

# BOD Composite as a New Eco-Friendly Corrosion Inhibitor

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**Abstract:** BOD composite, (E)-4-(2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl) vinyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline is a new eco-friendly corrosion inhibitor versus P355 Carbon Steel (Cs). BOD was examined in 1.0 N HCl corrosive solution utilizing TP, EIS and EFM tests. EIS curves show that adsorption of BOD increases the transfer resistance and decrease the capacitance of interface metal/solution. Molecular docking was utilized to predict the binding between BOD composite with the receptor of 3tt8-hormone of crystal structure analysis of Cu Human Insulin Derivative. The morphology of inhibited P355 Cs was analyzed by checking electron magnifying instrument innovation with energy dispersive X-beam spectroscopy (SEM-EDX).

**Keywords:** BOD, eco-friendly, P355 Cs, SEM, EDX, molecular docking.

## 1. Introduction

Over the previous decades, the passivation and corrosion performance of the steel in existing have been studied [1, 2]. In the typical environment, numerous research has attentive on the electrochemical performance of traditional Cs, austenitic or duplex stainless steel (SS) kinds such as Q235 [3], 304 [4], 316 [5] or 2205 [6, 7] SS [8]. In the field of nuclear manufacturing, the steel strengthening is showing to concrete pore solution over the pH range 12 to 14 in the anoxic environs even for hundreds of years [9]. In these great alkaline environs, an inhibitive passive film will be designed spontaneously and maintained on the surface of the P355 Cs [10, 11]. The conformation of the existing pore solution has great influence on the protection of the Cs [12, 13]. However, till now, few preceding works have

attentive on the electrochemical performance of the P355 Cs in “high alkaline” and “super-anoxic” environment [14]. We trust that the analysis of the passive manner in saturated  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  solution (SCS) with altered pH by appending of NaOH, which was utilized as simulated concrete pore solution (SCPS), will give to an enhanced understanding of the corrosion manner of the Cs in concrete.

Since the accepted rate of corrosion of the steel in focused is very low, very long time is wanted to estimate the corrosion manner which is impractical to attain based on research laboratory experiments [15]. Therefore, electrochemical test is often utilized for rapid estimation of steel corrosion [16, 17]. Till currently, the electrochemical and protected films of P355 Cs joining in alkaline high ( $\text{pH} > 12.5$ ) and anoxic environs at more polarization had negative (-1.0 V-0 V) potential are scarcely examined [18-20]. So, it is very worth travelling the structure and goods of the hindrance film obtain on P355 Cs in this condition [21-23].

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The main scope of our work is to show that, the electrochemical habit of BOD as a new eco-friendly corrosion protection for P355 Cs hold 1.0 N corrosive solution is obtain by tafel polarization ( $T_p$ ), (EIS) AC impedance spectroscopy and (EFM) electrochemical frequency modulation method. A few quantum-chemistry measurements have been gotten in order to record the inhibition and hindrance to the molecular properties of the composite [24, 25]. Molecular docking was utilized to predict the binding between BOD composite with the receptor of 3tt8-hormone of crystal structure analysis of Cu Human Insulin Derivative. SEM and EDX investigations of the P355 Cs in 1.0 N corrosive solution surface were examined.

## 2. Experimental Section

### 2.1 Measurements

This paper mimics the real docking procedure in which the ligand–protein pair-wise interface energies are calculated utilizing Docking Server [26]. Docking measurements were carried out on BOD composite protein model. Essential hydrogen atoms, Kollman united atom type charges, and solvation parameters were additional with the aid of Auto-Dock tools [27]. Affinity (grid) maps of  $20 \times 20 \times 20 \text{ \AA}^3$  grid points and  $0.375 \text{ \AA}$  area were produced utilizing the Auto grid program [28].

### 2.2 Material and Medium

P355 Cs was utilized for the measurement of

corrosion. It's percent composition is given in Table 1, the rest iron. The corrosion dose (1.0 N corrosive solution) (37% analytical grade) was ready by hydrochloric acid dilution with water double distilled. BOD composite utilized for this paper, whose structure was given in Table 2 [29].

### 2.3 Methods

#### 2.3.1 Electrochemical Method

The electrochemical techniques have been performed utilizing 750 software for calculations. The utilized electrical circuit contains of three electrodes (SCE reference electrode, Pt auxiliary electrode and Cs electrode).  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  of the Cs electrode is prepared. The pre-dipping oxide film was reduced by given a time period of about 20 minutes for open circuit potential (OCP). All electrochemical studies were performed at  $25 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $T_p$  is a useful method because they give more information about the corrosion mechanism and the factors affecting the corrosion procedure and inhibition behavior of the BOD. This is done by measuring the potential-current characteristics of the metal/solution system. In  $T_p$  measurements, electrode potential from  $-50$  to  $50 \text{ V}$  was applied at scanning rate  $1 \text{ mVs}^{-1}$ .

(EFM) and (EIS) tests were gain by utilized the same tests as before with a Gamry framework system depend on ESA400. EIS tests were ready in a range of frequency of  $100 \text{ kHz}$  to  $10 \text{ MHz}$  with amplitude of  $5 \text{ mV}$  peak-to-peak. EFM had done utilized 2 frequencies 2 and  $5 \text{ Hz}$ . The frequency base was  $1 \text{ Hz}$ .

**Table 1** Chemical conformation of the P355 Cs.

Mo	Cr	Ni	Cu	Si	S	P	Mn	C
0.009	0.082	0.05	0.043	0.324	0.0005	0.005	0.98	0.15
N	H	B	Co	Ti	V	Zr	Nb	Al
0.034	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.0001	1.95	0.034

**Table 2** Chemical structure, name, molecular weight and molecular formula of inhibitor.

Structure	Name	Mol. Wt./M. formula
	BOD	264.32/C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O

### 2.3.2 SEM-EDX Tests

The surface of P355 Cs was obtained by keeping the coins for 3 days putted in 1.0 N corrosive solution with and lack of perfect dose of BOD composite, after abraded mechanically utilized unlike papers emery up to grit size 1,200. Then, after this time dipping, the samples were lotion gently with distilled water, carefully dried and mounted into the spectrometer attendance of further treatment. The surface of P355 Cs was tested utilized an X-ray diffractometer Philips (pw-1390) with Cu-tube ( $\text{CuK-}\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 1.54051 \text{ \AA}$ ), (SEM, JOEL, JSM-T20, Japan).

### 2.3.3. Theoretical Study

Quantum chemical measurements have been utilized Accelrys (Material Studio Version 4.4).

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1. $T_p$ Tests

$T_p$  curves without and with different BOD concentrations for P355 Cs dissolution in corrosive solution were illustrated in Fig. 1. The variation of corrosion potential  $E_{corr}$  and,  $i_{corr}$ ,  $\beta_a$ ,  $\beta_c$ ,  $CR$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\%IE_P$  with BOD concentration were given in Table 3 Experimental results indicate that  $i_{corr}$  is significantly decreases with increasing BOD concentration. Both the anodic and cathodic curves were affected by the presence of BOD, i.e. BOD limited both the anodic and cathodic reactions (mixed type inhibitor). The almost unchanged Tafel slopes indicate that BOD acts by just blocking the metal surface reaction sites without changing the mechanisms of the anodic and cathodic reaction.

The  $\%IE_P$  and  $\theta$  from  $T_p$  measurements, were determined by applying the following equation:

$$\%IE_P = \theta \times 100 = [1 - (i_{corr}^0 / i_{corr})] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

$i_{corr}^0$  and  $i_{corr}$  are the current corrosion densities lack and attendance of solution inhibitor, sequentially.

The adding of BOD to 1.0 N HCl Makes  $E_{corr}$  slightly shifted, which suggests that BOD can be considered as a mixed type inhibitor [30, 31] and also,

this addition does not change the ( $\beta_a$  and  $\beta_c$ ) remarkably, which designates that the liberated hydrogen mechanism and the dissolution process of P355 Cs are not affected.

### 3.2. EIS Tests

Fig. 2 was given Nyquist (a) and Bode (b) curves for the corrosion behavior of P355 Cs in 1.0 M HCl with and without various doses of BOD after 30 min of immersion. Impedance spectra showed one time constant related to a single capacitive semi-circles, which indicated that the corrosion procedure was mostly controlled by charge transfer [32-39]. The

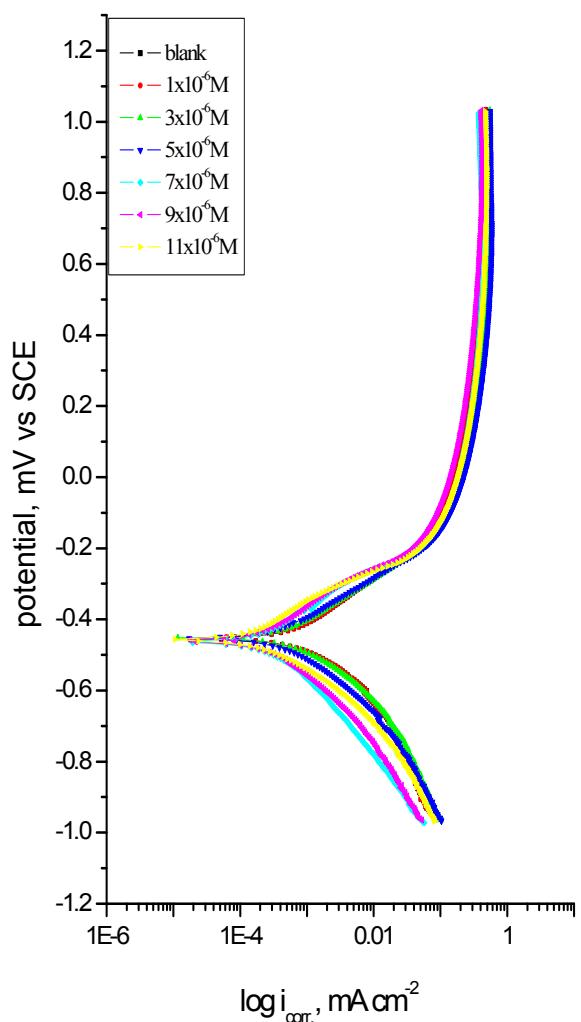
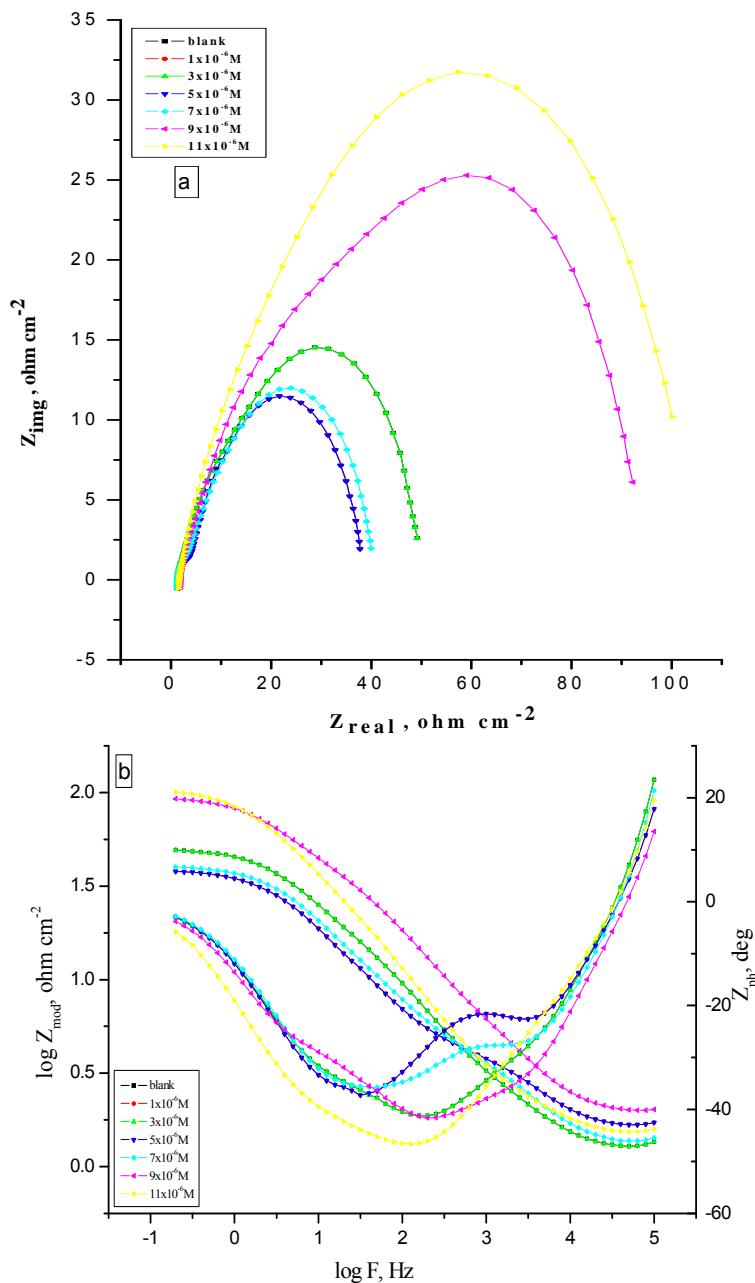


Fig. 1  $T_p$  curves without and with different BOD concentrations for P355 Cs dissolution in corrosive solution at  $25 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Table 3** Effect of BOD concentration on  $E_{corr}$ ,  $i_{corr}$ ,  $\beta_a$ ,  $\beta_c$ ,  $CR$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\%IE_p$ .

Composite	Conc., $M$ .	$-E_{corr}$ (mV vs. SCE)	$i_{corr} \times 10^{-5}$ ( $\mu A cm^{-2}$ )	$\beta_a \times 10^{-3}$ (mV dec $^{-1}$ )	$\beta_c \times 10^{-3}$ (mV dec $^{-1}$ )	$\theta$	$\%IE_p$
BOD	Blank	456	78.2	138.9	162.4	----	----
	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	476	69.2	136.4	163.4	0.115	11.5
	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	454	40.4	108.5	118.3	0.483	48.3
	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	456	39.2	131.7	126.9	0.498	49.8
	$7 \times 10^{-6}$	455	33.1	201.2	173.7	0.576	57.6
	$9 \times 10^{-6}$	476	26.5	168.3	162.4	0.661	66.1
	$11 \times 10^{-6}$	461	17.9	109.1	151.8	0.771	77.1

**Fig. 2** The Nyquist (a) and Bode (b) diagrams for P355 Cs in 1.0 N HCl before and after adding various doses of BOD at  $25 \pm 0.1$  °C.

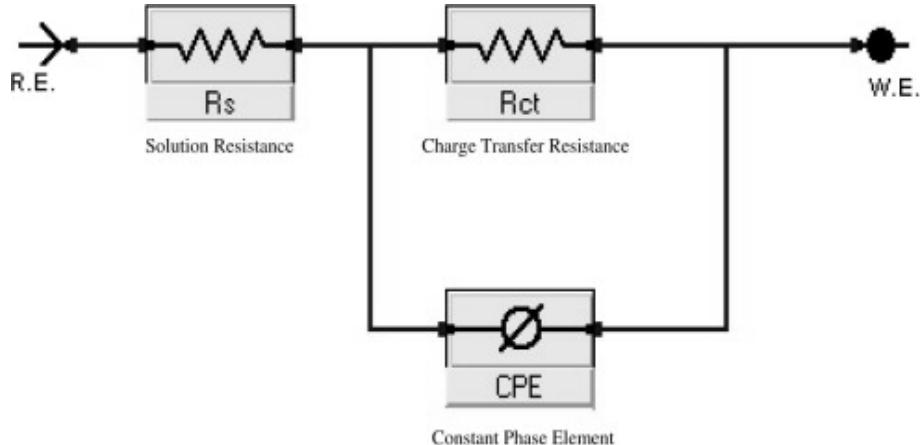


Fig. 3 Electrical equivalent circuit used to fit the EIS.

Table 4 EIS parameters for P355 Cs in 1.0 N HCl before and after adding different doses of BOD at  $25 \pm 0.1$  °C.

Composite	Conc., M.	$R_s \times 10^{-3}$ ( $\Omega \text{ cm}^2$ )	$Y_o \times 10^{-6}$	$n \times 10^{-3}$	$R_{ct} \times 10^{-3}$ ( $\Omega \text{ cm}^2$ )	$C_{dl} \times 10^{-4}$ ( $\mu\text{F cm}^{-2}$ )	$\theta$	IE
BOD	Blank	1.347	0.267	878.1	19.72	6.313	----	----
	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	1.831	0.302	871.9	22.91	2.751	0.139	13.9
	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	1.459	0.304	865.9	23.66	2.047	0.166	16.6
	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.793	0.213	874.7	28.92	1.986	0.318	31.8
	$7 \times 10^{-6}$	1.247	3.521	551.2	46.11	1.856	0.572	57.2
	$9 \times 10^{-6}$	1.705	1.211	590.1	97.01	1.858	0.796	79.6
	$11 \times 10^{-6}$	1.451	1.489	642.1	111.04	1.394	0.822	82.2

obtained curves are very similar to each other, indicating that the mechanism of corrosion is not different after appending of BOD [40]. The diameter of Nyquist diagrams rises on rising of the BOD dose due to the creation of adsorbed layer of BOD on surface of P355 Cs. Fig. 3 showed the fitting equivalent circuit for EIS data, which is consisted of solution resistance ( $R_s$ ), resistance charge-transfer ( $R_{ct}$ ), and a CPE instead of a pure capacitor signifies the interfacial capacitance. The data of the capacitance double layer ( $C_{dl}$ ) can be given from equation 2 [41]:

$$C_{dl} = Y_o \omega^{n-1} / \sin [n(\pi/2)] \quad (2)$$

where  $Y_o$  = CPE magnitude,  $\omega = 2\pi f_{max}$ ,  $f_{max}$  is the imaginary frequency at which the component of the impedance is maximal.

Table 4 represents the data of  $R_s$ ,  $R_{ct}$ ,  $C_{dl}$ , and %IE. The  $R_{ct}$  is a diameter of great frequency loop, which enhancement with rising of BOD dose. While the values of  $C_{dl}$  decreases due to water replacement by extract molecules making a inhibitive layer at the P355 Cs [42-44].

The obtained (%IE) and ( $\theta$ ) of the ASE was elaborated from next (3) [45]:

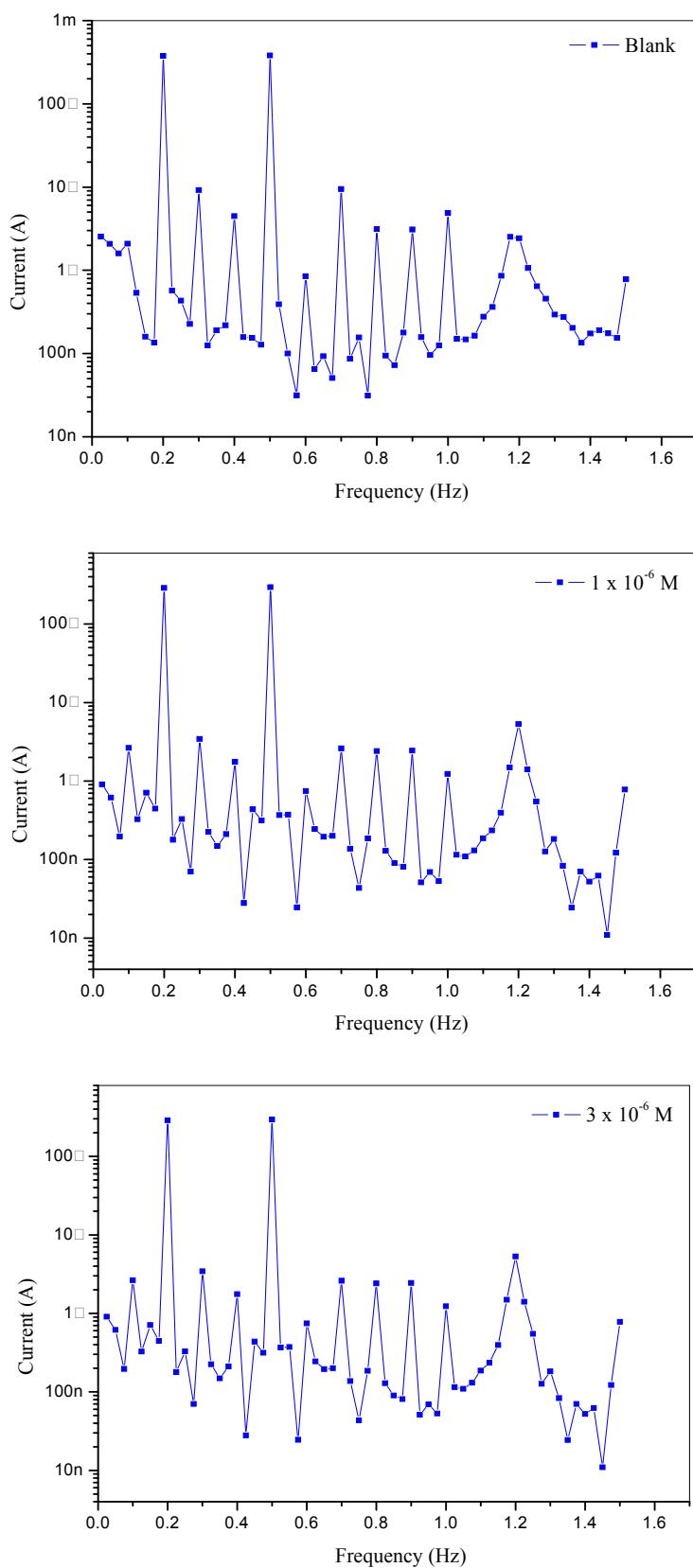
$$\%IE_{EIS} = [1 - (R_{ct}^o / R_{ct})] \times 100 \quad (3)$$

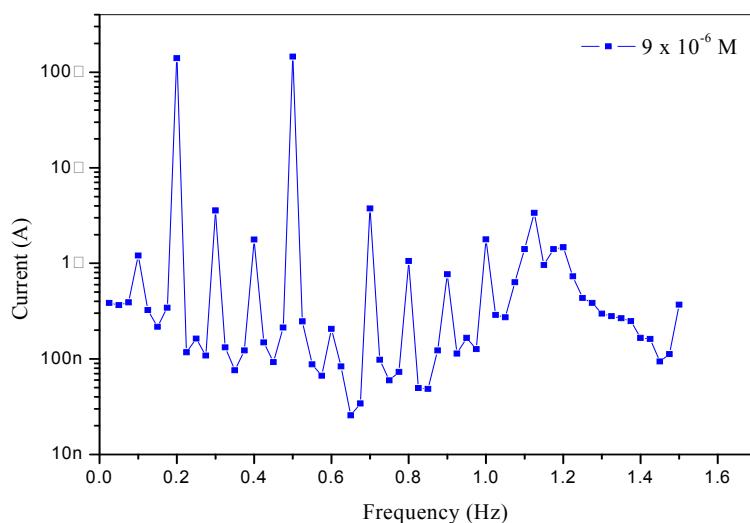
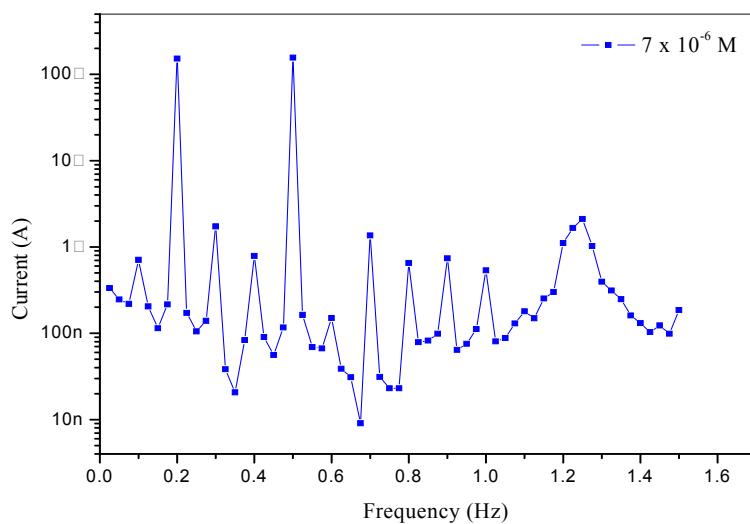
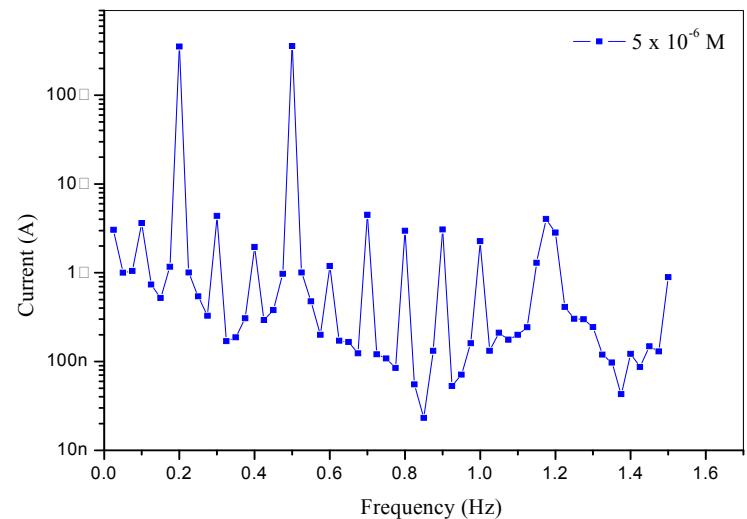
Where  $R_{ct}^o$  and  $R_{ct}$  are the resistance data before and after adding ASE, respectively.

### 3.3. EFM Test

Electrochemical frequency modulation is AC technique, but it immediately gives corrosion current values without previous knowledge of Tafel constants. Fig. 4 shows the EFM spectra for P355 Cs in 1 N HCl without and with different concentrations of BOD at 25 °C.

The parameters from EFM measurements ( $i_{corr}$ ,  $\beta_a$ ,  $\beta_c$ , CF-2, CF-3, CR,  $\theta$  and %IE) were listed in Table 5. It is observed from the data that, the value of  $i_{corr}$  decreases by increasing BOD concentration and %IE increases. If the causality factors are approximately equal to 2.0 and 3.0 for CF-2, CF-3, respectively, this indicates the presence of a causal relationship between the perturbation signal and the response signal, and





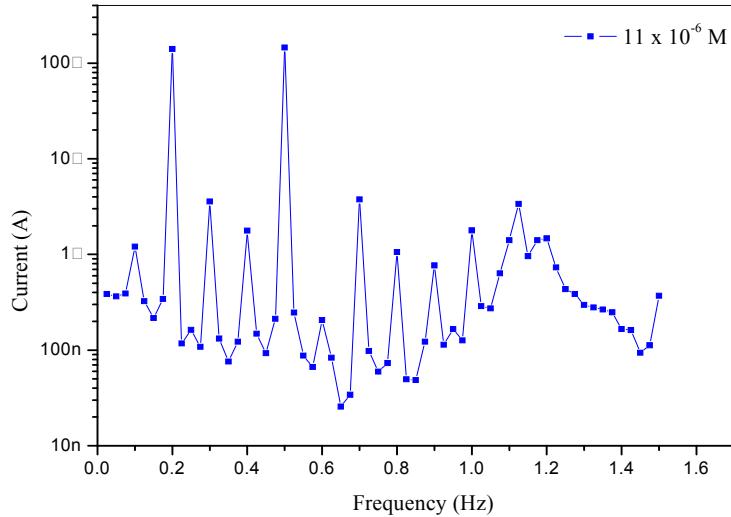


Fig. 4 EFM spectra for P355 CS in 1.0 N HCl before and after adding various.

Table 5 EFM parameters for P355 Cs before and after adding various doses of BOD in 1.0 N HCl at  $25 \pm 0.1$  °C.

Composite	Conc., M.	$i_{corr}$ ( $\mu A/cm^2$ )	$\beta_a \times 10^{-3}$ ( $mV dec^{-1}$ )	$\beta_c \times 10^{-3}$ ( $mV dec^{-1}$ )	CF-2	CF-3	$\theta$	%IE
BOD	Blank	821.5	126.8	158.4	1.98	3.06	-----	-----
	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	666.3	118.9	130.4	2.02	3.01	0.188	18.8
	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	488.2	107.5	123.2	2.03	3.07	0.405	40.5
	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	471.6	107.9	113.6	2.01	3.02	0.425	42.5
	$7 \times 10^{-6}$	360.4	111.2	161.2	2.01	2.89	0.561	56.1
	$9 \times 10^{-6}$	266.3	118.7	149.4	2.01	3.03	0.675	67.5
	$11 \times 10^{-6}$	253.2	117.8	140.6	1.96	2.98	0.691	69.1

the results are considered to be trusted [46]. Deviation of CF-2 and CF-3 values from ideality may be because the perturbation amplitude was overly small, or the frequency spectrum resolution is not sufficiently high, or the inhibitor is not working very well [47].

The  $IE_{EFM}$  % improve by rising the BOD doses and was obtain as follows:

$$\%IE_{EFM} = [1 - (i_{corr}/i_{corr}^*) \times 100] \quad (4)$$

where  $i_{corr}^*$  and  $i_{corr}$  are current densities before and after adding BOD, correspondingly.

#### 3.4. SEM Tests

Fig. 5 demonstrates the morphology of the surface of P355 CS coins polished before exposure to the corrosive solution, SEM image of the CS after dipping in HCl for 3 day. The micrographs displayed an extended etching contain green and dark areas with

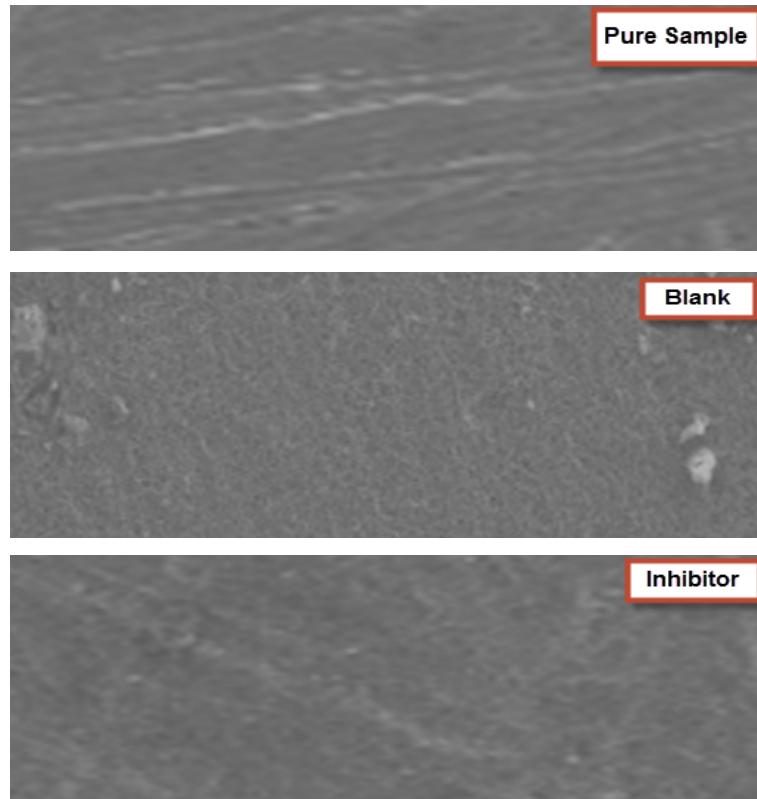
damaged highly [48, 49].

Fig. 5 (with  $11 \times 10^{-6}$  M of BOD) is clear that BOD provided best protection at the surface of the P355 Cs metal as it forms a inhibitive film on the P355 Cs surface.

#### 3.5 EDS Test

The EDS spectra were utilized to measure the elements found on the surface of P355 Cs after 3 days of covered in the lack and attendance of 1.0 N corrosive solution. Fig. 6 gives the EDS result measured on the composition of P355 Cs only without the acid and inhibitor modified. The EDS record that only oxygen and iron were observed, which given that the passive film found with only  $Fe_2O_3$ .

The EDS tests of P355 Cs in 1.0 N corrosive solution only and with of  $11 \times 10^{-6}$  M of BOD composite portrays in Fig. 6. The spectra give additional lines,



**Fig. 5** SEM of P355 Cs in 1.0N corrosive solution after dipping for 3 days nonexistence inhibitor and existence of  $11 \times 10^{-6}$  M of BOD.

lead to the presence of *C* (the carbon atoms of BOD compound). These values give that the *O* and *C* atoms covered surface. The elemental observed is record in Table 6.

### 3.6. Quantum Chemical Measurements

The Mulliken charge and molecular orbital curve of BOD composite are given in Fig. 7. Theoretical measurements were found for only the forms of neutral, in order to obtain further insight into the results of experimental. Data of quantum chemical lead to energies of energy gap ( $\Delta E$ ) and ( $E_{HOMO}$ ) energy of highest occupied molecular orbitals and ( $E_{LUMO}$ ) are measured and record in Table 7. The increase or lower negative  $E_{HOMO}$  is inhibitor associated, the higher the trend of offering electrons to unoccupied d orbital of P355 Cs, and the improvement the corrosion protection. Due to the decrease of  $E_{LUMO}$ , the acceptance of electrons is plain from P355 Cs surface [50, 51].

Apparently, good corrosion protection is usually those BOD composites who are not only offer electrons to unoccupied orbital of the alloy, but also free electrons established from the metal [52]. It can be seen that all measurement of quantum parameters checking these results from experimental.

### 3.7 Molecular Docking

The docking research displayed a favorable interface among BOD composite and the receptor of 3tt8-hormone of crystal structure investigation of Cu Human Insulin Derivative. “The calculated energy is listed in Table 8 and Fig. 8. According to the results obtained in this study, HB plot curve indicated that, the BOD composite binds to the proteins hydrogen bond and decomposed interactions energies in kcal/mol were existed between the BOD composite with 3tt8 receptor as shown in Fig. 9. The calculated efficiency is favorable where  $K_i$  values estimated by Auto Dock were compared with experimental  $K_i$

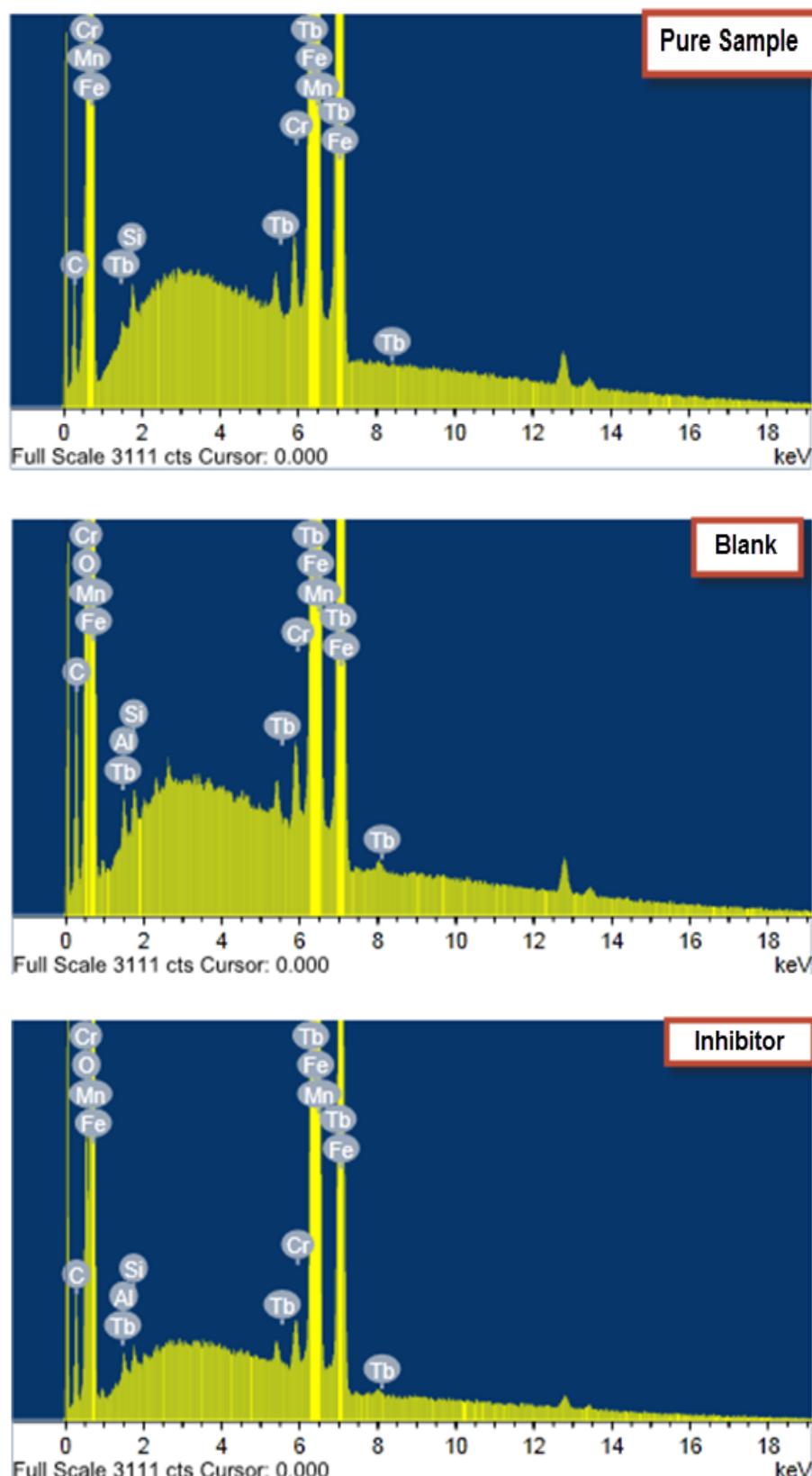


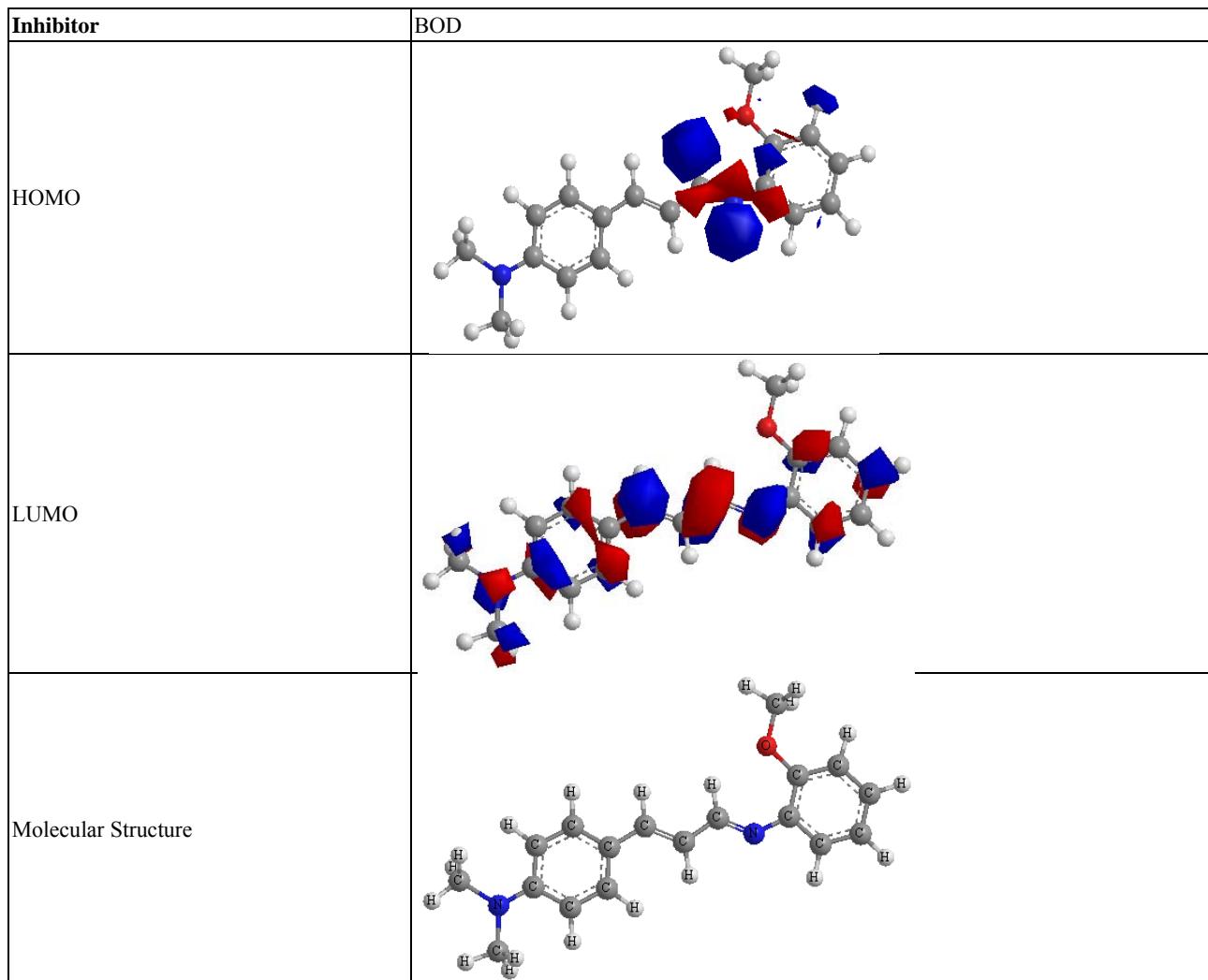
Fig. 6 EDS study of P355 Cs in 1.0 N corrosive solution after dipping for 3 days nonexistence inhibitor and existence of  $11 \times 10^{-6} M$  of BOD compound.

**Table 6** Mass % of P355 Cs after 3 days in HCl lack and attendance of the optimum dose of the studied BOD compound.

(Mass %)	C	O	Al	Si	Cr	Mn	Fe	Tb
Pure Sample	6.79	---	0.28	0.25	0.26	0.49	89.60	2.33
Blank	8.51	14.99	0.26	0.24	0.13	0.41	73.37	2.09
Inhibitor	13.23	6.77	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.42	76.58	2.31

**Table 7** The quantum chemical properties for examined BOD compound.

Properties	Inhibitor
$-E_{HOMO}$ (eV)	0.2767
$-E_{LUMO}$ (eV)	0.1555
$\Delta E$ (eV)	0.1211
$\eta$ (eV)	0.0605
$\sigma$ (eV) <sup>-1</sup>	16.5111
$-P_i$ (a.u)	0.2161
$X$ (eV)	0.2161
$S$ (eV) <sup>-1</sup>	8.2555
$\omega$ (a.u)	0.3857
$\Delta N_{\max}$	3.5689

**Fig. 7** Molecular orbital plots of investigated BOD compound.

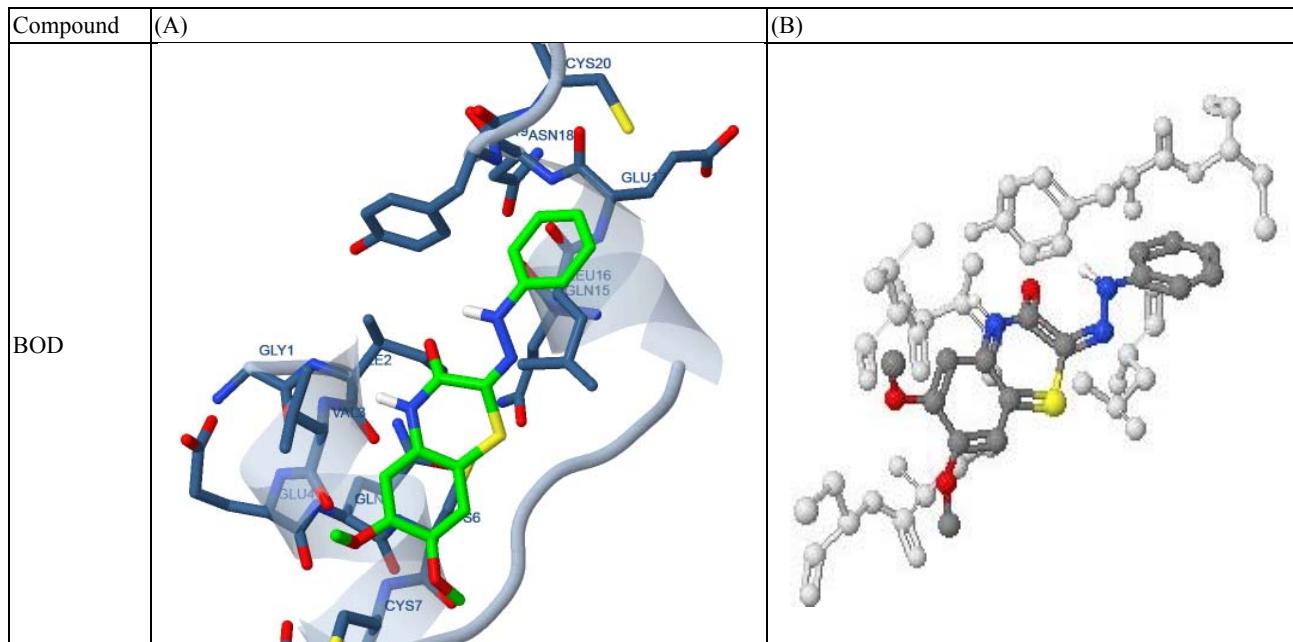


Fig. 8 BOD composite (green in (A) and gray in (B)) in interaction with 3tt8 receptor. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article).

Table 8 Energy data gotten in docking tests of BOD composite with 3tt8 receptor.

Compound	Est. free energy of binding (kcal/mol)	Est. inhibition constant ( $K_i$ ) ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	vdW+ bond+ desolve energy (kcal/mol)	Electrostatic energy (kcal/mol)	Total intercooled energy (kcal/mol)	Interact surface
BOD	-4.66	383.22	-5.41	-0.01	-5.41	533.617

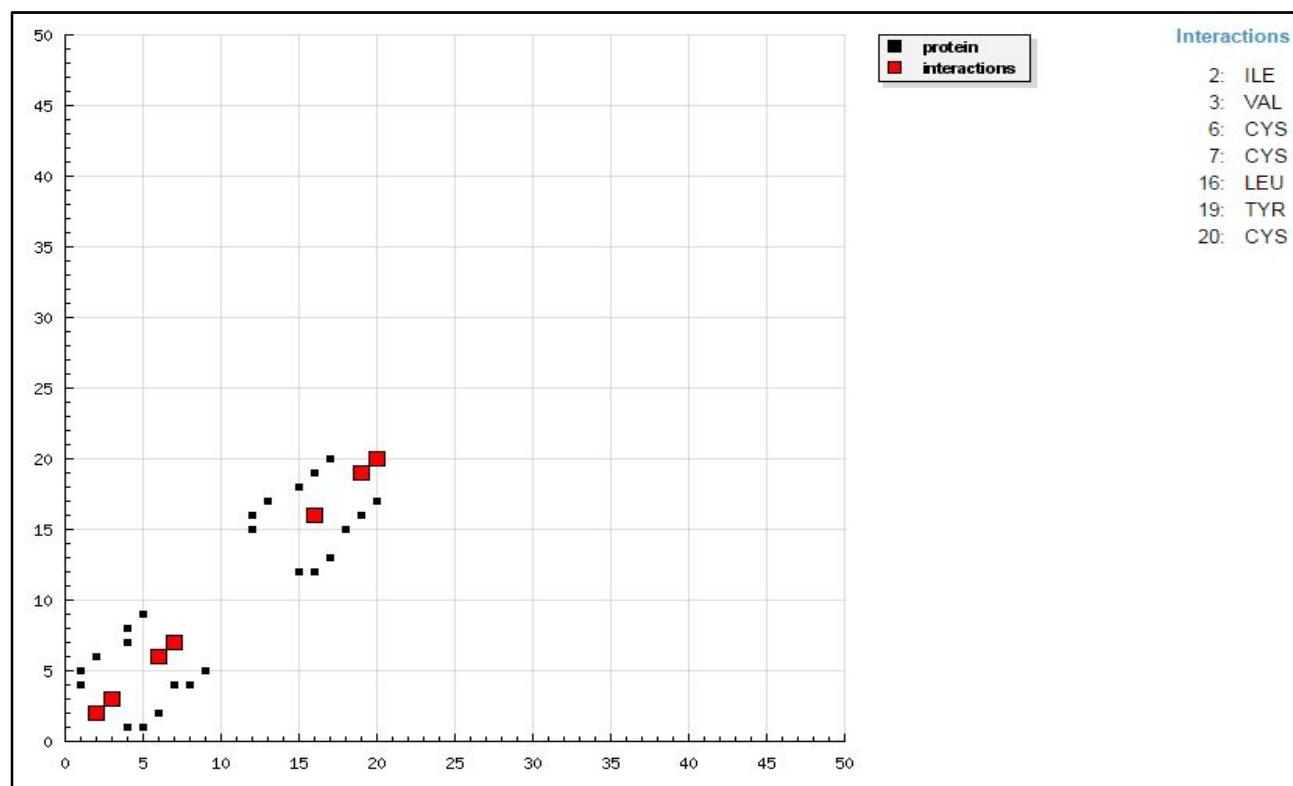


Fig. 9 HB bonds of interface among BOD composite with receptor of breast cancer mutant 3tt8.

values, when available, and the Gibbs free energy is negative [53-55]. Also, based on this data, it can propose that interaction between the 3tt8 receptor

and the BOD composite is possible". 2D diagrams of docking with BOD composite are revealed in Fig. 10.

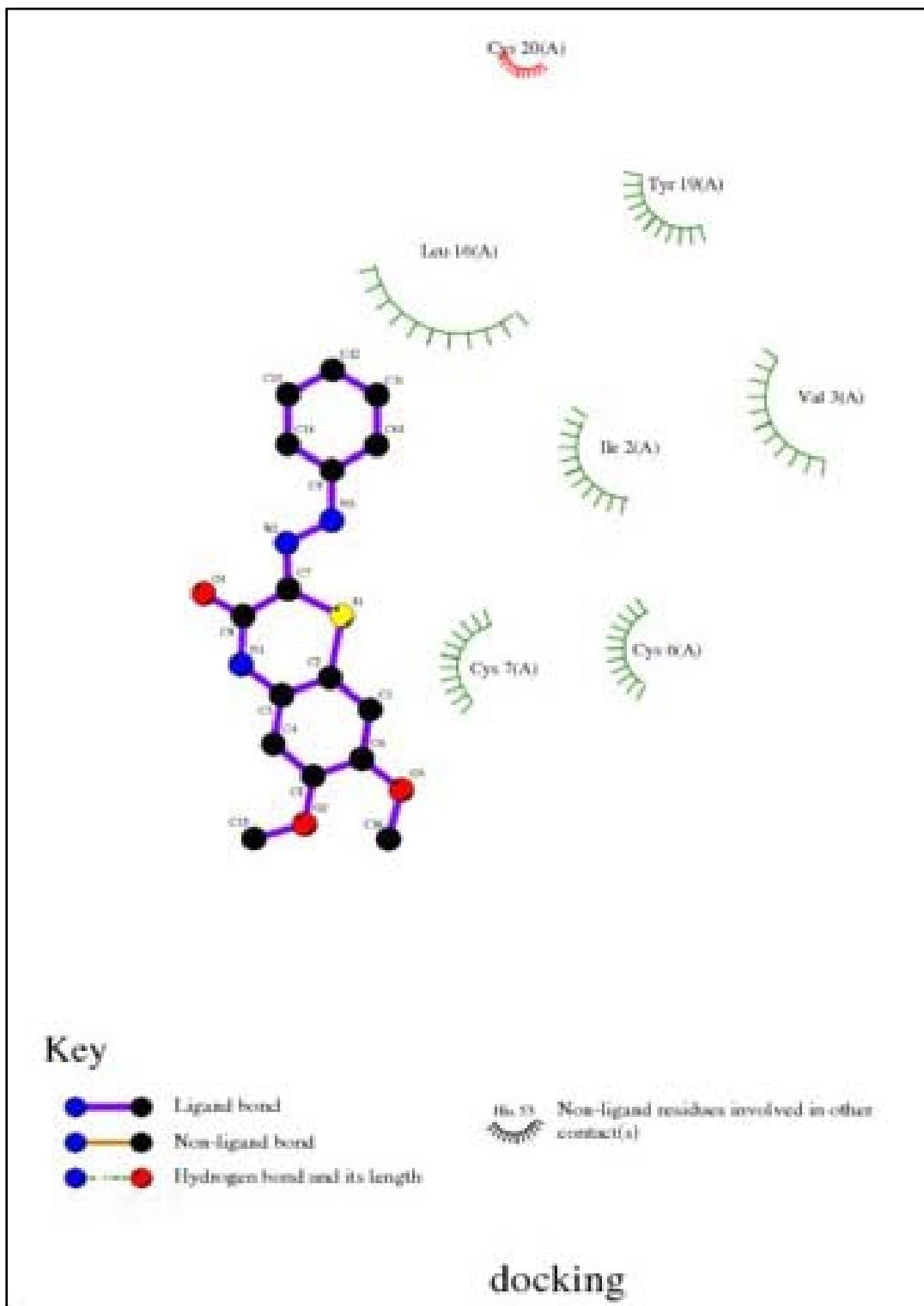


Fig. 10 2D bonds of interface among BOD composite with 3tt8 receptor.

### 3.8. Mechanism of Corrosion Protection

From the electrochemical tests the  $IE\%$  count on dose, nature of metal, surface conditions and the kind of adsorbed inhibitor on P355 Cs.

The outcome data of corrosion data presence of this inhibitor:

1. The minor of  $CR$  with increase in dose of the inhibitor.
2. The exchange in Tafel lines to higher regions of potential.
3. The  $\%IE$  is dependent on charge density and their apparatus of adsorption centers in the BOD.

It was detected that the kind of adsorption relies on the affinity of P355 Cs and the against clouds of  $\pi$ -electron of the ring. Metals such as iron, which has a higher attract against aromatic moieties, was gotten to adsorb benzene rings in orientation flat.

BOD composite exhibits excellent inhibition power due to: (i) the existence of two methyl groups which are an electron donating groups, also these groups will improve the electron charge density on the molecule, (ii) its greater molecular size (264.32) that may facilitate excellent surface coverage, and (iii) its adsorption through three active centers (1 – O and 2 – N atoms).

## 4. Conclusions

1. BOD is excellent corrosion inhibitor for P355 Cs in 1.0 N corrosive solution.

2.  $C_{dl}$  lower with respect to blank solution when the added BOD inhibitor. This fact may suggested by inhibitor BOD molecule adsorbed of the on the P355 Cs surface.

3. Molecular docking and binding energy measurements of BOD composite with the receptor of 3tt8 – hormone of crystal structure analysis of Cu Human Insulin Derivative indicated that the composite is efficient inhibitor of receptor of 3tt8 – hormone.

4. The morphology of protected and unprotected P355 Cs was examined by SEM and EDX.

5. Quantum chemistry measurement results showed that the heteroatoms of N and O are the active sites of the BOD compound. It can absorb on  $Fe$  surface firmly by donating electrons to Fe atoms and accepting electrons from 3d orbital of Fe atoms.

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