# Spectrophotometric Investigation of Conditional Stability Constants and Confirmation of Complex Formation of Cu (II) Complexes with Substituted Chalcones and Isoxazolines

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Spectrophotometic investigation on Cu(II) complexes with substituted chalcones and isoxazolines has shown 1:1 and 1:2 complex formation. The complex formations are confirmed using isobastic point method and Job's variation method at 0.1 M ionic strength and temperature  $27\pm1^{\circ}$ C spectrophotometrically. The present method is compared with potentiometric method. The results obtained of stability constants are in good agreement.

## INTRODUCTION

In view of analytical application chalcones and isoxazolines ligands are selected in the present investigation. The metal chelates of hydrazo-dimedone dyes are studied by Atef et al. Narwade et al. have investigated the stability constants of some lanthanide ions with sulphonic acid spectrophotometrically. Sunita and Gupta<sup>3</sup> have worked on spectrophotometric determination of cyanide in biological amples susing a new reagent. Narwade et al.<sup>4</sup> have studied Fe(III) complexes with some substituted chalcone by spectrophotometric technique. Raghuwanshi et al.<sup>5</sup> have shown 1:1 and 1:2 complex formation of Cu(II), Co(II), Ni(II) with some substituted chalcones and isoxazolines potentiometrically. Zabeen et al.<sup>6</sup> have investigated 1:1 complex formation of 3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-O-carboxy phenyl triazene with palladium by using spectrophotometric technique. Chavan and Joshi<sup>7</sup> have studied the spectrophotometric determination of microamounts of gold(III) using cyclo-pentane-spiro-2'(1'-methyl-2',4'-dithio)-5-triazine. The study of metal-ligand complexes of chalcones and isoxazolines was not studied so far; therefore, the present work has been undertaken to study systematically the confirmation of complexes of 2'-hydroxy-5'-methyl-3-nitrochalcone (1); 2'hydroxy-3'-nitro-5-methyl-3-nitrochalcone (2); 3-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(3-nitrophenyl) isoxazoline (3); 3-(2-hydroxy-3-nitro-5-methylphenyl)-5-(3-nitrophenyl) isoxazoline (4) with copper metal ion using isobastic point method and Job's variation method.

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## **EXPERIMENTAL**

All the chelating agents have been synthesized in the laboratory using Doshi and Ghiya method<sup>8</sup> and the compounds were recrystallized from ethanol before use.

Copper nitrate salt (BDH) and sodium perchlorate (BDH) were used and their solutions were prepared in double distilled water (i.e., Cu(II) = 0.01 M and  $NaClO_4 = 0.1$  M). Chelating agent solutions were prepared in 1, 4-dioxane. Visible Spectrophotometer No. 118 was used in the present work for measurement of absorption of the solution.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

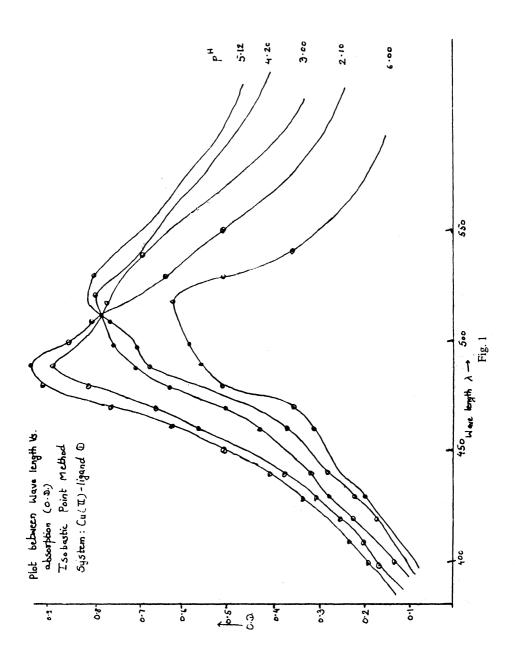
# **Spectrophotometric Measurements**

- (a) Isobastic Point Method: Vareille's method of isobastic point was used to study the complex formation between Cu(II) and substituted chalcones and isoxazolines. The absorption spectra were measured for solution containing copper metal ion  $(5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  and ligand  $(100 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  at pH value ranging from 2.0 to 7.0. The pH of solution was measured by means of standardised pH-meter. The data of absorption corresponding to wavelength in nm for all the pH solutions were used to construct the curves (a representative curve is shown in Fig 1 with ligand 1). Most of the curves are intersecting at a point (Isobastic point). The curves are intersecting at 515 nm, 535 nm, 528 nm and 540 nm for ligand 1 to 4 respectively. This indicates the presence of two complex species (i.e. 1:1 and 1:2 complexes) in the pH range investigated. Potentiometric tecnique also showed the presence of two complex species of Cu(II) complexes with substituted chalcones and isoxazolines<sup>5</sup>.
- (b) Job's Method: Job's variation method was adopted to know the nature of complexes. The solutions of Cu(II)  $[1\times10^{-2}\,\mathrm{M}]$  and ligands  $[1\times10^{-2}\,\mathrm{M}]$  were prepared in 70% dioxane-water mixture and ionic strength was maintained constant (0.1 M) by adding an appropriate amount of 1 M sodium perchlorate solution. The pH value of each composition was adjusted constant by adding suitable amount of either HCl solution or NaOH solution.  $\lambda_{max}$  was determined using one of the compositions at which there is maximum absorption.

The absorptions for all the compositions were recorded at a constant wavelength  $\lambda_{max}$ . The data of absorption and % compositions are presented in Tables-1 to 4 and used to construct the curves for all the systems (a representative curve for ligand 1 is shown in Fig. 2).

It was observed that 1:1 complex formation occurs at pH 3.0 for Cu (II)complexes with all the ligands. 1:1 complex formation was also confirmed at about pH 3.0 by means of potentiometric technique using Irving and Rossotti's method<sup>10</sup>.

Conditional stability constants of metal-ligand complexes were calculated for all the systems and presented in Table-5. It can be seen from Table-5 that conditional stability constants of systems 2 and 4 are lower than the values of systems 1 and 3. It may be due to the presence of nitro group in ligand no. 2 and ligand no. 4.



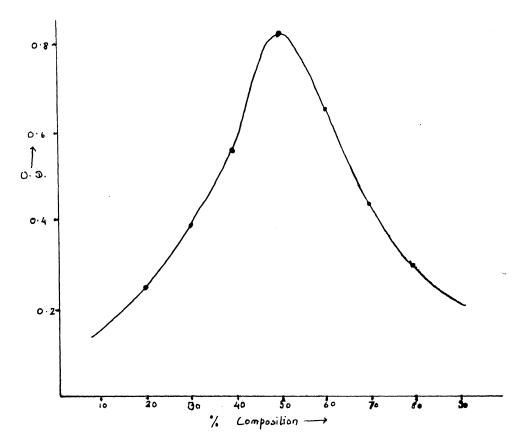


Fig. 2 Plot between % composition versus absorption (O.D.)  $\lambda_{max} = 480$  nm; system Cu(II)—ligand no. 1.

TABLE-1 DATA OF ABSORPTION AND % COMPOSITION FOR LIGAND NO. 1 ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 480 nm).

Metal	Ligand	Absorption (Optical density)
2	18	0.16
4	16	0.25
6	14	0.38
8	12	0.54
10	10	0.81
12	8	0.63
14	6	0.42
16	4	0.29
18	2	0.21

TABLE-2 DATA OF ABSORPTION AND % COMPOSITION FOR LIGAND NO. 2 ( $\lambda_{max} = 510 \text{ nm}$ )

Metal	Ligand	Absorption (Optical density)	
2	18	0.23	
4	16	030	
6	14	0.49	
8	12	0.67	
10	10	0.91	
12	8	0.61	
14	6	0.52	
16	4	0.33	
18	2	0.23	

TABLE-3 DATA OF ABSORPTION AND % COMPOSITION FOR LIGAND NO. 3 ( $\lambda_{max} = 495 \text{ nm}$ )

Metal	Ligand	Absorption (Optical density)	
2	18	0.19	
4	16	027	
6	14	0.39	
8	12	0.67	
10	10	0.79	
12	8	0.83	
14	6	0.59	
16	4	0.43	
18	2	0.27	

TABLE-4 DATA OF ABSORPTION AND % COMPOSITION FOR LIGAND NO. 4 ( $\lambda_{max} = 520 \text{ nm}$ )

Metal	Ligand Absorption (Optical density)	
2	18	0.26
4	16	0.41
6 .	14	0.58
8	12	0.65
10	10	0.89
12	8	0.80
14	6	0.64
16	4	0.52
18	2	0.34

TABLE-5
CONDITIONAL STABILITY CONSTANT OF SUBSTITUTED
CHALCONES AND ISOXAZOLINES

System	K	log K
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 1	$0.1086 \times 10^3$	2.0347
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 2	$0.0628 \times 10^3$	1.7253
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 3	$0.8356 \times 10^3$	1.9216
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 4	$0.0628 \times 10^3$	1.7982

TABLE-6
METAL-LIGAND STABILITY CONSTANTS OF COMPLEXES
OF 0.1 M IONIC STRENGTH

System	Spectrophotometrically		Potentiometrically	
	log K <sub>1</sub>	log K <sub>2</sub>	log K <sub>1</sub>	log K <sub>2</sub>
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 1	5.4012	5.0971	5.4941	5.1538
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 2	4.6501	4.4941	4.6946	4.5337
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 3	5.1128	4.8070	5.946	4.7538
Cu(II)-Ligand no. 4	4.7521	4.1912	4.7096	4.2155

The plots of extension co-efficient against pH at 550 nm and 580 nm were constructed. It showed that 1:1 complex is present between pH 2.0 to 3.0 and 1:2 complex is present between pH 3.02 to 4.0. The n values were calculated by the procedure given by McBryde<sup>11</sup> and the formation curves were constructed. The log  $K_1$  and log  $K_2$  values (first and second metal-ligand stability constants) were obtained by pointwise calculation method. The values of log  $K_1$  and log  $K_2$  obtained by spectrophotometric and potentiometric measurements are presented in Table-6. It is observed from Table-6, that the values obtained from both the techniques are in good agreement.

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