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#### ABSTRACT

Doripenem is an antibiotic with high effectiveness in treating infections. However, the dose of doripenem is only partially used, so the rest will be wasted through the secretory system. Therefore, a drug carrier is needed to control the release of doripenem efficiently. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology-1, or HKUST-1, is a metal organic framework used as a drug carrier of doripenem. Formic acid is a carboxylic acid other than acetic acid, which is used in synthesizing HKUST-1 as a modulator. This study aimed to examine the effect of modulators on the synthesis of HKUST-1 as the doripenem drug carrier. The addition of a modulator gave the different yields and particle sizes of HKUST-1. The results of this study indicate that the modulated HKUST-1 used has a sips isotherm model. For the Q<sub>max</sub> value of HKUST-1 of 413.66 mg/g, acetic acid fragmented HKUST-1 of 445.36 mg/g, 1 mL of formic acid-fragmented HKUST-1 of 486.65 mg/g and 5 mL of formic acid-fragmented HKUST-1 298.28 mg/g. In drug loading and drug release application, the modulator positively affects the adsorption process but not in the drug release process.