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# Spectrophotometric Determination of Cu (II) by Complexation with

2-(4-biphenyl) Imidazo[1,2-]Pyrimidine-3-Hydrazone and Studying

**Characteristics of Prepared Complex** 



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## Abstract

2-(4-biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-hydrazone (BIPH) is synthesized and used as a new complexation analytical reagent in quantitative determination of copper ions, a yellowish green complex is resulted from this reaction. At the beginning, the reaction conditions were optimized at 430 nm which is the maximum wave length ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the complex. The linear concentration range is 0.05-500ppm and the limit of detection is 0.122 ppm.

To test validity of this determination method, it was applied on samples with different matrix, and copper ion concentrations such as life samples of urine, tap water, wastewater and industrial samples of 4% copper alloy and 99% copper alloy. Standard addition method is also used to avoid matrix effect on analytical results. In application of suggested method, the values of relative error were (-4.536)–2.071% and values of recoveries were 95.46-102.07%.

The high stability constant of resulted complex ( $K=0.25\times10^8$ ), and the simplicity in procedure of complex preparation, both provided us a motivation to prepare complex, and to study some of its characteristics by performing the identified analyses such as FTIR, UV-Visible spectroscopy, SEM+EDX, conductance measurement, reflectance percent R% to enrich the proposed structure of complex.

KEYWORDS: Schiff base, spectrophotometric analysis, copper complex, hydrozone derivatives, Schiff base complex.

## INTRODUCTION

The compounds of Schiff base and their derivatives have wide range of applications in different domains [1]. But their complexes which are resulted from the reaction between Schiff base compounds and metal ions make their applications more and more active because these complexes:

- Have high stability in comparison with original parents as a result of Lewis basicity of imine (azomethine) group in metal complex [2].
- Are color products which can be used in quantitative and qualitative determination of metal ions at broad range of concentration by photometric techniques [3, 4].
- Are final compounds which are formed when preconcentration or separation steps of metal ions by extraction [5] are required.
- Act as catalysts in many chemical reactions [6].
- Possess better biological activities than original Schiff bases [7].

- Have vital roles especially with life ions (Cu(II), Fe(II), Zn(II), .....) in lived cells [8].
- Are improved various industrial applications of schiff bases especially as coloring agent in paint [9] and anticorrosion compounds [10].

Copper ions are important ions as a main content of an erythrocytes and hemoglobin beside ferrous ions [11]. Also Copper ion has essential participation in both metabolism and growth of living organisms, therefore cupric ions should involve in cell nutrition [8]. In spite of its importance, cupric ions at high concentration (in comparison with allowed concentrations) are considered as a dangerous problem because of its toxicity on lived organisms [12]. As a result of above copper ion advantages (at low concentration) and disadvantages (at high concentration), it is necessary for suitable quantification methods of Cupric determination to be available. Many methods were reported in determination of copper ions in different samples as shown in table (1).

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Reagent name	$\lambda_{max}$	linearity	comment	Reference
	nm			number
N,N <sup>-</sup> bissalicyliden-2,3-	414	6.35-318 $\frac{\mu g}{I}$	This method was	13
diimino pyridine		L	applied to determine	
			cupric ions in water	
			samples only.	
Rubeanic acid	380	0.65-2.65ppm	This method was used	14
			to quantify cupric ions	
			in mono or multi-	
			component system with	
			Co(II) and Ni(II)	
2,7-di(2-bezoththiazolyl)-	559	$1.92-127 \frac{\mu g}{I}$	Preconcentration and	15
fluorescein		L	dissolving in micellar	
			(Triton X-114) steps	
			were needed in this	
			determination method.	
4-(2 <sup>-</sup> benzothiazolylazo)-	485	$0.63-5.04 \frac{mg}{r}$	This method is applied	16
Salicylic acid		L	on Drugs and water	
			samples	

Table 1: Some of recent spectrophotometric methods for cupric ions determination.

In the present work, light is focused on using of 2-(4biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a] pyrimidine-3-hydrazone as a new complexation analytical reagent in cupric ion quantification at 430nm and acidic medium of pH=4. This method of copper determination is performed easily with high sensitivity on different samples.

To omit all expected interferences in sample matrix, standard addition method was used in determination process of copper ion in different samples.

Because the formation reaction of complex is spontaneous, so it was prepared to study some its characteristics.

## 2-Experimental

2.1- Instruments:

- FTIR-8400 (Fourier Transform Infrared) spectrophotometer from Schimadzu company with potassium chloride disk (in region 4000-400) was used to identify the prepared compounds, while cesium iodide disk (in region 4000-250 cm<sup>-1</sup>) was used to identify resulted complex.
- 2) Double beam spectrophotometer UV-1800 from Schimadzu Corporation Company.
- Single beam spectrophotometer of V-5000(320-1000 nm) from Metash company.
- SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) of Inspect S50 from FEI\_ Company Netherland.
- 5) EDX (Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy) of XFlash\_6110 from Bruker Company/ Germany.
- 6) Electronic balance, Heater with magnetic starrier.

- Diffused Reflectance UV-VIS Spectrometer of AvaSpectro-2048 from Avantes.
- 8) Spectro max- Germany for elemental analysis of mild steel.
- 9) Linseis Platinum Evaluation V1.0.89ravimetry to do thermal gravimetric analysis.
- 10) Magnetic Susceptibility Balance (JM) Johnson Matthey.

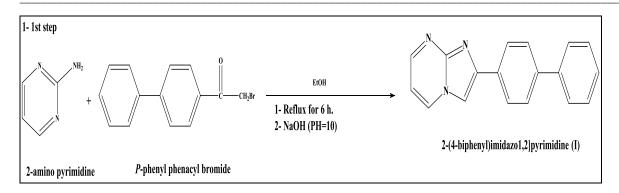
**2.2-** Chemicals: The chemicals with high purities from Fluka, BDH, Riedel de-Haen, Alpha Chemika, Alpha Aesar and Merck were used.

## 2.3 - Synthesis processes:

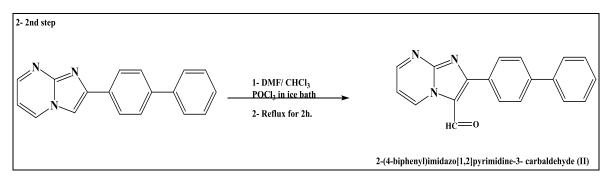
## **a.** Synthesis ligand of 2-(4-biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-hydrazone

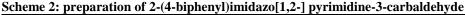
The compound above was prepared by three sequence steps [17] with some modifications as follow:

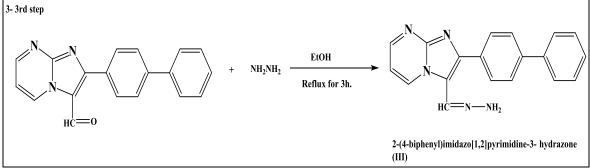
First step of Cyclization: To prepare (1mmol) of 2-(4biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine, 2.77gm (1mmol) of p-phenyl phenacyl bromide (as limiting reactant) was mixed with 0.95gm (1mmol) of 2- amino pyrimidine. 10-12 ml of ethanol was added to the resulted mixture and refluxed with magnetic stirring for 6hours. The resulted solution was cooled and basified to pH=10 by adding 2-3ml of 5% Sodium Hydroxide. Solid crystals was formed, filtered, washed with water, and dried well in oven. The product yield was 95%.

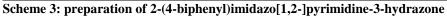


Scheme 1: preparation of 2-(4-biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine









Second step of aldehyde derivative preparation: In ice bath 5ml of chloroform was mixed with 1ml of dimethyl formamide. To this mixture, 2ml of POCl<sub>3</sub> was added drop by drop to maintain reaction temperature under 10C° because reaction is exothermic. Then 2.71 gm (1mmol) of solid 2-(4biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine with 5-7ml chloroform were added alternatively to cold mixture with stirring. The resulted mixture was reflexed with magnetic stirring for 2hours. The resulted solution was cooled with ice bath, filtered, washed with ethanol, and dried in oven. The product of 2-(4biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-] pyrimidine-3- carbaldehyde yield was 91.3 %.

Third step of hydrazone derivative preparation: 3gm (1mmol) of 2-(4-biphenyl) imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-carbaldehyde was dissolved in 10-12 ml of ethanol, and 1-2ml of 99.5% hydrated hydrazine was added. The resulted solution was stirred and refluxed for 3hours, then cooled and filtered to get 82.23% of 2-(4-biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-hydrazone which was recrystallized with ethanol.

## b-Complex Synthesis:

Complex preparation process is spontaneous, so complex can obtained by mixing equal volumes of (1000ppm) aqueous metal solution and (2000ppm) ligand solution (it is prepared by dissolving 0.2gm in small volume (5-10)ml of DMF or DMSO and completed volume with ethanol which has less boiling point and easily to evaporate). The mixture was left for few days to complete reaction, excess solvent to evaporate, and complex crystals to settle.

Solid precipitate was washed with water, filtered, and treated with ether to remove residual solvent. In this procedure, the yielded product is poor 25-30%.

Complex yield product can be increased to 60-70% by refluxing mixture of 2mmole (0.626gm) 2-(4biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-hydrazone which dissolved in hot ethanol with 1mmole(0.25gm) of copper sulfate penta hydrate(CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O) or (0.24 gm)of copper nitrate trihydrate  $(Cu(NO_3)_2.3H_2O)$  or (0.17gm) of copper chloride dehydrate (CuCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O). The mixture was magnetic stirred with reflux for 2-3hours. The yielded product was filtered, washed with distilled water, acetone to remove unreacted substances, and with ether to remove any residual solvents. Then the precipitate was dried in oven.

# 2.4- Preparation of chemical solutions and samples:1) Buffer solutions:

By diluting 82.2ml of 37% Hydrochloric acid (1.2gm/ml) to 1L with water, stock solution of 1N of hydrochloric acid is prepared. 0.2N of hydrochloric acid (HCl) was prepared by proper diluting of stock solution above. 0.2N of potassium chloride (KCl) was prepared by dissolving (1.5)gm in water. Buffer solutions with pH=1 and 2 were prepared by mixing various volumes of both of them and reaching the required volume by adding distilled water.0.1N of sodium acetate (NaOAc) and 0.1N of acetic acid (HOAc) were prepared. By weighing (0.82 and 0.6)gm respectively and dissolving in water to 1L. Mixing various volumes of both of them and reaching the required volume by adding distilled water, buffer solutions with pH=3 ,4 , and 5 were prepared. sodium dihydrogen 0.1N of phosphate NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>(1.2gm in 1L water) and 0.1 N of sodium hydroxide NaOH(0.4gm in 1L) were prepared. By mixing various volumes of both of them and reaching the required volume by adding distilled water, buffer solutions with pH=6, 7, and 8 were prepared. All buffers were tested by indicator strips.

- Ligand solution: 0.01M (3130ppm) of prepared ligand was prepared by dissolving calculated 0.313gm of ligand 2-(4-biphenyl)imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine-3-hydrazone in 100 ml of DMF or DMSO as good solvents. By suitable dilution 2000ppm of BIPH was prepared and used in determination method.
- 3) Interference ions:

500ppm of cations salts as nitrate of (aluminum Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, copper Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, cadmium Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, barium (Ba(NO3)<sub>2</sub>, ferric (Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, Nickel Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), lanthanum chloride LaCl<sub>3</sub>, ammonium molybdate (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>, and of anions sodium chloride (NaCl), sodium bromide (NaBr), sodium

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thiosulfate  $(Na_2S_2O_3)$ , potassium sulfate  $(K_2SO_4)$ , sodium acetate $(CH_3COONa)$ , sodium oxalate  $(Na_2C_2O_4)$ , sodium dihydrogen phosphate  $(NaH_2PO_4)$ , potassium iodide (KI) were prepared by weighing 2.5mg and dissolved in 5ml

- *4) Samples preparation:*
- a- Wastewater sample was taken from influent of waste water treatment plant (Al-Karkh project), collected in glass bottle(1L) with 1-2drops of concentrated nitric acid to stop any further action of microorganisms. Then the sample was filtered, neutralized with few drops of conc. sodium hydroxide to be ready to analyze. 1ml of this sample is added to each of four volumetric(5ml), 1ml of standard copper sulfate of 0.5, 1.25, 2.5 ppm were added to 2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup>, and forth volumetric flasks respectively with 2 ml of BIPH ligand (2000ppm in DMF)+0.5 ml of buffer and finally completed volume to 5ml.
- b- Tap water sample: 1ml of fresh tap water (Al-Resafa side) was added to each of four volumetric flasks which contained 2ml of BIPH (2000 ppm)+ 1ml of: deionized water, standard solutions of copper sulfate of 0.1, 0.3, 0.5 ppm were added to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> volumetric flasks respectively, then the volume was completed to 5ml with deionized water. It was noticed that the addition of buffer solution reduces sensitivity by decreasing solution color intensity; therefore determination process was done without buffer addition.
- 99% Copper alloy: 0.17gm of 99% copper alloy cwas weighed, 12ml of mixture of 2ml concentrated hydrochloric acid + 10ml of concentrated nitric acid was added to dissolve solid alloy with stirring. The resulted solution was heated gently near dryness, and then 5ml sulfuric acid (diluted with water in 1:1 ratio) was added to convert white solid to blue solution because of the formation of hydrated copper sulfate. The solution was filtered and the volume is completed to 100ml with distilled water [18]. 1 ml of this stock solution was transferred volumetric flask of 50ml, diluted with deionized and by adding slowly and carefully few drops(approximately 0.5ml) of concentrated sodium hydroxide to prevent precipitation of blue copper hydroxide (at suitable hydroxide concentration) and to neutralize strong acidic medium (pH=1) which reduces color intensity of complex, the volume is completed to 50ml. It is important to test pH after each addition indicator strips to make sure that sample solutions had moderate to neutralized pH and the solution was tested by indicator strips. 1ml of the last solution is suitable for copper

determination by standard addition with 1ml of standard solutions of (25, 50, and 100) ppm of copper sulfate, then added to 2ml of BIPH ligand and completed volume with deionized water to 5 ml.

- d-4% Copper alloy: 0.7gm of 4% copper alloy was treated as former alloy and 100 ml of its solution was prepared. 1ml of above solution was diluted to 25ml and its acidity organized to 5-7 pH by carfull added of sodium hydroxide to prevent precipitation of aluminum hydroxide which is led to make solution turbid and absorbance readings to be variable. 2ml of above alloy solution+1ml of standard copper sulfate (0, 25, 50, 100) were added to 2ml of BIPH. As another procedure, 1ml of 4% copper alloy (100ml) was diluted to 5ml, then 1ml of this solution was added to each of four (10 ml) volumetric flasks and 0, 3, 6, 8,5 ml of 100ppm standard copper sulfate added to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the 4<sup>th</sup> volumetric flasks respectively with organization acidity of each one by 1 drop of concentrated sodium hydroxide.
- e- Urine sample: 5ml of concentrated nitric acid was added to 50 ml of urine sample and heated gently for 3-5 then cooled, 1ml of concentrated Sulfuric acid and 1ml of 60% perchloric acid were added to cooled solution. The mixture was reheated for 20-25 minutes. The content was cooled, filtered and neutralized with ammonium hydroxide in presence 1.5ml of 0.01% sodium tartrate, then the content was poured into 10ml volumetric flasks and diluted with water [18]. Equal volumes (1ml) of urine solution and standard solution of copper sulfate (5, 10, 20) ppm were added to 2ml of 2000ppm BIPH, and volume was completed to 5ml with deionized water.
- 5) Solutions of anticorrosion measurement:
- 0.1M of Hydrochloric acid (HCl) was prepared by diluting solution of 1 M of HCl. The solution of 1M was prepared from original HCl bottle with purity =36%, and density =1.98 g/ml. The required concentration was standardized by titration with 0.1 M of sodium carbonate Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and methyl orange as indicator. 0.01 M of complex was prepared by dissolving 0.4gm in small volume of DMF and complete volume with 0.1M of hydrochloric acid solution .Other dilutions were done to prepare , 0.001, 0.0001, and 0.00001 M of complex solutions
- 6) Solutions of antibacterial activity:

500 ppm of complex was prepared by dissolving 2.5mg of complex in 5ml of dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO). By using the same solvent above, sample

solution of complex was prepared for conductivity measurement.

#### **Results and Discussion**

As in image 1, formation of yellowish green product as a result of mixing copper ion and ligand solutions for different concentrations of both of them is an evidence of reaction happening.



Image 1: from left to right, solution of copper sulfate, complex, and BIPH ligand.

Because of the considerable difference between maximum wave lengths ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) 360nm of ligand and 430 nm of complex, it is suitable to use colored complex in spectrophotometric determination of copper ions in its samples.

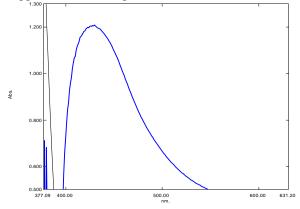


Figure 1: absorption spectrum of ligand (its solvent DMF as blank) in black line, and

absorption spectrum of resulted complex (ligand as blank) in blue line.

3.1- Optimization conditions for spectrophotometric quantitative determination of cupric ion:

## I. Effect of ligand solvent

Ligand has good solubility in DMSO and DMF but slightly soluble in ethanol (40%). According to solubility sequence above, intensity of color complex is increased in direction of increasing ligand solubility

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as in figure 2. This effect was studied on sample solution which was contained 1ml of 200ppm of cupric ion + 1ml of 2000ppm of BIPH solution and complete volume to 5ml.

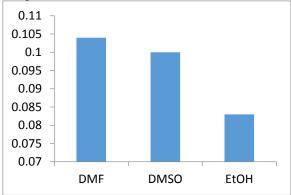


Figure 2: Effect of ligand solvent on complex color intensity.

# II. Effect of metal salt

Effect of metal source (its salt) on complex color intensity was studied for sample mixture of 1ml 200ppm cupric ion + 1ml of 2000ppm of BIPH solution and complete volume to 5ml. there is no considerable influence for metal salt as in table 2:

Table 2: metal salt effect on complex color intensity

Metal ion salt	Absorbance
CuSO <sub>4</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O	0.106
Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	0.101
CuCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.109

## III. Effect of pH

By mixing equal volumes (1ml) of each of 1250ppm ligand, 1250ppm metal ion solutions, and 0.5ml of buffers with different pH, and complete volume to 5ml. After waiting period for 10 minutes to complete reaction, absorbance of complex solutions was recorded. It was found that the best medium acidity to perfume complex formation and to get a maximum light response (at 430 nm) was at pH = 4 as in figure 3. In the strong acidic medium, complex's absorbance is low and this is may be due to ligand (Schiff base) instability which leads to ligand dissociation and retardation complex formation. While in basic pH, absorbance also is reduced [19] because of salt formation between metal ions and basic ions of medium and turbid appearance of solution is a proof of this reaction. In figure 3, pH=0 refers to sample solution without buffer addition.

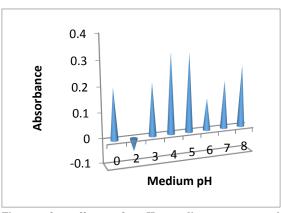


Figure 3: effect medium complex of рH on formation. рH solution without Zero refers to buffer addition.

#### IV. Effect of M:L fold:

Light absorption of yellowish green complex is increased with increasing mole ratio of M:L, in another words that means increasing sensitivity of analytical method. The absorption of complex is not only maximum (at M:L = 1:75) but also is constant for more than 80-100 minutes because of high complex stability at these conditions. Despite of the excess amount of ligand at M:L = 1:75, there is no absorbance error because samples absorbance was measured against blanks which were prepared according to samples content to omit the effect of excess ligand. The effect of M: L folds from 1:1 to 1:75 on complex color intensity at metal ion conc. (0.0001 N), buffer's pH=4 and 8-10 minutes was studied as in figure 5. To cover the influence of M:L folds in increasing method's sensitivity at low metal ions concentration(0.0001N=25ppm) ,wide range of M:L from 1:1 to 1:250 was used in cupper spectrophotometric determination at pH=4 and 8-10 minutes as reaction time as in figure 4.

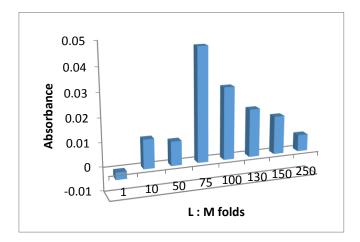


Figure 4: effect of BIPH ligand folds.

## V. Effect of sequence addition

As shown in table 3, the best sequence of solutions addition (in complex formation) to deserve maximum absorbance is Ligand(L)+buffer(B)+metal(M)+water (W). This result is expected because buffered ligand solution is a suitable medium to form complex with better color intensity. The reaction involved addition solutions of 0.5 ml buffer, 2ml of 1500 ppm ligand, 2ml of 1500 ppm cupric ion solution, and distilled water to 5ml.

 Table 3: effect of sequence addition on complex color intensity

Sequence of	absorbance
addition	
M+B+ L	0.450
B+M+L	0.420
L+B+M	0.572
B+L+M	0.531

## VI. Effect of reaction time:

Particularly at high cupric ion concentration (1250ppm), the reaction of complex formation approximately requires to 40 minutes to complete and absorbance to reach it's maximum value as in figure (5). But even at low cupric ion conc., the formation reaction did no need more than 10 minutes to complete when M:L folds was 1:75, linear relationship (between color intensity and time required to complete reaction) was recorded as in figure (6). This waiting time is considered as a first strong proof on complex formation after mixing solutions of both of them (metal ion and ligand) at very low concentrations (colorless solutions), and distinguished yellowish green color of complex is appeared after passing period of time.

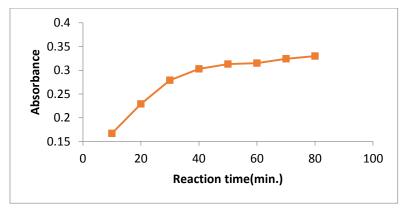


Figure 5: The dependence of complex color intensity on reaction time at 1:1 (M:L) folds.

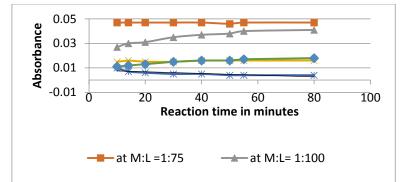


Figure 6: The decreasing influence of reaction time on color of complex at different folds of M:L

#### VII Effect of temperature

Because reaction is spontaneous, no positive influence of temperature changes (it is done by ice bath and hot water bath) on increasing color intensity was observed. As shown in table 4, color intensity of complex was decreased with temperature increasing because of crystals formation which is led to absorbance decreasing.

Table 4: temperature i	ifluence on decreasing color
intensity of complex.	

In	room	In ice bath	In hot water
temperature			bath
0.162		0.146	0.151

## VIII. Shelf life of BIPH:

Despite of that both BIPH solutions (one of them is freshly prepared and another was prepared before more than two months) have very similar spectrum with very simple exception, there was unreasonable results and nonlinear relationship were obtained when old prepared BIPH was used as an analytical reagent. Figure 7 exhibits the spectrum of both of them and the related values are listed in table 5.

Table 5: values of peaks and valleys in spectrum of fresh and old prepared BIPH.

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Freshly prepared					
BIPH	(since 2-3 months)				
Peak 362.00, 3.462.	Peak 979.00, 0.067.				
Valley 206.00, -	Peak 344.00, 3.772				
4.000.	Valley 922.00,				
	0.063				

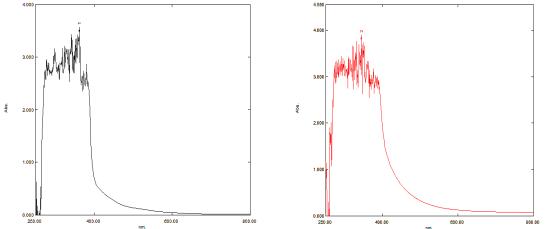
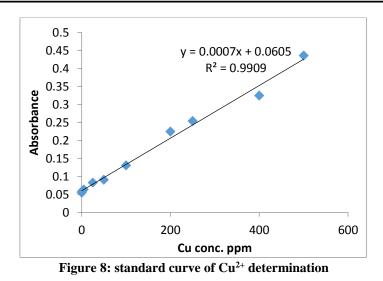


Figure 7: spectrum of 0.05N of freshly prepared BIPH in DMF solvent (in left side with black color) and prepared BIPH before one year (in right side with red color).

The optimum conditions for quantification of copper content are summarized in table 6

Parameter	Optimum value
Wave length	430 nm
Acidity	4
L:M fold	75:1
Sequence of chemicals addition	Ligand + buffer + metal ion
Reaction time (min.)	10 min.
Reaction temperature	Room temperature
M:L in complex composition	1:2



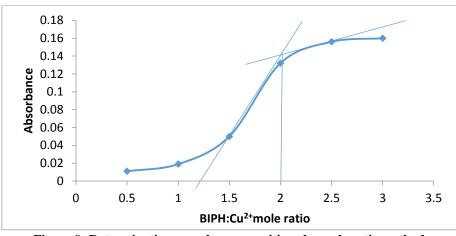


Figure 9: Determination complex compositions by mole ratio method.

#### 3.2- Method validation:

By mixing 2ml of ligand (2000ppm) +0.5 ml buffer (pH=4) + 2ml metal with different concentrations (0.1-1500ppm) and complete volume with distilled water to 5 ml, and leaving solution mixture for 8-10 minutes to make reaction complete. The following results were Table 7 statistical treatment of analytical results of

recorded, and standard curve was drawn for concentrations range (0.5-500) ppm as shown in figure 8. The statistical treatment of these values was listed in table 7:

Table 7: statistical treatment of ana	alytical results of standard curve.
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	Standard curve
Regression equation	Y=0.0007X + 0.0605
Correlation coefficient, r <sup>2</sup>	0.9909
Linearity percentage, r <sup>2</sup> %	99.09
Linearity range, mg/L(ppm)	0.05-500
Molar absorptivity constant <i>L/mol.cm</i>	$0.175 \times 10^3$
=slope of line (molar) <sup>-1</sup> /path length(cm)	
Slope, b	0.0007
Intercept, a	0.0605
Standard deviation of residual, $S_{y/x}$	0.0155
Standard deviation of slope, S <sub>b</sub>	$2.864 \times 10^{-5}$
Standard deviation of intercept, S <sub>a</sub>	$2.789 \times 10^{-3}$
LoD=3S <sub>b</sub> /b, mg/L	0.122
$LoQ=10S_b/b, mg/L$	0.4026

3.3- Estimation of complex composition by mole ratio method: This method is done by mixing different volumes of ligand solution with the same volume of metal ions solution at each time, the absorbance of resulted complex solutions were recorded after passing reaction time of 10 minutes. It is important to prepare each of metal ions and ligand solutions in equal concentrations. As in figure below, M:L mole ratio in complex equals to 1:2.

3.4-Evaluation of stability constant and spontaneousity of complex formation:

$$2L + Cu^{+2} \rightarrow [CuL_2]^{+2}$$

According to above equation the complex is formed, so stability constant K of this complex can be expressed as bellow [18]:

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

 $\propto$ : is degree of dissociation, C: complex concentration in molar (mole. L<sup>-1</sup>) and equaled to 0.0013 M.  $\propto -\frac{Am^{-A_s}}{2}$ 

$$\propto = \frac{m_m}{4m}$$

 $A_m$ = absorbance at complex solution after stoichiometric M:L ratio.

A<sub>s</sub>= absorbance of complex solution at stoichiometric M:L ratio. The spontaneousity of complex formation reaction can be estimated based on K evaluation:

 $\Delta G = -RT \ln K$ 

 $\Delta G: \ Gibbs \ free \ energy, \ R: \ 8.314 \ joul/mol.k \ , \\ T:absolute \ temperature$ 

Table 8: The	parameters	were used t	to calculate c	complex stability	v constant.

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Am	As	X	K	log K	$\Delta \mathbf{G}$ in joule at 300k°
0.156	0.132	0.154	0.343×10 <sup>8</sup>	7.535	-43276
0.153	0.123	0.196	$0.158 \times 10^{8}$	7.199	-41342
			Average=0.25×10 <sup>8</sup>		Av.= -42487

## 3.5- Ions interference:

Effect of ions interference on copper ion quantification is studied. As in table (9), existence of some ions in medium of copper ions determination caused errors. In the table below anions which cased errors less than acceptable were listed and also the effect of some cations on complex color intensity was studied. It was found that the presence of (500ppm) sodium oxalate in 1000ppm copper sulfate solution led to completely mask of 500ppm of cadmium, cobalt, and nickel nitrate. While addition of oxalate ion did not make interferences of lanthanum, molybdenum, ferric, barium, and aluminum ions under control range.

## 3.6- The applications:

Standard addition method is used to determine copper content even at low concentration and to avoid effect of matrix in different samples. The resulted values and their statistical treatment are showed in figures (10-15) and table 10 below:

Anions	Permitted conc. (ppm)	Recovery %
$Na_2S_2O_3$	<650	101.315
NaCl	<120	104.7
NaBr	<200	103.46
$Na_2C_2O_4$	<100	98.62
KI	<120	101.50
CH <sub>3</sub> COONa	<100	99.01
NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	<10	95.62-94.19
Cations in presence of oxalate		
$Cd(NO_3)_2$ , $Co(NO_3)_2$ , $Ni(NO_3)_2$	<500	95.18-95.45
Ba(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ,	Un acceptable error at concentration 500 ppm and	
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> , Fe(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , LaCl <sub>3</sub>	less despite of presence of oxalate ions.	

#### Table 10: application of suggested method on determination of cupper ion content (ppm) in some samples.

Type of sample	Concentration of Copper ion	Concentration of	Relative error	Recovery%
	content	Copper ion content	E <sub>rel</sub> %	
	by another determination	by suggested		
	method (ppm)	determination		
		method		
Tap water from Al-	0 ppm	0.035 (ppm)*	-	-
Resafa side				
Wastewater Al-	2.65 ppm, spectrophotometric	2.632 (ppm)	-0.68	99.32
Karkh project	by DR 3900 HACH instrument.			
Urine	100-1200 $\mu g/dL$ normal range	11.683 ppm	-	-
4% copper alloy (1)	0.028	0.02673 gm	- 4.536	95.464
4% copper alloy (2)	0.028	0.02858 gm	2.071	102.071
99% copper alloy	0.1584 gm	0.1575 gm	- 0.568	99.432

\* When absorbance of analyte alone equals to zero or near to zero (negative value), and I think sample concentration is zero and no need to standard addition.

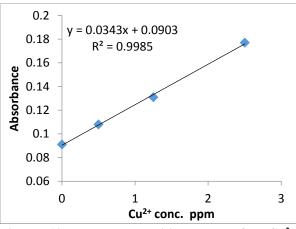


Figure 10: standard addition curve for Cu<sup>2+</sup> determination in wastewater.

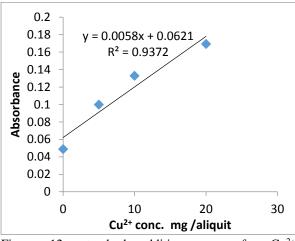


Figure 12: standard addition curve for  $Cu^{2+}$  determination in 4% copper alloy (sample 1).

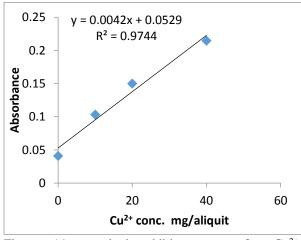


Figure 14: standard addition curve for  $Cu^{2+}$  determination in 99% copper alloy.

## 3.7- Identification of complex's characteristics.

a- Appearance: image 2 is included images of both BIPH ligand and its complex with copper ion.

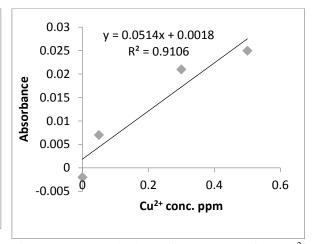


Figure 11: standard addition curve for  $Cu^{2+}$  determination in tap water.

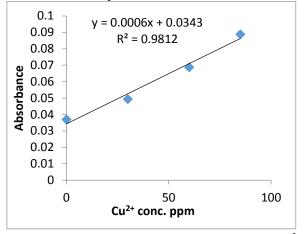


Figure 13: standard addition curve for  $Cu^{2+}$  determination in 4% copper alloy (sample 2).

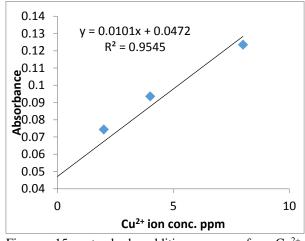


Figure 15: standard addition curve for  $Cu^{2+}$  determination in urine sample.

b- HNMR spectrum: according to information of figure 16 which are summarized in table 11, magnetic spectrum of BIPH ligand improves its formation.

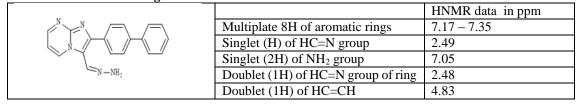
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c- FTIR analysis: In FT-IR spectrum, peaks shifting and appearance of new peaks in IR spectrum of complex in comparison with ligand's IR spectrum are considered as reliable evidence of complex formation as in table 12.

Frequency of azomethine group in ligand is shifted to less value in complex because of decreasing electronic density on nitrogen atom which is participated by it's electron pair with metal ion in formation of covalent bond of complex. The positive or negative shifting values are not determined in specified limits, because they are depending on the structure of original ligands and resulted complexes [20].



Image 2: crystals of BIPH precipitate (in left), and crystals of complex (in right). **Table 11: HNMR data of ligand.** 



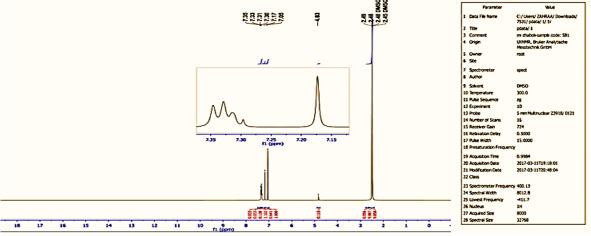
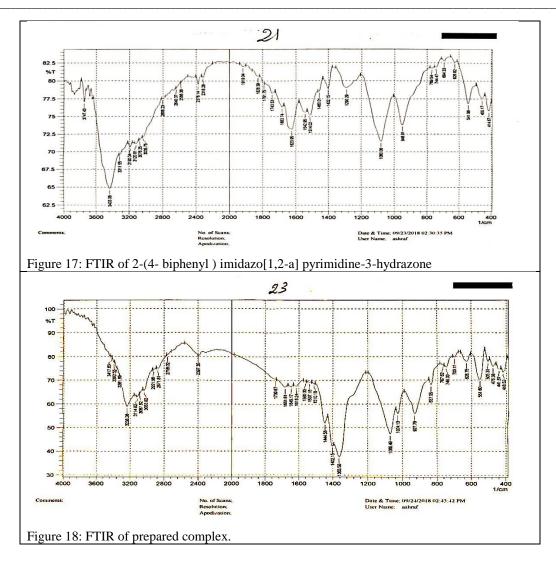


Figure 16: HNMR spectrum of ligand.

#### Table 12: Some of distinguished peaks in IR spectrum of ligand and complex.

Frequency of bond vibration	$\nu$ (N-H <sub>2</sub> )	$\nu$ (C=N)	ν(C-N)	$\nu$ (C=C) aromatic	Cu-
in cm <sup>-1</sup>		azomethine		ring	Ν
Ligand	3190	1623	1290	1542	-
	3311		1402	1460	
Complex	3238	1616	1363	1537	476
-	3361		1402	1444	505



## d- UV-Visible spectra:

By recording spectrum of both of the prepared ligand against dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) solvent as blank, and the same step was repeated with prepared complex (which dissolved in the same solvent) against DMSO as blank. The ligand band 239 nm is attributed to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of imidazole, while the band of 290 nm is due to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  of other aromatic rings, and 383 nm is related to  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  of azomethine group [21-24].

 Table 13: The electronic transitions in absorbtion

 spectrum of ligand and complex.

1	Wave	Wave	Assignment
	length	number	8
	$(\lambda)$ in	$(\nu)$ in	
	nm	cm <sup>-1</sup>	
Ligand	239	41841	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	290	34483	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	383	26110	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
complex	221	45249	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	349	28653	$d \rightarrow d$ M to L
			charge transfer.

The  $\pi \to \pi^*$  bands of ligand are shifted to lower wave length in complex, but the transition at 349 nm is attributed to  $d \to d$  transition of metal complex. While the  $d \to d$  transition was appeared at 409 nm when ligand was blank.

## e- Conductivity measurement

As another proof of complex formation, changing in sample conductivity from zero for ligand solution to  $100 \,\mu s$  at 40 mg/l for complex. This increase is due to ionic nature of complex in the comparison with the covalent nature of ligand.

## f- Evaluation color brightness of complex particles:

From spectrum which is plotted between variable reflectance percent (R% on y-axis) as a result of wave length changes (x-axis) of incident light on sample surface, the color of reflected light which solid complex particles appear in and intensity of this color can be determined.

Only when angle of fallen light equals to the angle of reflected light, reflectance percent is considered [25].

R% is ratio percent of reflected light intensity to total intensity of incident light. The particles of prepared complex are transmitted light in 570-580 nm with high intensity (brightness) at R% = 89%, this region of

greenish yellow color is enriched the result of absorption spectrum for visible light by complex solution in region above 410 nm.

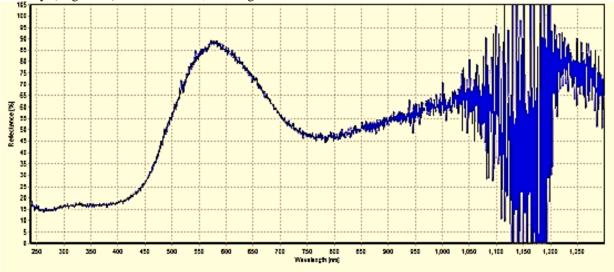
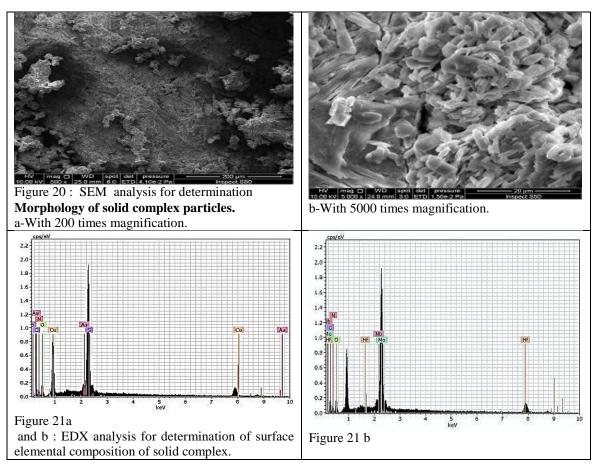


Figure 19: The reflectance spectrum of prepared complex. g- SEMs and EDX analysis:

Based on SEM analysis, it is observed that solid complex particles have coral reef-like structure. EDX analysis is enhanced the expected complex structure by composition percent determination of complex surface particles for all atoms (C, O, N, Cu, and S) containing in except hydrogen which cannot be recognized because of EDX technique nature. The solid particles size is 5  $\mu m$  at magnification = 2×10<sup>4</sup>.



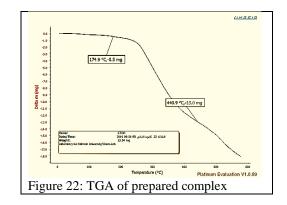
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Table 14. Summa	ry or some cha	acteristics	s of DIT II liganu anu j	prepareu sonu comj	pica.
Compound	Appearance	Melting	Conductivity	$\lambda_{max}$	Crystal size
		point C°	$\mu$ s at 21C°	nm	In µm
BIPH ligand	Yellow	160-	0 μs	239	-
_	crystals	162 C°		290	
				383	
Cu(BIPH) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Yellowish	184-	120 at TDS= 50mg/1	221	5 $\mu$ m at 2×10 <sup>4</sup>
	green	186C°	100 at TDS=40mg/1	349	magnification
	crystals		_		by SEM analysis

Table 14: summary of some characteristics of BIPH ligand and prepared solid complex.

## h- Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA):

From TG analysis diagram, it is observed that complex powder lost 2.12% (calculated percent was 2.2%) of its weight as water molecules from 0 - 175 C ° and 55.23% as a result of the complex decomposition above 175 C ° until 441 C°.



#### *i- Evaluation of effective magnetic moment:*

Gram magnetic sensitivity (Xg) was calculated using information from magnetic balance measurement of the complex, according to the below equation:

 $X_g = \frac{CL}{m \times 10^9} (\text{R-R}_{\circ})$ 

Xg =gram magnetic sensitivity, C = constant and equals to 1.5, L= lengthy and equal to 1 cm, R= sample tube reading, m= wt. of sample with tube – wt. of empty tube,  $R_0$ = empty sample tube reading.

 Table 15: Analytical results of magnetic balance o

 prepared f complex.

R	R	Wt. of tube +	Wt. of empty
		sample in gm	tube In gm
Zero	40	1.7658	1.7030

#### j.The antibacterial activity:

The copper hydrazone complex has a good antibacterial activity [26, 27]. This is due to complex inhibition of bacteria active sites and to complex distribution of bacteria respiratory system. In general

this antibacterial activity of compounds is due to bacteria cell wall structure which has vital rule in its survival [28, 29].

The activity of the copper complex can be understood according to coordination concept and electrons overlap between metal ion and ligand. This electronic delocalization process of chelate ring leads to increase lipophilicity of the complex. As a result of increased permeability, the cell barrier will breakdown [30].

The inhibition zone was expressed in mm for 500 ppm of complex.

Table 16: antibacterial activity of complex.

Staphylococcus aureus	Bacillus Subtilis	E. coli
-	11	12

*k*- *Anticorrosion activity:* 

It is essential for any inhibition molecule to possess atoms which can act as nucleophile centers (such as nitrogen or oxygen) to enter in bond formation by interaction with metal ions which represent electrons seeker in protection metal surface from corrosion by chemisorption [31].

As a result of inhibitor's characteristics above, Schiff bases and their complexes are expected to be good corrosion inhibitors.

The rate of mild steel corrosion was evaluated using the equation (1) below [32]:

 $W=\Delta m/St....(1)$ 

W is corrosion rate,  $\Delta m$  is the change in steel mass as a result of corrosion in (mg), S is the surface area in (cm2), and t is the time of immersion period in (hrs). By repeating the experiment two times and using the mean values, the inhibition efficiency percent (% IE) was determined using the equation (2) [31]:

% IE = Wo- Wi/ Wo× 100 ......(2)

Where Wo and Wi are the weight losses in blank (uninhibited) and inhibited corroding solutions respectively.

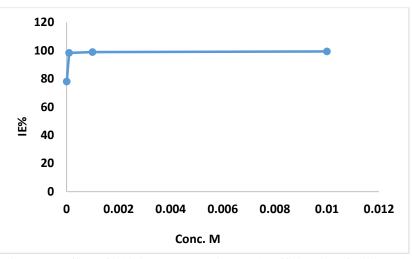


Figure 23: Effect of inhibitor concentration on the efficiencies of mild steel obtained at 25Co in 0.1M HCl containing different concentrations of complex.

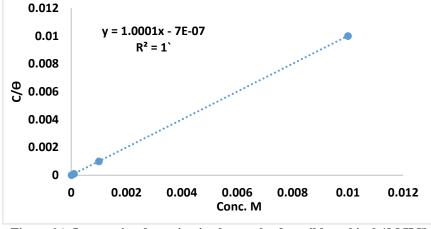


Figure 24: Langmuir adsorption isotherm plot for mild steel in 0.1M HCl solution in the presence in the presence of various concentrations of inhibitor (complex).

In order to plot the adsorption isotherm, the degree of surface coverage ( $\theta$ ) for various concentrations of the inhibitor in 1M HCl was achieved from weight loss measurements

 $(\theta = E \ (\%)/100)$  at 25Co and tested with Langmuir isotherm relationship (3) [33]:

$$C_{\theta} = 1_{K_{ads}} + C$$
 .....(3)

Where C is the concentration in M,  $K_{ads}$  is the equilibrium constant of the adsorption process.

 $K_{ads}$  values can be calculated from the intercepts of the straight line in figure (21). According to equation (4), Gibbs free energy of adsorption process ( $\Delta$ Goads) can be calculated: [34].

$$K_{ads} = \frac{1}{\pi \pi} \exp(-\frac{\Delta G_{ads}}{PT})....(4)$$

Where R is the gas constant (8.314 J/mol); T is the absolute temperature (K) and 55.5 is the water molar concentration. The determined  $\Delta$ Goads = -33.94

kJ.mol-1, it's negative sign is reflected the spontaneousity of adsorption process [35] and it's value is referred to physisorption and chemisorption participation in inhibitor work [36, 37].

#### 3.8-The proposed structure of the complex

The suggested structure of complex is [CuL<sub>2</sub>]SO<sub>4</sub> which in ligand is bonded to copper ion through azomethine nitrogen with high electronic density and heterocyclic secondary nitrogen. The proofs which are enriched this suggestion are:

- 1- White turbid solution was immediately resulted from reaction of 2-(4-biphenyl) imidazo[1,2-]pyrimidine with copper ion, this is an evidence that two secondary heterocyclic nitrogen atoms are not the bonding atoms in greenish yellow clear solution of our complex.
- No way for tertiary heterocyclic nitrogen atom to coordinate with ion.

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- 3- azomethine group (1<sup>st</sup> coordinated center) has high electronic density, so it is more able to coordinate with copper ion.
- 4- Both of two secondary hetrocyclic nitrogen atoms have ability to coordinate with copper ion, but one of them is done.
- 5- Sulfate group is ionic bonded in complex structure (out of coordination core), and changing the conductivity of the ligand from zero  $\mu s$  to respected value of complex is conclusive evidence of suggested structure.

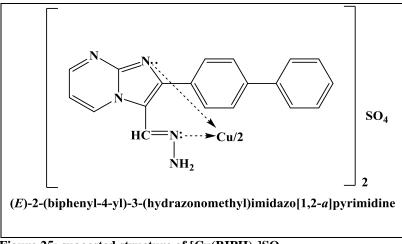


Figure 25: suggested structure of [Cu(BIPH)<sub>2</sub>]SO<sub>4</sub>.

## **Conclusion:**

The proposed method has many advantages such as: Complexion reagent is inexpensive, available, and can be prepared in any scale with high purity.

There is no need to pretreatment step to increase analyte concentration, because suggested method is valid for broad range of concentrations in different samples.

Other analyses such as elemental analysis, mass spectroscopy are necessary to implement on complex to be ensure of its structure, also to open new windows on other applications of complex.

It will be good goal to look for another analytical technique which should be more economic and suitable for routine, daily analysis of different samples.

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حضر مركب 2-(4-فنيل)أيميداز و(1و2-) بير ميدين 3- هيدر از ون ليستخدم ككاشف في تقدير ايون النحاس طيفيا عند اقصى طول موجى في 430 نيانومتر. بعد ان حددت الظروف المثلب للتفاعل والمتمثلة بحامضية وسطمقدارها 4 و8-10 دقائق كوقت ملائم للتفاعل. تم تحضير منحني المعايرة القياسي والذي اظهر استجابة خطية تتراوح 0,1-1500 جزء بالمليون وحد كشف 0,057 جزء بالمليون. و لأخنب أر صــلاحية الطريقة المقترحة ف\_ تقدير محتوى النحاس فقد طبقت هذه الطريقة علمي نماذج مختلفة فمي طبيعتهما وتركير محتوى النحماس فيهما كالنماذج الحيمة من مياه المسنبور , مياه المسرّف المسحي الادرار , ونماذج مسناعية كسبائك النحساس 4% و 99% وبأستخدام طريقة الاضافات القياسية. وتراوح الخطا النسبي لهذه التحاليك (-4.537)-2.07% واستعادية مقدارها 95,46-102.07%, وقد اثبتت النتائج حساسية عالية لهذه الطريقة لمديات وإسعة من تركيز النحاس. وبسبب ثابيت الاستقراريه العالى للمعقد النباتج من تفاعل تقدير ايون النحاس (0.25×10<sup>8</sup>) وسهولة تحضيرة حيث انه مجرد ترك مرزيج محاليل الايون مع الليكاند لعدة ايام وبالاخص عندما يكون مذيب الليكاند مزيج من حجم قليل من داي مثيل فور ماميد لضمان جودة الأذابية وحجم اكبر متبقى من الابثانول لسهولة تطابره فسنلاحظ انفصال بلورات المعقد بلونها الممبر وبتوفر امكانبة للتنقبة كل ذلك ادى ال\_ تحضير المعقد لدر اسة بعض خصائصه عن طربق اجراء تحاليل اطباف ماتحت الحمراء, واطبياف امتصاص منطقة تحت البنفسجية –المرئية، قياسات الانعاكسية 8% م قياسيات التوصيلية الكهربائية وقياسيات المستح الالكتروني المجهري SEM , طيف الاشعة السينية مشتتة الطاقة EDX , القياس الوزني الحراري TG. قياس المغناطيسبة وذلك لتعزير المقترح الخاص بالتركيب المحتمل المعقد

الخلاصة