



## Speed of Sound, Density and Refractive Index Data of 5-chloro-3H-Benzoxazol-2-one in Acetonitrile-Water Mixtures at 37°C

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### Abstract

The experimental speed of sound ( $u$ ), density ( $\rho$ ) and refractive index ( $n$ ) studies on solutions of muscle relaxant 5-chloro-3H-benzoxazol-2-one (chlorzoxazone) have been carried out in binary acetonitrile (AN)-water mixtures of different vol% at 37°C. From experimental results, various acoustical properties like isentropic compressibility ( $\kappa_s$ ), intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ ), specific acoustic impedance ( $Z$ ), relative association ( $R_A$ ), apparent molar isentropic compressibility ( $\kappa_\phi$ ) and relaxation strength ( $r$ ) have been calculated. Apparent molar volume ( $V_\phi^0$ ) of drug has been calculated from density data and fitted to modified Masson's relation to obtain partial molar volume ( $V_\phi^0$ ) for the evaluation of drug-solvent interactions. The experimental and derived properties have been used to throw the light on drug-drug and drug-solvent interactions.

**Keywords:** Drug, Acoustical properties, Isentropic compressibility, Relative association, Molecular interactions.

### Introduction

A drug-solvent interaction is of great theoretical and practical importance. The volumetric, acoustic and optical properties give significant information regarding molecular interactions in drug solutions. The acoustic and thermodynamic properties which give qualitative information about intermolecular forces in solutions are calculated from speed of sound and density<sup>1-3</sup>. Studies on speeds of sound and densities of pharmaceutically important drug solutions are of interest<sup>4-6</sup>. The 5-chloro-3H-benzoxazol-2-one is a centrally acting muscle relaxant. No reports are available in the literature on the ultrasonic studies of 5-chloro-3H-benzoxazol-2-one in binary aqueous + non-aqueous solvent systems like acetonitrile-water mixtures. Therefore, in continuation with our earlier work<sup>7-8</sup>, here we report, density, refractive, speed of sound and derived thermophysical properties of this drug in acetonitrile-water mixtures of three different compositions at 37°C.

### Materials and Methods

The 5-chloro-3H-benzoxazol-2-one (Chlorzoxazone, C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>) was supplied as a gift sample by Cipla Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai. Double distilled water and acetonitrile (AN) (AR grade, Fisher Scientific, 99.8%) were used for preparation of solutions. Density measurements were performed using single capillary pycnometer (Borosil, 10 cm<sup>3</sup>, 20×46 mm, ±0.3 ml). Pycnometer was calibrated using double distilled water. Weighing was done on single pan electronic balance (±0.001g). Speed of sound ( $u$ ) was measured using thermostatically controlled ultrasonic interferometer (Model-F05, Mittal, 2 ± 0.0001 MHz). Refractive index measurements were performed

on thermostatically controlled Cyber LAB-Cyber Abbe refractometer (Amkette Analytics, ±0.0002). Refractometer was calibrated using standard specimen ( $n=1.5167$ ). Averages of three readings of density and refractive index are reported.

### Results and Discussion

From density and speeds of sound, various acoustical properties like  $\kappa_s$ ,  $L_f$ ,  $Z$ ,  $V$ ,  $R_A$ ,  $\kappa_\phi$  and  $r$  are calculated using standard relations<sup>9-12</sup> and reported in Table-1.

The speed of sound ( $u$ ) increases by increase in the solute concentration which is attributed to decrease in the intermolecular free length due to solute-solvent interactions and structure promoting nature of drug. The decrease in the speed of sound with increase in the content of AN is due to increase in the intermolecular free length. The density ( $\rho$ ) increases by increase in the solute concentration due to increase in the compactness of the system due to attractive type of solute-solvent interactions. The density decreases by increase in the volume % of AN.

The properties  $\kappa_s$  and  $L_f$  are related with packing phenomenon and structural effects. The decrease in  $\kappa_s$  as well as  $L_f$  with solute concentration signifies the structural compactness and aggregation of solvent around solute molecule due to predominance of solute-solvent interactions. The  $L_f$  values shows increasing trend with increase in the content of AN which is in agreement with the earlier work<sup>13</sup>. However, with increase in solute concentration,  $L_f$  values shows decreasing trend which suggests strong drug-solvent interaction.

The  $Z$  increases by increase in the solute concentration due to effective solute-solvent interactions<sup>12</sup>. There is a decrease in the  $Z$  values with increase in the content of AN in AN + water mixtures which supports the decrease in  $u$  and  $\rho$  values with

increase in the content of AN. This is due to weakening of solute-solvent interactions and strengthening of solvent-solvent interactions.

**Table-1**

**Molality ( $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>), density ( $\rho$ , g·cm<sup>-3</sup>), speed of sound ( $u$ , m·s<sup>-1</sup>), refractive index ( $n$ ) and derived isentropic compressibility ( $\kappa_s$ , × 10<sup>-10</sup> m<sup>2</sup>·N<sup>-1</sup>), intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ , × 10<sup>-10</sup> m), specific acoustic impedance ( $Z$ , × 10<sup>6</sup> kg·m<sup>-2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup>), relative association ( $R_A$ ), apparent molar isentropic compressibility ( $\kappa_\phi$ , × 10<sup>-10</sup> m<sup>3</sup>·mol<sup>-1</sup>·Pa<sup>-1</sup>) and relaxation strength ( $r$ ) of 5-chloro-3H-benzooxazol-2-one in AN-W mixtures at 37°C**

$m$	$\rho$	$u$	$n$	$\kappa_s$	$L_f$	$Z$	$R_A$	$\kappa_\phi$	$r$
50 vol % AN									
0.0000	804.43	1506.15	1.3404	5.480	0.4920	1.212	1.0000	-	0.1139
0.0125	804.79	1416.71	1.3407	6.191	0.5230	1.140	1.0211	0.0717	0.2160
0.0375	806.06	1417.25	1.3414	6.176	0.5224	1.142	1.0226	0.0240	0.2154
0.0625	807.87	1419.23	1.3421	6.145	0.5210	1.147	1.0244	0.0140	0.2132
0.0878	809.58	1420.00	1.3429	6.126	0.5202	1.150	1.0264	0.0099	0.2123
0.1131	811.21	1420.17	1.3437	6.112	0.5196	1.152	1.0284	0.0077	0.2122
60 vol % AN									
0.0000	787.25	1470.50	1.3395	5.874	0.5094	1.158	1.0000	-	0.1553
0.0127	787.43	1385.35	1.3400	6.617	0.5407	1.091	1.0203	0.0756	0.2503
0.0383	788.07	1387.53	1.3408	6.591	0.5396	1.093	1.0206	0.0250	0.2480
0.0640	789.24	1391.20	1.3416	6.547	0.5378	1.098	1.0212	0.0144	0.2440
0.0899	790.78	1393.88	1.3424	6.509	0.5362	1.102	1.0226	0.0100	0.2411
0.1158	792.22	1395.09	1.3433	6.486	0.5353	1.105	1.0241	0.0077	0.2397
70 vol % AN									
0.0000	752.26	1415.23	1.3385	6.637	0.5415	1.065	1.0000	-	0.2176
0.0133	752.44	1331.95	1.3392	7.491	0.5753	1.002	1.0207	0.0869	0.3070
0.0401	752.98	1336.21	1.3401	7.438	0.5732	1.006	1.0203	0.0280	0.3026
0.0671	753.89	1340.63	1.3410	7.380	0.5710	1.011	1.0204	0.0161	0.2979
0.0942	755.15	1343.12	1.3419	7.341	0.5695	1.014	1.0215	0.0112	0.2953
0.1214	756.42	1346.52	1.3429	7.291	0.5675	1.019	1.0223	0.0084	0.2918

It is clear from Figure-1a that  $V$  decreases by increase in solute concentration which suggests strengthening of solute-solvent interactions and it increases by increase in the content of AN due to weakening of these interactions.

The  $R_A$  values increase with increase in drug concentration in all studied mixtures which is due to solute-solvent interactions dominates over solvent-solvent interactions because of close association between drug and solvent. The  $R_A$  decrease slightly with increase in the content of AN for given solute concentration. The  $\kappa_\phi$  values are small positive due to weak solute-solute interactions and relatively loose attachments of solvent molecules to drug at low molalities<sup>14</sup>.

The  $\kappa_\phi$  values decrease by increases in solute concentration which is due to aggregation of solvent around solute due to strengthening of solute-solvent interactions and weakening of solute-solute interactions. The  $\kappa_\phi$  values increase with increase in the content of AN is due to dominating solute-solute interactions. Similarly, decrease in the  $r$  values by increases in solute concentration supports solute-solvent interactions<sup>15</sup>. The  $r$  values increase with increase in the content of AN.

Further, the  $\kappa_s$  ( $\times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{N}^{-1}$ ),  $\kappa_\phi$  ( $\times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{Pa}^{-1}$ ) and  $V_\phi$  ( $\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ) data are fitted to equations (1) to (3)<sup>16-17</sup>, Bachem's, modified Massons and Gucker's relation respectively.

$$V_\phi = V_\phi^0 + S_v m \quad (1)$$

$$\left( \frac{\kappa_s - \kappa_0}{m} \right) = A + Bm^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

$$\kappa_\phi = \kappa_\phi^0 + S_k m^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

Where:  $V_\phi^0$  is partial molar volume of drug,  $\kappa_\phi^0$  is limiting apparent molar isentropic compressibility,  $S_v$ ,  $B$  and  $S_k$  are slope. From plots of i)  $V_\phi$  versus  $m$  (Figure-1a),  $V_\phi^0$  and  $S_v$ , ii)  $\kappa_s - \kappa_0/m$  versus  $m^{1/2}$  (Figure-1b),  $A$  and  $B$  and iii)  $\kappa_\phi$  versus  $m^{1/2}$ ,  $\kappa_\phi^0$  and  $S_k$  are determined as an intercept and slope respectively. Graphical parameters are reported in Table-2.

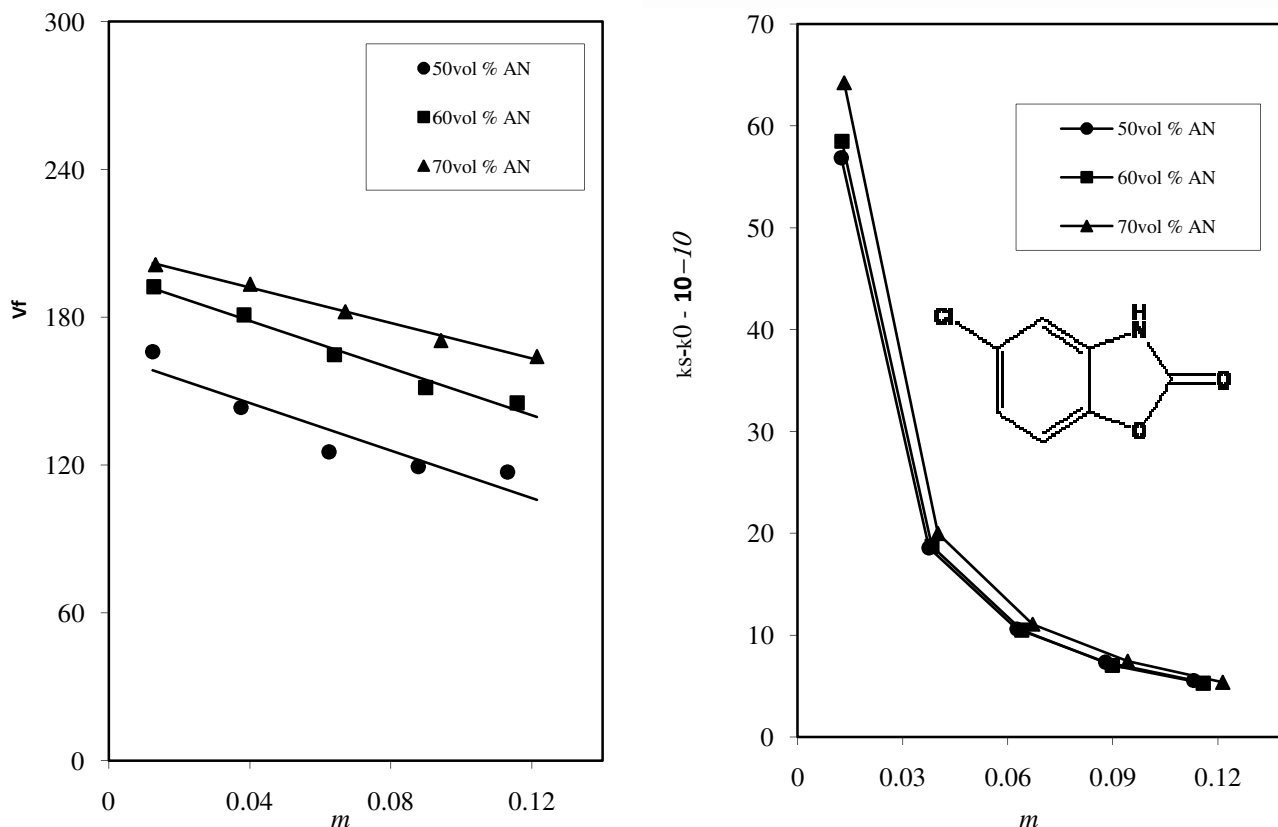


Figure 1a-b  
Plots of  $\kappa_s - \kappa_0/m$  versus  $m^{1/2}$  and  $V_\phi$  versus  $m$  for equation (1) and (2)

**Table-2**  
**Graphical parameters obtained for equations (1)-(3) for respective plots**

Graphical parameters	50vol % AN	60vol % AN	70vol % AN
$A, \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{N}^{-1} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$	48.118	49.358	53.946
$B, \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{N}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{1/2} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1/2}$	-451.67	-457.47	-480.77
$V_{\phi}^0, \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	164.57	197.76	206.52
$S_v, \text{ kg} \cdot \text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-2}$	-483.53	-480.08	-360.70
$\kappa_{\phi}^0, \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{Pa}^{-1}$	0.0909	0.0958	0.1099
$S_k, \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-3/2} \cdot \text{Pa}^{-1} \cdot \text{kg}^{1/2}$	-0.2753	-0.2882	-0.3245
$n^0$	1.3403	1.3396	1.3387
$K, \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	0.0298	0.0318	0.0340

The  $V_{\phi}^0$  and  $\kappa_{\phi}^0$  values provide information about solute-solvent interactions and  $S_v$  and  $S_k$  provide information regarding solute-solute interactions. Positive values of  $V_{\phi}^0$  indicates strong solute-solvent interactions. These values increases with the content of AN which is attributed to weakening of solute-solvent interactions and strengthening of solvent-solvent interactions in solutions containing higher content of AN. Negative values of  $S_v$  indicate weak solute-solute interactions compared to solute-solvent interactions. The  $\kappa_{\phi}^0$  values are positive and increases with increase in the content of AN which indicates the solvation effect of solute. The negative values of  $S_v$  and  $S_k$  indicates the dominance of solute-solvent interactions over solute-solute interactions<sup>18</sup>.

Refractive index is an important optical parameter which is directly related with molecular interactions in solution<sup>19</sup>. Refractive index data are fitted to  $n = n^0 + K \times m$ .

The  $n^0$  is infinite dilution refractive index and  $K$  is a constant which depends on chemical and physical properties of solute. From the  $n$  versus  $m$  plots ( $R^2 > 0.999$ ), the  $n^0$  and  $K$  are determined as an intercept and slope. Graphical values of the  $n^0$  and  $K$  are reported in Table-2.

The  $n$  increased with increase in drug concentration in each mixture which is assigned to the tighter packing of molecules and overall structural reorganization in solution and it is decreased by increase in the content of AN in mixture due to relatively loose packing of the molecules. Density-refractive index relationship is found to be linear with  $R^2 > 0.9804$  for all the studied systems. It is seen that the  $n^0$  decreased and the constant  $K$  increased with increase in the content of AN in AN + water mixtures.

## Conclusion

It is concluded from results, that the solute-solvent interactions strengthens with increase in concentration of solute that signifies structural compactness and aggregation of solvent around solute which is supported by decrease in apparent molar volume and compressibility. There exists hydrogen bonding interactions between drug ( $>=O$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-NH$ ) and water molecules which is supported by the properties like  $\rho$ ,  $u$ ,  $\kappa_s$ ,  $L_f$ ,  $V_{\phi}$  and  $V_{\phi}^0$  and  $\kappa_{\phi}^0$  values. As the content of increases from 50 vol% to 70 vol%, the solute-solvent interactions weaken and strong AN-water interactions exists which is supported by values of experimental and derived properties. Presence of weak solute-solute interactions is supported by  $S_v$  and  $S_k$  values.

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