



## Study of Electrochemical Redox Reaction of $\text{CuSO}_4$ Salt with Amoxicillin at Different Temperatures Using Glassy Carbon Electrode



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### Abstract

The redox behavior of copper sulfate in absence and presence of Amoxicillin was studied at two different temperatures (288.15 and 298.15)K. The redox behavior was studied in 0.1 M HCl electrolyte, potential range from (1.5 to -1.5)V. The copper ions concentration is small ones ranging from ( $3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1.67 \times 10^{-3}$ )M. Only one reduction and one oxidation peaks are obtained in our results indicating the reduction and oxidation of the divalent copper ions to the zero valent copper metal. All the solvation cyclic voltammetry parameters were evaluated at the two temperatures used and their values were discussed for cupric ions in presence and absence of Amoxicillin. Also, the thermodynamic parameters for the interaction of copper ions with Amoxicillin as stability constant, Gibbs free energies, enthalpies and entropies of interaction were calculated. The thermodynamic parameters indicate that the reaction between cupric ions and Amoxicillin is chemical reaction (high negative Gibbs free energies values), good spontaneous (positive entropies) and endothermic chemical reaction (valuable positive values). Energy values of interaction between Amx and 2hg6 which obtained by molecular docking calculations indicate that Amx has an anticancer activity for liver cancer treatment

**Keywords:** Redox reaction; Cyclic voltammetry; amoxicillin;  $\text{CuSO}_4$ ; Temperature; Thermodynamic parameters; Molecular docking

### Introduction

Voltametric techniques are characterized by many analytical merits which include outstanding sensitivity to organic and inorganic solutions with wide range of concentrations and temperatures, determination variety of useful solvents and electrolytes, its strength in calculation kinetic and mechanistic parameters, estimation of unknown parameters, the ability to form different wave forms and measure small current [1, 2].

The work in the thesis includes one type of voltametric techniques which is called cyclic voltametry. Cyclic Voltametry is voltametric technique which is used to describe the redox behavior of the electrochemical reaction. It was first announced in 1938 and characterized by Randles [3]. A lot of researches discuss cyclic voltametry of

copper with different ligand [4-6]. Copper has an important role in many biological processes inside the human and animal bodies. Copper complexes has great attention as good reagent against bacterial activity and used for humans and animals as nutritious [7, 8]. Proteins which are natural occurring materials are essential for a large number of vital functions [9]. Transition metal complexes with them and in peptides are consumed in several biological processes [10]. Both potentiometric and spectroscopic techniques take special attention, due to its accurate values for the estimation of stability constants from voltametric techniques and also on its ability to give structural information [11, 12]. However, these methods have specific condition and can critically use in concentrated solutions. The oxidation and reduction processes for  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and its

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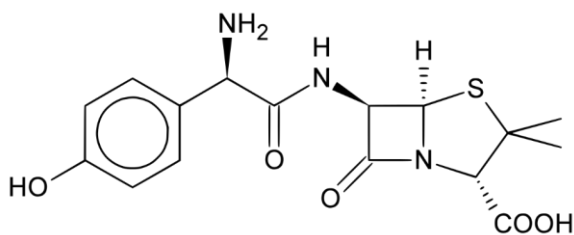
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interaction with Amoxicillin were done in aqueous medium and the data was analyzed using origin software.

### Experimental

The chemicals used in the present study are copper sulfate salt,  $\text{CuSO}_4$  from Oxford Co. India, Amoxicillin from Merck Co, hydrochloric acid pure (HCl) from Adwic Co Company and bidistilled water with conductivity of 3 micro Siemens.



Amoxicillin (Amx)	
<b>Synonyms</b>	((2S,5R,6R)-{[2R-2-Amino-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]amino}-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3,2,0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid) sodium salt
<b>Formula</b>	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$
<b>Mol. Wt.</b>	365.4 g/mol

The cyclic voltametric studies were done by using DY2000 multichannel potentiometer, delivered from USA. It was connected to a cell of three electrodes, silver/silver chloride put in saturated KCl solution used as reference electrode, solid glassy carbon electrode (SGC) was used as working electrode and platinum wire, auxiliary electrode. The solid glassy carbon electrode (SGR) surface was polished to mirror state using 1-0.03 micro alumina powder. The SGR was washed with absolute alcohol and doubly-distilled water till removing any adhering alumina particles. Area of electrode is  $(5.72 \times 10^{-2}) \text{ cm}^2$ . The system was applied from (1.5 to -1.5)V potential window and (0.1, 0.02, 0.01) $\text{V} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  scan rates at different temperatures (288.15 and 298.15)K. Passing purified  $\text{N}_2$  was done before each experiment to insure inert atmosphere and diffusion experiment. Finally, the data was analyzed using origin software.

### Results and Discussion

$\text{CuSO}_4$  reduction and oxidation behaviors in absence and presence of Amoxicillin have been examined in 0.1M HCl using cyclic voltametry at (288.15 and 298.15) K.

### 3.1. Electrochemical behavior of $\text{CuSO}_4$ ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) in absence of Amoxicillin (Amx) at (288.15 and 298.15)K

#### 3.1.1 Effect of different $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ concentrations in absence of Amx at (288.15 and 298.15)K

First, the cyclic voltamogram of 30 ml HCl (0.1) M as a supporting electrolyte was measured from (1.5 to -1.5)V using DY2000 multichannel potentiometer at (288.15 and 298.15)K, Fig.1. Then, the redox behavior of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  was examined in 0.1 M HCl by adding  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions solution step wisely from 1 ml ( $3.32 \times 10^{-4}$ ) M to 6 ml ( $16.7 \times 10^{-4}$ ) M as shown in Fig.2.

The electrochemical redox behavior of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  in absence of Amoxicillin using solid glassy carbon electrode was studied at the steady state current, cyclic waves were obtained and explained using the following equations [7, 24].

$$i_p = 0.4463 n F A C (n F D v / R T)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

$i_p$  is the current in ampere,  $A$  is the surface area of working electrode in  $\text{cm}^2$ ,  $D$  is the diffusion coefficient in  $\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ ,  $v$  is the scan rate in volts/sec and  $C$  is the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  concentration.

$\Delta E_p$  is the peak potential difference and calculated from equation (2)

$$\Delta E_p = E_{pa} - E_{pc} \quad (2)$$

If  $\Delta E_p$  will close to  $59/n$  mv (at 298.15K) the reaction is reversible where,  $n$  is the number of electrons in redox reactions

The standard heterogeneous electron transfer rate constant  $k_s$  in cm/sec were calculated by applying the following equation (3):

$$k_s = 2.18 * [D_C \alpha_n F v / RT]^{1/2} * \exp [\alpha^2 n F \Delta E_p / RT] \quad (3)$$

where:  $\alpha$  is charge transfer coefficient and  $n_a$  is the numbers of electron transfer in the rate determining step.

Assuming that  $\alpha$  coefficient is equal to 0.5. Hence,  $\alpha n_a$  will be as the shown in equation (4)

$$\alpha n_a = 1.857 RT / (E_{pc} - E_{pc/2}) F \quad (4)$$

where  $E_{pc/2}$  is the half wave potential for cathodic peak

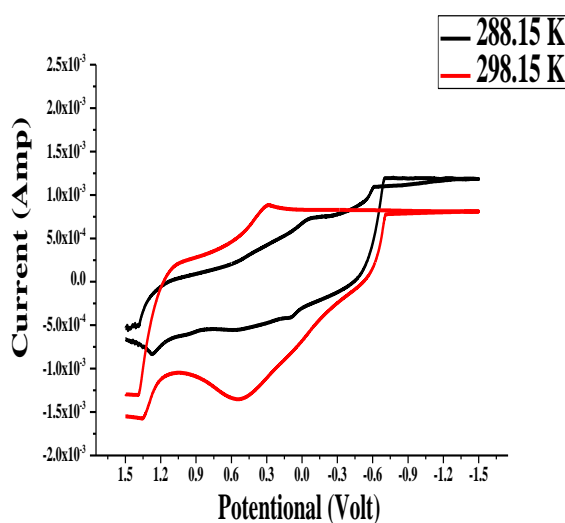
Then the surface coverage  $\Gamma$  (surface concentration of the electroactive species in  $\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$ ) was evaluated by equation (5).

$$\Gamma = i_p / 4RT / n^2 F^2 A v \quad (5)$$

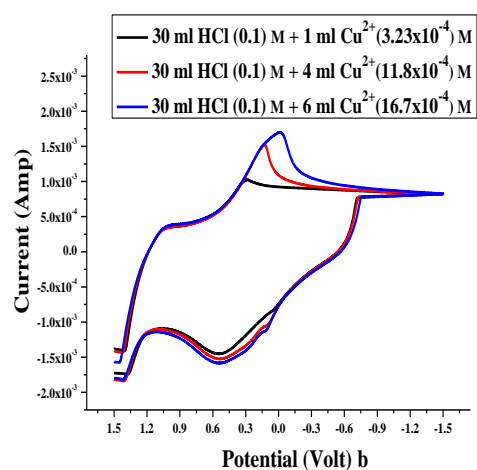
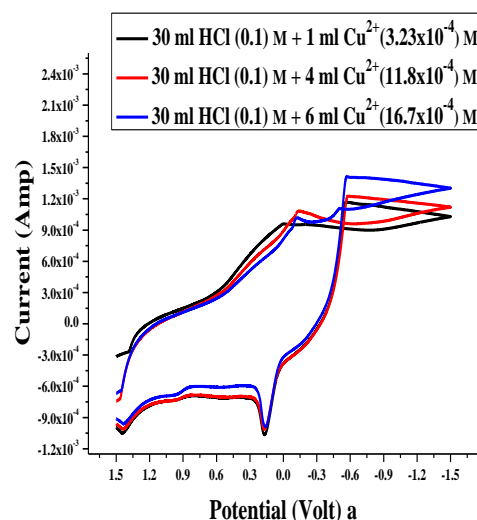
The quantity of charge consumed during the reduction of the adsorbed layer can be used to calculate the surface coverage by eq. (6).

$$Q = n F A \Gamma \quad (6)$$

The calculated solvation and kinetic parameters are  $E_{pa}$  (anodic peak potential),  $E_{pc}$  (cathodic peak potential),  $I_{pa}$  (anodic peak current),  $I_{pc}$  (cathodic peak current),  $\Delta E_p$  (peak potential difference),  $D_a$  (anodic diffusion coefficient),  $D_c$  (cathodic diffusion coefficient),  $k_s$  (electron transfer rate constant),  $\Gamma_a$  (anodic surface coverage),  $\Gamma_c$  (cathodic surface coverage),  $Q_a$  (anodic quantity of electricity) and  $Q_c$  (cathodic quantity of electricity) in **Table 1 (a,b)**.



**Fig.(1):** Cyclic voltammogram of 30 ml HCl (0.1) M and scan rate 0.1 V/s at (288.15 and 298.15)K



**Fig.(2):** Cyclic voltammogram of different  $Cu^{2+}$  concentrations in 30 ml HCl (0.1) M and scan rate 0.1 V/S at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

The relation between cathodic and anodic peak current  $I_p$  against different concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions in 0.1M HCl and scan rate 0.1  $V \cdot s^{-1}$  were shown in **Fig.3**.

**Table.1(a):** Effect of different concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$  for redox peaks at 288.15K

[M] $\times 10^{-4}$	$E_{pa}$	$E_{pc}$	$\Delta E_p$ $\times 10^{-2}$	$(-I_{pa})$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$I_{pc}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$E^\circ$	$D_a$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$D_c$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$k_s$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_c$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$(+)Q_c$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_a$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$(-)Q_a$ $\times 10^{-4}$
3.23	0.110	0.082	2.82	1.359	3.192	0.096	7.496	41.4	49.8	5.740	3.17	2.445	1.35
11.8	0.142	0.083	5.89	4.393	3.994	0.112	5.889	4.87	21.7	7.187	3.97	7.905	4.36
16.7	0.157	0.104	5.29	5.562	4.961	0.130	4.704	3.74	4.04	8.927	4.93	10.00	5.52

**Table.1(b):** Effect of different concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$  for redox peaks at 298.15K

[M] $\times 10^{-4}$	$E_{pa}$	$E_{pc}$	$\Delta E_p$	$(-I_{pa})$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$I_{pc}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$E^\circ$	$D_a$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$D_c$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$k_s$ $\times 10^{-3}$	$\Gamma_c$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$(+)Q_c$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_a$ $\times 10^{-8}$	$(-)Q_a$ $\times 10^{-4}$
3.23	0.532	0.318	0.214	3.03	4.6	0.425	3.738	8.57	6.65	8.557	4.72	5.650	3.12
11.8	0.534	0.157	0.377	3.76	9.3	0.345	0.431	2.64	14.6	17.31	9.55	7.005	3.87
16.7	0.534	0.107	0.427	4.35	9.6	0.320	0.287	1.40	16.1	17.80	9.80	8.097	4.47

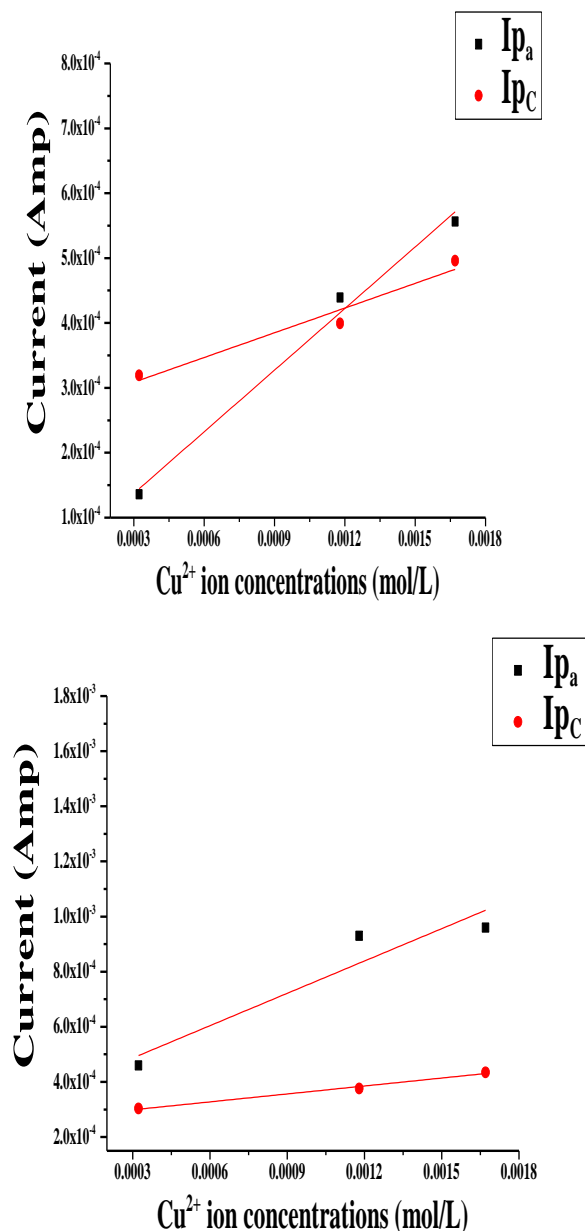


Fig.(3): The relation between peak current  $I_p$  ( $I_{pC}$  –  $I_{pA}$ ) against different concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K and scan rate  $0.1 V \cdot s^{-1}$

#### Effect of different scan rates

Cyclic voltamogram of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions in 0.1 M HCl was studied at different scan rates (0.1, 0.02 and  $0.01(V \cdot s^{-1})$  and temperatures (288.15 and 298.15)K, Fig.4. Table.2 (a,b) illustrate the calculated solvation and kinetic parameters ( $E_p$ ,  $I_p$ ,  $\Delta E_p$ ,  $E_{1/2}$ ,  $D$ ,  $k_s$ ,  $\Gamma$  and  $Q$ ) of different scan rates.

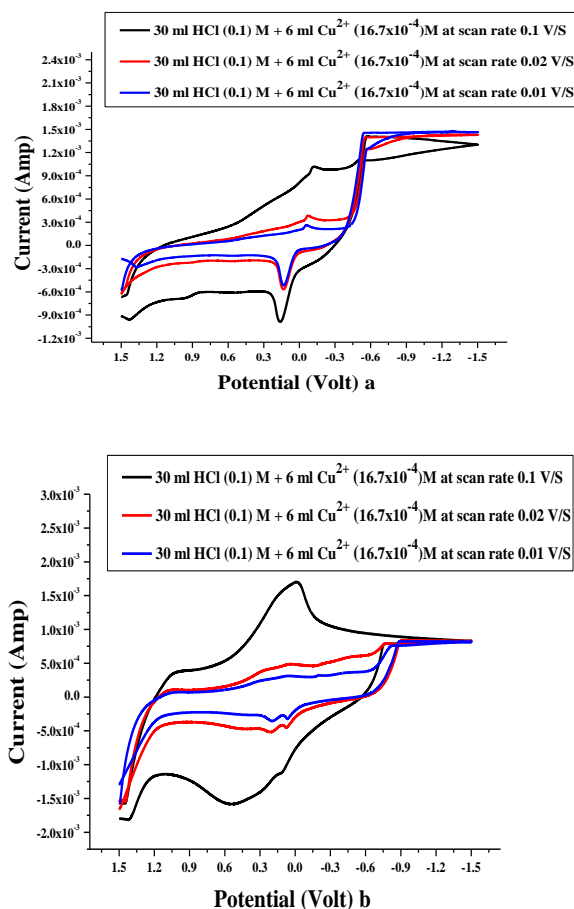
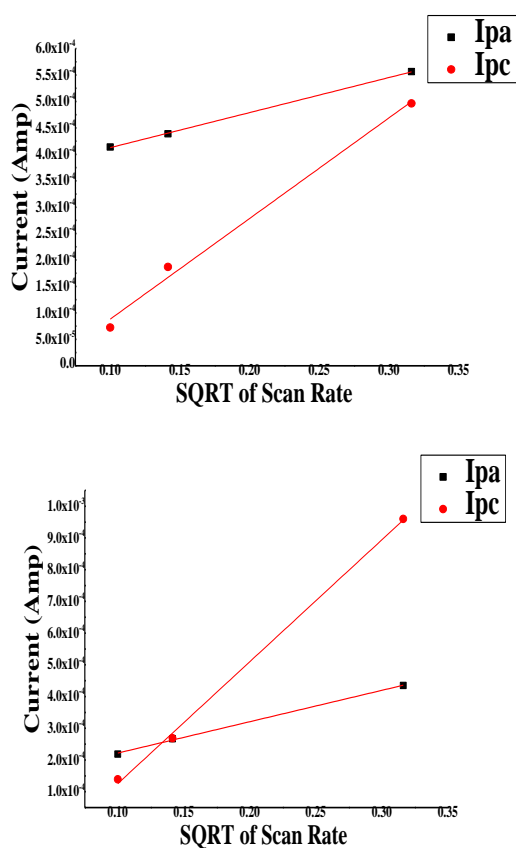


Fig.(4): Cyclic voltamogram of different scan rates of  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4}) M$   $CuSO_4$  in  $(0.1)M$  HCl at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

The reduction peak of cupric ions from divalent into zero valent metal was shown in all our cyclic voltammograms for copper sulfate alone indicating the use of two electron reduction mechanism at approximately  $-0.3V$ . The oxidation process is the opposite direction of the above discussed mechanism in this range of concentration at approximately  $0.1V$  [1,3].

Randles Sevcik equation [24–28] was used to apply the relation between cathodic and anodic peak current  $I_p$  against the square root of scan rate in 0.1M HCl which gives straight lines indicating diffusion process as shown in Fig.5.



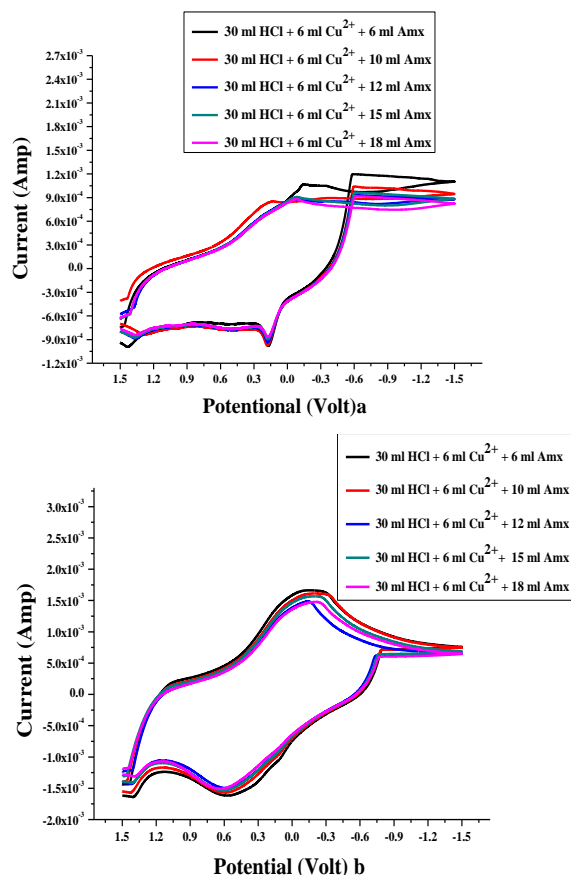
**Fig.(5):** The relation between peak current  $I_p$  ( $i_{pa}$  -  $i_{pc}$ ) against the square root of different scan rates for  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4})$  M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K.

### Electrochemical behavior of $\text{CuSO}_4$ ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) in presence of Amoxicillin (Amx) at (288.15 and 298.15)K

*Effect of different  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  concentrations in presence of Amx at (288.15 and 298.15)K*

The electrochemical behavior of the complexation between Amx and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions was studied in 0.1M HCl and scan rate  $0.1 \text{ V.s}^{-1}$  at (288.15 and 298.15)K, **Fig.6**. The solvation and kinetic parameters ( $E_p$ ,  $I_p$ ,  $\Delta E_p$ ,  $E_{1/2}$ ,  $D$ ,  $k_s$ ,  $\Gamma$  and  $Q$ )

of interaction of  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4})$  M  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions and different concentrations of Amx at (288.15 and 298.15)K and scan rate  $0.1 \text{ V.s}^{-1}$  were presented in **Table.3 (a,b)**.



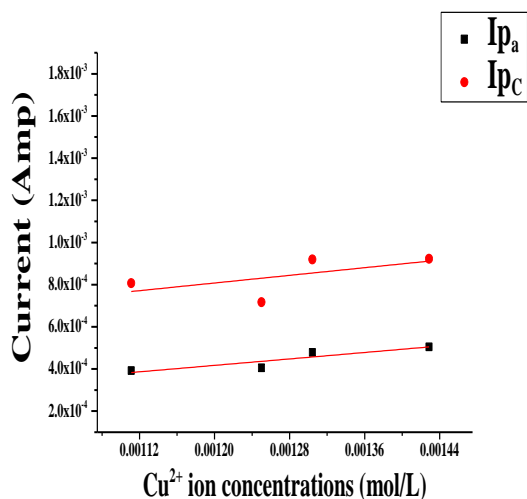
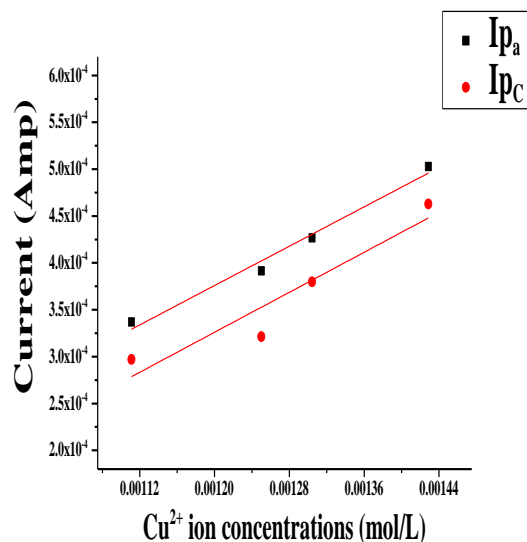
**Fig.(6):** Cyclic voltammograms for the interaction of  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4})$  M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and different concentrations of Amx and scan rate  $0.1 \text{ V.s}^{-1}$  at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

**Table.2(a):** Effect of different scan rate on  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4})$  M of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  for redox peak at 288.15K

$v$	$E_{pa}$	$E_{pc}$	$\Delta E_p$	$(-)I_{pa}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$I_{pc}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$E^*$	$D_a$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$D_c$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$k_s$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_c$ $\times 10^{-7}$	$(+)Q_c$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_a$ $\times 10^{-7}$	$(-)Q_a$ $\times 10^{-4}$
0.1	0.157	0.104	0.052	5.56	4.96	0.026	4.70	3.742	4.04	0.89	4.93	1.000	5.52
0.02	0.132	0.040	0.092	4.39	1.87	0.080	14.6	2.650	2.59	1.68	9.27	3.948	21.8
0.01	0.132	0.024	0.107	4.14	0.72	0.078	26	0.798	1.17	1.30	7.20	7.444	41.1

**Table.2(b):** Effect of different scan rate on  $(16.7 \times 10^{-4})$  M of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  for redox at 298.15K

$v$	$E_{pa}$	$E_{pc}$	$\Delta E_p$	$(-)I_{pa}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$I_{pc}$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$E^*$	$D_a$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$D_c$ $\times 10^{-9}$	$k_s$ $\times 10^{-5}$	$\Gamma_c$ $\times 10^{-7}$	$(+)Q_c$ $\times 10^{-4}$	$\Gamma_a$ $\times 10^{-7}$	$(-)Q_a$ $\times 10^{-4}$
0.1	0.533	0.107	0.426	4.35	9.60	0.320	2.88	14.00	1610	1.787	9.86	8.097	4.47
0.02	0.200	0.260	0.060	2.67	2.69	0.230	5.42	5.492	4.46	2.502	13.8	24.85	13.7
0.01	0.204	0.311	0.106	2.19	1.39	0.258	7.26	2.926	1.73	2.583	14.3	40.68	22.5

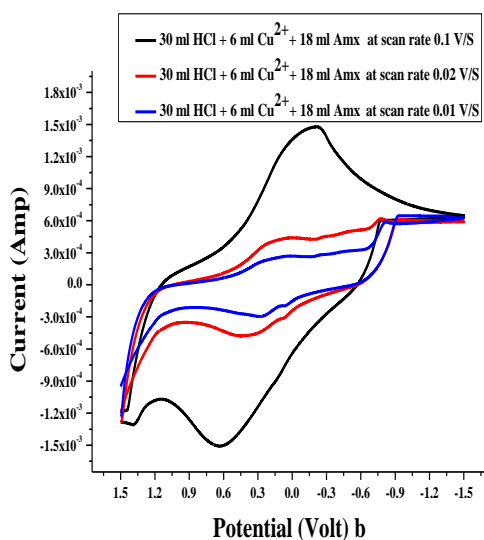
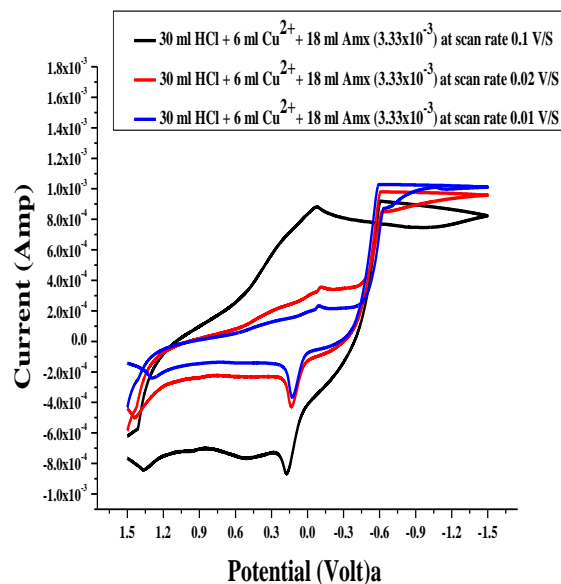


**Fig.(7):** The relation between peak current  $I_p$  ( $I_{p_c}$  –  $I_{p_a}$ ) against different concentrations of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions in the presence of Amx at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K and scan rate  $0.1 \text{ V.s}^{-1}$

All the cyclic voltametric data obtained ( $D_a$ ,  $D_c$ ,  $k_s$ ,  $\Gamma_a$ ,  $\Gamma_c$ ,  $Q_a$  and  $Q_c$ ) are increased by increasing the Amoxicillin concentration which indicate the diffusion control of the reaction between Amoxicillin and cupric ions and also increased by increasing temperature

#### Effect of different scan rates

Effect of different scan rates on the interaction between  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions and Amx was studied in (0.1, 0.02 and 0.01)  $\text{V.s}^{-1}$ , **Fig.8**.



**Fig.(8):** Cyclic voltammogram of different scan rate of  $(1.11 \times 10^{-3}) \text{M Cu}^{2+}$  with  $(3.33 \times 10^{-3}) \text{M Amx}$  at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

No new peaks was appeared on adding Amoxicillin to cupric ions indicating the effect is only decrease in cupric peak heights and shift of the cathodic potentials to more negative values and the anodic potential to more positive values indicating the interaction between cupric ions and Amoxicillin.

The solvation and kinetic parameters ( $E_p$ ,  $I_p$ ,  $\Delta E_p$ ,  $E_{1/2}$ ,  $D$ ,  $k_s$ ,  $\Gamma$  and  $Q$ ) of different scan rates of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions in the presence of Amx were presented in **Table.4.(a,b)**.

**Table.3(a): Effect of different concentrations of Amx for redox peak at 288.15K**

[Amx] x10 <sup>-3</sup>	Ep <sub>a</sub>	Ep <sub>c</sub>	ΔE <sub>p</sub>	(-)Ip <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Ip <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	E°	D <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	D <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	k <sub>s</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Γ <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(+)Q <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Γ <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(-)Q <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>
1.43	0.176	0.146	0.030	5.03	4.63	0.161	5.233	4.43	2.36	8.328	4.60	9.049	4.99
2.17	0.198	0.133	0.065	4.27	3.80	0.166	4.520	3.58	2.41	6.83	3.77	7.679	4.24
2.50	0.176	0.058	0.117	3.91	3.21	0.117	4.140	2.79	5.11	5.779	3.19	7.042	3.89
2.94	0.173	0.078	0.094	3.57	3.08	0.125	3.898	2.9	6.37	5.544	3.06	6.430	3.55
3.33	0.181	0.078	0.103	3.37	2.97	0.130	3.880	3.02	5.69	5.344	2.95	6.060	3.35

**Table.3(b): Effect of different concentrations of Amx for redox peak at 298.15K**

[Amx] x10 <sup>-3</sup>	Ep <sub>a</sub>	Ep <sub>c</sub>	ΔE <sub>p</sub>	(-)Ip <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Ip <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	E°	D <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	D <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	k <sub>s</sub> x10 <sup>-2</sup>	Γ <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(+)Q <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Γ <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(-)Q <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>
1.43	0.545	0.1206	0.4249	5.05	9.23	0.3331	5.268	17.62	2.632	17.18	9.481	9.395	5.185
2.17	0.566	0.0774	0.4892	4.79	9.19	0.3220	5.684	20.97	4.437	17.11	9.444	8.910	4.917
2.50	0.568	0.0576	0.5107	4.06	7.16	0.3130	4.449	13.86	4.082	13.33	7.359	7.554	4.169
2.8	0.589	0.0585	0.5308	4.24	8.51	0.3239	5.267	21.23	6.611	15.84	8.742	7.890	4.355
3.33	0.589	0.0774	0.5119	3.92	8.07	0.3334	5.249	22.26	5.959	15.02	8.290	7.293	4.025

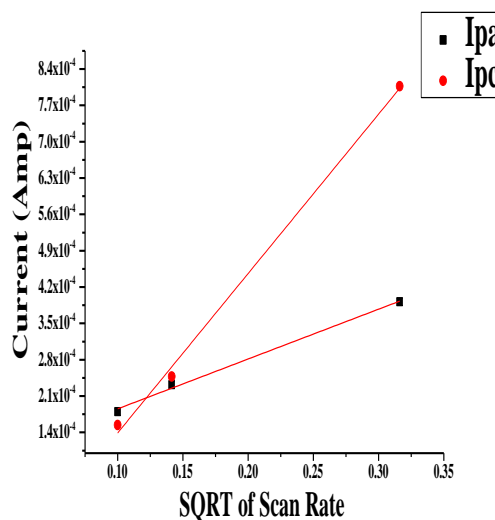
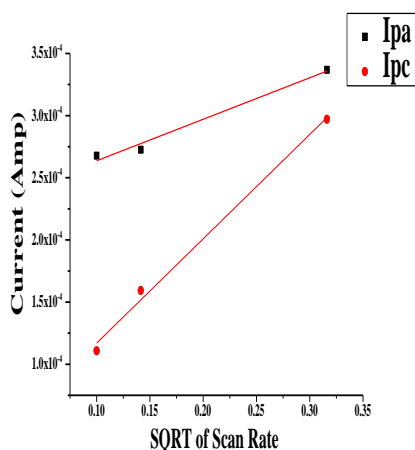
**Table.4(a): Effect of different scan rate of (1:3) complex for redox peak at 288.15K**

v	Ep <sub>a</sub>	Ep <sub>c</sub>	ΔE <sub>p</sub>	(-)Ip <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Ip <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	E°	D <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	D <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	k <sub>s</sub> x10 <sup>-5</sup>	Γ <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(+)Q <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Γ <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-8</sup>	(-)Q <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>
0.1	0.181	0.078	0.103	3.37	2.97	0.130	3.881	3.018	56.9	5.340	2.95	6.061	3.35
0.02	0.137	0.112	0.024	2.73	1.59	0.125	12.70	4.343	6.65	14.30	7.91	24.52	13.5
0.01	0.130	0.095	0.034	2.68	1.11	0.112	24.52	4.204	5.13	19.94	11	48.18	26.6

**Table.4(b): Effect of different scan rate of (1:3) complex for redox peak at 298.15K**

v	Ep <sub>a</sub>	Ep <sub>c</sub>	ΔE <sub>p</sub>	(-)Ip <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Ip <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	E°	D <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	D <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-9</sup>	k <sub>s</sub> x10 <sup>-5</sup>	Γ <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-7</sup>	(+)Q <sub>c</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Γ <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-7</sup>	(-)Q <sub>a</sub> x10 <sup>-4</sup>
0.1	0.5893	0.0774	0.6667	3.92	8.07	0.2559	5.248	22.263	177	1.502	8.29	1.328	7.33
0.02	0.4054	0.1234	0.282	2.32	2.47	0.2644	9.206	10.47	1.47	2.303	12.7	3.934	21.7
0.01	0.2646	0.1196	0.1449	1.80	1.54	0.1921	11.069	8.1366	0.232	2.87	15.8	6.1013	33.7

The relation between cathodic and anodic peak current  $I_p$  against the square root of scan rate in 0.1M HCl were shown in Fig.9.



**Fig.(9):** The relation between peak current  $I_p$  ( $i_{pa}$  -  $i_{pc}$ ) against different scan rates of  $Cu^{2+}$  in presence of Amx at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

### Electrochemical behavior of the complexation between Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions and Amx.

From Fig.6, it is observed that the complex is formed as a result of decreasing in the anodic and cathodic peak current beside the potential shifts to new values. A stability constant is a measure of the strength of the interaction between the reagents that come together to form the complex.

The stability constants ( $\beta_{MX}$ ) for CuSO<sub>4</sub> complexes for each addition are calculated by applying the following equations [19-33]:

$$\Delta E^\circ = E^\circ_C - E^\circ_M = 2.303 (RT/nF) * (\log \beta_{MX} + j \log C_x) \quad (7)$$

Where  $E^\circ_M$  is the formal peak potential of metal at finally adding in the absence of Amx,  $E^\circ_C$  is the formal peak potential of metal complex after each addition of Amx, R is a gas constant (8.314 J.mol<sup>-1</sup>.degree<sup>-1</sup>), T is the absolute temperature, j is the coordination number of the stoichiometric complex and  $C_x$  is the concentration of Amx in the solution.

The formal potential  $E^\circ$  can be found as the midway between the two cyclic voltametric peaks comprising the voltamogram by Eq.(8).

$$E^\circ = (E_{pa} + E_{pc})/2 \quad (8)$$

where both  $E_{pa}$  and  $E_{pc}$  are anodic peak potential and cathodic peak potential, respectively.

The Gibbs free energy of interaction for Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions with Amx were calculated from stability constant ( $\beta_{MX}$ ) using Eq.(9)[20-33].

$$\Delta G = -2.303 RT \log \beta_{MX} \quad (9)$$

The relation between Gibbs free energy against stability constant of CuSO<sub>4</sub> complexes with Amox were shown in Fig.10.

All equilibrium constants vary with temperature, so the enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) of interaction for CuSO<sub>4</sub> with Amox was calculated by using Van't Hoff Eq. (10)

$$\log \frac{\beta_{MX} \text{ at } (T_2)}{\beta_{MX} \text{ at } (T_1)} = \frac{\Delta H}{2.303} \left( \frac{T_2 T_1}{T_2 - T_1} \right) \quad (10)$$

where  $\beta_{MX}$  is the stability constant at different temperature, both  $T_2$  and  $T_1$  are 298.15 K and 288.15 K, respectively.

The entropy ( $\Delta S$ ) for CuSO<sub>4</sub> complexes in 0.1 M HCl at (1.5 to -1.5)V potential windows and scan rate 0.1 V.s<sup>-1</sup> at different temperatures (288.15, 298.15 K) are calculated by using Eq. (11)

$$\Delta S = \frac{\Delta H - \Delta G}{T} \quad (11)$$

The calculated values of  $\beta_{MX}$ ,  $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta H$ , and  $\Delta S$  for CuSO<sub>4</sub> complexes are estimated and collected in Table.5.

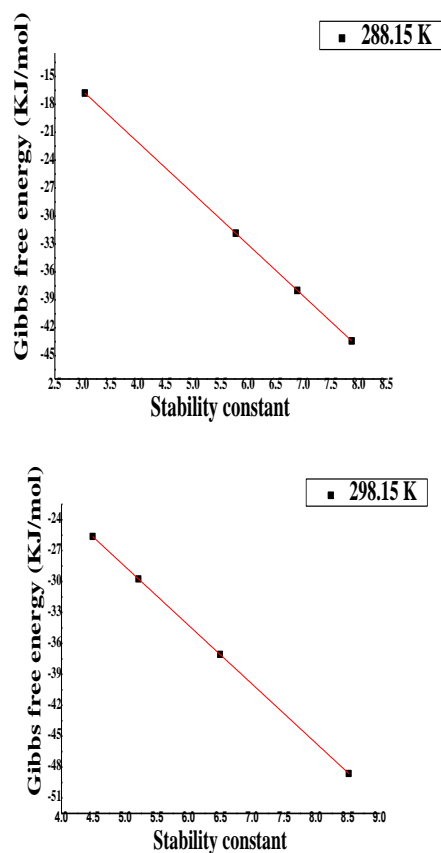


Fig.(10): The relation between Gibbs free energy and stability constant for CuSO<sub>4</sub> complex at (a) 288.15K (b) 298.15K

All the thermodynamic parameters given in Table.5 indicate the complexation interaction between Amoxicillin and cupric ions at the two temperatures used indicating high stability constant and high Gibbs free energies of complexation. Positive enthalpic data indicate that the reaction process is endothermic one and positive entropies indicate the spontaneous character of the reaction between cupric ions and Amoxicillin.

### Computational studies

Molecular docking of Amoxicillin (Amx)

Table.5: The stability constant, Gibbs free energy, enthalpy and entropy of interaction for CuSO<sub>4</sub> Complex at (288.15 and 298.15)K

[M]x10 <sup>-3</sup>	[L]x10 <sup>-3</sup>	j	log $\beta_j$		$\Delta G$ (KJ/mol)		$\Delta H$ (KJ/mol)	$\Delta S$ (KJ/mol)
			288.15K	298.15	288.15K	298.15		
1.43	1.43	1	3.04	4.48	-16.79	-25.62	278.94	1.018
1.30	2.17	1.67	6.88	5.89	-37.98	-33.65	124.48	0.563
1.25	2.50	2	5.77	6.49	-31.85	-37.07	185.02	0.752
1.11	3.33	3	7.87	8.518	-43.43	-48.62	178.03	0.768



**Table.6 : Energy values for Amoxicillin alone**

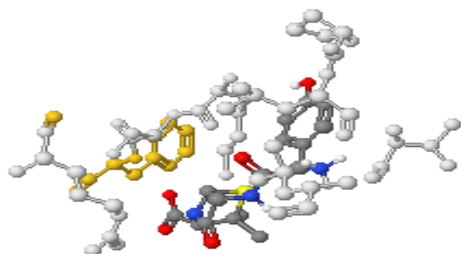
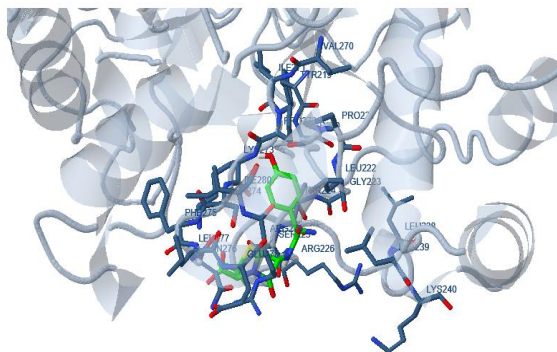
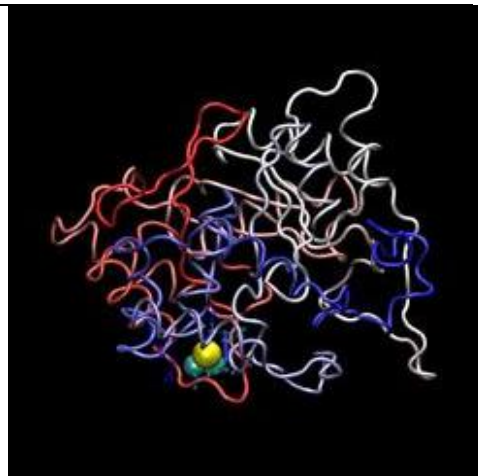
Free Energy of Binding (Kcal/mol)	Inhibition const, $K_i$ (uM)	vdW+Hbond+desolv Energy (Kcal/mol)	Electrostatic Energy (Kcal/mol)	Total Intermolec. Energy (Kcal/mol)	Frequency %	Interact. Surface
-6.06	36.12	-6.02	-1.44	-7.46	30	697.969

was done to show its affinity with receptors. It was done with protein 2hg6 which is responsible for liver cancer, **Figs. [11-13]**.

Energy values of interaction between Amx and 2hg6 which obtained by docking calculations indicate that Amx can act as a good anticancer drug, **Tables. (6,7)**. The interaction between almost all atoms of Amx and amino residue of enzyme predict their anticancer action.

Free energy of binding, inhibition constant, Van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonding, desolvation energy, total intermolecular energy are indicated for different ranks and gave better results than that of Amx alone.

The redox behaviour of copper sulfate in absence and presence of Amoxicillin was studied at two different temperatures. The solvation cyclic voltammetry data was obtained and their values were compared. The different thermodynamic parameter, stability constant, Gibbs free energies of solvation, entropies and enthalpies of solvation indicate the complexation of cupric ions and Amoxicillin.

**Fig. (11): The 3D structure of Amoxicillin with 2hg6 isomerase enzyme****Fig. (12): The 3D active sites of docking of Amoxicillin into 2hg6 isomerase enzyme****Fig. (13): The 3D docking pose of monomer Amoxicillin at active 2hg6 and active site showing the hydrogen bonding in blue**

## Conclusion

The redox behavior of copper sulfate in absence and presence of Amoxicillin was studied at two different temperatures. The solvation cyclic voltammetry data was obtained and their values were compared. The different thermodynamic parameter, stability constant, Gibbs free energies of solvation, entropies and enthalpies of solvation indicate the complexation of cupric ions and Amoxicillin.

Molecular Docking interaction between Amoxicillin and amino acid residue 2hg6 was detected and proved that Amx has an anticancer activity for liver cancer treatment.

Table.7: Energy values for Amoxicillin with 2hq6 enzyme

Rank	Free Energy of Binding (Kcal/mol)	Inhibition const, K <sub>i</sub> (uM)	vdW+Hbond+desolv Energy (Kcal/mol)	Electrostatic Energy (Kcal/mol)	Total Intermolec. Energy (Kcal/mol)	Frequency %	Interact. Surface
1	-7.32	4.28	-8.29	-1.10	-9.39	10	769.202
2	-6.78	10.74	-6.50	-1.02	-7.52	20	739.104
3	-6.06	36.12	-6.02	-1.44	-7.46	30	697.969
4	-5.65	72.37	-5.80	-0.89	-6.69	10	667.231
5	-5.07	192.45	-5.54	-0.55	-6.09	10	705.126
6	-4.92	248.30	-5.39	-0.60	-5.99	10	699.786
7	-4.79	308.44	-6.58	-0.01	-6.59	10	805.752

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#### المخلص العربي

تم دراسة سلوك الأوكسدة والاختزال في كبريتات النحاس في غياب وجود الأموكسيسيلين عند درجتى حرارة مختلفتين (288.15 و 298.15) ك. وتم دراسة سلوك الأوكسدة والاختزال في 0.1 مولاري من حمض الهيدروكلوريك باستخدام الفولتامترية الدائرية وتحت جهد يتراوح من (1.5 إلى -1.5) فولت بتركيز صغير من أيونات النحاس. تم الحصول على قمة للاختزال واحدة وأكسدة واحدة فقط في نتائجنا مما يشير إلى اختزال أيونات النحاس ثنائية التكافؤ إلى المعدن النحاسي ذي التكافؤ الصفري. تم تقييم جميع نتائج الفولتامترية الدائرية في اثنين من درجات الحرارة المستخدمة وتم المقارنه بين قيمهم في وجود وغياب أموكسيسيلين. أيضا تم حساب معاملات الديناميكية الحرارية لتفاعل أيونات النحاس مع أموكسيسيلين كثنائات ثابتة ، والطاقة الحرة لغييس وامحتوي الحراري والإنتروبيا. تشير المعلمات الديناميكية الحرارية إلى أن التفاعل بين أيونات النحاس والأموكسيسيلين تفاعل الكيمائي (القيم العاليه السالبة للطاقة الحرة) ، التفاعل تلقائي (قيم موجبه للانتروبيا) والتفاعل الكيمائي ماص للحرارة. تشير قيم طاقة التفاعل بين الأموكسيسيلين و البروتين اثبت ان الأموكسيسيلين له نشاط مضاد للسرطان لعلاج سرطان الكبد.