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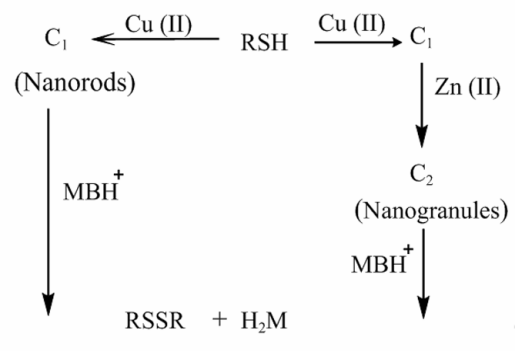
Cysteine hydrochloride and 2-mercaptoethylamine hydrochloride are catalyzed by Cu(II) in acidic medium involving the participation of Cu nanoparticles. On addition of Zn(II) (an inactive metal ion) to the reaction, the rate increases appreciably. TEM and SAED studies reveal a change in morphology of the nanoparticles on adding Zn(II) which probably causes its synergetic effect.



732 **Influence of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide/ sodium dodecyl sulfate micelles on the oxidation of L-arginine by N-bromophthalimide in presence of $HClO_4$**

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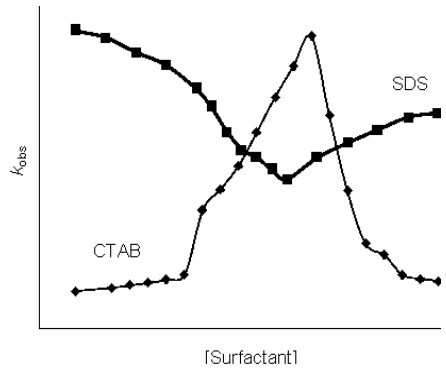
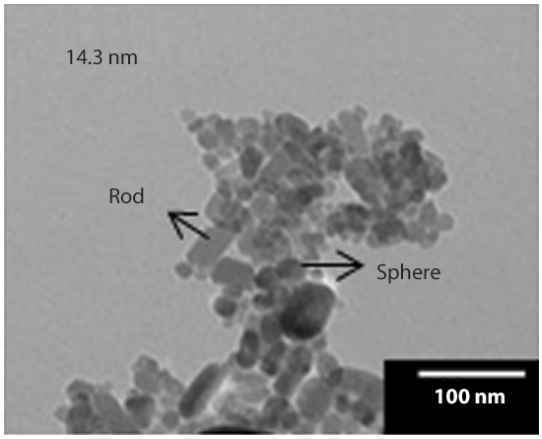
Oxidation reaction of L-arginine by N-bromophthalimide has been studied in micellar systems of CTAB and SDS. CTAB strongly enhances the rate of reaction while SDS has an inhibitory action.



Notes

739 **Mechanochemical synthesis of sodium doped hydroxyapatite powder**

Sodium ion is doped into HA by sodium hydroxide precursor in a dry mixture of $Ca(OH)_2$ and $(NH_3)_2HPO_4$. A mixture of rods and spheres is found in the Na^+ doped HA.



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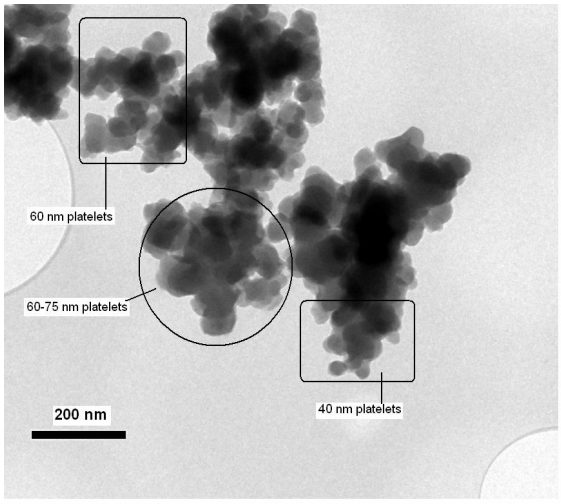
744 **Synthesis and properties of polypyrrole obtained from a new Fe(III) complex as oxidizing agent**

Highly conducting polypyrrole (50 S/cm) is obtained with a new complex synthesized from $FeCl_3$ and lauryl sulphate as oxidizing agent.



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