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# Electrochemical Behaviour of Manganese(Ii)-Dithiocarbamate Complexes: Analysis of Manganese(Ii) in Real Samples

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### ABSTRACT

A simple, low cost and highly sensitive catalytic hydrogen signals (CHSs) technique has established for the investigation of Manganese(II) by means of ammonium 4-phenylpiperazine-1-dithiocarbamate and ammonium 4-benzylpiperidine-1-dithiocarbamate in various ecofriendly and biological matrices using D.C. polarography. This procedure was initiated on the reaction of Manganese(II) in APP-DTC/ABP-DTC in the existence of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl-NH<sub>4</sub>OH medium at pH 6.6 and 7.2 respectively. The resulting oxidation signals were obtained at -0.78 V and -0.64 V vs SCE, owing to the CHSs. Different experimental conditions such as pH effects, background electrolyte (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl-NH<sub>4</sub>OH) effects and DTCs and Manganese(II) ion effects have been studied. The current procedure was effectively applied for the testing of Manganese(II) in sundry environmental and biological samples and attained recovery percentages (95-99%) are comparable to the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (AAS) method.

Keywords: D.C. polarography, Atomic absorption spectrophotometry, Manganese(II), Catalytic hydrogen signals (CHSs), APP-DTC, ABP-DTC.

# INTRODUCTION

Manganese is a trace element, which plays a significant role in metabolism of humans, animals and plants. Manganese is normally found throughout most aquatic environments. Manganese has different oxidation states, divalent state is the utmost stable and significant one, manganese(II) which produce a sequence of bonds with many chelating agents. Mn is mainly exploited in the manufacture of steel and rechargeable batteries in industries. In the chemical industry it is used as oxidizing agent.

Manganese is obtained from plants and also in animal tissues [1] and found in all foods and drinking water. The highest percentage of Mn found in nuts and whole cereals [2], varying quantities in vegetables, and slight concentration in meat, fish and dairy products. Manganese is extraordinarily rich in tea [2,3]. In adults, norm intake of Mn in a day is 2.2-2.7 mg, the average Mn(II) in human blood is  $24 \pm 8$  mg [4]. 6.1 ppm Mn in the fleece of sheep feed a small amount of Mn diet for 154 days [5], and produced 18.7 ppm in the fleece of controlled sheep. Pullets feed a fine diet covering 81 ppm Mn produced eggs contains  $28.6 \pm 0.78 \ \mu g$  Mn [6]. Deficiency of vitamin K in man is due to lack of Mn. In human blood, haemoglobin percentage do not appears to be influenced by lack of Mn [7,8].

In mammals and birds, Mn is the lowest toxic of trace elements. The adversative effects of surplus Mn on development were shown to be mostly a reflection of decrement appetite. The relation between manganese, iron and haemoglobin genesis has demonstrated in sheep's, pigs and rabbits [9,10]. Continuous working in Mn ores, results chronic Mn poisoning arise in mineworkers. From these pollutant environment surplus manganese pass in to the human body as oxide dust through lungs and gastro intestinal [11]. Mn poisoning leads to an acute psychiatric ailment like schizophrenia, subsequent lasting cripple neurological ailment clinically like Parkinson's disease.

The catalytic currents due to manganese complexation with various reagents have been reported in the literature. Bis (hydroxyl methyl) dithiocarbamate and dimethyl dithiocarbamate in acetate buffer in presence of Mn(II) and Fe(II) in aqueous ethanol, aqueous DMF media were found to give catalytic hydrogen waves [12]. Catalytic and kinetic signals of Mn are utilized in the analysis of Mn in alloys. Xanthates and antipyrine forming complexes with Mn which produces catalytic signals at DME, thus allows trace level of manganese at ppm without much interference from other metal ions using simple D.C. polarograph. This technique is applied to estimate Mn(II) in soil, agricultural, and environmental matrices [13-15].

From the literature survey it is seen that dithiocarbamates have not been used as an electro-analytical complexing reagent. The polarographic studies of manganese(II) in the existence of APP-DTC and ABP-DTC in NH<sub>4</sub>Cl-NH<sub>4</sub>OH medium indicated that a catalytic hydrogen signals (-0.3 V to -0.9 Vs SCE) were obtained with a peak at -0.78/-0.64 V Vs SCE for APP-DTC/BP-DTC. The typical polarographic current-voltage curves are given in Figure 1. The E<sub>1/2</sub> of Mn(II) in NH<sub>4</sub>Cl medium is at about -0.8 V vs SCE, negative to catalytic current. To develop

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quantitative experimental conditions for selective and subtle technique for the estimation of Mn(II), the effect of various analytical parameters ware studied on manganese(II)-dithiocarbamate system and the results obtained are summarized.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

# Chemicals

All the chemicals were reagent mark or higher and were utilized as received unless otherwise specified. NH<sub>3</sub>, CS<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 1-phenylpiperazine and 4-benzylpiperidine were brought from Sigma-Aldrich, India. Preparation of standard solution of manganese(II) (1  $\mu$ g ml<sup>-1</sup>) by taking 3.928 g l<sup>-1</sup> of CuSo<sub>4</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O and liquified in millipore water and transferred in one litre volumetric flask. Preparation of APP-DTC/ABP-DTC (0.01 M) whilst by taking 2.55/2.67 g of APP-DTC/ABP-DTC and then dispersed it in 100 ml millipore water. Preparation of stock solutions of DTCs and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl-NH<sub>4</sub>OH by proper dilutions in 250 ml standard flasks, then stored at 4°C.

# Reagents

A 5% NH<sub>4</sub>OH and 1% HCl (Sigma-Aldrich, India) utilized for pH modifications were made from Analytical R chemicals. KIO<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (Sigma-Aldrich, India) were likewise prepared in millipore water *via* reagent mark samples. Preparation of Triton X-100 in w/v basis by taking 0.2 g and dissolved it to 100 ml with millipore water. Preparation of Gelatin (Difco laboratories, USA) by taking 0.1250 g and dispersed to 25 ml in millipore water.

# Instrumentation

Direct current polarography, model CL-357 and CL-25 were used in this study (Elico Private Ltd, Hyderabad, India). The AA 6300 Shimadzu spectrometer furnished with a deuterium background corrector and hollow cathode lamp, at corresponding wavelengths (resonance line) with an air acetylene flame. The experimental parameters were those suggested by the manufacturer.

# Synthesis of APP-DTC and ABP-DTC

40 g of  $CS_2$  was steadily mixed with 45 g of 1-phenylpiperazine/4-benzylpiperidine in 25 ml of millipore water at 5°C with continuous rousing, and then adding NH<sub>4</sub>OH which was diluted in 20 ml of millipore water. The final compound was brought to normal temperature and washed with acetone (Scheme1) [16-24].



#### Scheme 1: Synthesis of (A) APP-DTC and (B) ABP-DTC

# **Electrochemical measurements**

Measured volumes of  $NH_4CI-NH_4OH$ , APP-DTC and ABP-DTC and then metal solutions were transferred into the 100 ml beaker. The pH was adjusted by means of 0.1 M HCl or NaOH and poured into the polarographic cell. Subsequently, the solution was purged with pure nitrogen gas (99.9 %) for 15 min to removal of oxygen dissolved in the solution. Lastly, the polarograms were recorded using the D.C. Polarography techniques were illustrated in Figure 1.



Figure 1: CHSs of Manganese(II) in NH4Cl-NH4OH medium in the presence of (A) APP-DTC. [(a) Blank (b) 3.0 mM APP-DTC (c) 4.0 ppm Mn(II)] (d) 3.0 mM APP-DTC 4.0 ppm Mn(II)], (B) ABP-DTC. [(a) Blank (b) 3.0 mM ABP-DTC (c) 4.0 ppm Mn(II) (d) 3.0 mM ABP-DTC 4.0 ppm Mn(II)]

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Optimization of analytical parameters**

In this section, various experimental conditions were optimized for the detection of manganese(II) at DME.

#### pH effect

The pH effect on mixtures holding 4.0 ppm of manganese(II) in 0.4/0.5 M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl were studied, by means of 3.0 mm of APP-DTC/ABP-DTC as bonding agents, altering the pH from 5.0 to 10.0 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH. With rising pH, the height of the signals reached to maximum at pH 6.6/7.2 (APP-DTC/ABP-DTC) then decrement in peak height. The optimum height of the polarograms was continued for more studies. The results were given in Figure 2.



Figure 2: pH effect

# Effect of electrolyte concentration

The effect of  $NH_4Cl$  between 0.1 to 0.6 M on the nature of CHSs at DME, maintaining the concentrations of Mn(II) at 4.0 ppm and DTC at 3.0 mm (APP-DTC/ABP-DTC) and adjusting the pH to 6.6/7.2 (APP-DTC/ABP-DTC). The polarogram were well-described in  $NH_4Cl$  of 0.4/0.5 M for APP-DTC/ABP-DTC. The height of the peak decrement after this concentration and hence, 0.4/0.5 M (APP-DTC/ABP-DTC) was kept for more analysis and the results are tabulated in Figure 3. The potential of the catalytic signal moved significantly towards negative potentials with increase in supporting electrolyte concentrations.



Figure 3: Supporting Electrolyte effect

# Effect of reagent concentration

Sequence of solutions holding 4.0 ppm of Manganese(II), 0.4 M and 0.5 M NH<sub>4</sub>CL for APP-DTC/ABP-DTC respectively with 2.0 to 7.0 mm DTCs (APP-DTC and ABP-DTC) were polarographed, keeping the pH at 6.6/7.2 in APP-DTC/ABP-DTC respectively. The signals are not linear with all concentrations of DTC, which menace wave is catalytic in nature, and the obtained values were presented in Figure 4. From the obtained values, wave height was independent of concentration above 4.8 mm representing that the complex is stable. Hence the maximum concentration of DTCs 4.8 mm fixed for further studies. On increasing the DTC concentration, the peak potential of catalytic wave moved towards negative potential to higher concentration reported earlier and continued to be constant after these concentrations. Plot of reagent concentration is straight line (Figure 5) conforming that adsorption phenomenon was convoluted in the electrode reaction procedure.



**Figure 4: Reagent Concentration effect** 



#### Effect of mercury pressure

Figure 5: Langmuir Adsorption Isotherm Plot

The effect of pressure of mercury in the reservoir on the peak height was examined at various mercury column heights. As the column height (h) of the mercury reservoir is increased peak height and  $i_C / \sqrt{h}$  are slightly decreased where  $i_C$  is the average catalytic current. The reduced peak height with the rise in mercury reservoir is characteristic of CHSs as illustrated in Table 1.

#### Table 1: Effect of mercury pressure

	Mercury	APP-DTC		ABP-DTC	
S. No. colu heigh		Current/µA	$i_C / \sqrt{h} / \mu A$	Current/µA	$i_C / \sqrt{h} / \mu A$
1	23	37.25	1030	36.5	1017
2	28	36.75	985	34.75	972
3	33	35	876	32.05	937
4	38	35.75	827	31.4	892

#### Maximum suppressors effect

The gelatine and Triton X-100 effects ranging from 0.005 to 0.01% and 0.002 to 0.004% was performed on the nature analyte signal in  $NH_4Cl-NH_4OH$  buffer in the presence of DTC. The peak height was condensed (20%) by addition of 0.005% gelatine with marginal decrement in peak height. Though, upsurge in the gelatine concentration, the peak potential moves towards less negative. By adding 0.002% Triton X-100 the CHSs was decrement by 10%. Beyond 0.002% of Triton X-100, the CHSs decrement marginally in both cases, signifying the catalytic nature of the signals as illustrated in Table 2.

S. No.	Maximum suppressor,	Current/µA		
	70	APP-DTC	ABP-DTC	
	Gel	atin		
1	0	37.75	36.55	
2	0.005	26.05	25.9	
3	0.01	24.65	25.35	
	Triton	x-100		
1	0	37.55	36.15	
2	0.002	26.4	25.75	
3	0.004	25.35	24.95	

#### Table 2: Effect of maximum suppressors

#### **Temperature effect**

The temperature effect on the DTCs were studied at various temperatures, i.e., 15 to  $45^{\circ}$ C and observed that as the temperature increase, the peak height increased and temperature coefficient values decremented slowly. Therefore current,  $i_c$  converted totally temperature independent above  $30^{\circ}$ C.

#### Manganese(II) concentration effect

On fixed concentration of DTC, (3.0 mm, APP-DTC/ABP-DTC) and (0.4/0.5 M for APP-DTC/ ABP-DTC)  $NH_4Cl$  varying the pH to 6.6/7.2, Concentration of the metal ion was adjusted among 0.05 to 6.0 ppm and its results of CHSs were studied. The peak current increased linearly with Mn(II) concentration in the range 0.05 to 4.0 ppm in case of two DTCs. Nevertheless, the susceptive of the technique was more with APP-DTC and ABP-DTC since the solid complex of manganese(II) and increased catalytic activity. The results are given in Figure 6. This technique suggests that the analysis of micro-amount of manganese(II) is probable in unknown samples.



Figure 6: Manganese(II) effect on Peak Current

### Effect of foreign ions

Different metal ions effect on manganese(II) was carried out based on the CHSs. The CHSs of the mixture comprising 4.0 ppm Cr(VI), in 0.4/0.5 M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at pH 6.6/7.2 for two ligands (3.0 mm APP-DTC/ABP-DTC) as bonding agents. Metal ions such as Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, V<sup>5+</sup> in 100 fold excess were recorded. Interestingly, it was observed that Co<sub>2+</sub> oxidized to Co<sup>3+</sup> by atmospheric oxygen was separated by bubbling of N<sub>2</sub> gas and triggered with DTCs. The resulted solid was removed and filtrate was polarographed after nitrogen gas bubbling. On the other hand, V<sup>5+</sup> slightly interfered then disguised by addition of 2 ml 1% sodium fluoride solution. Similarly, Ni<sup>2+</sup> also precipitate in the pH range of Mn(II)-DTC systems.

The excipient effect with other metals namely,  $Cd^{2+}$ ,  $Hg^{2+}$ ,  $Pb^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ ,  $Ag^+$ ,  $U^{6+}$ ,  $Se^{4+}$ ,  $Te^{+4}$ ,  $Ce^{4+}$ ,  $Sn^{4+}$  and  $Mo^{6+}$  was studied. Among these metal ions, only  $Mo^{6+}$  enormously interfered as the CHSs of  $Mo^{6+}$  was attained even in the nonappearance of DTC. The remarks were alike for two ligands. The other ions such as bromide, fluoride, tartrate, iodide, phosphate, thiosulphate, citrate, perchlorate and sulphate do not impede with the CHSs of Mn(II)- DTC system. Though, carbonate and EDTA affect gravely by suppressing the CHSs of Mn(II) as per they give rise to strong bonds with the metal ion. Nitrite and nitrate give CHSs with Mn(II) without DTCs also.

# Effect of indifferent cations

The indifferent cations effect was verified at fixed pH, ligand and Mn(II) and  $NH_4CI-NH_4OH$  concentrations. In this study, sodium, alkali chlorides, lithium and calcium were used. The existence of these ions reduces the CHSs as shown in Figures 7 and 8. Obtained results suggested that the calcium has stronger suppressing effect on the CHSs compared to other ions. The CHSs drops constantly with increase in chloride ions concentration. The sodium chloride effect was lower than potassium chloride, with lithium chloride and calcium chloride peak height decrease highly. In all cases, with increase in chloride concentration potential of the CHSs moved to negative potentials. The decrease in CHSs due to indifferent ions suggested the adsorption properties of chromium(VI)-CDT complexes on the electrode surface.



Figure 7: Indifferent ions effect on APP-DTC-Mn(II)



Figure 8: Indifferent ions effect on ABP-DTC-Mn(II)

# **Real samples analysis**

The CHSs method developed is applied for the estimation of traces of manganese(II) in various water samples and vegetable samples.

# Water samples

One liter of the water samples collected from Industrial Estate and Amararaja batteries (Tirupati town, Chittoor Dt.) are preconcentrated and analysed. The results attained by this technique are additionally supported by Atomic Absorption spectrophotometer technique. The analytical data illustrated in Tables 3 and 4 suggests that the recovery percentage of Mn(II) from drinking water, leafy vegetable, medicinal plant and Biological samples ranging from 95.00 to 100.00% which is highly reliable and sensitive.

Table 3: Analysis of Manganese(II) with APP-DTC in Drinking Water Samples around Tirupati, Chittoor District, A.P. India

Sample <sup>a</sup>		CHSs method	(DC Polarography)	AAS method		
	Mn(II) added/ppm	AF	PP-DTC	APP-DTC		
		Mn (II) found/ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	Mn(II) found/ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	
	0.2	0.324	$98.95\pm2.35$	0.285	$99.54\pm2.49$	
	0.4	0.504	$99.64 \pm 2.46$	0.473	$97.96 \pm 2.64$	
Ι	0.6	0.716	$98.75\pm2.48$	0.764	$98.50\pm2.60$	
	0.8	0.876	$98.40 \pm 2.39$	0.892	$98.90\pm2.38$	
	1	1.152	$101.04\pm2.57$	1.137	$99.36\pm2.86$	
П	0.2	0.296	$97.92 \pm 2.62$	0.283	$101.05\pm2.69$	
	0.4	0.473	$98.39 \pm 2.85$	0.406	$98.26 \pm 2.62$	
	0.6	0.695	$99.61 \pm 2.54$	0.706	$99.04 \pm 2.33$	
	0.8	0.92	$99.82 \pm 2.67$	0.913	99.55 ± 2.65	
	1	1.182	$98.45 \pm 2.63$	1.207	$101.45\pm2.75$	

I Industrial Estate; II Amara raja Batteries; "Five millilitres of the concentrated sample is used, "Relative standard deviation (n=6)

#### Table 4: Analysis of Manganese(II) with ABP-DTC in Drinking Water Samples around Tirupati, Chittoor District, A.P. India

		CHSs method	(DC Polarography)	AAS ABP-DTC		
Sample <sup>a</sup>	Mn(II) added/ppm	A	BP-DTC			
		Mn(II) found/ ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	Mn(II) found/ ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	
	0.2	0.307	$99.65\pm2.35$	0.301	$98.36\pm2.42$	
	0.4	0.493	$98.20 \pm 2.57$	0.52	$99.06 \pm 1.98$	
I	0.6	0.674	$98.5 \pm 2.25$	0.719	$99.24 \pm 2.24$	
	0.8	0.879	$99.30\pm2.62$	0.865	$100.16\pm1.46$	
	1	1.082	$99.75\pm2.96$	1.164	$98.36 \pm 2.28$	
	0.2	0.269	$99.50\pm2.50$	0.278	$99.75\pm2.38$	
п	0.4	0.471	$97.55 \pm 2.34$	0.521	$98.84 \pm 1.86$	
11	0.6	0.708	$98.35\pm2.56$	0.673	$98.95\pm2.04$	
	0.8	0.923	99.74 ± 2.28	0.892	$100.64 \pm 1.76$	
	1	1.119	$100.00 \pm 2.48$	1.136	$99.16 \pm 1.97$	

I Industrial Estate; II Amara raja Batteries; <sup>a</sup>Five millilitres of the concentrated sample is used, <sup>b</sup>Relative standard deviation (n=6)

#### *Leafy vegetable samples and medicinal plant (leaves)*

A measured quantity (3.5 g) of vegetable and medicinal plant (leaves) samples were brought from the market then processed *via* dry ash procedure and then it is made up to 100 ml with double distilled water. Aliquots of the above solutions were taken and polarographed using developed conditions. The results attained by this technique were illustrated in Tables 5 and 6.

#### Table 5: Analysis of Manganese(II) with APP-DTC in Leafy Vegetables and Medicinal Plant samples around Tirupati, Chittoor District, A.P. India

	M-(II)	CHSs method (DC Polarography)   APP-DTC   Mn(II) Recovery (%)   found/ppm ± R.S.Db		AAS APP-DTC			
Sample <sup>a</sup>	Added/						
•	ррт			Mn(II) found/ ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db		
Leafy Vegetables							
Ammaranthyus graecizans/ Sirraku	3	3.24	$98.86 \pm 2.38$	3.16	$97.93 \pm 2.82$		
Ammaranthus cruentus/ Thottakura	3	3.18	$97.92 \pm 2.64$	3.31	$99.54\pm2.16$		
Medicinal Plants							
Calotropis gigantean/ Thella gilleddu	3	3.08	$97.65 \pm 2.38$	3.19	$98.64 \pm 2.62$		
Cassia auriculate/ Thangeddu	3	3.22	$100.12\pm1.72$	3.37	$100.00\pm1.94$		
<sup>a</sup> Five millilitres of the concentrated sample is used <sup>b</sup> Relative standard deviation (n=6)							

Table 6: Analysis of Manganese(II) with ABP-DTC in Leafy Vegetables and Medicinal Plant samples around Tirupati, Chittoor District, A.P. India

Sample <sup>a</sup>	Mn (II)	CHSs method (DC Polarography) ABP-DTC		AAS method		
	added/			ABP-DTC		
	ррт	Mn(II) found/ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	Mn(II) found/ppm	Recovery (%) ± R.S.Db	
Leafy Vegetables						
Ammaranthyus graecizans/ Sirraku	3	3.14	97.35 ± 2.56	3.09	$97.48 \pm 2.62$	

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Ammaranthus cruentus/ Thottakura	3	3.35	$100.02 \pm 1.86$	3.16	$99.16 \pm 1.97$
Medicinal Plants					
Calotropis gigantean/ Thella gilleddu	3	3.28	$99.76\pm2.14$	3.21	$100.03 \pm 1.25$
Cassia auriculate/ Thangeddu	3	3.19	$98.95\pm2.58$	3.14	$98.62\pm2.34$

<sup>a</sup>Five millilitres of the concentrated sample is used, <sup>b</sup>Relative standard deviation (n=6)

### Milk samples

In a crucible, samples of milk were dropped slowly and heated for one hour at  $450^{\circ}$ C- $500^{\circ}$ C, without frothing moisture was vaporised. The ash collected was dissolved in 3 ml conc. HNO<sub>3</sub> and evaporated, and again liquified in the 3 ml of dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>. The obtained samples were filtered and diluted to 25 ml in a flask for future experiments. These samples were used to investigate chromium(VI) and results are presented in Table 7.

Cow Milk	Mn(II)		Mn(II) Found in samples, ppm					
		CHSs method	(DC Polarography)	AAS Method				
	added/ppin	APP-DTC	ABP-DTC	APP-DTC	ABP-DTC			
1	1	$1.60 \pm 1.611$	$1.62\pm1.517$	$1.64 \pm 2.486$	$1.67 \pm 1.732$			
2	1	$1.75\pm2.627$	$1.73 \pm 1.429$	$1.74 \pm 1.974$	$1.79 \pm 2.429$			
3	1	$1.56 \pm 1.973$	$1.53 \pm 1.522$	$1.52 \pm 1.496$	$1.57 \pm 1.499$			
4	1	$1.66 \pm 1.483$	$1.62 \pm 1.426$	$1.64 \pm 1.774$	$1.68 \pm 1.515$			
5	1	$1.54 \pm 1.592$	$1.55\pm0.615$	$1.57 \pm 1.599$	$1.60\pm2.432$			
6	1	$1.36 \pm 1.985$	$0.38 \pm 1.337$	$1.39 \pm 1.502$	$1.42\pm2.448$			
7	1	$1.62 \pm 1.496$	$1.61 \pm 1.545$	$1.64 \pm 1.610$	$1.66 \pm 1.763$			
8	1	$1.51 \pm 1.626$	$1.50 \pm 1.419$	$1.54 \pm 2.429$	$1.57 \pm 1.732$			
9	1	$1.71 \pm 1.486$	$1.73 \pm 1.428$	$1.75 \pm 1.490$	$1.75 \pm 1.748$			
10	1	$1.76 \pm 1.484$	$1.74 \pm 1.402$	$1.77 \pm 1.531$	$1.81 \pm 2.447$			

1 ml of the sample is used, RSD for 5 individual determination

# CONCLUSION

The polarographic reduction of manganese(II) in aqueous solution in the presence of dithiocarbamate shows a catalytic signal as a function of concentration of supporting electrolyte, pH and metal ion. These effects are studied to establish the catalytic character of the complex. The graph of the catalytic current as a function of the concentration of dithiocarbamate shows that the signal does not vary linearly with the concentration of dithiocarbamate which is the characteristic of Brdicka CHSs. It is assumed that the dithiocarbamate complexes with metal ions involve adsorption process and can be described by a Langmuir adsorption isotherm and the plot of  $C_L/i_p$  Vs  $C_L$  should be linear. Such a plot is found with manganese complexes of dithiocarbamates studied as shown in Figure 6. With increase in mercury reservoir height and decrease of current catalytic signals suggests that the signals is kinetically controlled [25].

Effect of ionic strength of independent cations explains the adsorption process. The presence of an independent electrolyte reduces the signal height (Figures 7 and 8) and this effect is correlated with the adsorption and catalytic nature of manganese-dithiocarbamate complexes on mercury which is characteristic of catalytic surface reactions.

It is known that the surface catalytic signals are virtually independent of temperature, and these currents increase at high temperatures which is a deviation from purely kinetic behaviour. This is because an increase of the rate constant of protonation of the catalyst is compensated by reduction in its adsorptivity on the electrode surface.

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