

## Reduction of Trioxobromate(V) Ion By [CoHedtaoh<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> in Acid Medium : Kinetics and Mechanism.

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### Abstract:

The kinetics of the reduction of trioxobromate(V) ion, BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> by [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> has been studied in aqueous acidic medium at 28 °C, I = 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> (NaClO<sub>4</sub>) and [H<sup>+</sup>] = 7.50x10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. The stoichiometry studies showed that for every mole of the BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, 5 moles of [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> was consumed. The stoichiometric equation for the reaction is: 5[CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> + BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> + 6H<sup>+</sup> → 5[CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> + 1/2 Br<sub>2</sub> + 3H<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction is first order in both [BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] and [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>. The rate of the reaction increased with increase in [H<sup>+</sup>]. A plot of acid dependent rate constants versus [H<sup>+</sup>]<sup>2</sup> is linear and conform to the following equation: - [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> / dt = (a + b[H<sup>+</sup>]<sup>2</sup>) [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> [BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] within the acid range 0.025 ≤ [H<sup>+</sup>] ≤ 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, a = 6.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and b = 0.146 dm<sup>9</sup> mol<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Negative salt effect was observed from the rate dependence on ionic strength studies. CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> decreased the rate of the reaction. The outer-sphere mechanism is proposed for the reaction.

### Introduction:

BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> is a powerful brominating agent for aromatic compounds that contain deactivating substituents (Groweiss, 2000). It is also used in the oxidation of sulfur and vat dyes, for cleaning boilers and as an analytical reagent. It's mixture with sodium bromide is used for dissolving gold from its ores (HSDB, 2003). In the cosmetic industry it is used as neutralizers or oxidizers in hair wave preparations.

BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> is one of the disinfection by-products formed during the ozonation of water containing bromide. Bromide is naturally present in water and the ozonation of waters containing the bromide ion (Br<sup>-</sup>) results in the oxidation of Br<sup>-</sup> to hypobromous acid (HOBr) and further oxidation of the hypobromite ion (BrO<sup>-</sup>) to BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (Downing and Nerenberg, 2007). In humans, intake of BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> can lead to gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea), central nervous system depression, renal failure and hearing loss (NTP Report, 2005). It is a suspected human carcinogen (Kurata et al, 1992). It has been shown to cause renal tumors in rats and male mice (DeAngelo et al, 1998). Several studies involving the reduction of bromate by several substrates have been reported (Pujari and Banerjee, 1983; Ayoko et al, 1991; Iyun et al, 1992a; Lohdip et al, 1996; Desai et al, 2002; Chikwana et al, 2004; Bugaje, 2006; Cherkupally and Tumu, 2007). Differing

stoichiometries were reported in these works while the oxidation state of Br<sup>v</sup> → Br<sup>0</sup> or Br<sup>v</sup> → Br<sup>-</sup> were established. In this paper the redox reaction of BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> with [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> complex is reported. It is hoped that the data generated from this work will throw more light on the BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> reactions.

### Experimental:

#### Materials.

All reagents used were of analar grade. Stock solutions of [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> was prepared according to the method of Mansour (2003), sodium ethanoate and BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> were prepared by dissolving weighed amount of each and making up to known solution volume with distilled water. The λ<sub>max</sub> (510 nm) was determined by running the spectrum of the solution of [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> in the wavelength range 380-580 nm. A stock solution of perchloric acid was made by diluting analar grade acid (70 %, specific gravity 1.67) and standardizing titrimetrically. Analar grade sodium perchlorate (NaClO<sub>4</sub>) was used to maintain the ionic strength.

#### Stoichiometry

The stoichiometry of the [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> - BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> reaction was determined by spectrophotometric titration using the mole ratio method. The [CoHEDTAOH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> was kept constant at 5.0x10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> while that of

$[\text{BrO}_3^-]$  ion was varied from  $(2.0-100.0) \times 10^{-4}$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  at  $I = 0.5$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  ( $\text{NaClO}_4$ ) and  $[\text{H}^+] = 0.05$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ . The reactions were allowed to go to completion and the absorbances of the solutions were taken at 510 nm. The stoichiometry was determined from the plot of absorbance versus the mole ratio  $\text{BrO}_3^- / [\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$ .

### Kinetics

The wavelength of maximum absorption,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  of  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  was determined to be 510 nm using Spectronic 20 colorimeter. The rate of the reaction of  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  with  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  ion was studied at this  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  by observing the change in absorbance of  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  with time. All the kinetic measurements were carried out under pseudo-first order condition with  $[\text{BrO}_3^-]$  in large excess over  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  at 28 °C and 1.0 mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  ( $\text{NaClO}_4$ ) ionic strength. The plots of  $\log(A_\infty - A_t)$  versus time were made. From the gradient of the plots the pseudo-first order rate constants  $k_1$  were determined as given by the equation:

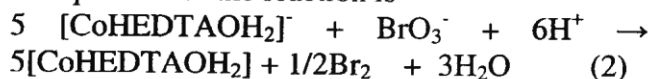
$$\log(A_t - A_\infty) = -\frac{k_1 t}{2.303} + \log(A_0 - A_\infty) \quad (1)$$

The second order rate constants  $k_2$ , were obtained from  $k_1$  as  $k_1 / [\text{BrO}_3^-]$ . The results are presented in Table 1.

### Results/Discussion

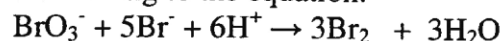
#### Stoichiometry

The analysis of the plot of absorbance versus mole ratio  $\text{BrO}_3^- / [\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  gave a ratio of 5:1. On the basis of the stoichiometry the overall equation for the reaction is



The stoichiometry of 5:1 obtained in this reaction is similar to those obtained for reactions of  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  with  $[\text{Co}(\text{cedta})]^{2-}$  (Pujari and Banerjee, 1983),  $[\text{CoW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{6-}$  (Ayoko et al, 1991) Methylene blue (Iyun and Asala, 1994), Acetaldehyde (Lohdip et al, 1996) and diaquotetrakis(2,2'-bipyridine)- $\mu$ -oxo-diRuthenium(III) ion (Iyun et al, 1992b) but differs from 6:1 (reductant/oxidant) obtained from bromate  $-\text{[Co(II)EDTA]}^{2-}$  reaction (Bugage, 2006). Other stoichiometries reported for the reaction of the oxidant with non-one electron transfer reductants includes reaction with urea and L-ascorbic acid (Iyun et al, 1992a),

Catechol (Iyun, 1990), Guanylthiourea, (Chikwana et al, 2004) that obtained 3:1, 5:2 and 8:5 (reductant/oxidant) respectively. The bromine product obtained is in agreement with previous result (Pujari and Banerjee, 1983) and this conforms to a change in oxidation state from  $\text{Br}^{\text{V}} \rightarrow \text{Br}^0$ . It is reasonable to accept  $\text{Br}_2$  as product of the reaction since under the experimental condition any  $\text{Br}^-$  formed would have reacted with the excess  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  to form bromine according to the equation:



High stoichiometry is to be expected for reaction involving bromate ion being a multi-electron oxidant (Sarathi et al, 2005).

#### Order of reaction

The pseudo-first order plots of  $\log(A_\infty - A_t)$  versus time for the reaction were linear for about 70 % of the reaction ( $A_t$  and  $A_\infty$  are the absorbance of the complex at time  $t$  and the end of the reaction respectively). The linearity of the plot indicates that the reaction is first order with respect to  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$ . From the slopes of the plots, the pseudo-first order rate constants ( $k_1$ ) were obtained. Analysis of the plot of  $\log k_1$  versus  $\log [\text{BrO}_3^-]$  (Fig.1) gave slope of 1.04 showing that the reaction is first order in  $[\text{BrO}_3^-]$ . The reaction is therefore second order overall. The rate law for the reaction is:

$$-\frac{d[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]}{dt} = k_2 [\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-] [\text{BrO}_3^-] \quad (3)$$

$$k_2 = (14.85 \pm 0.66) \times 10^{-5} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Similar overall order of reaction has been reported for  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  reactions (Lohdip et al, 1996; Iyun et al, 1992a&b; Ayoko et al, 1991).

#### Effect of $[\text{H}^+]$

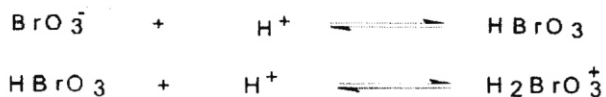
The influence of  $[\text{H}^+]$  ion on the rate was investigated using perchloric acid in the range  $0.025 \leq [\text{H}^+] \leq 0.1$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  while the  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2^-]$  and  $[\text{BrO}_3^-]$  were kept constant with  $T = 28$  °C and  $I = 1.0$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  ( $\text{NaClO}_4$ ). The results on Table 2 show that the rate of the reaction increased with increase in  $[\text{H}^+]$  in the range investigated. The plot of  $k_2$  versus  $[\text{H}^+]^2$  was linear with intercept (Fig.2). The acid dependent rate constant can be represented as

$$k_2 = a + b [\text{H}^+]^2 \quad (4)$$

The overall rate equation in the acid range investigated is

$$-\frac{d[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]}{dt} = (a + b[\text{H}^+]^2) [\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2][\text{BrO}_3^-] \quad (5)$$

Acid dependence of this nature indicates that there are two parallel reaction pathways; one which depends on acid and the other which is acid-independent (Gupta and Gupta, 1984). In acid solution, bromate establishes the following equilibria



The nature of acid dependence or lack of it has therefore been used to suggest the possible reactant bromate species in solution. Second order acid-dependence has been ascribed to the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{BrO}_3^+$  and  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  species (Ayoko et al, 1991 and ref. within) while first-order acid-dependence was used to suggest  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  and  $\text{HBrO}_3$  as the likely bromated species (Lohdip et al, 1996 and ref. within). The result obtained in this study suggests that both  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{BrO}_3^+$  are the reactive species. This result is similar with result commonly obtained for bromate reactions. The addition of proton to oxy-anion is thought to labilize the oxygen by converting it from the oxide form to water enroute the hydroxide form (Birk, 1973 in Iyun et al, 1992b). Thus, protonating an oxide in an oxy-anion should facilitate the scission of the oxygen-central atom bond.

#### Effect of ionic strength

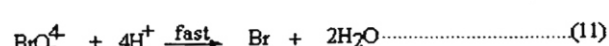
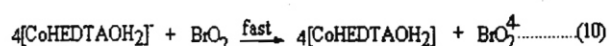
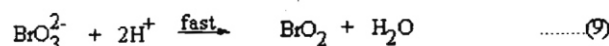
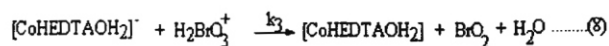
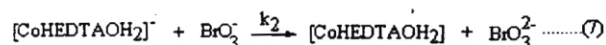
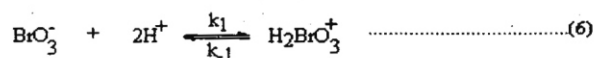
The effect of ionic strength on the rate of the reaction was investigated in the range  $I = 1.0 - 2.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ NaClO}_4$ , while the concentration of other reagents were kept constant.

Ionic strength dependence studies show a general trend of decrease in reaction rate with increase in ionic strength of the reaction medium (Table 3). The plots of  $\log k_2$  versus  $\sqrt{I}$  was linear (Fig. 3). Decrease in reaction rate with increase in ionic strength of the medium is generally believed to occur when reaction involves oppositely charged ions (Atkins and dePaula, 2002). Since the  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^-$  ion is negatively charged, it is reasonable to accept the  $\text{H}_2\text{BrO}_3^+$  as a likely reactive specie of the bromate ion in this reaction as suggested by the nature of acid-dependence studies.

#### Effect of added ion

The concentration of all other reactions were kept constant at  $I = 1.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} (\text{NaClO}_4)$ . The effect of added anion on the rate of the reactions was investigated for  $[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-] = (1.0-5.0) \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . The  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  was observed to decrease the reaction rate (Table 4). Decrease of the reaction by the added anion shows that the added ion has hindered the approach of the reactant species in a simple collision process. The observed decrease in reaction rate by the added anion in effect suggests that the reactant species are not linked together in the activated complex.

Michealis-Menten (Michaelis-Menten, 1913) plot gave no intercept. An intercept in enzyme kinetics would have suggested presence of binuclear intermediate. The lack of intercept suggests that the mechanism of the reaction did not involve formation of a bridged intermediate at the activated complex, a factor which should have been in favour of the inner-sphere mechanism. Based on the above results which are in favour of outer-sphere mechanism, the mechanism below is proposed.



With equation (7) and (8) as rate determining steps and applying steady state approximation, the rate of the reaction is given as:

$$\frac{d[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]}{dt} = \left( k_2 + k_3 \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} [\text{H}^+]^2 \right) [\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2][\text{BrO}_3^-] \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Where } k_2 = a \text{ and } k_3 \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} = b$$

**Table 1.:Pseudo - first and second order rate constants for  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- - \text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction at  $T = 28^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 510 \text{ nm}$  and  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$**

$10^2[\text{BrO}_3^-]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^2[\text{H}^+]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$I$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^6k_1$ , $\text{s}^{-1}$	$10^5k_2$ , $\text{dm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
30	7.5	1.0	43.83	14.61
40	7.5	1.0	59.22	14.81
60	7.5	1.0	84.85	14.14
80	7.5	1.0	127.40	15.93
90	7.5	1.0	132.75	14.75

**Table 2:Effect of  $[\text{H}^+]$  on  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- - \text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction at  $T = 28^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 510 \text{ nm}$  and  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$**

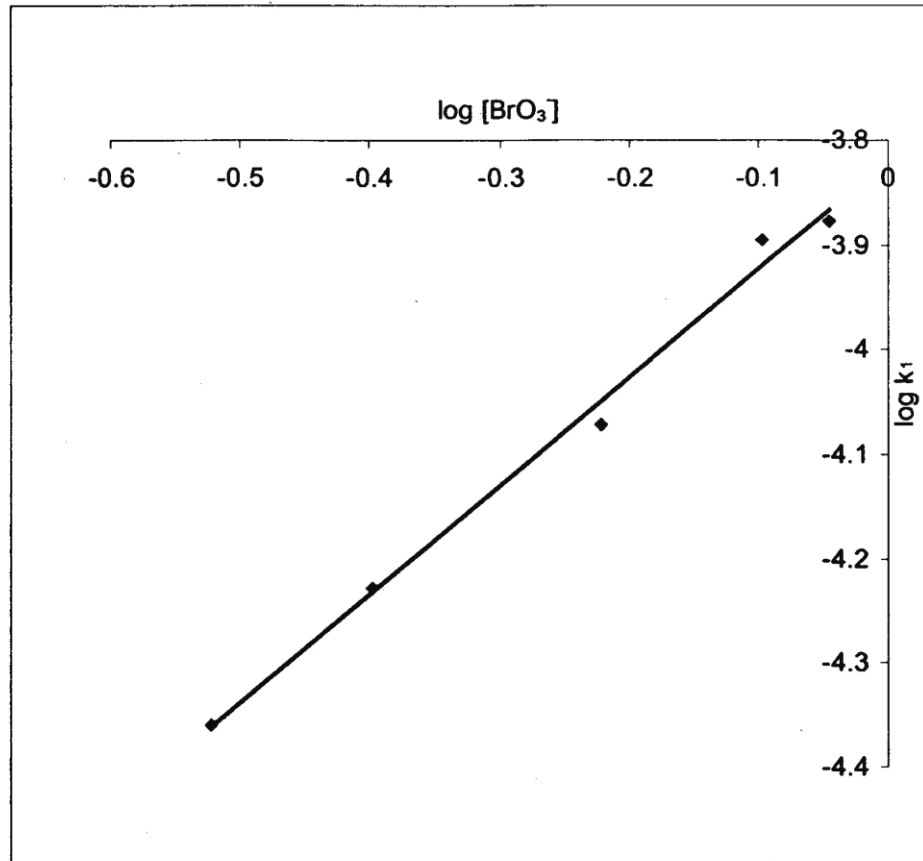
$10^2[\text{BrO}_3^-]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^2[\text{H}^+]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$I$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^6k_1$ , $\text{s}^{-1}$	$10^5k_2$ , $\text{dm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
80	2.5	1.0	44.17	5.52
80	5.0	1.0	81.60	10.20
80	6.5	1.0	104.40	13.05
80	7.5	1.0	117.60	14.70
80	10.0	1.0	157.92	19.74

**Table 3:Effect of ionic strength on  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- - \text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction at  $T = 28^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 510 \text{ nm}$  and  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$**

$10^2[\text{BrO}_3^-]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^2[\text{H}^+]$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$I$ , mol $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$10^6k_1$ , $\text{s}^{-1}$	$10^5k_2$ , $\text{dm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
80	7.5	1.0	130.20	16.27
80	7.5	1.2	118.86	14.86
80	7.5	1.8	109.10	13.64
80	7.5	2.00	106.29	13.29

**Table 4: Ion dependence rate constant for  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^-$  -  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction at  $[\text{BrO}_3^-] = 0.8 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 28^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^- = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 510 \text{ nm}$ ,  $I = 1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} (\text{NaClO}_4)$ , and  $[\text{H}^+] = 0.075 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$**

$10^2[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$ $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$	$10^5 k_1$ $\text{s}^{-1}$	$10^5 k_2$ $\text{dm}^6 \text{mol}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
10.0	10.56	13.19
25.0	9.03	11.29
50.0	6.58	8.23



**Fig. 1. Plot of  $\log k_1$  versus  $\log [\text{BrO}_3^-]$  for  $[\text{CoHEDTAOH}_2]^-$  -  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction**

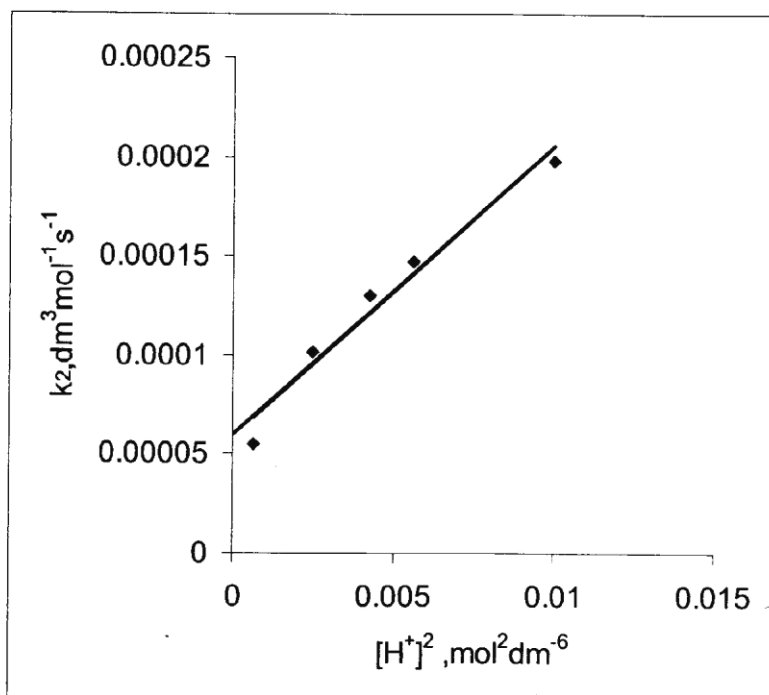


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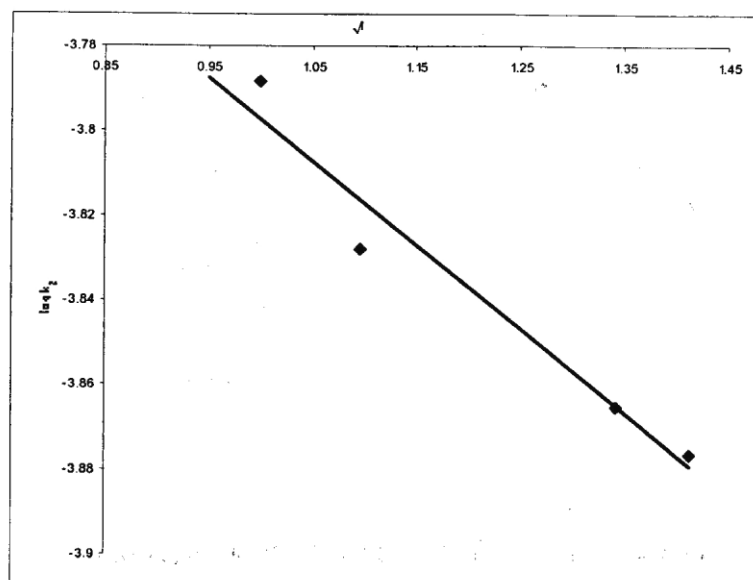


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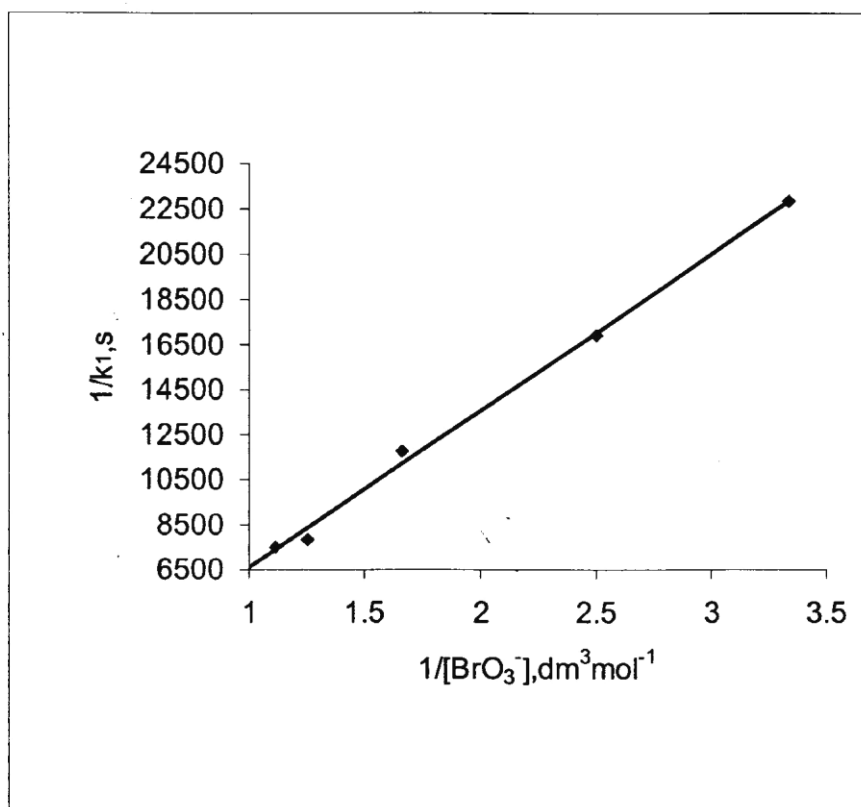


Fig. 4. Michaelis-Menten plot for  $[\text{CoHEDTA}(\text{OH})_2]^- - \text{BrO}_3^-$  reaction

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