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Method development and validation of amoxicillin in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form by UV spectroscopy

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ABSTRACT

A simple, sensitive, specific, rapid, precise and accurate UV spectrophotometric method has been developed and validated for estimation of Amoxicillin in pure drug and dosage form, using 0.1N HCL as solvent. The absorption maxima was found to be 230nm. The method was validated in terms of Linearity, Precision, Accuracy, Repeatability, Sandell's sensitivity according to ICH[Q2(R1)] guidelines. Linear response was observed in the range of 1-5µg/ml with a correlation co-efficient of 0.998. The %RSD for Precision was found to be NMT 2 which indicates the method was precise. The %Recovery was found to be in the range of 99.3-99.8% for amoxicillin which indicates a good accuracy of the method. The percentage recovery for the marketed formulation was found to be 99.37%, which indicates good recovery. Commercial capsule formulation was successfully analyzed using the developed method and the proposed method was applicable to routine analysis for determination of Amoxicillin in capsule dosage form.

Keywords: Amoxicillin, 0.1N HCL, Method development, Validation, UV spectroscopic method.

INTRODUCTION

Amoxicillin is considered as a third generation or amino penicillin and is one of the most commonly prescribed antibiotic. Its molecular formula is $C_{16}H_{19}N_3O_5S$ [1]. Its IUPAC name is 2S,5R,6R)-6-[[[(2R)-2-amino-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid[2]. Amoxicillin is a Moderate- Spectrum antibiotic active against a wide range of Gram-positive and a limited range of Gram-negative

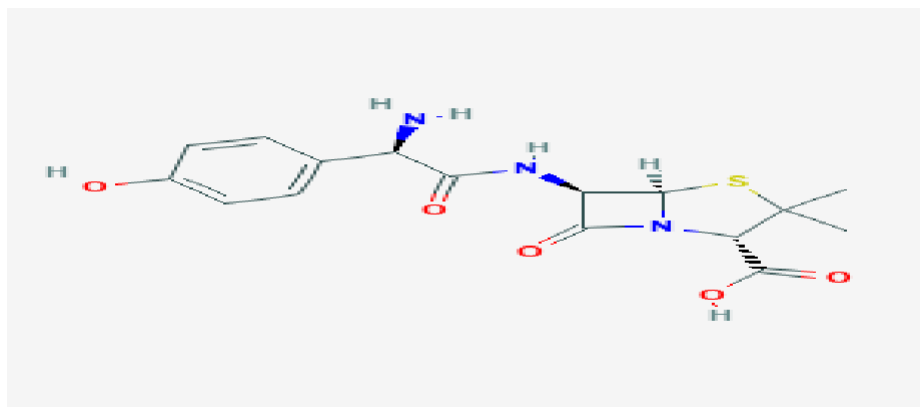
organisms. It is usually the drug of choice within the class because it is better absorbed following oral administration than other beta-lactam antibiotics. Amoxicillin is susceptible to degradation by B-lactamase producing bacteria and so may be given with Clavulanic acid to increase its susceptibility. The incidence of Beta-lactamase producing resistant organisms including E.coli, appears to be increasing. Amoxicillin is sometimes combined with clavulanic acid, a B-lactamase inhibitor to increase the Spectrum of action against

Gram-negative organisms and to overcome bacterial antibiotic resistance mediated through β -lactase Production. Amoxicillin binds to Penicillin-binding protein 1A (PBP-1A) located inside the bacterial cell wall

Penicillins acylate the penicillin sensitive transpeptidase C-terminal domain by opening the location ring. This inactivation of the enzyme prevents the formation of a cross link of two

linear peptidoglycan strands, inhibiting the third and last stage of bacterial cell wall synthesis, cell lysis is then mediated by bacterial cell wall autolytic enzymes such as autolysins. It is possible that amoxicillin interferes with an autolysin inhibitor. [3-6].

According to literature survey, works had been done on Amoxicillin by HPLC[7-9], uv methods[10,11].



AIM OF THE PRESENT WORK

The main aim of the present study is to develop an accurate, precise, selective, reproducible and rapid analytical technique for cost effective estimation of Amoxicillin in pure drug and capsule dosage form.

The Plan of Work is as follows

- To develop suitable spectrophotometric method for assay of Amoxicillin
- To perform the validation for the developed method.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Amoxicillin was a gift sample from Cipla Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad. HCL used was of analytical grade and purchased from Merck Chemicals, India. The capsule formulation of Amoxicillin 500mg was obtained from local pharmacy. Spectroscopic analysis was carried out using

Double beam T60UV-Visible Spectrophotometer with 1cm path length matched quartz cells used for analytical purpose.

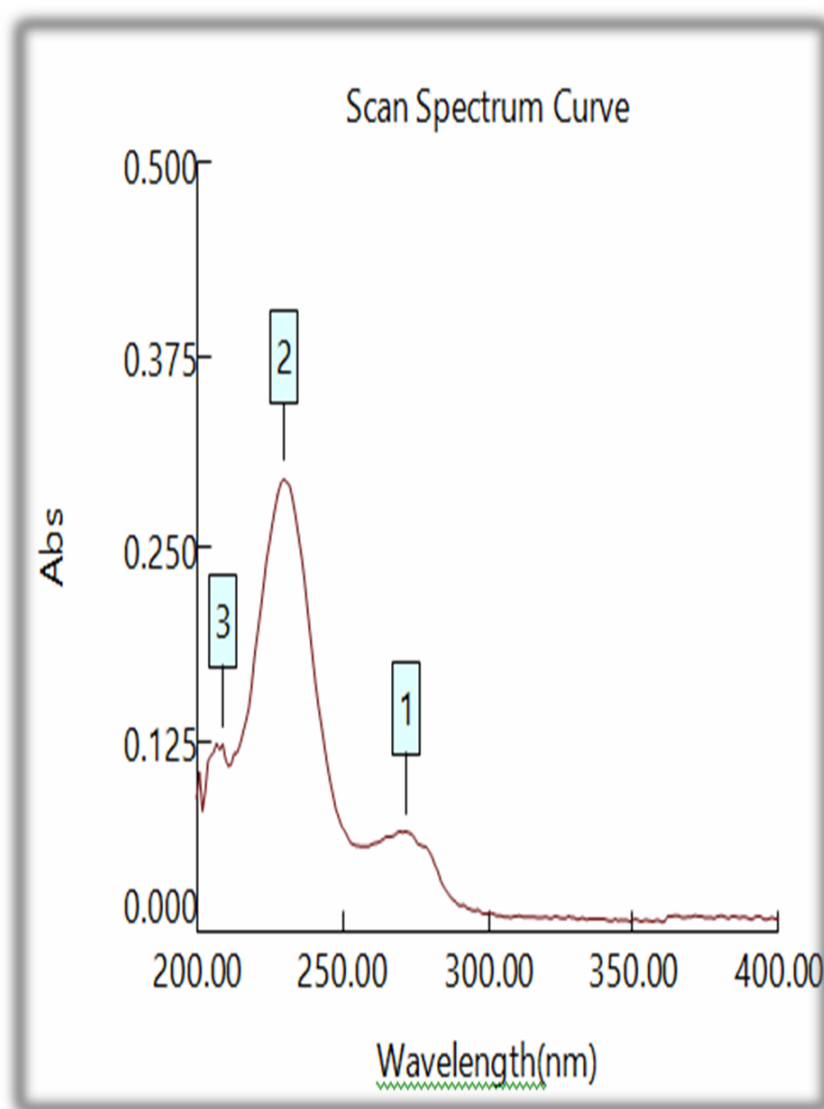
EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

Preparation of standard solution

Weigh accurately 10mg of Amoxicillin and transfer it into a 10ml cleaned and dried volumetric flask, add sufficient quantity of 0.1N HCL to dissolve and finally make the volume to 10ml with 0.1N HCL (1000 μ g/ml).

Preparation of working standard solution

From the prepared 1000 μ g/ml of Amoxicillin standard solution, pipette out 1ml into a clean and dried 100ml volumetric flask and finally make up the volume to 100ml with 0.1N HCL (10 μ g/ml). The resulting solution was scanned in the UV range (200–400nm). In spectrum Amoxicillin showed absorbance maximum at 230nm.



ABSORBANCE VALUES

S.No	p/v	Wave length λ_{max}	absorbance
1	Peak	272.00	0.067
2	Peak	230.00	0.296
3	Peak	209.00	0.124

VALIDATION OF THE METHOD [12-14]

The method was validated in terms of Linearity, Accuracy, Precision (Repeatability, Inter day precision, Intra day precision), Robustness.

LINEARITY

From the prepared 10 µg/ml working standard solution, different standard concentrations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 µg/ml solutions were prepared and their absorbance values were measured at 230 nm.

PRECISION

Precision study of the method was performed by intraday and inter-day variation study. The intraday precision and interday precision was ascertained by determining absorbance of 3 replicates of a fixed concentration of the drug (3 µg/ml) at three different time period of the same day and on three different days. The result of the precision studies was expressed in terms of % RSD (percentage Relative Standard Deviation). The Repeatability was also done by 3µg/ml solution.

ACCURACY

Accuracy of the developed method was carried out by performing recovery study using standard addition method, in which standard drug was added at three different concentration (30%, 40% and 50%) to the pre-analyzed capsule formulation (10 µg/ml).

ROBUSTNESS

Robustness of the proposed method was determined by changing the $\lambda_{\max}$ of the analysis ($\lambda_{\max}$ - 230 nm) by ± 4 nm.

ASSAY OF CAPSULE FORMULATION

Preparation of sample solution

Weigh accurately 10 capsules. Powder them in a dry mortar and pestle. Weigh the powder equivalent to 10mg and transfer it into a clean and dry 100ml volumetric flask and add sufficient quantity of 0.1N HCL to dissolve and finally make up the volume to 100ml with 0.1N HCL. From the prepared 100ml solution, pipette out 1ml in to a 50ml volumetric flask and make up the volume to 50ml with 0.1N HCL.

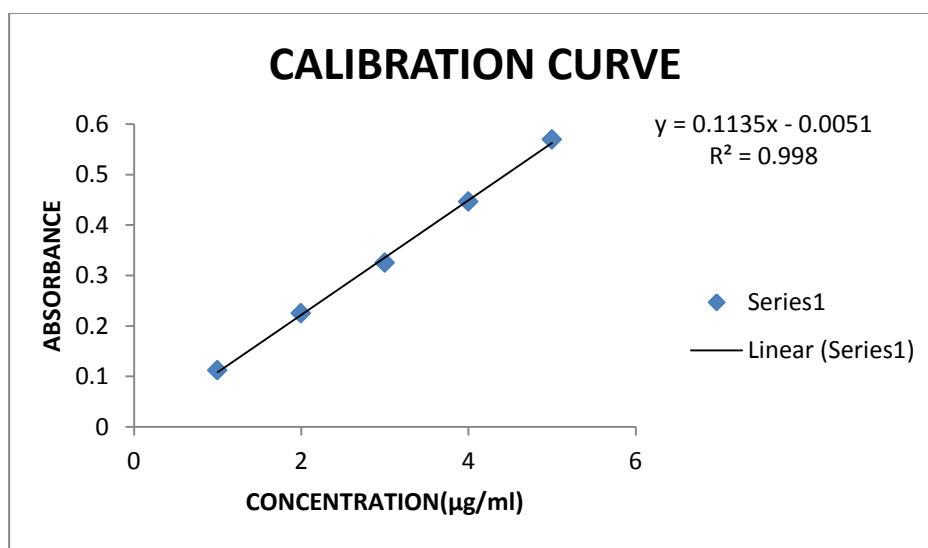
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

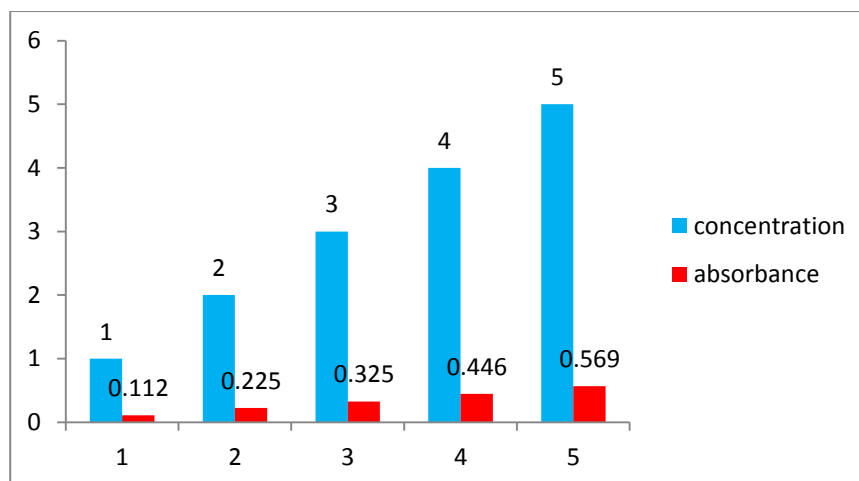
Linearity

Linearity studies were performed at 1-5 µg/ml selected drug concentrations, by constructing a calibration curve between concentration VS absorbance. Correlation coefficient was calculated and the data was found within the acceptance criteria of 0.999. So the method was linear over the concentration range 0.998.

Table 1
Linearity result data

Concentration(µg/ml)	Absorbance at 230nm
1	0.112
2	0.225
3	0.325
4	0.446
5	0.569





Bar diagram of Linearity data of Amoxicillin

Precision

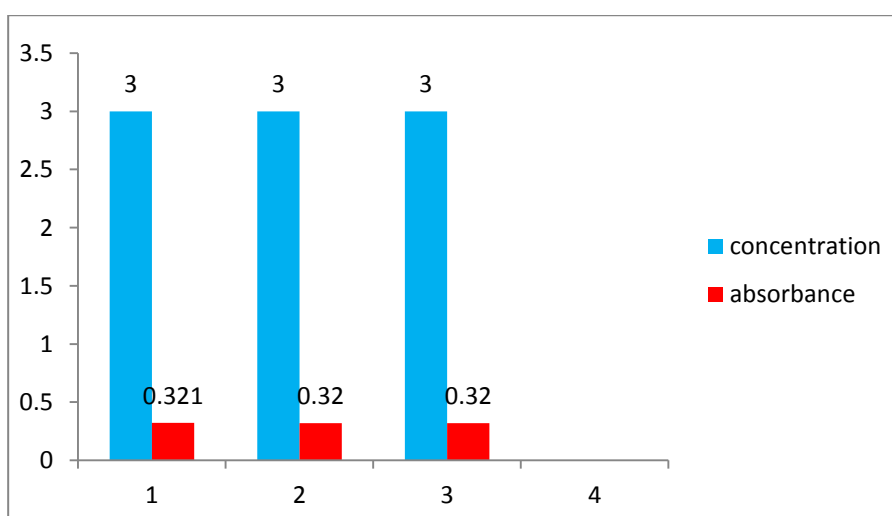
Precision of drug was verified by Repeatability, Intra day and Inter day by using

3µg/ml of standard solution. %RSD was calculated, and the %RSD is NMT 2 , which indicates the method to be precise.

Repeatability

Table 2
Repeatability data result

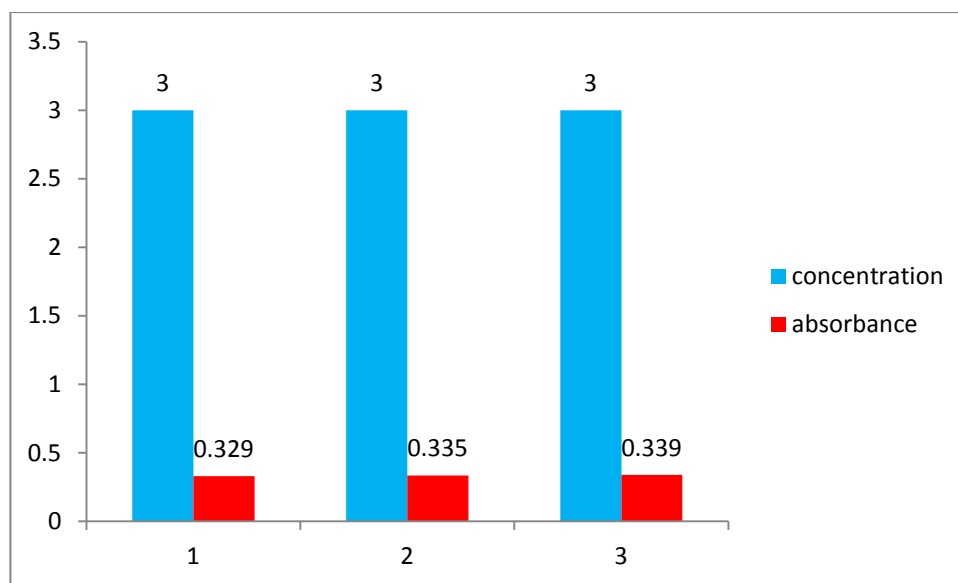
Concentration(µg/ml)	λ_{max} at 230nm
3	0.321
3	0.320
3	0.320
Mean	0.3202
SD	0.0005
%RSD	0.1561



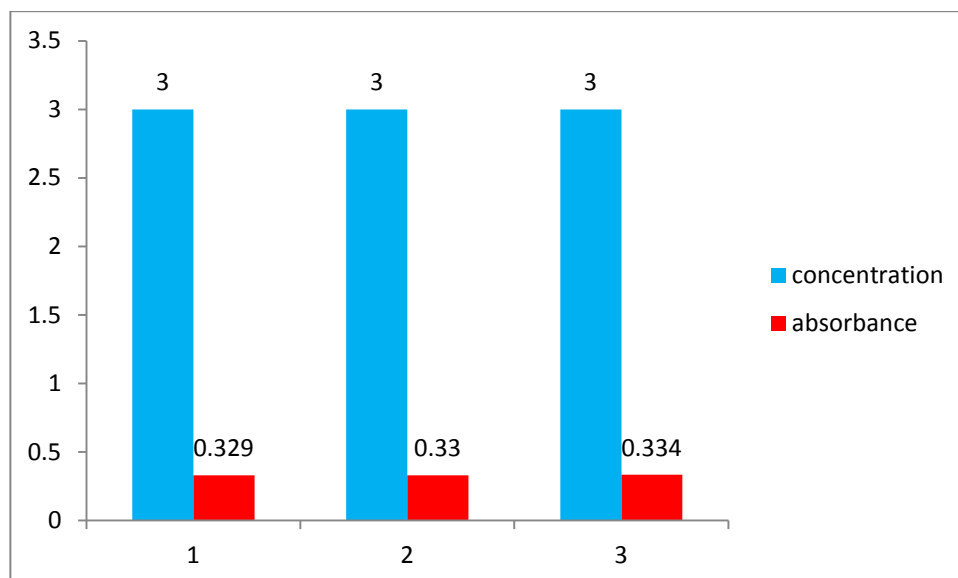
Bar diagram of Repeatability data of Amoxicillin for 3µg/ml solution

INTRA DAY PRECISION**Table-3**

Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Hours	λ_{max} at 230nm
3	Morning	0.329
3	Afternoon	0.335
3	Evening	0.339
Mean		0.331
SD		0.00316
%RSD		0.9553

**Bar diagram of Intra day precision data for 3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ Amoxicillin solution****INTERMEDIATE PRECISION****Table-4: Intermediate precision data result**

Concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Day	λ_{max} (230nm)	SD	%RSD
3	1	0.329	0.00264	0.799
3	2	0.330		
3	3	0.334		



Bar diagram data of Intermediate precision for 3µg/ml of Amoxicillin solution

ACCURACY

Accuracy was measured at 30%, 40%, and 50% level. To the sample solution different

concentrations of standard solutions were added. The %Recovery was found to be in the range of 99.3-99.8% for amoxicillin which indicates a good accuracy of the method to that of labeled claim.

Table-5

Accuracy Data	Amount of Drug Added	Amount of Drug Found	%Recovery
30%	3	2.98	99.3%
30%	3	2.98	99.3%
30%	3	2.98	99.3%
40%	4	3.96	99%
40%	4	3.97	99.2%
40%	4	3.97	99.2%
50%	5	4.99	99.8%
50%	5	4.99	99.8%
50%	5	4.99	99.8%

Table-6: Robustness $\lambda_{\max}$ variable changed $\pm 4\text{nm}$

Concentration(µg/ml)	$\lambda_{\max}$ (235nm)	$\lambda_{\max}$ (227nm)
3	0.226	0.315
3	0.225	0.315
3	0.225	0.315

Sandell's Sensitivity

Table -7

S.NO	Concentration(µg/ml)	Absorbance 230nm	Sandell's Sensitivity
1	1	0.112	0.000112

2	2	0.271	0.000135
3	3	0.325	0.00010
4	4	0.406	0.000101
5	5	0.580	0.000116
Average		0.000109	

Assay

Table 8

DRUG	Label claim (mg/capsule)	Amount found (mg for capsule)	%Recovery	Mean Recovery
AMOXICILLIN	500	496.7	99.34	99.37
	500	496.5	99.30	
	500	497.4	99.48	

The percentage Recovery for the marketed formulation was 99.37% which indicates good recovery of the marketed formulation.

OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameters	Results
$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	230nm
Beer's law limit ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1-5($\mu\text{g/ml}$)
Molar absorbance, $\text{L mole}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$3942\text{Lmole}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$
Sandell's sensitivity ($\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}/0.001$ absorbance unit)	0.000109
Regression equation($Y=a+bX$)	$0.0051+0.1135X$
Slope(b)	0.1135
Intercept (a)	0.0051
Correlation Coefficient(r)	0.998

CONCLUSION

A cheap and a rapid UV spectrophotometric method was developed and validated for the quantitative estimation of Amoxicillin in capsules as per ICHQ2(R1) guidelines. It is concluded that the developed UV spectrophotometric method is accurate, precise,

linear, rugged and robust and therefore the method can be used for the routine analysis of Amoxicillin in bulk or in the dosage formulations without interference with commonly used excipients and related substances.

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