



Potentiometric Studies of Ternary Complexes of Zinc with Vitamins and Medicinally important drugs

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ABSTRACT

The proton ligand stability constants and stability constants of simple and mixed ligand complexes of zinc with pyridoxine, nicotinic acid, tetracycline, gentamycin, benzyl penicillin, ampicillin, streptomycin and ranitidine have been studied potentiometrically at $25 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ and $\mu = 0.1\text{M}(\text{KNO}_3)$ in aqueous medium. Zinc forms 1:1 and 1:2 complexes with all the chelating agents except for nicotinic acid-ranitidine, nicotinic acid-ampicillin and nicotinic acid-gentamycin 1:2 complex species does not exist in the solution. The mixed ligand chelates are shown to have formed in simultaneous equilibria. The higher values of stability constants of mixed ligand chelates than the sum of individual log stability constants of the first and second ligand are discussed.

Key words: Stability constants, binary, ternary, pH-metry, complexes, Zn (II).

INTRODUCTION

Recently there has been considerable interest in the study of binary, ternary and quaternary complexes by pH-metric method [1-4]. The metal ions in presence of organic and inorganic ligands, amino acids, peptides, proteins, vitamins and enzymes are playing a major role in the field of analytical Chemistry [5-7], Catalysis [6-8], biology [4,6], medicine [9-12] chemical protection of radiation [13-14] in the study of metalloproteins and metalloenzymes [15,16]. Marcus and Elizer [1], Beck [2], Schaap and Mc McMaster's [3] have established the theoretical principles and essential mathematics involved in the mixed ligand complexes. An excellent account of the biological importance of mixed ligand complexes has been given by Sigel [4]. The mixed ligand complexes have been studied extensively because of their potential role in biological processes and can manifest themselves as enzyme-metal ion substrate complexes [17-23]. Some Platinum (II) complexes have been shown in last two decades to have anti-carcinogenic properties [24]. Similarly few Palladium (II) complexes were also shown to have inhibitory effects on some cell divisions and these are also shown to be nontoxic. The study of proton-ligands and metal-ligands of dicarboxylic acids and amino acids with some transition and inner transition metals have been reported [25]. Formation constants & thermodynamic parameters of bivalent metal ion complexes with 3-amino 5-methyl isoxazole Schiff bases have been reported [26]. The mixed ligand complexes of transition metal metals are comparatively less studied than inner transition elements [27].

The vitamins, antibiotics and drugs have a significant biological and medicinal importance. In view of the growing interest in the ternary complexes, it is thought worthwhile to study the ternary complexes of number of vitamins and antibiotics with transition metal zinc (II).

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

The ligands tetracycline, benzyl penicillin, ampicillin, streptomycin, gentamycin, ranitidine, pyridoxine and icotinic acid were of Himedia AR grade and were used as such. Zinc nitrate BDH AR grade, Potassium hydroxide Himedia AR grade, Potassium nitrate of s.d.Fine AR grade, nitric acid of Qualigens AR grade. All solutions were prepared in air free conductivity water.

The pH-metric measurements were carried out by using Elico digital pH meter model L-120 with combined glass electrode with an accuracy of ± 0.01 of pH units at 25°C. The pH meter was standardized at different regions of pH (4.00 and 9.18) using standard buffer BDH solutions. The ionic strength was maintained at $\mu = 0.1M$ (KNO_3). The pH's was plotted against moles of base added per mole of metal ion/ligand.

Calculations

The acid dissociation constants of the ligands and stability constants of the simple metal complexes were calculated by the method of Irving and Rosotti [28,29]. The accurate values of $\log K_1$ and $\log K_2$ were calculated by the method of least squares and are compared with the literature values. These are presented in table 1. The formation constants for the determination of stability constants, the concentration of total(first and second) free ligand and the value of X were calculated by the following expression obtained by modification of Thompson and Lora's method [30] and Ramamoorthy and Santappa's method [31,32]

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table No 1. Dissociation constants of the ligands and stability constants of Zinc complexes of binary and ternary systems
 $\mu = 0.1M$ (KNO_3) $T=298^\circ K$

Sr.No.	Name of ligand	pK ₁	pK ₂	logK ₁	logK ₂
01	Pyridoxine V ₁	4.94(4.95)	8.98(8.97)	5.3217	2.2923
02	Nicotinic acid V ₂	4.90(4.85)	-----	6.4790	-----
03	Tetracyclin R ₁	3.33(3.35)	7.31(7.29)	5.2847	2.4615
04	Penicillin benzyl R ₂	2.82(2.75)	-----	3.2003	-----
05	Ampicillin R ₃	6.84(6.80)	-----	10.3476	-----
06	Streptomycin R ₄	8.01(8.0)	-----	3.0881	-----
07	Gentamycin R ₅	5.88	7.67	1.4480	1.2358
08	Ranitidine R ₆	1.78(1.77)	1.88(1.89)	2.2985	0.8739

$$X = 1 + \frac{2 [H^+]^2}{K_1 K_2 + K'_1 K'_2} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_2 + K'_2}$$

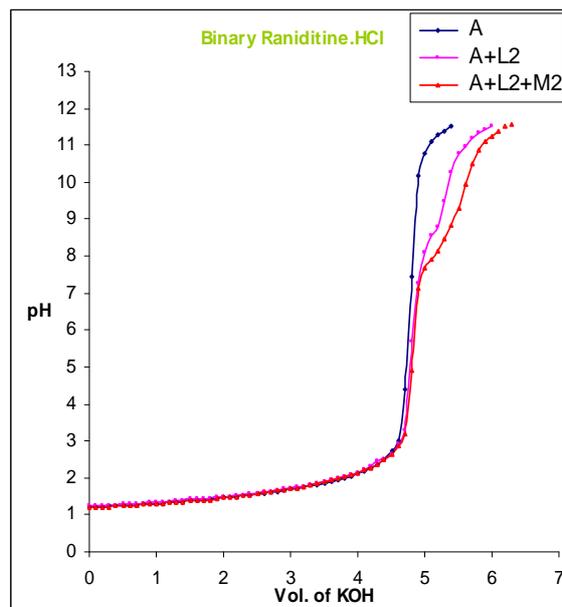
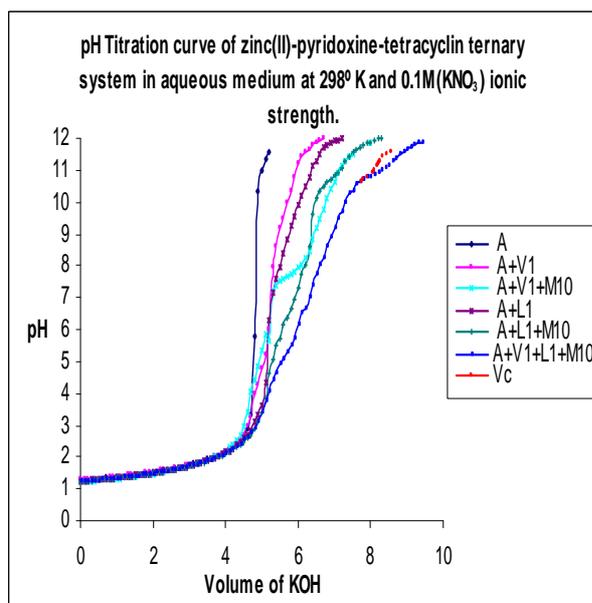
And

$$A = \frac{2 T_L + 2 T_A - T_{OH} - [H^+]}{\frac{4 [H^+]^2}{(K_1 K_2) + (K'_1 K'_2)} + \frac{[H^+]}{(K_2 + K'_2)}}$$

Where T_L and T_A represent the concentrations of first and second ligand, $T_{OH} = [KOH]$,

$K_1 K_2$ and $K'_1 K'_2$ are the first and second dissociation constants of the two ligands. The value of stability constants of the mixed complexes is given by

$$\log K_{MLA} = \frac{[T_M - \frac{1}{2} A - X]}{\frac{1}{2} [A]^3 X}$$



It is observed that ampicillin have highest value of $\log K_s$ 10.35. This might be due to strong basicity and greater number of chelate rings. The $\log K_s$ for tetracyclin 7.74 and pyridoxine hydrochloride 7.61 are found to be nearly the same. In case of Nicotinic acid only $\log K_1$ is obtained which is found to be 6.48. Similarly for penicillin benzyl, ampicillin, and streptomycin only $\log K_1$ values are obtained. This shows that 1:1 species are exist in the solutions for these ligands with Zn (II) ion. In case of pyridoxine hydrochloride and tetracyclin, gentamycin and ranitidine 1:1 as well as 1:2 species may exist in the solution. The lowest values for $\log K_s$ are found gentamycin, streptomycin and ranitidine. These might be due to steric hindrance.

The metal-ligand stability constants for the selected ligands with Zn (II) ion follow the following order

Ampicillin > Tetracyclin > Pyridoxine > Nicotinic acid > Penicillin Benzyl > Streptomycin > Ranitidine > Gentamycin.

In all the systems mentioned above, the $\log K_{MLA}$ was found to be positive. However in case of Zn (II)-Nicotinic acid-Ranitidine system there was no separation of the mixed-ligand curve from the binary curves indicating the absence of 1:1:1 species. Again in case of Zn(II)-Nicotinic acid-Ampicillin and Zn(II)-Nicotinic acid-Gentamycin the composite curve falls to the right hand side of the experimental curve; this shows that in these cases mixed-complex species does not exist in the solution. The $\log K_{MLA}$ value for some of the systems comes out to higher such as Zn (II)-pyridoxine-ampicillin ($\log K_{MLA} = 46.97$); Zn (II)-pyridoxine-streptomycin ($\log K_{MLA} = 37.74$). Similarly higher values of stability constants was found for N-(phosphono-methyl) glycine (PGM) with some metal ion such as Al^{+3} and Fe^{+3} i.e. 22.1 and 23 respectively [33-34].

All systems show positive values of $\Delta \log K_{MLA}$. This indicates that ternary complexes are more stable than binary complexes.

Table No.2 Ternary complex of Zn (II) in presence of Drugs and Vitamins

Sr.No.	Systems	pH of separation	pH of hydrolysis	$\log K_{MLA}$	$\Delta \log K_{MLA}$
01	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine-tetracyclin	3.7	7.40	18.2041	+7.5977
02	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine- Penicillin benzyl	5.5	7.01	9.0489	+0.5269
03	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine- Ampicillin	5.1	7.74	46.9756	+31.3063
04	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine- Streptomycin	4.3	7.76	37.7406	+29.3308
05	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine- Gentamycin	4.4	7.22	33.0246	+26.2549
06	Zn(II)-Pyridoxine- Ranitidine	7.9	7.48	9.8119	+2.1917
07	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid -tetracyclin	4.1	5.70	28.4970	+16.7333
08	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid - Penicillin benzyl	3.7	7.41	10.8823	+1.2030
09	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid - Ampicillin	4.3	7.42	--	--
10	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid - Streptomycin	3.2	7.76	28.5746	+19.0075
11	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid - Gentamycin	6.4	7.33	--	--
12	Zn(II)- Nicotinic acid - Ranitidine	7.3	7.04	--	--

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