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Aldehydes have been used in a one-pot reaction with enolizable ketones, acetonitrile, benzonitrile and acetyl chloride in the presence of FePO<sub>4</sub> at room temperature to form the corresponding  $\beta$ -acetamido ketones in very good yields. Three new compounds and rare  $\beta$ -amido ketones are reported additionally. The use of readily available FePO<sub>4</sub> as a catalyst renders this process quite simple and convenient.

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### Introduction

β-Acetamido ketone skeletons exist in a number of biological and pharmaceutical compounds makes them valuable building blocks <sup>1,2</sup> and there have been intensive attempts to synthesize β-amido ketones. The best-known route for the synthesis of these compounds is the Dakin–West reaction,<sup>3</sup> which involves the condensation of an α-amino acid with acetic anhydride in the presence of a base to afford the β-acetamido ketones.<sup>4</sup> Another procedure for the formation of these compounds from condensation of enolizable ketones, an aryl aldehyde, and acetyl chloride in nitriles in the presence of heterogeneous and homogeneous acid catalysts have been reported by Nabid and Tabatabaei<sup>5</sup> and CuSO<sub>4</sub>. 5H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>7</sup> was also reported by our research group.

In addition to mentioned above, FePO<sub>4</sub> is cheap, safe and available reagent <sup>8</sup> that has also been employed for the selective oxidation of CH<sub>4</sub> to CH<sub>3</sub>OH <sup>9</sup> and benzene to phenol<sup>10</sup> one-pot synthesis of dihydropyrimidinones and thiones<sup>11</sup>, one-pot three component synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazoles<sup>12</sup>, acetylation alcohols and phenols<sup>13</sup> and tetrahydropyranylation alcohols and phenols.<sup>14</sup> In this communication we wish to report synthesis of β-amido

ketones with enolizable ketones, acetonitrile, benzonitrile and acetyl chloride in the presence of  $FePO_4$  at room temperature (Scheme 1).

## **Results and discussion**

At the first, the reaction of benzaldehyde, acetophenone, acetyl chloride and acetonitrile was studied in the absence of catalyst. The reaction was not completed even after 24 h. Obviously, the catalyst is an effective component for this reaction.

In a model reaction, with benzaldehyde (5.0 mmol), acetophenone (5.0 mmol), AcCl (1.5 mmol), acetonitrile (1.0 ml) and FePO<sub>4</sub> (0, 2, 5, 10, 15 mol %) stirred at room temperature without solvent. The conversion was completed at appreciated time in table 1. The product was obtained using 10 mol% of FePO<sub>4</sub> in 92% yield. Thus the entry 4 of Table 1 was selected and the reactions were continued under optimized conditions.

 Table 1. The Optimization of FePO4 for the synthesis of N-(3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl) acetamide (1)

Entry	Catalyst, mol %	Time, h	Yield, %
1	0	48	10
2	2	30	50
3	5	9	65
4	10	4.5	92
5	15	4.5	92



 $R_3 = Me, Et, B$  $R_4 = Me, Ph$ 

#### Scheme 1



 $R_1$ = H, 4-Nitro, 3-Nitro, 4-Methyl, 4-Bromo, 4-Chloro, 2-Methoxy, 4-Methoxy  $R_2$ = H, 4-Nitro,4-Methoxy,  $R_3$ = Me, Et, Ben  $R_4$ = Me, Ph

#### Scheme 2

**Table 2.** FePO<sub>4</sub>-catalytzed synthesis of  $\beta$ -amido ketones

Entry	<b>R</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>R</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>R</b> 3	<b>R</b> 4	Time, h	Yield, %	M.p, <sup>0</sup> C, Found	Reported <sup>ref.</sup>
1	Н	Н		Me	6	92	105-107	105-1077
2	Н	Н		Ph	6	92.5	152-154	153-154 <sup>7</sup>
3	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	Н		Me	6	91	147-148	148 <b>-</b> 149 <sup>7</sup>
4	3-NO <sub>2</sub>	Н		Me	6.5	85	137-139	140 <b>-</b> 139 <sup>7</sup>
5	4-Br	Н		Me	5	94	148-149	147 <b>-</b> 148 <sup>7</sup>
6	4-Cl	Н		Me	4	90	178-179	180-182 <sup>7</sup>
7	4-Cl	Η		Ph	4	93	131-132	131-133 <sup>7</sup>
8	4-Cl		OMe	Me	3.5	88	109-110	110-1127
9	4-Cl	$4-NO_2$		Me	8	85	119-120	121-122 <sup>15</sup>
10	2-Cl	Η		Me	7	92	133-135	135 <b>-</b> 136 <sup>14</sup>
11	$2-NO_2$	Η		Me	8	91	145-147	148-150 <sup>15</sup>
12	2-OMe	4-NO <sub>2</sub>		Ph	4	85	136-138	138 <b>-</b> 140 <sup>7</sup>
13 <sup>a</sup>	4-Cl	4-Br		Ph	8	85	119-120	-
14 <sup>a</sup>	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	Η		$4-CH_3C_6H_4$	4	85	158-160	-
15 <sup>a</sup>	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	4-Br		Ph	2.5	98	-	-

#### a) new compounds

To prove the generality of the optimized reaction conditions, the variety of aldehydes with electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups on the aromatic ring and enolizable ketones such as acetophenone, 4-nitro acetophnone, benzyl, ethyl and methyl acetoacetate were also subjected to Dakin-West reaction in the presence of FePO<sub>4</sub> as a catalyst. The results showed that the naturality of groups didn't affect upon the reaction time and yields (Table 2). In all contents, complete conversion was observed after appropriate time and the products were isolated in very high yields.  $\beta$ -Acetamido ketones were also prepared from  $\beta$ -keto esters by the reaction of aromatic aldehydes, acetonitrile and acetyl chloride in the presence of FePO<sub>4</sub>. Interestingly, it was also found that the products of entries 13, 14, and 15 have not previously been prepared and so they were new compounds.

A mechanism may be postulated as shown below (Scheme 2). The mechanism<sup>16</sup> may involve the enolic form of the ketone which attacks the activated aldehyde to provide a  $\beta$ -acetoxy ketone. The acetyl group is displaced by alkyl/aryl nitrile followed by water addition leads to provide the product.

To show the fairly advantages of using  $FePO_4$ -as a catalyst in the synthesis of (1), our protocol was compared with previously reported methods (Table 3). From the results given in Table 3, the advantages of this work are evident regarding the yields of the reactions which are very important in chemical industry especially when it is combined by easy separation.



Scheme 3.

## Experimental

Melting points were measured by using the capillary tube method with an electro thermal 9200 apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on Bruker FT-IR spectrometer did scanning between 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra were obtained on Bruker DRX-300MHz NMR instrument. Mass spectra were taken on an Agilent 5973 Network Mass Selective Detector instrument.

Synthesis of  $\beta$ - acetamido ketone and esters: General procedure. A mixture of ketone or ethyl, and methyl acetoacetate (5.0 mmol), aldehyde (5.0 mmol) and acetyl

Entry	Catalyst	Mol % or g	Time, h	Temp., °C	Yield, % <sup>Ref.</sup>
1	Montmorilonite K-10	2 g	7	70	8017
2	Silica-sulfuric acid	78	1.08	80	91 <sup>18</sup>
3	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	10	30	r.t	8216
4	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	10	30	r.t	64 <sup>16</sup>
5	Bi(OTf)3	10	30	r.t	69 <sup>16</sup>
6	I <sub>2</sub>	10	4.5	r.t	85 <sup>19</sup>
7	BiCl <sub>3</sub> or BiOCl	20	7	r.t	92 <sup>20</sup>
8	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	100	0.5	r.t	59 <sup>21</sup>
9	InCl <sub>3</sub>	100	0.5	r.t	19 <sup>21</sup>
10	ZrOCl <sub>2</sub> .8H <sub>2</sub> O	20	5	r.t	90 <sup>22</sup>
11	Amberlyst-15	0.2g	6	r.t	89 <sup>23</sup>
12	$H_6P_2W_{18}O_{63}$	7	1	80	85 <sup>24</sup>
13	FeCl <sub>3</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	10	8	r.t	88 <sup>25</sup>
14	CuO	50	20	80	40 <sup>26</sup>
15	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	50	20	80	65 <sup>26</sup>
16	CdO	50	18	80	35 <sup>26</sup>
17	TiO <sub>2</sub>	50	18	80	20 <sup>26</sup>
18	ZnO	50	6	80	90 <sup>26</sup>
19	Heteropoly acid	0.7	0.41	80	86 <sup>24</sup>
20	ZnO	50	6	80	90 <sup>27</sup>
21	NH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	5	1.41	r.t	90 <sup>28</sup>
22	Co(HSO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	20	0.9	r.t	92 <sup>29</sup>
23	Zn(HSO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	20	0.5	r.t	90 <sup>29</sup>
24	ZnO bulk	10	4	r.t	55 <sup>25</sup>
25	ZnO nanoparticles	10	1	r.t	83 <sup>25</sup>
26	PANI-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	1	50	90 <sup>5</sup>
27	Fe(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	1	3.5	80	77 <sup>6</sup>
28	Mg(HSO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	20	0.83	r.t	89 <sup>30</sup>
29	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	20	20	r.t	30 <sup>30</sup>
30	Zr(HSO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	20	0.5	r.t	90 <sup>30</sup>
31	ZrCl <sub>4</sub>	20	5	r.t	80 <sup>30</sup>
32	CeSO <sub>4</sub>	20	3.5	85	83 <sup>25</sup>
33	Mn(bpdo)2Cl2/MCM-41	10	7	r.t	96 <sup>31</sup>
34	CeCl <sub>3</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	10	13	r.t	82 <sup>32</sup>
35	FePO <sub>4</sub>	10	4.5	r.t	92 <sup>This work</sup>

Table 3	The synthesis	of $(1)$ using	variety of ca	talysts was	compared
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chloride (1.5 mmol) in 1 ml of acetonitrile/benzonitrile was treated with a catalytic amount of  $FePO_4(10 \text{ mol}\%)$  at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, a mixture of crushed ice (50 ml) was added to the reaction mixture. The precipitated solid was filtered off. The residue was washed with water(20 ml) and the crude product recrystallized from ethyl acetate/n-hexane.

## Physical and spectra data for new compounds

*N*-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)benzamide (entry 13): Yield=85%, M.p= 119-120 °C, white solid; IR (KBr) 3295, 3059, 1688, 1655, 1603, 1585, 1069, 1096, 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.47 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.8Hz and *J*=13.45Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.7Hz and *J*=15.25Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.71 (m, 1H, CH), 7.26 (m, 1H, NH), 7.39 (d, 2H, *J*=8.3Hz, ArH), 7.64 (d, 2H, *J*=8.31Hz, ArH), 7.57 (d, 2H, *J*=8.22Hz, Ar), 7.88 (d, 2H, *J*=8.32Hz, Ar), 7.73(m, 5H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 199, 167, 149, 146, 136, 134, 131, 128, 127, 120, 52, 48 ppm; MS *m/z*: 443[M<sup>+</sup>], C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrClNO<sub>2</sub>.

### 4-methyl-N-(1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-

**benzamide (entry 14)**: Yield=85%, M.p=158-160 °C, white solid; IR (KBr) 3306, 3061, 2956, 2922, 1687, 1624, 1545, 1356, 833, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.39 (s, 3H, *CH*<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (dd,1H, *J*=4.74 and 4.59Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (dd, 1H, *J*=16.87Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 5.71 (m, 1H, *CH*), 7.32-7.34 (m, 1H, *NH*), 7.26(d, 2H, *J*=6.84Hz, Ar*H*), 7.46 (d, 2H, *J*=6.78Hz, Ar*H*), 7.56-7.67 (m, 5H, Ar*H*), 7.73 (d, 2H, *J*=7.05Hz, Ar*H*), 7.91 (d, 2H, *J*=6.93Hz, Ar*H*) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 200, 167, 149, 146, 142, 136, 133, 131, 127, 120, 52, 44, 24 ppm; MS *m/z*: 388[M<sup>+</sup>], C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

*N*-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)benzamide (entry15): Yield=98%, M.p=191-192 °C, light yellow solid; IR (KBr) 3309, 3058, 2924, 1688, 1629, 1522, 1347, 1581, 1074, 848, 817 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.55 (dd, 1H, *J*=12.04Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (dd, 1H, *J*=12.74Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 5.83 (m, 1H, *CH*), 7.26-7.55 (m, 1H, N*H*), 7.47 (d, 1H, J=7.28Hz, Ar*H*), 7.60 (d, 5H, J=7.8Hz, Ar*H*), 7.52-7.78 (m, 5H, Ar*H*), 7.84 (d, 1H, J=7.04Hz, Ar*H*), 8.16 (d, 1H, J=7.02Hz, Ar*H*) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 199, 166, 148, 145, 134, 133, 130, 127, 126, 120, 50, 45 ppm; MS *m*/*z*: 77[C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>], 105[C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O], 155[C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br], 185[C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO], 349[C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>], 452[M<sup>+</sup>], 454[M+2]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the new simple catalytic process can produce, under mild conditions, an effective multicomponent transformation of enolizable ketones, acetonitrile, benzonitrile and acetyl chloride in the presence of FePO<sub>4</sub> at room temperature to form the corresponding  $\beta$ acetamido ketones in high yields. The reaction system can be successfully applied to a variety of aryl aldehydes to synthesize a wide variety of new  $\beta$ -acetamido ketones.

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A green, environmentally benign, facile and efficient one-pot three-component reaction of benzaldehyde, barbituric acid and meldrum's acid for the synthesis of 5-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione derivatives using cerric ammonium nitrate (CAN) as a catalyst in aqueous medium under ultrasonic irradiation is described. 1,3-dimethyl barbituric acid gives slightly lower yield as compared to barbituric acid and takes longer time to complete the reaction. Excellent yields, no need of base, and simple workup procedure are the prominent features of this protocol.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Organic synthesis performed through multicomponent reactions is an attractive area of research in organic chemistry. Multicomponent reactions (MCRs)1-3 can be defined as convergent chemical processes where three or more reagents are combined in such a way that the final product retains significant portions of all starting materials. They offer a highly atom-economic and efficient way of generating complex molecules in fewer numbers of steps, often with minimal byproducts. One-pot MCRs often shorten reaction periods, giving higher overall chemical yields than multiple-step syntheses, and therefore can reduce the use of energy and manpower.<sup>4</sup> The combination of multicomponent reactions (MCRs) and nonconventional solvents like water has become a new research direction, which enables simultaneous growth of both MCRs and green solvents toward ideal organic synthesis.<sup>5-6</sup> The use of water as a green solvent in organic reactions has improved not only the aspect of the reactions from the viewpoint of green and sustainable properties, but also the synthetic efficiency by stabilizing the catalyst, changing the reaction selectivity or facilitating product isolation.<sup>7</sup>

The fused pyrimidines are an important class of compounds as chemotherapeutic agents in attracting attention of medicinal chemists for their antibacterial<sup>8</sup>, antiviral<sup>9</sup> and cytotoxic<sup>10</sup> properties. The pyrano-fused pyrimidines showed a broad range of biological activities, such as antitubercular, antimicrobial,<sup>11-12</sup> antiplatelet,<sup>13</sup> antifungal,<sup>14</sup>, antiviral,<sup>15</sup> analgesic as well as anticonvulsant activities and also showed effects against amphetamine induced stereotypy and on potentiation of pentobarbitone sodium hypnosis.<sup>16</sup> Moreover, all the compounds which have a uracil moiety in the skeleton of an organic molecule

showed antitumor, antibacterial, bronchodilator, vasodilator, antihypertensive, cardiotonic, hepatoprotective, and antiallergic activities; some of them also exhibit antimalarial, analgesic, antifungal, and herbicidal properties.<sup>17-19</sup> Because of these biological activities, these compounds have distinguished themselves as heterocycles of profound chemical and biological significance. Thus, the synthesis of these molecules has attracted considerable attention<sup>20</sup> but all these methods suffered from drawbacks such as longer reaction time, use of hazardous organic solvents and reagents, use of conventional conditions etc. Recently Pasha et al.<sup>21</sup> reported a methodology for the synthesis of pyranopyrimidine under microwave irradiation but in this method base is needed for the completion of reaction. Thus, the search for new catalyst and methods is still of growing importance and intrest.

Ultrasound irradiation has been utilized to accelerate a number of synthetically useful reactions during the last few years. Thus, a large number of organic reactions can be carried out under ultrasonic irradiation in high yields, short reaction time and mild conditions.<sup>22-23</sup> Cavitation is the formation, growth and collapse of bubbles in an irradiated liquid. This effect induces very high local pressure and temperature inside the bubbles and enhances mass transfer and turbulent flow in the liquid.<sup>24</sup> Sonochemistry shares sustainable chemistry with aims such as the use of less hazardous chemicals and solvents, reduced energy consumption and increased product selectivity.<sup>25</sup>

Cerium (IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) is one of the most interesting oxidants in organic synthesis since it is stable in different solvents and is commercially available.<sup>26</sup> Recently, ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) received considerable attention as an inexpensive, nontoxic and readily available catalyst for catalyzing various organic transformations not only based on its electron transfer capacity but also with its Lewis acidic property.<sup>27</sup> It has many advantages such as solubility in water, inexpensiveness, eco-friendly nature, simplicity in handling, high reactivity and easy work-up procedures.<sup>28</sup> As a part of our ongoing research program on the development of green methodologies in the synthesis of biological important compounds using readily available, inexpensive, and environment friendly catalysts,<sup>29</sup> herein, we report a facile, and rapid one-pot three-component route to the synthesis of 5-aryl-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2,4,7-triones by the reaction of aromatic aldehydes 1a-h, barbituric acid 2a-b and meldrum's acid 3 in the presence of CAN as the Lewis catalyst under ultrasonic irradiation in aqueous medium (Scheme 1).



**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-trione derivatives

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Initially, in order to optimize the reaction conditions, we choose the reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde **1a**, barbituric acid **2a** and meldrum acid **3** in the presence of 10 mol % CAN in different solvents using ultrasonic irradiation (**Table 1**) but we found that the best conversion was observed when the reaction was performed in water (**Table 1**, **Entry 6**). The use of other solvents such as ethanol, methanol, toluene, acetonitrile and  $CH_2Cl_2$  gave poor to moderate yields (**Table 1, Entry 1-5**).

**Table 1.** Effect of solvent on the synthesis of 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1H-pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3H)-trione (**4a**)<sup>a</sup>

S. No.	Solvents	Time, min	Yield, %*
1	Acetonitrile	105	58
2	Toluene	135	42
3	Methanol	68	68
4	Ethanol	54	72
5	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	120	58
6	Water	30	94

<sup>a</sup>Reactions are performed on a 2 mmol scale of the reactants and 10 mol% of CAN under ultrasonic irradiation; \*Isolated Yield

Further, we focused on systematic evaluation of different catalysts for the model reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde 1a, barbituric acid 2a and meldrum acid 3 in water under ultrasonic irradiation. In order to confirm the effective involvement of catalyst during this transformation, we carried out the model reaction without any catalyst. In the absence of catalyst, the reaction was incomplete even after 4 hr of sonication (**Table 2, entry 1**) and Knoevenagel adduct was the only product. Further use of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a catalyst doesn't seems to increase the yield (22%, **Table 2, entry 2**). Now, a wide range of catalysts were employed including *p*-TSA, sulfamic acid, L-proline and CAN to improve the yield of product (**Table 2**). The results are summarized in

Table 2 which showed that in presence of CAN the desired product was obtained in 94% yield within 30 min. Therefore, this catalyst appears to be superior to any of the other catalysts tested.

Further, in order to optimize the amount of CAN for the synthesis of the target compounds, we started the study by treating a mixture of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde **1a**, barbituric acid **2a** and meldrum acid **3** in the presence of different amounts of CAN under ultrasonic irradiation (**Table 2**; entries **6**, **7**, **8**) but we found that 10 mol % of CAN gave the best result in terms of time of completion and the product was obtained in 94% yield (**Table 2**; entry **7**).

**Table 2.** Influence of various catalysts on the synthesis of 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (**4a**)<sup>a</sup>

S. No.	Catalyst	Time, min	Yield, %*
1	-	240	NR
2	$K_2CO_3$	150	22
3	p-TSA	110	58
4	Sulfamic acid	124	62
5	L-proline	80	73
6	CAN (5 mol %)	62	82
7	CAN (10 mol %)	30	94
8	CAN (15 mol %)	30	93

 $^a\!Reactions$  are performed on a 2 mmol scale of the reactants in water under ultrasonic irradiation; NR - No reaction; \*Isolated Yield

To test the generality of this reaction, a series of aromatic aldehydes with both electron-donating and electronwithdrawing substituents were reacted with meldrum acid and barbituric acid under the optimized reaction conditions, and the results are summarized in **Tables 3**. Results indicated that a series of aromatic aldehydes were successfully employed to prepare the corresponding product in excellent yields and there is no major effect on the yield of product by electron donating/withdrawing substituents.

Further, we used 1,3-dimethyl barbituric acid in place of barbituric acid and interestingly we found that the reaction proceeds at slower rate as compared to barbituric acid in terms of time and product yield. This was because the acidity of methylene proton of 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid is lower (pKa=7.1)<sup>29</sup> than barbituric acid (pKa=4.01)<sup>30</sup> and the cabanion formation is difficult than barbituric acid and this is the reason why reaction proceeds with slower rate.

The pure products were obtained simply by recrystallization from ethanol without involving any chromatographic purification. All the synthesized compounds are new and were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass analysis.

Mechanistically, the formation of the product is expected to involve the formation of a Knoevenagel adduct **5** by the condensation between **1** and **2** and this condensation is facillated by the coordination of  $Ce^{+4}$  ion with carbonyl oxygen. Further the Michael addition is also facillated by the coordination of  $Ce^{+4}$  between **3** and **5** to give **6**, which cyclise to give tricyclic intermediate **7**, which in turn releases acetone and carbon dioxide and gave compound **8** which tautomerises into final compound **4** (Scheme-2).

S.No.	R	<b>R</b> <sub>1</sub>	Time, min	Yield, %*	Mp (°C)
4a	Н	4-Cl	30	94	284-286
4b	Н	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	26	96	250-252
4c	Н	4-F	31	94	264-266
4d	Н	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	27	95	216-218
4e	Н	2-Cl	29	95	242-244
4f	Н	2-ОН	32	94	290-292
4g	CH <sub>3</sub>	4-Cl	40	83	304-306
4h	CH <sub>3</sub>	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	37	86	318-320

 Table 3. Synthesis of compounds 4a-h

\*Isolated yield



Scheme 2. Plausible Mechanism

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

Melting points were recorded on a Toshniwal apparatus and are uncorrected. The purity of compounds was checked on thin layers of silica gel in various non-aqueous solvent systems e.g. n-hexane: ethyl acetate (7:3), benzene:ethyl acetate (9:1), benzene:dichloromethane (8:2). IR spectra (KBr) were recorded on Shimadzu FT IR–8400s spectrophotometer and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-300 instrument at 300 and 75, respectively in DMSO- $d_6$  relative to tetramethylsilane as a internal reference. Mass spectrum of representative compound was recorded on Waters Xevo Q-Tof spectrometer at 70 eV. Elemental microanalyses were carried out on a Carlo-Erba 1108 CHN analyzer.

Ultrasound irradiation was provided by ultrasonic processor probe (Processor SONOPROS PR-1000MP, OSCAR ULTRASONICS with power input 230V, 50 Hz, 4 Amps and power variac 0-230V and 3Amps) operating at 20 kHz, 750W with 6mm/12 mm tip diameter probes.

## General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5-aryl-5,6-dihydro-1*H*pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-triones derivatives (4a-h)

A mixture of benzaldehyde **1a-h** (2 mmol), barbituric acid **2a-b** (2 mmol), meldrum's acid **3** (2 mmol), and CAN (10 mol %) in 20 ml water was introduced in a heavy walled pear-shaped two-necked flask with non-standard taper outer joint. The flask was attached to a 12mm tip diameter probe and the reaction mixture was sonicated for the specified period at 50% power of the processor and in a 4 s pulse mode till a solid product separates out. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC using n-hexane: ethyl acetate (7:3) as an eluant. All the reactions were invariably completed in 25-40 min. Upon completion, the reaction, the solid product was filtered washed with water, dried and recrystallised from ethanol.

### Spectral characterizations

## 5-(4-Clorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4a)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 284-286°C; IR (KBr): v 3388, 3294, 2968, 1738, 1686, 1588, 1174 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.36 (s, 1H, NH), 11.15 (s, 1H, NH), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 4.35 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  164.1, 161.8, 158.6, 156.2, 143.5, 132.1, 125.8, 123.5, 121.0, 120.4, 92.7, 32.4, 23.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 53.35; H, 3.10; N, 9.57%. Found: C, 53.21; H, 3.19; N, 9.72%; ESI (ms) 293 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(4-Nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4b)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 250-252°C; IR (KBr): v 3384, 3296, 2974, 1742, 1680, 1586, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.45 (s, 1H, NH), 11.27 (s, 1H, NH), 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 4.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.40 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  166.5, 163.1, 157.8, 154.9, 147.6, 133.2, 126.7, 124.5, 122.1, 120.7, 92.0, 32.1, 23.4. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 51.49; H, 2.99; N, 13.86%. Found: C, 51.38; H, 3.15; N, 13.98%; ESI (ms) 304 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4c)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 264-266°C; IR (KBr): v 3402, 3290, 2982, 1735, 1687, 1589, 1176 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.43 (s, 1H, NH), 11.21 (s, 1H, NH), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 4.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  168.7, 163.4, 158.2, 155.4, 146.5, 133.8, 128.5, 127.8, 119.2, 92.3, 31.4, 24.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 56.53; H, 3.28; N, 10.14%. Found: C, 56.38; H, 3.17; N, 10.28%; ESI (ms) 277 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(2-Nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4d)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 216-218°C; IR (KBr): v 3396, 3284, 2992, 1742, 1692, 1584, 1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.37 (s, 1H, NH), 11.18 (s, 1H, NH), 7.84-7.92 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.28-7.36 (m, 2H, Ph), 4.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  165.7, 162.7, 154.4, 152.5, 147.1, 136.7, 129.2, 127.2, 122.7, 121.4, 91.8, 31.7, 23.8. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 51.49; H, 2.99; N, 13.86%. Found: C, 51.36; H, 3.14; N, 13.70%; ESI (ms) 304 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4e)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 242-244°C; IR (KBr): v 3402, 3286, 2972, 1742, 1692, 1584, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  11.34 (s, 1H, NH), 11.21 (s, 1H, NH), 7.72-7.78 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H, Ph), 4.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.35 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  164.7, 162.2, 156.1, 154.5, 143.9, 132.4, 126.5, 124.2, 121.7, 119.8, 92.3, 31.8, 23.9. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 53.35; H, 3.10; N, 9.57%. Found: C, 53.51; H, 3.23; N, 9.39%; ESI (ms) 293 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4f)<sup>21</sup>

Mp 290-292°C; IR (KBr): v 3592, 3396, 3298, 2974, 1738, 1688, 1586, 1172 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  11.48 (s, 1H, NH), 10.17 (s, 1H, NH), 7.94-8.02 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.67-7.75 (m, 2H, Ph), 4.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.15 (s, 1H, OH), 3.33 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  170.3, 163.6, 156.8, 153.7, 136.1, 129.7, 127.1, 125.4, 122.4, 118.1, 91.8, 33.2, 24.2. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 56.94; H, 3.68; N, 10.22%. Found: C, 57.12; H, 3.56; N, 10.32%; ESI (ms) 275 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4g)

Mp 304-306°C; IR (KBr): v 1742, 1690, 1596, 1182 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 4.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.36 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.99 (s, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  164.9, 161.2, 159.3, 157.9, 144.9, 133.8, 126.1, 122.6, 121.5, 121.3, 92.3, 32.0, 27.4, 23.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 56.17; H, 4.09; N, 8.73%. Found: C, 56.31; H, 4.3.98; N, 8.85%. ESI (ms) 321 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

## 1,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[2,3*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7(3*H*)-trione (4h)

Mp 318-320°C; IR (KBr): v 1740, 1694, 1590, 1178 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_{\delta}$ ):  $\delta$  8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz,1H, Ph), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz,1H, Ph), 4.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.98 (s, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 166.1, 162.5, 157.4, 155.2, 147.3, 132.8, 127.5, 124.2, 121.8, 120.1, 91.6, 32.6, 27.7, 23.2. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{13}N_3O_6$ : C, 54.38; H, 3.96; N, 12.68%. Found: C, 54.53; H, 3.83; N, 12.85%. ESI (ms) 332 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed an efficient and straightforward procedure for the synthesis of pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2,4,7-trione derivatives under ultrasonic irradiation in aqueous medium using cerric ammonium nitrate as a mild, readily available, inexpensive, and efficient catalyst. Good functional group tolerance, broad scope of usable substrates, excellent yields and short routine are the prominent features of the present sonocatalyzed methodology. This method provides several advantages such as environmentally benign, excellent yields, no need of base, and simple workup procedure. Slower reaction of 1,3-dimethyl barbituric acid due to its low acidity of methyline proton.

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Interactions of cationic tetrakis (N, N', N'', N''' - tetramethyltetra-3, 4-pyridinoporphyrazinatozinc (II) [Zn (tmtppa)] with various anionic micelles of surfactants n- alkyl sulfonate and sulfate (n=11, 12, 14) have been investigated spectrophotometrically at 25 °C in premicellar and postmicellar region. The results have shown that with increasing the alkyl chain length of surfactants, the maximum absorbance of Zn (tmtppa) shifted to a higher wavelength and binding affinity of Zn (tmtppa) to anionic micelles increases. This confirms that the surfactant micelle, which has a longer alkyl hydrocarbon chain, enables greater solubilization of porphyrazine. Thus, the hydrophobic interaction of the porphyrazine with micelles increases in the order:  $C_{11}H_{23}SO_3Na < C_{12}H_{25}SO_4Na < C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$ .

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## Introduction

The aggregation of porphyrin and metalloporphyrin provides an insightful information in understanding the fundamental processes of living organisms and has been extensively studied in order to explain the biosynthetic formation and biological activity of naturally occuring compounds.<sup>1</sup> Under appropriate conditions with controlled ionic strength and protonation, porphyrins form highly ordered aggregates, namely J- or H-aggregates. J-aggregate is side-by-side arrangement of the porphyrin rings with absorption band red-shift, while H-aggregate is face-to-face arrangement of the porphyrins with absorption band blueshift compared with porphyrin monomer. In the aggregation complex, the adjacent porphyrin molecules interact by hydrophobic interaction or electrostatic attraction.<sup>2,3</sup>

Cationic tetra-azaporphyrins, or porphyrazines, represent an alternative and highly developed class of cationic porphyrinic compounds. Macrocycles hasted on the porphyrazine core, including phthalocyanines, but the replacement of the meso methylene carbons of porphyrins with nitrogen in porphyrazines creates profound differences.<sup>4</sup> For example, porphyrazines absorb more strongly at longer wavelengths, a critical feature in biological and medical applications.<sup>4,5</sup>

The objective of the current work is to understand and characterize the role of the hydrophobicity on the interaction between tetrakis(N,N',N'',N'''-tetramethyltetra-3,4-pyridinoporphyrazinatozinc(II) [Zn(tmtppa)] (scheme 1) and a series of anionic surfactants with different alkyl chain

length; sodium 1-decansulfonate ( $C_{11}H_{23}SO_3Na$ ), sodium dodecylsulfate ( $C_{12}H_{25}SO_4Na$ ), sodium tetradecylsulfonate ( $C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$ ) surfactants in aqueous solutions. Spectrophotometric method is used to investigate this interaction at the concentration below and above their critical micelle concentration (CMC).



**Scheme 1.** The structure of tetrakis (N, N', N'', N'''-tetramethyltetra-3, 4- yridinoporphyrazinatozinc(II) [Zn (tmtppa)]

### Materials

The Zn (tmtppa) was prepared and purified according to literature methods.<sup>6</sup> Sodium 1-decansulfonate, sodium dodecylsulfate, sodium tetradecylsulfonate were Sigma chemicals and were used without further purification. All experiments were run in phosphate buffer of pH=7.2. spectrophotometric measurements a series of dye-surfactant solution by constant concentration of porphyrazine (1×10<sup>-5</sup> M) and various concentration of surfactant was prepared and the absorption spectra of these solutions were recorded at 25 ± 0.1 °C. The absorbances were measured on the double beam absorbance spectrophotometer Cary 500 scan UV-vis, using a matched pair of quartz cells (1 cm path length) at 25.0 °C. The mixed solutions were prepared instantly and the absorbance was measured after thermostation.

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## **Results and discussions**

The UV-vis absorption spectra of Zn (tmtppa) in aqueous solution in the presence and the absence of C14H29SO3Na are displayed in Figures 1A and 1B. It is observed that the addition of C14H29SO3Na changes the position, width, and intensity of the absorption spectra of Zn (tmtppa) at different ratio of  $[C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na]/[Zn (tmtppa)]$  (R). The interaction process can be divided into two successive stages. At the first stage (R = 0-52.5), with the increase of the concentration of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na, remarkable hypochromicity accompanied by broadening of Q-band is observed. At R =52.5, was observed, which is blue shifted compared to the monomer peak at 681 nm. The occurrence of 53nm blue shift and significant decreasing of Q-band indicate the aggregation of porphyrazine. We assume that a new type Zn  $(tmtppa) - C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$  aggregate formed in the solution, which can be classified as H-aggregate.



**Figure 1.** The UV–vis spectra of Zn(tmtppa) in the presence of various  $C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$  concentrations: (A) at low concentrations; (B) at high concentrations.

In the second stage (R>52.5), when R=55–1000, a gradual hyperchromicity and red shift of Q-band can be observed. The structure of J-aggregate changes slightly along with increase in the concentration of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na (R>55). When R=1000, the hyperchromicity and red-shift of Q-band to 678 nm, suggesting that the aggregates are broken partially after

further interaction with  $C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$ . We assume that the porphyrazine-surfactant complex formed at high concentration of  $C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$ , which is much lower than the CMC of  $C_{14}H_{29}SO_3Na$ , is the micellized monomer. The intensity and position of Q band (681 nm) is almost unchanged until R is more than 1000, which implies that almost all Zn (tmtppa) molecules become micellized monomer. Similar spectral change was observed in the case of the others surfactants.



**Figure 2.** The Wavelength absorbance change of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L Zn(tmtppa) (below and above the CMC) with the concentration of C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na ( $\bullet$ ), C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>Na ( $\blacksquare$ ) and C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na ( $\blacklozenge$ ).

The absorbance change of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> Zn(tmtppa) (below and above the CMC) with the concentration of C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>Na and C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Na are shown in Figure 3. The absorbance of Zn(tmtppa) initially decreased with increasing the surfactant concentrations well below the CMC and reached a minimum value and then increased again with further increasing of surfactant concentrations above the CMC. This indicates that the bound Zn(tmtppa) to micelles increases with the lengthening of the alkyl chains of the surfactants. This implies an increase in equilibrium distribution of the porphyrazine molecules that are transferred into the micellar phase more favorably with the increase in their hydrophobicity, as observed also in other cases.<sup>7</sup>

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## SYNTHESIS, STRUCTURE, AND MAGNETIC BEHAVIOR OF [Cu<sub>2</sub>(PYRAZINE)<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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Reaction of copper perchlorate with sodium nitrite and pyrazine in methanol gives rise to the compound  $[Cu_2(pyrazine)_3(CH_3O)_2](CIO_4)_2$ (1). This complex has been characterized through IR, combustion analysis, single crystal X-ray diffraction, and temperature dependent magnetic susceptibility measurements. Compound 1 crystallizes in the triclinic space group P-1 with the copper coordination geometry being nearly square pyramidal. The Cu(II) ions are bridged by the methoxide ions to form a dimeric structure. Compound 1 exhibits an extended 3-D network with pyrazine rings forming sheets of the copper dimers, and bridging those sheets to form a distorted honeycomb. Magnetic susceptibility measurements show a strong antiferromagnetic exchange within the methoxy-bridged copper dimers with  $2J \sim -880$  K.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Transition metal ions form interesting and diverse coordination complexes that vary widely in structure with a change of ligand, or ion. To study this phenomenon many different families of Cu(II) complexes have been made to establish the effects of modification of the structure and electronic effects on the packing motif.<sup>1-4</sup> Copper(II), with its single unpaired electron and almost negligible internal magnetic field, as indicated by a g factor close to 2.00,<sup>5</sup> is an exemplary choice to study quantum magnetic interactions.

Pyrazine is an interesting ligand for research in the realm of copper(II) coordination chemistry due to the second donor nitrogen in the 4 position, making pyrazine a possible bidentate ligand.<sup>6,7</sup> The bidenticity of pyrazine can also create an efficient pathway for spin exchange and subsequent magnetic interactions.<sup>8,9</sup> Pyrazine is a much weaker base than the well-studied monodentate ligand pyridine<sup>10</sup> (pyrazine <sub>p</sub>K<sub>a</sub>= 1.1; pyridine <sub>p</sub>K<sub>a</sub>= 5.2).<sup>11</sup> The weaker basicity of pyrazine decreases the favorability of the ligand deprotonating another species in the solution, allowing for the synthesis of unique complexes compared to when pyridine is the ligand. Pyrazine complexes can also have varied dimensionalities depending on the stoichiometry of the starting materials.<sup>12</sup>

We are involved in a project to produce families of twodimensional quantum Heisenberg antiferromagnets (2D-QHAF).<sup>13,14</sup> A recent report of  $[M(pyrazine)_2NO_2]CIO_4$ , where M is Co(II) or Cu(II), by Gao *et al.*<sup>15</sup> is of interest to our group due to the similarities in structure to some high temperature superconductors.<sup>16</sup> Our attempts to grow single crystals of the copper complex using the published synthesis proved ineffective. However, during those attempts, we encountered a novel pyrazine/methoxide-bridged, threedimensional coordination polymer. Here we present the synthesis, crystal structure, and magnetic properties of  $[Cu_2(pyrazine)_3(CH_3O)_2](ClO_4)_2$  (1).

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

Pyrazine and copper perchlorate hexahydrate were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company and used without further purification. Sodium nitrite was purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100. X-Ray powder diffraction was carried out on a Bruker AXS-D8 X-ray Powder Diffractometer. Elemental analysis was carried out by Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

## Synthesis of [Cu<sub>2</sub>(pyrazine)<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1)

Copper perchlorate hexahydrate(3.625 g, 9.9 mmol), sodium nitrite (0.686 g, 9.94 mmol), and pyrazine (1.595 g, 19.9 mmol) were placed in three separate 30 mL beakers and dissolved in 5 mL of methanol, 5 mL of methanol, and 5 mL of water, respectively. All three beakers were placed in a 1000 mL beaker. The large beaker was slowly filled with methanol to a level of 0.8 cm over the rim of the smaller beakers and four drops of HClO<sub>4</sub> were added to the solution. The 1000 mL beaker was then covered with parafilm. After 15 days, black needles (0.268 g, 6.44 % yield) had formed on the top of the sodium nitrite-containing beaker, with a green powder (0.760 g, 18.27 % yield) at the bottom of the beaker. Black prisms (0.492 g, 11.83 % yield) had formed on the bottom of the 1000 mL beaker. The products were isolated by vacuum filtration, washed with cold methanol, and air-dried. The needles and prisms both became a green color upon powdering, meaning the crystals are a very dark green. All three proved to be 1, as indicated by identical IR spectra. Attempts to synthesize (1) by other methods using varying ratios of starting materials and differing orders of addition proved unsuccessful. IR (KBr, v in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3108 (w), 3056 (vw), 2931 (vw), 2824 (w), 1426 (m), 1105 (s), 1085 (s), 1061 (m), 831 (w), 813 (w), 804 (w), 622 (m), 552 (w), 506 (w), 474 (w). CHN found (calculated): C 26.3 (26.8), H 2.90 (2.89), N 13.0 (13.4).

#### X-ray Structure Analysis

Data for **1** was collected on an Agilent Technologies Gemini Eos CCD-Xray Diffractometer using the CrysAlis Pro software package with MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) via  $\omega$ -scans at 173(2) K employing a graphite monochromator. Cell parameters were determined and refined using CrysAlisPro<sup>17</sup> and absorption corrections were made using SADABS.<sup>18</sup> The structure was solved by direct methods and refined via least-squares analysis using SHELXS97-2.<sup>19</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were added in calculated positions and refined using a riding model with fixed isotropic thermal parameters. Crystallographic information and details of the data collection can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. X-ray data for 1.

Empirical Formula	$C_{14}H_{18}N_6O_{10}Cl_2Cu_2$
Formula weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	628.32
T (K)	173(2)
Wavelength (Ĺ)	0.71073
Crystal System	Triclinic
Space Group	P-1
a (Ĺ)	7.7047(7)
b (Ĺ)	9.0747(8)
c (Ĺ)	9.1003(11)
α (°)	60.124(11)
β (°)	82.573(9)
γ (°)	85.277(7)
V (A <sup>3</sup> )	546.96(10)
Z	1
Crystal Size (mm)	0.30 x 0.25 x 0.20
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.254
F (0,0,0)	316
$\theta_{min}, \theta_{max}$	3.50, 27.87
Index Ranges	-10 < h < 9
	-11 < k < 8
	-11 < 1 < 11
Reflections collected	5849
Independent reflections	2993
Restraints/parameters	0/155
Final R index $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0413
R index (all data)	0.0427
Largest peak/hole (e/A <sup>3</sup> )	1.95(near Cu1)/-0.51

#### **Magnetic Susceptibility Data Collection**

Magnetic data was collected using a Quantum Design MPMS-XL SQUID magnetometer. Finely ground samples of the crystals were packed in gelatin capsules. The moment was measured using magnetic fields from 0 to 50 kOe at 1.8 K. Several data points were collected as the field was brought back to 0 kOe to check for hysteresis; none was observed. Magnetization was then measured from 1.8 to 310 K in a 1 kOe field. The contributions from the sample holder were measured independently and subtracted from the data set. The data was also corrected for the temperature independent paramagnetism of the Cu(II) ion ( $60 \times 10^{-6}$  emu/molOe) and for the diamagnetism of the constituent atoms ( $-226.5 \times 10^{-6}$  emu/molOe) taken from Pascal's constants.<sup>5</sup>

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Reaction of one equivalent of sodium nitrite, 1.4 equivalents of copper perchlorate, and two equivalents of pyrazine in methanol and water over the course of two weeks produced black crystals of  $[Cu_2(pyrazine)_3(CH_3O)_2]$ -(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1) in 11.83% yield.

NaNO<sub>2</sub> + 1.4 Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + 2 
$$N_{N}$$
  $H_{3}C - OH_{2}$  [Cu<sub>2</sub>(pyrazine)<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>   
2 weeks

Scheme 1. Preparation of compound 1.

Attempts to prepare the complex by a variety of other methods, varying concentrations, solvents, and omitting the NaNO<sub>2</sub> proved unsuccessful. Although there is no nitrite ion in the final product, it is clear that its presence is required for successful preparation of **1**. We presume that the role of the nitrite ion is that of base/buffer to allow deprotonation of the methanol (most likely as a coordinated methanol molecule). Nitrite is a somewhat stronger base than pyrazine (pKa HNO<sub>2</sub> = 3.3)<sup>20</sup> and thus more suited to that role.

## **Crystal Structure Analysis**

Compound 1 crystallizes in the triclinic space group P-1. The asymmetric unit is shown in Figure 1. A crystallog-raphic inversion center lies at (0.5, 0.5, 0.5) with respect to the Cu(II) ion, producing a methoxy-bridged dimer (Figure 2). Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2.



**Figure 1.** Thermal ellipsoid plot of the asymmetric unit of **1** showing 50% probability ellipsoids. H atoms were placed in calculated positions and are not labeled.



**Figure 2.** Thermal ellipsoid plot showing the dimeric core of **1** (50% probability ellipsoids). Only the nitrogen atoms of the N7/N7A pyrazine rings are shown for clarity.

Cu1-01	1.928(3)	Cu1-O1-Cu1A	101.7(1)
Cu1-N1	2.015(3)	01A-Cu1-O1	78.33(1)
Cu1-N4	2.007(3)	O1-Cu1-N4	165.6(1)
Cu1-N7	2.255(3)	O1A-Cu1-N4	94.9(1)
O1-C1	1.431(5)	O1-Cu1-N1	94.4(1)
		O1A-Cu1-N1	162.8(1)
		N4-Cu1-N1	88.5(1)
		O1-Cu1-N7	94.7(1)
		O1A-Cu1-N7	93.5(1)
		N4-Cu1-N7	98.5(1)
		N1-Cu1-N7	102.7(1)

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 1.

The Cu ion has a nearly square pyramidal geometry as indicated by an Addison parameter ( $\tau$ ) of 0.05.<sup>21</sup> The Cu(II) ion lies 0.257 (2) Å above the N1-N4-O1-O1A mean plane. The three symmetry-independent pyrazine rings lie across crystallographic inversion centers located at (0.5, 0.5, 1) for the N1 ring, (0.5, 1, 0.5) for the N4 ring, and (1, 0.5, 0.5) for the N7 ring. The N1 and N4 pyrazine rings are unre-markable $^{22,23}$  and connect the copper dimers together to form a sheet parallel to the *bc*-plane (Figure 3). The N1-Cu1 vector lies 15.8(2)° below the copper-oxygen plane while N4-Cu1 vector is inclined 12.9(1)° in the same direction. The N7 pyrazine ring is on the opposite face and the Cu1-N7 bond is canted 5.4(1)° from the normal to the copperoxygen plane (Figure 4). The N7-pyrazine ring occupies the axial site of the square pyramidal structure and the Cu1-N7 bond is ~0.25 Å longer than the Cu1-N1 and Cu1-N4 bonds as expected.



**Figure 3.** Sheet formed by methoxy-bridged copper dimers. The N7 pyrazine rings are removed for clarity.



**Figure 4.** Links between sheets of dimers formed by the N7 pyrazine rings. The N1 and N4 pyrazine rings are removed for clarity.

This combination of the sheet formed by the N1 and N4 pyrazine rings, and the N7 pyrazine ring nearly normal to the Cu(II) ion gives rise to a 3D distorted honeycomb structure (Figures 5 and 6). The  $ClO_4^-$  ions occupy the holes of the distorted honeycomb, balancing the charge of the Cu(II) ion, and are nearly tetrahedral and otherwise unremarkable.



**Figure 5.** Packing structure of **1** viewed parallel to the *a* axis. Perchlorate ions have been removed for clarity.



**Figure 6.** Packing structure of **1** viewed parallel to the *bc*-face diagonal. Perchlorate ions have been removed for clarity.

Similar covalently bonded networks of copper dimers bridged by alkoxy ligands have been synthesized. The compound  $[Cu_2(\mu-(6-oxyquinoline))(PPh_3)_2]$  forms copperoxygen dimers comparable to those found in **1**, but bridge via the oxyquinoline ligands to give chains of dimers.<sup>24</sup> A 2-D sheet is formed by the coordination polymer  $[Cu_2(salicylate)_2(pyrazine)(H_2O)_2]$ .<sup>25</sup> Two copper atoms and two deprotonated phenolic oxygen atoms form copperoxygen dimers that are linked by pyrazine units to yield a zigzag chain. Further dimensionality is added to the complex by the carboxyl groups of the salicylates, which bridge the zigzag chains to give a 2-D sheet. However, the Cu(II) ions have an octahedral geometry, unlike the square pyramidal geometry in **1**.

The two short and one long Cu-N bonds found in **1** are present in the polymer  $[Cu_2(monoethanolamine)_2-(pyrazine)_2](CF_3SO_3)_2^{26}$  to give a 3-D structure akin to **1**. The two short Cu-N bonds belong to the pyrazine that forms the 2-D sheets of copper dimers and the amino group that resides in the monoethanolamine ligand. The long Cu-N

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bond is to the axial pyrazine ring that links the 2-D sheets of copper dimers together to form a 3-D structure as in **1**. As opposed to **1**, the coordination of the 2-D sheet is built through one ligand instead of two, as the monoethanolamine bridges one half of the dimer to itself by the form-ation of a five-membered ring. Related compounds have been synthesized that yield analogous structures such as  $[Cu_2(propanolamine)_2(4,4'-bipyridine)_2](ClO_4)_3^{27}$  and  $[Cu_2(ethanolamine)_2(bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene)_2](ClO_4)_2.^{28}$ 

## **Magnetic Study**

Magnetic susceptibility data were collected for compound 1 from 1.8 to 310 K in a 0.1 T field (Figure 7). Compound 1 is a strong antiferromagnet that has a maximum susceptibility well above room temperature. The data were fit to the Bleaney-Bowers equation (where  $\rho$  represents a paramagnetic impurity, and N $\alpha$  represents the temperature independent paramagnetism, see below).<sup>29</sup> The best data fit yields 2J = -880 (±170) K, g = 2.1 (± 1.7), and  $\rho$  = 0.009 (± 0.005). The large errors in these fitted values arise due to the limited data available for the magnetic contribution of the dimer since the maximum in chi occurs well above room temperature (and the limit of our instrument). Thus, these values are presented as rough approximations only.





**Figure 7.**  $\chi_m$  vs. T plot for **1** in a 0.1 T field. The solid line represents the best fit to a dimer model with a paramagnetic impurity term and was calculated from equation 1.

At room temperature, compound **1** exhibits a  $\chi$ T product of 0.053 emuK/molOe, well below the expected value of above 0.375 emuK/molOe for an S = ½ ion with g = 2.00. This suggests very strong exchange. This was supported by the M vs. H data, which showed a saturation magnetization of 36.7 emu/mol at 5 T and 1.8 K. For a Cu(II) ion, a saturation magnetization near 6000 emu/mol is expected,<sup>5</sup> implying that the response being measured at low temperature is not due to the bulk sample, but rather due to a paramagnetic impurity. The sharp increase in susceptibility at lower temperatures also agrees with the presence of a trace paramagnetic impurity.

Copper dimers bridged by alkoxy,<sup>30,31</sup> phenoxy,<sup>32,33</sup> or hydroxy<sup>34,35</sup> groups are part of a family of antiferromagnetic compounds with strong exchange. The value of the Cu-O-Cu angle ranges from 99.1(1)° ({[2-(1-(2-dimethylaminoethylamino)ethyl]-phenoxy]Cu(NCCCN)}<sub>2</sub>; 2J = -530 K]<sup>32</sup> to 103.9(2)° {[Cu(Me(6-R-2-pyridylmethyl)-(2-pyridyl)benzylamine)MeO]<sub>2</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; 2J = -1840 K]<sup>31</sup> in these compounds, which all have maximum molar susceptibilities above room temperature. The magnitude of the 2J parameter has been related to the Cu-O-Cu angle,<sup>33,36</sup> with larger angles exhibiting a larger exchange.<sup>37,38</sup> The Cu-O-Cu angle of **1** is 101.7(1)°, agreeing with a maximum molar susceptibility occurring at greater than room temperature. Exchange may also occur within and between the layers of copper dimers through the pyrazine rings, but the very strong exchange within the dimers prevents any observation of that exchange.

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#### **APPENDIX.** Supplementary Data

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## Introduction

Corrosion of reinforcing steel bars (rebars) in concrete is a serious and significant problem from both the economics and structural integrity standpoints. Many are the approaches that can be used to mitigate corrosion of reinforcing steel, among which, protective coatings and sealers, cathodic protection, concrete realkalinization and corrosion inhibitors are commonly employed. The use of corrosion inhibitors is probably more attractive from the point of view of economics and ease of application.<sup>1</sup> The application of corrosion inhibitors in reinforced concrete is possible by adding it to the mixing water during the concrete preparation or by applying it to the external surface of hardened concrete. In this last case, the inhibiting compound should diffuse through the concrete cover and reach the rebar in a sufficiently high concentration to protect steel against corrosion. Reviews of the most commonly used corrosion inhibitor types in concrete repair systems<sup>2</sup> and the various possible mechanisms of inhibition have been recently published.<sup>3</sup> Over the last years, the use of organic inhibitors, as an alternative to the more commonly employed calcium nitrite-based inhibitors, has been increasing. Organic inhibitors offer protection by adsorbing and forming a protective film on the steel surface. Usually, there is a polar group in the organic molecule that adsorbs on the metal and a nonpolar hydrophobic chain oriented perpendicular to this surface. These chains act, on the one hand, by repelling aggressive contaminants dissolved in the pore solution, and on the other, by forming a tight film (barrier) on the metallic surface. Duprat and Dabosi <sup>4</sup> examine the effect of various aminoalcohols as corrosion inhibitors of carbon steel in 3% NaCl solutions. The efficiency of the inhibitor increases when only one of the hydrogen atoms of the amino group is substituted, as the remaining one induces hydrogen bonds formation between surface-chelated molecules. In the case of 2-ethylaminoethanol,<sup>5</sup> the inhibitive action in 3% NaCl solutions was interpreted both by its stabilisation effect on the prepassive ferrous hydroxide films and by its adsorption through surface chelate formation onto bare metal sites. The effect of pH on the inhibitive efficiency was also investigated.

Contradictory results have been recently reported when testing corrosion inhibitors in simulated pore solutions and in mortars.<sup>6-8</sup> Elsener et al.<sup>6</sup> studied the efficiency of an inhibitor based on alkylamines on steel corrosion in mortars and in calcium hidroxide solutions. In mortars, there is no apparent inhibition of pitting or a decrease in corrosion rate (CR), but the initiation of the corrosion process appears to be delayed. The beneficial effect decreases on carbonated mortars. In a recent publication of these same authors,<sup>7</sup> the discrepancy between the observed high diffusion rate of the migrating corrosion inhibitor (MCI) in mortar and the lack of corrosion inhibition was rationalised by the fact that only the diffusion of the volatile phase was measured. Migration of the nonvolatile component (carbonic acids) through concrete was not proved and assumed to be slow. Thus, the inefficiency detected in concrete, as compared to solutions, should be related to the inability of the nonvolatile components to reach the steel bars. In turn, Mammoliti et al.<sup>8</sup> assumed that the difference in the inhibitors efficiency tested in concrete or in synthetic pore solutions is the result of the dependence of the inhibition mechanism on chemical reactions within the cement phase.

The present work is undertaken to evaluate the corrosion resistance of commercial aluminium (95 % pure) in natural sea water (Table 1) and to evaluate the corrosion resistance of aluminium in simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS) prepared in natural sea water in the absence and presence curcumin extract and Zn<sup>2+.</sup> The outcome of the present study will be useful to the concrete corrosion technologists.

## **Materials and Methods**

#### Metal specimens

Aluminium: commercial aluminium (95 % pure ) was used in the present study.

#### **Preparation of curcumin extract**

10 g of turmeric powder was boiled with 50 ml of distilled water. The suspended impurities were removed by filtration .The filtrate was made up to 100 ml .It was used as inhibitor in the presence of  $Zn^{2+}$ . The structure of curcumin is shown in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1. Structure of curcumin

#### Simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS)

A saturated solution of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> is considered as simulated concrete pore solution.<sup>9</sup> SCPS was prepared in natural sea water.

Table 1.	Physicochemical	parameters of sea	water

Parameters	Value	
pН	7.66	
Conductivity	44200 μohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	
Chloride	6050 ppm	
Sulphate	2616 ppm	
TDS	30940 ppm	
Total Hardness 2800 ppm		
Calcium	120ppm	
Sodium 6300 ppm		
Magnesium 600 ppm		
Potassium	400 ppm	

#### Weight Loss Method

Aluminium specimens were immersed in 100 ml of the medium containing various concentrations of the inhibitor in the absence and presence of  $Zn^{2+}$  for 1 day. The weight of the specimens before and after immersion was determined using a Shimadzu balance, model AY62.The corrosion products were cleaned with Clarke's solution<sup>10</sup>. The inhibition efficiency (*IE*, in %) was then calculated using the equation:

 $W_1$  = corrosion rate in the absence of the inhibitor.

 $W_2$  = corrosion rate in the presence of the inhibitor.

$$IE = 100 \left[ 1 - \frac{W_2}{W_1} \right] \tag{1}$$

#### Potentiodynamicpolarization

Polarization studies were carried out in a CHI– Electrochemical workstation with impedance, Model 660A. A three-electrode cell assembly was used. The working electrode was aluminium (exposed area is 1 cm<sup>2</sup>). A saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was the reference electrode and platinum was the counter electrode. From the polarization study, corrosion parameters such as corrosion potential ( $E_{\text{corr}}$ ), corrosion current ( $I_{\text{corr}}$ ) and Tafelslopes (anodic =  $b_a$  and cathodic =  $b_c$ ) and linear polarization resistance (*LPR*) were calculated.

## **Results and Discussion**

#### Analysis of Weight loss method

Corrosion rate of aluminium immersed in simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS) prepared in natural seawater, in the absence and presence of curcumin extract and  $Zn^{2+}$  are given in Table 2. The inhibition efficiencies are also given in this Table.

**Table 2.** Inhibition efficiencies of inhibitors in controllingcorrosion of aluminium in SCPS prepared in sea water. Immersionperiod: 1day

System	CR (mdd)	IE %
Sea water	32	
SCPS prepared in sea water	6.4	80
SCPS +Curcumin 6 ml	0.64	98
$SCPS + Curcumin 6 ml + Zn^{2+} 50 ppm$	2.56	92

When aluminium is immersed in sea water, the corrosion rate is 32 mdd. When Aluminium is immersed in SCPS prepared in sea water the inhibition efficiency is 97 %. When 6 ml of curcumin extract is added the inhibition efficiency increases to 99 %. When 50 ppm of  $Zn^{2+}$  is added to the curcumin system, the inhibition efficiency decreases to 92 %. However, this corrosion rate is lower than that observed in presence of sea water.

Corrosion resistance of commercial aluminium in simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS) prepared in natural sea water(Table 1), in the absence and presence of an aqueous extract of turmeric powder (curcumin ) and  $Zn^{2+}$  has been evaluated by polarization study.Polarization study has been used to evaluate the corrosion resistance of metals .If corrosion resistance increases ,linear polarization resistance (LPR) value increases and corrosion current( $I_{corr}$ ) decreases.<sup>11-20</sup>.The polarization curves of aluminium immersed in various environments are shown in Figs. 1 to 4.



Figure 1. Polarization curve of aluminium immersed in natural sea water



Figure 2. Polarization curve of aluminium immersed in simulated concrete pore solution(SCPS) prepared in sea water



Figure 3. Polarization curve of aluminium immersed in SCPS and curcumin extract 6 ml



Figure 4. Polarization curve of aluminium immersedin SCPS + Curcumin extract 6 ml +  $Zn^{2+}50$  ppm.

#### Analysis of Polarization Study

The corrosion parameters, namely corrosion potential  $(E_{\text{corr}})$ , Tafel slopes  $(b_c=\text{cathodic}; b_a=\text{anodic})$ ,Linear polarization resistance (LPR) and corrosion current  $(I_{\text{corr}})$  values are given in Table **3**.

### Aluminium in sea water

The polarization curves of aluminium in natural sea water in shown in Fig 1. The corrosion parameters are given in Table 2. It is seen that the corrosion potential is -909 mV vs SCE in the potential range of -0.7 volts to -1.1 V the two arms of the polarization curve are very similar. However breakdown potential is observed at -699 mV vs SCE. The passive film, is broken and corrosion current increases suddenly. Then, at -697 mV vs SCE, passive film is reformed. Hence corrosion current decreases. However, at -622 mV vs SCE, the passive film is broken and the corrosion current increases sharply. The passive film formed is oxides of aluminium. The breakage of passive film is due to the presence of aggressive ions such as chloride, present in sea water. When aluminium is immersed in natural sea water, the LPR value is 338005  $\Omega$  cm<sup>2</sup> and the corrosion current is 2.424x10<sup>-7</sup> A cm<sup>-2</sup>.

## Aluminium in simulated concrete pore solution prepared is natural sea water

When aluminium is immersed in SCPS prepared in sea water, the corrosion potential is shifted to the anodic side, from -909 to -660 mV vs SCE (Fig 2). This is due to formation of a passive film formed on the metal surface .The film probably consists of aluminium oxide .The anodic Tafel slope is smaller than the cathodic Tafel slope.

That is the rate of change of current with potential is less during the anodic sweep than during the cathodic sweep. However, the passive film is broken at -607 mV vs SCE .As the potential is shifted to the anodic side, passive film is formed again at potential -605 mV vs SCE .Then again break down potential appears at -543 mV vs SCE .This trend is repeated as the potential is shifted to the anodic side. This indicates that the passive film produced on aluminium is disturbed when the potential is shifted to more anodic side. However the passive film is quite stable in the potential range of -606 to -641 mV SCE. It is observed from Table 2, that in presence of SCPS, aluminium is more corrosion resistant than in sea water. This is supported by the fact, that when aluminium is immersed in SCPS, the LPR value increases from 338005 to 418966  $\Omega$  cm<sup>2</sup> and the corrosion current decreases from 2.424x10<sup>-7</sup> to 2.938x10<sup>-8</sup>A cm<sup>-2</sup>.

#### Influence of Curcumin on the resistance of aluminium in SCPS

Various inhibitors such as calcium nitrite,<sup>21</sup> molybdate,<sup>22</sup> sodium nitrite,<sup>23</sup> have been added to improve the corrosion resistance of metals in SCPS .The influence of a natural product, which is less toxic, namely, an aqueous extract of curcumin (extract from turmeric powder) on the corrosion resistance of aluminium in SCPS has been evaluated by polarization study(Fig. 3).

System	Ecorr, mV*	<i>b</i> <sub>a</sub> , mV**	<i>b</i> c, mV**	LPR, ohm cm <sup>2</sup>	Icorr, A cm <sup>-2</sup>
Sea water	-909	474	313	338005	2.424x10 <sup>-7</sup>
SCPS	-660	219	33	418966	2.938x10 <sup>-8</sup>
SCPS +A	-726	234	183	451237	9.894x10 <sup>-8</sup>
SCPS+B	-823	175	255	340564	1.324x10 <sup>-7</sup>

A=Curcumin 6 ml, B=Curcumin 6 ml+ Zn<sup>2+</sup> 50 ppm,\*mV vs SCE; \*\*mV in one decade

It is observed that when curcumin is added to SCPS, the corrosion potential is shifted to the cathodic side. However it is in the anodic region when compared with the corrosion potential in sea water alone .The LPR Value increases from 418966 to 451237  $\Omega$  cm<sup>2</sup> indicating that aluminium in SCPS is more corrosion resistant in presence of curcumin than in its absence, due to the formation of Al<sup>3+</sup>-curcumin complex apart from the formation of aluminium oxide film formed on the metal surface. However, the increase in the value of corrosion current warns that the protective film is porous and flow of electron can take place from the metal to the environment. In the anodic region it is observed that the breakdown potential appears from -380 to -403 mV vs SCE. Interestingly, it is observed that the passive film is stable in a wide range of potential, namely, from - 400 to -600 mV vs SCE.

## Influence of Curcumin –Zn<sup>2+</sup> system on the corrosion resistance of aluminium in SCPS

In the corrosion inhibition study, it has been observed that the corrosion inhibition efficiency increases in the presence of inhibitor -Zn<sup>2+</sup> system.<sup>24-30</sup> This concept has been tried in the case of corrosion resistance of aluminium in concrete solution. The corrosion resistance has been evaluated by polarization study (Fig 4.). It is observed that in presence of curcumin –Zn<sup>2+</sup> system, the corrosion potential shifts to the cathodic side (-823 mV vs SCE). However this is anodic side, when compared with corrosion potential of aluminium in sea water, LPR value decreases from 451237 to 340564  $\Omega$ cm<sup>2</sup> and the corrosion current increases from 9.894x10-8 to  $1.324 \times 10^{-7}$  A cm<sup>-2</sup>. This indicates that the corrosion resistance of Al in SCPS decreases in presence of curcumin -Zn<sup>2+</sup> system. However this is more corrosion resistant, when compared with sea water alone. Hence it in conclude that addition of  $Zn^{2+}$  must be avoided when curcumin is added as an inhibitor in concrete environment. This is due to the fact that Zn<sup>2+</sup>, when added to SCPS (which is an alkaline solution, pH=13.2) it is precipitated as Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub> in the bulk of the solution .Usually  $Zn^{2+}$  forms a weak complex with the inhibitors and transports the inhibitor towards the metal surface from the bulk of the solution. However under the present experimental condition, such a transport of inhibitor from the bulk of the solution towards the metal surface is prevented. Hence the corrosion resistance of aluminium in SCPS decreases, in presence of curcumin-Zn<sup>2+</sup>system. However it is observed from Fig 4, that the film formed on the metal surface in stable in the potential range of -459 to -700 mV vs SCE. The break down potential is in the range of -395 to -458 mV vs SCE .

## Conclusion

The corrosion resistance of commercial aluminium (95% pure) in simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS) prepared in natural sea water has been evaluated in the absence and presence of curcumin extract and  $Zn^{2+}$ . It is observed that Aluminium is more corrosion resistant in SCPS than in sea water. When curcumin extract is added to SCPS, the corrosion resistance of Al increases. However, in the presence of curcumin  $-Zn^{2+}$  system, the corrosion resistance of Al in SCPS decreases.

Scope for the further study:

A systematic study in various concentrations of curcumin extract and  $Zn^{2+}$ . The corrosion resistance of aluminium in SCPS prepared in sea water has been evaluated in presence of one concentration of curcumin extract (6 ml) and also one concentration of  $Zn^{2+}$  (50 ppm) will lead to very intensity results . The conclusion of the future study will be very useful to the concrete corrosion technologists

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In this research, synthesis of (1E)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)formamidine from imidate was investigated in the presence of different catalysts such as sulfonic acid (-SO<sub>3</sub>H), P-Toluene sulfonic acid (PTSA), aluminium chloride (AlCl<sub>3</sub>), ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN), anilinium chloride ( $C_6H_5NH_3^+Cl^-$ ), Montmorillonite (K10), silica sulfuric acid (SiO<sub>2</sub>-OSO<sub>3</sub>H), silica-supported perchloric acid (HClO<sub>4</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>). Silica sulfuric acid exhibited high catalytic activity for this reaction and afforded excellent yields within a lesser time. Other formamidine derivatives were prepared from the reaction of imidate with amines in the presence of silica sulfuric acid under argon at room temperature.

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## Introduction

Amidines have long been regarded as valuable intermediates in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds.<sup>1,2</sup> Characteristic structural features of many natural substances would be very helpful for medicinal chemists because amidines are found in many bioactive natural products and identified as important pharmacophores.<sup>3-6</sup> They possessing anticancer<sup>8,9</sup> anti-degenerative<sup>7</sup> anti-platelet<sup>10</sup> and antimicrobial<sup>11</sup> activities. Amidine derivatives also act as serine protease inhibitors.<sup>12</sup> Very important compounds were prepared from amidines such as imidazole rings,<sup>13</sup> purins<sup>14,15</sup> quinazolines.<sup>16</sup> Conventional strategies for amidine synthesis include the addition of metal amides or amines to nitriles, the addition of amines to imido ester intermediates, and the condensation of amides with amines in the presence of halogenating reagents.<sup>17</sup> In this research, we have synthesized amidine derivatives from imidate in the presence of different catalysts.

## **Experimental**

All chemicals and reagents were prepared from Sigma/Aldrich and Merck Chemical Companies. All solvents purified and dried using established procedures. Solvents were removed using rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker XL (400 MHZ) instruments (with J-values given in Hz) and IR spectra on a Shimadzu IR-470 spectrophotometer. The melting points were measured on an Electro thermal digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

## General procedure for the preparation of imidate as precursor

Imidate was synthesized from the reaction of DAMN with trimethyl orthoformate (1:1) in dry dioxane under reflux for 2 hours. Methanol and dioxane were removed from reaction mixture by distillation as by-product. After cooling at room temperature and filtering, was added 2 mL n-hexane and allowed to stand in refrigerator for 48 hours. Precipitated yellow crystals were filtrated and were recrystallized in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and Petroleum ether.

#### Imidate

Light yellow needles from petroleum ether/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (92%) m.p: 132-133 °C; IR (KBr) v: 3450(NH<sub>2</sub>), 3300 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2900 (C-H<sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2225 (C $\equiv$ N), 1640 (C=N), 1590 (N-H), 1380 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 1260 (C-N), 1250 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.94 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm.

#### General procedure for the preparation of formamidine

A solution of synthesized imidate with amines was treated in the presence of catalyst amount in the dry ethanol under argon at room temperature. This reaction was continued until the reaction was completed. Residue was concentrated and dried under vacuum to give formamidine.

## (1Z)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-N-(4-ethoxy phenyl) formamidine, 2a

Light green solid, (94 %) m.p: 148-150 °C; IR (KBr) v: 3480 (NH) 3300 (NH), 2980 (CH<sub>aromatic</sub>), 2200 (C=N), 1660 (N-H<sub>bend</sub>), 1600 (C=C), 1560 (C=N), 1460 (CH<sub>3 bend</sub>), 1360 (CH<sub>2 bend</sub>), 1260 (C-N), 1160 (C-O), 820 (C-H<sub>bend</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, J=5Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, J=7Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 1.32 (t, J=7Hz, 3H) ppm.

## $(1Z)\mbox{-}N\mbox{-}((Z)\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}amino\mbox{-}1\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}dicyanovinyl)\mbox{-}formamidine, 2b$

Green solid, (87%) m.p: 150-152 °C; IR (KBr): 3480(NH), 3360 (N-H), 2950 (C-H), 2200 (C=N), 1630 (N-H bend), 1600 (C=C), 1550 s (C=N), 1360 (CH<sub>3</sub> bend), 1260 (C-N), 1250 (C-O), 840 (C-H bend) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.26 (q, J = 5Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 10Hz, H), 6.06 (s, 2H, H), 4.48 (d, J = 5Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm.

## (1Z)-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-formamidine, 2c

Cream solid, (86%) m.p: 148-150 °C; IR (KBr): 3400 (NH), 3300(NH), 3150(C-H aromatic), 2950(C-H aliphatic), 2200(C $\equiv$ N), 1640(N-H bend), 1600(C=C), 1465(CH<sub>3</sub> bend), 850(C-H bend), Cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO): 7.97(d, 1H), 7.71(d, J= 4.04 HZ, 1H), 7.27(q, J=5HZ, 2H), 7 (m, J=5 HZ, 1H), 6.91(m, J=10Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 4.47(d, J= 5Hz 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm.

## (1Z)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-formamidine 2d

Green solid, (90%) m.p: 138-140 °C; IR (KBr): 3380 (NH), 3330(NH), 3100(C-H aromatic), 2950(C-H aliphatic), 2200(C $\equiv$ N), 1640(N-H bend), 1600(C=C), 1520 (C=N), 1460(CH<sub>3</sub> bend), 1280 (C-O), 860(C-H bend), Cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (m, J= 3.24 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (m, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H, H), 3.93 (s, 3H) ppm.

## $(1Z)\mbox{-}N'\mbox{-}((Z)\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}amino\mbox{-}1,2\mbox{-}dicyanovinyl)\mbox{-}N\mbox{-}(3,4\mbox{-}dimethoxyphenyl) formamidine 2e$

Light green solid, (94%) m.p: 142-144 °C; IR (KBr): 3450 (NH), 3325 s (NH.), 3100 (C-H<sub>aromatic</sub>) 2950 (C-H<sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2210 (C=N), 1630 (N-H <sub>bend</sub>), 1570 (C=C), 1510 (C=N), 1375 (CH<sub>3</sub> bend), 1260 (C-N), 1240 (C-O), 830 (C-H <sub>bend</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO): 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J_{\pm}$  7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J_{\pm}$ 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 2H), 3.75(s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H) ppm.

## (1Z)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-N-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)formamidine 2f

Green solid, (91%) m.p: 144-146 °C; IR (KBr): 3380 (NH), 3360 s (NH.), 2950 (C-H), 2200 (C=N), 1680 (N-H <sub>bend</sub>), 1600 (C=C), 1500 (C=N), 1440 (CH<sub>3</sub> <sub>bend</sub>), 1280 (C-N), 1120 (C-O), 830 (C-H <sub>bend</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 6.31 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H, H), 3.94 (s, 3H, H).

## $(1Z)\mbox{-N-(2-chlorobenzyl)-N'-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-formamidine 2g}$

Green solid, (91%) m.p: 134-136 °C; IR (KBr): 3450 (NH), 3320 s (NH.), 3100 (C-H<sub>aromatic</sub>) 2920 (C-H<sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2200 (C=N), 1620 (N-H <sub>bend</sub>), 1520 (C=N), 1440 (CH<sub>3 bend</sub>), 1280 (C-N), 735 (C-H <sub>bend</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO): 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.75(d, J=2.8 HZ, 1H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.31 (t, J=2.8 HZ, 2H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 4.58 (d, J=4.4 HZ, 2H).

### **Result and discussion**

The methods currently available for the preparation of amidines often involve multistep processes with long reaction times.<sup>18</sup> In this research, we focused our efforts to provide a convenient route for synthesis amidine from imidate at the least time with high yields. To reach this aim, initial, imidate was obtained from the reaction of diaminomaleonitrile (DAMN) with trimethyl orthoformate in refluxing dioxane. Synthesized imidate were reacted with 4-ethoxybenzenamine in the presence of different catalysts that have been shown in the Scheme 1. In this section of work, the main scope was investigation about the effect of different catalysts on the rate of reaction. Some of catalysts such as sulphonic acids such as p-toluenesulphonic acid (PTSA), AlCl<sub>3</sub>, ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN),<sup>19</sup> C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>,<sup>20</sup> K10, SiO<sub>2</sub>-OSO<sub>3</sub>H (SSA), HClO<sub>4</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> were tested on reaction that have been shown in Table 1. This reaction without any catalyst took 20 days. The usage of other catalysts decreased the time of reaction about several days. It was observed that the reaction proceeded efficiently in the presence of silica sulfuric acid (SSA) at room temperature about 2 hours, giving formamidines in excellent yields. SSA was afforded from silica gel and chlorosulfonic acid as described previously.<sup>21</sup>



Catalyst: -SO<sub>3</sub>H, PTSA, AlCl<sub>3</sub>, CAN, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>, K10, SiO<sub>2</sub>-OSO<sub>3</sub>H, HClO<sub>4</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>

**Scheme 1:** synthesis of (1E)-*N*-((Z)-2-amino-1,2-dicyanovinyl)-*N*-(4-ethoxyphenyl)formamidine from imidate in the presence of different catalysts.

To demonstrate the generality of this method, we examined the reaction of imidate with various amines in the presence of SSA in dry ethanol under argon at room temperature (Scheme 2, Table 2). This method is effective for the preparation of formamidine derivatives from both electron-rich as well as electron-deficient.

 Table 1. Catalytic evolution for synthesis formamidine from imidate

Entry	Catalyst	Time, days	Yield, %
1	No	20	40
2	-SO <sub>3</sub> H	-	-
3	PTSA	4	60
4	AlCl <sub>3</sub>	7	48
5	CAN	8	50
6	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup>	3	67
7	K10	1	70
8	HClO <sub>4</sub> - SiO <sub>2</sub>	3	58
9	SiO <sub>2</sub> -OSO <sub>3</sub> H	0.083 (2 h)	87

Entry	compd.	Imidate	Amine	Formamidine	Time, min	M. P.,°C	Yield,%
1	2a	$H_2N \xrightarrow{H} H_2N \xrightarrow{H} OCH_3$ NC CN	EtO-	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ H_2 N \xrightarrow{N=1} H \\ \rightarrow H N \xrightarrow{P} OEt \\ NC C N \end{array}$	120	148-150	94
2	2b	$H_2N \xrightarrow{H} OCH_3$ NC CN	H <sub>3</sub> CO-	$H_2N \xrightarrow{N=} H_2N \xrightarrow{N=} H_2N$	135	150-152	87
3	2c	$H_2N$ $N = \langle H_3 \rangle$ $NC CN$ $CH_3$		NC CN $H_2N$ N $\stackrel{H}{\longrightarrow}$ OCH <sub>3</sub> NC CN	130	148-150	86
4	2d	$H_2N \xrightarrow{H} OCH_3$ NC CN		$\begin{array}{c} H & OCH_3 \\ H_2N & N \rightleftharpoons & \swarrow \\ H_2 & HN \longleftarrow \\ NC & CN \end{array}$	140	138-140	90
5	2e	$H_2N N =                                 $	$H_3CO \longrightarrow NH_2$ $H_3CO$	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ H_2 N \\ \rightarrow \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_2 \\ H_2 \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H$	110	142-144	94
6	2f	$H_2N N \rightarrow OCH_3$ NC CN	$H_3CO$ $H_3CO$ $H_3CO$ $H_3CO$	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ H_2N \\ \rightarrow \\ HN \\ NC \\ CN \\ OCH_3 \end{array} $	115	144-146	91
7	2g	$H_2N N \rightarrow H$ $\rightarrow = \langle OCH_3$ NC CN		$\begin{array}{c} H_2N \xrightarrow{H} H_2 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_2 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_2 \xrightarrow{H} H_1 \xrightarrow{H} H_2 $	165	134-136	91
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Table 2. Synthesis of formamidine with the usage of amines and imidate in the presence of SSA

In general, when R represented the electron with donor groups such as amino and ethoxy groups the yield and purity of the product were obviously better, and short reaction time was required.





**Scheme 2.** synthesis of formamidines from imidate in the presence of silica sulfuric acid.

All of synthesized compounds were characterized by TLC, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The IR vibrations of imidate showed NH<sub>2</sub> at about 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the cyano at about 2225 cm<sup>-1</sup> and stretching vibration of C=N at about 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The other band were observed in expected place . Furthermore, <sup>1</sup>H NMR of imidate revealed proton of the N=CH as a singlet peak in the region of  $\delta$ 7.94 ppm. The protons of the NH<sub>2</sub> appeared in singlet pattern in  $\delta$  6.98 ppm. Protons of OCH<sub>3</sub> were seen as a singlet peak in the region of  $\delta$ 3.78 ppm.

The infrared spectrum of (**2a-g**) confirmed the presence of the NH<sub>2</sub> and C=N stretching vibration within the region of 3300-3480 and 2200 cm<sup>-1</sup> and C=C appeared at about 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showed proton of the NH in the range of  $\delta 8.17$ -9.83 ppm. Proton of N=CH was seen in

#### Conclusions

In conclusion, we tried to find efficient and new method for preparing formamidine. Different catalysts were tested to afford amidine from imidate. Effect of Catalysts on the rate of reaction was considered. Compared to other catalyst, SSA can decrease the time of reaction about several hours. So, SSA was chosen as best catalyst in this reaction and was examined on synthesis of different amidines. The Synthesis of all amidines in high yield only took about 2 hours.

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## KINETICS AND MECHANISM OF THE OXIDATION OF SOME α-HYDROXY ACIDS BY QUINOLINIUM CHLOROCHROMATE

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The oxidation of glycolic (GA), lactic (LA), malic (ML) and a few substituted mandelic acids (MLA) by quinolinium chlorochromate (QCC) in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) leads to the formation of corresponding oxoacids. The reaction is first order each in QCC. Michaelis-Menten type of kinetics is observed with respect to the hydroxy acids. Reaction is failed to induce the polymerisation of acrylonitrile. The oxidation of  $\alpha$ -deuteriomandelic acid (DMA) shows the presence of a primary kinetic isotope effect ( $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D} = 5.75$  at 298 K). The reaction does not exhibit the solvent isotope effect. The reaction is catalysed by the hydrogen ions. The hydrogen ion dependence has the form:  $k_{\rm obs} = a + b[{\rm H}^+]$ . Oxidation of p-methyl mandelic acid has been studied in 19 different organic solvents. The solvent effect has been analysed by using Kamlet's and Swain's multiparametric equations. A mechanism involving a hydride ion transfer via a chromate ester is proposed.

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### Introduction

Selective oxidation of organic compounds under nonaqueous conditions is an important reaction in synthetic organic chemistry.1a For this a number of different chromium(VI) derivatives been reported.1b have Quinolinium chlorochromate (QCC) is one such compound used for the oxidation of phenylic alcohols and oximes.<sup>2</sup>  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy acids may be oxidized either as alcohols, yielding corresponding oxoacids<sup>3</sup> or they may undergo oxidative decarboxylation to yield a ketone.<sup>4</sup> There seems to be no report available on the oxidation aspects using quinolinium chlorochromate (QCC). We have been interested in the kinetic and mechanistic aspects of the oxidation by complexed Cr(VI) species and several reports by halochromates have already been reported.5-8 In continuation of our earlier work with halochromates, we now report the kinetics and mechanism of oxidation of some hydroxy acids by QCC in DMSO as solvent. A suitable mechanism has also been proposed.

## **Experimental Section:**

#### Materials

The hydroxy acids were commercial products of the highest purity available and were used as such. The preparation and specification of the substituted mandelic acids have been described earlier.<sup>9</sup> QCC was prepared by reported method<sup>2</sup> and its purity was checked by an iodometric method.  $\alpha$ -Deuteriomandelic acid

(PhCD(OH)COOH or DMA) was prepared by the method of Kemp and Waters.<sup>10</sup> Its isotopic purity, ascertained by NMR spectra, was  $95 \pm 5\%$ . Due the non-aqueous nature of the solvent, toluene p-sulphonic acid (TsOH) was used as a source of hydrogen ions. Solvents were purified by their usual methods.

#### **Product analysis**

Product analyses were carried out under kinetic conditions i.e., with an excess of the reductant over QCC. In a typical experiment mandelic acid (MA, 7.6 g, 0.05 mol) and QCC (1.88 g, 0.01 mol) were dissolved in 100 ml of DMSO and was allowed to stand in dark for  $\approx 24$  h to ensure the completion of the reaction. It was then treated with an excess (250 ml) of a freshly prepared saturated solution of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine in 2 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl and kept overnight in a refrigerator. The precipitated 2,4dinitrophenylhydrazone (DNP) was filtered off, dried, weighed, recrystallised from ethanol and weighed again. The product was identical (mp and mixed mp) to an authentic sample of DNP of phenylglyoxylic acid. Similar experiments with the other hydroxy acids yielded the DNP of the corresponding oxoacids in 79 to 87% yields, after recrystallization. The oxidation state of chromium in completely reduced reaction mixtures, determined by an iodometric method, was  $3.95 \pm 0.10$ .

## Kinetic measurements

The pseudo-first order conditions were attained by keeping a large excess ( $\times$  15 or greater) of the hydroxy acid over QCC. The temperature was kept constant to  $\pm$ 0.1 K. The solvent was DMSO, unless specified otherwise. The reactions were followed by monitoring the decrease in the concentration of QCC spectrophotometrically at 352 nm for up to 80% of the reaction. No other reactant or product has any significant absorption at this wavelength. The pseudo-

first order rate constants,  $k_{obs}$ , were computed from the linear least square plots of log[QCC] versus time. Duplicate kinetic runs showed that the rates were reproducible within  $\pm 3\%$ . The second order rate constants,  $k_2$ , were calculated from the relation :  $k_2 = k_{obs}/[hydroxy acid]$ . All experiments, other than those for studying the effect of hydrogen ions, were carried out in the absence of TsOH.

## Results

The rate and other experimental data were obtained for all the hydroxy acids studied. Since the results were similar, only representative data are reproduced here.

#### Stoichiometry

The oxidation of hydroxy acids resulted in the formation of the corresponding oxoacids. Product analysis and stoichiometric determinations indicated that the overall reaction could be written as below (1).

$$ArCH(OH)COOH + O_2CrClOQH \rightarrow ArCOCOOH + H_2O + CrOClOQH$$
(1)

QCC undergoes a two-electron change. This is according to the earlier observations with other halochromates<sup>5-8</sup> also.

#### Kinetics dependence/Rate Laws

The reactions are of first order with respect to QCC. Further, the pseudo-first order rate constant,  $k_{obs}$  is independent of the initial concentration of QCC.

Figure 1 depict a typical kinetic run. The reaction rate increases with increase in the concentration of the hydroxy acid but not linearly (Table 1). A plot of  $1/k_{obs}$  against 1/[Hydroxy acid] is linear (r > 0.995) with an intercept on the rate-ordinate (Figure 2). Thus, Michaelis-Menten type kinetics are observed with respect to the hydroxyl acid. This leads to the postulation of following overall mechanism (2) and (3) and rate law (4).

Hydroxy Acid + QCC 
$$\stackrel{K}{\longleftrightarrow}$$
 [Complex] (2)

$$[Complex] \xrightarrow{m_2} Products \qquad (3)$$

$$Rate = \frac{k_2 K [HA] [QCC]}{1 + K [HA]}$$
(4)

The dependence of reaction rate on the reductant concentration was studied at different temperatures and the values of K and  $k_2$  were evaluated from the double reciprocal plots. The thermodynamic parameters of the complex formation and activation parameters of the decomposition of the complexes were calculated from the

values of K and  $k_2$  respectively at different temperatures (Tables 3 and 4). Fig. 1 depict a typical kinetic run.



Figure1. Oxidation of Mandalic acids by QCC: A typical kinetic run

#### **Induced Polymerisation of Acrylonitrile**

The oxidation of hydroxy acids, by QCC, in an atmosphere of nitrogen failed to induce the polymerisation of acrylonitrile. Further, addition of acrylonitrile had no effect on the rate (Table 1).

Table 1. Rate constants for the oxidation of mandelic acid by QCC at 298 K  $\,$ 

[HA],	$10^4 k_{\rm obs},  {\rm s}^{-1}$	
mol dm <sup>-3</sup>		
0.10	7.26	
0.20	10.7	
0.40	14.1	
0.60	15.8	
0.80	16.8	
1.00	17.5	
1.50	18.4	
3.00	19.5	
0.20	11.2	
0.20	9.90	
0.20	10.8	
0.20	11.7	
0.40	15.3*	
	[HA], mol dm <sup>-3</sup> 0.10 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 1.50 3.00 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.2	$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c } \hline [HA], & 10^4  k_{\rm obs},  {\rm s}^{-1} \\ \hline mol \ dm^{-3} & & & & & & \\ \hline 0.10 & 7.26 & & & & \\ 0.20 & 10.7 & & & & & \\ 0.40 & 14.1 & & & & & \\ 0.60 & 15.8 & & & & & \\ 0.80 & 16.8 & & & & & \\ 1.00 & 17.5 & & & & & \\ 1.50 & 18.4 & & & & & \\ 3.00 & 19.5 & & & & & \\ 1.50 & 11.2 & & & & & \\ 0.20 & 11.2 & & & & & \\ 0.20 & 10.8 & & & & \\ 0.20 & 11.7 & & & & \\ 0.40 & 15.3^* \end{tabular}$

contained 0.001 mol dm-3 acrylonitrile

#### Effect of hydrogen ions

The reaction is catalysed by hydrogen ions. p–Toluene sulphonic acid (TsOH) was used as the source of hydrogen ions. The hydrogen ion dependence has the form  $k_{obs}=a+b[H^+]$  (Table 2). The values of *a* and *b*, for p-methyl mandelic acid, are  $18.4\pm0.19\times10^{-4}$  s<sup>-1</sup> and  $28.5\pm0.33\times10^{-3}$  mol<sup>-1</sup> dm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> respectively ( $r^2 = 0.9995$ ).

Table 2. Effect of hydrogen ion concentration on the oxidation of mandelic acid by QCC

[H <sup>+</sup> ]	0.10	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00
$10^4 k_{\rm obs}, {\rm s}^{-1}$	21.1	24.3	29.7	35.1	41.4	46.8

 $[QCC] = 0.001 \text{ mol } dm^{-3}; [HA] = 1.00 \text{ mol } dm^{-3}; Temp. = 298 \text{ K}$ 

Table 3. Formation constants for the decomposition of QCC-hydroxyacid complexes and thermodynamic parameters

R		<i>K</i> , dr	n <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>		Δ <i>н</i> ,	$-\Delta s$ ,	-ΔG,
	288 K	298 K	308 K	318 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	kJ mol⁻¹
Н	6.17	5.40	4.73	4.05	12.5±0.4	18±1	7.16±0.3
p-F	5.80	5.10	4.32	3.60	13.8±0.6	24±2	6.81±0.5
p-Cl	5.94	5.25	4.52	3.80	11.9±0.3	17±1	$7.03\pm0.3$
p-Br	6.03	5.35	4.62	3.85	$17.2\pm0.7$	37±2	6.41±0.6
p-Me	5.88	5.15	4.41	3.76	14.7±0.5	27±1	6.79±0.4
p-Pr <sup>i</sup>	5.67	4.91	4.25	3.50	$12.1\pm0.4$	17±1	7.15±0.4
p-OMe	5.95	5.20	4.50	3.78	$15.0\pm0.6$	29±2	6.37±0.5
m-Cl	6.12	5.42	4.67	3.98	14.6±0.6	27±2	6.72±0.5
m-NO <sub>2</sub>	6.05	5.31	4.62	3.90	14.7±0.7	27±2	6.78±0.5
p-NO <sub>2</sub>	5.76	5.05	4.35	3.63	16.3±0.6	33±2	6.45±0.5
GA	5.82	5.12	4.39	3.68	13.4±0.5	23±2	6.75±0.4
LA	5.49	4.78	4.05	3.36	$11.5\pm0.3$	15±1	$7.22\pm0.2$
MLA	5.60	4.86	4.15	3.42	$14.4\pm0.6$	27±2	6.57±0.5
DMA	5.77	5.10	4.30	3.66	16.1±0.8	34±2	6.21±0.6

#### Kinetic isotope effect

To ascertain the importance of the cleavage of the C-H bond in the rate-determining step, the oxidation of  $\alpha$ -deuteriomandelic acid (DMA) was studied. Results showed the presence of a substantial primary kinetic isotope effect (Table 4). The value of  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  is 5.85 at 298 K.

## Effect of solvents

The rate of oxidation of mandelic acid was determined in nineteen different organic solvents. The choice of the solvents was limited by the solubility of QCC and reaction with primary and secondary alcohols. There was no noticeable reaction with the solvents chosen. The kinetics were similar in all the solvents. The values of formation constants K and decomposition constants of the complex,  $k_2$  are recorded in Table 5.

## Discussion

A satisfactory linear correlation ( $r^2 = 0.9600$ ) between the values the activation enthalpies and entropies of the oxidation of the hydroxy acids indicated the operation of compensation effect in this reaction.<sup>11</sup> The reaction also exhibited an excellent isokinetic effect, as determined by Exner's criterion.<sup>12</sup> An Exner's plot between log  $k_2$  at 288K and at 318 K was linear (r = 0.9989) (Figure 3). The value of isokinetic temperature is 881±17 K.

The linear isokinetic correlation implies that all the hydroxyl acids are oxidized by the same mechanism and the changes in rate are governed by the changes in both the enthalpy and entropy of the activation.

#### **Reactive oxidizing species**

The observed  $H^+$  dependence suggests that reaction follows two mechanistic pathways, one acid-independent and other acid-dependent. The acid catalysis may well be attributed to a protonation of QCC to give a stronger oxidant and electrophile.

$$[O_2CrClOQH] + H^+ \leftrightarrows [HOCrOClOQH]$$
(5)

### Solvent effect

The rate constants of oxidation,  $k_2$ , in eighteen solvents (CS<sub>2</sub> was not considered, as the complete range of solvent parameters was not available) were correlated in terms of the linear solvation energy relationship of Kamlet *et al.*<sup>13</sup>

$$\log k_2 = A_0 + p\pi^* + b\,\beta + a\,\alpha.$$
(6)



Figure 2. 1/kobs vs 1/[HA]: A double reciprocal plot

In this equation  $\pi^*$  represents the solvent polarity,  $\beta$  the hydrogen bond acceptor basicities and  $\alpha$  is the hydrogen bond donor acidity.  $A_0$  is the intercept term. It may be mentioned here that out of the 18 solvents, 12 have a value of zero for  $\alpha$ . The results of correlation analyses in terms of a biparametric equation involving  $\pi^*$  and  $\beta$ , and separately with  $\pi^*$  and  $\beta$  are given below [(7 - 10)].

$$\log k_2 = -3.79 + 1.51(\pm 0.18) \ \pi^* + 0.23(\pm 0.15)\beta + 0.14 \ (\pm 0.14) \ \alpha \tag{7}$$

$$R^2 = 0.8740; \quad sd = 0.16; \quad n = 18; \quad \psi = 0.39$$

$$\log k_2 = -3.82 + 1.56(\pm 0.17)\pi^* + 0.18(\pm 0.17)\beta$$
(8)  
$$R^2 = 0.8647; \quad sd = 0.16; \quad n = 18; \quad \psi = 0.39$$

$$\log k_2 = -3.79 + 1.61(\pm 0.17)\pi^*$$
(9)
$$r^2 = 0.8495; \quad sd = 0.17; \quad n = 18; \quad m = 0.40$$

$$r = 0.8493; \ sa = 0.17; \ n = 18; \ \Psi = 0.40$$

$$\log k_2 = -2.91 + 0.46(\pm 0.34)\beta \tag{10}$$

$$r^2 = 0.1036; sd = 0.41; n = 18; \psi = 0.97$$

Here *n* is the number of data points and  $\Psi$  is the Exner's statistical paramete.<sup>14</sup> Kamlet's<sup>13</sup> triparametric equation explains *ca.* 87% of the effect of solvents on the oxidation. However, by Exner's criterion the correlation is not even satisfactory (cf. 7). The major contribution is of solvent polarity. It alone accounted for *ca.* 85% of the data. Both  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  play relatively minor roles.



**Figure 3.** Exner's isokinetic relationship in the oxidation of HA by QCC

The data on the solvent effect were analysed in terms of Swain's equation<sup>15</sup> of cation- and anion-solvating concept of the solvents also (11).

$$\log k_2 = aA + bB + C \tag{11}$$

Here A represents the anion-solvating power of the solvent and B the cation-solvating power. C is the intercept term. (A + B) is postulated to represent the solvent polarity. The rates in different solvents were analysed in terms of (11), separately with A and B and with (A + B).

$$\log k_2 = 0.59(\pm 0.05)A + 1.61(\pm 0.04)B - 3.97$$
(12)

$$R^2 = 0.9971; sd = 0.04; n = 19; \psi = 0.09$$

$$\log k_2 = 0.36 (\pm 0.53)A - 2.87$$
(13)  
$$r^2 = 0.0270; sd = 0.43; n = 19; w = 1.01$$

$$\log k_2 = 1.56(\pm 0.11)B - 3.78$$
(14)  
$$r^2 = 0.9212; \ sd = 0.12; \ n = 19; \ \Psi = 0.29$$

$$\log k_2 = 1.27 \pm 0.13(A + B) - 3.94$$
(15)  
$$r^2 = 0.8430; \ sd = 0.17; \ n = 19; \ \Psi = 0.41$$

Table 4. Rate constants for the decomposition of QCC-hydroxyacid complexes and activation parameters	eters
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R	$10^4 k_2$ , dm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>				$\Delta H^*$	$-\Delta S^*$	$\Delta G^*$
	288 K	298 K	308 K	318 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Н	9.81	20.7	42.3	88.2	53.1±0.7	119±2	88.3±0.5
p-F	13.5	28.8	58.8	117	$52.2\pm0.3$	119±1	87.5±0.2
p-Cl	5.67	12.6	25.2	54.0	$54.2\pm0.8$	121±3	89.6±0.6
p-Br	4.68	10.8	21.6	45.9	54.9±0.7	118±2	90.0±0.6
p-Me	45.9	92.7	171	333	47.4±0.6	126±2	84.6±0.5
p-Pr <sup>i</sup>	39.6	79.2	153	297	48.5±0.5	123±1	85.0±0.4
p-OMe	468	882	1440	2610	$40.5 \pm 0.9$	130±3	79.1±0.7
m-Cl	1.53	3.42	7.83	17.1	58.9±0.9	$114\pm 2$	92.7±0.6
m-NO <sub>2</sub>	0.29	0.68	1.71	3.87	63.7±0.9	111±3	96.7±07
p-NO <sub>2</sub>	0.20	0.49	1.17	2.79	64.3±0.7	$122\pm 2$	90.1±0.6
GA	4.68	9.81	20.7	43.2	53.9±0.7	$112\pm 2$	97.6±0.6
LA	6.75	14.4	29.7	62.1	53.7±0.6	$120\pm 2$	89.2±0.5
MLA	5.76	12.6	25.2	54.9	$54.2\pm0.9$	119±3	89.6±0.8
DMA	1.63	3.54	7.55	16.3	$55.8 \pm 0.7$	124±2	92.6±0.6
$k_{ m H}/k_{ m D}$	6.06	5.85	5.60	5.41			

The rates of oxidation of *p*-methylmandelic acid in different solvents showed an excellent correlation in Swain's equation (cf. 11) with the cation-solvating power playing the major role. In fact, the cation-solvation alone accounts for *ca*. 99 % of the data. The correlation with the anion-solvating power was very poor. The solvent polarity, represented by (A + B), also accounted for *ca*. 84 % of the data. In view of the fact that solvent polarity is able to account for *ca*. 84 % of the data, an attempt was made to correlate the rate with the relative permittivity of the solvent. However, a plot of log  $k_2$  against the inverse of the relative permittivity is not linear  $(r^2 = 0.2882; sd = 0.56; \Psi = 0.91)$ .

#### **Correlation Analysis of Reactivity**

The rate of oxidation of substituted mandelic acids correlated well with Brown's  $\sigma^+$  values,<sup>16</sup> the reaction constant being negative (Table 6). The correlation with Hammett's  $\sigma$  values was not very significant. The large negative reaction constants and correlation with  $\sigma^+$  values indicate a carbo-cationic reaction centre in the transition state.

## Mechanism

Absence of any effect of added acrylonitrile on the reaction discounts the possibility of a one-electron oxidation, leading to the formation of free radicals. The presence of a substantial kinetic isotope effect in the oxidation of mandelic acid<sup>17</sup> confirms the cleavage of the  $\alpha$ -C-H bond in the rate determining step. The large negative reaction constant together with the excellent correlation with Brown's  $\sigma^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$  values^{16} point to a highly electron-deficient carbon centre in the transition state. The transition state thus approaches a carbocation in character. This is supported by the solvent effect also. Greater role played by the cation-solvating power of the solvents supported the postulation of a carbocationic transition state. Therefore, the correlation analysis of substituent and solvent effects on the oxidation of mandelic acid supports the mechanism involving a hydride-ion transfer via a chromate ester.

**Table 5.** Effect of solvents on the oxidation of p-methyl mandelic acid by QCC at 308 K

Solvents	K, dm <sup>-3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$10^5 k_2, s^{-1}$
Chloroform	6.13	25.7
Toluene	4.72	8.32
1,2-Dichloroethane	5.45	30.2
Acetophenone	5.44	44.7
Dichloromethane	5.85	35.5
THF	5.77	14.8
DMSO	5.15	92.7
t-Butylalcohol	5.84	14.1
Acetone	5.88	27.5
1,4-Dioxane	4.93	15.5
DMF	4.95	56.2
1,2-Dimethoxyethane	5.31	9.77
Butanone	6.03	20.4
$CS_2$	4.74	5.25
Nitrobenzene	5.40	41.7
Acetic acid	4.70	5.89
Benzene	6.22	10.5
Ethyl acetate	5.67	13.2
Cyclohexane	5.41	1.45

Table 6: Temperature dependence of the reaction constant

Temp., K	288	298	308	318
$\rho^*$	-	$-2.09\pm0.02$	$-1.98\pm0.01$	-
	$2.16\pm0.01$			190±0.02
$r^2$	0.9999	0.9998	0.9999	0.9989
sd	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.006
Ψ	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04

Kwart and Nickle<sup>18</sup> have shown that a study of the dependence of the kinetic isotope effect on temperature can be gainfully employed to resolve this problem. The data for protio- and deuteriomandelic acids, fitted to the familiar expression  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}=A_{\rm H}/A_{\rm D}\exp(E_a/RT)^{19,20}$  show a direct correspondence with the properties of a symmetrical transition state in which the activation energy difference  $(E_a)$  for  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  is equal to the zero-point energy difference for the respective C-H and C-D bonds ( $\approx$ 4.5 kJ/mol) and the

frequency factors and the entropies of activation of the respective reactions are nearly equal. Bordwell<sup>21</sup> has documented a very cogent evidence against the occurrence of concerted one-step biomolecular processes by hydrogen transfer and it is evident that in the present studies also the hydrogen transfer does not occur by an acyclic biomolecular process. It is well established that intrinsically concerted sigmatropic reactions, characterized by transfer of hydrogen in a cyclic transition state, are the only truly processes involving a symmetrical linear hydrogen transfer.<sup>22</sup> Littler<sup>23</sup> has also shown that a cyclic hydride transfer, in the oxidation of alcohols by Cr(VI), involves six electrons and, being a Huckel-type system, is an allowed process. Thus the overall mechanism is proposed to involve the formation of a chromate ester in a fast pre-equilibrium and then a decomposition of the ester in a subsequent slow step via a cyclic concerted symmetrical transition state leading to the product (Scheme 1 and 2). The observed negative value of entropy of activation also supports a polar transition state.

Acid-independent Path (Scheme - 1)



The observed negative entropy of activation also supports it. As the charge separation takes place, the charged ends become highly solvated. This results in an immobilization of a large number of solvent molecules, reflected in the loss of entropy.

#### Acid-dependent Path (Scheme - 2)



It is of interest to compare the mode of oxidation of hydroxy acids by PCC,<sup>24</sup> PFC<sup>25</sup> MCC<sup>26</sup> and QCC. The oxidation by PFC and QCC exhibited a similar kinetic picture i.e. Michaelis-Menten type kinetics with respect to hydroxy acids. While the oxidation by PCC and MCC, showed a first order kinetics. The rate laws, hydrogen ion

dependence and kinetic isotope effect are similar in both the cases. In the oxidations by PFC and QCC excellent correlations were obtained in terms of Swain's equation with the cation solvating power of the solvents playing the major role. In all the three oxidations the polar reactions are negative.

### Conclusion

The reaction is proposed to proceed through a hydride-ion transfer via a chromate ester in the rate determining step. It has also been observed that hydride-ion transfer is also supported by the cation-solvating power of the solvents. Both deprotonated and protonated forms of QCC are the reactive oxidizing species.

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# ADSORPTION OF MALACHITE GREEN DYE FROM AQUEOUS SOLUTION ONTO IRAQI RAW AL-HUSSAINIYAT CLAY

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The adsorption of Malachite Green (MG) cationic dye on Al-Hussainiyat clay was first studied in a batch system for various dye concentrations. The adsorption was studied as a function of contact time, adsorbent dose, pH, and temperature under batch adsorption technique. The concentration of the solution before and after adsorption was measured spectrophotometrically .The equilibrium data fit with Langmuir and Freundlich models of adsorption and the linear regression coefficient  $R^2$  was used to elucidate the best fitting isotherm model. Different thermodynamic parameters such as Gibb's free energy, enthalpy and entropy of the on-going adsorption process have also been evaluated. The thermodynamic analyses of the dye adsorption on Al-Hussainiyat clay indicated that the system was endothermic in nature .

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Wastewater pollution gives adverse effects on public water supplies which may cause health problems such as diarrhea.<sup>1,2</sup> It may also cause property damage such as the discharge of sewage that affects industrial water supplies by changing the character of the water. Apart from that, it may affect the buildings, monuments and boats by fading paints and colours.<sup>3</sup> Dyes have long been used in dyeing, paper and pulp, textiles, plastics, leather, cosmetics and food industries. Effluents discharged from these industries poses certain hazards and environmental problems. Wastewater from these industries may present an eco-toxic hazard and introduce the potential danger of bioaccumulation, which may eventually affect human beings.<sup>4</sup> There are various conventional methods of removing dyes from wastewaters. Among these methods, adsorption is the most versatile and widely used method because of its low cost and ease of operation.5-6 A number of agricultural waste and byproducts of cellulose origin have been studied for their abilities to remove dyes from aqueous solutions,<sup>7</sup> such as peanut hulls,<sup>8</sup> maize bran,<sup>9</sup> sawdust,<sup>10</sup> clay sugar beet pulp,<sup>11</sup> crab peel,<sup>12</sup> granular kohlrabi peel,<sup>13</sup> raw barley straw,<sup>14</sup> eggshell,<sup>15</sup> aquaculture shell powders etc.<sup>16</sup> Activated carbon is regarded as one of the most effective materials for the removal of dyes,<sup>17</sup> but due to its high cost and 10-15 % loss during regeneration , unconventional adsorbents like , wood,<sup>18</sup> silica,<sup>19</sup> clay and activated clay,<sup>20-21</sup> agricultural residues,<sup>22</sup> etc. have attracted the attention of several investigations for the removal of dyes. In the present work, the ability of Al-Hussainiyat clay to remove cationic dye, by adsorption, has been considered. The effects of contact time, initial dye concentration and pH on the amount of colour removal were investigated. The equilibrium

experimental data were fitted into Langmuir and Freundlich equations to determine the best isotherm correlation.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### The adsorbate

The cationic dye (MG), in commercial purity, was used without further purification,  $\lambda_{max} = 617 \text{ nm.}^{23}$  The MG stock solution was prepared by dissolving accurately weighted dye in distilled water to the concentration of 20 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The experimental solutions were prepared by diluting the dye stock solution in accurate proportions to different initial concentrations from 2 to 16 ppm. The chemical name and their properties of this dye listed in Table 1

Table 1. The physical	l and chemical	properties of	MG
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#### The adsorbent

Al-Hussainiyat clay was used as adsorbent throughout this study, it was obtained from the general company of Geological Survey and Mining, Ministry of Industry and Minerals Baghdad, Iraq. It was sieved to the required particle size between 150 and 212  $\mu$ m. This clay was used in all experiments.<sup>24</sup> Surface information and analytical data for the clay under study were also supplied by the same company and are given below in Table 2.

Table 2. Chemical specifications of Al-Hussainiyat clay.

Constituent	SO3	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ti O <sub>2</sub>	CaO	MgO	SiO <sub>3</sub>	L.O.I
Wt %	<0.7	11-22 %	29-48%	0.80%	<2.0 %	0.2 %	20-28	10-14%

#### **Batch mode adsorption studies**

Batch experiments were carried out to determine the effects of pH, adsorbent dose, initial dye concentration and contact time by varying the parameter under study and keeping other parameters constant. The stoke solution was prepared by dissolving an accurately weighed quantity 0.25 g of solid dye in 1 L of deionized water to give 25 mg  $L^{-1}$ . The experimental solution of desired concentration was obtained by successive dilution of stock solution. The pH of all these solutions was maintained by adding 0.1 M HCl or 0.1 M NaOH. The experiments were carried out by taking 100 mL of MG solution and required amount of adsorbent into 250 mL conical flasks and stirred on water bath shaker at the speed of 200 rpm. The adsorption was monitored by determining the concentration of MG in solution using double beam UV-Visible spectrophotometer, at  $\lambda$  max 617 nm. Percentage of dye removal ( $\phi$ , in %) and quantity of MG adsorbed on adsorbent at the time of equilibrium  $(Q_e)$ was calculated using Eq. 1 and 2 respectively.<sup>25</sup>

$$\varphi = 100 \times \frac{C_0 - C_e}{C_0} \tag{1}$$

$$q_{e} = \frac{(C_{0} - C_{e})V}{W}$$
(2)

where  $C_0$  and  $C_e$  are the initial and the equilibrium concentrations (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) of MG in solution, respectively.  $Q_e$  is quantity of MG adsorbed on the adsorbent at the time of equilibrium (mg g<sup>-1</sup>), V is volume (in L) of solution and W is the mass of adsorbent (g) taken for experiment.

### Effect of variable parameters

### Dosage of adsorbent

The various doses of the adsorbents are mixed with the dye solutions and the mixture was agitated in a mechanical shaker. The adsorption capacities for different doses were determined at definite time intervals by keeping all other factors constant.

#### Initial concentration of dye

In order to determine the rate of adsorption, experiments were conducted with different initial concentrations of dyes ranging from 2 to 16 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. All other factors are kept constant.

#### **Contact time**

The effect of period of contact on the removal of the dye on adsorbent in a single cycle was determined by keeping particle size, initial concentration, dosage, pH and concentration of other ions constant.

## pН

Adsorption experiments were carried out at pH 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. The acidic and alkaline pH of the media was maintained by adding the required amounts of dilute HCl and NaOH solutions. The parameters like particle size of the adsorbents, dye concentration, dosage of the adsorbent and concentration of other ions were kept constant while carrying out the experiments.

#### Temperature

The adsorption experiments were performed at four different temperatures viz., 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 °C in a thermostat attached with a shaker. The temperature made constant and was maintained with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.5$  °C.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### FT-IR study

Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) studies of Al-Hussiniyat clay the adsorbent were carried out and the spectra taken before and after adsorption were shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It is evident from the figures that there is no appreciable change in the spectra. This may be due to the fact that adsorption did not alter the chemical nature of the surface of the adsorbent, i.e the adsorption physical in nature.



Figure 1. FTIR spectrum of al-hussiniyat clay before adsorption.

#### Effect of agitation time

#### **Equilibrium Time**

The effect of contact time on the amount of MG adsorbed per unit of adsorbent was investigated at 20 °C and constant pH and concentration. Figure 3 and Table 3 show the variation of  $Q_e$  and  $C_e$  with MG for 10 ppm at 20 °C and pH =7.


Figure 2. FTIR spectrum of al-hussiniyat clay after adsorption .

Table 3. The variation of values of  $Q_e$  and  $C_e$  with time the adsorption of MG

Time, min	<i>C</i> <sub>e</sub> , mg L <sup>-1</sup>	Q <sub>e</sub> , mg g <sup>-1</sup>
5	3.88	9.228
10	3.023	9.359
15	2.965	9.407
20	2.269	9.540
25	2.027	9.594
30	1.512	9.697
35	1.270	9.746
40	1.059	9.788
45	1.059	9.788
50	1.058	9.782



Figure 3. The effect of contact time on the adsorption of malachite green

A sharp change in adsorption is observed at 5 minutes and thereafter a gradual increase was observed in adsorption with increasing contact time up to 40 minutes, after which a maximum value of adsorption is attained. After this time, the amount of dye adsorbed was not significant, very small decreases in the amount of the dye adsorbed were observed, indicating to desorption process. Therefore, the time of 40minutes may be treated as the optimum contact time. Similar results have been reported for the adsorption.<sup>25</sup>

#### **Adsorbent Dosage**

The effect of adsorbent weight on the adsorption of MG dye was studied by changing the amount of adsorbent (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6 and 0.7g per 100 ml) in the test solution while keeping the initial dye concentration (10 ppm) and contact times (40 minutes) constant. The results are shown in Table 4 and Fig. 4.

**Table 4**. The values of  $Q_e$  (in %) and quantity of adsorbent for the MG concentration (10 ppm).

Quantity of adsorbent, <i>W</i> , g	Ceq, mg L <sup>-1</sup>	Q, %
0.1	3.01	69
0.2	2.26	77
0.3	1.42	84
0.4	1.51	85
0.5	1.05	89
0.6	1.11	88
0.7	1.18	88



Figure 4. Effect of adsorbent dosage

It is apparent that the percentage removal (Q, %) of the dye increases with the increase in adsorbent dose but beyond a value of 0.5 g the percentage removal reaches almost to a maximum value. This is probably due to the greater availability of the exchangeable sites or the increased surface area where the adsorption takes place. As seen in Figure 4 optimum clay dosage that can be used in MG removal is 0.5 gm per 100 mL. Thus, all experiments were carried out by using 0.5 g of adsorbent.

#### Effect of pH

In the present work, the effect of pH on the MG adsorption onto Al-Hussainiyat clay was studied while the initial dye concentration, shaking time, amount of Al Hussainiyat clay at and temperature were fixed at 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, 45 min, 0.5 g and 20 °C, respectively. The effect of pH on the adsorption of MG by the Al–Hussainiyat is presented in Figure 5. The effect of pH on adsorption of dye was studied within pH range 3–10, the maximum adsorption takes place onto neutral medium (pH=7,<sup>23,26,27</sup> Fig. 5) due the high

affinity of dye to connection with  $SiO_2$  and  $Al_2O_3$ . The decrease in the removal of dye at pH 3, due to the similar electrostatic repulsion between the dye and Al-Hussaniyat surface only. Table 5 show the result obtained in the effect of pH on Malachite green removal.

**Table 5.** The values of  $Q_e$  % and  $C_e$  for 10 ppm MG at different pH.

рН	C <sub>eq</sub> , mg/l	<i>Q</i> , %
3	5.45	45%
4	5.55	44%
5	5.53	44.7%
6	5.56	45.4%
7	1.05	89%
8	2.77	72%
9	2.50	75%



Figure 5. Effect of pH on removal of MG at 10 ppm



Figure 6. Van't Hoff plot of MG adsorption

#### Thermodynamic parameters

The thermodynamic studies play an important role in understanding the nature of adsorption. The thermodynamics parameters related to the adsorption of dye, such as, enthalpy change,  $\Delta H^o$  entropy change  $\Delta S^o$  and Gibbs free energy change  $\Delta G^o$ .  $\Delta H^o$  has been calculated for all adsorption processes, according to Van't Hoff equation (Eqn. 3) via plotting logarithmic value of the adsorption equilibrium constant  $(K_{eq})$  as  $\ln Q_e/C_e$  against the temperature as  $(1/T)^{(28)}$  The results are listed in Table 6 and Figure 6.

$$\ln K_{\rm eq} = \frac{-\Delta H}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S}{R}$$
(3)

$$\Delta G = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}} \tag{4}$$

where *R* is the gas constant,  $K_{eq}$  is adsorption equilibrium constant. The plot of ln  $K_{eq}$  against 1/*T* (in Kelvin) should be linear. The slope of the Van't Hoff plot is equal to  $-\Delta H^{\circ}/R$ , and its intercept is equal to  $\Delta S^{\circ}/R$ .  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  obtained are given in Table 7. The positive values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  indicate that the adsorption is involved with weak forces of attraction. It was observed that the  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  values increased with decrease of particle size. The adsorption was found to be endothermic in nature. The positive values of  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  suggest the increased randomness. The negative  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  value indicated the spontaneous nature of the adsorption model.<sup>29</sup>

**Table 6.** Values of 1/T and  $\ln K_{eq}$  for the MG

<i>C</i> <sub>0</sub> , 10	<i>Т</i> , К	1/ <i>T</i>	Ce, mg.L <sup>-1</sup>	Qe, mg.g <sup>-1</sup>	lnK <sub>eq</sub>
ppm	293	0.00341	1.134	1.778	7.357
	298	0.00337	1.059	1.791	7.43
	303	0.00330	0.907	1.818	7.603
	308	0.00324	0.763	1.847	7.791
	313	0.00319	0.665	1.867	7.940

Physisorption and chemisorptions can be classified, to a certain extent, by the magnitude of enthalpy change. Bonding strengths of 84 kJ mole<sup>-1</sup> are typically considered as those of physisorption bonds. Chemisorption bond strengths can be 84–420 kJ mole<sup>-1.30</sup> Generally,  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  for physisorption is less than that for chemisorption.

The former is between -20 and 0 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and the later is between -80 and -400 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>31</sup> Therefore, the values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  suggest that adsorption of MG onto Alhussiyat deposit was driven by a physisorption.

#### **Adsorption Isotherms**

Adsorption properties and equilibrium parameters, commonly known as adsorption isotherms, describe how the adsorbate interacts with adsorbents, and comprehensive understanding of the nature of interaction. Isotherms help to provide information about the optimum use of adsorbents.

Therefore, in order to optimize the design of an adsorption system to remove dye from solutions, it is necessary to establish the most appropriate correlation for the equilibrium curve. Out of several isotherm equation available for analyzing experimental sorption equilibrium parameters, the most common isotherms are the Langmuir and Freundlich models.

 Table 7.
 Thermodynamic parameters of MG adsorption on AL-hussianyat clay at 10 ppm ,0.5g ,and pH 7

C <sub>0</sub> , ppm	$\Delta H^{\circ}$ ,	$\Delta S$ ,	$\Delta G$ °, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>							
	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	20 °C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C			
	15.17	35	-14.6	-18.40	-19.15	-19.6	-20.02			



**Figure 7.** Adsorption isotherms of MG on Al-Hussiniyat clay at 20 °C.

Table 8 and Figure 7 shown the adsorption isotherm was of S-type ,indicating that the adsorbent is possibly mesoporous or is not porous and has a high energy of adsorption.<sup>32</sup> Also, this indicating a vertical or flat orientation of adsorbate , and the adsorbate is mono functional.<sup>33</sup>

Table 8. The values of  $C_{eq}\,mgL^{-1}$  and  $Q\,mg\,g^{-1}$  for adsorption of Malachite green

C <sub>0</sub> , ppm	C <sub>eq</sub> , mg/L	Qe, mg g <sup>-1</sup>
2	0.211	0.257
		0.357
4	0.484	0.703
6	0.748	1.050
8	0.832	1.433
10	1.059	1.791
12	1.739	2.052
14	2.118	2.375
16	2.344	2.731

The Freundlich equation was employed for the adsorption of MG dye on the adsorbent, which is represented by Eqn.  $5.^{34}$ 

$$\log Q_e = \log K_f + \frac{1}{n} \log C_e \tag{5}$$

where  $Q_e$  is the amount of MG dye adsorbed (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of dye in solution (mg L<sup>-1</sup>), and  $K_f$  and 1/n are constants incorporating the factors affecting the adsorption capacity and intensity of adsorption, respectively.

Linear plots of log  $Q_e$  versus log  $C_e$  shows that the adsorption of malachite green dye obeys the Freundlich adsorption isotherm (Figure 8). The values of  $K_f$  and 1/n are given in Table 5. These data are analyzed according to the linear form of Langmuir equation (Eqn. 6).

$$\frac{Ce}{Qe} = \frac{1}{Q_m} k_L + \frac{C_e}{Q_m} \tag{6}$$

where  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $Q_e$  is the amount adsorbed at equilibrium (mg g<sup>-1</sup>), and  $Q_m$  and  $k_L$  are Langmuir constants related to adsorption efficiency and energy of adsorption, respectively.<sup>35</sup> The linear plots of  $C_e/Q_e$  versus  $C_e$  suggest the applicability of the Langmuir isotherms (Fig. 9). The values of  $Q_m$  and  $k_L$  were determined from slope and intercepts and are presented in Table 10. To confirm the favourability of the adsorption process, the separation factor ( $R_L$ ) is calculated by using the (Eqn. 7) and presented in Table 10.

$$R_{L} = \frac{1}{1 + K_{L}C_{0}}$$
(7)

**Table 9.** The experimental data  $C_e/Q_e$ ,  $C_e$ , log  $C_e$ , and log  $Q_e$  for the adsorption of MG

C <sub>0</sub>	Ce, mg L <sup>-1</sup>	$C_{ m e}/Q_{ m e}$	$\log Q_{ m e}$	log Ce
-				
2	0.211	0.591	-0.447	-0.675
4	0 484			
	0.101	0.688	-0.153	-0.315
6	0.748	0.712	-0.021	-0.126
8	0.832	0.65	0.156	-0.079
10	1.059			
		0.666	0.253	0.024
12	1.739	0.841	0.312	0.24
14	2.118	0.891	0375	0.325
16	2.344	0.898	0.436	0.369

The values of  $R_{\rm L}$  are found to be between 0 and 1 and confirm that the ongoing adsorption process is favourable.  $R_{\rm L}$  values indicate that the type of isotherm is irreversible (R=0), favorable ( $0 < R_{\rm L} < 1$ ), liner ( $R_{\rm L}$ =1) or unfavourable ( $R_{\rm L} > 1$ ).<sup>28</sup>



Figure 8. The linear plot of Freundlich isotherm



Figure 9. The linear plot of Langmuir isotherms

The values of n>1 indicate favourable adsorption conditions.<sup>25</sup> The values of linear  $R^2$  coefficient were high (> 0.9) for Freundlich isotherm indicating the useful values of its constants .the adsorption isotherm for the present system is explained better by Freundlich isotherm model.<sup>32</sup>

Table 10. The parameters of  $\ \ Freundlich$  and Langmuir equation for the adsorption of MG dye .

Freundlich parameter									
<i>T</i> , °C	1/ <i>n</i>		KF		$R^2$				
20	0.816		0.717		0.9652				
Langmuir parameter									
T, °C	$q_{ m L}$	KL		RL	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>				
20	0.816	0.717		0.260	0.765				

#### CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusions that can be drawn from the above mentioned results and discussion are given below. The optimum pH for favourable adsorption were 7 for MG.

1) The adsorption system could be explained by the electrostatic attraction (physical adsorption). This confirmed by the values obtained of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ .

2) The amount of dye adsorbed onto the adsorbent increases with an increase in the adsorption temperature of the dye solution from 20-40  $^{\circ}$ C. This trend is indication of the fact that the adsorption process is endothermic in nature.

3) Thermodynamic analysis indicated that the adsorption of the dye onto clay was endothermic and spontaneous .

4) For equilibrium adsorption, MG dye was best fitted to the Freundlich isotherm.

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# HETEROGENEOUS ELECTRON TRANSFER KINETICS OF DIBENZOYLFERROCENE IN APROTIC SOLVENTS

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The electrochemical behavior of dibenzoyl ferrocene was investigated by cyclic voltammetry in the temperature range 303–333K in the DMSO, DMF and DMA. The experimental results indicated that the redox reaction was quasi-reversible. Mass transport towards the electrode is a simple diffusion process and the diffusion coefficient (*D*) for redox couple has been also calculated for all the solvents. The diffusion coefficient is sensitive to the viscosity, dipolarizability and temperature of the system. These results indicated that the  $k^0$  and *D* increase in the following order of solvent DMSO< DMA< DMF.

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#### Introduction

Ferrocene and its derivatives belong to a class of compounds called organo-metallic compounds. These compounds attracted a great deal of interest of researchers due to their unusual stability and electrochemical behavior. Some Ferrocene derivatives have fairly high stability under visible irradiations therefore, they are good quenchers of excited states. De Santis et al.<sup>1</sup> studied fluorescence quenching of the excited anthracene unit, after binding of the Ferrocene carboxylate anion by the  $\mathrm{Zn^{+2}}\xspace$  center.<sup>2</sup> Some ferrocene and ferrocenyl derivatives may undergo chemical modifications in the presence of light, or may be used as photosensitizers, that is as catalysts of photochemical reactions (Fery-Forgues and Delavaux-Nicotc, 2000). Electron transfer is so viable for Ferrocene in its more complex molecules that many ferrocene derivatives and ferrocene labeled proteins are used as electrochemical enzyme biosensor.<sup>3</sup> The electrochemical reactivity and catalytic activity of Fc-HRP (ferrocenyl horseradish peroxidase) is much higher than HRP (horseradish peroxidase).<sup>4</sup>. In electrochemical glucose sensors ferrocene derivatives mediate the electron transfer between the catalytic centre of the enzyme and the electrode surfaces.<sup>5-8</sup>

Ferrocene and its derivatives, being stable, non-toxic<sup>9</sup> and electro active, have large applications in medicines and very promising activity *in vitro* and *in vivo* against several diseases. 1,1'-disubstituted ferrocene unit with easily rotating Cp-rings seems to be highly beneficial to the desired activity allowing the molecule to adopt a conformation in which the two cooperating groups are situated in optimal distance from each other. Ferrocenyl moiety may increase the biological activity and spectrum of a drug. Ferrocenyl moiety increases cytotoxicity of tamoxifen and hydroxytamoxifen<sup>10</sup> and with estradiol in breast cancer treatment.<sup>11</sup> Derivatives of polyphenolic compounds containing Ferrocene moiety has good antiproliferative effect on the standard breast cancer cell lines.<sup>12-13</sup>

Some water soluble ferrocene derivatives appear more effective against cancer cell than water insoluble ferrocene derivatives. Ferrocene-based *bis*-amide exhibits very important *in vitro* anticancer activity.<sup>14</sup> Other very important examples of water soluble ferrocene derivatives with anticancer activity are ferrocenium tetrafloroborate salt<sup>15</sup> and ferrocenium triiodide in Rauscher leukaemia.<sup>16</sup> Ferroquine appears more effective against malaria causing parasites than Chloroquine.<sup>17</sup>

Electroactive labeling of non-electroactive biomolecule with ferrocene enables the electrochemical detection of these biomolecules like cysteine- containing biomolecules<sup>18</sup>. Ferrocene and its derivatives show reversible oxidation behaviour. Since last three decades, several studies have been made pertaining to the effects of the substituents on the properties of ferrocene.<sup>19–24</sup>

Early ferrocene couple (Fc<sup>+/0</sup>) was considered as internal redox standard for reporting electrode potentials,<sup>25</sup> due to independent behavior of standard electrode potential of Fc<sup>+/0</sup> against nature of different solvents (Strehlow assumption). The potential variations by liquid junction potentials, was then reduced by usage of Fc<sup>+/0</sup>.<sup>26</sup> But in some cases Ferrocenium ion interact with nucleophile which affect the chemical reversibility of Fc<sup>+/0</sup> couple.<sup>26-28</sup> The interaction of solute and solvent molecules like hydrogen bonding, Lewis acid-base and  $\pi$ -stacking of ring system play important role in redox electrode potentials. Kamlet, Abboud and Taft correlate physicochemical quantity with solvent properties for numbers of solvent-solute systems.<sup>28</sup>

#### **Experimental**

#### Reagents

Chemicals Tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (99% TBAP) from Tokyo KASEI was used as the supporting electrolyte. Dimethylformamide (DMF) from Sigma Aldrich USA, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) from BDH chemicals UK(99.5%), Dimethylacetamide (DMA) from Fischer Scientific UK (99.97%) and Dichloromethane (DCM) from Merck Germany were used. For the synthesis of 1,1'dibenzoyl ferrocene, ferrocene, Sodium sulfate and anhydrous aluminum chloride from Merck Germany, Benzoyl Chloride and Ethanol from Sigma Aldrich USA (99.5%) were used in synthesis. Deionized water was used throughout the synthesis.

#### Synthesis of 1,1'-dibenzoyl ferrocene

4.32 g (3.5 mL) of benzoyl chloride was added drop wise into solution of 3.61g of anhydrous Aluminum chloride in 12 mL of dichloromethane in 40 minutes with constant stirring. Subsequently, slow addition of 2.5g ferrocene in 12 mL dichloromethane made into the mixture. It took 80 minutes for complete addition with constant stirring. This mixture was then further stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then poured in 80 mL crushed ice. The two aqueous and non-aqueous layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed twice with 3 mL dichloromethane, separated and collected wit nonaqueous layer. The non-aqueous layer was washed twice with 10 mL of 10% NaOH and once with 10 mL of water then dried over sodium sulphate. The red syrup was concentrated in vacuum and recrystallized by ethanol.<sup>29</sup>

#### **Electrochemical Analysis**

All electrochemical measurements were performed with 3 electrode assembly consisting of a platinum electrode as the working electrode, a Ag/AgCl reference electrode and a platinum wire as the counter electrode. A double walled electrochemical cell was used to maintain the temperature during electrochemical observation. Pure N<sub>2</sub> was purged for at least 15 minutes before each electrochemical observation. A CHI660 electrochemical workstation was used for electrochemical analysis and scan rates ranging from 25 to 500 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.

#### **Results and discussions**

#### Reversibility

The reversibility of electron transfer of DBF is analyzed by different parameters of cyclic voltammetry. The voltammograms were recorded at platinum versus Ag/AgCl reference electrode. Tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) was used as a supporting electrolyte. The peak potentials and peak current density at different scan rates (0.025 V s<sup>-1</sup> to 0.5 V s<sup>-1</sup>) and temperatures (303 K to 333 K) are reported in Table 1.

The ratios of  $I_{pa}/I_{pc}$  were evaluated by varying scan rates range (0.025 V s<sup>-1</sup> to 0.5 V s<sup>-1</sup>) different temperatures (303 K to 333 K), and the solvents (DMF, DMA and DMSO) employed for study. As it is apparent from Fig. 1, CVs are symmetrical with equal cathodic ( $I_{pc}$ ) and anodic ( $I_{pa}$ ) peak currents and therefore, the  $I_{pa}/I_{pc}$  ratio approach the unit value during all the course of reactions in DMF, DMA and DMSO. It is indicative of the stability reduced and oxidized species of DBF in the time frame of the reaction and indicative of reversibility of charge-transfer process. In addition, there is no side reaction coupled with electron transfer process. Therefore, corroborate the reversible or quasi reversible nature of electron transfer reaction The number of electron is calculated by the Eqn. (1).

$$E_{\rm p/2} - E_{\rm p} = 2.2 \left(\frac{{\rm R}T}{nF}\right) \tag{1}$$

By using the above equation, the number of electron transfer "n" for electrochemical reaction were calculated (Table 2). It is evaluated nearly one for various sweep rates at different temperatures and solvents. Therefore heterogeneous reaction is following one electron transfer mechanism.



Figure 1. Cyclic voltamogram of 3 mM DBF at 303 K and scan rates of (a)  $0.025 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (b)  $0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (c)  $0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (d)  $0.15 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (e)  $0.2 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (f)  $0.25 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ , (g)  $0.5 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .

The donor-acceptor Lewis-type interactions shift the  $E_{1/2}$ values. The  $E_{1/2}$  values show the dependence of redox reaction at electrode over a particular solvent.<sup>30</sup> The positive charge of oxidized form of DBF has more Lewis electron pair acceptor and donor interaction with electron pair donor atom of solvents than reduced form. The strength of this attraction depends on the electron pair donor tendency of solvent (donor number of solvent) and the redox pair. Strong electron pair donor tendency will reduce the half wave potential of DBF cation. Therefore DMSO having a higher donor number (124.7 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), has smallest half wave potential  $E_{1/2}$ =0.503, DMA with donor number (116.2 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) has  $E_{1/2}$ = 0.559 and DMF with donor number (111.2 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) has  $E_{1/2}=0.539$ .  $E_{1/2}$  values for DBF redox pair were found to be almost independent of the scan rate for a given temperature but increases with temperature. The  $E_{1/2}$ values change considerably with solvents polarity. It is evident that  $E_{1/2}$  shifts toward more positive potentials and following the order DMSO<DMA<DMF

The large value of peak to peak separation in the less polar solvent may be attributed to incomplete  $i_{\rm R}$  compensation, since the heterogeneous rate are known to be large.<sup>31</sup> The diffusion controlled reversible electron transfer reaction of DBF was established by Randle Sevcik equation.<sup>32</sup>

$$I_{\rm p} = 0.4463 \left( nF \right)^{3/2} \left( {\rm R}T \right)^{-1/2} A \ D^{1/2} C_{\rm o} v^{1/2}$$
(2)

where  $I_p$  is peak current density, "*n*" is number of electron transfer, *A* is surface area of working electrode, *D* is diffusion coefficient of electroactive substance,  $\upsilon$  is the sweep rate and  $C_o$  is concentration of electroactive substance.

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<i>Т</i> , К	Scan rate, V s <sup>-1</sup>	$E_{ m pa},{ m V}$	$E_{ m pc}$ ,V	$\Delta E$	$E_{1/2}$	$I_{\rm pa}$ , $\mu$ A.cm <sup>-2</sup>	I <sub>pc</sub> , μA cm <sup>-2</sup>	$I_{ m pa}/I_{ m pc}$
	0.025	0.552	0.462	0.09	0.507	9.46	9.23	1.02
	0.050	0.546	0.458	0.088	0.502	13.90	12.0	1.15
	0.100	0.546	0.454	0.092	0.500	19.30	16.3	1.18
303	0.150	0.552	0.449	0.103	0.501	22.90	19.9	1.14
	0.200	0.557	0.449	0.108	0.503	26.00	22.7	1.14
	0.250	0.562	0.446	0.116	0.504	28.60	25.1	1.14
	0.500	0.569	0.437	0.132	0.503	37.20	33.8	1.09
	0.025	0.544	0.459	0.085	0.502	10.5	10.6	0.98
	0.050	0.543	0.458	0.085	0.501	14.5	13.6	1.06
	0.100	0.547	0.454	0.093	0.501	19.8	18.5	1.06
313	0.150	0.553	0.451	0.102	0.502	23.9	22.3	1.07
	0.200	0.557	0.447	0.110	0.502	27.8	25.4	1.09
	0.250	0.558	0.455	0.103	0.506	30.0	27.8	1.07
	0.500	0.561	0.436	0.125	0.498	40.8	37.7	1.08
	0.025	0.546	0.459	0.087	0.502	11.4	11.1	1.02
	0.050	0.546	0.456	0.090	0.501	15.3	14.6	1.04
222	0.100	0.550	0.453	0.097	0.502	21.1	19.4	1.08
323	0.150	0.555	0.449	0.106	0.502	25.4	23.3	1.08
	0.200	0.555	0.448	0.107	0.502	29.0	26.7	1.08
	0.250	0.555	0.448	0.107	0.502	32.4	29.2	1.10
	0.500	0.575	0.439	0.136	0.507	43.4	39.7	1.09
	0.025	0.551	0.446	0.105	0.498	13.0	13.4	0.97
	0.050	0.552	0.455	0.097	0.504	16.7	15.9	1.05
	0.100	0.550	0.453	0.097	0.502	22.4	20.4	1.09
333	0.150	0.551	0.451	0.100	0.501	27.0	24.6	1.10
	0.200	0.552	0.446	0.106	0.499	30.8	27.8	1.10
	0.250	0.558	0.446	0.112	0.502	33.9	30.8	1.10
	0.500	0 559	0.446	0.113	0.502	35.0	34.5	1.01

Table 1b. Voltammetric data for 3 mM 1,1'-dibenzoyl ferrocene in DMF at different temperatures.

<i>Т</i> , К	Scan rate, V s <sup>-1</sup>	$E_{ m pa},{ m V}$	$E_{ m pc}$ ,V	$\Delta E$	<b>E</b> 1/2	<i>I</i> <sub>pa</sub> , µA.cm <sup>-2</sup>	<i>I</i> <sub>pc</sub> , μA cm <sup>-2</sup>	Ipa/Ipc
	0.025	0 591	0.404	0.097	0 5 2 9	16 1	15 1	1.06
	0.023	0.561	0.494	0.087	0.538	10.1	13.1	1.00
	0.050	0.583	0.491	0.092	0.537	21.8	20.5	1.06
	0.100	0.589	0.488	0.101	0.539	29.9	28.0	1.06
303	0.150	0.591	0.487	0.104	0.539	35.8	33.6	1.06
	0.200	0.596	0.483	0.113	0.540	40.7	37.9	1.07
	0.250	0.600	0.48	0.120	0.540	44.9	41.7	1.07
	0.500	0.609	0.468	0.141	0.539	60.2	55.1	1.09
	0.025	0.581	0.497	0.084	0.539	17.1	14.9	1.14
	0.050	0.584	0.493	0.091	0.539	22.9	21.9	1.04
	0.100	0.588	0.487	0.101	0.538	31.1	29.0	1.07
313	0.150	0.590	0.486	0.104	0.538	37.2	34.3	1.08
	0.200	0.595	0.482	0.113	0.539	42.3	38.5	1.09
	0.250	0.599	0.479	0.120	0.539	46.5	42.3	1.09
	0.500	0.610	0.471	0.139	0.541	62.3	56.4	1.10
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	0.025	0.591	0.490	0.101	0.541	18.9	17.8	1.06
	0.050	0.588	0.494	0.094	0.541	24.8	23.5	1.05
	0.100	0.588	0.491	0.097	0.540	33.0	30.9	1.06
323	0.150	0.593	0.487	0.106	0.540	39.8	36.4	1.09
	0.200	0.597	0.486	0.111	0.542	45.0	40.8	1.10
	0.250	0.597	0.481	0.116	0.539	49.5	45.0	1.10
	0.500	0.597	0.469	0.138	0.538	66.4	59.4	1.11
	0.025	0.594	0.494	0.100	0.544	22.5	21.1	1.02
	0.050	0.594	0.493	0.101	0.544	27.5	26.9	1.06
	0.100	0.597	0.491	0.106	0.544	36.6	33.5	1.09
	0.150	0.601	0.490	0.111	0.546	43.2	38.1	1.13
	0.200	0.601	0.488	0.113	0.545	48.7	43.8	1.11
333	0.250	0.607	0.483	0.124	0.545	53.7	46.6	1.15
	0.500	0.610	0.481	0.129	0.546	71.3	63.2	1.12

Table 1c. Voltammetric data for 3 mM 1,1'-dibenzoyl ferrocene in DMA at different temperatures.

<i>Т</i> , К	Scan rate, V s <sup>-1</sup>	E <sub>pa</sub> , V	$E_{ m pc}$ ,V	$\Delta E$	E1/2	I <sub>pa</sub> , μA.cm <sup>-2</sup>	<i>I</i> <sub>pc</sub> , μA cm <sup>-2</sup>	$I_{ m pa}/I_{ m pc}$
	0.025	0.600	0.516	0.084	0.549	12.8	11.2	1.13
	0.050	0.604	0.511	0.093	0.548	17.0	15.6	1.09
303	0.100	0.608	0.507	0.101	0.557	23.4	21.4	1.09
303	0.150	0.612	0.506	0.106	0.559	28.4	25.9	1.09
	0.200	0.614	0.504	0.110	0.559	32.4	29.6	1.09
	0.250	0.620	0.499	0.121	0.562	36.0	32.5	1.10
	0.500	0.627	0.494	0.133	0.568	48.6	43.5	1.11
	0.025	0.617	0 516	0 101	0 567	14.8	154	0.96
	0.050	0.614	0.526	0.088	0.565	18.5	16.2	1.14
212	0.100	0.618	0.520	0.098	0.569	25.1	22.5	1.11
313	0.150	0.622	0.516	0.106	0.569	30.2	27.4	1.10
	0.200	0.623	0.516	0.107	0.570	34.5	30.7	1.12
	0.250	0.630	0.511	0.119	0.571	37.9	33.7	1.12
	0.500	0.635	0.504	0.131	0.570	51.5	44.6	1.15
	0.025	0.610	0.520	0 000	0.572	15.0	147	1.02
	0.025	0.613	0.529	0.090	0.576	20.4	20.3	1.02
	0.050	0.623	0.528	0.095	0.570	20.4	26.8	0.98
323	0.150	0.621	0.522	0.077	0.572	31.8	20.0	1.15
	0.150	0.620	0.521	0.105	0.574	36.1	32.6	1.15
	0.250	0.632	0.517	0.100	0.573	40.0	34.4	1.10
	0.500	0.632	0.517	0.135	0.575	40.0 54 0	46 3	1.10
	0.000	0.012	0.007	0.155	0.070	5 110	10.0	1.10
	0.025	0.627	0.547	0.080	0.581	17.2	17.9	0.95
	0.050	0.639	0.529	0.110	0.584	22.8	22.1	1.03
222	0.100	0.632	0.534	0.098	0.583	28.2	27.3	1.03
333	0.150	0.635	0.529	0.106	0.582	33.5	26.9	1.24
	0.200	0.640	0.529	0.111	0.585	38.0	32.4	1.17
	0.250	0.638	0.526	0.112	0.582	42.1	35.2	1.19
	0.500	0.644	0.519	0.125	0.582	56.4	46.9	1.20

The linear variation of  $I_{pa}$  verses square root of scan rate ( $\upsilon$ ) was observed for 3 mM concentration of 1,1'-dibenzoyl ferrocene at different temperatures (303 K to 333 K) and

solvents (DMSO, DMA, DMF) shown in Figure 2. No evidence for adsorption process at the surface of electrode was found.



Figure 2a. Peak current density versus square root of scan rate for 3 mM DBF at 303 K, 313K, 323 K, 333 K in DMSO



Figure 2b. Peak current density versus square root of scan rate for 3 mM DBF at 303 K, 313 K, 323 K, 333 K in DMF



Figure 2c. Peak current density versus square root of scan rate for 3mM DBF at 303K. 313K, 323K, 333K in DMA.

The effect of concentration  $(1.2 \text{ mmol } dm^{-3} \text{ to } 6.5 \text{ mmol } dm^{-3})$  of DBF at scan rate of 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup> and 313 K in different solvents (DMSO, DMA, DMF) are reported in Table 3. It shows the linear trend over the above mentioned concentration range (Fig. 3).

#### **Kinetic parameters**

The heterogeneous electron transfer rate constant  $k^{\circ}$  was calculated by plotting graph  $\ln I_{\rm pa}$  vs  $E_{\rm p}$ - $E_{\rm p/2}$ , according to the equation:<sup>33</sup>

$$\ln I_{\rm p} = \frac{\alpha n_{\rm a} F}{RT} \left( E_{\rm p} - E_{\rm p/2} \right) + \ln \left( 0.227 n_{\rm a} FAC_0 k^0 \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $E_p$  is anodic peak potential  $\alpha$  is transfer coefficient and  $k^0$  is a heterogeneous electron transfer rate constant.

of electron transferred for 3mM DBF at 303 K and scan rate of 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup>. Solvents  $E_p$   $E_{p/2}$   $E_p \cdot E_{p/2}$  N

Table 2. Cathodic peak potentials, half peak potential and number

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DMSO	0.557	0.503	0.054	0.940
DMF	0.596	0.539	0.057	0.992
DMA	0.614	0.559	0.055	0.957

The plot of logarithmic peak current would not linearly relate with  $E_p - E_{1/2}$  that would be the result of ignorance of temperature dependence nature of charge transfer coefficient. At 303 K temperature slope:  $\alpha n_a F/RT$  of the linear relation  $\alpha n_a$  equals to be 0.94, 0.99 and 0.957 for DMSO, DMF and DMA respectively (Table 2). As the charge-transfer rate constant evaluated form the intercept of plot so it is not greatly influenced by the curved slope.

[DBE] mM	Ipa, A						
[DBF], IIIVI	10 <sup>5</sup> DMSO	10 <sup>5</sup> DMF	10 <sup>5</sup> DMA				
1.20	0.933	1.71	1.57				
2.18	1.94	3.10	2.52				
3.00	2.78	4.23	3.45				
4.50	3.72	6.04	4.73				
5.53	4.24	7.16	5.63				
6.50	5.83	7.95	6.60				

**Table 3.** Effect of concentration change over peak current potential of DBF at 0.2V/s and 313K in DMSO, DMF, DMA.

The  $k^0$  was measured at different temperatures ranging from 303 K to 333 K for DMF, DMSO and DMA [Table 4]. The value of  $k^0$  increases with increasing the operating temperature in all the solvents. It is attributed to viscosity of the medium, hence, decreases with increasing the operating temperature, resulting in  $k^0$  increasing. The value of  $k^0$ following the order in different solvents.

#### DMSO< DMA< DMF

The diffusion coefficients for different solvents were measured in 3mM concentration of DBF at 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup> scan rate and 303 K to 333 K (Table 4). The diffusion coefficients increase with increase in temperature in all cases. An increase in rate constant  $k^{\circ}$  with increase in diffusion coefficient is seen because in a diffusion control reaction, its kinetics will definitely depends upon diffusion coefficient. The similar trend for diffusion coefficient was observed as  $k^{\circ}$  in different solvents.

#### DMSO< DMA< DMF

The kinetics of heterogeneous electron transfer reaction is influenced by the dynamics of solvent medium. The diffusive characteristic of solute in a particular solvent system is affected by the solvent dipolar relaxation.<sup>34</sup> Solvent dipolar relaxation depends upon solute-solvent shell formation which results in concentration change and change in macroscopic viscosity of the system. The dipolar interaction or polarizability of a solvent influence the solvent effects on kinetics of electron transfer.<sup>35</sup>

ти	<i>K</i> <sup>0,</sup> 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm s <sup>-1</sup>	D, 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	k <sup>0,</sup> 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm.s <sup>-1</sup>	D, 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	k <sup>0</sup> , 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm.s <sup>-1</sup>	D, 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>		
1, K	DMSO		DMF		DMA	DMA		
303	0.353	5.41	1.30	13.3	0.550	8.47		
313	0.781	6.42	1.41	14.8	0.711	9.88		
323	0.942	7.19	2.10	17.3	0.810	11.2		
333	1.331	8.35	1.76	20.9	0.986	12.8		

**Table 4.** Kinetic parameter ( $k^{\circ}$ ) and diffusion coefficient (*D*) for 3mM DBF at 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup> in DMSO, DMF and DMA.

Table 5. Activation energy (*E*<sub>a</sub>) for diffusion of 3 mM DBF at 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup> temperature ranging 303 K to 333 K in DMSO, DMA and DMF.

ти	1/T	lnD	Ea, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	lnD	Ea, kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	lnD	E <sub>a</sub> , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
1, K	1/1	DMSO		DMF		DMA	
303	0.00330	-12.1273		-11.2323		-11.6789	
313	0.00319	-11.9561	1196	-11.0966	12 56	-11.5250	11 47
323	0.00309	-11.8428	14.80	-10.7559	15.50	-11.3996	11.4/
333	0.00300	-11.6932		-10.8124		-11.2660	



**Figure 3.** Peak current density versus concentration for 3mM DBF at 0.2 V/s in DMSO, DMF and DMA.

The nonspecific electrostatic interactions of the solvent system or empirical  $\pi^*$  parameters describe the relative stability of the oxidation state of an analyte.<sup>36</sup> The change in the electronic state density by solvent molecules changes solvation of solute. The solvation involving Fe(II) of ferrocene moiety is affected by proton donor tendency (Brönsted acid) of solvent molecule to the non-bonding filled orbital to produce Fe (IV) hydride.<sup>37-38</sup> Solvent may strongly behave like Lewis base with Fc<sup>+</sup> than Fc. Solvent molecule equatorial to the Fe(III) of Fc<sup>+</sup> may form weak bond.<sup>39</sup>

According to Arrhenius equation:<sup>40</sup>

$$D = D_0 e^{-E/RT}$$
  
or  
$$\ln D = \ln D_0 - \frac{E}{RT}$$

here "E" is the activation energy for diffusion of the ferrocene derivative. The slope of the curve plotted between  $\ln D$  and 1/T gives activation energy for diffusion (Table 5).

The activation energy of 3mM DBF at 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup> in temperature range from 303 K to 333 K for DMF, DMA and DMSO were found to be 12.63 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, 11.33 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and 11.76 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> respectively.



Figure 4. Diffusion coefficient versus temperature for 3 mM DBF at 0.2 V  $s^{\rm -1}$  in DMSO, DMF and DMA .

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Advanced wastewater treatment techniques such as adsorption are economiycally and environmentally essential in the removal of non biodegradable heavy metals from wastewater. Adsorption by activated carbon is being widely used but activated carbon remain an expensive material. In recent years, the need for safe and economical methods for the elimination of heavy metals from contaminated waters has necessitated research interest towards the production of low cost alternatives to commercially available activated carbon. Therefore there is an urgent need that all possible sources of agro-based inexpensive adsorbents should be explored and their feasibility for the removal of heavy metals should be studied in detail. This review focuses on the use of low cost adsorbent prepared from rice husk, cajanus cajan, maize cob, sago waste, mosambi fruit peel, watermelon shells, almond shells, apricot shells etc. Keywords: wastewater treatment, low cost adsorbent, non biodegradable heavy metal.

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#### Introduction

Water pollution due to toxic heavy metals has been a major cause of concern for environmental engineers. The industrial and domestic wastewater is responsible for causing several damages to the environment and adversely affecting the health of the people. Several episodes due to heavy metal contamination in aquatic environment increased the awareness about the heavy metal toxicity. Metals can be distinguished from other toxic pollutants, since they are nonbiodegradable and can accumulate in living tissues, thus becoming concentrated throughout the food chain. A variety of industries for the release of heavy metals into the environment through their wastewater as suggested by Braukmann et al.<sup>1</sup>

However years of increased industrial, agricultural and domestic activities have resulted in the generation of large amount of wastewater containing a number of toxic pollutants, which are polluting the available fresh water continuously. With the realization that pollutants present in water adversely effect human and animal life domestic and industrial activities, pollution control and management is now a high priority area. The availability of clean water for various activities is becoming the most challenging task for researcher and practitioners worldwide.

Heavy metals have been excessively released into the environment due to rapid industrialization and have created a major global concern. Cadmium, zinc, copper, nickel, lead, mercury and chromium are often detected in industrial wastewaters, which originate from metal plating, mining smelting, battery manufacture, tanneries, activities, petroleum refining, paint manufacture, pesticides, pigment manufacture, printing and photographic industries, etc.<sup>2,3</sup> Unlike organic wastes, heavy metals are non-biodegradable and they can be accumulated in living tissues, causing various diseases and disorders; therefore they must be

removed before discharge. Namasivayam C.J. et al.<sup>4</sup> interest into the production of cheaper adsorbents to replace costly wastewater treatment methods such as chemical precipitation, ion-exchange, electroflotation, membrane separation, reverse osmosis, electrodialysis solvent extraction, etc. are attracting attention of scientists. Adsorption is one the physico-chemical treatment processes found to be effective in removing heavy metals from aqueous solutions. Most of the adsorption studies have been focused on untreated plant wastes such as Eucalyptus Bark,<sup>5</sup> almond and apricot shell,<sup>6</sup> bael fruit,<sup>7</sup> *Moringa oleifera* pods,<sup>8</sup> Opuntia,<sup>9</sup> *Thespesia Populnea* Bark,<sup>10</sup> *Adathoda vasica*,<sup>11</sup> Jaswand Leaf Powder.<sup>12</sup>

In general, an adsorbent can be termed as a low cost adsorbent if it requires little processing, is abundant in nature, or is a by-product or waste material from another industry. Of course improved sorption capacity may compensate the cost of additional processing as suggested by Bailey et al.<sup>13</sup> Therefore there is an urgent need that all possible sources of agro-based inexpensive adsorbents should be explored and their feasibility for the removal of heavy metals should be studied in detail. The objective of this study is to contribute in the search for less expensive adsorbents and their utilization possibilities for various agricultural waste by-products, which are in many cases also pollution sources.

#### **Relevant Literature**

Reviews of some agricultural adsorbents for the removal of heavy metals from wastewater are presented as follows:

*Rice husk:* Rice husk is an agricultural waste material generated in rice producing countries, especially in Asia. The annual world rice production is approximately 500 million metric tons, of which 10 - 20 % is rice husk. Dry rice husk contains 70- 85 % of organic matter (lignin, cellulose, sugars, etc) and the remainder consists of silica, which is present in the cellular membrane carried out by Vempati et al.<sup>14</sup> Srinivasan et al.<sup>36</sup> studied on chromium removal by rice husk carbon. The activated carbon prepared

by carbonization of rice husk with sulphuric acid followed by CO<sub>2</sub> activation showed 88 % removal of total chromium and greater than 99 % removal of hexavalent chromium. Column studies showed capacity of 8.9 mg g<sup>-1</sup> and 6.3 mg  $g^{-1}$  for rice husk and commercial carbons respectively, for Cr(VI) removal. Ayub S. et al.<sup>16</sup> studied on chromium removal by rice husk carbon. The activated carbon prepared by carbonization of rice husk with sulphuric acid followed by CO<sub>2</sub> activation showed 88 % removal of total chromium and greater than 99 % removal of hexavalent chromium. Column studies showed capacity of 8.9 mg g<sup>-1</sup> and 6.3 mg g<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup> for rice husk and commercial carbons respectively, for Cr (VI) removal. Guo Y. et al.<sup>17</sup> studied on adsorption of Cr(VI) on micro- and mesoporous rice husk-based activated carbon. They have concluded that the rice husk carbon is a good sorbent for the removal of Cr(VI) from aqueous solution range from 5 to 60 mg  $L^{-1}$  with adsorbent dose of  $0.8 \text{ g L}^{-}$  at pH< 5 under the minimum equilibration time of 2 hours. There is a sharp decrease in adsorption above pH 5.0 and the adsorption in the higher pH range would be negligible. Maximum reported adsorption is >95 % removal of Cr(VI). A study on utilization of agro-residues (rice husk) in small wastewater treatment plans was done by Daifullah et al.<sup>18</sup> They have characterized and evaluated two types of sorbents made from rice husk. The efficiency of both sorbents in the removal of the complex matrix containing six heavy metal was nearly 100 %. These metals are Fe, Mn, Zn, Cu, Cd, and Pb, which are found in the drain containing the agricultural and sewage wastewater. Wong et al.<sup>19</sup> using tartaric acid modified rice husk as adsorbent have carried out batch studies for the removal of lead and copper and reported the effects of various parameters such as pH, initial concentration of adsorbent, particle size, temperature etc. It was reported that modified rice husk is a potentially useful material for the removal of Cu and Pb from aqueous solutions. The rapid uptake and high adsorption capacity makes it a very attractive alternative adsorption material. It was also shown that the uptake of Cu and Pb was maximum when pH was increased from 2 to 3, thereafter remained relatively constant. Adsorption behaviour of Ni(II), Zn(II), Cd(II), and Cr(VI) on untreated and phosphate treated rice husk (PRH) by Ajmal M. et al.<sup>20</sup> showed that adsorption of Ni(II) and Cd(II) was greater when PRH was used as adsorbent. Adsorption of Cd(II) was dependent on contact time, concentration, temperature, adsorbent doses and pH of the solution. It was also reported that the maximum adsorption (>90%) was obtained at a pH value of 12. Subramaniam P.<sup>21</sup> studied on raw rice on the removal of Cr(VI). The overall result indicated that the maximum removal (66 %) of Cr(VI) for raw rice husk was obtained at pH 2, when it is given adsorbent dose of 70 g  $L^{-}$  for 2 hours. It has also showed good fit to Freundlich isotherm with 1/n value of 2.863. The adsorption behavior of  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions on rice husk was investigated by Asrari et al<sup>22</sup> using rice husk to remove the metals ions in dairy wastewater. The removal of heavy metal ions from aqueous solutions was studied by batch method. The main parameters that influencing  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  sorption on rice husk were: amount of adsorbent, contact time and pH value of wastewater. The influences of pH (2-9), contact time (5-70 min) and adsorbent amount (0.5-3 g) have been studied. The percent adsorption of  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions increased with an increase in contact time and dosage of rice husk. The binding process was strongly affected by pH and the optimum pH for  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions were 7.0 and 9.0, respectively. The experimental data were analyzed by

Langmuir isotherm. The maximum adsorption capacity of the adsorbent for  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions was calculated from the Langmuir isotherm and found to be 19.617 and 0.6216 mg  $g^{-1}$ , respectively. The percent of removing  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2}$ ions reached maximum to 70 % and 96.8 %, respectively. Nhapi I et al.<sup>23</sup> reported that, adsorbents, carbonized rice husk (CRH) and activated rice husk (ARH) made out of rice husks, available as agriculture waste, are investigated as viable materials for treatment of Pb, Cd, Cu, and Zn containing industrial wastewater at controlled pH. The results obtained from the batch experiments revealed a relative ability of the rice husk in removing some heavy metals at pH 7. One hand one, the CRH adsorption capacity decreases in the order of Cu>Pb>Zn>Cd in batch adsorption whereas during rapid small scale column tests the adsorption capacity decrease as follow Cu>Zn>Pb>Cd. On the other hand, ARH adsorption capacity performance is similar to CRH. However, during rapid small scale column tests the adsorption capacity decreases in the order Zn>Cu>Pb>Cd. The kinetic removal in batch experiment shows that the net uptake of Pb, Cd, Cu, Zn was 54.3 %, 8.24 %, 51.4 % and 56.7 %, respectively whereas using CRH, while it varied as 74.04 %, 43.4 %, 70.08 % and 77.2 % for the same dosages of ARH. Therefore, it is concluded that as regards to CRH, ARH demonstrated higher potential to remove relatively all selected heavy metals. Biosorption of cadmium ions from simulated wastewater using rice husk was studied by Ebrahim et al.<sup>24</sup> with initial concentration of 25 mg L<sup>2</sup>. Equilibrium isotherm was studied using Langmuir, Freundlich, BET and Timken models. The results show that the Freundlich isotherm is the best fit model to describe this process with high determination coefficient equals to 0.983. There was a good compliance between the experimental and theoretical results. Highest removal efficiency 97 % was obtained at 2.5g of adsorbent, pH 6 and contact time 100 min. Singh<sup>25</sup> reported that, adsorbent is prepared from rice husk, a low cost by product from a rice mill. The rice husk carbon is activated using  $H_3PO_4$  (40 %). The stock solution of Cr(VI) is prepared by dissolving 2.828 g of potassium dichromate (Central Drug House (CDH), India) in 1 litre of demineralized water. Batch mode experiments are done. The effect of various parameters like adsorbent dose, pH and contact time are studied. The studies demonstrate that the rice husk carbon (RHC) has a significant capacity for adsorption of Cr(VI) from aqueous solution. The RHC characteristics are reported as FTIR. The break through capacity for Cr(VI) (100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 2) is on average 38.1 mg g<sup>-1</sup>. The adsorption of chromium(VI) was found to be maximum (93-94 %) at low values of pH (around 2) for the carbon dosage of 1000 mg  $L^{-1}$  and nearly 100 % for carbon dosage of 1200 mg  $L^{-1}$ . RHC exhibits high degree of selectivity for Cr(VI) adsorption. Table 1 summarizes the usage of types of rice husk as an adsorbent:

*Maize/Corn Cob:* The study on oxidation of corncob by citric acid and nitric acid was carried out by Leyva-Ramos et al.<sup>26</sup> Upon oxidation of corncob, a significant increase in the surface area of the adsorbent was observed. An increase in the amount of oxygen found in corncob was due to more oxygenated groups being introduced on the adsorbent surface after oxidation. After oxidation, a higher proportion of acidic sites (carboxylic, phenolic and lactonic) was detected, which results in a reduction in the pHzpc (pH at zero point charge) value. It was also reported that the adsorption capacities for citric acid and nitric acid oxidized corncob were much higher than unmodified corncob.

Adaarbant			Heavy meta	l removal ef	ficiency, %			References
Ausorbent	Cr(VI)	Ni(II)	Cu(II)	Zn(II)	Cd(II)	Hg(II)	Pb(II)	
Rice husk carbon	>99	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Phosphate treated rice husk	-	-	-	-	>90	-	-	20
Tartaric acid modified rice husk	-	-	>80	-	-	-	>95	19
Rice husk carbon	-	-	$\approx 100$	$\approx 100$	$\approx 100$	-	$\approx 100$	18
Raw rice husk	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Rice husk	-	-	-	70	-	-	96.8	22
Carbonised rice husk	-	-	51.4	56.7	8.24	-	54.3	23
Activated rice husk	-	-	70.08	77.2	43.4	-	74.04	23
Rice husk	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	24
Rice husk carbon using H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (40 %)	93-94	-	-	-	-	-	-	25

Table 1. Types of rice husk as adsorbent for heavy metal

Table 2. Types of Maize/Corn Cob as adsorbent for heavy metal

A daarbard		Defense						
Ausorbent	Cu(II)	Cr(VI)	Ni(II)	Fe(II)	Co(II)	Zn(II)	Cd(II)	Kelerences
Sulfuric acid treated corncobs	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Maize cob	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	32
Corn cob	-	>90	-	-	-	-	-	31

Besides carbonization at high temperature, an adsorbent can be activated by chemical treatment using a concentrated acid. Khan and Wahab et al.<sup>27</sup> in the study of adsorption of copper by concentrated sulfuric acid treated corncobs. It was reported that upon treatment of corncobs with sulfuric acid and heated at 150°C, the pHzpc of the adsorbent reduced from 5.2 (untreated) to 2.7 (treated) and the functional groups present in the adsorbent are mainly oxygen containing groups such as -OH, -COOH and -COO<sup>-</sup>. The maximum adsorption capacity obtained from Langmuir isothem was 31.45 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. Adsorption was more favored at higher pH value (4.5) due to low competing effect of protons for the adsorption sites. Effect of interfering ions such as Zn(II), Pb(II) and Ca(II) was also studied. It was noticed that copper removal efficiency was reduced by 53 %, 27 % and 19 % in the presence of Pb(II), Ca(II) and Zn(II), respectively. Regeneration study indicates that sulfuric acid treated corncobs can be regenerated by acidified hydrogen peroxide solution and as much as 90 % copper could be recovered. Daniela et al.<sup>28</sup> describe chemical modeling of metal biosorption requires the characterization of biomass used as sorbent. The (local) structural environment of Cu(II) and Zn(II) sorbed on corn cobs biomass has been investigated by secondary electron microscopy (SEM) and energy-dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX). The IR spectrum obtained for the above said biomass render a complex nature of the corn cobs biomass. Despite this complexity some characteristic peaks may be identified and assigned, revealing the presence of hydroxyl, carboxyl, carbonyl and amino functional groups in the structure of investigated biomass. The paper also deals with studies of physical and biochemical properties of the

possible mechanism of biosorption is suggested. The sorption experiments were carried out at a pH of 5.5 and low and high ionic strength in a 0.01 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution. The results showed a high capacity of corn cobs with respect to the removal of the investigated metals cations. Akporhonor et al.<sup>29</sup> was prepared maize cob carbon was prepared by pyrolysis at 300 °C and 400 °C for 35 min. This was followed by steeping in saturated ammonium chloride. The activated carbon which was characterized for bulk density, surface area, surface area charge, abrasion resistance and pH was used in the removal of  $Cd^{2+}$ ,  $Ni^{2+}$ ,  $Cd^{2+}$  and  $Zn^{2+}$ . The surface areas of the maize cob carbon at 300 °C and 400 °C were 0.010 and 0.021 g sample per mg iodine, respectively. The effectiveness of the modified maize cobs in removing the metal ions from solution was found to be Zn>Ni>Cd. The removal efficiency of the metal ions is depended on the metal ion concentration and temperature of carbonization. Igwe<sup>3</sup> reported that the use of EDTA modified and unmodified maize Cob for the removal of Co(II), Fe(II) and Cu(II) ions from aqueous solutions is feasible. It was found that modification enhanced the adsorption predominantly due to chelates formation. Co(II) ion was adsorbed more for both unmodified and modified maize cob, than the other two metal ions. The trend of the uptake is Co(II)>Fe(II)>Cu(II) for the unmodified and Co(II)>Cu(II)>Fe(II) for the modified maize cob. It was found that the pseudo second order equation gave a better fit to the sorption process than the pseudo first order equation. It was also possible to use Elovich equation to model the sorption process. The intraparticle diffusion

sorbent: bulk density, apparent density, surface area,

iodine number, CEC. From biomass characterization a

plot confirmed that the sorption process was particle diffusion controlled. The regression models that were generated for these equations could be used as predictive models for these heavy metals sorption on maize cob at any other contact time. Also, the results of this study could serve as parameters for designs of treatment plants for the treatment of heavy metal bearing effluents using maize cob or even any other agricultural by-products as adsorbents. Therefore, maize cob which is a waste has been employed in treating another waste, which is heavy metal wastewater, thereby achieving environmental friendliness. Study of Abdullahi Balarabe Sallau<sup>31</sup> explores the potential of corn cob powder for adsorption of Cr(VI) in aqueous solution. Effects of adsorbent dosage, pH, temperature, contact time and Cr(VI) concentration were investigated. Maximum adsorption was observed at 80 °C under acidic condition of pH 4 with a contact time of 120 min. The percentage removal efficiency was more than 90 % at lower initial Cr(VI) concentrations. Both Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption isotherms fitted reasonably well with the data and showed high correlation coefficient  $(R^2)$  values of 0.999 and 0.991, respectively. Based on this, the adsorbent can be used as a low cost alternative in biosorption of wastewaters containing lower concentrations of Cr(VI). The adsorption of Ni(II) on maize cob has been studied by Muthusamy et al.<sup>32</sup> using atomic absorption spectroscopy for metal estimation. Parameters like heavy metal concentration, adsorbent dose, contact time and agitation speed were studied. Langmuir and Freundlich isotherms were employed to describe adsorption equilibrium. Maximum amount of nickel adsorbed as evaluated by Freundlich isotherm is up to 99 %. Study concluded that maize cob, a waste material, have good potential as an adsorbent to remove toxic heavy metal like nickel from industrial wastewater. Table 2 summarizes the usage of types of rice maize/corn cob as an adsorbent.

Cajanus Cajan: Husk of tur dal (Cajanus cajan) was investigated by Ahalya et al.<sup>33</sup> as a new biosorbent for the removal of Fe(III) and Cr(VI) ions from aqueous solutions. Parameters like agitation time, adsorbent dosage and pH were studied at different initial Fe(III) and Cr(VI) concentrations. The biosorptive capacity of the tur dal husk was dependent on the pH of the chromium and iron solution, with pH 2 and 2.5 respectively being optimal. The adsorption data fit well with Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm models. The practical limiting adsorption capacity  $(q_{max})$  calculated from the Langmuir isotherm was 96.05 mg of Cr(VI)/g of the biosorbent at an initial pH of 2.0 and 66.65 mg  $g^{-1}$  at pH 2.5. The infrared spectra of the biomass revealed that hydroxyl, carboxyl and amide bonds are involved in the uptake of Cr(VI) and Fe(III) ions. Characterisation of tur dal husk has revealed that it is an excellent material for treating wastewaters containing low concentration of metal ions. Karunakaran et al.<sup>34</sup> *Cajanus Cajan* (L) milsp seed shell activated carbons (CCC), an agricultural waste, abundance, cheapness and environmentally friendly nature could be used as potential adsorbent for the removal of Fe(III) from aqueous solution contains heavy metals and polluted water. The Freundlich adsorption isotherm model describes the adsorption behaviour with good correlation coefficient. The adsorption of Fe(III) was depended on the pH of the solution. Based on the results, the optimum contact time is 30 minutes and

adsorbent dosage is 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. Polypyrrole conducting polymer is the most important conducting polymer that can be synthesized by chemical polymerization as coated form on the surface of CCC from aqueous solution. It was found that polypyrrole based conducting polymer was better adsorbent for removal Fe(III) compared to CCC from aqueous solution. The metal ion adsorption obeyed the pseudo- second order model based on the experimental and calculated  $q_e$  values. The removal of Fe(III) is simultaneously increased with increase in the temperature from 30 °C to 50 °C. The adsorptive removal of Ni(II) from aqueous solution using Cajanus Cajan (L) Milsp seed shells activated carbon and polypyrrole coated Cajanus cajan (L) milsp seed shells activated carbon (PPv/CCC) has been carried out by Thamilarasu et al.<sup>35</sup> under various experimental conditions. Quality of Ni(II) uptake at 50 mg of activated carbon is 25.75 mg  $g^{-1}$  for CCC and 29.60 mg g<sup>-1</sup> for PPy/CCC. Adsorption data are modeled with Freundlich, Langmuir and Temkin adsorption isotherm. Thermodynamic parameters such as  $\Delta H^{\circ}$ ,  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  have been calculated and the findings indicate that the adsorption is spontaneous and endothermic. Enthalpy change values range from 8.90 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> to 23.04 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, and based on these values the adsorption of Ni(II) by CCC could be a physiorption. A mechanism involving intra particle diffusion and surface adsorption has been proposed for adsorption of Ni(II) onto adsorbent. Adsorbent used in this study is also characterized by FT-IR and SEM before and after the adsorption of metal ions. Table 3 summarizes the usage of types of Cajanus cajan as an adsorbent.

Other agricultural waste product: Quek et al.<sup>36</sup> in their study on the use of sago waste for the sorption of lead and copper. Sago processing waste, which is both a waste and a pollutant, was used to adsorb lead and copper ions from solution. The sorption process was examined in terms of its equilibria and kinetics. The most effective pH range was found to be 4 to 5.5 for both metals. The equilibria data for both metals fitted both the Langmuir and the Freundlich models and based on the Langmuir constants, the sago waste had a greater sorption capacity for lead (46.6 mg  $g^{-1}$ ) than copper (12.4 mg  $g^{-1}$ ). The kinetic studies showed that the sorption rates could be described well by a second-order expression than by the more commonly applied Lagergren equation. Kadirvelu et al.<sup>3</sup> studied on utilization of various agricultural wastes for activated carbon preparation and application for the removal of dyes and metal ions from aqueous solution. Mercury(II) and nickel(II) were used in the study for various adsorbents. Activated carbon was prepared from agricultural solid wastes such as, silk cotton hulls, coconut tree sawdust, sago waste, maize cob and banana pitch. Erhan Demirbas et al.<sup>38</sup> reported that the batch removal of Cr(VI) from aqueous solution using low-cost adsorbents such as cornelian cherry, apricot stone and almond shell under different experimental conditions was investigated in this study. The influences of initial Cr(VI) ion concentration (20 to 300 mg·L<sup>-1</sup>), pH (1 to 4) and particle size (0.63 to 1.60 mm) have been reported. Adsorption of Cr(VI) is highly pH-dependent and the results indicate that the optimum pH for the removal was found to be 1 for all types of carbon. A comparison of kinetic models applied to the adsorption of Cr(VI) ions on the adsorbents was evaluated for the pseudo first-order, the pseudo second-order, Elovich and intraparticle

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diffusion kinetic models, respectively. Results show that the pseudo second-order kinetic model was found to correlate the experimental data well. In the investigation of Hema Krishna et al.<sup>39</sup> the powder of mosambi fruit

Table 3. Types of Cajanus Cajan as adsorbent for heavy metal

peelings (PMFP) was used as an inexpensive and efficient adsorbent for Ni(II) removal from aqueous solutions. The influence of physico-chemical key parameters such as the initial metal ion concentration, pH, agitation time, particle

Adsorbent	Heavy	y, %	References	
	Cr(VI)	Fe(III)	Ni(II)	
Tur dal husk	96.05	66.63	-	33
CCC (50 mg L <sup>-1</sup> ) at 50 °C	-	86.39	-	24
PPy/CCC (50 mg L <sup>-1</sup> ) at 50 °C	-	90.47	-	54
CCC (50 mg L <sup>-1</sup> ) at 50 °C	-	-	88.60	25
PPy/CCC (50 mg $L^{-1}$ ) at 50 °C	-	-	93.7	55

Table 4. Other types of agricultural wastes as adsorbent for heavy metal

Adsorbent			Heavy m	etal removal e	fficiency, %			References
	Ni(II)	Hg(II)	Cu(II)	Pb(II)	Cr(VI)	Cd(II)	Fe(III)	
Silk cotton carbon	64	100	-	-	-	-	-	
Coconut tree sawdust carbon	84.3	100	-	-	-	-	-	36
Sago waste carbon	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	50
Banan pitch carbon	96.40	100	-	-	-	-	-	
Sago waste	-	-	>75	>95	-	-	-	35
Cornelian cherry	-	-	-	-	>99	-	-	
Apricot stone	-	-	-	-	>98	-	-	37
Almond shells	-	-	-	-	>99	-	-	
Mosambi fruit peeling	>90	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Watermelon shell	-	-	>90	-	-	-	-	39
Almond shell	-	-	-	-	-	-	>90	40
Spent grain	-	-	-	>90	-	>90	-	42
Coconut husk	-	-	-	-	>80	-	-	
Palm pressed fibre	-	-	-	-	>80	-	-	44
Eucalyptus bark					99			5

size and adsorbent dosage has been considered in batch tests. Sorbent ability to adsorb Ni(II) ions was examined and the mechanism involved in the process investigated. The optimum results were determined at an initial metal ion concentration of 50 (mg L-1), pH=4, agitation time -90 min, an adsorbent dose (125 mg/50 ml) and the particle size (0.6 mm). The % adsorption, Langmuir constants  $[Q_0=29.41 \text{ mg g}^{-1} \text{ and } b=0.4789 \text{ L mg}^{-1}]$ , Freundlich constant  $K_f=23.92 \text{ mg g}^{-1} \text{ and } n=2.24 \text{ L mg}^{-1}$ , Lagergren rate constants  $[K_{ad}=4.37 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}]$  for [Ni(II)] 50 mg  $L^{-1}$ , were determined for the adsorption system as a function of sorbate concentration. The equilibrium data obtained were tested using Langmuir, Freundlich adsorption isotherm models, and the kinetic data obtained were fitted to pseudo first order model. The study of Koel Banerjee et al.<sup>40</sup> deals with the application of watermelon shell, an agricultural waste, for the adsorptive removal of Cu(II) from its aqueous solutions. This paper incorporates the effects of time, dose, temperature, concentration, particle size, agitation speed

and pH. Analytical techniques have been employed to find pore properties and characteristics of adsorbent materials. Batch kinetic and isotherm studies have also been performed to understand the ability of the adsorbents. The adsorption behavior of the Cu(II) has been studied using Freundlich, Langmuir and Tempkin adsorption isotherm models. The monolayer adsorption capacity determined from the Langmuir adsorption equation has been found as 111.1 mg g<sup>-1</sup>. Kinetic measurements suggest the involvement of pseudo-secondorder kinetics in adsorptions and is controlled by a particle diffusion process. Adsorption of Cu(II) on adsorbents was found to increase on decreasing initial concentration, increasing pH up to 8, increasing temperature, increasing agitation speed and decreasing particle size. Overall, the present findings suggest that watermelon outer shell is environmentally friendly, efficient and low-cost biosorbent which is useful for the removal of Cu(II) from aqueous media. G. Anusha et al.<sup>41</sup> discuss the ability of the almond shell based activated carbon in removing iron from the synthetic solution. The results clearly indicate that the carbon was effective in removing iron from the synthetic solution. For synthetic solution it was observed that the percentage removal of iron with increase in time of contact up to 20 minutes and after that there was no appreciable increase in the percentage removal. Hence the optimum contact time for synthetic solution was taken as 20 minutes. For synthetic solution, it was found that the percentage Iron removal increases from pH 1-9. Optimum pH is 5.0 which is the original pH of the solution. Spent grain obtained from brewery can be used to treat Pb(II) and Cd(II) ions as demonstrated by Low et al.<sup>41</sup> Treatment of spent grain with NaOH greatly enhanced adsorption of Cd(II) and Pb(II) ions, whereas HCl treated spent grain showed lower adsorption than the untreated spent grain. The increase in adsorption of heavy metal ions after base treatment could be explained by the increase in the amount of galacturonic acid groups after hydrolysis of Omethyl ester groups. The best pH range for metal adsorption was 4-6. Kinetic study reveals that the equilibrium time of adsorption was 120 min for both metal ions and adsorption followed pseudo-second-order model. The maximum adsorption capacity for lead was two times higher than cadmium. The effect of organic ligands (EDTA, nitrilotriacetic acid and salicylic acid) on adsorption efficiency was assessed and adsorption was greatly reduced by EDTA and nitrilotriacetic acid at molar ratio of 1:1 (metal:ligand). EDTA and nitrilotriacetic acid could chelate the heavy metal ions, therefore more metal ions would remain in the solutions rather than being adsorbed as suggested by Jeon and Park et al.<sup>42</sup> Salicylic acid on the other hand slightly reduced the percentage of cadmium adsorption but did not affect adsorption of lead. Halim et al.43 studied on removal of lead ions from industrial wastewater by different types of natural materials. From the research done it was reported that at lead concentration of 4 mg  $L^{-1}$  and pH 6 the adsorption capacity is maximum for Nile rose plant powder at 80 % removal and at the same concentration and pH it was also reported that bone powder removed 98.8 % of lead. Tan et al.44 Studied on removal of chromium (VI) from solution by coconut husk and palm pressed fibres and it was investigated using batch and column techniques. For both substrates, the optimum pH for maximum removal is at 2.0 which corresponds to >80 % removal. Sarin et al.<sup>5</sup> reported that removal of poisonous hexavalent form of chromium from solutions was possible using selected adsorbents. Eucalyptus bark (EB) was the most effective for which the removal reached more than 99 % for Cr(VI) at concentration of 200 ppm and at pH 2. Increase in the dose of adsorbent, initial concentration of Cr(VI) and increase in contact time upto 2 h are favorable for all increase the adsorption of Cr(VI). The kinetic of the Cr(VI) adsorption on EB was found to follow first order mechanism. The Gibbs free energy was obtained for each system. It was found to be -1.884 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Cr(VI) and -3.872 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for Cr(III) for removal from industrial effluent. The adsorption data can be satisfactorily explained by Freundlich isotherm. Higher sorption capacity of this sorbent indicates that eucalyptus bark can be used for the treatment of chromium effluent. Table 4 summarizes the usage of some of agricultural waste as an adsorbent:

#### Conclusion

According to literature data adsorption is very popular method for the removal of heavy metals from wastewater. In this paper, the removal performance of low cost adsorbent derived from agricultural waste such as rice husk, maize cob, Cajanus cajan, sago waste, apricot shell, almond shell, mosambi fruit peel, watermelon shell etc. has been reviewed. It is evident from Table 1 to table 4 that low cost adsorbent have outstanding removal capabilities for heavy metals like Cu(II), Fe(III), Ni(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Cr(VI), Pb(II) etc. Adsorption capacity of an adsorbent depands on several parameters like dosage of adsorbent, initial concentration of heavy metals insolution, pH value and tempreture. It is important to note, adsorption capacities of the adsorbents presented in this article vary, depending on the characteristics of the individual adsorbents. Low-cost, effectiveness and availability of described materials suggest that they can be used in place of expensive activated carbon for the removal of heavy metal ions from solutions.

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Experimental data have been collected from the published literature for the gas-to-ionic liquid partition coefficients and molar enthalpies of solvation for over 60 solutes in the ionic liquids 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetracyanoborate ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>), 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpiperidinium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>), and 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>), and 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([MeoeMPyr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) over the temperature range 318.15 K to 368.15 K. The logarithm of the gas-to-ionic liquid partition coefficient,  $\log K_L$ , have been correlated to a temperature independent free energy relationship utilizing known Abraham solvation parameters. The resulting mathematical expressions describe the experimental  $\log K_L$  values to within a standard deviation of 0.077 log units or less and  $\Delta H_{solv}$  to within a standard deviation of 1.344 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> or less.

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#### Introduction

For over twenty years, room-temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) have been used in an ever growing area of study with regards to chemical separations. One of the most prominent features of ionic liquids is the ability to fine-tune and target specific solubilizing effects based on the choice of cation or anion, or even the side chains on the cation. The 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpiperidinium RTILs bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>), 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis(triand fluoromethylsulfonyl)imide  $([MeoeMPyrr]^+[Tf_2N]^-),$ specifically the 2-methoxyethyl side chain, have both been shown to be particularly good at separations involving polar/non-polar azeotropic mixtures,<sup>1,2</sup> while the RTIL 1hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetracyanoborate ([MHIm]+ [B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) has been shown to be very selective for aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons.<sup>3</sup> RTILs that contain the anion  $[Tf_2N]^-$  have been shown to be completely immiscible with water while RTILs containing the cation [MHIm]<sup>+</sup> have been shown to be partly soluble in water. These solubilizing characteristics allow for RTILs of this type of be used in liquid-liquid extractions between the RTIL and aqueous solution.

To date, the Abraham Solvation Parameter Model has been used to predict various solvation processes in a variety of types of solvent systems, including: the partitioning of solutes in polar organic solvents,<sup>4-9</sup> the partitioning of solutes in non-polar organic solvents,<sup>10-12</sup> the partitioning within micelles,<sup>13,14</sup> solute partitioning within important biological systems,<sup>15-17</sup> toxicity in aquatic organisms,<sup>18-21</sup> solute partitioning in RTILs,<sup>22-27</sup> and solute partitioning in binary solvent systems.<sup>28</sup> The Abraham Model can be written to predict the logarithm of the gas-to-solvent partition coefficient (log $K_L$ ) and the logarithm of the water-to-solvent partition coefficient logP, as shown in Eqns. 1 and 2 respectively. The Abraham Model has also been applied in the prediction of enthalpies of solvation,<sup>29-34</sup> as shown in Eqn. 3.

$$\log K_{L} = c_{K} + e_{K}E + s_{K}S + a_{K}A + b_{K}B + l_{K}L$$
(1)

$$\log P = c_P + e_P E + s_P S + a_P A + b_P B + v_P V$$
(2)

 $\Delta H_{solv} = c_{H,solv} + e_{H,solv} E + s_{H,solv} S + a_{H,solv} A +$ 

$$b_{H,solv} B + l_{H,solv} L \tag{3}$$

Within the Abraham Model, the independent values are defined as solute-specific descriptor terms. These terms are defined as: *E* is the solute's excess molar refraction in units of 0.1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>35</sup> *S* is a measure of the solute's combined polarizability and dipolarity,<sup>36</sup> *A* is a measure of the solute's overall hydrogen-bond acidity,<sup>37</sup> *B* is a measure of the solute's characteristic McGowan's molecular volume in units of 0.01 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>39</sup> and *L* is the logarithm of the solute's gasto-hexadecane partition coefficient at 298 K.<sup>40</sup> The calculated coefficients  $c_{\rm K}$ ,  $e_{\rm K}$ ,  $s_{\rm K}$ ,  $a_{\rm K}$ ,  $b_{\rm K}$ ,  $l_{\rm K}$ ,  $c_{\rm P}$ ,  $e_{\rm P}$ ,  $a_{\rm P}$ ,  $b_{\rm P}$ ,  $v_{\rm P}$ ,  $c_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $e_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $a_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $h_{\rm H,solv}$  have the following defined physico-chemical properties: e is a

measure of the solvent system's interactions with the solute's  $\pi$ - and non-bonding electrons. s is a measure of the solvent system's combined polarizability and dipolarity, a is a measure of the solvent system's hydrogen-bond basicity and is complimentary to the solute's hydrogen-bond acidity, b is a measure of the solvent system's hydrogen-bond acidity and is complimentary to the solute's hydrogen-bond basicity, and l and v are measures of general dispersion forces necessary to create a cavity in the solvent system for solubilizing the solute. When the solvent coefficients are combined with their complimentary descriptors, the resulting product can be used to characterize that particular solute-solvent interaction. For the partitioning between two condensed phases, the coefficient values can be used to indicate the differences between the two phases of that particular property.

Sprunger, et al.<sup>41-43</sup> have expanded the Abraham Model so that the gas-to-RTIL partition coefficient can be predicted based on ion-specific coefficients for individual cations and anions, as shown in Eqn. 4. Utilizing the ion-specific coefficients, RTILs can be synthesized that take advantage of specific properties that may be attractive for specific separations.

$$\log K_L = (c_{K,\text{cation}} + c_{K,\text{anion}}) + (e_{K,\text{cation}} + e_{K,\text{anion}}) E +$$

$$(s_{K,\text{cation}} + s_{K,\text{anion}}) S + (a_{K,\text{cation}} + a_{K,\text{anion}}) A +$$

$$(b_{K,\text{cation}} + b_{K,\text{anion}}) B + (l_{K,\text{cation}} + l_{K,\text{anion}}) L \quad (4)$$

Mintz, et al.<sup>44</sup> and Sprunger, et al.<sup>45</sup> describe a basis for incorporating temperature dependent terms into the Abraham Model that comes from the Gibbs' Free Energy Relationship, Eqn. 5, and the relation between  $\Delta G_{solv}$  and  $K_L$ , Eqn. 6, where *R* is the universal gas constant in units of J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>, *T* is the temperature of the system in Kelvin, and  $K_L$  is the gas-to-solvent partition coefficient.

$$\Delta G_{\rm solv} = \Delta H_{\rm solv} - T \Delta S_{\rm solv} \tag{5}$$

$$\Delta G_{\rm solv} = -\mathbf{R}T\ln K_L \tag{6}$$

Converting Eqn. 6 from base e to base 10 so that the results correspond to previous Abraham Model correlations, yields Eqn. 7.

$$\Delta G_{\rm solv} = -2.303 \ \mathrm{R}T \log K_L \tag{7}$$

Using Eqns. 1, 3, 5 and 7, the Abraham Model can be applied to the prediction of  $\Delta S_{solv}$ , expressed as Eqn. 8.

$$\Delta S_{\text{solv}} = c_{S,\text{solv}} + e_{S,\text{solv}} E + s_{S,\text{solv}} S + a_{S,\text{solv}} A + b_{S,\text{solv}} B + l_{S,\text{solv}} L$$
(8)

Eqns. 3, 5, 7, and 8 can now be combined and rewritten as Eqn. 9, and simplified into Eqn. 10.

$$-2.303 \text{ R}T \log K_L = c_{H,\text{solv}} + e_{H,\text{solv}} E + s_{H,\text{solv}} S + a_{H,\text{solv}} A +$$

$$b_{H,\text{solv}} B + l_{H,\text{solv}} L - T (c_{S,\text{solv}} + e_{S,\text{solv}} E + s_{S,\text{solv}} S +$$

$$a_{S,\text{solv}} A + b_{S,\text{solv}} B + l_{S,\text{solv}} L$$
 (9)

$$\log K = \left(c_{\rm S} - \frac{c_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{1}{2.303R} + \left(e_{\rm S} - \frac{e_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{E}{2.303R} + \left(s_{\rm S} - \frac{s_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{S}{2.303R} + \left(a_{\rm S} - \frac{a_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{A}{2.303R} + \left(b_{\rm S} - \frac{b_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{B}{2.303R} + \left(l_{\rm S} - \frac{l_{\rm H}}{T}\right) \frac{L}{2.303R}$$
(10)

Because of the relationship between log  $K_L$  and  $\Delta H_{solv}$ , the  $c_H$ ,  $e_H$ ,  $s_H$ ,  $a_H$ ,  $b_H$ , and  $l_H$  coefficients from Eqn. 10 should yield the same coefficients as for Eqn. 3.

#### Data sets and computation methodology

Gas-to-solvent partition coefficients KL were found for the RTILs 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetracyanoborate  $([MHIm]^+[B(CN)_4]^-)^3$  1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpiperidinium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([MeoeMPip]+  $[Tf_2N]^-)$ ,<sup>2</sup> and 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide  $([MeoeMPyrr]^+[Tf_2N]^-)^1$ by performing a search of the chemical literature. All of the partition coefficients were converted to  $\log K_L$  and tabulated with the necessary solute descriptors in a 12 column matrix. Enthalpies of solvation were calculated using the relationship given in Eqn. 11 and tabulated with the necessary solute descriptors into a 5 column matrix. A linear regression was performed on each matrix using the statistical software program SPSS 20.0. For the  $\log K_{\rm L}$ correlation, the linear regression was forced through the origin. For the  $\Delta H_{solv}$  correlation, the linear regression was not forced through the origin.

$$\Delta H_{\rm solv} = -2.303 \, \text{R} \, \left[ d \log K_L / \, d(1/T) \right] \tag{11}$$

Table 1 lists all solute descriptors used for the analysis of the three RTILs. The solute descriptors used came from a database that the authors have compiled and were initially obtained using experimental data such as water-to-solvent partition coefficients, gas-to-solvent partition coefficients, solubility, and chromatographic data. Numerical values for the descriptors used in the analysis of the three ionic liquids cover the same area of predictive space, with values for each descriptor ranging from: E = -0.063 to E = 0.851, S = 0.000to S = 0.950, A = 0.000 to A = 0.820, B = 0.000 to B = 0.640, and L = 0.260 to L = 4.686. The solutes used in each correlation show a wide range of functionality as well as non-polar and polar characteristics. For all correlations, the authors report the N (number of data points),  $R^2$  (square of the correlation coefficient), F (Fisher's F-Statistic), and SD (standard deviation).

**Table 1.** Solute descriptors used in the analyses

Solute	Ε	S	A	B	L
Pentane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.162
Hexane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.668
3-Methylpentane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.581
2,2-Dimethylbutane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.352
Heptane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.173
Octane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.677
2,2,4-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.106
trimethylpentane					
Nonane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.182
Decane	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.686
Cyclopentane	0.263	0.100	0.000	0.000	2.477
Cyclohexane	0.310	0.100	0.000	0.000	2.964
Methylcyclohexane	0.244	0.060	0.000	0.000	3.319
Cycloheptane	0.350	0.100	0.000	0.000	3.704
Cyclooctane	0.413	0.100	0.000	0.000	4.329
Pent-1-ene	0.093	0.080	0.000	0.070	2.047
Hex-1-ene	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.070	2.572
Cyclohexene	0.395	0.280	0.000	0.090	2.952
Hept-1-ene	0.092	0.080	0.000	0.070	3.063
Oct-1-ene	0.090	0.080	0.000	0.070	3.568
Dec-1-ene	0.093	0.080	0.000	0.070	4.554
Hex-1-yne	0.166	0.220	0.100	0.120	2.510
Hept-1-yne	0.160	0.230	0.090	0.100	3.000
Oct-1-yne	0.155	0.220	0.090	0.100	3.521
Benzene	0.610	0.520	0.000	0.140	2.786
Toluene	0.601	0.520	0.000	0.140	3.325
Ethylbenzene	0.613	0.510	0.000	0.150	3.778
o-Xylene	0.663	0.560	0.000	0.160	3.939
<i>m</i> -Xylene	0.623	0.520	0.000	0.160	3.839
<i>p</i> -Xylene	0.613	0.520	0.000	0.160	3.839
Styrene	0.849	0.650	0.000	0.160	3.856
α-Methylstyrene	0.851	0.640	0.000	0.190	4.290
Thiophene	0.687	0.570	0.000	0.150	2.819
Methanol	0.278	0.440	0.430	0.470	0.970
Ethanol	0.246	0.420	0.370	0.480	1.485
Propan-1-ol	0.236	0.420	0.370	0.480	2.031
Propan-2-ol	0.212	0.360	0.330	0.560	1.764
Butan-1-ol	0.224	0.420	0.370	0.480	2.601
Butan-2-ol	0.217	0.360	0.330	0.560	2.338
2-Methyl-1-propanol	0.217	0.390	0.370	0.480	2.413
tert-Butanol	0.180	0.300	0.510	0.600	1.903
A partia paid	0.000	0.600	0.590	0.460	0.245
Acetic acid	0.205	0.640	0.620	0.440	1.810
1 4 Diouana	0.289	0.520	0.000	0.480	2.030
1,4-DIOXalle	0.329	0.750	0.000	0.040	2.092
ether	0.024	0.220	0.000	0.550	2.372
<i>tert</i> -Butyl ethyl ether	-0.020	0 160	0.000	0.600	2 720
<i>tert</i> -Amyl methyl	0.050	0.210	0.000	0.600	2.916
ether	0.020	0.210	0.000	0.000	2.910
Diethyl ether	0.041	0.250	0.000	0.450	2.015
Dipropyl ether	0.008	0.250	0.000	0.450	2.954
Diisopropyl ether	-0.063	0.170	0.000	0.570	2.501
Dibutyl ether	0.000	0.250	0.000	0.450	3.924
Acetone	0.179	0.700	0.040	0.490	1.696
Pentan-2-one	0.143	0.680	0.000	0.510	2.755
Pentan-3-one	0.154	0.660	0.000	0.510	2.811
Methyl acetate	0.142	0.640	0.000	0.450	1.911
Ethyl acetate	0.106	0.620	0.000	0.450	2.314
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Methyl propanoate	0.128	0.600	0.000	0.450	2.431
Methyl butanoate	0.106	0.600	0.000	0.450	2.893
Butanal	0.187	0.650	0.000	0.450	2.270
Acetonitrile	0.237	0.900	0.070	0.320	1.739
Pyridine	0.631	0.840	0.000	0.520	3.022
1-Nitropropane	0.242	0.950	0.000	0.310	2.894

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Values for  $\log K_{\rm L}$  and  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  have been assembled and tabulated in Table 2 for the partitioning of 61 solutes in ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) over the temperature range of 318.15 K to 368.15 K. A regression analysis of the entire data set listed in Table 2 yielded Eqns. 12 and 13. Figure 1 is presented as a comparison of the experimental  $\log K_{\rm L}$  values from Table 2 and the calculated  $\log K_{\rm L}$  from Eqn. 12.

 $\log K_L = -7.641(0.471)/(2.303R) +$ 

[16.206(10.807) - (5233(3708)/T)][E/(2.303R)] +

[-15.729(10.624)-(-19911(3644)/T)][S/(2.303R)] +

[-37.872(10.466)-(25751(3587)/T)][A/(2.303R)] +

[-8.254(10.711)-(-4842(3668)/T)][B/(2.303R)] +

[-14.280(0.935) - (-8336(316)/T)][L/(2.303R)](12)

 $N = 361, R^2 = 0.999, F = 25965, SD = 0.077$  log units

 $\Delta H_{\text{solv}} = 4098(1159) E - 17444(1147) S - 24979(1142) A - 6532(1181) B - 8313(104) L$ (13)

 $N = 61, R^2 = 0.998, F = 6880, SD = 1344 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ 

For these correlations, the  $\Delta H_{solv}$  data was converted from kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> to J mol<sup>-1</sup> so that a comparison of the  $c_{\rm H}$ ,  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 12 could be made to the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $e_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $a_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $b_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $l_{\rm H,solv}$  coefficients from Eqn. 13. During the analysis of the log $K_{\rm L}$  data, it was found that the  $c_{\rm S}$  coefficient had a linear covariance and was thus excluded from the regression. When the  $c_{\rm H}$  term from the original  $log K_{\rm L}$  correlation was compared to the original  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  term from the original  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  correlation, the two terms were not in agreement with each other. Therefore, a new regression was calculated for  $log K_{\rm L}$  which excluded the  $c_{\rm H}$  term, presented as Eqn. 12, and a new regression was calculated for  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  term, presented as Eqn. 13.

Eqn. 14 was derived by writing the  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$ , coefficients from Eqn. 12 to predict  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ .

 $\Delta H_{\text{solv}} = 5233(3708) E - 19911(3644) S - 25751(3587) A -$ 

$$4842(3688) B - 8336(316) L \tag{14}$$

 $SD = 1424 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $AAE = 1064 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $AE = 192 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ 

Reported are the *SD*, *AAE* (absolute average error), and *AE* (average error) for the prediction of  $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}$  based on Eqn. 14. As shown, Eqn. 14 predicts  $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}$  to within a similar standard deviation as Eqn. 13. The very low *AE* and *AAE* values show very little bias between using Eqn. 13 or Eqn. 14 to predict  $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}$ . Eqn. 14 also illustrates that the  $e_{\text{H}}$ ,  $s_{\text{H}}$ ,  $a_{\text{H}}$ ,  $b_{\text{H}}$  and  $l_{\text{H}}$  coefficients from Eqn. 12 and the  $e_{\text{H,solv}}$ ,  $s_{\text{H,solv}}$ ,  $a_{\text{H,solv}}$ ,  $b_{\text{H,solv}}$  and  $l_{\text{H,solv}}$  coefficients from Eqn. 13 are individually within the statistical error of their respective counterparts.



**Figure 1.** Graph of experimental logarithm of gas-to- $[MHIm]^+[B(CN)_4]^-$  partition coefficient (log $K_L$ ) versus calculated log $K_L$  based on Eq. 12.

As an informational note one could develop Abraham model correlations for each individual temperature. As noted by Mintz et al.44 and Sprunger et al.45 offers over such temperature-specifc correlations is that one can develop correlations for more partitioning process and for more ionic liquid solvents. For example, lets assume that one was able to find log  $K_L$  data 20 solutes in ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) at 298 K, log  $K_L$  data for a different set of 20 solutes in  $([MHIm]^+[B(CN)_4]^-)$  at 318.15 K, and log  $K_L$  data for a third set of 20 different solutes in ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) at 368 K. There would be insufficient experimental data to develop a meaningful Abraham model correlation at any of the three temperatures mentioned. However, by pooling the 60 log  $K_L$  values for ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup> [B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) into a single dataset, one could develop a predictive correlation based on Eqn. 10. Such predictions would not be possible with Eqn. 1 which requires that all of the experimental data be at the same temperature.

To determine the predictability of Eqn. 12, the data in Table 2 was analyzed using a training set and test analysis. In this method of analysis, the complete data set is randomly split in half and divided into a training set and a test set. In the event that the complete data set has an odd number of data points, the extra data point is included in the training set. A linear regression is then performed on the training set and a new training correlation is calculated. This training correlation is then used to predict the values in the test set, and the *SD*, *AAE*, and *AE* are reported. Eqn. 15 is the resultant correlation from randomly splitting half of the  $\log K_L$  data reported in Table 2. Using Eqn. 15 to predict the values in the test set yielded a *SD* = 0.083 log units, *AAE* = 0.055, and *AE* = -0.004. The very small difference in the coefficient values calculated between the training set and parent set show that the training set compounds and temperatures. The low *AE* value shows very little bias between using Eqns. 12 and 15.

 $\log K_{L} = -7.699(0.653)/(2,303 \text{ R}) +$  [15.446(14.979) - (4914(5133)/T)] [E/(2.303 R)] + [-14.226(15.704) - (-19294(5388)/T)][S/(2.303 R)] + [-58.028(17.935) - (-33067(6232)/T)] [A/(2.303 R)] + [-9.661(15.007) - (-5405(5189)/T)] [B/(2.303 R)] + [-14.012(1.297) - (-8245(445)/T)] [L/(2.303 R)](15)

 $N = 181, R^2 = 0.999, F = 13690, SD = 0.074 \log units$ 

Values for  $\log K_{L}$  and  $\Delta H_{solv}$  have been assembled and tabulated in Table 3 for the partitioning of 61 solutes in ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) over the temperature range of 318.15 K to 368.15 K. A regression analysis of the entire data set listed in Table 3 yielded Eqns. 16 and 17. Figure 2 is presented as a comparison of the experimental  $\log K_{L}$  values from Table 3 and the calculated  $\log K_{L}$  from Eqn. 16.

 $\log K_L = -10.878(0.387)/(2.303 \text{ R}) +$ 

[0.536(6.437) - (-14440(2202)/T)][S/(2.303 R)] +

[-29.947(9.729) - (-23020(3325)/T)] [A/(2.303 R)] +

[-17.927(7.920) - (-7332(2707)/T)] [B/(2.303 R)] +

 $[-12.721(0.706) - (-7802(239)/T)] [L/(2.303 \text{ R})] \quad (16)$ 

 $N = 365, R^2 = 0.999, F = 31686, SD = 0.069 \log units$ 

$$\Delta H_{\text{solv}} = -14486(805) S - 22955(1223) A -$$

$$7248(991) B - 7791(88) L \tag{17}$$

 $N = 61, R^2 = 0.998, F = 7868, SD = 1335$ J/mol

For these correlations, the  $\Delta H_{solv}$  data was converted from kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> to J mol<sup>-1</sup> so that a comparison of the  $c_{\rm H}$ ,  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 16 could be made to the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $e_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $a_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $b_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $l_{\rm H,solv}$  coefficients from Eqn. 17. Coincidentally, during the analysis of the log $K_{\rm L}$  data for ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>), it was found that the  $c_{\rm S}$  coefficient was found to have a linear covariance and was thus excluded from the regression. When the  $c_{\rm H}$  term from

the original  $\log K_{\rm L}$  correlation was compared to the original  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  term from the original  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  correlation, the two terms were also not in agreement with each other, as occurred for ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>). Further analysis of the correlation for log  $K_{\rm L}$  showed that the  $e_{\rm S}$  and  $e_{\rm H}$  terms were very small, 9.267(8.538) and 1986(2921) respectively. These terms were subsequently set equal to zero and the regression was performed once again. Eqn. 16 is the resultant correlation obtained by removing the  $c_{\rm H}$ ,  $e_{\rm S}$  and  $e_{\rm H}$  terms and Eqn. 17 is the resultant correlation obtained when the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $e_{\rm H,solv}$  terms are removed.

Eqn. 18 was derived by writing the  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$ , coefficients from Eqn. 16 to predict  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ .

$$\Delta H_{\rm solv} = -14440(2202) S - 23020(3325) A - 7332(2707) B$$

(18)

 $SD = 1335 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $AAE = 1011 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $AE = -93 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ .

-7802(239) L

Reported are the *SD*, *AAE*, and *AE* for the prediction of  $\Delta H_{solv}$  based on Eqn. 18. As shown, Eqn. 18 predicts  $\Delta H_{solv}$  to within the same standard deviation as Eqn. 17. The very low *AE* and *AAE* values show very little bias between using Eqn. 17 or Eqn. 18 to predict  $\Delta H_{solv}$ . Eqn. 18 also illustrates that the  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 16 and the  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $a_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $b_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $l_{\rm H,solv}$  coefficients from Eqn. 17 are individually within the statistical error of their respective counterparts.



**Figure 2.** Graph of experimental logarithm of gas-to-([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) partition coefficient (log $K_L$ ) versus calculated log $K_L$  based on Eqn. 16.

To determine the predictability of Eqn. 16, the data in Table 3 was also analyzed using a training set and test analysis. Eqn. 19 is the resultant correlation from randomly splitting half of the log $K_L$  data reported in Table 3. Using Eqn. 19 to predict the values in the test set yielded a SD = 0.071 log units, AAE = 0.053, and AE = 0.002.

The very small difference in the coefficient values calculated between the training set and parent set show that the training set compounds and temperatures are representative of the parent compounds and temperatures. The low AE value shows very little bias between using Eqns. 16 and 19.

$$\log K_{L} = -10.992(0.562)/(2.303 \text{ R}) + [5.061(9.173) - (-12834(3131)/T)][S/(2.303 \text{ R})] + [-16.206(14.399) - (-18341(4871)/T)] [A/(2.303 \text{ R})] + [-27.181(12.155) - (-10547(4150)/T)] [B/(2.303 \text{ R})] + [-12.610(0.926) - (-7777(307)/T)] [L/(2.303 \text{ R})]$$
(19)

 $N = 183, R^2 = 0.999, F = 17102, SD = 0.068 \log units$ 

It should be noted that Marciniak and Wlazło<sup>2</sup> also corelated the log  $K_L$  data for ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) in terms of the Abraham model. The authors developed temperature-specific correlations in the form of Eqn. 1 for each of the six temperatures studied. A total of 36 curve-fit equation coefficients were needed to describe the 365 experimental data points to an average standard deviation of SD = 0.059 log units. Our method, Eqn. 16, has only nine curve-fit equation coefficients and describes the 365 log  $K_L$  values to within SD = 0.069 log units. Very little loss in predictive ability resulted from our method of combining all 365 experimental values into a single regression analysis.

Values for  $\log K_L$  and  $\Delta H_{solv}$  have been assembled and tabulated in Table 4 for the partitioning of 61 solutes in ([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) over the temperature range of 318.15 K to 368.15 K. A regression analysis of the entire data set listed in Table 4 yielded Eqns. 20 and 21. Figure 3 is presented as a comparison of the experimental  $\log K_L$  values from Table 4 and the calculated  $\log K_L$  from Eqn. 20.

 $\log K_{L} = -10.033(0.375)/(2.303 \text{ R}) + \\ [10.075(8.499) - (2557(2905)/T)] [E/(2.303 \text{ R})] + \\ [-7.117(8.475) - (-16471(2897)/T)][S/(2.303 \text{ R})] + \\ [-33.881(9.165) - (-24144(3132)/T)] [A/(2.303 \text{ R})] + \\ [-12.474(8.752) - (-6027(2992)/T)] [B/(2.303 \text{ R})] + \\ [-13.508(0.763) - (-7875(258)/T)] [L/(2.303 \text{ R})]$ (20)

 $N = 366, R^2 = 0.999, F = 30869, SD = 0.064 \log units$ 

 $\Delta H_{\rm solv} = -2534(1090) E - 16481(1086) S -$ 

24066(1175)A - 5998(1123) B - 7856(97) L(21)

 $N = 61, R^2 = 0.998, F = 6976, SD = 1260 J/mol$ 

For these correlations, the  $\Delta H_{solv}$  data was converted from kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> to J mol<sup>-1</sup> so that a comparison of the  $c_{\rm H}$ ,  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 20 could be made to the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $a_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $b_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $l_{\rm H,solv}$  coefficients from Eqn. 21. Coincidentally, during the analysis of the log $K_{\rm L}$  data for ([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>), it was found that the  $c_{\rm S}$ , coefficient was found to have a linear covariance and was

thus excluded from the regression. When the  $c_{\rm H}$  term from the original log $K_{\rm L}$  correlation was compared to the original  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  term from the original  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  correlation, the two terms were also not in agreement with each other, as occurred for ([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) and ([MeoeMPip]<sup>+</sup> [Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>). Once again, Eqn. 20 is the resultant correlation obtained by removing the  $c_{\rm H}$  term and Eqn. 21 is the resultant correlation obtained when the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  term is removed.

Eqn. 22 was derived by writing the  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$ , and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 20 to predict  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ .

 $\Delta H_{\rm solv} = 2557(2905) E - 16471(2897) S -$ 

$$24144(3132) A - 6027(2992) B - 7875(258) L(22)$$

$$SD = 1263 \text{ J mol}^{-1}, AAE = 1005 \text{ J mol}^{-1}, AE = -7 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

Reported are the *SD*, *AAE*, and *AE* for the prediction of  $\Delta H_{solv}$  based on Eqn. 22. As shown, Eqn. 22 predicts  $\Delta H_{solv}$  to within a similar standard deviation as Eqn. 21. The very low *AE* and *AAE* values show very little bias between using Eqn. 21 or Eqn. 22 to predict  $\Delta H_{solv}$ . Eqn. 22 also illustrates that the  $e_{\rm H}$ ,  $s_{\rm H}$ ,  $a_{\rm H}$ ,  $b_{\rm H}$  and  $l_{\rm H}$  coefficients from Eqn. 20 and the  $c_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $e_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $s_{\rm H,solv}$ ,  $b_{\rm H,solv}$  and  $l_{\rm H,solv}$  coefficients from Eqn. 21 are individually within the statistical error of their respective counterparts.

Table 2. Logarithm of gas-to-([MHIm]<sup>+</sup>[B(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) partition coefficients at various temperatures and enthalpies of solvation (in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>a</sup>

Solute			$\Delta H_{solv}$						
Temperature, K	318.15	328.15	338.15	348.15	358.15	368.15	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>		
Pentane	0.917	0.820	0.732	0.645	0.569	0.496	-18.887		
Hexane	1.246	1.130	1.021	0.919	0.827	0.736	-22.814		
3-Methylpentane	1.215	1.100	0.997	0.898	0.808	0.720	-22.131		
2,2-Dimethylbutane	1.025	0.923	0.830	0.739	0.658	0.580	-19.965		
Heptane	1.567	1.431	1.305	1.188	1.079	0.977	-26.423		
Octane	1.884	1.728	1.583	1.446	1.322	1.204	-30.448		
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	1.491	1.362	1.241	1.124	1.021	0.922	-25.547		
Nonane	2.196	2.021	1.857	1.703	1.565	1.431	-34.262		
Decane	2.508	2.310	2.130	1.959	1.805	1.658	-38.033		
Cyclopentane	1.365	1.255	1.155	1.057	0.970	0.885	-21.531		
Cyclohexane	1.679	1.555	1.439	1.332	1.228	1.134	-24.481		
Methylcyclohexane	1.840	1.704	1.581	1.459	1.350	1.246	-26.650		
Cycloheptane	2.179	2.033	1.892	1.760	1.640	1.526	-29.312		
Cyclooctane	2.615	2.442	2.283	2.134	1.994	1.863	-33.670		
Hex-1-ene	1.459	1.336	1.220	1.111	1.009	0.915	-24.433		
Cyclohexene	1.985	1.846	1.720	1.593	1.484	1.378	-27.185		
Hept-1-ene	1.779	1.634	1.501	1.375	1.260	1.149	-28.194		
Oct-1-ene	2.093	1.930	1.777	1.633	1.504	1.380	-31.974		
Dec-1-ene	2.714	2.508	2.324	2.146	1.985	1.832	-39.487		
Hex-1-yne	2.029	1.879	1.740	1.606	1.486	1.371	-29.510		
Hept-1-yne	2.352	2.182	2.025	1.873	1.736	1.607	-33.403		
Oct-1-yne	2.666	2.476	2.299	2.130	1.980	1.836	-37.206		
Benzene	2.629	2.471	2.320	2.182	2.053	1.931	-31.295		
Toluene	2.982	2.801	2.629	2.473	2.326	2.188	-35.599		
Ethylbenzene	3.252	3.053	2.866	2.695	2.534	2.384	-38.901		
o-Xylene	3.464	3.254	3.058	2.879	2.710	2.553	-40.820		
m-Xylene	3.316	3.110	2.919	2.744	2.579	2.425	-39.887		
p-Xylene	3.310	3.103	2.915	2.737	2.574	2.420	-39.850		
Styrene		3.441	3.239	3.052	2.878	2.715	-41.945		
α-Methylstyrene		3.614	3.395	3.195	3.007	2.831	-45.191		
Methanol	2.400	2.250	2.111	1.984	1.865	1.757	-28.807		
Ethanol	2.582	2.418	2.267	2.127	1.994	1.874	-31.737		
Propan-1-ol	2.925	2.739	2.569	2.408	2.260	2.127	-35.771		
Propan-2-ol	2.625	2.452	2.292	2.143	2.009	1.884	-33.194		
Butan-1-ol	3.279	3.072	2.880	2.703	2.542	2.391	-39.749		
Butan-2-ol	2.952	2.759	2.582	2.417	2.267	2.127	-36.920		
2-Methyl-1-propanol	3.087	2.891	2.708	2.539	2.384	2.238	-38.043		
tert-Butanol	2.631	2.452	2.290	2.137	1.993	1.864	-34.386		
Water	2.668	2.505	2.356	2.217	2.090	1.964	-31.458		
Acetic acid		3.540	3.340	3.153	2.979	2.816	-41.860		
Solute	$\log K_{\rm L}$ $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$								

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Temperature, K	318.15	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	338.15	348.15	358.15	368.15	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Thiophene	2.759	2.593	2.441	2.301	2.167	2.045	-31.953
Tetrahydrofuran	2.626	2.465	2.318	2.179	2.053	1.935	-30.959
1,4-Dioxane	3.295	3.101	2.921	2.754	2.599	2.452	-37.775
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1.914	1.768	1.634	1.507	1.391	1.281	-28.346
tert-Butyl ethyl ether	1.839	1.689	1.553	1.422	1.301	1.188	-29.186
tert-Amyl methyl ether	2.248	2.083	1.933	1.790	1.660	1.535	-31.894
Diethyl ether	1.623	1.496	1.378	1.265	1.161	1.064	-25.063
Dipropyl ether	2.076	1.920	1.775	1.636	1.511	1.391	-30.694
Diisopropyl ether	1.759	1.612	1.473	1.342	1.225	1.114	-28.922
Dibutyl ether	2.689	2.496	2.316	2.143	1.987	1.839	-38.115
Acetone	2.621	2.468	2.326	2.196	2.072	1.958	-29.707
Pentan-2-one	3.176	2.987	2.813	2.650	2.501	2.360	-36.526
Pentan-3-one	3.182	2.993	2.816	2.652	2.502	2.360	-36.822
Methyl acetate	2.456	2.299	2.152	2.021	1.893	1.773	-30.557
Ethyl acetate	2.661	2.486	2.326	2.182	2.041	1.915	-33.372
Methyl propanoate	2.735	2.559	2.394	2.243	2.104	1.975	-34.044
Methyl butanoate	3.002	2.810	2.630	2.467	2.316	2.173	-37.080
Butanal	2.944	2.789	2.644	2.512	2.387	2.272	-30.120
Acetonitrile	3.502	3.309	3.125	2.958	2.800	2.651	-38.133
Pyridine		3.473	3.285	3.111	2.950	2.797	-39.012
1-Nitropropane		3.473	3.285	3.111	2.950	2.797	-39.012

<sup>a</sup> Experimental gas-to-liquid partition coefficient data taken from Domańska et al.<sup>3</sup>

Solute	logKL						$\Delta H_{solv}$
Temperature, K	318.15 K	328.15 K	338.15 K	348.15 K	358.15 K	368.15 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Pentane	0.751	0.653	0.565	0.486	0.413	0.344	-18.120
Hexane	1.061	0.944	0.841	0.746	0.658	0.574	-21.706
3-Methylpentane	1.041	0.926	0.824	0.732	0.648	0.566	-21.169
2,2-Dimethylbutane	0.884	0.780	0.688	0.604	0.525	0.452	-19.293
Heptane	1.365	1.230	1.111	0.999	0.899	0.798	-25.292
Octane	1.662	1.509	1.371	1.246	1.127	1.021	-28.653
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	1.360	1.228	1.111	1.000	0.901	0.804	-24.804
Nonane	1.958	1.785	1.630	1.490	1.358	1.236	-32.259
Decane	2.248	2.057	1.888	1.730	1.583	1.444	-35.887
Cyclopentane	1.176	1.068	0.969	0.879	0.794	0.714	-20.638
Cyclohexane	1.476	1.350	1.238	1.134	1.037	0.947	-23.604
Methylcyclohexane	1.627	1.491	1.369	1.260	1.155	1.057	-25.445
Cycloheptane	1.926	1.780	1.645	1.524	1.413	1.307	-27.621
Cyclooctane	2.326	2.161	2.009	1.870	1.742	1.621	-31.537
Pent-1-ene	0.961	0.857	0.765	0.679	0.601	0.526	-19.393
Hex-1-ene	1.274	1.155	1.041	0.943	0.846	0.758	-23.104
Cyclohexene	1.763	1.628	1.508	1.393	1.288	1.190	-25.619
Hept-1-ene	1.579	1.438	1.307	1.193	1.083	0.983	-26.638
Oct-1-ene	1.876	1.716	1.569	1.438	1.312	1.196	-30.392
Dec-1-ene	2.458	2.262	2.083	1.919	1.765	1.618	-37.540
Hex-1-yne	1.862	1.713	1.576	1.450	1.332	1.223	-28.601
Hept-1-yne	2.161	1.995	1.841	1.699	1.566	1.442	-32.200
Oct-1-yne	2.456	2.272	2.100	1.943	1.795	1.658	-35.754
Benzene	2.505	2.348	2.201	2.064	1.941	1.825	-30.493
Toluene	2.833	2.654	2.489	2.336	2.193	2.061	-34.568
Ethylbenzene	3.084	2.889	2.708	2.539	2.384	2.238	-37.904
o-Xylene	3.289	3.085	2.895	2.719	2.556	2.403	-39.667
<i>m</i> -Xylene	3.166	2.967	2.783	2.612	2.452	2.303	-38.658
<i>p</i> -Xylene	3.146	2.945	2.760	2.589	2.430	2.279	-38.806
Styrene	3.502	3.289	3.090	2.908	2.740	2.580	-41.258
α-Methylstyrene		3.457	3.244	3.050	2.866	2.693	-44.091
Thiophene	2.636	2.473	2.322	2.182	2.053	1.932	-31.538
Solute			lo	ogKL			$\Delta H_{\rm solv}$

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Temperature, K	318.15 K	318.15 K	318.15 K	318.15 K	318.15 K	318.15 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Pyridine	3.314	3.125	2.948	2.784	2.631	2.490	-36.943
Methanol	2.158	2.017	1.887	1.770	1.660	1.556	-26.906
Ethanol	2.336	2.182	2.037	1.906	1.781	1.665	-30.082
Propan-1-ol	2.640	2.465	2.303	2.158	2.017	1.889	-33.637
Propan-2-ol	2.391	2.223	2.068	1.930	1.800	1.679	-31.795
Butan-1-ol	2.970	2.773	2.592	2.428	2.274	2.134	-37.420
Butan-2-ol	2.669	2.481	2.316	2.161	2.021	1.889	-34.815
2-Methyl-propan-1-ol	2.799	2.607	2.431	2.274	2.127	1.992	-36.095
<i>tert</i> -Butanol	2.408	2.230	2.072	1.926	1.792	1.671	-32.935
Water	2.427	2.281	2.137	2.013	1.898	1.788	-28.590
Methyl acetate	2.288	2.134	1.993	1.862	1.742	1.630	-29.419
Methyl propanoate	2.542	2.371	2.215	2.068	1.936	1.811	-32.713
Methyl butanoate	2.786	2.602	2.433	2.274	2.130	1.994	-35.447
Ethyl acetate	2.493	2.324	2.167	2.025	1.893	1.770	-32.340
Tetrahydrofuran	2.373	2.220	2.079	1.948	1.827	1.714	-29.489
1,4-Dioxane	3.034	2.850	2.679	2.520	2.373	2.233	-35.879
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1.686	1.545	1.418	1.299	1.190	1.090	-26.666
tert-Butyl ethyl ether	1.590	1.450	1.322	1.204	1.097	0.994	-26.629
tert-Amyl methyl ether	1.986	1.831	1.688	1.556	1.435	1.320	-29.814
Diethyl ether	1.380	1.262	1.152	1.053	0.959	0.872	-22.752
Dipropyl ether	1.819	1.668	1.530	1.403	1.286	1.176	-28.761
Diisopropyl ether	1.508	1.371	1.243	1.127	1.021	0.919	-26.331
Dibutyl ether	2.375	2.190	2.021	1.866	1.721	1.584	-35.348
Acetone	2.452	2.303	2.164	2.037	1.917	1.806	-28.926
Pentan-2-one	2.947	2.765	2.598	2.441	2.297	2.161	-35.193
Pentan-3-one	2.938	2.757	2.588	2.430	2.286	2.149	-35.338
Butanal	2.507	2.348	2.201	2.064	1.941	1.824	-30.568
Acetonitrile	2.830	2.679	2.538	2.407	2.283	2.170	-29.577
1-Nitropropane	3.478	3.280	3.097	2.927	2.769	2.621	-38.370

<sup>a</sup> Experimental gas-to-liquid partition coefficient data taken from Marciniak and Wlazło.<sup>2</sup>

Table 4. I	Logarithm of	gas-to-( $[MeoeMPyrr]^+$ [Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup> ) partition coefficients at various temperatures and enthalpies of solvation
(in kJ mol-	<sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	

Solute	logKL						$\Delta H_{\text{solv}}$
Temperature, K	318.15 K	328.15 K	338.15 K	348.15 K	358.15 K	368.15 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Pentane	0.717	0.623	0.537	0.458	0.386	0.322	-17.685
Hexane	1.029	0.919	0.817	0.719	0.633	0.551	-21.422
3-Methylpentane	1.009	0.897	0.794	0.702	0.614	0.538	-21.093
2,2-Dimethylbutane	0.855	0.754	0.662	0.577	0.500	0.430	-19.036
Heptane	1.328	1.196	1.072	0.960	0.859	0.766	-25.159
Octane	1.623	1.476	1.336	1.210	1.093	0.984	-28.630
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	1.326	1.196	1.076	0.965	0.860	0.768	-25.033
Nonane	1.920	1.747	1.589	1.444	1.310	1.188	-32.791
Decane	2.217	2.021	1.849	1.688	1.543	1.407	-36.186
Cyclopentane	1.146	1.037	0.941	0.851	0.769	0.694	-20.221
Cyclohexane	1.436	1.318	1.210	1.104	1.013	0.925	-22.900
Methylcyclohexane	1.591	1.459	1.336	1.225	1.124	1.033	-24.988
Cycloheptane	1.887	1.745	1.616	1.493	1.382	1.276	-27.333
Cyclooctane	2.288	2.124	1.975	1.833	1.707	1.587	-31.386
Pent-1-ene	0.938	0.834	0.740	0.656	0.574	0.504	-19.433
Hex-1-ene	1.248	1.127	1.017	0.913	0.822	0.735	-22.965
Cyclohexene	1.735	1.600	1.474	1.362	1.255	1.158	-25.801
Hept-1-ene	1.544	1.403	1.272	1.155	1.045	0.946	-26.747
Oct-1-ene	1.834	1.678	1.535	1.398	1.279	1.164	-30.000
Dec-1-ene	2.417	2.217	2.037	1.875	1.722	1.579	-37.417
Hex-1-yne	1.838	1.691	1.558	1.431	1.316	1.210	-28.134
Hept-1-yne	2.130	1.966	1.815	1.673	1.543	1.422	-31.742
Oct-1-yne	2.420	2.236	2.068	1.912	1.766	1.630	-35.323
Solute	logKL					$\Delta H_{\rm solv}$	
Temperature, K	318.15 K	328.15 K	338.15 K	348.15 K	358.15 K	368.15 K	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>

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Benzene	2.473	2.314	2.167	2.033	1.906	1.790	-30.556
Toluene	2.792	2.613	2.447	2.294	2.152	2.017	-34.664
Ethylbenzene	3.039	2.843	2.663	2.494	2.338	2.193	-37.874
o-Xylene	3.241	3.037	2.848	2.673	2.511	2.358	-39.558
<i>m</i> -Xylene	3.111	2.911	2.726	2.554	2.394	2.246	-38.744
<i>p</i> -Xylene	3.091	2.892	2.708	2.538	2.378	2.230	-38.554
Styrene	3.444	3.231	3.037	2.855	2.687	2.530	-40.911
α-Methylstyrene	3.625	3.398	3.188	2.992	2.808	2.637	-44.261
Thiophene	2.605	2.442	2.290	2.152	2.021	1.903	-31.487
Pyridine	3.293	3.103	2.927	2.763	2.611	2.470	-36.885
Methanol	2.176	2.033	1.903	1.780	1.668	1.562	-27.475
Ethanol	2.346	2.188	2.045	1.909	1.785	1.669	-30.297
Propan-1-ol	2.647	2.465	2.301	2.152	2.013	1.885	-34.069
Propan-2-ol	2.393	2.225	2.072	1.930	1.800	1.678	-31.990
Butan-1-ol	2.967	2.766	2.588	2.417	2.265	2.121	-37.832
Butan-2-ol	2.665	2.479	2.310	2.155	2.013	1.882	-34.994
2-Methyl-propan-1-ol	2.796	2.605	2.435	2.272	2.124	1.991	-36.062
tert-Butanol	2.415	2.236	2.076	1.928	1.792	1.671	-33.264
Water	2.473	2.318	2.176	2.045	1.922	1.813	-29.568
Methyl acetate	2.299	2.143	2.004	1.872	1.751	1.638	-29.535
Methyl propanoate	2.545	2.373	2.215	2.068	1.936	1.812	-32.829
Methyl butanoate	2.780	2.594	2.423	2.262	2.114	1.979	-35.938
Ethyl acetate	2.497	2.328	2.173	2.029	1.895	1.770	-32.544
Tetrahydrofuran	2.364	2.210	2.068	1.938	1.816	1.704	-29.528
1,4-Dioxane	3.027	2.841	2.670	2.511	2.362	2.223	-36.006
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1.672	1.534	1.408	1.290	1.182	1.083	-26.395
tert-Butyl ethyl ether	1.574	1.435	1.305	1.185	1.076	0.977	-26.763
tert-Amyl methyl ether	1.969	1.815	1.673	1.542	1.422	1.310	-29.515
Diethyl ether	1.369	1.250	1.140	1.037	0.943	0.856	-22.996
Dipropyl ether	1.790	1.639	1.504	1.377	1.260	1.152	-28.517
Diisopropyl ether	1.493	1.356	1.228	1.107	1.000	0.899	-26.642
Dibutyl ether	2.340	2.155	1.987	1.831	1.688	1.551	-35.271
Acetone	2.465	2.316	2.176	2.049	1.928	1.818	-29.028
Pentan-2-one	2.945	2.762	2.593	2.436	2.290	2.155	-35.390
Pentan-3-one	2.932	2.751	2.582	2.425	2.279	2.143	-35.373
Butanal	2.511	2.350	2.204	2.068	1.942	1.825	-30.665
Acetonitrile	2.853	2.700	2.558	2.425	2.301	2.185	-29.943
1-Nitropropane	3.488	3.290	3.107	2.936	2.777	2.630	-38.435

<sup>a</sup> Experimental gas-to-liquid partition coefficient data taken from Marciniak and Wlazło<sup>1</sup>.



**Figure 3.** Graph of experimental logarithm of gas-to-([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) partition coefficient (log $K_L$ ) versus calculated log $K_L$  based on Eqn. 20.

To determine the predictability of Eqn. 20, the data in Table 4 was also analyzed using a training set and test

analysis. Eqn. 23 is the resultant correlation from randomly splitting half of the  $\log K_{\rm L}$  data reported in Table 4. Using Eqn. 23 to predict the values in the test set yielded a  $SD = 0.068 \log$  units, AAE = 0.051, and AE = 0.007. The very small difference in the coefficient values calculated between the training set and parent set show that the training set compounds and temperatures are representative of the parent compounds and temperatures. The low *AE* value shows very little bias between using Eqns. 20 and 23.

For comparison, the six temperature-specitic Abraham model correlations developed by Marciniak and Wlazło<sup>1</sup> for soltues dissolved in ([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) had an average standard deviation of *SD*=0.058 log units. Each temperature specific correlation used six curve-fit equation coefficients. Equations 20 and 23 require far fewer equation coefficients and are able to describe the experimental data to within a standard deviation of less than 0.064 log units.

 $\log K_L = -10.280(0.514)/(2.303 \text{ R}) +$ 

[2.246(12.310) - (48.518(4167)/T)] [E/(2.303 R)] +

[3.492(14.742) - (-13094(4958)/T)] [S/(2.303 R)] + [-30.517(16.211) - (23364(5530)/T)] [A/(2.303 R)] + [-29.979(16.360) - (-11689(5524)/T)] [B/(2.303 R)] + [-13.310(1.037) - (-7834(340)/T)] [L/(2.303 R)] (23)

 $N = 183, R^2 = 0.999, F = 15882, SD = 0.062 \log units$ 

The removal of the  $c_{\rm H}$  term from each of the three  $\log K_{\rm L}$  expressions and subsequent removal of  $c_{\rm H,solv}$  from the three  $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$  expressions is purely coincidental. Mintz, et al.<sup>43</sup> and Sprunger, et al.<sup>44</sup> have shown that temperature independent  $\log K_{\rm L}$  correlations for humic acid and polyurethane ether foam, respectively, produce twelve unique terms for all of the coefficients in Eqn. 11. The covariance encountered by the authors of this paper will most likely not occur with a data set that covers a much larger area of predictive space. In order to widen the area of predictive space, new partition coefficients will need to be determined for more acidic and more basic solutes.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Mathematical correlations are determined for predicting the gas-to-IL partition coefficients based on the Abraham solvation parameter model with temperature independent equation coefficients. The derived mathematical correlations (Eqns. 12, 16, and 20) are shown to provide reasonably accurate predictions the logarithm of the gas-to-IL partition coefficient for a wide variety of nonpolar and polar organic solutes dissolved in ([MHIm]+[B(CN)4]-), ([MeoeMPip]+  $[Tf_2N]^-$ ), and ([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup> $[Tf_2N]^-$ ) at temperatures from 318.15 K to 368.15 K to within a standard deviation of 0.077 log units or less. The success of the derived equations in predicting gas-to-ionic liquid partition coefficients suggests that the model can be used for other gas-tocondensed phase partitioning and for correlating gas chromatographic retention factor data measured at temperatures. As part of the present study, mathematical expressions (Eqns. 13, 17, and 21) were also derived for predicting the enthalpy of solvation for the dissolution of solutes in  $([MHIm]^+[B(CN)_4]^-)$ ,  $([MeoeMPip]^+[Tf_2N]^-)$ , and ([MeoeMPyrr]<sup>+</sup>[Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup>) to within a standard deviation of 1.344 kJ/mol.

The method of regression analysis used in developing the log  $K_L$  correlations involved determining each of the equation coefficients solely from the measured gas-to-IL partition coefficient data. An alternative computational method could be to first regress the experimental  $\Delta H_{solv}$  data, and then to insert the computed  $\Delta H_{solv}$  equation coefficients into Eqn. 10. This would ensure identical values of  $c_{H,solv}$ ,  $e_{H,solv}$ ,  $s_{H,solv}$ ,  $a_{H,solv}$ ,  $b_{H,solv}$  and  $l_{H,solv}$  for both the log  $K_L$  and  $\Delta H_{solv}$  correlations. This latter method was not pursued in the current study because our primary focus was in documenting the ability of Eqn. 10 to correlate gas-to-IL partition coefficient determined at different temperatures.

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*Z*-4-(Naphth-2-ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one and 3-(phenylcarbamoyl)but-3-enoic acid **2** and **5**, respectively, are readily transformed into the corresponding perchlorate salts **3** and **6** with acetic anhydride-perchloric acid mixture. Conduct the latter salts with arenes in the presence of anhydrous AlCl<sub>3</sub> provided novel derivatives of benzo[g]indenones **7** and 1-tetralones **8**, respectively, *via* two consecutive Friedel-Crafts reaction *in situ*. The structure of all the synthesized products was characterized using IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectra.

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#### Introduction

Ring fused cyclic ketones, particulary, indanones and tetralones have been frequently encountered in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals, natural products and industrially relevant compounds.<sup>1-5</sup> For examples, the E-2-benzvlidene, 1-tetralones and 1-indanones exhibited highly cyotoxic effects, and their Mannich ketones revealed antibacterial activity, besides the 2-benzyl-1-indanone showed AChE inhibitor activity superior to rivatigmine, however, the thiosemicarbazones of the latter ketone were determined as antiviral agents against BVDV and for the treatment of infections caused by hepatitis C virus.<sup>6-9</sup> Further, the gallic acid based indanones showed potent anticancer activity against MCF-7, that is, hormone dependent breast cancer cell line, besides indanones and indenones analogues of combretastain A4 a potent anticancer agent known for its antimitoic and anangiogenic properties, were assessed as inhibitors of tubulin polymerization, as well as the indanone extracted from the marine cyanobacterium Lyngbya majuscule, demonstrated inhibition of hypoxia induced activation of the VEGF promoter in Hep3B cells.<sup>10-13</sup> Among recent developed synthetic methods of these ketones, an immense number of bublications have adopted Friedel-Crafts protocol, nevertheless, few number of them involved domino process.<sup>14-26</sup> To the best of our knowledge, the utility of heterocyclic perchlorates has never been involved so far. Accordingly, in this work the first application of the latter reaction type on the salts, (Z)-4-(Naphth-2vlmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-onium and 4-methylenedihydrofuran-2-(3H)-one-5-(phenyliminium) perchlorates 3 and 6, respectively, to synthesize the corresponding benzo[g]indenones 7 and 1-tetralones 8, is reported which represents a new type of domino process.

#### **Results and Discussion**

functionalized salt, The novel (Z)-4-(Naphth-2ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-onium perchlorate salt 3 was easily obtained by attempting of the recently prepared (Z)-4-(Naphth-2-ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one 2 using acetic anhydride-perchloric acid dehydrating mixture according to the procedure previously described in refs.<sup>27-29</sup> The (Z) configuration of 2 was inferred by analogy with the literature.<sup>30-31</sup> Alternatively, the formation of salt 6commensed by carrying out ring opening reaction of 3methylene-tetrahydro furan-2,5-dione 4 with aniline to give 3-(phenylcarbamoyl)but-3-enoic acid 5, which subsequently, underwent exo-trig cyclization to yield the salt 4-methylene dihydrofuran-2-(3H)-one-5-phenyliminium perchlorate 6 (Scheme 1).





The IR spectra of the salts **3** and **6** exhibited the characteristic higher frequency absorption at 1847 and 1858 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. However, the EI-MS fragmentation pattern of the perchlorate salts **3** and **6** displayed peaks at m/z (%) 299 (100) and 187 (100) corresponding to the base peak [M-HClO<sub>4</sub>]. (c.f. Exp.)

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Traditionally, the aluminium chloride mediated Friedel-Crafts acylation of oxazolones with arenes proceeds via opening intermolecular ring to afford 2acylaminoketones.<sup>32,33</sup> In conjunction to these reports, we aimed in this context to construct annelated indenones by application of the forementioned reaction type on salt 3. Thus, salt 3 was reacted with benzene, toluene, m-xylene, anisole and bromobenzene in the presence of catalytic amount of anhydrous aluminium chloride and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4-8 h (reaction was monitored by TLC). Careful examination of physical and spectral data indicated that the novel products were benz[g]indenones (7a-e), respectively, having aryl moieties contained at C-3 (Scheme 2).



#### Scheme 2

Presumably, this suggested that the reaction successfully proceeded via two consecutive Friedel-Crafts types in situ, a domino process involving annelation of the fused cyclic ketone and a non-conventional intermolecular alkylation incorporating aryl moiety at position **3** of indenone nucleus.<sup>25</sup>



#### Scheme 3

Infrared spectra of **7a-e** exhibited absorption bands at 1671-1662 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned for the amide carbonyl and sharp absorption at 1704-1690 cm<sup>-1</sup> referred to the existence of the unsaturated cyclic 5-membered ring ketones. Besides, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/DMSO,  $\delta$  ppm), exhibited broad singlets at  $\delta$  10.06-9.83 (1H, Ph-CONH, exch. D<sub>2</sub>O), however, the signal attributable to the naphthylidene =CH

proton disappeared. Moreover, the mass spectra of these products were in consistence with the proposed structure. For instances, the EI-MS fragmentation of 7a showed m/z (%): 375 (12.9), and 105 (100) due to the molecular ion and the base peaks, respectively.

When the perchlorate **6** was subjected to react with benzene, toluene, m-xylene and bromobenzene under the forementioned reaction conditions afforded 3-(N-phenyl carboxamido)benzocyclohexanones (**8a-d**) in yields 47-83 % (Scheme 4).



#### Scheme 4

The structure of these products was inferred on the basis of the IR (KBr) absorption band revealed at the 3 µm region at v 3353-3274 cm<sup>-1</sup> characteristic to the secondary amide NH functionality, besides the bands displayed at 1683-1664 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the open amide carbonyl group frequency. However, the bands appeared at v 1710-1692 cm<sup>-1</sup> referred to the absorption of the ketonic group of fused cyclohexanone ring moiety. Compelling evidences for the confirmation of the assigned structure were gained from careful examination of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra. For example, the structure of **8a** was based on its <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) which revealed a singlet at  $\delta$  8.4 ppm (1H, NH, exch. D<sub>2</sub>O), two doublets of doublets (4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>) due to the absorption protons centered at C2 and C4 of 6-membered ring ketone at  $\delta$  3.37 and  $\delta$  3.01 ppm, besides multiplet peaks exhibited at  $\delta$  2.66 ppm stand to the proton located at C3. However, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **8b** and **8c**, displayed in the up-field region the singlet signals at  $\delta$  2.38 ppm characteristic to the aromatic CH<sub>3</sub> protons located at 6position,  $\delta$  2.31 and  $\delta$  2.26 ppm stand to the two aromatic CH<sub>3</sub> protons centered at 6- and 8-positions. Further support for the assigned structure was gained from the fragmentation pattern of the concerned compounds. Thus, the EI-MS of 8a showed the molecular ion peak at m/z (%): 265 (16.4) and the baes peak at m/z (%): 115 (100, indenium ion), however, the EI-MS of 8d exhibited m/z (%): 346 (40.63) and 344 (41.92) due to  $M^++2$  and the molecular ion (base peak), respectively.

The conversion of 6 to 8 could be visualized as shown in Scheme 5.

Hippuric acid (N-benzoylglycine) gave the perchlorate salt **9** (86%) upon treatment with acetic anhydrideperchloric acid whose IR spectrum exhibited characteristic high absorption frequency at  $1874 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

When compound **9** was treated with aromatic hydrocarbon, namely, benzene, toluene, m-xylene and bromobenzene in the presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride with stirring, and no heat was provided, the reaction proceeded readily to give  $\alpha$ -benzoylaminoacetophenone derivatives **10** in moderate yields. There were no evidences for the formation of the acidic product **11** which might be formed if attack of the carbon nucleophile, were on the alternative iminium – C=N<sup>+</sup>H functionality (Scheme 6).



Scheme 5



#### Scheme 6

The reaction go through ring opening of the heterocyclic cation that arises in the formation of the intermediate acylium ion **12** which consequently undergoes electrophilic attack on the aromatic hydrocarbon. (Scheme 7)



#### Scheme 7

The structure **7** was deduced from the correct analytical and spectral data (c.f. Exp.)

#### **Experimental**

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on FTIR mattson(infinity series) spectrometer as KBr disc. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Gemini 200 MHz instrument with chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) expressed in ppm downfield from TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Schimadzu GC-MS-QP 1000 Ex instrument operating at 70 eV. Satisfactory elemental analyses were measured using a Perkin Elemer 2400 CHN Elemental Analyzer. TLC was runned using TLC aluminium sheets silica gel F<sub>254</sub>(Merck).

Z-4-(Naphth-2-ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one **2** and 3-(phenylcarbamoyl)but-3-enoic acid **5**, were prepared by the following reported procedures.<sup>21-23</sup>

#### Z-4-(Naphth-2-ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one (2).

Yellow crystals, (78 %), mp. 143-144 °C, (Lit<sup>24</sup> 142-143 °C), IR: (CO oxaz. ring) 1784, C=N 1631 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14-7.96 (m, 3H arom.), 7.71-7.43 (m, 5H arom.), 7.18-6.8 (m, 4H arom.), 7.03 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>=).

# Z-4-(Naphth-2-ylmethylene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-onium perchlorate (3).

Perchloric acid (3 ml) was slowly added to a stirred solution of oxazolone **2** (2.9 g, 10 mmol) in acetic anhydride (40 ml), the temperature being kept below 30 °C by external cooling, during the addition the product separated out was filtered off and washed with dry ether (2x5 ml) to give **3** as yellow crystals, (94%), mp 182-183 °C, IR: NH 3310, C=O 1847, C=N 1651 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.1 (br.s, 1H, C=NH<sup>+</sup>, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.8-7.51 (m, 12H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.2 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>=). ms: m/z: 299 (M-HClO<sub>4</sub>, 100), 255 (22.1), 196 (42.6), 141 (36.17), 77 (50.1). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>6</sub> (399.7): C, 60.09; H, 3.50; N, 3.50; Cl, 8.87. Found; C, 60.21; H, 3.37; N, 3.62; Cl, 9.13.

#### 4-(Anilino)-4-oxo-3-methylenebutanoic acid (5)

Colourless crystals, (88 %), mp 161-2°C, IR: br.  $OH_{acid}$  3228, C=O 1704, C=O 1651 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.52 (br.s, IH, acidic OH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 10.0 (br.s, IH, amide NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.63-7.58 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.34-7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.07-7.0 (d,d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.20 (s, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=), 5.76 (s, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=), 3.37 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO).

## 4-Methylene-2-oxo-tetrahydrofuran-5-N-phenyliminium perchlorate (6)

4-(Anilino)-4-oxo-3-methylenebutanoic acid **5** (2.05 g, 10 mmol) was stirred in freshly distilled acetic anhydride (40 ml). The perchloric acid (3 ml) was slowly added to the suspension and temperature being kept below 30 °C by external cooling.<sup>21-23</sup> the product deposited during the addition, washed with dry ether and dried to give **6** as colourless crystals, (91 %), mp 122-3 °C, IR: br. <sup>+</sup>NH 3314, C=O 1858, C=O 1669 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.15 (br.s, IH, <sup>+</sup>NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.33-7.25 (d,d, J = 2.2 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.03 (t, J =

7.2 Hz, 1H<sub>arom.</sub>), 6.13 (d,d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=), 5.72 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=), 3.29 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). ms: m/z: 187 (M<sup>+</sup> -HClO<sub>4</sub>, 100), 91 (70.1), 77 (63.4). Anal.: Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{10}ClNO_6$  (287.591): C, 45.94; H, 3.50; N, 4.87; Cl, 12.33. Found; C, 45.64; H, 3.53; N, 5.14; Cl, 12.66.

#### 3-Aryl-2-benzoylamino benzo[g]indenones (7a-e)

Anhydrous aluminum chloride (1 g, 7.5 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of perchlorate **3** (1.2 g, 3 mmol) in the aromatic hydrocarbon (30 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at room temperature, heated on water bath with continuous stirring for 3 h, and left overnight. The reaction mixture was hydrolyzed by the addition of ice and concentrated 1 N hydrochloric acid. The residual organic product was filtered off and washed with 0.01 N aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (3 x 40 ml) then with water (3 x 50 ml). The precipitate was filtered off, dried and crystallized from the suitable solvent to give **7a-e**, yields 53-78 %.

#### 2-Benzoylamino-3-phenylbenzo[g]indenone (7a)

Pale yellow crystals (benzene), (63 %), mp 212-213 °C, IR: NH 3259, C=O 1690, C=O 1662 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.06 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.2-7.5 (m, 16H<sub>arom</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  184.6 (C=O<sub>5-memb</sub>.), 161 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 142.1, 134.4, 133.3, 131.2, 130.6, 127.3, 126.6. ms: m/z: 375 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12.9), 332 (64.51), 215 (22.58), 139 (32.25), 105 (100), 77 (45.5). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (375.3): C, 83.19; H, 4.56; N, 3.73. Found; C, 83.44; H, 4.76; N, 3.65.

#### 2-Benzoylamino-3-p-tolylbenzo[g]indenone (7b)

Pale yellow crystals (benzene – light pet. b.p. 60-80 °C), (69 %), mp 189-9 °C, IR: NH 3341, C=O 1704, C=O 1667 cm<sup>-1.</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.83 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.88-7.07 (m, 15H<sub>arom.</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  188.1 (C=O<sub>5 memb</sub>.), 161 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 139.3, 136.2, 132.4, 131.7, 130.2, 128.4, 126.9, 124.2, 24.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). ms: m/z: 389 (M<sup>+</sup>, 17.26), 270 (29.17), 105 (34.74), 91 (100), 77 (52.16). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (389.417): C, 83.28; H, 4.91; N, 3.59. Found; C, 82.93; H, 5.11; N, 3.32.

#### 2-Benzoylamino-3(2,4-dimethylphenyl)benzo[g]indenone (7c)

Yellow powder (benzene – light pet. b.p. 60-80 °C), (78 %), mp 204-6 °C, IR: NH 3338, C=O 1687, C=O 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.94 (m, 11H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.23 (d,d, 1H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.93-6.79 (m, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). ms: m/z: 404 (M<sup>+</sup> +1, 9.42), 403 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10.12), 133 (37.13), 105 (100), 91, (43.62), 77 (31.1). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (403.442): C, 83.36; H, 5.24; N, 3.47. Found; C, 83.61; H, 5.47; N, 3.66.

#### 2-Benzoylamino-3-p-methoxyphenylbenzo[g]indenone (7d)

Brownish yellow powder (ethanol), (59 %), mp 261-2 °C, IR: NH 3284, C=O 1694, C=O 1661 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.24 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.12-7.67 (m, 8H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.53-7.48 (m, 5H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.33 (d,d, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  194.3 (C=O<sub>5</sub>. memb.), 165.2 (C=O<sub>anide</sub>), 141.4, 133.5, 131.7, 130.1, 128.6, 126.4, 123.6, 121.5, 54.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). ms: m/z: 374 (M<sup>+</sup>- OCH<sub>3</sub>, 63.28), 285 (42.54), 105 (100), 77 (52.16). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (405.407): C, 79.99; H, 4.72; N, 3.45. Found; C, 80.14; H, 4.93; N, 3.54.

#### 2-Benzoylamino-3-(p-bromophenyl)benzo[g]indenone (7e)

Yellow crystals (ethanol), (53 %), mp 230-2 °C, IR: NH 3228, C=O 1693, C=O 1663 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.91 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.72-7.23 (m, 11H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.44 (d,d, 2H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.85 (d,d, 2H<sub>arom</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  187.8 (C=O<sub>5-memb</sub>), 165.3 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 138.2, 134.2, 130.4, 129.8, 128.3, 126.7, 124.6. ms: m/z: 456 (M<sup>+</sup> +2, 44.71), 454 (M<sup>+</sup>, 45.68), 322 (23.68), 154 (100), 105 (40.08), 77 (28.74). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub> (454.289): C, 68.74; H, 3.55; N, 3.08; Br, 17.59. Found; C, 69.02; H, 3.46; N, 3.24; Br, 17.84.

#### 3-N-Phenylcarboxamido-6-substituted- and 6,8-disubstituted-1-tetralones (8a-d)

Anhydrous aluminum chloride (1g, 7.5 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred cold solution of N-phenylmethylene succinisoimidium perchlorates **6** (0.86 g, 3 mmol) in dry aromatic hydrocarbon as a reagent and a cosolvent (50 ml). The reaction was carried out similarly as in the previous experiment on 3. The excess solvent was removed by steam distillation. The residual organic product was filtered off, washed with 0.01N sodium bicarbonate solution (3 x 40 ml) and crystallized from a suitable solvent to give **8a-d**, yields 47-83 %

#### 3-N-Phenylcarboxamido-1-tetralone (8a)

Light brown crystals (light pet. bp 100-120 °C), (64 %), mp 138-140 °C, IR: NH 3353, C=O 1703, C=O 1683 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.4 (s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.2-7.03 (m, 9H<sub>arom.</sub>), 3.59-3.15 (d,d, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.07-2.96 (d,d, 2H C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.95(m, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  197.1 (C=O<sub>6</sub>memb.), 173.2 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 140.1, 139.2, 138.5, 131.0, 128.7, 128.5,126.7, 125.8, 123.4, 40.9(CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.4(CH), 34.4(CH<sub>2</sub>). ms: m/z: 265 (16.4), 173 (12.12), 145 (30.2), 117 (51.04), 115 (100), 93 (31.4), 91 (41.26), 77 (39.54). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (265.279): C, 76.97; H, 5.69; N, 5.28. Found; C, 77.08; H, 5.42; N, 5.07.

#### 6-Methyl-3-N-phenylcarboxamido-1-tetralone (8b)

Beige crystals (light pet. Bp. 100-120 °C), (62 %), mp. 160-161 °C, IR: NH 3347, C=O 1710, C=O 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.34 (s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.59-7.03 (m, 8H<sub>arom.</sub>), 3.3-2.97 (d,d, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.94-2.84 (d,d, 2H C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.7-2.6 (m, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>H), 2.38 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>).<sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  196.3 (C=O<sub>6-memb</sub>.), 171.6 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 140.7, 138.8, 138.3, 132.1, 129.4, 128.2,127.1, 125.6, 122.6, 42.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). ms: m/z: 279 (100, M<sup>.+</sup>), 187 (70.2), 159 (30.1), 92 (17.9), 91 (41.26), 77 (42.4). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (279.304): C, 77.40; H, 6.13; N, 5.01. Found; C, 77.51; H, 5.86; N, 4.93.

#### 6,8-Dimethyl-3-N-phenylcarboxamido-1-tetralone (8c)

Beige crystals (EtOH), (83 %), mp 193-194 °C, IR: NH 3329, C=O 1692, C=O 1664 cm<sup>-1.</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.94 (s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.72-6.76 (m, 7H<sub>arom.</sub>), 3.02-2.93 (d,d, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.74-2.65 (d,d, 2H C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.63 (m, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H), 2.31 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>).<sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  198.2(C=O<sub>6-memb</sub>), 173.3 (C=O<sub>amide</sub>), 141.1, 138.3, 137.7, 132.6, 128.8, 128.4, 126.4, 124.3, 121.6, 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.7 (CH), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). ms: m/z: 279 (M<sup>+</sup>- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N, 100), 187 (16.37), 154 (67.89), 91 (46.3), 77 (24.8). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (293.329): C, 77.79; H, 6.52; N, 4.77. Found; C, 78.03; H, 6.74; N, 4.64.

#### 6-Bromo-3-N-phenylcarboxamido-1-tetralone (8d)

Pale yellow powder (EtOH), (47 %), mp 183-4 °C, IR: NH 3274, C=O 1701, C=O 1668 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.14-7.05 (m, 8H<sub>arom.</sub>), 3.22-3.04 (d,d, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.73-2.54 (d,d, 2H C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.31 (m, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H). ms: m/z: 346 (M<sup>++</sup>+2,40.63), 344 (M<sup>++</sup>, 41.92), 252 (21.72), 92 (100, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sup>+</sup>). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub> (344.176): C, 59.33; H, 4.09; N, 4.07; Br, 23.22. Found; C, 59.18; H, 3.87; N, 4.24; Br, 22.85.

# Reaction of 2-phenyl-5(4H)-oxazolonium perchlorate 9 with aromatic hydrocarbons: Formation of $\alpha$ -benzoylaminoaceto-phenone derivatives 10a-d

To a suspension of the perchlorate salt 9 (2 g, 0.007 mol) in aromatic hydrocarbon (50 ml), anhydrous aluminum chloride (3.34 g, 0.025 mol) was added portionwise with stirring in cold ice-bath for one hour, then on water-bath for 2 h. The reaction mixture left overnight and then hydrolysed by addition of ice cold HCl. The organic product was filtered off, washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution, then water, dried and recrystallized from the suitable solvent to give **10a-d**.

#### α-Benzoylaminoacetophenone (10a)

Pale yellow crystals (benzene-light pet. bp 80-100 °C), (75 %), mp 125-6 °C (lit.<sup>8</sup> 124 °C), IR: NH, OH 3356, C=O 1692, C=O 1665 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.88 (t, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.09-7.51 (m, 10H<sub>arom</sub>), 4.83-4.82 (d,d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.6 Hz). ms: m/z: 239 (M<sup>.+</sup>, 22.9), 105 (100), 77 (56.5). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (239): C, 75.31; H, 5.43; N, 5.85. Found; C, 75.56; H, 5.34; N, 5.66.

#### α-Benzoylamino-4-methylacetophenone (10b)

Light yellow crystals (light pet. bp 60-80 °C), (67 %), mp 117-118 °C (lit.<sup>8</sup> 118-9 °C), IR: br. NH, OH 3375, C=O 1686, C=O 1660 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.79 (t, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.44-7.3 (m, 9H<sub>arom</sub>.), 4.76-4.74 (d,d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.39 (s, 3H, Ar-Me). ms: m/z: 253 (M<sup>-+</sup>, 19.7), 225 (18.2), 206 (25.3), 119 (100), 105 (38.6), 77 (40.1). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (253): C, 75.88; H, 5.92; N, 5.53. Found; C, 76.0; H, 5.81; N, 5.22.

#### α-Benzoylamino-2,4-dimethylacetophenone (10c)

Pale yellow crystals (light pet. bp 60-80 °C), (70 %), mp 128-9 °C (lit.<sup>8</sup> 130 °C), IR: NH, OH 3396, C=O 1680, C=O 1649 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (br.s, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.91-7.11 (m, 8H<sub>arom.</sub>), 4.86-4.84 (d,d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.57 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me). ms: m/z: 267 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11.7), 239 (8.4), 139 (100), 105 (77.3), 77 (75.4). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (267): C, 76.4; H, 6.36; N, 5.24. Found; C, 76.32; H, 6.18; N, 5.28.

#### a-Benzoylamino-4-bromoacetophenone (10d)

Pale yellow crystals (benzene-light pet. bp 60-80 °C), (80 %), mp 100-102 °C, IR: br. NH, OH 3371, C=O 1693, C=O 1666 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (t, IH, NH, exch. with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8-7.46 (m, 9H<sub>arom</sub>), 4.89-4.87 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.3 Hz). ms: m/z: 320 (M<sup>.+</sup>+2, 26.9), 318 (M, 30.8), 238 (50.3), 105 (100), 77 (90.3). Anal.: Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub> (318): C, 56.6; H, 3.77; N, 4.4. Found: C, 56.91; H, 3.58; N, 4.11.

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## **OXIDATION OF SOME ALIPHATIC ALDEHYDES BY QUINOLINIUM CHLOROCHROMATE: A KINETIC AND MECHANISTIC STUDY**

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The oxidation of six aliphatic aldehydes by quinolinium chlorochromate (QCC) in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) leads to the formation of corresponding carboxylic acids. The reaction is first order in QCC. A Michaelis-Menten type of kinetics is observed with respect to the aldehydes. The reaction is catalysed by hydrogen ions, the hydrogen-ion dependence has the form:  $k_{obs}=a + b[H^+]$ . The oxidation of deuteriated acetaldehyde, MeCDO, exhibited a substantial primary kinetic isotope effect (k<sub>H</sub>/k<sub>D</sub>=5.78 at 298 K). The oxidation of acetaldehyde has been studied in nineteen different organic solvents. The solvent effect has been analysed using Taft's and Swain's multiparametric equations. The rate constants correlate well with Taft's  $\sigma^*$  values; reaction constants being negative. A mechanism involving transfer of hydride ion has been suggested.

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## Introduction

Various halochromates have been used as mild and selective oxidizing reagents in synthetic organic chemistry.1 Quinolinium chlorochromate (QCC) is one such compound used for the oxidation of compounds of industrial importance.<sup>2</sup> Oxidation of substituted benzaldehydes with various oxidants is an intensively studied area as well.<sup>3</sup> We have been interested in the kinetic and mechanistic aspects of the oxidation by complexed Cr(VI) species and several reports on halochromates have already been reported from our laboratory.<sup>4-6</sup> There seems to be only a few reports on the oxidation aspects of QCC are available in literature.<sup>7</sup> In continuation of our earlier work, we report here the kinetics and mechanism of oxidation of six aliphatic aldehydes by QCC in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) as solvent. The mechanistic aspects are discussed.

The main aims of the present investigation are to (i) determine kinetic parameters and to evaluate the rate laws, (ii) to study the correlation analysis of effect of structure on rate and (iii) to postulate a suitable mechanism for the oxidation process.

## **Experimental Section**

## Materials

QCC was prepared by the reported method<sup>2</sup> and its purity checked by an iodometric determinations. Solutions of formaldehyde were prepared by heating para-formaldehyde

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and passing its vapours in DMSO. The amount of HCHO in DMSO was determined by chromotropic acid method<sup>8</sup>. Other aldehydes were commercial products and were used as such. p-Toluenesulphonic acid (TsOH) was used as a source of hydrogen ions. Deuteriated acetaldehyde (MeCDO) was obtained from Sigma Chemicals. Solvents were purified by their usual methods.9

## **Product analysis**

The product analysis was carried out under kinetic conditions. In a typical experiment, acetaldehyde (4.4 g, 0.1mol) and QCC (1.88 g, 0.01mol) were dissolved in DMSO (100 ml) and the reaction mixture was allowed to stand for  $ca. \approx 24$  h to ensure completion of the reaction. It was then rendered alkaline with NaOH, filtered and the filtrate was reduced to dryness under pressure. The residue was acidified with perchloric acid and extracted with diethyl ether (5 %, 50 ml). The ether extract was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and treated with 10 ml of thionyl chloride. The solvent was allowed to evaporate. Dry methanol (7 ml) was added and the HCl formed was removed in a current of dry air. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether (200 ml) and the ester content was determined colorimetrically as Fe(III) hydroxymate by the procedure of Hall and Schaefer.<sup>10</sup> Several determinations indicated a 1:1 stoichiometry. The oxidation state of chromium in a completely reduced reaction mixture, determined by iodometric titrations was  $3.95 \pm 0.1$ .

#### **Kinetic Measurements**

Pseudo-first-order conditions were attained by keeping an excess (×15 or greater) of the [aldehyde] over [QCC]. The solvent was DMSO, unless mentioned otherwise. All reactions were carried out in flasks blackened from the outside to prevent any photochemical reactions. The reactions were carried out at constant temperature (±0.1 K) and were followed up to 80% of the extent of reaction, by monitoring the decrease in [QCC] at 352 nm. The pseudo-first-order rate constant,  $k_{obs}$ , was computed from the linear least-squares plot of log [QCC] *versus* time. Duplicate runs showed that the rate constants were reproducible to within  $\pm 3\%$ . The second order rate constant,  $k_2$ , was calculated from the relation:  $k_2 = k_{obs}/[aldehyde]$ .

## Results

The rate and other experimental data were obtained for all the aldehydes. Since the results are similar, only representative data are reproduced here.

#### Stoichiometry

The oxidation of aliphatic aldehydes by QCC leads to the formation of corresponding carboxylic acids. The overall reaction may therefore, be written as:

$$RCHO + CrO_2ClO^-QH^+ \longrightarrow RCOOH + CrOClO^-QH^+$$
(1)

QCC undergoes two-electron change. This is in accordance with the earlier observations with structurally similar other halochromates also. It has already been shown that both pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC)<sup>11</sup> and pyridinium fluorochromate (PFC)<sup>12</sup> act as two electron oxidants and are reduced to chromium (IV) species, determining the oxidation state of chromium by magnetic susceptibility, ESR and IR studies.

#### **Rate-laws**

The reactions are of first order with respect to QCC. Further, the pseudo-first order rate constant,  $k_{obs}$  is independent of the initial concentration of QCC. The reaction rate increases with increase in the concentration of the aldehydes but not linearly (Table 1).

Table 1. Rate constants for the oxidation of acetal dehyde by QCC at 288  $\rm K$ 

10 <sup>3</sup> [QCC]	[MeCHO]	[TsOH]	$10^4  k_{ m obs}$
mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	s <sup>-1</sup>
1.00	0.10	0.00	7.79
1.00	0.20	0.00	11.3
1.00	0.40	0.00	14.3
1.00	0.60	0.00	16.2
1.00	0.80	0.00	17.1
1.00	1.00	0.00	17.8
1.00	1.50	0.00	18.6
1.00	3.00	0.00	19.6
2.00	0.40	0.00	15.5
4.00	0.40	0.00	14.6
6.00	0.40	0.00	15.0
8.00	0.40	0.00	14.4
1.00	0.20	0.00	12.6

\* contained 0.001 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> acrylonitrile



Figure 1. Oxidation of Acetaldehyde by QCC: A typical Kinetic Run

The Fig 1 depicts a typical kinetic run. A plot of  $1/k_{obs}$  against 1/[aldehyde] is linear (r > 0.995) with an intercept on the rate-ordinate (Fig. 2). Thus, Michaelis-Menten type kinetics is observed with respect to the aldehydes. This leads to the postulation of following overall mechanism (2) and (3) and rate law (4).

Aldehyde + QCC 
$$\xleftarrow{K}$$
 [Complex] (2)  
[Complex]  $\xrightarrow{k_2}$  Products (3)

The dependence of reaction rate on the reductant concentration was studied at different temperatures and the values of K and  $k_2$  were evaluated from the double reciprocal plots. The thermodynamic parameters of the complex formation and activation parameters of the decomposition of the complexes were calculated from the values of K and  $k_2$  respectively at different temperatures (Tables 3 and 4).

$$e_{\text{ate}} = \frac{k_2 K \left[ \text{Aldehyde} \right] \left[ \text{QCC} \right]}{1 + K \left[ \text{Aldehyde} \right]}$$
(4)

#### Induced polymerization of acrylonitrile/test for free radicals

The oxidation of aldehydes, in an atmosphere of nitrogen, failed to induce polymerisation of acrylonitrile. Further, the addition of acrylonitrile did not affect the rate. This indicates that a one-electron oxidation, giving rise to free radicals, is unlikely in the present reaction (Table 1). To further confirm the absence of free radicals in the reaction pathway, the reaction was carried out in the presence of 0.05 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> of 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylphenol (butylated hydroxytoluene or BHT). It was observed that BHT was recovered unchanged, almost quantitatively.

R

Table 2. Dependence of the reaction rate on hydrogen-ion concentration

[Aldehyde]: 0.10 mol	dm <sup>-3</sup>		[QCC]: 0.001 m	ol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Temper	ature: 298 K	
[TsOH]/ mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	0.10	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	
$10^4 k_{\rm obs}/{\rm s}^{-1}$	9.18	10.8	13.5	16.2	18.9	22.5	

Table 3. Rate constants and activation parameters of the oxidation of aliphatic aldehydes – QCC complexes.

R		$10^4 k_2$	(dm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	)	$\Delta H^*$ ,	$-\Delta S^*$ ,	$\Delta G^*$ ,
	288	298	308	318	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
Н	1.48	3.60	7.92	18.0	60.5±0.6	108±2	92.7±0.4
Me	20.7	45.9	90.9	189	53.2±0.6	$112\pm 2$	86.4±0.5
Et	35.1	77.4	144	297	50.9±0.9	115±3	85.2±0.8
Pr	38.7	80.1	153	315	50.3±0.9	117±3	85.0±0.7
Pr <sup>i</sup>	57.8	117	234	459	50.3±0.9	117±3	85.0±0.7
ClCH <sub>2</sub>	0.072	0.20	0.49	1.26	69.7±0.7	$102\pm 2$	99.8±0.6
MeCDO	3.42	7.29	15.3	32.4	54.4±0.7	123±2	90.9±0.6
$k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$	6.01	5.78	5.63	5.38			

#### Kinetic isotope effect

To ascertain the importance of the cleavage of the aldehydic C–H bond in the rate-determining step, the oxidation of deuteriated acetaldehyde (MeCDO) was studied. The oxidation of deuteriated acetaldehyde exhibited a substantial primary kinetic isotope effect (Table 3).

#### Effect of acidity

The reaction is catalysed by hydrogen ions (Table 2). The hydrogen- ion dependence has the following form  $k_{obs} = a + b[H^+]$ . The values of *a* and *b*, for acetaldehyde, are  $1.81\pm0.46 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $3.23\pm0.76 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  respectively ( $r^2 = 0.9978$ ).

Rate=
$$k_2[QCC][Aldehyde] + k_3[QCC][Aldehyde][TsOH]$$

#### Effect of solvents

The oxidation of acetaldehyde was studied in 19 different organic solvents. The choice of solvents was limited due to the solubility of QCC and its reaction with primary and secondary alcohols. There was no reaction with the solvents chosen. The kinetics was similar in all the solvents. The values of formation constants K and of decomposition constants of the complex,  $k_2$  are recorded in Table 5.

## Discussion

There is a fair correlation between the activation enthalpies and entropies of the oxidation of aldehydes ( $r^2 = 0.9782$ ), indicating the operation of a compensation effect<sup>13</sup>. A correlation between the calculated values of enthalpies and entropies is often vitiated by the experimental errors associated with them. The reaction, however, exhibited an excellent isokinetic relationship, as determined by Exner's method<sup>14</sup>. An Exner's plot between log  $k_2$  at 288 K and at 318 K was linear ( $r^2 = 0.9992$ ) (Figure 3). The value of isokinetic temperature evaluated from the Exner's plot is 882±25 K. The linear isokinetic correlation implies that all the aldehydes are oxidized by the same mechanism and the change in the rate of oxidation is governed by changes in both the enthalpy and entropy of the activation.

#### Solvent effect

(5)

The rate constants,  $k_2$ , in eighteen solvents (CS<sub>2</sub> was not considered, as the complete range of solvent parameters was not available) were correlated in terms of the linear solvation energy relationship (6) of Kamlet et al.<sup>15</sup>

$$\log k_2 = A_0 + p\pi^* + b\beta + a\alpha \tag{6}$$

In this equation,  $\pi^*$  represents the solvent polarity,  $\beta$  the hydrogen bond acceptor basicities and  $\alpha$  is the hydrogen bond donor acidity.  $A_0$  is the intercept term. It may be mentioned here that out of the 18 solvents, 12 have a value of zero for  $\alpha$ . The results of correlation analyses in terms of (6), a biparametric equation involving  $\pi^*$  and  $\beta$ , and separately with  $\pi^*$  and  $\beta$  are given below as Eqns. 7-10.

 $\log k_2 = -3.97 + 1.41(\pm 0.17)\pi^* + 0.20(\pm 0.14)\beta +$ 

$$0.15 (\pm 0.13) \alpha$$
 (7)

$$R^2 = 0.8681$$
; *sd*=0.16; *n*=18;  $\psi$ =0.39.

$$\log k_2 = -4.01 + 1.47(\pm 0.17)\pi^* + 0.15(\pm 0.11)\beta$$
(8)

 $R^2 = 0.8559$ ; sd=0.16; n=18;  $\psi = 0.40$ 



Figure 2. – Oxidation of Aldehyde by QCC: A double reciprocal plot



Figure 3. Exner's Isokinetic Relationship in the oxidation of Aldehydes by QCC

$$\log k_2 = -3.98 + 1.51(\pm 0.16)\pi^* \tag{9}$$

$$r^2 = 0.8437$$
; sd=0.16;  $n=18$ ;  $\psi=0.41$ 

$$\log k_2 = -3.15 + 0.42(\pm 0.33)\beta \tag{10}$$

*r*<sup>2</sup>=0.0806; *sd*=0.39; *n*=18; ψ=0.98

Here *n* is the number of data points and  $\psi$  is the Exner's statistical parameter.<sup>16</sup>

Kamlet's<sup>15</sup> triparametric equation explains *ca.* 87% of the effect of solvent on the oxidation. However, by Exner's criterion<sup>16</sup> the correlation is not even satisfactory (cf. 7). The major contribution is of solvent polarity. It alone accounted for *ca.* 84% of the data. Both  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  play relatively minor roles.

The data on the solvent effect were analysed in terms of Swain's equation<sup>17</sup> of cation- and anion-solvating concept of the solvents also as equation (11).

$$\log k_2 = aA + bB + C \tag{11}$$

Here *A* represents the anion-solvating power of the solvent and *B* the cation-solvating power. C is the intercept term. (A+B) is postulated to represent the solvent polarity. The rates in different solvents were analysed in terms of equation (8), separately with *A* and *B* and with (A+B).

$$\log k_2 = 0.61(\pm 0.09)A + 1.60(\pm 0.06)B - 4.24$$
(12)  

$$R^2 = 0.9765; sd = 0.07; n = 19; \psi = 0.07$$

$$\log k_2 = 0.39(\pm 0.53)A - 3.14$$
(13)  
$$r^2 = 0.0298; sd = 0.43; n = 19; w = 0.86$$

$$\log k_2 = 1.55 \ (\pm 0.12)B - 4.04 \tag{14}$$

 $r^2 = 0.9091; sd = 0.18; n = 19; \psi = 0.32$ 

$$\log k_2 = 1.27 \pm 0.14 (A+B) - 4.21$$
(15)  
 $r^2 = 0.8369; sd = 0.18; n = 19; \psi = 0.41$ 

The rates of oxidation of acetaldehyde in different solvents showed an excellent correlation in Swain's equation [cf. (12)] with the cation-solvating power playing the major role. In fact, the cation-solvation alone accounts for *ca.* 97% of the data. The correlation with the anion-solvating power was very poor. The solvent polarity, represented by (A + B), also accounted for *ca.* 83% of the data. In view of the fact that solvent polarity is able to account for *ca.* 80% of the data, an attempt was made to correlate the rate with the relative permittivity of the solvent. However, a plot of log  $k_2$  against the inverse of the relative permittivity is not linear  $(r^2 = 0.5253; sd = 0.30; \psi = 0.66)$ .

## Correlation analysis of reactivity

The rates of the oxidation of six aldehydes show an excellent correlation with Taft's  $\sigma^*$  substituent constants,<sup>18</sup> the reaction constant being negative (Table 6). The negative polar reaction constant indicates an electron-deficient carbon centre in the transition state of the rate-determining step.

(16)

R			$10^4 k_2 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}$	<sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>			$\Delta H^*$ ,	$-\Delta S^*$ ,	$\Delta G^*$ ,
							kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
	288	298	308	3					
				1					
				8					
Н	5.85			5.23	4.57	3.96	12.40.4	201	6.560.3
Me	6.03			5.45	4.79	4.15	12.00.5	180	6.570.4
Et	5.56			4.92	4.33	3.70	12.70.4	221	6.420.3
Pr	5.32			4.72	4.05	3.42	13.70.6	252	6.290.4
Pr <sup>i</sup>	5.94			5.30	4.65	4.05	12.20.3	191	6.600.3
ClCH <sub>2</sub>	6.12			5.50	4.85	4.32	11.40.2	161	6.690.2
MeCDO	5.67			5.15	4.52	3.85	12.70.5	212	6.520.4

Table 4. Formation constants and thermodynamic parameters of the oxidation of aliphatic aldehydes – QCC complexes.

 Table 5. Effect of solvents on the oxidation of acetaldehyde-QCC complex at 298 K

Solvents	K, dm <sup>-3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	kobs, s <sup>-1</sup>
Chloroform	6.03	14.8
Toluene	5.84	5.25
1,2-Dichloroethane	5.85	18.2
Acetophenone	5.45	20.0
Dichloromethane	5.90	15.8
THF	5.26	9.77
DMSO	5.45	45.9
t-Butylalcohol	5.15	7.24
Acetone	6.12	17.0
1,4-Dioxane	5.34	8.51
DMF	5.38	27.5
1,2-Dimethoxyethane	5.67	5.62
Butanone	5.90	12.0
CS <sub>2</sub>	5.89	1.57
Nitrobenzene	5.88	22.4
Acetic acid	5.50	3.34
Benzene	6.15	5.25
Ethyl Acetate	5.19	7.76
Cyclohexane	5.18	0.85

Table 6. Ten	nperature de	pendence	of the	reaction	constant
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Temp.	288 K	298 K	308 K	318 K
ρ*	-2.34±0.01	$-2.24\pm0.02$	$-2.15\pm0.01$	$-2.06\pm0.05$
$r^2$	0.9999	0.9998	0.9999	0.9989
SD	0.003	0.009	0.009	0.006
ψ	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04

## Mechanism

The observed hydrogen-ion dependence suggests that the reaction follows the two mechanistic pathways, one is acid-independent and the other is acid dependent. The acid-catalysis may well be attributed to a protonation of QCC to give a stronger oxidant and electrophile (16). Both QCC and QCCH<sup>+</sup> are reactive species with the protonated form being more reactive.

## $QHOCrO_2Cl + H^+ \leftrightarrows QHOCr^+(OH)OCl$

Formation of a protonated Cr(VI) species has earlier been reported in the reactions of structurally similar halochromates.<sup>7-10</sup>

In aqueous solutions most aliphatic aldehydes exist predominantly in the hydrate form<sup>19</sup> and in many oxidations, in aqueous solutions, it has been postulated that the hydrate is the reactive species. However, owing to the non-aqueous nature of the solvent in the present reaction, only the free carbonyl form can be the reactive species. The presence of a substantial primary kinetic isotope effect ( $k_H/k_D = 5.78$  at 298 K), confirms that the aldehydic C-H bond is cleaved in the rate-determining step. The large negative value of the polar reaction constant together with the substantial deuterium isotope effect indicates that the transition state approaches a carbocation in character. Hence, transfer of a hydride ion from the aldehyde to the oxidant is suggested. The hydride ion transfer mechanism is also supported by major role of cation-solvating power of the solvents.



#### Scheme - 1

High values of activation indicate that in the rate determining step bond breaking is more important in transition state. Large negative entropy of activation supports a transition state formed from two independent molecules.

## Conclusion

The reaction is proposed to proceed through a hydride-ion transfer from aldehyde to the oxidant. The hydride ion

transfer mechanism is also supported by major role of cation-solvating power of the solvents. Both deprotonated and protonated forms of QCC are the reactive oxidising species. An aldehydic C–H bond is cleaved in the rate-determining step.

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An effective methods has been developed for the preparation under mild conditions of novel pyridazine derivatives from the easily accessible starting materials benzilmonohydrazone, p,p'-dichlorobenzilmono-hydrazone, diethyl malonate and ethyl phenylacetate. All the synthesized compounds were fully characterized and some of them displayed good insecticide activities against *Mucsa domestical* and *Macrosiphum pisi* in preliminary insecticide activity tests.

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## Introduction

Many pyridazine are well known to possess a wide range of bioactivities and are often employed as plant virucides,<sup>2</sup> antitumor agents,<sup>3</sup> fungicides,<sup>4</sup> insecticides,<sup>5</sup> herbicides<sup>6</sup> and anti-inflammatory agents.<sup>7</sup> They have immense potential in agricultural science as plant growth regulators and crop protection agents. Several derivatives of these compounds incorporating 1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole and oxazolidin-2-one rings have been shown to display moderate to good insecticide acivities.<sup>8</sup> The present investigation, which is a continuation of our previous work<sup>9</sup> on pyridazine derivatives and related compounds, deals with the synthesis of different substituted pyridazines and studies their insecticidal activities.

## **Materials and Methods**

#### **Instruments and reagents**

Melting points were determined in open-glass capillaries using Buchi 510 apparatus and were reported uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded as potassium bromide disks on a Bruker Vector 22 Germany spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were obtained an a Varian Gemini 200 MHz spectrometer, and chemical shifts are expressed in  $\delta$  ppm using TMS as an internal standard Electron impact mass spectra were obtained at 70 eV using a GCMS-1000 Ex Shimadzuo spectrometer, elemental analysis was performed on an Elemental Vario-

III CHN analyzer. The course of the reactions was monitored by TLC; analytical TLC was performed on silica gel  $GF_{254}$ ; column chromatographic purification was carried out using silica gel.

## Preparation of ethyl 3-chloro-5,6-diarylpyridazine-4carboxylates (3a,b)

A mixture of pyridazinone derivatives **1a,b** (10 mmol) and phosphoryl chloride (10 mL) was refluxed for 4 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was poured onto ice-H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), the precipitate was filtered off, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give **3a,b**.

*Ethyl* 3-chloro-5,6-diphenylpyridazine-4-carboxylate (**3a**): Yield as 95%; Mp. 118-120 °C; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3050, 2983, 1735, 761. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 7.43-7.30 (m, 10H, 2Ph-H), 4.31 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.20 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.36; H, 4.46; N, 8.27. Found: C, 67.20; H, 4.30; N, 8.10.

*Ethyl* 3-chloro-5,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)pyridazine-4carboxylate (**3b**): Yield 96%; Mp. 80-82 °C; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3088, 2932, 1734, 782. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): 7.79-7.41 (m, 8H, 2Ar-H), 4.30 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.29 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 55.97; H, 3.21; N, 6.87. Found: C, 55.90; H, 3.00; N, 6.70.

## Preparation of ethyl 6,7-diaryltetrazolo[1,5-b]pyridazine-8carboxylates (4a,b)

Sodium azide (0.65g, 10.0 mmol) was added to a solution of ethyl 3-chloro-5,6-diarylpyridazine-4-carboxylates **3a,b** (4.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The stirred reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, then the solid residue was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and the precipitated product was isolated by suction, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give tille compounds **4a,b**.

*Ethyl* 6,7-*diphenyltetrazolo*[1,5-*b*]*pyridazine*-8-*carboxylate* (**4a**): Yield 76%, Mp. 147-148 °C (as reported).<sup>11)</sup>

*Ethyl* 6,7-*bis*(4-*chlorophenyl*)*tetrazolo*[1,5-*b*]*pyridazine-8-carboxyla-te* (**4b**): Yield 72%, Mp. 145-147 °C; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3061, 2981, 1741, 730. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.78-7.42 (m, 8H, 2Ar-H), 4.30 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.29 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (m/z): 414 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5.1%), 343[M<sup>+</sup> -CO<sub>2</sub>Et, 1.1% (ion A)], 330[(ion A) - N, 17.8% (ion B)], 303[(ion B) - N<sub>2</sub> 2%]. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 55.09; H, 3.16; N, 16.91. Found: C, 55.00; H, 3.00; N, 16.80.

## **Preparation of 4,5-diaryl-3-hydroxy-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridazine** (5a,b)

To solution of 3-chloro derivatives **3a,b** (7.0 mmol) in 1-butanol (15 mL) hydrazine hydrate (2 mL, 80%) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hours, upon cooling the solid product formed was filtered, dried and recrystallized from methanol to give title compounds **5a,b** 

3-Hydroxy-4,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridazine (**5a**): Yield 90%, Mp. 285-287 °C (dec.). IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3274, 3059, 1439. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.26 (s, 1H, NH), 11.53 (s, 1H,OH), 7.41-7.79 (m, 10H, 2 Ph-H). MS (m/z): 288(M<sup>+</sup>, 56.8%), 287(M<sup>+</sup>, - H, 100%), 286(M<sup>+</sup> - 2H, 1.3%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 70.82; H, 4.19; N, 19.43. Found: C, 70.70; H, 4.00; N, 19.30.

4,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl-3-hydroxy-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridazine (**5b**): Yield 85%, Mp. 290-292 °C (dec.). IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3094, 1619, 748. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): 13.26 (s, 1H, NH), 11.53 (s, 1H,OH), 7.55-7.7.98 (m, 8H, 2 Ar-H). MS (m/z): 359 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 23.85%), 358 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 66.72%), 357 (M<sup>+</sup>, 86.01%), 355 (M<sup>+</sup> - 2H, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 57.16; H, 2.82; N, 15.69. Found: C, 57.10; H, 2.70; N, 15.00.

## **Preparation of 2-carbethoxy-4,5-diphenyl-3-oxo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridazine** (6)

A mixture of 3-hydroxy derivative **5a** (1.2 g, 4.0 mmol) and ethyl chloroformate (5 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 hr, upon cooling the solid product formed was filtered off, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give title compound **6**, yield 98.9%, Mp. 110-112 °C; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3057, 2980, 1760. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 1.29 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 4.13 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.79 (m, 10H, 2Ph-H). MS (m/z): 360 (M<sup>+</sup>, 59%), 287 (M<sup>+</sup>, - CO<sub>2</sub>Et, 100%), 231 (M<sup>+</sup> - HNNCOCO<sub>2</sub>Et, 9.1%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 66.56; H, 4.47; N, 15.55. Found: C, 66.50; H, 4.30; N, 15.30.

## Preparation of N-ethythio-4,5-diphenyl-3-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrazolo [3,4-c]pyridazine-2-carboxamide (7)

To a solution of 3-hydroxy derivative 5a (1.8 g, 6.0 mmol) in dry acetone (50 mL), ethyl isothiocyanate (0.87 g, 10.0 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (0.6 g, 10.0 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was poured onto water (50 mL) and upon neutralization with hydrochloric

acid, a precipitate which obtained was filtered, washed several times with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol, to afford compound **7**, yield 91%; Mp. 230-232 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3169, 3085, 2818, 1656, 1164 . <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 0.86 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.0 (s, 1H, NH), 4.0 (s, 1H, pyrazolo NH), 7.42-7.79 (m, 10H, 2-Ph-H). MS (m/z): 375 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.1%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS: C, 63.97; H, 4.57; N, 18.66. Found: C, 63.90; H, 4.50; N, 18.50.

## Preparation of 5,6-diaryl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazine-4carbohydrazides (8a,b)

To a solution of 4-carbethoxy derivatives **1a,b** (5.0 mmol) in 1-butanol (20 mL), hydrazine hydrate (1 mL, 80%) was added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 5 hours. After cooling the solid product formed was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give title compounds **8a,b**.

*5,6-Diphenyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazine-4-carbohydrazide* (**8a**): Yield 73%; mp 123-125 °C, (as reported)<sup>11</sup>).

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazine-4-carbohydrazide (**8b**): Yield 72%; Mp. 193-195 °C. IR: (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3422, 3189, 1651. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): 2.0 (s, 2H NH2), 7.0 (s, 1H, ring NH), 7.52-7.77 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 8.0 (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.42; H, 3.22; N, 14.93. Found: C, 54.30; H, 3.10; N, 14.80.

## Preparation of 5,6-diaryl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazine-4-yl-carboxylic acids (9a,b)

A slurry of carbohydrazide derivatives **8a,b** (3.0 mmol), water (15 mL), and conc. HCl (30 mL) was cooled to 5 °C. To this slurry was added a solution of sodium nitrite (1.1 g) in water (5 mL) dropwise, after the addition, the cooling bath was removed, the mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature, transferred to a large beaker, and heated on a steam bath until dissolution occurred. Continued heating was a companied by gas evolution followed by precipitation. After cooling, the solid was filtered, washed several times with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give title compound **9a,b**.

5,6-diphenyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazin-4-ylcarboxylic acid (**9a**): Yield 82 %, Mp. 222-224 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3594, 3107, 1708. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.17-7.98 (m, 10H, 2Ph-H), 13.50 (s, 1H, COOH). MS (m/z): 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.9%), 264 (M<sup>+</sup> - CO, 17%). Anal. Calcd For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 69.85; H, 4.14; N, 9.29. Found: C, 69.70; H, 4.00; N, 9.40.

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2,3-dihydropyridazin-4ylcarboxylic acid (**9b**): Yield 84%; Mp. 280 – 281 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3456, 3131,1725. MS (m/z): 361. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 7.14 – 7.73 (m, 8H, 2 Ar-H), 13.73 (s, 1H, COOH). MS (m/z): 361 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7.2%), 360 (M<sup>+</sup> - H, 24.5%), 315 (M<sup>+</sup> - H, COOH, 100%). Anal. Calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.53; H, 2.79; N, 7.76. Found: C, 56.40; H, 2.60; N, 7.60.

## Hydrolysis of 4-carboethoxy-5,6-diarylpyridazin-3(2H)-ones (1a,b)

6-Carboethoxy derivatives 1a,b (1.1 mmol) were separately dissolved in ethanol (15 mL). Following addition of sodium hydroxide (0.5 g), the reaction mixture were placed on a steam bath, when the solvent had evaporated, the residues were dissolved in warm water (10 mL) and filtered. The filtrates were acidified with hydrochloric acid, and the resulting precipitates were separated by filtration, dried and recrystallized from ethanol, to give 78 and 79% yield respectively that were identical with compounds **9a,b**.

## Preparation of 3-chloro-5,6-diaryl-4-phenylpyridazines (10a,b)

A mixture of pyridazinone derivatives **2a,b** (9.0 mmol) and phosphoryl chloride (6 mL) was refluxed for 5 hrs. The cooled reaction mixture was poured into ice-H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), the precipitate was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compounds **10a,b**.

3-Chloro-4,5,6-triphenylpyridazine (**10a**): Yield 94%; Mp. 170-172 °C as reported.  $^{10c)}$ 

3-Chloro-5,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylpyridazine (10b): Yield 91%, Mp. 149-151°C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3056, 1594, 731. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{13}Cl_3N_2$ : C, 64.18; H, 3.18; N, 6.81. Found: C, 64.10; H, 3.00; N, 6.70.

## Preparation of 6,7-diaryl-8-phenyltetrazolo[1,5-b]pyridazines (11a,b)

Sodium azide (0.06 g, 0.9 mmol) was added to a solution of compounds 10a,b (1.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 10 hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, then the solid residue was diluted with water (100 mL) and the precipitated product was isolated by suction dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

6,7,8-*Triphenyltetrazolo*[1,5-*b*]*pyridazine* (**11a**): Yield 73%, Mp. 225-227 °C as reported.<sup>10c</sup>)

## 6,7-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-8-phenyltetrazolo[1,5-

*b]pyridazi-ne* (**11b**): Yield 79 %, Mp. 194-196 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3064, 1660, 754. MS (m/z): 418 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1%), 326 (M<sup>+</sup> - 4N, Cl, 100%), 300 (M<sup>+</sup> - 4N, Cl, CN, 5.5%),214 (M<sup>+</sup> - 4N, Cl, CN, CPh, 29.1%). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{13}Cl_2N_5$ : C, 63.17; H, 3.13; N, 16.74. Found: C, 63.10; H, 3.00; N, 16.60.

## Preparation of 4,5,6-triphenyl-3-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino)pyridazine (12)

To a solution of compound **11a** (1.7 g, 4.8 mmol) in 1,2-dichlorobenzene (10 mL), triphenylphosphine (1.57 g, 5.9 mmol) was added, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hours, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was washed with petroleum ether 40/60 °C, the precipitate was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 88 %; Mp. 212-214 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>:

3055, 1597, 1537. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 6.81-7.93 (m, 30H, 6Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>P: C, 82.31; H, 5.18; N, 7.19. Found: C, 82.20; H, 5.10; N, 7.10.

## Preparation of 5,6-diaryl-3-β-hydroxyethylamino-4-phenylpyridazine (13a,b)

A mixture of compound **10a,b** (0.9 mmol) and ethanolamine (5 mL) was refluxed for 2 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was poured onto water (100 mL). A precipitate which obtained was filtered, washed several times with water, dried and recrystallized from benzene to give the title compounds **13a,b**.

4,5,6-*Triphenylpyridazine-3-β-hydroxyaminopyridazine* (**13a**): Yield 84%; Mp. 185-187 °C as reported.<sup>10c)</sup>

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-β-hydroxyethylamino-4-phenylpyridazine (13b): Yield 91.7 %; Mp. 85-87°C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3259, 3081, 2909, 767. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 3.48-3.65 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.41-7.98 (m, 13H, aromatic-H). MS (m/z): 435 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 2.7%), 416 (M<sup>+</sup> - H<sub>2</sub>O, 14%), 404 (M<sup>+</sup> - CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 19%), 390 (M<sup>+</sup> - CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 100%).Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 66.06; H, 4.39; N, 9.63. Found: C, 66.00; H, 4.30; N, 9.50.

## Preparation of 5,6-diaryl-3-morpholino-4-phenylpyridazines (13c,d)

A mixture of 3-chloro derivatives **10a,b** (1.0 mmol) and morpholine (4 mL) was refluxed for 3 hours. The cooled mixture was poured onto water (100 mL). A precipitate which obtained was filtered, washed several times with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

4,5,6-Triphenyl-3-morpholinopyridazine (13c): Yield 91 %; Mp. 190-191 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3390, 3060, 2912, 1115. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 3.57 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.98 (m, 15H, 3Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 79.16; H, 6.13; N, 10.65. Found: C, 79.00; H, 6.00; N, 10.40.

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-4-phenylpyridazine (**13d**): Yield 87 %; Mp. 219-221 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3409, 3058, 2912, 1115. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.56 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.69 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.98 (m, 13H, aromatic-H). MS (m/z): 462 (M<sup>+</sup> +1, 66.9%), 460 (M<sup>+</sup> - H<sub>2</sub>, 61%), 376 (M<sup>+</sup>-morpholino, 8.27%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 67.39; H, 4.79; N, 9.07. Found: C, 67.20; H, 4.40; N, 9.00.

## Preparation of 5,6-aryl-4-phenyl-3-piperdinopyridazine (13e,f)

To a solution of 3-chloro derivative 10a,b (1.0 mmol) in ethanol (25 mL), piperidine (1 mL, 12.0 mmol) was added, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 15 hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. To the residue, water (100 mL) was added followed by few drops of hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was filtered, dried and recrystalized from ethanol to give 13e,f.

*4,5,6-Triphenyl-3-piperdinopyridazine* (13e): yield 68.1 %, Mp. 235-237 °C; as reported.<sup>10c)</sup>

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-piperdino-4-phenylpyridazine (13f): yield 85%, Mp. 208-210 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3052, 2844, 760. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 1.53-1.59 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (t, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.79 (m, 13H, aromatic-H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: C, 70.44; H, 5.03; N, 9.13. Found: C, 70.30; H, 5.00; N, 9.10.

## Preparation of 5,6-diaryl-3-hydrazino-4-phenylpyridazines (13g,h)

To a solution of 3-chloro derivatives **10a,b** (10.0 mmol) in 1-butanol (20 mL), hydrazine hydrate (6 mL, 80%) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 hours, after cooling the solid product formed was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

3-Hydrazino-4,5,6-triphenylpyridazine (13g): Yield 88 %, Mp. 229-231 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3470, 3355, 3200, 1620, 1560. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.50-7.70 (m, 15H, 3 Ph-H), 5.80-6.10 (m, 3H, NHNH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 78.08; H, 5.36; N, 16.56. Found: C, 78.00; H, 5.10; N, 16.40.

5,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydrazino-4-phenylpyridazine (**13h**): Yield 65%; Mp. 220-222 °C; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3427, 3262, 3063, 1491, 730. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): 2.0 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.41-7.79 (m, 13H, aromatic-H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.87; H, 3.96; N, 13.76. Found: C, 64.70; H, 3.80; N, 13.60.

## Preparation of N-(4,5,6-triphenylpyridazine-3-yl)-N'-[alkyl-thio(carbamoyl)]hydrazine (14a,b)

A solution of 3-hydrazino derivative 13g (1.7 g, 5.0 mmol) and equimolar a mount of alkyl isothiocyanate (5.0 mmol) in acetone (30 mL) was heated under reflux for 6 hours, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was collected and recrystallized from benzene to give the title compounds 14a,b.

*N*-(4,5,6-*Triphenylpyridazin-3-yl*)-*N*'-[*methylthio*(*carbamoyl*)]*hydrazine* (14*a*): Yield 95 %; Mp. 215-217 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3446, 3055, 2975, 1130. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 2.0 (s, 2H, NHCNH), 2.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.40-7.78 (m, 15H, Ph-H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>S: C, 70.04; H, 5.14; N, 17.02. Found: C, 70.00; H, 5.00; N, 16.90.

*N*-(4,5,6-*Triphenylpyridazin-3-yl*)-*N*'-[*ethylthio*(*carba-moyl*)]*hydrazine* (**14b**): Yield 92%; Mp. 220-222 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3375, 3049, 2979, 1155. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 1.29 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.0 (s, 2H, NHCNH), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 4.43 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{23}N_5S$ : C, 70.56; H, 5.44; N, 16.46. Found: C, 70.40; H, 5.30; N, 16.40.

### Preparation of 3-alkylamino-6,7,8-triphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazines (15a,b)

*Method A:* To a solution of 3-hydrazino derivative 13g (1.7g, 5.0 mmol) and equimolar amount of alkyl isothiocyanate (5.0 mmol) in acetone (30 mL), potassium hydroxide (0.6 mL, 2N) was added. The reaction mixture

was heated under reflux for 6 hrs; the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in water (100 mL) and neutralized with hydrochloric acid. The solid product obtained was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compounds 15a,b

3-Methylamino-6,7,8-triphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo]4,3-b]pyridazine (**15a**): Yield 56.5%; Mp. 215-217 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3375, 3049, 2979. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 2.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.41-7.79 (m, 15H, 3Ph-H). MS (m/z): 377 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3%), 362 (M<sup>+</sup> - CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.4%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.37; H, 5.07; N, 18.56. Found: C, 76.10; H, 4.80; N, 18.20.

3-Ethylamino-6,7,8-triphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine (15b): Yield 51 %; Mp. 220-221 °C. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3365, 3020, 2969. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 1.14 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.47 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.79 (m, 15H, 3Ph-H). MS (m/z): 391 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.6%), 363 (M<sup>+</sup> - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.70; H, 5.41; N, 17.89. Found: C, 76.40; H, 5.10; N, 17.60.

*Method B:* To a solution of compound 14a,b (5.0 mmol) in acetone (30 mL), potassium hydroxide (0.6 mL, 2N) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hours, the same work-up as in method A, gave 70% yield of 15a and 66% yield of 15b. It was identical with that prepared by method A.

#### Insecticidal activity

Out of the synthesized compounds, only compounds **3a**, **5a**, **10b**, **12**, **13a** and **15b** were examined for their insecticidal activity against two insects *viz. Mucsa*, *domestica* and Aphid. *Macrospihum pisi* by dipping method<sup>12)</sup> at 500 ppm concentration.

## **Results and Discussion**

The parents 4-carboethoxy-5,6-diarylpyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones **1a,b** and 5,6-diaryl-4-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones **2a,b** required in the present work were prepared more conveniently and in higher yields starting from benzil (p,p'-dichlorobenzilmonohydrazone with diethyl malonate and with ethyl phenylacetate in presence of sodium ethoxide as described earlier<sup>10</sup> (Scheme 1).



Ethyl 3-chloro-5,6-diarylpyridazine-4-carboxylates **3a,b** were conveniently prepared in good yields by treatment of 4-carboethoxy-5,6-diarylpyridazin-3(2H)-ones **1a,b** with phosphoryl chloride at refluxing temperature. The structures of compounds **3a,b** were established on the basis of their spectroscopic data. The IR spectra showed an absorption bands at 1735 and at 1734 cm<sup>-1</sup> referred to ester carbonyl groups and no absorption bands referred to amide carbonyl groups.

On reacting compounds **3a,b** with one equivalent of sodium azide in boiling ethanol gave the corresponding tetrazolopyridazine derivatives **4a,b**.<sup>11)</sup> Wherein 3-azido derivatives was formed at the first step in these reactions and intramolecular cyclization to the tetrazole derivatives **4a,b** occurred immediately. The predominant existence of tetrazole derivatives were supported by the IR spectral data, which exhibited no absorption bands around 2200 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The mass spectrum of ethyl 6,7-bis(4-chlorophenyl)tetrazolo-[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-8-carboxylate **4b** could be accounted as follows: the molecular ion at m/z 414 underwent the following fragmentation. It could be lose COOEt to give the ion at m/z 343, which in turn gives rise to the ion at m/z 330 by lose of (N, COOEt), this ion lose 2N to give the ion at m/z 303.



#### Scheme 2.

The starting **3a,b** required for the synthesis of pyrazolopyridazines **5a,b** is important synthesis for annellations of pyrazole such compounds **3a,b** on reaction with hydrazine hydrate in boiling 1-butanol gave 3-hydroxy-4,5-diaryl-*1H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyridazine **5a,b** in a good yields. Mechanistically the formation of **5a,b** involve the nucleophilic substitution of hydrazine at carbon-3, which undergoes immediate intramolecular nucleophilic cyclyzathion of the hydrazine primary amino group to the carbethoxy group with elimination of ethanol molecule (Scheme 3).



#### Scheme 3.

With a view of studying some of the reaction of 5a, it was allowed to react with excess of ethyl chloroformate at reflux temperature, a crystals deposited during the refluxing time, as a single product. The isolated product was proven to be 2-carbethoxy-4,5-diphenyl-3-oxo-*1H*-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridazine **6**. As the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, the possibility of a side reaction through the oxygen substituted could not obtain. The assignment of structure **6** was based on an analytical and spectral data.

Also, the reaction of compound 5a with ethyl isothiocyanate in presence of potassium hydroxide in boiling acetone furnished 2-substituted product 7 as the only product.

Heating a mixture of 4-carbethoxy-5,6-diarylpyridazin-3(2H)-ones **1a,b** with hydrazine hydrate in 1-butanol corresponding 4,6-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-3gave the oxopyridazine-4-carbohydrazide 8a.b (Scheme 4). The reaction of this carbohydrazide with one equivalent of sodium nitrite in hydrochloric acid at 5°C, afforded the acid azide intermediate, the latter when heated gave the carboxylic acid derivatives **9a,b** rather than the corresponding 4-amino derivatives, via Curtius rearrangement on the basis of spectral data and elemental analysis. The formation of 4-carboxy derivatives involves a nucleophilic substitution of water to the 4-carbonylazide group with elimination of hydrazoic acid. Also, the structures were assigned by comparison with authentic samples prepared from the basic hydrolysis followed by neutralization of 4-carbethoxy derivatives 1a,b.



#### Scheme 4.

Compounds **2a,b** were also separately reacted (Scheme 5) with phosphoryl chloride at refluxing temperature gave the corresponding 3-chloro derivatives **10a,b**. Since the reactivity of the chlorine atoms were expected, the compounds were subjected to nucleophilic substitution reactions to obtained the next derivatives of the ring systems.

On reacting compounds **10a,b** with sodium azide afforded tetrazolo derivatives **11a,b** in a single step in<sup>10c)</sup> 73% and 79% respectively.

The pyridazine derivatives **12** was easily obtained in 88% yield by the reaction of 6,7,8-triphenyltetrazolo[1,5-a]pyridazine **11a** with triphenylphosphine in refluxing 1,2-dichlorobenzene (b.p. 179°C).

Compounds **10a,b** were also separately reacted with ethanolamine, morpholine, piperidine and/or hydrazine to afforded 3-substituted pyridazines **13a-f**.

Reacting equimolecular quantities of the 3-hydrazino derivatives **13e** and alkyl isotiocyanate in boiling acetone yielded the corresponding N-(4,5,6-triphenylpyridazin-3-yl)-N'-[alkylthio(carbomyl)]hydrazines **14a,b** in 95% and 92% yield respectively. On the other hand, reaction of compound **13a** with alkyl isothiocyanate in boiling 2N acetone potassium hydroxide afforded, unexpectedly a single product. The isolated product was proved to be

identical in every respect with 3-alkylamino-6,7,8triphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridazines **15a,b**. Mechanistically, the formation of tricyclic derivatives **15a,b** from **13e** involves the initial formation of **14a,b** which undergo immediate intramolecular nucleophilic attack of ring-2 nitrogen on thione group with elimination of hydrogen sulfide molecule. This mechanism was proved by converting **14a,b** to **15a,b** upon boiling in acetone potassium hydroxide indicates that **14a,b** are thermostable at the boiling point of acetone.



#### Scheme 5.

#### Evaluation of insectidical activity

The result of insectidical activity studies are recorded in table 1. After 24 hr, % mortality was calculated using the following formula:

$$\varphi = 100 \times \frac{N_1}{N_2} \tag{1}$$

where

 $\varphi$  - mortality in %

 $N_1$  - no. of dead insects

 $N_2$  - no. of insects released

The compounds **5b** and **13a** showed good activities (Table 1). The other tested compounds showed lower activity as compared to the standard insecticides Diazinox and Carbosulfan. From the insecticidal data, it is clear that the combination of chloro atom at position 4 of the phenyl ring with hydroxypyrazolopyridazine works better, the maximum (+++) against *Mucsa domestica* was observed with compound **5b**. Ethanolamino derivative in compound **13a** has the maximum (+++) against *Macrosiphum pisi*.

Table 1. Insecticidal activity (mortality %) of compounds 3a,5a, 6, 10b, 12, 13a and 15b

Compounds	Mucsa domestica	Macrosiphum pisi
3a	++	+++
5a	++	+
5b	+++	+
6	+	++
10b	++	+
12	++	++
13a	++	+++
16b	+	++
Diazinox	++++	-
Carbosulfan	-	++++

Mortality is indicated by symbols (-)  $\approx$  0-20%, (+)  $\approx$  21- 40%, (++)  $\approx$  41- 60%, (+++)  $\approx$  61- 80%, (++++)  $\approx$  > 80%.

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An efficient Hantzsch four-component condensation reaction for the synthesis of polyhydroquinolines was found to proceed in the presence of *L*-proline in ethanol at room temperature. The method is really simple and environmentally benign. The keys features of this protocol are the use of a bio, organic and reusable catalyst, high yields of products, using nontoxic solvent and short reaction times from the principles of green chemistry point of view.

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## Introduction

Among various biologically active heterocyclic scaffolds, Hantzsch 1,4-dihydropyridines (1,4-DHPs) are an important class of biologically active heterocycles.1,4-Dihydropyridines are analogues of NADH coenzymes and an important class of drugs.<sup>1</sup> These compounds possess a variety of biological activities such as curing the disordered heart ratio as the chain-cutting agent of factor IV channel and having the calcium channel agonist–antagonist modulation activities.<sup>2–6</sup>

Classical method for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridines is one-pot condensation of aldehydes with ethyl acetoacetate, and ammonia either in acetic acid or by refluxing in alcohol.<sup>7</sup> This method, however, involves long reaction time, harsh reaction conditions or generally gives low yields. Therefore, it is necessary to develop an efficient and versatile method for the preparation of 1,4-DHPs and the progress in this field is remarkable including recently the promotion of microwave,8 TMSCl,[10] ionic liquid,9 polymer,<sup>10,11</sup> Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>,<sup>12</sup> silica sulfuric acid,<sup>13</sup> Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub>,<sup>14</sup> MCM-41,<sup>15</sup> sulfamic acid,<sup>16</sup> hafnium(IV) bis(perfluoro-octanesulfonyl)imide,<sup>17</sup> guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl),<sup>18</sup> grinding till,<sup>19</sup> fluoro alcohols,<sup>20</sup> cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate,<sup>21</sup> and Cs<sub>2.5</sub>H<sub>0.5</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>.<sup>22</sup> However, the use of high temperatures, expensive metal precursors and catalysts those are harmful to environment, and longer reaction times limit the use of these methods. Therefore, the search for a better method for the synthesis of polyhydroquinolines is still the need of the day.

In recent years, *L*-proline has gained importance as versatile catalyst for effecting various organic transformations such as the synthesis of coumarins in ionic

liquid <sup>23</sup> and density functional study of the *L*-prolinecatalyzed á-aminoxylation of aldehydes.<sup>24</sup> Moreover, *L*proline and *L*-proline derivatives were successfully used as organo catalysts in asymmetric aldol and Michael addition reactions.<sup>25</sup>

On the other hand, a part of our program aiming at developing selective and environmental friendly methodologies for the preparation of fine chemicals, [26] therefore in this paper, we wish to disclose our finding about the *L*-proline catalyzed four-component Hantzsch reaction of aldehydes, dimedone, ethylacetoacetate and ammonium acetate in the presence of *L*-proline as an inexpensive, eco-friendly and recyclable catalyst in ethanol at room temperature (Scheme 1).





## **Results and discussion**

Firstly, the mixture of benzaldehyde, dimedone, ethyl acetoacetate and ammonium acetate was chosen as the model reaction to detect whether the use of *L*-proline was efficient and investigate the optimized conditions. Thus, we selected the optimized reaction condition to exam the universality of this catalyst's application. Various aromatic aldehydes were selected to undergo the Hantzsch reaction in the presence of catalytic amount of *L*-proline in ethanol at room temperature The results of this study are summarized in Table 1 . It was indicated that both electron-rich and electron-deficient aldehydes giving high yields of products with little difference.

Entry	Aldehyde	Product	Time, h	Yield, %	MP., °C	MP., °C (Lit.)
1	СНО		3.5	96	196-198	202-204 <sup>27</sup>
2	CHO Cl		3.0	90	210-212	214-216 <sup>27</sup>
3	CHO		2.5	91	238-241	244-246 <sup>27</sup>
4	NO2	O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	3.0	93	178-180	178-180 <sup>27</sup>
5	CHO OMe		3.5	90	190-195	197-199 <sup>27</sup>
6	CHO		2.0	85	204-206	208-209 <sup>27</sup>
7	CHO Me	H Me O O N H	3.0	88	254-256	265-268 <sup>27</sup>

Table 1 Synthesis of polyhydroquinolines using L-proline

## Experimental

## General procedure for the synthesis of polyhydroquinoline derivatives

To a mixture of benzaldehyde (1.0 mmol), dimedone (1.5 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (1.0 mmol), and ammonium acetate (1.0 mmol) in ethanol (4.0 ml), *L*-proline (10 mol%) was added at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and the spot were detected either UV light. After completion of the reaction, ethanol was removed, ethyl acetate and water was added and the product was exteracted. The crude product was obtained recrystallized from ethanol and water. Next, extracted

aqueous layer containing catalyst was washed with 10 ml of dichloromethane twice and was used for three times (Table 2).

**Table 2** Reusability of the catalyst<sup>a</sup>

Entry	1	2	3	4
Yield, % <sup>b</sup>	96	93	93	90

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction condition: benzaldehyde (1.0 mmol), dimedone (1.5 mmol), ethylacetoacetate (1.0 mmol) and ammonium acetate (1.0 mmol) at r.t.; <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield.

#### Spectral data for synthesized compound

 $R=C_6H_5$ ,Ethyl2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-phenyl-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate(1).IR(KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3274, 3204, 3079, 2961, 1699, 1602.H NMR(300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.28–7.31 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.18–7.22(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.06–7.13 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.64 (s, 1H, NH),5.04 (s, 1H, CH), 4.05 (q, J=7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3H,CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11–2.29 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H,CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.07 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=2,4-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>, Ethyl 4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,7,7trimethyl-5-oxo-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2).** IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3283, 3208, 3077, 2958, 1706, 1608. H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.05–7.33 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.02 (s, 1H, NH), 5.32 (s, 1H, CH), 4.02 (q, J=7.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12–2.22 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.20 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,7,7-trimethyl-5oxo-1,4,5<u>6</u>,<b>7,8-hexahydroquioline-3-carboxylate** (**3**). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3275, 3207, 3077, 2960, 1706, 1602. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.24–7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.13–7.19 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.46 (s, 1H, NH), 5.04 (s, 1H, CH), 4.03 (q, J=7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11–2.35 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.18 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=3-NO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, Ethyl 2,7,7-trimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-5-oxo-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4).** IR (KBr, cm ): 3284, 3211, 3077, 2959, 1704, 1603. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.99 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.97 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36 (t, J=7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.85 (s, 1H, NH), 5.16 (s, 1H, CH), 3.69 (q, J=7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12–2.42 (m, 7H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.22 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=3,4-(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>, Ethyl 4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3carboxylate (5).** IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3279, 3211, 3078, 2958, 1695, 1603. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 6.92 (d, J=1.96 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.77 (dd, J=1.96, 8.31 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.68 (d, J=8.30 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.94 (s, 1H, NH), 5.03 (s, 1H, CH), 4.05 (q, J=7.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18–2.35 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.20 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.07 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=2-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, Ethyl 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,7,7-trimethyl-5oxo-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (6).** IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3282, 3210, 3074, 2957, 1697, 1609. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.60 (s, 1H, NH), 7.11-7.29 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 4.60 (s, 1H, CH), 4.03 (q, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00-2.21 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.18 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**R=4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, Ethyl 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-p-tolyl-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (7).** IR (KBr, cm<sup>-</sup>): 3281, 3208, 3077, 2961, 1700, 1607. <sup>H</sup> NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ä 7.19 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.03 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.66 (s, 1H, NH), 5.03 (s, 1H, CH), 4.03 (q, J=7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11–2.28 (m, 7H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### Conclusion

The use of inexpensive *L*-proline in a catalytic quantity is a general practical alternative to existing procedures for multicomponent Hantzsch synthesis of polyhydroquinolines. The procedure offers several advantages including increased variations of substituent in the product with high yields, operational simplicity, minimum environmental effects and above all, the ease in purification of products simply by crystallization.

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The objectives of the reviews are the collection, concise description, comparison and evaluation of the various chromatographic technologies using natural and modified cyclodextrins for the increase the seperation capacity of various chromatographic separation systems.

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## Introduction

Chromatographic procedures were developed and successfully employed for the separation of a high number of organic and inorganic compounds present at trace level in complicated accompanying matrices. The capacity of chromatographic separation technologies can be increased by the modification of both the stationary and the mobile phase of the system. Because of their specific adsorption character cyclodextrins (CD) and cyclodextrin derivatives (CDs) have been frequently applied for the improvement of the separation parameters (mainly chiral separation capacity) of various chromatographic methods. The chiral separation capacity of cyclodextrins has been frequently exploited for the separation of enantiomers with markedly different biological activity employing CDs. CDs and CD derivatives can be equally used as additives of stationary phase or modifier of the mobile phase. The number of studies dealing with the application of CDs and CD derivatives for the increase of the separation capacity of chromatographic systems increased considerably. Because of their versatility CDs have found application in many special branch of chromatography such as liquid chromatography (LC), gas chromatography (GC), size exclusion chromatography (SEC), gel permeation chromatography (GPC), and electrically driven separation methods (CE, CZE), and ultra performance liquid chromatography (UPLC).

# Application of cyclodextrins in liquid chromatographic techniques

Because of their versatility, reproducibility and sensitivity various HPLC methods have been frequently employed for the separation of optical and positional isomers in HPLC systems employing CDs in the mobile and/or stationary phases. The applications and development of new CD chiral stationary phases (CD-CSPs) have been recently reviewed and their use in capillary electrochromatography (CEC), open tubular CEC (OT-CEC, packed-bed CEC (P-CEC), pseudostationary CEC (PSP-CEC), monolithic CEC, and supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC), has been discussed more in detail.<sup>1</sup>

Another review has been published on the application of subs  $\mu m$  porous silica stationary phases in LC and CEC. The review established that these new materials are suitable for the rapid and efficace separation of a wide variety of analytes.<sup>2</sup>

The application of new chiral selectors in the enantiomeric separation using HPLC and CE technologies has also been reviewed and the importance of chiral discrimination in biological samples is emphasized<sup>3</sup>. Chemically bonded cationic β-cyclodextrin derivatives were synthesized and employed the enantioseparation of racemic for pharmaceutical compounds. Vinylene-functionalized cationic β-CDs were co-polymerized with vinylized silica in the presence of AIBN and conjugated monomers. It was established that this new stationary phase can be successfully employed in packed column supercritical fluid chromatography.4

The characteristics of the quercetin/hydroxypropyl-β-CD were investigated in detail using various physicochemical analytical method such as differential scanning calorimetry, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, X-ray powder diffractometry, scanning electron microscopy and HPLC. The measurements indicated that the inclusion complex formation increases considerably the water solubility of the end product.<sup>5</sup>

Silica gel layers impregnated with  $\beta$ -CD were employed for the enantiomeric separation of (±)-propanolol and (±)atenolol. Silicagel layers were bulk-impregnated with  $\beta$ -CD. Analytes were enantioseparated in solvent systems of DMFethyl acetate-butanol (3:2:5, v/v) and butanol-acetic acidethyl acetate-ammonia (5:2:2:0.5, v/v), respectively. Analytes were detected with iodine.<sup>6</sup>

Countercurrent chromatography was employed for the isolation of bitter acids from hops (*Humulus lupulus L*). Analytical procedure applied two separate countercurrent methods. The first step used hexane and aqueous buffer and

resulted in a mixture of cis/trans diastereomers. Cis and trans diastereomers were separated in the second step using mobile phase containing  $\beta$ -CD. The successful separation of individual bitter acids from commercially available hop extracts was reported.<sup>7</sup>

Affinity capillary electrophoresis and mass spectrometry (ACA-MS) has been used for label-free solution-based affinity analysis. Drugs included in the investigations were: ibuprofen, s-fluorbiprofen, phenylbutazone, naproxen, folic acid, resveratrol, 4,4'-propane-1,3-diy) dibenzoic acid. The results of ACE-MS were compared with those obtained with direct infusion mass spectrometry (DIMS) and ACE with UV detection. It was established that the application of ACE-MS facilitate the simultaneous affinity analysis of multiple interactive pairsresulting in high-throughput screening of drug candidates.<sup>8</sup>

Estrogens in pork and chicken samples were determined by stir bar sorptive extraction (SBSE). Poly(dimethylsiloxane) (PDMS)/ $\beta$ -CD)/divinylbenzene (DVB)-coated stir bar was prepared by the sol gel technique. Liquid desorption and HPLC followed by UV detection were employed for the separation and quantitative determination of the analytes. The limit of the detection was  $0.21 - 1.6 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ , the dynamic range varied between  $2 - 2000 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ . The relative standard deviation of the method was  $6.0 - 9.7 \ \%$ . It was stated that the method is simple, selective, sensitive, and can be successfully applied for the analysis of estrogens in pork and chicken samples.<sup>9</sup>

Thus, hydroxy- $\beta$ -CD and gelatin were applied to increase the solubility of puerarin. The objectives of the measurements were to create puerarin nanoparticles which improves puerarin entrapment, efficacy, penetration and bioavailability. It was stated that puerarin nanoparticles are potentially applicable for the brain injury induced by ischemic-reperfusion.<sup>10</sup>

A new method combining in vivo microdialysis (MD) sampling, turbulent-flow chromatography (TFC) with LC/MS was developed and applied for the study of the pharmakokinetic of puqietinone. Separation was carried out on a fast LC column (4.6 mm x 50 mm x 1.8  $\mu$ ). HP- $\beta$ -CD was added to the system to increase the relative recovery of the analyte. The LOG value was 0.10 ng mL<sup>-1</sup>. The method showed good linearity ( $R^2 = 0.9993$ ) in the concentration range of 1.02 – 200.02 ng L<sup>-1</sup>. It was established that the new method eliminates the influence of matrix effect. The efficacy of the technique was demonstrated by the application of the method for the pharmacokinetic study of the puqietinone in rats.<sup>11</sup>

The bioactive polyphenol resveratrol shows marked beneficial biological effects such as antioxidant, antiinflammatory, anti-carcinogenic, and anti-aging activity. A considerable number of drug delivery sytems was developed to increase the poor bioavailability, the rapid metabolizing and excretion of resveratrol. The employments of various drug delivery systems such as nano and microformulations, liposomes, solid lipid nanoparticles, solid polymeric nanoparticles, solid lipid nanoparticles, liposheres, cyclodectrins. Polymeric microsheres, yeals cell carriers and calcium of zinc pectinate beads. The application of resveratrol in medicinal chemistry has been previously discussed.<sup>12</sup> The inclusion complex of cefaclor with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin was investigated by using thin-layer chromatography combined with densitometry and with proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry.<sup>13</sup>

Cyclodextrins as mobile phase additives were successfully applied for the improvement of the separation of catechin components in tea. It was stated that the new method reduces the ratio of organic components in the mobile phase, improve resolution and retention factors. The best separation was obtained by employing a conventional C18 column and a mobile phase acetonitrile/water (12/88, v/v) containing 1.5 mM L<sup>-1</sup>  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. The flow rate was 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. It was stated that the method can be applied for the separation and determination of other active compounds from natural plants.<sup>14</sup>

The application of SBECD (sulfobutyl ether  $\beta$ -CD) in RP-HPLC was investigated in detail. The method make possible the enantiomeric separation of fenoterol, idazoxan and its hydrolyzate, orciprenaline, terbutaline, tranylcypromine, 1-aminoindane, nefopam, and imazalil. It was further established that SBECD modifies the impurity profiles for the fermentation-derived drugs A40926, ramoplanin, teicoplanin and vancomycin. The measurements suggested that SBECD can be used for the modification of the separation character of C18 column being a viable alternative for the commercial chiral columns.<sup>15</sup>

Nano-liquid chromatography (nano-LC) technology was developed for the enantioseparation of bioactive compounds. The monolithic column was synthesized using HP- $\beta$ -CD as chiral selector and water-soluble comonomers. Analytes were separated employing aqueous mobile phases modified with methanol or acetonitrile and buffered with 0.1 % triethylamine-acetate. It was established that nomifensine and naproxen were baseline separate while praziquantel, metomidate and 5-methyl-5-phenyl-hydantoin was only partially resolved.<sup>16</sup>

A rapid and simple HPLC method was developed and successfully applied for the analysis of urocanic acid isomers extracted from human skin. Measurements were carried out on a  $\beta$ -CD column, the mobile phase was phosphate buffer-acetonitrile 15:85 v/v, the isocratic flow rate was 0.3 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. Analytes were detected at 276 nm, the column temperature was 20<sup>o</sup>C. It was established that the method separates urocanic acid isomers, it is rapid and can be employed for the quantification of urocanic acid isomers extracted from skin.<sup>17</sup>

The enantioselective separation capacity of CDs and cyclofructans (CFs) was compared. The basic compounds were derivatized using either dimethylphenyl or R-naphtylphenyl and their separation characteristics were investigated using normal phase HPLC method. The measurements indicated that both the structure of the cyclic oligosaccharide and the character of the derivatizing agent influence markedly the enantioselectivity of the separation system.<sup>18</sup>

The beneficial characteristics of natural CDs and their derivatives have been discussed in detail. It was emphasized that CDs are sussessfully applied in foods and food products, pharmaceutical preparations, agricultural practice and in a wide variety of analytical procedures. It was further established that CDs are produced from a nenewable natural material (starch). Because of their encapsulation capacity they can be applied in the solution of many chemical problems, changing molecular solubility. Moreover, CDs and CD derivatives can enhance the stability of the included molecules. Because of their capacity to increase the solubility of environmental pollutants they can modify the departure of organic contaminants and heavy metal from soil, water and atmosphere.<sup>19</sup>

The influence of the drying method and drying carriers on the performance and physicochemical characteristics of spray-and spouted bed-dried phytopharmaceutical preparation of Bidens pilosa L. The efficacy of colloidal silicon dioxide,  $\beta$ -CD, maltodextrin dextrose equivalent (DE) 10, and microcrystalline cellulose on the drying process was investigated using the following parameters: particle size and morphology, total flavonoid content, solubility, flowability and water activity. Energetic efficiency, product recovery, elutriation and product accumulation were also determined.

The crystalline state of the powder was assessed by X-ray diffraction. The measurements indicated that the lowest flavonoid degradation (8.6 %) was achieved by using  $\beta$ -CD as drying carrier. The recoveries obtained by spray drying and spouted bed drying were 86.9 % and 72.9 %, respectively.<sup>20</sup>

A pharmacokinetic study was carried out for the comparison of the characteristics of two docetaxel parenteral formulations (SID530) and  $\beta$ -CD. The concentration of the active agent in whole blood and plasma was followed by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). The measurements indicated that the behaviour of the two formulations were comparable. Maximum serum concentration, time to peak concentration, and area under the concentration-time curve were similar. It was concluded from the data that the drugs are bioequivalent in monkey. Experiments used cynomolgous monkey.<sup>21</sup>

The complex formation between CDs and the HIV inhibitor UC781 was studied in detail using RP-HPLC. CDs included in the experiments were:  $\beta$ -CD, HP- $\beta$ -CD and methyl  $\beta$ -CD. Analytes were eluted isocratically with acetonitrile-water. It was established that the modification of  $\beta$ -CD also modified the complex formation.<sup>22</sup>

A novel magnetic nanoadsorbent (CMCD-APTS-MNPs) containing the superparamagnetic and molecular recognition properties was synthesized by grafting CM- $\beta$ -CD on-3-aminopropyl-triethoxysile (APTS) modified FE304 nanoparticles. It was established that the new product can be employed for the rapid and selective separation of nucleosides and nucleotides in biological samples.<sup>23</sup>

A molecularly imprinted polymer was prepared using ultrasonic irradiation, with attapulgitr as matrix,  $\beta$ -naphtol as template molecule, acryloyl- $\beta$ -CD as functional monomer, and N,N-methylenebiacrylamide as cross-linking agent, respectively. The polymer was characterized by the traditional heat infrared spectroscopy and transmission electron microscopy. It was established that the new polymer has a better selectivity and the adsorption kinetic to

estrol, estradiol, estrone and diethylstilbestrol. The limit of detection for these analytes were between 100 and 1000 ng  $g^{-1}$ . RSDs (n = 6) were lower then 5.1 %.<sup>24</sup>

A binary sorbent based on achiral liquid crystal 4methoxy-4'-ethoxyazoxybenzene and macrocyclic heptakis(2,3,6-tri-O-acetyl)- $\beta$ -CD (10.25 wt %) was prepared and the various physicochemical characteristics of the product was investigated (mesomorphous, sorption, selectivity), and the excess thermodynamic function of sorption by the binary sorbent from gaseous phase was determined using 29 organic compounds as model compounds (n-alkanes, cycloalkanes, arenes, monoatomic alcohols, heterocycles, optical isomers of camphene, limonene, and butanediol-2,3). It was established that the binary sorbent showed high structural selectivity over a wide temperature range.<sup>25</sup>

Various physicochemical and thermodynamic methods were employed for the characterization of the bioactive hydroxy pentacyclic triterpenoic acids (HPTAs). The inclusion complex formation of gamma-CD with ursolic, oleanolic, and betulinic acids was investigated by calorimetry differential scanning and H-1 NMR spectroscopy. The apparent formation constants (K-f) were determined by RP-HPLC. Thermodynamic parameters Delta GA(0), Delta HA(0), and Delta SA(0) were measured in the temperature range 25 - 45°C. The influence of gamma CD on the water solubility of HPTA was determined by phasesolubility measurements.<sup>26</sup>

A new chiral stationary phase was synthesized using surface initiated atom-transfer radical polymerization (ATRP). Poly(2-methyl-3-butyn-2-yl methacrylate-codivinylbenzene) was grafted on silica surface via ATRP technology. Azide-modified  $\beta$ -CD was immobilized on the alkyne of the polymer layer used as chiral separation stationary phase. HPLC measurements were carried out of an column of 150 mm x 4.6 mm i.d. filled with the new stationary phase. The retention behaviour of aromatic and chiral compounds was investigated. The measurements indicated that the retention characteristics of the new stationary phase differ markedly from that of the original stationary phase.<sup>27</sup>

Two covalently bonded cationic  $\beta$ -CD chiral stationary phases (CSPs) were prepared and applied for the enantioselectivity of 12 racemic phamaceuticals and 6 carboxilic acids. The new phases were prepared by graft polymerization of 6(A)-(3-vinylimidazolium)-6deoxyperphenylcarbamate- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin chloride or 6(A)-N,N-allylmethylammonium-6-deoxyperphenylcarbamoyl- $\beta$ cyclodextrin. The results indicated that the enantiomeric separation capacity of CSPs was different, the separation capacity of CS containing imidazolium was markedly higher.<sup>28</sup>

A HPLC method was developed for the enantiomeric sepration of flavanol enantiomers (+)- and (-)-epicatechin and (-)-catechin in cocoa-based products. Isocratic elution was carried out with methanol ammonium acetate buffer. Analytes were detected by fluorescence. The measurements indicated that concentration of monomeric flavanols was the highes in each sample (68-91 %). The interday and intraday precision of the method varied between 1.46 - 3.22 % in cocoa based products. Recoveries ranged 82.2-102.1 % at

50 % spiking level, 83.7-102.0 % at 100 % spiking level, at 80.4-101.1 % at 200 % spiking level. Because of the favorable separation characteristics the method was proposed for the routine analysis of cocoa-based products.<sup>29</sup>

A silica adsorbent containing  $\beta$ -CD was developed for the preparative separation and purification of epicatechin gallate (EGCG) from green tea extracts. The measurements indicated that  $\beta$ -CD bonded silica sorbent possess excellent adsorption equilibrium capacity (over 55 %). Preparative separation of ECGC was achieved on a preparative column (220 mm x 15 mm i.d., particle size, 40 – 64). Analyte was eluted with methanol/acetonitrile/acetic acid. Sample was dissolved in acetonitrile and loaded at 0.8 mg g<sup>-1</sup> sorbent.<sup>30</sup>

The enantioselectivity of nano-liquid chromatography and particulate capillary columns were compared using nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs as model compounds (naproxen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, fluorbiprofen, suprofen, indoprofen, cicloprofen, and carprofen). Measurements were carried out on achiral capillary columns and heptakis(2,3,6tri-O-methyl)-β-cyclodextrin (TM-β-CD or hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (HP- $\beta$ -CD) as chiral mobile phase additive (CMPA). Mobile phase consisted of water-ACN buffered with 50 mM sodium acetate at pH 3 containing 30 mM TM- $\beta$ -CD (70:30, v/v). The column dimensions were 100  $\mu$ m i.d.. The analyses proved that the retention capacity of monolithic column was lower then that of traditional columns. It was further established that the enantioselectivity of the systems depended markedly on the type of stationary phase and on the composition of the mobile phase.<sup>31</sup>

A review was prepared for the elucidation of the role of click chemistry in the family of cyclic olygosaccharides, including chromatography, biological applications, elaboration of superstructures, and metal detection.<sup>32</sup>

The separation and quantitative determination of resibufogenin and cinobufagin using RP-HPLC and gammacyclodextrin as mobile phase additive has been earlier reported. The factors influencing the retention have been studied in detail. The impact of the nature of cyclodextrin, the concentration of organic modifier in the mobile phase, the concentration of CD, the temperature of the separation was investigatated. It was established that both resibufogenin and and cinobufegin form inclusion complexes with CDs. The stability of the complex depends on the environmental conditions, and the stability of the inclusion complex decreases with inceasing temperature. It was further determined that the complex formation spontaneous, exothermic and enthalpy driven. The method has been successfully applied for the separation and quantitative determination in Chansu (Bufonis venenum) samples.33

Allyl- $\beta$ -CD was prepared by treating  $\beta$ -CD with allylic bromine. A new type of molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs) with selective adsorption for phtalate were synthesized using ally- $\beta$ -CD and methachrylic acid (MAA) as binary funtional monomers. The product was characterized by scanning electron micrograph (SEM) and Fourier transform-infrared spectroscopy. Dipentyl phtalate (DPP) was employed as template. The allyl  $\beta$ -CD-MIPS was employed as selective sorbent for DPP and was employed for solid phase extraction, and its application as molecularly imprinted solid-phase extraction was proposed.<sup>34</sup>

A new polycarboxylate (MPC) superplasticizer was prepared by the copolymerization of acrylic acid, methallyl sulfonic acid, allyl poly(ethylene glycol)s and  $\beta$ -CD grafted maleic anhydride. The molecular characteristics of MPC was investigated by Fourier infrared spectroscopy and gel permeation chromatography. The impact of the concentration of  $\beta$ -CD on the application parameters of MPC was studied by the determination of cement paste fluidity, setting time, amount of adsorption of MPC on the cement particles. Differential scanning calorimetry and thermogravimetric measurements were also applied for the characterization of MPC. The measurements established that the initial fluidities and setting times of cement pastes increased with increasing number of  $\beta$ -CD side chains. It was assumed that the performance of MPC depended considerably on the solvation water film formed by the polyoxyethylene side chain and on the chelate formation between  $\beta$ -CD and the substructures of MPC.<sup>35</sup>

A novel HPLC method was developed and applied for the analysis of alpha-tocopherol in inclusion complexes formed by natural  $\beta$ -CD and 2-hydroxy- $\beta$ -CD. The validation parameters of the method were: specificity, selectivity, linearity, precision, range and recovery.<sup>36</sup>

A novel RP-HPLC method was applied for the separation of five catechin compounds in tea. It was established that cyclodextrin additive in the mobile phase decreased considerably the use of toxic and inflammable organic solvents without reducing resolution and separation efficacy. Analytes were separated on a traditional C18 column using isocratic separation mode. Mobile phase consisted of acetonitrile/water (12/88, v/v) containing 1.5 mM L<sup>-1</sup>  $\beta$ -CD. The flow rate was 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. It was stated that the method is eco-friendly, and can be applied for the separation and determination of other bioactive compounds from natural plants.<sup>37</sup>

The 1:1 inclusion complex of quercetin with  $\beta$ -CD was prepared by rotational electromagnetic stirring and rotating evaporation. The inclusion complex was characterized by differential scanning calorimetry, and fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy. The water solubility of the inclusion complex was investigated by HPLC. It was concluded from the results that the formation of inclusion complex increased markedly the water solubility.<sup>38</sup>

In vivo microdialysis sampling (MD) and turbulent-flow chromatography (TFC) followed by liquid chromatographymass spectrometry was employed for the measurement of puqietinone after intravenous administration to rat. Separations were carried out on a column of 4.6 mm x 50 mm, particle size: 1.8  $\mu$ m. Puqietine, is a lipophilic alkaloid from Fritillaria paqiensis. It was found that the method employing MD combined with TFC-LC/MS is suitable for invivo monitoring experiments.<sup>39</sup>

Chiral liquid chromatography was employed for the enantiomeric separation of ibuprofen in pharmaceutical formulations and the overlapping chromatographic profiles were evaluated by partial least squares regression (unfoldedpartial least-squares regression, U-PLC). It was stated that the method can be successfully applied for the analysis of ibuprofen. The analytes were partially separated on a permethyl- $\beta$ -CD chiral column and the chromatograms were detected between 198 – 241 nm. U-PLC was employed for the evaluation of the chromatograms. It was found that the R-(-)-enantiomer can be determined in tablet formulations at the level of 0.5 mg limits in the presence of 99.9 % of the S-(+)-enantiomer.<sup>40</sup>

Hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -CD additive was employed in the HPLC analysis of isoflavone glycosides (calycosine-7-O- $\beta$ -d-glucoside and formononetin-7-O- $\beta$ -d-glucoside) and aglycones (calycosin and formononetin). The influence of validation parameters on the retention was investigated in detail. It was established that  $\beta$ -CD reduces considerably the retention of flavone aglycones. It was further assumed that the interaction between analytes and CD results in formation of 1:1 complexes influencing the retention of the analytes. It was further stated that the method can be successfully applied for the separation and quantitative determination of isoflavone glycosides and aglycones in Radix Astragali samples.<sup>41</sup>

The isomerization of perindopril was also determined by HPLC. The isomerization rate constants and Gibbs activation energies of isomerization were directly calculated from the chromatographic peak parameters. The relationships between peak shape and chromatographic conditions (flow-rate, temperature, pH, organic modifier, and the concentration of  $\beta$ -CD were investigated.<sup>42</sup>

Three new  $\beta$ -CD-based chiral stationary phase were synthesized and their separation chatacteristics were determined and compared with each other. The derivatives included in the investigation were: β-cyclodextrin, (R,S)-2hydroxypropyl-\beta-cyclodextrin and permethyl-\beta-CD based The retention behavior of various analytes such as coumarins, dansyl amino acids and propionic acid derivatives was investigated. The measurements indicated that the CD derivatives showed considerably different retention behaviour, the differences in the retention markedly depended on the mode of preparation of the chiral stationary phase (CSP). The best enantiomeric separations were obtained on the stationary phase containing permethylated β-CD. The stationary phases consisted of 0.1 % aqueous triethylammonium phosphate (pH 3.5) and MeOH in different ratios.<sup>43</sup>

Liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry has been employed for the enantioselective separation of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in fish. Analytes were microextracted with a supramolecular solvent (SUPRAS) made of reversed aggregates of decanoic acid. The enantiomers of  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -, and  $\gamma$ -HBCD were separated on a chiral stationary phase. Quantitative limit for the determination of indicidual HBCD enentiomers in hake, cod, sole, panga, whiting and sea bass were 0.5 - 3.4 ng g<sup>-1</sup>; 0.9-2.5 ng g<sup>-1</sup>; 0.6 - 1.4 ng g<sup>-1</sup>; 1.0 - 5.6 ng g<sup>-1</sup>; 0.8 - 1.03; 0.5 -3.05 ng g<sup>-1</sup>; respectively. Recoveries ranged 87 - 114 %, the relative standard deviation was between 1–10 %.<sup>44</sup>

The chiral recognition and quantification of propanolol entiomers was achieved by surface enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) combined with multivariate regression analysis. The factors influencing chiral recognition such as nature and concentration of chiral auxiliary, selector – selectand ratio, pH, interaction time, etc. were investigated in detail. It was stated that the SERS method is simple, fast, and accurate and can be employed for the enantiomer analysis of propanolol without the use of tedious and expensive chiral separation technique. It was further established that the data obtained by SERS correlated well with the data obtained by chiral high-performance liquid chromatography.<sup>44</sup>

A poly(dimethyl)siloxane) (PDMS)/ $\beta$ -cyclodextrin ( $\beta$ -CD)/divinylbenzene(DVB)-coated stir bar was prepared for the stir bar extraction of four extrogens from animal-derived foods. Stir bar was prepared by the sol gel technology for the stir-bar sorptive extraction (SBSE). Analytes were preconcentrated by liquid desorption (LD) followed with HPLC. Estrogens were detected by UV. LOD of the method was  $0.21 - 1.6 \ \mu g \ L^{-1}$ , the relative standard deviations varied between 6.0 % and 9.7 %. It was stated that the method was simple, sensitive and was successfully applied for the determination of estrogens in pork and chicken samples.<sup>45</sup>

The current topics and trends in the chiral separation technologies were previously discussed in detail. The application of HPLC, micellar electrokinetic chromatography, counter-current chromatography, capillary-zone-electrophoresis, moving bed chromatography, tandem mass spectrometry, ultra-high pressure chromatography was mentioned. The advantages and disadvantages of the methods mentioned above has also been disussed thoroughly.<sup>46</sup>

The retention behaviour of major isoflavonoids in *Radix Puerariae lobatae* and *Radix Puerariae thomsonii* was analysed by HPLC using CDs as mobile phase modifiers. The flavonoids included into the measurements were puerarin, daidzin, daidzein and genistein. Analytes were separated on a C18 column using isocratic elution. The influence of various chromatographic conditions on the retention such as the nature of the CD, the concentration of HP- $\beta$ -CD, the amount of methanol in the mobile phase was studied in detail. The best separation was achieved with the mobile phase consisting methanol/water 25:75 containing 5 mM HP- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. It was established that the method can be sussessfully applied for the investigation of traditional Chinese herbs.<sup>47</sup>

The pharmacokinetics of Rhizoma Curcumae oil-pure drug (RCO-PD) and its  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin inclusion complex (RCO- $\beta$ -CD) were determined in pigs after oral administration. The concentration of the active ingredients in the plasma were measured by HPLC using UV detection.

The measurements indicated that the pharmacokinetics of the two preparations shower marked differences, the bioavailability of the RCO- $\beta$ -CD being higher than that of RCO-PD.<sup>48</sup>

The impact of temperature, ultrasonication, and chiral mobile phase composition on the separation of various analytes has been vigorously investigated. A new technology separated amino acids using CSP (chiral stationary phase) with CMPA (chiral mobile phase additive procedure). Mobile phase additive participating in the experiments were  $\beta$ -CD,  $\gamma$ -CD, and HP- $\beta$ -CD. Separations were carried out at 25 and 50°C, with and without sonication.

It was found that the ultrasound decreased at each temperature the elution time and enantioselectivity.<sup>49</sup>

HPLC has also been employed for the enantiomeric separation of nonproteinogenic amino acids. The methods applied up-till now have been resently listed and critically evaluated. $^{50}$ 

The inclusion of the antibacterial agent thymol on  $\beta$ cyclodextrin-grafted organic cotton was obtained. It was established that the incorporation of monoterpene thymol into β-cyclodextrin-grafted organic cotton increased considerably the efficacy and durability of the end product. Grafting was carried out using citric acid as crosslinker in the presence of sodium hypophosphite by fixing at 150°C for 10 min. The efficacy of grafting procedure was verified by visible and FTIR spectroscopy of β-cyclodextrin, βcyclodextrin-grafted fabric, ungrafted thymol and thymolloaded fabric. Samples were extracted with ethanol and the concentration of thymol was determined by HPLC. It was established that the inclusion of antibacterial agent into grafted fabric showed marked enhanced antibacterial efficacy even after 10 cycles of washing. The investigations indicated that the grafting of CD on fabric, and inclusion of thymol into their cavity produced a durable antibacterial textile<sup>51</sup>.

Surface molecular imprinting technology was employed for the preparation of a highly selective sorbent. Solid-phase extraction followed by HPLC (SPE-HPLC) was employed for the determination of norfloxacin in complicated accompanying matrices. Molecularly imprinted polymer (MIP) was obtained by applying NOF as the template,  $\beta$ cyclodextrin-methyl-methacrylate ( $\beta$ -CD-MMA) and acrylamide (AM). MIP extracted NOF selectively. The recoveries of the method was high (over 85.7 %). Because of the good validation parameters the method was proposed for the analysis of NOF in fish samples and for the preconcentration of quinolones in real samples<sup>52</sup>.

Reversed-phase liquid chromatography was employed for the analysis of resibufogenin and cinobufagin. The separation efficacy of the method was enhanced by adding gamma cyclodextrin to the mobile phase. The parameters influencing the validation parameters were investigated in detail (nature of cyclodextrins and organic modifiers, temperature of column). It was established that the stability of complexes decreased with increasing temperature. The method has been applied for the measurements of resibufogenin and cinobufagin in Chansu (Bufonis venenum) samples.<sup>53</sup>

Thin-layer chromatographic method was applied for the separation and detection of degraded polysaccharides. The hydrolytic oligosaccharides from galactomannan or glucomannan together with pentasaccharide, tetrasaccharide, trisaccharide, and disaccharide were detected in the hydrolyzate.<sup>54</sup>

## Abbreviations

ACE-MS	affinity	capillary	electrophoresis	mass
	spectron	netry		
ACN	acetonitr	ile		

CD-CSPs	cyclodextrin chiral stationary phases
CEC	capillary electrochromatography
CZE	capillary zone electrophoresis
DIMS	direct infusion mass spectrometry
EKC	electrokinetic chromatography
Es-GC-MS	enantioselective GC-MS
GCxGC	comprehensive two dimensional gas chromatography
GC/MS	gas chromatography/mass spectro- metry
HCA	hierarchical cluster analysis
H-DAS-β-CD	Heptakis(2,3-di-O-acetyl-6-O-sulfo)-β- CD
H-DMS-β-CD	Heptakis(2,3-di-O-methyl-6-sulfo)-β- CD
HP-β-CD	hydroxypropyl-β-CD
HRE	heat reflux extraction
HSA	human serum albumin
HS-SPME	headspace solid phase microextraction
LOD	limit of detection
LOQ	limit of quantitation
MAE	microwave-assisted extraction
MD	in vivo microdialysis sampling
MDGC	heart-cut multidimensional gas cromatography
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine
NAIM	saccharide-naphthimidazole derivatives
OT-CEC	open tubular CEC
PCA	principal component analysis
p-CEC	packed-bed CEC
psp-CEC	pseudostationary CEC
QSMR	quantitative structure-mobility relationship
SBE-β-CD	sulfobutylether-β-cyclodextrin
SFC	supercritical fluid chromatography
TAS	Total analysis system
TFC	turbulent-flow chromatography
USE	ultrasonic extraction

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Adsorption of Pb(II) from the aqueous solutions was studied using activated carbon prepared by agricultural waste maize leaves. The influence of Pb(II) concentration (5-30 mg  $L^{-1}$ ), pH (2-8) and contact time (0-120 min.) on adsorption have been reported. Adsorption of Pb(II) is pH dependent and the results indicate that, optimum pH for the removal was found to be 4 for maize leaves activated carbon (MLAC). The Freundlich and Langmuir isotherm models were also used to describe the adsorption of Pb(II) on MLAC. Results shows that both the isotherms were fitted well. Maximum adsorption of lead on MLAC attained was 96 %. The results suggest that MLAC can be used as adsorbent for the removal of Pb(II) from aqueous solutions as industrial wastewater.

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## Introduction

Heavy metals present in drinking water sources and in agricultural crops can be harmful to human. Heavy metals can be toxic, e.g. they damage nerves, liver and bones and they block functional groups of vital enzymes.<sup>1</sup> Various chronic disorders in human beings caused by all heavy metals including lead.<sup>2</sup> Lead poisoning in humans causes severe damage to the kidneys, nervous system, reproductive system, liver and brain and can cause death. Severe exposure to lead has been associated with sterility, abortion, stillbirth and neonatal death.<sup>3</sup> Permissible limit for lead in drinking water given by U.S.Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is 0.015 mg L<sup>-1</sup> and for wastewaters is 0.1 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, given by both the U.S. EPA and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).<sup>4</sup> The main anthropogenic pathway through which heavy metal enters the water bodies is via wastes from industrial processes such as metal plating, mining operations, tanneries, chloralkali, radiator manufacturing, smelting, alloy industries and storage batteries industries, etc.<sup>5</sup> Current treatment methods for the removal of metal ions from wastewater includes mainly reduction, ion exchange, electrodialysis, electrochemical precipitation, solvent extraction, reverse osmosis, chemical precipitation and adsorption.<sup>6</sup> Most of these methods suffer from drawbacks such as high capital and operational costs or the disposal of the residual metal sludge.7 For example, precipitation processes cannot guarantee the metal concentration limits required by regulatory standards and produce wastes that are difficult to treat. On the other hand, ion exchange and adsorption processes are very effective but require expensive adsorbent materials for the removal of heavy metals from dilute aqueous streams. The use of low cost and waste materials of biological origins as adsorbents of dissolved metal ions has been shown to provide economic solutions to this global problem. Adsorption of heavy metal ions on to activated carbon has been applied widely as a unit operation in the treatment of industrial wastewater. The use of commercial activated carbon may not be suitable for developing countries because of its high cost; therefore there is a need to produce activated carbon from cheaper and readily available materials, which can be used economically on a large scale. Activated carbon prepared from the rice husks, ground nut husks, coconut husks, waste fertilizer slurry, peanuts hull, jute stick, Moringa oleifera seed husk, coconut husk and sawdust have been used for wastewater treatment and the potential of their ultimate usage are determined through by their adsorption capacity, regeneration characteristics and physical properties of the subsequent products.<sup>8,9</sup> Activated carbon with their large surface area, microporous character and chemical nature of their surface area have made them potential adsorbents for the removal of heavy metals from industrial wastewater.

In this study activated carbon prepared from agricultural waste *Zea mays* leaves was used for the adsorption of Pb(II) from aqueous solution on batch scale. The performances of adsorption of Pb(II) have been predicted using Freundlich and Langmuir equilibrium isotherms. The objective of present endeavor, therefore, is to study the adsorption behavior of Pb(II) onto maize leaves activated carbon (MLAC), an economic viable and easily available adsorbent.

## **Experimental**

#### Adsorbent preparation

The maize leaves used in this study was harvested from the agricultural farm in the Kaushambi, near by 60-70 km away from Allahabad, was washed several times with deionized water and left to dry. The activated carbon was prepared by treating maize leaves with concentrated sulphuric acid (1:1 w/v). The resulted black material was activated in an air-free oven at  $160 \pm 5$  °C for 6 h, followed by washing with deionized water until free of excess acid and MLAC was dried at  $160 \pm 5$  °C.<sup>10</sup> The activated carbon prepared from agricultural waste maize leaves was ground and sieved to 100 mesh and then stored in air tight container.

#### Reagents

Analytical grade of Pb  $(NO_3)_2(Qualigens)$  was used for making stock solution of Pb(II) (1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) in deionized water. The stock solution was diluted by serial dilution method as per requirement. The initial pH of the solution was adjusted by using either 0.1 N NaOH or 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

#### **Batch adsorption experiments**

Batch experiments with maize leaves activated carbon (MLAC) were conducted to investigate using a certain amount of adsorbent and 50 mL solution of Pb(II) ion solution in a conical flasks. The mixture was shaken in an orbital shaker (Shivam, ISO, 900/2000) at 120 rpm at 30°C for 24 h. The following operation conditions such as pH, contact time and metal concentration were investigated. Then the solution was centrifuged and the residual concentration of Pb(II) ion in supernatant was determined by atomic absorption spectrophotometer (ECIL-4141, Hyderabad).

The effect of pH on the biosorption of Pb(II) by MLAC was determined at pH values of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7and 8. For the adsorption 0.5 g of MLAC was added to 50 mL solution of Pb(II) ion (at 30 mg  $L^{-1}$ ) in seven different flasks at pH ranging from 2-8. The mixture was shaken in an orbital shaker at 120 rpm at 30°C for 24 h. The supernatant was analyzed for residual lead after contact period.

For the determination of rate of the metal adsorption by MLAC (0.5 g) were mixed with 50 mL Pb(II) ion solution at concentration of 30 mg  $L^{-1}$ , The mixture was shaken in an orbital shaker at 120 rpm at 30°C. The supernatant was analyzed for residual lead concentration after the contact period of 0, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 120 min.

In order to investigate the effect of different initial metal concentration on the uptake of lead from aqueous solution, 0.5 g MLAC were mixed with 50 mL Pb(II) ion solution at concentration of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The mixture was shaken in an orbital shaker at 120 rpm at 30°C for 24 h.The supernatant was analyzed for residual lead concentration after the contact period.

#### Calculations

The percent removal of Pb(II) ion by MLAC was calculated by using the Eqn. 1.

$$R(\%) = \frac{C_1 - C_f}{C_i} \times 100 \tag{1}$$

where, *R* is the removal,  $C_i$  is the initial metal concentration and  $C_f$  is the final concentration of the metal ion in mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

(2)

The sorption capacity was calculated from Eqn. 2

$$Q_{\rm e} = \frac{V(C_{\rm i} - C_{\rm e})}{1000W}$$

where,  $Q_e$  is the adsorption capacity (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_i$  is the initial metal concentration (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of metal (mg L<sup>-1</sup>), W is the adsorbent dose (g) and V is the solution volume (mL).

#### Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

FT-IR spectroscopy was used to determine the vibration frequency groups in the adsorbent. The spectra was collected using a model (ABB, Canada; FTLA; 2000,) with in the wave-number range 500-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Specimens of adsorbents were first mixed with KBr and then grounded in an agate mortar (Merck,) at an approximate ratio of 1/100 for the preparation of pellets. The resulting mixture was pressed at 10 tons for 5 min. These pellets are used in the recording of spectra.

## **Results and Discussion**

#### Effect of pH

The adsorptive behavior of Pb(II) ion was studied from the aqueous solution at different pH values are the principle factor influencing the adsorptive capacities of Pb(II) ion on MLAC. The removal of lead from the solutions presents several difficulties, mainly due to the fact that a precipitation process is not possibly by simple pH regulation of the solution as in the case of polyvalent metallic cations.<sup>11</sup> The result obtained are shown in figure-1, which shows the effect of pH on the adsorption of Pb(II) ion from the aqueous solution on MLAC. It is clear that Pb(II) ion was effectively adsorbed in the pH range of 4-7 and the maximum adsorption of ion MLAC occurred at pH 4 thus, pH 4 is chosen for all experiments. The decrease in adsorption at pH greater than 7 is probably due to the formation of hydroxide. This is in agreements with the results obtained by Khalid et al.<sup>12</sup> for adsorption of lead on rice husk. The hydrolysis of cations occurs by the replacement of metal ligands in the inner coordination sphere with the hydroxyl groups.<sup>13</sup> This replacement occurs after the removal of the outer hydration sphere of metal cations. Adsorption may not be related directly to the hydrolysis of the metal ion, but instead of the outer hydration sphere that precede hydrolysis.



Figure 1: Effect of pH on Pb(II) removal

Most probably, the removal of lead from the aqueous solution by activated carbon involves a complex mechanism which is partly controlled by adsorption and partly by the chemical precipitation at the solid solution interface and also partly by the pore filling mechanism.<sup>14</sup>

### Effect of contact time

The effect of contact time on the adsorption of lead is shown in Fig. 2. The results indicated that increase in the contact time increased the metal uptake but remained constant after an equilibrium time. The uptake of lead was rapid and the equilibrium was attained in 30 min of contact between the biosorbent and metal solution.



Figure 2. Effect of contact time on Pb(II) removal

#### Adsorption models

Modeling of equilibrium data is fundamental for the industrial application of adsorption since it gives information for comparison among different adsorbent under different operational conditions, designing and optimizing operation.<sup>15</sup>

The adsorption data were applied to the isotherm models.<sup>16,17</sup> The adsorption isotherms generally used for the design of adsorption system. The Langmuir and Fruendlich equations are commonly used for describing the adsorption isotherm.



**Figure 3.** The linearized Freundlich adsorption isotherm of Pb(II) using maize leaves carbon

The adsorption data have been fitted to the Freundlich isotherm. Its linearised form is represented by equation.

$$\lg Q_e = \lg K + \frac{1}{n} \lg C_e \tag{3}$$

where,  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $Q_e$  is the amount adsorbed (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) *K* is adsorption capacity and 1/n is adsorption intensity. A plot of log  $Q_e$  versus log  $C_e$  gives a straight line of slope 1/n and intercept *K* is shown in Fig. 3.

The linear equation of Langmuir represented as equation.

$$\frac{C_e}{Q_e} = \frac{1}{Q_{\text{max}}b} + \frac{C_e}{Q_{\text{max}}} \tag{4}$$

where,  $C_{\rm e}$  is the metal concentration in the solution at equilibrium (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $Q_{\rm max}$  (adsorption capacity) and *b* (energy of adsorption) are the Langmuir constants.



Figure 4: The linearized Langmuir adsorption isotherm of Pb(II) using maize leaves carbon

Adsorption of Pb(II) on MLAC was studied in the concentration range 5-30 mg L<sup>-1</sup> with 0.5 g of adsorbent in 50 mL for 24 h of equilibrium time. The plots of  $C_e/Q_e$  against  $C_e$  for adsorption of lead gave a straight line are shown in Fig. 4. It has seen that the linear fit is fairly good and enables the applicability of the Langmuir model to the Pb(II) adsorption on the maize leaf activated carbon.

The values of both Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm parameters were given in Table 1. Examination of data suggests that Freundlich isotherm is a good model for the sorption of Pb(II). The values of 1/n that vary between 0.1 and 1.0 indicate the favorable adsorption of heavy metals.<sup>18</sup>

Table-1: Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption parameters for the adsorption of Pb(II) ions at 30  $^{\circ}$ C.

Langmuir Par	ameters	Freundlich Parameters				
$Q_{ m max}$ , mg g-1	3.7136	K	0.2744			
<i>b L</i> , mg <sup>-1</sup>	0.6277	1/n	0.7907			
R <sup>2</sup>	0.9989	$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.9893			

The essential characteristics of Langmuir equation can be described by dimensionless equilibrium parameter,<sup>19</sup>  $R_L$  which is defined as;

$$R_{\rm L} = \frac{1}{1 + bC_0} \tag{5}$$

where, *b* is the Langmuir constant,  $C_0$  is the initial metal concentration of lead. The  $R_L$  values indicate the shape of isotherm as shown in Table 2. The  $R_L$  values between 0 and 1 indicate favorable adsorption.<sup>20</sup>

Table 2. Relationship between  $R_L$  and type of isotherm

R <sub>L</sub>	Type of isotherm
$R_{\rm L} > 1$	Unfavourable
$R_{\rm L} = 1$	Linear
$R_{\rm L} < 1$	Favourable
$R_{\rm L}=0$	Irreversible

In the present study the  $R_L$  is shown in Fig. 5, for the initial concentration of Pb(II) ion of 5 - 30mg L<sup>-1</sup> indicating that the adsorption of Pb(II) is favorable.



**Figure 5.** Plot of  $R_L$  vs initial Pb(II) concentration

The Langmuir model deals with monolayer coverage and constant adsorption energy while Freundlich equation deals with physicochemical adsorption on heterogeneous surfaces.<sup>21</sup> The applicability of both these isotherms to the activated carbon, in the present study, implies that monolayer adsorption and heterogeneous surfaces conditions exist under the experimental conditions used. The adsorption properties of the adsorbent are thus likely to be complex, involve more than one mechanism.

## Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

The absorption spectra of MLAC are represented in Fig. 6, reveals the functional groups that are responsible for binding the heavy metal ion. Table 3 gives the wave number with the corresponding groups. The hydroxyl and carboxyl functional groups provide the major biosorption sites for the metal binding.

Table-3. Infrared absorption bands and their corresponding groups of MLAC

Wave numbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Functional groups
3435.935	-OH, -NH
2923.2	-CH
1515.79	-CH
1709	C=0
1630.36	C=0, -COO
1384.54	-CH
1118.84	-C-O,C-N



Figure 6. FTIR Spectra of activated carbon prepared from maize leaf

## Conclusions

The maize leaves activated carbon is adsorbent of great potential and has proven appropriate for lead removal from aqueous solution, percentage of lead removal reach 96 %. The sorption isotherm of both Langmuir and Freundlich are obtained and they well described the sorption process indicating favorable adsorption of lead (II) onto MLAC as a monomolecular type. Removal of lead is highly pH dependent, the best results being obtained at pH 4. The sorption capacity was found to decreases lightly with increase in the adsorbate pH. The adsorption mechanism of lead(II) ion on MLAC involves either cation exchange or complexation between the metal cation and the hydroxide ion in the solution. The FT-IR of maize leaves carbon indicates the presence of several -OH and -COOH groups. Hydrogen of these groups is capable of ion exchange with metal cation. Based on the experimental conditions, it is concluded that the removal of lead ion from their aqueous solution could 96 %. This shows a new trend for using agricultural wastes for the benefit of environmental pollution control.

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1-(8-Hydroxyquinolin-2yl-methyl)thiourea (HTF) has been used as a corrosion inhibitor in controlling corrosion of mild steel immersed in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup>. Weight loss method reveals that 250 ppm of HTF + 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> provide 95% of inhibition efficiency. Polarization study indicates that the system controls anodic reaction predominantly. AC impedance spectra reveal that a protective film is formed on the metal surface. The protective film has been analyzed using Fourier Transform Infrared and fluorescence spectra.

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## Introduction

Water contains many corrosive electrolytes such as NaCl, MgCl<sub>2</sub> etc, Hence mild steel immersed in water containing NaCl is corroded slowly because of chemical reactions between the metal and the electrolytes. <sup>1-3</sup> Corrosion is the gradual destruction of materials usually by chemical reaction with its environment. The corrosion is severe due to the presence of Cl<sup>-</sup> ions and dissolved oxygen. Water has been used as cooling fluid in various industries. Mild steel is widely used in infrastructure in marine environments.<sup>4</sup> It is one of the major constituents in structural steel applications including body of a ship, offshore platforms, foundation pilling, sheet pilling and coastal facilities. It is also used in industry where the metal is exposed to acid corrosion. So it is imperative to study the corrosion aspect and find out suitable corrosion inhibitors to be used in water. Inhibition of corrosion and saling can be done by the applications of inhibitors which is one of the most practical and economic methods for protection against metallic corrosion. 5-6 The use of inhibitor is one of the most practical methods to protect the metal from corrosion.7-8 Most of the effective inhibitors are compounds containing in their structures, nitrogen, phosphorous and sulphur. Heteroatom's such as nitrogen, phosphorous and sulphur are capable of forming coordinate covalent bond with metal owing to their free electron pairs and thus acting as inhibitor. <sup>7-9</sup> This inhibitor used in protection against the corrosion of certain metals such as Ni, Co, Cu, iron and steel.<sup>10-11</sup> The aim of the present study was to investigate the corrosion inhibition for HTF to mild steel immersed in aqueous solution containing 60ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>. The corrosion inhibition efficiencies were evaluated using weight loss methods and Polarization spectra. The protective film formed on the metal surface

characterized with the help of surface analytical techniques such as fluorescence, UV-Visible and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy.

## **Experimental Procedure**

Mild steel specimens; (0.0267% S, 0.067% P, 0.4% Mn, 0.1% C and the rest iron ) of dimensions 1.0 cm ×4.0×0.2 cm were polished to mirrors finish and degreased with acetone and used for weight loss method.

#### Weight loss method

Mild steel specimens triplicate were immersed in 100 ml beaker containing 100 ml of aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup> containing various concentrations of the HTF-inhibitors and  $Zn^{2+}$  for one day. After one day immersion the specimens were taken out, washed in running water, dried and weighed using a Shimadzu balance, model AY62.

The corrosion inhibition efficiency (IE) was calculated using the equation:

$$IE(\%) = 100 \left( 1 - \frac{W_2}{W_1} \right)$$
(1)

where

 $W_1$  is the corrosion rate in the absence of inhibitor

 $W_2$  is the corrosion rate in the presence of inhibitor.

## Potentiodynamic polarization study

Polarization studies were carried out in a CHI electrochemical workstation with impedance model 643, Austin, USA. A three electrode cell assembly was used. The working electrode was mild steel. The exposed surface area was 1 cm<sup>2</sup>. A saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was

**Table 1.** Corrosion rates (*CR*) of mild steel immersed in an aqueous solution containing 60 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup> in the presence and absence of inhibitor systems at various concentrations and the inhibition efficiency (*IE*, %) obtained by weight loss method.

Cl.	HTF, ppm	Zn <sup>2+</sup> , ppm	CR, mdd	<i>IE</i> , %
60	0	0	34.55	-
60	0	25	10.36	70
60	50	25	7.25	79
60	100	25	6.91	80
60	150	25	5.52	84
60	200	25	3.45	90
60	250	25	1.72	95

used as the reference electrode and a rectangular platinum foil was used as the counter electrode. The results such as Tafel slopes,  $I_{corr}$ ,  $E_{corr}$  and LPR values were calculated.

#### Surface characterization studies

The mid steel specimens were immersed in various test solution for a period of one day. After one day the specimens were taken out and dried. The nature of the film formed on the surface of the metal specimen was analyzed by various surface analysis techniques.

## FTIR studies

The FTIR spectra were recorded in a Perkin-Elmer-1600 spectrophotometer. The film formed on the metal surface was carefully removed and mixed thoroughly with KBr making the pellet.

#### Surface analysis by fluorescence spectroscopy

Fluorescence spectra of solutions and also the films formed on the metal surface were recorded using Jasco-F-6300 spectra fluorometer.

## **Results and Discussion**

The corrosion rates (*CR*) of mild steel immersed in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup> and also inhibition efficiencies (*IE*) in the absence and presence of inhibitor (HTF) and Zn<sup>2+</sup> obtained by weight loss method are given in Table 1. It is observed from Table.1 that HTF + Zn<sup>2+</sup> shows good inhibition efficiency. The formulation consisting of 250 ppm of HTF and 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> has 95% inhibition efficiency.

#### Analysis of polarization curves

The polarization study has been used to investigate the formation of protective film on metal surface.<sup>12-16</sup> The polarization curves of mild steel immersed in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup> are shown in Figure 1. The corrosion parameters such as Corrosion potential ( $E_{\text{corr}}$ ), Corrosion Current density ( $I_{\text{corr}}$ ), Tafel slopes ( $b_c$  and  $b_a$ ) and linear polarization curves (*LPR*) are given in Table 2.



**Figure 1.** Polarization Curves of mild steel immersed in various test solutions: (a) Mild steel immersed in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of  $Cl^{-}$  (b) Mild steel immersed in 250 ppm of HTF + 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup>.

When mild steel is immersed in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup>, the corrosion potential is -472 mV Vs SCE. The formulation consisting of 250 ppm of HTF + 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> shifts the corrosion potential to -459. It shows that the corrosion potential is shifted to positive side. This suggests that the anodic reaction is controlled predominantly.

The corrosion current density value and LPR value for aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup> are  $1.261 \times 10^{-3}$  A cm<sup>-2</sup> and 25.74 ohm cm<sup>2</sup> respectively. For the formulation of 250 ppm of HTF and 25ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> the corrosion density value has decreased to  $8.207 \times 10^{-4}$  A cm<sup>-2</sup> and the LPR value has increased to 30.58. The fact that the LPR value increases with decrease in corrosion current density indicates the absorption of the inhibitor on the metal surface to block the active sites and inhibit corrosion and reduce the corrosion rate with the formation of a protective film on the metal surface.

#### Analysis of the UV-visible spectra

The UV-Visible absorption a spectrum of an aqueous solution containing HTF is shown in Figure 2. A peak appears at 450 nm. When  $Fe^{2+}$  solution is added to the solution the intensity of the UV-Visible spectra increases at 600nm. This peak is due to formation of  $Fe^{2+}$ -HTF complex in solution.<sup>17,18</sup>

**Table 2.** Corrosion parameters of mild steel in aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup> in the absence and presence of inhibitor obtained by polarization method.

Systems	Ecorr, mV vs SCE	Icorr, A cm <sup>-2</sup>	<i>b</i> <sub>a</sub> , mV/dec <sup>-1</sup>	<i>b</i> c, mV dec <sup>-1</sup>	$LPR, \Omega \text{ cm}^2$
60 ppm Cl <sup>-</sup>	-472	$1.261 \times 10^{-3}$	117	140	25.74
60 ppm Cl <sup>-</sup> + 250 ppm HTF + 25 ppm	-459	$8.207 \times 10^{-4}$	096	144	30.58
7.n <sup>2+</sup>					



Figure 2a.UV-absorption spectrum solution containing HTF



Figure 2b. UV- absorption spectra solution containing HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup>

#### **Fluorescence spectra**

The emission spectrum ( $\lambda_{ex}$ : 460nm) of solution containing HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup> solution is shown in Figure 3a. The emission spectrum of the film formed on the metal surface after immersion in solution containing 250 ppm of HTF and 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> is shown in Figure 3b.



Figure 3a. Fluorescence spectrum of HTF solution



Figure 3b. Fluorescence spectra of solution containing HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup> complex.

A peak appears at 490nm. Hence it is concluded that the protective film consists of HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup> complex. The number peak obtained is only one. Hence it is confirmed that the complex of somewhat highly symmetric in solution.<sup>19</sup>

## Analysis of FTIR spectrum

The FTIR spectra have been used to analyze the film formed on the metal surface.<sup>20</sup> The FTIR spectrum (KBr) of pure HTF is shown in figure 4a. The OH stretching frequency appears at 3300.34 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The C=S stretching frequency appears at 1150.28 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The CH stretching frequency appears at 3084.93 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The peak due to secondary nitrogen (NH) appears at 3194.52cm<sup>-1</sup>. The peak due to pyridine nitrogen (C=N) appears at 1490.36 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The peak due to aromatic C=C appears at 1250.17 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The FTIR spectrum (KBr) of the film formed on the metal surface after immersion in the aqueous solution containing 60 ppm of Cl<sup>-</sup> + 250 ppm of HTF + 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup> for a period of one day is shown in Figure 4b. The phenolic OH stretching frequency has shifted from 3390.34 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 3490 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The pyridine nitrogen frequency has shifted from 1490.36 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>. There is not much shift in other functional groups like C=S, NH and benzene ring. Thus it is concluded that oxygen atom of phenolic group and nitrogen atom of pyridine ring have coordinated with Fe<sup>2+</sup> formed on the metal surface. The structure of the resulting HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup> complex is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 4a. FTIR spectrum of pure HTF



Figure 4b. FTIR spectrum of film formed on metal surface after immersion in solution containing 60 ppm  $Cl^{-}$  + 250 ppm of HTF + 25 ppm of Zn<sup>2+</sup>

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Figure 5. Structure of Fe<sup>2+</sup> complex

This view is in agreement with the structure proposed by Albrecht et al. for zinc complex.<sup>21</sup>

## Conclusion

The conclusion drawn from the results may be given as : the formulation consisting of 250 ppm of HTF and 25 ppm of  $Zn^{2+}$  has 95% inhibition efficiency. Polarization study suggests that anodic reaction is controlled predominantly. FTIR spectra show that the protective film consists of HTF-Fe<sup>2+</sup> complex formed on metal surface.

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## **EGB** BURDEN OF ORGANOCHLORINE PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN THE ROOT OF *CRYPTOLEPIS SANGUINOLENTA*, ANTIMALARIAL PLANT USED IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN GHANA.

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The burden of organochlorine pesticides was determined in the roots of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta*, an anti malarial plant. In all fourteen organochlorine pesticides,  $\beta$ -HCH,  $\delta$ -HCH,  $\gamma$ -HCH, heptachlor, aldrin,  $\gamma$ -chlordane,  $\alpha$ -endosulfan, p,p'-DDE, dieldrin, endrin,  $\beta$ -endosulfan, p,p'-DDD, p,p'-DDT and methoxychlor were identified and quantified using GC-ECD. Samples used for the investigation were collected from Abetifi and Pepease communities in the Kwahu-East and Apesokobi and Worawora in the Biakoye districts of Ghana. The effect of seasonal variations on the level of the organochlorine pesticide (OCPs) residues in the root of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* was also investigated. The mean concentrations of OCPs in the *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* samples collected from Biakoye and Kwahu-East districts in the dry season were much higher compared to those of the wet season. The mean OCPs concentrations in dry season were found to range from 0.006 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to 0.061 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> while the concentrations for the wet season ranged from 0.001 to 0.011 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. The sum of OCPs mean concentrations in the root *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* also ranged from 0.033 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to 0.354 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>, with the highest mean level of the sum of aldrin and dieldrin in *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* collected from Biakoye districts in the dry season, the mean OCP residue values obtained were generally below maximum residue limits set by the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and United States/European Pharmacopoeia.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The increasing demand of vegetables and food crops for local consumption as well as for export has necessitated the use of various pesticides products in farming for the purpose of controlling and reducing the effect of insects in food production.<sup>1-2</sup> It is estimated that 87% of farmers in Ghana use pesticides particularly in vegetable production.<sup>3</sup> There are different types of pesticides and these may be classified as insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and antibiotics. Insecticides are mainly organochlorines, organophosphorus, carbamates and synthetic pyrethroids. All of these groups have varying effects on the environments as well as on humans.<sup>4-5</sup>

Organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) are a group of insecticides that came into widespread use in the late 1940's.<sup>6</sup> The essential structural feature about organochlorine insecticides is the present of carbon-chlorine bonds which are difficult to break.<sup>7</sup> They therefore persist and bioaccumulate in living systems as well as biomagnified in the food chain as a result of resistant to environmental degradation through chemical, biological, and photolytic

processes.<sup>8-12</sup>. Organochlorines have been implicated in a broad range of adverse human effects including reproductive failures and birth defects, immune system malfunction, endocrine disruptions, and cancers.<sup>13-14</sup> It must however, be stressed that their use has now been banned by the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutant. Despite being banned or prohibited, they are still detectable in the environment due to their persistence nature.<sup>15</sup> Organochlorine pesticide once applied reach destinations other than their target species, including non-target species, air, water, soil, either by atmospheric deposition, runoff or leaching.<sup>16</sup> Significant amount of these chemicals left on the field as residues are taken up by other biota including medicinal plants.<sup>17</sup>

Many studies of pesticide residues in herbal materials have been carried out in different countries. A study on marketed samples of passion flower (*Passiflora* spp.) from Brazil was found to contain organochlorine pesticide residues of dieldrin, lindane,  $\alpha$ -endosulfan DDT and others at levels of 21.0 to 71.4 µg kg<sup>-1.18</sup> A recent study by Xue and co-workers,<sup>19</sup> also identified  $\alpha$ -BHC, HCH, and others as the most common pesticide residues in 280 plant samples used in traditional Chinese medicine.

In Ghana *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* is used in traditional medicine for the treatment of malaria. It is administered in dosage forms such as powders, tablets, granules in hard gelatin capsules, decoctions and tea bags. It is also used as major ingredient in the production of most gin bitters marketed in Ghana especially the popular "alomo" gin bitters by the Kasapreko Company Limited. The alcohol extract of the plant in a phyto-pharmaceutical study revealed the present of organochlorine pesticide residues. Moreover, preparations made from this herbal plant are also administered over long periods of time especially chronic diseases requiring prolong and cheap herbal treatments.<sup>5</sup> In Ghana most studies on organochlorine pesticides have focused on levels in water, sediments, fish, lean meat, breast milk, blood, fruits, vegetables and the potential health effects on farmers and consumers.<sup>20-26</sup> However, there is paucity of data on the levels of OCP residues in medicinal plant parts used in traditional medicine in Ghana despite the wide range use of medicinal plants in Ghana.

Regarding the long term effects of low dose exposure and the public health significance of organochlorine pesticide residues.<sup>27</sup> Studies of OCP residue levels in the root of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* used in traditional medicine will therefore be useful in assessing the quality and safety of herbal medicine prepared from *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* in terms of pesticide residue contamination.

The present studies therefore focused on the profile and burden of organochlorine pesticide residues in the antimalarial plant, *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta*.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### **Chemicals and reagents**

All chemicals and reagents used in the study were of high quality and of analytical grade. Hexane (99% +), acetone (99.9% +), and ethyl acetate (99.8% +) were bought from Sigma-Aldrich. Florisil adsorbent material (60 - 100 mesh) was purchased from Hopkin and William Limited. The standards organochlorine pesticide used for the identification and quantification of OCPs residue were obtained from Dr. Ehrenstorfer GmbH of Augsburg, Germany. The internal standards used for the recovery experiment were obtained from United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in sealed ampules.



Figure 1. Map showing the study areas and sampling sites where the roots of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* plant were collected.

## Study Area

The study was undertaken in two areas in Ghana, the Kwahu-East district in the Eastern region and the Biakoye district in the Volta region as shown in (Fig. 1). The criteria for the selection of the areas were the relatively high abundance and availability of the selected medicinal plant. The selected areas are also well known for the cultivation of vegetables, food and cash crops and therefore possible use of restricted or banned pesticides.

The sampling towns, Pepease and Abetifi in the Kwahu-East District lie between longitude 1°0'W and 0°0' and latitude 6°0'N and 7°0'N respectively as shown in (Figure 1). In terms of climate, Kwahu East lies within the west semi-equatorial region. It experiences the double maxima rainfall pattern (major and minor rainy seasons). The major rainy season starts from April and ends in July. While the minor rainy season also starts from September and end in October. Annual average rainfall is between 1580 mm and 1780 mm, with temperatures ranging between 26 °C and 30 °C. The climate in the district couple with the great irrigation potential of the Afram river favours the cultivation of food crops, fruits and vegetables. The soil belongs to the forest ochrosols. The Biakoye District with its capital Nkonya Ahenkro also forms part of the districts and municipalities created in 2008. The sampling towns, Apesokubi and Worawora lies between longitude 0°0'and 1°0'E and latitude 7°0'N and 8°0'N respectively. The district falls within the wet equatorial zone and experiences a double maxima rainfall regime in May to July and September to November with peaks in June and October. The rainfall pattern averages between 1,250 mm to 1,750 mm per annum in the mountainous areas. The dry season is mostly manifested between December and February. The vegetation supports wildlife and the major animals found are monkeys, antelopes, bush pigs, pangolins, grass-cutters, chimpanzees and reptiles.<sup>28</sup>

#### **Sample Collection**

Sampling collection, extraction, clean up, and GC analysis of the pesticides were carried out according to the procedure described by other authors <sup>24-29-30</sup>. A total of 100 of each root samples of the herbal plant from each sampling site were collected during each season. The samples which were randomly collected were put into ice chests, well sealed and labelled with unique identity and then transported to the Plant Development Department of the Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine (CSRPM) at Mampong Akuapim in Ghana for identification and classification.

#### Sample extraction

The fresh root samples were washed thoroughly with water, air dried for two weeks and milled. Approximately 10 g of the dried-powdered and homogenized samples were each transferred into an extraction thimble that had been pre-cleaned with n-hexane and acetone and oven dried. To each sample 5  $\mu$ l of isodrin used as internal standard was added and Soxhlet extracted with 160 ml of n-hexane/acetone (3:1) mixture for 12 hours. Boiling chips were added to allow smooth boiling.

The Soxhlet was also monitored occasionally during the extraction period to ensure satisfactory recycling. Extracts as well as the blank were concentrated to about 20 ml using a rotary evaporator at  $40^{\circ}$ C.

#### Sample cleanup

The florisil packed column which was ticked to allow the florisil to settle was conditioned by passing 12 ml n-hexane through the packed column. The sample was then transferred onto the florisil column, and eluted three times each with 10 ml portions of n-hexane using Pasteur pipette. The eluate was collected into a round bottom flask with a ground-glass stopper and evaporated to dryness using a rotary evaporator fitted to a vacuum pump. The extract was recovered with 1 ml of ethyl acetate using Pasteur pipette and then transferred into glass vials for gas chromatograph analysis.

#### Gas chromatographic analysis

A Varian CP-3800 Gas Chromatograph (Varian Associates Inc. USA) equipped with <sup>63</sup>Ni electron capture detector was used for the analysis. A volume of 1  $\mu$ l of the extracts was injected and the separation was achieved on a 40m VF- 5ms capillary with internal diameter 0.25mm and film thickness of 0.25 $\mu$ m. The oven temperature was programmed as 80°C (2min) to 180°C (1min) at 25°C min<sup>-1</sup> to 300°C at 5°C min<sup>-1</sup>. The carrier gas and make up gas was nitrogen at a flow rate of 1.0 and 29ml min<sup>-1</sup> respectively. The injector and detector temperatures were 270°C and 300°C respectively. Sample peaks were identified by their retention times compared to the corresponding retention times of the pesticide standards.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### General organochlorine pesticide residues contamination

Table 1 shows the individual organochlorines, their respective mean concentrations and percentage occurrences. Margin of errors as standard deviation based on replicates determination of each organochlorine pesticide. Table 1 also shows the total residue load in the roots of Cryptolepis sanguinolenta. As indicated in Table 1, analysis of the samples revealed the presence of fourteen organochlorine pesticides in the roots of Cryptolepis sanguinolenta. The detectable compounds were  $\beta$ -HCH,  $\delta$ -HCH,  $\gamma$ -HCH, heptachlor, aldrin, γ-chlordane, α-endosulfan, p,p'-DDE, dieldrin, endrin, \beta-endosulfan, p,p'-DDD, P,P'-DDT and methoxychlor. In generally higher concentrations of OCPs were recorded in the dry season compared to the wet season. This trend could possibly be explained from the fact that during the wet season some of the residues in the soil might have been carried away through surface run-off. The mean OCP residue concentrations in the samples collected in the dry season ranged from 0.006 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to 0.061 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> (Tables 1). The highest mean concentration of 0.061 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> was obtained for  $\beta$ -HCH in samples collected from Kwahu-East District while the lowest mean concentration of 0.006 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> was recorded for p'p DDT also in samples from

Kwahu-East District. In the wet season OCPs concentration ranged from not detected to 0.011mg kg<sup>-1</sup> with the highest concentration of 0.011 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> recorded for  $\beta$ -HCH in samples collected from Kwahu-East District. In the wet season heptachlor was not detected at Kwahu-East district whiles  $\beta$ -endosulfan and methoxychlor were also not detected at Biakoye district. Thus β-HCH was the predominant OCP in the study area with 100 % occurrences in both the dry and wet seasons. The highest total organochlorine pesticides residue load (i.e. the sum of the means of all detected organochlorine pesticides in a particular sample) ranged from 0.033 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to 0.354 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> with the highest value of 0.354 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> recorded for samples from Biakoye district in the dry season while a low total load of 0.033 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> was obtained for samples also from the Biakove district in the rainy season.

#### Variation of DDTs in the samples

Figure 2 showed the distribution of DDT and its metabolites in the samples. In Ghana DDT had been used extensively in the past for agriculture activities. However, the use of DDT in Ghana has now been limited only to malaria programs to fight the insect mosquito.<sup>31</sup>



Figure 2. Distribution of DDTs in the roots of *Cryptolepis* sanguinolenta used for the investigation.

Mean concentrations of DDTs and its metabolites ranged from 0.001 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to 0.040 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. The higher concentration of 0.040 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> was recorded for p,p'-DDE from the Biakoye samples in the dry season, while the lowest value of 0.001 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> was recorded for p,p'-DDD from the Kwahu-East samples in the rainy season. The high mean concentrations of p,p'-DDE and p,p'-DDD compared to the parent DDT may be due to metabolic conversion and dehydrochlorination of p,p'-DDT. Additionally, the high mean values suggests the exposure of the matrices to intense sunlight experienced during the dried period and therefore possible conversions and isomerisation of p,p'-DDT by solar radiation to p,p'-DDE and p,p'-DDD.<sup>32</sup> Also, ratios of p,p'-DDE plus p,p'-DDD/p,p'-DDT are often used as a criterion for the identification of new DDT sources. The high DDE/DDT levels suggest that current exposure levels primarily originates from previous contamination (historical use) and environmental persistency. DDE is generally more persistent in the environment than DDT and this suggests when the input levels of DDT in the environment ceases, the levels of its metabolite DDE will be higher than the parent DDT.20

Table	1.	Mean	conc	entrat	ions i	in mg	g kg <sup>-1</sup>	of o	organo	chlorine	pesticid	e residu	es in	C. s	sanguinolenta	<i>i</i> sample	d from	the	Kwahu-I	East a	and
Biakoy	ye I	Distric	ts dui	ring th	e dry	and r	ainy a	seaso	on and	their co	mparisor	with in	ernati	ona	l standards (V	WHO, 20	007).				

Pesticide		Dry seas	son, mg kg	r <sup>-1</sup>		Rainy se	ason, mg	Limits in 1	Limits in mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		
	Kwahu	-East	Biakoye	9	Kwahu	-East	Biakoy	e	Ph. Eur	Codex Ali-	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	and	mentarius	
									USP	Commission	
β-ΗCΗ	0.061	0.047	0.043	0.035	0.011	0.011	0.001	0.001	++0.300		
δ-НСН	0.017	0.004	0.032	0.014	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	++0.300		
γ-ΗCΗ	0.016	0.012	0.017	0.006	0.009	0.008	0.002	0.001	0.600		
Heptachlor	0.027	0.008	0.023	0.008	nd		0.002	0.002	+0.050		
γ-Chlordane	0.014	0.007	0.018	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	+0.050		
$\alpha$ -Endosulfan	0.027	0.006	0.026	0.008	0.005	0.006	0.002	0.001	+3.000	+0.500	
β-Endosulfan	0.010	0.007	0.029	0.012	0.005	0.007	nd		+3.000	+0.500	
Aldrin	0.012	0.009	0.020	0.012	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.001	+0.050		
Dieldrin	0.032	0.027	0.046	0.026	0.009	0.009	0.006	0.007	+0.050		
Endrin	0.023	0.010	0.014	0.008	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.001	+0.050		
p,p'-DDE	0.031	0.019	0.040	0.027	0.003	0.004	0.007	0.007	+1.000		
p,p'-DDD	0.015	0.007	0.012	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.006	+1.000		
p,p <sup>`</sup> -DDT	0.006	0.005	0.014	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.004	0.000	+1.000		
Methoxychlor	0.019	0.006	0.020	0.010	0.005	0.004	nd				
Total Level	0.31		0.354		0.063		0.033				

SD = standard deviation. nd = not detected; USP = United States Pharmacopoeia: Ph.Eur = European Pharmacopoeia: + = Sum of isomers and metabolites: ++ = Sum of isomers other than  $\gamma$ -HCH

The mean values of methoxychlor (Table 1) may either be as a result of historical use of DDT of which technically methoxychlor contains about 88% of the p,p'isomer.<sup>33</sup> These values were however, lower than mean concentration of 0.03  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> detected in pawpaw by.<sup>25</sup> The decreased perhaps, may be due to anaerobic biodegradation of methoxychlor which results mainly in dimethoxydiphenyl-dichloroethane (DMDD) as well as mono and dihydroxy or demethylated derivatives of methoxychlor.<sup>4-26</sup>

#### Variation of hexachlorocyclohexane (HCHs)

1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachlorocyclohexane, the derivative of cyclohexane having one of the two hydrogen on each carbon substituted by chlorine was discovered during the Second World War to be an effective insecticides against a wide variety of insects. The pure active ingredient as well as the technical mixture has a considerable acute toxicity. Research has shown that only one of the eight isomers, the  $\gamma$ -isomer (the gamma isomer) has insecticidal properties and was sold as insecticide under the trade name lindane.<sup>4-6</sup> The high value recorded in the studies especially in the dry season suggests photodecomposition and isomerization of HCHs (parent compound) during the transformation process in the soil, owing to the action by microorganisms. This further suggested that lindane (y-HCH) is being used extensively in the Ghanaian agricultural sector on vegetable cultivation and on food crop production in Ghana.<sup>25</sup> This mean value of lindane also supports the findings of pesticide use in Ghana by Awumbila and Bokuma.<sup>34</sup> These pesticides were used on cocoa plantations, on vegetables farms and for the control of maize stemborers. Lindane was marketed in Ghana as Gammalin 20 and until 2007 when its use was discontinued.

Distribution of HCHs in the samples is presented in Figure 3. Three of the isomers,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$  were detected with 100 % occurrence. The  $\alpha$ -isomeric form was not detected.

Despite the fact that  $\gamma$ -HCH is the main active ingredient in lindane, which had enjoyed wide application in Ghana,<sup>25</sup> the sum of  $\beta$  and  $\delta$ - isomers far dominate the samples in terms of HCHs contamination compared to  $\gamma$ -HCH except in the wet season at Biakoye where percentage composition of the sum ( $\beta + \delta$ ) is the same as that of  $\gamma$ -HCH. The high composition of ( $\beta + \delta$ ) forms in the samples suggests wide historical used of technical mixtures of HCH in the study areas.



**Figure 3.** Profile of  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$ -HCHs in the roots of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* sampled from Kwahu-East and Biakoye Districts in Ghana

#### Variation of drins

Drins is a group name used for cyclodienes insecticides aldrin, dieldrin and endrin and they are among the banned insecticides by the Stockholm Convention. Aldrin and dieldrin are chemicals that were widely applied in agricultural throughout the world to control insects in soil and in public health to control mosquitoes and tsetseflies the vectors that cause malaria and sleeping sickness respectively.<sup>4-6</sup> Aldrin does break down to dieldrin in living systems but dieldrin is known to resist bacterial and
chemical breakdown processes in the environment.<sup>35</sup> Endrin had been used primarily as an insecticide on cotton as well as a rodenticide and avicide.<sup>36</sup> Figure 4 shows the profile of



the drins in the roots of C. sanguinolenta investigated.

**Figure 4.** Profile of drins in the roots of Cryptolepis sanguinolenta from Kwahu-East and Biakoye Districts in Ghana

It is obvious from the Figure 4 that dieldrin is the predominant drin in the samples with the highest concentration detected in samples from Kwahu-East district in the dry season. The dominancy of dieldrin is not surprise at all since in the environment aldrin thus break down to dieldrin and the compound is also able to resist environmental degradation.<sup>35</sup> Aldrin on the other hand is the least significant drin in the samples. The use of aldrin in Ghana was marketed under the trade name Aldrex 40.<sup>4</sup> Thus, the order of the drins in the root of Cryptolepis sanguinolenta was dieldrin > endrin > aldrin. In the environment endrin ketone and endin aldehyde are the degradation products of endrin through photodecomposition and microbial degradation. <sup>25</sup>The fact that endrin ketone and endrin aldehyde were not detected suggests less photodecomposition and microbial degradation of endrin in the study areas.

The study also had a high heptachlor mean concentrations of 0.023 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> and 0.027 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> as shown in (Table 1). These values were however, higher than mean concentration of 0.01  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> detected in pawpaw by <sup>25</sup>. Comparing the study with a similar one carried out in Romania where heptachlor concentrations in coffee samples ranged from not detected to 0.011 mg kg<sup>-1,37</sup> then the medicinal plants in Ghana were highly contaminated.

Technical grade endosulfan products which consist of a mixture of two isomers,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -endosulfan and present in a 7:3 ratio is not on the UN list but is still in extensive use throughout the world for both domestic and agricultural applications, although its bioconcentration and environmental persistence is much lower than those of other cyclodienes.  $\alpha$ -Endosulfan is the more thermodynamically stable of the two, thus  $\beta$ -endosulfan irreversibly converts to form  $\alpha$ -endosulfan. But in this study the result suggests slow conversion (Table 1). Endosulfan was considered for restriction in December 2008 from the registered pesticides in Ghana.<sup>17</sup> This might have accounted for relatively high concentrations of  $\beta$ -endosulfan and  $\alpha$ -endosulfan detected in the study.

# Comparison of pesticide residue levels to International standards

Table 1 also compares pesticide residue levels in the root of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* to maximum residue limit set by Codex Alimentarius Commission and United States Pharmacopoeia/European Pharmacopoeia.<sup>38</sup> Generally, the mean levels of the OCP residues in the plant species were below maximum residue limits set by FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and United States/European Pharmacopoeia as shown in (Table 1). However, in the dry season, residue levels obtained for the sum of aldrin and dieldrin in *C. sanguinolenta* from Biakoye district were higher than WHO and FAO set limits as shown in (Table 1) below. As these chemicals are persistent and toxic and have the potential to bioaccumulate, their presence in the medicinal herbs is of great concern since increased accumulation in the food chain would pose serious health hazards to the general population.

# CONCLUSIONS

The results of this study indicate that organochlorine pesticide residues are present in the roots of *Cryptolepis* sanguinolenta sampled from Kwahu-East and Biakoye Districts of Ghana. The detection of fourteen organochlorine pesticides indicates either wide use of these chemicals or environmental transport of these chemicals from other places to the study areas. The total organochlorine pesticide residues in the roots of the plant ranged from 0.033 to 0.354 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>, with the highest mean level of 0.354 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> detected in the sample collected from Biakoye district during the dry season. The present investigation also gives an indication of the restricted use of DDT in Ghana. Long term persistence in the environment of this pesticide has been reported in various publications.

In the exception of the sum of aldrin and dieldrin in *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* from Biakoye district during the dry season, the mean values obtained were generally below maximum residue limits set forth by the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and United States/European Pharmacopoeia. This means that traditional medicine prepared from the roots of *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* as anti-malarial drugs may not pose health hazards in terms of organochlorine pesticide pollution. But as these chemicals are toxic and have the potential to bioaccumulate, their presence in medicinal herbs is of great concern since increased accumulation in the food chain would pose serious health hazards to the general population.

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In the present study, a naturally occurring clay mineral, Montmorillonite, (Mt) has been explored as a carrier for an antihypertensive drug, atenolol. The effect of pH, time and initial drug concentration on drug loading capacity of Mt has been evaluated. The adsorption isotherm was fitted by the Langmuir model and follows the pseudo-second-order kinetics. The synthesized Mt-atenolol complexes were characterized by XRD, FTIR, TGA, DSC etc. XRD data indicates the intercalation of atenolol within the Mt layers. The release profile of the atenolol from Mt-atenolol complexes is compared with the pure atenolol, in simulated gastric and intestinal fluids. The release behaviour of atenolol from Mt-atenolol complexes appears to be in sustained manner over a period of 24 hours and reaches upto 40% and 27% in simulated gastric and intestinal fluids respectively. As compared to pure atenolol, extended gastric retention time was observed for Mt-atenolol complexes indicative of the increased extent of absorption and bioavailability of the drug. Various kinetic models were used to elucidate the drug release mechanism, the best fitting was found for Higuchi and Korsmeyer-Peppas model. The synthesized Mt-atenolol complexes have the potential for developing in to a sustained release formulation for oral drug delivery. Thus, proposing a promising formulation for oral sustained drug delivery of atenolol.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Hypertension is one of the major causes of disability and death in the world. Today, approximately 1 billion people worldwide suffer from high blood pressure, and the number is expected to reach to 1.56 billion by the year 2025.<sup>1</sup> It is a chronic disease which requires treatment around the clock.

Atenolol,  $\beta$ -1 cardio selective adrenergic receptor blocker, is widely used in the treatment of hypertension.<sup>2</sup> The drug is orally administered as 25 mg tablets once or twice daily with total daily doses ranging from 25 to 100 mg.<sup>2</sup> Atenolol is soluble in water (26.5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) with poor membrane permeability and reported half-life of 6-7 hours.

Administration of conventional tablets of atenolol has been reported to exhibit fluctuations in the blood plasma drug concentration, resulting either in manifestation of side effects or reduction in drug concentration at the receptor site.<sup>3-4</sup> It is considered a drug with low jejunal permeability and a low extent of absorption; therefore it has an oral bioavailability of about 50%. Thus, it seems that an increase in gastric residence time may increase the extent of absorption and bioavailability of the drug.<sup>5-7</sup> In view of these facts, this drug can be considered as a suitable candidate for preparation of controlled and sustained release dosage formulation with enhanced gastric retention time. Studies have been reported on regulation of atenolol drug release by formulations such as mucoadhesive, extended release and floating tablets, <sup>5-9</sup> nanoparticles<sup>10</sup> hydrophilic matrices,<sup>11-13</sup> and transdermal drug delivery systems.<sup>14</sup>

Recently, natural clay mineral, especially Montmorrilonite (Mt) has attracted considerable attention as a carrier for sustained drug delivery.<sup>15-17</sup> Mt is a 2:1 layered smectite clay mineral composed of two SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedral layers sandwiching a central Al octahedral layer as shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1.** Structure of montmorillonite (Mt) (reproduced from the work of Jacob G., Reynolds et al.Clays and Clay Minerals, **2012**, 60(6), 599–609.)

Chemically montmorillonite is a hydrated sodium calcium aluminium magnesium silicate hydroxide, Na,Ca)<sub>0.33</sub>(Al,Mg)<sub>2</sub>(Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)(OH)<sub>2</sub>.nH<sub>2</sub>O. It has large specific surface area, good adsorption ability, cation exchange capacity, and drug-carrying capability along the (001) axis. Mt can intercalate various protonated and hydrophilic organic molecules, which can be released in a controlled manner by replacement with other kind of cations in the release media.<sup>18-20</sup> Drug intercalated Mt formulations offer a novel route to prepare organic and inorganic complexes that contain advantageous properties of both the inorganic host and organic guest in a single material.<sup>21-23</sup> Mt also known as medical clay as it is a potent detoxifier can adsorb dietary and bacterial toxins.<sup>24-26</sup>

There is no report, to the best of our knowledge on the preparation of atenolol intercalated Mt complexes for the sustained delivery. Therefore, the aim of our work was to undertake a systematic and detailed investigation on adsorption and optimization of conditions for preparing Mtatenolol complexes for sustained release formulations. The effect of pH, time and initial drug concentration on drug intercalation capacity of Mt has been evaluated. The adsorption isotherm was better fitted by the Langmuir model and followed the pseudo-second-order kinetic model. The complexes were characterized by XRD, FTIR, TGA and DSC techniques. Atenolol was intercalated into Mt via ion exchange process increasing the basal spacing to 15.4 Å. Release of the intercalated atenolol was studied in simulated gastric and intestinal fluids at 37°C for a period of 24 hours and sustained release of atenolol from Mt-atenolol complex was observed. Drug release mechanism was found to follow the Higuchi and Korsmeyer-peppas model in simulated gastric and intestinal fluids respectively.

Thus the developed Mt-atenolol complexes have the potential to be used as an oral and sustained delivery of atenolol for the hypertension patients requiring medicinal treatment around the clock.

# **EXPERIMENTAL**

## Materials

Montmorillonite (KSF) and atenolol (purity >98%) was procured from Sigma Aldrich (USA). Analytical grade sodium hydroxide, potassium dihydrogen phosphate and potassium chloride for the preparation of drug release media were obtained from Merck Chemicals Ltd (Germany). All other reagents whether specified or not were also of analytical grade. Double distilled water filtered with 0.45  $\mu$ membrane (milipore) was used throughout the experimental work.

#### Study of atenolol-montmorillonite (Mt) interaction

In order to study the interaction of atenolol with Mt a batch process was selected. Initially, stabilitity of atenolol molecule as afunction of pH was evaluated in the pH range of 1-11. The obtained results indicate the stability of atenolol in the investigated pH range (Fig. 2).

In a further step, interaction of atenolol with Mt was investigated. Mt dispersion (1wt.%) was prepared by dispersing 1 g clay in 150 ml deionized water under vigorously stirring for 24 hours. 100 mg atenolol solution (0.1% w/v) with its natural pH value of 9.6 was added drop wise into the Mt dispersion within 1 h at 25°C. The resultant Mt-atenolol dispersion shows decrease in the pH value from 9.6 to 2.3 because of the acidic nature of Mt. Therfore, the pH of the Mt-atenolol dispersion was maintained at 9.6 the actual pH of atenolol solution, with 0.1 M NaoH. The mixed reaction media was further stirred for 2 h, centrifuged, washed several times with double distilled water to remove the excess of atenolol on the surface, dried in the air and ground with mortar and pestle to obtain fine powder. The sample was designated as Mt-atenolol complex.

The encapsulation efficiency (EE) and drug loading (DL) capacity of atenolol in the Mt- atenolol complex was calculated by Eqn. 1 and 2, respectively in the supernatant recovered after centrifugation at 225 nm.

$$EE(\%) = 100 \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1} \tag{1}$$

where

 $m_1$  - atenolol amount added initially

 $m_2$ - atenolol in the supernatant

$$DL(\%) = 100 \frac{m_3}{m_4}$$
(2)

where

 $m_3$  - atenolol amount within the Mt-atenolol complex

 $m_4$  - total weight of Mt-atenolol complex obtained

The obtained UV results suggest that 73.8 mg of atenolol was intercalated within the Mt layers with drug content of 7.5% (w/w).

To investigate the interaction of atenolol with Mt XRD studies were performed on a powder X-ray diffractometer (XPERT PRO Pananlytical, model PW3040160, Netherland) the measurement conditions are mentioned under characterization section.

The obtained XRD results suggest the intercalation of atenolol within the interlayer region of Mt by ion exchange process, details are provided under the appropriate section.

#### Batch studies for intercalation of atenolol within Mt layers

In order to achieve maximum intercalation of atenolol within the interlayer region of Mt, effect of various parameters such as, contact time, pH and initial concentration of atenolol were investigated.<sup>27</sup> Aqueous atenolol solutions (25 ml) were treated with 100 mg of Mt at different reaction conditions with continuous mechanical shaking (Khera instruments). After desired reaction time, Mt-atenolol dispersion was centrifuged with 10,000 rpm for 20 minutes at room temperature (Remi centrifuge).

The free atenolol concentration in the supernatant were determined using UV–visible spectrophotometer (Analytic Jena) at 225 nm from the Lambert-Beer's plot and the percentage of the drug adsorbed ( $\phi$ , %), being calculated from Eq. (3).

$$\varphi = \frac{C_{\rm i} - C_{\rm e}}{C_{\rm i}} \tag{3}$$

where  $C_i$  is the initial drug concentration (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) and  $C_e$  is the concentration of the drug (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) in the supernatant at the equilibrium stage. The amount of drug adsorbed  $q_e$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>); was calculated via the mass-balance relationship as per the Eq. (4)

$$q_{\rm e} = (C_{\rm i} - C_{\rm e})\frac{V}{m} \tag{4}$$

where *V* is the volume of the reaction media (L) and m is the mass of Mt used for the studies (g). Influence of pH from 2-11 on the intercalation of atenolol within Mt layers were studied at 25°C for 2 hours at atenolol concentration of 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. For adsorption kinetics in the time period of 0.25 to 18 h, all the other parameters were kept constant (pH 8, atenolol concentration of 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup> at 25°C). Adsorption equilibrium studies of atenolol in the concentration range of 40 to 720 mg L<sup>-1</sup> were carried out using 100 mg of Mt at 25°C for a period of 2 hours at pH 8.

#### Characterizations

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements of Mtatenolol complex was performed on a powder X-ray diffractometer (XPERT PRO Pananlytical, model PW3040160, Netherland) the measurement conditions were Cu K a radiation generated at 40 kV and 30 mA as X-ray source 2-40° (2 $\theta$ ) and step angle 0.01°/second. FTIR spectra of the Mt-atenolol complex recorded with an FTIR spectrophotometer (Perkin Elmer, Spectrum BXFTIR Spectrometer) using the KBr (Merck, Germany) disc method. Thermogravimetric analysis was carried out within 30 - 800°C at 10°C min<sup>-1</sup> in nitrogen flow (TGA 2050 Thermal gravimetric Analyzer). UV-Visible absorbance of atenolol solutions was measured at  $\lambda_{max}$ = 225 nm (UV-Visible spectrophotometer Analytic Jena) equipped with a quartz cell having a path length of 1 cm. Differential scanning calorimetric studies were conducted on DSC instrument (DSC Q200 V23.10 Build 79). The samples were purged with dry nitrogen at a flow rate of 10 ml min<sup>-1</sup> and the temperature was raised at 5°C min<sup>-1</sup>.

# In vitro drug release profile and release kinetics

In vitro drug release studies of Mt-atenolol complex was conducted in a constant temperature bath with the dialysis bag technique.<sup>19</sup> Buffer solution of pH 1.2 (simulated gastric fluid) was prepared by mixing 250 ml of 0.2 M HCl and 147 ml of 0.2 M KCL. Buffer solution of pH 7.4 (simulated intestinal fluid) was prepared by mixing 250 ml of 0.1 M KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and 195.5 ml of 0.1 M NaOH. Dialysis sacs were

equilibrated overnight with the dissolution medium prior to experiments. Mt-atenolol complex equivalent to 25 mg of atenolol was taken in 5ml of buffer solution in the dialysis bag. Dialysis bag was dipped into the receptor compartment containing 100 ml dissolution medium, which was stirring at  $37\pm0.5^{\circ}$ C. The receptor compartment was closed to prevent the evaporation losses from the dissolution medium. The stirring speed was kept at 100 rpm. 5 ml of aliquots was withdrawn at regular time intervals and the same volume was replaced with a fresh dissolution medium. Samples were analyzed for released atenolol content by UV spectrophotometer at  $\lambda_{max} = 225$ nm by using calibration plot of standard atenolol solutions in the same releasing media.

To analyze the in vitro release data, various kinetic models including Zero order, First-order, Higuchi and Korsmeyer – Peppas model has been used to describe the release kinetics.<sup>28-30</sup>

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## Intercalation of atenolol at different pH values

To start with the experiment, stability of the atenolol molecule was investigated in the pH range of 1-11. It has been found that drug maintains its stability (Fig. 2) within the experimental pH range as there is no change in the absorption spectra of atenolol molecule was observed.



**Figure 2.** UV-Visible spectrum of aqueous atenolol solution (10 ppm) showing stability at various pH

The UV absorption spectra of atenolol show two absorption peaks at 225 nm and 274 nm corresponding to different electronic transitions of the molecule. In subsequent studies, wavelength of 225 nm has been selected for quantitative estimation of atenolol. The pH of the drug solution has always played a crucial role in intercalation process.<sup>20-22</sup> The intercalation of atenolol in Mt was found to increase from 77 % to 94% (of 200 ppm drug solution) in the pH range of 2 to 8 and remains almost constant in the pH range of 8-10 (98% of 200 ppm) (Fig. 3).



Figure 3. Atenolol intercalation within Mt layers as a function of pH

This could be explained on the basis the  $pK_a$  value of atenolol (pH 9.6) where atenolol exsist as 50:50:: protonated : neutral form (Fig. 4).<sup>31</sup> At lower pH, decrease in intercalation of atenolol in the Mt lattice is attributed to the competition between the cationic drug and H<sup>+</sup> ions present as exchangeable ion in Mt.<sup>19</sup> However, with increase in pH, atenolol still exist in the protonated form and positive charge on the surface of the Mt decreases resulting in high adsorption of atenolol with Mt layers.



Figure 4. Protonated (a) and neutral (b) forms of atenolol

## Effect of time on intercalation

Intercalation of atenolol in Mt is very rapid process, due to occurrence of ion-exchange reaction between the interlayer Na<sup>+</sup> ions and cationic atenolol molecules at pH 8 (**Fig. 5**).



**Figure 5.** Effect of contact time on adsorption of atenolol on Mt, Mt = 0.1g; concentration of atenolol = 200 ppm; pH = 8; temperature=  $25^{\circ}$  C

Then, 96% of 200 ppm of atenolol was intercalated within 45 minutes of interaction time, which remained almost constant (95.6%) up to 6 hours and tends to decrease up to 92% in further 18 hours. In our studies, reaction time was set to 2 hours in order to avoid the partial intercalation in the succeeding experiments.

## **Kinetics of atenolol Adsorption**

In order to optimize the design of an adsorption system of atenolol on Mt, it is important to establish the most appropriate correlations for the equilibrium data for the system. In this respect two kinetic models including pseudo-first order and pseudo-second order models have been applied to determine the adsorption mechanism. <sup>32.33</sup>

#### Pseudo-first-order model

Pseudo-first-order equation can be expressed as below Eq. (5):

$$\frac{1}{q_{t}} = \frac{k_{1}}{q_{1}} \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{q_{1}}$$
(5)

where  $k_1$  is the pseudo-first-order rate constant (min<sup>-1</sup>),  $q_t$  is the amount of drug adsorbed (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) at different times t,  $q_1$ is the maximum adsorption capacity (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) for pseudofirst-order adsorption.<sup>33</sup> Plots of  $1/q_t$  versus 1/t for the adsorption of atenolol on Mt surface were employed to generate the intercept values of  $1/q_1$  and the slope of  $k_1/q_1$ (Fig. 6). The values of  $k_1$ ,  $q_1$  and the correlation coefficients are given in Table 1.



Figure 6. Pseudo first order kinetic model for atenolol adsorption on Mt surface (200 ppm, pH 8 and 25 °C)

#### Pseudo second order model

The pseudo-second-order kinetic equation can be represented as Eq. (6):

$$\frac{t}{q_{\rm t}} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_2^2} + \frac{t}{q_2} \tag{6}$$

where  $k_2$  is the pseudo-second order rate constant;  $q_2$  is the maximum adsorption capacity (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) for the second order adsorption process.<sup>33</sup> The plots of  $t/q_t$  versus *t* for atenolol adsorption onto Mt are given in Fig. 7. From the slope and intercept values,  $q_2$  and  $k_2$  values were calculated and the results are given in Table 1.



**Figure 7.** Pseudo second order kinetic model for atenolol adsorption on Mt (200 ppm, pH 8 and 25°C)

Table 1.	Kinetic p	arameters	for the	adsorption	of Ate	nolol	on	Mt
surface								

Pseudo first order			Pseudo second order			
$k_1$	$q_1$	$R_{1}^{2}$	<i>k</i> <sub>2</sub>	$q_2$	$R_{2}^{2}$	
min <sup>-1</sup>	mg g <sup>-1</sup>		g mg min <sup>-1</sup>	mg g <sup>-1</sup>		
0.5809	4.752	0.63835	0.082	4.634	0.99993	

## Effect of initial atenolol concentration on intercalation

At pH 8, the intercalation of atenolol within Mt layers is affected by its initial amount present in the solution. As the atenolol amount in the solution increases from 1 to 18 mg (40 - 720 mg  $L^{-1}$ ), the amount of atenolol intercalated within Mt layeres was increases from 0.96 mg to 8.5 mg with decrease in intercalation (%) from 96.6% to 47.3% (Fig. 8).



Figure 8. Effect of initial atenolol concentration on intercalation

Adsorption Isotherm for atenolol on Mt surface

The adsorption isotherm of atenolol on Mt surface obtained by plotting the atenolol amount adsorbed by Mt ( $q_e$  mg g<sup>-1</sup>) vs equilibrium concentration of atenolol ( $C_e$ , mg/L) is shown in Fig. 9.



Figure 9. Adsorption isotherm of atenolol on Mt surface

The Langmuir (Eq. 7) and Freundlich (Eq. 8) adsorption isotherms were applied to evaluate the adsorption data which correspond to homogenous and heterogeneous adsorbent surfaces respectively.<sup>19,22,32</sup> The equations can be expressed as follows:

$$\frac{C_{\rm e}}{q_{\rm e}} = \frac{1}{q_{\rm m}K_{\rm L}}\frac{C_{\rm e}}{q_{\rm m}} \tag{7}$$

$$\ln q_{\rm e} = \ln K_{\rm f} + nf \ln C_{\rm e} \tag{8}$$

where  $q_e$  is the equilibrium atenolol concentration on the Mt surface (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium atenolol concentration in solution (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $q_m$  the monolayer adsorption capacity (mg g<sup>-1</sup>), and  $K_L$  is the Langmuir adsorption constant (L mg<sup>-1</sup>). In case of Freundlich adsorption isotherm,  $K_f$  (mgg<sup>-1</sup>) and  $n_f$  are considered as relative adsorption capacity and adsorption intensity respectively. The values of  $q_m$  and  $K_L$  were computed from the slope and intercept of the linear plot of  $C_e/q_e$  versus  $C_e$  (Fig. 10) and are presented in Table 2. As can be seen linear form of Langmuir isotherms seems to produce a better fit in comparison with linear form of Freundlich isotherm (Fig. 11).

The essential characteristics of the Langmuir equation can be expressed in terms of a dimensionless separation factor  $R_L$  as Eq. 9:

$$R_{\rm L} = \frac{1}{1 + K_{\rm L}C_{\rm i}} \tag{9}$$

The value of  $R_L$  indicates the shape of the isotherm to be either unfavourable ( $R_L>1$ ), linear ( $R_L=1$ ), favourable ( $0<R_L<1$ ) or irreversible ( $R_L=0$ ). The value of the factor of separation  $R_L$  indicates the nature of the favourability adsorption process and its feasibility.

According to Freundlich equation,  $K_{\rm f}$  values are 16.479 mg /g at 25  $^\circ\rm C.$  It can be said that the values of  $n_f$  equal to

0.2809 is smaller than 1, reflecting the favourable adsorption.



Figure 10. Linear form of Langmuir adsorption isotherm for atenolol on Mt



Figure 11. Linear form of Freundlich adsorption isotherm for Atenolol on Mt

# **XRD Studies**

The XRD patterns of pristine Mt, pure atenolol and Mtatenolol complex are shown in Fig.12. The XRD pattern of pure atenolol revealed several diffraction peaks which indicate its crystalline character.<sup>35</sup> Mt showed a distinct diffraction pattern (001 plane) at  $2\theta = 6.4^{\circ}$  representing a 13.6 Å thickness of the Mt layer.<sup>16</sup>

Table 2. Isotherm constant for Atenolol adsorption on Mt surface

Linear form of Langmuir	
$q_{\rm m}$ , mg g <sup>-1</sup>	86.355
KL	0.0448
RL	0.358
R	0.994
Linear form of Freundlich	
$K_{ m f(mg/g)}$	16.479
nf	0.28094
R	0.0879

In case of Mt-atenolol complexes a shifting in 2 $\theta$  value from A previous study,<sup>36</sup> suggest stronger intensity of the basal spacing peak occurs when the drug molecule was intercalated within the Mt layers. 6.4° to 5.7° and a stonger intensity was observed. According to Bragg's law, shifting in 2 $\theta$  value from higher diffraction angle to lower diffraction angle is because of the increase in *d* spacing. This indicates increase in the interlayer spacing upon intercalation of atenolol in the Mt layers from 13.6Å to 15.4 Å with the replacement of interlayer cation by atenolol. Subtracting the Mt layer thickness (9.6 Å) from the d spacing (15.4 Å) of the Mt-atenolol complex, the Mt layer thickness was estimated to be 5.8 Å. Diameter of Atenolol is 6.5Å and longest crossection diamension is 13.6 Å.<sup>37,38</sup>



**Figure 12.** XRD patterns of pure atenolol (a), Pristine Mt (b)and Mt-Atenolol complex (c)

This data suggest the replacement of interlayer hydrated cations with monolayer tilted vertical orientation of the atenolol molecules parallal to the Mt layers. <sup>19, 21, 22</sup>

### **FTIR Studies**

In order to confirm the presence of atenolol within the interlayer region of the Mt, FTIR spectra were recorded in the region 500-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure 13.** FTIR spectra of Mt (a), Atenolol (b) and Mt-Atenolol complex (c)

## In vitro sustained delivery of atenolol by montmorillonite

The FTIR spectrum of Pristine Mt, Pure atenolol and Mtatenolol complex prepared by ion exchange mechanism is shown in Fig. 13. In the FTIR spectrum of Mt, the band at 3428 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3629 cm<sup>-1</sup> has been assigned to H-O-H stretching vibrations from interlayer water and Si-O-H stretching vibrations of the structural OH group. The absorption band at 1639 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to H-O-H bending water of crystallization. The characteristic band at 1049 cm<sup>-1</sup> has been assigned to Si-O stretching vibration. The absorption bands at 527 cm<sup>-1</sup> are strong bending vibrations corresponding to Al-O-Si.<sup>20,21,23</sup>

The IR spectrum of the pure atenolol displayed characteristic peaks at 3362 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 3172 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1636 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to O-H, N-H and C=O groups, respectively.<sup>39, 40</sup> The peaks of 1240 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2972 cm<sup>-1</sup> are due to alkyl aryl ether linkage and C-H stretching. The presence of functional groups of atenolol on the surface of Mt is verified by peaks at about 2957 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2883 cm<sup>-1</sup>, characteristic of the aliphatic C-H antisymmetric and symmetric vibrations respectively from the methylene group of atenolol. The presence of these bands in Mt-atenolol complex indicates the presence of atenolol in the Mt matrix. In case of Mt-Atenolol complex the vibrational bands at 3493 cm<sup>-1</sup> have been assigned to the H-O-H stretching vibrations of the interlayer water but the intensity of this peak is almost vanish compared to Mt as the intercalation of the atenolol (as confirmed by XRD) into the interlayer region displaces the water molecules. A small band at 3350 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1506 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to NH banding vibration and benzene ring skeletal vibration respectively from Atenolol molecule was also appeared in Mt-atenolol complex. The presence of all these bands suggests the presence of organic cations atenolol in the interlayer region of the Mt layers. Besides these, a broad hump in the region of 3400 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 3100 cm<sup>-1</sup> probably due to hydrogen bonding between silanol group of Mt with OH and amine functional groups of Atenolol was observed. This also indicated that Atenolol interacts with the Mt layers.

## **TGA Studies**

The TGA thermogram of pristine Mt (Fig14 a) shows high thermal stability in the temperature region of 30-700 °C with weight loss of 10% from 30-150 °C corresponds to the evaporation of free water and water bound to the cations present within the interlayer. Weight loss in the temperature range from 600-750°C is due to the loss of hydroxyl groups in the aluminosilicate structure and at this point the structure of the Mt layers collapses,<sup>18</sup> resulted in a strong endothermic peak in DTA curve of Mt at 80 °C and broad endothermic peak at 600 °C.<sup>22</sup>

The thermogravimetric profile of pristine drug atenolol (Fig. 14b) represents two thermal decomposition stages. In the DTA curve for pure atenolol, a sharp endothermic peak at 182 °C was observed without any weight loss in TGA which corresponded to the melting point of atenolol.<sup>41</sup> The drug show a sharp weight loss (~ 80%) at around 230-400 °C resulting in a strong endothermic peak in DTA curve at 297 °C followed by an small exotherm at 336 °C corresponding to decomposition of the ATN molecule.<sup>42</sup> The TGA curves of Mt-atenolol complex (Fig 14c) shows the

20% weight loss with two consecutive stages due to the dehydration and decomposition in the temperature range of 20-200°C and 205-700°C, respectively.



Figure 14a. TGA-DTA curves of pristine Mt



Figure 14b. TGA-DTA curves of pure atenolol



Figure 14c. TGA-DTA curves of Mt-Atenolol complex

The first weight loss (~3%) in the temperature region of 80-200°C corresponding to loss of surface adsorbed water was observed resulting in a small endotherm at 43 °C in DTA curve. The weight loss observed was smaller than the pristine Mt (~10%) because of the replacement of interlayer water with intercalated atenolol which supposed to be stable and does not show any weight loss upto 200°C.<sup>41</sup> The second weight loss of 15% was associated in the range from 205°C to 697°C attributed to the decomposition of intercalated ATN resulting in the presence of exotherm at 346.5°C in DTA curve of Mt-atenolol complex, corresponding to the thermal degradation of atenolol.

# **DSC Studies**

The DSC curves of pristine Mt (Fig.15a) presented a broad endothermic peak at 110°C, which was attributed to the dehydration of adsorbed water. The DSC thermograms of atenolol (Fig.15b) showed a sharp endothermic peak at 154°C indicating the melting point of atenolol.<sup>41</sup> A broad endothermic peak at 295°C followed by an exothermic peak at 308°C represents the decomposition of atenolol.<sup>42</sup>



Figure 15a. DSC curves of pristine Mt

In case of Mt-atenolol complex (Fig.15c) a broad endotherm was appeared in the region of 60 °C to 140 °C which might be corresponds to the combined event for the melting of intercalated atenolol with dehydration of surface water. In the temperature region of 250 °C to 400 °C a broad endotherm might be related to the decomposition of atenolol within Mt layers was observed.

## **Drug Release Profile**

The cumulative release profiles of pure atenolol and Mtatenolol complex in simulated gastric fluid (HCl pH 1.2) and in simulated intestinal fluid (PBS, pH=7.4) at 37 °C for different durations are shown in **Fig.16**. Pure atenolol shows upto 73% and 64% release in HCl (pH 1.2) and PBS (pH 7.4) over a period of 2 hours which approaches to almost 90% over a period of 6 hours respectively.

However in case of Mt-atenolol complex a very sustained release of atenolol in HCl pH 1.2 (SGF) and PBS, pH=7.4 (SIF) was observed. Within initial 2 hours, only 18.2% and 7.3% of atenolol was released which approaches to 33.2% and 18.52% in 8 hours followed by an increase upto 47.5%

and 30.6% releas over a period of 24 hours in SGF and SIF, respectively (Fig.16). Atenolol release was greatly influenced by the pH of the releasing media.



Figure 15b. DSC curves of pure atenolol



Figure 15c. DSC curves of and Mt-atenolol complex

In vitro drug release data suggest that the synthesized Mtatenolol complex are able to retain the high amount of atenolol in gastric media (pH 1.2) (the desired site of absorption) as compared to pure drug with the advantage of gradual drug release over a longer period of time. Being a weakly basic drug with a pK<sub>a</sub> value of 9.6 atenolol is expected to possess higher solubility and therefore a faster drug release rates at acidic pH than at basic pH media<sup>7</sup>.

High release in acidic media can also be because of the presence of H<sup>+</sup> ions in the media, being smaller in size, they can penetrate deep into the Mt layers and results in high ion exchange process as compared to the large phosphate ions in PBS.<sup>35</sup> The release data of atenolol form Mt-atenolol complex were fitted by zero order (fig 17a), first-order kinetics (fig. 17b), Higuchi (fig 17c) and Korsmeyer-Peppas models (Fig.17d) and the values of release kinetics constants in simulated gastric (HCl, pH 1.2) and intestinal (PBS pH 7.4) fluids are summarized in table 3. In SGF, the Higuchi equation gave the best representation of the release data, and the release mechanism seemed to be a diffusion process based on Fick's law.<sup>28-30</sup> In SIF, the release kinetics was found to obey the Korsmeyer-peppas equation. Thus, the release mechanism was described as the non-Fickian anomalous transport (n > 0.5).

Table 3. Release kinetics of Mt-Atenolo	l complex in simula	ated gastric fluid (HCl, pH	H 1.2) and intestinal fluid	d (PBS pH 7.4)
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Release Media	Zero order <i>C=K</i> <sub>0</sub> <i>t</i>		First order log <i>C</i> =log <i>C</i> <sub>0</sub> - <i>k</i> <sub>1</sub> <i>t</i> /2.303		Higuchi <i>Q=K</i> <sub>H</sub> t <sup>1/2</sup>	Higuchi $Q=K_{\rm H}t^{1/2}$		Korsmeyer-Peppas $M_t/M_\infty = \mathbf{k} t^n$	
	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>0</sub> , h <sup>-1</sup>	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	<i>K</i> <sub>1</sub> , h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	$K_{\mathrm{H}}^{(1/2)}$	$R^2$	n	<i>Kkp</i> , h <sup>-n</sup>
HCl pH 1.2	0.8928	1.1200	0.9299	1.9369	0.9736	7.5617	0.9717	0.4985	0.9911
PBS pH 7.4	0.9261	0.7732	0.9416	0.0092	0.9889	5.2311	0.9914	0.5847	0.6509



**Figure 16.** Release profile of pure atenolol and Mt-atenolol complex in simulated gastric fluid (HCl pH 1.2) and simulated intestinal fluid (PBS, pH 7.4)



Figure 17a. Zero order kinetic model of Mt-Atenolol complex in simulated gastrointestinal fluid



Figure 17b. First order kinetic model of Mt-Atenolol complex in simulated gastrointestinal fluid



**Figure 17c.** Higuchi kinetic model of Mt-Atenolol complex in simulated gastrointestinal fluid



**Figure 17d.** Korsmeyer - Peppas kinetic model of Mt-Atenolol complex in simulated gastrointestinal fluid

# CONCLUSION

Atenolol sustained release formulation was prepared successfully using natural clay mineral Mt as a host to retard the drug release. Intercalation of atenolol within Mt layers confirmed by XRD, FTIR and TGA analysis. The adsorption isotherms of atenolol on Mt were fitted by the Langmuir model, and the adsorption kinetics followed the pseudosecond-order kinetic model. Drug release kinetics of this formulation correspond best to Higuchi's model and korsmeyer-pappas model under simulated gastric and intestinal conditions respectively. In vitro drug release data suggest that the synthesized Mt-atenolol complex are able to retain the high amount of atenolol in gastric media (pH 1.2) (the desired site of absorption) as compared to pure drug with the advantage of gradual drug release over a longer period of time, thus reducing the multiple dosing and associated drug plasma fluctuation level. Thus the obtained results are proposing a new promising formulation potentially suitable as sustained delivery carrier of atenolol.

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