

Subsistence of Host Guest Inclusion Complexes of Biologically Active Molecules with Ionic Liquid Probed by Physicochemical Exploration

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ABSTRACT

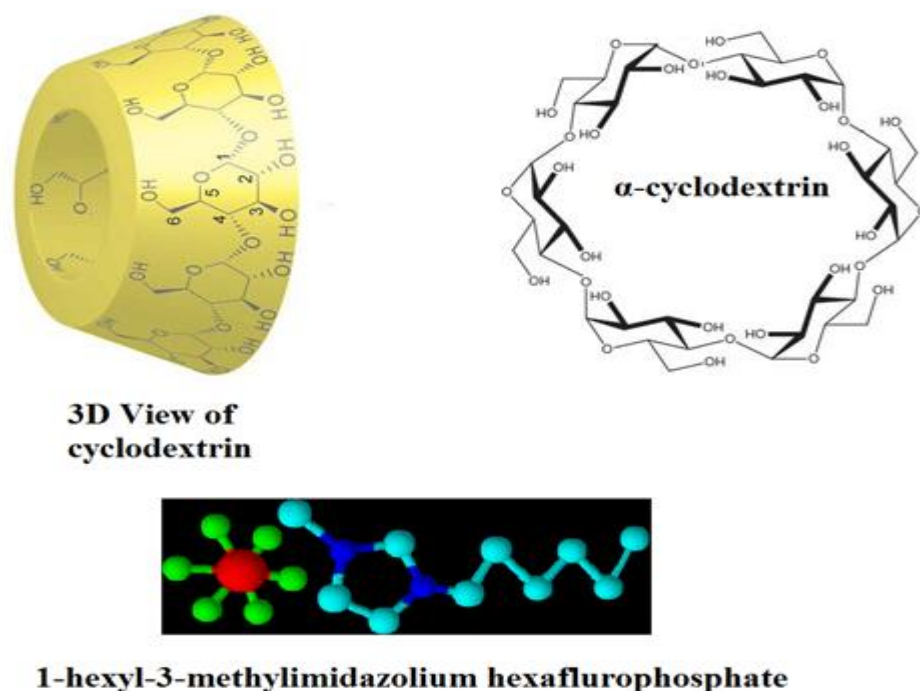
In this present work we studied the supramolecular interaction of 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate (HmIm)PF₆ with α -cyclodextrin (α -CD) and β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) using various physicochemical method and spectroscopic technique. The formation of inclusion complex of any ionic liquid inside the cyclodextrin affects the physicalchemical properties like solubility, conductivity, surface tension, etc. So from the discrepancy of physicochemical and spectral properties we can confirm the formation inclusion complex. The stoichiometry of host - guest of the inclusion complexes was evaluated from conductivity, surface tension study and Job's plot from UV-visible spectroscopy. We also calculated the association/binding constant from conductivity, surface tension measurements and Benesi-Hildebrand equation. The infra-red (IR) and ¹H NMR spectroscopy also affirm the formation of inclusion complexes however the plausible mode of inclusion was described from ¹H NMR and 2D ROESY NMR spectroscopies.

Key words: Inclusion complex, cyclodextrins, Benesi-Hildebrand equation, 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate,

I. Introduction

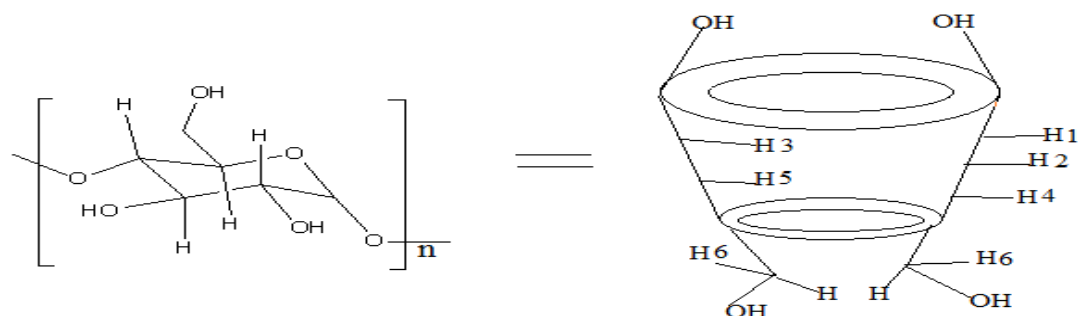
The cyclodextrins (CDs) are the truncated shaped cyclic oligosaccharides having n glucopyranose units. The three kinds of cyclodextrins namely α -cyclodextrin (α -CD), β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) and γ -cyclodextrin (γ -CD) contain 6, 7 and 8 glucopyranose units respectively which are attached together by α -(1-4) linkages [1,2]. The structure of cyclodextrins are shown in **Scheme 1** and **2**. The inner cavity of cyclodextrin is hydrophobic in nature whereas exterior part is hydrophilic in nature. This kind of unique features make cyclodextrin suitable for complexation with different kind of molecules like vitamins, amino acids, ionic liquids, hormones, polymers, dyes etc. [3-7]. The hydrophobic parts of the ionic liquid become encapsulated inside the hydrophobic cavity of cyclodextrins and thus forming a stable inclusion complex [8].

The formation of inclusion complexes increase the solubility, stability against heat, light, oxidation and bioavailability and reduce volatility of the guest molecules without disturbing the structure of host molecules.



Scheme 1: Structure of cyclodextrin and 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate

Ionic liquids (ILs) have some special properties such as non-flammability, chemical and thermal stability, high polarity, non-volatility and non-hazardous character [9, 10]. Ionic liquids (ILs) are extensively used in various arenas of chemistry like electrochemistry, supramolecular chemistry, nuclear chemistry, industrial chemistry etc. [11, 12]. It is also used in processing of cellulose, chemical syntheses, recycling of waste materials, electrophoresis and high-performance liquid chromatography [13, 14]. Due to the non-hazardous feature, ionic liquids are considered as green solvents in various organic and inorganic reactions.



Scheme-2: Structure of cyclodextrin

The studied ionic liquid, 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate (HmIm)PF₆ acts as a cationic surfactant and forms inclusion complex with cyclodextrins. In this article we studied the formation of self-assembly inclusion complex of this ionic liquid inside the cavity of α - and β - cyclodextrins. Various physicochemical and spectrometric methods were used to examine the inclusion phenomenon. The inclusion complexes so formed may be applied in agriculture textile, detergent, food, the drug or pharmaceutical and cosmetics as antistatic, corrosion inhibitory, antibacterial, emulsifying, dispersants, solubilizing agents etc.

II. Experimental Section

2.1. Materials

The IL, 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate (HmIm)PF₆ was procured from TCI Chemicals (Japan) Pvt. Ltd and α - and β - cyclodextrins were procured from Sigma-Aldrich, Germany. All these chemicals were used as purchased as their mass fraction purity were >0.98.

2.2 Apparatus and procedure

Triply distilled water was taken to prepare the solutions. The weight was taken on an electronic balance, Mettler AG-285 accuracy of which was $\pm 0.0003 \times 10^{-3}$ kg.

The surface tensions (γ) of the solutions of the studied IL with varying concentration of cyclodextrins were measured with tensiometer (K9, KRUS; Germany). Carefully washed platinum plate was used for measuring the surface tension after calibrating the tensiometer with Millipore water [15]

The conductances of ionic liquid solutions in presence of varying concentrations of cyclodextrins were taken with Systronic-308 conductivity meter comprised with dip-type conductivity cell. The cell constant was calibrated with aqueous KCl (0.01M and 0.1M) solution [16]. The cell constant is approximately $0.1 \pm 0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The solution of CDs was added with micro-pipette keeping the solution in a thermostat. The conductance was recorded when the solution reached in the equilibrium temperature.

UV-vis absorption spectra of varying concentration of ionic liquid and CDs were taken at 298.15 K by JASCO V-530 UV-VIS Spectrophotometer. Since the studied ionic liquid does not absorb in the UV and VIS range, we used methyl orange (MO) as a probe.

The FT-IR spectra of the solutions were taken from Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrometer after preparing the KBr disk of IL, CDs and inclusion complexes. The KBr disk was prepared by mixing 100 mg of the KBr and 1 mg of the compound thoroughly.

¹H NMR, NMR-ROSEY spectra was taken at 298 K in D₂O by Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer.

III. Result and discussion

3.1. Surface tension study

The surface tension study provides an important clue about the formation of inclusion complexes of cyclodextrins with any guest molecule [17, 18]. No any notable variation of surface tension occurs on addition CDs in water which indicates that α - and β - cyclodextrins are surface inactive compounds [19]. But when we measured the surface tension of ionic liquid solution with successive addition of cyclodextrin solution, we witnessed that the surface tension values increase with the increasing concentration of the cyclodextrin up to a certain level after which the surface tension values diminish gradually (Fig.1). The values of surface tension corresponding to the end-point of different mixtures are reported in Table.1. This trend may be regarded as the development of bigger micelle and the process goes on up to a certain concentration of CD which may be described on the basis of the formation of inclusion complexes (Scheme 3). The alkyl part of the ionic liquid becomes encapsulated into the cavity of CDs due to the existence of hydrophobic-hydrophobic interaction and the ionic part of the ionic liquid left outside the cavity of CD. It is also observed in the plot of surface tension vs. molarity of CDs that there is a single break point which specifies that the stoichiometry of inclusion complex is 1:1. More break points will indicate 1:2 or 2:1 stoichiometry (Scheme 4)

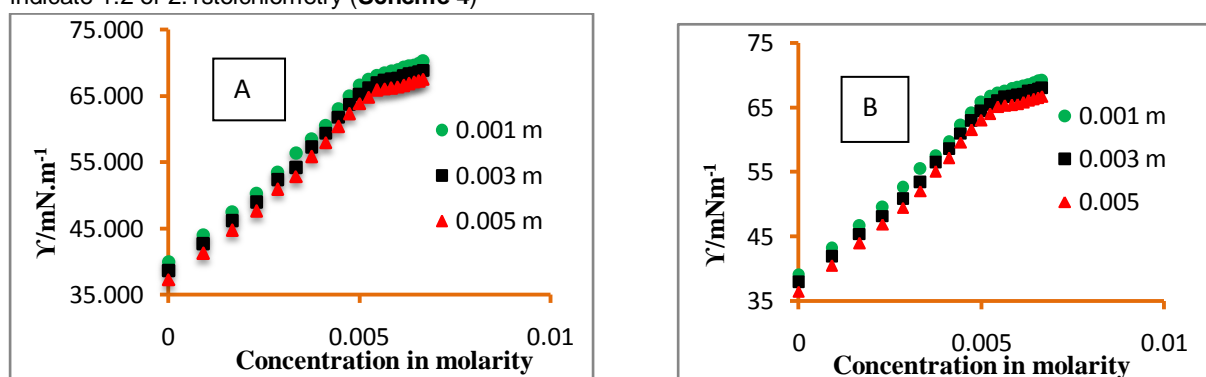


Fig.1. Variation of surface tension of (HmIm)PF₆ with the added conc. of aq (A) α -cyclodextrin and (B) β -cyclodextrin.

Table 1.

Surface tension values at the break point in different mass fractions of aqueous cyclodextrins at 298.15 K

Molarity of IL	Surface tension at break point for β -CD Y/mN.m^{-1}	Surface tension at break point for α -CD Y/mN.m^{-1}
0.001 m	63.83	63.05
0.003 m	65.25	64.46
0.005 m	66.6	65.85

Association constants of 1:1 inclusion complexes (ICs) may be derived from the surface tension measurements using the following equation.

We can also derive the association constants for 1:1 inclusion complexes from surface tension measurements using the following quantitative relation [20].

$$\text{CD} + \text{S} = \text{CDS} \quad (1)$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CDS}]}{[\text{CD}][\text{S}]} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{CD}_0 = [\text{CD}] + [\text{CDS}] \quad (3)$$

$$S_0 = [\text{S}] + [\text{CDS}] \quad (4)$$

Where K_a = association constant, S = ionic liquid, CDS = inclusion complex, CD_0 = total concentration of cyclodextrin and S_0 = total concentration of IL.

$$K_a = \frac{S_0 - [\text{S}]}{(CD_0 - S_0 + [\text{S}][\text{S}])} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{1}{K_a} = \frac{(CD_0 - S_0 + [\text{S}][\text{S}])}{S_0 - [\text{S}]} = \frac{CD_0 - S_0 + [\text{S}]}{\frac{S_0}{[\text{S}]} - 1} \quad (6)$$

$$S_0 - [\text{S}] = -\frac{1}{K_a} \left(\frac{S_0}{[\text{S}]} - 1 \right) + CD_0 \quad (7)$$

The $(S_0 - [\text{S}])$ varies linearly with $\left(\frac{S_0}{[\text{S}]} - 1 \right)$. If we draw a plot of $(S_0 - [\text{S}])$ vs. $\left(\frac{S_0}{[\text{S}]} - 1 \right)$, we will get a straight line with the slope $1/K_a$ and intercept CD_0 (**Fig.2**). So association constant of formation of inclusion complexes = $1/\text{slope}$. The association constants calculated in this method for OMImBr/ α -CD system is $1.23 \times 10^3 \text{M}^{-1}$ and for OMImBr/ β -CD system is $1.34 \times 10^3 \text{M}^{-1}$.

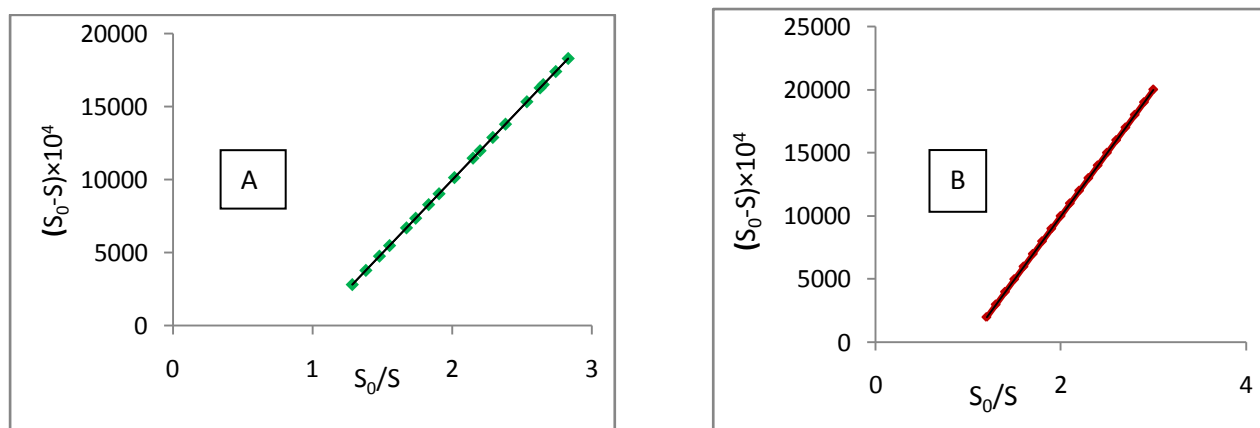


Fig.2. Plot of $(S_0 - [\text{S}])$ against $(S_0/[\text{S}] - 1)$ for (A) (HMIm)PF₆ / α -cyclodextrin system (B) (HMIm)PF₆ / β -cyclodextrin system

3.2 Conductivity study

The formation of inclusion complexes can also be described by conductivity study with more precision [21, 22]. The conductivities of the ionic liquid solutions were measured with successive addition of CD solutions at 298.15 K.

The variations of conductance with molarity of α - and β -cyclodextrins are shown in **Fig.3**. It is seen that the values of conductance decrease gradually with molarities of CDs up to a certain point after which the conductance become steady. The molar conductance values corresponding to the end-point of different mixtures are given in **Table 2**. This incidence can be explained on the basis of formation of host and guest inclusion complexes. The hydrophobic alkyl part of (HMI)PF₆ enters into the cavity of α - and β -cyclodextrins and form inclusion complexes. The mobility of the IL decreases due to penetration of the IL inside the cavity of CDs as a result the conductance values decrease gradually with the concentration of CDs. The concentration of (HMI)PF₆ and cyclodextrin at the break point of the conductance vs. [CD] graph which suggests the formation 1:1 stoichiometric inclusion complexes [23, 24].

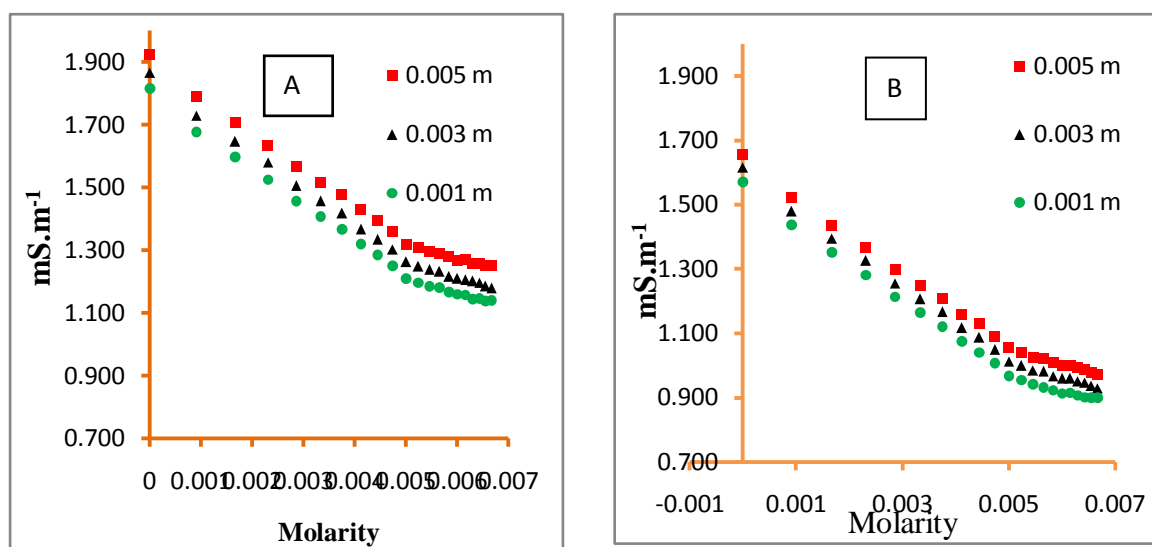


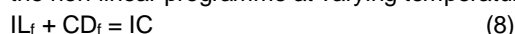
Fig.3. Variation of conductance of (HMI)PF₆ with the added concentration of aqueous (A) α -cyclodextrin and (B) β -cyclodextrin

Table 2.

Values of conductance at the break point in different mass fractions of aqueous cyclodextrins at 298.15 K

Molarity of IL	Conductance at break point for β -CD mS.m^{-1}	Conductance at break point for α -CD mS.m^{-1}
0.001 m	1.21	0.968
0.003 m	1.263	1.013
0.005 m	1.32	1.055

The association constant of the 1:1 inclusion complexes of ionic liquid/cyclodextrin system can be evaluated by the non-linear programme at varying temperatures as follows [25, 26].



The association constant (K_a) of inclusion complex may be expressed as

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{IC}]}{[\text{IL}]_f \times [\text{CD}]_f} \quad (9)$$

where, [IC] is the concentration of inclusion complex, [IL]_f is the concentration of free ionic liquids and [CD]_f is the concentration of free cyclodextrin respectively. As per the binding isotherm, the association constant (K_a) of the formation of inclusion complex may be written as

$$K_a = \frac{(K_{obs} - K_0)}{(K - K_{obs}) \times [\text{CD}]_f} \quad (10)$$

$$[\text{CD}]_f = [\text{CD}]_{ad} - \frac{[\text{IL}]_{ad} - (K_{obs} - K_0)}{K - K_0} \quad (11)$$

Here, K_o , K_{obs} and K symbolize the conductance of (IL + CD) mixtures at initial, during the addition of CD and final state respectively.

Here, K_o , K_{obs} and K are the conductance of IL + CD mixture at starting, during the addition of CD and final state respectively and $[IL]_{ad}$ and $[CD]_{ad}$ symbolize the concentrations of the added IL and added CD respectively. We can derive K_a from the above equations (10) and (11) using the value of $[CD]_i$. The larger K_a value for β -CD than α -CD signifies that the former fits better than the later.

The thermodynamic parameters like enthalpy, entropy and free energy for the formation of the inclusion complex of (HMIIm)PF₆ into cyclodextrins can be evaluated as follows.

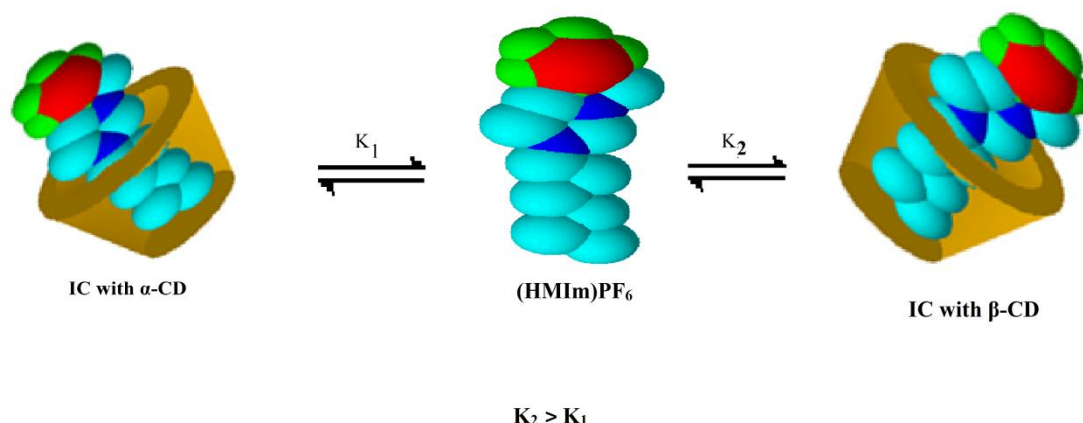
$$2.303 \log K_a = -\frac{\Delta H_0}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S_0}{R} \quad (12)$$

The plot of $\log K_a$ against $1/T$ gives a straight line with an intercept $\Delta S_0/2.303R$ and a slope of $\Delta H_0/2.303R$. So from the value of intercept and slope we can easily calculate ΔS_0 and ΔH_0 and also ΔG of the formation of the inclusion complexes (reported in the **Table 1**). The negative ΔG values signify the spontaneity of the process [27, 28].

Table 1.

Association constants (K_a), Gibb's free energy, enthalpy and entropy of ionic liquid/cyclodextrin systems

IL and CD system	log K_a (M^{-1})			ΔG ($kJ\ mol^{-1}$)	ΔH ($kJ\ mol^{-1}$)	ΔS ($J\ mol^{-1}\ K^{-1}$)
	293.15 K	303.15 K	313.15 K			
OMImBR and α -CD	3.078	2.93	2.81	-29.882	-23.570	-21.53
OMImBR and β -CD	3.187	3.023	2.94	-25.545	-21.674	-13.2058



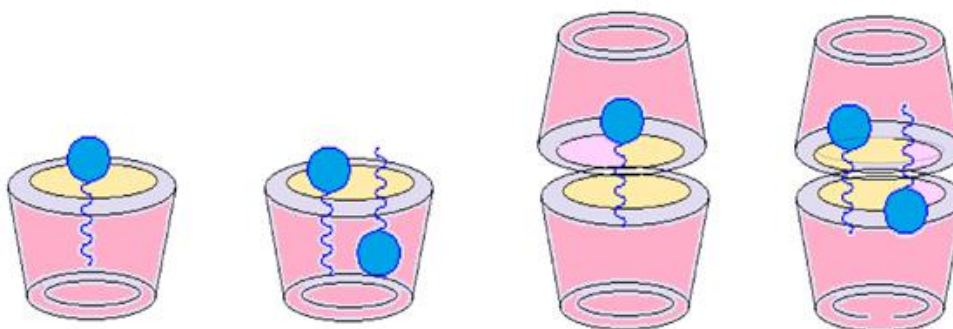
Scheme 3: Formation of inclusion complex with α - and β -CD

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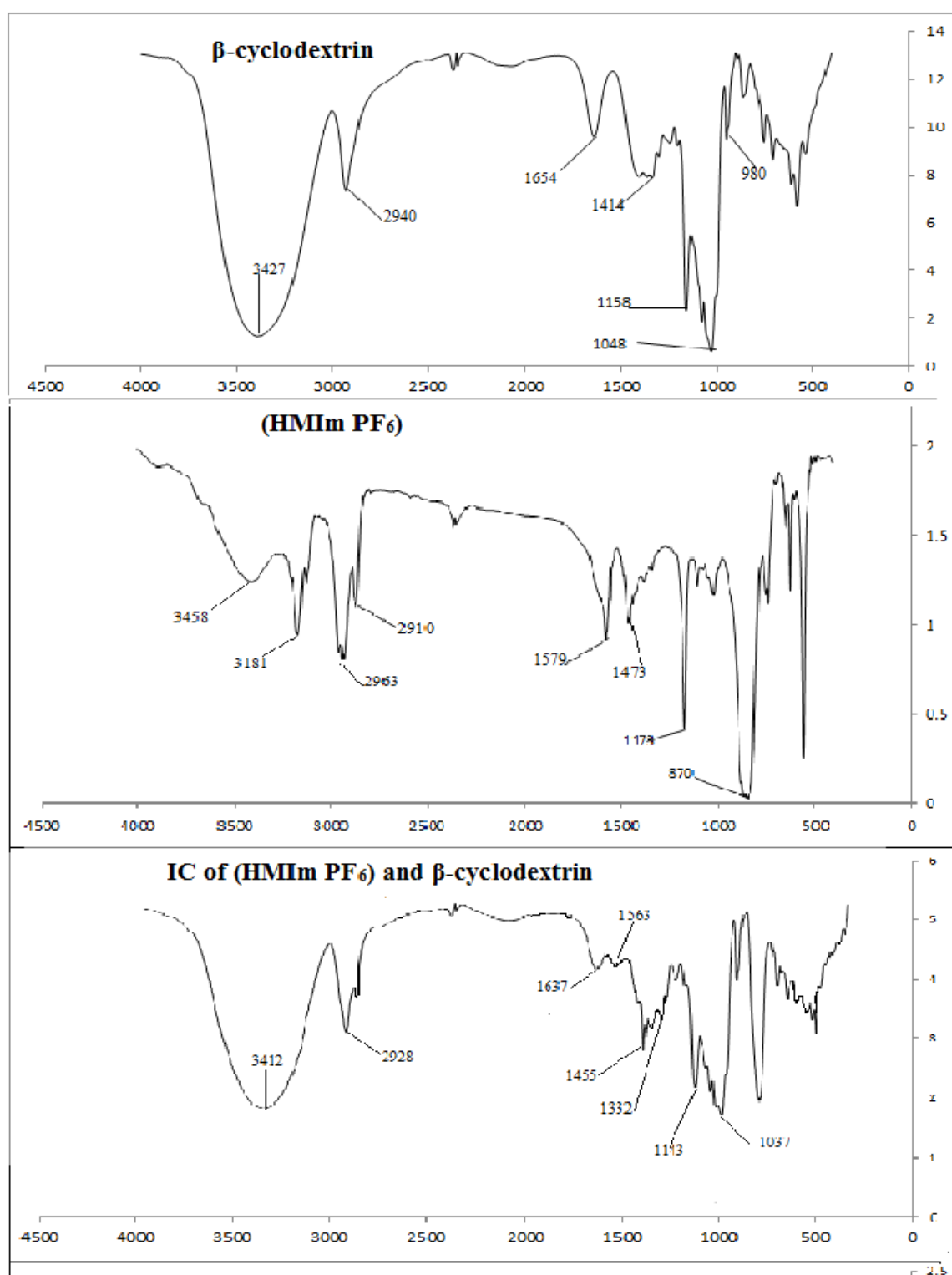
3.3. FT-IR spectroscopy

The FT-IR study is another trustworthy technique to probe the inclusion phenomena [29-31]. The FT-IR spectra of pure (HMIIm)PF₆, cyclodextrins and their inclusion complexes are shown in **Fig.4**. Some characteristic frequencies of the ionic liquid are 2963 cm^{-1} , 3458 cm^{-1} , 1634.5 cm^{-1} , 1173 cm^{-1} and 1589 cm^{-1} probably for the groups of -C-H, =C-H, -C=N, -C-N and -C=C groups respectively and 3434.10 cm^{-1} and 3327 cm^{-1} for -OH group of α - and β -CD (Fig.3). The frequencies for -O-H group of both the α - and β -CD shifted to the lower frequencies which may be considered due to the presence of hydrophilic-hydrophilic interaction between -OH groups of the CDs and the imidazolium part of ionic liquid. The peaks position for -C=N and -C-N groups

remained unchanged because these groups are situated outside the cavity of CD. The -C-H stretching frequency for alkyl group of ionic liquid is absent due to encapsulation of alkyl group into the cavity of CD.



Scheme 4.Plausible host guest stoichiometry of inclusion complex.



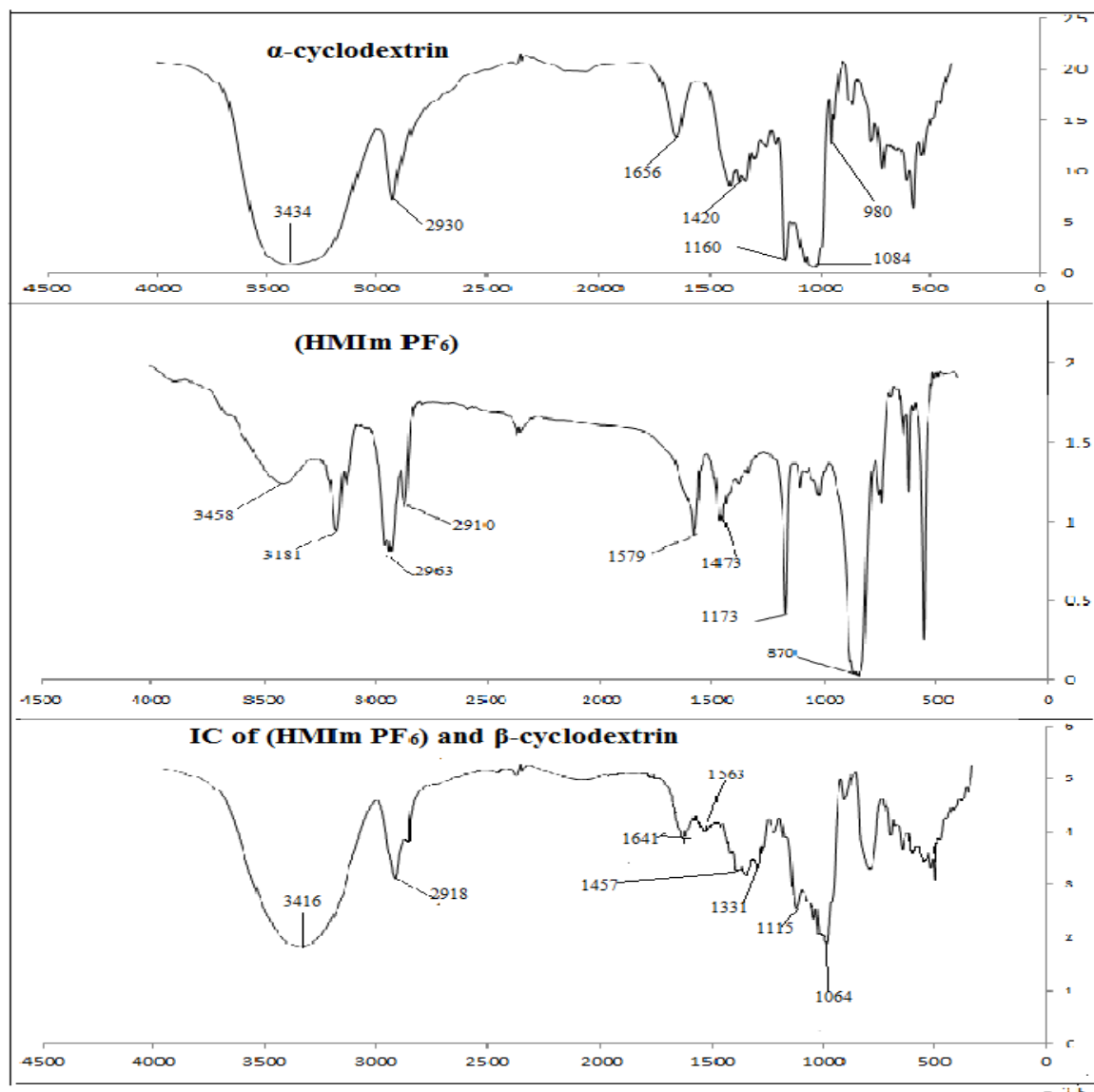


Fig.4. FTIR spectra of (HMIIm)PF₆ and inclusion complexes of it in α -and β -CD at 298.15 K

The frequencies of different groups are as follows:

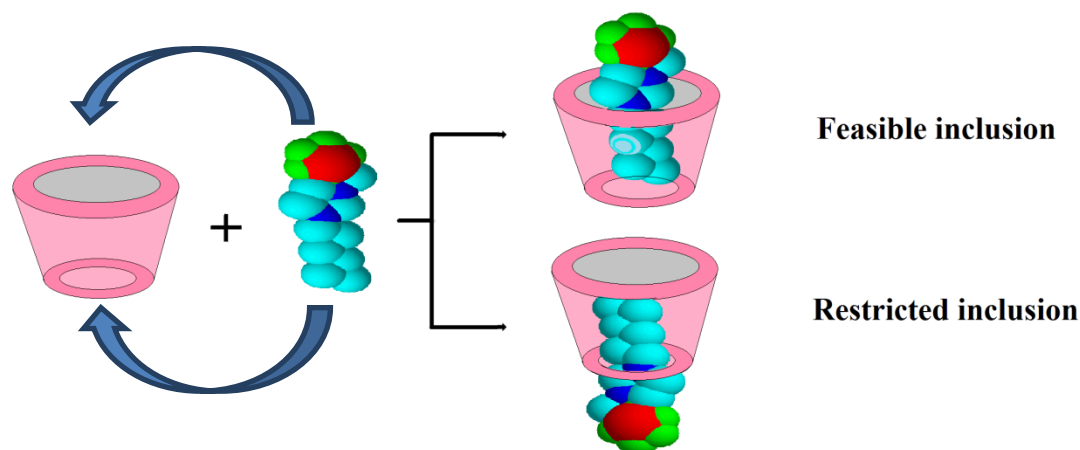
(HMIIm)PF₆: 3458 cm⁻¹(=C-H), 2963 cm⁻¹(-C-H), 1634 cm⁻¹(-C=N), 1589 cm⁻¹(C=C), 1473 cm⁻¹(Bending -CH₂), 1406 cm⁻¹(Bending-CH₂), 1173 cm⁻¹(-C-N)

α -Cyclodextrin: 3434 cm⁻¹(Stretching of O-H), 2930 cm⁻¹(Stretching of -CH from -CH₂), 1420 cm⁻¹(Bending -CH), 1160 cm⁻¹(Bending of C-O-C), 1080 cm⁻¹(stretching of C-C-O), 956 cm⁻¹(Vibration α -1,4 linkage)

β - Cyclodextrin: 3327 cm⁻¹(Stretching of O-H), 2944 cm⁻¹(Stretching of -CH from -CH₂), 1430 cm⁻¹(Bending -CH), 1158 cm⁻¹(Bending of C-O-C), 1030 cm⁻¹(stretching of C-C-O), 953 cm⁻¹(Vibration α -1,4 linkage)

(HMIIm)PF₆/ α -CD inclusion complex: 3316 cm⁻¹(Stretching of O-H of β -CD), 2918 cm⁻¹(Stretching of -C-H), 1457 cm⁻¹(Bending of -C-H), 1115 cm⁻¹(Bending of C-O-C), 1064 cm⁻¹(Stretching of C-C-O)

(HMIIm)PF₆/ β -CD inclusion complex: 3427 cm⁻¹(Stretching of O-H of β -CD), 2940 cm⁻¹(Stretching of -C-H), 1654 cm⁻¹(Stretching of -C=N), 1414 cm⁻¹(Bending of -C-H), 1158 cm⁻¹(Bending of C-O-C)



Scheme 5. Feasible and restricted inclusion complex formation of host-guest molecule

3.4. UV-Vis Spectroscopy Investigation

UV-Vis spectroscopy study also gives the clear indication of formation of host-guest inclusion complex [32]. In our present study we used methyl orange as a probe since the cyclodextrins and the (HMI_m)PF₆ do not absorb in the UV-Vis range.

Here the absorption spectra of methyl orange in presence of ionic liquid were measured at varying molarities of CDs (**Fig.5**). It is found that absorbance increases increasing concentration of cyclodextrins when the concentration of the IL was kept unchanged.

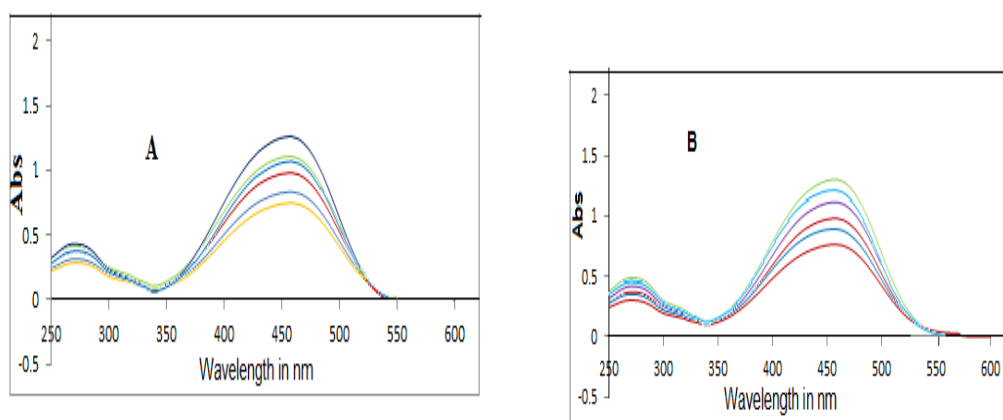


Fig.5. UV-vis spectra of methyl orange (MO) containing different concentration of (A) β -CD in (HMI_m)PF₆ (B) α -CD in (HMI_m)PF₆

The host-guest stoichiometry of inclusion complex may be evaluated by Job's plot calculated from UV-visible spectroscopy. The spectra were taken of ionic liquid and cyclodextrins mixture different concentration keeping the total concentration constant and shown in **Fig.6**.

Concentration ratio of ionic liquid, $R = [IL]/([IL] + [CD])$

The stoichiometry of host and guest of inclusion complex may be obtained by plotting the graph of $\Delta A \times R$ vs. R [33-35].

Where, ΔA represents the absorbance of the studied IL without and with cyclodextrin at 298.15 K.

$R = 0.5, 0.33$ and 0.66 at the maxima of the graph signify the 1:1, 1:2 and 2:1 host-guest stoichiometry of the inclusion complexes. The R values in case of our studied ionic liquid, (HMI_m)PF₆, is 0.5 which signify the 1:1 stoichiometry.

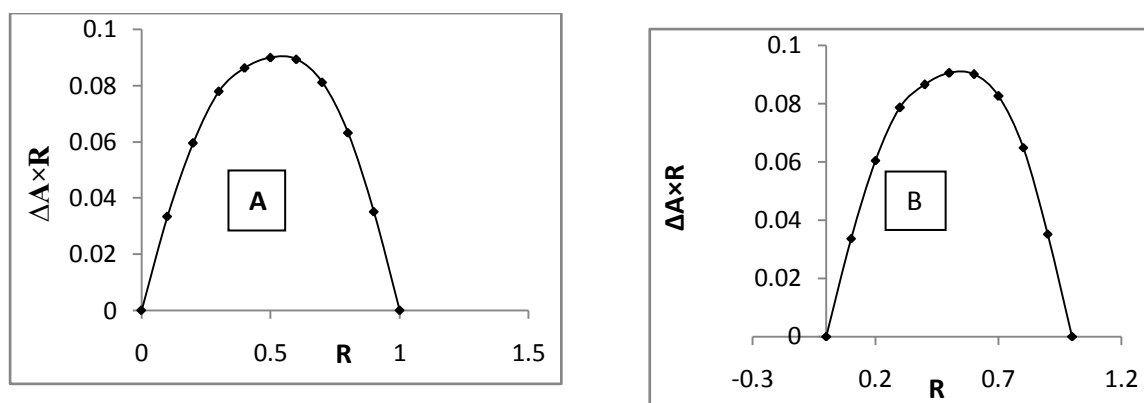


Fig.6. UV-vis spectra of methyl orange (MO) containing different concentration of (A) β -CD in (HMIIm)PF₆ (B) α -CD in (HMIIm)PF₆

The association constant of the inclusion complex for the cyclodextrin-ionic liquid system, K_a may be evaluated from the values of molar absorptivity of UV-Visible spectra. Here the spectra of the ionic liquid at constant molarity were taken with varying concentration of cyclodextrin in presence of the probe (methyl orange). We used the famous Benesi-Hildebrand equation to calculate the association constants (K_a) of I:I inclusion complex [36].

$$\frac{1}{\Delta A} = \frac{1}{\Delta \epsilon K [\text{Guest}]} \times \frac{1}{[\text{Host}]} + \frac{1}{\Delta \epsilon}$$

Where, ΔA denotes the absorbance difference of the ionic liquid in the presence and absence of CDs, $\Delta \epsilon$ denotes the molar absorption co-efficient difference of IL in the presence and absence of CDs, $[\text{Guest}]$ and $[\text{Host}]$ represent the concentration of ionic liquid and cyclodextrin respectively. A plot of $1/\Delta A$ versus $1/[\text{CDs}]$ (shown in

Fig.7) gives a straight line with an intercept $1/\Delta \epsilon$ and a slope of $\frac{1}{\Delta \epsilon K [\text{Guest}]}$. The association constant, K_a may be obtained by dividing the intercept with the slope of the double reciprocal plot at a certain concentration of ionic liquid. The K_a calculated from above equation for OMImBr/ β -CD system is $3.145 \times 10^3 \text{M}^{-1}$ and for OMImBr/ β -CD system is $3.192 \times 10^3 \text{M}^{-1}$.

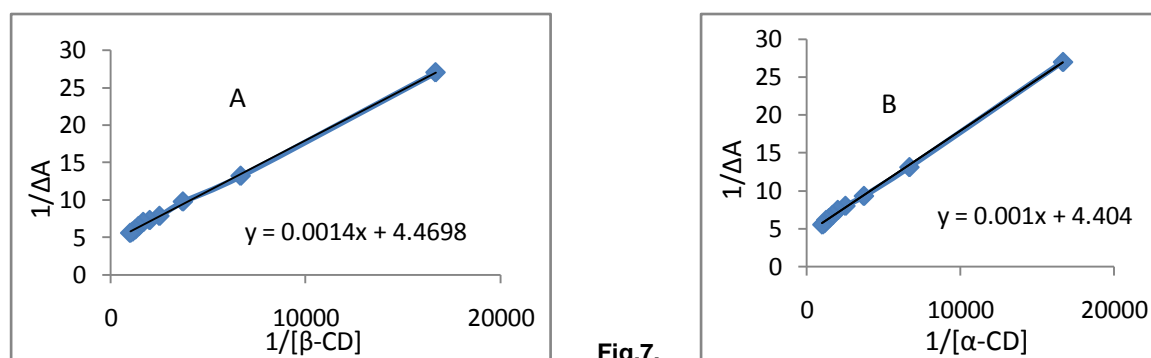


Fig.7.

(A) Plot of $1/\Delta A$ against $1/[\beta\text{-CD}]$ for examining stoichiometry of inclusion complexes. (B) Plot of $1/\Delta A$ against $1/[\alpha\text{-CD}]$ for examining stoichiometry of inclusion complexes.

3.5 ^1H NMR study

^1H NMR study also reveals the formation of host-guest inclusion complex of an ionic liquid into the cavity of cyclodextrins [37]. The ^1H NMR spectra of ionic liquid, cyclodextrins and their IC were carried out in D_2O at 298 K and shown in **Fig.8**. Chemical shift of some protons of the inclusion complexes from CDs and IL may be regarded as the penetration of the alkyl part of IL inside the cavity of the CD molecule. We are aware that H3 and H5 protons of both cyclodextrins are situated inside the cavity whereas the H1, H2 and H4 protons are situated outside the cavity [38, 39]. In addition to that, H3 proton is located near the wider rim and H5 proton is situated near the narrower rim of the CDs. Due to the insertion of the alkyl part of the ionic liquid into the cavity of CDs, there was a significant up field chemical shift of the H3 and H5 protons of cyclodextrins and down field chemical shift of protons of alkyl part of the ionic liquid [40]. It is also seen that the chemical shift for H3 of IC is higher than

that of H5 protons which indicates that the hydrophobic alkyl part of IL enters into the hydrophobic cavity of CD through the wider rim of CD (**Scheme 5**). The significant chemical shift of the protons of N-methyl group may be regarded as presence of hydrophilic-hydrophilic interaction between the imidazolium part of the ionic liquid and the peripheral $-OH$ group of nearby cyclodextrin molecules.

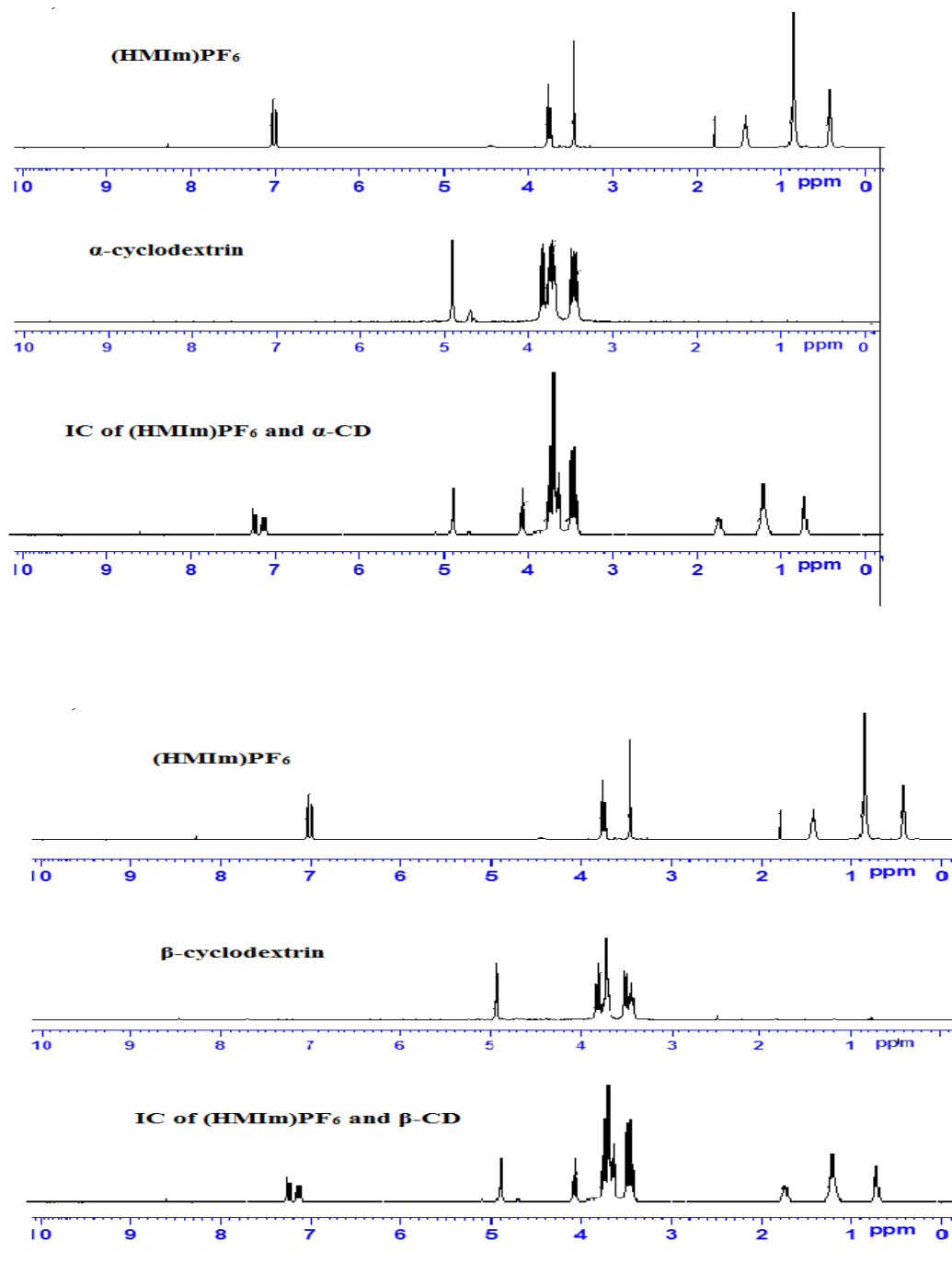


Fig.8. ^1H NMR spectra of $(\text{HMIIm})\text{PF}_6$ and inclusion complexes of it with α - and β -CD in D_2O at 299.15 K.

^1H NMR data:

$(\text{HMIIm})\text{PF}_6$: [^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O)]: δ 0.409-0.443 (3H,m), 0.867(6H,m), 1.416-1.468 (2H, m), 1.803 (1H, S), 3.454 (3H, s), 3.733-3.774 (3H,m), 6.989-7.036 (1H,d)

α -Cyclodextrin: [^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O)]: δ 3.42-3.43 (6H, $j=9.00\text{Hz}$), 3.51-3.52 (6H, $j=10\text{Hz}$), 3.74-3.83 (18H, m), 3.87-3.91 (6H, $J=9\text{Hz}$) 4.96-4.97 (6H, $J=3\text{Hz}$)

β -Cyclodextrin: [^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O)]: δ 3.41-3.42 (6H, $j=9.00\text{Hz}$), 3.53-3.56 (6H, $j=10\text{Hz}$), 3.75-3.77 (18H, m), 3.82-3.83 (6H, $J=9\text{Hz}$) 4.97-4.98 (6H, $J=3\text{Hz}$)

(HMIIm)PF₆/ β -CD: [^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O)]: δ 0.72-0.754 (3H, m), 1.209 (6H, s), 1.231-1.783 (2H, m), 3.425-3.498 (6H, m), 3.625-3.736 (18H, m), 3.753-4.873 (6H, m), 3.86-3.84 (2H, s), 4.885 (2H, d), 7.245-7.256 (1H, d), 7.329-7.333 (1H, d)

(HMIIm)PF₆/ α -CD: [^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O)]: δ 0.718-0.751 (3H, m), 1.207 (6H, s), 1.228-1.779 (2H, m), 3.422-3.497 (6H, m), 3.622-3.733 (18H, m), 3.757-4.874 (6H, m), 3.81-3.80 (2H, s), 4.883 (2H, d), 7.24-7.25 (1H, d), 7.324-7.328 (1H, d)

3.6. 2D ROESY NMR

2D ROESY NMR study is a sophisticated technique to probe the formation of inclusion complexes [41, 42]. We know that two neighboring protons situated within a distance of 0.4 nm can exert a nuclear overhauser effect which may be ascertained by 2D ROESY NMR (rotating-frame NOE spectroscopy). The ROESY NMR spectra of inclusion complexes of (HMIIm)PF₆ with both the cyclodextrins are displayed in **Fig.9**. The H3 and H5 protons of CDs which are located inside the cavity exert nuclear overhauser effect with the protons attached with the alkyl part of IL. As a result cross-peaks corresponding to the H3 and H5 protons are found in the ROESY NMR spectra inclusion complexes of (HMIIm)PF₆ and cyclodextrins.

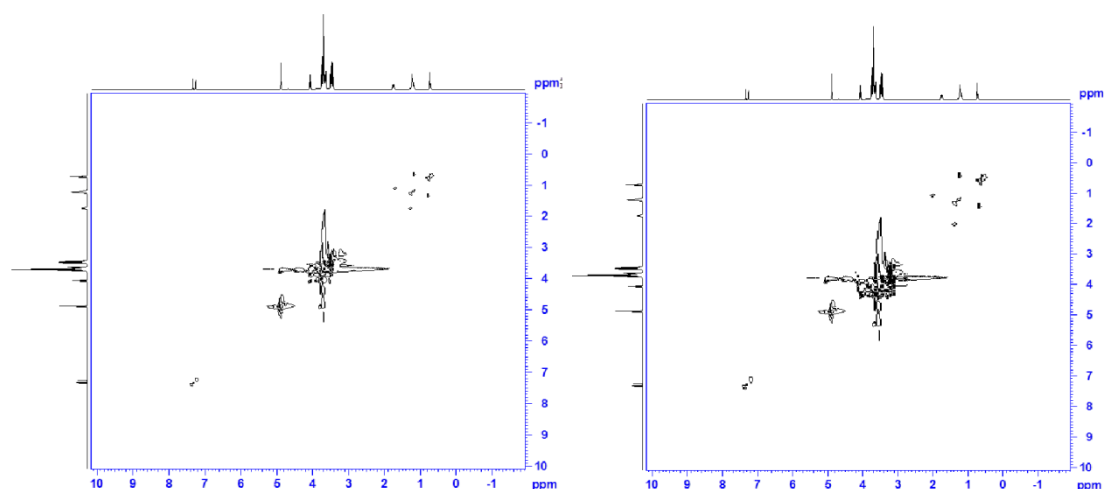


Fig.9. NMR ROSEY spectra of inclusion complexes of (A) (HMIIm)PF₆ and α -CD (B) (HMIIm)PF₆ and β -CD

IV. Conclusion

The size of the non-polar part of the guest molecule and the diameter of the cavity of cyclodextrins are the main determining factor of the formation of inclusion complex. The diameters of cavity of α - and β -CD are 4.7–5.3 Å and 6.0–6.5 Å respectively. We also discussed earlier that the both cyclodextrins have hydrophobic inside and hydrophilic outside. This kind of special characteristic provides a suitable environment for the non-polar part of guest ionic liquid to be encapsulated inside the cavity of cyclodextrin. The alkyl part of an ionic liquid is held inside the cavity of CD through hydrophobic- hydrophobic interaction without forming or breaking any bond. The imidazolium part of ionic liquid is located outside the wider rim of CD and form H-bonds with the –OH groups present at the periphery of another CD molecule. Overall studies reveal that the complexation between (HMIIm)PF₆ and cyclodextrins is of 1:1 stoichiometry and (HMIIm)PF₆ fits better in the cavity of β -CD than α -CD.

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