

**PREPARATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NEW IMINE- FUNCTIONAL GROUP FOR FAST REMOVAL OF Cr (III) IN SOME SUPPLEMENTS FROM SHRIMP SHELL**

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**ABSTRACT**

A new imine-Schiff base adsorbent is prepared from extracted chitosan to make taking away exoskeletons of crustacean shrimp shells low-cost and environmentally friendly with the fast and high ability to remove Cr (III) from aqueous solution. The resulting composites were verified by different techniques FTIR, H-NMR, FESEM, EDX, XRD. On applying the adsorption kinetic model, the pseudo 2<sup>nd</sup> order model was best characterised, using adsorption equilibrium data; the Langmuir model provided a superior description. Further, the negative value of  $\Delta G$  shows a spontaneous process in nature. Finally, the prepared adsorbent has been applied to a real sample of bodybuilder supplements.

**Keywords:** extracted chitosan, imine-schiff base, removal of Cr (III).

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**المستخلص**

تم تحضير مادة مازة جديدة من نوع قاعدة شيف من الكيتوسان المستخلص من الهياكل الخارجية من قشور الروبيان ذات تكلفه منخفضة وصديقة للبيئة وذات قدرة عالية على ازالة الكروم الثلاثي من المحلول المائي . وتم تشخيص المركب الناتج باستخدام تقنيات FTIR, H-NMR, FESEM, EDX, XRD. وتبين ان التفاعل من المرتبه الثانيه الكاذبه وينطبق عليه أنموذج لانكماير, وان قيمه طاقه كبس الحره كانت سلبية دلالة على تلقائية عمليه الامتزازي . وتم تطبيق الطريقه على عينات حقيقيه لبعض المكملات الغذائية .

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## INTRODUCTION

The most severe environmental problem faced by the world today is heavy metal pollution. Heavy metals are among the most well-recognized chemicals that are hazardous to human health (23). Heavy metal ions in the environment can accumulate in living organisms and get magnified by them (17). The toxicity of foods increases as the quantity of toxins increase (6, 8). The metal finishing uses of chromium include electroplating, textile industries, leather tanning, and magnetic tapes. Chromium may be released into the environment via industrial wastewater discharge. Chromium (VI) molecules are poisons, whereas chromium (III) is vital to human health (27). The techniques for eliminating heavy metal ions from wastewater using traditional methods include chemical precipitation, membrane filtration, ion exchange, activated carbon adsorption, and electrolysis (29). The removal of wastewater, groundwater, and industrial effluents is a competition for adsorption technologies, The use of biological materials, natural substance or biomass as a sorbent in the pollutant removal called biosorption. Biomass has been utilized to adsorb pollution from a variety of sources, including bacteria, yeast, algae, fungi, and plants (21). The most important aspect of the biosorption technique is to choose an effective biosorbent with a large surface area, low price, and high adsorption capacity. Chitosan, for example, is a bio-adsorbent. Cuticles of various crustaceans, mostly crabs, shrimps, and insect exoskeletons, are the main source of raw materials for chitin extraction (16). Chitosan (CS) is a biocompatible, anticoagulant, and nontoxic substance formed from chitin via deacetylation in an alkaline environment (28). CS and its derivatives have many uses in biotechnology, healthcare, culinary additives, and cosmetics. It's a natural polysaccharide with many  $-NH_2$  and  $-OH$  groups that may act as chelation sites to adsorb heavy metal ions in wastewater treatment (22). Chitosan is soluble in dilute acids. The solubilization occurs by the protonation of the  $-NH_2$  function on the C-2 position of the Dglucos amine repeat unit, where the polysaccharide is converted to a polyelectrolyte in acidic media. In acetic acid,

chitosan reacts with aromatic aldehydes to create Schiff bases (16). Schiff bases, including an imine group ( $-RC=N-$ ), are often synthesized by primary amine condensation with an active carbonyl (11). The purpose of this study is to develop a newly modified sorbent by extracting chitosan from shrimp shells and then reacting it with 4-floro Benzaldehyde to create a highly active imine for the rapid removal process of Cr (III) ion from aqueous solution using small quantities. The contact duration time, starting metal concentration, pH, imine-Schiff base dose, and temperature were all utilized as adsorption conditions in this research. Furthermore, the sorbent was studied using a variety of techniques, including FTIR, FESEM, EDX, XRD, and H-NMR. We investigated the maximal adsorption capacity, selective adsorption kinetics, thermodynamics, and reuse. Then, we used serum of athletes and some supplements they took to examine the efficiency of the new adsorbent.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Reagents:** Chitosan (CS) (with DDA 69% from IR chart), 4-florobenzaldehyde, Methanol, NaOH, HCl,  $CH_3COOH$ ,  $Cr_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 15H_2O$  These chemicals were used us supplied (B.D.H), (Merk), (Sigma -AL) (Scharlau). All solvents were of analytical reagent grade (AR) and had the highest purity available.

### Chitosan extraction from shrimp shell

CS was extracted from shrimp shells (obtained from a local market) that used a conventional technique that included demineralization, deproteination, and deacetylation. The shrimp shells were cleaned, dried, and crushed. Then soaked in boiling NaOH 4 % (w/v) to dissolve protein and sugar. The demineralization of the shell was carried out with 1% HCl for 24h. For the last step, 50% NaOH adding and boiling for 2h at 100°C. Before being dried in a vacuum oven set to 60 degrees Celsius, the product was neutralized in running tap water and washed with distilled water, this procedure reported by Puvvada, et. al. (20).

### Chitosan-Schiff base preparation (imine)

The methods documented in the literature were used to produce the CS-Schiff base by Vadivel, et.al. (25). It was synthesized through a condensation process. About 1g of CS

powder was dissolved in 25ml ethanol with three drops of acetic acid and vigorously shaken to produce an emulsion of chitosan. Additionally, 0.87g of 4-florobenzaldehyde was dissolved in 25mL ethanol and added to the CS emulsions. Both solutions were combined and agitated for 30 minutes before the contents were heated for 12 hours in a 60 °C underwater bath. The yellow product was filtered and dried after being rinsed with ethanol(3-((4-fluorobenzylidene)amino)-6-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methoxy-5-methyl tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol).

### Characterization of imine

The synthesized imine was characterized in a way that covers a large area. Fourier transfer infrared spectra were carried out (SHIMADZU IR affinity –I FTIR spectrophotometer), the morphologies of particles were observed using SEM coupled with EDX (TESCAN MIRA3 FEG-SEM, Australia) and TEM (FEI TECNAI G2F20 transmission electron microscope). XRD patterns were recorded with an X-ray diffractometer using a Cu K $\alpha$  spectral line at 45KV and 40 mA, and a 2 $\theta$  between the ranges of 5 to 80. Finally, 1H-NMR (broker AVANCENEO (400MHZ) spectrometer).

### Adsorption procedure

The batch was conducted to investigate the impact of dose using various amounts of sorbent (10, 15.20, 25 and 30 of imine), pH (from 3 to 11), chromium concentration range (30-80mg/L), contact duration (0-24h), and temperature (5-45°C) The new adsorbent (0.02g) was added to a 10mL Cr (III) aqueous solution, which then shaken at room temperature. An FAAS was used to evaluate the residual concentration of Cr ion after adsorption, and the absorbance was measured at 357.9nm with a spectral bandwidth of 0.5 nm. The adsorption capacity utilizing the following equation:

$$q_e = (C_e - q_e) V/m$$

The ions have an equilibrium capacity of adsorption, which is described by the constant concentration ratio of adsorbent  $C_i$  (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) and the initial concentration of ions. Additionally, the initial and final concentrations of metal ions are used to indicate the ion concentrations at the start and the equilibrium of a reaction. The volume of the ion solution is defined by the measurement

of volume in liter, and the mass of the polymer is defined by the number  $m$  (g). To determine the adsorbent's selectivity, the result of the data adsorption experiments was analyzed. The distribution coefficient was determined as follows:

$$K_d = \frac{C_p}{C_e} \quad K_d = \frac{C_p}{C_e}$$

The distribution coefficient,  $K_d$  (mg/L), is equivalent to the concentration of adsorbed metal ions,  $C_p$  (mg. L<sup>-1</sup>). Equilibrium binding data may be used to calculate the selectivity coefficient for the binding of a Cr (III) ion in the presence of competing species (22).

$$K = \frac{K_d(\text{Cr(III)})}{K_d(\text{M})} \quad K = \frac{K_d(\text{Cr(III)})}{K_d(\text{M})}$$

$K$  denotes the selectivity coefficient, and metal ion denotes competing metals. When there are additional metals in the solution, they will attract each other.  $K$  indicates Cr (III) ion adsorption selectivity. The higher the  $K$ , the better the Cr (III) ion's capacity to choose. The Freundlich, Langmuir, and Temkin. Models have been used to estimate the adsorption data for the mechanism of the adsorption process (2).

The Langmuir equation may have been expressed linearly as follows:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{1}{q_{\max} K_L} + \frac{C_e}{q_{\max} q_e} = \frac{1}{q_{\max} K_L} + \frac{C_e}{q_{\max}}$$

Where  $C_e$  is an adsorbate concentration in balances (mg. g<sup>-1</sup>),  $K$  is the adsorption-related Langmuir constant (mg. g<sup>-1</sup>), which may be related to changes in the reasonably normal porosity of the adsorbent that would lead to higher adsorption ability for a bigger surface area and porous volume. In describing the basic characteristics of the Langmuir isotherm,

$$R_L = \frac{1}{1 + K_L C_e} \quad R_L = \frac{1}{1 + K_L C_e}$$

The separation factor  $R_L$  is a dimensionless constant. The initial concentration of adsorbate (mg. g<sup>-1</sup>) is where  $K_L$  (mg. g<sup>-1</sup>) constant. When unfavourable  $R_L > 1$ , linear, when  $R_L = 1$ , favourable when  $0 < R_L < 1$ , and irreversible when  $R_L = 0$ .

While the Freundlich isotherm does have following linear form:

$$\log q_e = \log K_f + \frac{1}{n} \log C_e$$

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Where  $K_f$  represents the adsorption capacity (L/mg) and  $1/n$  signifies the adsorption intensity; it also reflects the energy distribution and adsorbate site heterogeneity of the adsorbate site. The linear forms of the Temkin isotherm may be expressed by the following equation:  $q_e = KT + 2.303 bT \log C_e$

The Temkin constant ( $bT$ ) is related to the heat of sorption (Jmol<sup>-1</sup>) and the Temkin isotherm constant ( $KT$ ) (L. g<sup>-1</sup>). The adsorption behaviour during biosorption was investigated using a pseudo<sup>1st</sup> kinetic model and a pseudo<sup>2nd</sup> order kinetic model in this research Pseudo 1st order kinetic model:

$$\log(q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - \frac{K_1 t}{2.303}$$

pseudo 2nd order kinetic model

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{t}{q_e} + \frac{1}{K_2 q_e^2}$$

Where  $k_1$  is the pseudo<sup>1st</sup> order rate constant (min<sup>-1</sup>) and  $k_2$  is the pseudo<sup>2nd</sup> order rate constant (g mg<sup>-1</sup> min<sup>-1</sup>). Real sample preparation The efficiency of the Schiff base was evaluated with a determination of Cr (III) ions in some supplicates. The study took a sample from the two types of nutritional supplement tablets that bodybuilders take. The heavy metal content was digested using 1:3 HClO<sub>3</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>. sample was transferred into a tube and 0.02 g of adsorbent was placed, then shaken using thermostat water bath shaker at an optimum condition that was optimized previously. The supplement was applied on imine by batch adsorption and recovery tests and FAAS was used to calculate the heavy metal ions ratio. Then, 25 ml of deionized water (DW) was added to dilute the sample. 10 ml of diluted.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characterization - FTIR

FTIR spectra are shown in Figure (1). The OH and NH<sub>2</sub> groups' stretch is attributed to the wide peak at 3570-3330 cm<sup>-1</sup>, whereas the stretching vibration of the (CH) group of the CS backbone is assigned to the peak at 2885cm<sup>-1</sup>. Other peaks associated with the amide group include those at 1083 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1150 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and 1028cm<sup>-1</sup> (stretching vibration C-N bond), 1383cm<sup>-1</sup> (stretching vibration C-O bond), and the sorption peak at 1659cm<sup>-1</sup> (19,15). The high absorbance band at 1649cm<sup>-1</sup> for chitosan Schiff base is due to the C=N vibration typical of imine produced among the amino group of chitosan and the carbonyl group of aldehydes Because the free aldehyde group is condensed with a primary amine in the basic of the chitosan monomer, which results in the formation of Schiff -base, these results agree with the finding of Shahraki, et.al. (23), and Antonino, et.al. (1).

**FESEM:** The surface morphology of the novel imine adsorbent for Cr ion before and after adsorption was cleared up by the FESEM (Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope) to clarify the nature of the new imine. The imine surface is rough and, near-spherical in shape with an average diameter about 47 nm. The high porosity of its interval structure was observed as illustrated in Figure (2). Any slight change in the spherical surface morphology of adsorbent after adsorption process represented by an increase dramatically in the particle size to 74 nm due to adsorb of ion on the surface.

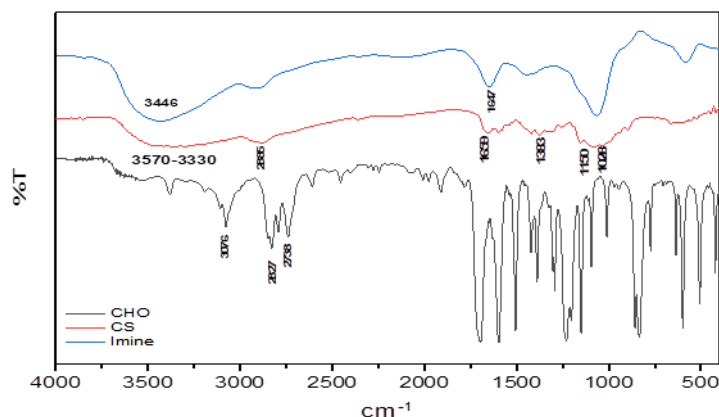
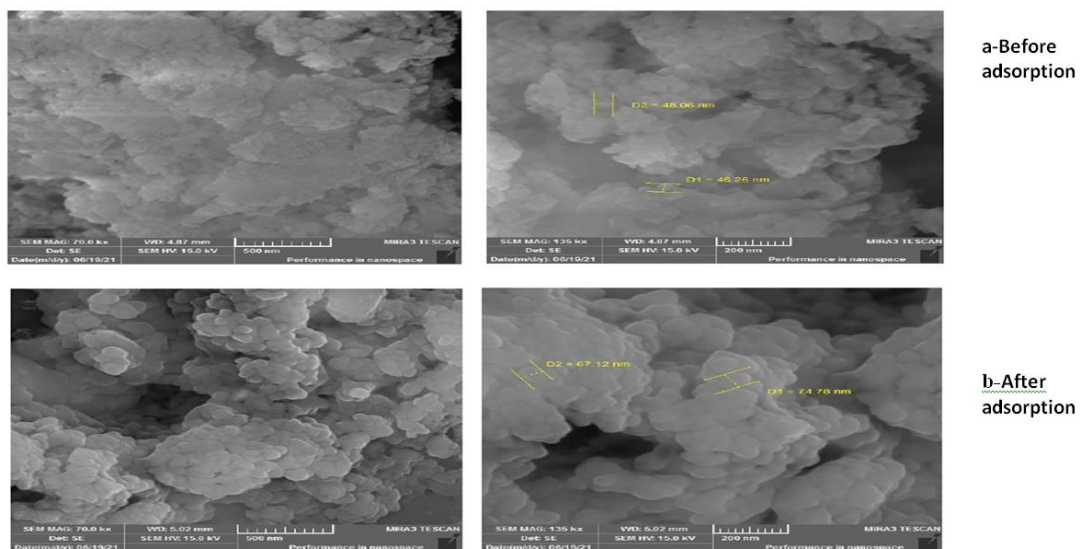


Figure 1. FTIR for chitosan,4-florobenzaldehyde and imine



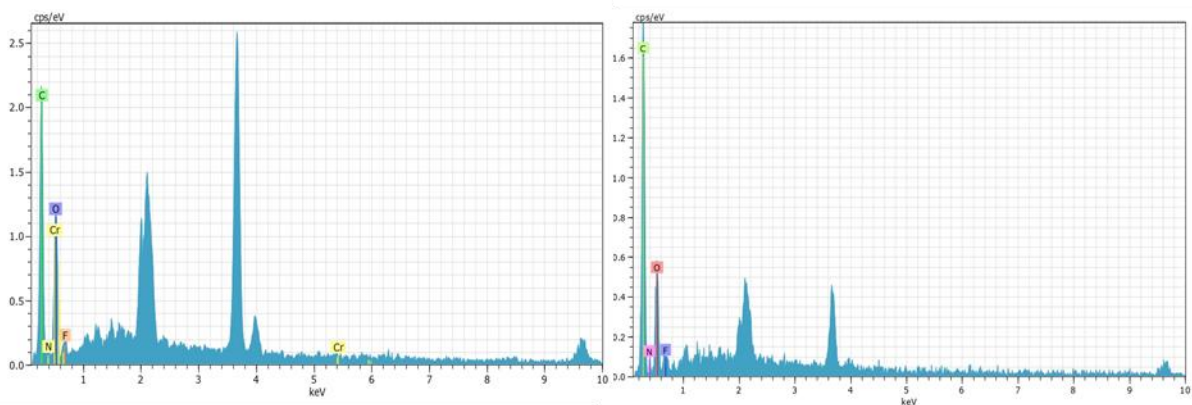
**Figure 2. FESEM before and after adsorption of Cr (III) on imine**

**EDX:** The element composition of imine, imine –Cr ion was determined by Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis, as flashed in Figure (3). Cr (III) is successfully put on the imine surface in Figure (3) on the left hand- side, but

not on right side able to be seen. This indicates that the adsorption process has taken place sufficiently.

**a-Before adsorption**

**b-After adsorption**



**Figure 3. EDX for imine before and after adsorption of Cr (III) on imine**

**XRD:** The crystallinity of the new adsorbent has changed, according to XRD analysis. The crystalline character of the carbon is shown by well-defined peaks, while the non-crystalline amorphous nature of the carbon is revealed by the hollow peak. In Figure (4), the XRD patterns of imine and imine with Cr (III) ions are presented. The XRD pattern of modified chitosan overload with Cr (III) ions is found to be somewhat different from that of unloaded modified biosorbent. = This indicates that Cr

(III) ions may penetrate microspores and macrospores mainly through chemisorption, but also via physisorption, by changing the carbon structure (4, 12).

**H-NMR:** Figure (5), shows the H-NMR signal chemical shifts of the studied Schiff base – imine (3) (4-fluorobenzylidene)amino)-6 (hydroxymethyl)-2-methoxy-5-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol) recorded in DMSO .

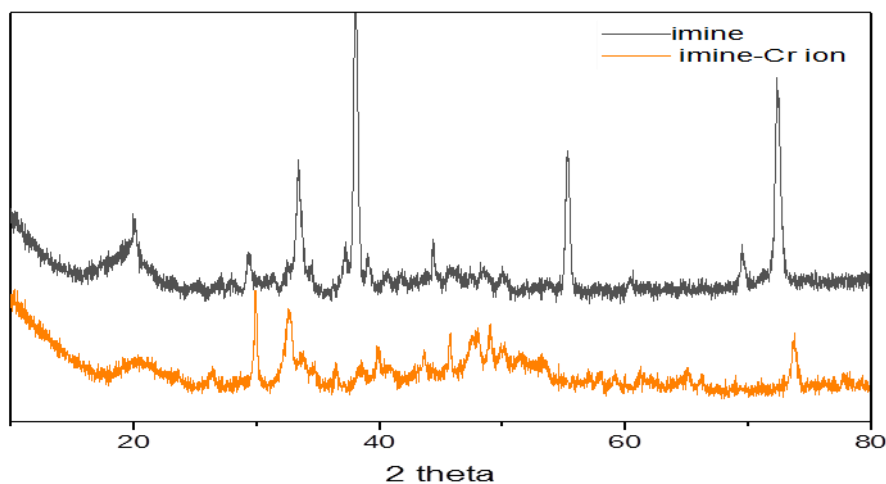


Figure 4. XRD pattern of imine biopolymer before and after adsorption

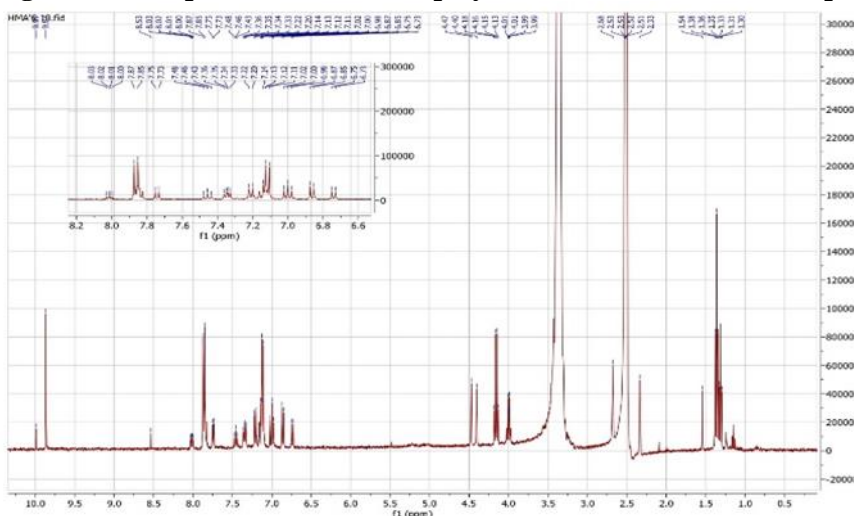


Figure 5. H-NMR for imine

The spectrum provides the following signals: phenyl as multiplet at 6.8–8  $\delta$ , -N-CH<sub>2</sub> at (4.5 $\delta$ ), and C-CH=N- proton at 9.8ppm. This shifted occurrence in spectrum on account to high electronegativity of fluoride in aromatic ring (10, 24).

#### Adsorption time – kinetic study

The adsorbate possibly adsorbed onto a Schiff base adsorbent is essential for the form and management of an adsorption system, and exposure time is one of the functional variables in the procedures of batch adsorption. Figure (6), shows that the Cr (III)

ion adsorption on imine process continued approximately 30 minutes at a high pace before gradually plateauing after 45 minutes of contact time. As is in view the diagram, the removal percentage increased rapidly in the first minutes, typically due to an enormous number of specific binding sites on the sorbent surface that were obtainable for the Cr ion. As time passed, the removal ratio gradually increased to 99 percent removal during 30 minutes and completely adsorbed for about 45 minutes. Furthermore, powerful

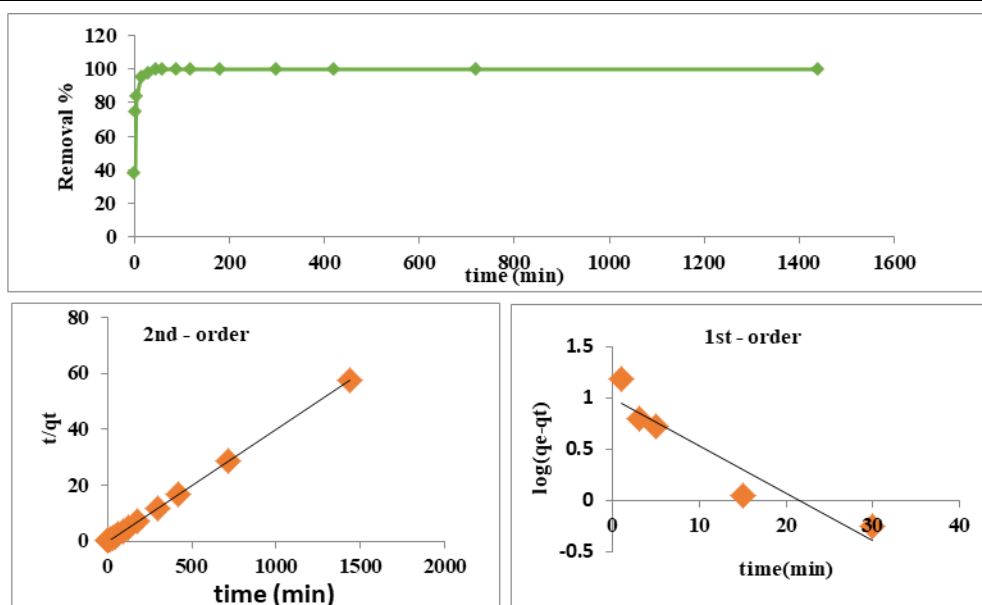


Figure 6. contact time, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> model of Cr (III) ion on imine

chelation and excellent affinity of imprinted sorbents were complimentary in size and form towards a template ion, resulting in a high uptake ratio of 100% in 45 minutes. Two kinetic models of the pseudo first order and pseudo second order were used to investigate the processes mechanism. The details of the calculation rate constant (k), adsorption capacity, and correlation coefficient (R<sup>2</sup>) are shown in Table (1) below. Higher correlation

coefficients of the pseudo second order model compared to the pseudo first order model are obvious. The consistency of the experiment results with the pseudo second order, as seen in Figure (6), indicates that Cr (III) ion adsorption process is governed by chemical adsorption, which involves valance forces via sharing or exchange of electrons between sorbent besides sorbate-imine

Table 1. Kinetic study parameters of Cr (III) removal onto imine

| Adsorbents parameter | qe(mg/g) | Pseudo-first order kinetic parameter |                       |                | Pseudo-second order kinetic |              |                |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                      |          | q <sub>cal</sub> (mg/g)              | K(min <sup>-1</sup> ) | R <sup>2</sup> | q <sub>cal</sub> (mg/g)     | K (g/mg.min) | R <sup>2</sup> |
| Imine                | 25       | 9.93                                 | 0.10                  | 0.8913         | 25                          | 0.080        | 1              |

**Effect of adsorption conditions**

**Effect of Ph:** The impact of pH is investigated to identify the adsorption pH at which maximal metal removal occurs. Hydrochloric acid (HCl) or sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was used to adjust the pH from 3 to 11 at first (1.0 M and 0.1 M). Figure (7) shows the impact of pH on imine. The highest adsorption affinities for imine occur between pH 5 to 11. The speciation of adsorbate is pH-dependent; the active sites on an adsorbent may be protonated or deprotonated, which affects the adsorption of other ions. There is reduced metal ion absorption at lower pH values due to competing adsorption of H<sup>+</sup> and Cr (III) ions on the imine surfaces. The lower protonation reduces the number of metal ion binding sites. When the pH is increased, however, the absorption of Cr (III) increases. At the same

time, the majority of active sites on the adsorbent is deprotonated, resulting in a stronger net attractive force, which accounts for the high chromium adsorption from solution. The optimal pH for adsorption is five. A rise in pH further hinders the adsorption process by precipitating chromium hydroxide complexes. As a consequence of the above findings, it was determined that chromium is strongly adsorbed in the imine, with a pH range of 99.9 %. At high pH values, adsorption decreases due to the formation of soluble hydroxyl complexes (7, 26).

**Metal concentration affect**

Impact of premier Cr (III) ion concentrations ranging from 30 ppm to 80ppm on removal percent was studied to assess the batch adsorption performance of Cr (III)-imine. As seen in Figure (8), raising the starting ion

concentration reduced the adsorption yields. As a result, when the initial concentration rises from 30ppm to 80ppm, the removal percent rises to about 100 percent. Still, when the concentration rises beyond 75 ppm, the percentage drops slightly and remains almost constant. This behaviour may be described in

Cr (III) concentrations, resulting in the high removal efficiency. With higher starting Cr (III) concentrations and the same adsorbent mass, a scarcity of adsorption sites may develop, resulting in a decrease in removal effectiveness (19, 3).

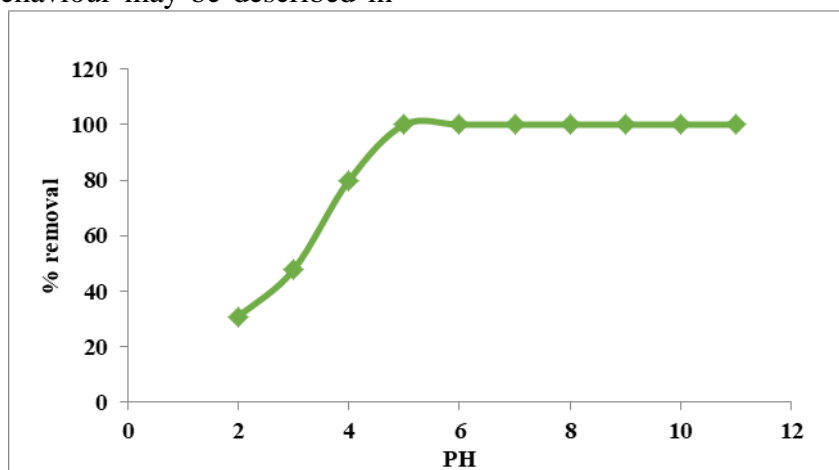


Figure 7. pH Effect Cr (III) ion on imine

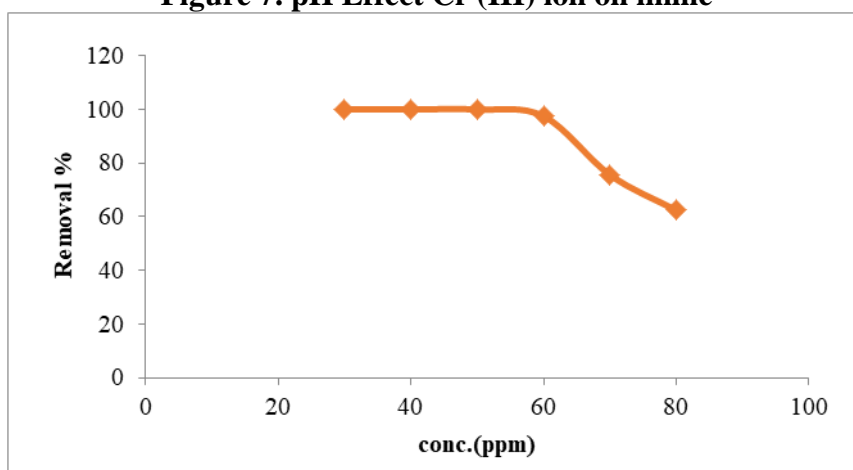


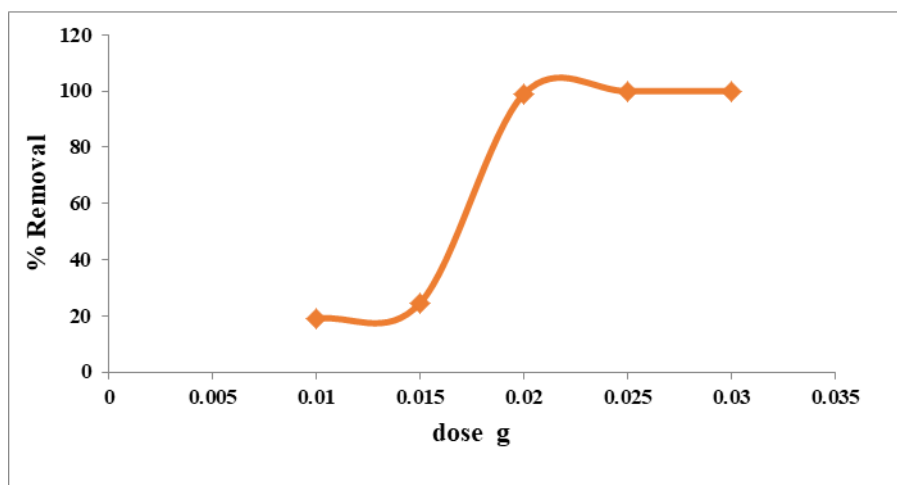
Figure 8. Effect of initial concentration of Cr (III) ion on imine

#### Dose effect of sorbet

On heavy metal ions sorption, the action of Schiff base weight was studied. The mass values ranged from 10-30 mg. Figure (9) depict the findings achieved. As can be observed, the optimal weight for imine was 20 mg, which resulted in 100% removal. Initially, the adsorption process increases quickly as the adsorbent mass increases, but after an optimal dose is achieved, it stays constant. This is most

likely because the number of accessible active sites rose in proportion to the adsorbent dosage, resulting in an increase in removal efficiency. Any increase in the adsorbent concentration beyond this point had no discernible effect on the adsorption, which may be due to adsorption sites overlapping as a consequence of adsorbent particle overpopulation (19,7). Generally, 20 mg was taken as an optimum quantity for this work.





**Figure 9. Adsorbent dosage of Cr (III) ion on imine**

### Temperature effect- Thermodynamic study

The movement of molecules and ions in solution is influenced by temperature. This may be extended to ion adsorption since ions must be mobile to 'collide /interact' with the adsorbent and promote adsorption, particularly in adsorption process studies (14). Adsorption tests on various temperatures were done, and Cr (III) imine adsorption were measured; the results of those experiments are given in Figure (10), For imine adsorbent containing Cr ions, the adsorption study in a temperature range of 5-45°C. It is a key factor influencing adsorption of the sort in a system. Additionally, since most of adsorption processes are exothermic, lower temperatures promote adsorption removal. The figure illustrates that temperature has no impact on the imine's chromium adsorption capability. These findings indicate that chromium ions are adsorbed through an ionic process and that no coordinate kind of connection exists between the chromate ion and electron-rich donor atoms (18) As far thermodynamic factors governing Cr (III) adsorption on imine, according to thermodynamic principles, energy cannot be gained or lost in an isolated system. The only driving force is entropy change. To decide which process will be done spontaneously, both energy and entropy

variables must be addressed in environmental engineering practice.  $K_d$ , the thermodynamic equilibrium constant, may be used to calculate the thermodynamic parameters. The following equations are used to compute the standard Gibbs free energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  (kJ. mol<sup>-1</sup>), standard enthalpy change  $\Delta H^\circ$  (kJ. mol<sup>-1</sup>), and standard entropy change  $\Delta S^\circ$  (J.mol<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>), this information was taken from He, et.al. (9), and Fan, et.al. (5).

$$K_d = \frac{q_e}{C_e} K_d = \frac{q_e}{C_e}$$

$$\ln K_d = \frac{\Delta S}{R} + \frac{\Delta H}{RT} \quad \ln K_d = \frac{\Delta S}{R} + \frac{\Delta H}{RT}$$

$$\Delta G = -RT \ln K_d$$

where R denotes the universal gas constant (8.314 J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>); T denotes the absolute temperature (K); and  $K_d$  is the adsorption distribution constant deduced from  $q_e/C_e$  (mg g<sup>-1</sup>) The slope and intercept of the linear plot of  $\ln K_d$  versus  $1/T$  in Figure (10), were used to get the values of  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$ , in contrast, the values of  $\Delta G$  were determined using the equation above (9). Table (2) shows the negative  $\Delta G^\circ$  values imply that imine adsorption process is spontaneous. Energy change values drop somewhat as the temperature rises. This shows that, by raising the temperature, adsorption could be enhanced.

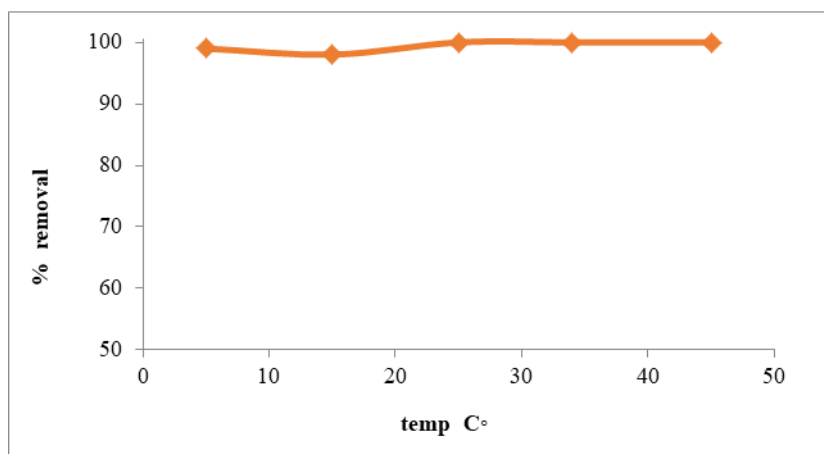


Figure 10. Temperature effect of Cr (III) ion on imine

Table 2. thermodynamic parameters of Cr (III) ions on to imine adsorption

|       | T(K) | $\Delta G(\text{kJ/mole})$ | $\Delta H(\text{kJ/mole})$ | $\Delta S(\text{J/mol.K})$ |
|-------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Imine | 278  | -9.01                      | +108.69                    | +419.41                    |
|       | 288  | -7.63                      |                            |                            |
|       | 298  | -21.05                     |                            |                            |
|       | 308  | -21.78                     |                            |                            |
|       | 318  | -22.47                     |                            |                            |

Positive entropy and enthalpy values also show the endothermic nature of Cr (III) adsorption on imine. Increases in the temperature of the solution have no impact on the adsorption (18). Chemisorption is prevalent in the findings. The positivity. The positivity of  $\Delta S$  indicates a strong unpredictability at the solid/solution interfaces. When  $\Delta G$  goes to 0 (negative value), Cr (III) adsorption on biosorbent is spontaneously taking place.

**Isotherms models study**

The adsorption isotherm behavior of Cr (III) by produced materials was investigated using three different kinds adsorption isotherm models. The methods of Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin were used. Figure (11), shows the linear regression of the Cr (III) adsorption isotherm models onto Schiff base

(Table 3) shows the factors and coefficients of correlation for Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin. The Langmuir isotherm had the greatest correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) in the case of imine, suggesting that the adsorption mechanism was monolayer adsorption. High adsorption ability can be explained by higher values of  $K_L$  and  $R^2$  for Cr (III) - imine which are 5.12 L/mg, 0.9992, respectively, indicating that the solute and adsorbent have a higher affinity. Another reason could be that the active sites are relatively evenly dealt on the surface and inside the adsorbent (22,28,9). In this study  $R_L$  value with range (0.006-0.0027). were all within 0 and 1, indicating an extremely favorable adsorption with increasing adsorption efficiency at higher Cr (III) concentrations (13).

Table 3. Isotherm models correlation coefficients and constant for adsorption of Cr (III) on imine

|                        |       | Langmuir       |       | Freundlich |       | Temkin |  |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------|-------|--------|--|
| Imine<br>(Schiff base) | $q_m$ | 26.8 mg/g      | 1/n   | 0.0811     | at    | 26.148 |  |
|                        | $K_l$ | 5.12           | Kf    | 25.28      | bt    | 1.858  |  |
|                        | $R^2$ | 0.9992         | $R^2$ | 0.6457     | $R^2$ | 0.7043 |  |
|                        | $R_L$ | (0.006-0.0027) |       |            |       |        |  |

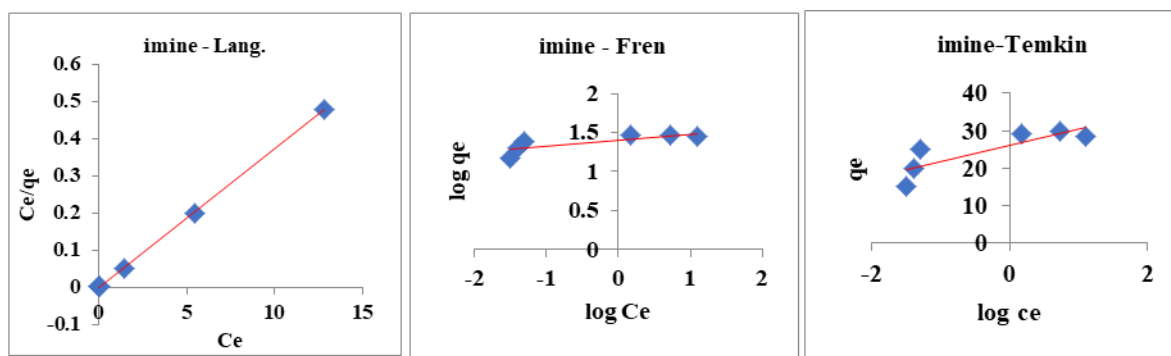


Figure 11. Adsorption Cr (III), Langmuir, Freundlich and Temkin isotherm model

**Desorption and reuse**

The capacity to be re-adsorbed and reused is one of the most important characteristics that make an adsorbent useful and essential for improving process economics. The Schiff base adsorbents, which have Cr (III) adsorbed on

their surface, will be next dehydrated and treated with 0.1 M EDTA and 0.1M HCl solutions. The adsorption/desorption tests are then repeated five times for Schiff base adsorption-desorption periods (Figure 12).

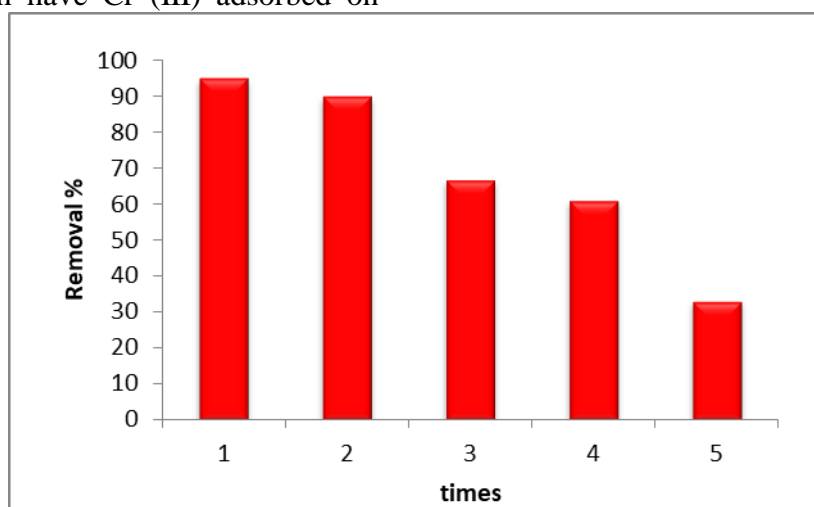


Figure 12. Reusability of imine for removal percent to Cr (III)

Table 4. Determination of Cr (III) ion in tow supplement

| Samples        | Amount added<br>µg/mL | Amount found<br>µg/mL | RSD    | Recovery % |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|
| H.M supplement | 0                     | 5                     | ± 1.2  | -          |
|                | 30                    | 34.91                 | ± 0.4  | 99.74      |
|                | 50                    | 54.74                 | ± 0.8  | 99.52      |
| M.V Supplement | 0                     | 0                     | 0      | -          |
|                | 30                    | 29.78                 | ± 0.92 | 99.26      |
|                | 50                    | 49.23                 | ± 1.32 | 98.46      |

**Application of real sample**

To obtain controls for the study, as shown in Table 4, samples were spiked with Cr (III) ions to supplement tablets. After the batch experiment, the recovery of Cr (III) ions in real and spiked samples varied in range (98.4-99.92) %, and relative standard deviation was less than (3.1) The results support the sensitivity and reliability of adsorbent toward spike and non-spike for preconcentration and determination of these ion in trace value.

**CONCLUSION**

Functionalized chitosan–Schiff base has been successfully achieved from the free amino group of chitosan and aldehyde to remove Cr (III) from solution. Langmuir and pseudo 2<sup>nd</sup> order model were more fitted data with good correlation coefficients. The removal ratio of heavy metal reached 100% for Cr(III) 50ppm, 20mg adsorbent dose for 30min using normal adsorbent pH at different Temperatures. Imine was not only high in removal efficiency but also had simple preparation and good

reusability; it showed high response for trace amount of chromium ion in real sample.

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