

Removal of Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine) Antibiotics Pharmaceuticals From Aqueous Systems By ZnO

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ABSTRACT

Pharmaceutical products are being increasingly discovered, in the environment. However, traditional treating systems do not provide an adequate remedy, for pharmaceutical drug elimination and still there is not a regulated criterion for their limitation in water. Adsorption is one of the most efficient and practical techniques to remove pollutants from water. ZnO to be used as adsorbent being abundant and cheap has removal capabilities for certain pollutants from water such as drug, drug, metal ions, phenol, and different anions. In this paper the potential of ZnO for removal of vitamin B₆ has been discussed. Different parameters like, initial drug concentration (5-80 mg/L), temperature (15, 25, and 50 °C), adsorbent dosage (0.001-0.15gm), were investigated. The adsorption of drug was best at neutral pH. The adsorption uptake decrease with increase in initial drug concentration, but increase with the amount of adsorbent and temperature. The equilibrium was evaluated using Langmuir, Freundlich isotherms. The maximum capacity of adsorption obtained from the Freundlich model was 108.556mg/g.

Keyword: Pharmaceuticals, antibiotics, ZnO, Adsorption, vitamin B₆, Adsorption isotherms

INTRODUCTION

Pharmaceuticals and antioxidants are natural or synthetic substances are environmental pollutants because of their low biodegradability, facile bioaccumulation and high persistence [1, 2]. And they have received increasing worry for their pollutions [3] contain varied groups, such as anti-inflammatory agents, antibiotics, steroidal hormones and blood-lipid regulators [4, 5]. As a result of repeated use, enormous amounts of antioxidant substances are accumulated in the aquatic environments [6-8] and the pollution of ground water and surface has emanate as grave problem in recent years [1, 9] result entry of Pharmaceuticals through diverse waste streams like hospitals, households and pharmaceutical companies, raise an emerging ecological issue that need to be concerned [10]. Thus, these pollutants must be eliminated from wastewater. Several treating processes were reported to remove pharmaceuticals from water, like activated sludge systems [11, 12] photo catalytic oxidation processes oxidative degradation [13, 14], bio membrane, membrane bioreactors [14], ozonation, biological filtration [15], reverse osmosis [4], membrane filtration [15] and adsorption processes [16-19]. Regardless of technology applied, adsorption is always involved [20]. Many researchers have investigated the adsorptive removal of pharmaceuticals by carbon nanotubes [21, 22] activated carbon [17, 23], Graphene [24], ZnO, TiO₂ [25], BN based materials [26], layered hydroxides [27] natural aquifer materials [28], soils [29], and sediment [30]. Although adsorption is a simple technology, the adsorbed Vitamin B₆ on the adsorbent need further handling to reduce its risk [31, 32]. The goal of this study was to esteem



vitamin B₆

Figure 1: Chemical structure Vitamin B₆

the efficacy of ZnO and new adsorbent to removing the drug Vitamin B₆ from aqueous solutions and wastewater. Study affect different parameters such as, temperature, adsorbent dose and the drug Vitamin B₆ concentration were evaluated. Also adsorption isotherms and Thermodynamic were also analyzed.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of Calibration Curve

ZnO was supplied from Sigma-Aldridge/Germany with purity 99%. Freshly prepared aqueous solution of pure drugs. Vitamin B₆ standard solutions (100mg/L) was prepared by dissolving 0.1 gm of drug in distilled water, the solution was made up to 1000mL with distilled water transferred into a series of (5-80 mg/L) in 100 mL

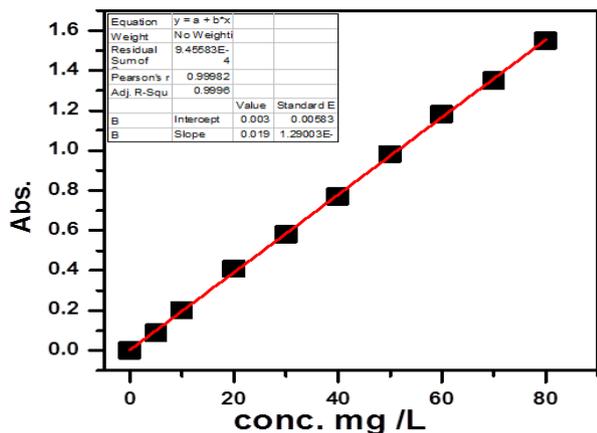


Figure2 . The calibration curve of Drug vitamin B₆

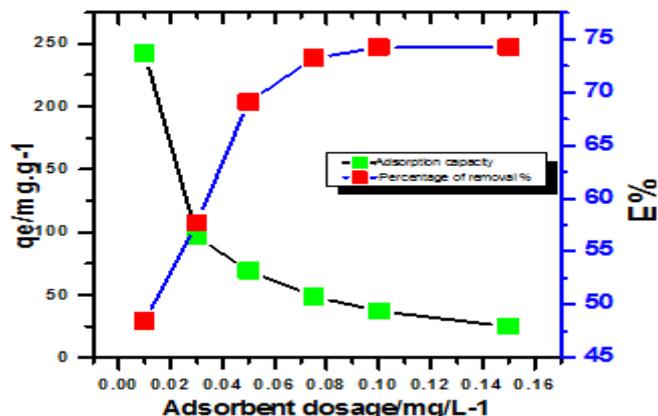


Figure 3: The effect of initial adsorbent dose on B6 adsorption using ZnO surface

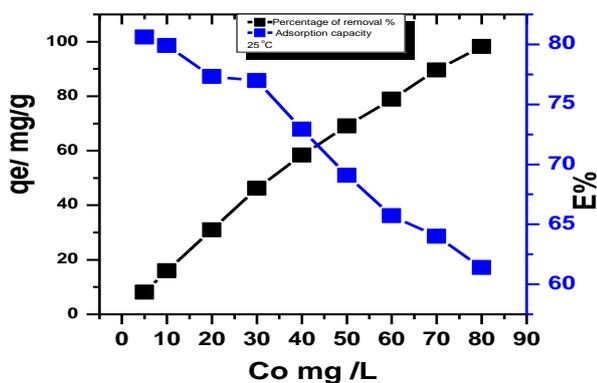


Figure 4: The effect of initial concentration on adsorption of B6 using ZnO.

calibrated volumetric flasks. The absorbance determined spectrophotometric ally by using UV-Visible Spectrophotometer as shown in Figure 2 Commercial ZnO powder was purchased from (sigma-Aldrich, Germany). Drug vitamin B₆ (Samara Company of drug manufacturing, Iraq). All chemicals were of analytical grade.

The varying the quantity of ZnO was studied in the adsorption of vitamin B₆ in range of (0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.075, 0.1, and 0.15 g/100mL).

The effect of initial drug vitamin B₆ concentration was studied with different concentrations in the range of (5-80 mg/L), 120 rpm, 0.05gm of ZnO at room temperature.

The temperature effect on ZnO adsorption capacity was conducted at (15, 25, and 50°C) in water bath at 120rpm, 0.05gm of ZnO and 100mL of drug concentration (5–80mg/L).

All the experiments were conducted at optimum values of parameters like initial drug concentration 50 mg/L ZnO mass (0.05 g/100mL) and temperature at 25°C.

The solution was shaken for 24h then the concentration of residue was measured to determine the optimum adsorbent value. The amount of adsorption (q_e) and removal percentage (E%) were calculated according to the drug concentration before and after adsorption, using the equations mentioned in [33]

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Adsorbent concentration

Proper selection is required for Initial adsorbent dose because it depends on surface area and binding site availability [18]. The adsorption efficiency and capacity is related inversely with adsorbent dose (Figure 3). Drug uptake increased from 48.453% to 74.226%, while the capacity of adsorption decreased from 242.268mg/g to 24.478 mg/g against the dose of adsorbent (0.01–0.15 g/100mL), respectively [34]. This result attributed to as that increasing the active sites caused by increasing amount of adsorbent [35].

The adsorption capacity (q_e) is proportional with the initial drug concentration increase. But a percentage decrease of drug removal in the initial concentrations. The drug removal by adsorption on ZnO strting rapid with low drug concentrations then slow with increase in drug concentration. This is due to Van der Waals forces and electrostatic attractions [34, 36-38] (Figure 4).

The temperature effect

The B6 adsorption on ZnO was studied at 15 to 50°C. The adsorption efficiency of drug onto the adsorbent surface of ZnO is approved. The efficiency of adsorption increased from 6.59 mg/g (44.97% removal) to 70.20 mg/g (67.77 % removal), 8.06 mg/g (61.40% removal) to 98.24 mg/g (80.61% removal) and 8.40 mg/g (67.84 % removal) to 108.55 mg/g (84.02 % removal) for initial concentration 5-80 mg/L of B6, when the temperature increased from 15-50°C at the same order [35], results are shown in Figure 5, the adsorption process found to be endothermic in nature. By the temperature increase, the diffusion rate of the adsorbate molecules and the internal pores of adsorbent particle increases with decreasing solution viscosity [38].

Adsorption isotherms

The adsorption isotherm was conducted at 25°C in different initial Vitamin B6 concentrations. The adsorption of Vitamin B6 increases until equilibrium with no further change (Figure 6). High initial concentration of Vitamin B6 provides the strong driving force against mass transfer resistances [39, 40]. The equilibrium for the adsorption of

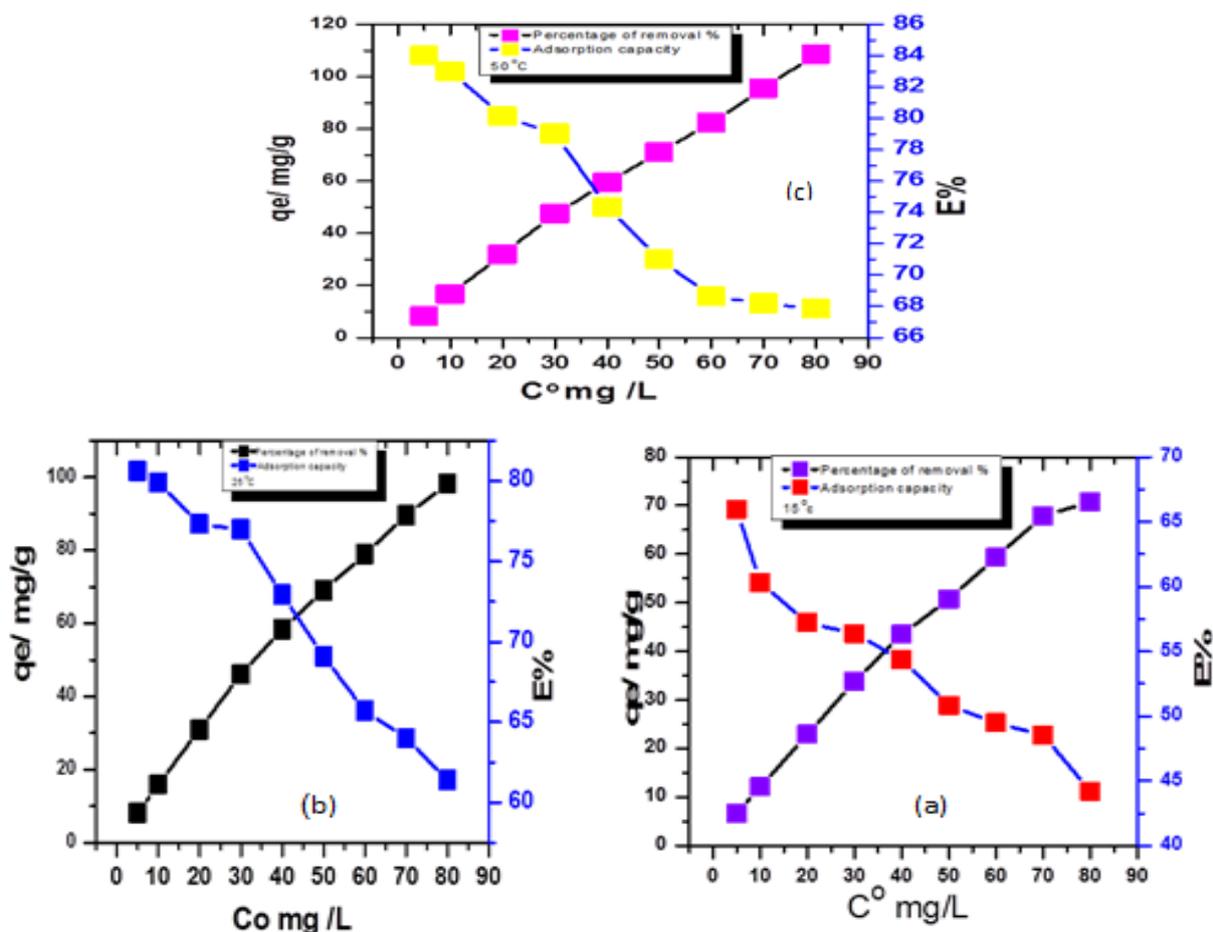


Figure 5: The effect of temperature on adsorption of B6 using ZnO (a)15°C , (b)25°C , (c)50°C

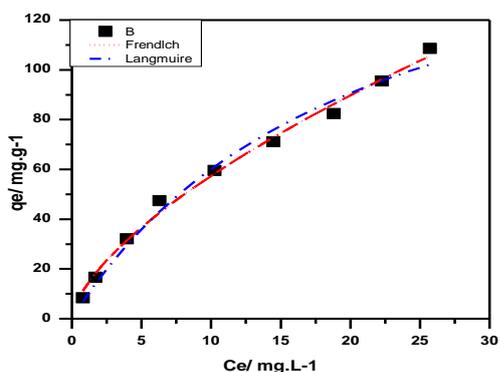


Figure 6: The adsorption isotherm of B6 drug (pH 6, Temp. 298 K, mass dosage 0.05 gm/100 ml, t = 24 h, agitation speed = 120 rpm)

Vitamin B6 was analyzed by the Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm equations mentioned in (41). The parameters of Langmuir and Freundlich equations are summarized in Table 1. Temperature has a positive influence on the amount of Vitamin B₆ adsorbed and is proportional with the adsorption capacity.

The Freundlich isotherm model showed the best fit for Vitamin B₆ adsorption on ZnO; as seen in the R² values

Table 1: The Langmuir, Freundlich, the isotherms parameters for B6 adsorbed on ZnO at 25°C

Isotherm model	Parameter	B6	Standard Error
Langmuir	q_m (mg.g ⁻¹)	184.582	±21.5822
	K_L (L.mg ⁻¹)	0.0423	±0.01013
	R^2	0.9845	
Freundlich	K_F	12.9633	±1.11423
	$1/n$	0.64591	±0.02960
	R^2	0.9924	

and K_F increase with increased adsorption temperature (Table 1).

CONCLUSION

The equilibrium between Vitamin B₆ and ZnO surface was achieved in 24h. The Freundlich (R² = 0.9924) is the best isotherm that described the adsorption process and then followed Langmuir isotherms. Isothermal results showed that Vitamin B₆ adsorption was favorable on ZnO and followed multilayer adsorption. The capacity of adsorption (q_e) is proportional with the initial drug concentration, while the removal percentage decrease with initial drug concentrations. The maximum adsorption capacity of Vitamin B₆ on ZnO was found to be 108.55 mg/g. There

for, Vitamin B6 can be removed effectively from aqueous solution using ZnO as an economic adsorbent.

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