

## Synthesis and Spectrophotometric Study of 4-(6-Bromo-2-benzothiazolylazo)phloroglucinol as an Analytical Reagent for Determination of Bismuth.

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### Abstract

A new chromogenic reagent, 4-(6-Bromo-2-benzothiazolylazo)phloroglucinol (6-BrBTAPG), was synthesized by diazo coupling of (2-amino-6-bromo benzothiazol) (2-ABrBT) with phloroglucinol, and used for the spectrophotometric determination of bismuth (III). This method was simple, sensitive, selective and rapid for reaction between Bi<sup>3+</sup> and (6-BrBTAPG), to form a pink complex having a molar ratio of (1:1) (Bi-6-BrBTAPG) at pH 7.5. The molar absorptivity of the complex was 0.2654 × 10<sup>4</sup> L.mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at λ<sub>max</sub> 538 nm. Beer's law is obeyed in the range of (0.5–30) ppm of bismuth, and the stability constant was found to be 3 × 10<sup>4</sup> L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

The relative standard deviation for seventh replicate measurements, recovery, and relative error values of this method were found to be 0.736%, 101.33%, and 1.33% respectively. The interference of foreign ions was also investigated. All the other ions studied did not interfere with bismuth determination except for Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>5+</sup>, and pb<sup>2+</sup>. The interferences were eliminated approximately using suitable masking agent.

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(1:1)	7.5 = pH	Bi <sup>3+</sup>	(	)			
0.2654 × 10 <sup>4</sup>				538			
/ ppm (30-0.5)						1-	1-
					1-		3 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
15							
1.33%	101.33 %	0.736 %	R <sub>rel</sub> %	R <sub>e</sub> %	R.S.D %		
	pb <sup>2+</sup>	V <sup>5+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>		
			(III)	(6-BrBTAPG)			

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## Introduction

Bismuth (Bi, at. mass 208.98) occurs in its compounds in the +III and +V oxidation states upon dissolution, only compounds of bismuth(III) are found, bismuth(III) hydrolyses at pH(1-2), and shows no amphoteric properties<sup>(1)</sup>. Bismuth is found in the earth's crust up to 0.0002%, it is the least toxic element among the heavy metals<sup>(2)</sup>. Therefore sensitive, simple, and accurate methods for the determination of bismuth are required. The most important methods of bismuth determination are atomic absorption<sup>(3)</sup>, inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)<sup>(4)</sup>, flow injection analysis (FIA)<sup>(5)</sup>, high-performance chelation ion chromatography (HPCIC)<sup>(6)</sup>, adsorptive stripping voltametry<sup>(7)</sup>, spectrophotometry is essentially a trace-analysis technique and its one of the most powerful tools in chemical analysis, there are a great number of spectrophotometric methods based on its ability to form complexes, mainly colored, with organic and inorganic compounds. Benzothiazoles are heterocyclic compounds with multiple applications. Thiazolylazo compounds have been used as reagents for spectrophotometric determination of metal ions<sup>(8)</sup>. The most important thiazolylazo reagents for the spectrophotometric determination of bismuth are 4-(thiazolylazo)Resorcinol [TAR]<sup>(9)</sup>, N,N'-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)glycine<sup>(10)</sup>, O-hydroxy hydroquinonephthalein<sup>(11)</sup>, Cyanex301<sup>(12)</sup>, 1,2-Diaminocyclohexane N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid (DACT)<sup>(13)</sup>, 4-(2-pyridylazo)Resorcinol [PAR]<sup>(14)</sup>. In this work, a new heterocyclic azo dye reagent (6-BrBTAPG) has been synthesized, and used for the spectrophotometric determination of

bismuth(III), this method is simple, sensitive, selective, and rapid.

## Experimental Apparatus

(FTIR) Spectra (4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>) in KBr disk were recorded on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8400 S Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer (Japan), elemental analyses were carried out on a EURO EA3000 single elemental analyzer (Europe), absorption spectra were measured on a T80 UV-Vis spectrophotometer and absorbance were measured on a PD-303 UV-visible spectrophotometer using 1 cm quartz cells, atomic content were measured on a SHIMADZU AA-6300 Atomic absorption spectrophotometer, a model WTW multi 740 pH-meter were used to adjust and measure the pH of the solution, melting point were measured using SMP30 Stuart, UK.

## Reagents

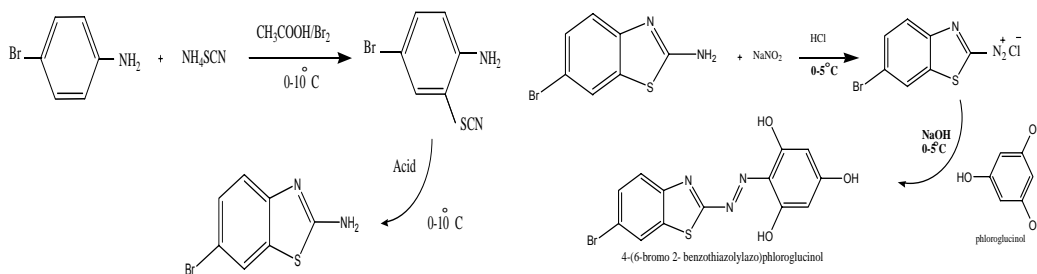
All chemicals were used of analytical grade – reagent unless otherwise stated. All solutions were prepared using de-ionized water.

## Synthesis of 2-Amino 6- Bromo Benzothiazol (2-ABrBT)

2-ABrBT is prepared by a typical procedure<sup>(15)</sup> (direct thiocyanogenation), it is described as follows: -p-Bromo aniline (4.3 gm, 0.025 mol) and ammonium

thiocyanate (3.8 gm, 0.05 mol) were dissolved in (70ml) glacial acetic acid, cooled in ice and stirred mechanically while a solution of bromine (4 gm) in (10ml) glacial acetic acid was slowly added drop by drop, external cooling was applied throughout the reaction to keep the temperature below 10°C and the stirring was continued for thirty minutes after all the bromine had been added, the crude product was obtained by pouring in distilled water (D.W), an amount of cold NaOH solution was added to separate the precipitate and filtering. A purified gilt yellow solid was obtained by filtering, washing with D.W, and recrystallization with ethanol.

prepared after further stirring for 20 min at (0-5°C), separately A (0.6305 gm, 0.005 mol) of 1,3,5-trihydroxybenzene (phloroglucinol) and (0.5 gm) of NaOH was dissolved in (50ml) of D.W and cooled to (0-5°C), the above diazo-salt solution was added dropwise to this solution with vigorous stirring, after mechanically stirring for a further 2 hours, the mixture was allowed to stand overnight, a red-purple solution was produced, the crude product was obtained by pouring in D.W and filtering. A purified reddish orange solid was obtained by filtration and recrystallization with ethanol<sup>(16)</sup>.



## Synthesis of the reagent

### 4-(6-Bromo 2-benzothiazolylazo)phloroglucinol [6-BrBTAPG]

A (1.145 gm, 0.005 mol) of (2-ABrBT) was dissolved in 5 ml of HCl (37%) and (20ml) glacial acetic acid and cooled to 0°C in ice-bath. A 5 ml of NaNO<sub>2</sub> solution (0.3450 gm, 0.005 mol) was added dropwise and stirred. Asprig orange diazo-salt solution was

### Standard solution of Bismuth:

A solution of bismuth(III) 100ppm was prepared by dissolving 0.0232 gm of Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O in (10ml) of distilled water containing (0.1ml) of conc. HNO<sub>3</sub>, and dilute the solution to volume 100 ml with water, working solutions were prepared freshly by appropriate dilution of the stock solution.

### (6-BrBTAPG) solution

$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M. 6-BrBTAPG (0.0055 gm) was dissolved with <5 ml of absolute ethanol, this was transferred into a 100 ml calibrated flask and diluted up to the mark with absolute ethanol.

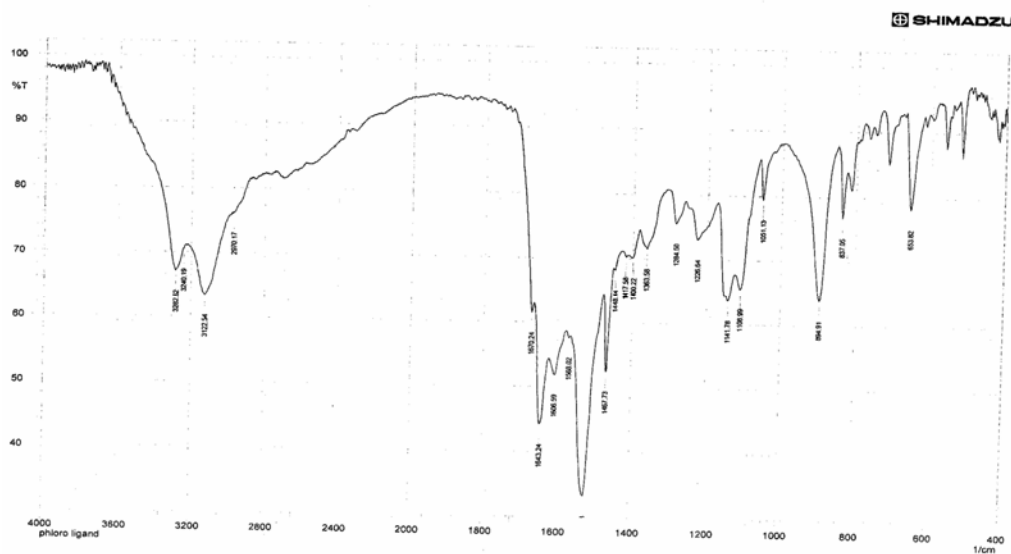
### General procedure

Into a 10ml standard flask, transfer 1ml of sample solution containing 25ppm of bismuth(III) and 2ml of  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M (6-BrBTAPG) solution, dilute to the mark with distilled water, adjust pH around 7.5, mix well and after 5 min measure the absorbance of solution at 538nm at 40°C in a 1 cm quartz cells against a reagent blank prepared in the same condition.

## Results and Discussion

### FTIR Spectrum of the Reagent (6-BrBTAPG)

The FTIR spectrum of reagent fig(1) showed absorption band at  $3282.62\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to (O-H) group found in Para position of phloroglucinol ring, it was shifted to lower vibrational due to the sharing (O-H) group through hydrogen bonding, absorption band at  $3122.54\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $2970.17\text{cm}^{-1}$  which refers to (C-H) of aromatic and aliphatic ring respectively, absorption band of (C=N) at  $1643.24\text{cm}^{-1}$ , absorption band of (N=N) at  $1527.67\text{cm}^{-1}$ , absorption band of (C=C) of thiazol ring at  $1467.73\text{cm}^{-1}$ , absorption band at  $1284.50\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $1226.64\text{cm}^{-1}$  which refers to (C-S) of asym. and sym. vibrational respectively, and absorption band at  $542\text{cm}^{-1}$  of (C-Br)<sup>(17,18)</sup>.



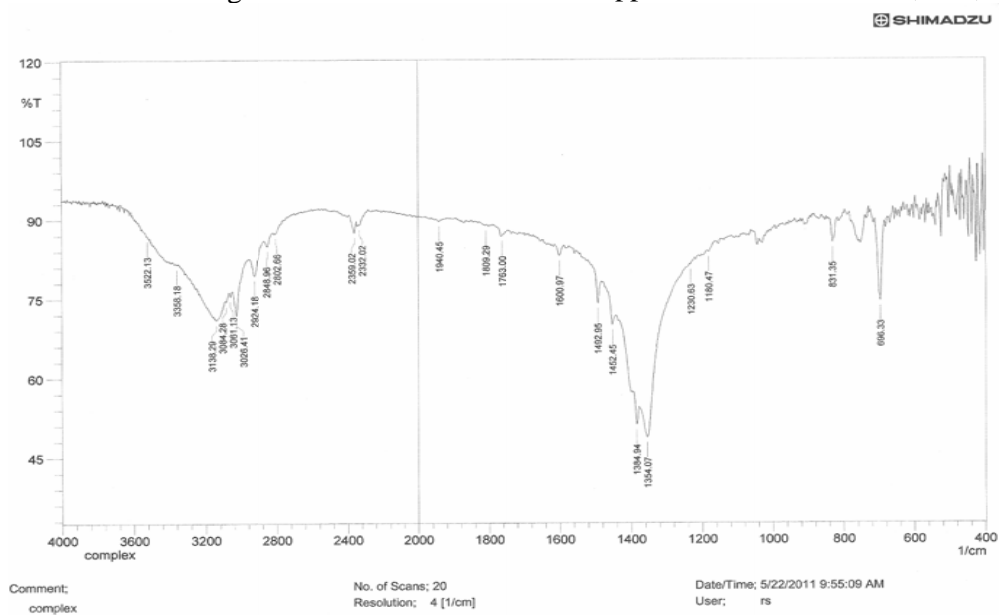
Fig(1):-FTIR Spectrum of the reagent

## FTIR Spectrum of the complex (6-BrBTAPG-Bi)

The FTIR spectrum of complex fig(2) showed absorption band at(3358.18–3138.29) $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which refers to (O-H) found in Para position of phloroglucinol ring or to the found of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the complex, absorption band appeared at1600.97 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ to(C=N) of thiazol ring which differ from this band in the reagent because it was

shifted to lower vibration ,that mean a coordination of metal ion with nitrogen ring ,in addition to that absorption band at 1492.95 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ which refers to(N=N) ,and that means a coordination with metal from nitrogen azo group .

In this complex ,a new band696.33 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is appeared which refers to (M-O).

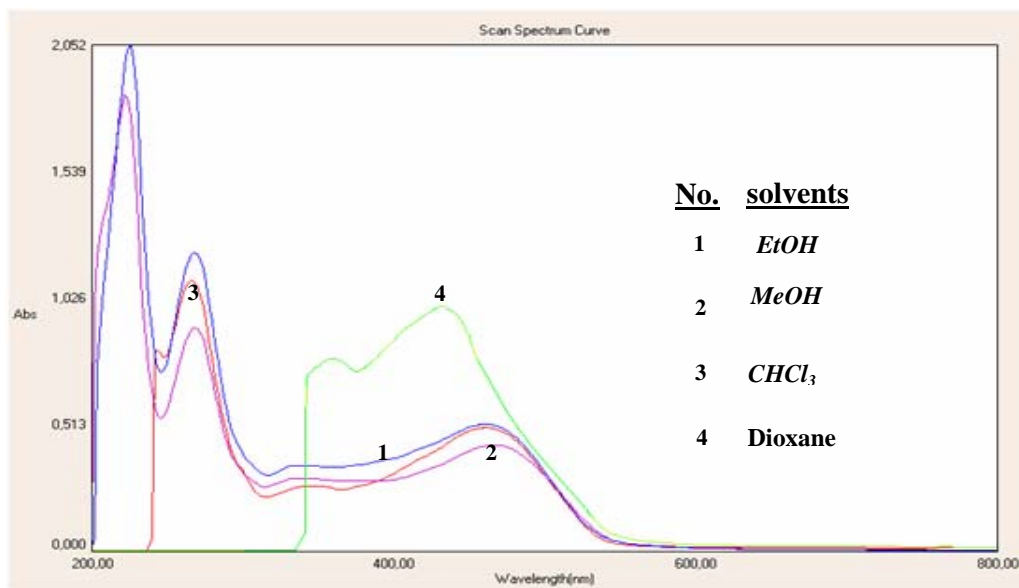


Fig(2):-FTIR Spectrum of the complex

## Physical and chemical properties of 6-BrBTAPG

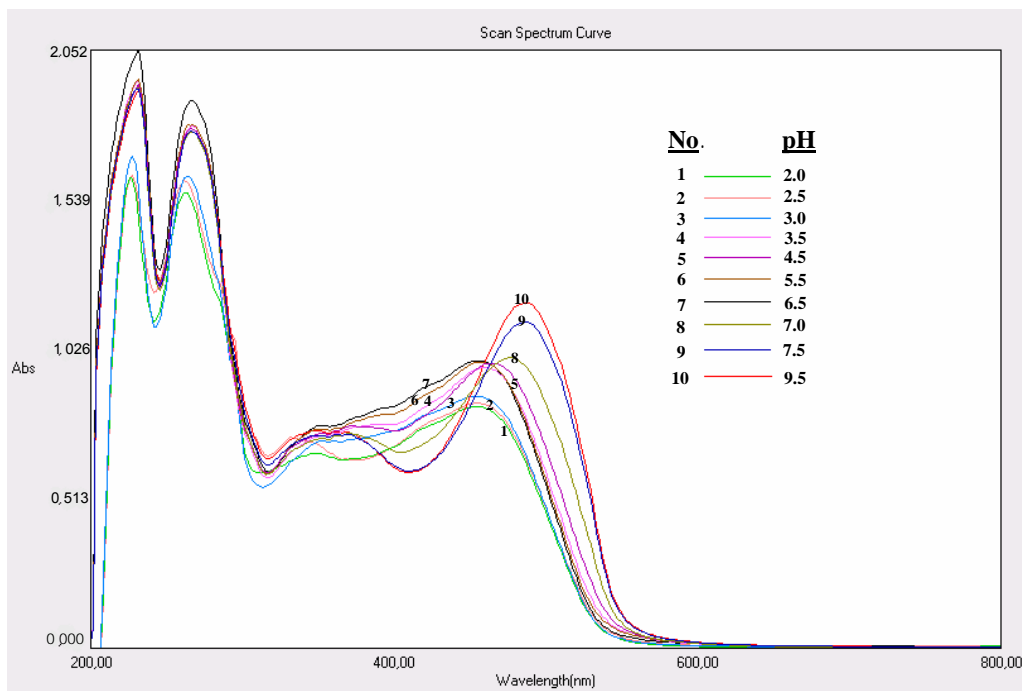
6-BrBTAPG is reddish-orange powder which is slightly soluble in water, it is

soluble in organic solvents ,such as , Dioxane, Chloroform ,ethanol, methanol as follows in fig(3):



**Fig(3):-Absorption spectra of the reagent(6-Br BTAPG) in different Solvents.**

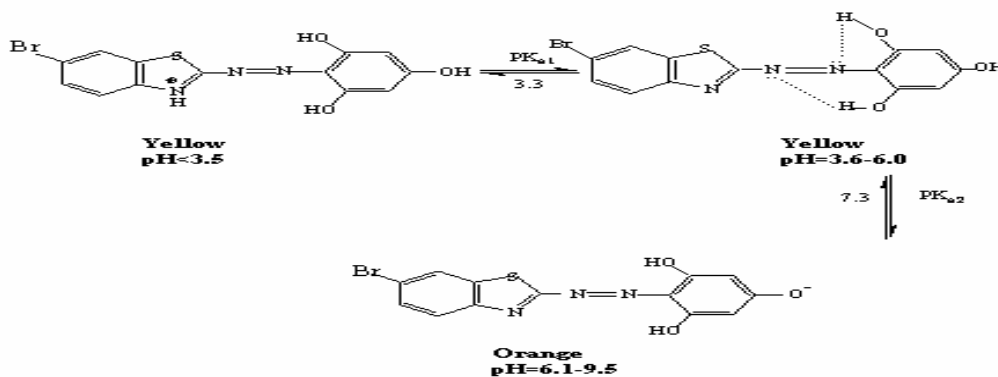
The reagent appears as yellow color in acidic medium and orange in basic medium , absorption spectra of the reagent at different pH values follows in fig(4):-



**Fig(4):-Absorption spectra of the reagent at different pH values**

This figure shows two isobestic point the first at 350nm and the second at 460nm.

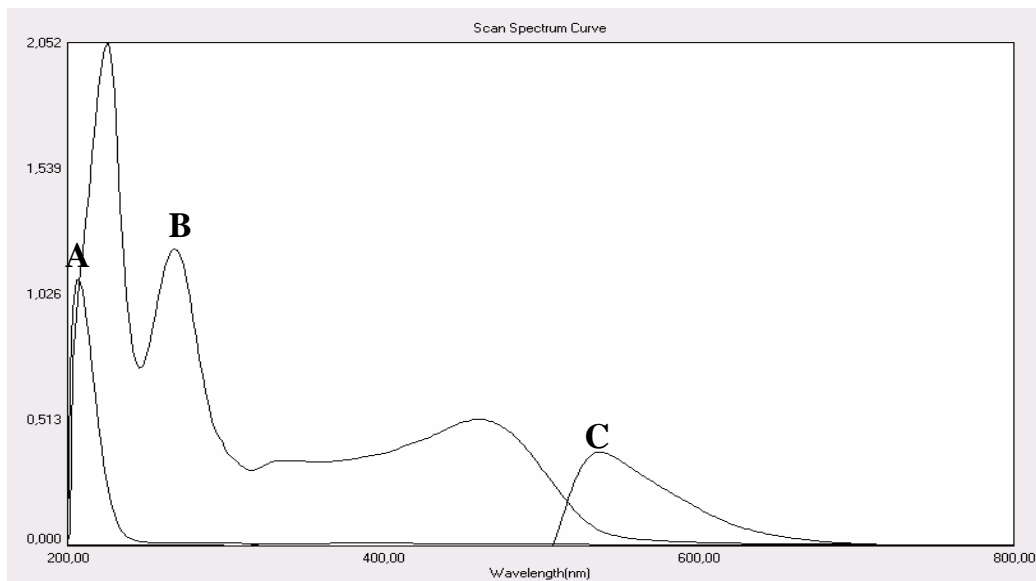
The equilibria of the dissociation can be written as follows:-



## Absorption Spectra

The absorption spectra of [6- Br BTAPG] and its bismuth

complex under the optimum condition are shown in fig (5):-



**Fig.( 5 ):-Absorption spectra of A:Bismuth ion 25ppm, B:6-BrBTAPG reagent  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M ,C: Bi-6-BrBTAPG complex at pH=7.5**

The electronic spectrum of the reagent shows three characteristics bands, the two band at (226,268) nm is due to the ( $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ ) transition of the phenolic ring , while the third band at (462)nm is due to the ( $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ ) transition of the non bonding electron pairs of the nitrogen atom .

The complex of Bi(III) with this reagent appears the peak at 538nm, this indicate the reaction happen between Bi(III) and the reagent (6-BrBTAPG).



### Effect of reagent concentration

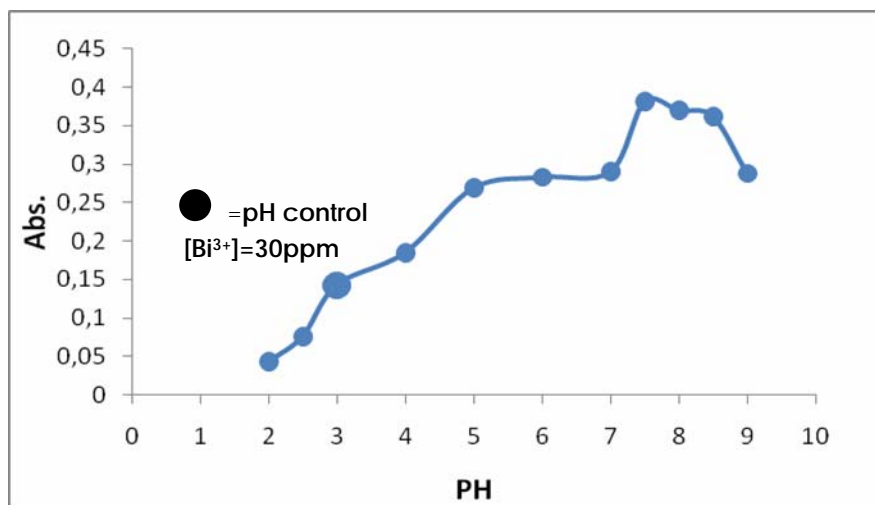
Keeping a constant concentration ( $15\mu\text{g.ml}^{-1}$ ) of Bi(III) solution ,the effect of reagent concentration ( $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M) on absorbance of the complex was studied by varying the amount of the volume of reagent (0.5-4.0)ml ,it

was obtained that the complex formation was complete and absorbance was maximum when the amount exceeds 1ml.

### Effect of pH

The absorbance of the Bi-complex depends on the pH of the solution,the influence of pH was studied over the range (2-9.5) adjusted by means of dil  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ (0.01M) and dil  $\text{HCl}$ (0.01M), the optimum pH range was obtained between (5-8) of complex. fig(6) shows the relationship between absorbance of complex and pH.

At  $\text{pH} < 5$  a decrease in absorbance may be due to form azolium cation result from the reaction between hydrogen ion and the ion pair of electron on the nitrogen atom for thiazol ring ,and also when  $\text{pH} > 8.5$  a decrease in absorbance was observed due to formation of bismuth hydroxide .



Fig(6):-Effect of pH on the absorbance of bismuth complex , $[\text{Bi}^{3+}] = 30\text{ppm}$

## The stability of chromogenic system for the complex at different time and different temperature

It was found that the absorbance of the complex chromogenic system reaches a maximum value within 5min and remain stable for 24 hrs.

The effect of temperature on the absorbance of the complex was studied at the range between (10-70)°C

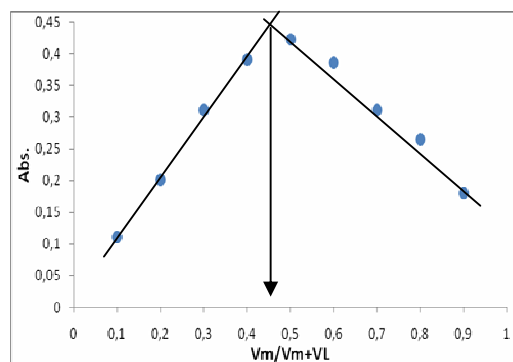
,the maximum and constant absorbance was obtained when the temperature in the range (10-40)°C ,and at a higher temperature of 45°C the absorbance was decrease which may be due to dissociation or evaporation of the complex .

## Composition of complex and stability constant

The complex composition was determined by job's and mole-ratio methods [ fig (7 , 8) ],both methods indicated that the complex has a molar ratio of (1:1) (M:L) at pH 7.5, and the stability constant ( $K_{stab.}$ ) and ( $\alpha$ ) of complex was found to be ( $3 \times 10^4$  L.mol<sup>-1</sup>) and (0.3735) respectively by using the following equations <sup>(19)</sup> .

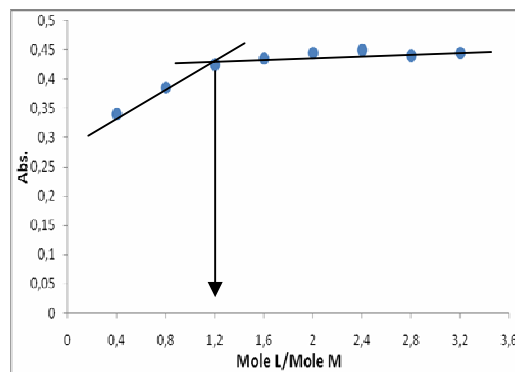
$$K_{stab.} = \frac{1}{K_{inst.}}$$

$$K_{inst.} = \frac{(\alpha c).(n \alpha c)^n}{c(1-\alpha)} \quad , \quad \alpha = \frac{E_m - E_s}{E_m}$$



Fig(7):- Continous variation method for Bismuth complex with (6-BrBTAPG) at pH=7.5 .

Where  $\alpha$ =dissociation constant .  
 $c$  =total conc.of the complex= $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  ,  
 $n$  =mole ratio = 1 .  
 $E_m$  = absorbance of a solution containing reagent two times excess than the amount of bismuth .  
 $E_s$ = absorbance of a solution containing a stoichiometric amounts [reagent] = [ bismuth] =  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  .

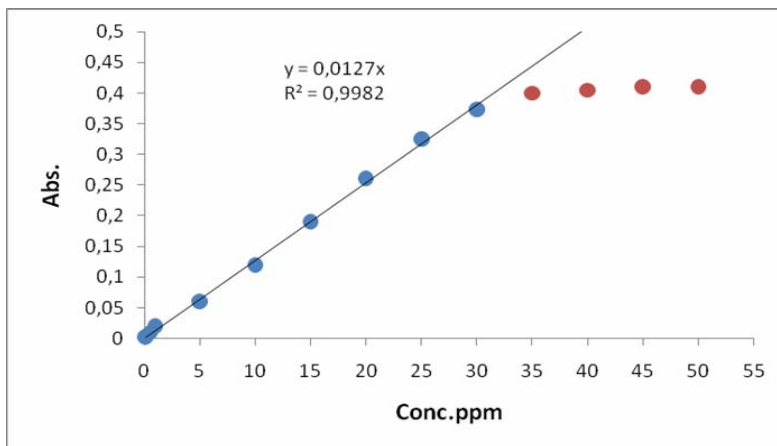


Fig(8):- Mole ratio method for Bismuth complex with (6-BrBTAPG) at pH=7.5 .

### Analytical characteristics

The calibration curve was made as described in the experimental procedure and good correlation coefficient was found .fig(9) , the some analytical parameters for this spectrophotometric determination of

Bi(III) using this reagent are summarized in table (1)<sup>(20-22)</sup>.



**Fig(9):-Calibration curve of Bi<sup>3+</sup> Complex**

**Table (1) : Analytical characteristics of the proposed procedure ( N=no . of determination )**

Analytical parameter	Value
Molar absorptivity	$0.2654 \times 10^4 \text{ L.mol}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-1}$
Sandell Sensitivity	$0.0787 \text{ L}^{-1}.\text{gm.cm}$
Correlation coefficient( r )	0.9982
Detection Limit(D.L)	0.3315
Linear dynamic range	(0.5 -30) ppm
Standerd deviation	0.0014
Relative .Standard .Deviation	0.736 %(N=7)
Percent Relative error	1.33%
Percent Recovery	101.33%

These result indicating that this method is highly precise and suitable for the determination of Bi (III) spectrophotometrically.

## Interferences

The effect of the ions ( $Mn^{2+}$ ,  $Co^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{3+}$ ,  $V^{5+}$ ,  $Pb^{2+}$ ) which form complex with the reagent during its reaction with bismuth(10ppm) were studied. on the other hand , suitable

masking agent were examined for elimination the effect of the interferences of this ions as shown in table (2) .

**Table (2) : Effect of foreign ions on the determination of Bi (III) and suitable masking agents.**

<b>Bi<sup>3+</sup> ppm</b>	<b>Foreign ion 50ppm</b>	<b>Error%</b>	<b>Masking agent ( )ml,[ ]M</b>	<b>Error%</b>
10	$Mn^{2+}$	6.1	5-Sulphosalicylic (1.0)[0.01]	1.3
10	$Co^{2+}$	-13.7	5-Sulphosalicylic(0.75)[0.01]	0.7
10	$Fe^{3+}$	-22.1	$NH_4OH$ at pH 4.5	0.0
10	$VO_3^-$	4.9	Oxalic acid (2.0) [0.01]	0.1
10	$Pb^{2+}$	2.2	Sodium acetate (1.5)[0.01]	0.9

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