

PAH in Tea and Coffee

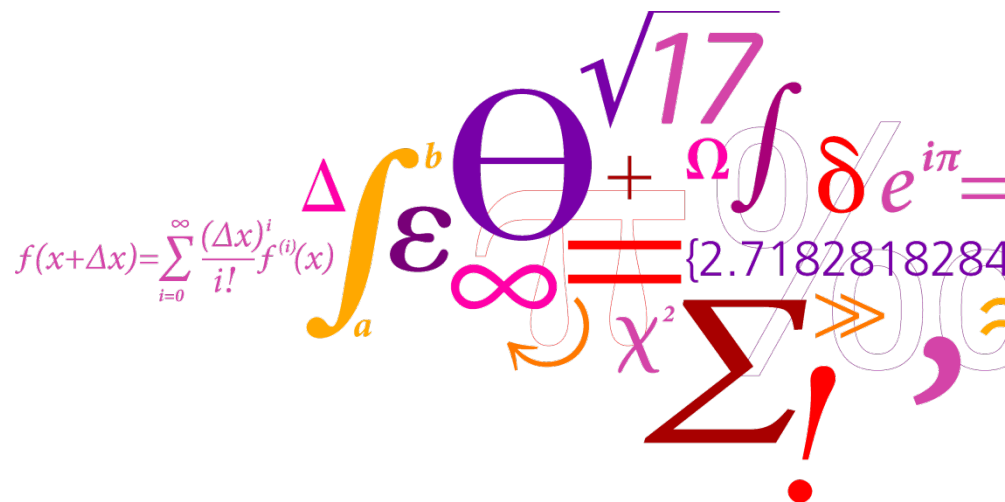
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Overview

- Production of Tea and Coffee
- Analytical method
- Results on Tea leaves (n=18) and ground Coffee (n=11)
- Tea and Coffee Extracts
- Danish consumers PAH4 intake



Tea production



Black Tea

- Withering (18-24 hrs)



- Rolling

- Fermenting (2-4hrs)

- Firing



Green Tea

- Steaming

- Rolling

- Drying

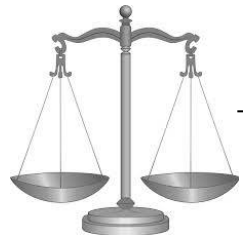


Coffee production

- Drying (up to 4 weeks)
- Milling
- Fermentation (12-48 hrs)
- Drying (65 - 85°C)
- Roasting (180 – 250 °C, 3-12 min)



Analytical method



Deuterated ISTD



100°C, 1500psi, 2 cy,
75% vol. hex:ac (1:1)



S-X3 BioBeads
(cy:ea, 1:1)



500mg Si



Select PAH 15m * 0.15mm (0.1 µm)
3µl, PTV ,

Temp (°C)	Heat rate (°C/min)	Hold time (min)
70		1
180	60	0
230	4	10
280	28	10
340	14	5

Quality Assurance

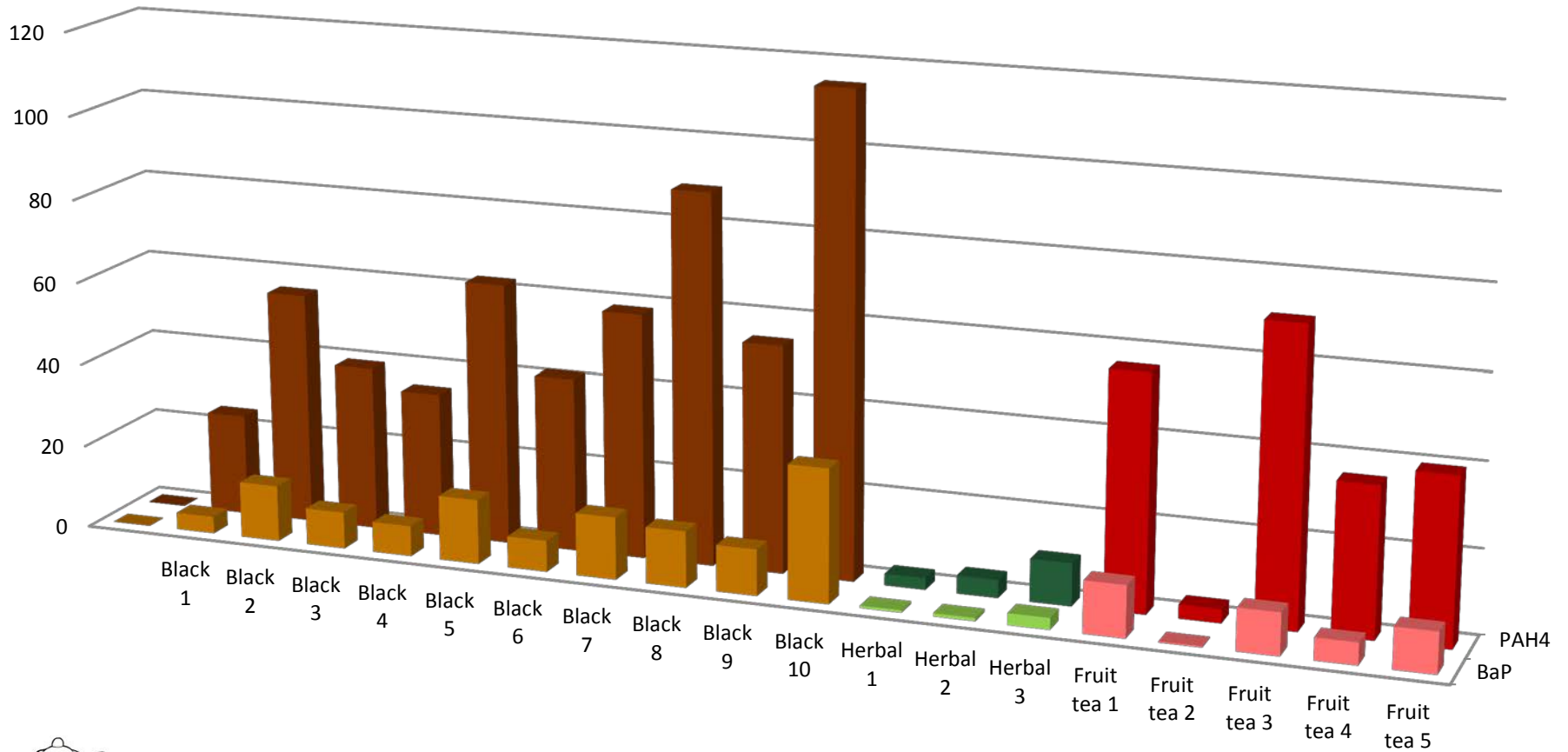
Compound	LOD ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) (n=21)	Recovery % (n=6)
Chrysene	0.1	98 (88-105)
Benz[<i>a</i>]anthracen	0.1	97 (92-105)
Benzo[<i>b</i>]fluoranthen	0.2	106 (102-110)
Benzo[<i>a</i>]pyrene	0.2	103 (94-119)

Addition of ISTD

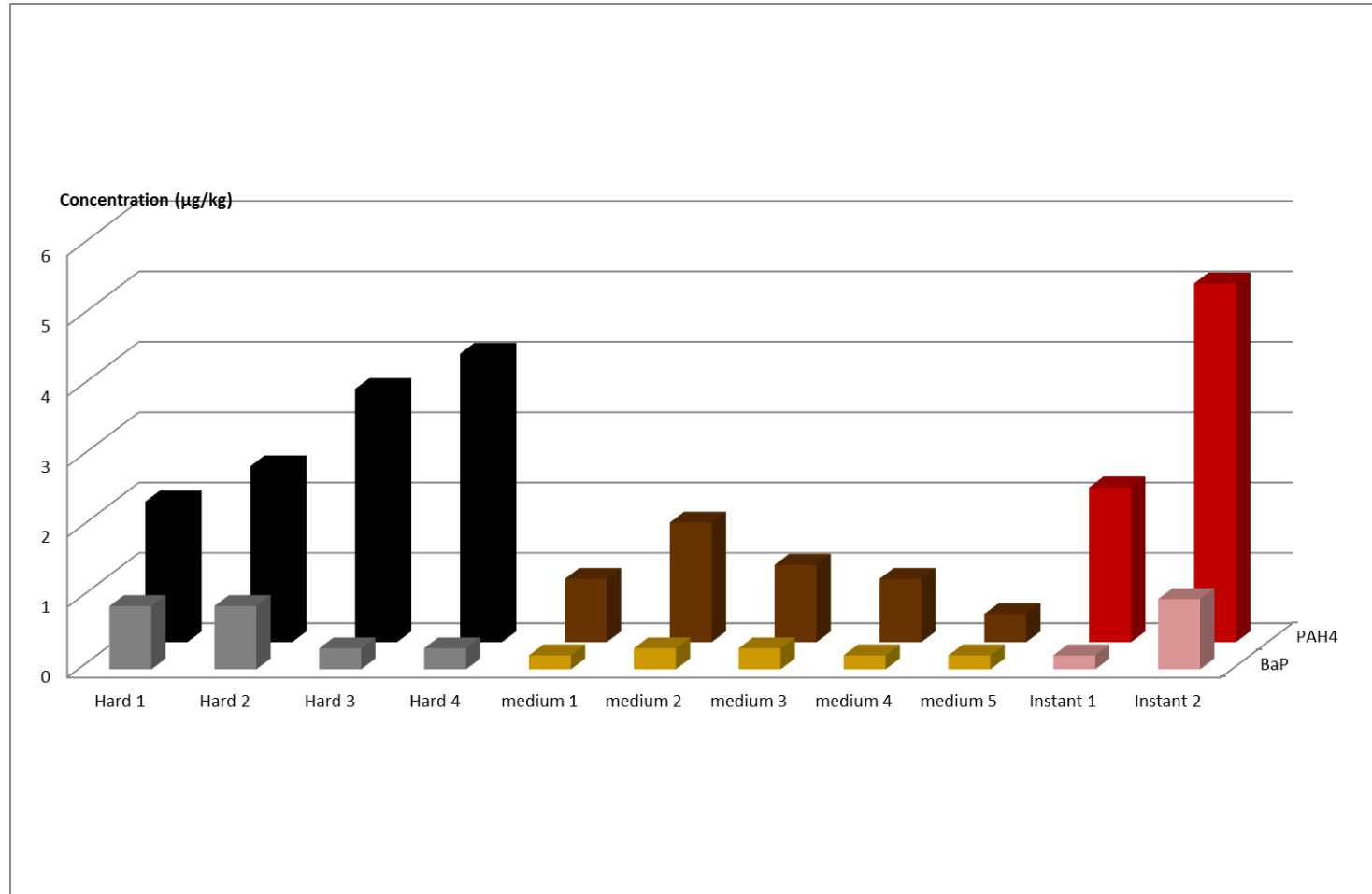
Calibration curves with 7 values in the range 2-250 ng/ml

Tea

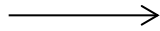
Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$)



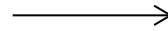
Coffee



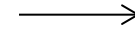
Analytical method



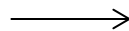
Hexane; vacuum



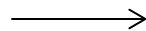
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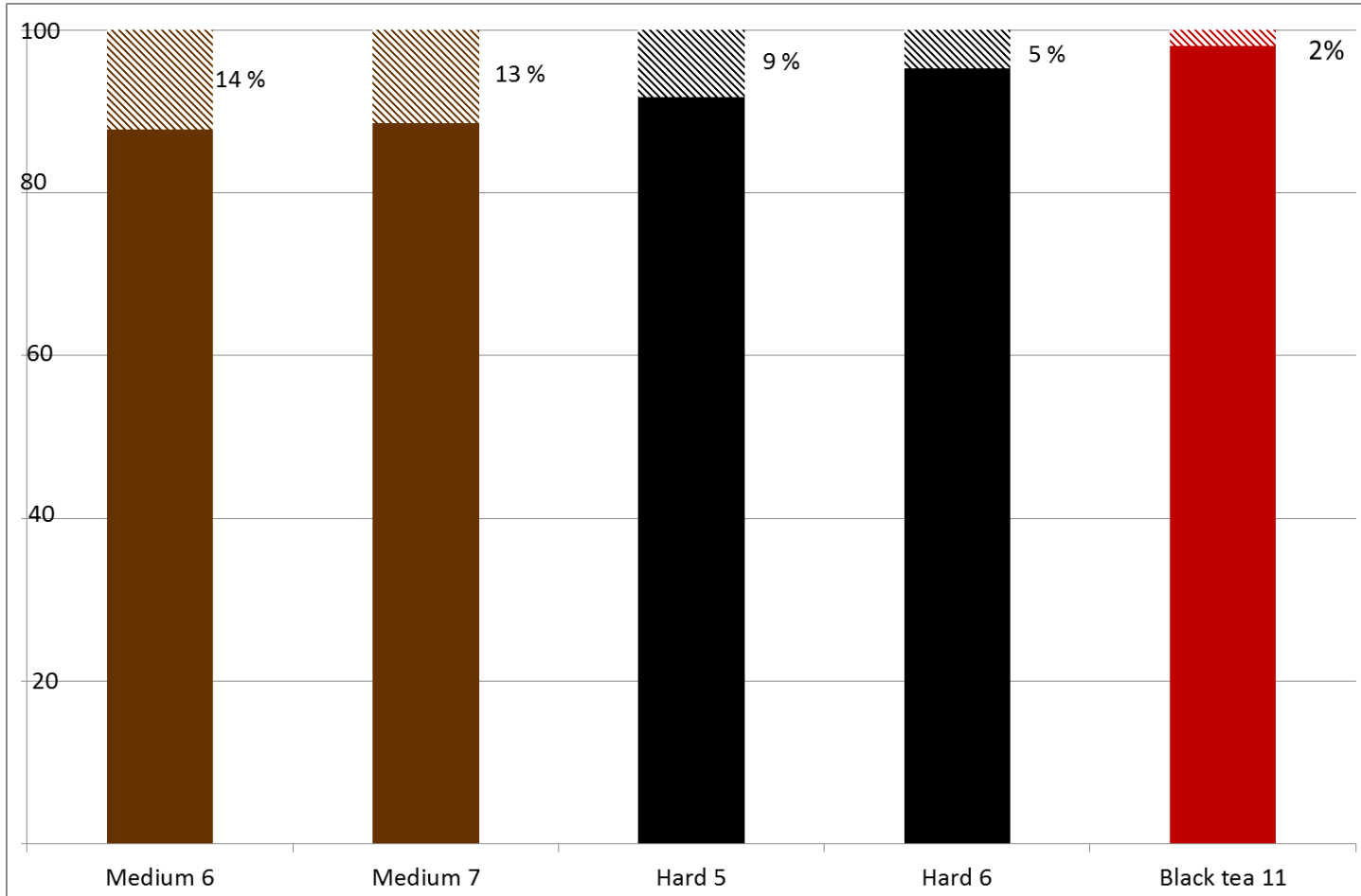
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Limit of Detection, extracts

Compound	LOD, coffee ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) (n = 8)	LOD, tea ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) (n = 8)
Chrysene	0.1	0.3
Benz[<i>a</i>]anthracen	0.1	0.3
Benzo[<i>b</i>]fluoranthen	0.1	0.3
Benzo[<i>a</i>]pyrene	0.1	0.3

Transfer from ground Coffee to extract



Danes Dietary Exposure to PAH4 from Coffee

Coffee	Consumption (g/person/day)	Dietary exposure PAH4 (ng/kgbw/day)
Average	509	3.0
High coffee intake	3331	19.8

European citizens average total PAH4 29 ng/kg bw/day

European citizens high level intake consumer 34.5 ng/kgbw/day

REF; Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain on a request from the European Commission on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Food. The EFSA Journal 724: 1-114

REF: DTU 2010; Dietary habits in Denmark 2003-2008. Main results. Available at www.food.dtu.dk. Report in Danish with English Summary



Margin of Exposure

- $MOE = BMDL10 / \text{Dietary Exposure to PAH 4}$
- $BMDL10 = 0.34 \text{ mg/kg bw/day}$ (REF; Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain on a request from the European Commission on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Food. The EFSA Journal 724: 1-114)

Coffee	MOE
Average	113300
High level intake	17200

- **MOE < 10,000**



Summation

- PAH4 in Tea leaves (2.8 to 115 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$)
 - Highest for orient tea
 - Lowest for herbal tea
- Hardly any transfer to extracts from leaves

- PAH4 in ground Coffee beans (0.4 to 5.1)
 - Highest for instant coffee
 - Lowest for medium roasted coffee
- Approx. 14% transfer to extracts



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