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Determination of Balofloxacin in Pharmaceutical dosage form by zero and first order derivative Spectrophotometric method

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Estimation of Balofloxacin in API and pharmaceutical formulation by different analytical methods zero order, first order derivative spectroscopy. The absorbance value were measure in zero order, first order derivative spectroscopy methods at 298nm, 285.7nm, respectively Calibration curves were linear between the concentration ranges of 2-10 mg/ml for both of derivative method. The % RSD value is less than 2% and the recovery were near 100% for both methods. Parameter such as linearity, accuracy, precision, limit of detection, limit of quantitation. The method was successfully developed for quantitative determination of Balofloxacin in pharmaceutical preparations. All the developed methods were applied on tablet formulation and the results were found within the limit as per ICH guideline.

Introduction

Balofloxacin (BALO) is 1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-8-methoxy-7-(3-methylaminopiperidin-1-yl)-4-oxoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid¹, is a broad spectrum fourth generation fluoroquinolone antibacterial, having a formula as $C_{20}H_{24}FN_3O_4$ and molecular mass 389.42 g / mol. It exhibits excellent antibacterial activity against gram-positive bacteria such as multiple-drug-resistant *staphylococci* and *pneumococci*. It acts by binding to and inhibiting topoisomerase II (DNAgyrase) and topoisomerase IV enzymes, which are responsible for the coiling and uncoiling of DNA, which is needed for bacterial cell repair and replication. Several analytical methods such as UV Spectrophotometric method, HPLC

determination in biological fluids, HPLC determination in human plasma with solid extraction, RPHPLC, RP-HPLC with fluorescence detection, HPLC Electrospray ionization mass spectroscopy, have been developed for determination of Balofloxacin. Thus there is need to develop simple rapid and cost effective method for routine analysis. The objective of present study was to develop simple, sensitive, accurate rapid and cost effective method for estimation of Balofloxacin. The present study reports newly developed zero & first order derivative spectroscopy for estimation of BALO in bulk & pharmaceutical preparations. The developed UV spectroscopic methods is easy to handle &

simple in terms of linearity, accuracy, precision and specificity. The method was also used in the determination of the content of Balofloxacin in marketed Balofloxacin formulation (B- CIN).

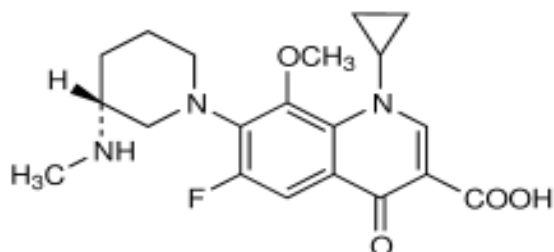


Fig .1 structure of Balofloxacin

Material and methods

Apparatus

A Shimadzu model 1800 double beam UV-Visible spectrophotometer with spectral width of 2 nm, wavelength accuracy of ± 0.1 nm and slit width of 2 nm, instrument scan speed of 600 nm min⁻¹, a pair of 1 cm matched quartz cell was used to measure absorbance of all the solutions. Spectra were automatically obtained by UV-Probe system software. Wavelength range 190 to 1100 nm.

Reagent and Material

The standard sample of Balofloxacin drug was kindly supplied as gift sample by Cirex Pharmaceutical LTD. Hatnoor Mandal- Andhra Pradesh, India. All chemicals and reagents were used of AR grade. Acetonitrile (AR grade) from Fischer Ltd, Mumbai, Methanol (AR grade) from Fischer Ltd, Mumbai, Commercial tablets of BLFX was procured from local market and used for analysis of marketed formulation. B-CIN 100mg tablet are manufactured by Lupin Pharmaceutical Aurangabad, India.

Selection of detection wavelength

Solution of drug in was scanned over the

range of 200-400 nm. The absorbance value were measure in zero order, first order derivative spectroscopy at 298nm, 285.7nm respectively were selected as the wavelength for detection.

Preparation of standard stock solutions

Stock solution of the drugs 100 μ g/ml is prepared by dissolving 10 mg BALO drug in separate 100 ml volumetric flask and the volume is make up to the mark by Methanol & final concentration of solution containing 100 μ g/ml

Selection of Analytical Concentration Range:

For each drug appropriate aliquots were pipette out from the standard stock solution into series of 10 ml volumetric flask. The volume was made up to the mark with methanol to get set of solution for each drug having concentration 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 μ g/ml. The absorbance of each of these solutions were measured at selected wavelength and plotted against concentration. The range was found to be 2-10 μ g/ml for both the drugs.

Tablet Analysis

Twenty tablets of BALO were weighed; their average weigh was determined and finally crushed to powder sample. From the triturate, tablet powder equivalent to 100mg of BALO was weighed and transfer to 100 ml volumetric flask and dissolved in 50ml methanol and the content was kept in ultrasonicated for 30 min. finally the volume was made up to the mark with methanol. The solution was filtered through Whatman filter paper no.41. This tablet solution was further diluted to obtain 1 μ g/ml of BALO. The mixed sample solution was analyzed to obtained spectra and absorbance value at 298 nm was noted. The concentration of BALO was calculated from the equation.

Method Development

Development of simple zero & first order spectroscopic method: The zero order spectra of Balofloxacin were obtained in scanning range between 200-400nm and calibration curve were plotted with absorbance versus concentrations and regression equations were calculated for both the methods. λ_{max} obtained for zero order was 298nm & for first order was 285.7nm (Fig.2,3)

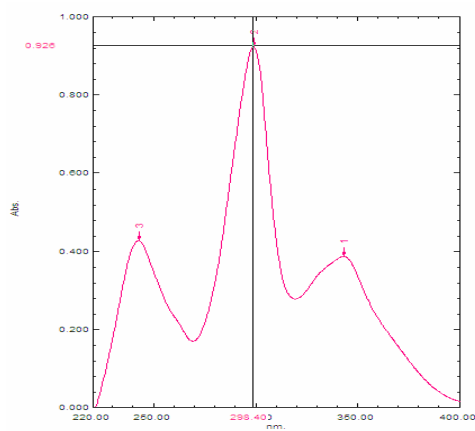


Fig.2 Spectra of BALO by zero order

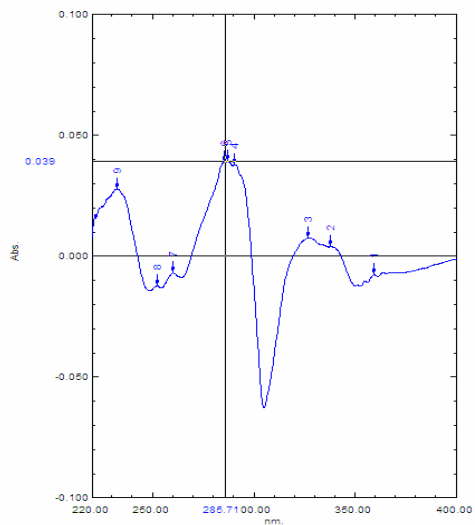


Fig.3 spectra of BALO by first order

Method Validation

Linearity

For quantitative analysis of Balofloxacin, the calibration curves were plotted for each concentration ranges. The linearity ranges for zero & first derivative found to be for Balofloxacin 2-10 μ g/ml. (Fig.4, 5)

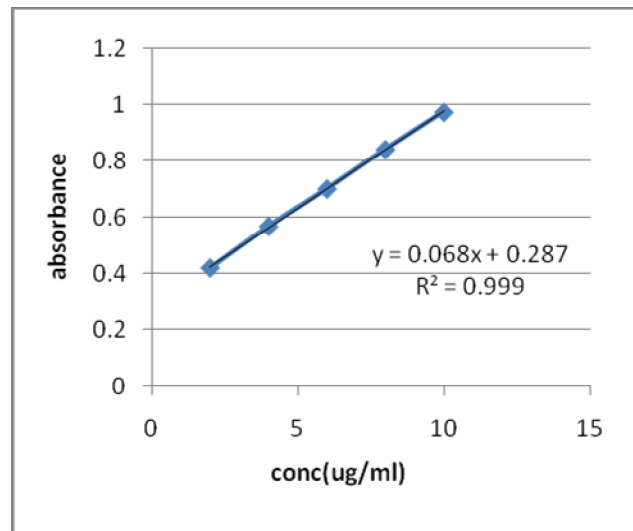


Fig.4 Calibration curve of BALO at 298nm

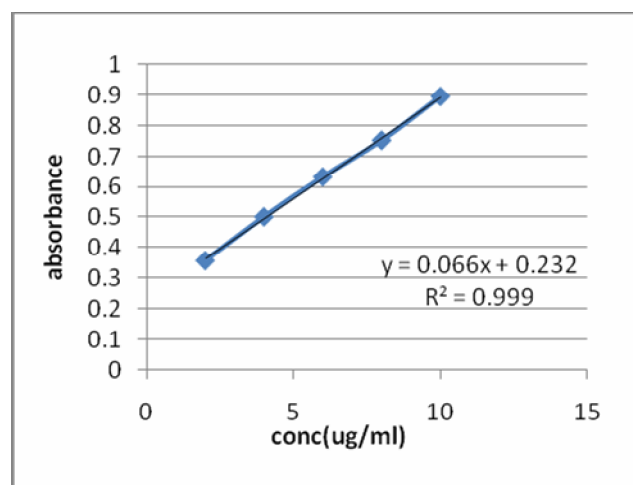


Fig.5 Calibration curve of BALO at 285.7nm

Accuracy

The accuracy was determined by standard addition method. Three different levels (80%, 100% and 120%) of standards were spiked to commercial tablets in triplicate. The mean of percentage recoveries and the % RSD was calculated given in (Table 1)

UV method	Level of % Recovery	Amt. Present (mg/tab)	Amt. of standard added (mg/tab)	Total Amt. recovered (mg)	% Recovery	% RSD
ZERO ORDER	80	100	80	180	99.63	0.187
	100	100	100	200	100.01	0.187
	120	100	120	220	99.74	0.187
FIRST ORDER	80	100	80	180	98.40	0.962
	100	100	100	200	99.58	0.962
	120	100	120	220	100.3	0.962

Table.1 Result of

recovery studies of BALO

% RSD for Intra day	0.68
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Table.2 Interday and Intraday Precision of Balofloxacin

Specificity

The spectrum of Balofloxacin in bulk drug with drug formulation (B-CIN) solutions shows that the % wavelengths of maximum and minimum absorbance do not change.

Limit of detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)

LOD is the lowest amount of an analyte in a sample that can be detected, but not necessarily quantitated an exact value. LOQ is the lowest amount of an analyte in a sample that can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision and accuracy.

LOD = $3.3 \sigma/S$
LOQ = $10 \sigma/S$ Where, σ = standard deviation of the y-intercepts of regression line
S = slope of the calibration curve

Precision

The reproducibility of proposed method was determined by performing tablet assay at different time intervals (2 hour interval) on same day (Intra-day precision) and on three different days (Inter-day precision) at concentration BALO at the concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (Table 2)

Method characteristics	Zero order	First order
Linearity	2-10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	2-10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$
Regressions equation	$y = 0.068x + 0.287$	$y = 0.066x + 0.232$
R²	0.999	0.999
LOD($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	0.9	1.06
LOQ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	0.4	0.29

Table 3: Results of

Method	Zero-order Linearity, LOD and LOQ of BALO Spectrophotometric Method	
	Zero order	First order
Mean Recovery (Inter Day)	0.83	0.76
% RSD for Inter day		
Mean Recovery (Intra Day)		
Linearity range ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	2 – 10	2 – 10
Slope	0.068	0.066
Intercept	0.287	0.232

Regression coefficient	0.999	0.999
Limit of detection (µg/ml)	0.9	1.06
Limit of quantitation (µg/ml)	0.4	0.29
Accuracy (%recovery)	99.83	99.42
Precision (%RSD)		
Intraday	0.006	0.001
Inter day	0.003	0.053

Result and Discussion

The developed zero & first order derivative methods for BALO are found to be linear, correlation coefficient is near to 0.999 (Fig 4,5) respectively. In accuracy study for zero & first order derivative method % recovery was found to be 99.83 & 99.42 respectively. % RSD for both methods was less than 2 % (Table 1). Good precision was found for both methods % RSD for zero order intraday precision & interday precision was found to be 0.68 & 0.30 respectively, % RSD for first order intraday precision & interday precision was found to be 0.12 & 0.53 respectively (Table 2). Linearity range for both methods was found to be 2-10 µg/ml. Regressions equation for zero order derivative was $y = 0.068x + 0.287$ & for first order $y = 0.066x + 0.232$ (Table 3). Limit of detection of BALO by zero order was 0.9 µg/ml & for first order was 1.06 µg/ml. Limit of quantitation of BALO by zero order was 0.4 & for first order was 0.29 (Table 3)

The developed methods were found to be simple, sensitive, accurate and precise and validated as per ICH guidelines. The method was successfully used for determination of drugs in their pharmaceutical formulation.

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