# Spectrophotometric Determination of Micro Amount of Copper (II) in Different Environmental and Vital Samples by New Organic Reagent

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#### **Abstract**

2-[4-Chloro-2-methoxy phenyl azo]-4,5-diphenyl imidazole used as a new complexing organic reagent for extraction and determination of copper (II) in different samples include plants leaves, soil and water from different position in Al-Najaf governorate as well samples of human serum, cow liver and kidney, vitamins and spices. All these measurement carried out at the optimum condition for complexation reaction. Beer's law is obeyed over the concentration rang 0.5- $30\mu g/mL$  with a detection limit  $8\times10^{-5}$   $\mu g.mL^{-1}$  and molar absorptivity  $8459.79L.mole^{-1}.cm^{-1}$ . Sandell's sensitivity  $7.5\times10^{-8}\mu g.cm^{-2}$ .

Key words: Spectrophotometric determination, Copper, Solvent Extraction.

#### Introduction

Copper is both vital and toxic for many biological systems depending on it's contain. Thus, the determination of trace amount of Cu (II) in different samples it's important for life and pollution. A cloud point extraction procedure was presented for the preconcentration of copper, Nickel, Zinc and Iron ions in various samples, after complexation by 2-(6-(1H-benzo[d] imidazole-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole<sup>(1)</sup>. An extraction and sensitive differential pulse anodic stripping voltammetric method at a hanging mercury drop electrode is described for the determination of Zn, Cu, Pb (µg g<sup>-1</sup>) and Cd (ng g<sup>-1</sup>) metal ions in water and 0.1M HCl extracted for kaked, anise, cumin, caraway and black pepper (2). The acid sequential decomposition extraction procedure for determination of heavy metals has been applied to a marine sediments collected from kagoshima bay, Cu, Zn, Cd and Pb in the sediments extracts were determined by FAAS (3). Cu is quantitatively retained with 1, 5-diphenyl carbazone on microcrystalline naphthalene in the pH range 6.5-8.0 from a large volume of aqueous solutions of various samples (4). Copper was an adapted extractiondetermined bv spectrophotometric method as a complex with sodium (I) diethyl dithiocabamate. The influence of the extraction solvent a masking agent and interfering elements (Fe (III), Cr (III)) was examined. The elimination of the extraction stage by using a protective colloid for spectrophotometric determination of Cu in soil was investigated (5). Spectrophotometric determination of Cu2+ by using mesohexamethyl propylene amine oxime a stable 1:1 Cu<sup>2+</sup>:meso-HMPAO red pink complex,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ = 497nm, Sandell's sensitivity was 0.18µg cm<sup>-2</sup>. This method applied for determination of Cu<sup>2+</sup> in foodstuffs and pharmatical samples (6). Also spectrophotometric determination of  $\text{Cu}^{2^+}$ , it's based on the reaction at pH=4-9 between the synthesized acetophenone-p-chlorophenyl thiosemicarbazone and  $\text{Cu}^{2^+}$  forming a green complex,  $\text{Cu}^{2^+}$ :A-p-CIPT (1:2) that floats quantitively with oleic acid (HOL) surfactant,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ =600nm, detection limit 0.021mg.L<sup>-1</sup>, Sandell's sensitivity was 0.244µg cm<sup>-2</sup>, this procedure applied to the analysis of  $\text{Cu}^{2^+}$  in natural water, certified scrap steel samples and vitamins samples  $^{(7)}$ .

## **Experimental**

## 1.Apparatus

For absorbance measurements shimadzu UV-1700 spectrophotometer was used with 1cm quartz cells (Japan), pH- measurements were carried out using WTW, listed 8F93(Germany), Shimadzu, Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy AA-6300 used also to comparable the results.IR- spectra for the complex were recorded by using FTIR-8400 Shimadzu.

#### 2.Reagents

All reagents were analytical reagent grade and were used without further purification. The standard stock solution of Cu (II) (1mg/100mL) was prepared by dissolving 0.392gm of CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O (Merck) with distilled water in 100mL volumetric flask.  $(1\times10^{-2}\text{M})$  solution of organic reagent (4-ClMePADPI) prepared by dissolving 0.0388gm of (4-ClMePADPI) chloroform in 10mL volumetric flask. Other working solutions were prepared appropriate dilution with chloroform. Although the organic reagent (4-ClMePADPI) prepared as in previous study (8).

## 3. General procedure

After limitation optimum condition for complexation reaction between organic reagent (4-ClMePADPI) and copper to form ion pain complex extracted to chloroform organic solvent, make experiment for determine copper in different samples which is include digested environmental and vital samples by wet digestion method<sup>(9,10)</sup>. Take

5mL from digestion solution make it acidity at (pH=8), and added 2mL of  $(1\times10^{-2} M)$  sodium fluoride, afterward shaking with 5ml of  $(1\times10^{-4} M)$  organic reagent dissolved in chloroform for (10 minutes), at later separate organic phase form aqueous phase and taken absorbance of organic phase at  $\lambda_{max}$ =519nm against organic reagent as blank.

Copper forms a stable colored complex with 4-CIMePADPI, absorption spectrum of the complex formed has maximum absorbance at  $\lambda$ = 519nm. Whereas organic reagent show maximum absorbance at  $\lambda$ max=426nm. By the way this deviation in absorbance wave length as a result of coordination organic reagent with copper cation<sup>(11,12,13)</sup>.

#### **Results and Discussion**

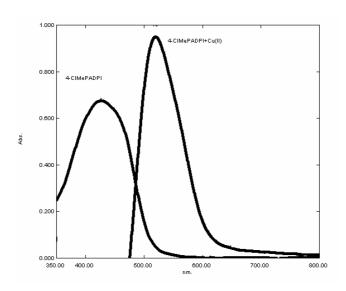


Figure (1): UV-Vis spectrum of the organic reagent 4-CIMePADPI and its complex with Cu<sup>+2</sup>

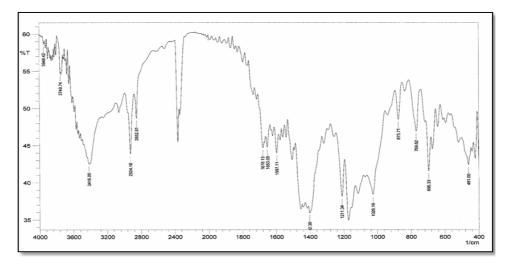


Figure (2): IR- spectrum of Cu<sup>+2</sup> complex with the organic reagent 4-CIMePADPI

About limitation of optimum condition for complexation reaction study the effect of pH on recovery of copper and the results show

(pH=8) was the best for ion pair complex formation which is giving higher absorbance

for complex in organic phase at  $\lambda_{max}$ =519nm

in Figure (3).

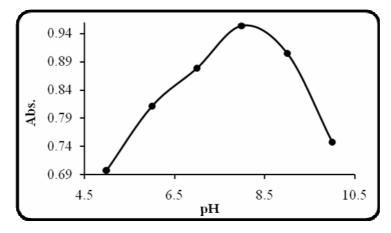


Figure (3): Effect of pH

Second optimum condition studied was shaking time of two phases, the results of this experiment in Figure (4) show (10 minutes)

shaking time giving higher absorbance for complex extracted to organic phase and necessary to reached the equilibrium.

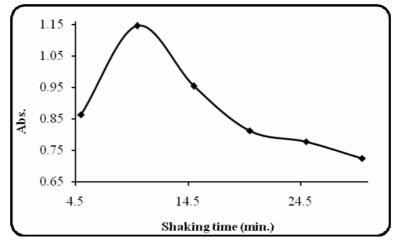


Figure (4): Effect of shaking time

To determine the stoichiometry of the extracted complex used continuous variation method and mole ratio method the results

demonstrate extracted complex Cu<sup>2+</sup>: [4-ClMePADPI] was 1:1, as in Figures (5,6,7).

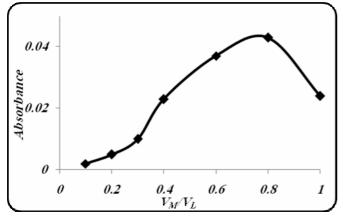


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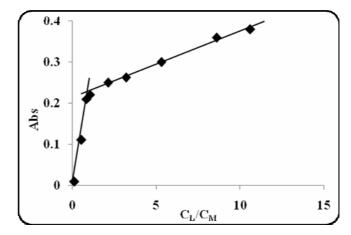


Figure (6): Determine the stoichiometry of the

#### extracted complex; continuous variation method

#### extracted complex; mole ratio method

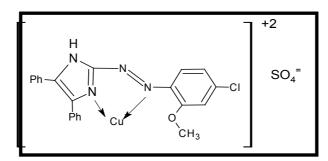


Figure (7): The probable structure of extracted complex

The study show the complexation reaction was exothermic reaction and chloroform organic solvent was the best for extraction

method. Calibration curve of Cu<sup>+2</sup> complex prepared under optimum Conditions developed, above, as in Figure (7).

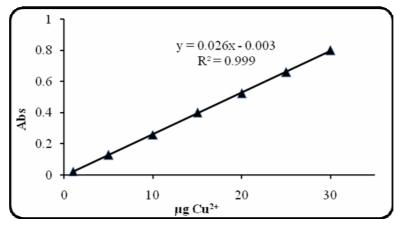


Figure (8): Calibration curve of Copper(II) with the organic reagent 4-CIMePADPI

## **Application of method in different samples**

The proposed method was applied to determination copper (II) in environmental and vital samples.

#### 1- Al-Mishkhab

| No. of | Sample name           | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name           | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 1      | Spinacia oleraca      | 1.40            | 3.57 | 1.5   |
| 2      | Beta vulgaris v.cilca | 1.18            | 3.38 | 1.23  |
| 3      | Aplum gravealens      | 1.16            | 4.31 | 1.08  |
| 4      | Raphanus sativus      | 1.16            | 4.31 | 1.08  |
| 5      | Hibiscus esaculuntus  | 6.60            | 3.03 | 6.80  |
| 6      | Foeniculum vulgare    | 17.0            | 3.52 | 17.01 |
| 7      | Visit                 | 1.20            | 8.30 | 1.3   |

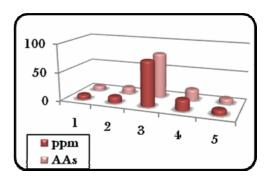
## a- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in plant leaves

The range of copper in plants according to WHO measurements is 5-30ppm<sup>(14,15)</sup>.

| $\overline{}$ |     |     |          |
|---------------|-----|-----|----------|
| 20            |     |     |          |
| 15            |     |     | <b>-</b> |
| 10            |     |     | -        |
| 5             |     |     | -        |
| 0             |     |     |          |
| 1             | 3 4 |     |          |
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| ■ AAs         |     |     |          |

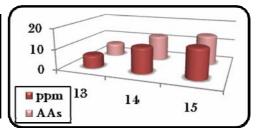
### 2- Al-Manadira

| No. of | Sample name        | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name        | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 8      | Helianthus annuus  | 8.40            | 2.30 | 8.42  |
| 9      | Raphnus sativus    | 11.20           | 1.78 | 11.40 |
| 10     | Lepidoum sativum   | 28.85           | 0.30 | 28.80 |
| 11     | Foeniculum vulgare | 19.20           | 0.52 | 19.30 |
| 12     | Lactuca sativa     | 9.20            | 1.08 | 9.30  |



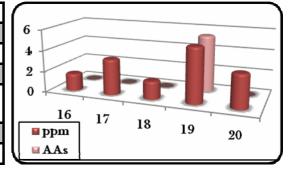
## 3- Al- Najaf

| No. of | Sample name            | Copper quantity |      | ıtity |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name            | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 13     | Lactuca sativa         | 6.32            | 0.15 | 6.34  |
| 14     | B. oleracea V.Capitata | 12.4            | 0.80 | 12.5  |
| 15     | B. oleracea V.Botrytis | 14.4            | 0.69 | 14.5  |



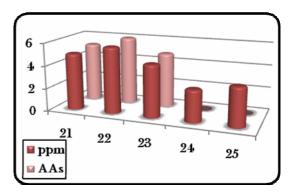
### 4- Al-Huria

| No. of | Sampla nama              | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name              | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 16     | Lactuca sativa           | 1.66            | 0.60 | 1.52  |
| 17     | Allium Cepa              | 3.4             | 2.94 | 3.2   |
| 18     | Beta Vulgaris<br>V.Cilca | 1.72            | 0.58 | 1.8   |
| 19     | Aplum gravealens         | 5.20            | 1.92 | 5.40  |
| 20     | Spinacia oleraca         | 3.20            | 3.12 | 3.3   |



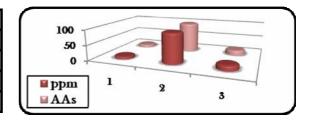
### 5- Al-Abasia

| No. of | Sample name              | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name              | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 21     | Lactuca sativa           | 5.00            | 2.00 | 5.20  |
| 22     | Allium Cepa              | 5.80            | 1.72 | 6.00  |
| 23     | Beta Vulgaris<br>V.Cilca | 4.60            | 2.17 | 4.80  |
| 24     | Aplum gravealens         | 2.80            | 3.57 | 2.9   |
| 25     | Spinacia oleraca         | 3.40            | 2.94 | 3.3   |



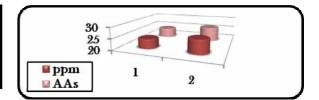
## b- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in some nuts

| No. of | Sample name      | Copper quantity |      |       |  |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|------|-------|--|
| sample | Sample name      | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |  |
| 1      | Juglans Sp       | 8.40            | 1.19 | 8.50  |  |
| 2      | Prunus amygdalus | 29.25           | 0.02 | 29.26 |  |
| 3      | Pistacia Sp      | 16.80           | 0.59 | 16.90 |  |



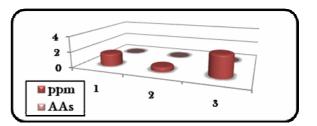
## c- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in some grain

| No. of | Sample name  | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|--------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name  | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 1      | Phaseolus Sp | 24.36           | 0.16 | 24.38 |
| 2      | Vicia Faba   | 26.36           | 0.07 | 26.4  |



## d- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in some specis

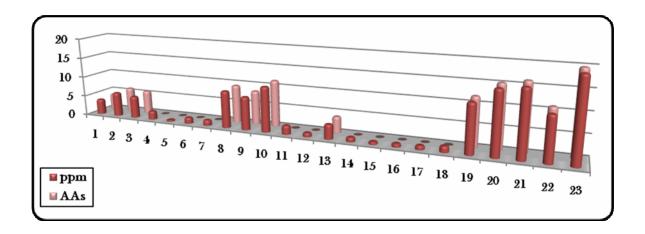
| No. of | Sample name  | Copper quantity |       |       |
|--------|--------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| sample | Sample name  | ppm*            | %RSD  | AAs** |
| 1      | Sumac        | 1.60            | 6.25  | 1.65  |
| 2      | Curry Powder | 0.60            | 16.60 | 0.7   |
| 3      | Maggi        | 2.80            | 1.27  | 2.9   |



# e- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in soil:-

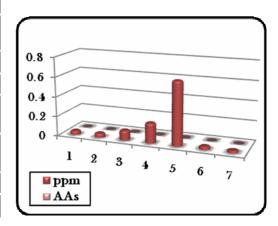
In general the soil contains copper at the range 10-200ppm and this different return to nature of soil according to WHO measurements<sup>(14,15)</sup>. The samples of soil was collection from different position, the result reported in table below

| No. of |  | Ca    | pper quai | ıtity |
|--------|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| sample | Sample name  | ppm*  | %RSD      | AAs** |
| 1      | Al-Manadira  | 3.80  | 2.63      | 4.00  |
| 2      | Al-Mishkhab  | 6.014 | 1.89      | 6.02  |
| 3      | Al-Kufa near the bridge                                | 5.50  | 1.81      | 5.70  |
| 4      | Al-Abasia the thoroughfare                             | 2.14  | 0.93      | 2.20  |
| 5      | Al-Zurfate region                                      | 0.38  | 2.63      | 0.40  |
| 6      | Al-Abasia arable land                                  | 1.50  | 6.66      | 1.45  |
| 7      | Al-Huria the thoroughfare                              | 1.38  | 0.72      | 1.40  |
| 8      | Al-Huria arable land                                   | 9.20  | 1.08      | 9.40  |
| 9      | Al- Kufa street in front of Al-Mufeed secondary school | 8.20  | 1.21      | 8.40  |
| 10     | Al-Saad quarter far the thoroughfare                   | 11.2  | 0.89      | 11.50 |
| 11     | Al-Saad quarter the thoroughfare                       | 2.20  | 4.54      | 2.30  |
| 12     | Al-Kufa street in front of Al-Adala quarter            | 1.00  | 10.00     | 1.10  |
| 13     | Al-Kufa street in front of the protection grid         | 3.60  | 2.7       | 4.0   |
| 14     | Al-Jawahery street                                     | 1.10  | 9.09      | 1.08  |
| 15     | Al-Ameer quarter far the thoroughfare                  | 0.66  | 9.09      | 0.68  |
| 16     | Near Thawret Al-Eshreen                                | 0.82  | 1.21      | 0.85  |
| 17     | Madhlum housing section                                | 1.00  | 10.00     | 0.98  |
| 18     | Madhlum arable land                                    | 1.50  | 6.66      | 1.48  |
| 19     | Al-Ameer quarter near generated                        | 11.85 | 0.42      | 11.87 |
| 20     | Al-Ameer quarter near the garage                       | 15.25 | 0.32      | 15.28 |
| 21     | Al-Jamea quarter housing section                       | 16.00 | 0.62      | 16.20 |
| 22     | Al-Jamea quarter isolated section                      | 10.80 | 0.92      | 11.00 |
| 23     | The market of Al- Jamea quarter                        | 19.60 | 0.51      | 19.80 |



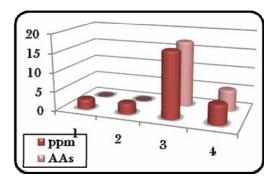
## **f-** Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in different spring water:-

| No. of |                            | Ca    | pper quai | pper quantity |  |
|--------|----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|--|
| sample | Sample name                | ppm*  | %RSD      | AAs**         |  |
| 1      | Al-Abasia river            | 0.04  | 25.00     | 0.05          |  |
| 2      | Al-Mishkhab river          | 0.042 | 4.76      | 0.05          |  |
| 3      | Al-Mishkhab drink<br>water | 0.100 | 0.10      | 0.12          |  |
| 4      | Al-Manadira drink<br>water | 0.202 | 0.99      | 0.21          |  |
| 5      | Al-Najaf drink water       | 0.640 | 1.56      | 0.63          |  |
| 6      | Madhlum drink water        | 0.032 | 3.12      | 0.04          |  |



## g- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in Vital samples:-

| No. of |                     | Copper quantity |      |       |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| sample | Sample name         | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 1      | Imported cow kidney | 2.60            | 3.84 | 2.70  |
| 2      | Local cow kidney    | 2.80            | 3.57 | 2.85  |
| 3      | Imported cow liver  | 17.20           | 1.16 | 17.30 |
| 4      | Local cow liver     | 5.20            | 3.84 | 5.40  |



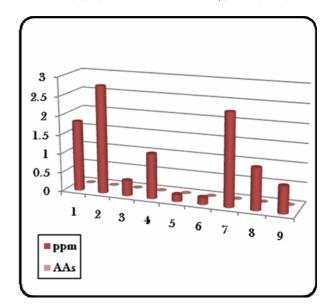
## h- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in human blood serum:-

This study includes the comparison between the serum of healthy women and the serums of women suffer from Toxoplasmosis disease.

The range 1.1-1.5mg/L according to WHO measurements (14,15).

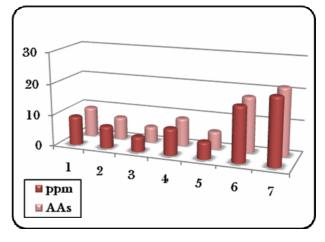
The quantity of Copper(II) in the blood serum of healthy women

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|------------------|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| No. of sample    | Age | Copper quantity |       |       |  |  |  |
|                  |     | ppm*            | %RSD  | AAs** |  |  |  |
| 1                | 24  | 1.83            | 0.54  | 1.90  |  |  |  |
| 2                | 34  | 2.80            | 3.57  | 2.85  |  |  |  |
| 3                | 36  | 0.40            | 25.00 | 0.46  |  |  |  |
| 4                | 38  | 1.17            | 0.85  | 1.19  |  |  |  |
| 5                | 40  | 0.18            | 0.05  | 0.19  |  |  |  |
| 6                | 42  | 0.18            | 0.05  | 0.19  |  |  |  |
| 7                | 46  | 2.40            | 4.16  | 2.50  |  |  |  |
| 8                | 54  | 1.08            | 8.60  | 1.12  |  |  |  |
| 9                | 58  | 0.70            | 14.28 | 0.72  |  |  |  |



The quantity of Copper(II) in the blood serum of patient women

|               | 01  | patient women   |      |       |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|------|-------|
| No. of sample | Age | Copper quantity |      |       |
|               |     | ppm*            | %RSD | AAs** |
| 10            | 21  | 9.20            | 1.08 | 9.40  |
| 11            | 24  | 7.01            | 0.14 | 7.10  |
| 12            | 29  | 4.80            | 2.08 | 5.00  |
| 13            | 39  | 8.50            | 1.17 | 8.80  |
| 14            | 42  | 5.43            | 0.55 | 5.60  |
| 15            | 44  | 16.54           | 0.12 | 17.68 |
| 16            | 47  | 21.30           | 0.93 | 21.50 |

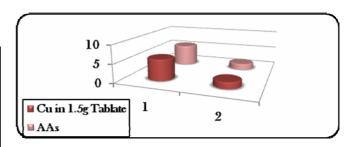


<sup>\*</sup>ppm: copper quantity determined by this Spectrophotometric determination method

## i- Spectrophotometric determination of Copper(II) in Vitamins:-

Vitamins is the drug which content of copper(II) and this study use two types of vitamins.

| No. of sample | Sample<br>name | Cu in<br>1.5g<br>Tablate | %RSD | AAs<br>ppm |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|------|------------|
| 1             | Vitiron        | 58μg                     | 1.72 | 5.82       |
| 2             | Cenvite        | 1.8mg                    | 5.55 | 1.70       |



<sup>\*\*</sup>AAs: copper quantity determined by Atomic absorption method

As a conclusion from this study we can use this organic reagent (4-ClMePADPI) for determination spectrophotometrically for other metal in different samples, and synthesis new azo derivatives for spectrophotometric determination of micro amount of metals.

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