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# Uses of organometallic compounds in chemical processes

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#### Abstract

This review is proposed to address knowledge of organometallic compounds (OMC) in chemical applications and show these compounds' depth scope in different scientific studies. This review is based on outlining the gap between the traditional preparations and green chemistry synthesis of organometallic materials purposes in the experimental section of a researcher's papers. The most comparative research considers the drawbacks of organometallic compounds, including their applications in industrial, clinical, drug forms, and chemical reactions. However, many organometallic compounds are inherently poisonous. The most general challenge is producing alternative substances to creative green organometallic compounds, specifically in drug formulations systems. A wide range of chemical reactions have been investigated and formulated new organometallic properties this may be associated with an increased level of enhancement health systems. This study aims to determine the importance of organometallic compound in many path ways in various articles and confirmed how papers trying to characterize new organometallic substances in various chemical processes. Particular interest is given to knowledge synthesis OMC in medicine and industrially. ©2022 ijrei.com. All rights reserved

### 1. Introduction

# 1.1 Organometallic compounds, properties and activities

Organometallic compounds (OMC) contain one or more chemical bonds between a carbon atom for the organic molecule and metal in alkaline earth, alkaline and transition metals, or selenium metalloids and boron silicon [1]. Most cases have direct, more or less polar bonds between carbon atoms and metal [2]. An organometallic complex is mainly produced by forming a metal-containing molecule with one or more direct, covalent metal-carbon bonds. The (half-) sandwich compounds and transition metal carbons are the most well-known associates of this class of substances. Grubbs and ferrocene catalysts are typical examples of these two types:

Corresponding author: Sahar S. M. Alabdullah Email Address: sasahar1982@gmail.com https://doi.org/10.36037/IJREI.2022.6203 organo-metal complexes. The specific molecule applies in range of proposes such in catalysis, biosensing, drugs and therapeutics [3]. Organometallic compounds are commonly employed as stoichiometric catalysts in industrial chemical and research processes and the function of catalysts in the production of medicines, polymers, and various other useful substances. Organometallic compounds are defined by the prefix "organo-" and contain compounds that involve a link between a metal atom and an organyl group's carbon atom. Organometallic compounds comprise actinides, boron, semimetals and lanthanides, arsenic, selenium and silicon; other traditional metals are alkali earth metals, post-transition metals, and transition metals and

alkali metals [4]. Organometallic compounds generally include at least one carbon-to-metal link that may be neither a direct (sigma) nor a metal complex coordination. The structure and kind of carbon-metal bonds in organometallic compounds usually have different behaviors: a covalent or an ionic intermediate with significant implications for chemical processes. Organic ligands frequently attach to metals via a heteroatom such as nitrogen or oxygen, and these compounds are referred to as "coordination compounds." Myoglobin, hemoglobin, and chlorophyll are organic coordination molecules that exist naturally [5]. OMCs' chemical and physical properties are exhibited in different studies as very grateful and unique characterizations [6]. Most OMCs are solids such as hydrocarbon groups that are aromatic or ringshaped. However, some are found to be liquids and gases. Organometallic compounds are oxidation stability and stable compounds. Some of the compounds were electropositive elements like sodium, aluminum and lithium. Different organometallic compounds examples are shown in fig. 1.



Figure 1: An example of active organometallic complexes [7]

The characterizations of the organometallic compounds are dependent on molecule sizes and the kind of metal-carbon bonds concerned. Most OMCs are formed in bonds; this happens when pairs of electrons are contributed with atoms. However, some are multicentre covalent bonds, in which the coordination consists of more than binary atoms. The third kind contains ionic bonds when the electron pair tends to donate a single atom [8]. The polarization in OMCs is based on the strength of the metal atom bind electrons. Organometallic compounds have significantly polar control from methylpotassium; in this case, the bond is customarily similar to specific ionic bonds such as lead; the bonds are very small quantity polarization to the carbon atom [9].

# 2. Identification and Analysis of Organometallic Compounds

At normal temperature, the majority of organometallic compounds are solids, although some are liquids involving methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl, and even volatile liquids, like nickel tetracarbonyl. Because many organometallic compounds are air-sensitive (reactive to moisture and oxygen), they must be handled in a controlled environment. In some cases, organometallic compounds are found triethylaluminium, igniting and pyrophoric materials which exposed to air [8].

The analysis of proteins, pharmaceuticals, organics, metabolites, biomarkers, and inorganic or organometallic compounds is previously described in biological applications [10, 11]. It can be seen that ion traps are becoming more widespread ion as mass analyzers in mass spectrometers systems, which are commonly connected with electrospray ionization and nanospray sources [11, 12]. Since biomedical spectroscopy is a diverse study field incorporating spectroscopic instruments for uses in the field of biomedical science, technology like Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and infrared spectroscopy are classic manners applied to identify structures of OMCs. The chemical composition of a substance is determined via vibration spectroscopy the best instrumental example is using infrared spectroscopy which detects vibration modes of component particles.9 NMR spectroscopy, or nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, are almost public techniques that uses the magnetic characteristics of specific atomic nuclei. The intramolecular magnetic field surrounding an atom in molecule altering resonance frequency with revealing data about the molecule's electronic configuration [10]. Much more details can be provided in literature [11, 12, 26, 39, 40].

# 3. Application of Organometallic Compounds

Despite of area research of organometallic compounds uses has been extended in variety of applications. In this section, the study focuses on importance of organic metal complexes in clinical, industrial, drug forms, chemical reactions and electrochemical applications, with the aim of understanding papers and works under appropriate conditions.

# 3.1 Clinical Application

Organometallic compounds have long been used in biology and medicine. In fact, nature has been employing organometallic systems to maintain life for so long. The organometallic chemistry of cobalamin, also known as vitamin B12, and its derivatives, number of cofactors and enzymes and in carbon-metal coordination, have been reported for decades [17-20]. Numerous organometal complexes have been examined in anticancer therapy, and the development of organometal complexes with platinum central atoms like carboplatin, cisplatin, and oxaliplatin found to be a very vital effect on actual cancer chemotherapy. Cisplatin, in particular has been turn into one of the most regularly used in medicines for treatment of malignancies like ovarian and testicular tumors [11-17]. Although Synthetic of organometallics have tended to be designed for catalysis uses rather than biological applications due to their sensitivity to water and oxygen, However, some organometallic compounds are completely stable in water and at room temperature in spite of many organ substances show some poisonousness to certain organisms. Organometallic compounds have extensive range of procedures in biology and medicine [18]. Organometallic complexes involving a variety of radioisotopes are emerging as attractive possibilities for radio scanning and treatment utilizing the organometallic chemistry of rhenium and technetium radioisotopes shch in PET, SPECT imaging and Auger electron treatment [19, 20]. Because Rhodium compounds are analogs related to Ruthenium and Platinum function as active compounds anticancer agents, organometallic complexes are highly basic, reducing agents clinically carried out by treatments cell and tissue injuries (lymphomas, leishmaniosis, carcinomas, diabetes, thrombotic, infection control, neurological disorders, and antiinflammatory) serve as superoxide anion scavengers [5].

# 3.2 Industrial application

A new concept consisting of rapidly developed in establishing good stoichiometric catalytic properties with organometallic fragments in industrial systems has been described, particularly for those using carbon monoxide and alkenederived polymers, and in stoichiometric catalytic processes [21-25]. Organometallic catalysts are used to make all polyethylene and polypropylene on the planet, generally heterogeneously via Ziegler-Natta catalysis. Hydroformylation is used to formed majority of synthetic aldehydes. In the Monsanto and Cativa processes, metal carbonyl catalysts are used to generate acetic acid. The hydrogenation of hydroformylation-derived aldehydes produces the majority of artificial alcohols, at least those bigger than ethanol [14].

In terms of catalyst therapy, many of significant investigations in catalyst improvements were tolerance to a wide range of compounds. It was reported the importance of choices of metal center. Ruthenium is an example of metal which is comparing with early transition metals, shows in a remarkable efficient group tolerance. According it is reactivity of preferential with carbon–carbon double bonds concluded in further species; these type of catalysis regents is interestingly stable toward aldehydes, carboxylic acids alcohols and amides [15].

Another common synthesis of catalysts using organometallic substances which were showed some very successfully considerable properties by combining the of early and late into a single species in metal centers. The electronic character generally results in a high stability of intermediates which is happened when the ligands combined with function metal and this can clearly influence the activity of the catalyst such in phosphine dissociation and olefin binding some of medical processes [15]. Organo-magnesium and organ lithium compounds, as well as organoaluminium compounds, are strongly basic and reducing agents that accelerate a variety of polymerization processes while also being helpful stoichiometrically. Organometallic compounds can be present in the atmosphere and some of them are hazardous, like organomercury compounds and organolead [16, 26, 27].



Figure 2: Shows how Radium uses in catalyst processes [16]



Figure 3: Uses of Radium in hydrogenation catalysis processes
[17]

Coal is destined method to concern a key function of most organic compounds manufactured on a board scales in the future such as addictive substances to gasoline, methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT) and ferrocene which provide important roles in the petroleum sector, preventing knocking. Because their capacity to extract the available proton invaded each side of a metal atom in sample, some of advanced techniques are applied to determine the effective dynamic characteristics like nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) [28], massspectrospoy [29], UV-Vis [30], infrared spectroscopy (IR) [31], Most of these instrumental is identified constructions, industrial, chemical bonds of applications of organometallic compounds as complexes. These are evidences presently gaining even more attention for organometallic compounds in industrial systems [5].

# 3.3 Drugs forms Application

Many platinum complexes have been produced and physiologically tested for their anticancer characteristics, with just two carboplatin and oxaliplatin receiving global approval. Carboplatin has the same tumor-inhibiting characteristics as cisplatin but has fewer side effects, whereas oxaliplatin is utilized in combination treatment. The focus of these organometallic antineoplastic drugs has frequently been suggested to be DNA, focusing on those that may bind with nucleic acids [21].

Because of its low toxicity, tonic action, and administration simplicity, the arseno-bismuth complex was used to treat neurosyphilis. Other arsenic-containing compounds were utilized to treat Trichomonas, Entamoeba histolytica (Amebiasis), Vaginalis, and Vincent's Angina infections.22 Tamoxifen (Nolvadex®) is an oral chemotherapeutic drug that has been employed for more than 40 years to prevent and cure breast cancer. The most crucial distinction is that ferrocifens work differently from platinum anticancer medicines in that they target proteins rather than DNA bases. The antiproliferative effects of ferrocene is given by appearances of both redox process and reduction of ferrocene, which is usually deadly to cell [23].

# 3.4 Chemical processes

Catalysis is currently used in the majority of practical chemical processes. Increasing environmental consciousness and pressure on the chemical industry to decrease waste generation is also driving the continuous replacement of traditional stoichiometric techniques with cleaner catalytic alternatives [17], an example of organometallic catalysts compound in presence of hydrogen are asymmetric hydrogenation reactions hydrogenation reactions and dehydrogenation reactions [18]. The good capacity of organometallic compounds makes them to activate organic substrates and encourage different interactions, transition metals leads now to considerable factor and an essential tool in many organic syntheses. Significant advances in the research for the coordination properties of OMCs have resulted in the creation and commercialization of catalytic processes based on their usage as catalysts [18, 32]. The capacity to create pure products in high production is a significant benefit of organometallic catalysis which has led to its broad acceptance by industry. One of the major reasons to

consider the transition metals is very important in catalysis. The capacity to establish both  $\pi$ - and  $\sigma$ - bonds with other moieties is known as bonding capacity [33, 34]. A second reason is that the transition elements can establish chemical bonds with a wide range of ligands. Thirdly, ligand effect can be influenced by altering the steric or electrical environment at the binding site, a ligand also can impact the behavior of a transition metal catalyst [35]. The final reason is variability between oxidation state and coordination number and the capacity to switch various oxidation states quickly throughout catalysis [19].

## 4. Other chemical processes

Many electrochemical methods have been designed to identify the synthesis of different organic (sulfinic acid salts, amines oxidation of carboxylates). Some inorganic substances formed electrochemically, such as aluminum production chlor-and alkali electrolysis compounds [36-38] electrochemical processes using redox reaction, have been successfully carried out to prepare organic and inorganic compounds by broad of scientific studies and different manners known in literature [38-40]. One of the most chemical reactions is based on the direct existence of the current power supply. The process is dependent on joining two oppositely charged electrodes immersed in the chemical reaction mixture to assess electron transfer. A suitable electrode is used as a substrate molecule to form potential; simultaneously, it should provide the right counter electrode to throw the current during redox reactions. The reference electrode is necessary to set up the electrochemical cell, which is responsible for controlling the potential with the working electrode. The anode is carried out to the substrate metal, whereas the cathode reduces the molecule in the redox reaction [38, 41, 42].



Figure 4: Electrochemical method for synthesis OMCs [17, 38]

This kind of chemical process is very valuable system because in most cases, the cell is producing active amount of organometallic compounds in short time with simple equipment, it is worth to recommended the generation by electrochemical methods, this is because these methods offer significant organometallic compounds allowing in very favorable and intriguing approaches. An example of electrochemical producing OMCs can be illustrated in fig. 4.

#### 5. Conclusions

The importance of organometallic compounds is a vast subject that cannot be limited to investigation and studies. It seems to be a big concept that should continuously achieve in synthesis of green organometallic materials and studies keeping for developing and understanding how the chemical structure can affect the efficiency of organometallic compounds in drug formulations and chemical industrials. The unique properties of organometallic compounds are promised to control many chemical kinetics biological and chemical activities. Furthermore, more studies are needed to include the effect of metal-carbon bond gain complexes with unique features, wither or electronic steric.

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