

Conductometric Studies of Aqueous Solution of Thymine and Adenosine At Different Temperatures

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Abstract

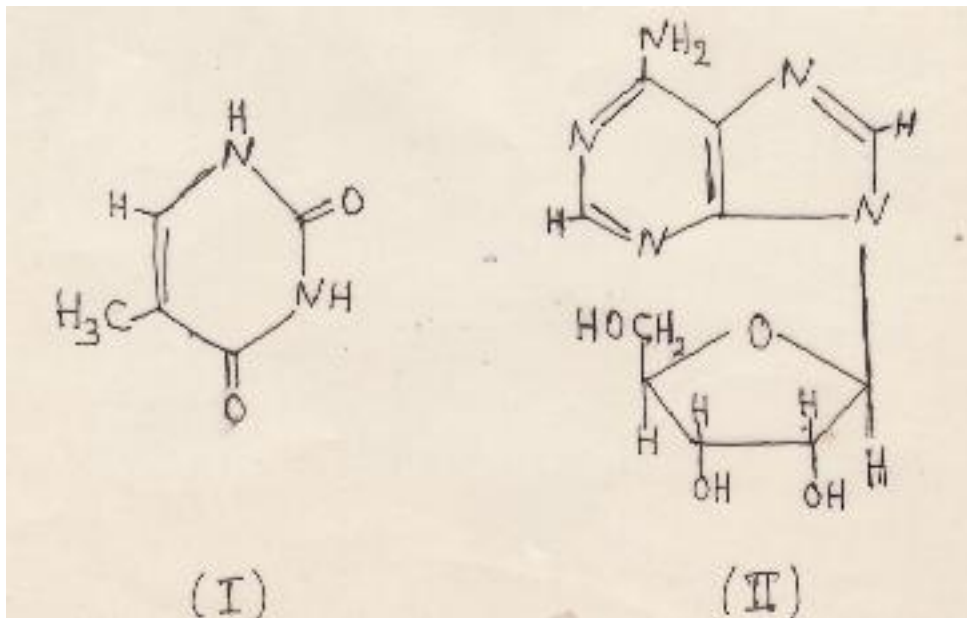
Molar conductivity of different concentrations of thymine and adenosine in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride solution at different temperatures , 283. 15-323.15 K has been determined from direct conductivity measurements , examination of aqueous mixture of thymine and adenosine with Onsager equation reveal deviation from linearity at high concentration .This deviation was explained in term of molecular interaction . Ostwald dilution law also examined with the above mixtures lead to calculation of limiting molar conductivities and dissociation constants of both nucleic acid in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride. The agreement between the values obtained for Onsager equation and Ostwald law was reasonable . Calculation of activation energies of flow using modified Arrhenius equation gives a result showed that the molecular interaction of both acids in all different mixtures were the same .

Introduction

Measurements of the conductivity of solute in solution-provide us with important information concerning the nature and solvation phenomenon of solute-solvent interaction [1]. Therefore , this work was chosen to study the behaviour of nucleic acids in aqueous solution . Information concerning such behaviour is considered to be of a fundamental importance in understanding the factors that determine the stability of bioacids [2,3].

In recent years , in biochemical studies , aqueous solvent or mixture of water and organic solvent have been used more and more frequently as media in which to carry out these studies , because the rate of the reaction is much effected in this solvent system [4].

Thymine (I) and Adenosine (II) are stable nucleic weak acids , PK_a at 25°C are 9.94 and 10.2 respectively.



Both of those acids are widely used in biochemical research [5]. In spite of these interesting physical and biochemical properties, little work has been done on the properties of aqueous solution an acid-water interaction. Since those acids have many interaction sites with water, the solute-water interaction with this system might provide us with some interesting results.

The present investigation was undertaken to discover the molecular interaction between those acids and water in presence of acids and basic salts.

Materials

Thymine and adenosine (BHD), were purified by twice recrystallization from water, thymine decomposes at $335\text{--}337^{\circ}\text{C}$ lit., 335°C , adenosine m.p. $234\text{--}2335^{\circ}\text{C}$ lit., 234°C .

Sodium acetate and ammonium Chloride, Aldrich chemical were with purity not less than 99.99%.

Conductivity water had a conductivity of $0.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S.Cm}^{-1}$ at 25°C .

Conductivity measurements were performed with a Pye–Unicam conductivity bridge model E 7566/4, and Mullard conductivity cell type /E 7597/A.

The platinum electrodes of the conductivity cell were plated with platinum black by the electrolysis of 100 ml of solution contains 3 gm of chloroplatinic acid and 0.02 gm of lead acetate, the current was adjusted so as to produce a moderate flow of hydrogen. The precision of the conductivity measurements was within $\pm 0.04\%$. The cell constant was determined using KCl solution prior to each of conductivity measurements.

The temperature precision of the thermostat, Hewlett-Packard quartz thermometer, used was $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The solution were prepared by weighting out (0.32070 gm) of adenosine and (0.15134 gm) of thymine in volumetric flask (100 ml) to give stock solution of 0.012M. From these stock solutions different concentrations were prepared for 0.0001 to 0.00075 M.

The concentration were prepared in Sodium acetate 0.05 M solution and ion ammonium chloride 0.05 M solutions.

For in completed electrolytes such as thymine and adenosine the following Onsager equation can be used [6,8]:

$$\Lambda = \alpha \Lambda^{\circ} - \alpha(A+B \Lambda^{\circ})(\alpha C)^{1/2} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

Where $(\Lambda), (\Lambda^\circ)$ are the molar and limiting conductivities, respectively, (C) is the molar concentration and (A,B) are constants.

Equation (1) can be written

As:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \alpha \Lambda^- = \alpha [\Lambda^\circ - (A+B \Lambda^\circ)] (\alpha C)^{1/2} \\ &= \alpha [\Lambda^\circ - (A+B \Lambda^\circ)] (\Lambda / \Lambda^- C)^{1/2} \\ \alpha \Lambda^- &= \alpha [\Lambda^\circ - K(\Lambda C / \Lambda^-)^{1/2}] \\ \Lambda^- &= \Lambda^\circ - K(\Lambda C / \Lambda^-)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Where (Λ^-) is the molar conductivity of one mole of ions at any concentration and

$$K = A + B \Lambda^\circ$$

Plotting (Λ) against $(C^{1/2})$ gives (Λ°) by extrapolating to zero concentration. In order to obtain a better value of (Λ^-) it was introduced in term $(C \Lambda / \Lambda^-)^{1/2}$ as $(\Lambda^- - \square \Lambda^\circ)$ by using the values of (Λ) and (C) . Then, the corrected values of (Λ^-) were plotted against $(\alpha C)^{1/2}$ to obtain the correct value of (Λ°) [9,10].

The conductivities of solution of thymine and adenosine with different concentrations in water, sodium acetate and ammonium chloride at different temperatures, 283.15 to 323.15 K are listed in Table 1,2,3 and 4 respectively.

Onsager equation was plotted in Figure (1) for thymine and adenosine, respectively in water at 298.15 K, the limiting molar conductivity of thymine is $900 \text{ S. Cm}^2 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ and adenosine $1110 \text{ S. Cm}^2 \text{ mole}^{-1}$. The high value of Λ° of adenosine could be due to presence of more than one active sites compared with that of thymine molecule (see structural formula above).

The deviation from linearity with both nucleic acid at high concentration reflects that solvent effect become weaker and weaker when concentration increases until no solvent effect is shown in a concentration above $0.006 \text{ mole L}^{-1}$.

The conductivity of weak electrolyte like weak Bronsted acids such as thymine and adenosine depends on the number of ions in the solution, and therefore on the degree of dissociation (α) of those electrolyte. The degree of dissociation (α) for the acid (HA) at molar concentration (C) at equilibrium:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HA} &\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{A}^- \\ K_a &= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \frac{(\alpha C)(\alpha C)}{C - \alpha C} \\ K_a &= \frac{\alpha C^2}{1 - \alpha} \dots\dots\dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

When concentration of ions in solution is low, we can approximate equation (1) to the following:

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_o} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

By substitute the value of equation (3) in equation(2), we obtain Ostwald dilution law [11].

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{\circ}} + \frac{K_a}{\Lambda^{\circ 2}} \Lambda C \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

The estimation of (Λ°) and (K_a) values is done by plotting of Ostwald dilution law for both nucleic acids in water . The agreement between the values of Λ° calculated using Onsager and Ostwald equation can not take the number of active sites in consideration and it is applied only to mono-mono valent acids

The value of (K_a) for thymine and adenosine obtained from the plot of Ostwald equation gives values 1.1×10^{-13} and 1×10^{-14} respectively , which is reasonable comparing with that given in literature[12]

Conductivities of thymine and adenosine were also measured in solutions of 0.05 mole sodium acetate and 0.05 mole ammonium chloride as well as in water. Figures (2,3) show the plotting of (ΛC) against ($1/\Lambda$) of those solutions . The values of (Λ°) ,(K_a) are presented in Table (4) . As expected the values are high in ammonium chloride and low in sodium acetate . The acid and basic character of those solvent play an important rule in dissolution of thymine and adenosine nucleic acids .

Conductivity of electrolyte solution can be related to the activation energy of flow through Arrhenius equation

$$\Lambda = A e^{-E_a/RT} \dots\dots\dots(5).$$

Where A pre-exponential factor , E_a activation energy of flow , R gas constant and T the absolute temperature . Arrhenius equation can be written in the following form [13]

$$\ln \Lambda = \ln A - E_a / RT \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Table 3 listed the data for the molar conductivities at different temperatures 283.15-323.15 K for thymine and adenosine in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride solution . By plotting logarithmic conductivity ($\ln \Lambda$) versus ($1/T$) , Figures (4,5) show a straight line obtained for thymine and adenosine in each solvent , the slope equals E_a/R , from which E_a was calculated (see Table4).

It was found that values are the same approximately with both system and increase from water to ammonium chloride through sodium acetate solution . This result indicates that both thymine and adenosine molecular interactions in these solution are weak.

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Table (1) The conductivity data for thymine in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride at 298.15 K.

Water			Sodium acetate				Ammonium chloride			
C mole/ L	κ S.Cm ² /m ole	$\kappa^{1/2}$	κ	$1/\kappa$	κ S.Cm ² /m ole	κ	$1/\kappa$	κ S.Cm ² /m ole	κ	$1/\kappa$
0.012 00	22.92	0.10 9	0.27 5	4.36 3	7.50	0.900	1.33 3	14.58	0.17 5	6.85 9
0.006 00	43.33	0.07 7	0.25 9	2.30 7	13.67	0.820	0.73 2	27.50	0.16 5	3.63 8
0.003 00	76.67	0.05 5	0.23 0	1.30 4	25.00	0.790	0.40 0	53.33	0.16 0	1.87 5
0.001 50	144.00	0.03 8	0.21 6	0.69 4	48.08	0.750	0.20 8	103.41	0.15 5	0.96 7
0.000 75	266.67	0.02 7	0.20 0	0.31 3	90.09	0.675	0.11 1	244.49	0.15 3	0.40 9
0.000 38	489.47	0.01 9	0.18 6	0.20 4	144.90	0.550	0.06 9	359.71	0.13 7	0.27 8
0.000 19	857.87	0.01 4	0.16 3	0.16 5	212.76	0.399	0.04 7	552.79	0.10 5	0.18 1
0.000 10	950.00	0.01 0	0.09 5	0.10 5	303.03	0.300	0.03 3	650.19	0.06 0	0.15 4

Water						Sodium acetate			Ammonium chloride		
C mole/ L	Λ S.Cm ² /m ole	C ^{1/2}	Λ C	1/ Λ	Λ S.Cm ² / mole	Λ C	1/ Λ	Λ S.Cm ² / mole	Λ C	1/ Λ	
0.012 00	29.67	0.10 9	0.35 6	3.37 0	10.42	2.1 49	1.04 4	19.58	0.23 4	5.107	
0.006 00	54.33	0.07 7	0.32 6	1.84 1	20.00	2.0 99	0.54 6	36.67	0.22 0	2.727	
0.003 00	103.67	0.05 5	0.31 1	0.96 5	38.33	2.0 55	0.27 3	70.00	0.21 0	1.428	
0.001 50	200.67	0.03 8	0.30 1	0.50 0	73.33	1.2 00	0.14 9	116.6 7	0.20 9	0.857	
0.000 75	381.33	0.27	0.28 6	0.26 2	133.3 3	1.1 43	0.05 3	186.6 7	0.20 0	0.375	
0.000 38	542.11	0.01 9	0.20 6	0.18 5	250.0 0	0.8 43	0.04 3	342.1 0	0.14 4	0.209	
0.000 19	652.63	0.01 4	0.12 4	0.15 3	388.9 5	0.6 99	0.02 7	578.9 5	0.11 0	0.173	
0.000 10	700.00	0.01 0	0.07 0	0.14 3	465.5 5	0.4 00	0.02 5	680.0 0	0.06 8	0.147	

Table (2) The conductivity data for adenosine in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride at 298.15 K.

Table (3) molar conductivity of 0.0015 M aqueous solution of thymine and adenosine at different temperature.

	Thymine			Adenosine		
	Water	Sodium acetate	Ammonium chloride	Water	Sodium acetate	Ammonium chloride
1/T x10 ⁻³	ln Λ	ln Λ	ln Λ	ln Λ	ln Λ	ln Λ
3.531	3.200	1.902	2.293	2.905	1.386	2.303
3.470	3.243	2.079	2.425	3.078	1.541	2.539
3.411	3.356	2.325	2.610	3.178	1.673	2.773
3.354	3.551	2.485	2.928	3.284	2.080	3.016
3.298	3.696	2.588	3.030	3.379	2.485	3.205
3.245	3.738	2.688	3.058	3.515	2.773	3.283
3.193	3.952	2.815	3.227	3.576	2.960	3.401
3.143	4.001	2.929	3.330	3.695	3.114	3.507
3.095	4.072	3.122	3.619	3.829	3.258	3.753

Table (4): Limiting molar conductivities , dissociation constants and activation energies of viscous flow of thymine and adenosine in water , sodium acetate and ammonium chloride at 298.15 K.

Thymine								
Water			Sodium acetate			Ammonium chloride		
Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ	Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ	Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ
1215	9.95×10^{-13}	18.48	1341	1.49×10^{-10}	20.32	3472	5.76×10^{-12}	23.92
Adenosine								
Water			Sodium acetate			Ammonium chloride		
Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ	Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ	Λ°	K_a	E_a / KJ
335	11.35×10^{-12}	17.30	1205	8.3×10^{-14}	20.47	1651	0.636×10^{-11}	25.98

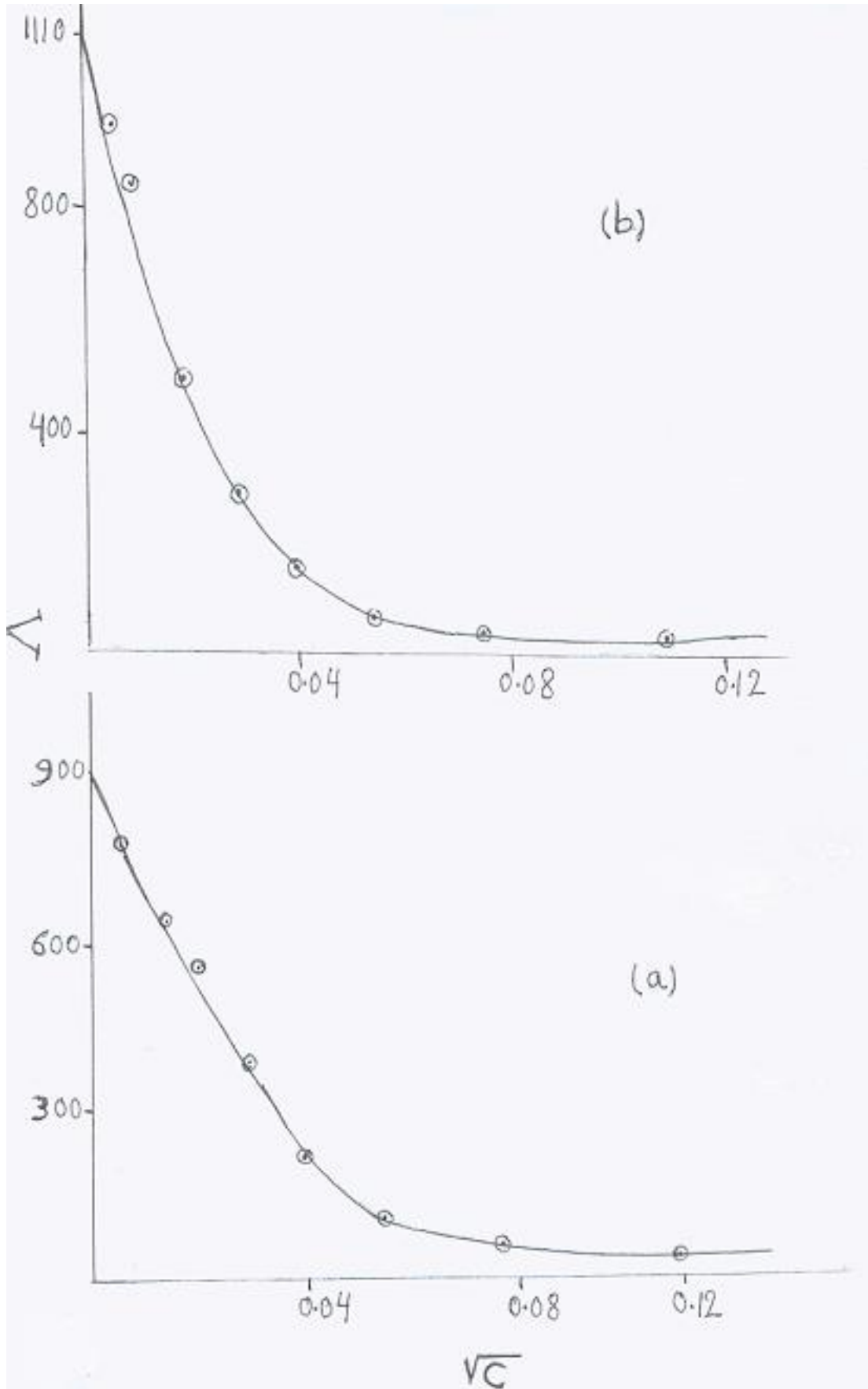


Fig. (1): Molar conductivity as function of $C^{1/2}$ for (a) thymine and (b) adenosine in water at 298.15 k°

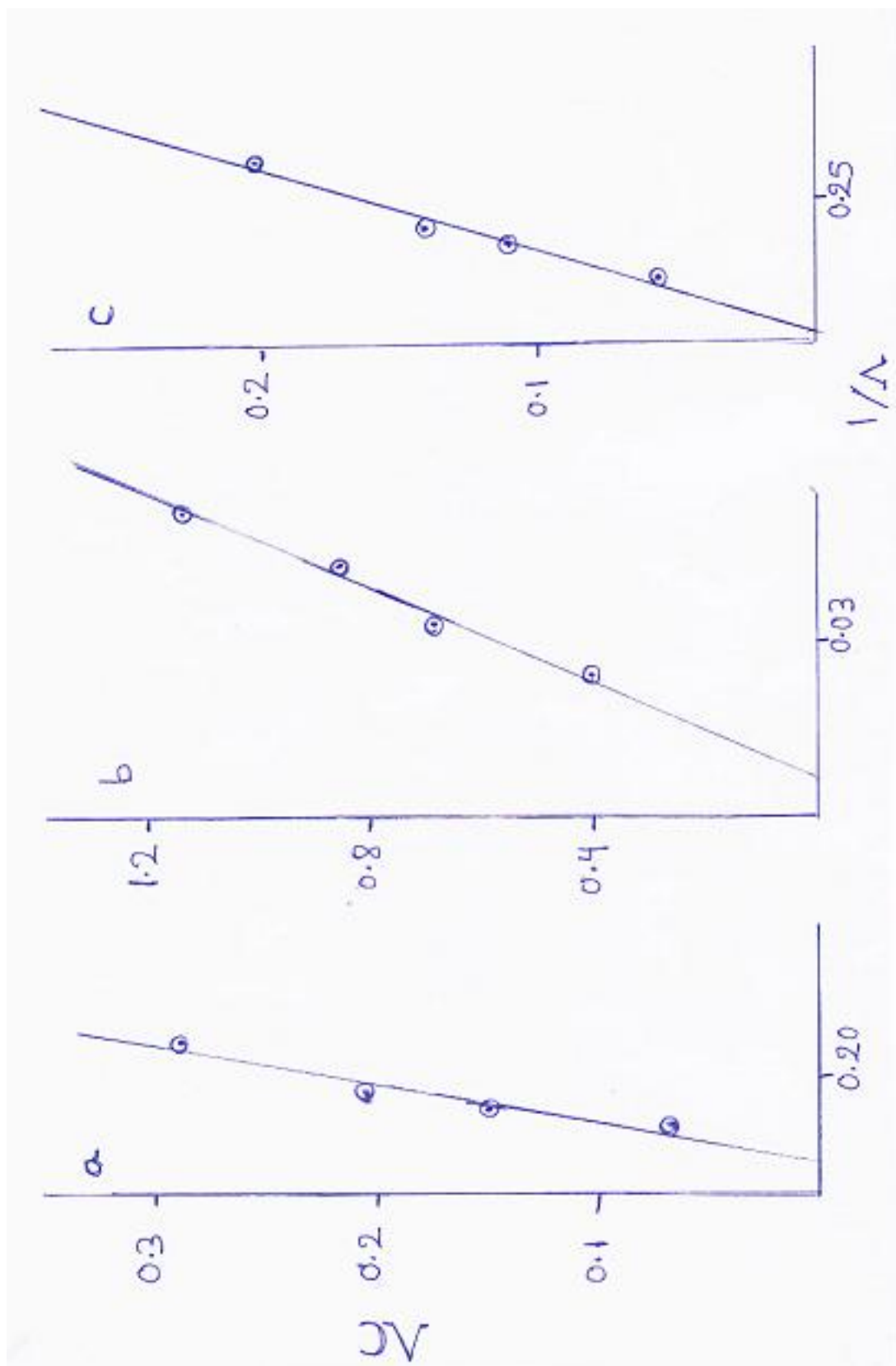


Fig.(2): Plotting between ΔC against $1/\Lambda$ for thymine in (a) water , (b) sodium acetate solution , (C) ammonium chloride solution at 298.15 K^o

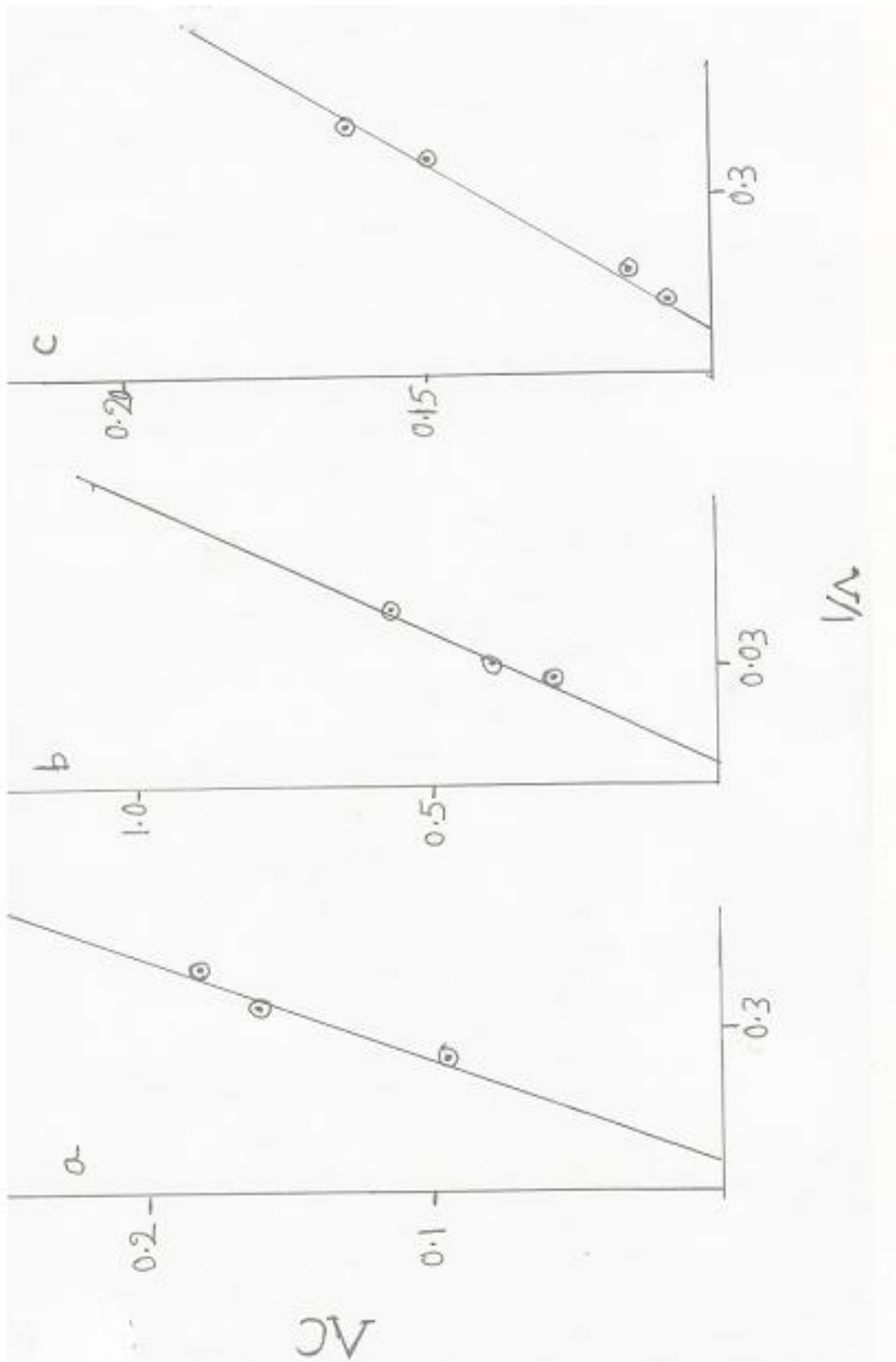


Fig. (3): Plotting between ΔC against $1/\Delta$ for adenosine in (a) water , (b) sodium acetate solution , (C) ammonium chloride solution at 298.15 K^o

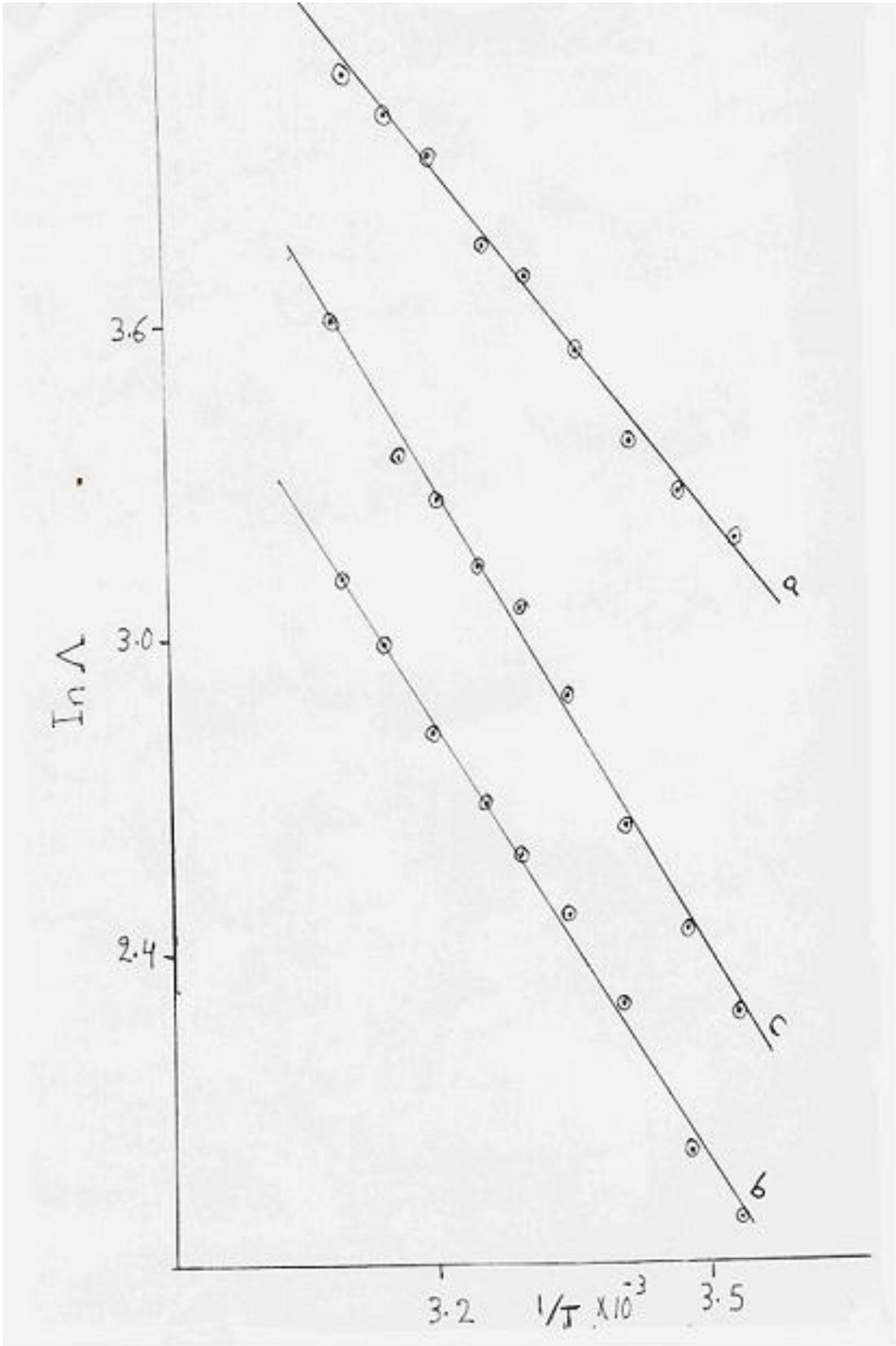


Fig. (4) :Plotting between $\ln \Lambda$ against $1/T$ for thymine in(a) water , (b) sodium acetate solution , (c) ammonium chloride solution in 0.0015 M.

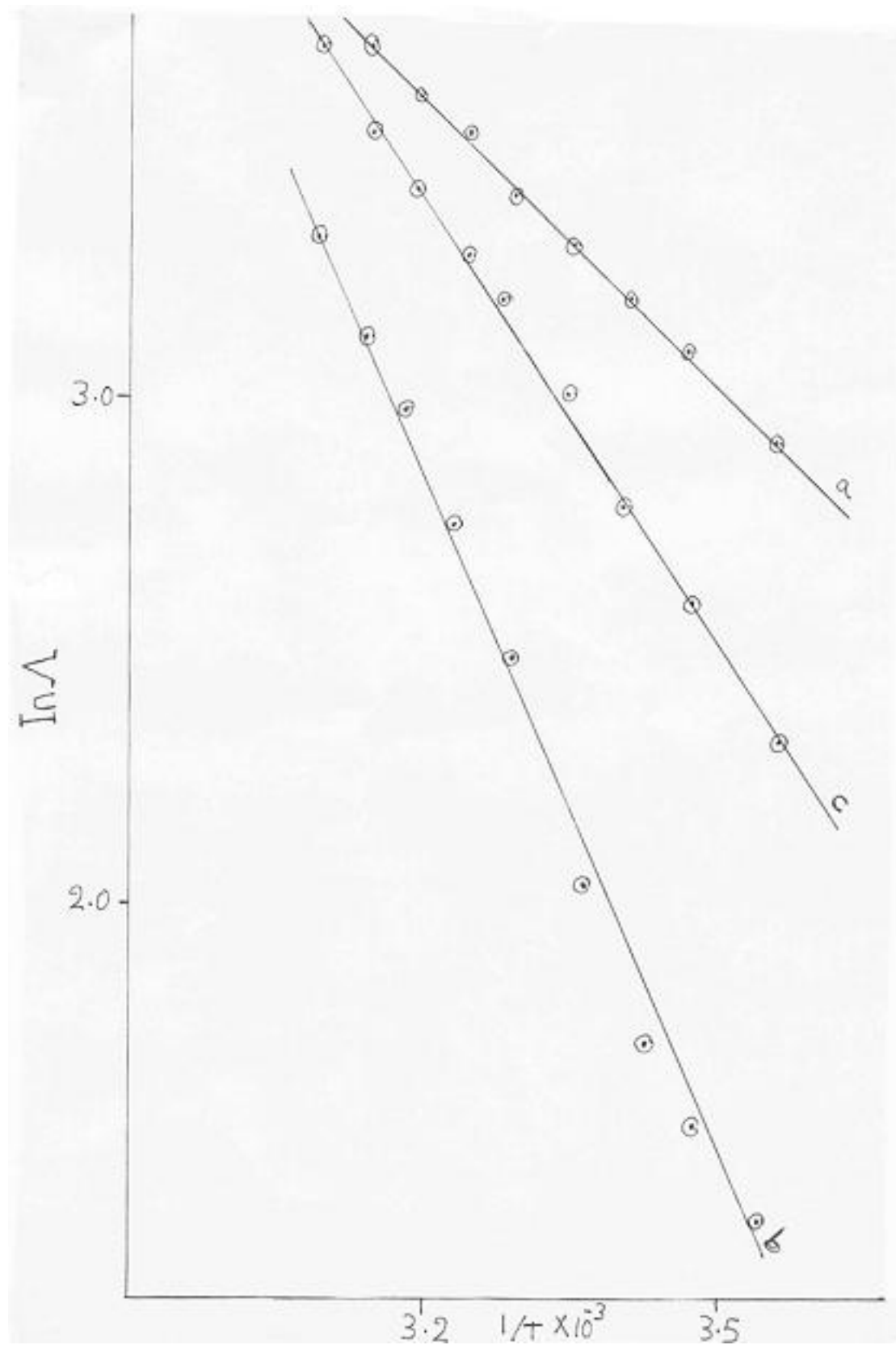


Fig. (5): Plotting between $\ln \Lambda$ against $1/T$ for adenosine in(a) water , (b) sodium acetate solution , (c) ammonium chloride solution in 0.0015 M.

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الخلاصة

تم قياس التوصيلة المولارية لمخاليط الثايمين والادنوسين في الماء، خلالات الصوديوم، وكوريد الامونيوم بتركيز مختلفة وبدرجات حرارة تتراوح بين 15 و 283 ، 15 و 323 كلفن . ولقد تم استخدام معادلة اونساكر للمحاليل الالكترونية المخففة ووجد ان هذه المخاليط في محاليلها المائية تشذ عن الخطية بالتركيز العالية ولقد اعزي هذا التصرف الى التأثيرات المتبادلة بين الالكترونات والمذبيات . استخدمت معادلة اوستولد لحساب التوصيلة المولارية المحددة لهذه المحاليل مع حساب ثوابت التفكك لها . تطابقت النتائج المستحصلة من معادلة اوستولد مع معادلة اونساكر . كما تم قياس التوصيلية المولارية للمخاليط بدرجات حرارة مختلفة واستخدمت معادلة أرهينوس لحساب طاقة التنشيط لهذه المخاليط ووجد انها متساوية تقريبا مما يؤيد ان عملية الاستنواب متشابهة من حيث استهلاك الطاقة .