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An investigation about complex formation tendencies of Fe(III) and Fe(II) with anti-Parkinsonian drug, levodopa, (-)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-alanine at physiological pH

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Levodopa forms stable complexes with Fe(II) and Fe(III). To study the interaction of LD with different oxidation states of iron in non-buffered as well as in buffered solutions was undertaken for a pH that ranged from 3.0 to 9.2. The complexation tendencies of iron were examined through visible spectra. The studies were carried out in a way that the information regarding stoichiometry, log K_f values and the specific binding sites could be ascertained. Towards our pursuit we could succeed in fixing the molar absorptivity of the Fe(II)-LD complex at different pH. It was found that the stability of the complexes is pH dependent and it is stable above pH 4. Stoichiometry is 1:3 and the log K_f value stands around 11. Comparative study of levodopa and its analogue dopamine's visible spectra helped to make a suggestion that catecholic side of the ligand is the binding site in these complexes of iron. Variation in pH is instrumental in bringing such changes which influence the functioning of human body and its various organs. Hence complex formation of iron in its two oxidation states with levodopa may be controlled by the pH of the system and thus the potency of the drug may be influenced by pH. Described findings may be successful in better understanding of pharmacological aspects of this levodopa's applications.

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