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Formation Constants of Some Transition Metal Complexes of (2E, 3E)-butane-dione [1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)ethylidene] hydrazone oxime in Mixed Solvent System

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ABSTRACT

A new ligand (2E,3E)-butane-dione[1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)ethylidene]hydrazone oxime (BHPEHO) synthesised and reported for the first time in this work has been studied potentiometrically in mixed solvent system (Dioxane + water) at various ionic strengths to obtain the acidity constant of the ligand. Further, due to the perceived interests in the coordinating behaviour of this ligand with various transition metal ions, the potentiometric studies in solution similar to those for the ligand were carried out to obtain the metal-ligand formation constants.

The study revealed that the ligand behaves as a monobasic acid in spite of two probable dissociable protons being present in it namely the oximino proton and the phenolic proton. The nature of this monobasic character is studied. The metal complexes of Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), and Zn(II) show that they are most stable species in the ML₂ complex.

Keywords: Ionic strength, stability constant, metal ion complexes. Potentiometric titration.

INTRODUCTION

Oximino ketones and their derivative have been widely reported with respect to their synthesis application such as analytical (1), bioinorganic system (2) catalyst (3, 4) medicine (5, 6). This is primarily because of the inherent ambidentate character of the ligand so obtained as also due to the various positions of probable donor atoms in the ligand. As such, these ligands are known to report metal complexes of varied geometries, stabilities and applications.

With this interest in mind we are reporting in the present work a new ligand (2E,3E)-butane-

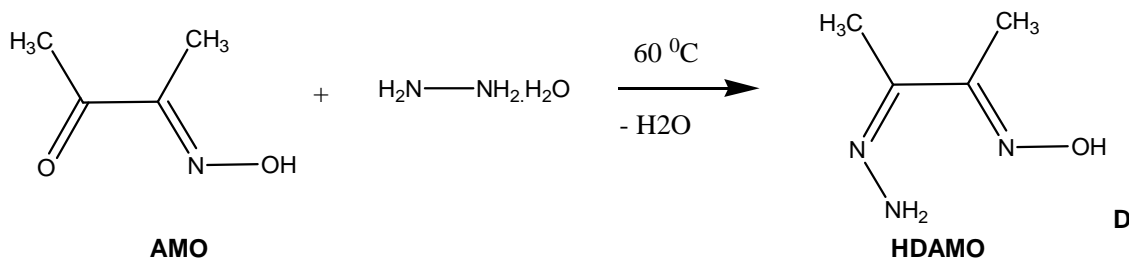
dione [1-(2-hydroxyphenyl) ethylidene] hydrazone oxime (BHPEHO) which was synthesised from a reaction between hydrazone of diacetyl monoxime and o-hydroxyacetophenone.

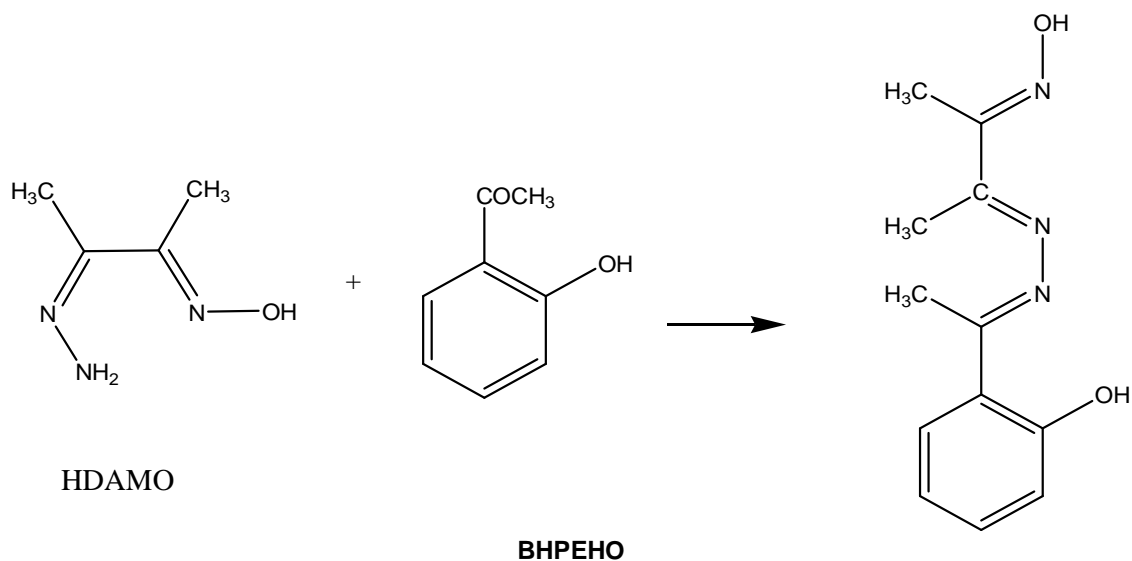
Formation studies in solution of the metal complexes Co (II), Ni (II), Cu (II), Zn (II) at various ionic strength in a dioxane: water (60:40 v/v) mixed solvent system have been studied in order to appreciate nature of complexation, stabilities of the complexes and effect of ionic strength on complexation in order to obtain the thermodynamic stability constant for the formation of metal complexes.

Materials and Methods (Experimental Section)

Synthesis of ligands

Synthesis of Diacetylmonoxime hydrazone;-(HDAMO)-





6 g (0.05 M) Hydrazones of Diacetylmonoxime in 50 cm³ ethanol was mixed with 7.1 cm³ (0.05 M) O-hydroxyacetophenone with constant stirring and refluxes 3 hours yellow colour product was formed. The completion of reaction was checked by TLC. The yellow colour product transfer in cold water, then yellow coloured solid product was formed which was filtered, washed with distilled water and was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain yellow solid product.

Structure of the ligand was confirmed by NMR, IR and U.V.-VS spectral studies.

Reagents and Materials

The stock solution of the ligand (0.05M) was prepared by dissolving the requisite quantity of the ligand in a minimum volume of dioxane subsequently diluted to final volume with dioxane. All chemicals used were A. R. grade KCl, HCl and KOH. Chlorides of metal ions were used to metal ion solution (0.01M) standardized by standard EDTA solution, volumetrically.¹³ The ionic strength 0.05, 0.075, 0.1 mol dm⁻³ was maintained by using 1M KCl solution. The carbonate free potassium hydroxide solution (0.1M) was prepared in double distilled water and standardized against standard succinic acid solution.

Apparatus and Procedure

The pH meter (model EQ-610) equipped with combined glass electrodes and magnetic stirrer (accuracy ± 0.01). The pH meter was standardized before each titration with buffer solution of pH 4.00, 7.00 and 9.20 prepared from a Qualigens buffer tablets. All the pH metric titration were carried out 28°C in an

inert atmosphere by bubbling oxygen free nitrogen gas through it and served the purpose of stirring the solution being studied. The pH-metric titrations of following solutions were performed against standard 0.1M KOH solution:-

- Acid titration : 5cm³ of 0.100 mol dm⁻³ HCl + 30 ml dioxane + 13 cm³ distilled water.
- Ligand titration :- 5 cm³ of 0.100 mole dm⁻³ HCl + 5cm³ of 0.05 mol dm⁻³ ligand +25cm³ dioxane + 13 cm³ distilled water.
- Metal titration:- 5cm³ of 0.100 mole dm⁻³ HCl +5cm³ of 0.05 mole dm⁻³ ligand + 5cm³ of 0.010 mole dm⁻³ metal salt +25cm³ dioxane +8.05cm³ distilled water.

Every time the appropriate quantity of 1mole dm⁻³ KCl Stock solution was added to the system to maintain the ionic strength at 0.05, 0.075, 0.1 mole. The total volume of each mixture was adjusted to 50cm³ by 60:40 (V/V) dioxane-water media. This solution was then titrated against standard alkali (0.104M) and the titration was discontinued whenever turbidity was observed in the solution as also indicated by a steady drift in the pH-meter readings. The pH meter reading were taken after fixed interval and unit stable reading was obtained and then curves pH verses cm³ of alkali added were plotted. The proton-ligand dissociation constant was calculated from the pH values obtained from titration using Irving-Rosotti method.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION**Characterization of the ligand: (HBHPEHO)**

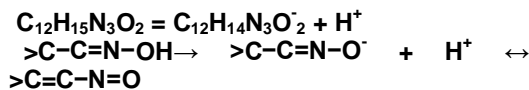
The analytical data of the ligand like elemental analysis, PMR, I.R, electronic spectra are given in Table No. 1, 2, 3 & 4. The molecular weight of the ligand was 233.6 found by GC-MS spectra. Molecular formula corresponds to $C_{12}H_{15}O_2N_3$. It was obtained in powdered form, which melts at $172^{\circ}C$. Solubility of ligand in dilute alkali indicates the acidic nature of the oximino proton. The colour of ligand is yellow and soluble in chloroform, ethanol, methanol, DMSO, DMF, dilute alkali.

UV-Visible spectral properties [Table No.2]

The electronic absorption spectrum of HBHPEHO in methanol, in the ultra-violet region reveals two high intensity bands at 42.91kK ($\epsilon=14385$) and 34.72 kK ($\epsilon=14935$) respectively. These may be due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions possible from the azomethine and oximino environment in the molecule. In several isonitrosoketone (2-4) the band in the range 36.00- 40.00 kK is reported to be due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions. In isonitrosopropiophenone, the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition band is observed at 39.68 kK (6). The band at 34.22kK in the Ultra-Violet spectrum of HBHPEHO is therefore believed to be due to the oxime group while the one at 42.73kK could be due to the hydrazonyl group. The ultra-violet spectrum of HBHPEHO in dilute NaOH solution shows that the band at 34.72 kK in the methanolic solution spectrum has suffered a suppression along with a bathochromic shift to 33.33 kK ($\epsilon= 4190$). This observation characteristically indicates the formation of the anion in the alkaline solution due to the deportation of the oximino group. This means that this band could have its origin in the oximino linkage in the molecule as such, the band at 42.91 kK in the methanolic solution spectrum could be assigned to the azomethine linkage.

The PMR spectra data for ligand (HBHPEHO);[Table N0.3]

PMR spectral data of HBHPEHO in D_6 DMSO reveals two singlet peaks at 13.2 δ and 12.00 δ . The intensity of the peaks suggests that these are due to single deshielded protons. There are two likely such highly deshielded protons in the molecule: the oximino proton and phenolic proton. Many isonitrosoketones reveal the oximino proton in the region 8 δ to 12 δ in hydrozonyl derivative of isonitrosopropiophenol (HINPP) reported to be observed at 8.1 δ ⁶. Of the two single protons, the oximino proton is likely to be more acidic than the phenolic proton in view of greater resonance stability of resultant anion.

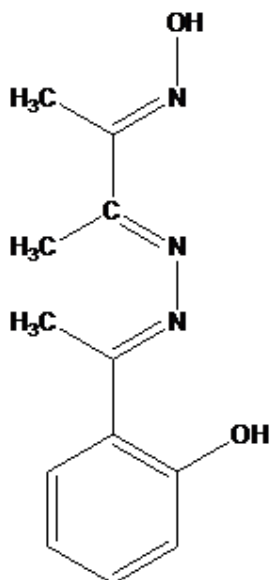


Hence it is suggested that the peak at 13.22 δ is due to oximino proton while the one at 11.97 δ due to phenolic proton. In diacetylmonoxime, oxime proton is reported at 11.70 δ .while in ligand it is appeared at 13.22 δ . In o-hydroxyacetophenone phenolic (-OH) proton reported at 12.25 δ while in ligand it occur at 11.97 δ this indicate phenolic proton more shielded than oximino proton hence oximino proton easily releasable than phenolic proton. The singlet at 2.09 δ and 2.14 δ and 2.50 δ assigned to the methyl group, occur at the usual position in the ligand. A broad multiplate between 6.90 δ to 7.73 δ has is origin in the phenyl ring protons of the ligand.

IR Spectra of HBHPEHO- [Table No.4]

The FT-IR spectra of the ligand HBHPEHO in KBr disc in region 3500-400 cm^{-1} . To assign some of the important band on the basis of the reported IR spectra of several isonitrosoketone⁶ and other reported compounds. The IR spectrum of ligand has broad absorption band at 3235 cm^{-1} which may be assigned to be phenolic-OH group of the o-hydroxyacetophenone moiety and at 3297 cm^{-1} oximino -OH group of hydrazones of diacetylmonoxime. Since the OH vibrations are also expected to lower down from their usual range ~ 3500 cm^{-1} on account of H-bonding. The sharp band at 1602 cm^{-1} may be due to the perturbed $>C=N$ stretching vibration of the azomethine ($>C=N-N$) group in ligand. In general, the $>C=N$ vibration in isonitrosoketone are known to occur at 1600 cm^{-1} . Similar band occur at 1603, 1617 cm^{-1} in benzyl- α -monoxime semicarbazone, benzyl- α -monoxime thiosemicarbazone (19, 20). These observations confirm the position of azomethine group at 1602 cm^{-1} . The sharp band low intensity at 1546 cm^{-1} shows $\nu_{C=N}$ stretching vibration of the oximino ($>C=NOH$) group in ligand. In general, the $>C=N$ vibration in isonitrosoketone are shown to occur around 1600 cm^{-1} . In isonitrosopropiophenone and its hydrozonyl derivative this band is observed at 1597 cm^{-1} and 1595 cm^{-1} (6). While in diacetylmonoxime it occurs at 1630 cm^{-1} . This suggests unaffected nature of the oximino group in ligand. In ligand N-O stretching vibration band is seen at 975 cm^{-1} . This band was seen at 997 cm^{-1} in hydrozonyl derivative of isonitrosopropiophenone while in diacetylmonoxime this band occurs at 970 cm^{-1} . The sharp band was seen at 753 cm^{-1} indicate ligand contains disubstituted benzene ring.

From the above information from electronic spectra, PMR, IR spectra the suggested structure of the ligand is-



FORMATION OF COMPLEXES IN SOLUTION

The ligand is colourless in 60: 40 % (V/v) dioxane water mixture. During the course of acid-ligand titration against 0.1M KOH, light yellow coloured appeared at low pH. As the titration goes on, the yellow colour become deepens at high pH ~ 7.60. This is because of the dissociation of proton from the oxime -OH group.

Similarly during metal ion titration, different colours are observed depending upon metal ions. In case of cobalt- reddish colour occur while in nickel- brown colour and in copper-green colour, zinc- yellow coloured appeared at different pH. Thus the colour changes significantly indicate formation of complexes.

The proton-ligand dissociation constant

The ligand used in present investigation may be considered as monobasic acid containing only one dissociable proton from oxime (-NOH) group supported by PMR IR, electronic spectra and it therefore represented as HL. The dissociating equilibrium can be shown as $HL \rightarrow H^+ + L^-$

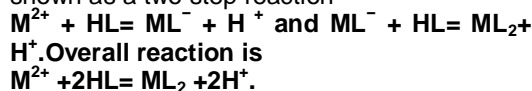
The proton-ligand formation number n_A , calculated by Irving-Rossetti expression. The pKa value of ligand is calculated by half integral method and graphical method. This is reported in Table no. - 1.

It can be seen that the pK values decreases with increase in ionic strength of the medium according to Debye Huckel theory. The proton-

ligand formation number n_A value less than 1.5 indicate that ligand containing only one dissociable H^+ ion from oxime.

Metal-ligand stability constant

Titration curves of the metal-ligand solution reveal that the n values range from 0 to 2 (Fig.2). This indicate that atleast two formation constants of the metal-ligand complex may be shown as a two step reaction'



The first step giving $\text{Log}K_1$ while the second step yielding $\text{Log}K_2$ value for the M-L bond stability. The curves also reveal in all cases that the metal-ligand titration curves (Fig.1) lie below those of the proton-ligand titration curves indicating that the metal ligand complexes are more stable than the proton-ligand complexes.

The formation curves for the metal complexes were obtained by plotting the average number of ligand attached per metal ion (n) Vs. pL the free ligand exponent according to the Irving and Rossotti¹⁸. The $\text{Log}K_1$ and $\text{Log}K_2$ calculated by $n=0.5$ and $n=1.5$ respectively at different ionic strength (Fig.2). $\text{Log}K_1$ and $\text{Log}K_2$ calculated by point wise method and graphical method (Fig.3). Higher value of $\text{log}K_1$ and $\text{log}K_2$ showed that ligand is strong chelating agent and vice versa.

$\text{Log}(n/1-n)$ Vs pL, $\text{Log}(2-n/1-n)$ Vs pL. The $\text{Log}K_1$ and $\text{Log}K_2$ given in Table No.-6. From the data it is found that-

1. The maximum value of n was about two indicating the formation of ML_2 (metal:ligand) complexes only.
2. The order of the stability constant of metal complexes with respect inschiff bases was found to be $\text{Co(II)} < \text{Ni(II)} < \text{Cu(II)} > \text{Zn(II)}$ which is also in agreement with Irving and Williams order.
3. The order of stability constant decreases with increasing ionic strength according to Debye Huckel theory.
4. The difference between $\text{Log}K_1$ and $\text{Log}K_2$ complexes less than 2.5 indicating the simultaneous formation of 1:1 and 1:2 complexes.

Calvin and Wilson¹⁶ showed that resonance might affect the formation and stability of a chelate. They considered the formation of Cu^{2+} complexes of acetylacetone and some other β -diketones, of a group of substituted salicylaldehyde and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde and 3-hydroxy-2-naphthaldehyde. All gave the same chelated stable rings and thus confirmed this view.

Mellor et al¹⁷ studied the stability of salicylaldehyde complexes in 50:50 v/v dioxan-water medium. They found that chelates follow the order as Pd > Cu > Ni > Co > Zn > Cd > Fe > Mn > Mg

Irving et al¹⁸ have correlated their data by plotting the stability constants against the atomic numbers of the metals and observed the order of stability constant to be Mn < Fe < Co < Ni < Cu < Zn.

CONCLUSION

HBHMPH ligand is insoluble in water, but soluble in dilute alkali. It indicates it is in acidic nature and soluble in common organic solvent.

The dissociation constant of ligand is $pK \sim 11.3$ the order of stability constant and dissociation constant pK decreases with increases with ionic strength. While the order of stability constant with respect to metal ion is Co (II) < Ni (II) < Cu(II) > Zn (II) which is in according with Irving-Williams natural order.

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Table 1: Elemental Analysis

Compound	Colour	Mol. Wt. by GC-MS	Melting Point °C	ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS			
				% C Found (Calcd)	% H Found (Calcd)	% N Found (Calcd)	% O Found (Calcd)
HBHEPHO	Yellow	233	172	59.93 (60.27)	5.75 (5.93)	18.75 (19.18)	12.07 (14.81)

Table 2: Electronic spectral data for HBHEPHO

No.	Compound	solvent	Band Position in kk	Intensity ϵ	Assignment
1	HBHMPH	Methanol	42.91	14385	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition
			34.48	14935	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition
			29.67	7132	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition
		0.1N NaOH	37.73	7410	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition
			33.33	4190	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition
			26.88	4900	$\pi - \pi^*$ transition

Table 3: Proton Magnetic Spectral Data—(PMR)

Compounds	Chemical Shift, ppm (δ)	
	Group	PMR
HBHEPHO	CH ₃ -	2.09 (s,3H)
	CH ₃ -	2.14(s,3H)
	CH ₃ -	2.50 (s,3H)
	Ar-H	6.90-7.73(m,4H)
	Ar-OH(phenolic)	11.97 (s, 1H)
	-NOH(oxime)	13.22 (s, 1H)

Table 4: FT-IR data of HBHEPHO

Compounds	ν O-H(oxime) cm^{-1}	ν O-H(phen) cm^{-1}	Ar C -H	ν C=N oximino cm^{-1}	ν C=N azomethine cm^{-1}	ν N - N cm^{-1}	ν N \rightarrow O cm^{-1}	Disub Benzene ring	C-H
HBHMPH	3297	3235	3053	1546	1602	1014	975	753	2924

Table 5: Proton-ligand Dissociation constant

Sr. No.	Ionic Strength	Proton-ligand constant.		
		By Half integral method	By Graphical method	pK
1	0.05	11.18	11.18	11.18
2	0.075	11.13	11.13	11.13
3	0.1	11.08	11.08	11.08

Table 6: Metal-Ligand Stability Constants of Metal Complexes

Sr. No.	Compound	LogK ₁		LogK ₂		Lo β= Log (K ₁ + K ₂)
		By Half integral method	By Graphical method	By Half integral method	By Graphical method	
1	Co(II)	10.30	10.32	8.66	8.64	18.96
2	Ni(II)	10.48	10.46	8.70	8.70	19.18
3	Cu(II)	10.61	10.61	8.83	8.81	19.44
4	Zn(II)	10.46	10.48	8.75	8.75	19.23

[A] $\mu=0.05$, $pK=11.18$ $\sqrt{0.05}=0.2267$ [B] $\mu=0.075$ $pK=11.13$ $\sqrt{0.075}=0.2738$

Sr. No.	Compound	LogK ₁		LogK ₂		log β=Log (K ₁ + K ₂)
		By Half integral method	By Graphical method	By Half integral method	By Graphical method	
1	Co(II)	10.23	10.25	8.47	8.49	18.72
2	Ni(II)	10.32	10.34	8.57	8.57	18.93
3	Cu(II)	10.50	10.52	8.74	8.76	19.27
4	Zn(II)	10.40	10.40	8.66	8.66	19.07

[C] $\mu=0.1$ $pK=11.08$ $\sqrt{0.1}=0.3162$

Sr. No.	Compound	LogK ₁		LogK ₂		log β=Log (K ₁ + K ₂)
		By Half integral method	By Graphical method	By Half integral method	By Graphical method	
1	Co(II)	10.03	10.05	8.54	8.56	18.56
2	Ni(II)	10.12	10.14	8.61	8.65	18.76
3	Cu(II)	10.45	10.43	8.56	8.54	19.10
4	Zn(II)	10.31	10.33	8.64	8.62	18.96

Table 7: Ionic strength and Metal stability constant

Ionic Strength μ	$\sqrt{\mu}$	Co Logβ	Ni Logβ	Cu Logβ	Zn Logβ
0.05	0.227	18.96	19.18	19.44	19.23
0.075	0.2738	18.72	18.93	19.27	19.07
0.1	0.3162	18.56	18.76	19.01	18.96

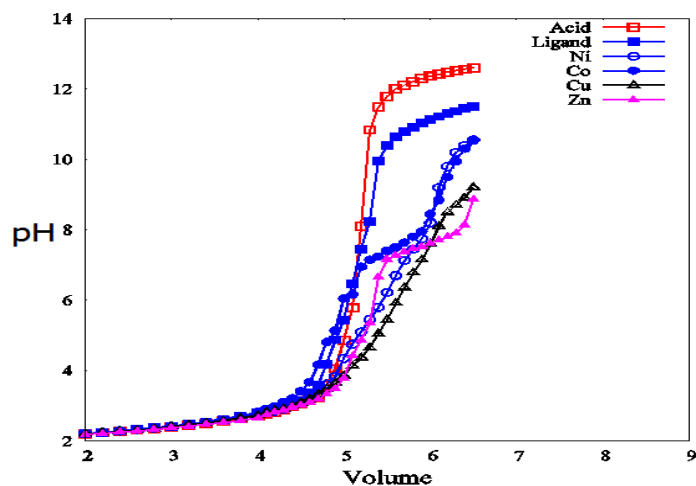


Fig. 1: Proton and metal ligand titration curves

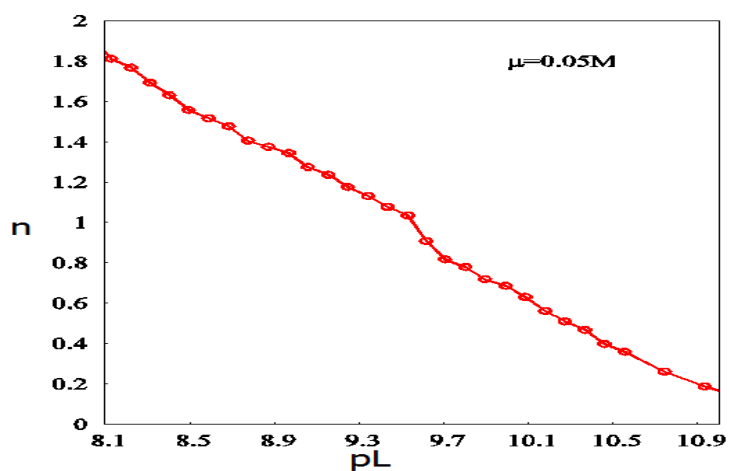


Fig. 2: Formation of Cobalt complex

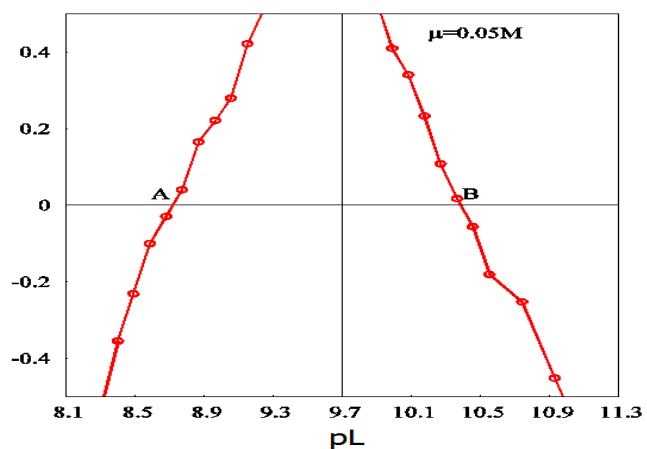


Fig. 3: Graphical representation:
A represents $\log(n / 1-n)$ verses pL
B represents to $\log(2-n / n-1)$ verses pL

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