

## Supplementary Information

### Re-assessment of monoclonal antibodies against diclofenac for their application in the analysis of environmental waters

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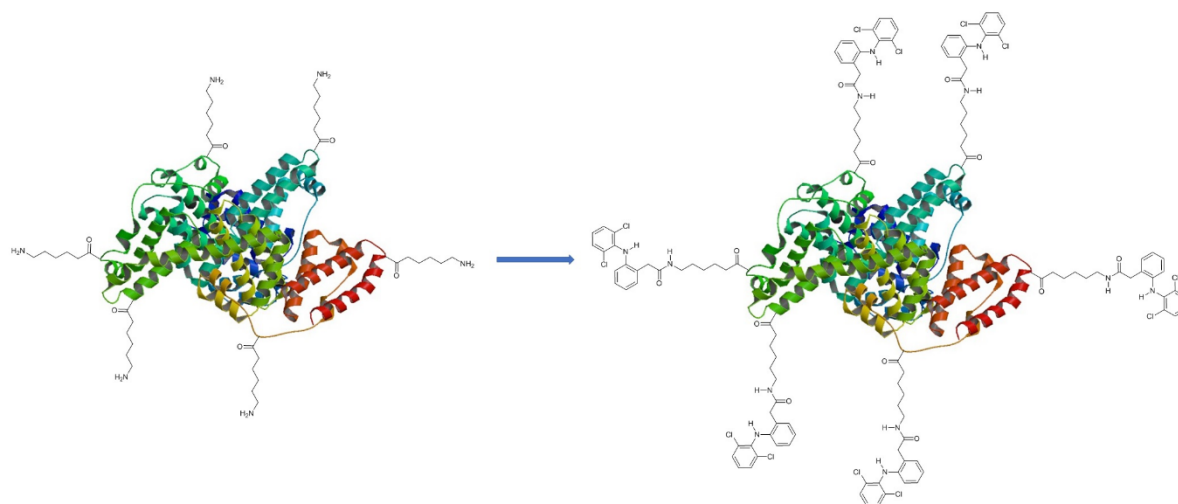
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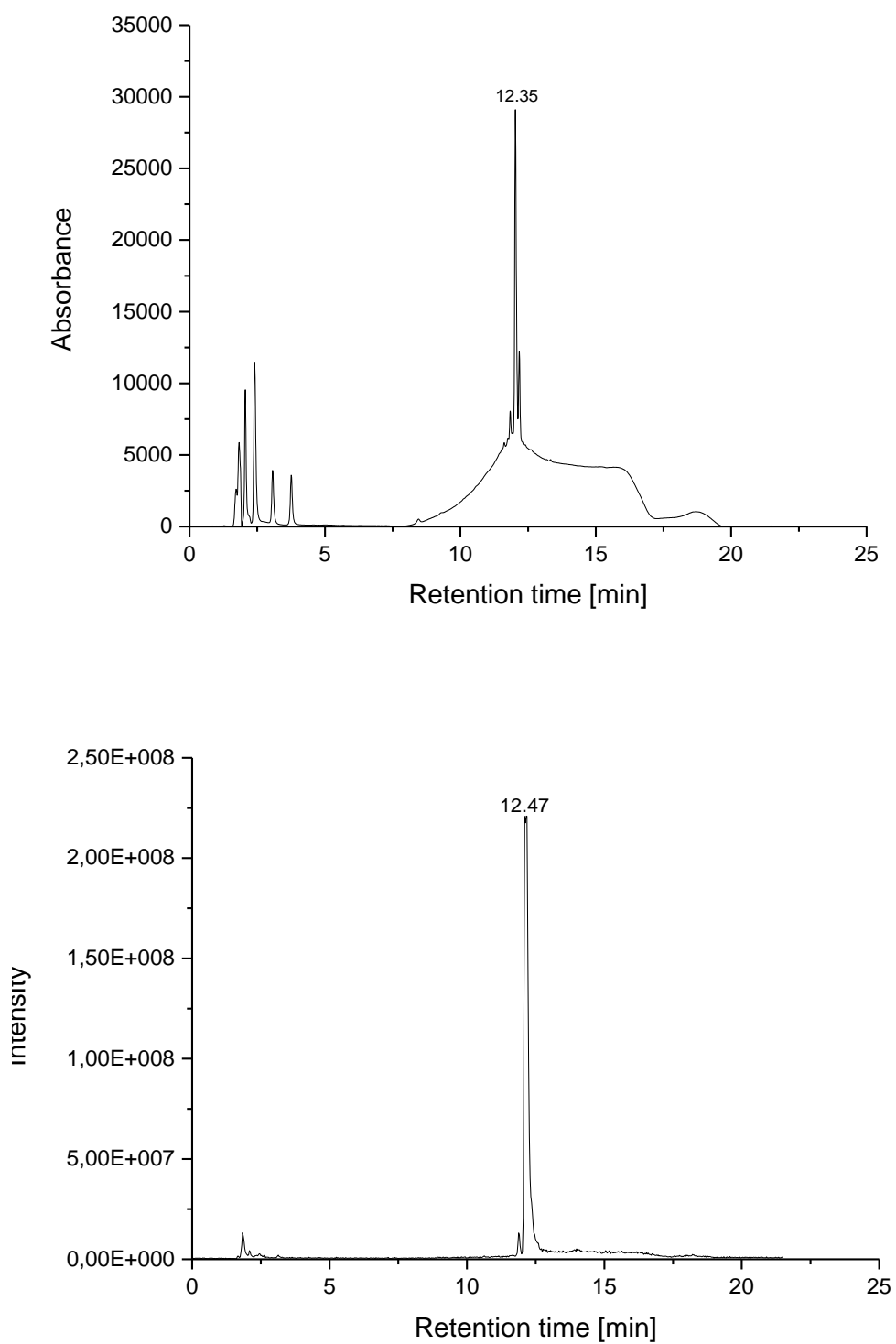
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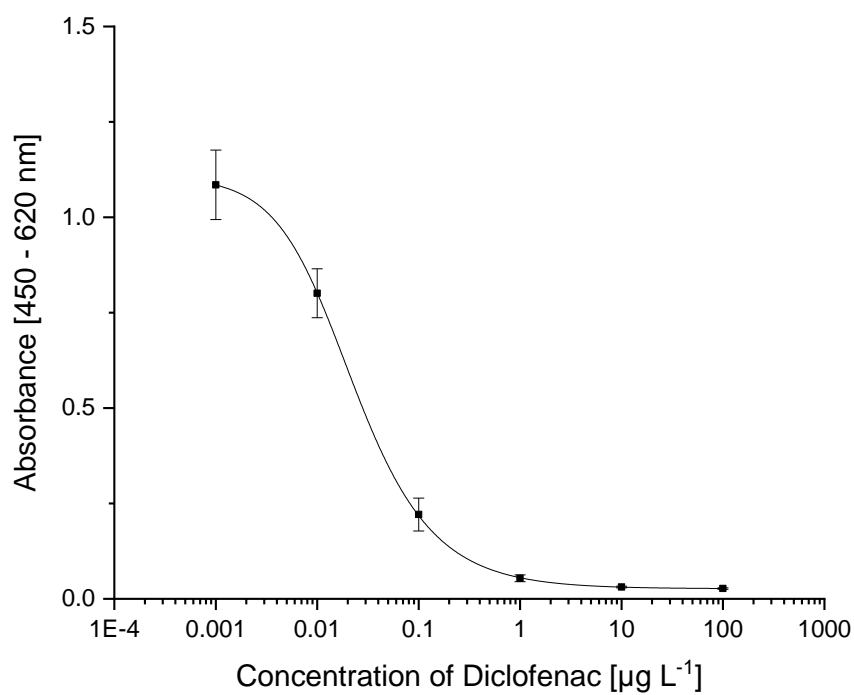
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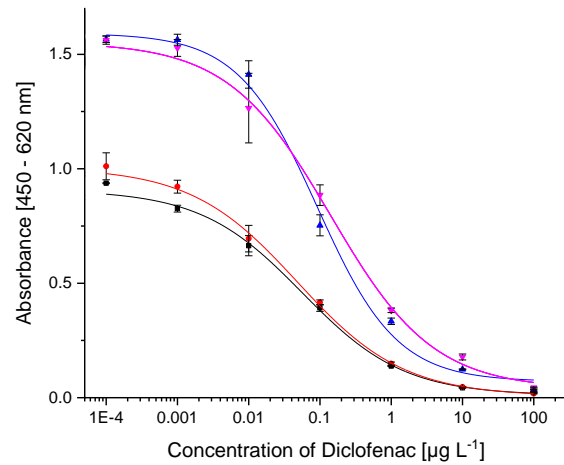
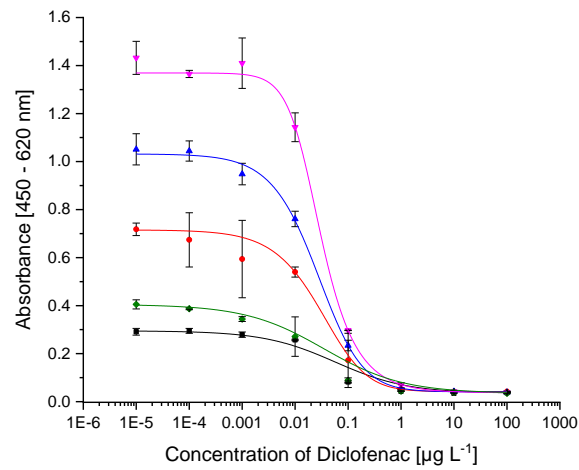
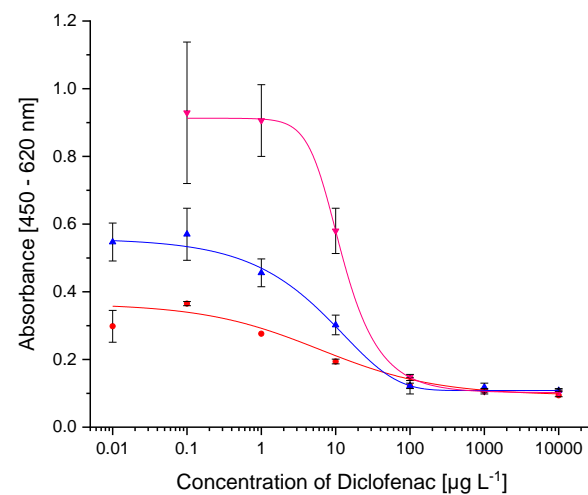
**Fig. S1** Direct coupling of DCF to 6-Ahx-BSA, avoiding the need for producing a spacer derivative of DCF beforehand



**Fig. S2** HPLC chromatograms of the enzymatic digest of DCF-6-Ahx-BSA (by protease from *Streptomyces griseus*), showing in the UV/Vis trace (upper panel), and  $m/z=537$  SIM trace (lower panel) the signals for DCF-6-Ahx-Lys at 12.35/12.47 min.



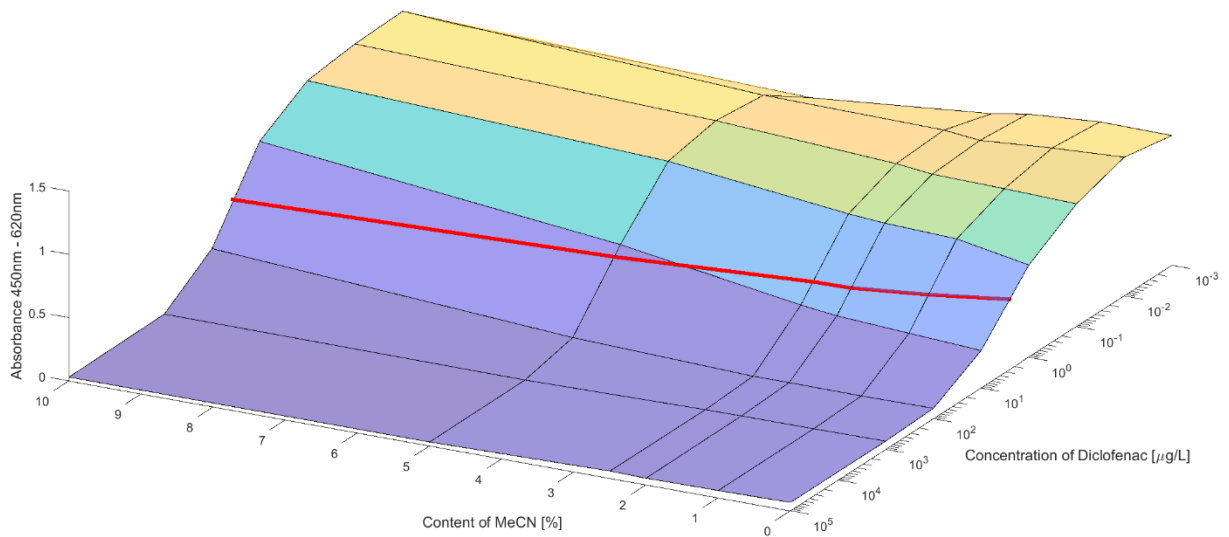
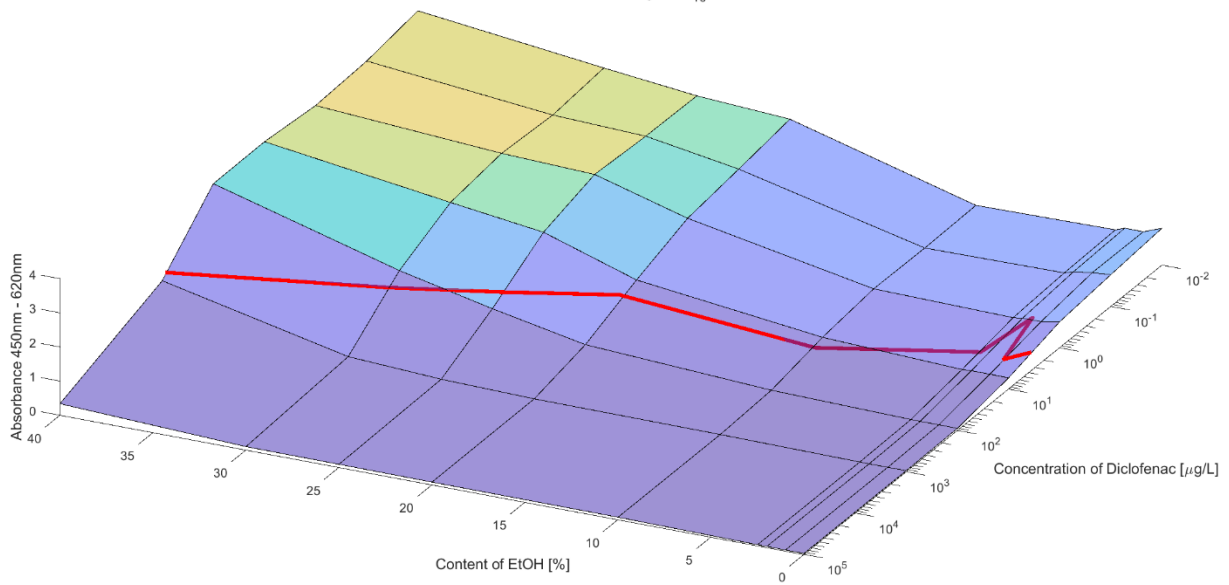
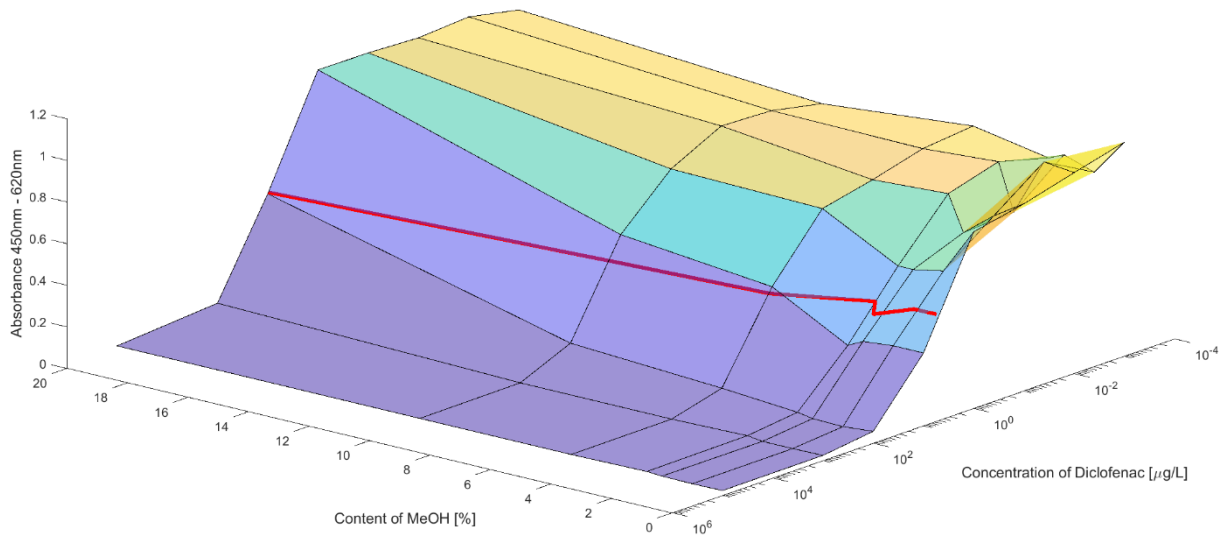
**Fig. S3** Calibration curve of an indirect ELISA for DCF after coating with the synthesized DCF-6-Ahx-BSA (1:40 000). Signal is created via a sandwich of anti-DCF mAb 12G5<sup>10</sup> (1:32 000) and an HRP-labelled anti-mouse secondary Ab (secAb1-HRP, 1:40 000)

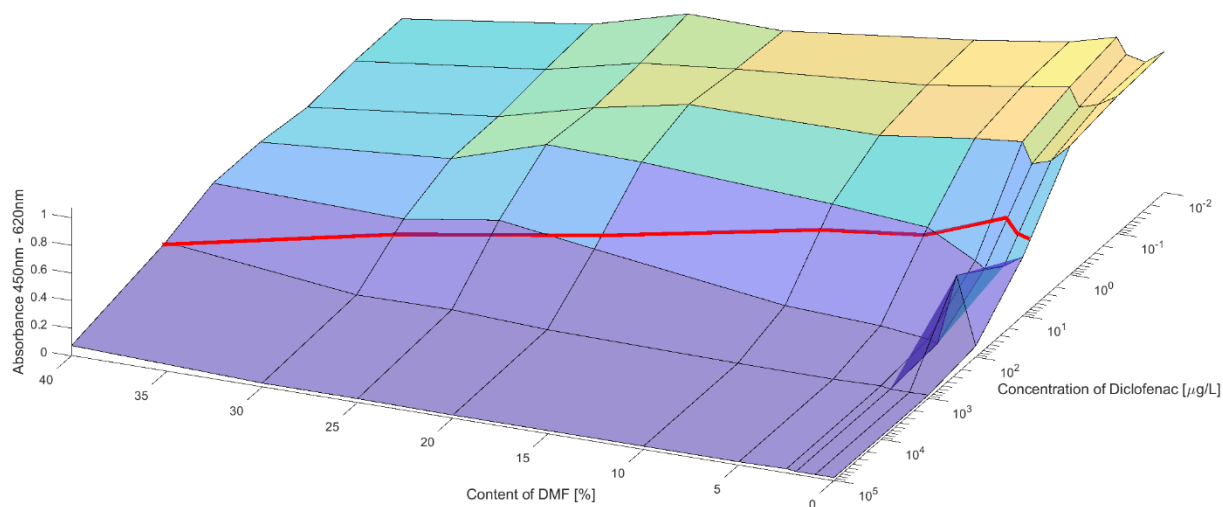
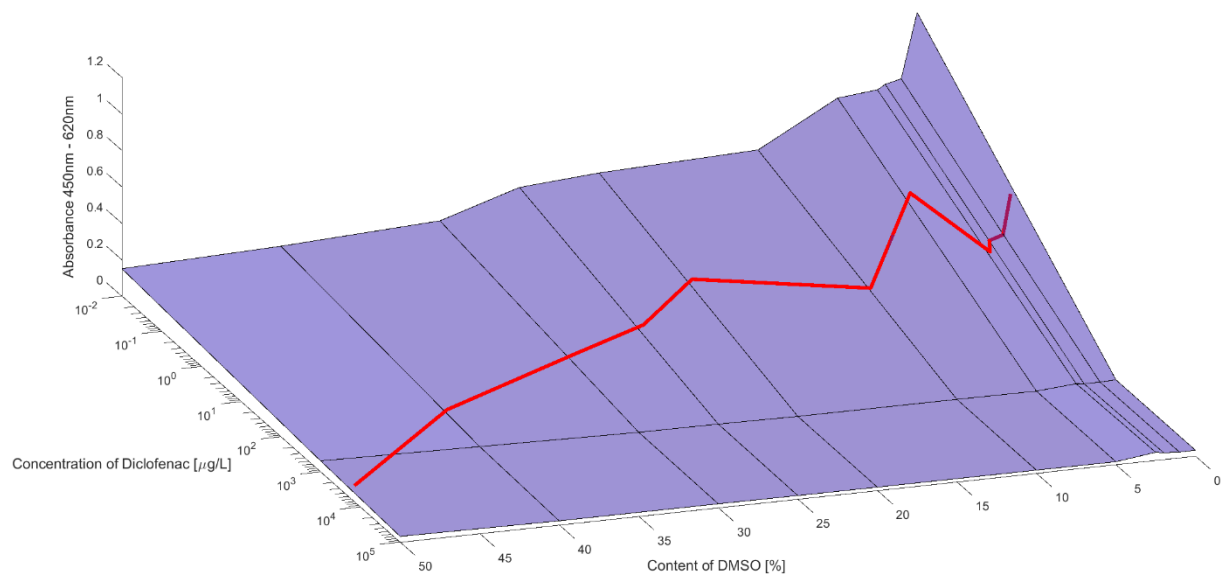
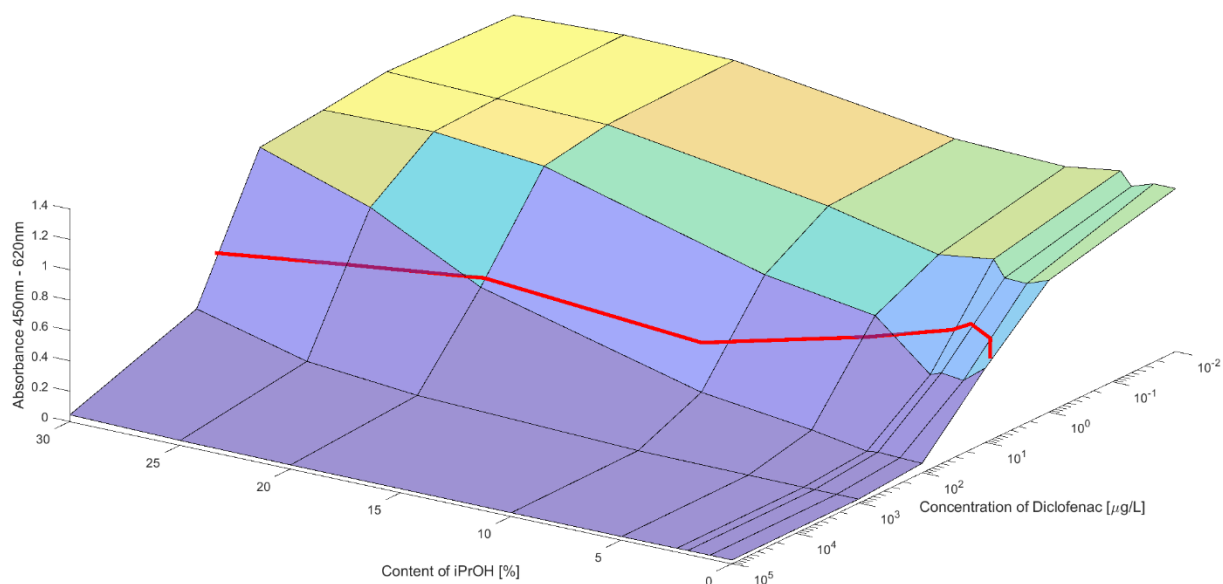
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**Fig. S4** Calibration curves for DCF with different coating antigens (■DCF-OVA, ●DCF-6-Ahx-OVA, ▲DCF-6-Ahx-APO, ▼ACF-APO, ◆DCF-6-Ahx-BSA, diluted 1:40 000 (A and C) and 1:50 000 (B) in PBS), different primary antibodies (A: pAb1 1:32 000; B: mAb 12G5 1:10 000; C: mAb F01G21 1:10 000; all dilutions in TRIS) and different secondary antibodies (A: secAb2-HRP 1:40 000; B: secAb1-HRP 1:20 000; C: secAb1-HRP 1:40 000; all dilutions in PBS). All three primary antibodies were assessed with all five coating antigens. In cases, where no curve was obtained, it was omitted from the plots.

**Table S1**Elemental composition of the NOM (natural organic matter) employed <sup>53</sup>

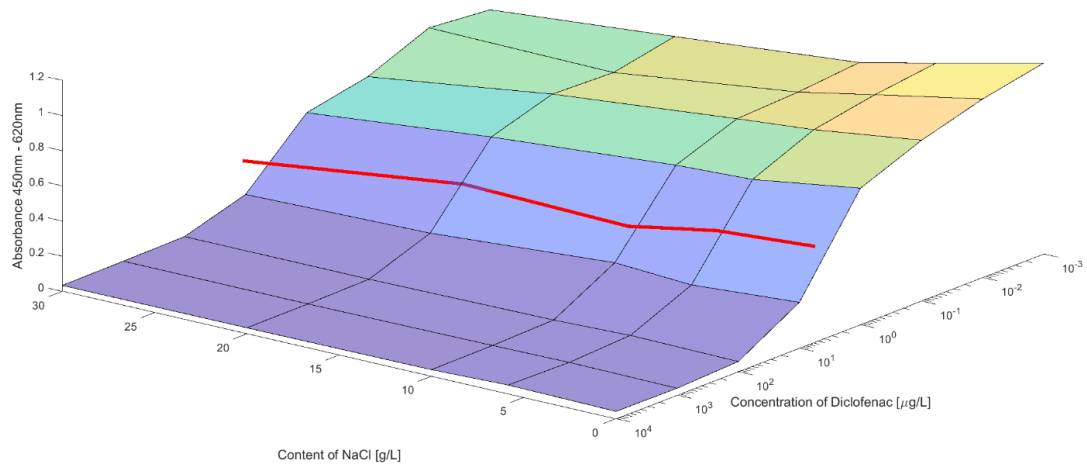
Element	Große Fuchskuhle	Schwarzer See
C [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	343.7	210.4
H [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	38.5	25.7
N [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	11.2	5.8
S [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	27.9	45.8
Fe [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.53	0.12
Mn [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.15	0.09
Zn [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.06	0.02
Cu [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.06	0.04
Al [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.75	0.05
K [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	7.8	8.8
Na [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	93	175
Ca [mg g <sup>-1</sup> ]	6.4	24.9
Ash content [%]	43.3	74.4
Water content [%]	7.3	6.0



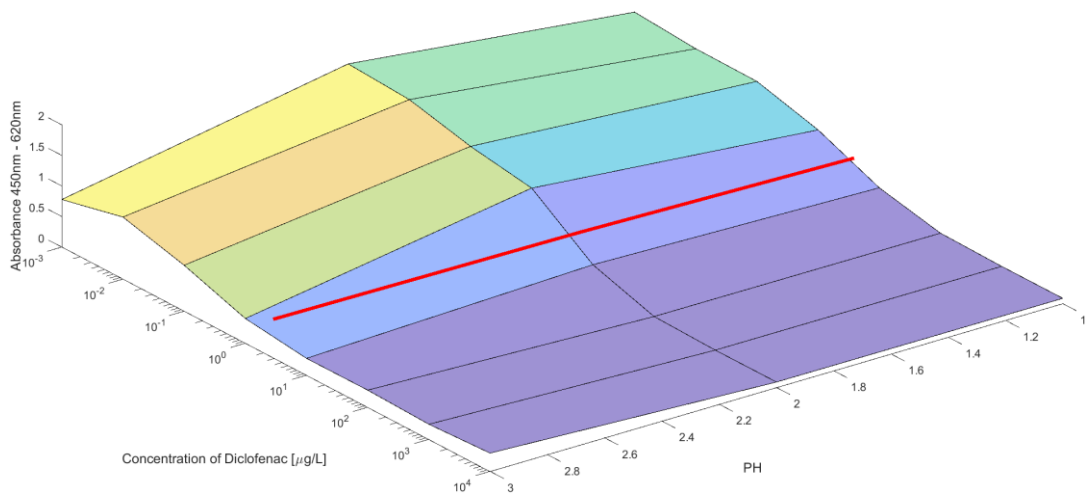


**Fig. S5** ELISA calibration functions for DCF with increasing solvent share in the calibrators in a 3D plot (from top to bottom: methanol, ethanol, acetonitrile, isopropanol, DMSO, DMF). The red line connects test midpoints (IC<sub>50</sub> values) and helps to illustrate trends in the sensitivity of the assays.

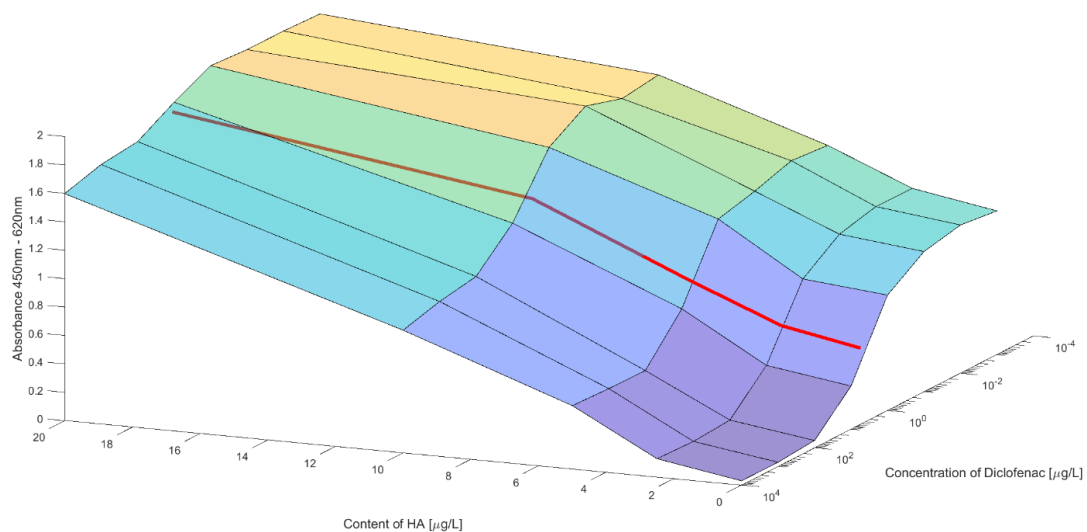




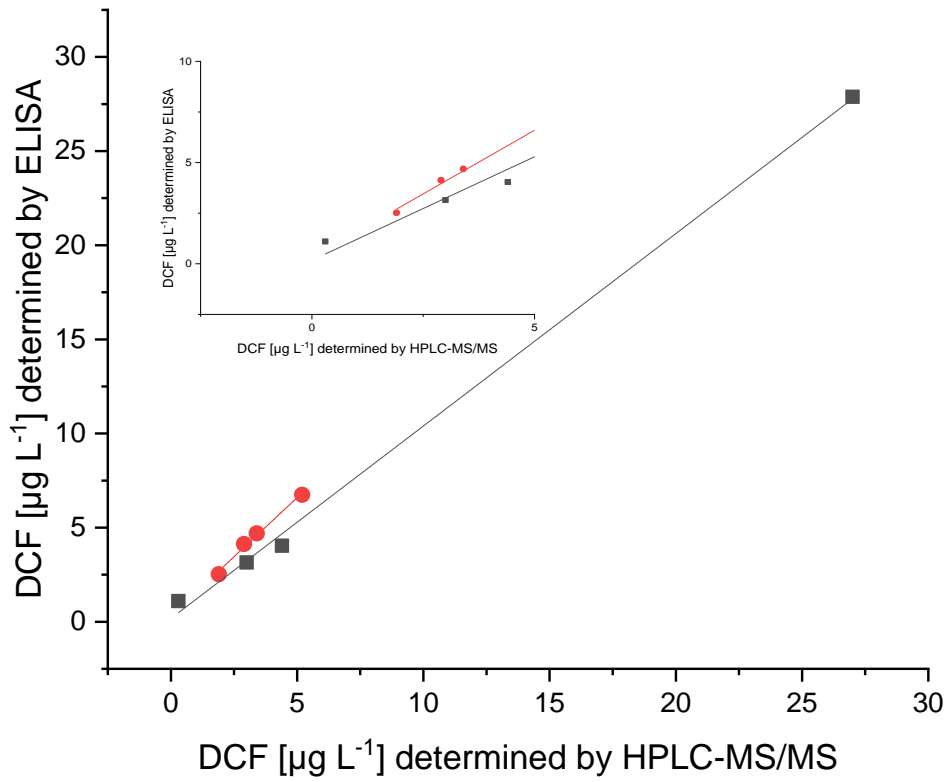
**Fig. S6** ELISA calibration function for DCF with increasing concentration of sodium chloride in the calibrators in a 3D plot. The red line connects test midpoints, indicating little influence of salt concentration on this parameter, i.e., on assay sensitivity.



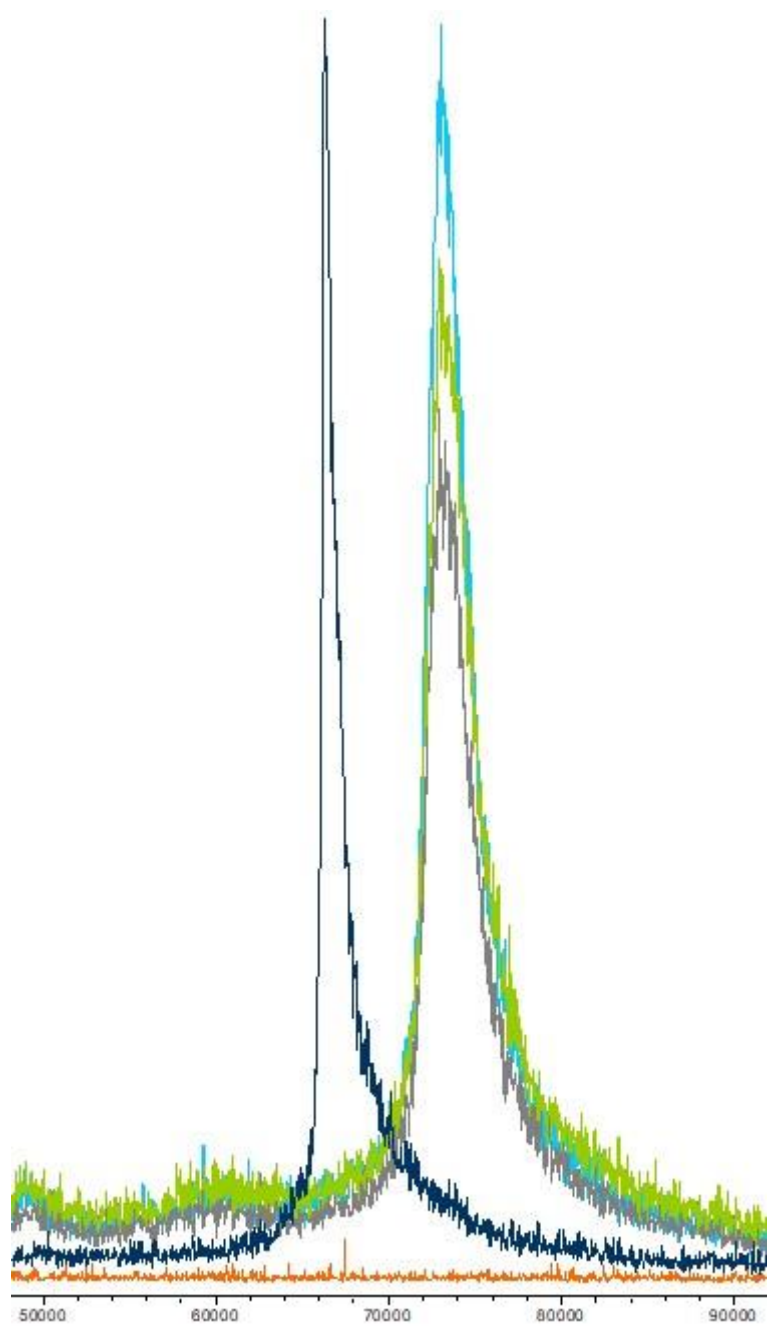
**Fig. S7** pH dependency of the DCF calibration function in the acidic range in a 3D plot. The red line connects test midpoints, indicating little dependence on sample pH.



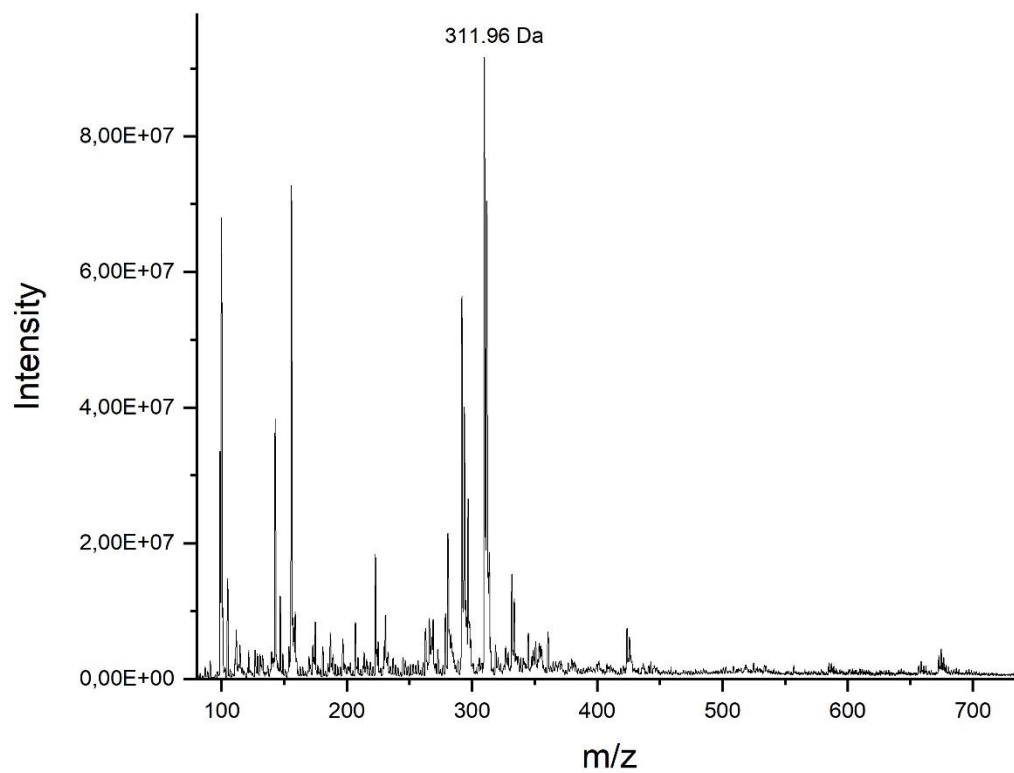
**Fig. S8** ELISA calibration function for DCF with increasing humic acid (HA) content in a 3D plot. The red line connects test midpoints and illustrates the severe changes starting right above 2.5 mg/L humic acid, meaning a strong influence of humic acid content in samples.



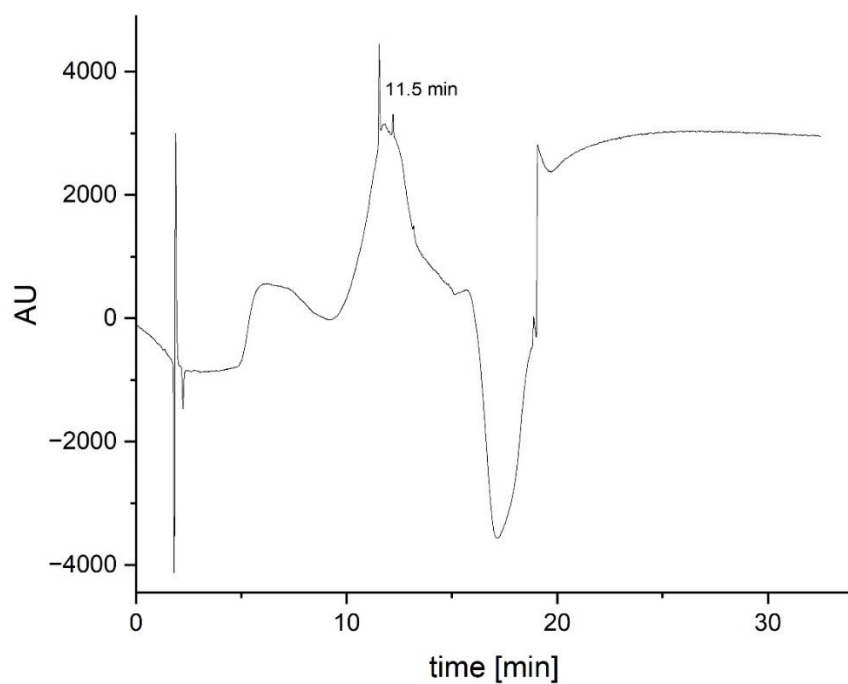
**Fig S9** Correlation between ELISA and HPLC-MS/MS results (■ Surface water, ● Wastewater)



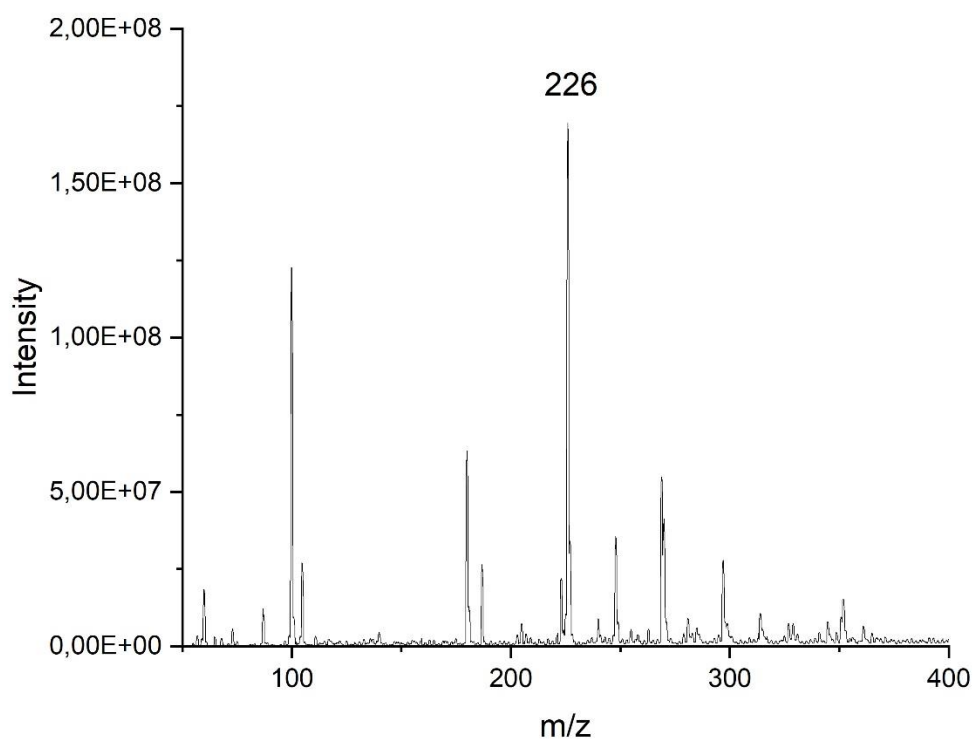
**Fig S10** MALDI-ToF-MS spectra (detail) of Boc-6-Ahx-BSA (average mass peak at  $m/z$  76,668 Da, green), deprotected Boc-6-Ahx-BSA (= 6-Ahx-BSA, 71,280 Da, grey), and DCF-6-Ahx-BSA (75,254 Da, light blue). Average mass peak of BSA at  $m/z$  66,411 Da (dark blue).



**Fig. S11** MS spectrum of DCF-Me (base peak at  $m/z = 311.96$  Da confirming the identity of the compound).



**Fig. S12** UV trace of the LC separation of the photodegradation product. The product elutes around 11.5 min.



**Fig. S13** Mass spectrum of isolated photodegradation product ( $C_{14}O_2NH_{11}$ ). Identity is confirmed by its base peak at  $m/z = 226$  (M+H).