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PETROGRAPHIC AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GLAUCONITIC AND PHOSPHATIC SEDIMENTS OF THE KUSSAK FORMATION, KHEWRA GORGE, SALT RANGE, PAKISTAN**

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The Kussak formation is a sequence of glauconitic sandstone, shales and dolomite. Quartz, feldspar, dolomite, glauconite, apatite, illite, calcite, goethite, chlorite and montmorillonite were identified by XRD and microscopy. Quartz, feldspar and dolomite are predominant. Glauconite occurs as medium to coarse rounded pellets. Goethite occurs mostly as stain around grains. Apatite occurs as small pellets or as matrix. The green and rounded nature of the glauconitic pellets with approx. 6% K_2O and high percentage of major elements like Si, Al and Fe in most of the samples from Khewra Gorge suggest marine authigenic origin for the glauconite. Field and laboratory data suggest that glauconitic sandstones were deposited in deep and semiconfined conditions followed at the top by shallow sea conditions. The phosphatization may succeed glauconitization in a normal evaluation of an epicontinental basin but low concentration of P_2O_5 in the Kussak sediments was perhaps due to lack of organic compounds.

Key words: Glauconitic and phosphatic sediments, Kussak fomation, Khewra Gorge salt range.

DROP SIZE AND DROP SIZE DISTRIBUTION IN A LIQUID-LIQUID EXTRACTION SPRAY COLUMN

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A photographic method was used for the estimation of drop size and drop size distribution obtained from multiple nozzles for a chemical system (zinc/di(2-ethylhexyl) phosphoric acid) for solute transfer from continuous to dispersed and dispersed to continuous phase. The experiments were performed in a glass spray column under semi-batch operation. Experimentally obtained drop sizes were compared with those predicted from drop size correlations for jetting and non-jetting conditions and the ones predicting best results are given for design purposes.

Key words: Drop formation, Mass transfer, Photographic method, Metal extraction.

DROP SIZE AND DISPERSED PHASE HOLDUP IN A SPRAY COLUMN

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Drop size and dispersed phase holdup in a spray column for a reactive extraction system (zinc/di (2-ethylhexyl) phosphoric acid) has been obtained under solute transfer from continuous to dispersed and dispersed to continuous phase. A photographic method is used for the estimation of drop size and dispersed phase holdup. The experiments are carried out in a glass spray column operated under semi-batch mode, i.e. the continuous aqueous phase is kept stagnant and the dispersed phase is not recirculated. Dispersed phase velocity through the nozzles is varied from 3.4×10^{-2} to 24.5×10^{-2} m/s. Nozzle diameter ranges from 0.8×10^{-3} to 3×10^{-3} m,

Key words: Drop size, Dispersed phase, Holdup.

SYNTHESIS OF NITROGEN-OXYGEN HETEROCYCLES FROM CARBOHYDRATE PRECURSOR

Synthesis and Spectra of 2-(5'-Aryl-1', 3',4'-Oxadiazol-2'-yl)-1, 6, 6-Trimethyl-4-Oxo-4, 5, 6, 7-Tetrahydroindoles

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6, 6-Dimethyl-4-oxo-4, 5, 6, 7-tetrahydroindol-2-carboxaldehyde (2) condensed with benzoylhydrazine to afford the corresponding benzoylhydrazone derivative '3'. Oxidative cyclization of 3 gave the corresponding 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole-mercuric complex '4'. On the other hand, the methylated aldehyde '5' condensed with a number of aryl and acylhydrazines to afford the corresponding hydrazones '6-18'. Oxidative cyclization of the acylhydrazones gave the corresponding 1, 3, 4-oxadiazoles '19-27'. The structures were confirmed by IR, ¹H-NMR and mass spectra.

Key words: Tetrahydroindole, Benzoylhydrazone, Oxadiazole.

CONDUCTIVITIES OF BROMAMINE-T IN WATER AND METHANOL AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES

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The ionic conductivity of bromamine-T (BAT) in water and methanol as solvent has been studied as a function of temperature. The conductance data have been analysed by the Debye-Huckel, Fuosskraus, Shedlovsky and Fuoss Accascina Equations. The energy of activation of the rate process, thermodynamic parameters, molar conductivity at infinite dilution (λ^o_m), Walden constant, dissociation and association constants (K's) have been calculated. A comparison of the λ^o_m and K's values calculated from various equations has been made. An attempt is also made to propose the BAT as a weak electrolyte under the studied experimental conditions.

Key words: Conductivity, Bromamine-T, Temperature.

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EVALUATION OF TOLTRAZURIL AS AN ANTIMICROSPORIDIAL DRUG

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The anticoccidial drug 'toltrazuril' was tested on the microsporidium Nosema bombycis in Helicoverpa zea, both by exposing larvae to drug after they had been infected with the microsporidia and by exposing uninfected larvae to the drug and microsporidian spores simultaneously. The drug at concentrations of 100, 200 and 400 µg/larva had no effect on the level of infection, estimated by the number of spores harvested from the larvae on day 8 post drug treatment. Midgut tissues from infected larvae, which had consumed 400µg of toltrazuril, still had massive infections of the parasite, and no cytological alterations of the parasite were observed when infected tissues were examined by light and electron microscopy. The pH of the gut of H. zea is alkaline and should not have affected the solubility of the drug nor its absorption into the midgut cells. It is concluded that toltrazuril, even at a dose of 400µg per larva, has no effect on N. bombycis in H. zea.

Key words. Nosema bombycis, Helicoverpa zea larvae, Toltrazuril inactivity.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF TABANIDAE (DIPTERA) FROM PAKISTAN

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A new species *Tabanus bashiri* sp. n. is described and illustrated, based on the specimens collected from Chilas, District Diamer, Northern areas of Pakistan.

Key words: Tabanidae, New species, Pakistan

MICRO-NUTRIENT FORMULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE Part-II. Copper, Zinc, Manganese and Chromium Preparation

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Micro-nutrient formulations for agriculture purposes have been produced mounting copper, zinc, manganese and chromium on five different fritted compositions. Release of elements was monitored by extracting the metals with ammonium citrate solution and estimating them by means of an atomic absorption spectrophotometer. The results show that release of copper can be controlled at a level of 1.4 to 4 ppm, that of zinc at 1.7 to 5.2 ppm, manganese at 1.8 to 8.6 ppm, while that of chromium at 0.02 to 0.3 ppm, by leachings, spread over a period of one hour to 10 days.

Key words: Micro-nutrients, Agriculture, Slow release nutrients.

UTILIZATION OF SOME ALGAE IN THE POULTRY FEED

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Mass culture of algae were prepared to feed poultry birds. Three species were selected as test algae which include one species of coccoid green algae (Chlorella vulgaris), one from filamentous green algae (Spirogyra ellipsospora) and a thalloid marine green algae (Ulva lactuca). Attempts were made to achieve a low cost feed with high nutritional potential. It was observed that the birds (chick broiler) feeding on coccoid and thalloid green algae showed best results in terms of yield and quality of meat.

Key words: Algae, Feed, Poultry.

PREVALENCE OF COCCIDIOSIS IN BROILERS ON TWO FARMS IN BANGLADESH

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Litter oocyst counts and lesion scoring of naturally infected chicken were carried out to study the prevalence of coccidiosis in broilers on two farms in Bangladesh. Except in one crop, the pattern of weekly litter oocyst counts and the rate of infection were very similar on both the farms. Oocysts were normally detectable in litter early at two weeks with gradual increase to reach a peak at five weeks (9-22 x 10³ per gramme of litter) and then declined. Although the rate of infection was higher at six weeks, in most cases the severity of lesions was almost equal both at 4 and 6 weeks, and mostly E. acervulina and E. tenella were responsible for these lesions. Five pathogenic species of Eimeria were detected in this study. Eimeria acervulina was the commonest and found in upto 80% birds examined at 6 weeks. With E. tenella, E. maxima, E. brunetti and E. necatrix, these rates were 70, 40, 30 and 20% respectively. E. tenella, E. maxima and E. brunetti occurs on and from 2 weeks whereas E. acervulina and E. necatrix never before 4 weeks. Coccidiosis was more prevalent during cold months of the year.

Key words: Coccidiosis, Eimeria, Lesion score, Litter oocysts.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CONVENTIONAL AND A MODIFIED CARD WITH AN EXTRA ROLLER UNDER TAKER - IN

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In this study, cotton sliver characteristics were compared among different speeds of extra roller fixed under takerin and a high speed conventional card. Modified card with extra roller running at 150 rpm in clockwise motion produced dominating results over all other settings in respect to card and drawing sliver characteristics. Moreover, maximum waste extraction with minimum card web neps were also achieved at this speed.

Key words; Cotton, Card, Sliver performance.

THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES OF JACK BEAN FLOUR (CANAVALIA ENSIFORMIS)

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Jack bean (Canavalia ensiformis) was processed into flour and evaluated for its proximate and mineral composition. Some functional properties of the flour were also determined. The results showed that the flour contained 30.1% protein, 8.5% moisture, 3.6% fat, 3.8% ash, 2.7% crude fibre and 51.3% carbohydrates by difference. The mineral composition of the flour in mg/kg is: Ca (2160), Mg (1800), K (8600), Na (1700), P (3541), Mn (15), Cu (12), Fe (70) and Zn (26). The functional properties of the flour showed that it has least gelation concentration of 10% (w/v), emulsion capacity of 20%, oil absorption capacity of 105.6%, water absorption capacity of 160% and foaming stability of 4.9% after 2 hrs. The foaming capacity of the flour increases with increasing flour concentration while its protein showed a minimum solubility at pH_a.

Key words: Chemical composition, Functional properties, Jack bean flour.