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Instructions (Task 1)

- This examination has 10 pages for practical Task 1 and answer sheets.
- You have 15 minutes to read this booklet before starting the experiments.
- You have **2 hours 15 minutes** to complete the practical **Task 1**.
- Begin only when the **START** command is given. You must stop your work immediately when the **STOP** command is announced. A delay in doing this by 5 minutes will lead to cancellation of your practical exam. After the **STOP command** has been given, **wait in your lab space**. A supervisor will check your lab space. The following item should be **left on your bench**:

The problem / answer booklet (this booklet)

- You are expected to follow **safety rules** given in the IChO regulations. While you are in the laboratory, you must wear **safety glasses** or your own prescription safety glasses if they have been approved. You may use **gloves** when handling chemicals.
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- Use only the pen provided, not a pencil, for writing the answers.
- Use the calculator provided.
- All results must be written in the appropriate areas on the answer sheets. Anything written elsewhere will not be graded. Use the reverse side of the sheets if you need scratch paper.
- Use the container labeled "**Used Vials**" to dispose of sealed vials with reaction solutions.
- Use the container labeled "**Liquid Waste**" to dispose of the waste solutions.
- Use the container labeled "**Broken Glass Disposal**" to dispose of the ampule fragments.
- Chemicals and lab ware will be **refilled or replaced** without penalty only for the first incident. Each further incident will result in the **loss of 1 point** from your 40 practical exam points.
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Chemicals and Equipment (Task 1)

Chemicals (the actual labeling for each package is given in bold font)

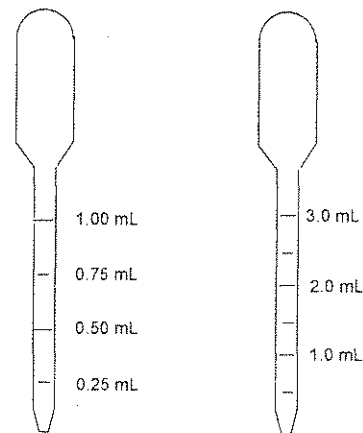
	Risk Phrase ⁺	Safety Phrase ⁺
HCl , ~2 M [*] solution in water, 50 mL in a bottle	R34, R37	S26, S45
KI₃ , ~0.01 M [*] solution in water, 10 mL in a bottle, labeled "I ₂ ".		
Acetone, (CH₃)₂CO , $M = 58.08 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, density = 0.791 g mL^{-1} , 10.0 mL in a vial	R11, R36, R66, R67	S9, S16, S26
Acetone- <i>d</i> ₆ , (CD₃)₂CO , $M = 64.12 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, density = 0.872 g mL^{-1} , 3.0 mL in a pre-scored ampule	R11, R36, R66, R67	S9, S16, S26

⁺ See page 3 for definition of Risk and Safety Phrases.

^{*} The exact concentration is indicated on the label, with the concentration given before the name of the substance.

Equipment - Kit #1

- One glass bottle filled with distilled water
- Fifteen 20 mL screw-cap glass vials with Teflon-lined screw-caps
- Ten 1 mL polyethylene transfer pipettes graduated in 0.25 mL increments (see drawing on the right).
- Ten 3 mL polyethylene transfer pipettes graduated in 0.50 mL increments (see drawing on the right).
- One digital timer (stopwatch)



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Risk and Safety Phrases (Task 1)

R11 Highly flammable

R34 Causes burns

R36 Irritating to eyes

R37 Irritating to respiratory system

R66 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

R67 Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness

S9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately

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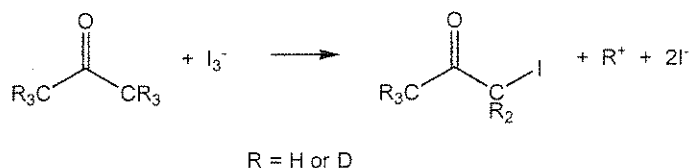
Task 1**18% of the total**

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	Task 1	18%
10	2	10	12	16	12	8	70	

Kinetics, Isotope Effect, and Mechanism of Iodination of Acetone

Discoveries about the mechanisms of chemical reactions underlie advances in catalysis and synthesis. One of the most powerful tools for probing reaction mechanisms is the study of kinetics because the ways in which reaction rates vary with reaction conditions follow directly from the mechanism of reaction. A second powerful tool is the study of isotopically substituted molecules. While isotopes have similar reactivity, there are slight differences in reaction rates as a function of nuclear mass.

In this task you will use both kinetics and isotope effects to provide information about the iodination of acetone in acidic aqueous solution:



The reaction takes place with a rate law

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{acetone}]^m[\text{I}_3^-]^n[\text{H}^+]^p$$

where you will determine the rate constant k and the integer reaction orders m , n and p . You will also compare the reactivity of acetone with that of acetone- d_6 , where the six atoms of protium (^1H) have been replaced by deuterium (^2H , D), to determine the isotope effect ($k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}}$) of the reaction. From these data you will make inferences about the mechanism of this reaction.

Please read the whole description of this task and plan your work before you begin.

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Procedure

Reaction rates are dependent on temperature. Record the temperature of the room in which you are working (ask the room assistant):

°C

Instructions for using the digital timer (stopwatch)

- (1) Press the [MODE] button until the COUNT UP icon is displayed.
- (2) To begin timing, press the [START/STOP] button.
- (3) To stop timing, press the [START/STOP] button again.
- (4) To clear the display, press the [CLEAR] button.

General Procedure

For each run, decide on the volumes of hydrochloric acid, distilled water, and potassium triiodide solution (labeled as "I₂") that you will use. The initial concentrations of the reagents in the reaction mixtures should be in the ranges given below (you need not explore the full ranges given, but your values should not be significantly outside these ranges):

[H⁺]: Between 0.2 and 1.0 M

[I₃⁻]: Between 0.0005 and 0.002 M

[acetone]: Between 0.5 and 1.5 M

For each run, record the volumes of reagents that you use in the table (a) on page 7. Place the measured volumes of hydrochloric acid, distilled water, and potassium triiodide solution in the reaction vessel (vial). To initiate the reaction, add your chosen volume of acetone to this mixture, quickly cap the vial, start the timer, shake the vial vigorously one time, and then place the vial on a white background. When setting up and running each reaction do not hold or touch the vial below the level of liquid in it. The progress of the reaction can be monitored visually by watching the disappearance of the yellow-brown color of the triiodide ion. Record the time required for the color to disappear. When the reaction is complete, set aside the vessel, and leave it sealed so that you do not expose yourself to iodoacetone vapors.

Repeat as often as desired using different concentrations of reagents. *Hint: change one concentration at a time.* Note that the concentrations of the reagents that you use will be calculated and recorded in the tables (c) on page 8.

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Once you have studied the rate of reaction of acetone, you should repeat the experiment to investigate the rate of reaction of acetone- d_6 . Note that while you have an ample supply of acetone, you will be given only 3.0 mL of acetone- d_6 because of the greater expense of the isotopically labeled material. *Therefore, any request for additional acetone- d_6 will result in a one point penalty.*

When you need to use the acetone- d_6 , raise your hand and the lab supervisor will open the sealed ampule for you. The reactions of deuterium-substituted compounds are generally slower than those of protium-substituted compounds. You would thus be well-advised to use reaction conditions that promote faster reactions when working with $(CD_3)_2CO$.

When you are finished working:

- a) empty the water bottle and place it along with any unused equipment back in the box labeled Kit #1
- b) place used pipettes and sealed used vials in designated containers under the hoods;
- c) dispose of all parts of the empty ampule in the container labeled **Broken Glass Disposal**.

You may clean up your area after the STOP command has been given.

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a. Record your results for acetone, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$, in the table below. *You need not fill the entire table.*

Run #	Volume HCl solution, mL	Volume H_2O , mL	Volume I_3^- solution, mL	Volume $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$, mL	Time for disappearance of I_3^- , s
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

b. Record your results for acetone- d_6 , $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, in the table below. *You need not fill the entire table.*

Run #	Volume HCl solution, mL	Volume H_2O , mL	Volume I_3^- solution, mL	Volume $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, mL	Time for disappearance of I_3^- , s
1d					
2d					
3d					
4d					

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c. Calculate concentrations and average rates for the reactions you studied. Record the answers in the tables below. In your calculations, assume that the volume of each reaction mixture is equal to the sum of volumes of its constituent solutions.

You need not use all of your runs in your calculation of k (parts e and f), but you must indicate which run or runs you used by ticking the appropriate box in the right-hand column.

 $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$:

Run #	Initial $[\text{H}^+]$, mol L^{-1}	Initial $[\text{I}_3^-]$, mol L^{-1}	Initial $[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}]$, mol L^{-1}	Average rate of disappearance of I_3^- , $\text{mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Run used in calculating k_{H} ?	
					Yes	No
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 $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$:

Run #	Initial $[\text{H}^+]$, mol L^{-1}	Initial $[\text{I}_3^-]$, mol L^{-1}	Initial $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}]$, mol L^{-1}	Average rate of disappearance of I_3^- , $\text{mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Run used in calculating k_{D} ?	
					Yes	No
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3d					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4d					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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d. Give the integer reaction order in acetone, triiodide, and hydrogen ion.

$$\text{rate} = -\frac{d[\text{I}_3^-]}{dt} = k[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}]^m [\text{I}_3^-]^n [\text{H}^+]^p$$

$m =$

$n =$

$p =$

e. Calculate the rate constant k_{H} for the reaction of acetone, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$, and indicate the units.

$k_{\text{H}} =$

f. Calculate the rate constant k_{D} for the reaction of acetone- d_6 , $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, and calculate the value of $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}}$ (the isotope effect of the reaction).

$k_{\text{D}} =$


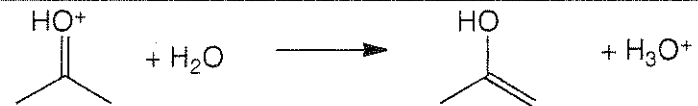


$k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} =$

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g. From the kinetic and isotope effect data you may draw certain conclusions about the reaction mechanism. A reasonable mechanism for the iodination of acetone is shown below. One of the steps in the mechanism is rate-determining (R.D.S.), with all previous steps rapidly achieving an equilibrium that strongly favors the reactants.

In the box in the first column on the right next to each step, place a tick (✓) if your *experimentally measured rate law* (part d) is **consistent** with that step being rate-determining and an **X** if your measured rate law is **inconsistent** with that step being rate-determining. In the box in the second column on the right next to each step, place a tick (✓) if your *experimentally measured isotope effect* (part f) is **consistent** with that step being rate-determining and an **X** if your measured isotope effect is **inconsistent** with that step being rate-determining.

	R.D.S. consistent with rate law?	R.D.S. consistent with isotope effect?
		
		
		
		

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Instructions (Task 2)

- This examination has **13** pages for Task 2 and answer sheets.
- You have 15 minutes to read this booklet before starting the experiments.
- You have **2 hours 45 minutes** to complete the practical **Task 2**. When planning your work, please note that one of the steps requires 30 minutes.
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One TLC plate in zipper storage bag with student code

The vial labeled "Product"

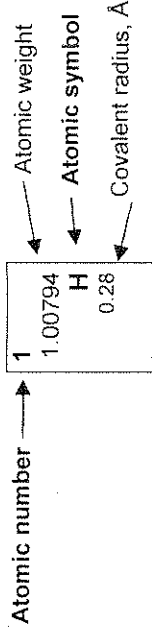
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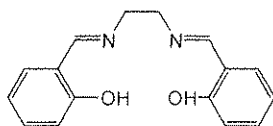
Chemicals and Equipment (Task 2)

Chemicals and materials (the actual labeling for each package is given in bold font)

	Risk Phrase ⁺	Safety Phrase ⁺
(salen)H₂ , ^a ~1.0 g in a vial ^b	R36/37/38	S26 S28A S37 S37/39 S45
Mn(OOCCH₃)₂ · 4H₂O , ~1.9 g in a vial ^b	R36/37/38 R62 R63	S26 S37/39
Lithium chloride solution , LiCl, 1 mol L ⁻¹ solution in ethanol, 12 mL in a bottle	R11 R36/38	S9 S16 S26
Ethanol , 70 mL in a bottle	R11	S7 S16
Acetone, (CH₃)₂CO , 100 mL in a bottle	R11 R36 R66 R67	S9 S16 S26
(salen*)MnCl_x , ^c ~32 mL of a ~3.5 mg/mL solution in a bottle ^b		
KI ₃ , ~0.010 M solution in water, ^b 50 mL in a bottle, labeled "I ₂ ".		
Ascorbic Acid , ~0.030 M solution in water, ^b 20 mL in a bottle		
1% Starch , solution in water, 2 mL in a bottle		
TLC plate – one 5 cm × 10 cm silica gel strip in a plastic zipper bag		

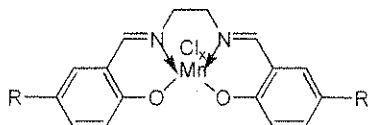
⁺ See page 15 for definition of Risk and Safety Phrases.

^a (salen)H₂:



^b The exact mass is indicated on the label.

^c (salen*)MnCl_x (both R groups are the same and can be H or COOH or SO₃H):



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Equipment

Common use: Balance

- Two **stands** with **clamps** located in the fume hood labeled with your code
- One **hotplate stirrer**
- One **300 mm ruler**
- One **pencil**

Kit #2:

- Two **250 mL conical flasks** (one for synthesis, one for crystallization)
- One **graduated cylinder, 50 mL**
- One **20 mm long egg-shaped magnetic stirring bar**
- One **Hirsch funnel**
- **Filter paper** circles for Hirsch funnel and for TLC chamber
- One **125 mL Buchner flask for vacuum filtration**
- **Rubber adapter** for suction flask
- One **0.5 L plastic ice bath**
- One **glass rod**
- Two **1 mL plastic transfer pipettes** (see drawing in the right)
- One **plastic spatula**
- One empty **4 mL snap-cap vial** labeled "Product" for reaction product



Kit #3:

- Three empty **small screw-cap vials** (for TLC solutions)
- Ten **short capillary tubes (100 mm)** for TLC spotters
- One **watch glass** (for the TLC chamber)
- One **250 mL beaker** for TLC chamber

Kit #4:

- One assembled and ready to use **25 mL burette**
- One small **plastic funnel**
- Four **125 mL Erlenmeyer flasks**
- One **rubber bulb for pipettes**
- One **10 mL volumetric pipette**
- One **5 mL volumetric pipette**

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Risk and Safety Phrases (Task 2)

R11 Highly flammable

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

R62 Possible risk of impaired fertility

R63 Possible risk of harm to the unborn child

R66 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

R67 Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness

S7 Keep container tightly closed

S9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place

S16 Keep away from sources of ignition

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S28A After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.

S37 Wear suitable gloves.

S37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately

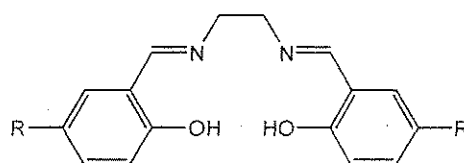
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Task 2**22% of the Total****Synthesis of a Salen Manganese Complex and Determination of the Formula of the Product**

A	B-i	B-ii	C-i	C-ii	Task 2	22%
10	15	4	4	2	35	

Transition metal complexes of the 3d-block elements derived from the bis(salicylidene)ethylenediamine (salen) ligand have proven to be efficient catalysts of various redox reactions in organic synthesis.



(salen)H₂, R = H

(salen*)H₂, R = H, COOH, or SO₃H

The ability of the salen ligand to stabilize higher oxidation states of 3d-block elements is important in this chemistry. In particular, compounds of manganese in oxidation states from +2 to +5 can be formed depending on the reaction conditions used in preparation of the manganese salen complex. In this task you will prepare a manganese salen complex by reacting (salen)H₂ with Mn(II) acetate in ethanol in air in the presence of lithium chloride. Under these conditions, the formula of the complex formed is (salen)MnCl_x, where x may be either 0, 1, 2, or 3.

You will i) determine the mass of product, ii) characterize the purity of product using thin-layer chromatography (TLC), and iii) use an iodometric redox titration to determine the oxidation state of the metal in the complex. For the redox titration, you will be given a solution of a previously-prepared analogue of your compound, (salen*)MnCl_x, where manganese has the same oxidation state as in your product, but the R-substituent on the benzene ring may be either H, COOH, or SO₃H.

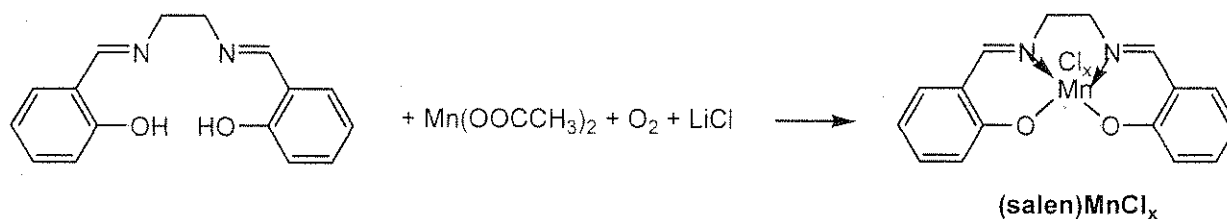
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Procedure:

A. Synthesis of (salen)MnCl_x



- 1) Place 2-3 crystals of (salen)H₂ in a small vial to be used for the TLC experiment later.
- 2) Transfer the pre-weighed ~1.0-g sample of (salen)H₂ provided into a 250 mL conical flask along with a stirring bar. Add 35 mL of absolute ethanol.
- 3) Place the flask on a hot plate/stirrer. Heat the contents, with constant stirring, until the solid dissolves (usually, dissolution is complete when the ethanol is about to boil). Then decrease the temperature setting so that you will be able to maintain the temperature of the mixture close to but below the boiling point. The neck of the flask should remain cool so that you can remove it from the heater in the next step.
- 4) Remove the flask from the hotplate (if the flask is too hot to hold with bare hands, use a folded paper towel), and add the pre-weighed ~1.9 g sample of Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O. A dark brown color will develop. Return the flask to the hotplate immediately. Continue heating and stirring for 15 min. Do not boil the mixture so that the neck of the flask remains cool.
- 5) Remove the flask from the hotplate, and add the provided solution of 1 mol L⁻¹ LiCl in ethanol (12 mL, an excess) to the flask. Return the flask to the hotplate; continue heating and stirring for 10 min. Do not boil the mixture so that the neck of the flask remains cool.
- 6) After this time, remove the flask from the hotplate, and place it in an ice bath for crystallization for 30 min. Every 5 minutes gently scratch the walls of the flask from inside under the liquid level with a glass rod to accelerate crystallization of (salen)MnCl_x. The first crystals may appear immediately upon cooling or after a period of 10-15 minutes.
- 7) Use the vacuum line located inside the fume hood (the valve is labeled Vacuum), and suction filter the crystalline solid using the small Hirsch funnel and a suction flask. Without disconnecting the flask from the vacuum line, use a transfer pipette to wash the solid with a few drops of acetone. Leave the solid on the filter paper (with the suction on) for 10-15 min to air-dry.
- 8) Transfer the solid product into a pre-weighed vial labeled "Product". Determine and record the mass of product (*m_p*) in the box on the next page. Also record the mass of the following reagents used in the synthesis: (salen)H₂, and Mn(OOCCH₃)₂·4H₂O.
- 9) Place the labeled vial containing your product into a zipper bag.

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Mass of the empty vial for the product: _____ g

Mass of the vial with the dried product: _____ g

Mass of the product, m_p : _____ g

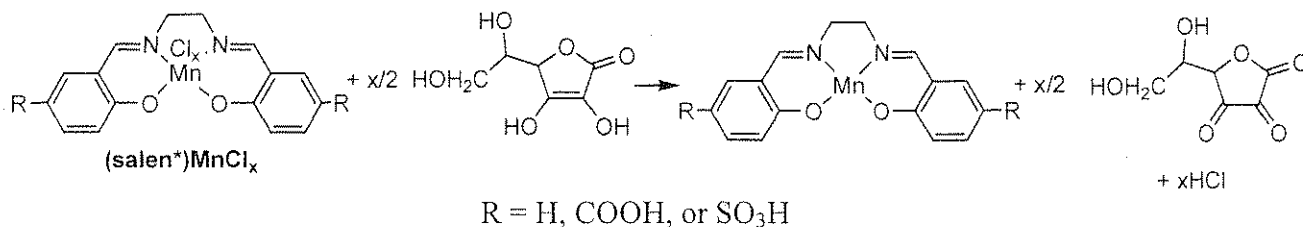
Mass of (salen) H_2 shown on the label on the vial provided, m_S :
_____ g

Mass of $Mn(OOCCH_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ shown on the label on the vial provided, m_{Mn} :
_____ g

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B. Volumetric analysis of a sample of (salen*)MnCl_x provided



Using pipette bulb

- 1) Attach the bulb to a pipette
- 2) Squeeze the rubber bulb firmly
- 3) Squeeze the up arrow button to suck some solution into the pipette
- 4) Squeeze the down arrow button to release some solution from the pipette into a flask

Note: There is no need to rinse pipettes or burette with the appropriate solution prior to filling.

Experiment

- 1) Dispense 10.00 mL of the provided (salen*)MnCl_x solution into a 125 mL conical flask using the volumetric pipette.
- 2) Add 5.00 mL of ascorbic acid solution and mix well. Allow the solution to stand for 3-4 minutes.
- 3) To avoid oxidation of ascorbic acid with O₂ titrate the mixture immediately with the KI₃ solution using 5 drops of a 1% starch solution as indicator. The blue or blue-green endpoint should persist for at least 30 seconds.
- 4) If time permits, perform 1-2 additional titrations to improve the accuracy of your determination.

Record the results of your titration experiment(s) in the table below:

#	Initial burette reading of KI ₃ solution, mL	Final burette reading of KI ₃ solution, mL	Volume of KI ₃ solution consumed, mL
1			
2			
3			

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i. Enter the volume in mL (selected or averaged) of KI_3 solution consumed that you will use to calculate the molar mass of $(\text{salen}^*)\text{MnCl}_x$:

Volume of KI_3 solution used in calculations: _____ mL

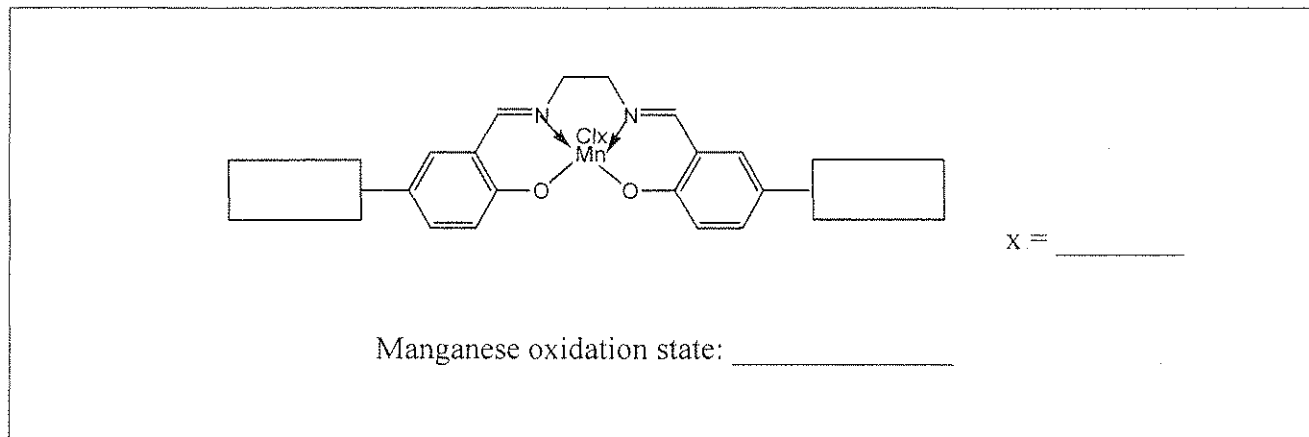
Concentration of $(\text{salen}^*)\text{MnCl}_x$ (from label on the bottle): _____ mg mL^{-1}

Concentration of ascorbic acid (from label on the bottle): _____ mol L^{-1}

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ii. Use your titration data and, where appropriate, the information in the table below to deduce the value of x , the oxidation state of manganese and the identity of the substituent on the salen ligand ($R = \text{H}, \text{COOH}, \text{or } \text{SO}_3\text{H}$). Enter these in the template below.



R	x	(Theoretical molar mass)/ x , g mol^{-1}
H	1	357
H	2	196
H	3	143
COOH	1	445
COOH	2	240
COOH	3	172
SO ₃ H	1	517
SO ₃ H	2	276
SO ₃ H	3	196

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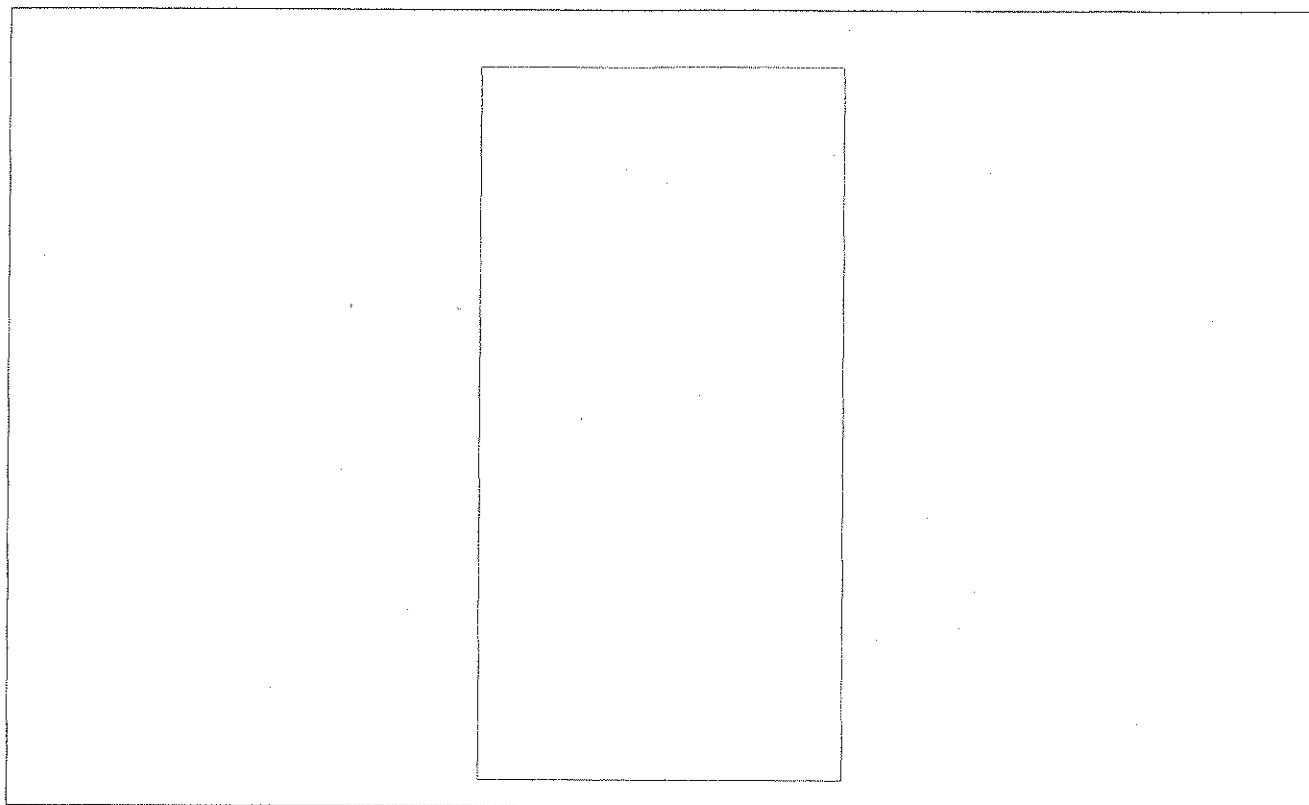
C. TLC characterization of (salen)MnCl_x

- 1) Using a small vial and a plastic transfer pipette for ethanol, dissolve a few crystals of the (salen)MnCl_x that you have prepared in a few drops of absolute ethanol.
- 2) Using another small vial, dissolve a few crystals of (salen)H₂ in a few drops of absolute ethanol.
- 3) If necessary, use scissors (available from lab assistant upon request) to trim the TLC plate so it is an appropriate height for the beaker to be used as the TLC chamber.
- 4) Fold or trim a large circle of filter paper, and place it in the beaker so that it reaches almost from the bottom to the top. This is required to saturate the chamber with ethanol vapor. Add ethanol to the beaker, wetting the filter paper, and covering the bottom of the beaker with a 3-4 mm thick layer of the solvent. Cover the beaker with the watch glass.
- 5) Mark the start (position of spotting) on the TLC plate.
- 6) Using the capillary tubes provided, spot the TLC plate with both solutions.
- 7) Develop the TLC plate in the beaker covered with a watch glass for 10-15 min.
- 8) Mark the solvent front as well as the colored spots on the TLC plate using a pencil.
- 9) Dry the TLC plate in air and place it back into the zipper bag.
- 10) Calculate the R_f for both (salen)H₂ and (salen)MnCl_x.

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i. Sketch the TLC plate below.



ii. Record your calculated R_f values for $(\text{salen})\text{H}_2$ and $(\text{salen})\text{MnCl}_x$

R_f ($(\text{salen})\text{H}_2$):	_____
R_f ($(\text{salen})\text{MnCl}_x$):	_____

When you have finished working:

- Place liquid wastes into a container labeled **Liquid Waste**.
- Place used vials into a contained labeled **Broken Glass Disposal**.
- Place used glassware back into the boxes labeled Kit #2, Kit #3 and Kit #4.