

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF DUAL WAVELENGTH METHOD FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF DOXYCYCLINE MONOHYDRATE AND ORNIDAZOLE IN SYNTHETIC MIXTURE

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ABSTRACT

A simple, novel, rapid, precise, accurate, specific and cost effective Dual Wavelength spectrophotometric method for the determination of Doxycycline monohydrate and Ornidazole in combined dosage forms. Dual Wavelength spectrophotometric method involves measurement of absorbance at Wavelengths λ_1 and λ_2 at which absorbance difference ($A_{270} - A_{252.2}$) of DOX was observed and there was same absorbance of ORN at this two wavelengths (270 & 252.2nm). Wavelengths λ_3 and λ_4 at which absorbance difference ($A_{310.6} - A_{291.4}$) of ORN was observed and there was same absorbance of DOX at this two wavelengths (310.6 & 291.4 nm). The developed method was validated according to the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines and all validation characteristics were found within the acceptance limits. Thus the proposed method can be

successfully applied for simultaneous determination of Doxycycline monohydrate and Ornidazole in combined dosage forms.

KEYWORDS: Doxycycline monohydrate, Ornidazole, Dual Wavelength spectrophotometric method, Validation.

1. INTRODUCTION

Doxycycline is a broad spectrum antibiotic which acts against both gram positive and gram negative organisms. It inhibits bacterial protein synthesis by attaching to 30 S subunit of

bacterial ribosome (which are absent in mammals). Doxycycline interfering the attachment of aminoacyl-tRNA to the mRNA-ribosome complex and peptide chain fails to grow.

Ornidazole is a nitro imidazole which has broad spectrum activity against Protozoa and some anaerobic bacteria. Nitro group of drug is reduced by redox proteins present only in anaerobic organisms to reactive nitro radical which exerts cytotoxic action by damaging DNA and other critical biomolecules.

Doxycycline monohydrate and Ornidazole in their combined dosage form mainly used as broad spectrum antibiotics because doxycycline act as antibacterial activity whereas ornidazole act as antiprotozoal activity. In India Avidox-OZ & DOX-M-OZ are marketed as combined dosage form of Doxycycline monohydrate and Ornidazole.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Instruments

- ✓ A double beam UV-visible Spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, UV-1700, Japan), attached to a computer software UV probe 2.0, with a spectral width of 2 nm, wavelength accuracy of 0.5 nm and pair of 1 cm matched quartz cells.
- ✓ Analytical balance (CP224S, Sartorius, Germany)
- ✓ Ultrasonic cleaner (Frontline FS 4, Mumbai, India)
- ✓ Corning volumetric flasks, beakers and pipettes of borosilicate glass were used in the study.

2.2 Materials and Reagents

- ✓ Doxycycline monohydrate and Ornidazole standard powder. (Acme Pharmaceutical Ltd., Ahmedabad, India)
 - ✓ Methanol AR grade as solvent (S.D. Fine Chemical Ltd., Mumbai, India.)
- Whatman filter paper no. 41 (Whatman International Ltd., England)

2.3 Preparation of Solutions

2.3.1 Preparation of Standard Stock Solution

An accurately weighed DOX and ORN powder (10 mg) were weighed and transferred to 100 ml separate volumetric flasks and dissolved in methanol. The flasks were shaken and volumes were made up to mark with methanol to give a solution having concentration 100 µg/ml for both of drugs.

2.3.2 Preparation of working standard solution

The working standard solutions of DOX and ORN were prepared by transferring aliquots of standard stock solution of DOX (0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 & 3.5ml) and ORN (0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 & 3.5ml) was transferred in a series of 10 ml volumetric flask. The volume was adjusted to the mark with methanol and mixed.

2.3.3 Preparation of Synthetic Mixture

600mg of synthetic mixture was prepared by using DOX (100mg) and OZ (500mg) and excipients (100 mg) like MCC (Microcrystalline cellulose), Starch, Magnesium stearate and Talc.

2.3.4 Preparation of Sample Solution

Quantity of the powder equivalent to 10 mg DOX & 50 mg ORN was transferred in 100 ml volumetric flask separately and powder was dissolved in 50 ml of methanol with sonication having slight warming temperature to dissolve drug as completely as possible. Then the volume was adjusted up to mark with methanol. Transfer 0.5 ml of above solution to 10 ml volumetric flask to get final concentration around 5 µg/ml of DOX and 25 µg/ml of ORN. Then the volume was adjusted up to mark with methanol.

2.4 Method Development

2.4.1 Selection of Wavelength

The solution of DOX and ORN were prepared separately in methanol and scanned in the UV range of 200 - 400 nm. From the overlain spectra (Figure 3) of both drugs, four specific wavelengths are selected.

(I) Wavelengths λ_1 and λ_2 at which absorbance difference ($A_{270} - A_{252.2}$) of DOX was observed and there was same absorbance of ORN at this two wavelengths (270 & 252.2nm).

(II) Wavelengths λ_3 and λ_4 at which absorbance difference ($A_{310.6} - A_{291.4}$) of ORN was observed and there was same absorbance of DOX at this two wavelengths (310.6 & 291.4 nm).

Thus these four selected wavelengths were employed to determine the concentration of DOX and ORN.

2.5 VALIDATION OF THE DEVELOPED METHOD

The method was validated as per the rules of International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines^[34].

2.5.1 Linearity & Range

Calibration curve were plotted over a concentration range of 5-35 µg/ml for DOX 5-35 µg/ml for ORN. Accurately measured standard working solution of DOX (0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 & 3.5ml) and ORN (0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 & 3.5ml) was pipette out in to a separate series of 10 ml volumetric flask. The volume was adjusted to the mark with methanol and the absorbance of the solutions was measured at 270 nm (λ_1), 310.6 nm (λ_2), 252.2 nm (λ_3) and 291.4 nm (λ_4). The difference in absorbance between 270 nm and 252.2 nm is (due to the 0 absorbance difference of ORN) plotted against DOX concentration (µg/ml). The difference in absorbance between 310.6 nm and 291.4 nm is (due to the 0 absorbance difference of DOX) plotted against ORN concentration (µg/ml) and two different regression equations were obtained.

2.5.2 Precision

2.5.2.1 Method Precision (Repeatability)

The precision of the instrument was checked by repeated scanning and measuring the absorbance of solutions (n = 6) of DOX and ORN (10 µg/ml for both drugs) without changing the parameters of the proposed Method. The results are reported in terms of relative standard deviation (% RSD).

2.5.2.2 Intermediate Precision (Reproducibility)

The intra-day and inter-day precision of the proposed method was evaluated by analyzing the corresponding responses 3 times on the same day and on 3 different days over a period of 1 week for 3 different concentrations of sample solutions of DOX and ORN (10, 15, and 20 µg/ml). The results are reported in terms of relative standard deviation (% RSD).

2.5.3 Limit of detection (LOD) & Limit of Quantification (LOQ)

The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) of the method were calculated by using the following equations.

$$\text{LOD} = 3.3 \times \sigma/S$$

$$\text{LOQ} = 10 \times \sigma/S$$

Where, σ = the standard deviation of the response

S = slope of the calibration curve

2.5.4 Accuracy (% Recovery study)

The accuracy of the method was determined by calculating recoveries of DOX and ORN by

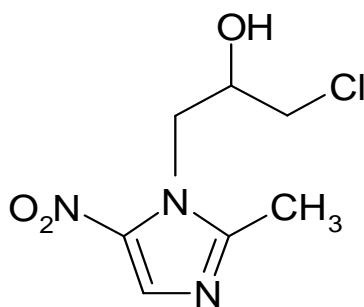


Figure 2: Structure of Ornidazole

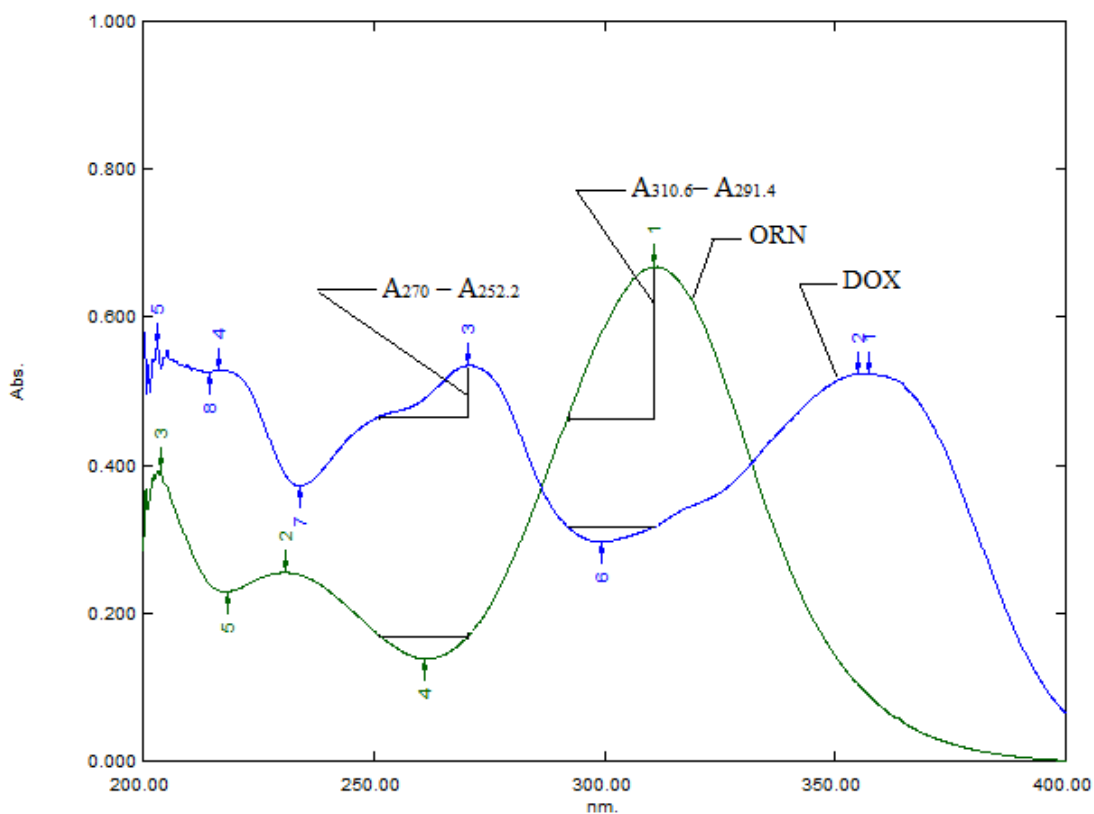


Figure 3. Overlay spectra of DOX (15 µg/ml) and ORN (15 µg/ml)

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Table 1. Regression parameters of DOX and ORN

PARAMETERS	DOX	ORN
Wavelength (nm)	270-252.2	310.6-291.4
Beer's law limit (µg/ml)	5-35	5-35
Regression Equation $Y=mX+C$	$Y=0.0045X-0.0016$	$Y=0.0142X-0.0007$
Slop (m)	0.0045	0.0142
Intercept (C)	0.0016	0.0007
Correlation coefficient (r^2)	0.9994	0.9995

Table 2. Result of recovery study of DOX and ORN by developed method.

DRUG	LEVEL	Amt. Present ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Amt. added ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	% Mean Recovery \pm SD
DOX	I	5	4	100.43 \pm 0.38
	II	5	5	99.70 \pm 0.68
	III	5	6	100.00 \pm 0.37
ORN	I	25	20	100.27 \pm 0.26
	II	25	25	99.84 \pm 0.35
	III	25	30	100.06 \pm 0.29

Table 3. Analysis of DOX and ORN in Pharmaceutical formulation by developed method.

Sample No.	Label claim (mg/Tablet)		Amt. found (mg/Tablet)		% Label claim (%)	
	DOX	ORN	DOX	ORN	DOX	ORN
1	100	500	99.55	499.85	99.55	99.97
2	100	500	103.11	504.64	103.11	100.92
3	100	500	100.00	501.26	100.00	100.25
4	100	500	98.22	505.63	98.22	101.12
5	100	500	100.44	491.26	100.44	98.25
6	100	500	99.11	502.23	99.11	100.50
MEAN			100.07	500.87	100.07	100.17
SD			1.67	5.15	1.67	1.03

Table 4. Regression analysis data and summary of validation parameters for the developed method.

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Sandell's sensitivity ($\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$)	0.0852	0.0260
Method precision Repeatability (n=6, %RSD)	1.53	1.02
Interday precision (n=3, %RSD)	1.61-1.91	1.20-1.92
Intraday precision (n=3, %RSD)	0.81-1.29	0.38-0.69
LOD ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.43	0.11
LOQ ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1.31	0.35
% Recovery \pm SD (n=3)	100.04 \pm 0.36	100.05 \pm 0.21
Assay \pm SD (n=3)	100.07 \pm 1.67	100.17 \pm 1.03

5. CONCLUSION

The method described for the simultaneous estimation of DOX and ORN was found to be sensitive, accurate and precise for routine simultaneous estimation of two drugs. The values of standard deviation and % RSD were satisfactorily low and recoveries studies indicate the reproducibility and accuracy of the method. The result of the analysis of the tablet dosage form by this method is reproducible and reliable and is in good agreement with label claim of the drugs. The additive present in the tablet dosage form did not interfere in the analysis. So the method can be used for the routine analysis of drugs in combined dosage form.

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