



Spectrophotometric Estimation of Drugs Using N-Bromo Succinamide and Indigo Carmine Couple

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ABSTRACT

Simple, specific, accurate and precise UV-visible spectrophotometric methods have been developed for the estimation of five drugs viz., Dobutamine hydrochloride (DOB), Domperidone (DOM), Duloxetine hydrochloride (DUL), Phenylephrine (PHE) and Trimetazidine (TRM). These methods involve the addition of a known excess of NBS to the drugs in acid medium followed by estimation of residual NBS by reacting with a fixed amount of Indigo Carmine and measuring the absorbance at 520nm. Beer's law is obeyed in the concentration range of 0.6-4.2, 0.4-2.8, 0.3-2.1, 0.8-5.6 and 0.4-2.8 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ for DOB, DOM, DUL, PHE and TRM respectively. Different variables affecting the reaction were studied and optimized. The proposed methods were applied successfully to the determination of the examined drugs in pure and pharmaceutical dosage forms with good accuracy and precision. The proposed methods were found to be successful for the estimation of these drugs in bulk and their formulations. The results of analysis have been validated statistically for linearity, accuracy, precision, LOD and LOQ.

Key words: Trimetazidine, Domperidone, Dobutamine hydrochloride, Phenylephrine, Duloxetine hydrochloride, NBS-Indigo Carmine, UV-visible spectrophotometry, Validation.

INTRODUCTION

DOBUTAMINE (DOB) (Fig. 1a) Dobutamine hydrochloride, chemically: 4-(2-((1-methyl-3-(4-hydroxybenzene)propyl)amido)ethyl)-1,2-di-hydroxybenzen hydrochloric salt and it is indicated for coronary heart disease¹. There are various analytical methods for the assay of

dobutamine, Spectrophotometric analysis²⁻⁶, HPLC⁷, Spectrofluorimetry⁸, Chromatography⁹ and Voltametry¹⁰.

DOMPERIDONE (DOM) (Fig. 1b) is chemically known as 5-chloro-1-(1-[3-92-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)propyl]piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. It is indicated

for nausea and vomiting¹¹. Several techniques have been reported in the literature for the determination of DOM in pharmaceuticals and in biological samples include HPLC¹²⁻¹⁵, Spectrophotometry¹⁶, UPLC¹⁷ and Cyclic Voltametry¹⁸.

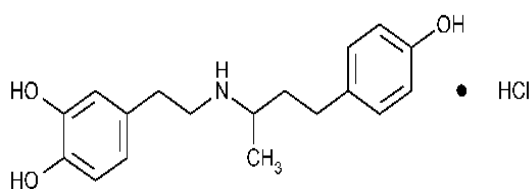
Duloxetine (DUL) (Fig.1c) is chemically known as (+)-(S)-N-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-3-(thiophen-2-yl) propan-1-amine. It is used in the treatment of various anxiety disorders¹⁹. Several techniques have been reported in the literature for the determination of DUL in pharmaceuticals and in biological samples include HPLC²⁰⁻²⁴, UPLC²⁵, Visible Spectrophotometry²⁶ UV-Sectrohometry^{27,28} and Spectrofluorimetry²⁹.

Phenylephrine Hydrochloride (PHE) (Fig.1d) chemically (R)-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylaminoethanol hydrochloride is a direct sympathomimetic agent, a selective α_1 agonist³⁰,

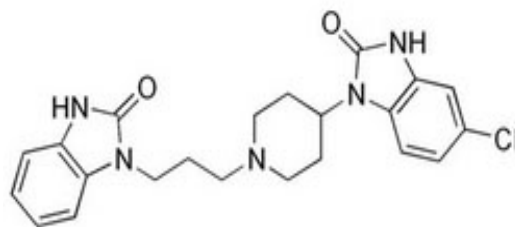
causing vasoconstriction. Literature review reveals that a few methods have been published for analysis of PHE in the bulk form and in pharmaceutical preparations. Methods available include Spectrophotometry³¹⁻³⁸, HPLC³⁹⁻⁴¹ and liquid chromatography⁴².

Trimetazidine (TRM) (Fig.1e) is chemically known as 1-[(2,3,4-Trimethoxyphenyl) methyl] piperazine dihydrochloride and is a coronary vasodilator drug⁴³ and also have an antioxidant effect. Several methods have been reported for the determination of Trimetazidine dihydrochloride. These methods include spectrophotometry⁴⁴⁻⁴⁹, HPLC^{50,51}, voltametry⁵².

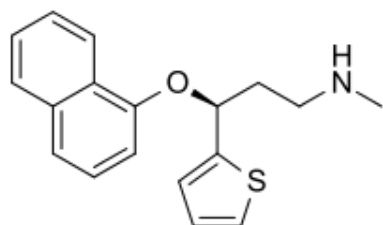
A comparison of various techniques used for estimation of above drugs in terms of sensitivity and reproducibility are presented in Table-1.



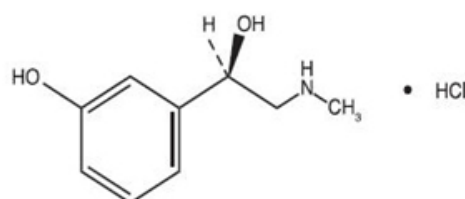
1a. Dobutamine Hydrochloride



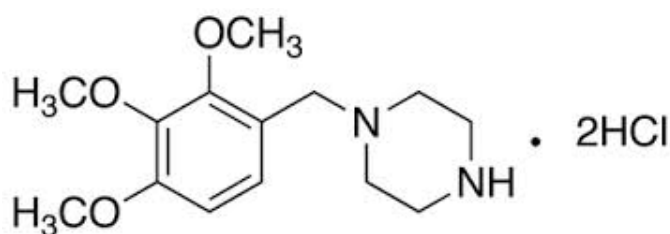
1b. Domperidone Hydrochloride



1c. Duloxetine



1e. Trimetazidine Hydrochloride



1d. Phenylephrine

Fig.1: Structure of drugs

Thorough survey of literature revealed that simple spectrophotometric methods based on oxidation with NBS are not yet reported for the above drugs. In this communication we present simple, accurate, precise methods for the quantification of above drugs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The pharmaceutical grade drugs were supplied by Aurbindo Pharmaceuticals and Heterodrugs Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad. Indigo Carmine, HCl were purchased from S.D fine chem. Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, India. N-Bromosuccinamide (NBS) is purchased from SRL chemicals, Mumbai, India. Whatman filter paper no.42 was used for filtration purpose. All the reagents used were of analytical-reagent grade and distilled water was used throughout the investigation. Tablets were purchased from the local market.

All absorbance measurements were recorded on Elico 210 double beam spectrophotometer, Systronics-117 and ELICO-159 UV-VIS single beam spectrophotometers using quartz cells of 10 mm path length. A high precision Analytical (Dhona 200 single

pan electrical) balance was used for weighing the samples

Preparation of Standard stock solutions

N-Bromosuccinamide (NBS): An approximately 0.01M solution was prepared by dissolving 0.1779 g of NBS in 100 ml distilled water. It is diluted to get 124 µg mL⁻¹ of NBS.

Indigo Carmine: Stock solution was prepared by dissolving 0.0484g of Indigo Carmine in 100 ml distilled water. From this stock solution, 353 µg mL⁻¹ test solution was prepared. **Hydrochloric acid solution:** Conc. HCl is diluted appropriately with distilled water to get 1M HCl solution.

Drugs

Standard solutions of drugs were prepared by dissolving accurately weighed powder of the tablets and powder equivalent 50 mg of pure drug in 20ml of water and diluted to the mark in 100 ml calibrated volumetric flasks. The stock solutions of DOB, DOM, DUL, PHE, and TRM were diluted with water to obtain 0.6-4.2 µg mL⁻¹, 0.4-2.8 µg mL⁻¹, 0.3-2.1 µg mL⁻¹, 0.8-5.6 µg mL⁻¹ and 0.4-2.8 µg mL⁻¹ respectively.

Table 1 : Comparison of various techniques used for assay of the drugs (range of parameters in general)

Method	Linearity range	Sensitivity	%Recovery	Limitations
HPLC				
TRMZ	400–2400 ng.	0.001	98 – 100%	
PHE	0.4-2.4/g mL ⁻¹	11753107	100.56%	
DOM	60-240 /gmL ⁻¹	67859	101.67%	Costly equipment
DUL	0.25-4 /gmL ⁻¹ .	0.9994	101.20%	
DOB	50–2000 ngmL ⁻¹	0.99	98%	
Electrochemical Methods	0.05-1000 /g	_____	98.65-100.76	Low sensitivity
Spectrofluorimetry	0.02-30 /g mL ⁻¹	_____	98.17-99.17	Rare equipment
Direct Spectrophotometry				
TRMZ	4-20/g mL ⁻¹	0.0294		
PHE	12-60 /g mL ⁻¹	0.007	98.9%-99.7%	
DOM	5-30 /g mL ⁻¹	0.0465	99.95-100.64%	Involve UV-light
DUL	2.5-25.0 /g mL ⁻¹	0.0523	99.05%	
DOB	0.35-2.45 /g mL ⁻¹	0.375	99.96 ± 0.15 99.33±1.43	

Method Development

Aliquots of pure drug solution (1.0-7.0ml) were transferred into a series of 10ml calibrated flasks. To each flask 1.0ml of 1M HCl acid was added followed by 1.0ml of NBS solution. The flasks are stoppered and contents were mixed and the flasks are set aside for 15 min under occasional shaking. Finally, 1.0 ml of Indigo Carmine solution was added to each flask and the volume was adjusted to the mark with water and mixed well. The absorbance of each solution was measured at 520nm after 5 min.

Construction of calibration curve

Six replicate experiments were performed and the relative response *i.e.*, absorbance / concentration ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) was calculated. The points falling between 95% and 105% of average only are considered for the construction of calibration. A standard graph was prepared by plotting the absorbance versus the concentration of drugs (Fig.2). The standard deviation of six residual intercepts of the plots is used for calculating LOD and LOQ. Beer's Law is obeyed and calibration curves for DOB, DOM, DUL, PHE, and TRM over a concentration range of 0.6-4.2 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, 0.4-2.8 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, 0.3-2.1 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, 0.8-5.6 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ and 0.4-2.8 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ respectively, were plotted. The spectral and statistical characteristics are recorded in Table-2.

Analysis of Drugs in the Pure form for Precision and Accuracy Studies

As mentioned, six replicate experiments were performed to ascertain the precision of the methods. The results differed only in a small range of experimental errors.

The accuracy of the proposed methods was evaluated by percentage recovery studies on the drugs. The %RSD was ≤ 2 , showing high degree of accuracy of the proposed methods. The effect of excipients on the methods developed was also tested and found that excipients do not interfere much. The results of the method lie within the prescribed limits showing that method is free from interference from excipients. The results of the recovery studies together with other statistical parameters are reported in Table-3.

Analysis of commercial Dosage forms

A quantity of finely ground powder of tablet of equivalent to 50 mg of drug DOB(Dobusol), DOM(Domitab), DUL(Dumax), PHE(Dolgen corp) and TRM (Trivedon), were accurately weighed and taken in 60 ml distilled water in 100 ml volumetric flask and left for 10 min for complete dispersion and then filtered through Whatman filter paper. First 10 ml portion of the filtrate was rejected and a convenient aliquot of filtrate was further diluted for the analysis within the limits of Beer's law.

Four different solutions of each drug were analyzed through recovery studies, using the calibration curves constructed. Excellent recovery was observed Table-4.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

N-Bromosuccinamide (NBS) has been used widely as a brominating and oxidizing agent for organic compounds. The proposed methods are indirect and are based on the oxidation and bromination reaction between drug and NBS and

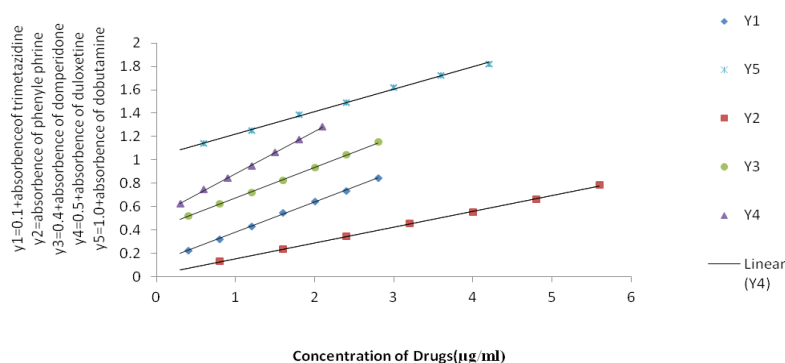


Fig. 2: Calibration curves

determination of residual NBS after allowing the reaction between drug and measured amount of NBS to be complete. The amount of NBS reacted corresponds to the drug content in all the methods.

Drug + known excess of NBS —————» Reaction product of the drug + Unreacted NBS

Unreacted NBS+ Fixed amount of Indigo Carmine —————» Absorbance measured at 520nm.

Method validation

The proposed methods were validated according to guidelines of International Conference on Harmonization (ICH). Under the described

Table 2: Analytical parameters for determination of drugs by oxidation with NBS and Indigo Carmine couple as analytical reagent

Property Name of the Drug	DOB	DOM	DUL	PHE	TRM
λ_{max} (nm)	520	520	520	520	520
Beer's law limits($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$)	0.6-4.2	0.4-2.8	0.3-2.1	0.8-5.6	0.4-2.8
Molar Absorptivity ($\text{L M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)	1.26×10^5	1.34×10^5	8.10×10^4	2.74×10^4	7.45×10^4
Sandell Sensitivity($\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$)	0.0052	0.0038	0.0027	0.0074	0.0038
Slope (a)	0.191	0.261	0.362	0.135	0.260
Intercept (b)	0.031	0.012	0.018	0.019	0.018
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.998	0.999	0.998	0.999	0.999
Standard deviation\ of intercept (S_a)	0.0394	0.044	0.0844	0.0597	0.0350
Limit of detection($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$)	0.6807	0.5563	0.7693	1.4593	0.444
Limit of quantification ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$)	2.0628	1.6858	2.3314	4.4222	1.3461
Regression equation $Y=b+ax$	0.031 +0.191x	0.012 +0.261x	0.018 +0.362x	0.019 +0.135x	0.018 +0.260x

Table 3: Determination of accuracy and precision, in terms of %recovery and %RSD, of the method developed for each drug using pure drug Samples

Drug	Taken ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Found ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	er (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Mean \pm SD
DOB	2.0	2.00	0.00	100.00	2.3484	98.91 \pm 2.322
	4.0	3.85	3.75	96.25		
	6.0	6.03	0.50	100.5		
DOM	1.0	0.98	2.00	98.00	1.7588	99.83 \pm 1.755
	3.0	3.0	0.00	100.00		
	4.0	4.06	1.50	101.50		
DUL	4.5	4.5	0.00	100.00	1.3161	101.47 \pm 1.335
	5.0	5.13	2.60	102.60		
	6.0	6.11	1.83	101.83		
PHE	2.5	2.5	0.00	100.00	0.7314	99.38 \pm 0.726
	3.5	3.45	1.42	98.58		
	4.5	4.48	0.44	99.56		
TRM	1.2	1.2	0.00	100.00	2.442	98.77 \pm 2.4103
	2.0	1.92	4.00	96.00		
	3.0	3.01	0.33	100.33		

Table 4: Results of Assay of drugs in Tablets by the proposed methods
(Standard amount of drug is added when the content of drug is very low.)

Tablets	Drug in tablet (µg mL ⁻¹)	Drug added (µg mL ⁻¹)	Total found (µg mL ⁻¹)	er%	Recovery %	RSD %	Reference method mean±SD	Proposed method mean±SD	Student's t-test	f-test
DOB(DOBUSOL)	1.0	1.0	2.00	0.00	100.00		99.80	99.70	0.7698	0.3678
	1.0	2.0	3.01	0.33	100.33	0.5838	±0.66	±0.582	(3.18)	(8.94)
	2.0	0.00	1.99	0.50	99.50		Ref.5			
	3.0	0.00	2.97	1.0	99.00					
DOM(DOMITAB)	1.0	0.5	1.49	0.67	99.33		99.40	100.12	0.1423	1.2275
	1.0	1.0	2.02	1.00	101.00	0.8305	± 0.7	±0.831	(2.47)	(4.28)
	2.0	1.0	3.02	0.66	100.66		Ref.16			
	3.0	1.0	3.98	0.50	99.50					
DUL(DUMAX)	4.0	1.00	4.98	0.40	99.60		99.99	99.83	0.4012	0.5826
	5.0	1.00	6.00	0.00	100.00	0.1687	±0.22	±0.168	(0.477)	(4.282)
	7.0	0.00	6.99	0.14	99.86		Ref.29			
	8.0	0.00	7.99	0.12	99.88					
PHE(DOLGEN CORP)	5	0.5	5.48	0.36	99.64		100	100.07	0.5954	0.3895
	10	2.0	12.02	0.16	100.16	0.4120	±0.65	±0.412	(3.182)	(8.94)
	15	1.0	15.98	0.12	99.88		Ref.39			
	20	0.00	20.12	0.6	100.6					
TRM(TRIVEDON)	1.0	0.5	1.50	0.00	100		100.23	99.95	0.9796	0.2966
	2.0	1.0	2.99	0.33	99.67	0.5125	±0.34	±0.512	(2.47)	(4.28)
	3.0	0.00	3.02	0.66	100.66		Ref.49			
	4.0	0.00	3.98	0.50	99.50					

experimental conditions, standard experimental conditions, standard calibration curves for the studied drugs were constructed by plotting absorbance versus concentration. Confirmity with Beer's law was evident in the concentration range cited in Table-2. The linear regression equations, molar absorptivity, Sandell's sensitivity, limits of detection (LOD) and limits of quantification (LOQ) were listed in it. Standard deviation, relative standard deviation, variance and standard error were calculated.

The accuracy of the method was established by analyzing the pure drug at four levels (within working limits) and the precision was ascertained by calculating the relative standard deviation of six replicate determinations on the same solution containing the drug at three levels in Table-3. The analytical results for accuracy and precision showed that the proposed methods have good repeatability and reproducibility.

The percentage recoveries of the drugs in tablet using the proposed methods compared with that given by reference methods are illustrated in Table-4. The validity of the proposed method in literature is evaluated by statistical analysis between the results obtained and that of reference methods. Student's t-test and variance ratio F-test are chosen for the comparison of the results. Values are within

the permissible range reported in literature. The tablet formulations were also analyzed to check the applicability of methods.

CONCLUSION

The obtained results from the method for the determination of mentioned drugs indicate that method is simple, accurate and precise. The method is economical compared to other sophisticated analytical instruments. Hence this method can be used for routine analysis of commercially available formulations. The method is suitable for the determination of these drugs in tablet formulation without interference from commonly used excipients. The solvents used for the method are inexpensive and simple to prepare, and could be used in a quality control laboratory for routine drug analysis.

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