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## Kinetics and mechanism of oxidation of lactic acid by N-bromoanisamide

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### ABSTRACT

*The Kinetics and mechanism of oxidation of lactic acid by N-bromoanisamide in  $\text{HClO}_4$  and in the presence of  $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$  has been investigated. The reaction, studied under pseudo-first order conditions of  $[\text{LA}] \ll [\text{NBA}]$  follows a first - order dependence of the rate on  $[\text{NBA}]$  and a fractional order on  $[\text{LA}]$ . The decreasing effect of  $\text{H}^+$  ion concentration on the rate was observed. Variation of the ionic strength, dielectric constant of the medium and  $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$  (used as  $\text{Br}^-$  ion scavenger) had significant effect on the rate of the reaction. Kinetic and activation parameters are evaluated based on the temperature effect on the rate. A mechanism consistent with the observed kinetics and activation data have been proposed leading to the derived rate law.*

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