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Research Article Establishing the Safety of Powder Henna Hair Colour Through Identification of Bandrowski's Base by HPLC Method

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Abstract

Background and Objective: The p-phenylenediamine (PPD) used as a coloring agent in hair colour and it is known to be allergic due to formation of trimer Bandrowski's base. At favorable condition the p-phenylenediamine molecule convert in to dimer and trimer configuration, trimer configuration is called as a Bandrowski's Base. The objective of study was identification of Bandrowski's Base through the HPLC estimation. This estimation will helpful to find out the safety aspects of henna based hair colours. Estimate the Bandrowski's Base formation with various pH and it help to draw a optimum pH range for the Bandrowski's Base formation and prevent the formation with adjusted the pH range. Therefore, main objective of the study was formulating the safer henna based hair colour without the formation of sensitive potential of Bandrowski's Base and develop the safer henna based hair colour for the end user. Materials and Methods: Bandrowski's Base (BB) was synthesized by the method described by Ritter and Schmitz. BB base formation depends upon the pH condition (>10.0), high alkaline and hydrogen peroxide concentration. Various concentrations of standard PPD and BB base injected and identified the retention time. Samples are kept injected at 24 and 48 h time interval interest to monitor the BB base formation and PPD self -coupling. Results: In this combination of standard materials of PPD and BB standard injected and the peaks showed the different standard retention time, PPD eluted at 2.352 min. Retention time and BB base eluted at 4.696 min. Addition of resorcinol plays a crucial role to prevent the BB base formation. Quinone-diimine react with coupler resorcinol to form the indophenol complex (green component) further it under goes coupling with PPD or resorcinol or co-oxidation coupling it forms a poly indophenol complex. **Conclusion:** Henna based hair color with pH 10-12.0 with 30 min developmental time does not contribute the formation of Bandrowski Base. However, henna based hair colour products pH fall between 7.0-8.0, it further confirms that there is no BB formation and safe to use. No evidence for the formation of Bandrowski base after 24 h with the treatment of higher ammonia and hydrogen peroxide.

Key words: p-phenylenediamine (PPD), bandrowski's (BB) base, HPLC estimation, henna based hair colour, coupler, alkaline pH

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INTRODUCTION

The p-phenylenediamine used as a coloring agent in hair colour. At favorable condition the PPD molecule convert into dimer and trimer configuration, trimer configuration is called as a Bandrowski's Base and it was pronounced from 18th century onwards. Many scientists examined the PPD toxicity with respect to Bandrowski's Base formation¹⁻³. Bandrowski's Base formation depends upon the alkaline pH condition, initial PPD concentration, higher concentration of hydrogen peroxide and alkalizing agent concentration. Higher pH favors the p-phenylenediamine dimer and trimer formation. Polymerization of PPD molecule by and large happen at higher alkaline pH i.e., greater than 10.0. The molecular formula of Bandrowski's Base is C18H18N6 and CAS number is 20048-27-5. PPD allergy potential with respect to hair colour category exclusively studied by Krasteva et al.4. Azo dyes synthesis process started since 18th century onwards, however, in recent years also PPD used as a intermediate in printing ink preparation^{1,2}. Many scientists exclusively studied about the aryl diamines (PPD), transformation, toxicity of aryl diamines (PPD), transformation, toxicity and in vitro mutagenic study etc completed^{3,5,6}. Wu et al.⁷ found that the allergic potential effect of PPD and Jerschow et al.8 and Koopmans and Bruynzeel⁹ exclusively found that the allergic potential of PPD. Henna has been used as a cosmetic hair dye for 6,000 years. The leaves are reduced to fine powder and mixed with water, to form a paste, which was applied to the hair to deliver the colour and conditioning to the hair. In recent years, the dye intermediate and oxidizing agent like sodium perborate (banned recently to be used in cosmetic)/barium peroxide also mixed with henna powder to deliver the desired colour to the hair¹⁰⁻¹². According to SCCP opinion¹³ and SCCS¹⁴, para-phenylenediamine as a coloring agent for hair dyes and maximum concentration of on head concentration was 2%. Toxicological potential not caused by the pure form of aryl amines, but the toxicological potential raised due to the higher pH and oxidation agent¹⁵. In general peroxide oxidizing agents promote the PPD timer and dimer formation. Couplers are aromatic compound and it derived from benzene, substituted by at least 2 electron donor groups such as NH₂ and OH in para or ortho positions to confer the property of easy oxidation, acting as a color developer¹⁶. Coulter et al.¹⁷ studied the coupler component they found that addition of coupler prevent the toxic byproducts from aryl diamines. PPD transformation mechanism not clearly explained till date and topic remain open and research was ongoing. The pH of the dye mixture plays a crucial role in a permanent color

mechanism, higher pH/alkaline medium promotes the opening of the cuticle and it beneficial to the penetration of dye molecules into the cortex in a fast manner. However, the initial reaction was triggered by the oxidizing agent and the reaction occurs in the cortex of the hair. Some reaction also takes place in the outer layer of the hair i.e., cuticle and it was easily removed by the first washing with shampoo^{18,19}. Ammonium hydroxide, amino ethyl propanol and ethanolamines are regularly used as alkalizing agents. Similarly hydrogen peroxide, calcium dioxide, sodium per borate, barium peroxide act as an oxidizing agent. Hydrogen peroxide directly releases the oxygen molecule. However, the powder form of oxidizing agents like, calcium peroxide, barium peroxide, etc., releases the oxygen molecule whenever it reacts with water. Review of literature revealed that the formation of Bandrowski's Base formation depends upon the pH, alkaline condition, reaction times and concentration of alkali. Many scientists tested as an allergy indicator of hair coloring products in different formula. The European Surveillance System on Contact Allergies (ESSCA) collected the data in Europe region with respect to the PPD allergy potential. Survey results indicate that, the prevalence of contact allergy to PPD was 0.8% in 5 European countries. Present study aims to find out the formation of Bandrowski's Base in henna based powder hair colours. Present study aims to derive the optimum pH, alkaline condition and dosage, suitable oxidation agent and period to form a Bandrowski's Base. Many researchers studied out the influence of pH, influence of coupler, influence of alkali with respect to Bandrowski's Base. However, there was no compendium about the Bandrowski's Base study with respect to the henna based hair colour mechanism. This article will patch the grey area with respect to Bandrowski's Base formation in henna based powder form of oxidation hair dyes. This would helpful for establishing the allergy potential of Bandrowski's Base in henna based powder hair colour category. Main objective was to optimize the suitable pH to prevent the Bandrowski's Base formation and find out the optimum time for the Bandrowski's Base formation. It could be immense useful to formulate the safer henna based hair colour for the consumer usage purpose.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Entire study and thought process was carried out between 2015 and 2017 at Dabur International Research and Development, Dubai, UAE and HPLC estimation was carried out at PSN Life Sciences International Lab, Dubai. Synthesis of Bandrowski's Base: Bandrowski's Base was synthesized by the method described by Ritter and Schmitz²⁰. About 5 g of PPD was dissolved in 375 mL of water and 1.5 mL of 28% ammonium hydroxide added and adjusted the pH to 9.5 and adds 62.5 mL of hydrogen peroxide (3%) and kept the solution under room condition for 24 h later. After 24 h filtered the solution and collected the crystalline form of Bandrowski's Base and confirmed through the melting point.

HPLC chromatograph peak evaluation: Synthesized BB base and standard PPD was estimated through HPLC with the combination of methanol Sorenson's buffer (pH = 8.0) ratio of 4:6 with C8 column. Standard and samples were prepared with methanol Sorenson's buffer (pH = 8.0) and injected.

Henna powder sample preparation: Powder based henna hair colour formula containing the dye intermediates, conditioning agent, oxidising agent, thickener and buffering agent and formulation details furnished in Table 1.

Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose

Claim herbal materials

Initially heat the henna powder and claim herbal materials to 80-85°C and remove the moisture content then add the buffering agent, filler and antioxidant and mix for 5-10 min. Further add the dye intermediates and mix for 10 min. Finally add the oxidizing agent and mix for another 30 min.

Identification of Bandrowski's Base through HPLC method:

Injected sample details are explained in the Table 2 and 3. sample A is an absolute control sample, as per pack instruction sample dissolved in water and further sample diluted with regular buffer solution and injected. Similarly the sample B was prepared with addition of hydrogen peroxide. pH of the sample C is 10.0 and it adjusted by ammonia and sample D pH is 12.00 and pH value adjusted with help of ammonia solution. Sample E and sample F prepared with higher concentration of ammonia and hydrogen peroxide solutions.

Pure analytical grade chemicals are used for the standard and Millipore water used for the dilution purpose.

Thickener

Hair conditioning agent

Table 1: Formulation details of henna based hair colour				
Materials	Functions of each raw materials			
Henna powder	Conditioning the hair			
Para phenylenediamine	Dye intermediates			
Para amino phenol	Dye intermediates			
Resorcinol	Coupler			
Calcium dioxide	Oxidizing agent			
Tartaric acid	Buffering agent			
Sodium sulphite	Antioxidant			
Magnesium carbonate	Adsorbent			

Table 2: Injected and prepared sample details-henna based hair colour-black shade

			Sample developmental
Sample code	Sample and formulation details	рН	time (h)
Sample A	Henna based hair colour-BLACK+40 mL water	7.5	24, 48
Sample B	Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H_2O_2 (3%)+34 mL water	7.7	24, 48
Sample C	Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of $\mathrm{H_2O_2}\left(3\%\right)$ +30 mL water and adjusted pH with NH $_3$ solution	10.0	24, 48
Sample D	Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H_2O_2 (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted pH with NH_3 solution	12.0	24, 48
Sample E	Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of $\mathrm{H_{2}O_{2}}$ (3%)+20 mL water and adjusted pH with NH ₃ solution	10.0	24, 48
Sample F	Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of H_2O_2 (3%)+20 mL water and adjusted pH with NH_3 solution	12.0	24, 48

Table 3: Injected and prepared sample details-Henna based hair colour-dark brown

			Sample developmental
Sample code	Sample and formulation details	рН	time (h)
Sample A	Henna based hair colour-dark brown+40 mL water	7.5	24, 48
Sample B	Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H_2O_2 (3%)+34 mL water	7.7	24, 48
Sample C	Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of $\mathrm{H_2O_2}\left(3\%\right)+30$ mL water and adjusted pH with NH3 solution	10.0	24, 48
Sample D	Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of $\rm H_2O_2$ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted pH with $\rm NH_3$ solution	12.0	24, 48
Sample E	Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of $\mathrm{H_{2}O_{2}}$ (3%)+20 mL water and adjusted pH with NH $_{3}$ solution	10.0	24, 48
Sample F	Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of $\rm H_2O_2$ (3%)+20 mL water and adjusted pH with $\rm NH_3$ solution	12.0	24, 48

RESULTS

Various concentrations of standard PPD and BB base injected and identified the retention time. Combination of PPD and BB standard injected and the peaks showed the different retention time, PPD eluted at 2.352 min (Fig. 1). Retention time and BB base eluted at 4.696 min (Fig. 2). Combination of standard PPD and BB base injection further confirmed the different retention time. Similarly one more standard samples the combination of PPD and BB base injected for reconfirmation of BB base and PPD retention time (Fig. 3). In chromatograph 3, PPD peek observed at 2.352 min and BB base peak observed at 4.656 min. Linearity study will be carried out with higher concentration of PPD and BB base, the same retention time noticed in higher concentration and quantification results also matched with the theoretical values. Review of literature revealed that the BB base formation depends upon the pH condition, alkali and hydrogen peroxide concentration. Sample B and sample F prepared with different concentrations of ammonia and hydrogen peroxide, prepared samples are kept up to 24 h. After 24 h the samples examined through HPLC for identification of Bandrowski's Base formation (Fig. 4a-f). Identification of BB base study confirms that henna based hair colour not promote the BB base formation up to 24 h. Similar kind of trend was noticed in dark brown shade also (Fig. 5a-f), however, in dark brown shade is the combination of PPD, para-amino phenol and resorcinol combination, it further helps to prevent the BB base formation. Samples are kept up to 48 h and estimated the BB base formation and results are summarized in the Fig. 6a-f (black shade) and Fig. 7a-f (dark brown shade).

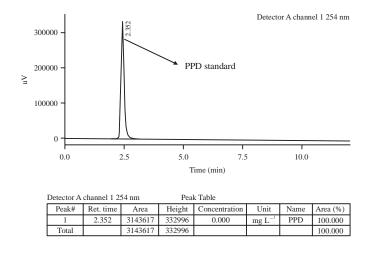


Fig. 1: HPLC estimation of p-phenylenediamine standard retention time

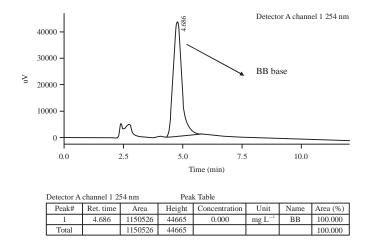


Fig. 2: HPLC estimation of Bandrowski's Base (BB) standard retention time

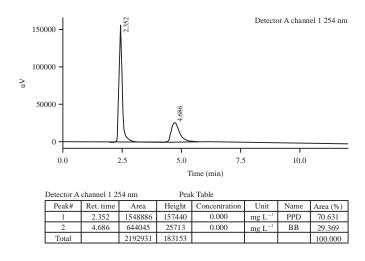


Fig. 3: HPLC estimation of combination of Bandrowski's Base and p-phenylenediamine standard retention time

DISCUSSION

Study results revealed that there was no Bandrowski's Base peak observed across the samples and the reason was powder based henna hair colour containing the coupler the coupler may prevent the PPD dimer and trimer formation reaction. Similar kind of results already noticed by Coulter *et al.*¹, they exclusively studied the influence of coupler on prevention of aryl diamines. However, many authors found that^{1,16,17,21} electron donating group presented in the para position prevent the oxidation of dye intermediate. Similar kind of observations noticed in this article. Regular application of henna based hair colour does not show any Bandrowski's Base peak by HPLC estimation study. It confirms that incorporation of coupler prevent the Bandrowski's Base formation.

It may assumes that henna based powder hair colours are considered as a safer when compared to the cream based oxidation hair colour, because cream based hair colours are containing the ammonia and hydrogen peroxide. In powder form of hair colour containing the powder oxidation releaser and it reacts with water slowly, release the oxygen molecules helps to oxidise the PPD molecule and electron donating molecule/modifier. According to the formula (Table 1), there was no alkali source in the formula and pH of the product was between 6.5 and 7.5. Reaction mechanisms are as below:

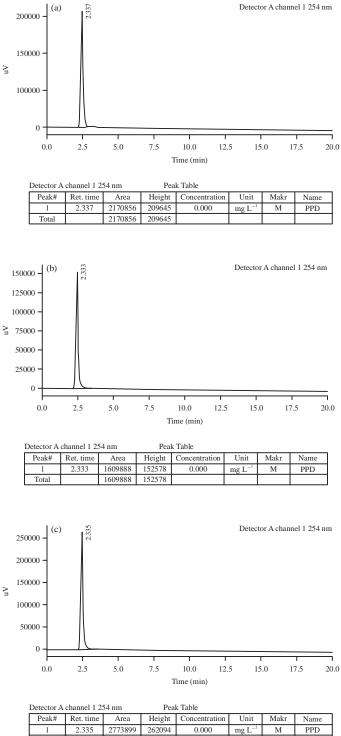
 $2CaO_2+2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Ca(OH)_2+O_2$

Many scientists proved that the pH plays a crucial role in the Bandrowski's Base formation. Sosted *et al.*^{22,23} exclusively studied that the severe allergen hair dye with various pH interval and authors concluded that the higher pH accelerate the allergic reaction because in higher pH, favourable the coupling or polymerisation of primary dye intermediate happens faster than the reaction of coupler.

General hair colour (Black) reaction mechanism furnished in Fig. 8. In Step 1, paraphenylenediamine under-going oxidation to form a diamine derivative further it reacts with resorcinol (Step 2) and forms an indophenol complex. In Step 2, electrophilic species attacks a resorcinol anion, para to the phenolic group and forming the compound, which was under go oxidation and form a indophenol complex in step 3. Indo phenol further reacts with another one indophenol complex form a brown polymeric poly indophenol derivatives, similarly indophenols react with paraphenylenediamine and form a trinuclear green pigment and it further reacts with another mole of indophenol and delivers a brown polymeric poly indophenols.

Entire reaction mentioned above mechanism desired by the concentration of paraphenylenediamine, resorcinol, the oxidizing agent and pH. The pH plays a crucial role in above-mentioned chemical reaction. Overall HPLC estimation study revealed that henna based powder hair colour does not contributing any Bandrowski's Base peak formation at the pH between 7.0 and 8.00 with 24 and 48 h developmental time. It confirms that neutral pH prevent the self coupling of PPD. Meyer and Fischer²⁴ reported that reactivity of PPD, colour change/oxidation of PPD are pH dependent. The reaction found that aerial oxidation (self) of PPD takes long time, initially it turns from brown into dark brown colour and continuously turns into the black brown colour. Similar kind of observations noticed by the many scientists^{21,25,26} however, in henna based powder colour also observed the same trend in this study, i.e., up to 48 h there was no formation of Bandrowski's Base formation. In addition to that addition of resorcinol also plays a crucial role to prevent the BB base

formation. Quinone-diimine react with coupler resorcinol to form the indophenol complex (green component) further it under go coupling with PPD or resorcinol or co-oxidation



Peak#	Ret. time	Area	Height	Concentration	Unit	Makr	Na
1	2.335	2773899	262094	0.000	mg L ⁻¹	М	Pl
Total		2773899	262094				

Fig. 4(a-f): Continue

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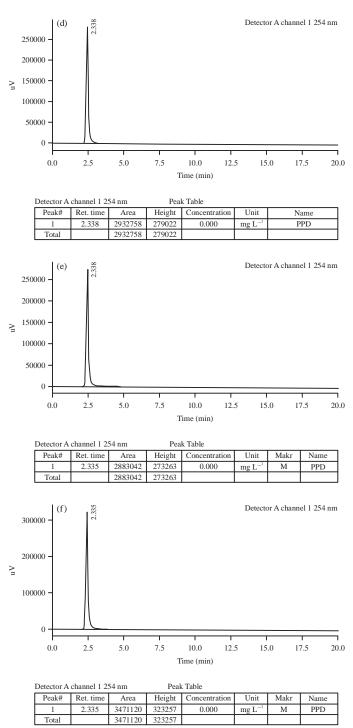


Fig. 4(a-f): Identification of Bandrowski's Base formation-after 24 h in henna based hair colour black shade. (a) Henna based hair colour-black+40 mL water. Sample A at pH 7.5, (b) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+34 mL water. Sample B at pH 7.7, (c) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample C at pH 10.0, (d) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample D at pH 12.0, (e) Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample F at pH 12.0

There is no evidence for Bandrowski's Base formation peak after 12 h in black shade treated with different pH condition

coupling it form a poly indophenol complex. It was the brownish black colour polymer and it delivers the brown black colour to the hair. The reaction mechanism clearly indicates that the addition of resorcinol prevents the BB base and promotes poly indophenol complex preparation and the reaction pathway was proved by the HPLC estimation. Entire

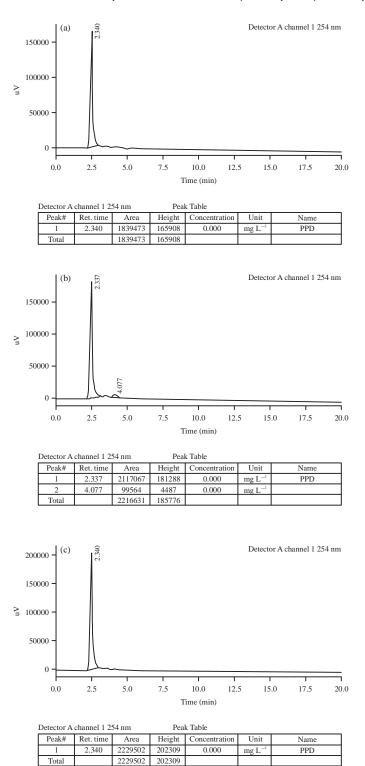
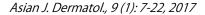


Fig. 5(a-f): Continue



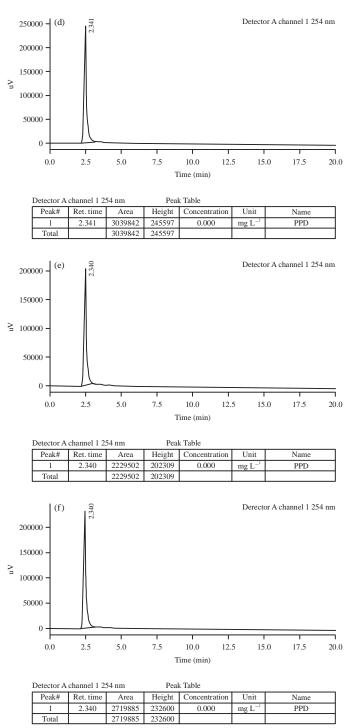
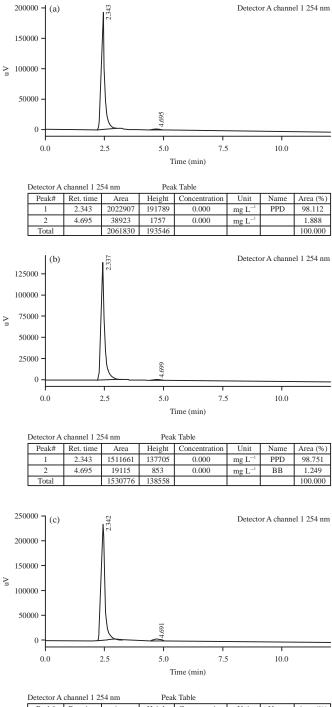


Fig. 5(a-f): Identification of Bandrowski's Base formation after 24 h in henna based hair colour dark brown. (a) There is no Bandrowski's Base formation peak. Henna based hair colour-dark brown+40 mL water. Sample A at pH 7.5, (b) Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+34 mL water. Sample B at pH 7.7, (c) Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample C at pH 10.0, (d) Henna hair colour-dark brown+ 6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution, adjusted pH at 12.0, (e) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample F at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample F at pH 12.0 There is no Bandrowski's Base formation peak after 12 h in dark brown sample treated with different pH condition

study revealed that up to 24 h developmental time there was no BB base formation with a higher amount of alkali, presence system also, however, the henna based

powder hair colour does not containing ammonia and hydrogen peroxide, it confirms that the products are safe to use.



Detector A	channel 1 2.)4 IIII	Feak Table				
Peak#	Ret. time	Area	Height	Concentration	Unit	Name	Area (%)
1	2.342	2478217	235642	0.000	mg L ⁻¹	PPD	96.926
2	4.691	78603	3423	0.000	mg L ⁻¹	BB	3.074
Total		2556820	239066				100.000

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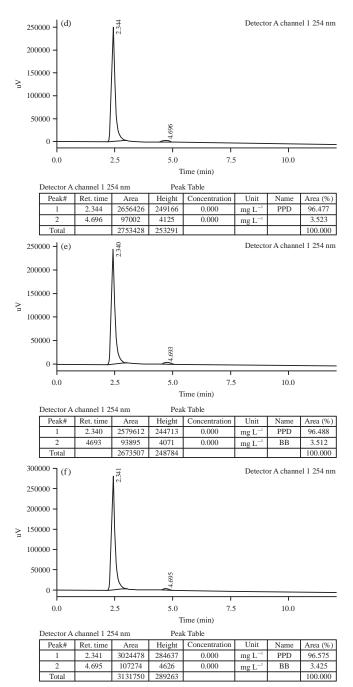


Fig. 6(a-f): Identification of Bandrowski's Base formation after 48 h in henna based hair colour black shade, (a) Henna based hair colour-black+40 mL water. Sample A at pH 7.5, (b) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+34 mL water. Sample B at pH 7.7, (c) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample C at pH 10.0, (d) Henna hair colour-black+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample D at pH 12.0, (e) Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-black+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample F at pH 12.0 (a) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH7, itself promote the BB base formation, (b) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (d) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with at pH 12 with presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (e) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with higher concentration presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (e) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with higher concentration presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (e) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with higher concentration presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (e) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with higher concentration presence of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, (e) Trace quantity of BB base observed in HPLC peak, it revealed that samples kept up to 48 h with at pH 10 with higher concentration p

About 48 h injected samples results revealed that, traces of BB base peak observed in black sample with respect to the all treatments including control samples. Coutler *et al.*¹⁷ studied the coupler component they found that addition of coupler prevent the toxic by-products from aryl diamines. However, the addition of coupler does not completely scavenge the toxic potential and it scavenged to some extent. Study results revealed that BB base formation depends upon

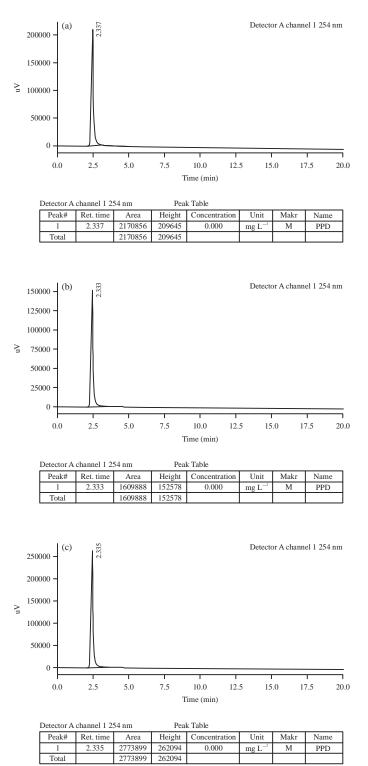


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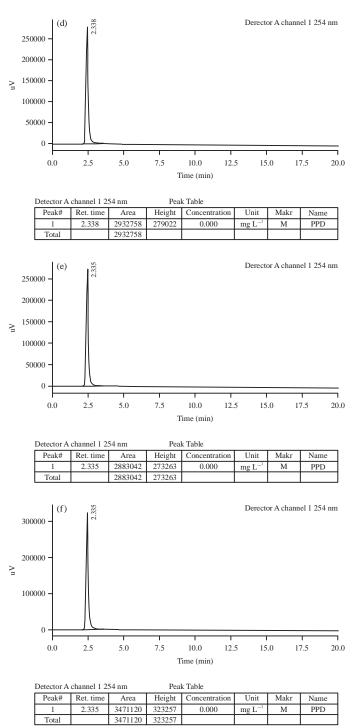


Fig. 7(a-f): Identification of Bandrowski's Base formation-after 48 h in henna based hair colour dark brown shade, (a) Henna based hair colour-dark brown+40 mL water. Sample A at pH 7.5, (b) Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+34 mL water. Sample B at pH 7.7, (c) Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample C at pH 10.0, (d) Henna hair colour-dark brown+6 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample D at pH 12.0, (e) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample E at pH 10.0 and (f) Henna hair colour-dark brown+12 mL of H₂O₂ (3%)+30 mL water and adjusted with NH₃ solution. Sample F at pH 12.0

No traces of Bandrowski's Base has been identified after 48 h in dark brown sample treated with different pH condition

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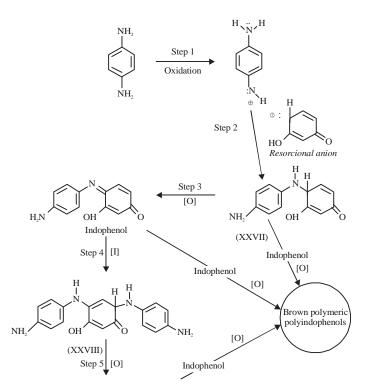
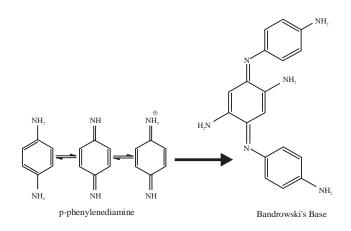


Fig. 8: Schematic diagram of paraphenylenediamine reaction resorcinol

the time and suitable pH condition. Henna based hair colour delivers the colour in 30 min and the study confirms that natural black and dark brown shades are safer to use with that exposure time.

The molecular formula of Bandrowski's Base is $C_{18}H_{18}N_6$ and CAS number is 20048-27-5 and reaction is as below:



CONCLUSION

Henna based hair colour with higher pH 10-12.0 and 30 min developmental time does not contribute the formation of Bandrowski's Base. However, henna based hair colour

products pH fall between 7.0-8.0, it further confirms that there is no BB formation and safe to use. No evidence for the formation of Bandrowski Base after 24 h with the treatment of higher ammonia and hydrogen peroxide. However, in black shade we have noticed the Bandrowski Base formation after keeping the solution for 48 h with higher pH (acidic buffer>8.0). Overall study confirms that the development time play a crucial role in the Bandrowski's Base formation.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS

This study covers the gray area of PPD toxicity in henna based powder hair colour segments. This study confirms that the henna based powder hair colour does not contribute any adverse or toxic effects to the consumer and safe to use. The HPLC estimation of Bandrowski's Base is immense useful to extrapolate the toxic potential of PPD in powder based henna hair colour. The HPLC estimation confirms that there is no formation of BB base in henna based powder hair colour with 30 min developmental time. Study confirms that the samples prepared with coupler i.e., electron donating group prevent the self coupling of PPD with the presence of higher concentration of alkali in 30 min developmental time. Overall study clearly indicates that favorable pH, alkali condition and development time plays a crucial role in PPD polymerization and toxic Bandrowski's Base formation. This article acts a guidelines to formulate the henna based powder colour in safer manner.

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