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## I. INTRODUCTION

It is known that internal mechanical stresses due to the differences in the thermal expansion coefficient between films and substrates and lattices mismatch appear in the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> system during the process of its formation and that point defects generation and redistribution reduce partially the surface strain. However, no investigation of this process on the atomic scale has been carried out so far. The purpose of the present work is to investigate the strain relaxation mechanism in the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> system by means of EPR, IR absorption spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and samples bending measurements.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL

Si n-type with 15 Ω·cm resistivity and (111) orientation was used. The oxides were thermally grown in dry oxygen at 1100-1200 °C. The SiO<sub>2</sub> film thickness varied from 0.2 μm to about 0,5 μm. The density of point defects was varied by varying the cooling rate of the samples (3 of 25 °C/s). The EPR spectra were taken at 115 K by an X-band ESR 231 spectrometer. To evaluate the influence of the defects structure on the stresses in SiO<sub>2</sub>, the measurements of SiO<sub>2</sub> IR absorption spectra were carried out. The strain in the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> system were investigated by means of SEM and samples bending measurements. Laser irradiation (λ=520nm, 10mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) were performed after oxidation.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It has been found that samples bending increases or decreases simultaneously with EPR signal intensity depending on the oxidation temperature, oxidation time and cooling rate.(Fig.1) It may be due to the relaxation of stresses by the strain accompanied by the point defects gettering and by creation of point defects by the stresses. It has been found that in case of a lower oxidation temperature (1100°C) the deflection of the samples decreases with an increase of the EPR signal intensity (E`centres in SiO<sub>2</sub> and vacancy complexes in Si) while at a higher oxidation temperature (1200°C) the deflection of the samples and EPR signal intensity increase simultaneously[1,2]. The revealed differences in the strain dependence on the point defects density (type) at different oxidation temperature allow to suggest that relaxation mechanism of the internal mechanical stresses (IMS) is different. During oxidation at 1100°C oxygen diffuses through the oxide to the interface where oxidation happens which is associated with a volume expansion. Part of the volume is released by injection of Si self-interstitials into the Si. At 1200°C diffusion of Si from the interface into the oxide occurs and the oxidation reaction happens in the oxide. This process is associated with vacancy injection into the Si. The decrease of the deflection with an increase of the vacancies type point defects EPR signal intensity indicates that self-interstitial Si atoms injection are responsible for the stresses in the samples oxidized at 1100°C. This oxidation kinetics model is in agreement with point defects generation kinetics in the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> system proposed in [3] and confirmed experimentally [4]. It has been suggested that the incorporation of the ionic charge into the oxide cause repulsive forces expanding the silicon wafer [5]. This allows one to explain this simultaneous increase of the E` centers EPR signal intensity and deflection in samples oxidized at 1200°C. E` centers cause repulsive forces expanding the Si wafer and giving rise for the deflection in Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> structure.

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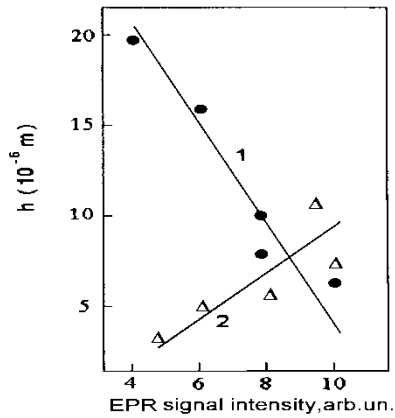


Fig. 1: Relation between the deflection of samples and EPR signal of Pa centers for the samples oxidized at 1100 (1) and 1200°C (2)

At an appropriate choice of the oxidation temperature tensile stresses in Si and compressive stresses in SiO<sub>2</sub> can be equal and canceled out. To find these temperature oxidation at 1120, 1130 and 1140°C were performed. With an increase of the oxidation temperature the thickness of the oxide layer decreases. This can be explained by the increase of tensile stresses in Si and decrease of compressive stresses in SiO<sub>2</sub>. Absent of defects on cross-section of samples prepared at oxidation temperature 1130°C (Fig. 4) confirm this assumption.

To evaluate the strain dependence on the SiO<sub>2</sub> film thickness the EPR signal and IR absorption at 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> line-width were measured (2). EPR signal

dependence on the oxidation time reveal one or two maximum depending on the cooling rate. In fast-cooled samples there exist an interdependence between EPR signal and IR absorption line-width at 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\Delta\nu$ ). In slowly cooled samples the increase of the EPR signal is accompanied by the decrease of  $\Delta\nu$  that indicated stress dependence on SiO<sub>2</sub> film thickness. In samples with SiO<sub>2</sub> thickness > 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  point defects density decreasing in Si is accompanied by  $\Delta\nu$  increase. This may be explained by O inclusion formation in Si. In samples with SiO<sub>2</sub> film thickness  $\sim 0,2$  and  $\sim 0,4$   $\mu\text{m}$  absent of cooling rate influence on point defects density and  $\Delta\nu$  allow to suggest IMS absent.

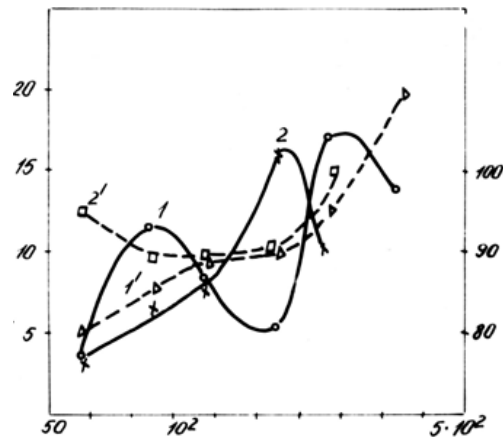


Fig. 2: Dependence of the EPR signal (1, 2) and the line-width of SiO<sub>2</sub> IR absorption at 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> (1', 2') on the oxidation time, cooling rate 25 (1, 1') and 3°Cs (2, 2')

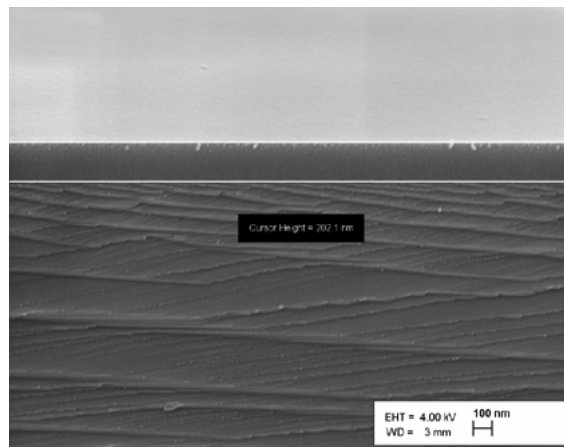


Fig. 3: Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> cross-section micrograph, oxidation temperature 1120°C.

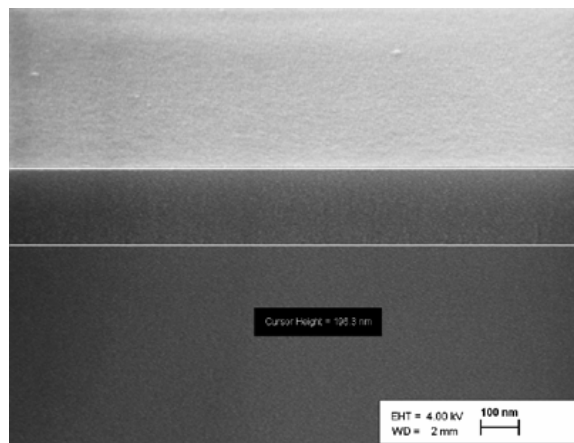


Fig.4: Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> cross-section micrograph, oxidation temperature 1130°C

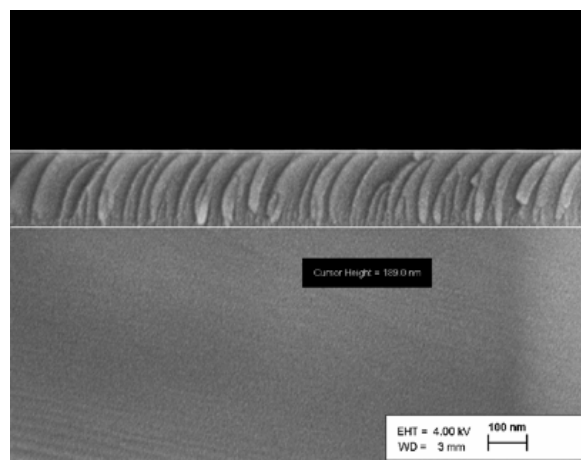


Fig. 5: Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> cross-section micrograph, oxidation temperature 1140°C

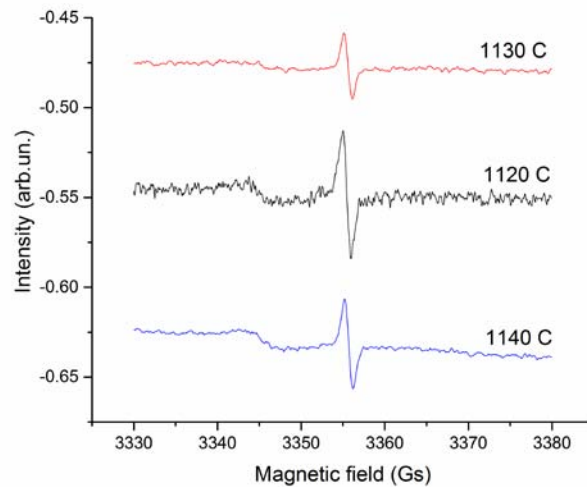


Fig. 6: EPR spectra of Si(n)-SiO<sub>2</sub> sample obtained at different oxidation temperatures

In Fig.6 EPR spectra of samples obtained at different oxidation temperature is shown.

It can be seen, that in n-type silicon samples obtained at 1130<sup>o</sup> C both centers (vacancies complexes

and unsaturated bonds) EPR signal intensity is lower than in samples obtained at 1120 and 1140<sup>o</sup>C.

This confirm lower IMS at these oxidation temperature.

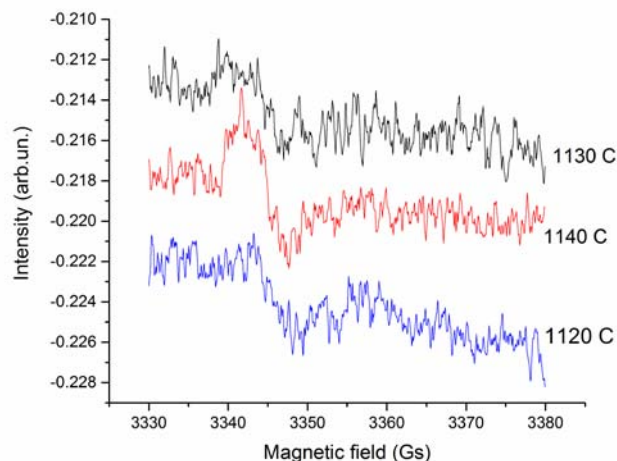


Fig. 7: EPR spectra of Si(p)-SiO<sub>2</sub> sample obtained at different oxidation temperatures

It can be seen that the oxidation temperature influence on generation of defects in p-type samples is lower than in case of n-type Si samples. The influence of oxidation temperature on vacancies is absent, and the influence on unsaturated bonds is the same as for n-type Si samples. Differences between n-type and p-type Si can be due to the different stresses in n- and p-type Si samples. Different deflection in Si(p)-SiO<sub>2</sub> and Si(n)-SiO<sub>2</sub> confirm this assumption.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The obtained results confirm that there exists an interdependence between the stresses created in the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> structure and point defects in Si and SiO<sub>2</sub>. It has been shown that at oxidation temperature 1130<sup>o</sup>C

performed Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> structures IMS canceled out. It has been established that the dependence of the EPR signal intensity from vacancy type defects on the oxidation time is non-monotonous and is accompanied by a non-monotonous change of the IMS. In samples with SiO<sub>2</sub> film thickness 0.2-0.4 μm IMS at the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> interface disappear. It was observed that dependence of EPR signal of Si(n)-SiO<sub>2</sub> and Si(p)-SiO<sub>2</sub> samples obtained at different oxidation temperatures was different. It can be concluded that this is related to different mechanical stresses in the n-type and p-type Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> samples.

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# Theoretical Analysis of Reactivity and Regioselectivity in [1+2] Cycloaddition Reaction of Some Monoterpenes with Dichlorocarbene

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**Abstract-** A theoretical study of the molecular mechanism and regioselectivity of the [1+2] cycloaddition reaction between alkenes: limonene, terpinolene,  $\gamma$ -terpinene and dichlorocarbene has been carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory. The calculation of activation and reaction free energies indicates that these reactions are regio-specific in good agreement with experimental result.

**Keywords:** [1+2] cycloaddition, limonene, terpinolene,  $\gamma$ -terpinene, DFT/6-31(d, p), TST.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The monoterpenes are essential ingredients in fine chemical industry and flavor and perfume industry. It is used to flavour many kinds of baked goods, confections, pudding, meats, sausages, sauces, vegetables and beverages [1]. The pharmacological activities of nutmeg mainly exist in its essential oil fraction [2]. Nutmeg oil possesses a wide array of pharmacological actions including analgesic [3], antifungal [4-7], antimicrobial [8-12], anti-inflammatory [13], antibacterial [14-16], antioxidant [17-18], antidepressant [19], as well as hepatoprotective activity [20]. The most important constituents of monoterpenes are  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ - pinene. We were interested in a classical reactivity of carbenes. The dichlorocarbene reacts with alkenes such as limonene  $R_1$  (4-Isopropenyl-1-methyl-cyclohexene), terpinolene  $R_2$  (4-Isopropylidene-1-methyl-cyclohexene) and  $\gamma$ -terpinene  $R_3$  (1-Isopropyl-4-methyl-cyclohexa-1,4-diene) in dichloromethane, to form the cyclopropane derivative (Scheme 1). The structures

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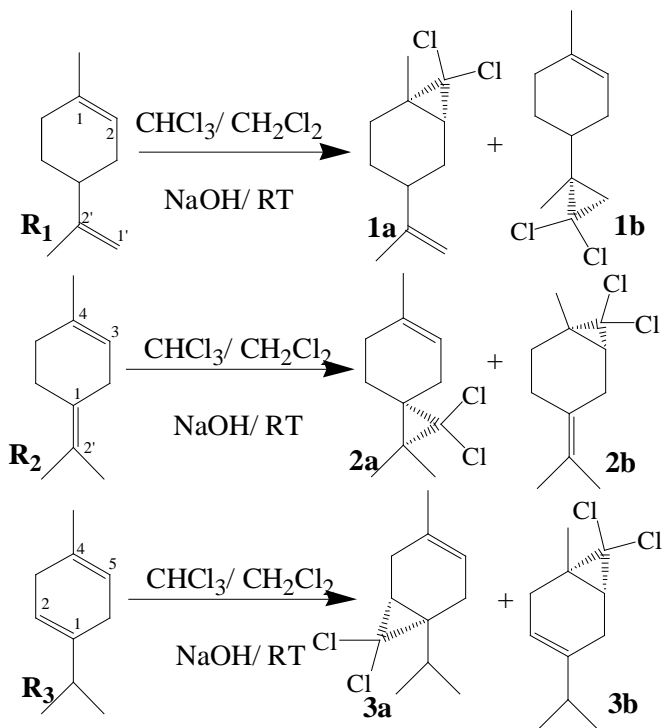
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of these products have been determined by spectroscopy ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and mass spectroscopy). [21]



**Scheme 1:** [1+2] cycloaddition reaction of limonene 1, terpinolene 2 and  $\gamma$ -terpinene 3 with dichlorocarbene.

Herein, a DFT study of the [1+2] cycloaddition reaction of limonene 1, terpinolene 2 and  $\gamma$ -terpinene 3 with dichlorocarbene yielding: 4-(2-propene)-1-methyl-7,7-dichloro-bicyclo[4.1.0]heptane, 1,1-dichloro-2,2,6-trimethyl-spiro[2.5]oct-5-ene and 7,7-dichloro-4-isopropyl-1-methyl-bicyclo[4.1.0]hept-3-ene, experimentally studied by Hossni Ziyat et al. [21] are presented (see Scheme 1). Our aim is to perform a theoretical study of the reaction mechanism of these cycloaddition reactions yielding the final products: 1a, 2a and 3a, as well as to explain the regioselectivity experimentally observed.

## II. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

All calculations reported in this work were performed in the GAUSSIAN 09, B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) as well as theoretical levels were performed. Optimizations of the stable structures were performed with the Beryn

algorithm, whereas the transition states were calculated using the QST2 procedure followed by the TS method. Stationary points were characterized by frequency calculations. All transition states showed only one negative eigen value in their Hessian matrices. For all reactions, IRC [22] calculations were performed to connect previously computed transition structures with suitable minima. Solvent effects of dichloromethane were taken into account through single point energy calculations using the polarisable continuum model (PCM). [23]

The global electrophilicity index [24]  $\omega$ , was given by the following expression,  $\omega = (\mu^2/2\eta)$ , in terms of the electronic chemical potential  $\mu$  and the chemical hardness  $\eta$ . Both quantities may be approached in terms of the one-electron energies of the frontier molecular orbital HOMO and LUMO,  $e_H$  and  $e_L$ , as  $\mu = (e_H - e_L)/2$  and  $\eta = (e_L - e_H)$ , respectively. [25] The empirical nucleophilicity index  $N$ , [26] based on the HOMO energies obtained within the Kohn–Sham scheme, [27] and defined as  $N = E_{\text{HOMO}}(\text{Nu}) - E_{\text{HOMO}}(\text{TCE})$ . The nucleophilicity was referred to tetracyanoethylene (TCE). Electrophilic  $P_k^+$  and nucleophilic  $P_k^-$  Parr functions, [28-34] were obtained through the analysis of the Mulliken atomic spin density

(ASD) of the radical anion and radical cation of the reagents. The local electrophilicity and nucleophilicity indices, were evaluated using the following expressions:  $\omega_k = \omega \cdot P_k^+$ ,  $N_k = N \cdot P_k^-$

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The present theoretical study is divided into three parts: (i) first, an analysis of DFT reactivity indices at the ground state of the reagents involved in the [1+2] cycloaddition reaction between dichlorocarbene and limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3** is performed in order to explain the reactivity in these reactions; (ii) in the second part, potential energy surfaces (PESs) are analyzed (iii) in the third part, we proposed new method to calculate the percentages of the products.

#### a) DFT analysis based on the global and local reactivity indexes

These [1+2] CA reactions were first analyzed using the reactivity indices. The global indices, named electronic chemical potential  $\mu$ , chemical hardness  $\eta$ , global electrophilicity  $w$  and global nucleophilicity  $N$ , for the reagents involved in these [1+2] CA reactions are gathered in Table 1.

**Table 1:** DFT/B3LYP/6-31G (d,p) Electronic chemical potential  $\mu$ , chemical hardness  $\eta$ , electrophilicity  $\omega$ , and nucleophilicity  $N$  values, in eV

	$\mu$	$\eta$	$N$	$\omega$
limonene <b>1</b>	-3.17	5.85	3.42	0.85
terpinolene <b>2</b>	-2.46	6.60	3.76	0.45
$\gamma$ -terpinene <b>3</b>	-2.55	6.66	3.63	0.49
Dichlorocarbene <b>4</b>	-5.45	3.80	2.17	3.90

The electronic chemical potential of dichlorocarbene,  $\mu = -5.45$  eV, is lower than that of limonene **1**,  $\mu = -3.17$  eV, terpinolene **2**,  $\mu = -2.46$  eV and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3**,  $\mu = -2.55$  eV, indicating that the global electron density transfer (GEDT) along the corresponding reactions will flux from these the alkenes toward the dichlorocarbene. It also is clear from the table 1 that the dichlorocarbene presents a high electrophilicity  $w$  index,  $w = 3.90$  eV, being classified as a strong electrophile and a very low nucleophilicity  $N$  index,  $N = 2.17$  eV. On the other hand, limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3** present very low electrophilicity,  $w = 0.85$  eV,  $w = 0.45$  eV and  $w = 0.49$  eV respectively, and nucleophilicity indices,  $N = 3.42$  eV,  $N = 3.76$  eV and  $N = 3.63$  eV. In spite of the high nucleophilic character of these alkenes (limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene), the high electrophilic character of dichlorocarbene allows the participation of these alkynes (limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene) in cycloaddition reactions [1+2] as nucleophiles.

The most favourable reactive channel is that involving the initial two-centre interaction between the

most electrophilic  $P_k^+$  and nucleophilic  $P_k^-$  Parr functions centre of both reagents.

Recently, electrophilic  $P_k^+$  and nucleophilic  $P_k^-$  Parr functions have been proposed to analyse the local reactivity in polar processes involving reactions between a nucleophile–electrophile pair.

The analysis of the nucleophilic  $P_k^-$  Parr functions of limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3** (figure 2) shows that the C1 and C2 carbon of limonene **1**, the C1 and C2' carbon of the terpinolene **2** and C1 and C2 carbon of  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3** present the maximum values of  $P_k^-$ : 0.22, 0.29, 0.25, 0.27, 0.26 and 0.29 respectively, indicating that these sites are the most nucleophilic centers of these species (see Scheme 1 for atom numbering). Consequently, the regioselectivity observed is predicted correctly by the Parr function.

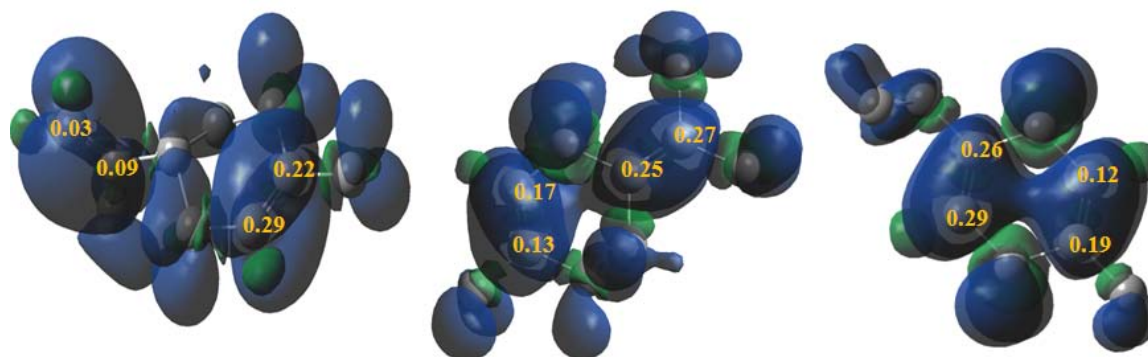


Figure 1: Nucleophilic  $P_{\bar{k}}$  Parr functions of limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3**

b) Kinetic study

In order to show that the dichlorocarbene preferentially attacks the one double, we calculated the thermodynamic parameters of the reactants, the products and transition states energies, table 2 contains

the total and relative enthalpies, entropies, and free energies for the CA [1+2] reaction of the monoterpenes (limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3**) and dichlorocarbene.

Table 2: B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) enthalpies H (in a.u.) and relative enthalpies ( $\Delta H$ , in kcal/mol), entropies S (in cal mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) and relative entropies ( $\Delta S$ , in cal mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), free energies G (in a.u.) and relative free energy ( $\Delta G$ , in kcal/mol) in dichloromethane

System	H	$\Delta H$	G	$\Delta G$	S	$\Delta S$
limonene 1+ CCl <sub>2</sub>	-1448.831198	-----	-1448.908944	-----	163.632	-----
TS1a	-1348.849017	-11,181	-1348.908121	<b>5.165</b>	124.394	-39,238
TS1b	-1348.833066	-1,172	-1348.892982	<b>10.016</b>	126.105	-37,527
1a	-1348.925478	-59,161	-1348.980834	<b>-45.111</b>	116.508	-47,124
1b	-1348.905222	-46,450	-1348.957245	<b>-30.309</b>	109.492	-54,14
terpinolene 2+ CCl <sub>2</sub>	-1448.834525	-----	-1448.913443	-----	166.097	-----
TS2a	-1348.848528	-8,787	-1348.905490	<b>4.990</b>	119.885	-46,212
TS2b	-1348.833066	0,915	-1348.892982	<b>12.839</b>	126.105	-39,992
2a	-1348.918920	-52,95	-1348.974718	<b>-38.450</b>	117.437	-48,66
2b	-1348.914813	-50,381	-1348.967514	<b>-33.930</b>	110.919	-55,178
$\gamma$ -terpinene 3+ CCl <sub>2</sub>	-1448.837111	-----	-1448.913249	-----	160.247	-----
TS3a	-1348.843054	-3,729	-1348.900732	<b>7.854</b>	121.393	-38,854
TS3b	-1348.834701	1,512	-1348.891202	<b>13.834</b>	118.915	-41,332
3a	-1348.913711	-48,0675	-1348.964080	<b>-31.896</b>	106.011	-54,236
3b	-1348.906103	-43,293	-1348.959633	<b>-29.106</b>	112.663	-47,584

Relative to limonene 1+CCl<sub>2</sub>, terpinolene 2+CCl<sub>2</sub> and  $\gamma$ -terpinene 3+CCl<sub>2</sub>

As can be observed, while activation free energies are 5.165 (TS1a), 10.016 (TS1b), 4.990 (TS2a), 12.839 (TS2b), 7.854 (TS3a), and 13.834 (TS3b) kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, reaction free energies imply that formation of the corresponding formal [1+2] cycloaddition is highly exothermic; -45.111 (1a), -30.309 (1b), -38.450 (2a), -33.930 (2b), -31.896 (3a) and -29.106 (3b) kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. These values clearly indicate that the products 1a, 2a and 3a are preferred.

Using the data given in Table 2, we can sketch the energy profile of these reactions (Fig. 2).

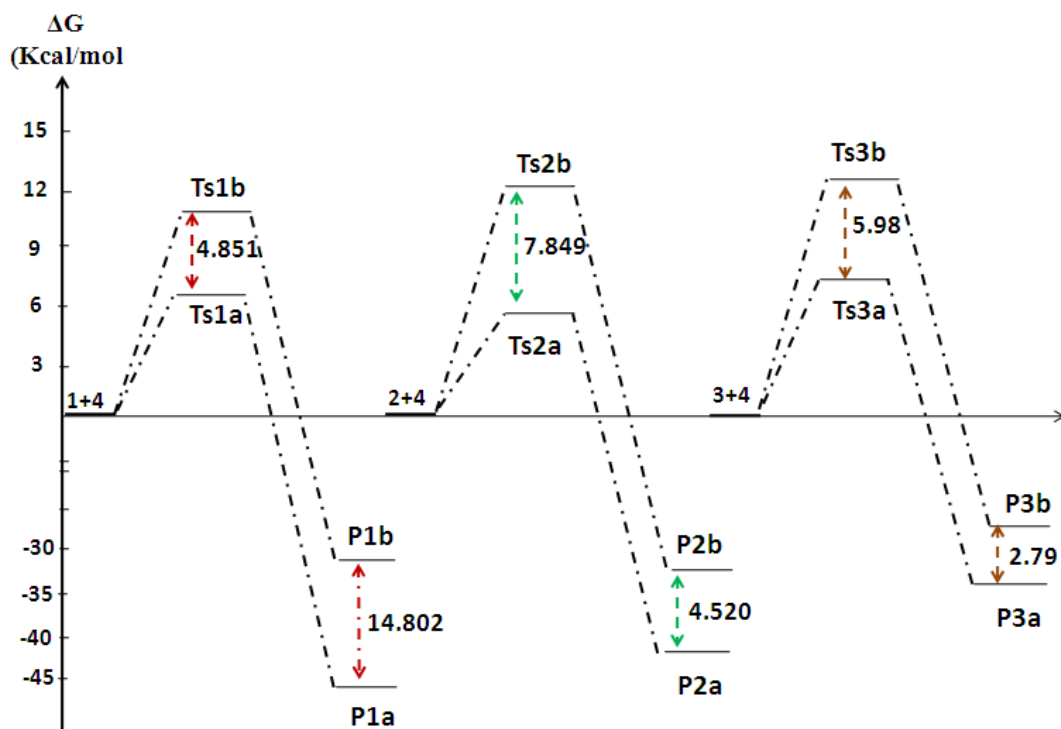
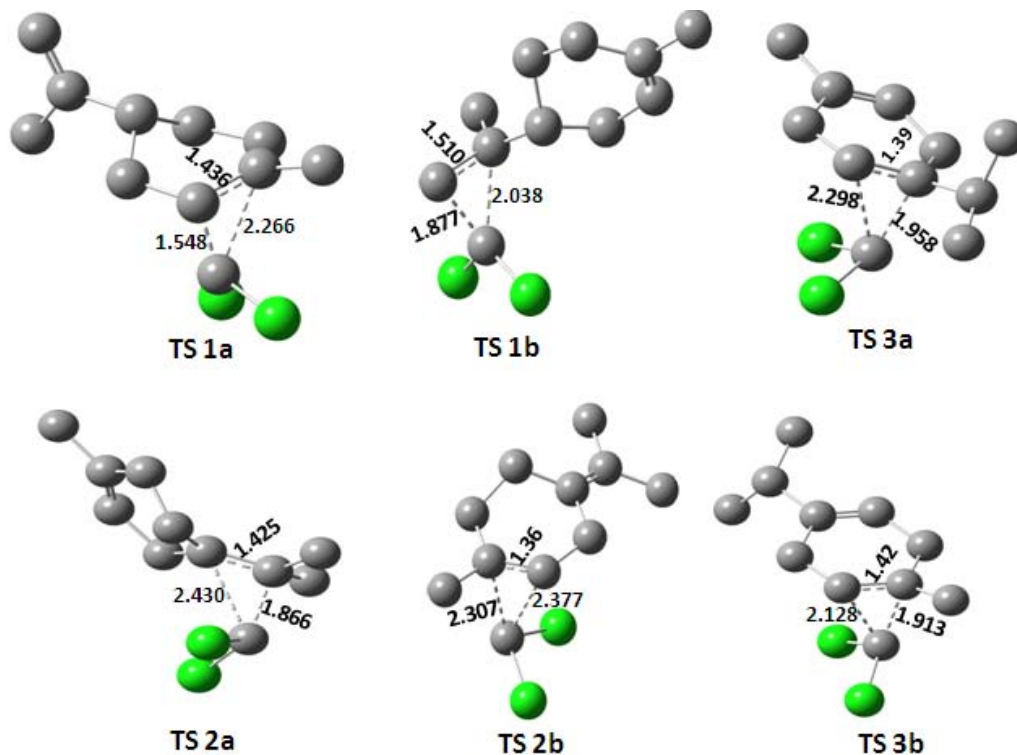


Figure 2: Gibbs free energy profile of [1+2] cycloaddition reaction between dichlorocarbene and alkenes.

We can observe from figure 2 that the difference between activation free energies are 4.851 (Ts1b-Ts1a), 7.849 (Ts2b-Ts2a) and 5.98 (Ts3b-Ts3a), showing that the formation of P1a, P2a and P3a isomers are kinetically preferred. The difference between reaction free energies are 14.802 (1b-1a), 4.520 (2b-2a)

and 2.79 (3b-3a), showing that the formation of P1a, P2a and P3a regioisomers are thermodynamically preferred in clear agreement with experimental results.

The optimized geometries of the TSs involved in the studied cycloaddition reaction and the distances of the forming bonds are presented in Figure 3.



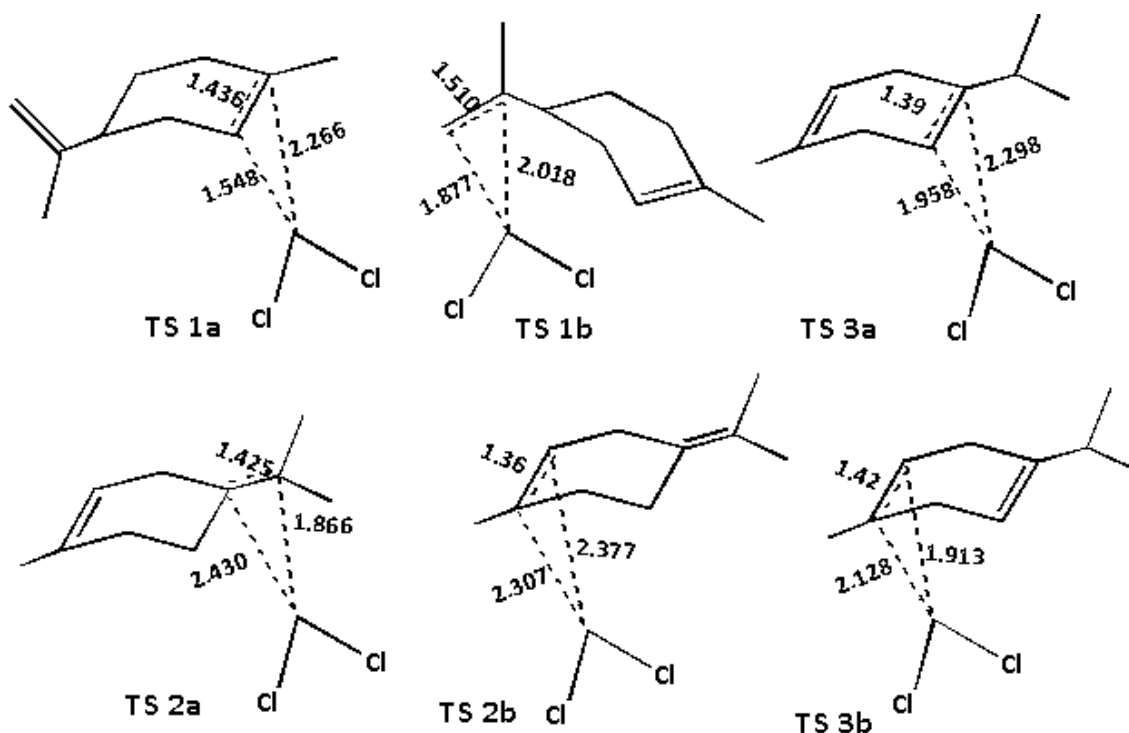


Figure 3: Optimized TS involved in the CA [1+2] reaction of dichlorocarbene–alkene (limonene 1, terpinolene 2 and  $\gamma$ -terpinene 3) the lengths of the newly forming bonds are given in (Å)

c) Calculation of the percentage of the products

According to transition state theory (TST), the second order rate constant ( $k_{TST}$ ) at a given temperature (T) can be determined using the following equation [35]:

$$K_{TST} = \frac{k_B T}{h C_0} e^{\frac{-\Delta G^\ddagger}{RT}} \quad (1)$$

Where  $k_B$ ,  $h$ ,  $C_0$ , and  $R$  denote Boltzmann's constant, Planck's constant, standard concentration ( $1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ), and the universal gas constant  $R = 1,987 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , respectively.

To calculate the theoretical percentage of the products we use the following equation:

$$\frac{K_{TST}(P1)}{K_{TST}(P2)} = \frac{\frac{k_B T}{h C_0} e^{\frac{-\Delta G^\ddagger(P1)}{RT}}}{\frac{k_B T}{h C_0} e^{\frac{-\Delta G^\ddagger(P2)}{RT}}}$$

$$= e^{\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1)}{RT}} = \frac{\% P1}{\% P2} = \frac{50 + n}{50 - n} \quad \text{with : } 0 \leq n < 50$$

$$n = \frac{50(e^{\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1)}{RT}} - 1)}{e^{\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1)}{RT}} + 1} \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1) = RT \ln \left( \frac{50+n}{50-n} \right) \quad (3)$$

The difference of relative free energy and percentage of the products are reported in table 3.

Table 3:  $\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1)$  Difference of relative free energy (in Kcal/mol) and percentage of the products

n	$\Delta G^\ddagger(P2) - \Delta G^\ddagger(P1)$	% P1	% P2
0	0	50	50
1	0,0236882	51	49
2	0,04739537	52	48
3	0,07114057	53	47

4	0,09494305	54	46
5	0,11882234	55	45
6	0,14279832	56	44
7	0,1668914	57	43
8	0,19112252	58	42
9	0,21551336	59	41
10	0,24008643	60	40
15	0,36654921	65	35
20	0,50170709	70	30
25	0,6505169	75	25
30	0,82086093	80	20
35	1,02710238	85	15
40	1,3010338	90	10
41	1,3699634	91	9
42	1,44617718	92	8
43	1,53164601	93	7
44	1,6292556	94	6
45	1,74347887	95	5
46	1,8818083	96	4
47	2,05828841	97	3
48	2,30444799	98	2
49	2,72088994	99	1

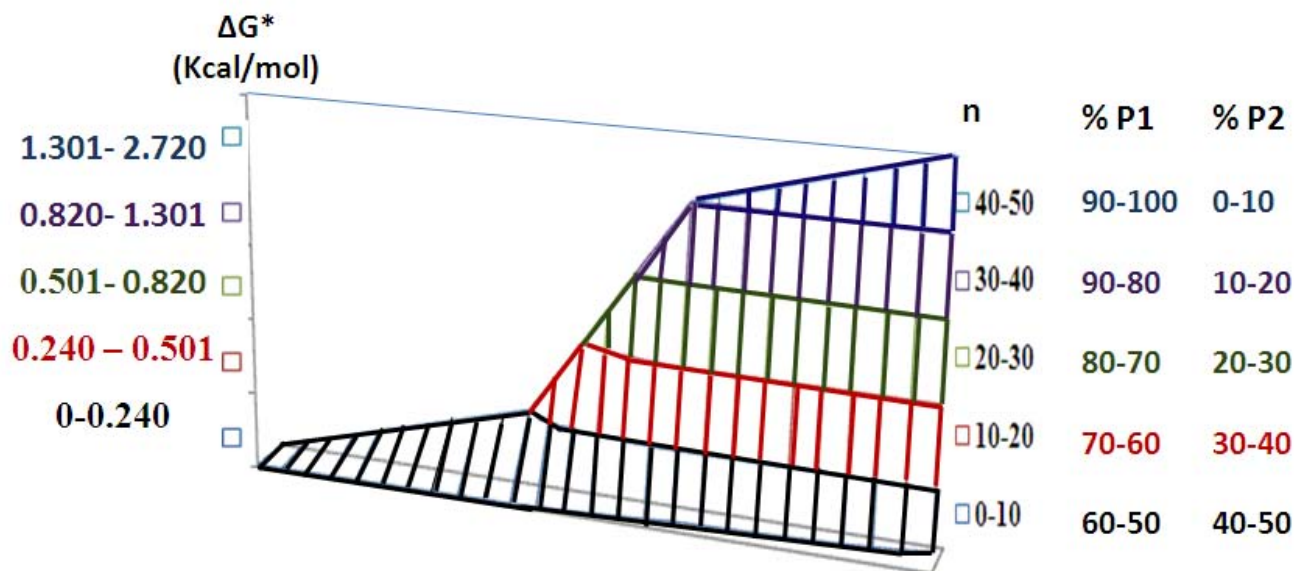


Figure 4:  $\Delta G^*(P_2) - \Delta G^*(P_1)$  Difference of relative free energy (in Kcal/mol) and percentage of the products

We can deduce from figure 4 that:

- When  $\Delta G^*(P_2) - \Delta G^*(P_1) = 0$ ,  $n=0$ , consequently the percentages of the products are equal ( $\%P_1 = \%P_2 = 50\%$ ).
- When  $\Delta G^*(P_2) - \Delta G^*(P_1)$  varies between 0 and 0.240 (eV),  $n$  varies between 0 and 10, therefore the reaction will be selective (regio, stereo, diastereo and chemio) and the percentages of  $P_1$  varies between ] 50 - 60[ and the percentages of  $P_2$  varies between ] 40 - 50[.
- When  $\Delta G^*(P_2) - \Delta G^*(P_1)$  takes values between 1.301-2.720 (eV),  $n$  varies between 40-50, the percentages of the product  $P_1$  varies between ] 90 - 100[ and the percentages of the product  $P_2$  varies

between ]0-10[, consequently the reaction will be very selective.

- When  $\Delta G^\#(P2) - \Delta G^\#(P1)$  is greater than 2.720 (eV) the reaction will be specific (%P1 = 100%)
- In this work we observed that the difference of relative free energy are superior than 2.720 (eV), indicated that these reactions are regio-specific in good agreement with experimental result.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have discussed the molecular mechanism and the regioselectivity of the [1+2] cycloaddition reactions of limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3**. with dichlorocarbene yielding 1a, 2a and 3a, respectively, experimentally studied by Hossni Ziyat et al, has been investigated using DFT methods at the DFT/6-31G(d,p) computational level. Analysis of the nucleophilic  $P_k^-$  Parr functions allows characterising the carbons atoms of the double multi-substitute as the most nucleophilic centre of the monoterpenes (limonene **1**, terpinolene **2** and  $\gamma$ -terpinene **3**) used in this work, in clear agreement with the regioselectivity found in result. An exploration of the PESs associated with these cycloaddition reactions indicates that these cycloaddition reactions are strongly exothermic, and from the activation free energies we can conclude that these reactions are completely regioselective.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Bromethalin [ $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha$ -trifluoro-N-methyl-4,6-dinitro-N-(2,4,6-tribromophenyl)-o-toluidine] is a new commercial dinitroaniline rodenticide for the control of comensal rodents. Current methods for the analysis of pesticides containing nitro group compounds involve either liquid-liquid extraction [1] solid-phase extraction (SPE) [2] supercritical fluid extraction (SCFE) and solid phase micro extraction (SPME) [3]. The main disadvantages of these methods were use of large quantities are often toxic and not eco-friendly solvents, the elaborate cleaning up time-consuming procedures and the need for concentration of analytes before analysis [4]. Mesmer and Fluler [5] reported high performance liquid chromatography with UV-VIS spectrometric and HPLC negative-ion. Braselten

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and Jonson [6] reported TLC extended by GC/MS to determine bromethalin in environmental samples. Melissa et al [7] developed a new type of all-solid-state ion-selective electrode based on a transducing layer of a network of single-walled carbon nanotubes. The extraordinary capacity of carbon nanotubes to promote electron transfer between heterogeneous phases made the presence of electroactive polymers or any other ion-to-electron-transfer promoter. Javad Zolgharnein et al. [8] reported simultaneous determination of propanil and monalide by modified glassy carbon electrode with nickel oxide nanoparticles, using partial least squares modified by orthogonal signal correction and wavelet packet transform. Though metal and non metal electrodes used for electro analysis [9-10] better reproducibility achieved in this approach.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL

### a) Apparatus and Electrodes

The electrochemical measurements were carried out with Metrohm model 101 potentiostat and galvanostat. The three-electrode system consisted of polymer coated ion selective bare carbon electrode prepared by using poly vinyl chloride (PVC) solvent membrane and tetra phenyl borate (TPB) as ion pairing agent used as working electrode. Ag/AgCl reference electrode and a platinum wire used as auxiliary electrode. The electrodes joined the cell through holes in its Teflon cover. All of the potentials given in this work were measured with respect to this reference system. Electrochemical experiments were carried out in a voltammetric cell at room temperature. A magnetic stirrer was used during the accumulation step. The Eli co Li-129 model glass calomel combined electrode was employed for measuring pH values.

### b) Reagents and solutions

All reagents used were of analytical reagent grade. Double distilled water is used throughout the analysis. In the present investigation, universal buffers in the pH range 2.0 to 6.0 are used as supporting electrolytes and prepared using 0.2 M boric acid, 0.05 M citric acid and 0.1 M tri sodium orthophosphate solutions. Pesticide samples are obtained from Bayer crop, India, Ltd.

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Bromethalin is found to give a single well defined peak in acidic solutions ( $2 < \text{pH} < 6$ ). Increase of pH from 4.0 leads to decrease of the peak current. In the acidic medium, the peak of the compound is due to the reduction of 2 nitro groups in 4 electron process. Typical cyclic voltammogram shown in Fig. 1.

The reduction process of bromethalin is found to be diffusion controlled and adsorption on the electrode surface in the buffer systems studied as evidenced from linear plot  $i_p$  vs  $v^{1/2}$  passing through origin. The shift of peak potential ( $E_p$ ) towards more negative values with increase in concentration of depolarizer, shows that the electrode process is irreversible. This is further confirmed by log-plot analysis. The variation of peak potentials with scan rates and absence of anodic peak in the reverse scan in cyclic voltammetry indicates the irreversible nature of the electrode processes. The dependence of  $i_p/\text{pH}$  curves shows a behavior in accordance with a process in which a proton transfer provides the reduction of the acid form to form an electro active species. The number of protons taking part in the rate determining step is 4.

Millicoulometry is employed to find out the number of electrons involved in the electrode process. The results obtained from millicoulometry have shown that the number of electrons is 4 for bromethalin. The number of protons involved in the rate determining step (scheme I) of the electrode process is 4. Controlled potential electrolysis experiments are carried out at -0.8 V at saturated calomel electrode at pH 4.0 to collect reduction product.

Kinetic data such as diffusion coefficient, transfer coefficient and heterogeneous forward rate constants obtained for bromethalin is summarized in table 1.0. The diffusion coefficient values are noticed to be in good agreement from cyclic voltammetry. The heterogeneous forward rate constants were decreasing with an increase in pH of the supporting electrolyte, which may be responsible for the shift of reduction potentials towards more negative values with increase in pH. This trend is particularly evident where the proton transfer is involved in the electrode process.

#### a) *Dp-ASV studies and optimum conditions*

Peak of bromethalin at working electrode (Fig. 2.0) is attributed to reduction of bromethalin. This peak followed to establish the optimum conditions. The standard addition and calibration methods have been employed to estimate the compound in grain samples. Maximum peak potentials are obtained with pH 4.0. The shift of the peak potentials towards more negative values indicating proton participation in the reduction process.

The effects of varying the potential scan rate on the reduction peak current of bromethalin is examined.

The reduction peak current increases linearly with scan rate over the range from  $20 \text{ mVs}^{-1}$  to  $60 \text{ mVs}^{-1}$  as expected for the reduction of being observed. Best sensitivity achieved at a scan rate of  $50 \text{ mVs}^{-1}$ .

### IV. RECOVERY EXPERIMENTS

#### a) *Analysis*

Well defined and well resolved AdSV peaks of bromethalin obtained at pH 4.0 is used for the quantitative estimation of bromethalin in water and soil samples. Both calibration and standard addition methods are used for the quantitative determination of bromethalin. From the calibration method, it is observed that the peak current shows a trend found to be linear over the concentration range. Peak currents were linear over the concentration range of  $1.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$  to  $1.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$  with lower detection limit of  $10^{-10} \text{ M}$ . The relative standard deviation and correlation coefficients are found to be 1.15%, 0.985 respectively for 10 replicates. Calculations made by standard addition method.

#### b) *Recommended analytical procedure*

The stock solution ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) of bromethalin is prepared by dissolving the required quantity of the electroactive species in methanol. Standard solutions are prepared by dilution of stock solution with suitable amount of methanol. 1 mL of the standard solution is transferred into voltammetric cell and added with 9 mL of the supporting electrolyte and then deoxygenated by bubbling oxygen free nitrogen gas for 10 min. After recording the voltammogram, small increments of standard solutions (0.2 mL) added and then voltammograms recorded for each addition under similar experimental conditions. The optimum conditions for the analytical determination of bromethalin are pH 4.0 and scan rate  $50 \text{ mVs}^{-1}$ .

#### c) *Determination of bromethalin in spiked grain samples*

The developed analytical procedure has been applied to the quantitative estimation of bromethalin in grain samples. Known amount of bromethalin is sprayed on grain samples (25 g) and left for 1-2 hours. Then the samples are weighed, crushed and homogenized and treated with 50 mL acetone and evaporated to dryness. The residue of bromethalin dissolved in methanol and transferred to a 100 mL volumetric flask. 1 mL of the standard solution is transferred into voltammetric cell and added with 9 mL of the supporting electrolyte and then deoxygenated by bubbling oxygen free nitrogen gas for 10 min. After recording the voltammogram, small increments of standard solutions (0.2 mL) were added and then voltammograms recorded for each addition under similar experimental conditions. Results obtained for the determination of bromethalin in grains by this method ranged from 98.66 to 99.50% which indicates

the high accuracy and reproducibility of the proposed method. The results are summarized in table.2.0

## V. CONCLUSION

The present part describes the detailed study of electrochemical reduction of nitro group containing pesticide bromethalin from the results obtained from cyclic voltammetry, differential pulse adsorptive stripping voltammetry, millicoulometry and controlled

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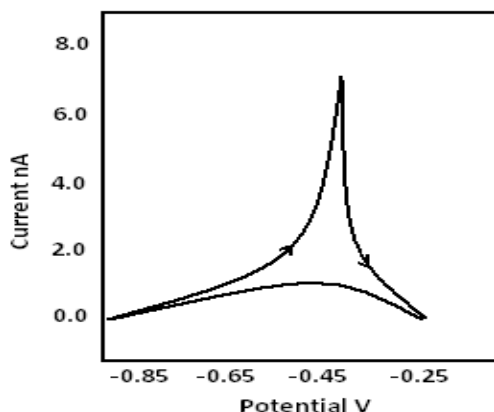


Fig.1.0: Typical cyclic voltammogram of bromethalin at polymer membrane electrode, pH 4.0 concentration: 0.5 mM; scan rate: 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>

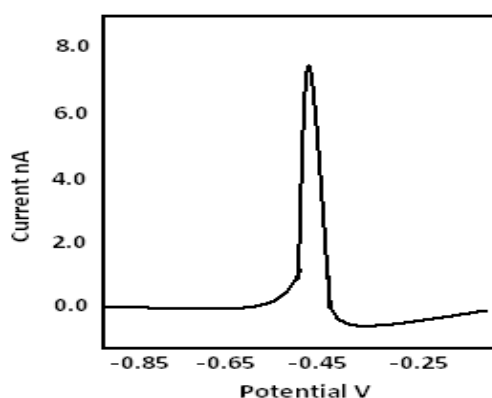
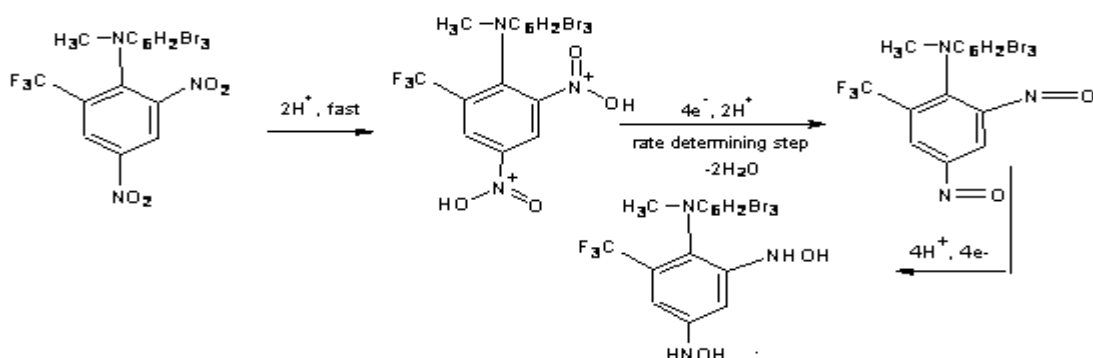


Fig. 2.0: Typical differential pulse adsorptive stripping voltammogram of bromethalin at polymer membrane electrode, pH4.0, scan rate: 50mVs<sup>-1</sup>



Scheme 1: Reduction mechanism of bromethalin at polymer membrane electrode: pH 4.0.

Table 1: Typical cyclic voltammetric data of of bromethalin:concentration: 0.5 mM, scan rate: 50mVs<sup>-1</sup>

pH	Ep/V	Ip/nA	$\alpha n_a$	$\frac{D \times 10^6}{\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}}$	$\frac{k^0_{f,h}}{\text{cm s}^{-1}}$
4.0	0.45	6.5	0.42	1.28	$1.02 \times 10^{-10}$

Table 2: Recoveries of of bromethalin in spiked grain samples

Grains	Amount added (ng/mL)	Amount found (ng/mL)	Recovery (%)	Standard deviation
Black gram	2.0	1.99	99.50	0.021
Rice	3.0	2.96	98.66	0.007

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Cefdinir is an extremely beta-lactamase stable third-generation cephalosporin that has been developed for those medications of a few types of bacterial diseases, chemically known as [(6R,7R)-7-[[[(2Z)-(2-amino-4-thiazolyl)(hydroxylimino) acetyl]amino]-3-ethenyl-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo [4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid], Figure 1<sup>(1,2)</sup>.

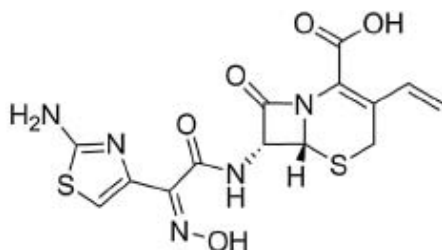


Fig. 1: Chemical structure of Cefdinir

DPP technique was applied for estimation of a number of drugs as quality control<sup>(3)</sup>. Several analytical methods have been described for the assurance of cefdinir in pharmaceuticals, especially in living samples. Cefdinir oxidation and reduction voltammetric behavior was studied using hanging mercury dropping electrode (HMDE), and glassy carbon electrode (GCE) versus

Ag/AgCl at pH 4.2 and 5.0 respectively, also a developed adsorptive stripping voltammetric method for cefdinir assay in diverse samples. The results illustrate that linear range among 0.25 to 0.4 µM for HMDE and 0.4 to 10 µM for GCE and the LOQ was 0.2 and 0.26 µM for HMDE and GCE respectively<sup>(1)</sup>.

Direct current polarography, differential pulse polarography and cyclic voltammetry was applied for the cefdinir electrochemical behavior study at pH ranging from 2 – 12. Diffusion coefficient, transfer coefficient and rate constant as kinetic parameters were calculated. Also the method used for the drug estimation in pharmaceuticals and life tasters<sup>(2)</sup>.

New developed spectrophotometric methods for the cefdinir assay in pure sample and pharmaceuticals, in the first, an orange colored complex formed between cefdinir and NQS reagent at pH 11 which analysis at 490 nm while in the second method a yellow colored complex formed between hydrolysis cefdinir with NBD-Cl reagent which analysis at 390 nm. The results show satisfactory accuracy and precision<sup>(4)</sup>.

A developed first derivative spectrophotometric technique was applied for the assay of cefdinir and cefixime in pharmaceuticals using NaHPO<sub>4</sub> at alkaline solution, pH=8, which measured at 306.8 nm. The results show LOD values of 0.28; 0.45 µg/ml and LOQ value was 0.98; 1.5 µg/ml for cefdinir and cefixime respectively<sup>(5)</sup>.

This study was meant to develop sensitive and simple polarographic method for direct estimation of cefdinir in pharmaceuticals. In addition to, it was intended to examine the reduction behavior of cefdinir on DME electrode, also uncertain reaction mechanisms were proposed.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL

### a) Apparatus

All polarographic analyses were done with a 797VA Computrace, Metrohm, Herisau, Switzerland which including the three-electrode mode consisted of Dropping Mercury Electrode, DME as working electrode, Ag/AgCl; 3 M KCl as a reference electrode and a Pt auxiliary electrode. pH measurements were obtained using HANNA pH 211, Microprocessor pH meter, Romania. Distilled water used was obtained from a Water still W4000, Merit. The measurements were carried out at room temperature ± 5°C.

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### b) Materials and reagents

Every chemicals used were of analytical mark purity and used without additional purification. All the standard, reagents and sample solutions were prepared using distilled water. The cefdinir standard was purchased from Astellas Pharma Inc. Tokyo, Japan. The cefdinir stock solutions ( $1000 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ ) were prepared in D.W and stored at less than  $4^\circ \text{C}$ . All cefdinir sample solutions were prepared by enough dilution of stock solution. A Sefarin 300mg, pharma international co., Amman, Jordan was selected as commercial pharmaceuticals.

### c) Procedure

An aliquot volume of cefdinir sample solutions was pour into a 20 ml polarographic cell. The

voltammetric analyses were carried out after degassing the cell with high purity nitrogen for 5 minutes and then analysis by scanning the potential within the negative direction on DME as working electrode versus Ag/AgCl, 3.0 M KCl as reference electrode and platinum wire as an auxiliary electrode. The final volume in the polarographic cell with all solutions added, cefdinir sample, 0.2 to 0.4ml volume of 3M  $\text{KNO}_3$  or 0.5M LiCl as a supporting electrolyte and 2ml Briton-Robinson buffers <sup>(6, 7)</sup> solutions were completed to the 20 ml with distilled water as a solvent, Table-1.

Table-1: The optimum experimental parameters established for cefdinir analysis

Parameters	Conditions value	Parameters	Conditions value
Working electrode	DME	Initial potential	0.00 mV
Supporting electrolyte	$\text{KNO}_3$ or LiCl	Final potential	-1.8 mV
Buffer	B-R, pH 4 and 7	Pulse amplitude	50 mV
Purge gas	99.999% Purity nitrogen	Scan rate	5 mV/sec
Purge time	300 sec	Peak potential	- 0.360 to -0.710 V

### d) Preparation of commercial Cefdinir

Cefdinir 300mg capsules were get from a local pharmacy in Baghdad and used as a dosage form. Two capsules each one contains 300 mg cefdinir were mixed well and homogeneous then an accurate weighed sample was transferred into a 50 ml volumetric flask containing 10 ml of distilled water. The solution inside the volumetric flask were shakes severely for few minutes and the volume of this flask was completed to the total volume using D.W, then this solution was filtered and the clear solution was used to prepare the like concentration for the analysis.

## III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

### a) pH effect

The DPP reduction polarogram of cefdinir at the optimal experimental conditions showed one clear and more sensitive reduction peak at applied potential ranging from -0.5 to - 0.95 V with other slight sensitive peaks.

The peak current of cefdinir at pH values, 4, 7 and 9 showed more negative  $E_{1/2}$  voltage when the acidity lessen, Figure 2, therefore, at the alkaline solution, a little proton ion involvement, the reduction process isn't simply facilitate compared with neutral and acidic media, <sup>(8, 9)</sup> also the results show an relative decreasing in the peak intensity and sensitivity in alkaline media, this results confirm that the reduction reaction engage the protons and the cefdinir electrochemical activities depends on the pH.

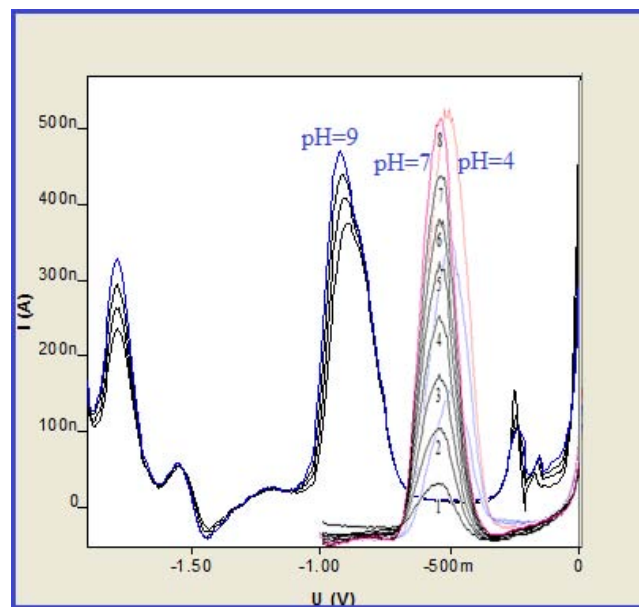


Figure 2: DPP polarograms for cefdinir solutions at pH 4,7 and 9

### b) Calibration plot

For the determination of cefdinir, a standard calibration plot of cefdinir was prepared and applied using the Least Squares Method, LSM <sup>(10)</sup> in the concentration range  $0.875\text{-}7.000 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$  using DPP on DME in Britton-Robinson buffer at pH 4 and 7 also  $0.06\text{M}$   $\text{KNO}_3$  and  $0.01\text{M}$  LiCl. One reduction peak has height greatness and sensitivity in - 0.518v was observed and chooses. The peak current  $i_p$  was proportional to the concentration, Figs.3 and 4. The accuracy and precision of the method was tested, the

results showed the SD was 2.14 and LOD and LOQ was 0.3271 and 1.09  $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$  respectively, the regression equation and correlation coefficient,  $r$ , and other analytical merit number<sup>(10)</sup> were summarized in Table-2.

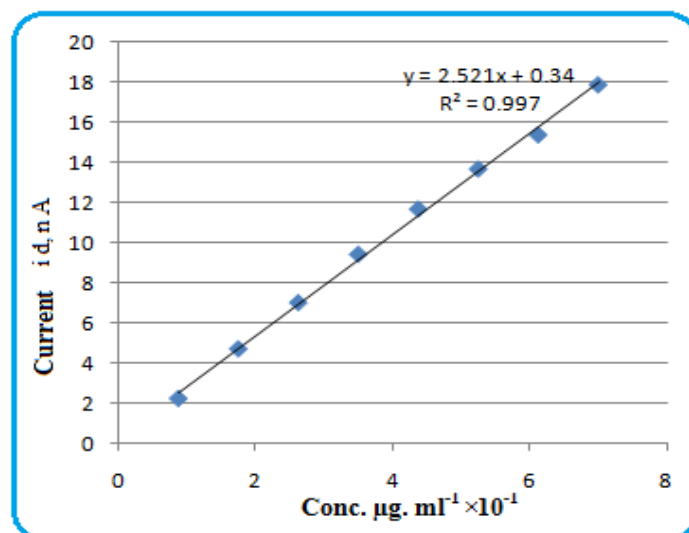


Figure 3: Calibration curves for the determination of cefdinir using DPP at optimal conditions

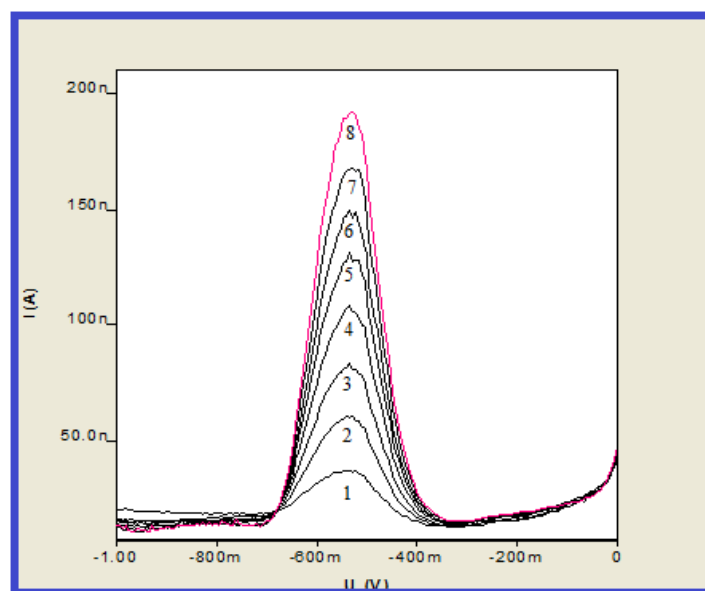


Figure 4: The DPP polarograms of cefdinir at optimum conditions in pH= 4 and B-R buffer at concentrations range 0.875 to 7.0  $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$

Table-2: Analytical merit number for the assaying of cefdinir by suggested DPP method

Parameters	Values	Parameters	Values
Regression equation	$id = 2.521 X + 0.34$	Random errors in the Y direction, $S_{vix}$	0.2749
Concentration range, $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	0.875 to 7.000	Standard deviation of slope, $S_b$	0.0485
Slope of the line, b	2.521	Standard deviation of intercept, $S_a$	0.214
Intercept, a	+ 0.34	C.L. for the slope ( $b \pm t_{(n-2)} S_b$ ) at 95%	$2.521 \pm 0.1188$
Correlation coefficient, r	0.9984	C.L. for the intercept ( $a \pm t_{(n-2)} S_a$ ) at 95%	$0.34 \pm 0.524$
Coefficient of determination, $R^2$	0.9968	LOD 3.3 SD, $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	0.3271
Standard deviation, SD	2.14	LOQ 10 SD, $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	1.09

### c) Applications

The accuracy, precision and repeatability of the method was experienced by deference measurements

for 3 and 5  $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$  synthetic cefdinir samples, the amounts found to be  $3.06 \pm 0.13$  and  $5.09 \pm 0.23$  and the relative error ranged between -1 to +4.3 and -0.98 to

+4.52, also the results show suitable and accurate values for standard error of the mean and the confidence limit of the mean, Table-3.

**Table-3:** Determination of cefdinir in synthetic sample in B-R buffer at pH 4

Initial Conc. $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	Calculated Conc., av. $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	SD	RSD	Absolute Error, Range	%Relative Error	Standard Error of the mean	Confidence limit of the mean
3.00	3.06	0.089	2.97	-0.03 to +0.13	-1 to +4.3	0.036	$3.06 \pm 0.0934$
5.00	5.09	0.13	2.55	-0.08 to +0.23	-0.98 to +4.52	0.32	$5.09 \pm 0.136$

$n=6, t= 2.57$

The application for the cefdinir determination in commercial pharmaceuticals using DPP on DME in B-R buffer at pH 4 in 0.06M  $\text{KNO}_3$  or 0.01M LiCl, the result shows that the absolute error ranged within the 0.08 to

+0.17 and the relative error don't exceed 2.8%, Table-4, the results prove that method has accepted precision and repeatability.

**Table-4:** Determination of cefdinir in pharmaceutical sample in B-R buffer at pH 4

Initial Conc. $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	Calculated Conc., av. $\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$	SD	RSD	Absolute Error, Range	%Relative Error	Standard Error of the mean	Confidence limit of the mean
6.00	6.11	0.1	1.62	-0.08 to +0.17	-1.3 to + 2.8	0.045	$6.11 \pm 0.124$

$n=5, t=2.78$

e) *Electro-chemical activities and number of electrons*

The ilkovic-Heyrovsky equation describes the entire current – potential curve and calculates the number of shared electrons in the electrode process of a reversible redox system in polarography.

$$E = E_{1/2} + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{i_d - i}{i} \right)$$

Where  $i_d$  is the diffusion current and  $i$  is the current at these points of the polarographic stage which corresponding to the applied potential  $E$ , and  $E_{1/2}$  is the half-Wave potential, <sup>(8, 9, 11)</sup> hence by plotting applied potential,  $E$  against  $\log\{(i_d - i) / i\}$ , a straight line is obtained which present that the electrode process is reversible in these case that the slope of the line indicated the values of  $n$ , i.e. the number of electrons transferred in the electrode reaction in view to the wave reversibility, when the number of electrons was integers numbers, it's refers to reversible electrochemical process, whereas the rational number refers to irreversible electrochemical process <sup>(12, 13)</sup>. The calculated value of the  $E_{1/2}$  was  $-0.504\text{V}$  and 4 electrons really required for the reduction, Figure 5, thereby, depending on the number of electrons obtained and  $E_{1/2}$ , the choicest planned reduction mechanism recommended that the azomethine group gets reduce to the saturated amine group via actually four electrons process at reversible electrochemical process, this reduction takes place at neutral and alkaline solution and at about  $-0.4\text{v}$ , reaction A, while the preferred reduction mechanism in acidic solution recommended reduce the azomethine group to the ammonium ion, reaction B, owing to the

presence concentration of protons participation appear to make the reduction easier allowed to form ammonium salt, Figure 6 <sup>(8, 14)</sup>.

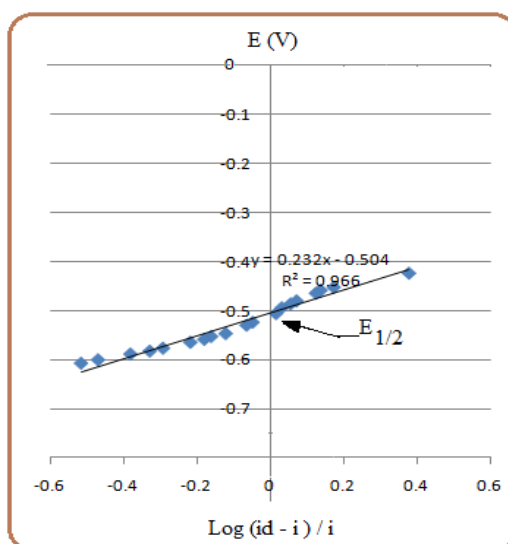


Figure 5: The relation between the potential E and the logarithms of  $\{ (i-d) / i \}$  for cefdinir

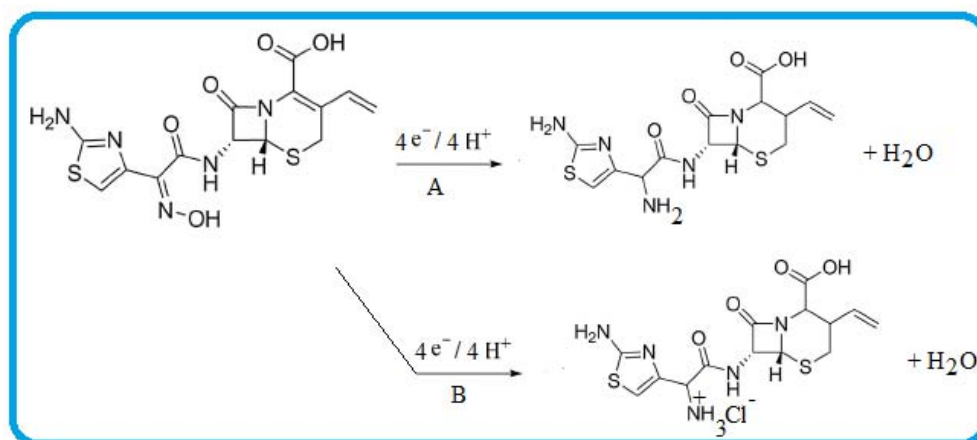


Figure 6: Optional and expect reduction mechanism of cefdinir

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The electro-chemical reduction activities and analysis of the cefdinir drug in B-R buffer over a pH range of 4-9 was studied. The participation proton appear to make the reduction easier, other than in basic media, the reduction route isn't make easy due to the non- availability of protons <sup>(12)</sup>. The statistics results confirm that DPP is one of the finest analytical apparatus for drugs estimations, more, this technique is sensitive, accurate and needed a fewer time also, it's used without prior separation for color and excipient samples before the analysis.

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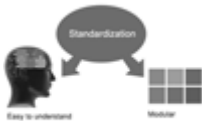
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