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# EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON INHIBITION PROCESS OF *PROSOPIS CINERARIA* LEAVES ON ALUMINIUM SURFACE IN 0.5M HYDROCHLORIC ACID

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# **ABSTRACT:**

Ethanolic extract of Prosopis cineraria leaves behaves as a green corrosion inhibitor to replace toxic chemicals. Inhibition of corrosion of aluminium in 0.5M hydrochloric acid solution was studied in absence and presence of Prosopis cineraria by using chemical method at different temperatures ranged from 30 to 80  $\Box$ C. The inhibition efficiency is found to increase with increasing concentration of extract and decreases with rise in temperature. The maximum inhibition efficiency 86.67% was obtained at 30°C. The activation energy, thermodynamic parameters (free energy, enthalpy and entropy change) and kinetic parameters for inhibition process were also calculated. These thermodynamic and kinetic parameters indicate a strong interaction between the inhibitor and the metal surface. The adsorption of inhibitor on aluminium surface is exothermic, physical, and spontaneous. The Langmuir adsorption isotherm was used to calculate the thermodynamic parameters  $E_{acb} \Delta H_{act}$  and  $\Delta S_{act}$  were calculated using Arrhenius equation.

**KEY WORDS**: Inhibition, Corrosion, Adsorption, Aluminium, Prosopis cineraria.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Aluminum is a lightweight metal (density =  $2.71 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) having good corrosion resistance to the atmosphere and to many aqueous media, combined with good electrical and thermal conductivity. The recyclability and available new smelting processes, low cost and high strength-to-weight ratio are attractive properties. The metal and its alloy are nonmagnetic and have high electrical and thermal conductivity and high reflectivity. Aluminium and its alloy recommended for building purpose and for various internal outfits, at various industries and highly polluted places.

Aluminium is used in fabricating various reaction vessels, reaction tanks, and pipes etc, for industrial uses due to their availability and low cost. However when used in aggressive media they tend to corrode which causes severe loss and malfunctioning of industrial equipment. So it is very important to combat corrosion of metals. The inhibitors can be organic or inorganic and the use of chemical inhibitors has been limited because of their environmental threat, because of environmental regulations, Plant extracts are environmentally acceptable and readily available, in addition to being a renewable source for a wide range of corrosion inhibitors. The recently researchers trend is towards environmentally friendly and organic inhibitors. In present study we have used the Ethanolic extracts of *Prosopis cineraria* leaves.

*Prosopis cineraria* is prickly tree or shrub and commonly found in dry and arid regions of North Western India, Southern India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Arabia. Leave are extensively used as fodder for cattle, goats and camel [1,2]. Leaves contain specigerine, steroids such as campestrol, cholesterol, sitosterol, stigmasterol, Tricosan-1-ol, Methyldocosanoate,Diisopropyl-10,11-leaves and pods are Aspartic acid, Glutamic acid, Serine, Glycine, Histidine, Threonine, Arginine, Alanine, Proline, Tyrosine, Valine, Methionine, Cysteine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Phenylalanine and Lysine.[3-6]

# **2. EXPERIMENTAL**

**2.1 Extraction of leaves extract-** Leaves of *Prosopis cineraria* in natural condition were air dried for 8 to 10 days in shade. Then grinded and powdered, finely powdered dried material was taken in 500 ml round bottom flask and sufficient quantity of ethyl alcohol was added and left for desired period. Then the resulting solution is extracted by standard method as discussed literatures [7,8]

**2.2 Specimen preparation-** The rectangular coupons of copper of dimensions ( $3 \text{cm} \times 2.4 \text{cm} \times 0.16 \text{cm}$ ) were used with a small hole of 2mm diameter near upper edge for hanging in test media. Each coupon was given surface treatment by standard method discussed in literature for each experiment.

**2.3 Test solution-**The 0.5 N HCl solutions was prepared by using doubly distilled water. HCl used was of analytical reagent quality.

**2.4 (A) Chemical method**-In chemical method the surface treated copper coupons were dipped in beakers containing corrosive solutions and solutions containing inhibitors various inhibitor concentrations ranging from 0.0744 to 1.0426 g/l. These coupons were made to immerse for desired immersion period at room temperature  $(303\pm1^{\circ}K)$ . Before measurement, each coupon was surface treated dried in desiccators for 24 hours and then weight was taken. From the weight loss method, the Inhibition efficiency and corrosion rate of copper were calculated using standard equation

## **3. EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE**

# 3.1 Effect of temperature on weight loss, corrosion rates, and inhibition efficiency IE (%)

The effect of temperature on the various corrosion parameters weight loss, corrosion rates, fractional surface coverage ( $\theta$ ), adsorption equilibrium constant ( $K_{ad}$ ) and inhibition efficiency IE (%) is studied in 0.5M HCl between temperature range 303-353K in the absence and presence of EE*PcL* at 24 hrs immersion period. The results obtained by weight loss measurements were listed in Table-1

The stability and mechanism of adsorption of the EEPcL on the aluminium surface is studied by evaluating the variation of corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency with temperature (303K-333K) at 24 hrs (Fig-1 to 3).

The aim was to evaluate the thermodynamic stability of the absorbed film of inhibitor on aluminium. Taking a critical looks at Table-1 and Fig-(1) the result indicates that as temperature increases, the weight loss and rate of corrosion increase while the inhibitory efficiency reduces. The weight loss of 0.018g at 303K and 0.3423g at 353K was obtained in blank solution. The weight loss was reduced to 0.0024g at 303K and 0.1104g at 353K in presence of highest inhibitor concentration (1.064g/l). The minimum corrosion rate 0.2012mmy-1 is observed at 303K at 24 hrs. Figure-2 also shows that corrosion rate increases at each concentration as the temperature increases from 303K to 353K. This is due to increased rate of dissolution process of aluminium and partial desorption of the inhibitor from the metal surface with increasing temperature and also at higher temperature, reacting molecules collide faster leading to more consumption of the reactant and formation of the product.[9]



Fig-(3) shows and Table-1 that inhibition efficiency does not show any regular trend as the temperature increases at different concentration of EEPcL. Inhibition efficiency increases on increasing concentration of EEPcL at every temperature. At highest inhibitor concentration IE% first decreases on rising temperature up to 323K and then slightly increases. This implies that at relatively higher temperatures the extract could still function as good corrosion inhibitor The presence of inhibitor leads to decrease of the corrosion rate. Also, we note that the inhibition efficiency depends on the temperature and decreases with the rise of temperature from 303 to 343 K and then increases this is due the fact that at higher temperature chemical adsorption starts. The decrease in inhibition efficiency indicates that the inhibitory effect of extract is limited at elevated temperature.



Fig-3 Variation of IE (%) with EEPcL at different temperatures Fig-4: Variation of IE (%) with different temperatures in EEPcL

This practically shows that the rise in temperature decreases the inhibitive process; hence the highest inhibition efficiency is at 303K.

The variation in inhibition efficiency (Fig-4) did not follow a consistent trend like in the case of the corrosion rates but for each temperature IE% increases as EEPcL concentration increases. Fig-(4) also shows that for highest inhibitor concentration IE% decreases up to 333K after that it increases slightly showing that there might be chemical adsorption at higher temperature. Table-1 revealed that I.E% and  $\theta$  decreases up to 323 K when compared to values obtained at 303 K. The decrease in I.E% and  $\theta$  at 323 K may be explained as a result of increase in average kinetic energy of components of extracts on increasing temperature, thus making adsorption between components of extracts and aluminium surface insufficient to retain the species at binding site. This could lead to desorption or cause species to bounce off from surface of aluminium instead of colliding and combining with it. Therefore, increase in temperature may be associated with decrease in

stability of components – aluminium surface complex. However, inhibition efficiency of the EEPcL ranged between 15% - 65% for different temperatures at higher temperature

Temp	Prosopis	Corrosion parameters					
(K)	cineraria	Weigh	Corrosion	Inhibition	Fractional	Adsorption	
	Leaves extract	t loss	rate (p <sub>corr</sub> )	(efficiency	surface	equilibrium	
	Concen-tration	(g)	$(mmy^{-1})$	IE%)	coverage	constant	
	(g/L)				(θ)	$(K_{ad})(L/g)$	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.018	1.5088	-	-	-	
	P1 (0.0532)	0.0153	1.2824	15.00	0.1500	3.3171	
303	P2 (0.1064)	0.0142	1.1902	21.11	0.2111	2.5151	
0.00	P3 (0.2128)	0.0118	0.9891	34.44	0.3444	2.4691	
	P4 (0.4256)	0.0076	0.6370	57.78	0.5778	3.2153	
	P5 (0.6384)	0.0034	0.2850	81.11	0.8111	6.7264	
	P6 (1.064)	0.0024	0.2012	86.67	0.8667	6.1090	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.0192	1.6093	-	-	-	
	P1 (0.0532)	0.0174	1.4585	9.38	0.0938	1.9445	
313	P2 (0.1064)	0.0168	1.4082	12.50	0.1250	1.3426	
515	P3 (0.2128)	0.0143	1.1986	25.52	0.2552	1.6102	
	P4 (0.4256)	0.0084	0.7041	56.25	0.5625	3.0209	
	P5 (0.6384)	0.0048	0.4023	75.00	0.7500	4.6992	
	P6 (1.064)	0.0035	0.2934	81.77	0.8177	4.2159	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.0984	8.2479	-	-	-	
	P1 (0.0532)	0.0756	6.3368	23.17	0.2317	5.6689	
373	P2 (0.1064)	0.0642	5.3813	34.76	0.3476	5.0067	
525	P3 (0.2128)	0.0542	4.5431	44.92	0.4492	3.8322	
	P4 (0.4256)	0.0489	4.0988	50.30	0.5030	2.3785	
	P5 (0.6384)	0.0495	4.1491	49.70	0.4970	1.5474	
	P6 (1.064)	0.0384	3.2187	60.98	0.6098	1.4685	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.1964	16.4623	-	-	-	
	P1 (0.0532)	0.1523	12.7658	22.45	0.2245	5.4429	
222	P2 (0.1064)	0.1342	11.2487	31.67	0.3167	4.3561	
555	P3 (0.2128)	0.1234	10.3434	37.17	0.3717	2.7799	
	P4 (0.4256)	0.1123	9.4130	42.82	0.4282	1.7596	
	P5 (0.6384)	0.0845	7.0828	56.98	0.5698	2.0743	
	P6 (1.064)	0.0742	6.2195	62.22	0.6222	1.5478	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.2413	20.2258	-	-	-	
	P1 (0.0532)	0.1643	13.7717	31.91	0.3191	8.8093	
3/3	P2 (0.1064)	0.1547	12.9670	35.89	0.3589	5.2612	
545	P3 (0.2128)	0.1423	11.9276	41.03	0.4103	3.2693	
	P4 (0.4256)	0.1245	10.4356	48.40	0.4840	2.2043	
	P5 (0.6384)	0.1123	9.4130	53.46	0.5346	1.7994	
	P6 (1.064)	0.0875	7.3343	63.74	0.6374	1.6520	
	P0 ((Blank)	0.3423	28.6916	-	-	-	
353	P1 (0.0532)	0.2543	21.3155	25.71	0.2571	6.5047	
	P2 (0.1064)	0.2134	17.8872	37.66	0.3766	5.6770	
	P3 (0.2128)	0.1846	15.4732	46.07	0.4607	4.0145	

 Table-1 Corrosion parameters of acid corrosion of aluminium without and with different concentrations of EEPcL at various temperatures) for 24 hrs immersion period

P4 (0.4256)	0.1708	14.3165	50.10	0.5010	2.3593
P5 (0.6384)	0.1236	10.3602	63.89	0.6389	2.7716
P6 (1.064)	0.1104	9.2537	67.75	0.6775	1.9742

#### 3.2 Kinetic parameters of weight loss treatment:

Corrosion rate of Aluminium against the concentration of the inhibitor obeys the following kinetic relationship [10].

 $\log \rho_{corr} = \log k + B \log C_{inh}$ 

where k is the rate constant and B is the reaction constant which is a measure for the inhibitor effectiveness and  $C_{inh}$  is concentration of inhibitor. Fig-(5) represents the curves of log  $\rho_{corr}$  versus log $C_{inh}$  at different hours of immersion. The kinetic parameters k and B calculated by above equation are given in Table-2. The negative sign for the values of reaction constant B indicates that the rate of corrosion process is inversely proportional to the inhibitor concentration, meaning that the inhibitor becomes more effective with increasing its concentration Hence, when the change of  $\rho_{corr}$  with inhibitor concentration becomes steep (high negative value for constant B) it reflects good inhibitive properties for the studied inhibitor. It is also observed from Table-2 that the value of k increases with temperature.

Table: 2 Kinetic parameters for corrosion of aluminiuim in 0.5 M HCl

Temperature	Kinetic parameters				
(K)	В	k			
303	-0.641	0.2636			
313	-0.567	0.3614			
323	-0.202	3.4435			
333	-0.234	6.7453			
<mark>34</mark> 3	-0.196	8.2604			
353	-0.274	9.8401			



Fig-5 Variation of  $\log \rho_{corr}$  with  $\log C_{inh}$  for aluminium corrosion in 0.5M HCl at various temperatures.

#### 3.3 Effect of temperature and activation studies

In this study, the effect of temperature on the corrosion and inhibition process of aluminium in 0.5M HCl in the absence and presence of different concentrations of EE*Pc*L after 24 h of immersion was followed at 303–353K using weight loss measurements. Temperature has great effect on the corrosion phenomenon. Generally, the corrosion rate increases with rise in temperature. The result of the effect of temperature on corrosion rate is presented in Table-1 and Table-3, showing that corrosion rate increases as temperature rises. The dependence of corrosion rate on temperature can be expressed by the Arrhenius equation [10-12].

 $log\rho_{corr}\ = log\ A - E_{act}/2.303RT$ 

where  $\rho_{corr}$  is the corrosion rate,  $E_{act}$  is the activation energy, R is the molar gas constant, T is the absolute temperature and A is the frequency factor. A plot of  $\log \rho_{corr}$  versus 1/T gave straight lines as shown in Fig-(6).  $E_{act}$  was calculated from slopes of  $\log \rho_{corr}$  versus 1/T. Table-3 shows that in the presence of EEPcL the value of  $E_{act}$  is increases as compared to the blank Solution(58.84 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>) indicating the adsorption of EEPcL on the surface of the metal. It was observed that the activation energy  $E_{act}$  for blank acid were lower than in inhibited acid. Activation energy of EEPcL ranged between 58.84 to 75.77 kJ/mol. The higher values

in the presence of EEPcL inhibitor indicate physical adsorption of the inhibitor on the metal surface, while the opposite is the case with chemisorption. Similar trend of  $E_{act}$  results were reported by other researchers [13]. The value of  $E_{act}$  increases with the increase in EEPcL concentration until it reaches maximum value. The results showed positive sign for both  $E_{act}$  and  $\Delta H_{act}$ , indicate the endothermic nature of corrosion process. The values of  $E_{act}$  and  $\Delta H_{act}$  vary in the similar way. It is obviously seen that the activation energy strongly increases in the presence of the inhibitor. Other kinetic parameters of the corrosion reaction, namely, entropy  $\Delta S_{act}$  and enthalpy  $\Delta H_{act}$  of activation transition state are calculated by using transition state equation [12-14]

$$\rho_{\rm corr} = \left(\frac{\rm RT}{\rm Nh}\right) e^{\left(\frac{\Delta S_{\rm act}}{\rm R}\right)} e^{\left(\frac{-\Delta H_{\rm act}}{\rm RT}\right)}$$

A plot of  $log(\rho_{corr}/T)$  verses 1/T give a straight lines (Fig-7) from which the values of  $\Delta S_{act}$  and  $\Delta H_{act}$  were calculated. All thermodynamic parameters of the corrosion reaction are given in Table-3. The entropy of activation ( $\Delta S_{act}$ ) in the absence and presence of inhibitor has negative values. This indicates that the activated complex in the rate determining step represents an association rather than dissociation, meaning that, a decrease in disordering takes place on going from reactants to the activated complex for all systems [12-19]. The average value of the difference ( $E_{act} - \Delta H_{act}$ ) is about 2.03 kJmol<sup>-1</sup> which approximately around the average value of RT (2.69 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>); where T is in the range of the experimental temperatures, indicating that the corrosion process is a unimolecular reaction as it is characterized by the following equation.

Ea -  $\Delta H_{act} = RT$ 



 Table-3 Kinetic-thermodynamic corrosion parameters for aluminium corrosion in absence and presence of various concentrations of EEPcL in 0.5 HCl

C <sub>inh</sub> (g/l)		$\Delta S_{act}$ (JK <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>act</sub> (kJmol <sup>-1</sup> )
	$\Delta H_{act}$ (kJmol <sup>-1</sup> )		
P0 (Blank)	56.83	-54.99	58.84
P1 (0.0532)	52.94	-68.89	54.95
P2 (0.1064)	51.56	-73.98	53.57
P3 (0.2128)	52.92	-71.00	54.93
P4 (0.4256)	60.68	-49.15	62.71
P5 (0.6384)	69.91	-23.78	71.94
P6 (1.064)	73.74	-14.03	75.77

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#### 3.4 Thermodynamic adsorption parameters

The thermodynamic adsorption parameters such as the free energy of adsorption ( $\Delta G_{ads}$ ), the heat of adsorption ( $\Delta H_{ads}$ ) and the entropy of adsorption ( $\Delta S_{ads}$ ) were also calculated from the experimental data. The  $\Delta G_{ads}$  values at all studied temperature can be calculated from the following equation

#### $\Delta G = -2.303 \text{ RT} \log(K_{ad} \times 55.5)$

here 55.5 is the concentration of water in ml/l. Other adsorption parameters  $\Delta H_{ads}$  and  $\Delta S_{ads}$  are obtained from the following equation [18,19]

### $\Delta G_{ads} = \Delta H_{ads} - T\Delta S_{ads}$

The variation of  $\Delta G_{ads}$  versus T gives a straight line. The slope gives  $\Delta S_{ads}$  and the intercept leads to  $\Delta H_{ads}$ . The obtained values are given in Table-4.

The adsorption parameters are listed in Table-4, The negative values of  $\Delta G_{ads}$  ensure the spontaneity of the adsorption process and stability of the adsorbed layer on the metal surface. Generally, values of  $\Delta G_{ads}$ up to -20 KJ/mol are consistent with electrostatic interaction between the charged molecules and the charged metal (physisorption), while those around -40 KJ/mol or higher are associated with chemisorptions as a result of sharing or transfer of electrons from the organic molecules to the metal surface to form a coordinate type of bond. In general, two kinds of adsorption can be considered; physical adsorption or chemical adsorption and sometimes both of these. It has been found that values of  $\Delta H_{ads}$  are negative, for higher inhibitor concentration suggesting that the adsorption of inhibitor is an exothermic process. The literature pointed out that an exothermic process means either physi- or chemisorptions, while an endothermic process is associated to chemisorption. In an exothermic process, physisorption is distinguished from chemisorption by considering the absolute value of a physisorption process. In physisorption, the values are lower than 40 kJ/mol while the adsorption heat of chemisorptions process approaches 100 kJ/mol. In the 0.5M HCl solution, an exothermic adsorption was detected at higher inhibitor concentration. The positive values of  $\Delta H_{ads}$  show that the adsorption is endothermic with an disordered phenomenon described by the positive values of  $\Delta S_{ads}$  this disorderness decreases at higher concentration. The decrease in entropy suggested that in the rate there is an association rather than dissociation at higher concentration. This order or association may be explained by the possibility of formation of complex with inhibitor, inhibitor molecules may freely move in the bulk of solution before the adsorption process, while with progress in adsorption the inhibitor molecules were orderly adsorbed on the metal surface, which resulted in the decrease in entropy.[14]

Temp/ concen-			$\Delta \mathbf{G}_{ads}(\mathbf{I})$	kJ/mol)			$\Delta \mathbf{H}_{ads}$ (kJ	$\Delta S_{ads}$ (JK <sup>-1</sup>
tration	303K	313K	323K	333K	343K	353K	mor )	mor )
P1 (0.0532)	-	-11.7952	-	-15.8132	-	-	15.28	92
	13.1409		15.4477		17.1466	16.3067		
P2(0.1064)	-	-10.862	-15.114	-15.1965	-	-	15.85	91
	12.4435				15.7193	15.9299		
P3 (0.2128)	-12.397	-11.3199	-14.396	-13.9528	-	-	6.734	61
					14.4018	14.9703		
P4 (0.4256)	-	-12.9053	-	-12.6864	-	-	-10.31	8
	13.0623		13.1148		13.3103	13.4984		
P5 (0.6384)	-	-14.0185	-	-13.142	-	-	-20.5	21
	14.9221		11.9603		12.7482	13.9445		
P6 (1.064)	-	-13.745	-	-12.3313	-	-13.005	-23.85	33
	14.6795		11.8197		12.5116			

Table-4	Thermodynamic	parameters fo	r the a	adsorption	of EE <i>Pc</i> L	on aluminium	in 0.5M	HCl a	ıt
		dif	erent	Temperati	ures				

#### 3.5 Adsorption considerations

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Adsorption isotherms are usually used to describe the adsorption process. In order to obtain the adsorption isotherm, the degree of surface coverage ( $\theta$ ) for various concentrations of the inhibitor has been calculated applying the following equation (4). Assuming that the adsorption of EE*PcL* extract molecules was mainly due to a monolayer adsorption and ignoring the interaction between the adsorbed molecules, then the Langmuir adsorption isotherm can be employed. Langmuir isotherm[21-24] was tested for examine fitness to the experimental data. Langmuir isotherm is given by equation

$$\frac{C_{inh}}{\theta} = \frac{1}{K_{ad}} + C_{inh} \qquad \dots (4)$$

where  $\theta$  is the degree of surface coverage,  $C_{inh}$  the molar inhibitor concentration in the bulk solution and  $K_{ad}$  is the equilibrium constant of the process of adsorption. The plot of  $C_{inh}/\theta$  versus  $C_{inh}$  was linear. Plot of  $C_{inh}/\theta$  against  $C_{inh}$  as shown in Fig-(8) gave straight lines which clearly show that aluminium corrosion inhibition in HCl by EE*PcL* at room temperature obeys Langmuir adsorption isotherm. The correlation coefficient, slopes, and adsorption coefficients obtained from Langmuir isotherm plots are shown in Table-5. The free energy of adsorption,  $\Delta G_{ads}$ , is associated with water adsorption equilibrium.  $\Delta G_{ads}$  is calculated from the relation in equation (5)

$$K = \frac{1}{(55.5)e^{\left(\frac{-\Delta G_{ads}}{RT}\right)}} \qquad \dots \dots (5)$$

The negative value of  $\Delta G_{ads}$ , here indicate that the adsorption process on aluminium surface is spontaneous[20-24]. The correlation coefficient (R<sup>2</sup>) and slope obtained was nearly equal to unity best fitted in experimental data. The  $\Delta G_{ads}$  value indicates that the adsorption is physical. If the values are in the order of -20kJ/mol or less than this indicate a physical adsorption, while values of -40kJ/mol or higher imply chemical adsorption which involve charge sharing or a transfer from the inhibitor molecules to the metal surface to form a physical bond.



Temp(K)	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	Kad	ΔG <sub>ads</sub> (KJmol <sup>-1</sup> )
303	0.764	0.955	2.59	-12.5181
313	0.537	0.732	1.57	-11.6315
323	1.553	0.987	6.02	-15.6109
333	1.431	0.977	4.33	-15.1792
343	1.482	0.983	5.92	-16.5264
353	1.339	0.988	5.88	-16.9909

Fig: 8 Langmuir adsorption isotherm of EEPcL for aluminium

**Conclusions-** The following conclusions may be drawn from our studies:

1. Ethanolic Extract of *Prosopis cineraria* Leaves (EE*PcL*) is as an inhibitor in the corrosion of aluminium in 0.5MHCl solution. The maximum inhibition efficiency of 86.67% was obtained at 303K for 1.064g/l.

2. The weight loss and corrosion rate was found to be greater at elevated temperature increased with increase in temperature.

3. Inhibition efficiency increased with increase in the concentration of the extract but decreases with increase in temperature.

4. The negative sign for the values of reaction constant B indicates that the rate of corrosion process is inversely proportional to the inhibitor concentration, meaning that the inhibitor becomes more effective with increasing its concentration.

5.The activation energy  $E_{act}$  for blank acid were lower than in inhibited acid. Activation energy of EEPcL ranged between 58.84 to 75.77 KJ/mol. The higher values in the presence of EEPcL inhibitor indicate physical adsorption of the inhibitor on the metal surface.

6. The adsorption of the extract on the aluminium surfaces obeyed Langmuir adsorption isotherms at elevated temperatures. The adsorption process is spontaneous.

7. Heat of adsorption was negative at higher inhibitor concentration which shows that adsorption is exothermic and hence inhibition efficiency decreases with rise in temperature. Entropy of adsorption decreases with increase in EEPcL indicates association of inhibitor molecules.

Overall, the EE*Pc*L was found to be efficient for corrosion inhibition of aluminium in 0.5M HCl at lower temperatures.

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