



## Adsorption Isotherm Study of Ketotifen as a Drug on Multi-walled Carbon Nanotube

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### ABSTRACT

This research has studied equilibrium adsorption isotherms of Ketotifen on carbon nanotube. And also results of experiments through Freundlich, Temkin and Langmuir models have been studied and it has found different parameters of these models for carbon nano-tube adsorbent. According to the error rate for each model, we obtained a good agreement between these data which it showed the best agreement by Langmuir model. With the spectrophotometer (UvVis); it obtained the adsorption diagram based on wavelength for Ketotifen. Experimental result showed that by increasing concentrations of Ketotifen, therefore adsorption rate will increase too. The highest adsorption rate is for 5 ppm concentration of Ketotifen.

**Key words:** Isotherm, Adsorption, Multi-Walled Carbon nano-tubes, Ketotifen.

### INTRODUCTION

Carbon nanotubes (CNT) discovery by Iijima in 1991<sup>[1]</sup>. Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are hollow cylinders of graphite carbon atoms. These tubes are on the nanoscale ( $10^{-9}$  m), which is so small that 10,000 of them could fit within the diameter of one human hair. Carbon nano-tubes are a new form of carbon with unique electrical and mechanical properties. They can be considered as the result of folding graphite layers into carbon cylinders. These cylinders may be composed of single shell single wall carbon nanotubes

(SWCNTs), or of several shells multi-wall carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs). CNTs can be thought of as a rolled-up sheet of hexagonal ordered graphite formed to give a seamless cylinder. Due to the variety of extraordinary properties exhibited by CNTs, a large number of possible applications have been proposed<sup>2</sup>. Recent discoveries of various forms of CNTs have stimulated research on their applications in diverse fields<sup>3</sup>. The nature of bonding in carbon nanotubes (CNTs) is described by applied quantum chemistry, specifically, orbital hybridization. This chemical bonding is composed entirely of sp<sup>2</sup> bonds, similar to those of graphite.

This bonding structure, which is stronger than the sp<sup>3</sup> bonds found in diamond, provides the molecules with their unique strength. CNTs are the strongest and stiffest materials on earth, in terms of tensile strength and elastic modulus respectively. This strength results from the covalent sp<sup>2</sup> bonds formed between the individual carbon atoms. As for thermal conduction, the CNT surpasses even that of diamond, reaching almost double the value diamond<sup>[4]</sup>. Carbon nanotubes (CNT) possess many unique characteristics that promise to revolutionize the world of structural materials resulting in significant impact on our capability to build lighter, smaller and higher performance structures for aerospace and many other industrial applications. Based on its unique properties, many applications of CNT have been proposed including quantum wires, tiny electronic devices<sup>5-7</sup>.

Ketotifen is a second-generation H<sub>1</sub>-antihistamine and mast cell stabilizer. It is most commonly sold in as a salt of fumaric acid, ketotifen fumarate, and is available in two forms. In its ophthalmic form, it is used to treat allergic conjunctivitis, or the itchy red eyes caused by allergies. In its oral form, it is used to prevent asthma attacks. Side effects include drowsiness, weight gain, dry mouth, irritability, and increased nosebleeds. The mean elimination half life is 12 hours<sup>8</sup>.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Substances

Distilled water as solvent, Ketotifen 99% and adsorbent carbon nano-tubes with a diameter of the outer surface 5-10 nm space 40-600 m<sup>2</sup>/gr and high purity merk95% of the company.

### Devices used

Spectrophotometer (Uv-Vis) model Lambda 25 perkin elmer

### Methods

At first, stock solution of Ketotifen was prepared in distilled water (50 mg/l). Then, from stock solution of Ketotifen, five standard solutions in concentration of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 ppm were prepared. Certain quantities of carbon nano-tube (0.01 g) have been added as adsorbent to 100 mL glasses

containing 10 mL Ketotifen solution, then it was stirred by mixer for 24 hours (optimal time). After mixing process then the solution should be put into 10000 rpm speed for 20 minutes until the solid and liquid phases are separated. Ketotifen concentration was measured before and also after adsorption by spectrophotometer and calibration curve was plotted. All tests have been performed at the lab with the temperature of (C° 2 ± 22).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table (1) shows the amount of Ketotifen in the absence of carbon nano-tubes on the solvent ethanol at wavelengths 257 (λ<sub>max</sub> = 257 nm) on the ethanol solvent. Figure (1) shows the amount of adsorption of Ketotifen with different concentrations

**Table 1: The adsorption of Ketotifen in absent of carbon nanotube**

Concentration	Adsorption
1	0.777
2	1.33
3	2.06
4	2.61
5	3.12

**Table 2: The amount of Ketotifen on 0.01 grams of carbon nano-tubes Evaluating isotherm**

Concentration	Adsorption on 0.01 gr carbon nanotube (mg.g <sup>-1</sup> )
1	0.783
2	1.339
3	1.626
4	1.605
5	2.15

**Table 3: Experimental results obtained from the isotherm data**

	Temkin	Langmuir	Freundlich
Ketotifen	R <sup>2</sup> =0.918 1/n=0.340 lnk <sub>f</sub> =0.334	R <sup>2</sup> =0.934 1/q <sub>m</sub> =0.451 1/q <sub>mb</sub> =0.209	R <sup>2</sup> =0.885 B=0.443 BlnA=1.474

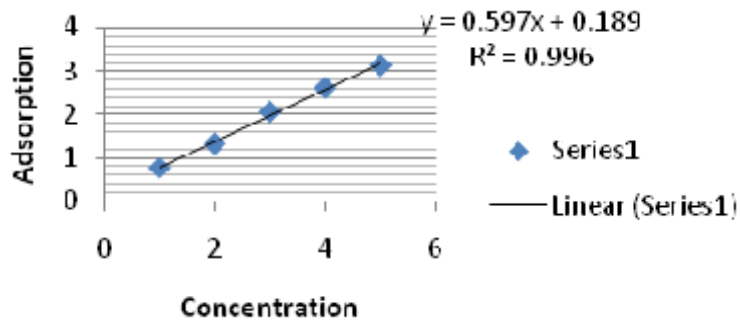


Fig. 1: Adsorption rate without nano-tube Ketotifen

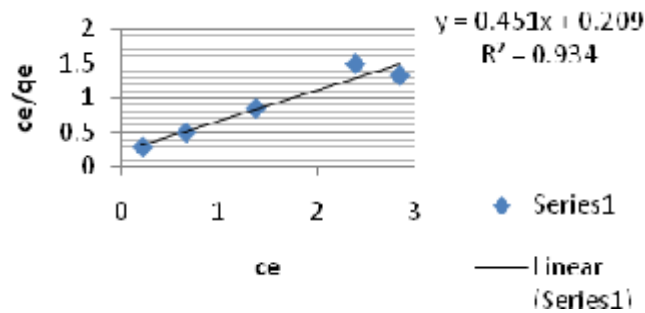


Fig. 2: Adsorption diagram of Ketotifen based on Langmuir model

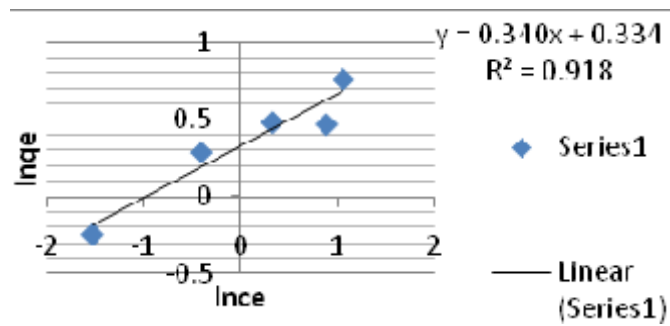


Fig. 3: Ketotifen adsorption diagram based on Freundlich

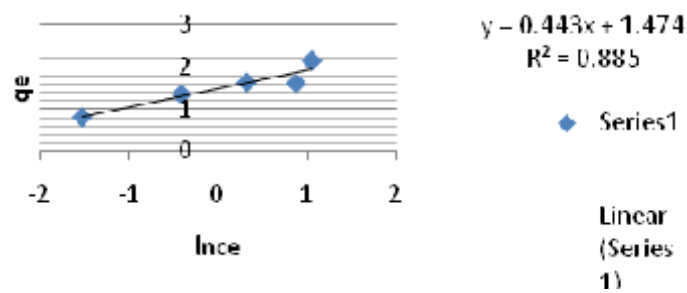


Fig. 4: Adsorption diagram of Ketotifen based on Temkin model

without the presence of carbon nano-tubes with some walls. As was shown with increasing concentrations of Ketotifen adsorption rate increases so that so that we see the most adsorption in 5 ppm by using the diagram (1) and Table (1) kit can be calculated the adsorbed Ketotifen (0.01 g) on that carbon nano-tubes in table (2)

### Freundlich adsorption isotherms

This model often shows homogeneous adsorbent non-adapted hub with experimental data<sup>9-10</sup>. Freundlich adsorption isotherms equation is described below:

$$q_e = k_f c_e^{1/2} \quad \dots(1)$$

$q$  is adsorbate rate in term of  $\text{mgg}^{-1}$  and  $c_{eq}, 1/n$  &  $k_f$  are adsorbate concentration into solution at the balance moment, from Freundlich constants respectively. These constants are the adsorption severity and adsorption capacity respectively. The following part shows the linear equation:

$$\ln q_e = \ln k_f + 1/n \ln c_e \quad \dots(2)$$

To calculate the constants of Freundlich equation, we draw  $(\ln q_e)$  curve in term of  $(\ln c_e)$  according to the presented equation (eq.2). It is found that if its value (slope of this curve  $-1/n$  – is greater therefore the adsorption amount is more too. Here are the related diagram in figure 2 and  $1/n$ -  $k_f$  parameters at the table 3.

### Langmuir model

This model is identical with the energy being adsorbed all the sites on the adsorbent surface obtained<sup>9</sup>. with the following equation

$$q = \frac{q_m b C_{eq}}{1 + b C_{eq}} \quad \dots(3)$$

Here  $q$  is the amount of dissolved adsorbate ( $\text{mgg}^{-1}$ ),  $C_{eq}, q_e$  is dissolved concentration in the balance moment  $b$  and  $q_m$  are Langmuir constants.  $q_m$  is adsorption balance

constant and  $b$  is also adsorption capacity and a saturated respectively. We can obtain the following relation by rearranging of equation(3):

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_m} + \frac{1}{q_m b C_{eq}} \quad \dots(4)$$

To calculate Lagmuir relation constants; we draw  $C_e/q_e$  curve in term of  $C_e$  which here  $1/q_m, 1/q_m b$  are slop and width of origin respectively. Corresponding graph (Fig. 3) and parameters  $K_L$  and  $q_m$ , respectively, represent the maximum energy adsorption and is absorbed in the Table 3.

### Temkin isotherm

This model is considered to interact with the adsorbent material by self adsorption which is obtained<sup>9</sup>. With the following equation:

$$q_e = RT/b \ln(A C_e) \quad \dots(5)$$

By Considering  $RT/b = B$  A linear form of Temkin isotherm will be as following  
 $Q_e = B \ln A + B \ln C_e \quad \dots(6)$

In this relation,  $A$  ( $L / \text{mg}$ ) is equal bond constant relate to mient maximum bond energy.  $B$  ( $J / \text{mol}$ ) is Temkin isotherm constant and proportional adsorption therm. Adsorption data can be derived from equation (6).

### CONCLUSION

In this study we obtained the adsorption isotherms of Ketotifen by carbon nanotube. The present research showed that the concentration of carbon nano-tubes of 0.01 grams to adsorb Ketotifen has higher efficiency. The parameter that includes Ketotifen concentration and type absorber has a strong impact on the efficiency of adsorption. 5ppm concentration reaches its maximum and the constants associated with this isotherm and the correlation coefficient  $R^2$  in a linear form in three Tables 3 is given. Based on the correlation coefficient, the Langmuir isotherm has the highest value so Ketotifen obeys the Langmuir isotherms.

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