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### The formation constants determination of $\alpha$ -formyl acetylacetonate complex by pH-metric titration

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The copper (II) ion forms complexes with a great variety of stereochemical conformations. The stereochemistry of the copper (II) complexes appears to modulate the biological activity of the metal ion involved in many biological processes [1]. Pivetta et al. [2] determined the formation constants of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})_2(\text{L})](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  complexes in nonaqueous media by spectrophotometric measurements. In another work [3] the formation constants of two copper (II) systems were reported by the simultaneous analysis of multi-component isotropic spectra.

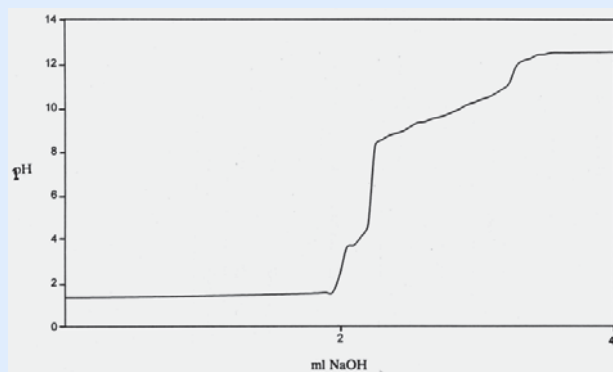


Fig.1: Titration curve of  $\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-CHOacac})_2$  by  $\text{NaOH}$ , 1.025M.

The aim of this work is to determine the formation constant of  $\alpha$ -formyl acetylacetonate  $[\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-CHOacac})_2]$  by pH-metric titration.  $\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-CHOacac})_2$  was synthesized by adding  $\text{POCl}_3$  to a solution of copper (II) acetylacetonate ( $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$ ) and dry dimethylformamide. Two Formation constants for  $[\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-CHOacac})_2]$ ,  $K_{f1}$  and  $K_{f2}$ , were obtained which are  $3.09 \times 10^9$  and  $5.98 \times 10^8$ , respectively. For comparison,  $\log K_{f1}$  and  $\log K_{f2}$  for  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$  were reported as 12.46 and 11.20, respectively [4].

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### A modified $\text{N}_2\text{N}'$ -[1,1'-Dithiobis(phenyl)] bis(salicylaldehyde) self assembly gold electrode as a sensor for study and electrochemical determination of Epinephrine (EP) in pharmaceutical formulations

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Development of new methods for determination of catecholamines such as EP has received considerable interests in recent years. Various methods, such as luminescence [1], spectroscopy [2], titration [3], HPLC [4], and voltammetry have been developed for this purpose. However, a major problem in the electrochemical detection of EP is the coexistence of ascorbic acid (AA) and uric acid (UA) in relatively high concentrations. In this work, we fabricated an  $\text{Au N}_2\text{N}'$ -[1,1'-Dithiobis(phenyl)] bis(salicylaldehyde) self assembled monolayer modified electrode ( $\text{Au DTPS SAM-ME}$ ) and reported its applications for EP sensing in the presence of high concentration of AA and UA.

The characterization of  $\text{Au DTPS SAM-ME}$  was investigated by cyclic voltammetry and ac impedance using the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-/4-}$  redox couple. Selective detection was realized in eliminating AA and UA, different from the methods on the potential separation. A calibration curve was obtained for EP in a linear range of  $3.0 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$ . The detection limit for EP was found to be  $5.0 \times 10^{-8}$  mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$ . The modified electrode showed good selectivity, stability and anti-fouling properties. The results indicated that the  $\text{Au DTPS SAM-ME}$  could be employed for the determination of EP in pharmaceutical formulations and plasma samples.

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### A New PNA Biosensor for Detection of p53 DNA Plasmid by nano gold modified Screen Printed Electrode

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Sequence-specific detection of DNA targets has become increasingly important in molecular diagnostics. In these years, electrochemical DNA biosensors are