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4 **(*p*-sulfohenyl)porphineiron(III) and hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin**

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15  
16 **Abstract**

17 To enhance the catalytic oxidation of pentachlorophenol (PCP) in contaminated soil  
18 suspensions using tetra(*p*-sulfohenyl)porphineiron(III) (Fe(III)-TPPS) as a catalyst and  
19 potassium monopersulfate (KHSO<sub>5</sub>) as the single-oxygen donor, the effect of added  
20 hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (HP- $\beta$ -CD) was examined. At pH 4 and 6, the percentage  
21 of PCP disappearance increased substantially in the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD. In addition,  
22 the self-degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS was significantly retarded in the presence of  
23 HP- $\beta$ -CD. This retarded self-degradation can be attributed to the stabilization of  
24 Fe(III)-TPPS via the formation of a supramolecular complex with HP- $\beta$ -CD. The kinetic

1 constant for the self-degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS in the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD at pH 6  
2 was much smaller than that at pH 4, indicating that Fe(III)-TPPS is more stable at pH 6.  
3 Thus, the amount of Fe(III)-TPPS, KHSO<sub>5</sub> and HP- $\beta$ -CD required to degrade PCP in  
4 contaminated soil suspensions was optimal at pH 6. When PCP-contaminated soil  
5 suspensions were treated under the optimized conditions, 12 – 18% and 24 – 28% of the  
6 PCP was mineralized to CO<sub>2</sub> in the absence and presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD, respectively.  
7 These results show that the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD in the Fe(III)-TPPS/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic  
8 system is effective in enhancing the degradation of PCP in contaminated soil  
9 suspensions.

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11 *Keywords:* Pentachlorophenol; Soil remediation; Iron(III)-porphyrin;  
12 Hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin; Supramolecular complex

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## 14 **1. Introduction**

15 Pentachlorophenol (PCP) has, in the past, been utilized as a wood preservative and in  
16 herbicides. A recent study indicated that chlorophenols, such as PCP, are the main cause  
17 of detrimental health effects in humans in contaminated areas [1]. In addition, PCP can  
18 be converted into more toxic dimers, such as chlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins and  
19 dibenzofurans, via a variety of oxidation processes in a soil environment [2, 3]. Thus,  
20 the degradation of PCP in contaminated soils could reduce the potential risk of pollution  
21 and related health issues. Technologies for the remediation of PCP-contaminated soils  
22 include chemical oxidation, washing the soil and biological degradation. The Fenton  
23 reaction is used for the chemical oxidation of PCP in contaminated soils [4, 5]. However,  
24 the disadvantage of the Fenton reaction is that large amounts of iron(II) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> are

1 required, and an iron(III) hydroxide sludge is produced during the reaction. To  
2 overcome such problems, Liou et al. [6] developed an iron-resin catalyst for the  
3 degradation of PCP by a Fenton-like system. In soil washing, PCP in the contaminated  
4 soil is removed by extraction with organic solvents [7]. However, this may not be an  
5 environmentally sound procedure. On the other hand, biological degradation of PCP  
6 using microorganisms is known to be a practical process [8, 9]. However, the  
7 introduction of non-indigenous microorganisms into contaminated soils is problematic  
8 from an ecological point of view.

9 The use of a chemical catalyst to degrade PCP may circumvent some of the above  
10 problems associated with bioremediation. It is known that iron(III)-porphyrins, which  
11 are regarded as biomimetic models for active sites in lignase, are able to catalyze the  
12 degradation of chlorophenols [10-13]. In general, the catalytic activities of  
13 iron(III)-porphyrins are much less sensitive to variations in environmental conditions  
14 than are microorganisms and even enzymes *in vitro*. Thus, the use of  
15 iron(III)-porphyrins might make the maintenance of reaction conditions a more  
16 straightforward procedure. However, iron(III)-porphyrins are unstable in the presence of  
17 peroxides, such as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{KHSO}_5$ , because they are susceptible to self-degradation  
18 [14, 15]. The self-degradation of iron(III)-porphyrins results in a decrease in the  
19 oxidation efficiency of the organic substrate. We recently reported that the addition of  
20 hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (HP- $\beta$ -CD) was effective in stabilizing  
21 iron(III)-porphyrin in the presence of  $\text{KHSO}_5$ , due to the formation of a supramolecular  
22 complex between HP- $\beta$ -CD and iron(III)-porphyrin [16]. As shown in Fig. 1, the  
23 supramolecular complex is formed by interactions between the sulfophenyl groups in  
24 Fe(III)-TPPS and the hydrophobic cavity of HP- $\beta$ -CD.

1 A few applications of the catalytic systems using iron(III)-porphyrins for the  
2 remediation of PCP-contaminated soils have been reported [17, 18]. However, PCP  
3 degradation (mineralization to CO<sub>2</sub>) was achieved up to 10% [17]. Fe(III)-TPPS is  
4 known to be a non-toxic biomimetic catalyst, and KHSO<sub>5</sub>, commercially sold as  
5 “Oxone”, is known to be a stable and environmentally safe oxidant. In addition,  
6 HP-β-CD, a biologically derived material, has been used for the extraction of  
7 chlorophenols from contaminated soils [19-21]. These facts suggest that combining the  
8 Fe(III)-TPPS/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system and HP-β-CD could be a clean and safe process  
9 for the remediation of PCP-contaminated soils. The purpose of the present study was to  
10 examine the effect of added HP-β-CD on the degradation of PCP in the  
11 Fe(III)-TPPS/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system. In order to apply the above system to the  
12 treatment of PCP-contaminated soils, the optimal pH and dosage for the reaction were  
13 determined. In addition, the mineralization of PCP to CO<sub>2</sub> was examined under optimal  
14 conditions.

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## 16 **2. Materials and Methods**

### 17 *2.1. Reagents and Materials*

18 Tetra(*p*-sulfophenyl)porphineiron(III) (Fe(III)-TPPS) was prepared according to a  
19 method described in a previous report [22]. KHSO<sub>5</sub> was obtained as a triple salt,  
20 2KHSO<sub>5</sub>·KHSO<sub>4</sub>·K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (Merck). PCP (99.0% purity) was purchased from Aldrich, and  
21 a stock solution (0.01 M) was prepared by dissolving it in acetonitrile. <sup>14</sup>C-labeled PCP  
22 was purchased from American Radiolabeled Chemicals Inc. (0.1 mCi ml<sup>-1</sup> in ethanol,  
23 specific activity 80 mCi mmol<sup>-1</sup>). HP-β-CD (1.0 molar substitution, Mw 1540) was  
24 purchased from Aldrich.

1 Kaolin was purchased from Kukita Yakuhin Kogyo (Tokyo) and was used without  
2 further treatment. Commercial Kanuma- and Red-soils for gardening were used in the  
3 present study. After air-drying, these soils were ground in a mortar with a pestle and  
4 then sieved through a stainless steel sieve (0.22 mm). A particle size below 0.22 mm  
5 was employed in the tests. The pH values, bet-N<sub>2</sub> specific surface areas and elemental  
6 compositions of the soil samples are summarized in Table 1. The specific surface area  
7 for Kanuma-soil was much larger than those for other samples. This can be attributed to  
8 the fact that Kanuma-soil includes large amounts of allophane moieties [23].

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## 10 *2.2. Batch catalytic oxidation of PCP in soil suspensions*

11 A 0.2 g of soil sample was placed in a 10-ml glass tube. A 2 ml aliquot of 0.02 M  
12 NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>/Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/citrate buffer at pH 4 or 6 was pipetted into the glass tube, and the  
13 solution was spiked with a 10 µl aliquot of 0.01 M PCP in acetonitrile. The suspension  
14 was then shaken for 24 h to allow the PCP to reach equilibrium with the soil. A 0 – 100  
15 µl aliquot of aqueous Fe(III)-TPPS (200 µM) and a 0 – 50 µl aliquot of aqueous  
16 HP-β-CD (100 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) were added to the suspension, and a 0 – 50 µl of aqueous 0.01  
17 M KHSO<sub>5</sub> was then added. The glass tube was then allowed to shake at room  
18 temperature (23 – 25°C). After 1, 3 or 5 days of shaking, 1 ml of 2-propanol was added  
19 and the suspension was allowed to shake for a further 2 h. After centrifugation of the  
20 soil suspension (2500 rpm for 3 min), the supernatant was filtered through a DISMIC<sup>®</sup>  
21 filter (diameter 13 mm, pore size 0.45 µm, hydrophilic PTFE type, ADVANTEC). It  
22 was confirmed that no adsorption of PCP to the filter occurred, when an aqueous  
23 solution of PCP (50 µM) in the absence of soil was passed through the filter. A 20 µl  
24 aliquot of the filtrate was injected into a JASCO PU-980 type HPLC pumping system.

1 The mobile phase consisted of a mixture of 0.08% aqueous  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  and methanol (20/80  
2 = v/v), and the flow rate was set at  $1 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$ . A 5C18-MS Cosmosil packed column  
3 (4.6 mm i.d.  $\times$  250 mm, Nacalai Tesque) was used as the solid phase, and the column  
4 temperature was maintained at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . PCP was determined by Uv absorption at a  
5 wavelength of 220 nm. The efficiency of extraction of PCP from the contaminated soil  
6 suspensions was evaluated (Table 2). In the absence of both Fe(III)-TPPS and  $\text{KHSO}_5$   
7 (“PCP + buffer” in Table 2), 91 – 101% of the PCP was extracted from the soil  
8 suspensions at pH 4 and 6. All runs were conducted in triplicate.

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### 10 *2.3. Mineralization of $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled PCP*

11 A 0.5 ml aliquot of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled PCP in ethanol was evaporated in a stream of dry  $\text{N}_2$ .  
12 The residue was then dissolved in 1 ml of acetonitrile (final concentration of PCP 625  
13  $\mu\text{M}$ ). A 19.2 ml aliquot of buffer solution at pH 6 and a 0.8 ml aliquot of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled  
14 PCP in acetonitrile were mixed with stirring (final concentration of PCP 25  $\mu\text{M}$ ). A 0.1 g  
15 sample of soil was placed in a 20-ml Erlenmeyer flask. A 1 ml aliquot of the buffer  
16 solution, including  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled PCP, was then added and 25  $\mu\text{l}$  of aqueous Fe(III)-TPPS  
17 (400  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and 0 or 15  $\mu\text{l}$  of aqueous HP- $\beta$ -CD (100  $\text{mg ml}^{-1}$ ) were then added. After  
18 adding 25  $\mu\text{l}$  of aqueous  $\text{KHSO}_5$  (0.01 M), the flask was fitted with a stopper, which  
19 contained a polyethylene center well containing a glass wool plug impregnated with 0.4  
20 ml of aqueous 2 M NaOH as a  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  trap. After a 5 day reaction period, 1 ml of  
21 2-propanol and 0.4 ml of 1.8 M aqueous  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  were injected via a syringe from the top  
22 of stopper to release the  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  from the soil suspension. After shaking for 1 day, a 2 ml  
23 aliquot of the soil suspension was centrifuged (6200 rpm, 1 min), and the supernatant  
24 was filtered thorough a DISMIC<sup>®</sup> filter. A 1 ml aliquot of the filtrate was pipetted into a

1 glass vial including a mixture of methanol (1 ml) and scintillation cocktail (9 ml). The  
2 glass wool in the trap was transferred to the glass vial including 1.6 ml of water, and the  
3 trap was then washed with 0.4 ml of 2 M NaOH, 0.8 ml of water and 1 ml of 2-propanol.  
4 A 1 ml aliquot of this mixture was pipetted into a glass vial including methanol and  
5 scintillation cocktail. The radioactivities (dpm) in the vials were determined using an LS  
6 6000 series liquid scintillation counter (Beckman Instruments, Inc). To determine the  
7 radioactivity before the reaction ( $R_{\text{before}}$ ), a 1 ml aliquot of buffer solution including  
8  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled PCP was added to an Erlenmeyer flask containing 0.1 g of soil. After  
9 shaking for 5 days, the same procedures, as described above, were carried out. Each  
10 experimental run was conducted in duplicate. The percentage of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled PCP  
11 converted to  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  ( $\%^{14}\text{CO}_2$ ) was calculated using the equation below:

$$12 \quad (\%^{14}\text{CO}_2) = (R_{\text{before}} - R_{\text{sus}})/R_{\text{before}} \times 100$$

13 where  $R_{\text{sus}}$  represents the radioactivities after the reaction in the soil suspension. In  
14 addition, the recoveries of  $^{14}\text{C}$  were calculated by dividing the sum of the radioactivities  
15 in the trap and soil suspension by the radioactivity before the reaction. The recoveries in  
16 all experimental runs ( $n = 12$ ) were  $92 \pm 7\%$ .

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#### 18 *2.4. Uv-vis absorption spectra and kinetic measurement*

19 Uv-vis absorption spectra of a buffer solution at pH 4 or 6, containing Fe(III)-TPPS (5  
20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and HP- $\beta$ -CD, were obtained on a Jasco V-550 type spectrophotometer (Japan  
21 Spectroscopic Co.) with a quartz cell ( $1 \times 1$  cm) at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The kinetics of  
22 self-degradation were monitored by the decolorization of Fe(III)-TPPS at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . A 37.5  
23  $\mu\text{l}$  aliquot of aqueous  $\text{KHSO}_5$  (0.01 M) was added to 3 ml of an aqueous solution in a 1  
24  $\times 1$  cm quartz cell, which contained Fe(III)-TPPS (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and HP- $\beta$ -CD ( $1.0 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$ ) at



1 pH 4 or 6, with stirring. The absorbance of Fe(III)-TPPS before adding  $\text{KHSO}_5$  ( $A_0$ ) was  
2 monitored at 394 nm in the absence of HP- $\beta$ -CD or at 419 nm in the presence of  
3 HP- $\beta$ -CD. After adding  $\text{KHSO}_5$ , the absorbance at arbitrary times ( $A_t$ ) was determined  
4 at 0.2 s intervals up to 180 s using the kinetic mode of the spectrophotometer. No blank  
5 decolorization of Fe(III)-TPPS by only light at 394 nm or 419 nm was observed, even  
6 after 5 min of irradiation.

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### 8 **3. Results and Discussion**

#### 9 *3.1. Control experiments*

10 The mechanism of oxidation of PCP by Fe(III)-TPPS appears to proceed via a peroxide  
11 shunt, as described in a previous report [12]. A single-oxygen donor, such as  $\text{KHSO}_5$ , is  
12 required to produce the active oxidants from Fe(III)-TPPS (ferryl-porphyrin cation  
13 radical and ferryl-oxo species). Such oxidants can be reduced to Fe(III)-TPPS by the  
14 oxidation of PCP to a pentachlorophenoxy radical ( $\text{PCP}\cdot$ ). The  $\text{PCP}\cdot$  is further  
15 oxidized, giving rise to a variety of byproducts are produced [10, 11, 13]. Prior to  
16 applying the Fe(III)-TPPS/ $\text{KHSO}_5$  catalytic system to the degradation of PCP in  
17 contaminated soil suspensions, the influence of some matrices in the soil suspensions on  
18 the disappearance of PCP was examined.

19 As shown in Table 1, the soil samples contained small amounts of manganese. It is  
20 known that manganese is present as manganese dioxide in soils, and that it is capable of  
21 oxidizing xenobiotics such as PCP [24]. Thus a control experiment to determine,  
22 whether the PCP in the soil suspension is degraded in the absence of both Fe(III)-TPPS  
23 and  $\text{KHSO}_5$  or not, was carried out.

24 The recoveries of PCP from the soil suspensions are summarized in Table 2. In the

1 presence of Fe(III)-TPPS only (“PCP + buffer + Fe(III)-TPPS” in Table 2), the  
2 recoveries were in the range of 92 – 99% at pH 4 and 6, indicating no influence of soil  
3 components and Fe(III)-TPPS. However, in the presence of KHSO<sub>5</sub> only (“PCP + buffer  
4 + KHSO<sub>5</sub>” in Table 2), a significant lower recovery (59%) was observed in the Red-soil  
5 at pH 4. As shown in Table 1, the contents of organic carbon and iron in the Red-soil  
6 were much larger than those in the other soils. Paciolla et al. [25, 26] proposed that  
7 ferryl-oxo species can be formed by the hydrogen peroxide catalysed oxidation by an  
8 iron(III)-soil organic matter complex. Thus, it is likely that the lower recovery for the  
9 Red-soil in the presence of KHSO<sub>5</sub> only at pH 4 may be due to the formation of the  
10 ferryl-oxo species via a reaction between KHSO<sub>5</sub> and iron in the soil.

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### 12 *3.2. Influence of pH on the disappearance of PCP*

13 In the presence of both Fe(III)-TPPS and KHSO<sub>5</sub>, the influence of pH and HP-β-CD on  
14 the percentage of PCP disappearance was investigated (Figure 2). It had previously been  
15 reported that the percentage of PCP disappearance increased with increasing pH up to  
16 pH 7 in an Fe(III)-TPPS/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system [11, 12]. As expected from the  
17 previous reports, the percentage of PCP disappearance at pH 6 was larger than that at  
18 pH 4 for all soil samples. In addition, the disappearance of PCP was remarkably  
19 enhanced at pH 4 and 6 when HP-β-CD was added. In the presence of HP-β-CD, the  
20 percentage of PCP disappearance at pH 6 was also larger than that at pH 4 for all soils.

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### 22 *3.3. Influence of pH on the stability of Fe(III)-TPPS*

23 The deactivation of Fe(III)-TPPS is due to self-degradation via oxidation by KHSO<sub>5</sub> [14,  
24 15]. The kinetics of the degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS were monitored at pH 4 and 6 in

1 the absence and presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD (Fig. 3). The kinetic constants for the  
2 self-degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS, calculated from curve-fitting to the data points in Fig.  
3 3, are summarized in Table 3. The kinetic constant in the absence of HP- $\beta$ -CD ( $k_0$ ) at pH  
4 6 was 10-times smaller than that at pH 4. In addition, the kinetic constant in the  
5 presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD ( $k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$ ) at pH 6 was 17-times smaller than that at pH 4. These  
6 results indicate that the self-degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS is significantly retarded at pH  
7 6 in the absence and presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD. As shown in Table 3, the ratio of  $k_0$  to  
8  $k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$  ( $k_0/k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$ ) at pH 6 was much larger than that at pH 4. This shows that the  
9 retardation of Fe(III)-TPPS self-degradation by added HP- $\beta$ -CD at pH 6 is greater than  
10 that at pH 4.

11 The stabilization of Fe(III)-TPPS in the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD can be attributed to the  
12 formation of a supramolecular complex [16]. Figure 4 shows the influence of pH and  
13 HP- $\beta$ -CD on the uv-vis absorption spectrum of Fe(III)-TPPS. At pH 6, the Soret band  
14 for Fe(III)-TPPS at 394 nm in the absence of HP- $\beta$ -CD was clearly shifted to 419 nm in  
15 the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD (1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>), indicating the formation of a supramolecular  
16 complex. However, at pH 4, a red-shift in the Soret band in the presence of HP- $\beta$ -CD  
17 was not clearly observed, but the band was broadened. The broadening of the peak at  
18 pH 4 may be due to the contribution of both unbound and bound species of  
19 Fe(III)-TPPS to HP- $\beta$ -CD. To evaluate the ability of Fe(III)-TPPS to bind HP- $\beta$ -CD, the  
20 formation constants ( $K_f$ ) were determined by a spectroscopic titration method, as  
21 described in a previous report [16]. As shown in Table 3, the log  $K_f$  at pH 6 (5.1) was  
22 larger than that at pH 4 (4.6). These results lead to the conclusion that, at pH 6, the  
23 addition of HP- $\beta$ -CD is more effective in stabilizing Fe(III)-TPPS than at pH 4.  
24 Therefore, the conditions in the Fe(III)-TPPS/HP- $\beta$ -CD/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system for

1 degrading PCP in contaminated soil suspensions were optimal at pH 6. As indicated in  
2 Table 1, the pH values of soil suspensions were around 6, except for the case of kaolin,  
3 which can be regarded as a control soil sample. It has been reported that pH values of  
4 soils are in the range of 3 – 7 [27]. Thus, pH control may be required, if the pH of the  
5 soil is in the acidic region.

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### 7 *3.4. Optimization of dosage*

8 Figure 5 shows the effect of the concentration of Fe(III)-TPPS in the soil suspension on  
9 the percent PCP disappearance. For the Kaolin and Kanuma-soils, the percent PCP  
10 disappearance increased with increasing concentration of Fe(III)-TPPS up to 5  $\mu\text{M}$ .  
11 However, for the Red-soil, 10  $\mu\text{M}$  of Fe(III)-TPPS was required to reach a plateau.  
12 Figure 6 shows the influence of the concentration of  $\text{KHSO}_5$  in a soil suspension on the  
13 percent PCP disappearance. Although the percent PCP disappearance increased with  
14 increasing concentration of  $\text{KHSO}_5$  in all soils, a higher concentration of  $\text{KHSO}_5$  was  
15 required in the Red-soil to reach the percent PCP disappearance comparable to the cases  
16 of Kaolin and Kanuma-soil. As shown in Table 1, organic carbon in the Red-soil  
17 (1.58%) was much higher than those in other soils. Because soil organic matter related  
18 to humic substances includes a variety of phenolic compounds [28], its presence may  
19 lead to the retardation of the catalytic oxidation of PCP. Thus, the larger dosages of  
20 Fe(III)-TPPS and  $\text{KHSO}_5$  may be required in the case of the Red-soil.

21 Figure 7 shows the influence of the concentration of HP- $\beta$ -CD in the soil suspension  
22 on the percent PCP disappearance. In all soils, the percent PCP disappearance increased  
23 with increasing concentration of HP- $\beta$ -CD up to 1.0  $\text{mg ml}^{-1}$  and then reached a plateau.  
24 In the present study, because the dosages should be reduced as much as possible, the

1 concentrations of Fe(III)-TPPS, KHSO<sub>5</sub> and HP-β-CD in the soil suspensions were set  
2 to 10 μM, 250 μM and 1.5 mg l<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Although the influence of the reaction  
3 period (1, 3 and 5 days) was investigated under optimal dosages, the percent PCP  
4 disappearance did not vary significantly in any of the soils (89 – 96%).

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### 6 *3.5. Mineralization of PCP to CO<sub>2</sub>*

7 In the Fe(III)-TPPS/HP-β-CD/KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system, tetrachloroquinone,  
8 nonachlorodiphenyl ether and octachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin were detected as oxidation  
9 products in the initial stage of the reaction (10 min) [16]. However, the levels of these  
10 compounds decreased with increasing reaction time and the numbers of chlorine atoms  
11 released from the PCP were 2.8 – 3.1, suggesting the further oxidation of the byproducts  
12 [16]. However, because soil samples include large amounts of chloride ions,  
13 dechlorination could not be determined in the present study. In remediation technologies  
14 for soil contaminated with xenobiotics, mineralization of the xenobiotics is highly  
15 desirable to reduce the potential risks of pollution. Therefore, the mineralization of PCP  
16 to CO<sub>2</sub> was the major focus in the present study. Figure 8 shows the effect of HP-β-CD  
17 on the percentage of mineralization of <sup>14</sup>C-labeled PCP to <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> for a 5 day reaction  
18 period. In all soils, the percentages of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> in the presence of HP-β-CD (24 – 28%)  
19 were larger than those in the absence of HP-β-CD (12 – 18%). These results  
20 demonstrate that added HP-β-CD is effective in enhancing PCP degradation in  
21 contaminated soil suspensions.

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## 23 **4. Conclusions**

24 The addition of HP-β-CD to the Fe(III)-TPPS / KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system was found to be

1 useful for enhancing the degradation of PCP in contaminated soil suspensions. Although  
2 Fe(III)-TPPS was stabilized by forming a supramolecular complex at pH 4 and 6, a pH  
3 of 6 was selected as optimal for the degradation conditions because the self-degradation  
4 of Fe(III)-TPPS was retarded to a greater extent. The combined processes of PCP  
5 extraction with some CDs and the degradation of PCP using a TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalyst [20]  
6 and electrochemical method [21] have recently been reported. Thus, the Fe(III)-TPPS /  
7 HP-β-CD / KHSO<sub>5</sub> catalytic system, examined in the present study, may also be useful  
8 for the treatment of extracts of PCP-contaminated soils with aqueous HP-β-CD.

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## Figure Captions

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3 Fig. 1. Chemical structures of Fe(III)-TPPS and HP- $\beta$ -CD, and the formation of a  
4 supramolecular complex.

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6 Fig. 2. Influence of pH and HP- $\beta$ -CD on the percentage of PCP disappearance. Soils 0.2  
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10 Fig. 3. Influence of pH and HP- $\beta$ -CD on the kinetics of the self-degradation of  
11 Fe(III)-TPPS. [Fe(III)-TPPS] 5  $\mu$ M, [KHSO<sub>5</sub>] 125  $\mu$ M, [HP- $\beta$ -CD] 1.0 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>.

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13 Fig. 4. Influence of pH and HP- $\beta$ -CD on the uv-vis absorption spectrum of Fe(III)-TPPS  
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16 Fig. 5. Influence of Fe(III)-TPPS concentration on percent PCP disappearance. Soils 0.2  
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28 Fig. 8. Effects of HP- $\beta$ -CD on percent <sup>14</sup>C-labeled PCP mineralization to <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>. Soils  
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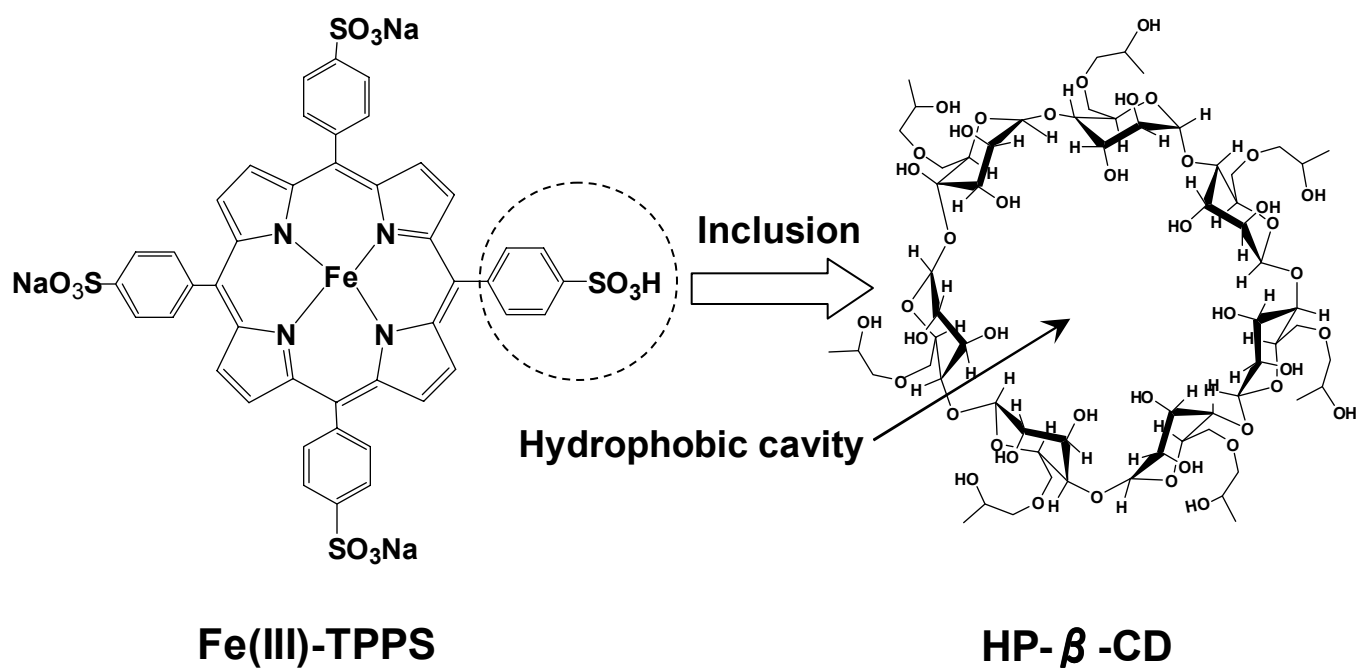


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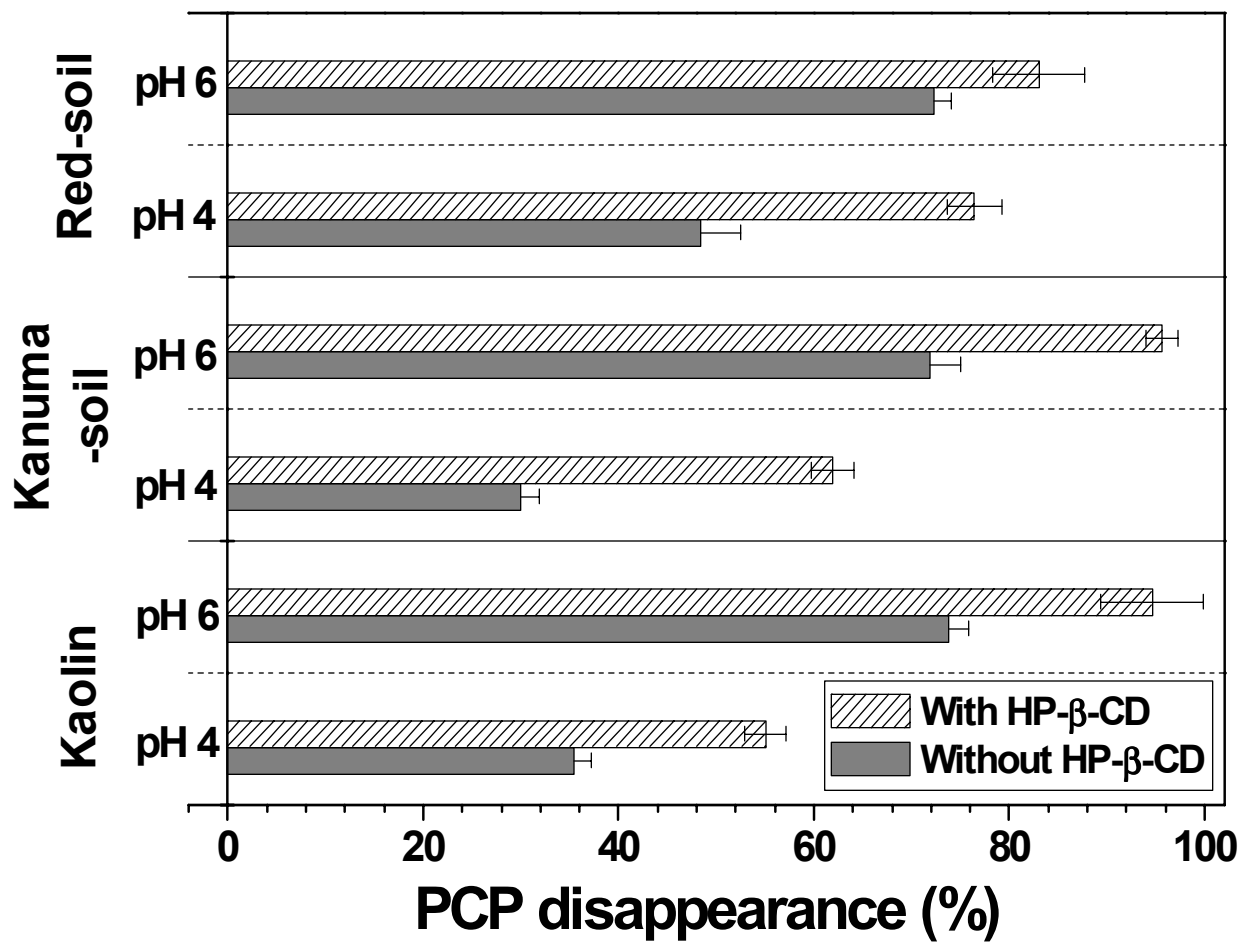


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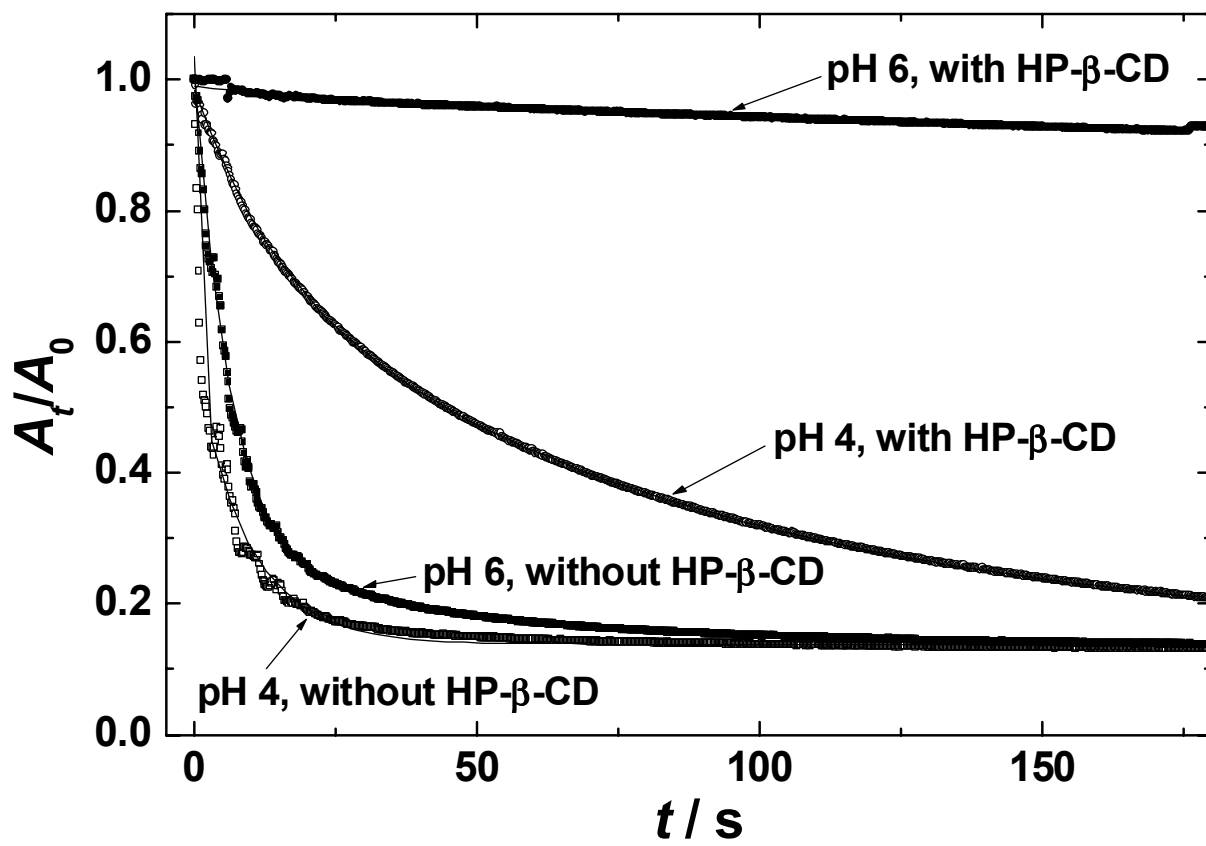
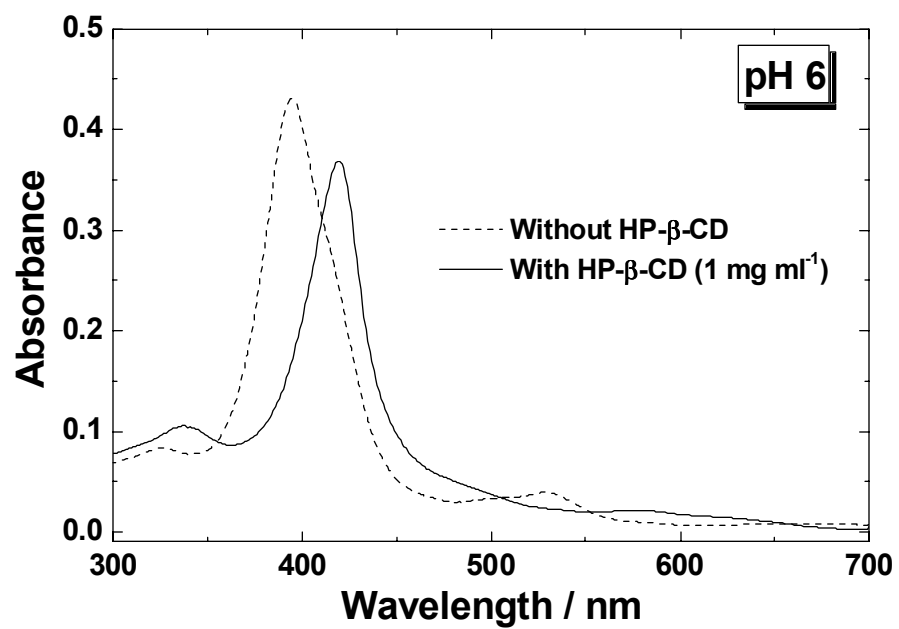
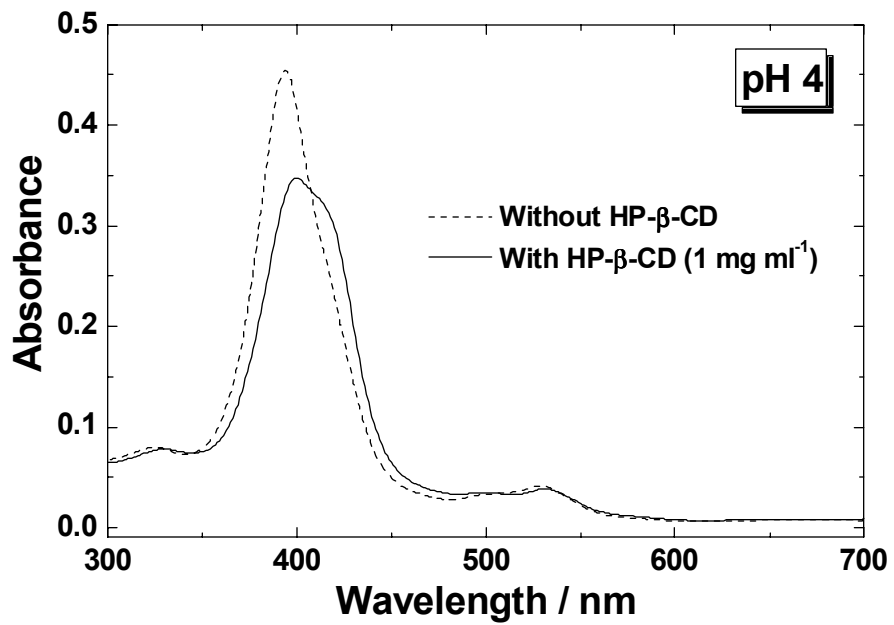


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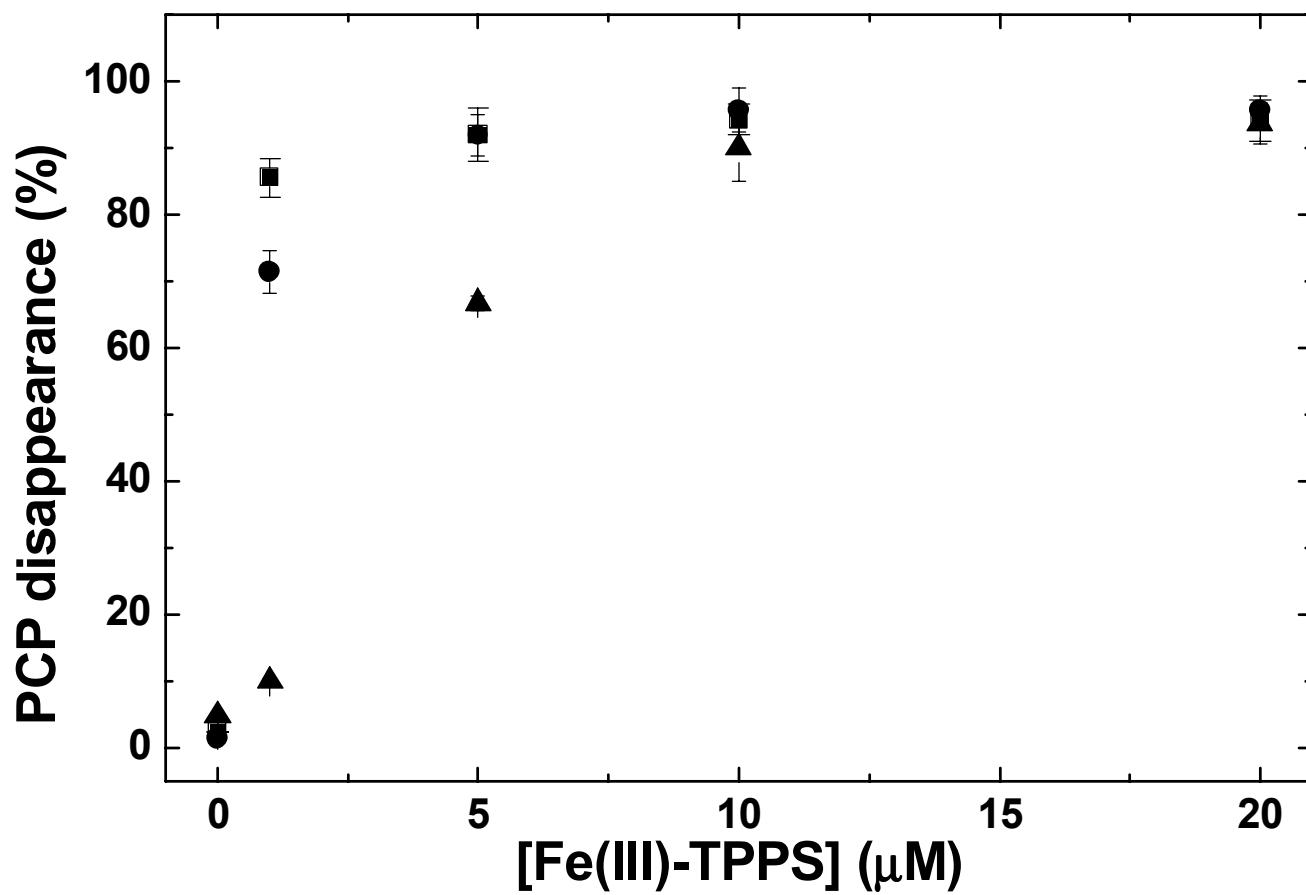


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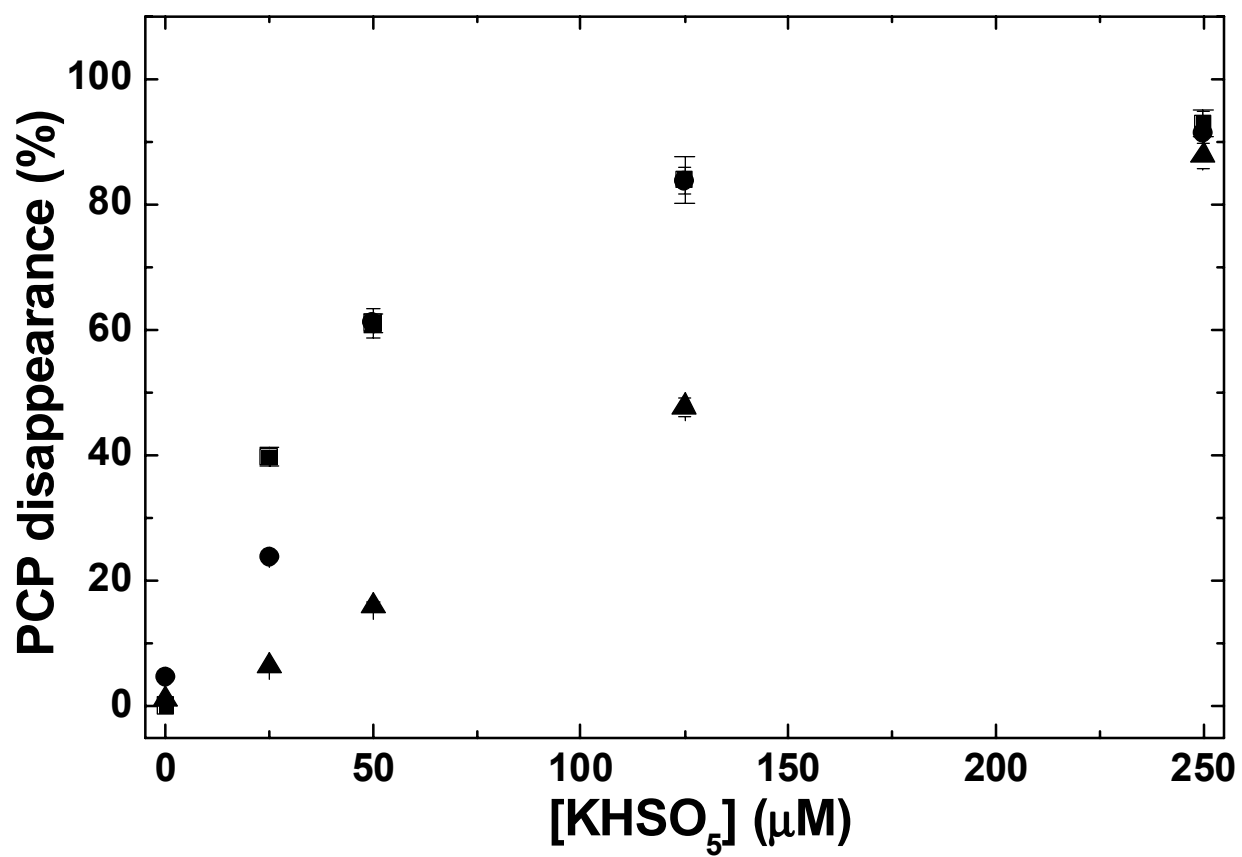


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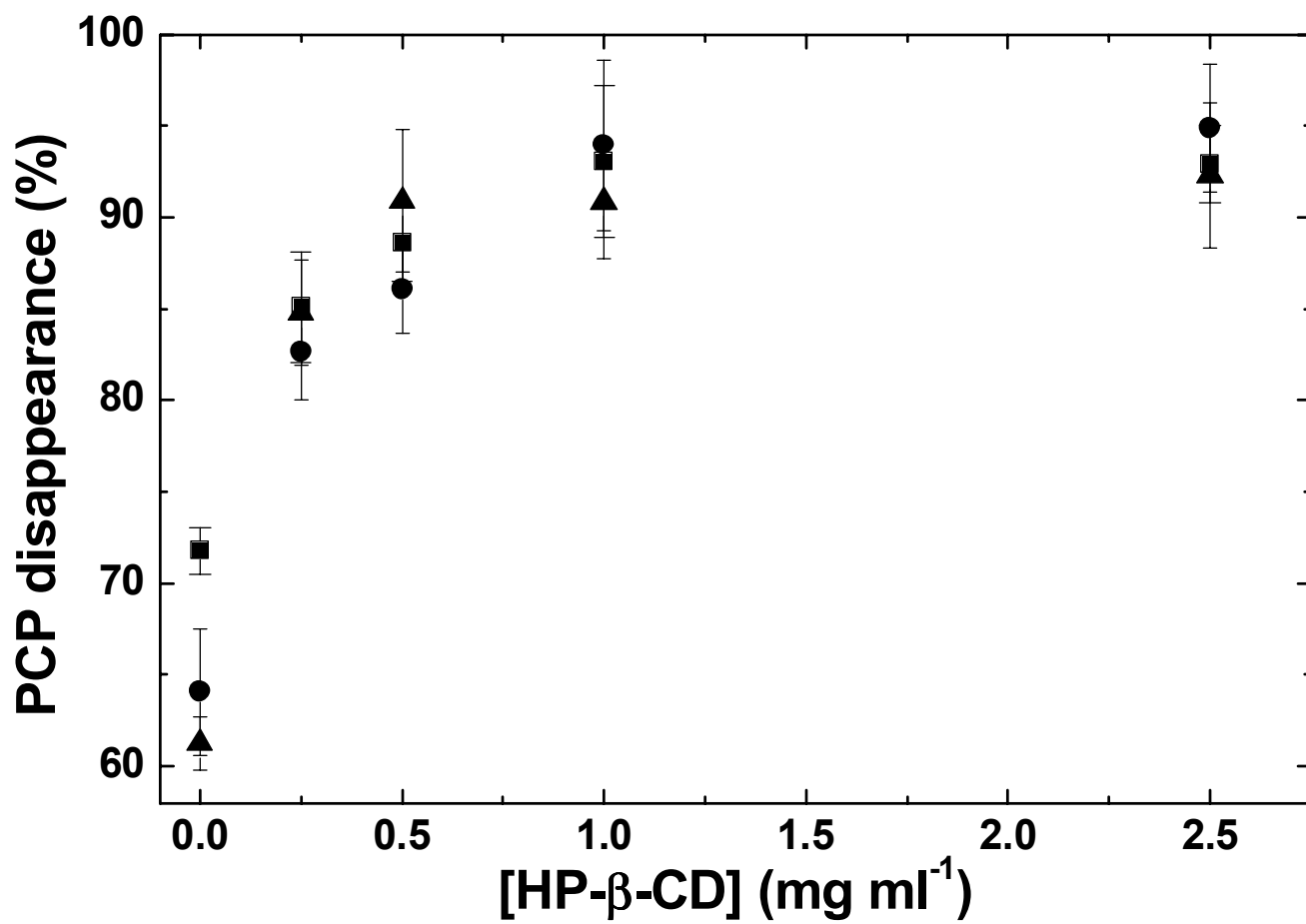
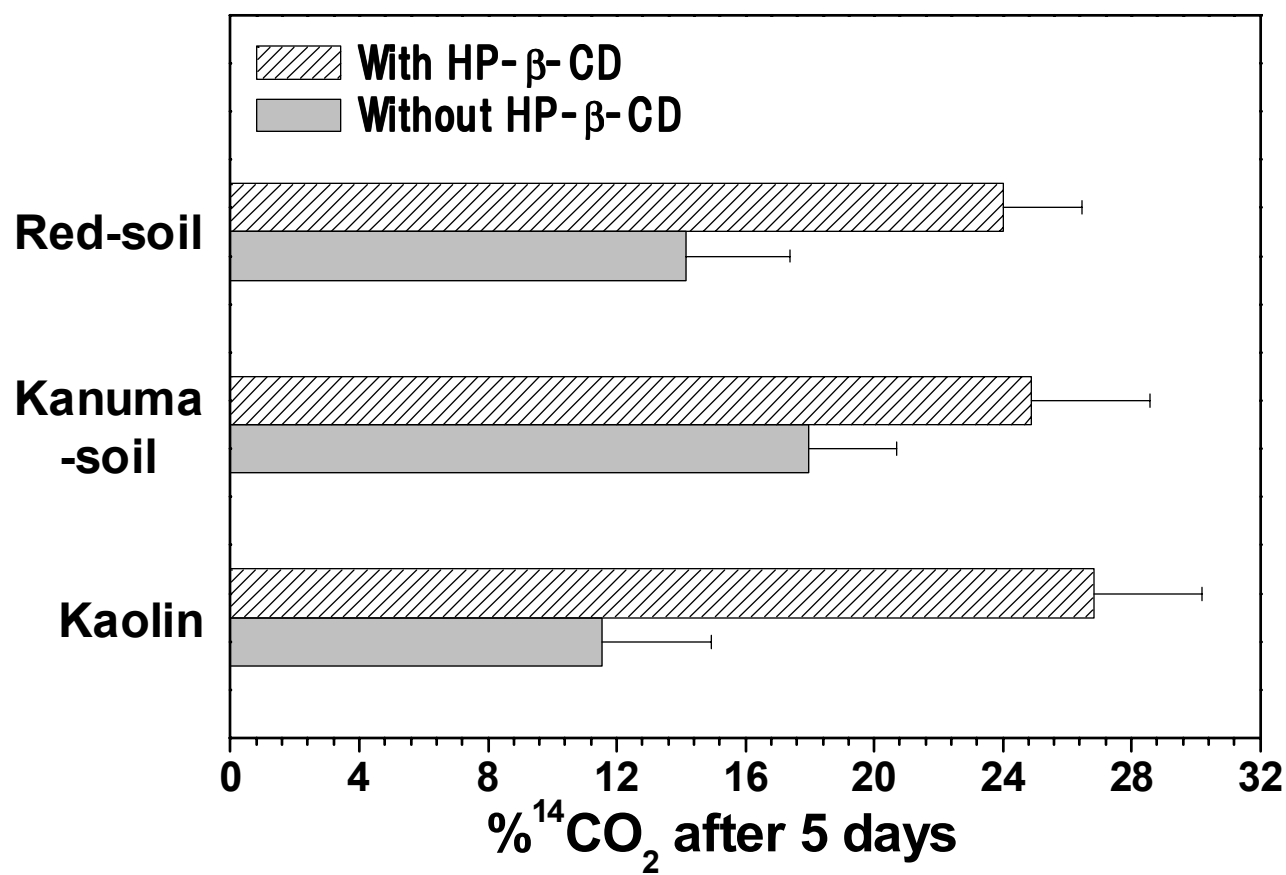


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**Fig. 8**

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Table 1

The pH values, bet-N<sub>2</sub> specific surface areas and elemental compositions for soil samples.

| Soil samples                                       | Kaolin          | Kanuma-soil | Red-soil |
|--|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| pH <sup>a</sup>                                    | 7.71            | 6.27        | 6.01     |
| SSA (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> | 2.72            | 106         | 26.3     |
| OC (wt %) <sup>c</sup>                             | nd <sup>d</sup> | 0.16        | 1.58     |
| Al (wt %)  | 8.6             | 10.1        | 9.3      |
| Si (wt %)  | 35.3            | 16.0        | 12.8     |
| Ca (wt %)  | 0.09            | 0.77        | 0.36     |
| Fe (wt %)  | 0.11            | 0.97        | 4.69     |
| Mn (wt %)  | 0.002           | 0.020       | 0.079    |

<sup>a</sup> The pH of the soil slurry was determined for a mixture of soil and water at a ratio of 1 : 2.5 (soil : water = w/w) [18].

<sup>b</sup> Bet-N<sub>2</sub> specific surface area.

<sup>c</sup> Organic carbon

<sup>d</sup> Not detected

Table 2

Extraction efficiencies (%) of PCP from contaminated soil suspensions for three controls.

| Patterns of control              | Kaolin | Kanuma-soil | Red-soil |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| <i>pH 4</i>                      |        |             |          |
| PCP + buffer                     | 94 ± 5 | 101 ± 6     | 99 ± 3   |
| PCP + buffer + Fe(III)-TPPS      | 97 ± 4 | 97 ± 5      | 99 ± 6   |
| PCP + buffer + KHSO <sub>5</sub> | 88 ± 7 | 99 ± 4      | 59 ± 3   |
| <i>pH 6</i>                      |        |             |          |
| PCP + buffer                     | 91 ± 3 | 97 ± 7      | 96 ± 2   |
| PCP + buffer + Fe(III)-TPPS      | 92 ± 4 | 96 ± 2      | 97 ± 3   |
| PCP + buffer + KHSO <sub>5</sub> | 94 ± 2 | 93 ± 4      | 89 ± 4   |

Table 3

Kinetic constants for the self-degradation of Fe(III)-TPPS ( $k_0$  and  $k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$ ) and the formation constants of the supramolecular complex ( $K_f$ ) at pH 4 and 6.

| pH | $k_0$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | $k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | $k_0/k_{\text{HP-}\beta\text{-CD}}$ | $\log K_f$ |
|----|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 4  | 1.3                       | $7.3 \times 10^{-2}$                                | 18                                  | 4.6        |
| 6  | 0.16                      | $4.3 \times 10^{-3}$                                | 36                                  | 5.1        |