Bis(isovalerylacetone)ethylenediimine Nickel(II) as Mixed Stationary Phase for Gas Chromatography

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Abstract

Bis(isovalerylacetone)ethylenediimine Nickel (II) (IVA2enNi) was examined as a mixed stationary phase with OV1 on Chromosorb G/NAW 60-80 mesh size for gas chromatography (GC) separation of aromatic hydrocarbons, heteroaromatics, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, esters, nitro-, and amino compounds. Forty-six compounds were examined, and the GC results were compared with those obtained with 3% OV1 on Chromosorb G/NAW 60-80 mesh size under similar operating conditions. Improved resolutions, peak asymmetry, number of theoretical plates, and Kovats indices were obtained on the mixed stationary phase 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi (w/w) compared to 3% OV1 column. The stability constant (K_m), enthalpies (Δ H), entropies (Δ S), and Gibbs free energies (Δ G) of the GC elution on column (2 m x 3 mm i.d.) packed with 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi (w/w) on Chromosorb have been calculated. Donoracceptor complexation in the gas phase indicated by the negative values of enthalpy (-AH) were within 9.4-12.38 Kcal/mol, and Gibbs free energy (- Δ G) ranged from 1.48 to 4.24 Kcal/mol. The retention time transformation on both the phases were calculated. The obtained ratios from the stationary phases 3% OV1 and 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) were plotted on the x-axis and y-axis, respectively. Two-dimensional chromatographic plots for alkanes, aromatics, heteroaromatics, ketones, alcohols, esters, and nitro compounds were obtained with coefficient of determination within 0.4934 and 0.9617, which is indicative of some different kinds of interaction of two stationary phases with the solutes.

Introduction

A sufficiently large number of stationary phases with different polarities are known, but the use of mixed (usually binary) phases allows for extending the analytical possibilities in solving problems on the selective separation of various organic mixtures. It seems interesting to study the chromatographic properties of mixed stationary phases used in gas chromatography (GC) containing metal chelates. They exhibit both selectivity and resolving power for mixtures that are usually separated on stationary phase with difficulty (1–3). Complexation with metal chelates at the phase interface in GC (3) and enantioselective complexation GC (4) has been reviewed. Wasiak and his coworkers reported chemically bonded chelates as selective complexing sorbent for GC (5–7); their relative retention and thermodynamic functions have been calculated. Nickel chelates have also been used in kinetic studies of enantiomerization, enantiomer separation (8,9), and temperature-dependent reversal of elution sequences in complexation GC on chiral phases (10). Copper (II), Nickel (II), and palladium (II) chelates of tetradentate Schiff bases have been examined as stationary phases for GC individually or together with squalane or silicone oils (11–18).

Many efforts have been expanded in the search of selective chromatographic phases (3,4), which allow separations in a single chromatographic run of multiple components of compounds differing in the nature of their functional groups, polarity, and boiling points. The selectivity range in analyses of multiple components can be extended using mixed stationary phases. The thermally stable metal chelate may be capable of various interactions with functional groups of components of mixture (3).

The chromatographic properties of modified stationary phase containing metal chelates depends upon a number of factors including the nature of the metal, distribution of electron density in the complex, and geometry of the complex after its bonding to the support surface or its inclusion into liquid phase (19–21). The major role is played by the geometry of modifying complexes (22,23).

The metal chelates of tetradentate Schiff bases examined as mixed stationary phases are derived from acetylacetone or benzoylacetone with different diamines (11–18). It was considered to examine tetradentate Schiff base derived from isovalerylacetone with diamines, where tetradentate Schiff base formed contained isobutyl groups that were substituted for methyl and its symmetrically formed square planner nickel (II) chelate with longer hydrocarbon chain (24) could better interact with organic compounds for GC separations as mixed GC stationary phase with OV1.

Experimental

The reagent bis(isovalerylacetone)ethylenediimine (H_2IVA_2en) was prepared as reported (24) by heating together isovaleryl-acetone with ethylenediamine in 2:1 molar ratio in ethanol.

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β-diketone, isovalerylacetone was prepared by Claisen condensation of methyl isobutylketone with ethyl acetate (25). The nickel (II) and copper (II) chelates were formed by heating together equimolar solution of H₂IVA₂en and nickel (II) acetate or copper (II) acetate in methanol (Figure 1). IR spectra of H₂IVA₂en and its nickel and copper chelates were recorded on a Nicolet AVATAR 330 FT-IR with an attenuated total reflectance (ATR) accessory, smart performer (Thermo Electron, Waltham, MA). A Shimadzu GC-9A with dual flame ionization detector (FID) and glass columns $(2 \text{ m} \times 3 \text{ mm i.d.})$ coupled with a Shimadzu CR-6A data processor and computer with CSW 17 (Data Apex) software was used (Kyoto, Japan). The sample injection was by glass liner (10 cm). A 10 g portion of Chromosorb G/NAW 60-80 mesh size (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) was suspended in chloroform (15 mL), and appropriate amounts of IVA2enNi or IVA2enCu and 0.30 g OV1 (BDH, British Drug House, Poole, UK) were added to yield 3%, 5%, and 8% (w/w) of complex dissolved in chloroform (15) mL). The contents were mixed well, and the solvent was removed at reduced pressure in a rotary evaporator (Bucchi, Switzerland). Similarly, 3% OV1 + 5% H₂IVA₂en on Chromosorb was prepared following the same procedure. 3% OV1 (w/w) on Chromosorb was also prepared using the same procedure, but the addition of nickel or copper complex was omitted. The dried materials were packed in clean glass column ($2 \text{ m} \times 3 \text{ mm i.d.}$) according to the procedure (26). Each of the columns was conditioned at 140°C for at least 24 h before use. Injections (30-35) of organic com-





Figure 2. GC separation of mixed alcohols on packed glass columns (2 m × 3 mm i.d.) Chromosorb G/NAW 60–80 mesh size: (A) 3% OV1, (B) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2en, (C) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enCu, and (D) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi. Peak numbers: 1, Methanol; 2, 2-propanol; 3, 1-propanol; 4, 2-butanol; 5, crotyl alcohol; 6, isoamyl alcohol; 7, 1-pentanol; 8, 1-hexanol; 9, 1-heptanol; and 10, 2-octanol. Conditions: Column temperature 70°C, injection port temp 110°C, detection oven temperature 150°C, N₂ flow rate 15 mL/min, FID detection.

pounds were made on each to deactivate the columns before measuring the analytical responses. Peak identification was based on the retention time of individual compounds and by spiking the mixture in a sequence. The compounds were mixed by equal volumes, and 1 μ L of the mixture was eluted at optimized GC conditions for each separation. All chemicals used were of GR-grade (Merck) or puriss-grade (Fluka, Buchs, Switzerland). The retention time transformations (Xa) and twodimensional chromatographic plots were carried out as described by Steuer et al. (27) and Slonecker et al. (28) by the following equation:

$$Xa = \frac{Rt_i - Rt_o}{Rt_f - Rt_o}$$
 Eq 1.

where Rt_i is the solute retention time, Rt_f is the retention time of the longest eluting component common to both stationary phases (2-nitrotoluene), and Rt_o is the retention time of unretained component (methane).

The Gibbs free energy $(-\Delta G)$ at 70, 80, 90, and 100°C were calculated from the relation:

$$-\Delta G = RTlnK_m$$
 Eq. 2

where R is the gas constant (1.987 Kcal/mol), T is the absolute temperature, and lnK_m is the natural log of the stability constant K_m . The enthalpy (- Δ H) was calculated by plotting 1000/T versus lnK_m and multiplying the slope sensitivity by R. The entropy was calculated by multiplying the intercept by R. The stability constant K_m of the molecular complex between the δ donor molecule and 5% nickel chelate with 3% OV1 was calculated as reported (11). The stability constant K_m of molecule complex between δ -molecule and 5% nickel chelate with 3% OV1 was calculated from the relationship.

$$I = \frac{t \times t^{ox}}{t^{x} \times t^{o}} - 1 = K_{m} \times m_{A}$$
 Eq. 3

R

where R' is the ratio of the relative retention of the solute on the mixed stationary phase containing 5% nickel chelate and the column with the 3% OV-1, t is the corrected net peak maximum retention time of the δ donor solute on the column with nickel chelate, to is the corrected net peak maximum retention time of the δ -donor on the column with OV1, tx is the corrected net peak maximum retention time of non-complexing inert reference standard on column with nickel chelate, and tox is the corrected net peak maximum retention time of non complexing inert reference standard on a column with OV1 (natural gas). The symbol m_A stands for molar concentration. For 5% nickel chelate IVA2enNi in 3% OV1 on Chromosorb, its value is 0.132 mole/Kg. The stability constant K_m was calculated at temperature 70, 80, 90, and 100°C on mixed stationary phase containing 5% nickel chelate and 3% OV1 (w/w).

Table I. Comparative Data of Adjusted Retention Times (t_R) , Kovats Retention Indices (RI), and Retention Time Transformations (Xa) on the Columns 3% OV1 and 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w)

		3% OV1 + 5% IV A2enNi		3% OVI			
		t _R '	RI		t _R '	RI	
No	Compound Name	70°C	70°C	Ха	70°C	70°C	Ха
1	Hexane	3.09	600	0.047	1.17	600	0.022
2	Heptane	5.20	700	0.078	2.24	700	0.042
3	Octane	8.47	800	0.127	4.47	800	0.085
4	Nonane	13.69	900	0.206	9.55	900	0.182
5	Decane	23.19	1000	0.349	21.38	1000	0.408
6	Acetonitrile (Cyanomethane)	2.90	588	0.044	0.91	563	0.017
7	Nitromethane	4.23	666	0.064	1.51	632	0.029
8	1,2-Dichloroethane	3.96	652	0.060	1.39	621	0.026
9	2,2-Dimethoxypropane	5.74	729	0.086	2.62	707	0.049
10	2-Nitropropane	7.07	772	0.106	3.68	753	0.070
11	Dioxane	6.14	743	0.092	2.65	709	0.0313
12	Benzene	4.34	671	0.065	1.53	634	0.029
13	Toluene	6.59	758	0.099	3.31	738	0.063
14	o-Xvlene	11.76	877	0.177	8.14	861	0.155
15	Mesitylene	19.13	978	0.288	14.27	937	0.272
	(1.3.5-trimethyl benzene)	19119	57.0	01200			0.272
16	o-Toluidine (2-Aminotoluene)	45.98	1159	0.692	30.40	1039	0.580
17	2-Nitrotoluene	66.44	1235	1.000	48.96	1104	1.000
18	2-Pvridine Carboxaldehvde	19.93	986	0.300	13 41	928	0.256
19	Pvridine	6.20	745	0.093	2 82	717	0.053
20	2-Picoline (2-Methyl-pyridine)	8.81	818	0.133	4.16	769	0.079
20	4-Picoline (4-Methyl-pyridine)	11 30	869	0.170	6.51	830	0.124
21	2.6-Lutidine	17.49	890	0.188	7 53	850	0.121
23	3-Picoline	13 32	903	0.200	9.68	884	0.113
25	(3-Methyl-nyridine)	13.32	505	0.200	5.00	001	0.101
24	Aniline	24 45	1029	0 368	17.24	963	0 352
25	Piperidine (Hexabydropyridine)	7 27	778	0.300	3.28	737	0.052
25	Methanol	3 20	614	0.109	0.79	544	0.002
20	2-Propanol	3.71	639	0.045	1 10	589	0.015
27	1 Propanol	4.20	660	0.045	1.10	653	0.021
20	2 Butanol	4.29	600	0.050	2.12	678	0.033
29	Z-butanol	4.75	615	0.071	0.88	550	0.040
50	(2 mothyl 2 propagal)	5.51	015	0.050	0.00	555	0.010
31	(z-meuryi-z-propanor) Isoamyl alcobol	6.90	767	0 102	3 20	738	0.062
JI	(2 Mothyl 1 hutanol)	0.90	707	0.102	3.29	750	0.002
30	1 Pontanol	10.03	844	0 151	4.01	765	0.076
32	1 Hovanol	18.20	068	0.151	11 56	200	0.070
24	1 Hontanol	24.12	1026	0.2/4	17.50	900	0.174
35	2 Octanol	24.12	1020	0.303	20.45	905	0.333
26	2-OCIDIOI Crotul alcohol (2 Rutanal)	Z0.//	716	0.455	20.43	672	0.390
20	2 Butanono	2.29	/10	0.001	2.02	07Z 402	0.050
20	2 Mothyl 2 Rutanono	2.70	600	0.042	0.54	495	0.010
20	3-Melliyi-2-Dulanone	4.90 E E 0	722	0.075	2.10	710	0.041
39	3,3-Dimethyl-2-butanone	5.50 F 71	723	0.083	2.01	/10	0.053
40	4-Meinyi-2-Pentanone	5./1	720	0.000	2.82	700	0.054
41	(4 mothul 2 monton 2 mm)	7.03	/00	0.115	4.69	/00	0.089
42	(4-memyi-3-penten-2-one)	12.02	000	0 1 0 1	0 10	0/1	0.150
42	Cyclonexanone	12.03	002	0.101	0.19	055	0.156
43 44	Denzaluenyde	25.11	1034	0.3/8	16.26	955	0.245
44 45	Dieunyi Eurier	2.69	5/2	0.040	0.62	512	0.012
45	rropyipropanoate	/.53	/85	0.113	4.2/	//3	0.081
46	emyltrifiuoroacetate	2.42	560	0.036	0.57	500	0.011

Results and Discussion

The reagent H₂IVA₂en and its formed nickel and copper chelates were examined on FT-IR, and the spectra obtained agreed with reported values (24). The preparation of mixed stationary phases containing 3%, 5%, and 8% (w/w) metal chelates together with 3% OV1 were examined, but some difficulties were observed in uniformly coating 8% metal chelates on the Chromosorb and some crystals of metal chelates in dried material were detected. 5% gave reproducible results with the ease of preparation of stationary phase and was selected as has been observed earlier (16). The columns only with 5% IVA₂enNi or IVA₂enCu were not prepared because of poor response observed with similar columns (16). Thermogravimetry of mixed stationary phase containing 5% IVA2 enNi and 3% OV1 indicated weight loss from 190°C and 5% weight loss by 350°C corresponding to metal chelates followed by 3% up to 450°C due to OV1.

Therefore, temperature for conditioning of the column was fixed at 140°C. Saturated hydrocarbons, aromatic hydrocarbons, heteroaromatics, alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, esters, ethers, nitro-, amino-, and chloro compounds were examined on the columns (a) 3% OV1, (b) $3\% \text{ OV1} + 5\% \text{ IVA}_2 \text{en}$, (c) 3% OV1 + 5%IVA₂enCu, and (d) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi on Chromosorb packed in the columns. The column containing 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi gave better results (Figure 2A-2D), so it was selected. Column (a) containing 3% OV1 was used as a reference. Isothermal elution was carried out for all the compounds (46) investigated. Retention time, capacity factor, peak asymmetry, theoretical plates, and resolution factors (Rs) were calculated on the computer with CSW17 software. Saturated long chain hydrocarbons C_6-C_{10} were used onto each of the column, and logarithm of the adjusted retention time was plotted against the carbon number \times 100. Linear correlations and coefficient of determination (R^2) were obtained from five calibrators: 0.9994 and y =0.0021x - 0.772 and (2) 0.997 and y = 0.0032x - 0.0032x1.844 for columns 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi and 3% OV1 on Chromosorb, respectively. The curves were used to calculate Kovats retention indices (RI). It was observed that RI values for aromatic hydrocarbons, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, and heteroaromatics increased on mixed stationary phase of 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi as compared to 3% OV1 (Table I). The alcohols indicated peak tailing on the column with 3% OV1, but some improvement was observed on the mixed stationary phase of 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi. A mixture of ten alcohols was better separated on the column packed with mixed stationary phase 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi than on the column packed with 3% OV1 on Chromosorb under the same operating conditions (Figure 2A, 2D). The chromatographic elution order of the alcohols was essentially identical on both the columns;

Table II. Values of Stability Constants (lnK _m) Against Adjusted Retention Times (tR') on Mixed Stationary Phase*						
S/No [†]	lnKm 70°C	InKm 80°C	lnKm 90°C	InKm 100°C		
1	3.15	2.69	2.35	1.95		
2	3.67	3.21	2.88	2.51		
3	4.16	3.74	3.38	2.97		
4	4.64	4.25	3.91	3.54		
5	5.17	4.67	4.37	3.94		
6	3.13	2.64	2.29	1.88		
7	3.47	3.01	2.64	2.24		
8	3.42	2.95	2.55	2.14		
9	3.77	3.32	2.94	2.54		
10	3.98	3.45	3.09	2.71		
11	3.84	3.39	2.98	2.61		
12	3.49	3.08	2.65	2.29		
13	3.89	3.47	3.02	2.65		
14	4.52	4.06	3.58	3.15		
15	4.98	4.43	3.98	3.51		
16	5.85	5.41	4.95	4.52		
17	6.22	5.81	5.39	5.01		
18	5.02	4.59	4.15	3.74		
19	3.87	3.41	2.97	2.61		
20	4.20	3.71	3.32	2.89		
21	4.48	3.99	3.48	3.02		
22	4.53	4.07	3.66	3.30		
23	4.61	4.18	3.74	3.32		
24	5.22	4.82	4.28	3.88		
25	4.01	3.54	3.12	2.78		
26	3.22	2.79	2.35	1.98		
27	3.34	2.91	2.44	2.01		
28	3.48	3.08	2.61	2.19		
29	3.58	3.11	2.72	2.31		
30	3.22	2.80	2.35	1.94		
31	3.96	3 48	3.07	2.68		
32	4.33	3.89	3 45	3.09		
33	4.93	4 48	4 08	3.65		
34	5.21	4.77	4.31	3 94		
35	5 38	4 96	4 47	4 05		
36	3.71	3.28	2.85	2.44		
37	3.05	2.66	2.24	1.89		
38	3.63	3 21	2.78	2 40		
39	3 74	3.29	2.88	2.10		
40	3.77	3.35	2.92	2.55		
41	4.06	3.64	3.22	2.82		
42	4 51	4 08	3.62	3 22		
43	5.25	4 81	4 37	3.96		
44	3.01	2.58	2.08	1.67		
45	4.04	3.60	2.00	2 79		
46	2 01	2 /8	2.41	1 71		
* 1/ 4	(mA = 0.122	2.40	2.00	1./1		

^{*} $K_m = t_R'/mA$ (mA = 0.132 mol/Kg). Unit of Km = min. Kg/mol ⁺ Compound names and numbers are the same as in Table I.

however, modification of stationary phase with nickel (II) chelate increased the column selectivity (14). 3-Methyl-1-butanol and 1pentanol, which are not separated on 3% OV1, could be completely separated on mixed stationary phase 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi (w/w). The range of Kovats retention indices observed on 3% OV1 increased from 544-986 to 614-1062 on 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) as mixed stationary phase. The selectivity of the separation of the alcohol may be due to the electrostatic interactions and capabilities of complexation through donoracceptor mechanism at the surface of the mixed stationary phase. A 15-component mixture of organic compounds better separated on mixed stationary phase of a 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) than on 3% OV1 (Figure 3A-3B). The separations of compounds 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12 were particularly better separated on mixed stationary phase. The order of elution on mixed stationary phase also slightly differed: aniline eluted after decane on 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) stationary phase, but aniline eluted before decane on 3% OV1 stationary phase possibly because of the complex formation of aniline with the electron deficit part of the nickel complex. The capacity factor (k') and the number of theoretical plates (N)/column observed on 3% OV1 within 10.68-59.37 k' and 379-1642 N increased to 16.23-118.41 k' and 3517-4712 N on mixed stationary phase of 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi (w/w) under the same conditions. The resolution factor (Rs) between adjacent peaks obtained on 3% OV1 on Chromosorb within 0.53-3.72 Rs increased to 1.17-7.91 Rs on mixed stationary phase of 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi. The better



Figure 3. GC separation of mixed alkanes, aromatics and heteroaromatics on packed glass columns (2 m × 3 mm i.d.) Chromosorb G/NAW 60–80 mesh size: (A) 3% OV1 on with theoretical plates (N) = 1, 615; 2, 558; 3, 780; 4, 541; 5, 379; 6, 736; 7, 505; 8, 487; 9, 1082; 10, 1264; 11, 921; 12, 769; 13, 1371; 14, 1642; and 15, 1394. (B) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi with theoretical plates (N) = 1, 3861; 2, 3922; 3, 3517; 4, 3679; 5, 4557; 6, 4213; 7, 4611; 8, 4401; 9, 4453; 10, 4319; 11, 4533; 12, 4701; 13, 4712; 14, 4482; and 15, 4671. 1, Hexane; 2, 1,2-dichloroethane; 3, heptane; 4, 2,2-dimethoxypropane; 5, pyridine; 6, toluene; 7, octane; 8, 2-picoline; 9, 4-picoline; 10, o-xylene; 11, 2,6-lutidine; 12, nonane; 13, mesitylene; 14, decane; and 15, aniline. Conditions are the same as Figure 2.

separation may be due to intermolecular interaction of the separated compounds on 5% nickel chelate solution with 3% OV1 (w/w) (3). The reproducibility of the separation was checked on the mixed stationary phase in terms of retention time and peak area (n = 5). The relative standard deviation (RSD) obtained was within 1.2–1.9% and 2.7–3.2%, respectively. Similarly, a mixture

Table III. Calculations of Thermodynamic Parameters of Organic Compounds on Mixed Stationary Phase Comtaining 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi on Chromosorb G/NAW 60–80 mesh size.

		-∆G	-∆G	-∆G	-ΔG	411	46
S/No	Compound Name	/o C Kcal/mol	Kcal/mol	So C Kcal/mol	Kcal/mol	-ΔΠ Kcal/mol	-\ds Kcal/mol
1	Hexane	2.15	1.88	1.67	1.44	10.02	22.99
2	Heptane	2.50	2.25	2.07	1.86	9.70	21.02
3	Octane	2.84	2.63	2.43	2.20	9.99	20.85
4	Nonane	3.16	2.98	2.82	2.64	9.25	17.76
5	Decane	3.53	3.27	3.15	2.92	10.15	19.37
6	Acetonitrile (Cyanomethane)	2.11	1.85	1.65	1.39	10.43	24.23
7	Nitromethane	2.36	2.11	1.91	1.66	10.33	23.23
8	1,2-Dichloroethane	2.32	2.07	1.87	1.58	10.79	24.66
9	2,2-Dimethoxypropane	2.57	2.32	2.12	1.88	10.18	22.70
10	2-Nitropropane	2.71	2.42	2.22	2.00	10.62	23.12
11	Dioxane	2.62	2.37	2.15	1.93	10.43	22.80
12	Benzene	2.38	2.16	1.91	1.69	10.25	22.94
13	Toluene	2.66	2.43	2.17	1.96	10.61	23.18
14	o-Xylene	3.06	2.84	2.58	2.33	11.67	25.03
15	Mesitylene	3.39	3.10	2.87	2.60	12.37	26.18
	(1,3,5-trimethyl benzene)						
16	o-Toluidine (2-Aminotoluene)	3.91	3.79	3.57	3.35	11.31	21.33
17	2-Nitrotoluene	4.24	4.07	3.88	3.71	10.30	17.65
18	2-Pyridine Carboxaldehyde	3.42	3.22	2.97	2.77	10.88	21.73
19	Pyridine	2.62	2.39	2.14	1.93	10.74	23.64
20	2-Picoline (2-Methyl-pyridine)	2.86	2.60	2.39	2.14	10.99	23.71
21	4-Picoline (4-Methyl-pyridine)	3.01	2.79	2.51	2.23	12.43	27.33
22	2,6-Lutidine	3.10	2.85	2.64	2.44	10.44	21.45
23	3-Picoline (3-Methyl-pyridine)	3.14	2.93	2.69	2.46	10.96	22.76
24	Aniline	3.55	3.38	3.08	2.87	11.59	23.36
25	Piperidine (Hexahydropyridine)	2.73	2.48	2.25	2.06	10.47	22.58
26	Methanol	2.19	1.95	1.67	1.46	10.58	24.45
27	2-Propanol	2.27	2.04	1.76	1.49	11.34	26.38
28	1-Propanol	2.37	2.16	1.88	1.62	11.03	25.19
29	2-Butanol	2.44	2.18	1.96	1.71	10.68	24.05
30	Tert-butanol	2.19	1.96	1.67	1.43	10.91	25.37
	(2-methyl-2-propanol)						
31	Isoamyl alcohol (3-Methyl-1-butanol)	2.70	2.44	2.21	1.98	10.82	23.69
32	1-Pentanol	2.95	2.72	2 41	2.29	10.59	22.26
33	1-Hexanol	3 36	3 14	2.01	2.23	10.55	21.63
34	1-Hentanol	3 55	3 34	3 11	2.00	10.86	21.03
35	2-Octanol	3.66	3 48	3.22	3.00	11.39	22.47
36	Crotyl alcohol (2-Butenol)	2.52	2.30	2.07	1.80	10.78	24.04
37	2-Butanone	2.52	1.86	1.61	1.00	9.92	21.01
38	3-Methyl=2-Butanone	2.80	2.25	2.00	1.10	10.48	22.01
39	3 3-Dimethyl-2-butanone	2.00	2.23	2.00	1.84	10.58	23.32
40	4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	2.57	2.35	2.10	1.89	10.30	24.04
41	4-Methyl-3-penten-2-one	2.57	2.55	2.10	2.09	10.10	21.01
42	Cyclohexanone	3.07	2.86	2.61	2.38	11 01	22.00
43	Benzaldehvde	3.78	3.37	3.15	2.50	10.96	23.12
44	Diethyl Ether	2.05	1.81	1.50	1.33	11 49	27.30
45	PronyInronanoate	2.05	2 52	2 30	2.06	10.52	27.45
46	Fthyltrifluoroacetate	1.98	1 74	1 48	1.00	10.55	22.05
10	Langianaoroacciaic	1.50	1.7 -1	1.10	1.20	10.43	27.03

of 21 compounds comprising alkanes, aromatic hydrocarbons, heteroaromatics, alcohols, ketones, esters, and ethers again separated better on mixed stationary phase 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi than 3% OV1 (Figure 4A–4B). The Rs observed within adjacent peaks on 3% OV1 was within 0.48–3.97 Rs but increased to 1.31–8.02 Rs on mixed stationary phase 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi. Repeatability of the separation (n = 5) on mixed stationary phase was again checked in terms of retention time and peak area. The RSD was observed within 1.5–2.1% and 1.9–2.8%, respectively.

The adjusted retention times of the given analyte was divided by the adjusted retention time of the most retained analyte (2-nitrotoluene) on both the stationary phases. This ratio was calculated on 3% OV1 and 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi as mixed stationary phase (Table I). The ratios on the mixed stationary phase were plotted on the yaxis and those on 3% OV1 on the x-axis. The plot of all 46 compounds showed R^2 of 0.9617 (Figure 5), which is indicative of some positive correlation between both the columns. However, R^2 of 13 and 22 selected compounds comprising mixtures of aliphatic, aromatic hydrocarbons, heteroaromatics, heterocyclic, alcohols, ketones, and esters with aliphatic, aromatic hydrocarbons, nitrite, nitro, chloro compounds, ethers, heteroaromatics, alcohols, ketones, and esters of indicated values of 0.4934 and 0.5530, respectively (Figure 6A–6B). The results of R^2 lead to suggest some difference in the interaction between the two stationary phases for selective solutes. Stability constant K_m , - ΔH , - ΔS , and - ΔG of the complexation reaction of the 5% nickel chelate dispersed with 3% OV1 were calculated for all the 46 compounds investigated including aromatic hydrocarbons, heteroaromatics, alcohols, ketones, ester, and amines. The values of lnK_m are seen to be within 1.71–6.22 (Table II). The plots of 1000/T against lnK_m indicate a linear relationship with R^2 in the range 0.9956–0.9999 (four-point calibration). Heteroaromatics gave values of $-\Delta H$ in the range of 10.44–12.43 Kcal/mol as compared to 10.25-12.37 Kcal/mol for aromatic hydrocarbons. The alcohols indicate values of $-\Delta H$ in the range of 10.58–11.39 Kcal/mol as compared to 9.07–10.15 Kcal/mol for alkanes. Parallel results are obtained for $-\Delta S$ and - Δ G in the range of 17.65–27.33 Kcal/mol and 1.23–4.24 Kcal/mol, respectively (Table III). The values of $-\Delta G$ increased in *n*-alkanes and *n*-alcohols with an increase in carbon number, which may be due to non-specific interactions on the

nickel (II) chelate-loaded support by induced polarizability. The stability constant (lnK_m) reflects the free energy (- Δ G) change of the species involved in the association process (11), and parallel results of lnK_m and - Δ G were observed. The negative change in entropy (- Δ G) is consistent with association equilibrium, as individual vibrational and rotational freedom is lost during association.

Conclusion

The mixed stationary phase of 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) on Chromosorb G/NAW 60–80 mesh size gave better resolution for alcohols, ketones, esters, aromatic, and heteroaromatics than 3% OV1 on the same support under the same operating conditions. A two-dimensional plot of retention time transformation on stationary phase 3% OV1 against 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi (w/w) for the selected compounds indicated some difference in interaction between both the stationary phases. Electrostatic interaction and capability via donor-acceptor mechanism are indicated on the surface of mixed stationary phases.



Figure 4. Chromatogram of organic compounds on packed glass columns (2 m x 3 mm i.d.) Chromosorb G/NAW 60–80 mesh size: (A) 3% OV1 with theoretical plates (N) = 1, 257; 2, 651; 3, 429; 4, 813; 5, 278; 6, 546; 7, 176; 8, 459; 9, 423; 10, 531; 11, 387; 12, 506; 13, 140; 14, 578; 15, 743; 16, 923; 17, 1145; 18, 1104; 19, 784; 20, 962; and 21, 1381. (B) 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi with theoretical plates (N) = 1, 998; 2, 2057; 3, 3274; 4, 2978; 5, 4117; 6, 3145; 7, 3396; 8, 3252; 9, 4208; 10, 4112; 11, 2615; 12, 3472; 13, 4365; 14, 3915; 15, 4431; 16, 4148; 17, 3845; 18, 4482; 19, 4321; 20, 4506; and 21, 4241. 1, Ethyltrifluoroacetate; 2, 2-butanone; 3, hexane; 4, 1-propanol; 5, benzene; 6, 2-butanol; 7, heptane; 8, 2,2-dimethoxypropane; 9, pyridine; 10, piperidine; 11, propylpropanoate; 12, 1-pentanol; 13, 2-picoline; 14, octane; 15, 4-picoline; 16, 2,6-lutidine; 17, 3-picoline; 18, nonane; 19, 1-heptanol; 20, 2-octanol; and 21, decane. Conditions: Column temperature 90°C, injection port temperature 115°C, detection oven temperature 150°C, N₂ flow rate 15 mL/min, detection FID.



Figure 5. Two-dimensional plot of retention time transformation (Xa) of the organic compounds on stationary phase 3% OV1 versus 3% OV1 + 5% IVA₂enNi.



Figure 6. (A) Two-dimensional plot of retention time transformation (Xa) on stationary phase 3% OV1 versus 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi for the compounds: 1, Octane; 2, nonane; 3, o-xylene; 4, 2-picoline; 5, 4-picoline; 6, 2,6-lutidine; 7, 3-picoline; 8, piperidine; 9, isoamyl alcohol; 10, 1-pentanol; 11, mesityl oxide; 12, cyclohexanone; and 13, propylpropanoate. (B) Two-dimensional plot of retention time transformation (Xa) on stationary phase 3% OV1 versus 3% OV1 + 5% IVA2enNi for the compounds: 1, Hexane; 2, heptane; 3, acetonitrile; 4, nitromethane; 5, 1,2-dichloromethane; 6, 2,2-dimethoxypropane; 7, dioxane; 8, benzene; 9, toluene; 10, pyridine; 11, methanol; 12, 2-propanol; 13, 1-propanol; 14, 2-butanol; 15, tert-butanol; 16, crotyl alcohol; 17, 2-butanone; 18, 3-methyl-2-butanone; 19, 3,3-dimethyl-2-butanone; 20, 4-methyl-2-pentanone; 21, diethyl ether; and 22, ethyltrifluoroacetate.

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