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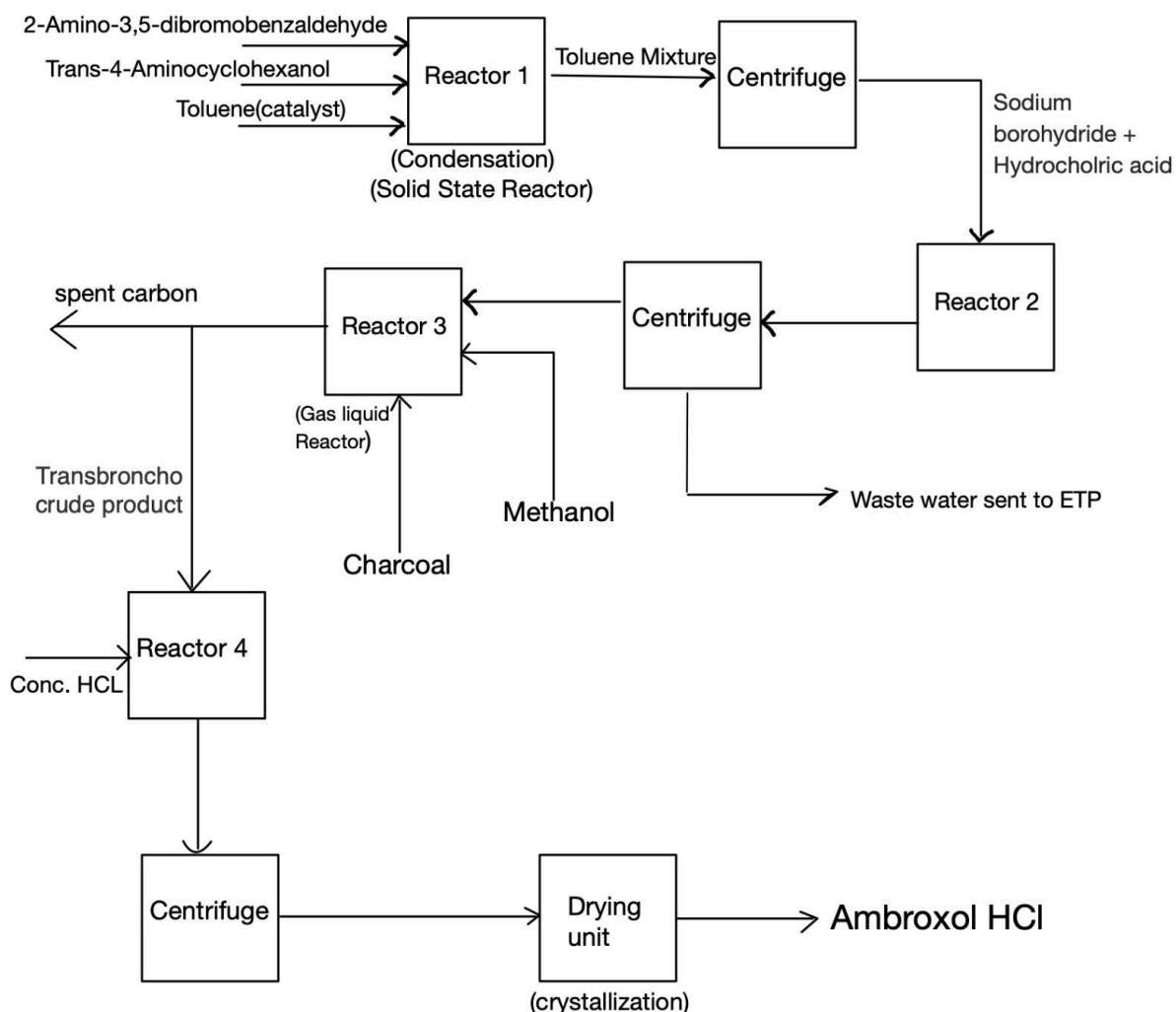
Chemical Formula: $C_{13}H_{19}N_2OBr_2Cl$

Chemical Name: Ambroxol

Process Title: Production of Ambroxol using Toluene

Process Description: Reaction is happening in the following 3 steps:-

- **Condensation:** In this step, we use 2-amino-3,5-dibromo benzaldehyde and Trans-4-Aminocyclohexanol, stir in a solvent, and get Schiff bases solution.
- **Reduction:** In The Schiff bases solution add sodium borohydride or lithium aluminium hydride (we are using sodium borohydride) to get the Trans broncho alkaline solution.
- **Salify:** With the Trans broncho alkaline solution cooling that step b obtains, regulate pH value with the hydrochloric acid solution under the agitation condition, the temperature control reaction is filtered, and washes and drying gets Ambroxol HCl. The yield of the step-1 reaction is 90.16% The yield of the step-2 reaction is 71.17% The final purity is 83%.

Block diagram**Unit operation and operation condition****1. Solid-State Reaction (SSR Reaction):**

- **Unit Operation:** Solid-state reaction.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Temperature: Typically conducted at elevated temperatures suitable for solid-state reactions.
 - Pressure: Atmospheric pressure.
 - Catalysts: Not specified.

- **Input:**
 - 2-Amino-3,5-dibromobenzaldehyde
 - Trans-4-Aminocyclohexanol
 - Toluene

- **By-Product:** None

2. Centrifuge (Toluene MLR):

- **Unit Operation:** Centrifugation.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Rotation Speed: Sufficient to separate the desired product from the toluene mixture.
 - Time: As required for complete separation.
- **Input:** Toluene mixture.
- **By-Product:** Toluene is sold to an authorised party.

3. Sodium Borohydride and Water (Ambroxol stage I):

- **Unit Operation:** Reaction with sodium borohydride and water.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Temperature: Reaction temperature suitable for the specific chemistry involved.
 - Pressure: Atmospheric pressure.
- **Input:**
 - Sodium borohydride
 - Water
 - Intermediate compounds
- **By-Product:** None

4. Centrifuge

- **Unit operation** - For Separation
- **Input:** intermediate compound
- **By-Product:** Waste water sent to Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP).

5. Methanol and Charcoal (GLR):

- **Unit Operation:** Reaction with methanol and charcoal.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Temperature: Reaction temperature suitable for the specific chemistry involved.
 - Pressure: Atmospheric pressure.
- **Input:**
 - Methanol
 - Charcoal
 - Intermediate compounds
- By-product: Spent carbon (filtered charcoal).

6. Concentration (Conc. Hel.):

- **Unit Operation:** Concentration.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Temperature: Controlled temperature to evaporate solvent (if any) from the solution.
 - Pressure: Atmospheric pressure.
 - Evaporation Rate: Controlled as per concentration requirements.
- **Input:** Ambroxol HCl solution.
- **By-Product:** None.

7. Drying:

- **Unit Operation:** Drying.
- **Operating Conditions:**
 - Temperature: Controlled temperature suitable for drying the product.
 - Pressure: Atmospheric pressure.
- **Input:** Ambroxol HCl solution.
- **Product:** Ambroxol HCl (final product).

Material Balances:

The reaction takes place in 2 stages:

1. The yield of the step-1 reaction is 90.16% (in reference plant). For calculation, we will use 90%.

For the production of 3.44kmol/day of intermediate production with 90% actual yield, we need 3.82kmol/day of ADBA i.e. 1066.4kg/day of ADBA required.

We need the 3.82 Kmol/day of TACH also, but in general industrial practices, it is taken in some extra amount, typically 1.5 times ADBA so we need 658.95kg/day of TACH.

The amount of water generated is 3.44kmol/day, i.e. 61.92 litres/day.

2. The yield of the step-2 reaction is 71.17% (in reference plant). For calculations, we will use 70%.

We need to produce 1000 kg/day of ambroxol, i.e. 2.41kmol/day with 70% actual yield we need 3.44kmol/day of intermediate.

In industrial practices, NaBH_4 is taken 3.5-4 times stage intermediate; we are taking 3.75 times, so for our plant production, we need 12.9kmol/day of NaBH_4 , i.e. 490.2kg/day required.

In industrial practices, HCl is taken roughly the same quantity as stage intermediate, we need 125.56kg/day of HCl for our plant. NaBH_2 produced is 12.9kmol/day, i.e. 464.4kg/day. NaBH_2 produced is 12.9kmol/day, i.e. 464.4kg/day.

Capital cost (only for the reactor): 20,500 \$

Equipment	Design Capacity (L)	No. of units	Cost/unit (\$ for year 2014)	Total Cost (\$ for year 2014)
Solid state reactor (Jacketed and non-agitated)	2470 L	1	20,500	20,500

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List the contributions of each author:

- Kushagra has done material balance for a scaled-up process plant with a 1000 kg/day capacity.
- Prince Yadav has provided unit operation and operation conditions after getting information from the flow diagram.
- C Zoliansangi made the block diagram in accordance with the unit operation
- Mohit and Harshit calculated the design capacity of the reactor from the material balance and the capital cost.

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