

## 2-HYDROXY-4N-BUTOXY-5-BROMO PROPIOPHENONE OXIME AS AN ANALYTICAL REAGENT FOR COPPER(II)

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### ABSTRACT

2-Hydroxy-4n-butoxy-5-bromo propiophenoneoxime (HBBPO) was developed as a new analytical reagent for extraction and spectrophotometric determination of Cu(II). In pH 3.0-10.0 the reagent gives brown coloured precipitate with Cu(II). Spectrophotometric methods revealed that the stoichiometry of the complex is 1:2 (metal:ligand). Beer's law is obeyed from 31.77 µg/ml to 254.16 µg/ml of Cu(II). Molar absorptivity and Sandell's sensitivity at 650 nm were found to be  $1.4 \times 10^2 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $0.45 \mu\text{g/cm}^2$  respectively. The stability constant of Cu(II)-HBBPO complex is found to be  $6.05 \times 10^8$ . Gibbs free energy change for complex formation reaction was found to be -12.18 Kcal/mol. The reagent can be used for the analysis of brass and bronze.

**Keywords:** Oxime, 2-Hydroxy-4n-butoxy-5-bromo propiophenoneoxime, HBBPO.

### INTRODUCTION

In the current scenario of analytical chemistry, many reagents are widely available for gravimetric and spectrophotometric determination of metal ions. They include o-hydroxy ketoxime<sup>1-3</sup>, phenyl hydrazones, thiosemicarbozones<sup>4</sup>, chalcone oximes<sup>5</sup> etc. In this work, we report the use of 2-Hydroxy-4n-butoxy-5-bromo propiophenoneoxime (HBBPO) as a gravimetric reagent for Cu(II). Spectrophotometric methods have been used to confirm the stoichiometry of the complex and to determine the stability constant of the complex. This reagent is used to determine copper in brass.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Spectrophotometric measurements were made on a Systronics UV/VIS spectrophotometer (model-118) using 10mm glass cells. All the pH measurements were done on Systronic pH meter (model-324) and buffer solution of required pH were obtained using sodium acetate-acetic acid & hydrochloric acid-sodium acetate buffers of suitable concentration.

### Synthesis of 2-Hydroxy-4n-butoxy-5-bromo propiophenoneoxime (HBBPO)

Resorcinol was prepared from resorcinol, propionic acid, anhydrous zinc chloride. 2-hydroxy-4n-butoxy propiophenone (HBP) has prepared by reported method<sup>6</sup>. 2-hydroxy-4n-butoxy-5-bromo propiophenone (HBBP) was prepared by Bromination<sup>7</sup> of HBP. The oxime of HBBP was prepared by sodium acetate method. It was crystallised from ethanol, colourless needle like crystals were obtained, with m.p. of  $64 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ . (N found = 4.43 %, calculated = 4.68 %). The oxime is soluble in solvents like ethanol, acetone, Carbon tetrachloride, chloroform etc.

### Stock solution

Stock solution of Cu(II) (0.005M) was prepared by dissolving  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in distilled water and was used after standardization with EDTA. Stock solution of HBBPO (0.01M) was prepared by dissolving oxime in 70 % aqueous ethanol.

### Effect of diverse ions

In gravimetric determination of copper (31.77mg) at pH5, it was found that  $Ba^{+2}$ ,  $Ca^{+2}$ ,  $Sr^{+2}$ ,  $Mg^{+2}$ ,  $Al^{+3}$ ,  $Zn^{+2}$ ,  $Cd^{+2}$  and common anions  $Cl^-$ ,  $Br^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$  did not interfere. At this pH  $Pd^{+2}$ ,  $Co^{+2}$ ,  $Ni^{+2}$ ,  $Mn^{+2}$ ,  $Fe^{+3}$  interfere seriously.

### Spectrophotometric studies

The absorbance spectrum of Cu-HBBPO complex in chloroform shows maxima at 410nm and 650nm, but the measurements were carried out at 650 nm using solvent blank because at this wavelength reagent shows negligible absorption. The sensitivity of

the method as defined by Sandell is  $0.19 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  at 650nm.

Beer's law is obeyed between the range 31.77 –254.1 ppm of Cu(II).

### Validity of Beer's law

The Cu(II)-HBBPO complex in chloroform obeys from 31.77 to 254.16 ppm of Cu(II). Beyond this concentration the absorbance plot showed deviation from linearity. The molar absorptivity of the complex obtained from absorbance data is found to be  $1.4 \times 10^2 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 650nm. The Sandell was found  $0.45 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  of Cu(II) at 400nm.

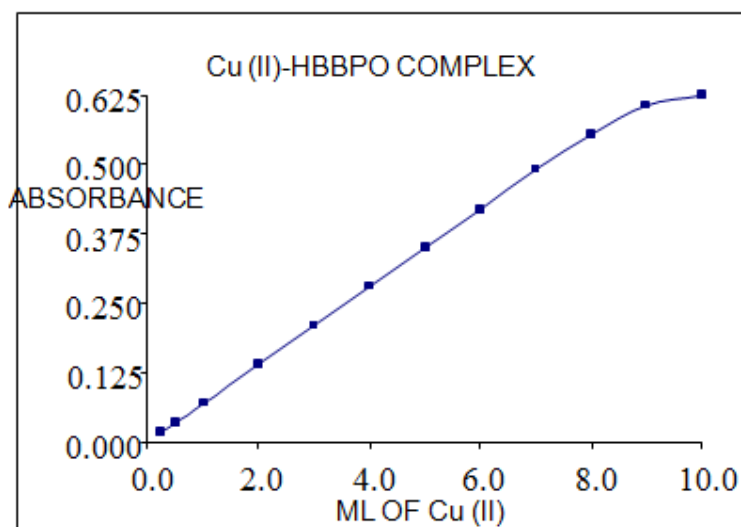


Fig. 1: Validity of Beer's law

Table: Physico-chemical data of Cu(II)- HBBPO

Characteristics	Results
Beer's law Limit (ppm)	31.77 – 254.16
Opt. Conc. Range (ppm)	63.54 – 222.39
Molar absorptivity, $\epsilon$ (L mole <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	140
Sandell's sensitivity ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )	0.45
Stability constant (K)	$6.05 \times 10^8$
$\Delta G^0$ (k.cal)	-12.18
M:L	1:2

### Stoichiometry and stability constant of complex

The stoichiometry of Cu(II)-HBBPO complex was determined by (1) Job's method<sup>8</sup> of continuous variation and (2) Yoe and Jones mole-ratio method<sup>9</sup>. Both the methods gave the metal:ligand ratio of 1:2. The stability constant of the complex was

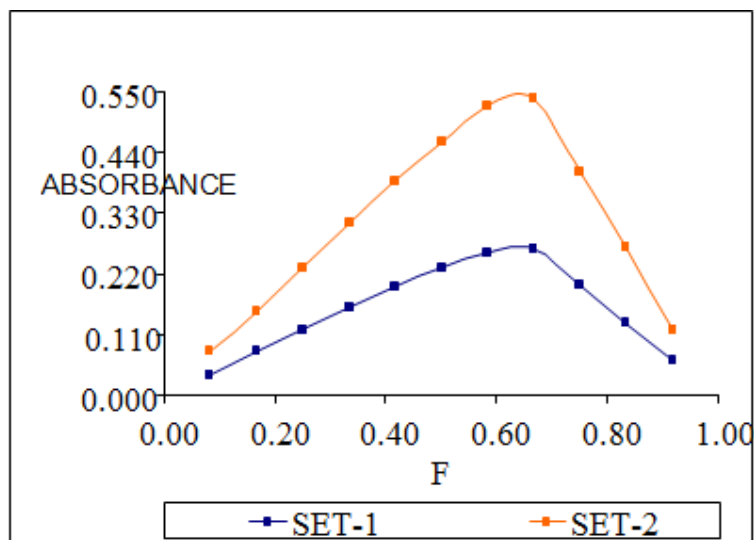
calculated using the following formula :

$$K = \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{4C^2\alpha^3}$$

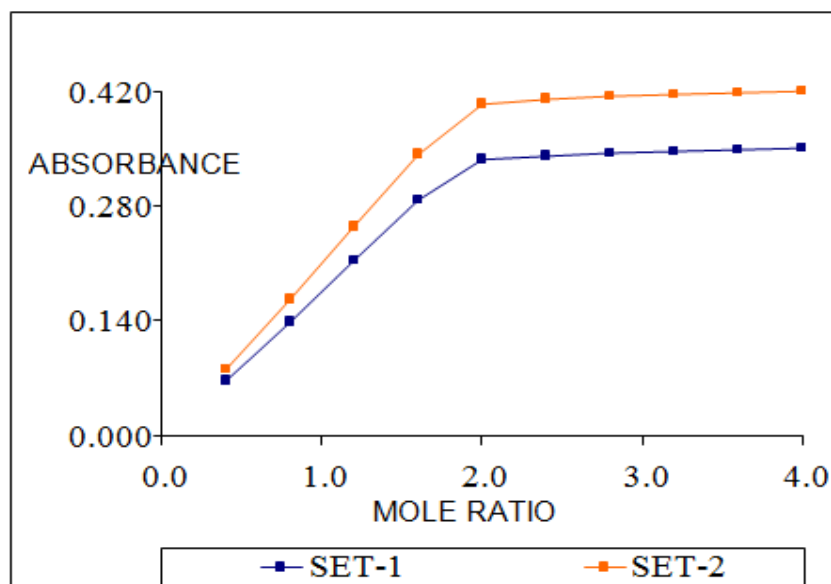
Where,  $\alpha = (E_m - E_s)/E_m$ , ( $E_m$  is the maximum absorbance found from graph and  $E_s$  is the absorbance at stoichiometric molar ratio of the reagent in the complex), and it was found to be  $6.05 \times 10^8$  from  $K_s$  value. Gibb's free energy change for complex for

mation reaction was calculated and its value was found  $-12.18 \text{ Kcal/mol at } 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The graphs

were shown below:



Plots of Job's method of continuous variation for determination of M:L ratio  
 SET-1: 0.01M Cu(II), 0.01M HBBPO; pH=5.0;  $\lambda=650 \text{ nm}$   
 SET-2: 0.02M Cu(II), 0.02M HBBPO; pH=5.0;  $\lambda=650 \text{ nm}$   
 Fig. 2: Job's Method Cu(II)-HBBPO Complex



Yoe and Jone's mole ratio method for determination of M:L ratio  
 SET-1 : 0.0025M Cu(II), 0.010M HBBPO; pH=5.0;  $\lambda=650 \text{ nm}$   
 SET-2 : 0.0030M Cu(II), 0.012M HBBPO; pH=5.0;  $\lambda=650 \text{ nm}$   
 Fig. 3: Mole Ratio Method Cu(II)-HBBPO Complex

**Determination of copper in brass**

Exactly 0.5041 gm of brass was taken dissolved in nitric acid (1:1). The excess nitric acid was boiled off and the solution was diluted to 100 ml with distilled water. Take 2 ml diluted solution of the sample in a separating funnel and add 8 ml of distilled water in to it. Add 20 ml of 5.0 pH buffer solution and 10 ml of 0.01 M HBBPO solution and stir it for two to three minutes. Allow the mixture settle for five minutes and then take organic layer in cell for spectrophotometric measurements. Zn(II) and other trace metals did not interfere at this pH. The experiment was repeated three times. Cu(found): 66.66 %, Cu(reported): 67.00 %  
The same reagent has been taken for the determination of the other transition metal ions.

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