Preconcentration and Spectroscopic estimation of Zn (II) by sensitive Cloud Point Extraction Technique using Imidazole Azo Reagent

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Abstract: The organic reagent is using is [4 –CMePAI , the reagent was spectra method by using (FT-IR), and (uv-vis) as an identification using Spectrophotometric study for ion pair complex of Zn(II) ion extracted into cloud point extraction, appeared wave length of maximum absorbance was $\lambda =447$ nm for organic reagent, $\lambda =470$ nm for extracted Zn (II) ion as ion- pair association, laboratory produced novel azo the study about Determination the optimum extraction and determination conditions were pH = 8 in the presence of 100 μg Zn (II) in 10 mL aqueous solution, 0.5 mL Triton X-114, and heating temperature of 80 c° for 15 minutes, Thermodynamic parameters of CPE for extraction process of the ion –pair association complex in the triton X-114 were also considered $\Delta H = + 0.2627$ kJ mol$^{-1}$, $\Delta G - 58.973$ kJ mol$^{-1}$, $\Delta S = + 167.8$ J mol$^{-1}$ K$^{-1}$ That referred endothermic reaction, with limit of Detection (LOD=0.3798 ppm) and limit of quantitation (LOQ= 1.266 ppm) , RSD%=0.362, Molar absorptivity ($\varepsilon=43590$Lmol$^{-1}$cm$^{-1}$) , stoichiometry shows the ion- pair complex extracted was 1:2 [Zn- 4 – CMePAI]$^{2+}$:2Cl$^{-}$ in addition to study of electrolyte effect and spectrophotometric determination of Zn(II) in different samples. The calibration curve linear with correlation coefficient [Zn 4 – CMePAI]$^{2+}$:2Cl$^{-}$ of r =0.999 .The proposed method applied for the determination of zinc in vegetables pills.

Keywords: Cloud point extraction , Imidazole ,Extraction,Zinc determination, Azo.

1.Introduction

Cloud Point Extraction (CPE) is a process in which organic, inorganic, or biological materials are extracted utilizing nonionic surfaces that are employed for separation in the form of a cloud
when heated to a temperature above the critical temperature [1]. They are also known as micelle-extraction technique. Initially, in CPE extraction, a micellar (surfactant-rich) phase is added to the sample which homogeneous surfactant solution.

A non-polar core is developed due to its hydrocarbon tails towards the centre by a micelle [1]. The surface of the micelles is such that the polar hydrophilic part is directed directly towards the aqueous side and the non-polar hydrophobic part is directed towards the lipid layer and the micelles gather in the form of balls and the number of surface micelles is called the degree or number of the aggregation [2].

In 1882, Radziszewski synthesized imidazole by reacting benzyl with benzaldehyde and an excess of ammonia in an acidic medium.

In analytical chemistry for the extraction process, among the most frequent chemical reagents - their complexes in organic solvents. Azole dyes, often known as azo dyes, are chemicals with groups or atoms in their molecules. It has electron pairs that allow it to form effective bonds with the ions of metallic elements (function group) 60% of all dyes are made up of bonding. Coordination to produce coordination complexes has been discovered earlier. Pigment compounds are the building blocks of color (70%).

The chemist Peter Kress associated the system SP2 with hybrid (N=N) in 1858, and the reason for its name is due to the presence of the azo group Aromatic. Because of their excellent stability and speed of interaction with ions, azo compounds are classified as spectroscopic reagents. Aromatic azo derivatives are more prevalent and used than azo derivatives, owing to their great sensitivity and selectivity. The azo compounds are an example of an aliphatic compound since it is characterized by stability and high stability due to the resonance that occurs in these derivatives.

Imidazole is one of the substances that prevents copper from corroding in the presence of sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium chloride, sodium hydroxide, and a variety of other chemicals and environmental factors.

Heterogeneous catalysts, such as zinc-supported imidazoles, have been used in a variety of applications due to their non-toxic, low-cost, and reusability.

Imidazoles in vitro and in the organism's body High blood pressure, anti-neuropathic, antiviral, anti-tuberculosis [7,8] anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-obesity, anti-parasitic, and anti-cancer medications all include imidazole. As well as other medications for a variety of ailments.

Zinc is the second most important element in the human body, as more than 300 enzymes and more than 2000 transcriptional factors need zinc in their work, as it has three functional factors: catalytic, co-active, and structural.

Zinc is an essential element in the human organism. It is involved in the formation of enzymes such as carboxypeptidase A, which stimulates esterification and hydrolysis of peptides. It also has an important role in the metabolism of proteins, carbohydrates and fats. Zinc is also important in the synthesis of DNA and RNA. Zinc deficiency causes problems such as loss of appetite, stunted growth, and lethargy. Mental illness, skin infections, and immune problems. The increase or decrease in the concentration of zinc has effects, so we find that determining or detecting a small amount of it in foods or drinks consumed by humans is important and this requires techniques such as spectrophotometry.

In developing countries, zinc deficiency is considered an important problem in children, as it has significant effects on several factors,
including growth retardation and hypogonadism, Therefore, the amount of zinc in the plasma is an important indicator for measuring its rate in the human body [10-13].

2. Experimental

2.1. Apparatus

Spectrophotometric studies and absorbance measurement, used double beam spectrophotometer (A Harvard Bio science company Cambridge UK), While absorbance measurements in the optimization study and detection of metals were done with Single beam (UV-Vis) Spectrophotometer, TRIUP International Corp - TRUV. 74, S (Italy), FTIR-8400S, Shimadzu (Japan), pH-meter, Listed, Laboratory Equipment, E163694 CE, Germany, so for heating used water bath with regulator (Hamburg 90) England and electrical balance company limited, Dool, CE, HR200, Japan.

2.2. Reagents and materials:

Stock Solution Zn(II) ion in concentration 1mg/10mL prepared by dissolved 0.0208 g of ZnCl₂.2H₂O in 10ml distilled water in volumetric flack presence 0.5 ml of conc. Hydrochloric acid HCl and(0.5 mL) from TritonX-114.


The reagent was made by combining the diazonium salt with the imidazole derivative in an alkaline alcoholic solution, as described in the equation[14].

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\text{Diazonium salt} \quad 4,5\text{-diphenyl-1H-imidazole} \quad 4\text{-CMePAI}
\]

4. Results and discussion

4.1. Spectrophotometric study

Absorption spectrum of prepared [4-CMePAI] reagent and ion pair Association complex Zn(II): 2(4-CMePAI)]. The UV-visible spectrum of the synthesized reagent that dissolved in Triton X -114 (0.5 of 0.1 w/v) were composed of absorption peak show in Fig.1.2.

The formation ion pair –association complex between Zn(II) and 4-CMePAI] in basic medium of pH=8, critical micelle concentration (CMC) of TritonX-114 was 0.5 mL, heating time 80°C critical concentration of [4-CMePAI] 1x10^-4 M under conditions of CPL product is also achieved via an emergence of a new absorption maximum at λ_max=447 nm while absorption maximum at
$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 500$ nm for complex of $\text{Zn}^{+2} - [4\text{-CMePAI}]$ due to the ($\pi-\pi^*$) transitions of the aromatic rings, while the second absorption peak appeared at wavelength $\lambda = 530$ nm that belongs to the ($n-\pi^*$) transitions.

As for the FT-IR signals, the spectrum showed several bands: (A band at $3421.72$ $\nu^{-1}$ belongs to the (N-H) group, a band at $1680$ $\nu^{-1}$ belongs to the (C=O) group, and a band at $1597.06$ $\nu^{-1}$ belongs to the (C=N) group, and a band at $1575.84$ $\nu^{-1}$ belongs to a group (N=N) show in Fig.3.

Fig. 1. UV-visible spectrum of [4-CMePAI]

Fig. 2. UV-visible spectrum of [Zn$^{+2};4\text{-CMePAI}$]

Fig. 3. FT-IR spectrum of [Zn$^{+2}$; 4-CMePAI]

5.2. practical part

10 ml aqueous solution containing 100$\mu$g Zn(II) with $3 \times 10^{-4}$M of 4-CMePAI at pH=8 and in presence 0.5mL of TritonX – 114, heated this solution for suitable temperature(80'C) and
time(15 min.) until formation cloud point layer, then separated this layer and dissolved in 5ml ethanol and measured the absorbance of alcoholic solution against blank prepared at the same manner in absence Zn$^{2+}$ion at wave length of maximum absorbance for ion pair association complex extracted to CPL (, $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ ) 500 nm, on well on the aqueous phase treated according to Dithizone spectrophotometric method [14] and return to calibration care to determine the remainder quantity of Zn(II) ion in aqueous solution at extracted the subtraction this quantity from the original quantity of Zn(II)ion which is already in the aqueous solution to determine the transfer quantity of Zn$^{2+}$ ion to the CPL in order to formation an association complex afterward calculated distribution ratio[15,16,17,18] .

$$D = \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]_{\text{org}}}{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]_{\text{aqu}}}$$

5.3. Optimal conditions for reaction

5.3.1. Effect of pH

In the CPE extraction process, pH has a role in the efficiency of metal ion extraction show in Fig. 5 out from aqueous solutions with a volume of (10mL) containing (100µg) of the Zn(II) and within the range of pH=7-11, and in the presence of (0.5mL) of 1% TritonX-100, with the presence of the organic reagent ( 4- CMePAI) its concentration is (3×10$^{-4}$M) and these solutions are heated in a water bath at a suitable temperature until the formation of the cloud point layer (CPL) and for a time (20 minutes), this layer is separated from the aqueous solution and dissolved in (5mL) of ethanol, and the absorbance is measured to her which is a critical factor between the metal and the ligand, giving an appropriate environment for bonding by the sites that join and create complexes. The optimum pH for the extraction of zinc ions Zn(II) is As for the high and low pH, the complex dissociates and the equilibrium constant decreases, but the optimum pH, which is 8, is higher than that, Zn(OH)$_2$ is formed and the metal is not extracted then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, $\lambda_{\text{max}} =500$ nm. They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C) [19].
5.3.2. Effect of TritonX-114 volume

We prepare a series aqueous solutions of (10mL) were prepared containing a concentration of (100µg) of the Zn(II), and at the pH_ex = 8, using a concentration of (3×10^-4M) of the organic reagent, (4-CMePAI) respectively. With the presence of different volumes of TritonX-114 within the range (0.3-1 mL) to study the effect of surface volume on the efficiency of zinc ion extraction, then these solutions are heated in an electric water bath at an appropriate temperature and time (20 minutes) until the cloud point layer (CPL), then The cloud point layer is separated from the aqueous solution and dissolved in (5mL) of ethanol until the CPL is completed then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ =500 nm. They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C) [15,19,20].

![Fig. 5. Effect of pH on extraction of Zn(II).](image)

![Fig. 7. The effect of TritonX-114 the on the formation bonding complex and extraction of the ionic](image)
3.2.3. Type of surfactant:

Zinc ion extractions were carried out from its aqueous solutions with a volume of 10mL containing to determine the effect of the surface type on the extraction process, and the efficiency of extraction according to the CPE cloud point extraction technique. 100µg/10 mL of Zn(II) and at pH(8) and the optimum surface volume (0.5 mL) using the surfaces (Tween 60, Tween 20, Tween 80, TritonX-100, TritonX-114) separately and after heating these solutions in the water bath at the optimum temperature (80°C) and the optimum time (15) minutes to form a cloud point layer CPL separating the CPL layer from the aqueous solution. The CPL layer was dissolved in 5 mL ethanol, then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, , \( \lambda_{\text{max}} = 500 \) nm. They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C)[16,18,21]

![Fig. 8. Effect of surfactant type on extraction efficiency](image)

5.3.5. Effect of ligand (4-CMePAI)

A series aqueous solutions 10 ml in volume contain increasing quantities (1\times10^{-6} - 4\times10^{-4}) M of 4-CMePAI at pH=8 with 0.5 ml Triton X-114 and 100 µg of Zn(II) heated there solutions at suitable temperature and time until formation cloud point layer CPL completed the procedure as in the general method the result then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, , \( \lambda_{\text{max}} = 500 \) nm. They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C) (10,11,19,21).
5.3.6. Effect of temperature

The 10 mL series aqueous solutions contain containing 100 μg of Zn(II) at pH = 8 with 0.5 mL Triton X-114 and 3x10⁻⁴ 4-CMePAI heating solutions at temperature gradients until the cloud point layer CPL is completed and the optimum temperature is observed at which the best separation procedure occurs and as then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 500$ nm. They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C) The result is illustrated in the figure (11) [15,16,22-24].

Fig. 10. The effect of [4-CMePAI] on the formation complex.

Fig. 11. The effect of temperature on the values of distribution ratios D
The extraction constant is then calculated using the equation below\[16\]

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D_{\text{ext.}} = \frac{[\text{Zn}^{12+}]}{[\text{4-CMePAI}]} 
\]

We get the slope after sketching the graphic relationship between log 1/T and log \( K_{\text{ext}} \) and using it to perform the rest of the thermodynamic calculations.

\[
\Delta G_{\text{ex}} = nRT\ln K_{\text{ext}}. \\
\Delta G_{\text{ex}} = \Delta H_{\text{ex}} - T\Delta S_{\text{ex}}
\]

**Fig. 12.** The effect of the on the temperature formation values of distribution ratios \( D \) and extraction of the ionic bonding complex

Table (1) The thermodynamic values for the extraction of complex ion (Zn\(^{2+}\)) according to (CPE) technique\[20\]
3.2.7. Effect of time Heating

To clarify, by preparing aqueous solutions with a volume of (10mL) containing a concentration of (100 μg) \((1.521\times10^{-4}M)\) of the zinc ion \((\text{Zn}^{2+})\) and at \(\text{pH}_{\text{ex}}=8\), and using a concentration \((3\times10^{-4}M)\) of the organic reagent \((4\text{-CMePAI})\), and in the presence of \((0.5mL)\) of TritonX-114, these solutions are heated in an electric water bath at the optimum temperature \((80^\circ \text{C})\) then at various intervals between 5 and 30 minutes, until a layer forms. The cloud point (CPL) separated the layer from the aqueous solution and dissolves in ethanol \((5mL)\). then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, \(\lambda_{\text{max}}=500\ \text{nm}\). They need a higher temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature \((80^\circ \text{C})\) [16,18,22-26].

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![Graph](image)

**Fig. 14.** The effect of time on the formation values of distribution ratios and extraction of the ionic bonding complex.

5.3.4. Effect of Zn(II) concentration

A series aqueous solutions 10 ml in volume containing increasing concentration quantities of 20-120 μg of Zn(II) at \(\text{pH}=8\) with presence of \(3\times10^{-4}\) from \((4\text{-CMePAI})\) and 0.5ml Triton X-114 and heated there solutions at suitable temperature\((80^\circ \text{C})\) and time \((15\ \text{min.})\) until formation cloud point layer CPL completed the procedure as in the general method then its absorption was measured at the wavelength of the greatest absorption, \(\lambda_{\text{max}}=500\ \text{nm}\). They need a higher
temperature, and this may lead to a disturbance in the equilibrium state because it is the optimum temperature (80°C) [8.9,15,16,21].

![Graph: Effect of Zn(II) concentration and extraction of the ionic bonding complex](image)

**Fig. 16. The effect of Zn(II) concentration and extraction of the ionic bonding complex**

### 3.2.8. Effects of Foreign Ions

When extracting Zn(II) using the cloud point technique (CPE), the presence of some positive ions in the aqueous solution had an effect on the extraction efficiency, which can be seen in the absorption values and distribution ratios D, and by observing the values of D for positive ions when extracting Zn(II) using the cloud point technique (CPE) has an effect on the extraction efficiency, as Ni^{2+} bond when it is ionized. In terms of the Cd^{2+} ions in the solution, As a result, the process of separating Zn(II) slows down, implying that it has a competitive impact in building a complex between the reagent and Zn(II) lowering the value of D and the separation ratio % E percent. As for the rest of the ions, they range in effect [15,17-19,21,22,26].

\[ \text{Ni}^{2+} < \text{Fe}^{3+} < \text{Co}^{2+} < \text{Cu}^{2+} < \text{Cd}^{2+} \]
4-Methods for determining the extracted complex's probable makeup:

4-1- Mole-Ratio Method:

This method required the preparation of aqueous solutions with a volume of (10mL) containing a fixed concentration of (100µg) (1.52×10^-4M) of the Zn(II) and at the pH_{ex} = 8, using increasing concentrations within the range (4×10^-4 - 1×10^-6M) of the organic reagent (4-CMePAI) and in the presence of a volume (0.5mL) of TritonX-1, these solutions are heated in a bath Hydroelectricity at the optimum temperature and optimum time for each detector, where the cloud point layer is formed after this layer is separated from the aqueous solution and dissolved in (5mL) of ethanol. Without the presence Zn(II) Calibration curve for determination of Zinc ion (II) in point cloud layer [27].

4-2- Continuous changes method (Job method):

Fig. 17. Effect of Interferences ions on extraction efficiency

Fig. 18. The relationship between the absorption values of the Zn-4CMePAI complex and the molar ratios between the organic reagent and the zinc ion.
To validate the potential structures of the isolated complexes, a continuous changes procedure was used, which included creating solutions with \((1 \times 10^{-4}) \) M of organic reagents. 4-CMePAI, zinc ion (II)) to make a total solution of a volume \((10\,\text{ml})\) of the mixture by mixing increasing volumes of the aqueous zinc ion solution \((9-1)\,\text{mL}\) with decreasing quantities of the organic reagent solution \((9-1)\,\text{mL}\) and when the function. The cloud point layer is separated from the aqueous solution and dissolved in \(5\,\text{mL}\) of ethyl alcohol, and its absorption was measured at \(500\,\text{nm}\) with the detector 4-CMePAI versus Planck's solution without zinc ions for each reagent.

![Graph](image)

**Fig. 19. The relationship between the ratio of the volume of the reagent to the total volume**

According to these two methods, it is found that the ratio between the concentration of the reagent: the concentration of the zinc ion (II) is 2:1.[4]

![Complex Structure](image)

**Fig. 20. The possible structure of the complex formed between the zinc ion and the reagent 4-CMePAI**

**5- Calibration curve**

In order to determine the calibration curve of the extracted complex, zinc ion (II) extraction processes were carried out, according to CPE cloud point extraction technique, from 10 mL...
aqueous solutions containing increasing concentrations of Zn(II) (2-10) µg concentrations. Optimum for each of the organic reagent \((3\times10^{-4}M)\) and acid HCl \((1M)\) and an optimum volume of TritonX-114 \((1\%)\) 0.5 mL. Heat the solutions in a water bath at the optimum temperature 80 °C and the optimum time \((15\text{min.})\) to form a point cloud layer. Then the cloud point layer CPL separated from the aqueous solution and dissolves in Calibration curve for Spectroscopic determination of zinc (II) by Cloud Point Extraction (CPE) \((5\text{mL})\) of ethanol and its absorption is measured at the wavelength of maximum absorption \(\lambda_{max} =500\ \text{nm}\) against Planck’s solution prepared in the same way, but in the absence of zinc ions, and then we draw a graphic relationship between the values of absorption \(\text{Abs}\) versus the concentration of Zn(II) we get a straight line relationship, then Calculate the value of the slope of the straight line Slope as in the Fig. 21[28].

![4-CMePAI](image)

**Fig. 21.** calibration curve of the determine Zinc (II).

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Table 2. Values related to the extraction of the Zn(II) from its aqueous solution using the organic reagent 4-CMePAI using cloud point technique CPE.
RSD%  
Composition of complex (M: L)  
Molar absorptivity (L.mol\(^{-1}\).cm\(^{-1}\))  
Pre concentration factor  
Enrichment factor  

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6-Applications of CPE technology in the determination of the zinc (II) ion by 4-CMePAI organic reagent

The Zinc (II) ions were estimated in some models, as the calibration curve was used to estimate the concentration of the analyte in the selected samples, which appear on a statistical basis. and reliability.

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