

Abstract The corrosion inhibition of aluminium in HCl solution in the presence of exudate gum from *Raphia hookeri* at temperature range of 30–60°C was studied using weight loss and thermometric techniques. It has been shown that natural products of plant origin contain different organic compounds (e.g. alkaloids, tannins, pigments, organic and amino acids, and most are known to have inhibitive action [8–15]. The inhibition efficiency increases with increase in inhibitor concentration but decreases with an increase in temperature. The inhibitive effect of the *Raphia hookeri* exudate could be attributed to the presence of some phytochemical constituents in the exudate which is adsorbed on the surface of the aluminium metal. The exudate gum was found to obey Temkin adsorption isotherm and Kinetic–Thermodynamic Model of El-Awady et al. at all the concentrations and temperatures studied. Phenomenon of physical adsorption is proposed from the activation parameters obtained. **Keywords:** Aluminium; *Raphia hookeri*; Inhibition; Corrosion; Hydrochloric acid; Exudate gum

1. Thermodynamic parameters reveal that the adsorption process is spontaneous.