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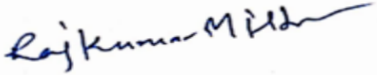


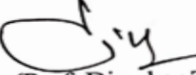
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(v) Physical state of metal: The rate of corrosion is influenced on physical state of metal.

(vi) Nature of surface film: Specific volume ratio which is defined as the ratio of volumes of the metal oxides to the metal is inversely proportional to corrosion rates.

(vii) Passive character of metal: Passive metals viz., chromium, cobalt, nickel show higher corrosion resistance.

(viii) Solubility of corrosion products: Solubility of corrosion products in corrosive medium enhances the corrosion rates.

(ix) Volatility of corrosion products: Volatility of corrosion products also enhances the corrosion rates.

B. Nature of environment

(i) Temperature: It is well known that the corrosion is electro-chemical reaction and it will follow an Arrhenius relationship. Therefore, corrosion of metals increases with increase in temperature.

(ii) Presence of moisture: The moisture gets adsorbed on metal surface by different ways. This is possible to capture acidic gas from surroundings on the metal surface. Therefore, it provides conductive path for electrochemical reaction on the metal surface and increases the deterioration of material.

(iii) Effect of pH: Metallic material severely deteriorated by exposure in alkaline or acidic medium. The higher concentration of hydrogen ion or anion directly influences the cathodic and anodic processes by the formation of corrosion products.

1.2. Classifications of Corrosion

(i) Uniform corrosion: Uniform corrosion is a form of corrosion where the surface is removed almost evenly. The partial reactions (metal dissolution and oxygen reduction) are statistically distributed over the surface, leading to more or less homogenous dissolution of the metal and uniform formation of corrosion products e.g., red rust on steel.

(ii) Pitting corrosion: Pitting corrosion is a localized form of corrosion that leads to the creation of small holes or “pits” in the metal. This form of corrosion is mainly found on passive metals such as aluminium, titanium and stainless steel. The corrosion initiating process starts with a local break-down of the passive layer. Local corrosive attack can be initiated on stainless steels, for example, by chloride ions.

(iii) Crevice corrosion: Crevice corrosion refers to corrosion occurring in cracks or crevices formed between two surfaces. This type of corrosion is initiated by the restricted entrance of oxygen from the air by diffusion into the crevice area leading to different concentrations of dissolved oxygen in the common electrolyte.

(iv) Stress corrosion cracking: Stress corrosion cracking (SCC) is a combined mechanical and electrochemical corrosion process that results in cracking of certain materials. Internal stresses in a material can be sufficient to initiate an attack of stress corrosion cracking. Initially, a small pit is formed and develops into a crack due to applied or residual stress in the material.

(v) Non-Passive surface: The crack formation due to a new active (non-passive) metal surface, which easily interacts with surrounding environment and start degradation. This leads to new highly active metal surfaces in the crack.

(vi) Galvanic corrosion: Galvanic corrosion refers to corrosion damage when two dissimilar metals are in contact in presence of electrolyte.

1.3. Inhibitors

The use of inhibitors is an important method of protecting materials against deterioration due to corrosion attack especially in acidic medium (Trabanelli, 1991). A corrosion inhibitor may be inorganic or organic molecule that, upon addition of corrosive environment, leads in reduction of corrosion rate in an acceptable level. Corrosion inhibitors are generally used in small concentration and must be compatible with a particular corrosive environment.

The inhibitive action of a corrosion inhibitor takes place in two ways i.e. (i) by altering the corrosive environment into noncorrosive or less corrosive environment through its interaction with corrosive species that is environment modifiers and (ii) by interacting with metal surface to form protection layer on adsorption inhibitors. This deals with green corrosion inhibitors. Figure 1.1 is schematic diagram of adsorption inhibitors classification (Sashtri, 2011):

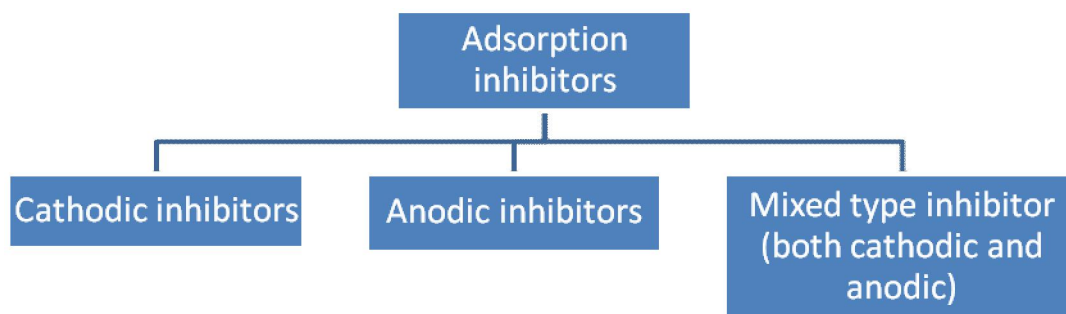


Figure 1.1.: Classification of corrosion inhibitor.

Cathodic inhibitors affect the cathodic side of polarisation curve inhibiting by hydrogen evolution in acidic corrosive environments or by reducing the oxygen of

neutral or alkaline corrosive environments. Inorganic phosphates, silicates, or borates in alkaline solutions and carbonate of calcium and magnesium are few examples of cathodic inhibitors. However anodic inhibitors are more effective in neutral or alkaline corrosive environments. Chromates, molybdates, tungsten and sodium nitrite are few examples of anodic inhibitors. Many organic compounds behave as mixed-type inhibitors, which affect both anodic and cathodic branches of polarisation curves. Organic compounds with amino group ($-\text{NH}_2$), carboxyl group ($-\text{COOH}$), phosphonate group ($-\text{PO}_4$) are known for their mixed type of inhibiting activity.

Uses of many synthetics inorganic and organic inhibitors are now being gradually restricted due to various environment issues. As a result, corrosion scientist and engineers are investigating and designing eco-friendly bio-compatible green corrosion inhibitors in the last two decades (Roy et al., 2014). The extracts of Chamomile, Halfabar, Black cumin and kidney bean were investigated as corrosion inhibitor for steel in corrosion under acid medium (Raja and Sethuraman, 2008). The anticorrosion activity of various plant extracts are reported by different authors, which was reviewed by Raja and Sethuraman (2008).

1.4. Mechanism and Thermodynamics of Inhibition Process

The mechanism of the inhibition process of organic inhibitors is mainly due to their adsorption at the metal–solution interface, which is accompanied by a change in potential difference between the metal electrode and the solution. This change in potential difference is due to the non-uniform distribution of electric charges at the metal electrode–solution interface, which is characterized by an electrical double layer,

sometimes by a triple layer. A schematic representation of the electrical double layer is given in Figure 1.2 (Christensen et al., 1994; Sastri, 2011).

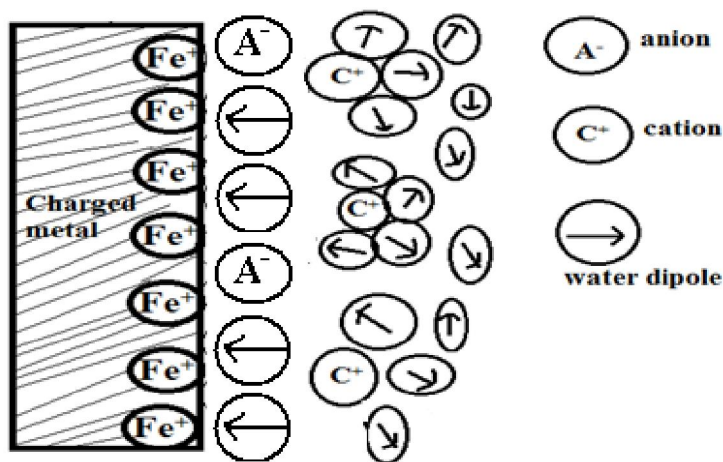


Figure 1.2: A schematic representation of the double layer at the interface between an electrode and the electrolyte.

Cations are normally hydrated due to their small radii as the free energy of salvation is proportional to ratio of cation charge and its ionic radius (Christensen et al., 1994). The plane formed by the nuclei of anions directly adsorbed on the metal surface is termed as the Inner Helmholtz Plane (IHP). The addition of a corrosion inhibitor into the electric double layer changes its composition and structure. Hence, measurement of the capacitance of the double layer before and after the addition of the corrosion inhibitor is used to monitor the adsorption of the inhibitor.

The process of adsorption is governed by different parameters especially by the chemical structure of the organic inhibitors; which in turns are characterized by different spectroscopic techniques such as Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) and Gas Chromatography coupled with Mass Spectroscopy (GC-MS). Adsorption of organic inhibitor molecules onto metal surface is analysed by two possible interactions: physisorption which is favourable in presence of electrically charged metal surface and

charged species in the bulk of the electrolytic solution and chemisorption which involves charge-sharing or charge-transfer from the inhibitor molecules to the metal surface to form a coordinate or chemical bond (Deyab, 2014). These adsorption phenomena are also explained on the basis of energy because the interaction energy between organic inhibitor molecule and metal surface is higher than that between water molecule and metal surface. The inhibition effect of organic molecules thus due to their adsorption via available functional group in them onto the metal surface.

It is useful to examine the corrosion process in terms of thermodynamics, which governs the electrochemical basis of corrosion. The values of corrosion rates and the inhibition efficiency are function of thermodynamic parameters like temperature etc. The associated activation energy and the free energy of adsorption are directly linked with corrosion rates and hence important to discuss in detail the corrosion inhibition. These parameters are also used to understand the mechanism of adsorption of inhibitor molecules onto the metal surface (Yadav et al., 2012).

1.5. Economic Losses and Hazards

The global cost of corrosion is estimated to be 3.4% of the global gross product (GDP) By using available corrosion control practice only 15-35% of the cost of corrosion is to be saved on a global basis (Koch et al., 2016). According to NACE (National Association of Corrosion Engineers) report maintenance cost due to corrosion is predicted around 5% of the GDP. For India the cost of corrosion is around half of our defence budget and perhaps double of our total annual expenses on education. It is, therefore an enormous sum, which needs immediate attention and future strategy to minimize it and make our industry safer and accident free (Singh et al., 2010).

The Global corrosion inhibitor market is driven by rising demand from metal industries, power generation industries, oil and gas industries. Corrosion is a menace and it is responsible for the loss of billions of dollars every year. As a result, there is significant demand for corrosion inhibitors across the globe. Serious ecological problems such as oil spills, fire accidents and human losses after explosions occurs, due to leakage of corrode metals or alloys which are used for machinery purposes. According to the NACE assessment report, corrosion is considered as the largest contributor to the degradation of valuable industrial machine and historical building (Kochet al., 2002). NACE is corrosion professional society, which promotes public safety, environment protection, and reduction of economic impact of corrosion. For decades, corrosion professionals have made great technologies, employing effective management practices, and increasing public awareness about the critical corrosion control and incorporating the control strategies to save money, environment and human lives (Espallargas, 2015).

1.6. Review of Literature

Science and technology are based on the thinking, skill, observations and from the learning subjects. They explore in new ideas for the uses of humanity and meet the needs of human being are fulfilled (Maqbool et al., 2017). Humans have always been curious about nature and innovating new technology. It is skill to canalise some processes and improve the quality of material. Research is always solving a specific problem and our desires are connected to it and push research into a more fruitful direction to benefit the society (Wilbertz, 2013). In the modern society, the increasing importance of material sciences had an important role in the improvement of the quality

of material. Exchange of ideas coming out from various researches facilitates the industry progress (Zhou et al., 2008). This tendency arises from the constant and better change in industry, development and modernization of technology.

In order to make the products with the required properties, the materials science and engineering are to be synchronized. The main priorities are the continuous improvement of existing materials, ensuring environment protection and improving conditions as well as extending of material life. Research on material science will have to play a key role in the process of changing industrial society. It should be noted that the research and development are to protect living world from the hazards of nature. The success of research has great impact on existing function and modifies some functions. It creates new options for improvement and increases the performance of the material. It creates a prominent growth in the industry as it facilitates further growth that can be sustained by other options (Mulder, 2007).

Over the last few decades, corrosion inhibition of mild steel has become one of the most important areas due to its direct economic loss as well as environmental contamination (Garcia-Arriaga et al., 2010). It makes serious ecological problems such as oil spills, fire accidents and human losses after explosions due to leakage. The effects of corrosion on our daily lives are directly or indirectly concerted such as corrosion recognized on grills, metal tools and transportation systems (bridge and roads). The corrosion of steel can precede suddenly failure of infrastructure in highway, electrical towers and buildings, collapse of the same result in significant economic loss and death of humans (www.nace.org).

According to literature, Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) operated machine with far below the standards and plant operators noticed a small leak of Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas (Shrivastava, 1987; Carlsten 2003). In 2016, a train derailed near Kanpur due to corroded and weak maintenance of railways track as a result loss of life more than fifty. The government and environmental regulatory bodies are being intended to monitor time to time and give emphasise on the management as well as take preventive measures to avoid such accidents to take place. A proper attention is to be given to deal the corrosion problem for safety as well to reduce risk and environmental pollution. The safety of life due to fracture of structure, tank leakage and poisonous inflammable liquid contaminate the surrounding environments (Bardal, 2004). These examples produce evidence how can corrosion result into extreme catastrophic accident in modern era (Asrar et al., 2016).

Our nation loses around 4-5% of GDP annually on due to corrosion, which affects significantly the economic growth due to damage of Infrastructures, such as bridges, highways, public utility, Airports, Metro Stations, Railways stations etc. Management of corrosion is not only important for the structures, but safety also for the public using these structures daily, and hence the importance of corrosion can no longer be ignored. Our country is going through the phase of urbanization and in the upcoming years, there will be boom with infrastructure. Hence, corrosion management could play a very important role.

The chemical industry has undergone tremendous changes in the past decade. The aspects of energy, environment and health have catalysed to improve in plant construction for reliability and safety performance (Terekhova et al., 2017). However,

some of the equipment may develop corrosion product during operational period. The purpose is to clean the metal surface, to produce a homogeneous smooth cover and to provide a contamination free product (Norman et al., 2006)

During chemical process, contamination is deposited in the equipment and enhances the corrosion attack. From the corrosion point of view, these are adhered and deposited and can cause severe corrosion problems. These types of contamination can cause localised corrosion and formation of pin holes in the equipment. The popular approaches to clean the contamination are acidic solutions such as, sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4), hydrochloric acid (HCl) and phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4). Organic acids such as formic, acetic and citric acid, along with alkaline solutions also used as cleaning agent. These cleaning processes are essentials and unavoidable, however; these processes itself are corrosive and damaging the equipment. Hence, corrosion inhibitors are used with cleaning agent to minimize the corrosion of metallic equipment (Gadiyar et al., 1991).

Rapid urbanisation and growth of industries based on petrochemical process industries can impact of corrosion due to use of crude petrochemicals, which contain inorganic and organic acids, that reduces the life of equipment (Wanklyn, 1982; Papavinasam, 2000; Miksic et al., 2009). Development of numerous vehicles for transportation on the land, sea, and air requires efficient fuel as a result intensive development of oil refining and petrochemical industries. Metallic equipment used in refinery industry comes into contact with corrosive medium such as water, atmosphere and soil. Therefore, it requires managing and monitoring the risks of corrosion and possible accidents. Corrosion is the most threatening factor of damage for important equipment in various industries. The assessment of the corrosion predicted the probable

failure that play important role in corrosion management systems and analysis of failure of various important equipment (Naemnezhad et al., 2017). Corrosion of equipment in crude petroleum refineries units is based on surrounding environmental conditions. For example, below 373 K the presence of HCl and H₂S gases or at 473 K in NaCl and Na₂SO₄ salts are more aggressive to damage the refinery equipment (Gutzeit et al., 1987; Groysman, 2014).

Corrosive agent such as HCl appears in crude oil as a by-product of hydrolysis of calcium and magnesium. The most corrosive contaminants are removed during preliminary process of crude oils however some contaminants in marine tankers and pipelines are inorganic salts (CaCl₂, MgCl₂, and NaCl). This is remaining in crude oil even after desalting. These corrosive agents remain in crude oil which passes in distillation column and goes up with light hydrocarbons and cause a major problem in the petroleum refining unit. It can also occur with reforming and hydro treating process units and damage the refinery equipment (Wright, 1987; Lai, 1990; Lewandowski, 2000; Antos, 2004; Groysman, 2010). The organochlorine used in catalytic reformers in petrochemical process (Groysman, 2010) is also found in crude petroleum product. These are corrosive in nature and damage the distillation unit due to HCl formed after hydrolysis of organochlorine. This strong inorganic acid causes corrosion and failure of expensive equipment.

The fertilizer industry is the most important industry for agriculture sector. Variety of raw materials such as water, air, hydrogen sulphide, nitrogen containing compounds, polythionic acids, organic chloride compounds, sulphuric acid, and alkaline solutions (sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, ammonium hydroxide, amines, sour

water, and spent caustic) are used for the production of various types of fertilisers. Sometimes these compounds are decomposed or react to each other to produce corrosive substances such as ammonia or hydrogen sulphide, di-hydrogen ammonium phosphate or ammonium nitrate, which enhance the corrosion of metallic material. The fertiliser companies also use high concentration of phosphorous, sulphur and chloride containing compounds. Cleaning and sanitation agents such as alkaline, acidic, strong or weak oxidizing and reducing chemical are also employed to remove contaminants to maintain hygiene level. These great varieties of corrosive environments and aggressive chemical agents promote the corrosion of equipment and damage them. Further allergy to metals and its release into the food chain is the greatest health hazard to human and another organism (Valdez, 2004).

In the automobile system, failures are reported due to synergistic effect of mechanical stress and corrosion, such as corrosion fatigue cracking. Usually, the automobile parts are always exposed to corrosion environment such as de-icing salt, aggressive ion, water and oxygen. The life and safety of automobile parts are reduced mainly due to fatigue and corrosion (Kim and Kim, 2017). Materials with good mechanical ability require a good surface finish, and could be uniformly modified through microstructure and adjustment of chemical components (Boothroyd and Knight, 1989; Finn, 1989; Zheng et al., 2013).

Right from beginning of invention iron, it exists with rust which slowly destroys the iron, when it comes in contact with surrounding environment such as oxygen and water (Rao, 2000). In all metals, extraction from ores involves taking energy as a result of this metal becomes thermodynamically unstable and tend to revert back to the

thermodynamically stable native oxide state when it is exposed to the surrounding atmosphere.

However, there are many other factors that affect the corrosion of iron, especially the presence of contamination, such as chloride, sulphate, ammonia, organic matter and microorganisms. Corrosion of metal is an electrochemical process and electrolyte, one of the main contributors for the metal corrosion that is involved in the electrochemical corrosion. Aggressiveness of anion depends on the presence of oxygen, concentration of cation, temperature, and pH of solution, which leads to corrosion (Foley, 1970).

The development in science and technology requires variety of metallic materials with good corrosion resistant properties and cost effective. To improve the inhibition efficiency and to minimize the consumption of toxic material, an attempt has been made to incorporate natural materials or composites which are considered to be among the most promising approach to be investigated extensively. In recent years, many studies have been dedicated to utilize natural products such as coconut shell, wood, pineapple leaf and palm kernel shell. Therefore, due to the non-toxic nature, low cost and increasing awareness the use of natural product as corrosion inhibitor is receiving greater attentions.

It has developed different techniques and processes for making mild steel. In the past, steel was produced based on individual knowledge and skill (Prakash, 1983). Ancient Indian iron workers had technological skill to manufacture sharp edged like swords or rust-less Delhi iron pillar, referred to as “rust-less wonder” (Anantraman, 1996). The iron pillar at Delhi is called rust-less since it has withstood without corrosion for the last 1600 years. It has been recorded that Indian steel have been used in

construction of the London bridge in England. The famous iron sword of Tipu Sultan is made from corrosion resistant iron. Indian smiths were aware of corrosion process of iron therefore, developed high quality of iron by changing the composition of iron during forging process, which is less susceptible of corrosion (Kumar and Balasubramaniam, 1998; Balasubramaniam, 2000).

In view of the availability, low toxicity, bio-degradability and compatibility, the use of eco-friendly corrosion inhibitors has received greater attention in recent time. A considerable number of studies have investigated the inhibition effectiveness of plants extracts as good corrosion inhibitors for mild steel in acidic environment. Interestingly, plant extracts contain wide variety of phytochemical constituents, such as polyphenols, amino acids, terpenes, carboxylic acid, pigments resins and alkaloids (Deyab et al., 2017). Most of these compounds contained with heteroatom and multiple bonds, which possess the similar electronic structures as conventional organic corrosion inhibitors hence, found to be potential corrosion inhibitors.

Haldhar et al. (2018) tested the corrosion inhibition effectiveness of *Valeriana wallichii* extract for mild steel in acidic solution. It was reported that plant extract shows good inhibition performance of 93.47% at 500 mg/L at 298 K. The phytochemical studies confirmed that the naphthoic acid and iridoid derivative are main active constituents of the *Valeriana wallichii* extract. Based on polarization measurements suggested that the inhibitor molecule acts as a mixed type of inhibitor.

The extract of *Epimedium* was reported to be fairly good anticorrosion for mild steel in 5% HCl solution. It was reported by Singh et al. (2019) that extract of *Epimedium* inhibit the corrosion reaction and inhibition upto 96.7 % at high temperature 60 °C using 1.0 g/L

extract. Thermodynamic measurements confirmed that the physical and chemical adsorption mechanism was involved at the metal surface. It was reported that the main phytochemical constituent of *Epimedium* contained with O and N heteroatoms, which are predominantly coordinate with lone pair of inhibitor molecule and vacant d-orbital of metal surface.

Zheng et al. (2018) investigated the corrosion inhibition performance of *Eriobotrya japonica* extract for mild steel in H_2SO_4 solution. It was reported that the ursolic acid, citric acid and palmitic acids are the main constituents of *Eriobotrya japonica* extract. The polarization measurements confirmed the inhibitor molecule acted as a cathodic inhibitor. Krishnan et. al. (2018) investigated the corrosion inhibition property of *Turbinaria ornata* (TO) extract on mild steel in HCl medium. It was confirmed that the octadeconic acid was the main phytochemical component in *Turbinaria ornata* extract having the efficiency of 100% at 25 g/L. Based on the CL_{50} (Toxicology) measurements, it was suggested that the *Eriobotrya japonica* are 20 times less toxic than other synthetic organic inhibitors.

Similarly, the inhibitive effects of polyaspartic acid derivatives on acid corrosion of mild steel was investigated by Chai et al. (2018). It was reported that polyaspartic acid chemisorbed on metal surface by forming the coordinate bond between the lone pair of inhibitor molecule and vacant d-orbitals of metal. Loto and Loto (2019) evaluated the inhibition effectiveness of *Rosmarinus officinalis* and trypsin complex for mild steel in H_2SO_4 and HCl solutions. Based on the corrosion polarization studies the authors suggested that, the extract of *Rosmarinus officinalis* and trypsin complex in H_2SO_4 medium, the inhibitor molecule acted as anodic type of inhibitor and HCl medium it was

acted as a cathodic type of inhibitor. The main functional group in phytochemicals are alkenes, aldehydes, nitrile, alkynes, esters, ketones and amines. These components preferably get adsorbed on the mild steel surface to inhibit the corrosion in 1 HCl medium. Thermodynamic studies confirmed that the inhibitor molecules chemisorbed onto the metal surface by forming the coordinate bond.

Khanra et al. (2018) have tested the extracts of microalgae in the corrosion inhibition studies of mild steel in acidic medium. It was reported that fatty acids are the main components of microalgae involved in corrosion inhibition. The authors concluded that the extracts were physisorbed on the metal surface by the electrostatic attractive forces. Leena et al. (2019) evaluated the extract of *Lepidagathis keralensis* for corrosion inhibition of mild steel in HCl solution. It was reported that the main constituent of *Lepidagathis keralensis* extract in methanol solution was Phenoxyethene. Thermodynamic calculations concluded that the adsorption of Phenoxyethene molecule through a mixed type of mechanism i.e., both physisorption and chemisorption was occurred on to the mild steel surface.

1.7. Scope of Study

1.7.1. Importance of acid in industrial process

In the chemical industry acids are the most valuable chemical for the production of various types of drugs, textiles, cosmetics, herbicides, insecticides, polymers and formation of composite materials. In this context, organic acids are among the most versatile ingredients in food and textile industries. Citric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, malic, gluconic, propionic and fumaric acids are some of the organic acids used widely in various industries (Pandey et al., 2008). Without using these compounds, the

productions of valuable materials become impossible which are useful for human being. For example, chemical industries use, chloroacetic acid for the manufacturing of carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl starch derivatives and herbicides such as aryl hydroxyl acetic acid. The same are used for making the insecticide dimethoate and the herbicides benazoline and methyl -naphthyloxyacetate. A large amount of chloroacetic acid is used for the production of poly vinyl chloride. Chloroacetic acid is also used for manufacturing of drugs such as coumarin and vitamin B6 (Koenig et al., 2008). It is corrosive in nature and damages the equipment (Heitz, 1974).

1.7.2. Sustainability and Corrosion Inhibition

During the last couple of decades, research efforts in the field of corrosion and its prevention are extensively studied. This is primarily because of growing interest on good quality, lower cost, depleting the non-renewable natural resources and environmental regulations. These regulations are posing great challenges for anticorrosion research. The corrosion researchers are exploring new strategies to meet the performance, cost and statutory regulations. The ultimate solution is utilisation of our naturally available resources to cut off the prices of raw materials, environmentally benign materials and to add value to a waste material. These maybe formulated as corrosion inhibition of metallic materials. Renewable resources provide cheaper and widely abundant with numerous advantages, such as cost effectiveness, low toxicity, biodegradability and environment friendliness. They yield versatile materials through chemical transformations with plethora of applications, particularly in corrosion resistance against various aggressive medium (Oguzie, 2006; Eddy et al., 2009; Johnsirani, et al., 2013;

Mourya et al., 2014). Figure 1.3 represents the natural product from various plants as source of corrosion inhibitor.

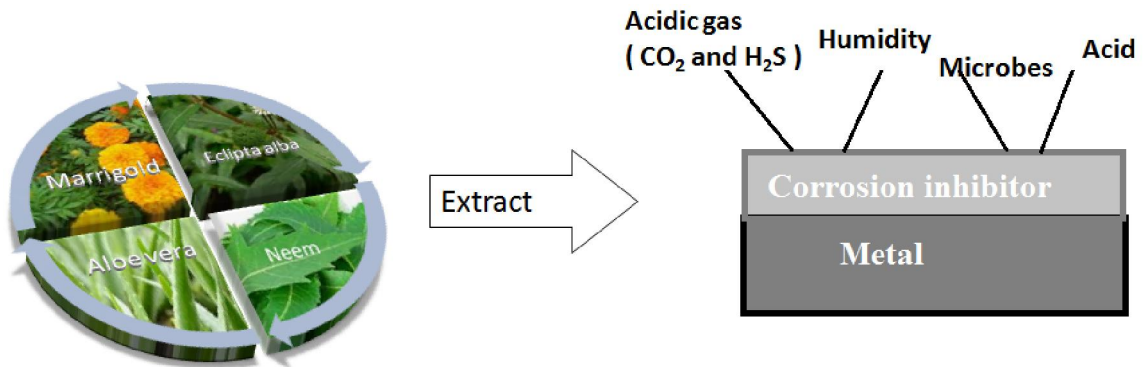


Figure 1.3: Plant based material for corrosion inhibition process for metal in corrosive medium.

1.8. Properties of Corrosion Inhibitors

The effectiveness of a corrosion inhibitor depends on following factors:

- (i) Strong adsorption onto metal surface
- (ii) Increasing or decreasing the anodic and/or cathodic reaction
- (iii) Decreasing the diffusion rate for reactants to the surface of the metal
- (iv) Decreasing the electrical resistance of the metal surface.

1.9. Green Inhibitors

Green corrosion inhibitors are eco-friendly and do not contain heavy metals or other hazardous compounds. An inhibitor is a material (or a mixture of substances) added in a very low concentration to treat the surface of a metal that is uncovered to a corrosive environment that terminates or diminishes the corrosion of a metal.

1.10. Outline of Present Work

Carbon steel is the most worldwide used material for industrial and domestic applications because of its good mechanical strength, availability and relatively

reasonable cost. However, due to its susceptibility to corrosion attacks, one or more of the corrosion protections is prerequisite prior to its use. Several methods have been investigated and implemented to reduce the corrosion process and extend the life time of the structures including design modification, coating, and cathodic protection. The corrosion inhibition by chemical additives is of great importance and become more common in protecting carbon steel particularly for internal corrosion. However, because of more and more restricted environment regulations, development of a new non-toxic, environment friendly inhibitors are of high priority in corrosion research. As an environmental interest, the use of natural products has received an enhanced attention for greener and safer environmental protection. Several scientific studies have reported different bioactivities of natural products, abundant availability, biocompatibility, low toxicity, and environmental responsibility.

Acid solutions are often used in industry for cleaning, descaling and pickling of steel structures, processes which are normally followed by considerable dissolution of the metal. A useful method to protect metals and alloys in aggressive environments against corrosion is the addition of corrosion inhibitor to the solution in contact with the surface in order to inhibit the corrosion reaction and to reduce the corrosion rate. Large number of organic compounds are studied to investigate their corrosion inhibition potential. Studies revealed that organic compounds especially those with heteroatoms, such as nitrogen, sulphur, oxygen and heterocyclic compounds with polar functional groups and multiple bonds show significant inhibition efficiency

The present study is a step forward in this direction. Plants are even an integral part of human life. Their physical and chemical properties provide not only an

invaluable source of food but also a wealth of raw materials, which fulfil daily requirements of fuel, fodder and medicine etc. Considering this, the global interest has increased to utilize the wild plant resources. This scenario has led us to search new alternatives. These species form an important source as a supplement or substitute food at the time of scarcity and play a major role in addressing the nutritional requirement for the inhabitants of the hill region. A wide variety of fruits, roots and other parts of plants are collected from the nature and consumed by rural masses for various applications.

Mizoram is one of the important biodiversity hotspots located in the North East part of India. The intense biodiversity and climate have favoured a complex flora and fauna. Therefore, local tribal have been collected valuable plants for their livelihood and curing diseases. Traditional knowledge is providing them to use medicinal plants for curing antiviral, inflammatory and various other diseases (Hazarika, and Nautiyal, 2012; Kar et al., 2013; Hazarika et al., 2016). The result of literature survey reveals that the plants of this region are still in initial stage of study and phytochemicals are yet to be explored extensively for their chemical and biological behaviour. Therefore, it becomes of great interest to take up the investigation on chemical constituents of certain plants of Mizoram.

In our laboratory, much work is conducted to study the various phytochemicals and we studied the abundantly available folklore medicine such as *Eryngium foetidum* L, *Polygonum plbeium*, *Mimosa pudica* and *Prunus cerasoides* which are locally used for the treatment of skin disease. We determined the trace element in these selected ethno-medicinal plants, which is part of various enzymes and responsible for curing of skin disease. Trace elements contents in the selected traditional medicinal plants used for

curing skin diseases by Mizo people (Rajan et al., 2014). Analysis of trace elements in these plants revealed that iron concentration was observed with the highest concentration in all the medicinal plants studied as compared to other trace elements recorded. Several studies have shown the important role of iron availability and correlating with the bactericidal effect. It is found the medicinal plants from Mizoram are nontoxic and loaded valuable phytochemicals along with significant amount of trace metals for curing for human disease, which has been already established in studies.

Our focus in the present research plan is to evaluate natural products, which are more specifically the extract from medicinal plants. The plant extract has been studied little in context of environmental engineering and environmental chemistry research. The adsorption and corrosion inhibitive properties of medicinal plants in acid solutions are known for centuries. An increase in the resistance to electrochemical degradation has been observed in various plant extracts. The electrically insulating nature of phytochemical, in contrast with metal, is anticipated to favour the plant extract as a corrosion inhibiting and suppressing agent. We have already observed that crude extract from medicinal plant can act as an anti-corrosive agent.

In continuation of our earlier work on medicinal plant, the present work is focussed to investigate the corrosion inhibition properties of some commonly available medicinal plant in Mizoram, India. For the same, five plants are selected on account of their anti-corrosion based primarily on the literature survey along with their several uses in day to day life of people. In the present work, extract of plants is investigated to find a promising corrosion inhibitor for carbon steel. In plants a class of chemical compounds sharing the functional group in which hetero-atom are found. The nontoxic nature of

such plants makes the investigation, for its corrosion inhibition property, valuable to produce environmentally friendly inhibitors. Only a few studies have been carried out testing and evaluating plant extract from north east region as corrosion inhibitor for mild steel as illustrated in the literature review chapter. For the present study, we have selected five following plants for evaluation of anti-corrosive property.

1.11.1. *Allium hookeri*

Classification

Family	Amaryllidaceae
Subfamily	Allioidae
Genus	<i>Allium</i>
Species	<i>hookeri</i>



Figure 1.4: *Allium hookeri*.

Figure 1.4 shows the image of *Allium hookeri* (Eng. Hookeri chives, Mizo-Mizopurun), which is used in Mizoram as a condiment and vegetable soup and it is a perennial plant with fibrous root system. The plant is having a wide distribution on Mizoram hills. This herb has been used as a flavouring agent and treatment of various diseases. It was found that *A. hookeri* is not only beneficial biologically, but also it has corrosion inhibiting property to control corrosion reaction of some metallic material.

A. hookeri contains the trace elements, which may play a role in the control of corrosion process by synergetic effect. This is reason to investigate chemical elements and compounds present in *A. hookeri* fibrous root. The objective of the present study is

to carryout phytochemical screening after evaluating its methanolic extract for corrosion inhibiting property.

1.11.2. *Clerodendrum colebrookianum*

Classification:

Family	Lamiaceae
Genus	<i>Clerodendrum</i>
Species	<i>colebrookianum</i>



Figure 1.5: *Clerodendrum colebrookianum* walp.

Figure 1.5 shows the image of *Clerodendrum colebrookianum* walp, it is a shrub and grows on slope of hills in Mizoram. According to some traditional healers, decoction of the leaves is used for the treatment of various diseases. A leafy part of plant is taken as a vegetable. It has been observed that wild edible plant species *Clerodendrum colebrookianum* have high nutritive value. This is the reason Mizo people traditionally used as vegetable for health. It is popular among local people to control blood pressure.

1.11.3. *Elsholtzia communis*

Classification

Family	Lamiaceae
Genus	<i>Elsholtzia</i>
Species	<i>communis</i>



Figure 1.6: *Elsholtzia communis* (a) leaves (b) inflorescence.

Figure 1.6 shows the image of *Elsholtzia communis*, this plant widely used in medicine, herbal tea, food, spices, and as a vegetable in their diet by Mizo people. These herbs are popular for flavouring agent in various local food items in Mizoram. So, evaluating their Phyto-constituents can help to understand the worth of this plant species.

1.11.4. *Melocanna baccifera*

Classification

Family Poaceae

Genus *Melocanna*

Species *baccifera*



Figure 1.7: *Melocanna baccifera*.

Figure 1.7 shows the image *Melocanna baccifera* (bamboo) and it is commonly found in Mizoram and shoot of this plant used as a favoured vegetable by local community. Literature surveys and reports of phytochemical analysis have shown that the bamboo contains several important organic compounds. This study establishes the effectiveness of plant extracts as corrosion inhibitor.

1.11.5. *Spilanthes acmella*

Figure 1.8 shows the image of *Spilanthes acmella* (para-cress or toothache plant). It is a medicinal plant and Mizo people call it “Ankas”. It has been used as a traditional medicine for toothache, rheumatism and sore throat. This plant is also popular in Mizoram due to pungent taste as vegetable form. The survey demonstrates that this plant

is beneficial for human health and is rich in bioactive components, which may play important role in corrosion inhibition of mild steel in acidic medium.

Classification

Family Compositae

Genus *Spilanthes*

Species *acmella*



Figure 1.8: *Spilanthes acmella*.

2. Methodology

Iron and its alloys are widely used as parts of military ammunitions, electronics, home appliances, industry and medical equipment. However, the mild steel is vulnerable towards the corrosion attack (Waseda and Suzuki, 2006). Surface modification is therefore required to minimize its corrosion and extend the life of same in corrosive environments. There are a variety of physical and chemical treatments like coating, anodizing and inhibitors, which are used for the metal–solution interface and act as a barrier by separating the metal surface from the corrodent (de la Fuente et al., 2011). The use of inhibitors is one of the most practical methods for protection of metal in aggressive medium.

The present chapter deals with the description of methods used in characterization of the plant material and the corrosion monitoring techniques. The corrosion inhibitive effect of root of *Allium hookeri*, leaves of *Clerodendrum colebrookianum*, inflorescence of *Elsholtzia communis*, leaves of *Melocanna baccifera* and aerial part of *Spilanthes acmella* in 1N HCl on mild steel was carried out using weight loss, potentiodynamic polarization, and electrochemical impedance methods. Moreover, the surface morphology and characterization of samples were conducted by the FT-IR and SEM.

2.1. Material

2.1.1. Inhibitor

In the modern time, traditional and herbal medicines including edible plants are in practice to use as raw material in industries for the production of valuable organic compounds because of its natural abundance and cost effectiveness. Many medicinal

plants are often used at commercial level. Economically important plants serve as sources of valuable industrial products. Nowadays, new trend has emerged to use the prevention of metal corrosion during its finishing process. It has been a great success in the industry due to its eco-friendly nature and for contaminant free environment. Hence, we are interested to characterize the phytochemicals as possible corrosion inhibitors.

The medicinal plant products are selected for the present research work. Selection of medicinal plant is important in development of a plant based herbal medicine and non-poisonous eatable products. Present study is focused on analyzing the corrosion inhibition properties of selected plants in 1N HCl. These plants have been used for the treatment of various diseases and the medicinal values of these extracts are due to presence of active phytoconstituents present (Khomdram et al., 2011; Yomgam et al., 2017).

On the basis of leads available from folk usage and experimental studies *Allium hookeri*, *Clerodendrum colebrookianum*, *Elsholtzia communis*, *Melocanna baccifera* and *Spilanthes acmella* are selected, which are widely distributed in Mizoram, India. The alcoholic fractions of these plants are reported for antidiabetic, anti-hypercholesteremia and anthelmintic activity (Nath and Bordoloi, 1991; Bhardwaj and Gakhar, 2005). However, the corrosion inhibition activities of these plant extracts are yet to be explored.

The selective plants are purchased from local markets of Aizawl, washed thoroughly with distilled water and dried at room temperature for 10 days. Infected part of plant samples is discarded due to loss of important phytochemical. Plant samples are washed under running distilled water and shade drying for higher composition of

chemical constituents. Drying the plants is the most important part as it helps in retaining the active ingredients in its natural form in the dried herbal preparation. Further, it is important to extract the active phytochemical constituents and recommended method in retention of plant compounds.

2.1.2. Solvent

The most suitable solvent for the extraction of phytochemicals is aqueous methanol. The methanol is known as a good solvent for phytochemical extraction as it is safe for human consumption and easy to distillate off (Thouri et al., 2017). From the point of easy handling, evaporation and further solubility in acidic medium methanol is appropriate solvent used for extraction of phytochemical.

The shade dried plant was grinded to make fine powder using a mechanical grinder (Bajaj Mixer grinder). Fifty-gram of dried powder was soaked in 500 mL of solvent keeping the solvent to sample ratio 10:1 (v/w). 60% methanol was used as solvent and the extraction was conducted for 24 h at room temperature. The extract was filtered using Whatman No.1 filter paper. The filtrate was collected and the residue was re-extracted to enhance the extractants (Dhanani et al., 2017). Fresh solvents were added to the residue at the same ratio and again kept for 24 hours. This step was repeated three times in order to achieve maximal extraction of active compounds. Dried crude extracts were weighed and kept at 5°C till its further use.

2.1.3. Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry

Separation of plant phyto-constituents were separated and identified using the chromatographic technique. The chromatography works on the basis of differential affinities to the stationary phase and mobile phase (Coskun, 2016). The choice of

technique depends upon the solubility and volatilities. Gas chromatography (GC) is the best method for separating the components. The GC and Mass spectroscopic (MS) techniques are important analytical tools for the separation and determination of natural products (Patelet al., 2010; Yuan Bi-Feng, 2014). Qualitative and quantitative analysis of phytochemicals could be done using the gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (GC-MS).

The GC-MS analysis of the crude methanolic extracts of the plants was performed using the Autosystem XL Gas Chromatograph (Perkin-Elmer instrument, USA) equipped with Turbo Mass Spectrophotometer (Perkin-Elmer instrument, USA) at Sophisticated Instrumentation Centre for Applied Research and Training (SICART) Vallabh Vidyanagar Gujarat, India. The GC-MS method was operated by using electron impact ionization technique with two fused silica capillary columns, 30×0.25 mm ID, coated with D-I, 0.25 μ m film. Helium was used as a carrier gas at constant pressure of 100 kPa, injection port temperature of 523 K and flow rate was maintained to 20 mL/min. Temperature programmed: 343 K- 523 K at the increasing rate of 10 °C/min was used at 70 °C for 5 min and it was raised by 10 °C/min up to 250 °C after which it was kept on hold for 15 min. Chromatographic data were processed with the mass detector operated with electron impact ionization (EI) mode with ionization energy 70 eV. Samples dissolved in methanol were run fully in the range of 60-750 amu and the injection volume was 1 μ L. The obtained mass spectra of plant extract were measured by an AMDIS (Automated Mass Spectral De-convolution and Identification System) and transferred to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Mass Spectral library Search Program.

2.2. Methods

Corrosion inhibition is divided into four general categories: cleaning, inhibitor preparation, measurement of corrosion rate and confirmation of adsorption. The metallic surface after visual inspection was followed by weight measurement and finally image of metal in presence and absence of inhibitor was taken under SEM imaging. The determination of corrosion rates was determined on the basis of weight loss during the exposure in corrosive medium (Fontana and Greene, 1986; Heitz et al., 1992; Shreir et al., 1994; Koch et al., 2016).

2.2.1. Material Preparation

Shape and morphology of the metal play an important role in obtaining uniform corrosion rate in the corrosive medium. Microscopic investigation of corrosion product requires extra care in the preparation of metal specimens. The most important for corrosion inhibition, the structure of the metal surface must be taken flat, scratch-free and mirror surface. Mild steel (MS) was cut into rectangular shape of 2 x 2 x 0.5 cm size containing 0.09 wt. % (C), 0.51 wt. % (Mn), 1.5 wt. % (Cr), 0.0219 wt. % (Si), 0.012 wt. % (P); 0.009 wt. % (Ni), remaining iron. The sheet was used for present study. Mechanical and chemical cleaning techniques were used to remove organic and inorganic contaminants present on the surface of metallic sheet. They were invariably used to remove corrosion products from the metal surface. Before each test, specimens were successively polished (mechanical cleaning) with different grades of emery paper up to 2000 grade and finally, polished with alumina abrasive to obtain mirror finish and washed with acetone to remove organic contaminants from metal surface if any. The

same procedures were adopted with mild steel coupons in all measurements. The tests were carried out at various temperatures controlled by a water bath.

2.2.2. Measurement of Corrosion Rates

There are three main methods that are used to measure the corrosion rate (Bardel, 2004):

a) Reduction in thickness of the metal per unit time: Measurement of corrosion rates for mild steel by thickness reduction per unit time is most significant method. In the metric system this may be expressed as millimeter per year (mm/year) or mils per year (mpy) or inches per year.

b) Weight loss of metal per unit area time: Weight loss per unit area and per unit time is simplest and established method, because weight loss is directly related to surface area of the specimen. In this technique without sophisticated equipment, the result is reliable due to it is direct measurement is obtained without disruption of the metal substrate.

c) Corrosion current density: On this basis of weight losses per unit area/density, it is possible to obtain the corrosion rate which is equivalent to ions losses from metallic specimen. This type of ions losses is expressed as the corrosion current density. It is a directly related with electrochemical reaction as well as measurement for cathodic and anodic protection efficiency of inhibitor molecule in acidic medium.

2.2.3. Gravimetric Measurements

Corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency of five plant extracts were estimated by weight loss method. Gravimetric measurements were conducted by suspending the mechanically polished pre-weighed mild steel surface of the mild steel sample in 100 mL test solutions for specific time period (3h) with and without addition of different

concentrations of plants extracts (0.1g/L-0.5 g/L) at temperature range 300 K – 333 K. Then the corroding specimens were washed with water followed by acetone and dried for its weight measurement.

The variation of corrosion rate (C_{rate}) and inhibition efficiency (%IE) as a function of inhibitor concentration in acid media in absence and presence of methanolic extract of plants were calculated by standard method given in literatures. C_{rate} and %IE were calculated by using following equations:

$$\frac{W}{A \times t} = \frac{C_{rate}}{1000} \quad (1)$$

$$\% IE = \frac{(C_{rate (blank)} - C_{rate (inh)})}{C_{rate (blank)}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

Where, W is the average weight loss in mg, A is the total area of MS specimen 6.6572 cm² for all studies, t is the immersion time (3h). In equation 2, $C_{rate (blank)}$ and $C_{rate (inh)}$ are the corrosion rates without and with inhibitor, respectively. The covered surface area of the mild steel specimens after exposing to 1 N HCl solution in absence and present of the inhibitors is given as:

$$\% IE = \frac{(C_{rate (blank)} - C_{rate (inh)})}{C_{rate (blank)}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

2.2.3.1. Adsorption Isotherm

The inhibition mechanism of inhibitors was estimated by K_{inh} values, which has been determined from gravimetric analysis at different concentrations of plant extracts. Langmuir’s adsorption isotherm is the simplest one and tested at first. A correlation between K_{inh} and inhibitor concentration in acidic medium for Langmuir’s adsorption model is reported by various workers as (El-Haddad, 2016)

$$\frac{C_{rate}}{C_{rate (blank)}} = \frac{K_{inh} \times [I]}{1 + K_{inh} \times [I]} \quad (4)$$

where K_{ads} is the equilibrium constant for adsorption-desorption equilibrium (K_{ads}) and C_{inh} is the inhibitor concentration in g/L. $\ln \left(\frac{K_{ads}}{C_{inh}} \right)$ versus C_{inh} was plotted at a constant temperature (300 K-330 K). The equilibrium constant related to standard free energy of adsorption (ΔG°) as follows:

$$\ln \left(\frac{K_{ads}}{C_{inh}} \right) = \frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{RT} \quad (5)$$

where R is gas constant, T is the working temperature and 55.5 is the value of concentration of water in solution in mol/L.

2.2.3.2. Temperature Effect

A rise in the temperature of the corrosive medium accelerates the hydrogen evolution process and hence the corrosion rate. The decrease in %IE and increase in the corrosion rate with rise in temperature is attributed to desorption of the inhibitor molecules from the mild steel surface and increase in exposure area of metal surface in corrosive acidic medium. The decrease in the adsorption at higher temperature indicated that physical adsorption of inhibitor took place onto the mild steel surface.

The adsorption of inhibitors on the metal surface depends on the structure and electronic properties of inhibitor molecules, electrochemical potentials at the metal-test solution interface and the temperature of corrosive medium. The effect of temperature on the corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency of plant extracts for mild steel corrosion in 1 N HCl was studied using weight loss methods. Further, the inhibition efficiency, adsorption constant, correlation coefficient and ΔG° obtained by weight loss measurements in presence of extract at different concentrations (0.1g/L – 0.5g/L) and temperatures (300 K- 333 K) are presented. The values of apparent activation energy

(E_a) for corrosion process were calculated in absence and presence of different concentrations of inhibitors using Arrhenius equation:

$$-\frac{E_a}{R} + \ln A \quad (6)$$

Where, E_a is the apparent activation energy, A is the frequency factor, T is the absolute temperature and R (8.314 J/ mol K) is the molar gas constant. The change of enthalpy of activation (ΔH_a) and change of entropy of activation (ΔS_a) for corrosion reactions were determined through Eyring transition state equation:

$$\ln \frac{C}{T} = \ln \frac{A}{h} - \frac{E_a}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S_a}{R} \quad (7)$$

here h and N_A are Plank's constant and Avogadro number, respectively. The rest of the terms have their usual meaning. Plots of $\ln C/T$ versus $1/T$ for blank and for different concentrations of plant extracts gave straight lines with a slope ($-\Delta H_a/2.303R$) and an intercept of $[(\ln(R/Nh) + (\Delta S_a/2.303R))]$ on y-axis of these straight lines. The values of E and ΔH_a are close to each other as expected for the corrosion process in electrolytic solution.

2.2.4. Electrochemical Measurements

The electrochemical measurements were performed using AUTOLAB (PGSTATE 12/20/302; Netherland) Potentiostat instrument with GPES software assembled with three electrodes at 300 K. A mild steel specimen in test electrolytic solution with an exposed area of 0.75 cm² was used as working electrode. Graphite rod and Ag/AgCl electrode with Luggin capillary were used as counter and reference electrodes, respectively. The exposed surface area of counter electrode is also 0.75 cm². Prior to each measurement for polarization curves and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), the MS specimens were mechanically abraded with emery papers

from 80 grit to 2000 grit, respectively and then exposed to the corrosive medium at steady-state open circuit potentials (OCP) for 3h at 300 K to attain an equilibrium state. The polarization resistance was measured for MS specimen in 1 N HCl in absence and presence of different concentrations of plant extract in the potential range from -0.650 V to 0.650 V versus OCP at a scan rate of 0.001 V/s.

Electrochemical impedance spectroscopic (EIS) studies were carried out in inhibiting and non-inhibiting electrolytic solutions with similar three electrodes configuration as per the polarization study using a Gamry Instruments Reference 600 Potentiostat/Galvanostat/Zero Resistance Ammeter (ZRA). Impedance measurements were performed at open circuit potential (OCP) by the application of a periodic small amplitude (10 mV) ac voltage signal with a wide spectrum of frequency range from 100 kHz to 0.01 Hz. The impedance data was analyzed using the Nyquist plots. All the above measurements were repeated thrice for reproducibility of results and an average value was reported.

2.2.4.1. Potentiodynamic Polarization Measurements

The cathodic and anodic current – potential were measured for MS specimens in absence and presence of various concentrations of plants extract (0.1 – 0.5 g/ L) in 1 N HCl solutions at 300 K using Tafel polarization method. The electrochemical parameters such as corrosion current density (I_{corr}), corrosion potential (E_{corr}) and cathodic and anodic Tafel slopes (β_a and β_c) were extracted by extrapolation of the linear segments of the cathodic and anodic curves up to their intersection.

The C_{rate} and I_{corr} of MS specimen in 1 N HCl solutions with and without different concentrations of plant extract were calculated by Tafel polarization data using following equations:

$$C_{\text{rate}} = \frac{I_{\text{corr}} \cdot EW}{D} \quad (8)$$

$$I_{\text{corr}} = \frac{C_{\text{rate}} \cdot D}{EW} \quad (9)$$

$$(\%) = \frac{I_{\text{corr}}}{I_{\text{corr}_0}} \cdot 100 \quad (10)$$

Where C_{rate} is corrosion rate in mm/year, I_{corr} is corrosion current density in A/cm², EW is equivalent weight of mild steel specimen in gram/equivalent and D is density of the specimen under investigation.

2.2.4.2. Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

EIS has been performed to confirm the adsorption of inhibitor molecules on to the MS surface. This study provides the information regarding metal dissolution in corrosive medium through electrochemical characteristics such as metal/solution interfacial double layer capacitance (C_{dl}), charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}) and solution resistance (R_s), which are extracted from intercept at the high frequency region and at the low frequency region (R_{ct}) on the real and imaginary axes, respectively. The impedance spectra were analyzed by fitting to the equivalent circuit model, which built by the Z-view software. The C_{dl} was calculated by following equation:

$$C_{\text{dl}} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{\text{max}} R_{\text{ct}}} \quad (11)$$

where f_{max} is the frequency at which imaginary part of the impedance is maximum. The Nyquist plots (impedance diagram) obtained by measuring the AC impedance for mild

steel in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and presence of various concentrations of plants extracts.

2.2.5. Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) Spectroscopic and Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Analyses

FT-IR analysis was carried out to identify the bonding sites present in the methanolic extract of plants as well in the abraded protective films of mild steel surface as dissolved in the highest concentration of plant extract in 1 N HCl solution for 3 h at 300 K and 303 K (Gadow et al., 2017). The test solutions were applied on the glass plate and the FT-IR data recorded in the wave number range $4000\text{-}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ using the Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR spectrometer.

The microscopic studies for the effect of plant extract onto corrosion reaction, metal dissolution and structural change of mild steel were carried out using the Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) imaging technique. It was used to identify the grain size and its distribution as well the intensity of corrosion product on metal surface by which corrosion inhibitive properties of the inhibitor on metal surface was confirmed. The result of microstructure studies indicated the corrosion of metal and expected behavior in a given corrosive medium.

The surface morphology of the mild steel samples in pure state as well as after immersion in 1 N HCl with and without highest concentration of plant extracts were investigated using methanolic extract of plant extracts exposed for 3 h at 300 K using A Carl Zeiss LEO SUPRA 50VP FE-SEM at an accelerating voltage at 15 keV. The mild steel specimens were carefully polished as described above and then the specimens were cleaned with distilled water, dried prior to its surface analysis.

3. Results and discussion

This chapter includes the experimental results and discussion of the present study on corrosion inhibitive action of the five different plant extracts on MS in 1 N HCl solution. The individual behaviour of each plant extract as corrosion inhibitor was briefly analysed and evaluated comparatively.

3.1. Selection of Corrosive Chemicals

Cleaning of MS related machinery is necessary for contaminate free production of product in food processing, chemical and pharmaceutical samples. The equipment gives best performance with clean and corrosion free environment. However, cleaning agent themselves corrode the equipment and increase the operational and maintenance costs (Romero et al., 2010). The practice of cleaning the metal equipment before and after installation and its operation is the most important step to maximize the production of good quality products (Rahse, 2014). This includes methods of removing oxide scale, free iron contamination, dirt and surface stain, which occur during normal interaction with the surrounding environment.

3.2. Extract of *Allium hookeri* (AH)

3.2.1. Phytochemical analysis of AH Extract by GC-MS

The inhibitive action of extracts of aromatic herbs, spices, and medicinal plants on metals and alloys corrosion in different acidic media at their optimum concentrations and temperature were reported previously (Raja and Sethuraman, 2008). The recent work on natural product extracts as green corrosion inhibitors has shown remarkable limitations due to lack of appropriate phytochemical investigation. This is worth to mention here that the present study includes the detailed phytochemical investigation of

the crude methanolic extract of AH roots using GC-MS, which helps to identify the major corrosion inhibitive components present in it. The analysis of GC-MS data of AH extract with the help of National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST) having more than 62,000 patterns (Ezhilan and Neelamegam, 2012) helps to identify several organic ingredients having different structures. The GC-MS spectra and corresponding NIST library database revealed the presence of major components as glucose derivatives viz., 2-penten-1-ol, isosorbide and mannitol. These identified compounds are listed in Table 3.2.1. Figure 3.2.1 shows the presence of glucose derivatives such as 2-penten-1-ol and isosorbide with O-atom and -bonds in AH extract. Inhibitive action of the extract of carbohydrate derivative is already reported by Yadav et al (2016). They found carbohydrate derivatives as a probable inhibitive molecule in natural plant extract.

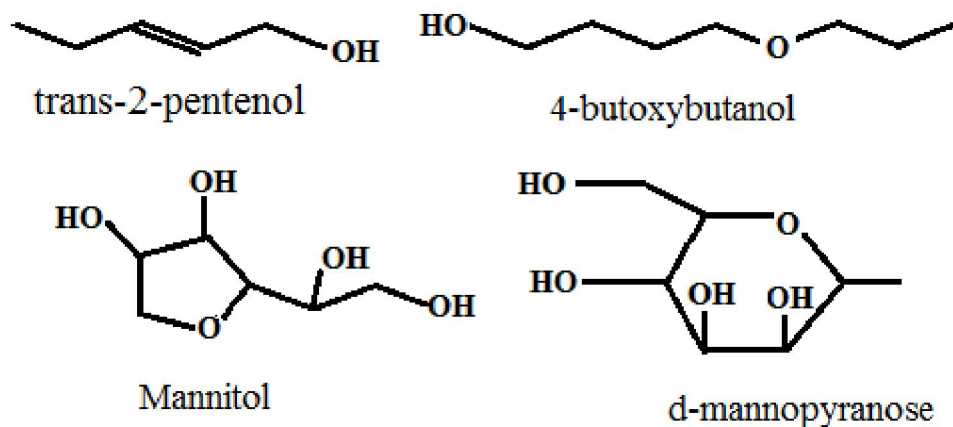


Figure 3.2.1: Main phytochemical constituents in AH extract.

Table 3.2.1: Chemical constituents present in the AH extract using the GC-MS analysis.

Hit	Rev	For	Compound name	M.W.	Formula	CAS
1	854	710	Alpha. -d-mannopyranoside, methyl 3,6-anhydro	176	C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₅	15814-56-9
2	828	699	1-butanol, 4-butoxy	146	C ₈ H ₁₈ O ₂	4161-24-4
3	825	718	1,3-propanediol,2-ethyl-2-hydroxymethyl	134	C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₃	77-99-6
4	825	722	Sucrose	342	C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O	11 57-50-1
5	816	745	2-deoxy-d-galactose	164	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₅	1949-89-9
6	809	684	1,3-propanediol,2-ethyl-2-hydroxymethyl	134	C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₃	77-99-6
7	804	710	Beta. -d-glucopyranoside, methyl 3,6-anhydro-	176	C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₅	3056-46-0
8	796	565	1,2-epoxy-3-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyloxy) propane	420	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₂ F ₁₃	122193-68-4
9	791	655	2-penten-1-ol, (e)	86	C ₅ H ₁₀ O	1576-96-1
10	781	693	(2s,3s) -(-)-3-propyloxiranemethanol	116	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₂	89321-71-1
11	770	631	Beta. -d-glucopyranose, 4-o-. beta. -d-galactopyranosyl	342	C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O ₁₁	5965-66-2
12	769	707	Isosorbide dinitrate	236	C ₆ H ₈ O ₈ N ₂	87-33-2
13	768	685	d-mannitol, 1,4-anhydro-	164	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₅	7726-97-8
14	762	564	Hydroperoxide hexyl	118	C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₂	4312-76-9
15	756	684	Isosorbide	146	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₄	652-67-5
16	755	487	d-mannitol, 1,4-anhydro-	164	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₅	7726-97-8
17	755	661	d-erythro-pentose, 2-deoxy-	134	C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₄	533-67-5
18	752	638	2,4,4-trimethyl-1-pentanol	130	C ₈ H ₁₈ O	16325-63-6
19	750	473	1,3;2,5-dimethylene-l-rhamnitol	190	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₅	900128-41-1
20	746	664	Alpha. -d-glucopyranoside, methyl 3,6-anhydro-	176	C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₅	13407-60-8

3.2.2. Gravimetric measurements of AH Extract

3.2.2.1. Effect of AH Concentration

Table 3.2.2 illustrates a rapid decrease in corrosion rate with increasing concentration of inhibitor. This is due to the fact that more inhibitor molecules are adsorbed onto the MS surface and hence, adsorption coverage eventually increases the concentration of inhibitor, which protects effectively the MS surfaces from aggressive medium (El-Etre and Abdallah, 2000). It is also observed from Table 3.2 that surface coverage () increases with the increase in inhibitor concentrations at working temperature 300 K. Similar trends were observed by Umoren et al (2004) and found efficient inhibition activity in aqueous and methanolic extract of coconut.

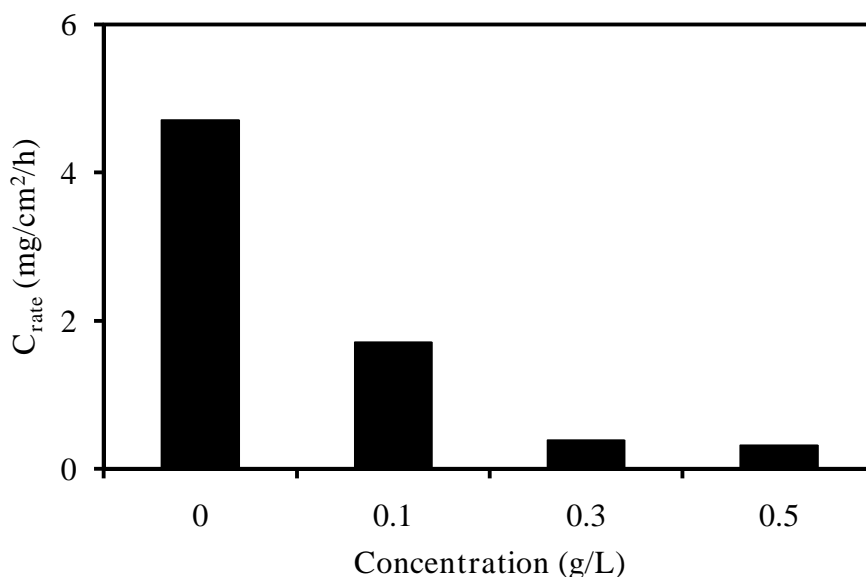


Figure 3.2.2: Variation of corrosion rate with presence of different concentration of AH extract in 1 N HCl at 300 K.

The corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl was observed as 4.71 $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2/\text{h}$ which is decreased to 0.32 $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2/\text{h}$ in present of 0.5 g/L AH extract with 93% surface coverage over MS surface. This is due to the formation of protective film of inhibitor molecule on

the MS surface (Avci and Kele , 2011).The corrosion inhibition efficiency at different concentrations of methanolic extract of AH in 1 N HCl solution has been obtained through weight loss measurements at temperature 300 K. Table 3.2.2 reveals that the inhibition efficiency increases linearly with increasing the inhibitor concentrations.

Table 3.2.2: Weight loss results for MS in 1N HCl in the absence and presence of various concentration of AH extract.

Conc. (g/L)	$C_{rate}(mg/cm^2/h)$	% IE	
Blank	4.71	---	---
0.1	1.71	63	0.63
0.3	0.39	91	0.91
0.5	0.32	93	0.93

3.2.2.2. Effect of Temperature

Figure 3.2.3 shows the inhibition efficiency as a function of temperatures. It is evident from the figure that increasing the temperature causes to decrease the corrosion reaction. This indicates that the AH is adsorbed on the MS surface physically. Similar results were reported for Punica granatum peel extract in corrosion behaviour (Behpour et al., 2012) In recent times, among the various natural products, such as the extract of Retama retam extracts (Benmenine et al., 2014)), Mangifera indica and Citrus sinensis fruit peel extracts (Cardozo da Rocha et al., 2010), Chlorophytum borivilianum root extract (Ji et al., 2013), Anacyclus pyrethrum extracts (Benali et al., 2014),

Chlorophytum borivilianum root extract (Ji, et al., 2013) are found to be effective corrosion inhibitors for steel in various corrosive solutions. The inhibition effect of the Seaweed extract on the corrosion of MS in saline solution was reported by Deyab (2016). Maximum inhibition efficiency of 93% was reported with 1.2 % (v/v) Seaweed extract at 298 K in saline solution. They also reported that the polysaccharide as carbohydrate is a major constituent of seaweed that inhibits corrosion effectively in saline solution.

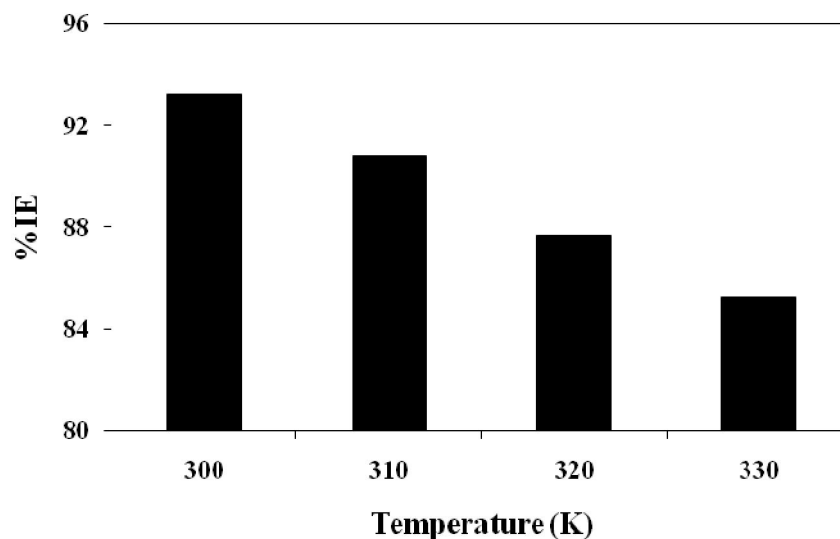


Figure 3.2.3: Variation of corrosion inhibition efficiency with temperature for 0.5 g/L of AH in 1 N HCl.

3.2.2.3. Adsorption Isotherm

The Langmuir adsorption isotherm plots presented in Figure 3.2.4, show straight lines and from the value of surface coverage, K_{ads} was calculated and reported in Table 3.2.3. It is well established that value of K_{ads} represents the strength of adsorption of inhibitor molecules in presence of various concentrations of AH extracts on the metal

surface. The lower value of K_{ads} with increasing temperature indicates strength of adsorption decreases with temperature and hence; lowers the inhibition efficiency.

Table 3.2.3: Free energy and adsorption parameters of MS in 1 N HCl containing different concentration of AH extracts.

Temp.(K)	K_{ads}	-	(kJ/mol)
300	17.98		17.45
310	14.62		17.31
320	12.55		16.56
330	10.43		16.09

It is clear from the Table 3.2.3 that AH shows highest K_{ads} value at lower temperature, which indicates that it possesses strongest adsorption on MS surface. The standard free energy in presence of AH extract at different concentrations (0.1 g/L-0.5 g/L) and temperatures (300 K- 330 K) are then obtained and presented in Table 3.2.3. These results demonstrate that negative value of standard free energy around (-20 kJ/mol), usually pointed towards the physical adsorption. However, such adsorption is not to be concluded as pure physical or chemical adsorption on the basis of free energy value. The lower value of standard free energy, in this study, pointed for dominant physisorption of AH extract on MS surface at all studied temperatures and concentrations.

Arrhenius-type thermodynamic parameters for corrosion process plays an important role in understanding the inhibitive mechanism i.e., in defining the

spontaneity of the conversion of metal to corrosion products which is formed in the environment to which the metal was exposed. The rising in activation energy value, compared to the blank solution, was generally interpreted as an indication of the formation of adsorptive film. This fact was governed by a physical (electrostatic) mechanism or a weak chemical bonding between the inhibitor molecules and the metal surface.

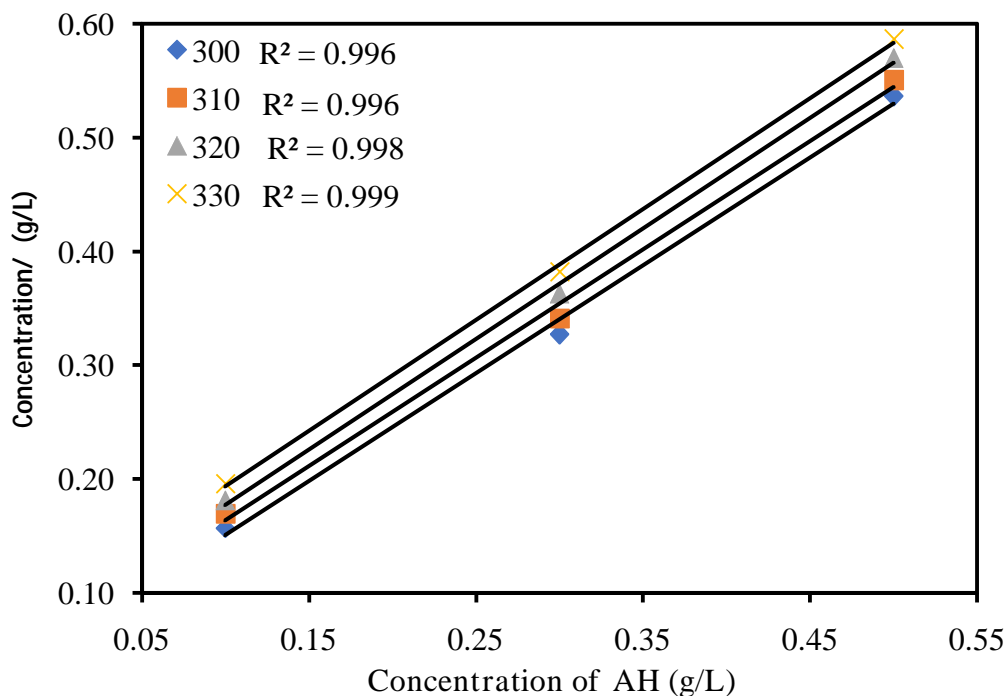


Figure 3.2.4: Langmuir adsorption isotherm for AH extract in 1 N HCl.

From Table 3.2.4, it is clear that activation energy (E_a) values in 1N HCl are increased with increasing the inhibitor concentration. The higher values of activation energy tend to create a physical barrier to charge and mass transfer of metal surface. This behaviour resulted the decrease in corrosion rate of MS in presence of inhibitor in acidic medium. The increase in activation energy is considered in terms of Arrhenius

equation model as well. The thermodynamic transition state plot of $\log (C_{\text{rate}}/T)$ vs. $1/T$ for MS at various concentrations of AH, resulted with straight lines, as shown in Figure 3.2.6. Inspection of Table 3.2.4, reveals that the H_a values for dissolution reaction of steel in AH extract containing solution i.e., in presence of inhibitors are higher (42.28 kJ/mol - 59.29 kJ/mol) than that of the absence of inhibitors (34.04 kJ/mol). The positive signs of H_a reflect the exothermic nature of steel dissolution process suggesting that the dissolution of steel is slower in presence of inhibitor. Higher value of H_a in presence of inhibitor indicates that energy barrier is raised for corroding reaction in presence of inhibitor in aggressive solution. The entropy of activation (S_a) in absence of inhibitor is higher due to the extent of more metal dissolution and presence of the inhibitor.

Table 3.2.4: Thermodynamic parameters for MS dissolution in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and presence of various concentration of AH extract.

Conc.(g/L)	(kJ/mol)	-	(J/mol/K)	E_a (kJ/mol)
Blank	34.04		118.64	36.62
0.1	42.28		99.09	44.85
0.3	57.88		59.63	60.63
0.5	59.29		57.36	61.84

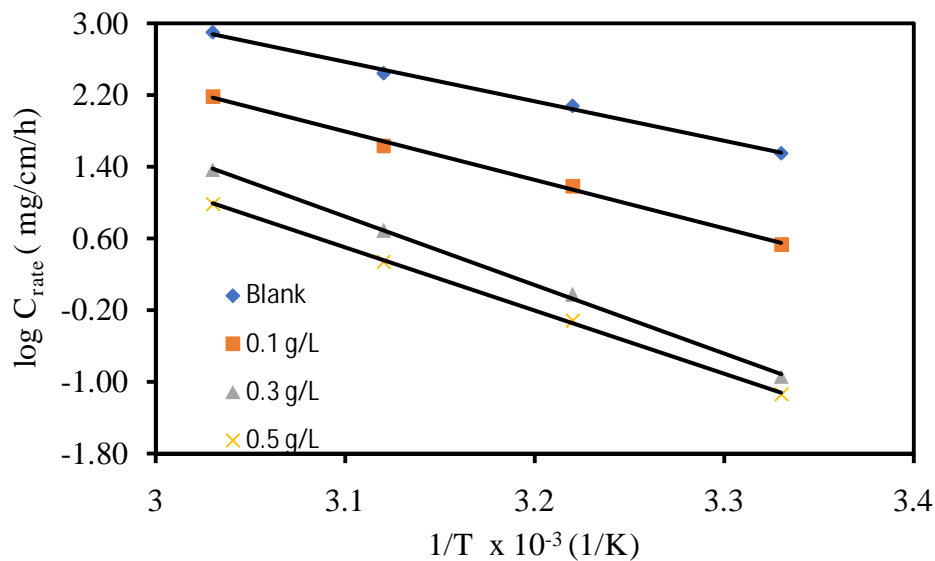


Figure 3.2.5: Arrhenius plot for MS in 1 N HCl with and without AH extract.

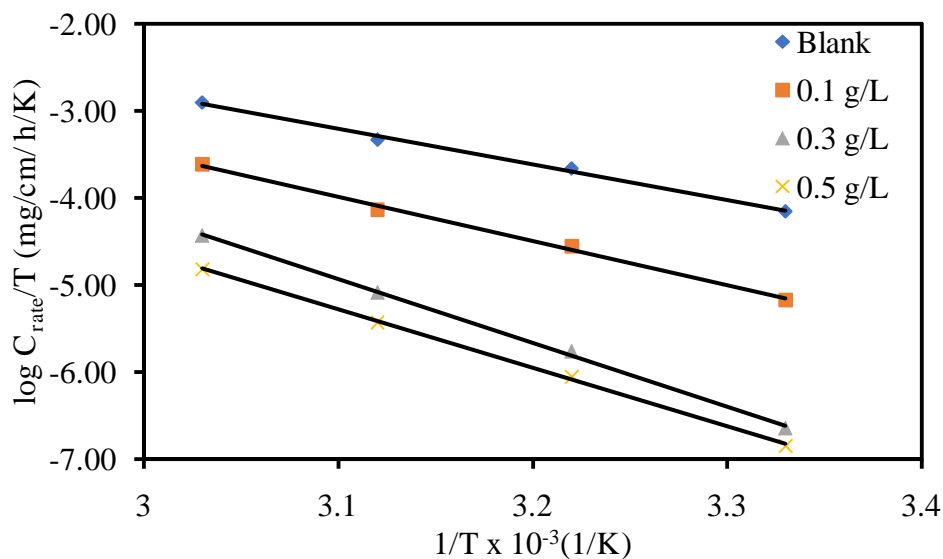


Figure 3.2.6: Transition state plot for MS in 1 N HCl containing different concentration of AH extracts.

3.2.3. Electrochemical Measurements of AH Extract

3.2.3.1. Measurement of Potentiodynamic Polarization of AH Extract

Figure 3.2.7, shows the potentiodynamic polarization behaviour of MS in 1 N HCl solution with and without different concentrations of AH (0.1 - 0.5 g/L) at

temperature 300K. The MS was exposed to test solutions for three hours with suitable arrangement of electrode for the study.

Electrochemical parameter such as corrosion potential (E_{corr}), corrosion current density (I_{corr}), cathodic and anodic Tafel slopes (β_c and β_a) which governs the corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency. The cathodic and anodic polarisation of MS in absence and presence of AH extract having different concentrations in well-defined Tafel plots are obtained (Aribo et al., 2016) and illustrated in Figure 3.2.7. It is observed from the Figure 3.2.7, that I_{corr} decreases with increasing concentration of AH extract in acidic media. The change of cathodic and anodic Tafel slopes in blank and in presence of varied concentrations of the inhibitor was also compared. This result indicates that the AH extract suppressed both the anodic and cathodic reactions (Bommersbach et al., 2005).

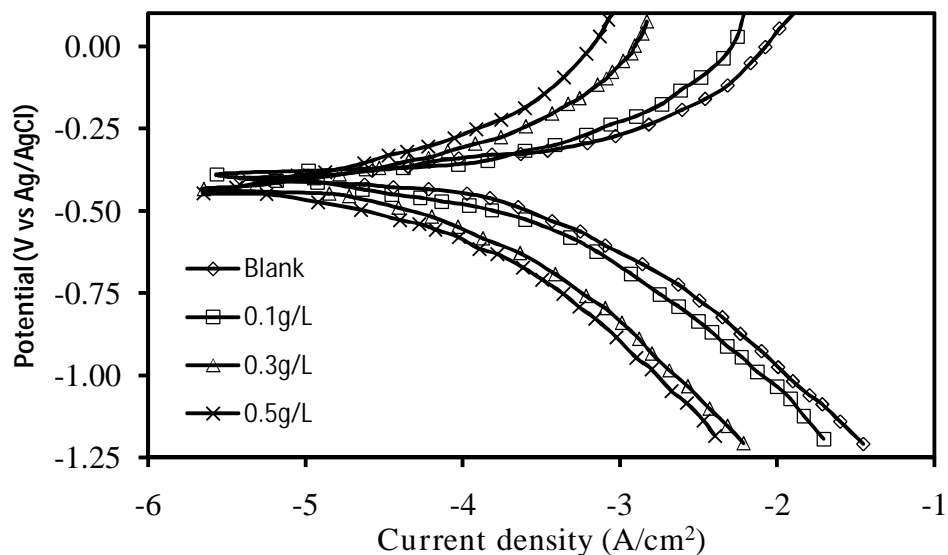


Figure 3.2.7: Tafel polarization curves for MS in 1N HCl in absence and presence of various concentrations AH extract.

Inspection of Figure 3.2.7 and Table 3.2.5 reveals that the corrosion potential shifted towards more negative value and cathodic curves shifted towards lower current densities in presence of plant extract as compared to blank. This is due to adsorption of inhibitor extract over the cathodic active corroding surface and decrease in corrosion rate. It is also observed that the anodic branches shifted towards lower corrosion current density with increasing the concentration of inhibitor and higher value of β_a over β_c . It means that the cathodic inhibition reaction is predominant.

Table 3.2.5: Tafel polarization parameters for MS corrosion in 1N HCl in the presence and absence of AH extract.

Conc. (g/L)	β_a (mV/dec)	β_c (mV/dec)	I_{corr} ($\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$)	$-E_{corr}$ (mV vs Ag/AgCl)	% IE
Blank	275	415	397	385	--
0.1	142	361	138	355	65
0.3	253	403	68	377	82
0.5	231	377	52	483	86

These observed results indicate that inhibitor suppresses the dissolution of iron whereas the variation of cathodic Tafel slope suggests the suppression of the hydrogen evolution reaction in presence of AH extract. Table 3.2.5 shows that corrosion current density is significantly decreased i.e., from $397 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ to $52 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ and the corrosion inhibition efficiency is increased from 65.30 % to 86.60 % with an increase in inhibitor concentration from 0.1 g/L to 0.5 g/L. The similar results were also reported with other

corrosion inhibitors. It was observed from the data that the addition of *A. hookeri* plant extract decreased the corrosion current density (I_{corr}). The decrease was due to the adsorption of the inhibitor on metal surface in acid solution. The efficiency of corrosion was obtained maximum at the concentration of 0.5 g/L. This result was in good agreement with the weight loss measurement (Gadow et al., 2017)

3.2.3.2. EIS of AH extract

EIS is one of the most important and easiest electrochemical tools to study the corrosion inhibition reaction. It helps to monitor the interaction between electrode and electrolyte in absence and presence of inhibitor molecule. Figure 3.2.8 represents Nyquist plots of MS in 1 N HCl solutions without and at varied concentrations of AH extract. The significant changes were observed at varied concentrations of AH extract. The formation of semicircle slope is due to charge storage as a capacitor, which is discharged through resistor and also due to double layer behaviour (Hasyim et al., 2017). As seen from Figure 3.2.8, the diameter of capacitive loop increases with increase in concentration of inhibitor. This is an indication of decrease corrosion rate due to adsorption of inhibitor species like H^+ on the electrode surface (Bayol et al., 2008; Petek and Kova i 2014). Similar trend was observed by Hoseizadeh et al (2014) and Umoren et al (2013).

The impedance diagrams (Nyquist plots) obtained show only one semicircle capacitance loop as seen from Figure 3.2.8. Semicircle shapes of Nyquist plots indicate charge transfer from metal surface during corrosion process. Impedance parameters, such as charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}), which is a measure of electron transfer across the surface and the double layer capacitance (C_{dl}) are obtained from the Nyquist plots in

Figure 3.2.8 (Muthukrishnan et al., 2015; Sethuraman et al., 2017). Fig. 3.2.8 also shows that R_{ct} is directly proportional to the diameter of the capacitive loop and inversely proportional to the corrosion rate (Bammou et al., 2014). The decrease in C_{dl} is related to increase in thickness of the double layer (Chaubey et al., 2015).

The value of R_{ct} was obtained by taking the difference of high and low frequency values of real impedance (Z_{real}). The changes of R_{ct} and C_{dl} values were attributed to the adsorption of inhibitor on the metal surface which decreases the extent of metal dissolution in corrosive medium (Karthik et al., 2015; Kumar et al., 2017). We noticed that the value of R_{ct} increases as the diameter of Nyquist loop increases with increasing concentration of AH extract, however the C_{dl} values decreases simultaneously.

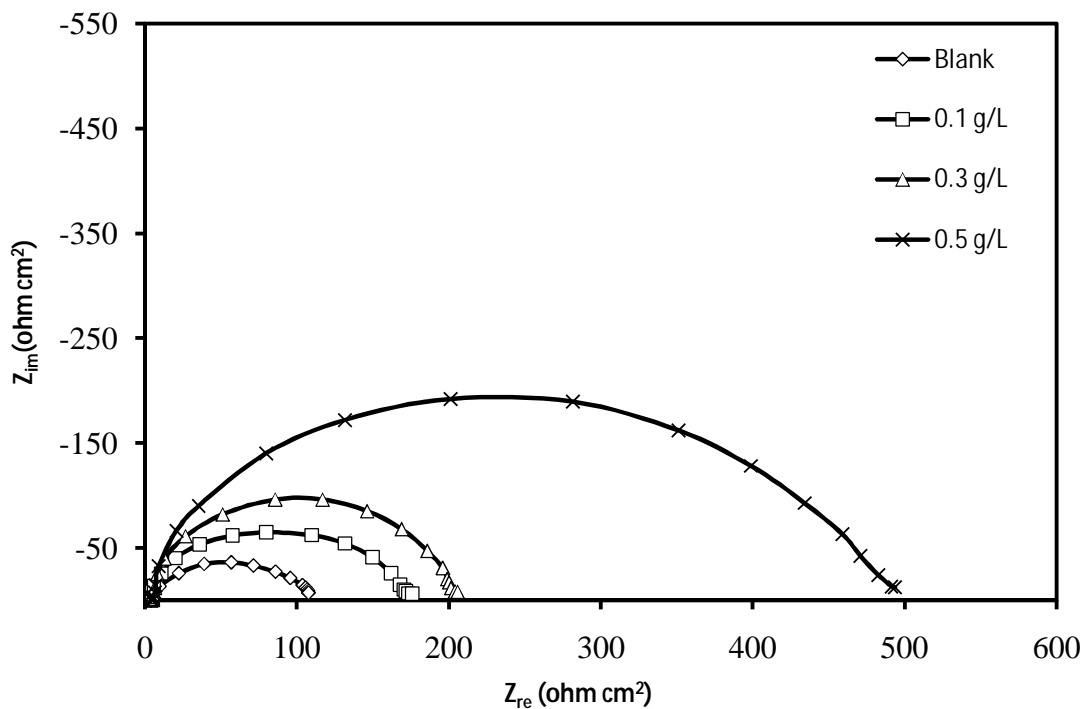


Figure 3.2.8: Nyquist plots for MS in 1 N HCl in presence and absence of different concentrations of AH extract.

The inhibition efficiency (%IE) was obtained from double layer capacitance (C_{dl}) followed by Dong et al (2011) method and listed in Table 3.2.6. Inspection of Table 3.2.6 shows that the R_{ct} increases with increasing the concentration of inhibitor due to slower corrosion rate (Zhou et al., 2017). It is also observed from Table 3.2.6 that there is significant decrease in C_{dl} on addition of inhibitor but the value increases with increasing inhibitor concentration. This result indicates that an increase in inhibitor concentration leads to the decrease in local dielectric constant or an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer and suggests that the inhibitor molecules form a protective layer at the MS metal surface (Mobin et al., 2017).

Table 3.2.6: Corrosion parameters obtained from Nyquist plot from EIS measurement of MS in 1 N HCl without and with different concentration of AH extract.

Conc. (g/L)	R_s (cm^2)	R_{ct} (cm^2)	C_{dl} ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE
Blank	4.01	103.96	386	00
0.1	4.57	171.43	116	69
0.3	4.15	201.76	50	86
0.5	4.4	489.49	20	94

These results indicate that inhibitor molecules adsorbed on metal surface and barrier between corrosive medium and metal surface (Yousefi et al., 2015). A similar trend was obtained from potentiodynamic polarization curves also (Li et al., 2016; Gupta et al., 2017). The increasing diameter of semicircle, which is to be characterized

by the values of R_{ct} (charge transfer resistance) with inhibitor concentration, indicates the formation of protective layer on metal surface.

3.2.4. FTIR of MS and AH extract

FT-IR spectrum of inhibitor and scratched surface of corrosion product with 0.5 g/L of AH extract after corroded medium were depicted in Figure 3.2.9. The main characteristic absorption bands appeared at 3389 cm^{-1} as alcohol ($-\text{OH}$) and 2841 cm^{-1} denoted symmetric methyl ($-\text{CH}_3$) stretching band. A characteristic band appeared at 1114 cm^{-1} due to the ether band ($\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}$) and bands appeared at 1021 cm^{-1} is due to the carbon alcohol ($\text{C}-\text{OH}$) groups. In this figure also show the presence of sulphonate ester group ($\text{SO}_2-\text{O}-$) peak, which appeared at 1401 cm^{-1} in the spectrum and this bond indicate sulphur hetroatom present in Allium species.

In the spectra of scratched surface of corrosion product with 0.5 g/L which is a change in intensity of band of some important functional groups. It is also observed that the asymmetric methyl group ($-\text{CH}_3$) stretching band at 2957 cm^{-1} and thiol group ($-\text{SH}$) stretching band at 1401 cm^{-1} are completely disappeared, while some bands such as $-\text{OH}$ (3396 cm^{-1}), $-\text{C}=\text{O}$ (1639 cm^{-1}) and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ ring bending (606 cm^{-1}) shifted which may be due to adsorption of these functional groups on metal surface. This information indicates the presence of corrosion inhibitive functional groups containing hetero-atom and multiple bonds in AH extract, which block the active sites of MS surface.

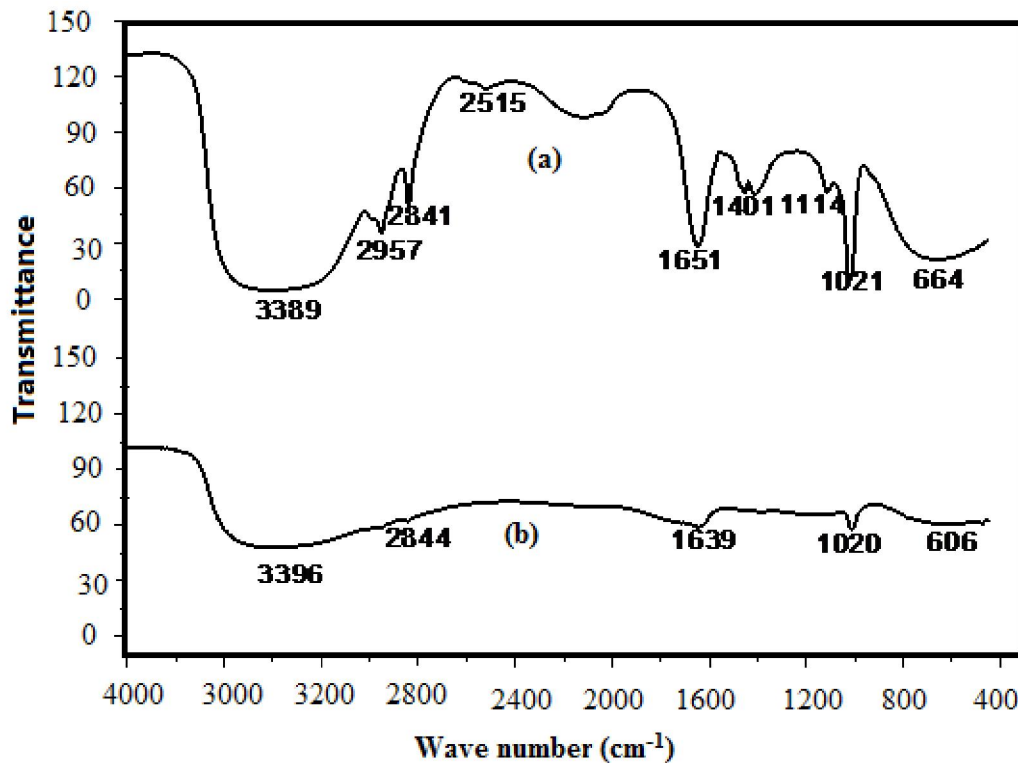


Figure 3.2.9: FT-IR spectra of (a) pure AH extract and (b) protective layer of MS after immersion for 3 h in acidic solution with 0.5 g/L of AH extract.

3.2.5. SEM of MS Surface

Microstructure study of MS surface in corrosive medium 1 N HCl was investigated in absence and presence of AH extracts at 300 K after 3-hour immersion. SEM images were obtained and results shown in Figure 3.2.10 (a-c). The clean surface obtained before immersion in test solution is shown in Figure 3.2.10 (a); it appears as a homogenous surface, Figure. 3.2.10 (b) exhibits the effect of 1 N HCl solution without inhibitor on the corrosion of MS at 300K. In the absence of inhibitor, a rough surface is observed (Figure 3.2.10(b). The metal surface is largely corroded as a result of the direct contact of MS surface with aggressive acidic solution resulted rough metal surface.

SEM image of the MS with addition of 0.5 g/L extract of AH, shows in Figure 3.2.10(c). The SEM image obtained with inhibitor is significantly different from the

blank and without inhibitor in acidic solution. The cracked surface formed on metal surface is reduced, which indicates adsorptions of inhibitor molecule on metal surface and formation of protective layer. These observations were in good agreement with the result obtained from electrochemical measurements.

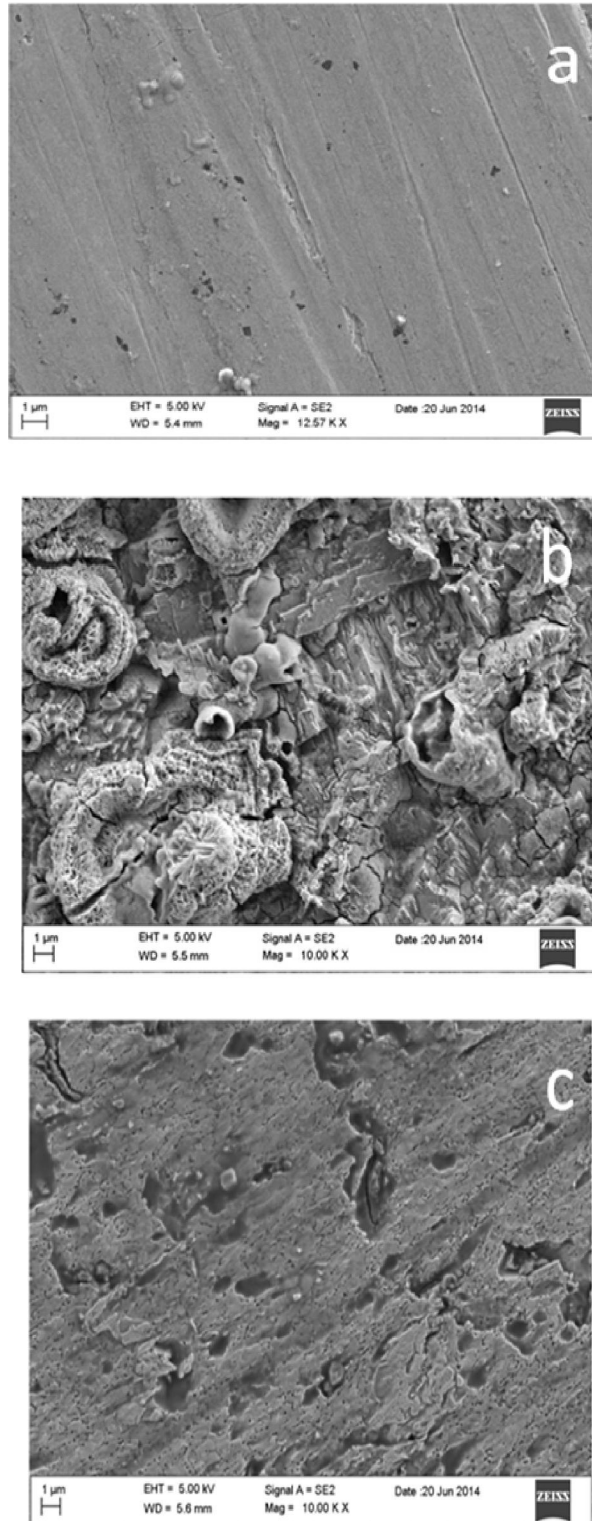


Figure 3.2.10: SEM image of MS specimen (a) before immersion in acid (b) after 3 h immersion without inhibitor (c) after 3 h immersion with the 0.5 g/L of AH.

3.2.6. Mechanism of Corrosion Inhibition of AH Extract

Figure 3.2.11 shows a probable inhibition mechanism due to adsorption of phytochemicals from AH extracts on MS surface (Guo et al., 2014). The interaction between organic molecules present in methanolic extract of AH is attributed as follows:

(i) Charge-transfer-type interaction between unshared electron pairs presents in oxygen in glucose derivative or π -electrons with empty low energy d- orbitals of Fe atom present on MS surface.

(ii) Columbic interactions between π -clouds and MS surface/solution interface or between protonated hydroxy and adsorbed Cl^- ions at cathodic sides.

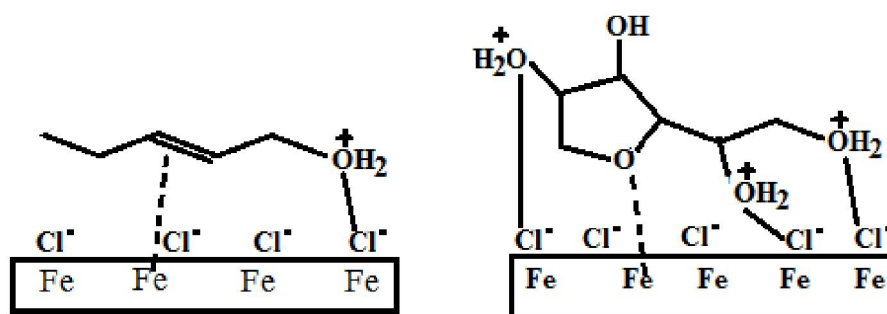


Figure 3.2.11: Schematic illustration of different modes of adsorption of AH extract on metal/acid interface.

3.3. Extract of *Clerodendrum colebrookianum* Walp Leaves (CCWL)

3.3.1. Phytochemical Analysis of CCWL by GC-MS

The use of plant extracts as green corrosion inhibitors has shown limitations of identification of active phytochemicals inhibiting the corrosion. However, the present work intended of screening the phytochemicals present with extract of CCWL using GC-MS. The GC-MS data obtained for the CCWL extract is presented in Table 3.3.1. The NIST reference was utilized for identification of various organic compounds present in the CCWL extract.

Table 3.3.1: Chemical constituents present in the CCWL extract using the GC-MS analysis.

Hit	Rev	For	Compound name	M.W.	Formula	CAS
1	918	803	Phytol	296	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	150-86-7
2	890	753	3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol	296	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	102608-53-7
3	876	777	Cyclohexanol, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	21129-27-1
4	867	769	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1s-(1. alpha.2. alpha. 5. beta].	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	2216-52-6
5	865	755	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1r-(1. alpha. 2. beta., 5. alpha].	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	2216-51-5
6	865	776	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1s-(1. alpha.2. alpha. 5. beta].	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	2216-52-6
7	859	778	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1. alpha.2. beta. 5. alpha)-	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	89-78-1
8	859	746	2,6,10-trimethylundeca-1,3-diene	194	C ₁₄ H ₂₆	900222-09-1
9	858	698	Phytol	296	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	150-86-7
10	858	761	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1s-(1. alpha. 2. beta., 5. beta)]	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	23283-97-8
11	853	737	6-octen-1-ol, 3,7-dimethyl	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	26489-01-0
12	851	755	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1. alpha. 2. beta.,5. alpha)	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	15356-70-4
13	850	754	Oxirane, tetradecyl	240	C ₁₆ H ₃₂ O	7320-37-8
14	850	746	Butanoic acid, 3,7-dimethyl-6-octenyl ester	226	C ₁₄ H ₂₆ O ₂	141-16-2
15	849	734	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1. alpha. 2. beta., 5. beta)	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	490-99-3
16	848	743	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1s-(1. alpha. 2. beta., 5. beta)]	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	23283-97-8
17	847	733	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1. alpha. 2. alpha., 5. alpha)-	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	491-02-1
18	846	748	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1. alpha. 2. beta., 5. beta)-	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	490-99-3
19	845	707	Phytol	296	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	150-86-7
20	843	723	2-octen-1-ol, 3,7-dimethyl	156	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	40607-48-5

It is difficult to find a standard sample to analyse these complex structures in sequentially. However, the GC-MS spectra along with the NIST library database (Marimuthuet al., 2013) revealed the presence of major components as cyclohexanol derivative, 3, 7, 11, 15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol, butanoic acid, 3, 7-dimethyl-6-octenyl ester and phytol (Figure 3.3.1).

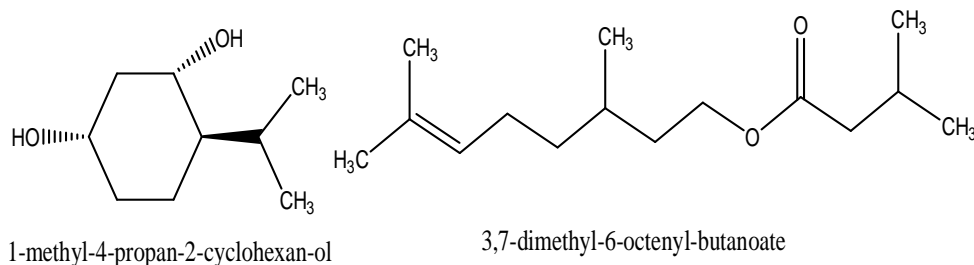


Figure 3.3.1: Main phytochemical constituents in CCWL extract.

3.3.2. Gravimetric Measurements of CCWL Extract

3.3.2.1. Effect of CCWL Concentration

Table 3.3.2 illustrates that a rapid decrease in corrosion rate was recorded by increasing the inhibitor concentrations. This is due to fact that more inhibitor molecules are adsorbed over MS surfaces and hence, adsorption coverage increases with increasing the concentration of inhibitor. This eventually protects the MS surface from aggressive acidic corrosion medium. It is also noted from Table 3.3.2 that surface coverage () is increased with an increase in inhibitor concentration at working temperature of 303 K. Similar trends were observed by Li et al (2012) in their study of inhibition efficiency of bamboo leaves in HCl and H₃PO₄ acids. The corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl was observed as 3.25 mg/cm²/h which were decreased to 0.15 mg/cm²/h in presence of 0.4 g/L of CCWL extract with 95% surface coverage over MS. Thus, it is clear from the results that the decrease in corrosion rate in the corrosive medium is due to the formation

of protective films over the MS surface in presence of inhibitor molecules (Abboud et al., 2009). Inhibitive action of the extract of Eucalyptus globules was reported by Tezeghdent et al (2015). It was further reported that eucalyptol was a probable inhibitive molecule present in Eucalyptus globules extract. Table 3.3.2 further reveals that the inhibition efficiency is increased linearly with increasing the concentration of plant extract. Similarly, the corrosion rate is decreased at higher inhibitor concentrations (Figure 3.3.2). Similar results were reported for *Occimum viridi* extract.

Table 3.3.2: Gravimetric analysis for MS in 1 N HCl at 303 K in absence and presence of various concentrations of CCWL extract.

Conc.(g/L)	C_{rate} (mg/cm ² /h)	% IE	
Blank	3.25	00	00
0.1	0.54	83.2	0.83
0.2	0.40	87.4	0.87
0.4	0.15	95.2	0.95

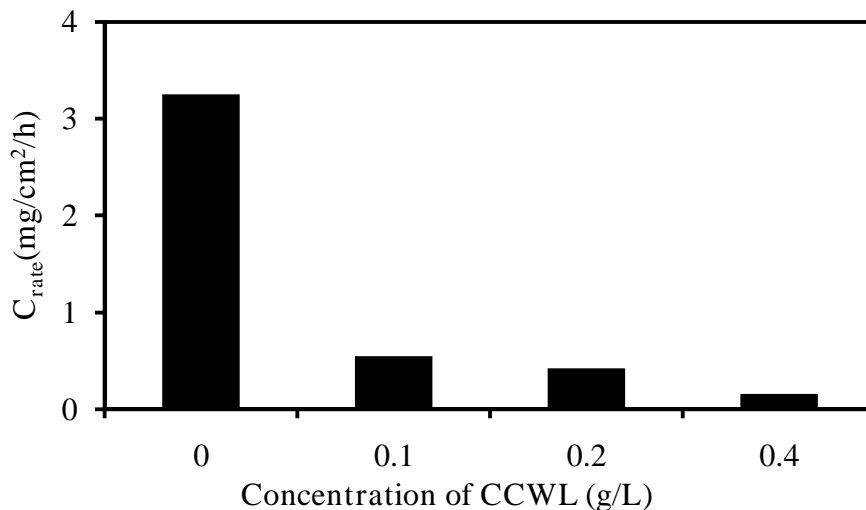


Figure 3.3.2: Variation of corrosion rate with different concentration of CCWL extract.

3.3.2.2. Effect of Temperature of CCWL Extract

The temperature effect on corrosion inhibition efficiency of MS sheet in 1N HCl was evaluated using the weight loss method at different temperatures (303 K – 333 K) and in absence and presence of CCWL extracts. The values of C_{rate} are determined by gravimetric method at different temperatures in presence of 0.4 g/L CCWL extract and results are illustrated in Figure 3.3.3.

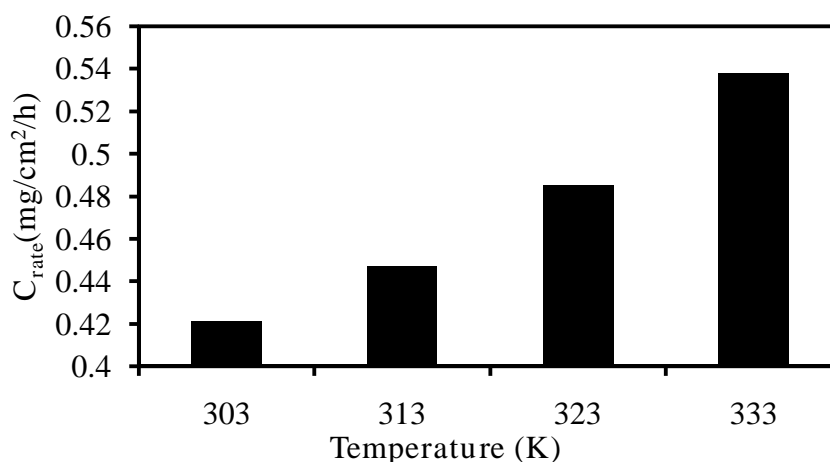


Figure 3.3.3: Variation of corrosion rate of MS at different temperatures in presence of 0.4 g/L concentration CCWL extract.

It is noticed from Figure 3.3.3 that the corrosion rate for MS at 0.4 g/L CCWL concentration in 1 N HCl is increased by raising the temperature from 303 K to 333K. The increase in corrosion rate is due to decrease in adsorption of CCWL extract on MS sheet with an increase in temperature. The inhibitor molecules diffuse into solution from MS surface with an increase in temperature and hence, more surface area of MS is exposed to acidic medium, which results in decrease of %IE. An equilibrium may be established between adsorption and desorption process in presence of inhibitors.

3.3.2.3. Adsorption isotherm of CCWL Extract

A linear relationship between $C_{inh}/$ and concentration of CCWL extract with a correlation coefficient value ($R^2 > 0.99$) is presented in Figure 3.3.4. This suggests that the adsorption of CCWL extract onto the MS surface followed Langmuir's adsorption isotherm (Li et al., 2010). The values of K_{ads} were found to decrease with increase in temperature and therefore, it is interpreted that the interaction between inhibitor molecules with metal surface is favourable at lower temperatures.

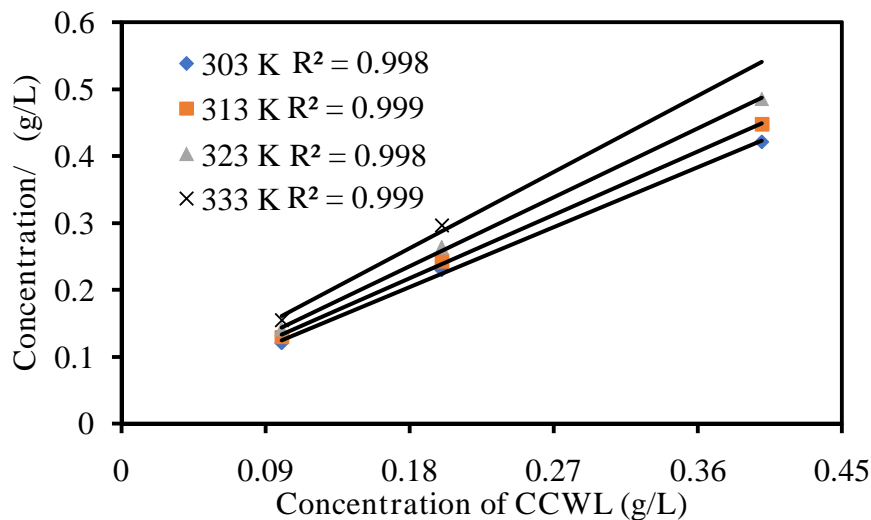


Figure 3.3.4: Langmuir adsorption isotherm in presence of CCWL extract for MS in 1 N HCl.

This finding also suggests that the physical adsorption of inhibitor took place onto the MS sheet. The corresponding value of standard adsorption free energy is found between -26.69 to -28.45 kJ/mol, which suggests that the adsorption of CCWL extract over the MS surface is physisorption by the electrostatic interactions between the inhibitor molecules and the charged metal surface (Obi-Egbedi and Obot, 2013). Further the negative values of free energy of adsorption indicate the spontaneous process of adsorption. It is worth to mention here that the other isotherms are not tested. The lower value of adsorption equilibrium constant also attributes to the, possible, weak interaction force that holds the inhibitor molecules on metal surface and inhibition process exhibited by physisorption.

Further, the understanding of corrosion inhibition was demonstrated with the help of Arrhenius plots (Figure 3.3.5) and Transition-state plots (Figure 3.3.6), respectively. The thermodynamic parameters (Table 3.3.3) showed the positive value of H_a which indicated the corrosion process is endothermic in nature, while a negative correlation is found between the values of S_a in corrosive medium.

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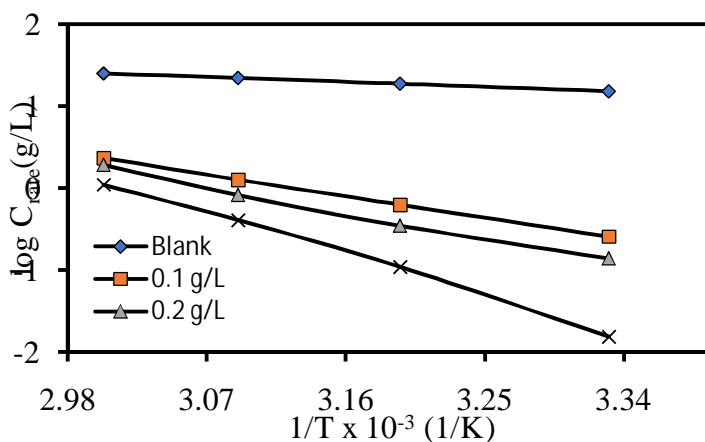


Figure 3.3.5: Arrhenius plots for MS corrosion rates versus $1/T$ in 1 N HCl in presence and absence of CCWL extracts.

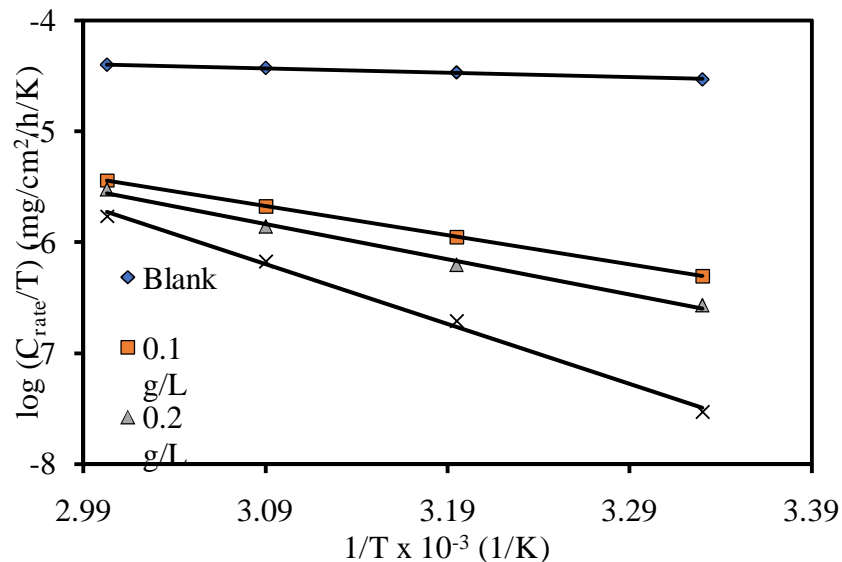


Figure 3.3.6: Transition-state plots for MS corrosion rates in 1 N HCl in absence and presence of various concentrations of CCWL extracts.

Table 3.3.3: Thermodynamic parameters for MS in acidic medium in various concentration of CCWL extract at a temperature range (303 K -333 K).

Conc.(g/L)	E_a (kJ/mol)	H_a (kJ/mol)	$-S_a$ (J/mol/K)
Blank	06.279	03.630	223.180
0.1	26.700	24.060	170.398
0.2	31.84	29.200	155.87
0.4	51.82	49.187	97.12

3.3.3. Electrochemical Measurements of CCWL extract

3.3.3.1. Measurement of Potentiodynamic Polarization of CCWL extract

Figure 3.3.7, shows the potentiodynamic polarization behaviour of MS in 1 N HCl solution without and with different concentrations of CCWL extract (0.1 g/L - 0.4 g/L) at temperature 303 K. For this study, the MS coupons were exposed to test

solutions for 3 h with suitable arrangement of electrode. It can be observed from the polarization curves that I_{corr} decreases with increasing concentration of CCWL extract in acidic media. The change of cathodic and anodic Tafel slopes in blank and in the presence of different concentrations of the inhibitor was also compared. This result indicates that the CCWL extract suppressed both the anodic and cathodic reactions (Prabakaran et al., 2016).

Inspection of the Figure 3.3.7 and Table 3.3.4 reveals that the corrosion potential shifted towards negative value and cathodic curves shifted towards lower current densities in presence of plant extract as compare to blank. This may be due to adsorption of inhibitor extract over the cathodic active corrode surface and decrease the corrosion rate. It is also observed that the anodic reaction is more dominant with increasing concentration of inhibitor (higher value of β_a over β_c). It means that the anodic reaction is predominant (Montemor, 2016). This observed phenomenon indicates that inhibitor could suppress the dissolution of iron whereas the variation of cathodic Tafel slope suggests that the suppression of the hydrogen evolution reaction by CCWL extract (Yadav et al., 2013).

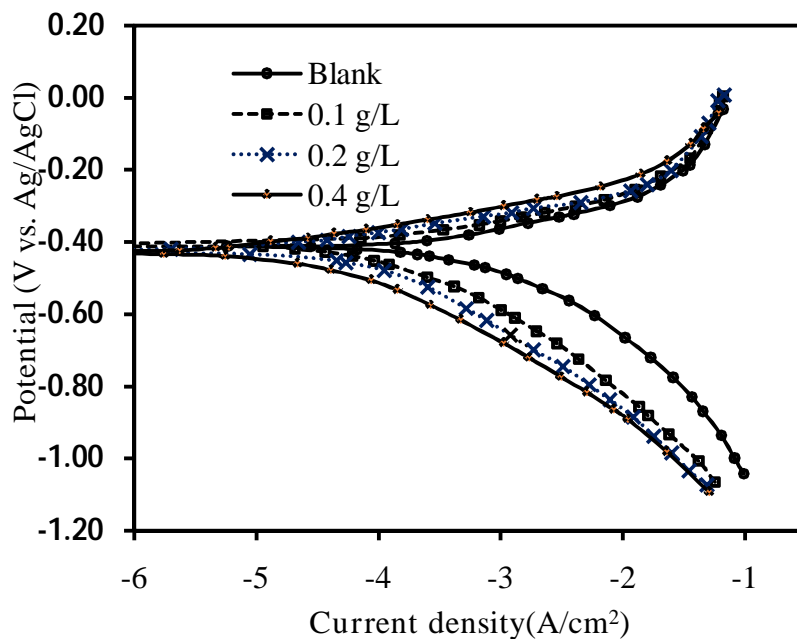


Figure 3.3.7: Polarisation curves for MS in 1N HCl in absence and presence of different concentrations of CCWL extract at 303 K.

Table 3.3.4: Electrochemical parameter obtained from low carbon steel in 1N HCl in absence and presence of different concentrations of CCWL extract at 303 K.

Conc. (g/L)	$-E_{\text{corr}}$ (mV vs Ag/AgCl)	I_{corr} ($\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE	R_{ct} (cm^2)	C_{dl} ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE
Blank	396	446.93	00.00	124.14	2801.0	00.00
0.1	424	82.80	81.45	691.74	566.0	82.05
0.2	422	49.43	88.94	752.71	546.0	83.5
0.4	407	22.50	94.96	1092.47	419.0	88.6

From Table 3.3.4, it can be seen that the corrosion current density is significantly decreased from $446.93 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ to $22.507 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ and increase of corrosion inhibition efficiency (%IE) from 81.45 to 94.96 with increasing concentration of inhibitor from 0.1 g/L to 0.4 g/L. The similar results have been reported with other corrosion inhibitor (Martinez,2003; Behpour et al., 2011).

3.3.3.2. EIS of CCWL extract

EIS is one of the most important tools for monitoring electrochemical interaction between electrode and electrolyte. Figure 3.3.8 represents Nyquist plots of MS in 1 N HCl solutions without and with different concentrations of CCWL extract. The significant impedance change was observed on addition CCWL extract. The formation of semicircle is due to charge storage as a capacitor, which is discharged through resistor as well as double layer behaviour of MS (Meng et al., 2017).

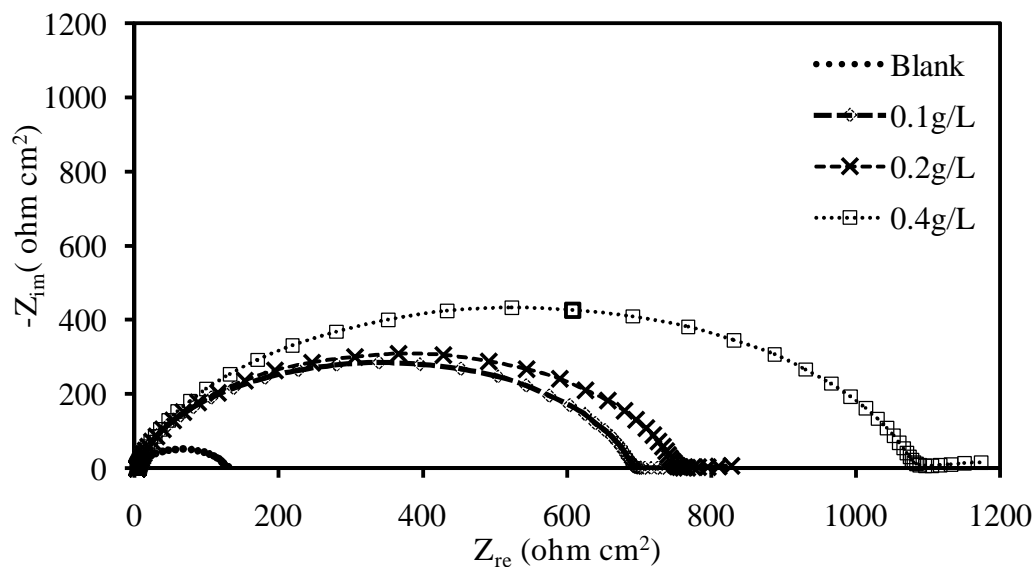


Figure 3.3.8: Nyquist plot for MS in acidic solution in absence and presence of various concentration of CCWL extract.

As seen from Figure 3.3.8, the diameter of capacitive loop increases with an increase in inhibitor concentration. This is an indication of decrease corrosion rate due to adsorption of inhibitor species or species like H^+ on the electrode surface (Noor, 2009). Similar trend was observed by Garai et al (2012) and Nataraja et al (2011). Further, the Nyquist plots show that only one semicircle capacitance loop is seen (Cf Figure 3.2.8) and semicircle shapes of Nyquist plots indicate charge transfer occurred during the corrosion process.

Inspection of Table 3.3.4 shows that the R_{ct} increases with an increase in concentration of inhibitor which is due to slower corrosion rate (Ramírez-Estrada et al., 2017) and at the highest concentration of inhibitor; the inhibition efficiency is found to maximum. It is also observed from Table 3.3.4, that there is significant decrease in C_{dl} on addition of inhibitor. This result indicates that an increase in inhibitor concentration leads to decrease the local dielectric constant or an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer and suggests that the inhibitor molecules form a protective layer at the MS surface.

3.3.4. FT-IR of MS and CCWL Extract

The formation of protective layer over MS surface was confirmed by the FT-IR spectra of CCWL extract. FT-IR analysis for pure extract and corrosive compound are presented in Figure 3.3.9. The spectrum of CCWL extract shows the presence of -OH at vibration band of 3380 cm^{-1} . However, on the CCWL covered MS surface showed that this band was shifted to 3353 cm^{-1} . The low intensity of broad peak at 3353 cm^{-1} indicates an interaction between the free -OH with charged metal surface. A characteristic peak at 629 cm^{-1} is attributed to the metal-oxygen (functional group) bond.

Moreover, peak at 2124 cm^{-1} is mainly attributed to the $\text{-C}\equiv\text{C-H}$ (terminal alkyne) and the disappearance of this peak indicates that the π -electrons of inhibitor molecules are also being involved in bonding on the metal surface. These shifting in the absorption frequencies clearly indicate that one or more phytochemicals of inhibitor are adsorbed over the MS surface (El-Etre et al., 2005; Ostovari et al., 2009).

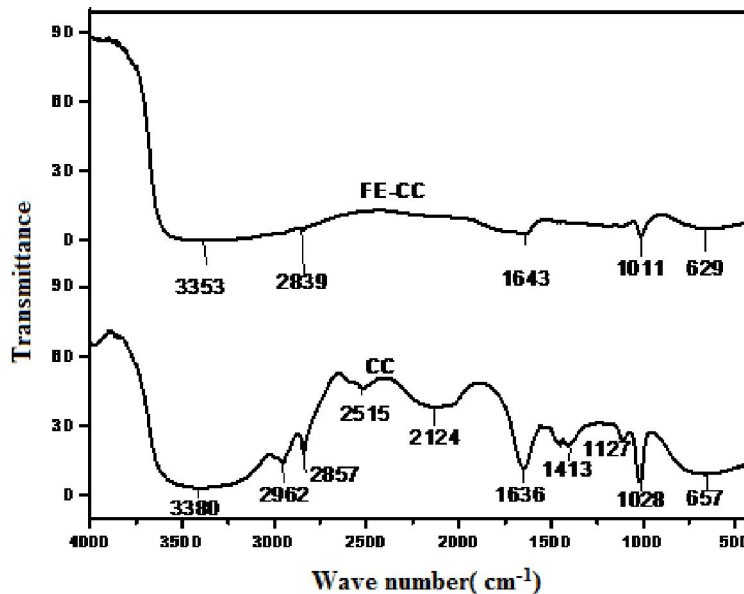


Figure 3.3.9: FT-IR spectra of (CC) pure CCWL extract and (FE-CC) protective layer developed on MS after immersion in 1 N HCl containing 0.4 g/L of CCWL extracts for 3h.

3.3.5. SEM of MS Surface

Figure 3.3.10(a-c) shows SEM images of the surface of MS before immersion and after immersion in 1 N HCl without and with 0.4g/L of CCWL extract for 3 h respectively. Figure 3.3.10(b) shows rough and cracked surface of MS in the absence of inhibitor due to metal dissolution in corrosive medium. A significant change on MS surface is observed from Figure 3.3.10(c) with 0.4g/L CCWL extracts. The dissolution of metal in corrosive medium is considerably minimized and the smooth surfaces is

appeared possibly due to uniform formation of a protective film on the metal surface compared to the polished surface shown in Figure 3.3.10(a) (Li et al., 2015). Hence, from the present study, it is concluded that the corrosion of metal was strongly inhibited by CCWL extract in 1 N HCl.

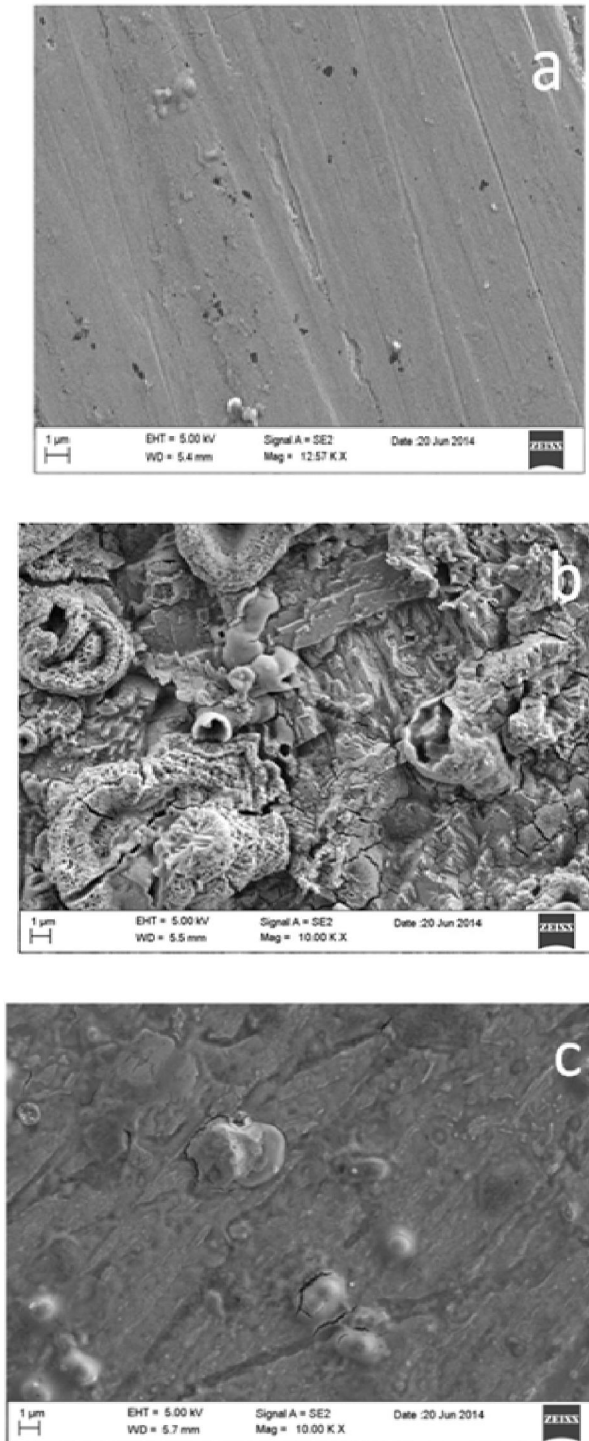


Figure 3.3.10: SEM images of MS: (a) before immersion in corrosive solution; (b) after immersion in 1 N HCl for 3 h and (c) after immersion in 1N HCl solution containing 0.4 g/L of CCWL extract for 3 h.

3.3.6. Mechanism of Corrosion Inhibition of CCWL Extract

The adsorption of inhibitor molecules on the surface of MS is having two steps process: (i) diffusion of inhibitor molecules from aqueous phase to double layer and (ii) adsorption of inhibitor over MS surface. The results obtained from GC-MS studies show the presence of various types of organic compounds present in the CCWL extract. The inhibitive action of CCWL extract on MS in corroding medium is attributed to the adsorption of these components, viz., cyclohexanol derivative containing oxygen atoms in functional groups (-OH) and butanoic acid through C=C. A molecule of small size as cyclohexanol derivative is diffused rapidly and covered the MS surface.

In acidic medium, these compounds may exist as protonated species, which interact with Cl^- on metallic surface (Figure 3.3.11). Potentiodynamic polarisation curves indicate that these inhibitor molecules retarded the corrosion by controlling both anodic and cathodic reactions. Protonated molecules adsorb on cathodic sites of MS to retard H_2 evolution process, whereas π -system adsorb on anodic sites of MS to prevent the diffusion of metal ions into aqueous phase (Yadav et al., 2015).

Proposed adsorption mechanism is indicatively understood by the FT-IR study discussed as above. FT-IR spectroscopy analysis (Figure 3.3.9) also reveals that the shifting in peaks of ν_{OH} and $\nu_{\text{C=C}}$ vibration is due to physical interaction between charged metal surface with protonated cyclohexanol and butanoic acid.

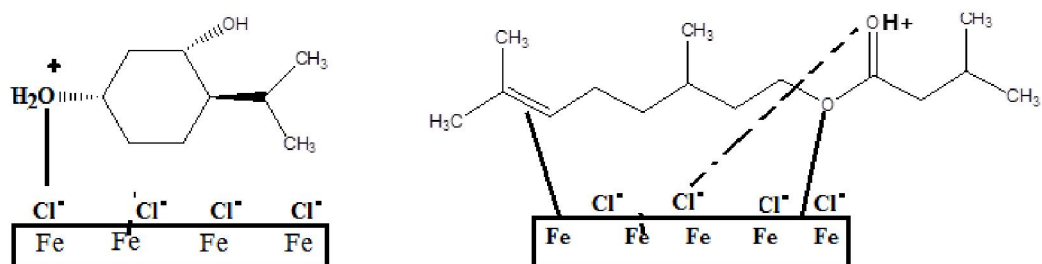


Figure 3.3.11: Schematic corrosion inhibition mechanism of main constituents compounds in crude CCWL extract.

3.4. Extract of *Elsholtzia communis* Inflorescence (ECI)

3.4.1. Phytochemical Analysis of ECI extract by GC-MS

The data obtained from the GC-MS analysis of the ECI extract is shown in Table 3.4.1 with their molecular weight. The results of GC-MS are obtained by measuring the peak area using Turbo Mass software and matched with the NIST standard library. In view of corrosion inhibition study, structures of few organic molecules are presented in Figure 3.4.1.

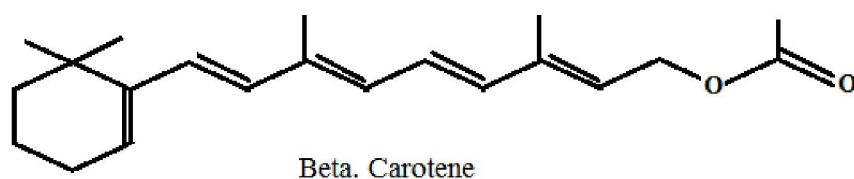


Figure 3.4.1: Main phytochemical constituents in ECI extract.

The major phytochemicals present in ECI extract are carotene, retinoic acid and retinol acetate as carotenoids derivatives. Recently, Mourya et al (2014) also reported the corrosion inhibition effect of the carotenoid derivatives. A combined GC-MS spectral data analysis reveals that the phytochemical constituents of ECI extract have potential to inhibit the acid corrosion of MS due to presence of hetero atoms and π -bonds in carotene, retinoic acid and retinol acetate.

Table 3.4.1: Chemical constituents present in the ECI extract using the GC-MS analysis.

Hit	Rev	for	Compound Name	M. W.	Formula	CAS
1	757	578	Cholesta-8, 24-Dien-3-OL, 4-Methyl-, (3. Beta, 4. alpha.)	398	C ₂₈ H ₄₆ O	7199-92-0
2	728	532	6,10-dodecadien-1-yn-3-ol, 3,7,11-Trimethyl	220	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O	2387-68-0
3	727	529	Stigmastan-6,22-Dien,3,5-Dedihydro	394	C ₂₉ H ₄₆	107304-12-1
4	727	539	17-(1,5-dimethylhexyl)-10,13-dimethyl-1,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-Dodeca	382	C ₂₇ H ₄₂ O	24116-50-5
5	723	542	Beta. Carotene	536	C ₄₀ H ₅₆	7235-40-7
6	718	508	Retinoic Acid	300	C ₂₀ H ₂₈ O ₂	302-79-4
7	716	523	Cholesta-6,22,24-Triene,4,4-dimethyl	394	C ₂₉ H ₄₆	900128-66-9
8	711	504	Retinol Acetate	328	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₂	127-47-9
9	709	559	Trans-Z. Alpha. -Bisabolene Epoxide	220	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O	900131-71-1
10	708	528	Kryptogenin 2,4-Dinitro Phenyl Hydrazone	790	C ₃₉ H ₅₀ O ₁₀ N ₈	900253-58-5
11	705	495	8A(2H)-phenanthrenol,7-Ethenyl Dodecahydro-1,1,4A,7-Tetramethyl	332	C ₂₂ H ₃₆ O ₂	41756-14-3
12	693	495	Kauren-18-ol, Acetate, (4. beta.)	330	C ₂₂ H ₃₄ O ₂	72150-74-4
13	692	468	Beta. Carotene	536	C ₄₀ H ₅₆	7235-40-7
14	690	512	Olean-12-en-28-al, Cyclic 1,2-Ethanediyyl Mercaptal	500	C ₃₂ H ₅₂ S ₂	54446-81-0
15	689	478	26-hydroxy Cholesterol	402	C ₂₇ H ₄₆ O ₂	13095-61-9
16	686	476	StigmasterylTosylate	566	C ₃₆ H ₅₄ O ₃ S	53139-42-7
17	674	529	Pentacyclo[9.1.0.0(2,4).0(5,7).0(8,10)]Dodecane, 3,3,6,6,9,9,12,12-Octamethyl	272	C ₂₀ H ₃₂	75349-96-1
18	659	508	2-hydroxy-1,1,10-Trimethyl-6,9-Epidioxy-7-Octalin	224	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O ₃	108511-80-4
19	657	451	Beta. Carotene	536	C ₄₀ H ₅₆	7235-40-7
20	653	504	(-)-Spathulenol	220	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O	77171-55-2

3.4.2. Gravimetric Measurements of ECI Extract

3.4.2.1. Effect of ECI extracts concentration

The weight loss measurements are presented in Table 3.4.2. This illustrates the effect of ECI extract on the C_{rate} and the %IE. It is further observed that there is a significant and gradual decrease in C_{rate} as the concentration of ECI extract is increased. However, the values of the %IE and q are increased with inhibitor concentration (Adejoro et al., 2015; Nwankwo et al., 2017). This is due to increase in the extent of adsorption of inhibitors from ECI extract onto the MS surface in 1 N HCl medium.

Table 3.4.2: Gravimetric analysis for MS in 1 N HCl at 300 K in absence and presence of various concentrations of ECI extract.

Conc.(g/L)	C_{rate} (mg/cm ² /h)	% IE	
Blank	5.87	00	0.00
0.1	3.17	45	0.45
0.3	1.11	81	0.81
0.5	0.51	91	0.91

3.4.2.2. Effect of Temperature

The temperature accelerates hydrogen evolution reaction on metal surface in acidic medium hence, the corrosion rate increases. This results in decrease of %IE at higher temperature and it is attributed to desorption of the inhibitor molecules from the MS surface and an increase in area of metal surface exposed to corrosive acidic medium.

A decrease in the adsorption of ECI extract on metal surface at higher temperature is primarily the reason of increased corrosive process of the metal.

The adsorption of inhibitors on the metal surface depends on the structure and electronic properties of inhibitor molecules, electrochemical potentials at the interface of metal-corrosive solution and the temperature of corrosive medium itself. The effect of temperature on the corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency of ECI extracts for MS corrosion in 1 N HCl was studied using weight loss methods and presented in table 3.4.2. It is observed from the Figure 3.4.2 that the inhibition efficiency decreases with increase in temperature; however, corrosion rate increases with rise in temperature at all studied concentration of ECI extract.

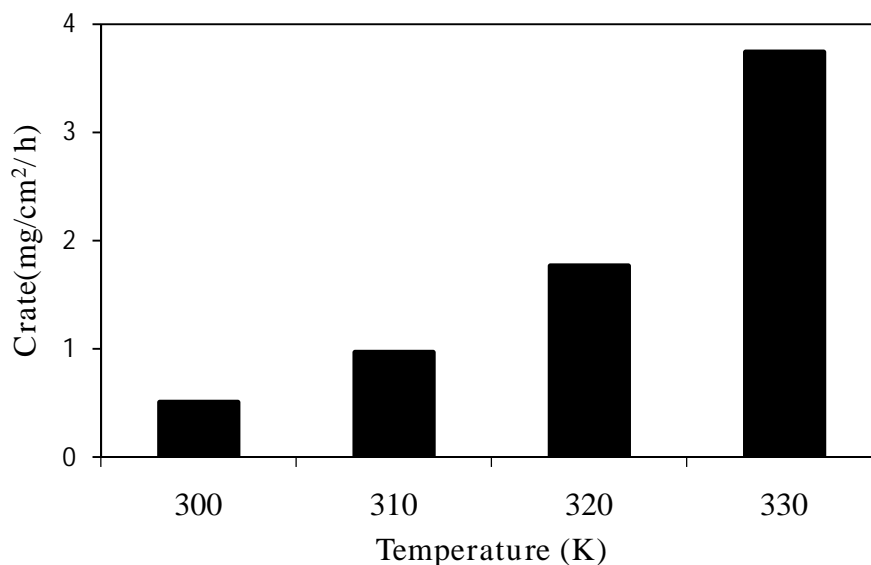


Figure 3.4.2: Variation of corrosion rate with 0.5g/L of ECI extract in 1 N HCl at various temperature.

3.4.2.3. Adsorption Isotherm of ECI Extract

The inhibition mechanism of inhibitors is estimated by the θ values, which has been determined from gravimetric analysis at different concentrations of ECI extracts

and the same has been reported in Table 3.4.2. The C_{inh}/I_{ads} versus C_{inh} was plotted and shown in Figure 3.4.3. A linear relationship between C_{inh}/I_{ads} and C_{inh} having a correlation coefficient (R^2) of 0.99 is obtained. This suggests that the adsorption of ECI on the MS surface obeyed Langmuir's adsorption isotherm. Thus, the adsorption of inhibitor on the MS surface is assumed to be monolayer with no lateral interaction between the adsorbed molecules, even on adjacent sites (Ating et al., 2010). The values of K_{ads} at 0.1, 0.3 and 0.5 g/L of ECI extract were calculated from the intercept of corresponding straight lines in Figure 3.4.3.

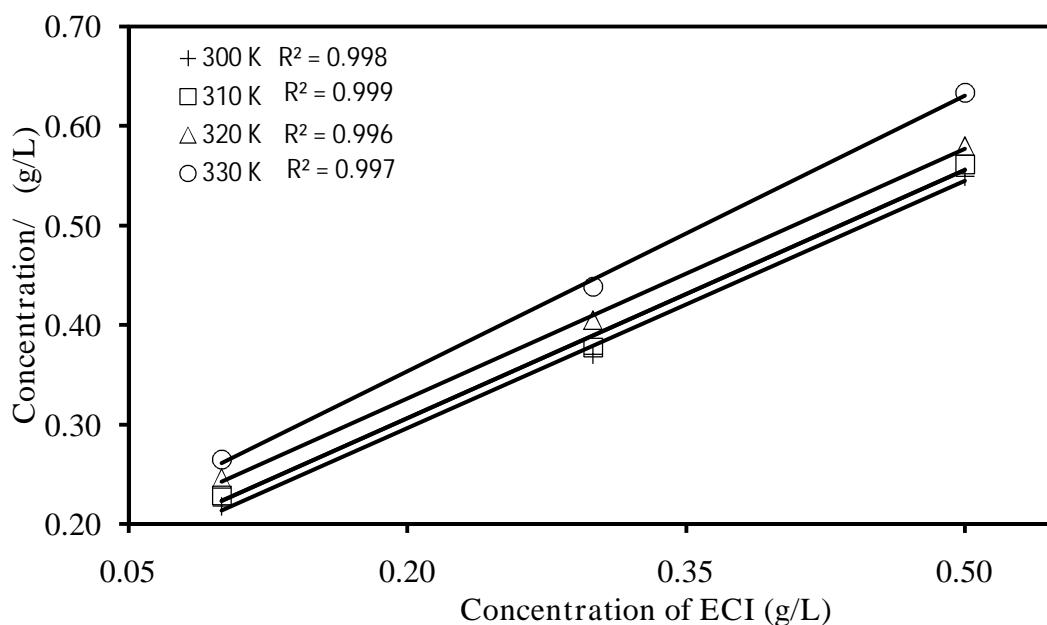


Figure 3.4.3: Langmuir adsorption isotherm plots for MS in 1 N HCl solutions in the presence of various concentrations of ECI extract at different temperature.

The obtained value of standard free energy of adsorption in presence of ECI extracts at different concentrations (0.1, 0.3 and 0.5 g/L) and temperatures (300 K- 330 K) presented in Table 3.4.3 and found around -15 kJ/mol. Generally, the less negative value of standard free energy of adsorption around (-20 kJ/mol) are usually

characteristic of physical adsorption whereas more negative value (-40 kJ/mol) is associated with charge transfer or sharing of electrons. However, such adsorptions were not concluded as purely physical or chemical in nature. The lower values of standard free energy obtained in this system is concluded as intense physisorption of ECI extract on MS surface at all studied temperatures and concentrations (Saha et al., 2016; Raghavendra and Bhat, 2016). Further the adsorption constant as obtained by weight loss measurements in presence of ECI extract at different concentrations (0.1 g/L – 0.5 g/L) and temperatures (300 K- 330 K) are presented in Table 3.4.3.

Table 3.4.3: Calculated values of adsorption isotherm adsorption and standard free energy for the adsorption of ECI extract on MS surface in 1 N HCl solution at different temperatures.

Temp.(K)	-	(kJ/mol)	K_{ads}
300		15.08	7.64
310		15.48	7.33
320		15.62	6.40
330		15.86	5.84

Mourya et al (2014) reported the inhibition efficiency of Marigold flower extract (0.5g/L) decreases from 99.8 % to 40.0 % with a rise in temperature from 293 K to 333 K. This comparative study concludes that the Marigold flower extract is a good inhibitor only at lower concentrations and temperatures whereas ECI extract shows good inhibition efficiency even at higher temperatures. This study also supports the physical

adsorption of inhibitor molecules on metal surface. It is apparent from Figure 3.4.3 that at a particular concentration of ECI extract, %IE decreases with an increase in temperature from 300 to 330 K. It is known that the physisorption is favourable at lower temperature due to the low heat of adsorption whereas chemisorption is favourable at higher temperatures because of high adsorption energy (Rahiman and Sethumanickam, 2017).

Figure 3.4.4 shows the plots of $\log C_{\text{rate}}$ versus $1/T$ for blank and at all concentrations of ECI extract, which gave straight lines. The values of E_a were obtained from the slopes of these straight lines and listed in Table 3.4.4. The higher value of E_a in presence of ECI extract solutions suggests that (i) physical adsorption of inhibitor molecules onto the MS surface, (ii) concentration dependent inhibition performance and (iii) formation of a physical barrier at MS surface/solution interface (Hamdy and El-Gendy, 2013).

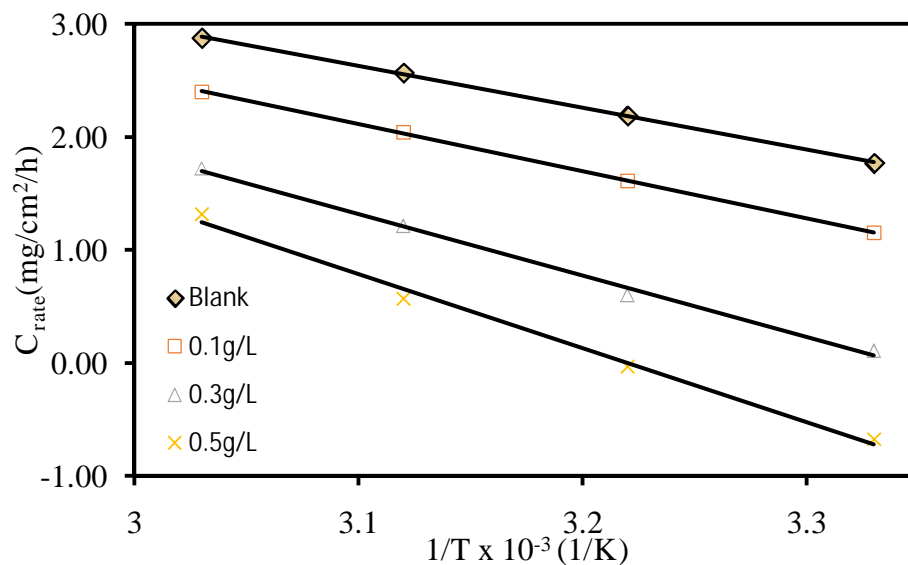


Figure 3.4.4: Arrhenius plot for the inhibition of corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl without and with different concentrations of ECI extract.

Plots of $\text{Log } C_{\text{rate}}/T$ versus $1/T$ for blank and for different concentrations of ECI extract gave straight lines as shown in Figure 3.4.5 with a slope $(- H_a/2.303R)$ and an intercept of $[(\log(R/Nh) + (S_a /2.303R)]$ on y-axis of these straight lines. These results are also given in Table 3.4.4. The values of E_a and H_a are close to each other as expected for the corrosion process in electrolytic solution.

Table 3.4.4: Thermodynamic activation parameters for MS in 1N HCl solution obtained from gravimetric measurements of ECI extract.

Conc.(g/L)	E_a (kJ/mol)	H_a (kJ/mol)	$- S_a$ (J/mol/K)
Blank	30.50	28.17	136.36
0.1	34.40	32.09	128.47
0.3	44.97	42.72	102.15
0.5	54.06	51.86	78.22

The positive value of H_a indicates that the corrosion process is endothermic in nature. The higher values of H_a for inhibited solution are due to an increase in entropy of solvent (Zhang et al., 2014; Yadav et al., 2012).

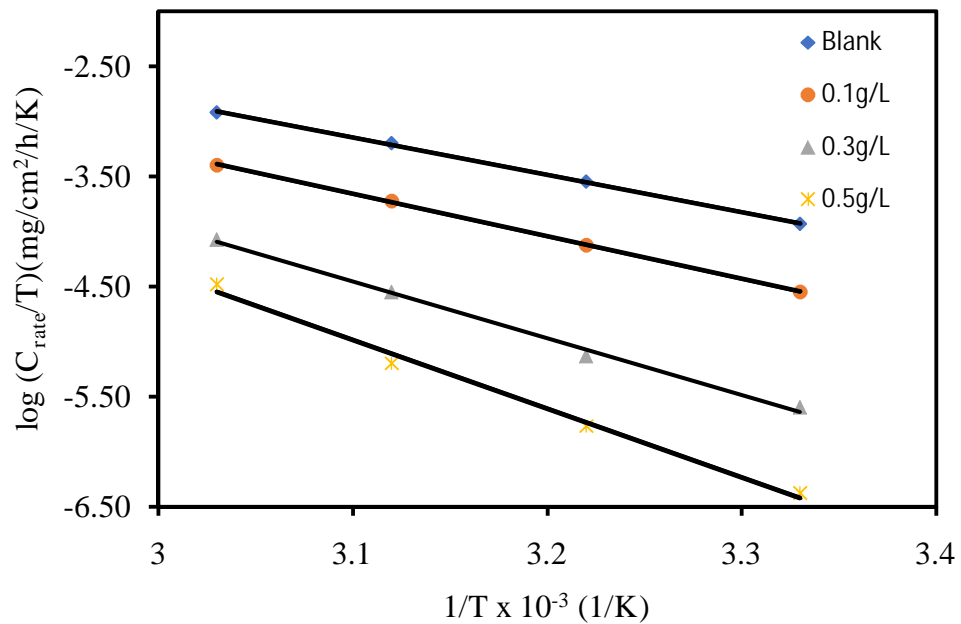


Figure 3.4.5: Transition state plot for MS corrosion in 1 N HCl at different concentrations of ECI extracts.

3.4.3. Electrochemical Measurements of ECI Extract

3.4.3.1. Measurement of Potentiodynamic Polarization of ECI Extract

The cathodic and anodic current potentials were measured for MS specimens in absence and presence of various concentrations of ECI extract (0.1 g/L-0.5 g/L) in 1 N HCl solutions at 300 K using Tafel polarization method which has been shown in Figure 3.4.6.

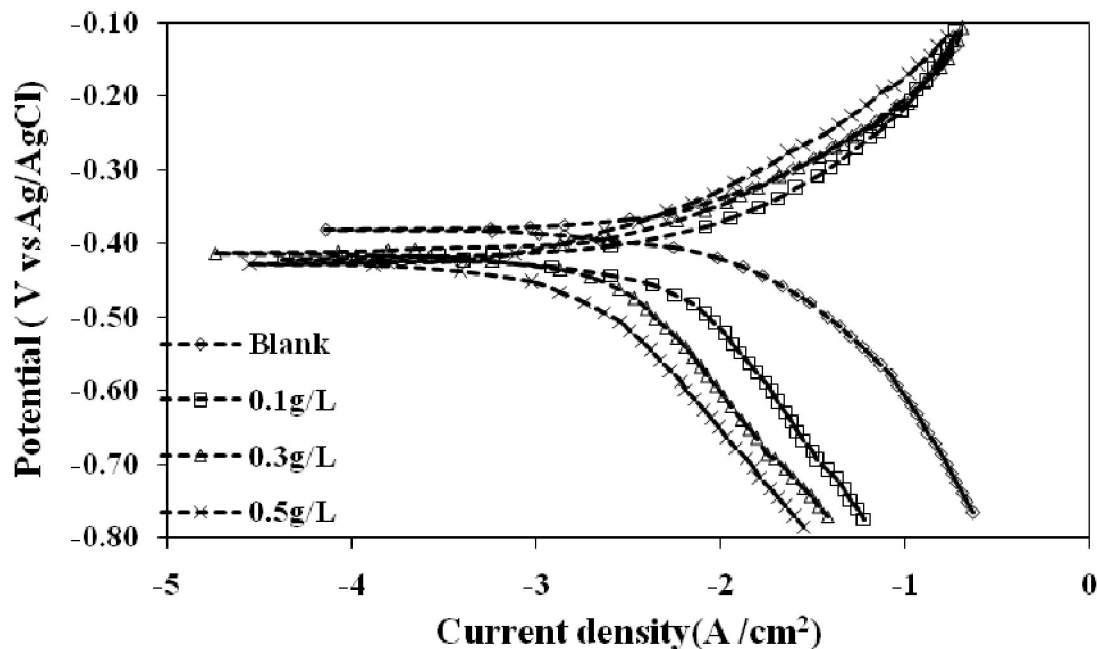


Figure 3.4.6: Tafel polarization curves for MS in 1 N HCl in absence and presence of various concentrations of ECI extract at 300 K.

The electrochemical parameters were calculated by extrapolation of the linear segments of the cathodic and anodic curves up to their intersection in Figure 3.4.6 and are listed in Table 3.4.5 along with C_{rate} and %IE. It is evident from Figure 3.4.6 that at a given temperature the cathodic and anodic current densities decrease with increasing the concentration of ECI extract. The cathodic and anodic curves of the working electrodes in test solution (1 N HCl) shifted towards lower side with increasing the concentration of ECI extract which is a clear indication of inhibitive action of investigated plant extract. It is also observed that there is a decrease in I_{corr} (Cf Table 3.4.5). The decrease in I_{corr} is significant in cathodic region at all investigated concentrations of ECI extract. The displacement of E_{corr} was around 66 mV towards the cathodic direction with respect to the blank, which shows a strong cathodic inhibitive property of ECI extract.

Table 3.4.5: Tafel polarization parameters obtained for MS in absence and presence of different concentrations of ECI extract in 1 N HCl at 300 K.

Conc. (g/L)	a (mV/dec)	$-c$ (mV/dec)	$-E_{\text{corr}}$ V vs Ag/AgCl(mV)	I_{corr} ($\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE
Blank	162	243	362	10564	00
0.1	176	334	431	5978	43
0.3	143	326	431	2967	71
0.5	129	279	428	1014	90

Further, on the basis of the observed value of the displacement in E_{corr} and previously reported data (Singh et al., 2016), it is concluded that Lengser inflorescence is a mixed type of inhibitor with dominant cathodic inhibitor (Gupta et al., 2016). Both a and c values of corrosive solution with ECI extract was changed significantly when compared with solution without ECI extract. This proves that ECI extract is a mixed type inhibitor. It is also seen that the cathodic curves of polarization are shooting up parallel with increasing the concentrations of inhibitor (Okafor et al., 2011). It means that the inhibitor does not change the mechanism of hydrogen evolution at a given temperature. This is attributed that the inhibitor molecules adsorbed onto the metal surface through a charge transfer mechanism. Thus, addition of these inhibitor molecules suppresses the cathodic processes and reduces the metal dissolution in acidic solution. It is also seen from Table 3.4.5, that the c values is shifted toward more negative side of E_{corr} values, whereas a values slightly shifted toward lower E_{corr} side. It is evident from

the data tabulated in Table 3.4.5 that the %IE increases with increase in ECI concentrations, which indicates that the adsorption process favoured at higher inhibitor concentrations. The results suggest that on addition of ECI extracts the inhibitor molecules are adsorbed at metal/acid interface and decreases the intensity of corrosive attack by modifying the topography of metal surface.

3.4.3.2. EIS of ECI Extract

Further, EIS has been conducted to confirm the adsorption of inhibitor molecules on to the MS surface. Figure 3.4.7 shows the Nyquist plots obtained by measuring the AC impedance for MS in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and presence of various concentrations of ECI extracts. The depressed semi-circular slope of Nyquist plots was observed in blank as well as in presence of different concentration of ECI extract.

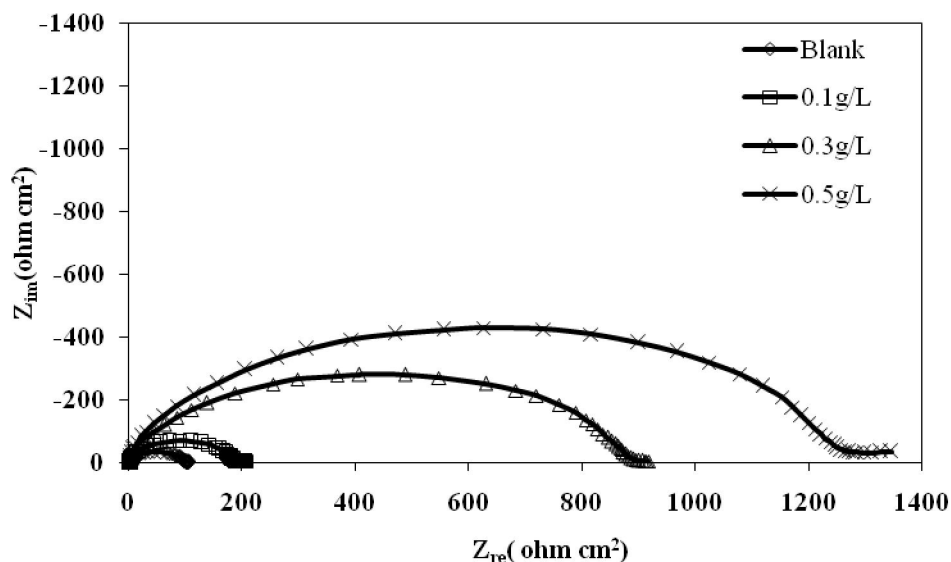


Figure 3.4.7: Nyquist plots for MS in 1 N HCl without and with different concentrations of ECI extract at 300 K.

The results indicate that inhibition mechanism could not depend on inhibitor concentration and corrosion control process is a charge transfer process (Awad and

Gawad, 2005; Karthik and Sundaravadivelu, 2016; Ali and Mahrous, 2017). Figure 3.4.8 illustrates that the diameters of impedance plots increases with increasing the concentration of ECI extracts, which points that extent of adsorption of inhibitor molecules on the MS surface increases with increasing the inhibitor concentrations. The charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}) refers to restriction of electron transfer from the anode to the cathode, which results in oxidation of the metal in the acidic solution. The resistive and capacitive behaviour that was observed at MS/test solution interface along with q and %IE were presented in Table 3.4.6.

Table 3.4.6: Impedance parameters for MS in 1 N HCl in absence and presence of different concentrations of ECI extract at 300 K.

Conc. (g/L)	R_s (cm^2)	R_{ct} (cm^2)	C_{dl} ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)		% IE
Blank	3.2	100.71	50.5	00.00	00.00
0.1	3.3	191.75	41.5	0.474	47.4
0.3	3.7	895.83	10.8	0.887	88.7
0.5	3.6	1278.3	0.99	0.921	92.1

The EIS data presented in Table 3.4.6 clearly indicates that the values of C_{dl} decrease whereas the values of R_{ct} increase with ECI concentrations. These results to observe a large diameter in Nyquist plot in presence of green inhibitor. The decrease in C_{dl} values is interpreted as either formation of a prominent inhibitive film onto the metal

surface i.e., increase in thickness of the electric double layer or decrease in dielectric constant of the solution or both (Qiang et al., 2016; Bai et al., 2015).

3.4.4. FT-IR of MS and ECI extract

The FT-IR spectra of the crude ECI extract as well the scratched protective film from MS surface immersed in 0.5g/L of ECI extract in 1 N HCl solution at 300 K are shown in Figure 3.4.8. The FT-IR spectra of the ECI extract and their corrosion reaction product on to the MS surface in inhibitive solution are recorded in the region of 400–4000 cm^{-1} . The results show a broad band appeared in the range of 3000–3600 cm^{-1} which is assigned to the presence of -OH peak in ECI extract. This broad band in crude extract results from intermolecular hydrogen bonding (Kokalj, 2015; Wei et al., 2017).

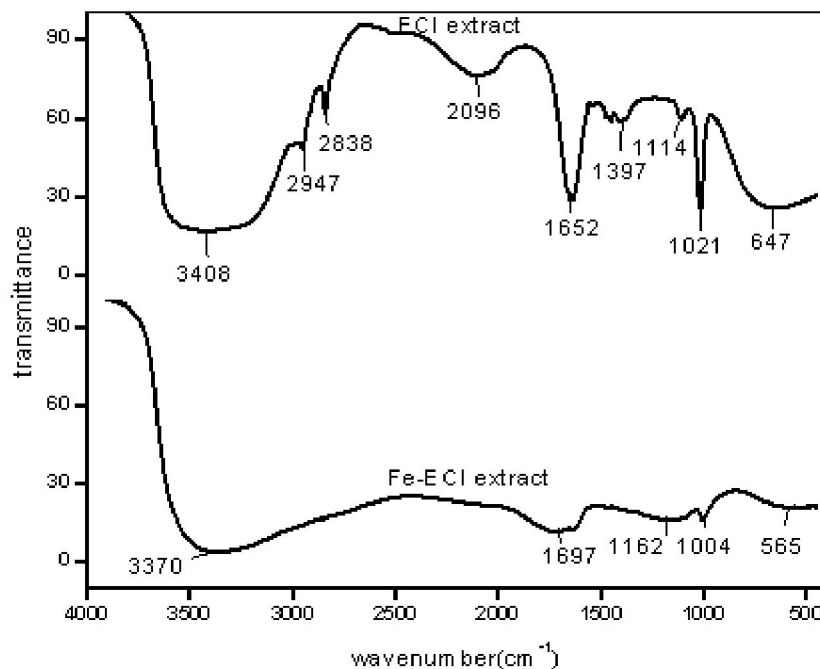


Figure 3.4.8: FT-IR spectra of (a) pure ECI extract and (b) protective layer developed on MS after immersion for 3 h in 1 N HCl containing 0.5g/L concentration of ECI extract.

This study following with GC-MS data presented in Table 3.4.1 suggests that the effective inhibitor molecules present in ECI extract are (-)-spathulenol, kryptogenin 2, 4-dinitro phenyl hydrazone, retinoic acid and its derivatives. The band appeared at 1114 cm^{-1} in FTIR spectrum of crude extract is due to the -C-O-C stretching in retinoic acid and its derivatives. The strong peak near 1652 cm^{-1} probably results from -COO- or C=C stretching in retinoic acid and its derivatives and band near 647 cm^{-1} is due to the -C=C-H stretching in crude ECI extract. The FT-IR spectrum of extract of corrosion product obtained by scratching from the MS surface showed a weak intensity band of -OH group at 3370 cm^{-1} . This is probably due to the formation of thin film of Fe-inhibitor complex onto the MS surface through -OH group due to presence of retinoic acid or spathulenol.

Disappearance of FT-IR bands near 1114 cm^{-1} and 647 cm^{-1} are due to physisorption of inhibitor molecules onto the MS surface. The change in intensity of different bands in the FT-IR spectra of corrosion products are due to change in the structure of inhibitor molecules in presence of metal which in turn facilitate the formation of Fe-inhibitor complex onto the MS surface in presence of ECI extract, which prevents the corrosion attack on metal surface. The shifting of spectral peaks in presence of 0.5 g/L of ECI extract is a clear indication of adsorption of phytochemicals from Lengser inflorescence extract on to MS surface.

3.4.5. SEM of MS Surface

The SEM images of the MS surface immersed in 1 N HCl for 3 hours in absence and presence of 0.5 g/L of ECI extracts along with MS surface before immersion were presented in Figure 3.4.9(a-c). A uniform surface of MS was observed without corrosive

solution 3.4.9(b). Figure 3.4.9(a) and (c) present the SEM of MS surface topography in uninhibited and inhibited condition with 0.5g/L of ECI extract. Figure 3.4.9 (a) shows highly uneven surface of MS surface due to aggressive corrosion attack in presence of 1 N HCl solution. Figure 3.4.9(c) shows a remarkable decrease in the degree of corrosion due to presence of ECI extract as green inhibitor.

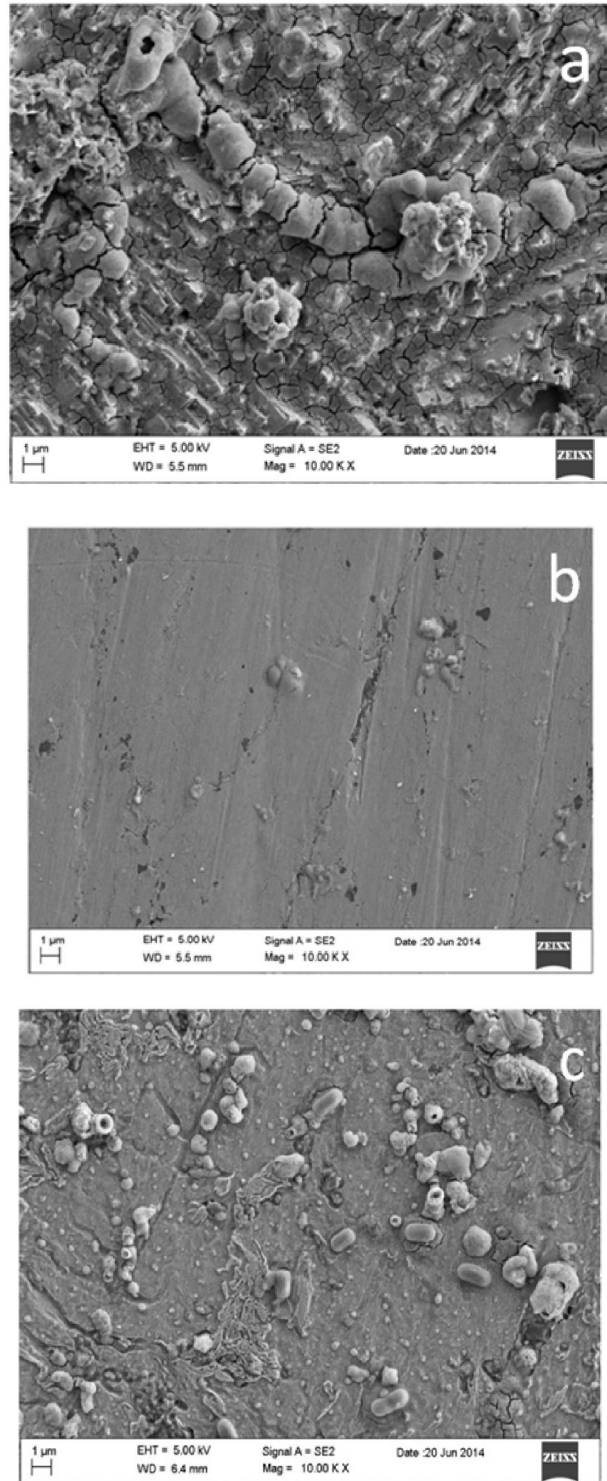


Figure 3.4.9: SEM images of MS surface topography: (b) before immersion in corrosive solution; (a) after immersion in 1 N HCl for 3 h; (c) after immersion in 1 N HCl solution containing 0.5 g/L ECI extract for 3 h.

3.4.6. Mechanism of Corrosion Inhibition of ECI Extract

Figure 3.4.10 shows a probable inhibition mechanism due to adsorption of phytochemicals from ECI extract on MS surface. The interaction between organic molecules present in ECI extract is attributed as follows:

- i. Charge-transfer-type interaction between unshared electron pairs present in oxygen in carotenoids derivatives or pi-electrons of carotenoids and empty low energy d-orbitals of Fe atom present on MS surface.
- ii. Columbic interactions between aromatic π -electron clouds and MS surface/solution interface or between protonated carotenoids and adsorbed Cl^- ions at cathodic sides.

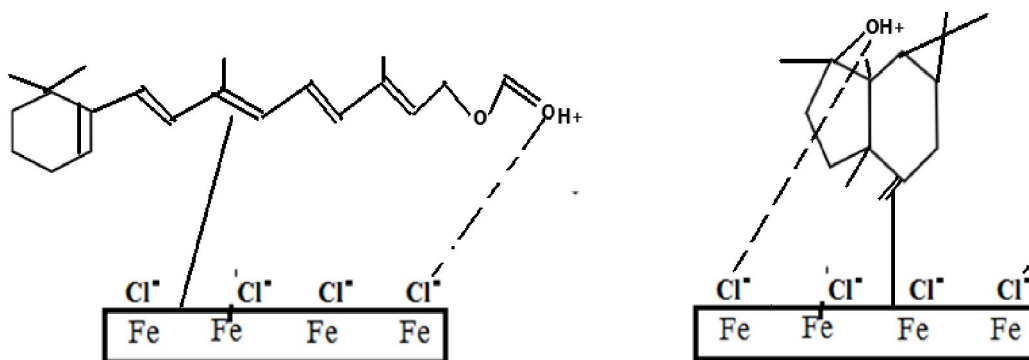


Figure 3.4.10: Schematic diagram of mechanism of corrosion inhibition reaction with main constituent of ECI extract on MS.

3.5. Extract of *Melocanna baccifera* Leaves (MBL)

3.5.1. Phytochemical Analysis of MBL Extract by GC-MS

The GC-MS analytical data obtained for the MBL extract are shown in Table 3.5.1 with their molecular weights. The results of GC-MS were obtained by measuring the peak area using Turbo Mass software and matched with the NIST library. Table 3.5.1 listed the various phytochemical constituents which contribute to the biological activity of MBL extract. The results revealed that the compounds such as 3-deoxy-d-

mannoic lactone, 2, 3-dihydroxy propanal, 2-aminooxypentanoic acid, and guanosine were present as major compounds in the MBL extract.

In view of corrosion inhibition study, structures of few organic molecules are presented in Figure 3.5.1.

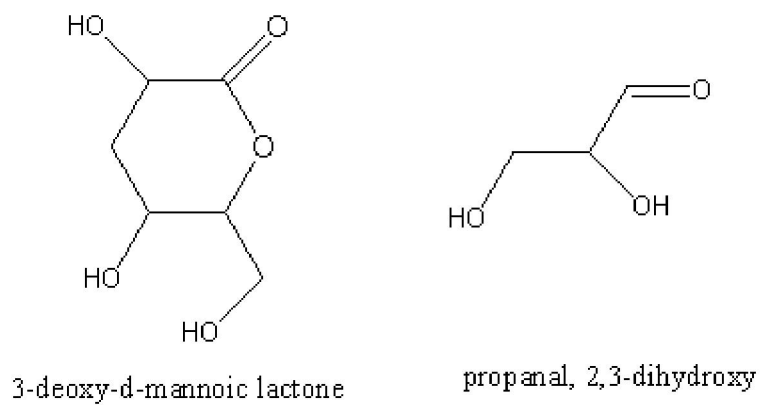


Figure 3.5.1: Main phytochemical constituents in MBL extract.

Table 3.5.1: Chemical constituents present in the MBL extract using GC-MS analysis.

Hit	Rev	For	Compound name	M.W	Formula	CAS
1	924	702	3-deoxy-d-mannonic lactone	162	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅	900127-87-1
2	876	669	3-deoxy-d-mannonic acid	180	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆	900127-87-2
3	843	697	6-oxa-bicyclo [3.1.0] hexan-3-ol	100	C ₅ H ₈ O ₂	25494-14-8
4	830	482	endo-2,3-o-ethylidene-. beta. -d-erythrofuranose	146	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₄	77519-84-7
5	806	441	(ss)- or (rr)-2,3-hexanediol	118	C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₂	22520-19-0
6	801	696	alpha. -d-glucopyranoside, methyl 3,6-anhydro-	176	C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₅	13407-60-8
7	794	649	2-heptene, 1-ethoxy-, (z)-	142	C ₉ H ₁₈ O	51149-74-7
8	793	371	pentanoic acid, 2-(aminooxy)-	133	C ₅ H ₁₁ O ₃ N	5699-55-8
9	791	526	2-formyl-9-[. beta. -d-ribofuranosyl] hypoxanthine	296	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₆ N ₄	125425-35-6
10	790	429	2-carbamyl-9- [. beta. -d-ribofuranosyl] hypoxanthine	295	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ O ₅ N ₅	121358-21-2
11	783	492	Propanal, 2,3-dihydroxy-, (s)-	90	C ₃ H ₆ O ₃	497-09-6
12	782	429	2-hydroxymethyl-9- [. beta. -d-ribofuranosyl] hypoxanthine	298	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ O ₆ N ₄	185377-94-0
13	781	597	2-t-butyl-4-methyl-5-oxo- [1,3] dioxolane-4-carboxylic acid	202	C ₉ H ₁₄ O ₅	900191-45-5
14	778	533	d-glycero-d-ido-heptose	210	C ₇ H ₁₄ O ₇	900130-14-3
15	775	459	rs-2,3-hexanediol	118	C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₂	82360-67-6
16	767	495	1-deoxy-d-arabitol	136	C ₅ H ₁₂ O ₄	900126-24-4
17	767	461	l-gala-l-ido-octose	240	C ₈ H ₁₆ O ₈	900130-12-1
18	763	629	d-mannose	180	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆	3458-28-4
19	762	522	2,3-epoxyhexanol	116	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₂	90528-63-5
20	761	514	Guanosine	283	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ O ₅ N ₅	118-00-3

3.5.2. Gravimetric Measurements of MBL Extract

Table 3.5.2 shows weight loss results for MS in 1 N HCl in the absence and presence of MBL extract at various concentrations. The data in Table 3.5.2 revealed that there is an increase in inhibition efficiency as the concentration of MBL extract increases and hence, corrosion rate is decreased (Hosseini et al., 2010). This behaviour is attributed to an increase in surface area covered by the adsorbed molecules on the MS surface as well as the increased MBL extract concentrations. Maximum inhibition efficiency of 93% is achieved at the MBL concentration of 0.5 g/L.

Table 3.5.2: Corrosion rate and surface coverage by weight loss in absence and presence of MBL extracts for 5 h.

Conc. (g/ L)	C_{rate} (mg/cm ² /h)		% IE
Blank	40.19	00.00	00.0
0.1	20.87	0.315	31.5
0.3	10.77	0.577	57.7
0.5	2.6	0.937	93.7

The Figure 3.5.2 reveals that the MBL extract inhibited the metal dissolution in chloride ion induced corrosion reaction of MS. The adsorption of main constituents compounds of MBL extract on the MS surface makes a protective layer between electrode-interface for mass and charge transfers.

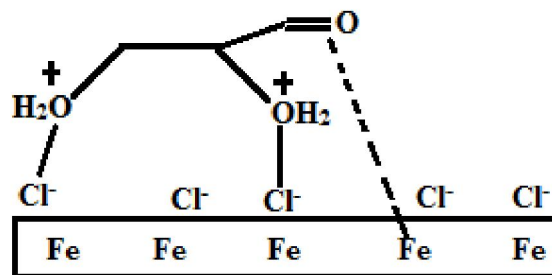


Figure 3.5.2: Schematic diagram of corrosion inhibition reaction mechanism of MBL extract on MS.

Therefore, the metal is protected from the Cl^- of the HCl. The degree of protection increases with the degree of surface coverage by increasing concentration of inhibitor molecules on metal surface (Gadow et al., 2017). Inhibition of MS corrosion in 1 N HCl in the presence of the crude MBL extract is attributed to the adsorption of the phytochemical constituents such as 8-C-Glucosylapigenin, luteolin derivatives and chlorogenic acid of the MBL extract on the MS surface. It makes a protective layer on the metal surface from the corrosive Cl^- present in solution thus reduces the corrosion reaction (Tanaka et al., 2014). The results of the preliminary phytochemical screening of different species of bamboo reveals that the crude extract contains alkaloids, tannins, general glycosides, saponins, coumarins, alkaloids, flavonoids, anthraquinones and anthracene glycoside (Coffie et al., 2014). These substances contain polar functional groups along with hetero-atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen which have multiple bonds in their molecules with dense electron cloud which is easily coordinate with metal d-orbital of metal surface (Challouf et al., 2013; Murthy and Vijayaragavan, 2014; Fouda et al., 2015). The adsorption of inhibitor molecules on MS surface in aqueous acidic solution occur by replacing the adsorbed water molecules on metal surface. Chemical reaction involved in this process is as follows:

nH₂O (MS) +Plant extract (solution) Plant extract (MS) +nH₂O (solution)

It is seen from the table 3.5.2 that corrosion inhibition of MBL extract enhances with its increasing concentrations. This is due to the adsorption and the coverage of the inhibitor molecules on MS surface in acid medium.

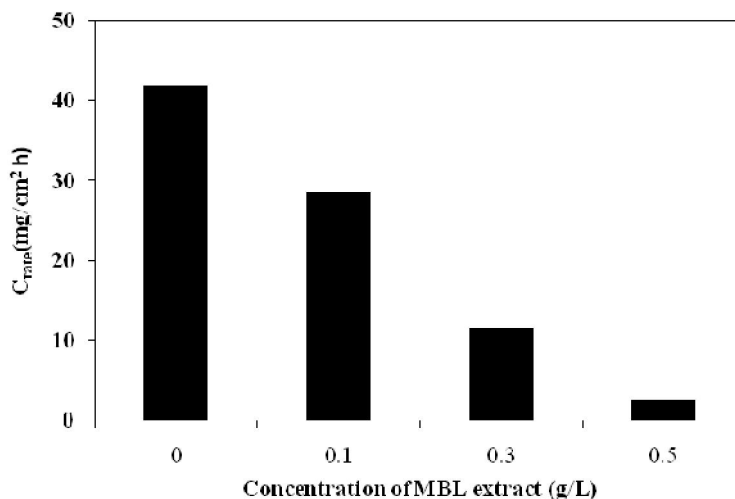


Figure 3.5.3: Corrosion rates of various concentrations of MBL extract on MS surface in 1 N HCl at 303 K.

3.5.3. Electrochemical Measurements of MBL Extract

3.5.3.1. Measurement of Potentiodynamic Polarization of MBL Extract

Potentiodynamic polarization measurements provide the basic information of inhibitor on the anodic or cathodic inhibiting effect on electrochemical reaction of metal surface (Xu et al., 2015; Gopi and Kavitha, 2009). To ascertain these effects for MBL extract on MS, corrosion parameters are obtained on the basis of potential versus current density in the Tafel potential region. The electrochemical parameters E_{corr} , I_{corr} , %IE, anodic and cathodic Tafel slopes (α_a and α_c) obtained from the polarization measurements are listed in Table 3.5.3 and polarization curves are shown in Figure 3.5.4.

It is observed that the addition of the inhibitors greatly affected both the anodic and cathodic processes as the curves are shifted towards lower corrosion current density region with respect to the blank (Cf. Figure 3.5.4). This is due to the fact that inhibitor molecules inhibiting both anodic and cathodic corrosion processes in electrolytic solution (Behpour et al., 2010; Li et al., 2007).

The shifts in corrosion current densities appear to be more dominant for the anodic curves than the cathodic curves. This suggests that the inhibitors, predominant, affected on the anodic reaction than the cathodic reaction. It could be observed from the data that E_{corr} exhibited negative value with the addition of higher concentration of MBL extract. It is also seen that the presence of MBL extract molecules results in a marked shift in both cathodic and anodic branches of the polarization curves toward lower current densities. This means that the MBL extract affected both cathodic and anodic reactions. These results also suggest that inhibitors caused to reduce the anodic dissolution as well as to retard the hydrogen evolution reactions because of adsorption of MBL extract molecules on metal surface. This is primarily indicated the mixed-type of behaviour of anodic and cathodic current in the presence of the studied inhibitors. The inhibition efficiency of MBL extract by electrochemical method is also supported by weight loss method. The shift in E_{corr} is due to blocking of active sites that occurred by the added inhibitor. In other words, the inhibitor decreases the surface area available for cathodic dissolution reaction.

Table 3.5.3: Corrosion parameters obtained from potentiodynamic polarization for MS in 1N HCl solution in the absence and presence of different concentrations of the MBL extract at 303 K.

Conc. (g/ L)	$-E_{\text{corr}}$ (mV vs Ag/AgCl)	I_{corr} (mA/ cm ²)	$-c$ (mV/dec)	a (mV/dec)	% IE	% IE
Blank	439	1.849	184	191	00.00	00.0
0.1	558	1.302	152	408	0.295	29.5
0.3	450	0.442	179	241	0.761	76.1
0.5	519	0.162	144	395	0.913	91.3

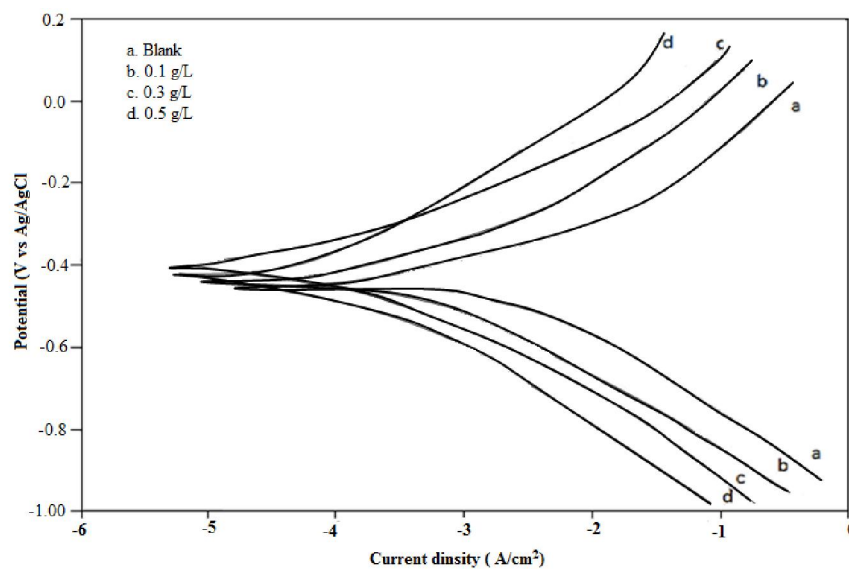


Figure 3.5.4: Tafel polarization curves of MS immersed in 1 N HCl with MBL concentration (a) Blank; (b) 0.1 g/L (c) 0.3 g/L (d) 0.5 g/L.

3.5.3.2. EIS of MBL Extract

The impedance responses of MS in 1 N HCl in the absence and presence of MBL extract is depicted in Figure 3.5.5. It is noticed from the Nyquist plots that the impedance is changed in the acid medium after the addition of MBL extract. The Nyquist plot is characterized by one semicircle capacitive loop corresponding to one time constant and suggesting that the corrosion of carbon steel is controlled by a charge transfer process. The resistive and capacitive behaviour that was observed at MS/test solution interface along with $\%IE$ were presented in Table 3.5.4. The diameter of the semicircles in Nyquist plot was increased with an increase in concentration of MBL extract. This indicates the formation of an adsorption film over the steel surface. The observed decrease in the values of C_{dl} which normally arises from a decrease in the dielectric constant and/or an increase in the double-layer thickness is a result of adsorption of MBL extract onto the metal/electrolyte interface (Umoren et al., 2014).

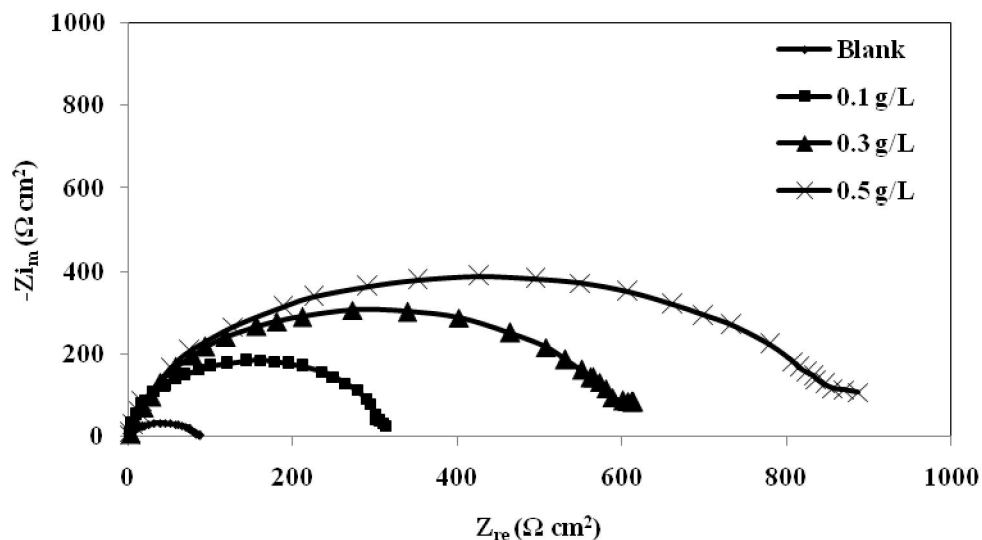


Figure 3.5.5: Nyquist plots for MS in 1N HCl without and with different concentrations of MBL extract at 303 K.

Table 3.5.4: Impedance parameters for MS in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and in the presence of different concentrations of MBL extract.

Conc.(g/L)	R_s (cm^2)	R_{ct} (cm^2)	C_{dl} ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE	
Blank	3.054	84.40	948	0.00	00
0.1	3.256	309.35	130	0.72	72
0.3	2.952	610.64	32	0.86	86
0.5	3.532	882.40	11	0.90	90

3.5.4. FT-IR of MS and MBL Extract

The band at $3200\text{-}3470\text{ cm}^{-1}$ of the MBL spectrum in Figure 3.5.6 is due to stretching of the -O-H group. This band is shifted to $3300\text{-}3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the spectrum of the MBL-metal complex. The C=O stretching frequency shifts from 1600 cm^{-1} . It indicates about the participation of the heteroatoms of inhibitor adsorbed on metal surface.

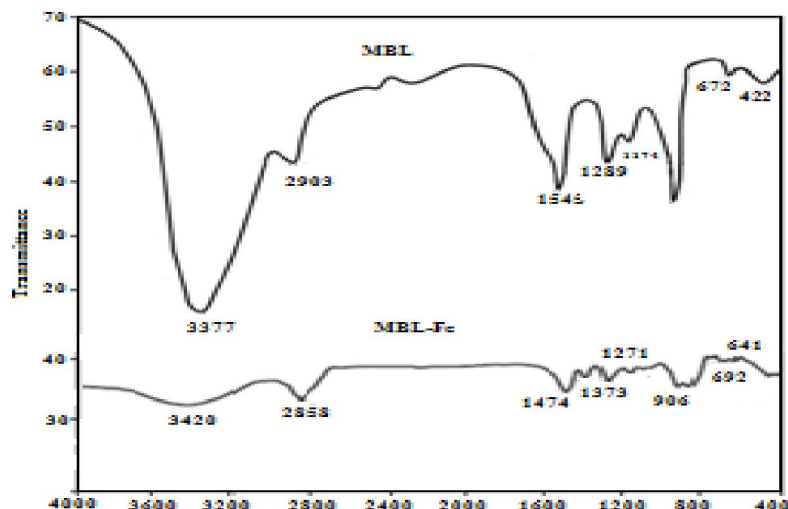


Figure 3.5.6: FT-IR spectrum of MBL extract and protective layer formed on metal surface (MBL-Fe) in 1 N HCl solutions.

3.5.5. SEM of MS surface

Microstructure studies of MS surface in corrosive medium (1 N HCl) was investigated in absence and presence MBL extracts at 303 K after 3-hour immersion by SEM and obtained results were shown in Figure 3.5.7 (a-b). Figure 3.5.7(a) shows rough and cracked surface of MS in the absence of inhibitor due to metal dissolution in corrosive medium. In the absence of inhibitor, a highly corrode surface is observed in Figure 3.5.7(a) due to more aggressive agent attack on metal surface in acidic solution (Kumari et al., 2017; Chaitra et al., 2017).

The topography of SEM image for MS surface with 0.5g/L of MBL extract shows in Figure 3.5.7(b). The SEM image obtained with inhibitor is significantly different from the blank solution without inhibitor in acidic solution. The rough surface formed on metal surface is decreased due to adsorptions of inhibitor molecules on metal surface and formation of protective layer, which prevents aggressive ions from contact

between metal and corrosive medium. These observations are also in agreement with the result obtained from electrochemical measurements.

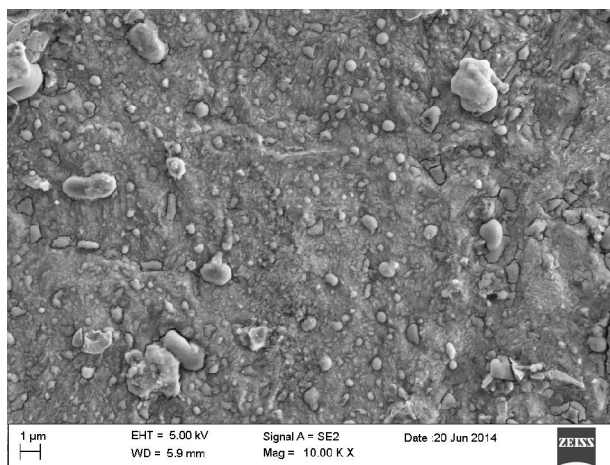
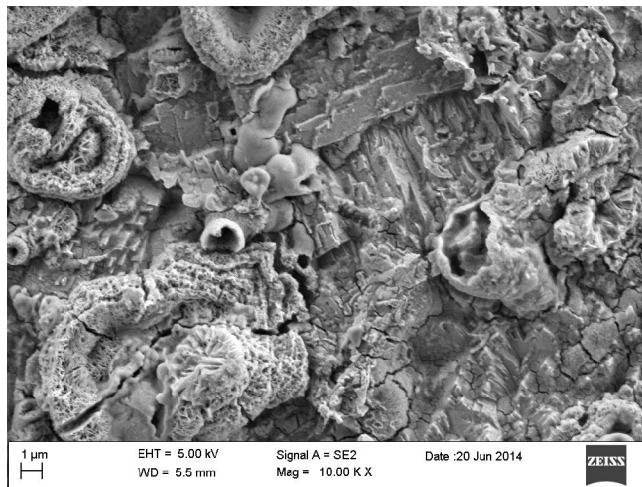


Figure 3.5.7: SEM image of MS specimen (a) after 3 h immersion in acidic solution and (b) after 3 h immersion in acidic solution with the 0.5g/L of MBL extract.

3.6. Extract of *Spilanthes acmella* (SA)

3.6.1. Phytochemical Analysis of SA Extract by GC-MS

The data obtained from the GC-MS analysis of the SA extract are shown in Table 3.6.1 with their molecular weights. The results of GC-MS are obtained by measuring the peak area using Turbo Mass software and matched with the NIST data

library. In view of corrosion inhibition study, structures of few organic molecules are presented in Figure 3.6.1 whereas table 3.6.1 listed the various phytochemical constituents which contribute to the bioactive properties of SA extract. The results revealed that the compounds such as hexadecanoic acid, hepta-9, 10, 11-trienoic acid, octadecenoic acid, 5-hydroxymethyl heptadecane, docosane aldehyde, methyl 11,14,17-eicosatrienoate and 1-thoxyoctadecane are present as some of major compounds in SA extract.

The bioactive constituents of the plant extract contained active compounds that might play to retardation of corrosion reaction in aggressive medium. This demonstrates an important role for SA extract as a new natural source of corrosion inhibitor.

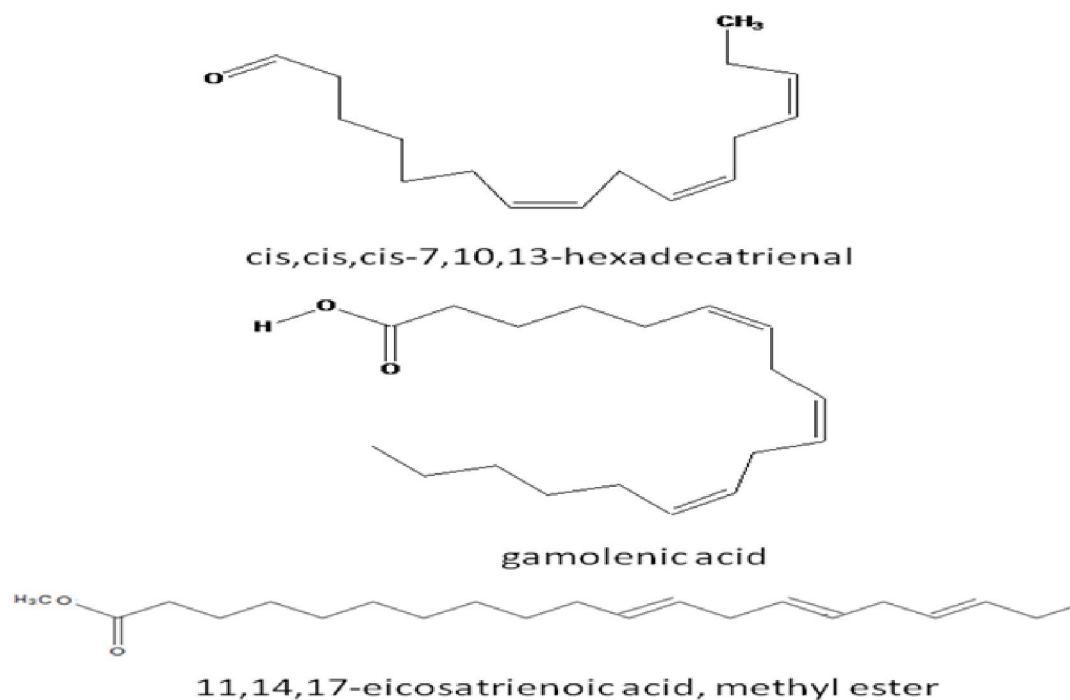


Figure 3.6.1: Structure of main constituent in crude SA extract.

Table 3.6.1: Chemical constituents present in SA extract using the GC-MS analysis.

Hit	Rev	For	Compound name	M.W.	Formula	CAS
1	963	902	9,12,15-octadecatrien-1-ol, (z,z,z)-	264	C ₁₈ H ₃₂ O	506-44-5
2	957	909	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, (z,z,z)-	278	C ₁₈ H ₃₀ O ₂	463-40-1
3	939	898	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester, (z,z,z)-	292	C ₁₉ H ₃₂ O ₂	301-00-8
4	925	860	cis, cis, cis-7,10,13-hexadecatrienal	234	C ₁₆ H ₂₆ O	56797-43-4
5	921	857	11,14,17-eicosatrienoic acid, methyl ester	320	C ₂₁ H ₃₆ O ₂	55682-88-7
6	918	890	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, (z,z,z)-	278	C ₁₈ H ₃₀ O ₂	463-40-1
7	916	849	1,3,14,16-nonadecatetraene	260	C ₁₉ H ₃₂	900131-11-2
8	906	828	8,11,14-eicosatrienoic acid, (z,z,z)-	306	C ₂₀ H ₃₄ O ₂	1783-84-2
9	904	696	methyl 8,11,14-heptadecatrienoate	278	C ₁₈ H ₃₀ O ₂	900336-35-1
10	901	831	Gamolenic acid	278	C ₁₈ H ₃₀ O ₂	506-26-3
11	898	808	1,5,9,13-tetradecatetraene	190	C ₁₄ H ₂₂	51487-38-8
12	892	847	1,6,9-tetradecatriene	192	C ₁₄ H ₂₄	61233-71-4
13	883	638	Methyl 2-hydroxy-octadeca-9,12,15-trienoate	308	C ₁₉ H ₃₂ O ₃	900336-39-1
14	883	789	7,10,13-hexadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester	264	C ₁₇ H ₂₈ O ₂	56554-30-4
15	882	791	8,11,14-eicosatrienoic acid, (z,z,z)-	306	C ₂₀ H ₃₄ O ₂	1783-84-2
16	881	800	z-5,17-octadecadien-1-ol acetate	308	C ₂₀ H ₃₆ O ₂	900131-06-9
17	880	646	Methyl 11,14,17-eicosatrienoate	320	C ₂₁ H ₃₆ O ₂	900336-41-3
18	879	733	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (z,z,z)-	306	C ₂₀ H ₃₄ O ₂	1191-41-9
19	878	739	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester, (z,z,z)-	292	C ₁₉ H ₃₂ O ₂	301-00-8
20	877	819	9,12-tetradecadien-1-ol, acetate, (z,e)-	252	C ₁₆ H ₂₈ O ₂	31654-77-0

3.6.2. Gravimetric Measurements of SA Extract

3.6.2.1. Effect of SA Extract Concentration

Table 3.6.2 illustrate that there is a rapid decrease in corrosion rate with increasing concentration of SA extract. This is due to the fact that more inhibitor molecules are adsorbed on to the MS surface which protects from aggressive acidic medium. It is also noted that the surface coverage () increases with increasing the inhibitor concentrations at working temperature of 300 K (Cf Table 3.6.2). Similar trends were observed by Li et al (2012) in their study of inhibition efficiency of bamboo leaves in acidic medium. The corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl was observed as 4.36 mg/cm²/h which are decreased to 0.41 mg/cm²/h in presence of 0.5 g/LSA extract with 90% surface coverage over MS. The effect of corrosion rate of MS in presence of varied concentrations of SA in acidic solution is shown in Figure 3.6.2. An ability to form metal inhibitor complexes with phytoconstituents of SA extract and their complexes with metal surface enables to reduce the metal dissolution in corrosive medium.

Thus, it is evident that the decrease in corrosion rate in the corrosive medium is due to the formation of protective film over the MS surface in presence of inhibitor molecules (Bin et al., 2014; Kosari et al., 2014). Corrosion Inhibitive property of the ethanol extracts of *Musa sapientum* peels was already reported by Eddy and Ebenso (2008). They found that the inhibitive action of plant extract is due to adsorption of inhibitor molecules on MS surface.

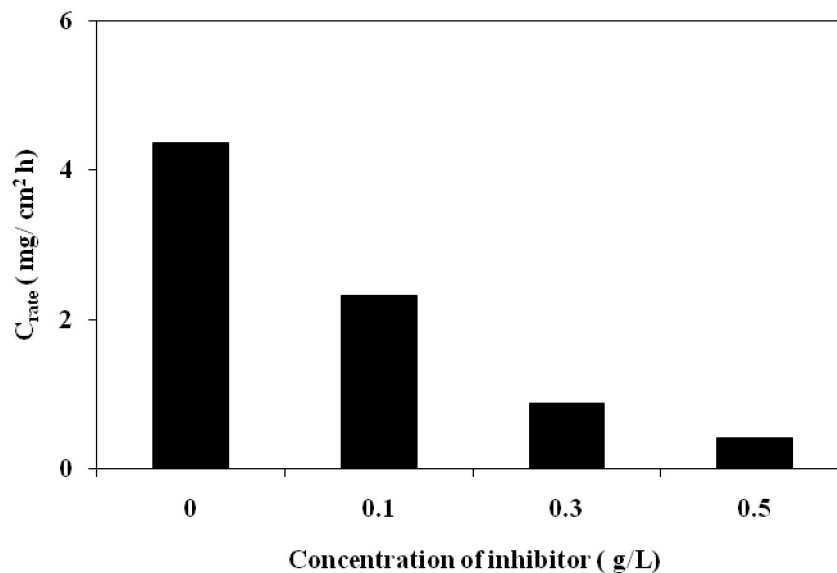


Figure 3.6.2: Corrosion rate of MS at various concentration of SA extract in 1 N HCl.

Table 3.6.2: Corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency at various concentration of SA extract in 1 N HCl at 300 K.

Conc. (g/L)	C_{rate} (mg/cm ² /h)		% IE
Blank	4.36	0.0	00
0.1	2.33	0.46	46
0.3	0.88	0.79	79
0.5	0.41	0.90	90

3.6.2.2. Effect of temperature

Figure 3.6.3 graphically represents the corrosion rate with an increase in temperature for MS in the presence of 0.5 g/L inhibitor. The molecules of SA extract are able to form metal inhibitor complex which lowers the interfacial interaction between

metal and aggressive agent in acidic media enhancing the metal protection. The corrosion efficiency of SA extract decreased with increasing the temperature, which is due to the decomposition of phytoconstituents (Halambek et al., 2010) and desorption of the inhibitor molecules from metal surface.

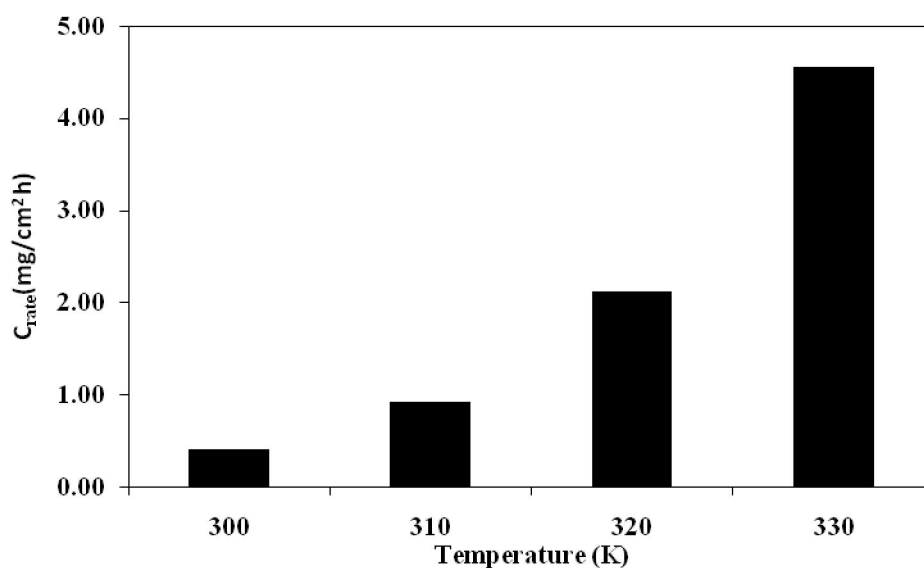


Figure 3.6.3: Variation of corrosion rate at different temperatures in presence of 0.5 g/L SA extract.

These properties are useful on metal protection, which is responsible for the corrosion inhibition of metals. However, increasing the temperature, adsorbed molecules on metal surface starts to leave the MS surface due to desorption process. This argument suggests that adsorption process was preferred at low temperature or at least to push the dissociation process due to phytochemical-metal weak bonds interaction on the MS surface. Figure 3.6.3 also reveals that dissociation is more at higher temperature hence increasing the corrosion rate.

3.6.2.3. Adsorption Isotherm of SA Extract

The correlation coefficient (R^2) and slope values for the studied isotherms are given in Table 3.6.3. It is observed that the correlation coefficient (R^2) for the Langmuir isotherm is least deviated from unity (Cf Figure 3.6.4). Hence, the Langmuir adsorption isotherm is best fitted in the present study. Langmuir adsorption isotherm assumes that the adsorbed molecules' forming a monolayer on the surface and no lateral interactions is occurred among the adsorbed inhibitor molecules (Aljourani et al., 2010).

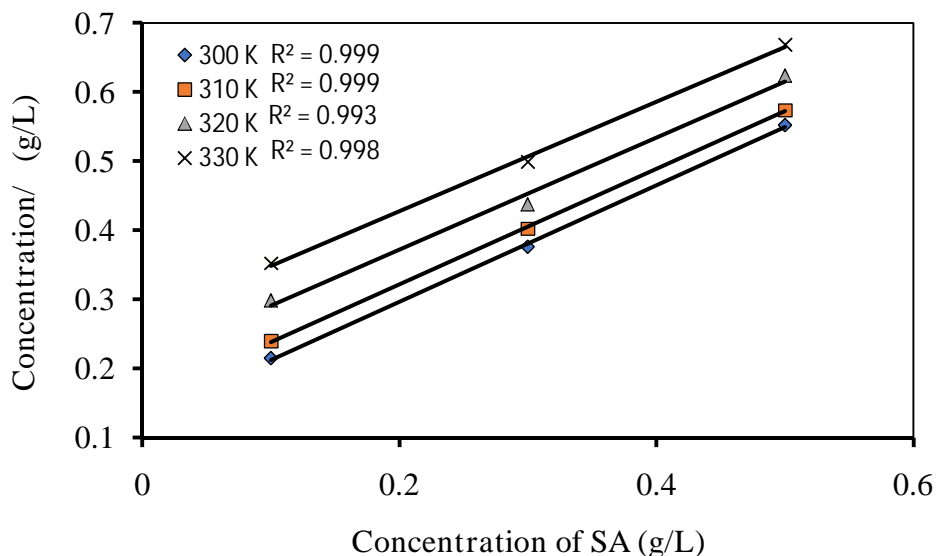


Figure 3.6.4: Langmuir adsorption isotherm at 300 K for MS in 1 N HCl with and without various concentrations of SA extract.

Using the intercept, K_{ads} values are obtained and shown in Table 3.6.3. The free energy is found to be less than -20 kJ/mol. The negative value of standard free energy indicates a strong interaction and stability of the adsorption molecules on the metal surface (Jia et al., 2015). Generally, the magnitude of standard free energy around -20 kJ/mol is assumed to be electrostatic interaction causing physical adsorption.

The calculated thermodynamic parameters such as E_a , H_a and S_a are obtained and returned in Table 3.6.4. The value of E_a in the absence of SA extract is lower than its presence i.e. 38.73 kJ/mol (blank) and 66.92 kJ/mol (0.5 g/L). Thus, the higher value of E_a in the presence of SA extract reveals that adsorption of inhibitor molecules occurs over the MS surface increasing the energy barrier of the corrosion process.

Similarly, the values of $-S_a$ for SA extract are negative, indicating the activation stage of the adsorption process is controlled by associative interactions between the iron and the inhibitor molecules rather than the dissociative formation of iron and water molecules. The H_a values are generally higher in presence of inhibitor compared to that of the uninhibited system which also indicates the effect of studied inhibitor on MS corrosion in the acidic medium.

Table 3.6.3: Calculated value of adsorption isotherms and respective free energy for the adsorption of SA extract on MS surface in 1 N HCl solution at different temperatures.

Temp.(K)	(kJ/mol)	(K_{ads})
300	15.14	7.81
310	14.67	6.47
320	13.91	4.77
330	13.28	3.71

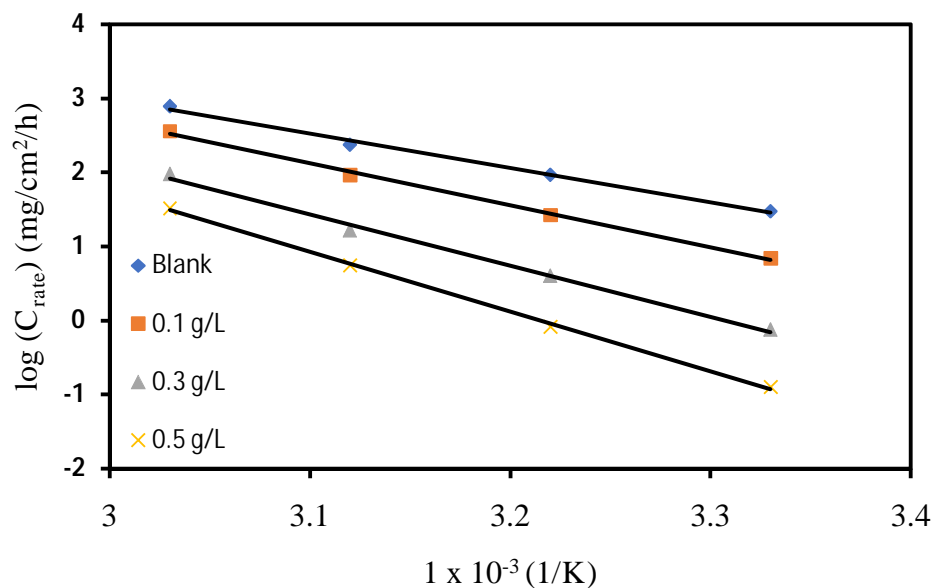


Figure 3.6.5: Arrhenius plots for the corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and presence of the inhibitor in different concentration of SA.

Table 3.6.4: Arrhenius activation thermodynamic parameters for MS in 1 N HCl in the presence of various concentrations of SA extract.

Conc.(g/L)	E _a (kJ/mol)	H _a (kJ/mol)	- S _a (J/mol/K)
Blank	38.73	36.09	112.64
0.1	47.12	44.49	89.96
0.3	57.43	54.80	63.74
0.5	66.92	64.28	38.55

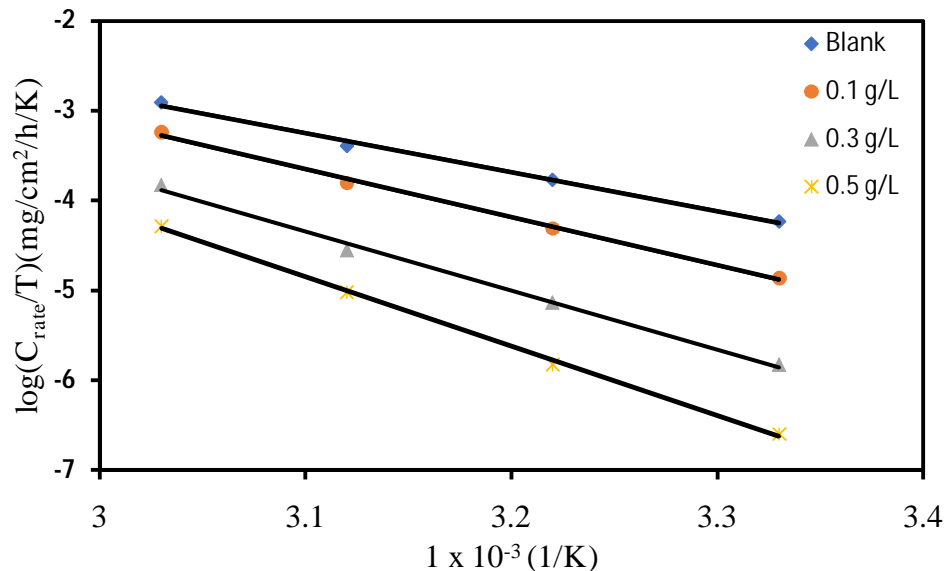


Figure 3.6.6: Transition plots for the corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and presence of the SA extract.

3.6.3. Electrochemical Measurements

3.6.3.1. Measurement of Potentiodynamic Polarization of SA Extract

Further to understand the corrosion inhibition of SA extract for MS in acidic medium, the Tafel polarization techniques are used at 300 K (Chakravarthy et al., 2014; Fouda et al., 2017; Geethamani and Kasthuri, 2015). The Tafel polarisation curves for MS in the HCl solution in the absence and presence of SA extract are given in Figure 3.6.7.

The polarisation curve is shifted to more negative and more positive potentials with respect to the blank polarisation curve, with increasing the concentration of SA extracts. These observations indicate that the SA extract is a mixed-type inhibitor for the corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl at 300 K (Gadow and Motawea, 2017). It is also found that the cathodic polarization curves slightly shifted towards negative region whereas anodic polarization curve shifted with greater extent, which means the inhibition of corrosion

reaction is predominant with anodic dissolution reaction in acidic medium (Zhao and Chen, 2012).

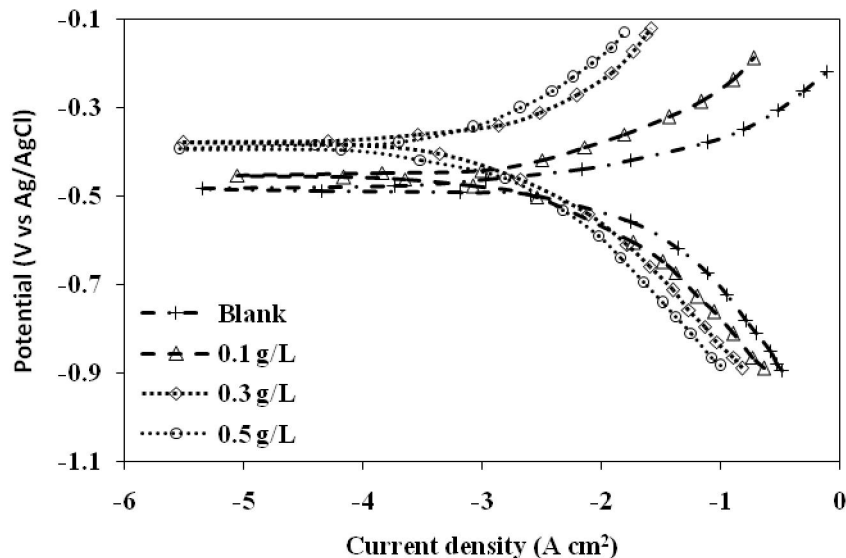


Figure 3.6.7: Potentiodynamic polarization curves for MS in 1 N HCl solution without and with different concentrations of SA extract at 300 K.

The cathodic and anodic potentiodynamic polarization parameters are obtained by Tafel extrapolation techniques and the resulting potentiodynamic polarization parameter viz., E_{corr} , I_{corr} , β_c and β_a , are shown in Table 3.6.5 (Gadow and Motawea, 2017). The polarization curves of MS in acidic solution without inhibitor possesses the value of β_a 191 mV/decade, β_c is -184 mV/decade and E_{corr} 482 mV.

The corrosion potential (E_{corr}) is shifted by 425 mV, 316 mV and 337 mV in the positive direction after addition of 0.1 g/L, 0.3 g/L and 0.5 g/L of SA extract in acidic solution, respectively. Hence, the SA extract is recognized as a strong inhibitor of anodic process. Other electrochemical parameters and the inhibition efficiencies of different concentrations of plant extracts are determined from I_{corr} with and without plant extract

and shown in Table 3.6.5. Further, Table 3.6.5 shows the inhibition efficiency of the plant extract which is increased by 67.72%, 86.63% and 91.47% by the addition of 0.1g/L, 0.3g/L and 0.5g/L of inhibitor in acidic solution, respectively. This result is in good agreement with the gravimetric studies; however, the %IE value obtained from polarization method is different from weight loss method and this difference is due to the different analytical techniques used in the data analysis (Hegazy et al., 2010)

Table 3.6.5: Measurement of electrochemical parameters for the MS in 1 N HCl solution in absence and presence of different concentration of SA extract at 300 K.

Conc. (g/L)	i_a (mV/dec)	$-i_c$ (mV/dec)	$-E_{corr}$ (mV vs Ag/AgCl)	I_{corr} ($\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE
Blank	114	306	482	16880	00.0
0.1	131	284	425	5448	67.7
0.3	193	296	316	2255	86.6
0.5	182	299	337	1440	91.4

3.6.3.2. EIS of SA Extract

EIS is a powerful and non-destructive tool for studying the electrochemical corrosion processes of MS in corrosive environments and determining the inhibition ability of various corrosion inhibitors (Pan et al., 2009). Figure 3.6.8 shows Nyquist plots of the MS electrode with and without SA extract while table 3.6.6 shows the estimated values of the R_s , R_{ct} , and C_{dl} at the metal/inhibitor interface, respectively. It is seen that the presence of SA extract caused to enhance the values of R_{ct} . The increase in

R_{ct} value is due to the adsorption of SA extract and forming a protective layer on the metal surface. An intact protective film can act as a barrier for water, oxygen and corrosive anions on the metal surface. The enhances R_{ct} values due to the gradual replacement of water molecules by inhibitor molecules present in high concentration on the metal surface and thus decreasing the extent of MS dissolution in corrosive medium. Hence, SA extract has good protection for MS in corrosive medium.

As shown in Fig. 3.6.8, all Nyquist plots exhibit one single capacitive loop, indicating that the corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl with and without protection is mostly controlled by charge transfer processes and double layer capacitance. In addition, these impedance spectra show a similar shape at all tested concentrations of inhibitor, which suggests that corrosion mechanism is not changed significantly. As compared to the diameter of blank solution, the diameter of the semicircles is increased with the addition of SA extract. This indicates the inhibitive capability of SA extract. Besides, these Nyquist plots are having depressed semicircles under the real axis, which is known as frequency dispersion effect and it is due to the surface roughness, heterogeneity and grain boundaries available on the metal surface (Juttner, 1990).

As evident from Table 3.6.6, the C_{dl} value is decreased with the increase in concentration of inhibitor. This is due to the decrease in the extent of corrosion in corrosive medium. The low C_{dl} values are associated with slower corroding processes and this is an indication of decrease in the local dielectric constant and or an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer (Noor, 2014; Kadhum et al., 2014). This proves the adsorption of the corrosion inhibitor molecules at metal/solution interface. It

is clear from the table that the addition of the inhibitor caused a significant change in the impedance response of the MS specimens immersed in the inhibitor-free solution.

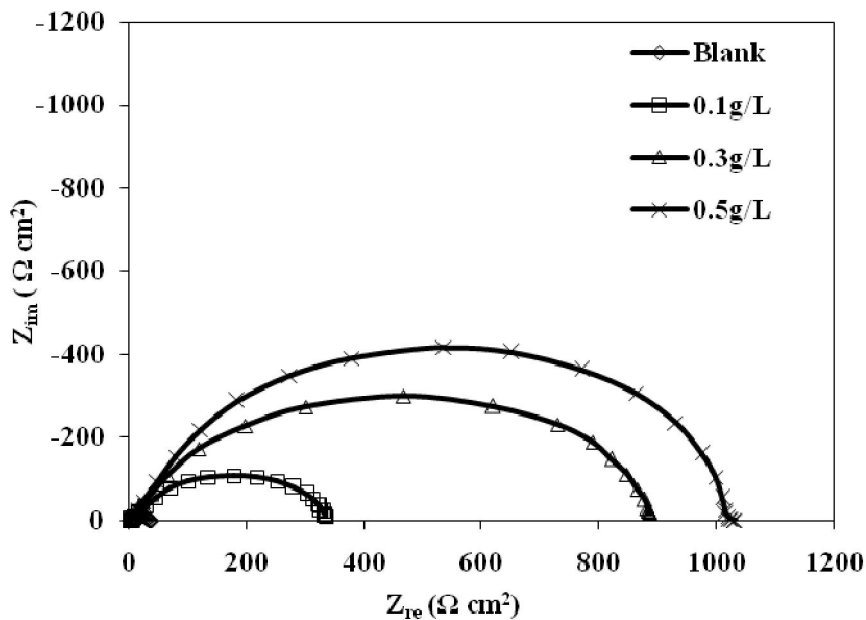


Figure 3.6.8: Nyquist plots for MS in 1 N HCl solution without and with different concentrations of SA extract at 300 K.

Table 3.6.6: Impedance parameters for MS in 1 N HCl solution in the absence and in the presence of different concentrations of SA extract.

Conc. (g/L)	R_s ($\Omega \text{ cm}^2$)	R_{ct} ($\Omega \text{ cm}^2$)	C_{dl} ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)	% IE
Blank	2.05	118	213	00.00
0.1	2.34	351	29	0.663
0.3	2.61	905	45	0.869
0.5	3.02	1046	39	0.887

3.6.4. FT-IR of MS and SA Extract

The FT-IR spectra of the SA extract and the protective layer of the extract molecules adsorbed onto the MS surface are shown in Figure 3.6.9. In the Figure 3.6.9, a broad band at 3389 cm^{-1} represented the O-H stretching vibrations. A weak band appeared at 2951 cm^{-1} is due to the C-H stretching vibrations. The bands at 1653 cm^{-1} and 1021 cm^{-1} corresponded to the C=C and C-O-C stretching vibrations. The spectral peaks of scratched corrosion product in the presence of 0.5 g/L SA extract are shifted to 3401 cm^{-1} and 1663 cm^{-1} respectively for the characteristics of C=C, C=O or O-H functional groups of plant extract involved in bonding with iron atom. Thus, it is concluded that the plant extract molecules are adsorbed onto the metal surface at the active sites.

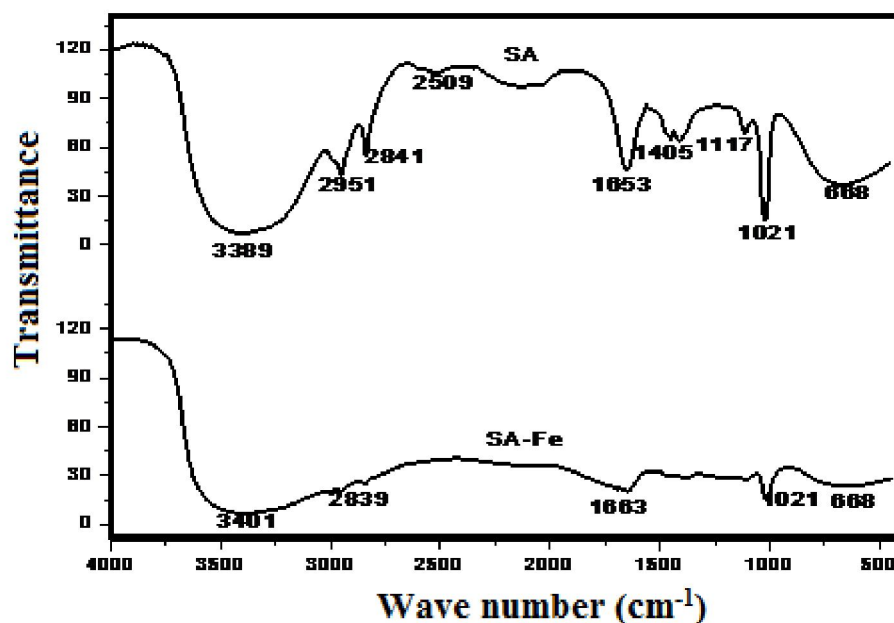


Figure 3.6.9: FT-IR spectra of (SA-Fe) scratched surface of MS containing 0.5 g/L of SA extract after 3 h.

3.6.5. SEM of MS surface

Microstructure study of MS surface in corrosive medium (1 N HCl) is investigated in absence and presence of SA extracts at 300 K after 3-hour immersion using the SEM images and obtained results are shown in Figure 3.6.10(a-c). The clean surface before immersion in test solution is shown in Figure 3.6.10 (a); it shows a non-cracked surface. Figure 3.6.10(b) exhibits the effect of 1 N HCl solution without inhibitor on the corrosion of steel sample at 300 K. In the absence of inhibitor, a highly corroded surface is observed in Figure 3.6.10(b) due to more aggressive corrosive attack on metal surface in acidic solution (Kumari et al., 2017; Chaitra et al., 2017). Figure 3.6.10(b), observed rough surface due to higher chloride concentration on metal surface and it enhanced the metal dissolution in acidic solution.

The topography of the MS surface with 0.5g/L of SA extract in acidic solution after 3h shows in Figure 3.6.10(c). The SEM image obtained with inhibitor is significantly different from the blank solution without inhibitor in acidic solution. The rough surface formed on metal surface is decreased due to adsorption of inhibitor molecules on metal surface and formation of protective layer, which prevents contact of aggressive ions towards the metal surface. These observations are also in agreement with the result obtained from electrochemical measurements.

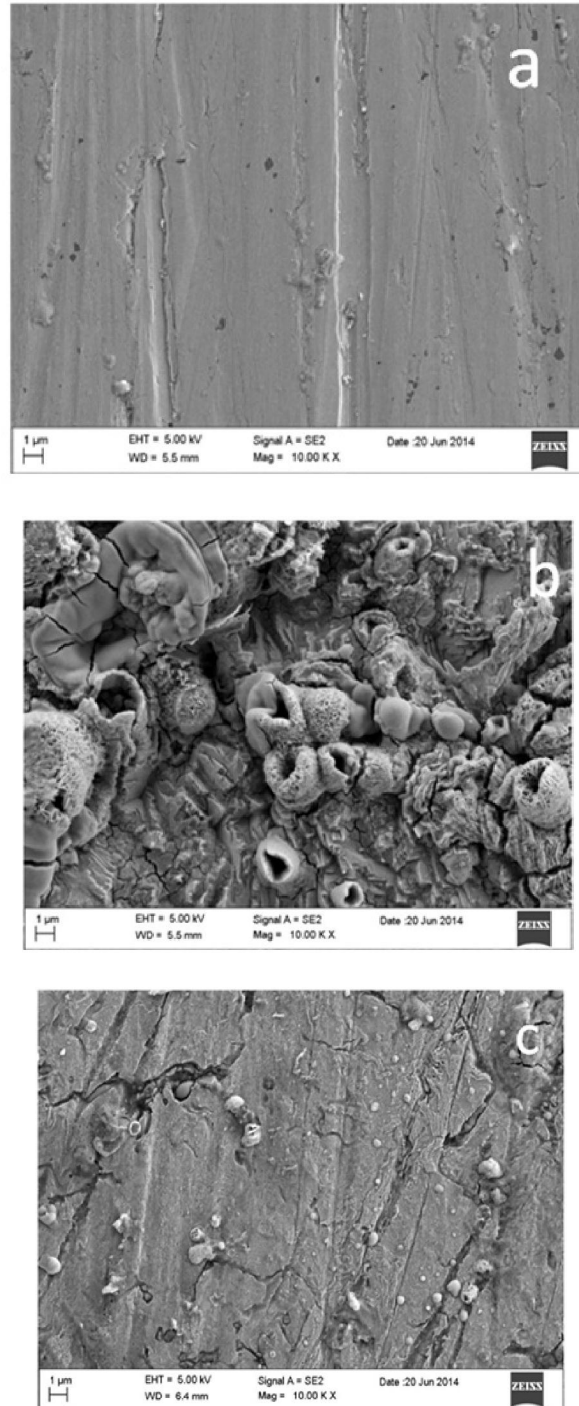


Figure 3.6.10: SEM image of MS specimen (a) before immersion in acidic solution (b) after 3 h immersion in acidic solution and (c) after 3 h immersion in acidic solution with the 0.5 g/L of SA extract.

3.6.6. Mechanism of Corrosion Inhibition of SA Extract

The results of the present study showed that the corrosion inhibition of MS was due to adsorption of phyto-chemicals on the MS surface. The protonated forms of oxygen present in phytochemicals get adsorbed onto the negatively charged MS surface (chloride ions) through electrostatic interaction (Lgaz et al., 2018). The π -electrons present in phytochemicals are interacted with the MS surface by donor-acceptor between π -electrons and vacant d-orbital of the metal surface (d-orbitals of surface Fe-atoms).

Inspection of the structure in Figure 3.6.11 reveals that Cl⁻ is adsorbed on metal surface and interacts with inhibitor cations to form protective layer on the MS surface. This layer prevents the surface from aggressive anions (Yousefi et al., 2015). The presence of π bonds may also lead to the formation of protective layer on metal surface (Gupta et al., 2016). This adsorption gives rise to a large covered surface area with a small number of adsorbed molecules. Therefore, high inhibition efficiency is obtained by relatively low concentrations of the SA extract.

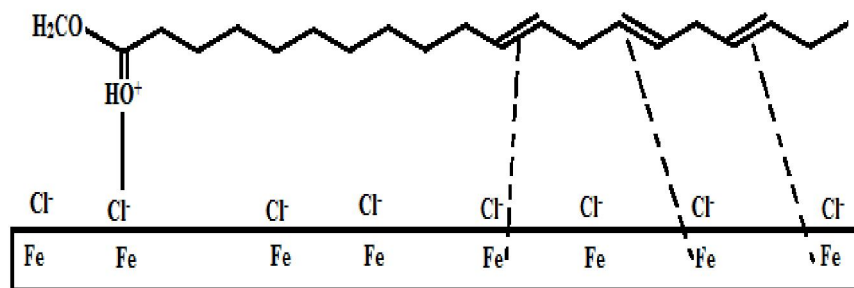


Figure 3.6.11: Schematic diagram of the adsorption process of SA extract MS surface in 1 N HCl.

4. Summary and Conclusions

The relevant observations and the important findings of the present investigation on corrosion inhibition of MS in acidic medium using various plant extracts are summarized and the main conclusions drawn from the study are discussed in this chapter.

Cleaning and mild steel (MS) related machinery is necessary for contaminate free production of product. The equipment gave best performance when, clean and maximum resistance to corrosion. However, cleaning agents are corroding the equipment hence, increases the operational and maintenance costs (Romero et al., 2010). During cleaning processes transportation of MS and processing of some chemical industry corrosion inhibitors are used to minimize the corrosion to maximize the production of good quality product (Rahse, 2014).

4.1. Corrosion Inhibition Studies using *Allium hookeri* (AH) Extract

This is worth to mention here that the present study involved a detailed phytochemical investigation in AH extract using GC-MS, which helps to identify the major inhibitive components present in it. The identified compounds are glucose derivative, 2-penten-1-ol, and isosorbide with O-atoms and -bonds in crude AH extract. The inhibitive action of the extract is mainly due to the carbohydrate derivatives. The weight loss measurements indicated that the corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl was observed as 4.71 mg/cm²/h which was decreased to 0.32 mg/cm² h in present of 0.5 g/L AH extract with 93% surface coverage over MS surface.

Langmuir adsorption isotherm studies show that the value of K_{ads} decreases with an increase in temperature. This indicates that the strength of adsorption bond on metal

surface is decreased and hence show lower inhibition efficiency at higher temperatures. The obtained value of standard free energy in temperatures (300 K- 330 K) are less negative standard free energy around (-20 kJ/mol) are usually characteristic of physical adsorption of inhibitor molecule on to the metal surface.

Arrhenius-type dependence on thermodynamic parameters for corrosion inhibition process shows that increasing the activation energy value, when compared to the blank solution, is generally interpreted as an indication of the formation of an adsorptive film. The positive signs of H_a reflects the dissolution of MS is slower in the presence of inhibitor. The entropy of activation S_a in the absence of inhibitor is large due to more extent of metal dissociation.

Potentiodynamic polarization measurements show that AH extract suppressed both the anodic and cathodic reactions. It is observed that the anodic branches shifted towards lower corrosion current density with increasing concentration of inhibitor and hence higher value of β_a over β_c . It means that the cathodic reaction is predominant. It is observed from the data that the addition of AH extract caused to decrease the corrosion current density (I_{corr}) which is due to the adsorption of the inhibitor on the metal surface. The change of R_{ct} and C_{dl} values are attributed to the adsorption of inhibitor on the metal surface which decreases the extent of metal dissolution in corrosive medium (Karthik et al., 2015; Kumar et al., 2017). Further, the value of R_{ct} is increased as the diameter of Nyquist loop increases with increasing concentration of AH extract, however the C_{dl} values decreases simultaneously.

In the FTIR spectra of scratched surface of corrosion product with 0.5 g/L, it is seen that changing the intensity of band of some important functional group such as

asymmetric $-\text{CH}_3$ stretching band at 2957 cm^{-1} and thiol ($-\text{SH}$) stretching band at 1401 cm^{-1} are completely disappeared, while the some band shifted such as $-\text{OH}$ (3396 cm^{-1}), $-\text{C}=\text{O}$ (1639 cm^{-1}) and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ ring bending (606 cm^{-1}) is due to adsorption of these functional group on to metal surface. This information provides us as corrosion inhibitive functional group contained with heteroatom and multiple bonds which are present in AH extract blocking the active sites of MS surface.

4.2. Corrosion Inhibition Studies using Clerodendrum colebrookianum (CCWL) Extract

The analysis of GC-MS data of methanolic extract of CCWL revealed the presence of major components as cyclohexanol derivative, 3, 7, 11, 15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol, butanoic acid, 3, 7-dimethyl-6-octenyl ester and phytol. The weight loss measurement reveals the corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl. It was observed that the weight loss of MS was decreased from $3.25\text{ mg/cm}^2/\text{h}$ to $0.15\text{ mg/cm}^2\text{ h}$ in presence of 0.4 g/L of CCWL extract with 95% surface coverage over MS. The corresponding value of standard free energy is found to be in between the -26.69 to -28.45 kJ/mol , which suggests that the adsorption of CCWL extract over the MS surface is physisorption along with the electrostatic interactions occurred between the inhibitor and the charged metal surface.

It is also noticed from the weight loss data that the corrosion rate for MS in 1 N HCl is increased with an increase in temperature from 303 K to 333 K . The inhibitor molecules diffuse back into the solution from MS surface with increase in temperature hence, more surface area of MS is exposed to the acid medium.

It is observed from the polarization curves that I_{corr} decreases with increasing the concentration of CCWL extract in acidic media. This indicates that inhibitor suppresses the dissolution of iron whereas the variation of cathodic Tafel slope suggests that the presence of CCWL extract suppresses significantly the hydrogen evolution reaction.

Further, the Nyquist plots possesses single semicircle capacitance loop which indicates charge transfer corrosion process. The diameter of capacitive loop increases with an increase in concentration of inhibitor. This suggests the decrease of corrosion rate due to adsorption of inhibitor species or species like H^+ on the electrode surface. It is also found that a significant decrease in C_{dl} on addition of inhibitor but value increases with increasing the inhibitor concentration. This result leads to decrease in the local dielectric constant or an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer and suggests that the inhibitor molecules form a protective layer at the MS metal surface.

The low intensity of FT-IR spectra having broad peak at 3353 cm^{-1} indicates an interaction between free $-\text{OH}$ with charged metal surface. The characteristic vibrational peak at 629 cm^{-1} is attributed to the metal-oxygen (functional group) bond. The peak at 2124 cm^{-1} is mainly due to the presence of $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$ (terminal alkyne) and the disappearance of this peak indicates that the π -electrons of inhibitor molecule are also involved in the bonding on the metal surface. These shifting in the absorption frequencies clearly indicate that one or more phytochemicals of inhibitor are adsorbed on the MS surface.

The inhibitive action of CCWL extract on MS in corroding medium is attributed to the adsorption of the components for example, cyclohexanol derivative containing

oxygen atoms in functional groups (-OH) and butanoic acid through C=C. A molecule of small size as cyclohexanol derivative is readily diffused.

In acidic medium these compounds exist as protonated species, which interact with charged metallic surface. Potentiodynamic polarisation curves indicate that these inhibitor molecules retard the corrosion by controlling both anodic and cathodic processes. Protonated molecules adsorb on cathodic sites of MS to retard H₂-evolution process, whereas π -system adsorb on anodic sites of MS to prevent the diffusion of metal ions into aqueous phase.

4.3. Corrosion Inhibition Studies using *Elsholtzia communis* (ECI) Extract

The data obtained from the GC-MS analysis of the ECI extract indicates the presence of major phytochemicals in methanolic extracts of ECI such as (-)-spathulenol, carotene, retinoic acid and retinol acetate as carotenoids derivatives.

The weight loss result clearly indicates the effect of ECI extract on the C_{rate} and there is a significant decrease as the concentration of ECI extract increased. This was due to increase in the extent of adsorption of inhibitors from ECI extract to the MS surface in 1 N HCl medium. The obtained standard free energy values are around -15 kJ/mol and generally the less negative value of standard free energy around (- 20 kJ/mol) are usually characteristic of physical adsorption.

The increase in the corrosion rate with an increase in temperature is due to the desorption of the inhibitor molecules and the adsorption at higher temperature indicated to physical adsorption of inhibitor onto the MS surface. The higher value of E_a in presence of ECI extract solution suggests that physical adsorption of inhibitor molecules and formation of physical barrier at MS surface/solution interface.

The positive value of H_a indicates that the corrosion process is endothermic in nature while a negative correlation was found between the values of S_a and the concentration of inhibitor in corrosive medium. The higher values of S_a for inhibition solution are due to increase in entropy of solvent.

The Tafel polarization curves decreases both for anodic and cathodic I_{corr} for all investigated concentrations and the displacement of E_{corr} was around 66 mV towards the cathodic direction with respect to the blank, which showed the inhibitive effect of examined inhibitor. It concludes that inhibitor is of mix type. The β_c value was shifted toward more negative side of E_{corr} value, whereas β_a was slightly shifted toward lower E_{corr} side.

The EIS data clearly indicates that the value of C_{dl} decreases whereas the value of R_{ct} increases with inhibitor concentration in presence of larger amount of green inhibitor. The decrease in C_{dl} values is interpreted as either strengthening in inhibitive film onto the metal surface i.e., increase in thickness of the electrical double layer or decrease in dielectric constant of the solution or both.

The FT-IR spectra of ECI extract of corrosion product obtained by scratching from the MS surface showed a weak vibrational band of $-\text{OH}$ at 3370 cm^{-1} . This is probably due to formation of thin film of Fe-inhibitor complex on to the MS surface through $-\text{OH}$ group of Retinoic acid or Spathulenol. Disappearance of bands near 1114 and 647 cm^{-1} is due to the physiosorption of inhibitor molecules onto the MS surface through the C-O-C, COO-, C=C and -C=C-H groups.

The interaction between organic molecules present in methanolic extract of ECI is attributed as charge-transfer-type interaction between unshared electron pairs present

in oxygen in carotenoids derivative or π -electrons of carotenoids and empty low energy d- orbitals of Fe atom present on MS surface and columbic interactions between aromatic π -clouds and MS surface/solution interface or between protonated π -carotenoids and adsorbed Cl⁻ ions at cathodic sides.

4.4. Corrosion Inhibition Studies using *Melocanna baccifera* (MBL) extract

Weight loss results for MS in 1 N HCl for MBL extract revealed the increase in inhibition efficiency with the increase in MBL extract concentrations which eventually decrease the corrosion rate. This behaviour is due to the increase in surface area covered by the adsorbed molecules on the MS surface with an increase in MBL extract concentrations having a maximum efficiency of 93% as is achieved at the concentration of 0.5 g/L.

Inhibition of MS corrosion in 1 N HCl in presence of crude extract was attributed due to the adsorption of the phytochemical constituents such as 3-deoxy-d-mannonic lactone and 2,3-dihydroxypropanal of the extract of bamboo leaves on the MS surface and forming a protective layer. Phytochemical screening of different species of bamboo reveals that the extract contains alkaloids, tannins, general glycosides, saponins, coumarins, alkaloids, flavonoids, anthraquinones and anthracene glycoside. These functional groups along with hetero-atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen, and multiple bonds in their molecule possess higher electron density and hence facilitates in forming the coordinate bond with metal d-orbitals.

It is also observed from the polarization curves that addition of the inhibitors affected both the anodic and cathodic processes as the curves are shifted towards lower corrosion current density region with respect to the blank. This is due to inhibitor

molecules inhibit both anodic and cathodic corrosion process of electrode in electrolytic solution.

The shifts in corrosion current densities appear to be more dominant for the anodic curves than the cathodic curves. This suggests that the inhibitor suppressed predominantly the anodic reaction than the cathodic reaction. These results suggest that inhibitor molecules are adsorbed on metal surface and retarded the electrodes processes. This is considered due to the mixed-type behaviour of the studied inhibitors. The obtained inhibitors efficiency by electrochemical method is also supported by weight loss method.

The -OH vibrational band at $3200-3470\text{ cm}^{-1}$ of the MBL spectrum in Figure 3.4.6 was shifted to $3300-3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the spectrum of the MBL-metal complex. The C=O stretching frequency of MBL extract shifts from 1545 cm^{-1} to 1474 cm^{-1} . This indicates the participation of the heteroatoms of inhibitor molecule on metal surface.

4.5. Corrosion Inhibition Studies using *Spilanthes acmella* (SA) extract

The results of GC/MS revealed that the compounds hexadecanoic acid, hepta-9,10,11-trienoic acid, octadecenoic acid, 5-hydroxymethyl heptadecane, docosane aldehyde, methyl 11,14,17-eicosatrienoate and 1-thoxyoctadecane are major components present with SA extract.

The gravimetric results indicated the rapid decrease in corrosion rate with increase in SA extract concentrations. This is due to fact that more inhibitor molecules are adsorbed on the MS surface, which protects MS surfaces from aggressive acidic medium. The corrosion rate of MS in 1 N HCl is observed as $4.36\text{ mg/cm}^2/\text{h}$ which decreases to $0.41\text{ mg/cm}^2/\text{h}$ in presence of 0.5 g/L of SA extract with 90% surface

coverage over MS. Further, increase in temperature caused to decrease the corrosion inhibition process.

The Langmuir adsorption isotherm is fitted well in the present system which indicates the monolayer coverage of adsorbed molecules onto the MS surface and no lateral interactions are involved between the adsorbed molecules.

The value of standard free energy was found to be less than -20 kJ/mol. The negative value of standard free energy is due to the electrostatic interactions occurred between the inhibitor molecules and metal surface. Thus, the obtained value of standard free energy suggests a physical adsorption on the MS surface in acidic solution.

The polarisation curve was shifted to more negative and more positive potentials with respect to the blank polarisation curve, by increasing the concentration of *Spilanthes acmella* extract. These observations indicate that the *Spilanthes acmella* is a mixed-type inhibitor for the corrosion of MS. It is also noted that the cathodic polarization curves slightly shifted toward negative region, whereas anodic polarisation curve shifted toward greater extent, which means that the inhibition of corrosion reaction predominates with inhibitive anodic dissolution reaction in acidic medium.

It is also seen that the presence of SA extract enhances the values of R_{ct} . The increase in R_{ct} is due to the adsorption of SA extract on metal surface which is exposed in corrosive medium and forming a protective film. The intact protective thin film acts as a barrier for intimate interaction of water, oxygen and corrosive anions on the metal surface. All Nyquist plots exhibit one single capacitive loop, indicating the corrosion of MS in 1 N HCl with and without protection is mostly controlled by charge transfer process and double layer capacitance. The low C_{dl} values at higher concentration of SA

extract are associated with slower corroding processes, which decreases with local dielectric constant and causes an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer.

The FT-IR spectra of the SA extract and corrosion product in presence of inhibitor shows that active functional groups such as C=C, C=O or O-H is associated with bonding onto iron metal surface.

The morphology (SEM image) of the MS with SA extract shows significant difference from the blank MS without inhibitor in acidic solution. The extent of rough surface formed on metal surface is reduced due to the adsorptions of inhibitor molecules.

The corrosion inhibition of MS is due to the adsorption of unsaturated fatty acid derivative phyto-constituents present in SA extract. Inspection of the structure of present compound reveals that the bonds almost protected the metal and protonated oxygen atoms are involved in the formation of protective layer on the metal surface. Therefore, high inhibition efficiency is obtained relatively at lower concentrations of the SA extract.

4.6. Future Work

The present study is to be taken as a starting point for the corrosion inhibition study using plant extracts. The study already established the plant extract as effective corrosion inhibitive agent but application of only few of them was explored. The entire natural products derived from plants are important from biological, as well as organo-metallic-chemistry point of view.

Limited number of plant extract are used in metal protection and recognised as corrosive inhibition in acid medium. It is also explored the main phytochemical

constituent compounds present in plant extract which are involved in bonding with metal surface.

Further, large quantities of particular phyto-organic compounds using the established methodology is an important aspect to be explored. The particular phytochemical is expected to be important from biological, chemical and other industrial point of view.

Methodology for anti-corrosive studies is established which may further be commercialized for greater implications. The efficient inhibitor was tested as good alternatives for organic substances by comparing the structures of the inhibitors with that of encapsulated coating. An application of natural inhibitors for prevention from crevice, intergranular, and stress corrosion processes could be investigated. New techniques need to be employed for the interpretation of corrosion and inhibition mechanisms. Surface analysis could be conducted with the help of new analytical techniques, which contributes to provide better understanding of inhibition processes in different corrosive medium.

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