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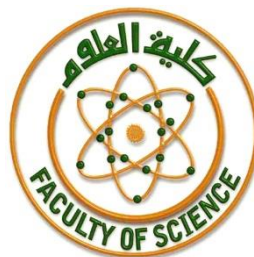
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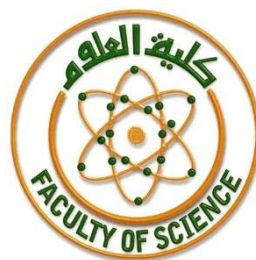
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Article

### All Solid-State Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Membrane Potentiometric Sensor Integrated with Nano-Beads Imprinted Polymers for Sensitive and Rapid Detection of Bispyribac Herbicide as Organic Pollutant

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**Keywords:** bispyribac sodium; solid-contact ISEs; screen-printed; molecularly imprinted polymers; organic pollutant



Article

### Novel Solid-State Potentiometric Sensors Using Polyaniline (PANI) as A Solid-Contact Transducer for Flucarbazon Herbicide Assessment

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**Abstract:** Novel potentiometric solid-contact ion-selective electrodes (SC/ISEs) based on molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs) as sensory carriers (MIP/PANI/ISE) were prepared and characterized as potentiometric sensors for flucarbazon herbicide anion. However, aliquat S 336 was also studied as a charged carrier in the fabrication of Aliquat/PANI/ISEs for flucarbazon monitoring. The polyaniline (PANI) film was inserted between the ion-sensing membrane (ISM) and the electronic conductor glassy carbon substrate (GC). The sensors showed a noticeable response towards flucarbazon anions with slopes of  $-45.5 \pm 1.3$  ( $r^2 = 0.9998$ ) and  $-56.3 \pm 1.5$  ( $r^2 = 0.9977$ ) mV/decade over the range of  $10^{-2}$ – $10^{-5}$ ,  $10^{-2}$ – $10^{-4}$  M and detection limits of  $5.8 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $8.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M for MIP/PANI/ISE and Aliquat/PANI/ISE, respectively. The selectivity and long-term potential stability of all presented ISEs were investigated. The short-term potential and electrode capacitances were studied and evaluated using chronopotentiometry and electrochemical impedance spectrometry (EIS). The proposed ISEs were introduced for the direct measurement of flucarbazon herbicide in different soil samples sprayed with flucarbazon herbicide. The results agree well with the results obtained using the standard liquid chromatographic method (HPLC).

**Keywords:** Solid-contact ion-selective electrode; conducting polymer polyaniline (PANI); flucarbazon herbicide; molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs)



## Article

## Tailor-Made Specific Recognition of Cyromazine Pesticide Integrated in a Potentiometric Strip Cell for Environmental and Food Analysis

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**Abstract:** Screen-printed ion-selective electrodes were designed and characterized for the assessment of cyromazine (CYR) pesticide. A novel approach is to design tailor-made specific recognition sites in polymeric membranes using molecularly imprinted polymers for cyromazine (CR) determination (sensor I). Another sensor (sensor II) is the plasticized PVC membrane incorporating cyromazine/tetraphenyl borate ion association complex. The charge-transfer resistance and water layer reached its minimal by incorporating Polyaniline (PANI) solid-contact ISE. The designed electrodes demonstrated Nernstian response over a linear range  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ – $5.2 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ – $5.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M with a detection limit  $2.2 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $8.1 \times 10^{-6}$  M for sensors I and II, respectively. The obtained slopes were  $28.1 \pm 2.1$  ( $r^2 = 0.9999$ ) and  $36.4 \pm 1.6$  ( $r^2 = 0.9991$ ) mV/decade, respectively. The results showed that the proposed electrodes have a fast and stable response, good reproducibility, and applicability for direct measurement of CYR content in commercial pesticide preparations and soil samples sprayed with CYR pesticide. The results obtained from the proposed method are fairly in accordance with those using the standard official method.

**Keywords:** cyromazine (CR); solid-contact ISEs; screen-printed; molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs); polyaniline (PANI)



## Article

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**Abstract:** Screen-printed platforms integrated with molecularly imprinted polymers (MIP) were fabricated and characterized as potentiometric sensors for diquat (DQ). The synthesized MIP beads were studied as sensory carriers in plasticized poly(vinyl chloride) membranes. The sensors were constructed by using poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT) as solid-contact material to diminish charge-transfer resistance and water layer potential. Conventional ion-selective electrodes (ISEs) with internal filling solution were used for comparison. The designed electrodes showed near Nernstian slopes of  $28.2 \pm 0.7$  ( $r^2 = 0.999$ ) over the concentration range of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ – $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M with the limit of detection  $0.026 \mu\text{g/mL}$  over the pH range 4.2–9.0. The electrode exhibited good selectivity for diquat cations over a large number of organic and inorganic cations. The sensor was successfully introduced for direct measurement of diquat content in commercial pesticide preparations and different spiked potato samples. The results showed that the proposed electrode has a fast and stable response, good reproducibility, and applicability for direct assessment of diquat content. The proposed potentiometric method is simple and accurate in comparison with the reported HPLC methods. Besides, it is applicable to turbid and colored sample solutions.

**Keywords:** diquat dibromide (DQ) solid-contact ISEs; poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT); screen-printed; molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs); organic pollutant

# ***ABSTRACT***

**Abstract**

This thesis entitled with "Study on Pesticide Residues in Food using Molecular Imprinting Technique" includes five chapters.

**Chapter one:**

This chapter is included three parts: Part (I) contains Background on pesticides residues in food, Part (II) Background on Potentiometric Sensors and Part (III) Background on Molecularly Imprinted Polymers (MIPs).

**Chapter two:**

All-solid-state potentiometric sensors were prepared by using polyaniline (PANI) as the solid contact material. A film of PANI (thickness approximately being 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was deposited on a solid substrate (carbon screen printed platform). The PANI layer was subsequently coated with an ion-selective membrane (ISM) containing uniform-sized molecularly imprinted nanoparticles to produce a solid-contact ion-selective electrode (SC/ISE) for bispyribac herbicide (sensor I). In addition, aliquat 336 was also used as an ion exchanger in plasticized PVC membrane (sensor II). The proposed sensors revealed a remarkably improved sensitivity towards bispyribac ions with anionic slopes of  $-47.8 \pm 1.1$  ( $r^2 = 0.9995$ ) and  $-44.4 \pm 1.4$  ( $r^2 = 0.9997$ ) mV/decade over a linear range  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ – $8.6 \times 10^{-6}$  M,  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ – $9.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M and detection limits of 1.33 and 1.81  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  for sensors I and II, respectively. Selectivity of both sensors is significantly high for different common pesticides and inorganic anions. The potential stability of the SC/ISEs was studied using chronopotentiometry. Electrochemical impedance spectrometry was used to understand the charge-transfer mechanisms of the

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