

Fluorimetric Study of Eugenol with Cyclodextrins

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Abstract: Eugenol (4-Allyl-2-Methoxy Phenol) is a naturally occurring compound that has been used extensively as a flavoring agent and fragrance. Human exposure to eugenol also occurs through its use as an analgesic and from clove cigarettes. Steady State Time-Resolved Fluorescence UV / Absorption and FTIR spectroscopic techniques were used to study the complexation of Eugenol With β -Cyclodextrin and H β - Cyclodextrin. The Stoichiometry, binding constants and thermodynamic parameter upon complexation were obtained from the variation of fluorescence intensity and average lifetime with β cds.

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I. Introduction:

Essential oils and extracts of various species of edible and medicinal plants, herbs, and spices constitute very potent biologically active agents. They have a complex composition, containing from a few to several hundred constituents, mainly hydrocarbons and oxygenated compounds. Both, hydrocarbons and oxygenated compounds are responsible for the characteristic odors and flavors, which are formed by aromatic plants as secondary metabolites [1]. Clove Oil (CO) is an essential oil from the dried flower buds, leaves and stem of the tree *Syzygium aromaticum* (Eastern Hemisphere) or *Eugenia caryophyllata* and *Eugenia aromaticum* (Western Hemisphere) [2]. It has been used for centuries as anesthetic for toothaches, headaches and joint pain [3,4]. Clove has received attention as an ideal fish anaesthetic [5-8] and it has been used as a fragrant and flavoring agent in a variety of food and cosmetic products [9-11]. However, irritation towards the mucosa and skin, pungent taste, volatility, light sensitivity and poor water solubility make it unsuitable to use as such.

Eugenol (EG) (4-Allyl-2-Methoxyphenol) is the principal constituent of the essential oil, being 90% - 95% of the total oil amount [12]. It has a strong phenolic smell and sharp acrid taste [13]. It is well established that cyclodextrins (CDs) form complexes with several molecules eliminating their unwanted effects. CDs are a group of naturally occurring cyclic oligosaccharides derived from starch with six, seven and eight glucose residues linked by α (1-4) glycosidic bonds in a cylinder-shaped structure, and denominated α , β and γ - Cyclodextrins, respectively. The central cavity of these molecules is hydrophobic, while the rims of the surrounding walls are hydrophilic. This hydrophobic cavity forms inclusion complexes with a wide range of organic and inorganic guest molecules, altering their physicochemical behaviour and reducing their undesirable effects.

II. Materials And Methods:

β cd, H β cd and Eugenol were purchased from Sigma -Aldrich Company, Bangalore. All the chemicals were used without further purification. UV/ Vis Absorption spectra were taken using SHIMADZU 1800 PC UV-VISIBLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER, Steady State Fluorescence measurements were made by SHIMADZU RF 5301 PC SPECTROFLUOROPHOTOMETER, Fluorescence Decay measurements were recorded using HARIBA- JOBIN YVON [SPEX-SF B-III] SPECTROFLUORIMETER and FTIR Spectra were recorded using AGILENT CARY 630 FTIR SPECTROMETER.

III. Results and Discussion:

3.1: Uv/Absorption Study Of Eugenol

An attempt has been made to estimate the formation constant of 1:1 Eugenol and β -Cyclodextrin (β cd) and H β -Cyclodextrin (H β cd) complexes studying their absorption and fluorescence properties. The formation constant of the complexes was determined by studying their absorption and fluorescence spectral changes. To

prove the above, other spectroscopic techniques, (1) Time-Resolved Fluorescence and (2) Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) analyses were utilized.

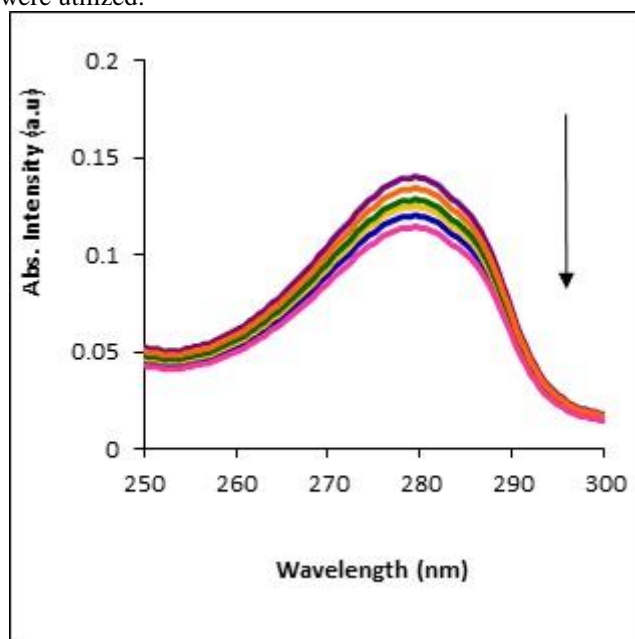


Figure 1: Absorption spectra of Eugenol in different concentrations of β -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1) 0, (2) 0.2 (3) 0.4, (4) 0.6, (5) 0.8, (6) 1.0

The decrease in absorbance with the addition of β cd and H β cd can be attributed to interaction which indicates the formation of the inclusion complex of EU- β cd as well as EU-H β cd. Fig.3 shows the plot of absorbance versus concentrations of the β cds.

The Plot of $\left(\frac{1}{A_0 - A}\right)$ versus $\left(\frac{1}{\beta\text{CDs}}\right)$ will result in a straight line as shown in Fig.4. From the slope values of

this plot, K has been evaluated and tabulated. This is the ground state formation constant K_g . Calculated values are shown in Table 1. Free energy change was calculated from the formation constant K_g .

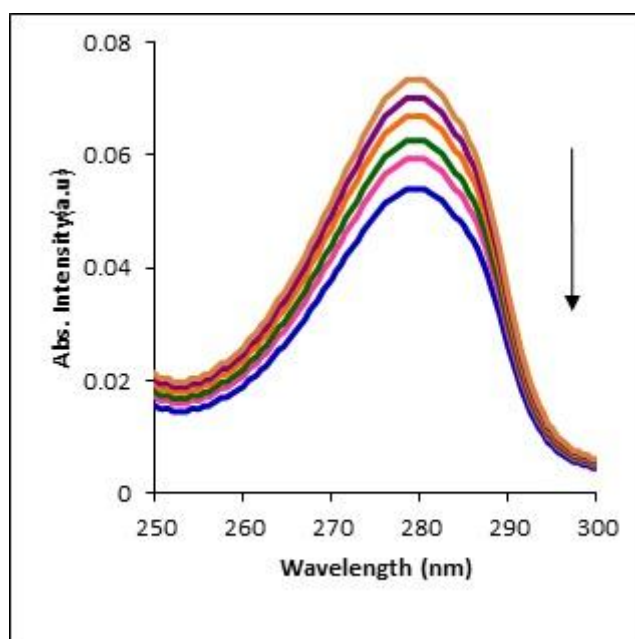


Figure 2: Absorption spectra of Eugenol in different concentrations of H β -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1) 0, (2) 0.2 (3) 0.4, (4) 0.6, (5) 0.8, (6) 1.0

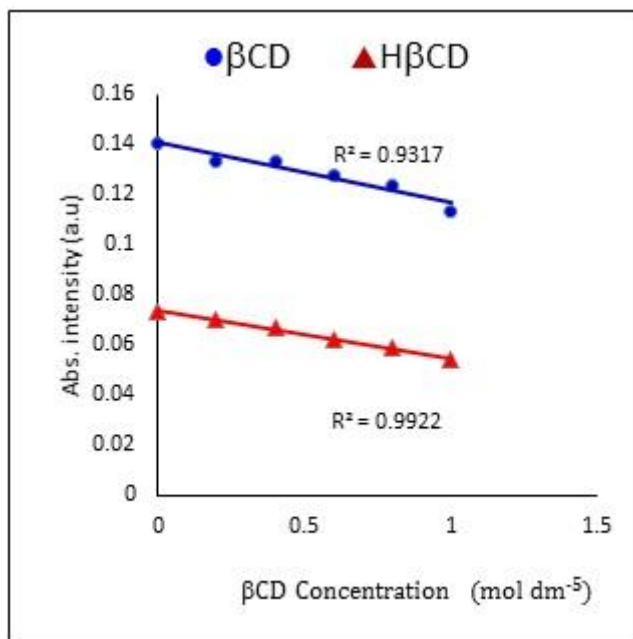


Figure 3: Absorbance of Eugenol versus β cd concentrations

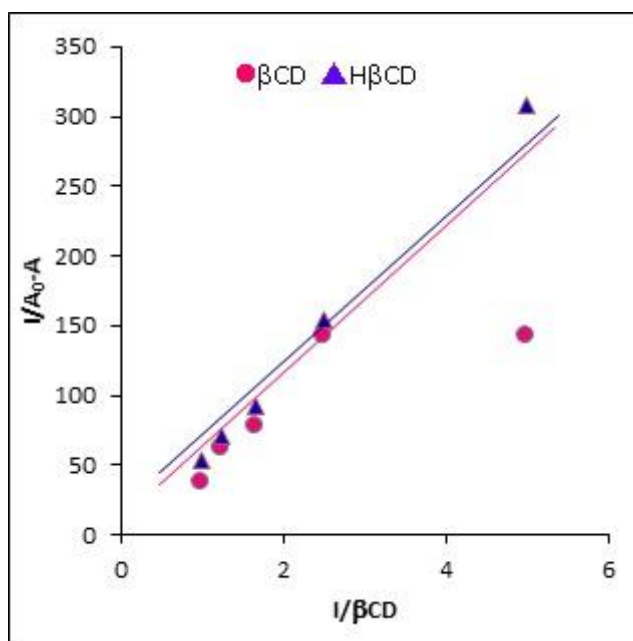


Figure 4: Plot of $\left[\frac{1}{A_0 - A}\right]$ versus $\left[\frac{1}{\beta_{cd}}\right]$ for Eugenol

3.2: Fluorescence Spectral Study Of Eugenol

To investigate the interaction between eugenol and the β cds, fluorescence spectra were studied. It has been found in this study when free eugenol was excited at 280 nm in the absence of cyclodextrins, it showed a broad fluorescence peak at around 515 nm in aqueous solution. Figs.5 and 6 depict the emission spectra of eugenol in various concentrations of β cd and H β cd respectively. With the addition of β cd and H β cd solutions to Eugenol, Emission intensities increase in the same wavelength along with increase in the β cd and H β cd concentrations, and its fluorescence intensity also increased. Fig.7 shows the plot of fluorescence intensity versus the β cd and H β cd concentrations.

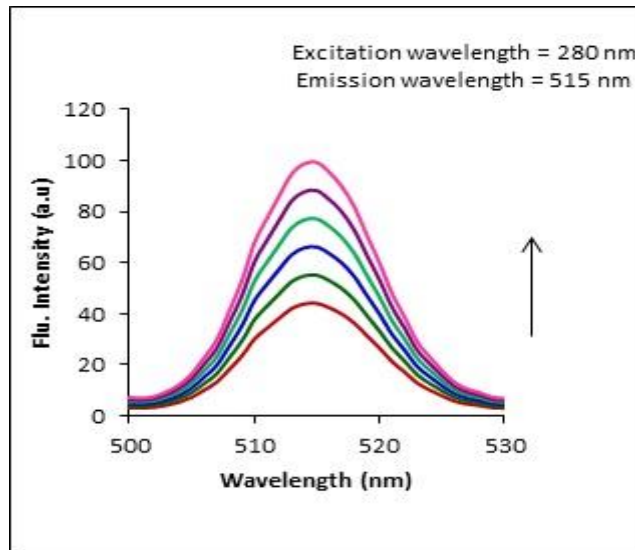


Figure 5: Fluorescence spectra of Eugenol in different concentrations of β -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1)0, (2)0.2 (3)0.4, (4)0.6, (5)0.8, (6)1.0

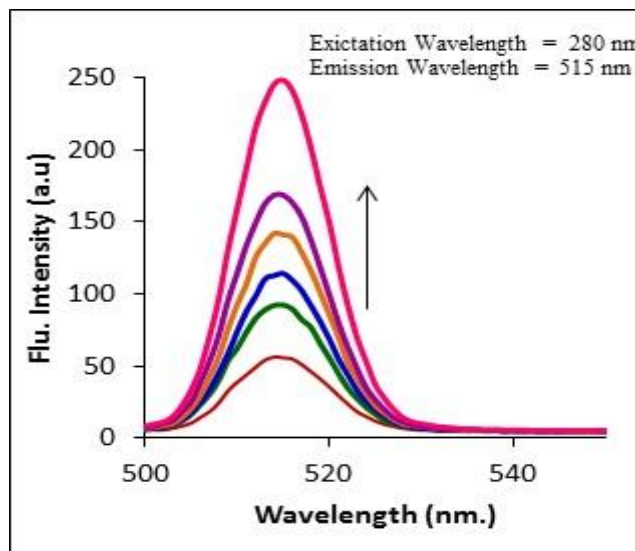


Figure 6: Fluorescence spectra of Eugenol in different concentrations of $H\beta$ -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1)0, (2)0.2 (3)0.4, (4)0.6, (5)0.8, (6)1.0

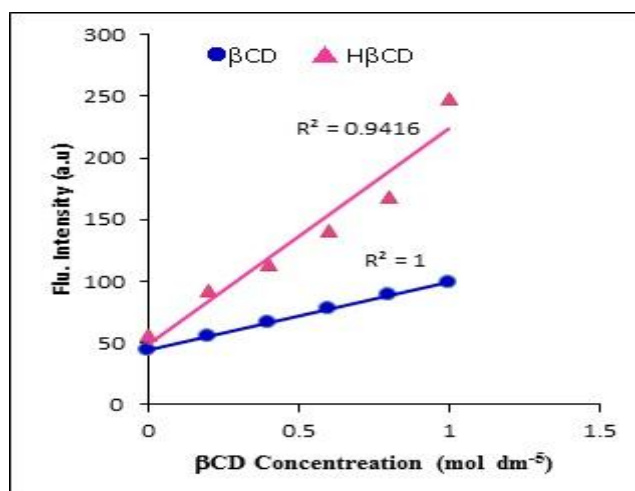


Figure 7: Plot of fluorescence intensity of Eugenol Versus β cds concentrations

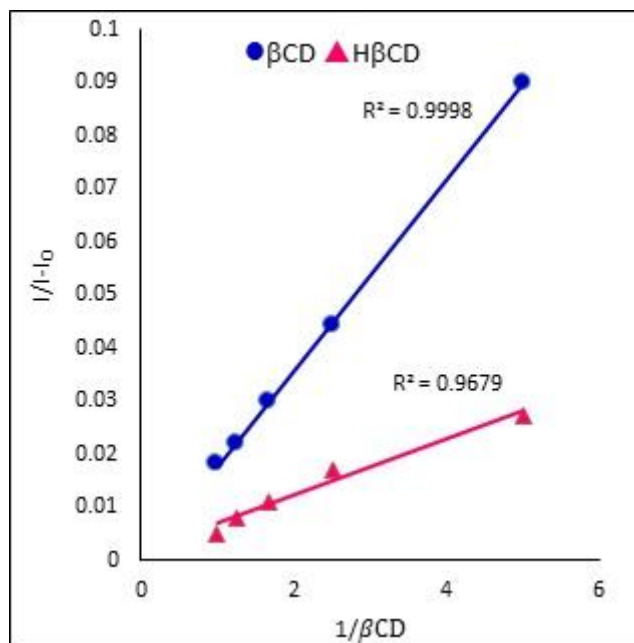


Figure 8: Plot of $\left[\frac{1}{I-I_0}\right]$ versus $\left[\frac{1}{\beta_{cd}}\right]$ for Eugenol

The stoichiometry and the formation constants have been determined from the Benesi-Hildebrand plots shown in Fig. 8 and the data are presented in Table 1

3.3: Time-Resolved Fluorescence Study Of Eugenol

Fluorescence lifetime measurement is a very useful technique for understanding the type of interaction between the donor and the acceptor systems. Figs. 9 And 10 depict fluorescence decay of eugenol with and without β cd and H β cd respectively. The calculated average lifetime values have been given in Tables 2 and 3.

Table I: Formation constant K (M^{-1}) and free energy ΔG ($KJmol^{-1}$) of Eugenol with β cd and H β cd

β cd				H β cd			
K_g (M^{-1})	K_e (M^{-1}) $\times 10^{-2}$	ΔG_g ($KJmol^{-1}$)	ΔG_e ($KJmol^{-1}$)	K_g (M^{-1})	K_e (M^{-1}) $\times 10^{-3}$	ΔG_g ($KJmol^{-1}$) $\times 10^4$	ΔG_e ($KJmol^{-1}$) $\times 10^4$
15.9	1.84	6990.5	100096.46	74.36	7.14	1.0888	1.2488

Table II: Fluorescence lifetime and amplitudes of eugenol with different concentrations of β cd

Concentration of β cd (M)	Lifetime (ns)			Average Life Time $\langle T \rangle$ 10^{-9} sec	Relative Amplitude			X^2	S.D 10^{-11} sec		
	T_1	T_2	T_3		B_1	B_2	B_3		T_1	T_2	T_3
0	1.53	7.15	1.38	2.0185	25.25	10.41	64.34	1.37	5.0	1.95	8.03
0.6	1.25	1.27	7.17	1.7514	61.31	29.03	9.66	1.43	1.22	2.87	2.04
1.0	1.26	6.58	1.0	1.5862	23.53	9.41	67.06	1.32	4.18	1.86	9.74

Table III: Fluorescence lifetime and amplitudes of eugenol with different concentrations of H β cd

Concentration of H β cd (M)	Lifetime (ns)			Average Life Time $\langle T \rangle$ 10^{-9} sec	Relative Amplitude			X^2	S.D 10^{-11} sec		
	T_1	T_2	T_3		B_1	B_2	B_3		T_1	T_2	T_3
0	2.83	1.22	6.06	2.9929	94.45	3.26	2.29	1.22	5.10	5.38	1.91
0.6	1.25	1.27	7.17	1.7514	61.31	29.03	9.66	1.43	1.22	2.87	2.04
1.0	1.42	1.26	6.40	1.4242	99.76	0.15	0.09	1.42	1.42	5.21	2.19

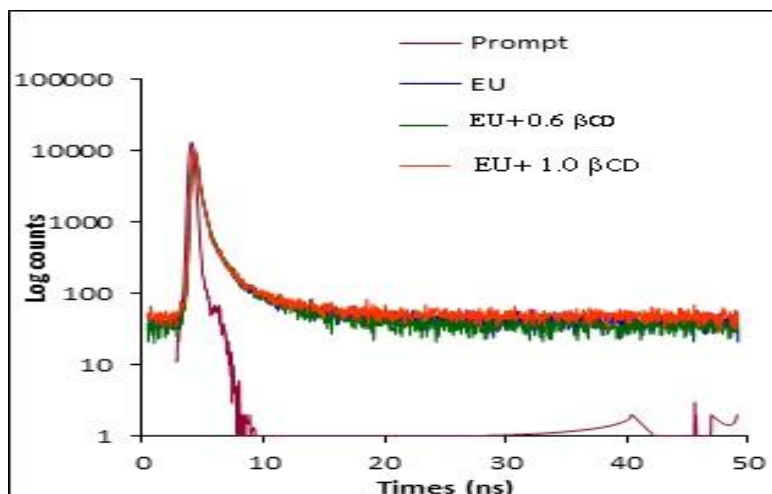


Figure 9: Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of eugenol with different concentrations of β -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1)0, (2) 0.6, (3) 1.0

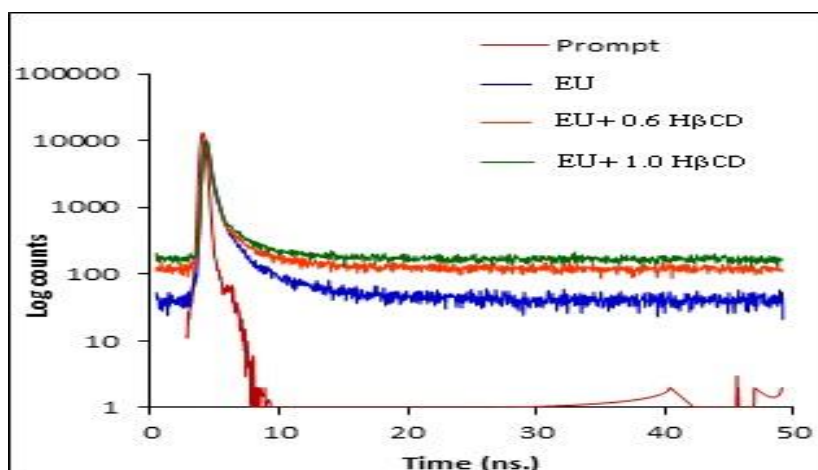


Figure10: Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of eugenol with different concentrations of $\text{H}\beta$ -Cyclodextrin (mol dm^{-5}) (1)0, (2) 0.6, (3) 1.0

3.4: Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopic Study

FTIR spectra have been recorded to investigate the inclusion complex formation of eugenol – β cds. The FTIR spectra of Eugenol is shown in Fig. 11. The FTIR spectra of β cd and $\text{H}\beta$ cd are given in Figs. 12 & 13.

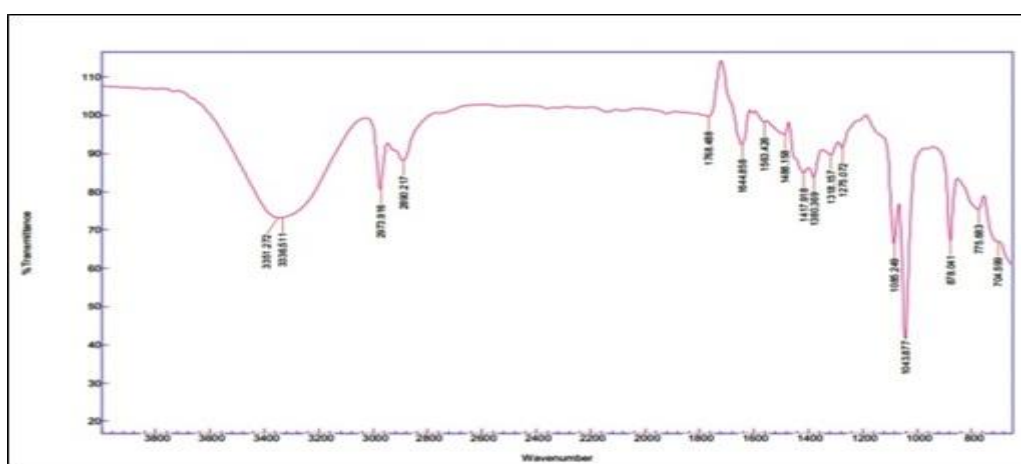


Figure 11: FTIR spectra of Eugenol

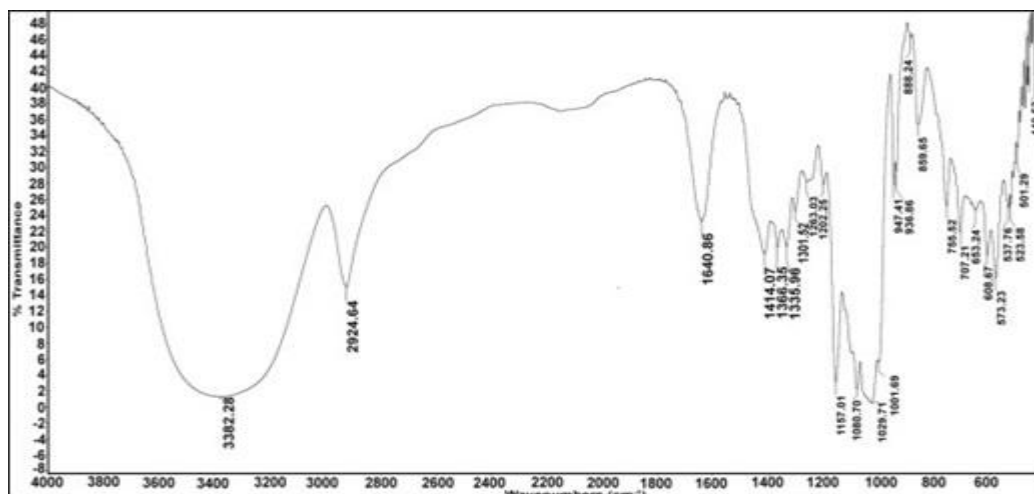


Figure 12: FTIR spectra of β -Cyclodextrin

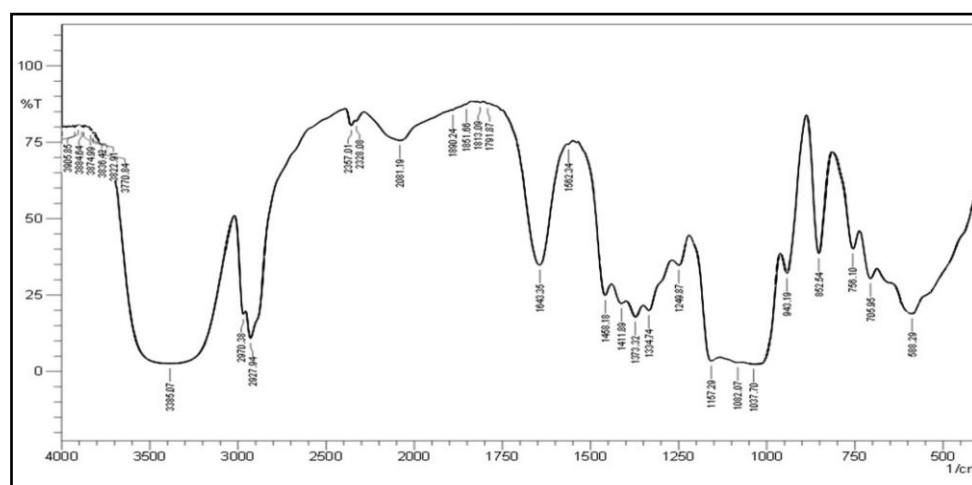


Figure 13: FTIR spectra of H β -Cyclodextrin

IV. Conclusion:

Spectroscopic investigations have been carried out such as, UV/Vis, steady state and time resolved fluorescence and Fourier transform infra-red (FTIR) spectroscopy using one of the ingredients of tulasierb, eugenol adding to it beta cyclodextrin (β cd) and hydroxyl propyl beta cyclodextrin (H β cd). Hopefully these results will aid in judging their data during the evaluation of binding mode and designing a new rational herbal – interactive drugs.

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