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SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF SOME TRANSITION METAL COMPLEXES WITH THIOUREA DERIVATIVES

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Transition metal complexes of Mn(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) ions with 2-hydroxyphenylthiourea, 2-carboxyphenylthiourea and 4-methyl-phenylthiourea have been synthesized and characterized on the basis of elemental analyses, conductivity and magnetic measurements and from their IR spectral studies. The complexes have the general formula: $K_2[M_2(L^2)_2(NO_3)_2]$, L^2 = Dinegative deprotonated form of the ligand, 2-hydroxyphenylthiourea; $[M(L)_2NO_3]$, where L = 4-methylphenylthiourea and $[M_2(L^-)_2(NO_3)_2]$, where L^- = Uni-negative deprotonated form of the ligand, 2-carboxyphenylthiourea, with 2-hydroxyphenylthiourea and 2-carboxyphenylthiourea, Mn(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) metal ions form 5-coordinate bridging complexes whereas 4-methylphenylthiourea gives rise to 4-coordinated complexes with the same metal ions. The antibacterial activity of the ligands and their complexes have been tested with *Bacillus subtilis*. Some complexes show higher activity than that of the free ligand value whereas in some cases the activity decreases. Some complexes were found to retain the same activity as that of the ligand.

Key words: Metal complexes, Thiourea ligands, Antibacterial activity.

SYNTHESIS OF NEW CYCLIC PYRAZOLONESULFONYL THIOANALOGES OF POSSIBLE PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

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Condensation of benzenesulphonylthiourea derivatives **1** with halogeno esters in absolute ethanol afforded the corresponding iminoesters **2-4**, while in glacial acetic acid they yielded the thiazolidinone and the thiazinone derivatives **6** and **7**. Reaction of **4** with arylhydrazines afforded the thiadiazines **5**. Cyclization of **1** with α -bromoacetophenones yielded the thiazolines **8**.

Key words: Pyrazolonebenzene sulphonylurea, Thiazinone, Thiadiazine.

DEVELOPMENT OF BIMETAL TEST SPECIMEN FOR TESTING MATERIALS AT HIGH HOMOLOGOUS TEMPERATURE

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A bimetal test specimen has been developed to be used for testing materials at high homologous temperatures. The testing material selected is 50/50 lead-tin solder. At room temperature its homologous temperature is 0.6. Specimen manufacturing method adopted is simple and economical. OFHC copper has been used as a rigid support to install extensometer for strain measurements and to hold the specimen by the testing machine grips. Copper has been used because it provides a strong bond with solder and it is easy to manufacture copper to the required shape and size. The strain produced in the copper is 123 times less than that produced in solder. Formula has been developed to calculate the strain produced in the gage section using the strain value measured using extensometer installed on copper.

Key words: Test specimen, Fatigue, Creep.

SYNTHESIS AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF SOME NEW BENZOTHAZOLE DERIVATIVES

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Synthesis of some new 2-(N-Tos- or N-Phtaminoacyl or N-Tos- or N-Pht-dipeptidyl) amino-4-nitro-(or-4-methyl) benzothiazole derivatives has been described (II- XXIX). Some of the synthesized derivatives have been found to possess antimicrobial properties against a number of microorganisms.

Keywords: 2-amino-4-nitrobenzothiazole, 2-amino-4-methylbenzothiazole, Tosyl and phthalyl of some amino acids.

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COBALT (II) AND NICKEL (II) COMPLEXES WITH SCHIFF BASE LIGANDS 1,2-DIPHENYL-2-ALKYLIMINOETHAN-1-ONE OXIME

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A number of complexes of the type $[M(HL^{1-4})_2X_2]$ where $M=Ni(II), Co(II)$; HL^{1-4} =Schiff base ligands derived by the condensation of 1,2-diphenyl-1-hydroxyiminoethan-2-one with *n*-butylamine (HL^1), isobutylamine (HL^2), *n*-propylamine (HL^3) and isopropylamine (HL^4); $X = Cl, Br, I, NO_3$ and ClO_4 have been synthesized and characterised on the basis of elemental analysis, magnetic susceptibility, conductivity, infrared and electronic spectral data.

Key words: Metal complexes with imine-oxime ligands.

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RESIDUAL EFFECT OF STOMP 330E (PENDIMETHALIN) ON THE SUCCEEDING CROPS

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The field investigations were carried out for three consecutive years from 1984-85 to 1986-87 at the Agronomic Research Area, Central Cotton Research Institute, Multan to see the residual effect of Stomp 330 (Pendimethalin) [N-(1-ethylpropyl)-3, 4-dimethyl-2, 6-dinitrobenzenamine] at 1.2 Kg/ha on different crops following its treated and untreated plots in cotton. From three years average it was concluded that there were no significant differences between Stomp 330E treated and untreated plots of the succeeding crops. However, Stomp 330E treated plots gave higher number of seedlings/m², plant height and grain yields Kg/ha than untreated plots. Thus the use of Stomp 330E for weed control in cotton was safe and had no residual effects on the succeeding crops viz. wheat, maize, sunflower, soybean and mung.

Key words: Stomp 330E carryover, Succeeding crops, Grain yields, Seedlings, Plant height.

**ANALYSIS OF ACIDIC METABOLITES OF BIOGENIC AMINES IN THE NERVOUS
TISSUES OF THE *PERIPLANETA AMERICANA* BY GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY/NEGATIVE
ION CHEMICAL IONISATION-MASS SPECTROMETRY. (GC/NICI-MS)**

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Acidic metabolites of biogenic amines in the brain tissues of *Periplaneta americana* have been identified and quantified by the extraction-derivatisation method. This involves differential acetylation of alcoholic groups in the presence of phenolic hydroxyls, using pentafluorobenzyl bromide. The method establishes unambiguously the presence of *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, 3,4-dihydroxyphenyl acetic acid, *p*-hydroxymandelic acid and 3,4-dihydroxymandelic acid in the brains of individual insects in sub-nanogram concentrations. This has been confirmed by the novel extraction-derivatisation method using dichlorotetrafluoro acetone.

Key words: Mono-amine oxidative de-amination, Acidic metabolites, Biogenic amines.

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STUDIES ON THE EFFECT OF REDUCTION OF FIBRE AND ANTINUTRITIVE FACTOR ON THE QUALITY OF SUNFLOWER MEAL

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Three varieties (suncross-843, NK-265, NK-212) of sunflower seeds were analysed for their proximate composition. Cultivar NK-212 was selected for further treatments, in view of its desirable nutritive and other physico-chemical characteristics. Application of different methods/treatments resulted in reduction of fibre from 24.41 to 18.34% and chlorogenic acid from 3.34 to 1.02%. Biological evaluation studies on the processed meal indicated considerable improvements in the nutritional qualities.

Key words: Fibre content, Chlorogenic acid, Nutritional quality, Sunflower.

INDUCED HISTOLOGICAL CHANGES IN *PISTACIA VERA* L. COTYLEDONARY TISSUE

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Pistacia vera cotyledonary explants cultured on MS-Murashige and Skoog medium; WP-Woody plant medium; EK-Eriksson medium and SH-Schenk and Hildebrandt medium formed calli of different quantity and quality. Percentage gain in callus mass was maximum on WP medium, relatively double in amount as compared to the rest of the mediums, MS, EK or SH. Calli were white to dark brown in colour and nodular/friable in texture. Active growth of the calli ended in browning of the tissue which led to slow growing new white soft calli. Browning tendency of the cultures was same in case of slow or rapidly growing ones. Effect of replacing macro and micro nutrients of each on browning and callus mass gain was also studied. Interchange of MS and WP macro and micronutrients produced more calli as compared to those of SH and EK. Histological examination of the calli revealed various morphogenetic changes. Wound callus and xylogenesis were observed on combination of MS micro and WP macronutrients. While caulogenesis was observed on MS macro and WP micronutrient combination.

Key words: *Pistacia vera*, Tissue culture, Caulogenesis.

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ENHANCEMENT OF BRAIN REGIONAL TRYPTOPHAN CONCENTRATION FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATION OF DIAZEPAM: A DOSE RELATED STUDY

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Administration of diazepam at doses of 1,3 and 5 mg/kg attenuated home cage activity and open field activity of rats. Plasma concentrations of total tryptophan decreased and those of free tryptophan increased in diazepam injected rats. The concentration of tryptophan increased in the hypothalamus, striatum and cortex but not in the brain stem of diazepam injected rats. The increases in the hippocampus were only marginal and occurred at high doses of the drug. The possible mechanism for the increased availability of tryptophan to the brain and decreased serotonin turnover reported in diazepam injected rats is discussed.

Key words: Diazepam, Tryptophan, Serotonin.

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TEMPERATURE PROFILES IN ARGON ARCS BY OPTICAL EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY

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A fully-automated emission spectroscopic set-up has been employed to measure temperature profiles in free-burning argon arcs (1 atm, 13 mm electrode gap) by absolute line intensity of argon I lines at 6965, 7147 and 7635 Å, under the assumption of LTE. The following salient results were obtained: (a) the peak temperature, 4 mm below the cathode tip, varied from 10100 to 11050 K when arc current was varied from 75 to 300 A; (b) at 100, 150, 250 and 300 A, peak temperatures of 10865, 11113, 11293 and 11750 K were calculated, respectively, at increasing distances of 1 to 4 mm below the cathode; and (c) isotherms obtained from simultaneous/consecutive measurements of 6965, 7635 and 7147 Å lines at 200 A, yielded peak temperatures of 11658, 11157 and 11368 K, respectively, thereby suggesting that the self-absorption of the 7635 Å line has only a small effect on the extracted temperature profiles.

Key words: Temperature profiles, Emission spectroscopy, Argon arcs.

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Studies on the Fixed Oil of the Seed of *Albizia Amara*

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Noise Study in a Synthetic Fibre Plant

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Evaluation of Pakistani Sweet Basil Oil for Commercial Exploitation

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