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OXIDATIVE DECOLORISATION OF INDIGOCARMINE DYE BY CHLORAMINE-T IN ACIDIC BUFFER (pH= 5.8) MEDIUM CATALYSED BY NITRITE ION: A KINETIC AND MECHANISTIC STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Kinetics of oxidative decolorisation of indigocarmine(IC) dye by CAT in pH 5.8 buffer medium catalyzed by nitrite ion has been studied at 300K spectrophotometrically at  $\lambda_{max}$ = 610 nm. The reaction is first order with respect to [IC], [Nitrite ion] and second order with respect to [CAT]. It also shows an inverse first order on p-toluenesulphonamide concentration [TSA] and inverse fractional order on [H<sup>+</sup>]. The additions of the reaction product p-toluenesulphonamide and halide ions have no significant effect on the rate of the reaction. The variation of ionic strength of the medium did not affect the rate indicating that non ionic species are involved in the rate determining step. The dielectric effect is positive. The reaction was studied at different temperatures and the activation parameters have been deduced. Oxidation products were characterized. Test for free radicals was found to be negative. The derived rate law based on the proposed mechanism is in complete agreement with the observed kinetic data.

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INTRODUCTION

Indigocarmine (IC) also known as indigotine. It is approved for use as a food colorant in the united states Summary of colour additives for use in united states in foods (1984). The primary use of indigocarmine is as a pH indicator. It is blue at pH 11.4 and yellow at 13.0. Indigocarmine is also a redox indicator, turning yellow upon reduction. The chemistry of IC and derivatives has been reviewed by Rodd (1960). It is used as dye in the textile industry and manufacture of capsules. In surgery, intravenous indigocarmine is used to highlight of urinary tract. Murthy *et al.* (1979) have reported the kinetics of oxidation of IC by potassium peroxydisulphate in presence of acid medium, kinetics of EDTA catalysed oxidation of IC by Vanadium (V) spectrophotometrically in presence of acid medium at 25<sup>o</sup>C reported by Rao *et al.* (1979) Ananda et al have reported the kinetics of oxidation of IC by chloramine-B and HOCl buffer medium (pH 2-6) at 30 C<sup>o</sup>. (1995), and kinetics of oxidation of indigocarmine by bromamine-T in acidic buffer medium Ananda *et al.* (1997). Venkatesha *et al.* (1995) have reported the oxidation of indigocarmine by chloramine-T and aqueous chlorine in acidic buffer medium. (1995), and oxidative decolourisation of indigocarmine dye with chloramine-T

catalysed by cobalt (II) venkatesha *et al.* (2011). Puttaswamy *et al.* (1991) have reported the kinetics of oxidation of IC by sodium hypohalites (NaOX) in alkaline buffer of pH= 9-11 spectrophotometrically. Srinivasa *et al.* (1982) have reported kinetics and mechanism of oxidation of IC by V(v) in presence of salicylic acid and substituted salicylic acids. Oxidation of kinetics of IC with potassium bromate in aqueous sulphuric acid reported by Sreekantha *et al.* (1988).

A prominent member of the class of N-haloarylsulfonamides is sodium N-chloro-p-toluenesulfonamide or chloramine-T (p-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NCINa3H<sub>2</sub>O or CAT), which is a byproduct in the manufacture of saccharin Campbell and Johnson (1978). CAT is the most widely studied haloamine containing positive chlorine which is implicated in the reaction of an array of functional groups of the substrates. Several studies on the mechanistic aspect of oxidation of diverse organic substrate including IC by aromatic haloamines have been reported by us (Ananda *et al.*, 1997; Venkatesha *et al.*, 1995; Venkatesha *et al.*, 2011; Saldanha *et al.*, 2002; Venkatesha *et al.*, 1994; Venkatesha *et al.*, 1992). However, there is no information available on the nitrite catalysed oxidation of IC by aromatic N-chloroamines. In the present paper, we report on the kinetic and mechanistic investigations of nitrite ion catalysed oxidative decolorisation of IC by chloramine-T.

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$\mu_{\max} = 610 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $\text{pH} = 5.8$ ;  $T = 300\text{K}$ .

### Effect of $[\text{NO}_2^-]$ on the reaction rate

The reaction rate increases with the increase in  $[\text{NO}_2^-]$  (Table 2,  $r = 0.9911$ ) and the plot of  $\log k$  versus  $\log [\text{NO}_2^-]$  was linear with a slope of 1.0 showing first order dependence on  $[\text{NO}_2^-]$ .

**Table 2. Effect of varying  $[\text{NO}_2^-]$  on the rate of reaction**  
 $[\text{IC}]_0 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $[\text{CAT}] = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  
 $\mu_{\max} = 610 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $\text{pH} = 5.8$ ;  $T = 300\text{K}$

$[\text{NO}_2^-] \times 10^3 (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$	$k' \times 10^4 (\text{sec}^{-1})$
1.0	10.0
2.0	17.5
3.0	26.3
4.0	41.6
5.0	50.1

### Effect of pH on the reaction rate

The reaction rate decreased with increasing pH of the medium (Table 3,  $r = 0.9928$ ). A plot of  $\log k$  versus  $\log [\text{H}^+]$  was linear with a slope of 0.8 showing fractional order dependence on  $[\text{H}^+]$ .

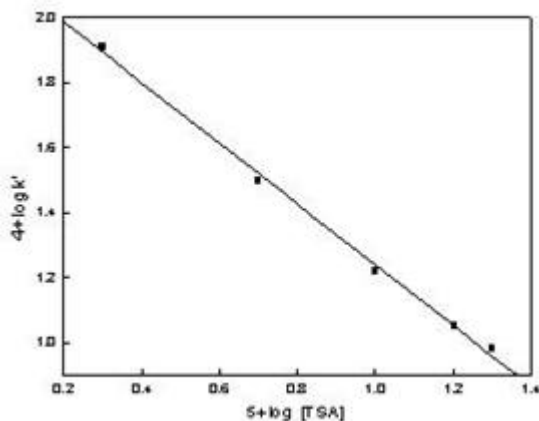
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 $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $\mu_{\max} = 610 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $T = 300\text{K}$

pH	$[\text{H}^+] \times 10^6$	$k' \times 10^4 (\text{sec}^{-1})$
5.2	6.31	63.0
5.4	3.98	32.3
5.6	2.51	25.7
5.8	1.58	17.5
6.0	1.00	14.1

### Effect of reduction product, [TSA] on the reaction rate

The effect of the externally added reduction product, TSA on the rate at other constant conditions was studied in the range ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $20.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) to the reaction mixture retarded the reaction rate. A plot of  $\log k$  versus  $\log [\text{TSA}]$  was linear with a slope of -1.0 showing inverse first order (Figure 2,  $r = 0.9991$ ).



**Fig.2. Plot of  $\log k'$  versus  $\log [\text{TSA}]$**

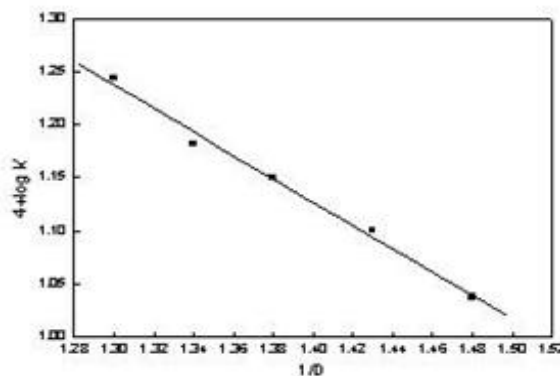
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### Effects of halide ion and ionic strength on the reaction rate

Addition of chloride ion ( $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  –  $20.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the form of NaCl, to the reaction mixture had no effect on the rate. Ionic strength of the reaction medium varied by adding  $\text{NaClO}_4$  (0.05 to  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) did not affect the rate.

### Effect of Dielectric Constant (D) on the reaction rate

The effect of dielectric constant (D) on the reaction rate was studied by varying MeOH content (0-20% v/v) in pH 5.8 buffer medium. The rate decreased with an increase in MeOH content of the medium, furthermore, a plot of  $\log k$  versus  $1/D$  gave a straight line (Figure 3,  $r = 0.9959$ ) with a negative slope. This effect is in conformity with the Amis concept for dipole-dipole or dipole-ion interactions Amis (1970).



**Fig.3. Plot of  $\log k'$  versus  $1/D$**

$[\text{IC}]_0 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $[\text{CAT}] = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  
 $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $\mu_{\max} = 610 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\text{pH} = 5.8$ ;  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $T = 300\text{K}$

**Table 4. Temperature dependence of the reaction rate and activation parameters for the indigocarmine oxidation by CAT in presence of nitrite ion catalyst**

$[\text{IC}]_0 = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $[\text{CAT}] = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  
 $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $\mu_{\max} = 610 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\text{pH} = 5.8$ ;  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;

Temperature(K)	$k' \times 10^4 (\text{sec}^{-1})$	Activation parameters
295	12.5	$E_a = 57.47 (\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$
300	17.5	$H = 54.95 (\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$
303	19.4	$S = -115.09 (\text{JK}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1})$
308	28.1	$G = 89.90 (\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$
313	46.7	

### Effect of temperature on the reaction rate

Kinetic runs were performed at various temperatures (295 K to 313 K) while keeping the other experimental conditions the same. An Arrhenius plot of  $\log k$  versus  $1/T$

(Table 4,  $r = 0.9971$ ) used to calculate the activation parameters, namely, energy of activation ( $E_a$ ), entropy of activation ( $\Delta S^\ddagger$ ), enthalpy of activation ( $\Delta H^\ddagger$ ), free energy of activation ( $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ). these results are summarized in Table 4.

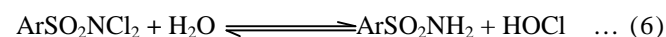
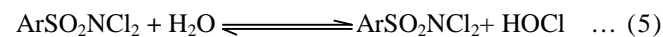
### Detection of free radicals

The negative polymerization test with monomers for the detection of free radicals generated in *situ in the* reaction mixture showed the absence of free radicals. The blank experiments showed that no reaction is taking place between

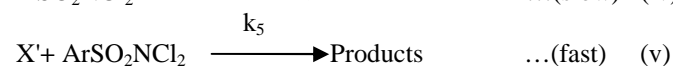
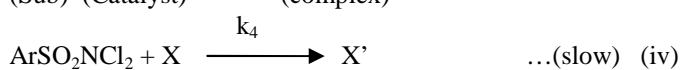
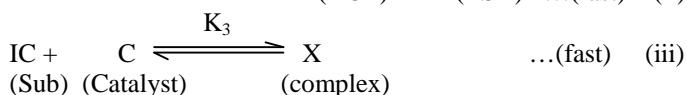
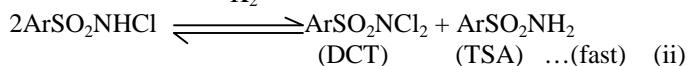
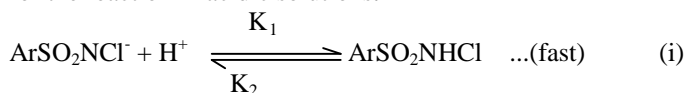
- (i) IC and Nitrite ion in the absence of CAT
- (ii) Nitrite ion and CAT in the absence of IC and
- (iii) Indigocarmine and NaCl in presence of  $\text{NO}_2^-$  and in the absence CAT

### Mechanism

Pryde and Sopper (1926) Morris *et al.* (1958) and Bishop and Jennings (1958) have shown the existence of similar equilibria in acid medium. Chloramine-T ( $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NClNa}$ ) or ( $p\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{NClNa} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) behaves as a strong electrolyte in aqueous solution forming different species as shown in equation 2 to 6.

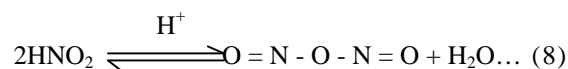
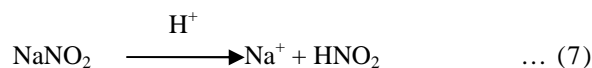


The free acid of CAT ( $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}$ ), dichloramine-T ( $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}_2$ ), HOCl are the probable oxidizing species in acid medium. The reaction shows a second order in [CAT] and a retardation by the added *p*-toluenesulphonamide ( $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NH}_2$ ) i.e., an inverse first order on  $[\text{TSA}]_0$  indicating the involvement of  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}_2$  as the kinetically active species in a fast preequilibrium. Additionally, the reaction rate shows dependences of a first order on [IC], a fractional order on  $[\text{H}^+]$  and first order on catalyst  $[\text{NO}_2^-]$ . On the basis of the above discussion, a simple mechanism (Scheme 1) has been proposed for the reaction in acidic solutions.



Scheme 1

The following equilibrium (equation 8) exists for  $\text{NaNO}_2$  in acidic solution.



Molecular structures of complexes X and X', and other intermediate species formed are as shown in scheme-2. This scheme shows a detailed interpretation of electronic mechanism for the oxidation of IC, Catalyst and  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}_2$  (Active oxidising species of CAT). An electrophilic attack  $\text{Cl}^+$  of  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}_2$  across carbon-carbon double bond of X leads to the formation of the complex X (5-isatin sulphonate) with regeneration of the catalyst. The isatin sulphonate intermediate under goes further oxidation with  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}_2$  followed by nucleophilic attacks by water and intramolecular rearrangements to form the product sulphonated anthranilic acid (SAA)

Scheme 1 leads to the rate law as follows

$$\text{Rate} = k_4 [\text{DCT}] [\text{X}] \quad \dots (9)$$

The total effective concentration of CAT is given by

$$[\text{CAT}]_0 = [\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}^-] + [\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}] + [\text{DCT}] \quad \dots (10)$$

From equilibria (i) and (ii) in scheme 1

$$[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}^-] = \frac{[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}]}{K_1 [\text{H}^+]} \quad \dots (11)$$

$$[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}] = \frac{[\text{DCT}][\text{TSA}]^{1/2}}{K_2^{1/2}} \quad \dots (12)$$

Substitution for  $[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}]$  from equation (12) in equation (11) gives,

$$[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}^-] = \frac{[\text{DCT}][\text{TSA}]^{1/2}}{K_1 K_2^{1/2} [\text{H}^+]} \quad \dots (13)$$

Substitute equations (12) and (13) in equation (10) one obtains,

$$[\text{CAT}]_t = \frac{[\text{DCT}][\text{TSA}]^{1/2} + K_1 [\text{H}^+] [\text{TSA}]^{1/2} + K_2 K_2^{1/2} [\text{H}^+] [\text{DCT}]^{1/2}}{K_1 K_2^{1/2} [\text{H}^+] [\text{DCT}]^{1/2}} \quad \dots (14)$$

Or

$$\text{DCT} = \frac{K_1 K_2^{1/2} [\text{H}^+] [\text{DCT}]^{1/2} [\text{CAT}]_t}{[\text{TSA}]^{1/2} + K_1 [\text{H}^+] [\text{TSA}]^{1/2} + K_2 K_2^{1/2} [\text{H}^+] [\text{DCT}]^{1/2}} \quad \dots (14)$$

Since in acid medium chloramine-T exists, predominantly as  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NCl}$ ,  $[\text{ArSO}_2\text{NHCl}]$   $[\text{CAT}]_t$ , therefore equation (12)

takes the form.

$$[\text{DCT}]^{1/2} = \frac{K_2^{1/2} [\text{CAT}]_t}{[\text{TSA}]^{1/2}}$$

The above  $[\text{DCT}]^{1/2}$  in equation (14) one gets,

$$\text{DCT} = \frac{K_1 K_2 [\text{CAT}]^2 [\text{H}^+]}{[\text{TSA}] \{ [1 + K_1 [\text{H}^+]] + K_1 K_2 [\text{CAT}]_t [\text{H}^+] \}} \quad \dots (15)$$

From equilibria (iii) of Scheme 1

$$K_3 = \frac{X}{[\text{IC}][\text{Catalyst}]}$$

$$[\text{X}] = K_3 [\text{IC}][\text{Catalyst}] \quad \dots (16)$$

$$\therefore \text{Rate} = k_4 [\text{DCT}] [\text{X}] \quad \dots (17)$$

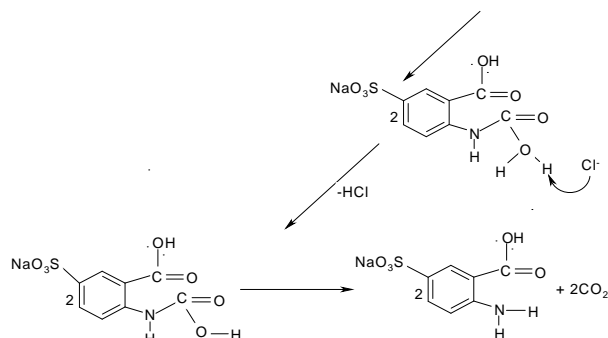
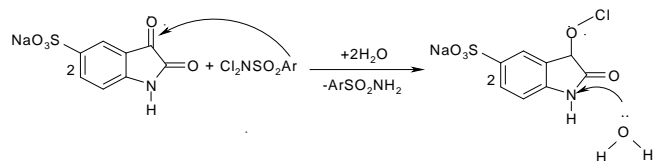
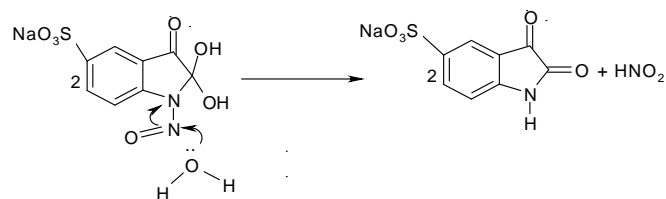
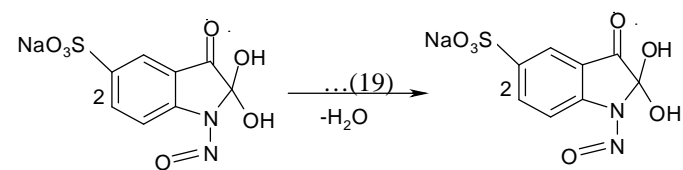
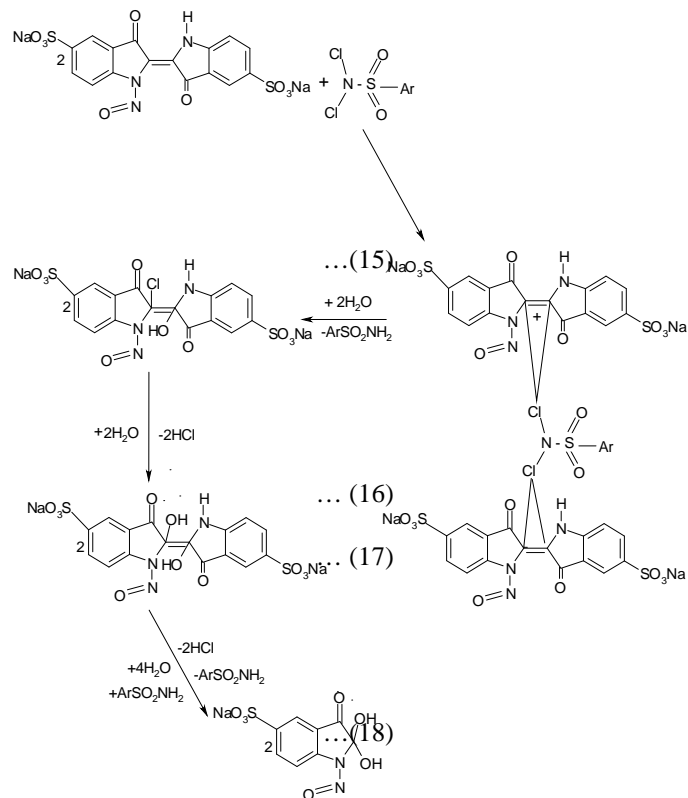
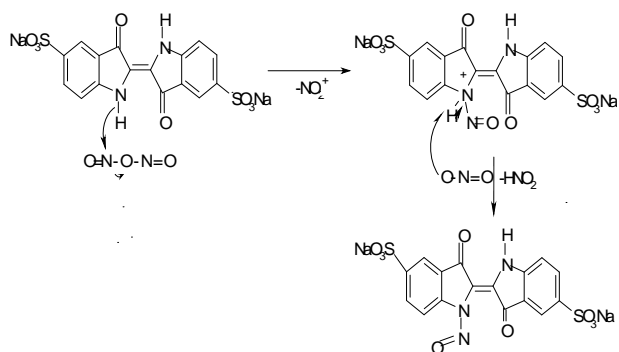
Substituting equation (17) in equation (15)

$$\therefore \text{Rate} = \frac{k_4 K_1 K_2 [\text{CAT}]^2 [\text{H}^+] K_3 [\text{IC}][\text{Catalyst}]}{[\text{TSA}] \{ [1 + K_2 [\text{H}^+]] + K_1 K_2 [\text{CAT}]_t [\text{H}^+] \}} \quad \dots (18)$$

Assuming third term in denominator is very small and neglecting.

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_4 K_1 K_2 K_3 [\text{CAT}]^2 [\text{H}^+] [\text{IC}][\text{Catalyst}]}{[\text{TSA}] \{ 1 + K_1 [\text{H}^+] \}} \quad \dots (19)$$

The rate laws (19) are in agreement with the experimental results i.e. first order for [substrate], [catalyst], second order for [oxidant], fractional order for  $[\text{H}^+]$  and inverse first order for [TSA]. If one assumes that values of protonation constant  $K_1$  and disproportionation constant  $K_2$  of chloramine-T are nearly equal and close to  $K_1[\text{CAT}] \approx K_2[\text{CAT}] \approx 0.154$  at pH 5.8 at 303 K Puttaswamy et al (1991). Using these approximate equilibrium constant values of CAT, it can be shown that the third term tends to be the smallest of the three terms in equation (18) justifying its omission. Amis (1970) has shown that for a limiting case of zero angle of approach between two dipoles or between an ion and dipole, a plot of  $\log k$  versus  $1/D$  (where  $D$ =dielectric constant of the solvent medium) has a negative slope for dipole-dipole or anion-dipole interactions and a positive slope for cation-dipole interactions in the rate determining step.



Scheme-2 Oxidation of indigocarmine by CAT in buffer medium

In the present study the observed negative effect of dielectric constant supports the proposed dipole-dipole interactions in the rate determining step in Scheme 1 of the mechanism. The value of enthalpy of activation ( $\Delta H$ ) is supportive of the proposed mechanism in Scheme-1 and 2. The highly negative entropy of activation ( $\Delta S$ ) indicates the formation of a transition state by an associative process.

### Conclusion

Today, advanced oxidation processes for treatment of industrial effluents and toxic organics have become a focus of attention among environmental scientists. Several compounds have been reported as potential candidates to resolve environmental issues. Herein we report soft solution routes for decolorisation of indigocarmine dye by oxidation process using chloramine-T as oxidants and Nitrite ion as catalyst. Further more, this work indicates that spectrophotometric kinetic study enables estimation of the amount of nitrites present in water and some other samples.

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