



# Preparation and Characterization of Umbelliferone and Hydroxy Propyl $\alpha$ -Cyclodextrin Inclusion Complex.

## KEYWORDS

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**ABSTRACT** Umbelliferone (7-hydroxy Coumarin) is an antioxidant. But Umbelliferone is insoluble in water. This study aimed to prepare the inclusion complex of Umbelliferone and to investigate the effects of solubility and increases the dissolution rate of the inclusion complex of Umbelliferone with Hydroxy propyl- $\alpha$ -cyclodextrine (HP- $\alpha$ -CD). The physico-chemical characterization of Umbelliferone HP- $\alpha$ -CD inclusion complex was performed using Absorption, Emission, Phase solubility studies, FT-IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and SEM.

**Introduction**

Umbelliferone (7-hydroxy coumarin) is a natural product of the Coumarin family and it has antioxidant properties<sup>1</sup>. It is used as a sunscreen agent<sup>2</sup>, optical brightener in textiles<sup>3</sup> fluorescence indicator for metal ions. Umbelliferone is less soluble in water this will decrease functions of the Umbelliferone and create problems. The objective of the present study was to investigate the physio-chemical properties of inclusion complex of umbelliferone and the possibility of improving the solubility and dissolution rate of Umbelliferone with HP- $\alpha$ -CD.

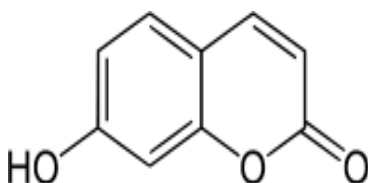


Fig1: Structure of Umbelliferone

**Experimental Studies****Materials and Methods**

Umbelliferone, HP- $\alpha$ -CD were purchased from Sigma Alrich company, Mumbai.

**UV-Spectroscopic and Fluorescence studies**

Umbelliferone solution was added to the different concentrations of HP- $\alpha$ -CD solution and the absorption and emission spectral measurements were carried out, with systronic double beam spectrophotometer 2203 SMART and ELICO SL 170 Spectrofluorometer.

**Phase Solubility study**

According to Higuchi and corners<sup>4</sup> 32 mg of Umbelliferone added to various concentrations of HP- $\alpha$ -CD and shaken for 48hrs, then the samples were filtered and analysed with UV-deflection wave length at 328 nm. The apparent stability constant  $K_{st}$  was calculated  $K_{st} = \text{slope}/\text{intercept} (1-\text{slope})$ .

**Preparation of Solid inclusion Complex**

Umbelliferone and HP- $\alpha$ -CD solution are mixed and stirred for 48hrs in a magnetic stirrer<sup>5</sup>.The complex was obtained as a yellow powder used for the following characterization studies.

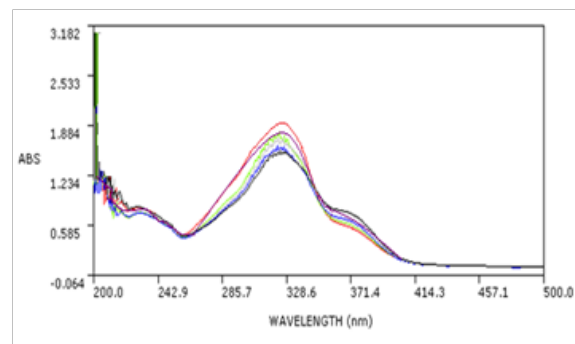
(i) The FT-IR Spectra of Umbelliferone, HP- $\alpha$ -CD and inclusion complex were taken using 7600 FT-IR Spectrophotometer ( Shimadzu corporation )

(ii)  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectras were recorded on AV 500 NMR Spectrometer (Bruker) at 500 MHz in NIIST, Trivandrum

(iii) Umbelliferone, HP- $\alpha$ -CD and inclusion complex were morphologically analyzed with JEOL- JSM- 6390 LV Scanning Electron Microscope. STIC, Cochin.

**Results and discussion****UV-Visible Spectrophotometry and Fluorescence Study**

The fig 2 & 3 shows the absorption and emission Spectrum of the inclusion complex. As the Concentration of HP- $\alpha$ -CD increases the absorbance (or) intensity as well as the wavelength increases. For UV-visible study the wavelength changes from 318.8nm to 328.4nm with 1.526 to 1.978 absorbance respectively. Similarly for Fluorescence study, the wavelength changes from 457nm to 458nm with the change in the intensity values of 5688.98 to 6629.94. In both absorption and emission bathochromic shift is observed. Cleavage of the hydrogen bond occurs due to complexation<sup>6</sup>. This proves that Umbelliferone dissolves in HP- $\alpha$ -CD and included in the HP- $\alpha$ -CD cavity.

Fig 2: Absorption spectra of Umbelliferone in different HP- $\alpha$ -CD concentration

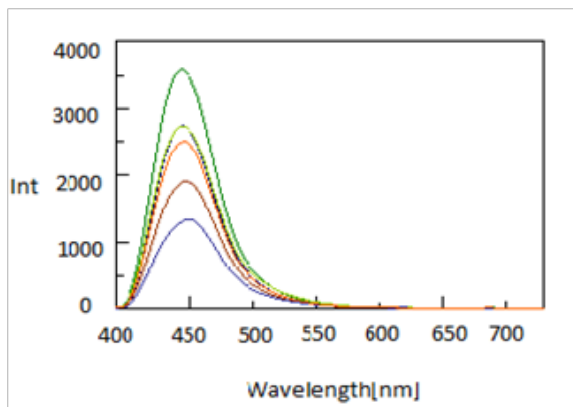


Fig 3: Fluorescence Spectra of Umbelliferone in different HPα-CD concentration

**Phase Solubility Study**

The aqueous solubility of Umbelliferone increases as a function of HPα-CD concentration. The phase solubility diagram of Umbelliferone in HPα-CD can be classified as A<sub>1</sub> type. Umbelliferone with phenyl moiety have higher affinity for the hydroxypropyl-α- cyclodextrin. The apparent stability constant K<sub>st</sub> value was 34 which indicates that Umbelliferone and HPα-CD forms a soluble complex at 1:1 ratio.

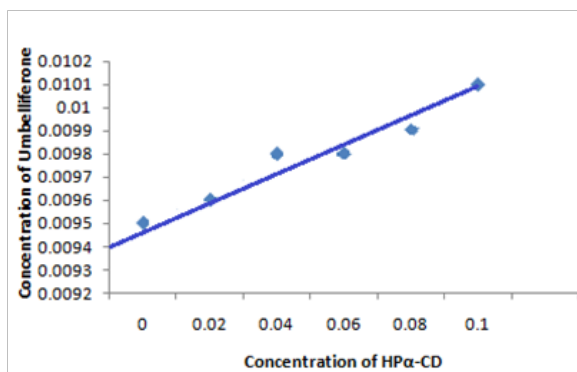


Fig 4: Phase Solubility diagram for Umbelliferone HP – CD Complex

**FT-IR Spectroscopy**

The broad single OH peak in Umbelliferone is shifted from 3175.22cm<sup>-1</sup> to 3430.74cm<sup>-1</sup>. The CH bending vibration at 985.447cm<sup>-1</sup> is changed to 890.952cm<sup>-1</sup>. The C=C stretching mode moved from 1109.83cm<sup>-1</sup> to 1027.87cm<sup>-1</sup>. The C= O peaks observed at 1623.77cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1614.48cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1609.99cm<sup>-1</sup> are shifted to 1616.06cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1705.73cm<sup>-1</sup>. The above results confirms that there is a strong interaction between Umbelliferone and HPα-CD.

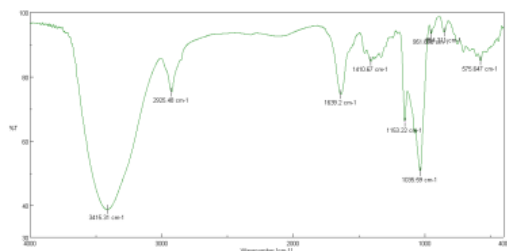


Fig 5: FT-IR Spectrum of HP α-CD

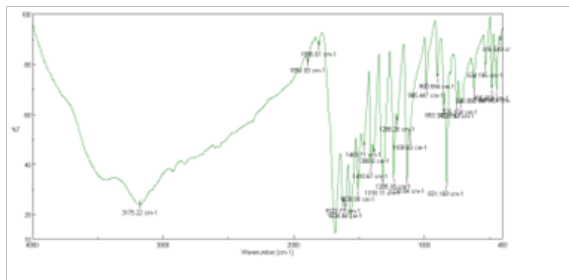


Fig 6: FT-IR Spectrum of Umbelliferone

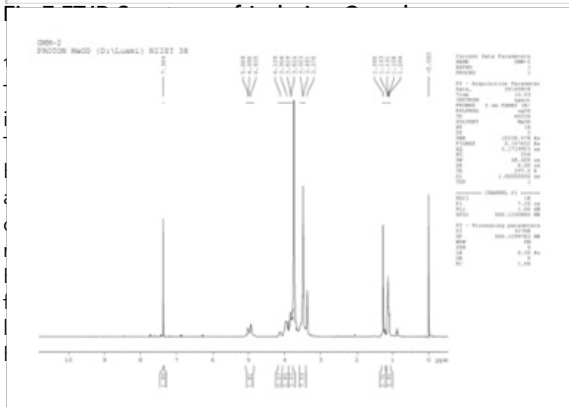
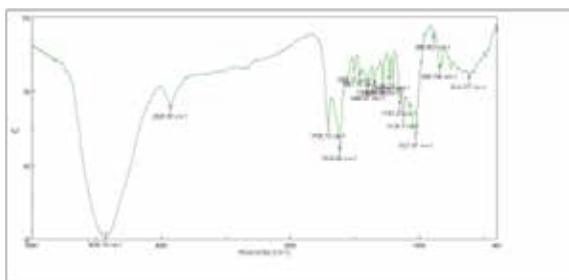


Fig 8: NMR Spectrum of HP α-CD

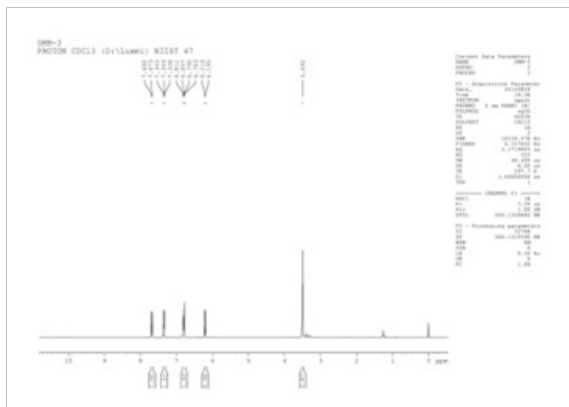


Fig 9: NMR Spectrum of Umbelliferone

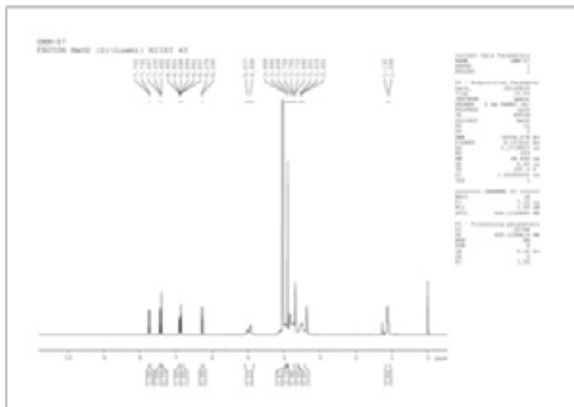


Fig 10: NMR Spectrum of Inclusion complex

Table 1 : Chemical shifts (ppm) for the Protons of HP $\alpha$ -CD and inclusion on complex

	H <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>5</sub>
HP $\alpha$ -CD	4.990	3.481	3.956	3.370	3.824
Inclusion Complex	5.017	3.515	4.170	3.501	3.959
$\Delta\delta$	0.027	0.034	0.214	0.131	0.135

**Microscopic Morphological Observation (SEM):**

Powdered form of Umbelliferone, hydroxypropyl  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin and the inclusion complex are shown in Fig 11-13, pictures clearly elucidated the difference of powder of each other. HP  $\alpha$ -CD consisted of spherical particles, whereas Umbelliferone consisted of shrunken cylindrical particles. The inclusion complex structure is different from HP  $\alpha$ -CD and Umbelliferone. A drastic change in the crystalline nature was observed. Modification of crystals and powder can be assumed as a proof of the formation of new interaction.

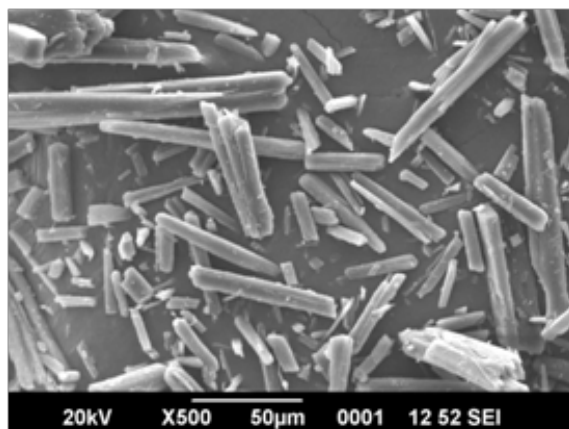
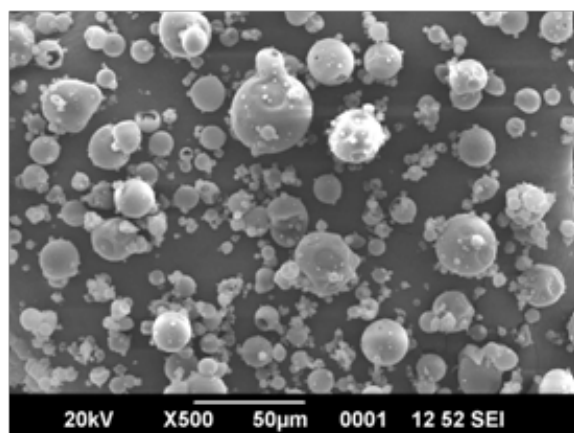
Fig 11: SEM image of HP $\alpha$ -CD

Fig 12: SEM image of Umbelliferone

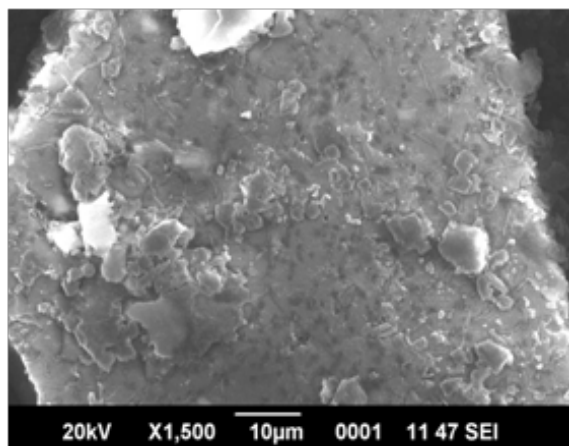


Fig 13: SEM image of Inclusion Complex

**Conclusion**

Umbelliferone-HP $\alpha$ -CD complex prepared by inclusion method showed increasing the solubility and dissolution rate in comparison with the plain Umbelliferone. The change in chemical shift value proves that the aromatic ring having phenolic moiety included completely in the HP $\alpha$ -CD cavity. This technique would be used to develop fast release activity of Umbelliferone.

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