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Controlled release formulations were developed by intercalation of organic anions, namely 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyrate (DPBA) and/or 2-(3-chlorophenoxy)propionate (CPPA) into the inorganic Zn-Al layered double hydroxide (ZAL) and zinc layered single hydroxide (ZLH) interlayers. Both anions, DPBA and CPPA are herbicides, a group of herbicides which function by mimicking the action of auxins and plant growth hormones. In this study, the nanohybrid compounds were synthesized by direct co-precipitation and anion exchange method for ZAL nanohybrids while direct reaction of zinc oxide with both anions under aqueous solution was applied for the formation of ZLH nanohybrids. Simultaneous intercalation of the dual herbicides was confirmed by the expansion of the interlayer spacing from 8.9 Å in the ZAL to 25.1 Å and 26.9 Å for the nanohybrid prepared by direct and ion-exchange method while ZLH shows higher basal spacing up to 28.7 Å due to higher charge density which can accommodate more guest anions into the ZLH interlayers compared to ZAL. Generally, the loading percentage obtained from simultaneous equation derived from UV-Vis spectrophotometer data for DPBA was found

to be higher than CPPA. Result shows, nanohybrid synthesized by co-precipitation method contain of 2.5 % CPPA + 41.4 % DPBA while the percentage loading of the nanohybrid synthesized by anion-exchange method is 8.6 % CPPA + 53.9 % DPBA. Dual intercalation of both herbicides anions into ZLH resulted in percentage loading of 25.3% CPPA + 78.4 % DPBA. The high content of DPBA indicates that it is the dominant species and preferentially intercalated into the host interlayers than CPPA. In addition, DPBA anion has two chlorine atoms attached to the benzene ring therefore interacts more strongly with the positive charged layers. The simultaneous release profiles of both anions from their respective nanohybrids into sodium carbonate aqueous solution were best described by the pseudo-second order kinetic. This demonstrates the potential application of layered materials as hosts especially for the preparation of a controlled release formulation of the two herbicides simultaneously. The bulky anionic size, orientation and interaction with the positively charged inorganic interlayer could affect the degree of intercalation as well as the release of these herbicides from the host interlamelae.

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**PENCIRIAN DAN KAJIAN LEPASAN TERKAWAL 4-(2,4 DIKLOROFENOSIL)  
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Formulasi lepasan terkawal telah digunakan bagi interkalasi dua anion organik, iaitu 4-(2,4-diklorofenosil)butirik (DPBA) dan 2-(3-klorofenosil)propionik (CPPA) ke dalam lapisan organik hidroksida lapis berganda-zink-aluminium (ZAL) dan hidroksida lapis zink (ZLH). Kedua-dua anion, DPBA dan CPPA adalah racun herba yang berfungsi sebagai secara meniru tindakan auxins dan hormon pertumbuhan. Dalam kajian ini, sebatian nanohibrid telah disintesis segera pemendakan langsung dengan kaedah pertukaran anion untuk ZAL nanohibrid, manakala zink oksida bertindak balas langsung dengan kedua-dua anion dalam larutan akuas yang digunakan untuk pembentukan ZLH nanohibrid. Interkalasi serentak dua racun herba ini disahkan oleh pengembangan jarak lapisan daripada  $8.9 \text{ \AA}$  bagi ZAL kepada  $25.1 \text{ \AA}$  dan  $26.9 \text{ \AA}$  bagi nanohibrid yang disediakan oleh kaedah langsung dan pertukaran ion, manakala ZLH menunjukkan pengembangan jarak yang lebih tinggi sehingga  $28.7\text{\AA}$  disebabkan oleh ketumpatan caj yang lebih tinggi dan boleh menampung lebih banyak anion tetamu didalam lapisan ZLH berbanding ZAL. Secara umumnya, peratusan muatan yang diperoleh daripada persamaan serentak melalui

data spektrofotometer UV-Vis untuk DPBA adalah lebih tinggi daripada CPPA. Hasil kajian menunjukkan, nanohybrid yang disintesis oleh kaedah pemendakan langsung mengandungi 2.5% DPBA + CPPA 41.4% manakala pemuatan peratusan nanohybrid disintesis oleh kaedah pertukaran anion adalah 8.6% CPPA + DPBA 53.9%. Interkalasi dwi anion ke dalam ZLH memberikan peratusan muatan sebanyak 25.3% CPPA + DPBA 78.4%. Kandungan DPBA yang tinggi menunjukkan bahawa ia merupakan spesies yang dominan dan lebih cenderung diinterkelasikan ke dalam lapisan perumah berbanding CPPA. Disamping itu, anion DPBA mempunyai gelang benzena dengan 2 atom klorin yang boleh berinteraksi lebih kuat dengan lapisan yang beras positif. Profil perlepasan serentak kedua-dua anion dari nanohibrid mereka ke dalam larutan natrium karbonat boleh dijelaskan melalui kinetik tertib pseudo-kedua. Ini menunjukkan potensi penggunaan bahan lapisan sebagai perumah terutamanya untuk penyediaan formulasi pelepasan terkawal dua racun herba secara serentak. Saiz anion, orientasi dan interaksi dengan lapisan bukan organik yang beras positif boleh mempengaruhi tahap interkalasi serta pembebasan racun herba ini dari antara lapisan perumah.

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