

Determination of vitamin B₁ using sulfur solid-state electrode

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Abstract: In this study, a solid-state electrode sensitive to sulfur concentration was developed. The electrode, which is sensitive to sulfur concentration with an analytical slope of 29 ± 0.7 mV and has a composition of 25% DBDS + 55% Ag₂S + 20% CuS, was applied. For this reason, it was determined that the analytical performance values of this electrode in synthetic samples were high. Vitamin B₁ was determined indirectly using a sulfur electrode. After vitamin B₁ was made soluble, it was analyzed using both selective electrode and ion chromatography with the help of sulfur. The results were found to be consistent with each other.

Keywords: Vitamin B₁, Sulfur, solid-state electrode, determination.

Introduction

Vitamin B₁, a water-soluble vitamin, is one of the eight vitamins that make up the powerful group called the vitamin B complex. Like all of the B vitamins, this nutrient plays a major role in the good health of the body as well as in sound mental health. Vitamin B₁ serves many purposes in the body [1-2].

Various analytical methods have been reported for the determination of thiamine in both pharmaceutical preparations and biological samples. These methods include spectrophotometry [3-5], spectrofluorimetric [6-12], high performance liquid chromatography [13-14], capillary electrophoresis [15], voltammetry [16] and ion selective electrode [17].

In this study, instead of these expensive methods in vitamin B₁ analysis, a new solid-state electrode with high selectivity, short-time analysis, low cost and sensitivity to sulfur ions was prepared. The features that increase the sensitivity of the electrode were examined and suitable conditions were determined. Vitamin B₁ analysis was performed indirectly with this electrode. In addition, the analytical performance values of the electrode were measured.

Materials and Methods

All chemicals used in this study are of high purity. Dibutyl di sulfide (Merck), silver (I) sulfide and CuS compounds were prepared in laboratory conditions. Vitamin B₁ (100 mg) was used from a well-known commercial brand. Stock solutions of cations and anions salts (Merc) were prepared as 0.1 M for the interference effect. Standard solutions of the ions to be analyzed were prepared using ultrapure water (18.2 MΩ cm⁻¹).

Ultrapure water produced by Thermo Fisher brand Pacific TII model ultrapure water device (USA) was used in the preparation of sample, stock and standard solutions. For potential measurements, Orion Star A214 pH/ISE Benchtop meter, reference electrode and IKA Plate magnetic stirrer mixer were used.

Results

The sensitivity of the electrode sensitive to the 25% DBDS + 55% Ag₂S + 20% CuS composition with a total membrane mass of 0.4 g to the sulfur concentration was measured and is given in Figure 1.

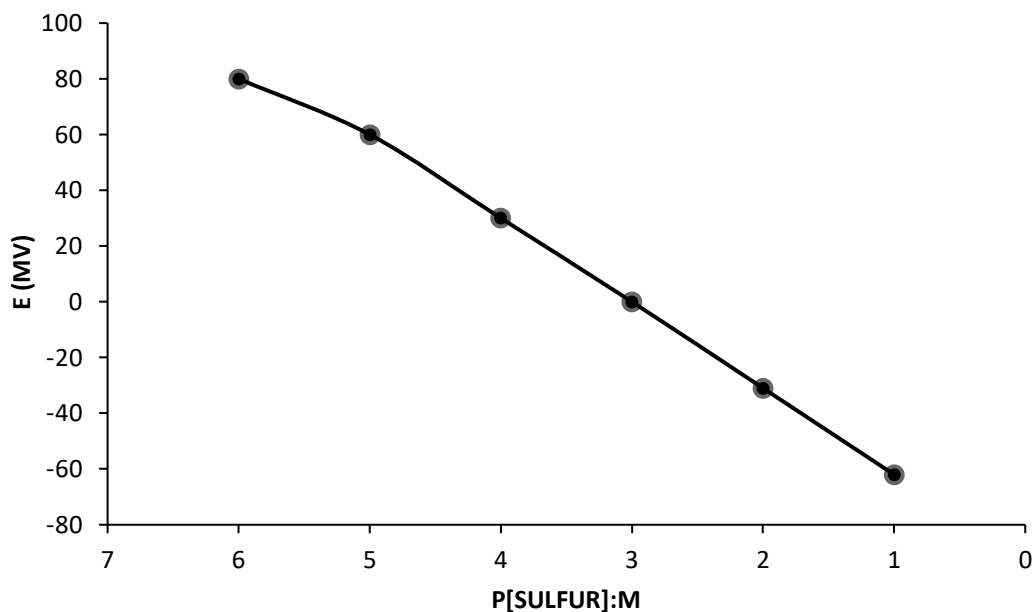


Figure 1: Sensitivity of solid-state electrode to sulfur ion

The amount of sulfur in synthetic samples was analyzed with the prepared sulfur selective solid- state electrode and the % recovery rates were measured. The results were calculated as the 95% confidence level and the average of 4 experiments. These values are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Analytical values of the sulfur electrode in synthetic samples.

| Amount of added sulfur: mg/L | Sulfur measured by electrode: mg/L | % Recycling |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 9.6 ± 0.1 | 96 |
| 50 | 49 ± 1.0 | 98 |
| 100 | 98 ± 2 | 98 |
| 200 | 197 ± 4 | 99 |

A known commercial vitamin B1 was dissolved in 10 mL of ultrapure water. The amount of vitamin B1 in this sample was analyzed by both the solid-state electrode and the ion chromatography method. The results obtained are given in Table 2. As a result of this analysis, it was seen that the data obtained with both methods were compatible with each other.

Table 2: Vitamin B1 analysis results and comparison

| Sample | Found with electrode mg/L | Found Ion chromatography mg/L |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vitamin B1 | 18 ± 0.6 | 19 ± 0.8 |

Discussion

Vitamin B1 determination was done directly or indirectly using many methods [18-19]. It was observed that the sulphur electrode is easy to prepare, has low cost, short response time, high sensitivity and no interference effect. It was found that it can be applied to both synthetic and real samples.

Conclusion

In this study, a new solid-state electrode sensitive to sulfur ions was prepared. The electrode composition was determined as 25% DFDS + 55% Ag(I)S + 25% CuS. When the sulfur concentration of this electrode was increased by 10 times, it showed a potential increase of 29 ± 0.7 mV. The membrane thickness of the electrode was measured as 0.4 g. It can be easily worked between pH 1 and 10. It is not sensitive to many anions and cations. It was recorded that the analytical performance of the electrode in synthetic samples was high. It was used in the analysis of vitamin B1. The amount of vitamin B1 was performed by both electrode and ion chromatography. The results were found to be consistent.

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