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## **Thermodynamic and kinetic Calculation for the Binding of Nickel (II) with Some Chelating Agents**

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#### **Abstract**

Chelating agents were used in a chelation therapy to detoxify heavy metals and toxins and convert them to an inactive form which was excreted out of the body. Nickel is one of these toxic heavy metal when presented in a high values over its allowable limit. This work studies the complexation of some amino acid (Glycine, Histidine, and Arginine) with nickel (II) ion and compare the result with complexation of EDTA (the synthesized amino acid) used in the chelation therapy. Our experiment were performed in a phosphate buffer of PH (7.2) and in a different temperature (283, 288,293, 298, 303)K . The results show a high tendency for these amino acid to nickel ion with an equilibrium constant in arrange of  $[K_{Ni(II)}]$ - $\text{EDTA}(17.2\times10^8) > K_{\text{Ni(II)-Gly}}(29\times10^6) > K_{\text{Ni(II)-His}}(9\times10^6) > K_{\text{Ni(II)-Arg}}(4.57\times10^6)$ ] mol<sup>-1</sup>.L . The thermodynamic parameter indicate a spontaneous interaction (negative free energy change  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ )) and was positive for each of the enthalpy ( $\Delta H^0$ ) and entropy  $(\Delta S^0)$  values indicate that the nature of the emotion is a strong hydrophobic and electrostatic forces, and a second order interaction kinetics with a rate constant in a range of  $[(6,8\times10^{-2}), (11.9\times10^{-2}), (21\times10^{-2}), (21.8\times10^{-2})]$  M<sup>-1</sup>.min<sup>-1</sup>each (EDTA, Arginine, Histidine, Glycine) respectively .

**Keywords**: kinetic parameters, thermodynamic parameters, Ni (II), EDTA, Amino acid

**حسابات ثرموداينميكية وحركية الرتباط ايون النيكل الثنائي مع بعض العوامل الكالبية**

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#### **الخالصة**

العالج باالستخالب عبارة عن اسبخدام عوامل مخلبية الزالة سموم المعادن الثقيلة وتحوبلها الى شكل غير فعال والتي يتم افرازه بدون اي تاثير جانبي على الجسم ، يعتبر النيكل من العناصر االنتقالية الثقيلة ذات التاثير السمي عند ازدياد نسبته عن الحد المسموح به ، يتضمن العمل دراسة ارتباط ايون النيكل الثنائي مع بعض الاحماض الامينية (كلايسين، هستيدين، ارجنين) ومقارنة نتائج ارتباطه وتكوين المعقد مع EDTA ( والذي يعتبر من الاحماض الامينية المصنعة) والمستعمل في العلاج الكلابي. التجربة اجريت في المحلول الفوسفاتي ذو القوة الهيدروجينية )7.2( وفي درجات حرارية مختلفة, (283 288, 293, 298, 303,( كلفن. النتائج اظهرت ميل كبير الارتباط الاحماض الامينية ( EDTA، الكلايسين، الهستيدين، الارجنين) مع ايون  $\mathsf{K}_{\mathsf{Ni-EDTA}}(17.2{\times}10^8)$  >  $\mathsf{K}_{\mathsf{Ni-Gly}}(29{\times}10^6)$  )] النيكل الثنائي وحسب ثوابت التوازن المترتبة تصاعديا" [( مول $^{-1}$ .لتر . ان الدوال الثرموداينميكية تدل على التأثر (XNi–His $(9\times10^6)$  >  $\mathsf{K}_{\mathsf{Ni-Arg}}(4.57\times10^6)$ 

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التلقائي من خلال القيمة السالبة للطاقة الحرة لكبس وان القيمة الموجبة لكل من الانثالبي (ΔH<sup>0</sup>) والانتروبي تدل على ان طبيعة التاثر عبارة عن قوى هيدروفوبية والكتروستانيكية, وان التفاعل من المرتبة الثانية  $(\Delta {\sf S}^0)$  $^{-}$ ولة [(6.8×10<sup>-2</sup>), (11.9×10<sup>-2</sup>), (21×10<sup>-2</sup>), (21.8×10<sup>-2</sup>)] مول $\,$ لدقيقة<sup>-1</sup> لكل من(EDTA، الارجنين، الهستدين، الكلايسين) على التوالي.  $^{\rm l}$ 

#### **Introduction**

**Chelation**: Describes a particular way that [ions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ions) and molecules bind metal ions [\[1\].](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation#cite_note-1) It involves the formation or presence of two or more separate [coordinate bonds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinate_bond) between a [polydentate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denticity) (multiple bonded) [ligand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ligand) and a single central atom [\[2\].](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation#cite_note-IUPAC-2) Usually these [ligands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ligand) are [organic compounds,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organic_compound) and are called chelants, chelators, chelating agents, or sequestering agents [3].

**Chelation therapy:** is a medical procedure that involves the administration of [chelating](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation) agents to remove heavy metals from the body [4]. Heavy metal intoxication with the administration of chelating agent forms a stable complex with the toxic heavy metal species and prevents them from attacking biological to gets; Chelation therapy has a long history of use in clinical toxicology. [\[5\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation_therapy#cite_note-1) And remains in use for some very specific medical treatments, although it is administered under very careful medical supervision due to various inherent risks [\[6\].](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation_therapy#cite_note-Atwood2008-2)

Chelation therapy must be administered with care as it has a number of possible side effects[.\[5\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelation_therapy#cite_note-acs-3) In response to increasing use of chelation therapy as [alternative medicine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alternative_medicine) and in circumstances in which the therapy should not be used in conventional medicine, various health organizations have confirmed that medical evidence does not support the effectiveness of chelation therapy for any purpose other than the treatment of heavy metal poisoning [7, 8].

The first example of chelation therapy dates back to 1941 when kety et al tried to use sodium citrate to treat lead poisoning [9]. After that, more effective heavy metal chelating agents have been developed for detoxification of heavy metal poisoning.

In 1947 a synthetic amino acid called ethylene-diamine-tetra acetic acid (EDTA) was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a safe additive [10]

**EDTA** is the best of chelation agents and it used of higher rang to riding from toxics of a heavy metals and it was widely used to dissolve [lime scale.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limescale) Its usefulness arises because of its role as a hexadentate ("six-toothed") [ligand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ligand) and [chelating agent,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelating_agent) i.e., its ability to "sequester" [metal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metal) [ions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ion) such as  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ . After being bound by EDTA, metal ions remain in solution but exhibit diminished reactivity. EDTA is produced as several salts, notably disodium EDTA and calcium disodium EDTA with metal figure-1 [11, 12].



**Figure1-**Structures shows that binding EDTA with a heavy metal [11,12]

**Nickel (II):** is an environmental carcinogen, nephrotoxic and hepatotoxic heavy metal [13, 14]. As for most metals, the toxicity of nickel is dependent on the route of exposure and the solubility of the nickel compound [15]. The genotoxic effects of nickel might be prevented by some exogenous supplementation [16].

Our present study involves a thermodynamic and kinetic calculation for the interaction of amino acids (Glycine, histidine, and arginine) as a chelators with Nickel (II); which is one of the toxic heavy metal, and a comparison with EDTA as a chelators with the same ion.

### **Experimental**

Reagent and chemicals: A standard solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH), [M.Wt(40g.mol<sup>-1</sup>), Fluka, 4M] was prepared by dissolving (16g) in 100ml double distilled water.

A stock solution (10<sup>-2</sup>M) of EDTA  $[C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_8, M.Wt(242.25g/mol-1)]$ , LOBA chemie/india] was Prepared by dissolving (0.2922g) in 100ml double distilled water, with the addition of two drops of 4M NaOH solution.

A stock solution of Nickel nitrate [Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O, M.Wt(290.81g.mol<sup>-1</sup>), analar/England, (10<sup>-2</sup>  $mol.L^{-1}$ ) ] was prepared by dissolving (0.290g) in 100ml distilled water.

A stock solution of  $(10^{-2}M)$ amino acids { [Glycine; C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, M.Wt(75.066g.mol<sup>-1</sup>), Histidine; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>  $N_3O_2$ , M.Wt(155.15g.mol<sup>-1</sup>), Arginine;  $C_6H_{14}N_4O_2$ , M.Wt(174.2g.mol<sup>-1</sup>)] all from Fluka/ Switzerland} were prepared by dissolving (0.075g, 0.155g, 0.174g ) respectively ,in 100 ml distilled water for each one.

Phosphate buffer solution: A series of phosphate buffer solution of pH values (5.7, 6.5, 7.2, 8.0) were prepared by placing definite volume of mono basic sodium phosphate  $[NaH_2PQ_4.2H_2O]$ ,  $M.Wt(156.01g.Mol<sup>-1</sup>)$ , Merck/Germany; (0.2M)] in to 200 ml volumetric flask and completed to the mark with a solution of di basic sodium phosphate [Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O, M.Wt(177.99g.Mol<sup>-1</sup>), Fluka AG/Switzerland, (0.2M)] to obtain the required pH values [17,18].

Absorption spectroscopy: All spectral measurements were recorded on a double beam UV-Visible spectrophotometric, shimadzue – model UV-1800, using a 1cm path length quartz cell. Absorbance value of Ligands in the presence and absence of Ni (II) solution were made in the range of (190- 600nm).

Stoichiometric analysis: The stoichiometry of the complexion of ligands with Ni (II) ion was determined by continuous variation method (Jobs method) [19,20] Eqimolar concentrations ( $10^{-4}$ M) of a ligand and Ni  $(NO_3)_2$  were prepared, Job method was applied by placing 1 to 9 ml of  $(10^{-4}M)$  ligands solution into series of 10 ml flask, this was followed by placing 9 to 1 ml of  $(10^{-4}M)$  Ni  $(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$ solution, and the absorbance were measured at the maximum wave length.

#### **Results and discussion**

**Absorption spectroscopy:** The optimized pH of a phosphate buffer was obtained by measuring the UV-Vis absorption spectra of nickel (II) solution in a phosphate buffer as a solvent .Table-1 shows their wave length and absorbance, and it is obvious that the best PH is (7.2).



**Table 1-Electronic spectra data of (1\*10<sup>-2</sup>M) Ni (II) in different pH values of phosphate buffer.** 

The UV-Vis absorption spectra of the studied amino acid (Glycine, Histidine, Arginine ,and EDTA)were measured in a phosphate buffer of PH (7.2) .

Figure-1 shows the electronic spectra of these amino acids and their structure . amino acid peaks attributed to  $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$  and  $(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$  transitions [21,22].



**Figure 1-**UV-Visible absorption spectra of  $(4*10<sup>-4</sup>M)$  amino acid in phosphate buffer of (pH=7.2). **(a)** Glycine, **(b)** Histidine, **(c)** EDTA, **(d)** Arginine**.**

Upon the addition of nickel (II) to amino acid solution, a signification change were observed in their electronic spectra, these spectra shows a shift in the  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  to a longer wave length (bathochromic shift) and a change in their absorbance and the appearance of a new peak in a longer wave length, these two evidence indicate a complex formation between the studied amino acid and nickel (II). Figure -2 illustrate the electronic spectra of a mixture of amino acid with nickel(II).



**Figure 2-** UV-Vis absorption spectra of a mixture of amino acid and Ni (II) at phosphate buffer of (pH=7.2) **(a)** Glycine + Ni(II) **(b)** Histidine + Ni(II) **(c)** Arginine + Ni(II) **(d)** EDTA + Ni(II)

Table-2 illustrates their wave length and absorbance for amino acid alone and with the addition of nickel (II).

NO	Compound	$\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> / nm	Absorbance	$\Delta\lambda_{\rm max}/\rm{nm}$	<b>Assignment</b>
	Glycine	191	1.783		π
1.b	$Glycine + Ni(II)$	216	0.599	25	π
2	Histidine	210	1.845		→ π π
2,b	Histidine + $Ni(II)$	210	2.571	67	
		277	0.234		n – $\rightarrow$ $\pi$
3	Arginine	196	2.566		$\rightarrow \pi$
3.b	Arginine + $Ni(II)$	208	0.695	12	π ————→π
		270	0.143	74	
4	<b>EDTA</b>	194	2.929		
4.b	$EDTA + Ni(II)$	214	1.217	20	

**Table 2-**Electronic spectra of (4\*10-4M) amino acid in phosphate buffer of pH (7.2) and their mixture with nickel (II).

**Stoichiometric analysis:** The stoichiometry of the complex of nickel (II) with amino acids (Glycine, Histidine, Arginine, EDTA) were calculated by the method of continuous variations (Job method) of equimolar solution [23]. The curve displayed maxima absorbance at mole fraction (V1/V1+V2),  $X_{\text{max}}$  $= 0.5$ , which indicates the formation of complex with metal ion to ligand ratio (1:1), figure-3(a,b),-4(a,b). n =  $X_{max}$  / 1 –  $X_{max}$ , n represent coordination number of the complex,  $X_{max}$  represent mole fraction corresponding to the maxima absorbance.



**Figure 3-** Job's plot for the composition of Ni (II) with (a) Glycine at  $\lambda$ =216 nm and PH (7.2) at (298K), (b) Histidine at  $\lambda$ =277 nm and PH (7.2) at (298K).



**Figure 4-** Job's plot for the composition of Ni (II) with (a) Arginine at  $\lambda = 270$  nm and pH(7.2) at (298k), (b) EDTA at  $\lambda$ =214 nm and pH(7.2) at (298K).

**Stability constant (Keq):** The equilibrium constant can be calculated using the continuous variation method. [24]

$$
Ni(II) + ligand \rightleftharpoons [Ni(II) - ligand]_{complex}
$$

$$
K_{eq} = \frac{[(Ni(II) - ligand)complex]eq}{[Ni(II)]eq [ligand]eq}
$$
 (1)

$$
K_{eq} = \frac{[A_{max}/\varepsilon]}{[C_{Ni} - A_{max}/\varepsilon]} \qquad (2)
$$

 $A_{max}$  = the maximum absorbance of the complex

 $\varepsilon$  = molar absorptivity of the complex (L. mole<sup>-1</sup>. cm<sup>-1</sup>)

 $l =$  path length. cm.

 $C_{\text{Ni}}$  = Initial concentration of the metal ion.

*Cligand* =Initial concentration of amino acid.



The molar absorptivity of the complex was calculated by recording the absorbance of a various concentration of the (1:1) complex and plotting of the absorbance of the complex against concentration given a straight line with the slope equal to  $(\mathcal{E})$ ,  $\varepsilon$  = mole<sup>-1</sup>. cm<sup>-1</sup>. The values of **k**eq obtained by the continuous variation method were determined in five temperatures (283 - 303K) as shown in Table -3.

<b>Sample</b> No.	Temp. (K)	$Keq(Ni(II)-$ Gly)complex $mol-1.L$	$Keq(Ni(II)-$ <b>His)complex</b> $mol-1.L$	$Keq(Ni(II)$ - Arg)complex $mol-1.L$	$Keq(Ni(II)-$ <b>EDTA</b> )comple $x \mod 1$ .
	283	$3.80 \times 10^{6}$	$1.70 \times 10^{6}$	$1.50 \times 10^{6}$	$1.40 \times 10^8$
2	288	$7.00 \times 10^{6}$	$3.20 \times 10^{6}$	$2.10 \times 10^{6}$	$4.50 \times 10^8$
$\mathbf{R}$	293	$13.3 \times 10^{6}$	$5.60 \times 10^{6}$	$3.00 \times 10^{6}$	$7.96 \times 10^{8}$
	298	$29.0 \times 10^{6}$	$9.00 \times 10^{6}$	$4.57 \times 10^{6}$	$17.2 \times 10^8$
	303	$60.0 \times 10^{6}$	$16.7 \times 10^{6}$	$6.40 \times 10^{6}$	$41.2 \times 10^{8}$

**Table 3**- Equilibrium constant of Nickel (II)- amino acid complex at different temperature.

Table -3 shows the dependence of equilibrium constant with temperature, it increases with the increase in temperature, which means the stability of the complex increase with temperature.

**Thermodynamic Parameters:** the enthalpy changes  $\Delta H^0$ , the entropy changes  $\Delta S^0$  and the free energy changes  $\Delta G^0$ , have been reported of the complextion (Ni (II) - amino acid) in table- 4, 5, 6, 7.

T(K)	$Ln k_{eq}$	$\Delta G^{0}(J \mod 1)$	$\Delta H^{0}(J$ .mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^{0}(J$ .mol <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>
283	15.15	$-35647.06$	100998.4	482.8
288	15.76	$-37743.06$	100998.4	481.7
293	16.40	$-39958.4$	100998.4	481.08
298	17.2	$-42571.6$	100998.4	481.77
303	179	-45117.46	100998.4	482.2

**Table 4-** Thermodynamic parameters for Ni (II)-glycine complex, at PH(7.2)



$\rm T(K)$	$ln K_{eq}$	$\Delta G^{0}(J \mod 1)$	$\Delta H^{0}(J$ .mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^0$ (J.mol <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>
283	14.35	$-33754.48$	81345	406.71
288	14.98	$-35865.38$	81345	406.98
293	15.46	$-37670.74$	81345	406.19
298	16.00	$-39672.70$	81345	406.09
303	16.63	-41895.64	81345	406.73

**Table 6-** Thermodynamic parameters for Ni (II)-Arginine complex, at PH(7.2)



**Table 7-** Thermodynamic parameters for Ni (II)-EDTA complex, at PH(7.2)



The enthalpy changes were calculated by substituting the value of the slope of the plot (*log Keq* vs  $1/T$ ) in the vant Hoff equation (6), figure-5. [25]

$$
\ln Keq = -\frac{\Delta H^o}{RT}
$$
\n
$$
Slope = -\frac{\Delta H^o}{R}
$$
\n(6)

 $R = gas constant$ .

The change in Gibbs free energy can be determined from equation (7), the relation between *Keq* and  $\Delta G^0$  [26], and the entropy changes from equation (8).

$$
\Delta G^o = -RT \ln Keq \tag{7}
$$
\n
$$
\Delta G^o = \Delta H^o - T \Delta S^o \tag{8}
$$

$$
\Delta G^o = \Delta H^o - T \Delta S
$$

………….. (8)



**Figure 5-** Vant Hoff plot for interaction of Nickel(II) with (a)Glycine (b) Histidine (c) Arginine (d) EDTA

Gibbs free energy is very importance in deciding the direction of process and position of equilibrium. The negative values of Gibbs free energy for these interaction indicates the spontaneous process in the direction of equilibrium and increase with the increase in temperature. The enthalpy of interaction has a positive value indicating that formation of ligand – Ni(II) complex is endothermic. The positive value of enthalpy and entropy change also refers to the type of interaction between ligand and Nickel (ІІ) ion which are electrostatic in nature.

**Interaction Kinetics:** In order to investigate the interaction kinetic of nickel (II) ion with amino acids, the absorbance of (1:1) complexes were followed with time at a certain wave length. The first order rate equation and the second order rate equation were applied.

# A+B **C+D**

 $[A]_0$ 

**k:**rate constant for the reaction which is independent of the concentration but depends on the temperature.

**First order reaction:** The first order rate law for the consumptive of a reaction A:

$$
\frac{dA}{dt} = -K[A]
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$$
\ln\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_o}\right) = -Kt
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\dots
$$
\n(10)\n
$$
\ln A - \ln A_o = \text{Kt}
$$
\n(11)\n\nSecond order, the second order rate law.

**Second order reaction:** The second-order rate law**.**



**A=** Absorbance of complex (Ni (II)-ligand) with deferent time.

 $A<sub>o</sub>$  = Absorbance of complex (Ni (II)-ligand) in time zero.

Table -8, 9, 10, and 11 shows the absorption of complex Ni (II) with (Glycine, Histidine, Arginine, EDTA) all of each with Time (0-30) min.















A plot of (1/A) against time (t) was presented in figure-6 by the application of equation (13).A straight line were obtained which indicates the second order interaction between nickel(II) and these amino acids with a rate constant illustrated in table-12 which was calculated from the slope of the straight line.



Figure 6-The application of the second order reaction equation for complex of Ni(II)with (a) Glycine (b) Histidine (c) Arginine (d) EDTA.

Complex Title	Second order rate constant $k(M^{-1} . min^{-1})$
$Ni(II) + Glycine$	$21.8*10^{-2}$
$Ni(II) + Histidine$	$21*10^{-2}$
$Ni(II) + Arginine$	$11.9*10^{-2}$
$Ni(II) + EDTA$	$6.8*10^{-2}$

**Table 12-** Rate constant of the second order reaction for complex Ni (II) with amino acid.

#### **Conclusion:**

The complex of the amino acid(Glycine , Histidine , Arginine , EDTA)with a heavy metal (Nickel(II)) ion shows a high tendency of these amino acid to nickel (II) , this were obvious from the values of their equilibrium constant with the comparison with EDTA which were considered as a good complexing agent used .The thermodynamic parameter shows that this complexation is a spontaneous with an electrostatic interaction and an increase in the order of orientation rate of complexation follows the second order reaction kinetics which were confined by the straight line and a high rate constant.

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