Molinate(2212-67-1) / "Monocrotophos(6923-22 / -4)" / Naled(300-76-5) / Napropamide(15299-99-7) / Naptalam(132-66-1) / Norflurazon(27314-13-2) / Norflurazon Desméthyl(23576-24-1) / Nuarimol(63284-71-9) / Oxadiargyl(39807-15-3) / Oxadiazon(19666-30-9) / Oxyfluorfène(42874-03-3) / Parathion Ethyl(56-38-2) / Parathion Méthyl(298-00-0) / Pencycuron(66063-05-6) / Pendimethaline(40487-42-1) / Pentachlorobenzène(608-93-5) Perméthrine(52645-53-1) / Phorate(298-02-2) / Phosalone(2310-17-0) / Phosmet(732-11-6) / Picloram(6607) / Picolinafen(137641-05-5) / Picoxystrobine(117428-22-5) / paraben / Prétilachlore(51218-49-6) / Procymidone(32809-16-8) / Profenophos(41198-08-7) Prométhryne(7287-19-6) / Prométon(1610-18-0) / Propachlor(1918-16-7) / Propanil(709-98-8) / Propaquizafop(111479-05-1) Propargite(2312-35-8) / Propétamphos(31218-83-4) / Prosulfocarbe(52888-80-9) / Pyraclostrobine(175013-18-0) / Pyridabène(96489-71-3) / Pyridate(55512-33-9) / Pyrimiphos Ethyl(23505-41-1) / Pyrimiphos Méthyl(29232-93-7) / Pyriproxyfen(95737-68-1) / Quinoxyfen(124495-18-7) / Quintozene(82-68-8) / Secbuméton(26259-45-0) / Silthiopham(175217-20-6) / Sulfotep(3689-24-5) / Tau-Fluvalinate(102851-06-9) / Tébufenpyrad(119168-77-3) / Tébutame(35256-85-0) / Terbacile(5902-51-2) / Terbuphos(13071-79-9) / Terbutryne(886-50-0) / Tétrachlorobenzène(12408-10-5) / Tétrachlorvinphos(22248-79-9) / Tétradifon(116-29-0) / Tétraméthrine(7696-12-0) / Thiafluamide(Flufenacet)(142459-58-3) / Thiametoxam(153719-23-4) / Thifensulfuron Méthyl(79277-27-3) / Thiometon(640-15-3) / Tolclofos Methyl(57018-04-9) / Tolylfluanide(731-27-1) / Tralomethrine(66841-25-6) / Triadimenol(55219-65-3) / Triallate(2303-17-5) / Triazophos(24017-47-8) / Triclosan( 5-Chloro-2-Phenol)((vide)) / Trifloxystrobine(141517-21-7) / Trifluraline(1582-09-8) / Vinchlozoline(50471-44-8) / Zoxamide(156052-68-5) /

compounds analyzed with HPLCMS 1-(3.4-DichloroPhényl) Urée(155998) / 2.4.5-T(93-76-5) / 2.4-D(94-75-7) / 2.4-DB(94-82-6) / 2.4-MCPA(94-74-6) / 2.4-MCPB(94-81-5) / Abamectine(71751-41-2) / Acetamiprid(135410-20-7) / Amidosulfuron(120923-37-7) / Asulam(3337-71-1) / Azaconazol(60207-31-0) / Azamétiphos(35575-96-3) / Azimsulfuron(120162-55-2) / Azinphos Ethyl(2642-71-9) / Azinphos Méthyl(86-50-0) / Azoxystrobin(131860-33-8) / Bendiocarbe(22781-23-3) / Bénomyl(17804-35-2) / Bensulfuron-Methyl(83055-99-6) / Bentazone(25057-89-0) Benthiocarbe(Thiobencarbe)(28249-77-6) / Bitertanol(55179-31-2) / Brodifacoum(56073-10-0) / Bromadiolone(28772-56-7) Bromoxynil(1689-84-5) / Buturon(3766-60-7) / Carbétamide(16118-49-3) / Chlorbromuron(13360-45-7) / Chlordecol(1034-41-9) / Chlordécone(143-50-0) / Chlordecone 5b Hydro(53308-47-7) / Chlorfluazuron(71422-67-8) / Chloridazone(Pyrazon)(1698-60-8) / Chlorophacinone(3691-35-8) / Chloroxuron(1982-47-4) / Chlorsulfuron(64902-72-3) / Chlorthiamide(1918-13-4) / Cinidon-Ethyl(142891-20-1) / Clofentézine(74115-24-5) / Clopyralide(1702-17-6) / Coumatétralyl(5836-29-3) / Cyazofamide(120116-88-3) / Cymoxanil(57966-95-7) / Cyproconazol(94361-06-5) / Desmedipham(13684-56-5) / Desméthylisoproturon(IPPMU)(34123-57-4) / Dicamba(1918-00-9) / Dichlorophène(97-23-4) / Dichlorprop(2.4 DP)(120-36-5) / Diethofencarbe(87130-20-9) / Difenacoum(56073-07-5) Difénoconazole(119446-68-3) / Difethialone(104653-34-1) / Diflubenzuron(35367-38-5) / Diméthénamide(87674-68-8) Diméthomorphe(110488-70-5) / Dimetilan(644-64-4) / Diniconazole(76714-88-0) / DiNitroOrthoCrésol(DNOC)(534-52-1) / Dinosèbe(88-85-7) / Dinoterbe(1420-07-1) / Dithianon(3347-22-6) / Epoxyconazole(133855-98-8) / Ethidimuron(30043-49-3) / Ethiophencarbe(29973-13-5) / Fénarimol(60168-88-9) / Fenbuconazole(114369-43-6) / Fénoxycarbe(72490-01-8) / Fenpyroximate E(134098-61-6) / Fénuron(101-42-8) / Flazasulfuron(104040-78-0) / Flocoumafen(90035-08-8) / Fluazinam(79622-59-6) / Flufénoxuron(101463-69-8) / Flupyrsulfuron Méthyl(144740-54-5) / Fluquinconazole(136426-54-5) / Fluridone(59756-60-4) / Fluroxypyr(69377-81-7) / Flurtamone(96525-23-4) / Flusilazole(85509-19-9) / Fomesafen(72178-02-0) / Foramsulfuron(173159-57-4) / Fosthiazate(98886-44-3) / Haloxyfop(69806-34-4) / Hexaconazole(79983-71-4) / Hexaflumuron(86479-06-3) / Hexazinone(51235-04-2) / Hexythiazox(78587-05-0) / Imazalil(35554-44-0) / Imidaclopride(138261-41-3) / Iodosulfuron Méthyl(144550-36-7) / Ioxynil(1689-83-4) / Iprovalicarbe(140923-17-7) / Isoxaben(82558-50-7) / Lufénuron(103055-07-8) / Malathion(121-75-5) / Mecoprop(MCPP)(93-65-2) / Mefluidide(53780-34-0) / Mésosulfuron Méthyl(208465-21-8) / Mésotrione(104206-82-8) / Métalaxyle(57837-19-1) / Metaldéhyde(108-62-3) Métamitron(41394-05-2) / Métazachlore(67129-08-2) / Metconazole(125116-23-6) / Méthidathion (950-37-8) Métolachlore(R+S)(51218-45-2) / Métosulam(139528-85-1) / Métribuzine(21087-64-9) / Metsulfuron méthyl(74223-64-6) Monuron(150-68-5) / Myclobutanyl(88671-89-0) / Néburon(555-37-3) / Ofurace(58810-48-3) / Oryzalin(19044-88-3) / Oxadixyl(77732-09-3) / Oxamyl(23135-22-0) / Paclobutrazole(76738-62-0) / Penconazole(66246-88-6) / Pentachlorophénol(87-86-5) / Phenmediphame(13684-63-4) / Phosphamidon(13171-21-6) / Phoxime(14816-18-3) / Pirimicarbe(23103-98-2) / Pirimicarbe Desmethyl(30614-22-3) / Prochloraze(67747-09-5) / Promecarbe(2631-37-0) / Propiconazole(60207-90-1) / Propoxycarbazone Sodium(181274-15-7) / Propyzamide(23950-58-5) / Pyrazophos(13457-18-6) / Pyrifenox(88283-41-4) / Pyriméthanil(53112-28-0) / Quinalphos(13593-03-8) / Quinmerac(90717-03-6) / Quizalofop(76578-12-6) / Quizalofop Ethyl(76578-14-8) / Rotenone(83-79-4) / Sébuthylazine(7286-69-3) / Spinosad(168316-95-8) / Sulcotrione(99105-77-8) / Tébuconazole(107534-96-3) / Tébufénozide(112410-23-8) / Téflubenzuron(83121-18-0) / Teméphos(3383-96-8) / Terbutylazine (5915-41-3) / Tétraconazole(112281-77-3) / Thiabendazole(148-79-8) / Thiaclopride(111988-49-9) / Thiazasulfuron(25366-23-8) / Thiodicarbe(59669-26-0) / Triadimefon(43121-43-3) / Triasulfuron(82097-50-5) / Triazoxide(72459-58-6) / Triclopyr(55335-06-3) / Triflumuron(64628-44-0) / Trinexapac Ethyl(95266-40-3) /

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### Table 5S-2 : Analysis methods CMO\_MT14 and corresponding analytes. (/ compound French name (CAS Number) /) In red and bold compounds detected in this study.

### CMO\_MT14 / HPLCMSMS

This method was developed for the determination of glyphosate. its metabolite aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA). and glufosinate in drinking and natural waters. The analytical approach involves derivatizing glyphosate. AMPA. and glufosinate with 9-fluorenylmethylchloroformate (FMOC-CI) in a basic medium. followed by direct injection analysis using liquid chromatography coupled with fluorimetric detection or tandem mass spectrometry. The dissolved fractions of the three compounds are analyzed in decanted samples. Quantification is achieved either by mass spectrometry using three labeled internal standards or by fluorescence with dosed additions and an internal standard. The recovery rate generally exceeds 60%.

For detecting glyphosate. AMPA. and glufosinate using HPLC with fluorometric detection. an Agilent 1200 series system is utilized. This system includes a gradient pump with a degasser. a refrigerated autosampler. a fluorometer. and a column heater.

Analytical Conditions: Column: Varian NH2. 5 µm. 250 x 4.6 mm (polar). Mobile Phase: Acetonitrile (ACN) + water + 0.15% H3PO4 Flow Rate: 1.2 mL/min. 77% ACN. 23% acidified water. Injection Volume: 100 µL.Wavelengths: Excitation at 260 nm. Emission at 310 nm Results are interpreted using ChemStation software.

### LCMS and/or Agilent 1200 series system

AMPA (Acide Amino Méthyl Phosphonique )(1066-51-9) / . Glufosinate(77182-82-2) / Glyphosate(1071-83-6)

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# Table 5S-3 : Analysis methods CMO\_MT19. and corresponding analytes. (/ compound

816 French name (CAS Number) /) **In red and bold** compounds detected in this study. 817

### CMO\_MT19 / HPLCMS technique pos on line

On-line solid-phase extraction (SPE) coupled with LC-MS/MS samples. PLRP-sSPE cartridges were employed for sample pre-concentration. with methanol used for backflush elution. Sensitive transitions and mass spectrometry conditions were optimized through direct infusion of individual standard solutions in positive electrospray mode. To mitigate matrix effects. water samples were spiked with internal standards

1-(3.4-DichloroPhényl)-3-MéthylUrée(DCPMU)(3567-62-2) / 1-(4-IsopropylPhényl) Urée(56046-17-4) / Aldicarbe(116-06-3) / Aldicarbe Sulfone(1646-88-4) / Aldicarbe Sulfoxyde(1646-87-3) / Atrazine(1912-24-9) / Atrazine Déisopropyl(DIA)(1007-28-9) / Atrazine Déséthyl(DEA)(6190-65-4) / Carbaryl(63-25-2) / Carbendazime(10605-21-7) / Carbofuran(1563-66-2) / Carbofuran-3-Hydroxy(16655-82-6) / Carboxine(5234-68-4) / Chlortoluron(15545-48-9) / Clethodim(99129-21-2) / Cyanazine(21725-46-2) / Cycloxydime(101205-02-1) / Diuron(330-54-1) / Florasulam(145701-23-1) / Formétanate Hydrochloride(23422-53-9) / Hydramethylnon(67485-29-4) / Hydroxyatrazine(2 Hydroxy)(2163-68-0) / Hydroxyterbuthylazine(66753-07-9) / Isoproturon(34123-59-6) / Linuron(330-55-2) / Mercaptodiméthur(2032-65-7) / Methabenzthiazuron(18691-97-9) / Méthomyl(16752-77-5) / Métobromuron(3060-89-7) / Métoxuron(19937-59-8) / Monolinuron(1746-81-2) / Nicosulfuron(111991-09-4) / Ométhoate(1113-02-6) / Oxydémeton Méthyl(301-12-2) / Penoxsulam(219714-96-2) / Propamocarbe Hydrochloride(Hcl)(25606-41-1) / Propazine(139-40-2) / Propazine-2-Hydroxy(7374-53-0) / Propoxur(114-26-1) / Prosulfuron(94125-34-5) / Pymetrozine(123312-89-0) / Rimsulfuron(122931-48-0) / Simazine(122-34-9) / Spiroxamine(118134-30-8) / Sulfosulfuron(141776-32-1) / Terbuméton(33693-04-8) / Terbumeton Desethyl(30125-64-5) / Terbutylazine Déséthyl (30125-63-4) / Thiophanate Méthyl(23564-05-8) /

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### Table 5S-4 : Analysis methods employed CMO\_MT29. CM0\_MT73.CMO\_MT77. and

820 **corresponding analytes.** (/ compound French name (CAS Number) /) In red and bold 821 compounds detected in this study.

#### CMO\_MT29 / HPLCMS pour foséthyl aluminium

Fosetyl Aluminium(39148-24-8)

CMO\_MT73 / HPLCMS Shimadzu

#### Imazamox(114311-32-9) CMO MT77 / HPLCMS Shimadzu

This method allows for the determination of the concentration in drinking water. groundwater. and surface water. For wastewater. the determination is carried out for amitrole only. The analysis is performed on decanted samples. The calibration range extends from 10 to 1000 ng/L. The limit of quantification (LQ) has been validated at 20 ng/L for the four quaternary ammonium compounds (salt form) and 50 ng/L for amitrole in freshwater. These parameters have been validated according to the T90-210 standard. For wastewater (non-Cofrac). the LQ varies from 50 to 200 ng/L (amitrole only). Decanted samples are directly injected. and the quantification is performed using high-performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Quantification is carried out using internal calibration. Each molecule has its own labeled internal standard (isotopic dilution method). The use of mass spectrometry detection in MRM (Multiple Reaction Monitoring) mode ensures the specificity of the method. A systematic 8-point calibration is performed for each analytical sequence. This calibration follows the same protocol as the samples. Use only brown polyethylene containers to prevent certain molecules (Diquat and Paraquat) from adhering to glass and to protect samples and references from UV light. Products and Reagents : Acetonitrile ULC/MS grade. Biosolve. Ammonium formate ULC/MS grade. Biosolve. Water ULC/MS grade. Biosolve. Formic acid (purity >95%)

 Aminotriazole(61-82-5)
 Chlormequat
 Chloride(999-81-5)
 Chlormequat(ion)(7003-89-6)
 Diquat(ion)(2764-72-9)
 Diquat

 Dibromide(85-00-7)
 /
 Mepiquat
 Chloride(24307-26-4)
 /
 Mepiquat(ion)(15302-91-7)
 /
 Paraquat(ion)(4685-14-7)
 /
 Paraquat

 dichloride(1910-42-5)
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 Mepiquat(ion)(15302-91-7)
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 Paraquat

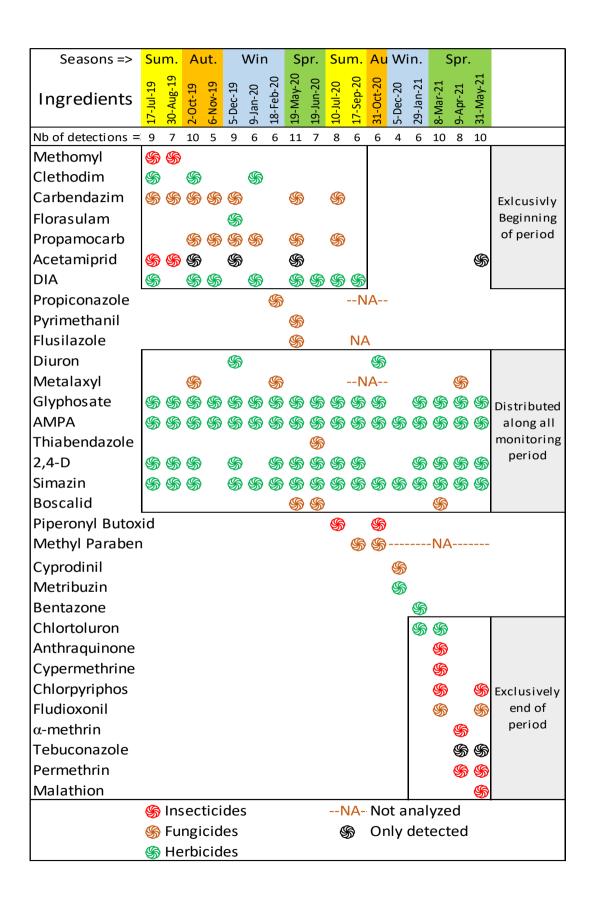
# **Table 6S** : Active ingredients and metabolites quantified, provisional estimated yaerly loads

seasonal dispatch and contents in particular samples. (H =herbicide, M=Metabolite;F=

826 Fungicide,I=Insecticide)

			Wadi (	Guennicł	าย			onal atch		Parti	icular sam	ples
Active Ingredients and metabolites detected	Us e	Detec-tions	Mean of contents or (single detection )	Stand ard deviat ion	Estimated average yearly load	Winter (D-J-F)	Spring (M-A-M)	Summer (J-J-A)	Autumn (S-O-N)	City (El Alia) waste water	Oued Helia	19 June 2020
		N°	μg/	L	Kg/year		ç	6			μg/L	
AMPA	Н	17	3,768	±1,31	12,665	24	47	13	12	0,610	76,700	5,53
Glyphosate	Н	16	0,844	±0,13	2,568	37	24	13	28	0,580	0,490	0,86
Simazine	М	16	0,155	±0,05	0,627	56	18	6	27	0,146	<0,02	0,26
2,4-D	Н	12	0,855	±0,79	1,688	80	4	1	27	<0,02	<0,02	0,07
Deisopropylatrazine	М	8	0,092	±0,02	0,096	12	49	23	10	<0,02	<0,02	0,17
Propamocarb	F	6	0,033	±0,01	>0,023	33	24	17	29	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Carbendazim	F	7	0,039	±0,01	>0,029	20	28	31	19	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Acetamiprid	Ι	2	0,165	±0,12	>0,038	3	44	41	2	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Metalaxyl	F	3	0,033	±0,01	>0,018	47	28	4	26	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Boscalid	F	2	0,035	0,015	>0,019	27	55	2	14	<0,02	0,236	0,05
Permethrin	I	2	0,073	0,053	>0,029		*			1,340	<0,02	<0,02
Diuron	Н	2	0,040	0,010	>0,013	*			*	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Clethodim	Н	3	0,140	0,040	>0,054	*			*	<0,05	<0,05	<0,05
Piperonyl Butoxide	Ι	2	0,065	0,025	>0,019			*	*	<0,04	<0,04	<0,04
Methyl Paraben	F	2	0,078	0,014	>0,028			*	*	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Chlortoluron	н	2	0,070	0,050	>0,058	*			*	<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Pyrimethanil	F	1	0,050		>0,009		*			<0,04	0,060	<0,04
Chlorpyriphos	I	1	0,020		>0,017	*				0,080	<0,01	<0,01
Cyprodinil	F	1	0,020		>0,011	*				<0,01	0,030	<0,01
Fludioxonil	F	1	0,950		0,181		*			<0,01	0,061	<0,01
Thiabendazole	F	1	0,020		>0,004		*			<0,02	<0,02	0,02
Florasulam	н	1	0,110		>0,002	*				<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Methomyl	Т	2	0,100	0,050	>0,015			*		<0,01	<0,01	<0,01
Propiconazole	F	1	0,050		>0,011	*				<0,05	<0,05	<0,05
Flusilazole	F	1	0,100		>0,017		*			<0,05	<0,05	<0,05
Alphamethrin	Ι	1	0,182		>0,046		*			<0,05	<0,05	<0,05
Bentazone	Н	1	0,020		>0,009	*				<0,02	<0,02	<0,02
Malathion	Ι	1	0,035		>0,005		*			<0,01	<0,01	<0,01
Metribuzin	Н	1	0,350		0,189	*				<0,01	<0,01	<0,01
Anthraquinone	Ι	0	0,019							0,019	<0,01	<0,01
Cypermethrin	Ι	1	0,072							0,072	<0,05	<0,05
Deltamethrin	Ι	1	0,130							0,130	<0,02	<0,02
Total		116	8,71		18,49	12	12	5	4	2,977	77,577	6,96

**Table 7S :** Time arrangement of detected ingredients in the wadi waters using seriation<sup>[18]</sup>.



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**Table 8S:** Analytical results (in  $\mu g/L$ ) for detected analytes. The 17 first columns are samples from wadi Guenniche. The 3 last columns stand for: 1) City waste water sample. 2) wadi El Helia. and 3) Well water.

Sampling Dates	17-Jul-	30-Aug-	2-Oct-	6-Nov-	5-Dec-	9-Jan-		19-May-		10-Jul-			5-Dec-		8-Mar-	9-Apr-	/	,		
	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	19
AMPA	1.95	0.74	1.56	0.47	2.14	0.69	0.47	3.38	5.53	6.19	2.43	1.81	0.76	2.86	2.69	7.08	23.30	0.61	76.70	< LQ
Glyphosate	2.23	0.42	0.29	0.39	0.26	0.87	0.21	0.52	0.86	0.86	0.82	1.42	< QL	1.36	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.58	0.49	< LQ
Simazin	0.32	0.06	0.08	< QL	0.14	0.14	0.05	0.07	0.26	0.17	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.82	0.03	0.14	0.13	0.15	< LQ	< LQ
2.4-D	0.07	0.04	0.03	< QL	9.52	< QL	0.08	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.04	< QL	< QL	< 0.08	0.09	0.17	0.07	< 0.08	< LQ	< LQ
DIA	0.17	< QL	0.11	0.03	< QL	0.06	< QL	0.05	0.17	0.13	0.02	х	< QL	< QL	< LQ					
Propamocarbe HCl	< QL	< QL	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	< QL	0.04	< QL	0.03	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	0.05
Carbendazim	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	< QL	< QL	0.04	< QL	0.06	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Acetamiprid	0.28	0.05	< 0.02	< QL	< 0.02	< QL	< QL	< 0.02	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.08	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Métalaxyle	< QL	< QL	0.03	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.05	< QL	< QL	< QL	х	х	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Boscalid	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	0.05	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.05	< QL	< QL	< LQ	0.24	< LQ
Permethrin	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	0.13	1.34	< LQ	< LQ
Diuron	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.05	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.03	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ				
Clethodim	0.10	< QL	0.10	< QL	< QL	0.22	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Piperonyl Butoxide	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.04	< QL	0.09	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ				
Methyl Paraben	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.09	0.06	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Chlortoluron	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.12	0.02	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Pyrimethanil	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.05	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	0.06	< LQ
Chlorpyriphos Ethyl	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.01	< QL	0.02	0.08	< LQ	< LQ
Cyprodinil	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	0.03	< LQ
Fludioxonil	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.01	< QL	0.95	< LQ	0.06	< LQ
Thiabendazole	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Florasulam	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.11	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Methomyl	0.05	0.15	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Propiconazole	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.05	< QL	< QL	< QL	х	х	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ				
Flusilazole	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.10	< QL	< QL	х	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Alphamethrin	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.18	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Bentazone	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.02	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Malathion	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.04	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Metribuzin	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.35	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ
Anthraquinone	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.01	< QL	< QL	0.02	< LQ	< LQ
Cypermethrine	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.05	< QL	< QL	0.07	< LQ	< LQ
Deltamethrine	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	0.13	< LQ	< LQ
Tebuconazole	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	х	< QL	< QL	< QL	< QL	< 0.24	< 0.24	< LQ	< LQ	< LQ