

## **Determination of Co<sup>2+</sup> and Cd<sup>2+</sup> by using 2-[(2-Benzimidazolyl) azo ]-4-methoxyphenol**

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### **Abstract**

Co<sup>2+</sup> and Cd<sup>2+</sup> are determined by using (BIAMP) reagent, the maximum absorption of the two formation complex are (522) and (627).

Optimum conditions are recorded pH (9) , (7), temperature (20), (30), Beer's low (0.03-1.7), (0.02-1.5) ppm, detection limits were (0.0015), (0.0005) for Co<sup>2+</sup> and Cd<sup>2+</sup> complexes.

RSD, R<sup>2</sup>, r and molar absorptivity were recorded, also interferences of ions are studying.

### **الخلاصة**

يتضمن البحث تقدير الكوبلت (II) والكاديوم (II) باستعمال الكاشف الجديد (BIAMP) ، وجد ان اعلى امتصاص للمعقدين كان عند الطول الموجي (522 nm) و (627 nm) لكل من الكوبلت والكاديوم. حددت الظروف المثلى لتكوين المعقدين من داله حامضية (9) و (7) ودرجة حرارة (20) و (30) مئوية، تم بناء منحني المعايرة عند مدى من التراكيز تراوحت بين (0.03-1.7 ppm) و (0.02-1.5 ppm) لكل من الكوبلت والكاديوم. وجد ان حد الكشف لهذه الطريقة هو (0.0015 ppm) و (0.0005 ppm) ، درس تاثير الايونات المتداخلة وحجبت باستخدام عوامل الحجب المناسبة.

### **Introduction**

Trace and ultra trace determination of cadmium in several samples are becoming of increasing interest owing to the high toxicity of this metal, several highly sensitive and selective analytical techniques have been applied for the determination of such low levels of cadmium including ETAAs, ICP-AES and ICP-MS<sup>(1-4)</sup>.

Several systems for the generation of volatile cadmium species have been developed<sup>(5-9)</sup>.

Cobalt is present in trace amounts in virtually all living tissues, Cobalt have been determined in low concentration in beer in the range of 0.2 ppm with a claimed accuracy of  $\pm 0.02$  ppm<sup>(10)</sup>. 2-nitroso-1-naphthol used as a reagent to determined of cobalt<sup>(11)</sup>. Direct and derivative spectrophotometric determination of cobalt with 5-bromosalicylaldehydethiosemicarbazone<sup>(12)</sup>.

A graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry method have been used for determination of lead and cadmium in biological material<sup>(13)</sup>.

In the present investigation we report asimple and sensitive spectrophotometric method for determination of cadmium and cobalt by using a newly synthesized reagent.

## **Experimental**

### **Apparatus**

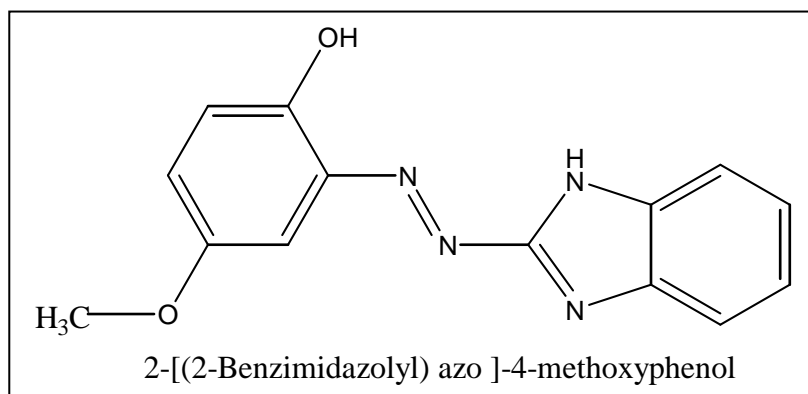
A UV-Probe model (UV-1650) spectrophotometer (Schimadzu-Japan) and spectronic-21 model U.V-Visible single beam with 1 cm cells Bausch and Lomb (USA) was used for all absorbance measurements, pH measurements were made with Knick-Digital pH meter (England), Digital Balance, Sartorius, (BP 3015- Germany) and Water bath, Gesellschaft Fur Labortechnik (Germany) , FTIR 8400S Schimadzu (Japan) was used to get I.R spectrums and CHN elemental analyzer 1108 were used.

### **Reagents**

#### **Synthesis of 2-[(2-Benzimidazolyl) azo ]-4-methoxyphenol (BIAMP)**

A 2-amino-benzoimidazole (2.66 g, 20 mmol) was dissolved in (30 ml) of water and (8 ml) of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The filtered solution was cooled to (0 °c), treated with (30 ml) of aqueous (1 M) sodium nitrite dropwise, and stirred for (30 min.), the resulting diazonium chloride solution was added dropwise with cooling to a solution of 4-methoxyphenol (3.60 g, 20 mmol) dissolved in (100 ml) alkaline ethanol. After leaving overnight in the refrigerator, the mixture was neutralized with dilute hydrochloric acid until (pH=6).

The solid product was filtered, washed with cold distilled water until a negative chloride reaction with silver nitrate was obtained. Then it was recrystallized twice from hot ethanol and dried in a desiccators over anhydrous calcium chloride the yield was (59 %) (3.16 g) of red crystallizes which was melted at (235 °c), the structural of this reagent as shown below.



#### **Standard Solutions**

A solution of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  (20 ppm) was prepared by dissolving (0.0049 g) of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 50 ml distilled water

A solution of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  (20 ppm) was prepared by dissolving (0.0027 g) of  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 50 ml distilled water.

#### **2-[(2-Benzimidazolyl) azo ]-4-methoxyphenol (BIAMP) solution**

A solution of ( $1 \times 10^{-2}$  M) was prepared by dissolving (0.0670g) of pure reagent in 25 ml of absolute ethanol.

#### **General procedure**

Into a 5 ml calibrated flask, transfer (1 ml) of sample solution containing not more than 0.4 ppm of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  or 0.3 ppm of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  ions and (1 ml) of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M ethanolic reagent (BIAMP) solution dilute to volume with deionized water, mix well and after 10 minutes measure the absorbance at 522 nm for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and 627 nm for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  in a 1 cm cell against a blank solution prepared in a similar way but without the presence of the ion under test.

## Results & Discussion

### Physical and chemical properties of BIAMP

The reagent is a brown powder which is sparingly soluble in water. It has a good solubility in ethanol, methanol, acetone, chloroform and ether.

The color of the solution is brown in alkaline medium, yellow in weakly and strong acidic solution.

### Effect of pH

The effect of pH on the absorbance value of the complex was investigated by changing the pH value of the solution in the range of (2-12) and the results are shown in, figures (1&2).

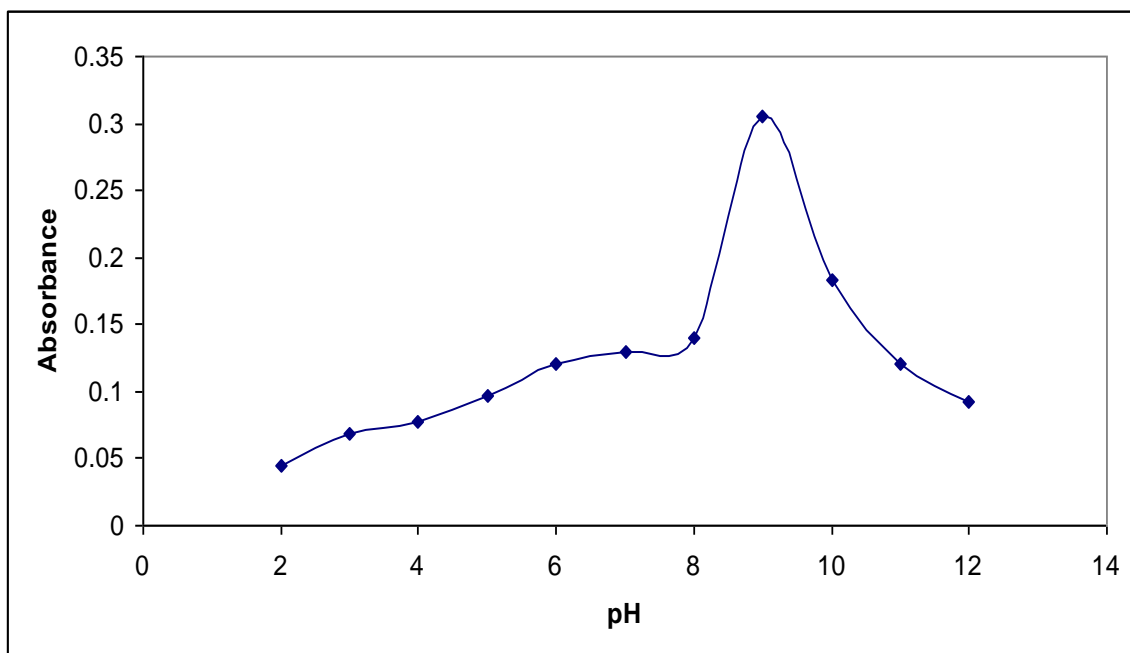


Fig.(1) Effect of pH on the absorbance of Co-BIAMP complex .

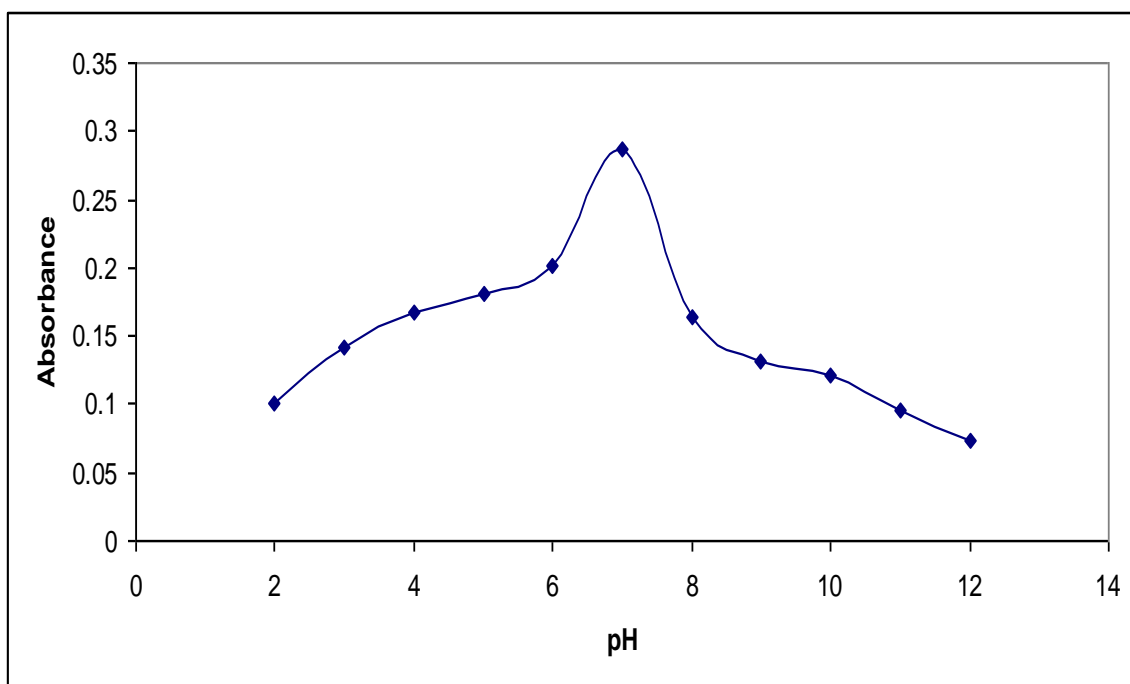


Fig.(2) Effect of pH on the absorbance of Cd-BIAMP complex.

From figures (1&2) the best pH value of Co-BIAMP complex (9), while for Cd-BIAMP complex (7).

**Stability of complexes with the time**

Stability of the two complexes with the time was studied, the color of the two complex system reaches it's maximum value of absorbance from (5) min. and remain stable for about (24) hours.

**Effect of temperature**

The effect of temperature on the absorbance of the two complexes Co-BIAMP and Cd-BIAMP was studied figures (3&4) show this effect.

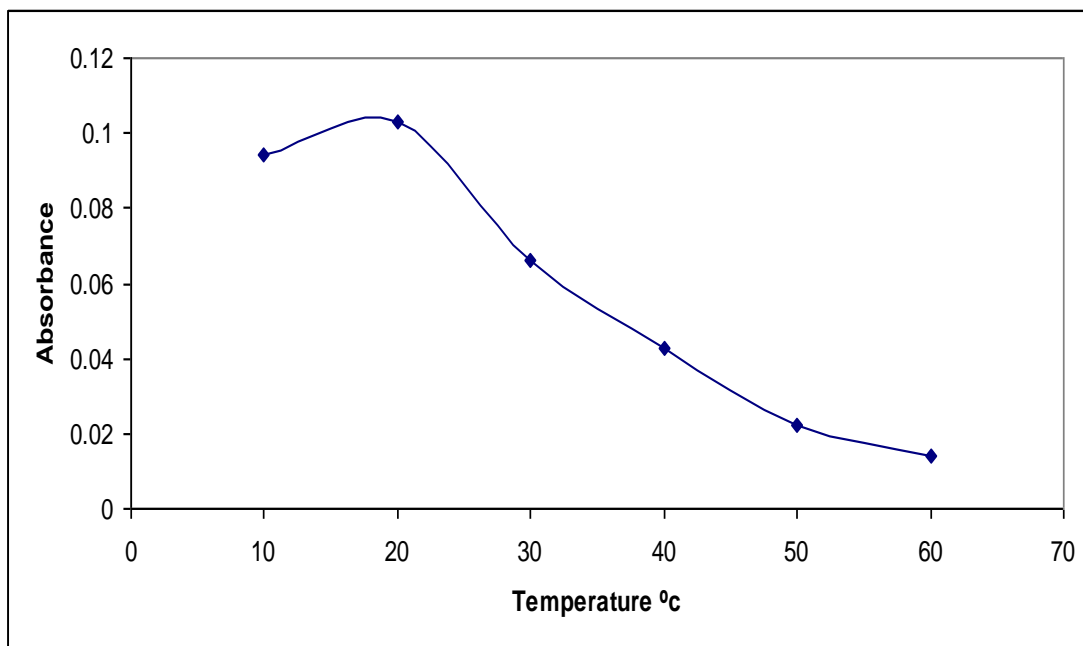


Fig.(3) Effect of temperature on the absorbance of Co-BIAMP complex.

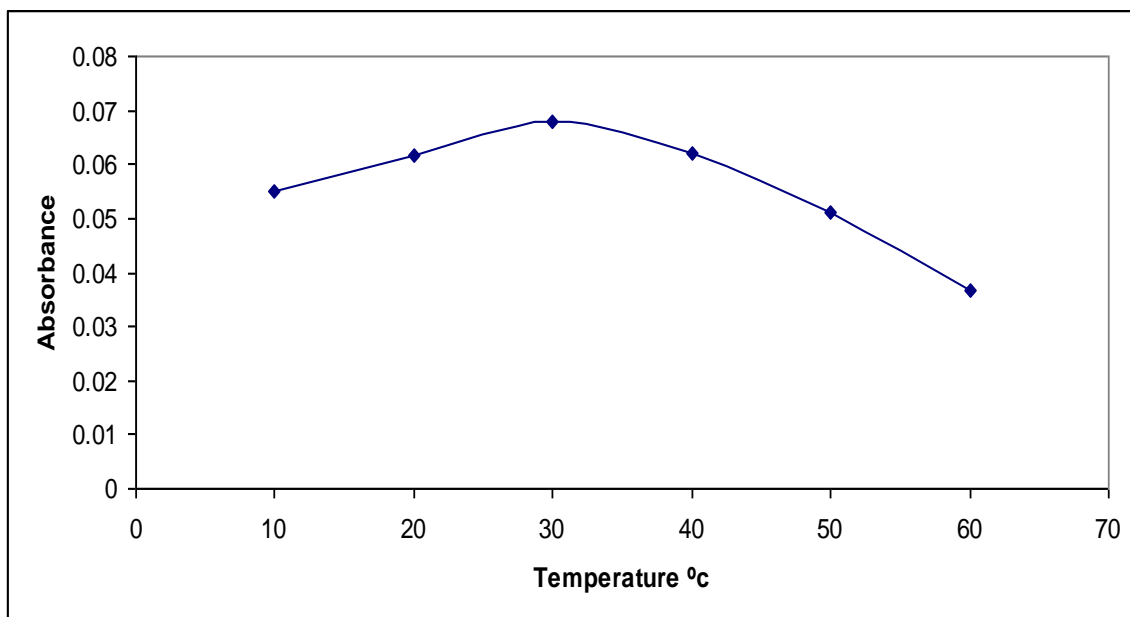


Fig.(4) Effect of temperature on the absorbance of Cd-BIAMP complex.

The effect of temperature on the absorbance of two complexes was studied in the range (10-60) °c, the maximum absorption was obtained at 20 °c and for Co-BIAMP and 30 °c Cd-BIAMP, the decrease in absorbance value may be is due to the dissociation of the complex.

**Composition of the complexes**

The composition of the two complexes was determined by Job's<sup>(14)</sup> method of continuous variation and molar ratio<sup>(15)</sup> methods, the composition of two complexes were shown in figures (5-8).

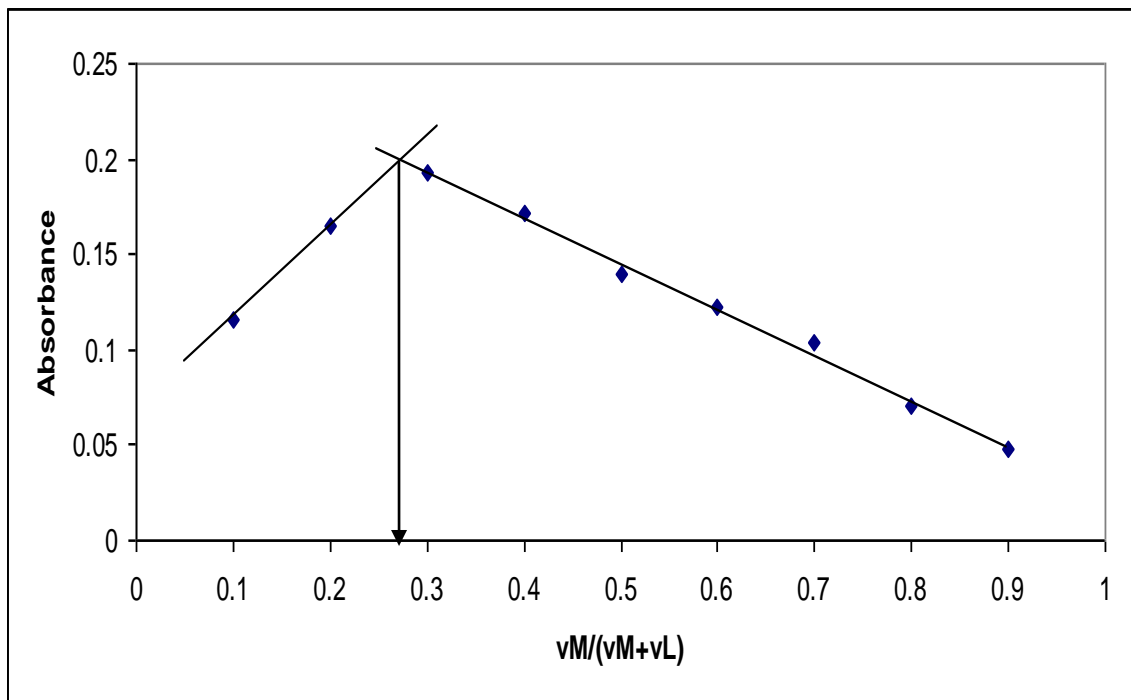


Fig.(5) continuous variation method for Co-BIAMP complex at optimum conditions.

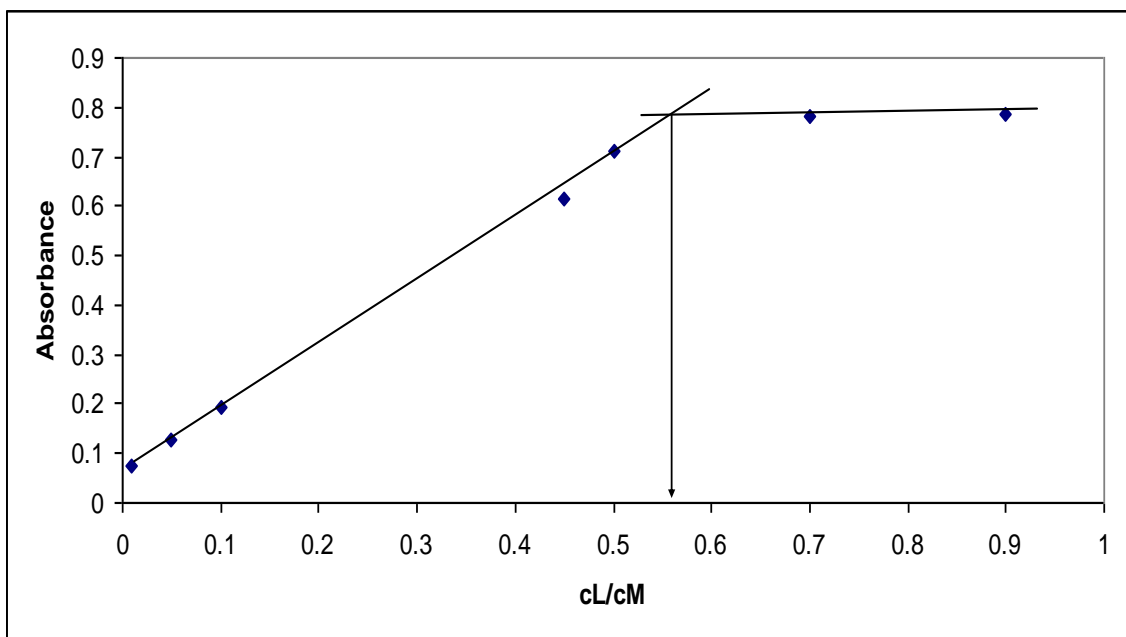


Fig.(6) molar ratio method for Co-BIAMP complex at optimum condition.

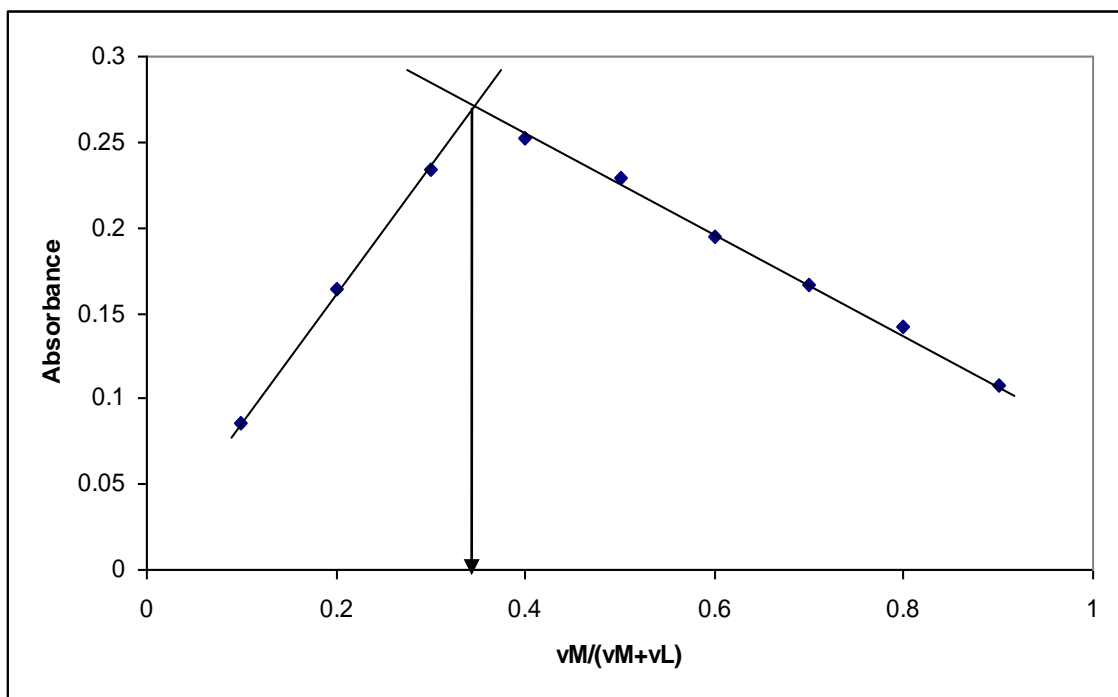


Fig.(7) continuous variation method for Cd-BIAMP complex at optimum conditions.

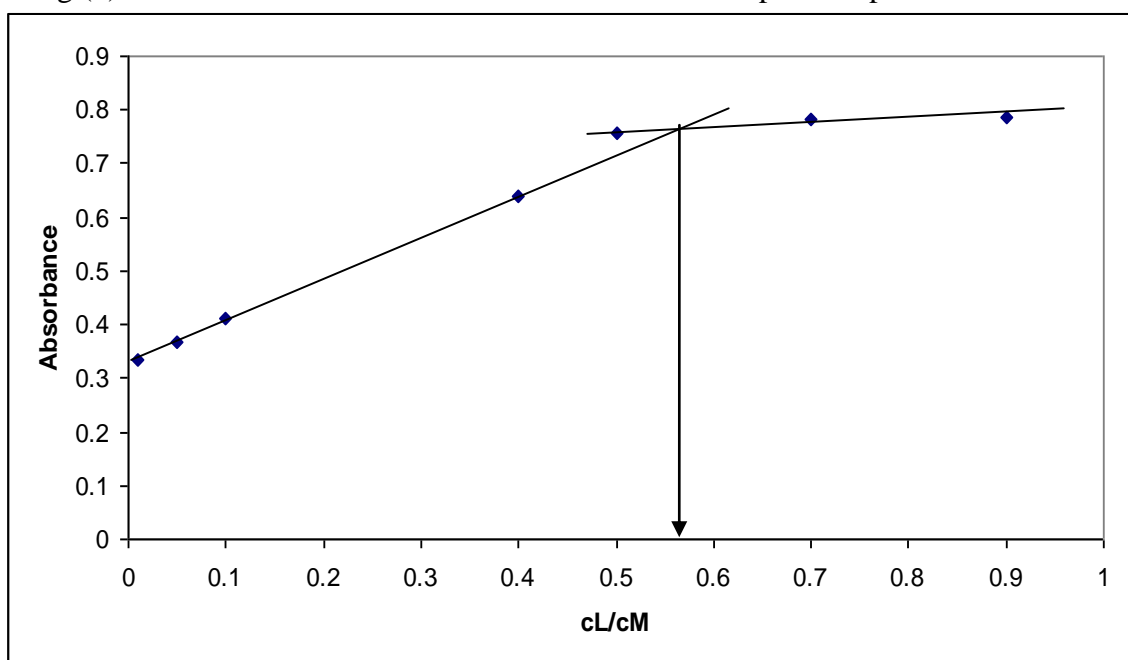


Fig.(8) molar ratio method for Cd-BIAMP complex at optimum conditions.

From the results of continuous variation and molar ratio methods show in figures (7-10), the ratio between  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  to BIAMP is (1:2), and between  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  to BIAMP is (1:2) and the stability constant<sup>(16)</sup> ( $K_{\text{sta.}}$ ) was ( $1.19 \times 10^5 \text{ L}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-2}$ ) for Co-BIAMP complex and ( $3.48 \times 10^6 \text{ L}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-2}$ ) for Cd-BIAMP complex, figures (9,10) shows the proposed composition of the two complexes

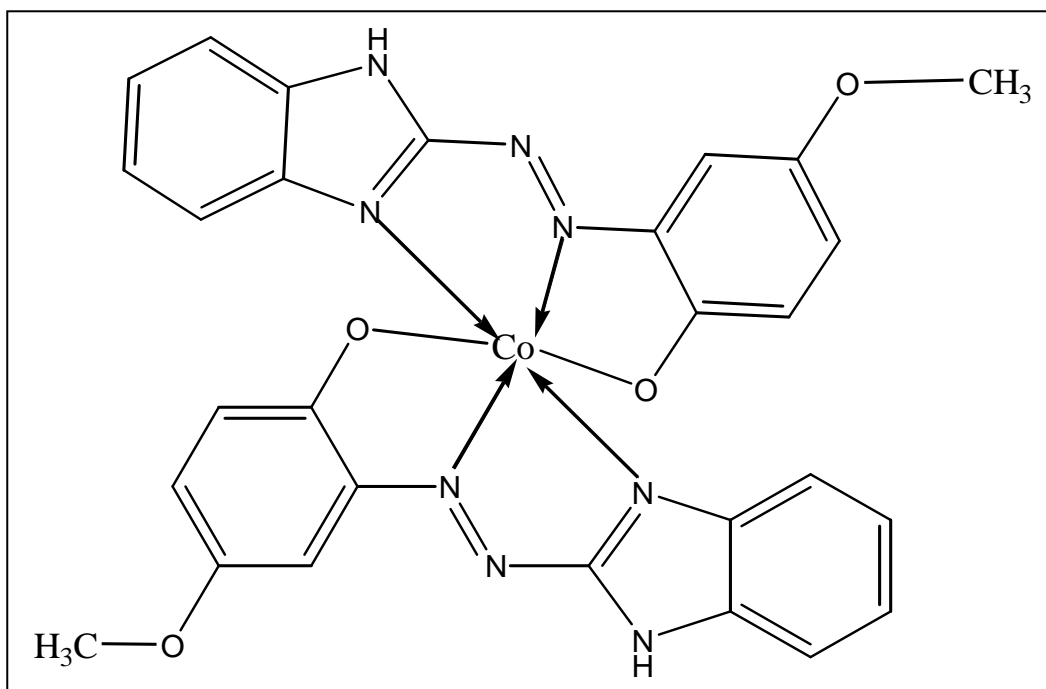


Fig. (9) the composition of Co-BIAMP complex

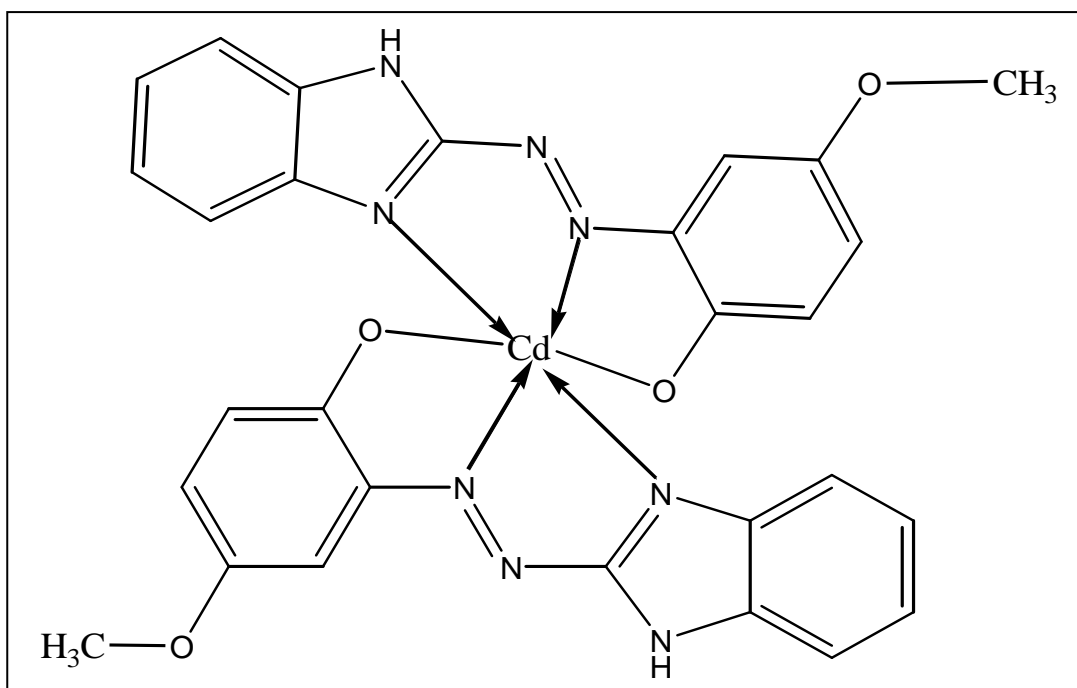


Fig. (10) the composition of Cd-BIAMP complex

**Beer's law**

Under the optimum conditions, calibration curve for two complexes were obtained by following the proposed procedure, figures (11&12).

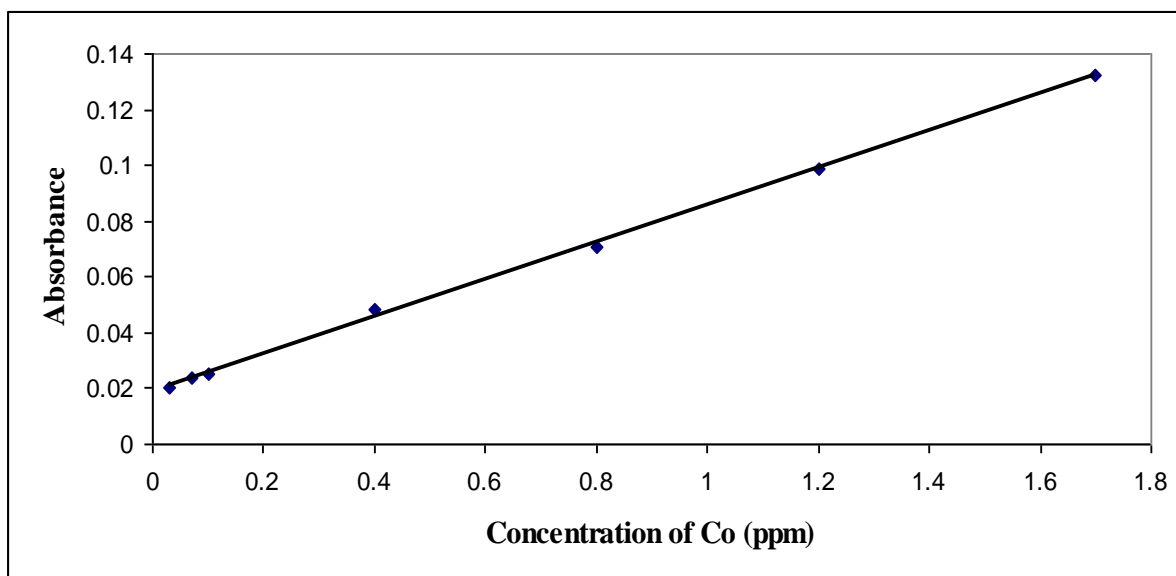


Figure (11) calibration curve of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion.

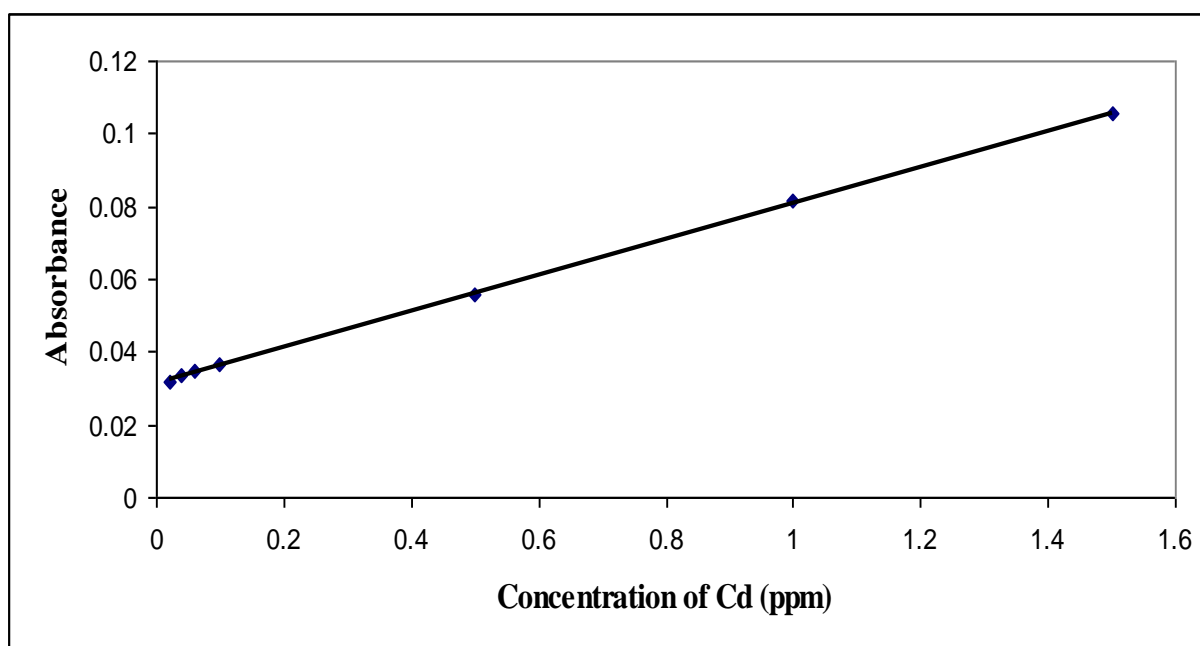


Figure (12) calibration curve of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  ion.

The results indicated that Beer's law was obeyed over the concentration range (0.03-1.7) ppm for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and (0.02-1.5) ppm for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ , linearity ( $R^2$ ) for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  ions were (0.9992) and (0.9997) respectively, the detection limit was (0.0015) ppm for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and (0.0005) ppm for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ .

The molar absorption coefficient and Sandell's sensitivity were calculated to be ( $6.65001 \times 10^4$ ), ( $8.72 \times 10^{-5}$ ) for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and ( $4.9400 \times 10^4$ ), ( $2.27 \times 10^{-4}$ ) for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ .

The relative standard deviation R.S.D % was (1.65) and (0.87) for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  respectively, ( $R_{\text{rel}}\%$ ) and ( $E_{\text{rel}}\%$ ) were (96.75), (-3,25) for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and (97.03), (-2, 97) for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ .

The precision and accuracy of the method were found to be excellent.



**Effect of interference ions<sup>(17,18)</sup>**

The selectivity of Co-BIAMP and Cd-BIAMP complexes were tested by measuring the absorbance of complex of 1 ppm of Co<sup>2+</sup> and 1 ppm Cd<sup>2+</sup> at optimum conditions in presence of different foreign ions of 5 ppm concentration which are able to form complexes with (BIAMP).

Table (1) shown that ions (Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> and Zn<sup>2+</sup>) were the absorbance value varying by more than 5% from the expected value for Co<sup>2+</sup> complex and (Co<sup>2+</sup> and Zn<sup>2+</sup>) ions for Cd<sup>2+</sup>.

Table (1) effect of interference ions

Interference ions 5 ppm	Interference %	
	Co-BIAMP	Cd-BIAMP
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	+7.33	-----
Co <sup>2+</sup>	-----	+8.43
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	+3.97	+2.47
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	+2.24	+3.11
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	+5.13	+3.33
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	+4.55	+4.89
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	+6.48	+5.01
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	+1.98	+2.26
Sn <sup>2+</sup>	+3.85	+1.14
Al <sup>3+</sup>	+3.37	+2.58

**Effect of masking agents<sup>(19)</sup>**

The effect of masking agents was studied to increase the selectivity of complexes; this effect is shown in table (2).

Table (2) the effect of masking agents

	Complex without any addition	Tartaric acid	Oxalic acid	Citric acid	Ascorbic acid	KCN	NaF
Co-BIAMP	0.165	0.167	0.207	0.206	0.205	0.163	0.244
Cd-BIAMP	0.017	0.016	0.054	0.029	0.045	0.042	0.018

Table (2) shown the best masking agents for Co-BIAMP complex were (Tartaric acid and KCN ) but for Cd-BIAMP were (Tartaric acid and NaF), other masking agents are less effect comparatively.

**Absorption spectra**

The absorption spectra of the two complexes and the reagent5 are shown in figure (13) under optimum conditions

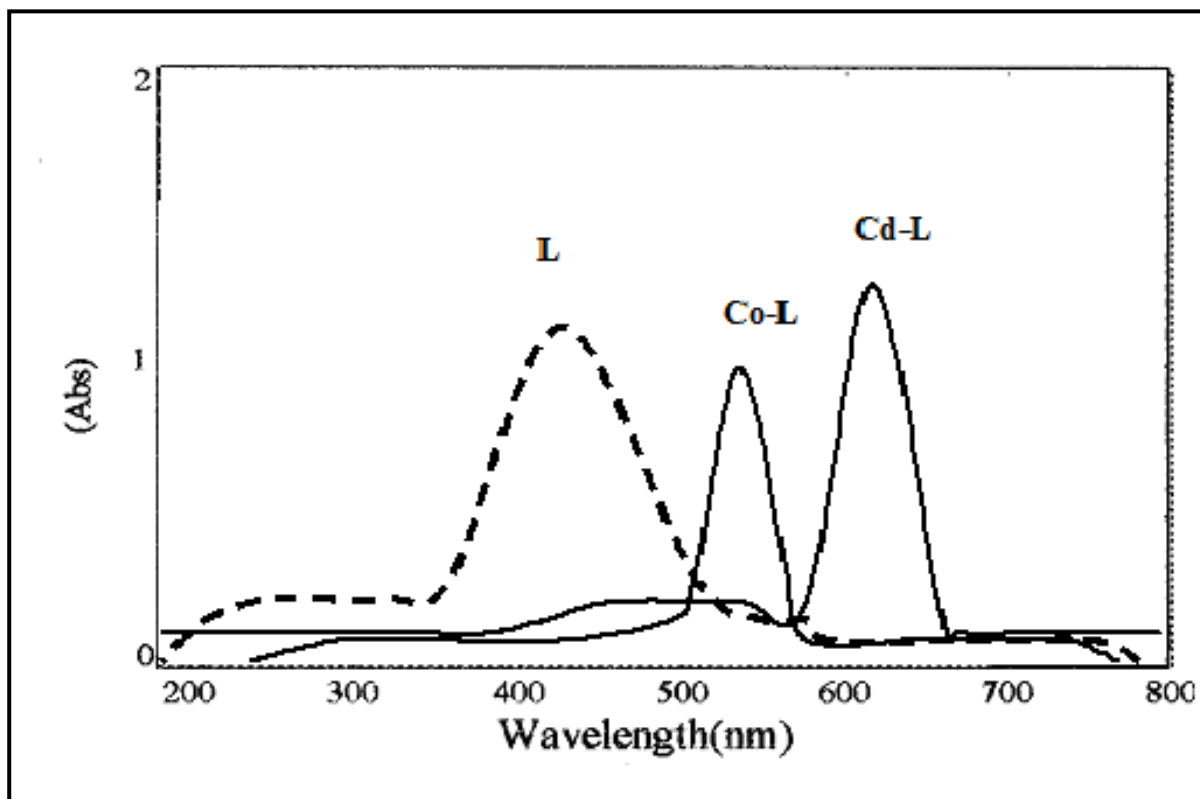


fig.(13) absorption spectra of the two complexes and the reagent.

Absorption spectra show that the  $\lambda_{max}$  of absorption of the reagent (BIAMP) at 449 nm, Co (BIAMP) complex at 522 nm and Cd (BIAMP) complex at 627 nm, this a new  $\lambda_{max}$  mean red shift in  $\lambda_{max}$  of complexes.

**FTIR spectrum of (BIAMP)**

FTIR spectrum of the reagent (BIAMP) show in figure (14)

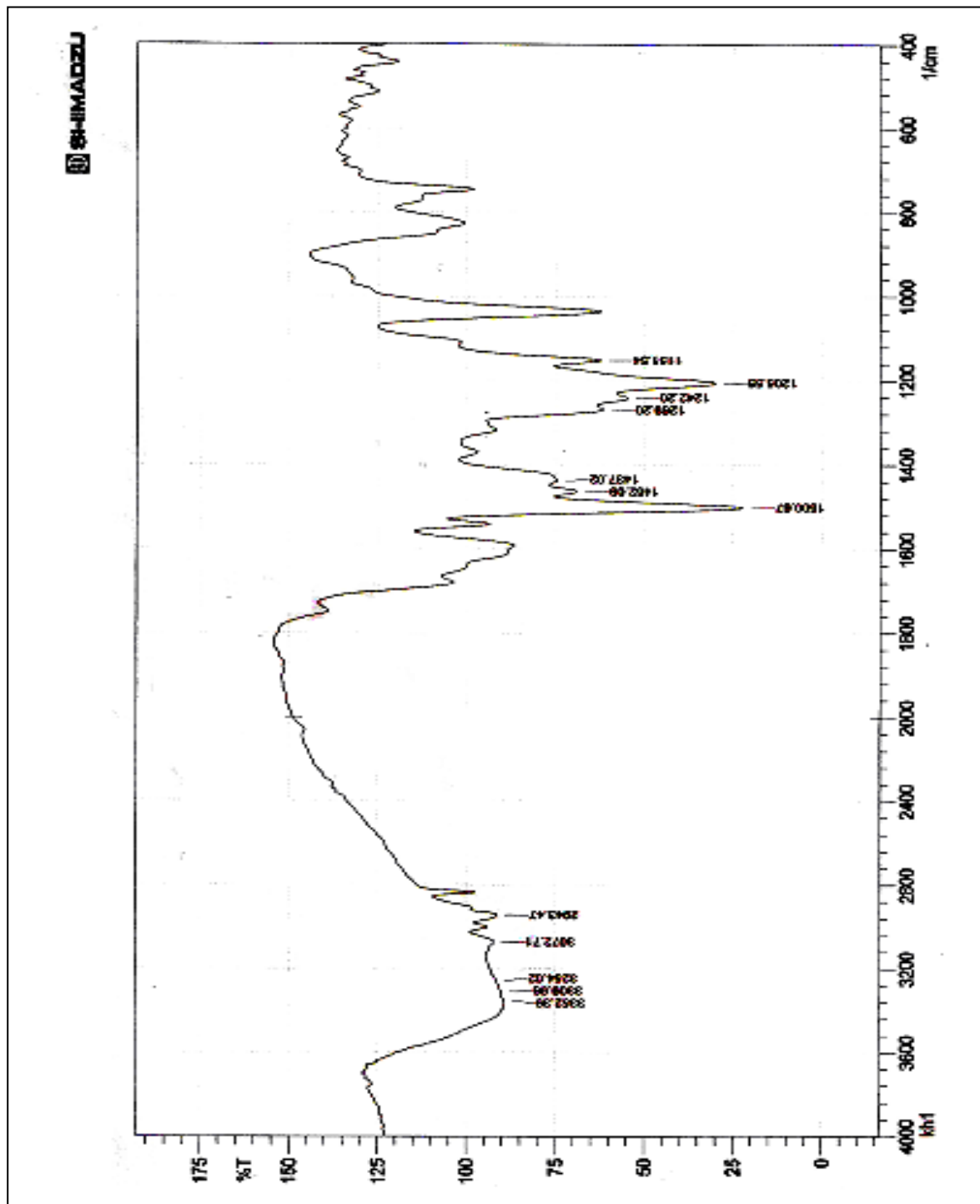


Fig.(14) FTIR spectrum of (BIAMP)

The infrared spectrum show in figure (14) give an evidence for the formation of the reagent BIAMP, table (3) show the main absorbance peaks

Table (3) main absorbance peaks

Value $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Conclusion
3352	Hydrogen bond between H atom in -OH group and N in N=N
3254	N-H stretching in amidazol ring
3072	C-H aromatic stretching
2943	C-H aliphatic stretching
1610	C=N stretching of amidazol ring that is fusion with benzene ring
1500	N=N stretching

**FTIR spectrum of (Co-BIAMP) complex**

FTIR spectrum of (Co-BIAMP) complex show in figure (15)

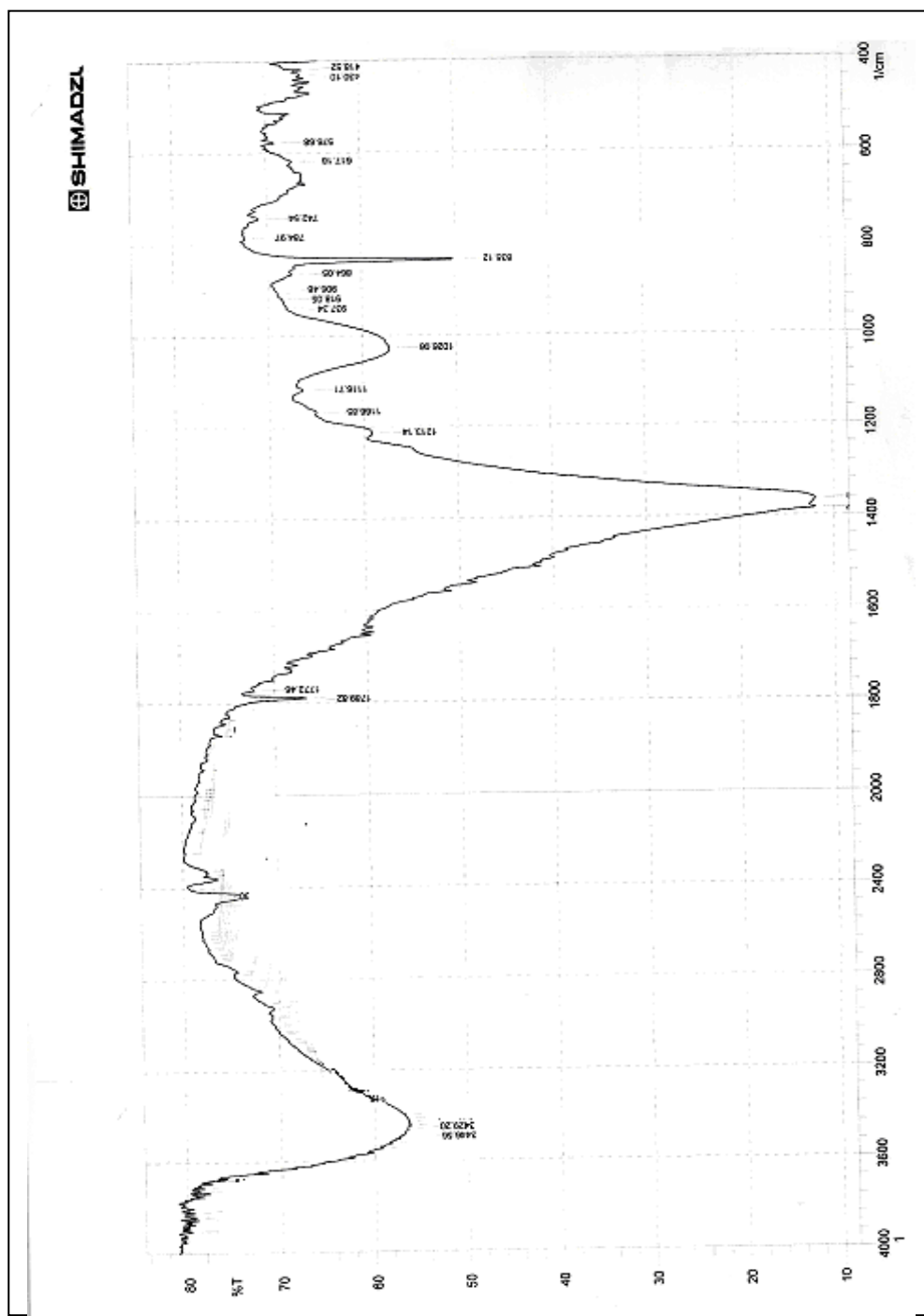


Fig.(15) FTIR spectrum of (Co-BIAMP) complex

**FTIR spectrum of (Cd-BIAMP) complex**

FTIR spectrum of (Cd-BIAMP) complex show in figure (16)

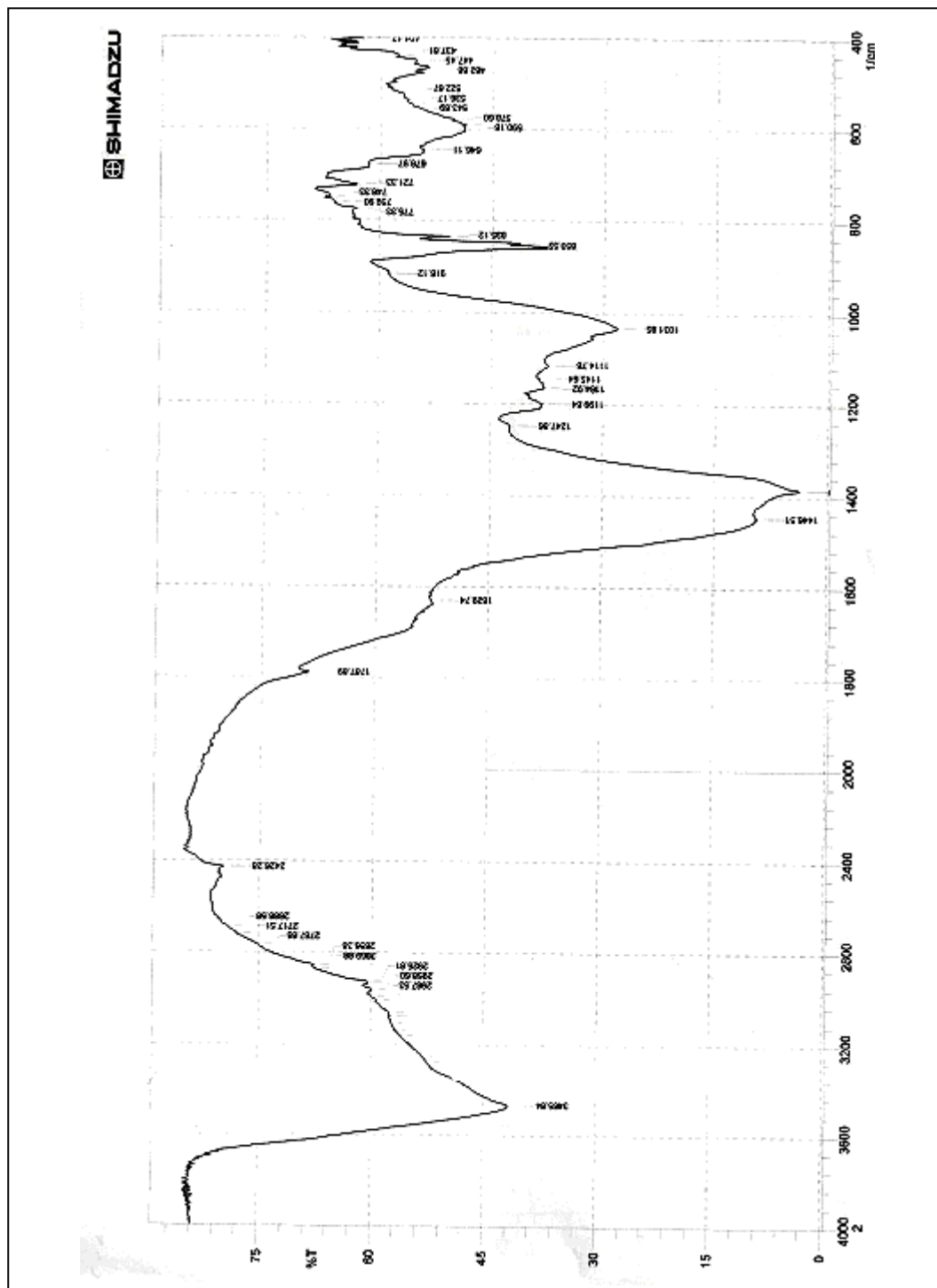


Fig.(16) FTIR spectrum of (Co-BIAMP) complex

The comparison between spectra of the reagent with those of the coordination complexes have revealed certain characteristic differences, these difference was shown in figures (15 and 16).

From figure (15 and 16) all metal complexes show that (BIAMP) behaves as monobasic tridentate reagent, coordinating via (C=N, N=N and phenolic OH) groups with displacement of hydrogen atoms from the latter.

The absence of broad band at  $3413-3446\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in (Co-BIAMP) complex spectrum and at  $3465\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in (Cd-BIAMP) complex spectrum indicate the deprotonation of phenolic oxygen and cleavage of the hydrogen bond with the involvement of the oxygen in bonding<sup>(20,21)</sup>.

The spectra of the BIAMP reagent figure (14) shown a single strong absorption bands at ( $1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to (C=N) stretching of imidazol ring, this band was reduced and shift to ( $1394\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and ( $1446\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in (Co-BIAMP) and (Cd-BIAMP) complex spectrums, these shift suggest the linkage of metal ion with nitrogen of imidazol ring<sup>(22,23)</sup>. A (N=N) band at ( $1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in BIAMP reagent figure (14) was shifted to ( $1375\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and ( $1380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in figures (15 and 16) this shift could contributed to the metal-azo linkage<sup>(24)</sup>.

A new bands appeared in ( $418-460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and ( $437-462\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in the spectrum of the complexes that does not appeared in BIAMP spectrum, this may be back to the (M-O), (M-N) stretching for (Co-BIAMP) and (Cd-BIAMP)<sup>(25,26)</sup>.

### Applications

This method was applied to determine  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  standard solutions, the results show in table (4)

Table (4) the results of standard method

Ion	True Value	Experimental Value
$\text{Co}^{2+}$	1 ppm	0.979 ppm
$\text{Cd}^{2+}$	1 ppm	1.020 ppm

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