

## ANALYSIS ON ESTIMATION OF STAVUDINE DRUG BY SIMPLE UV AND COLORIMETRIC METHOD

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### Abstract

For the measurement of stavudine in pharmaceutical dosage forms and bulk, a new simple, sensitive, and exact approach has been developed with the use of the MBTH reagent. The objective of this analytical validation technique is to demonstrate that the approach satisfies the requirements for use in a laboratory by validating it through laboratory testing. Stavudine's secondary amine group reacts with 3-methyl-2-benzothiazoline hydrazone in the presence of the oxidant ferric chloride. The resulting compound was apple green in hue and had a maximum absorbance at 626 nm. The results of the analysis have statistical backing.

**Keywords:** Colorimetric analysis, MBTH, stavudine, UV-Visible

### Introduction

Pharmaceuticals go through a number of stages before they are ready for consumer markets. The formulation, lab preparation, and quality inspection are all involved [1]. The substance, quality, and yield of the drugs are examined using a variety of both conventional and modern analytical techniques. Several analytical techniques, including titration, chromatography (TLC, GC, HPLC), spectroscopy (FT-IR, UV), electrophoresis, and electrochemical, were employed for the examination of the purity and chemical composition of the various drugs [3]. Analytical testing of drugs both before and after they are put on the market is crucial to their success.

In the field of chemistry and its related sciences, spectroscopy is a flexible technology with many potential applications. A study of the interaction of radiation with matter at a specific wavelength is called spectroscopy. Among various spectroscopy techniques, UV-Visible spectroscopy is used widely to analysis samples [3]. In UV-Visible the transitions are generally occurs between a bonding or lone pair orbitals and an unoccupied non-bonding or antibonding orbital concerned.

Stavudine, a drug belongs to nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTI) even though Stavudine is not a cure for HIV infection. Use of Stavudine with other HIV medicines helps to decrease the amount of HIV in your body so your immune system can work better. This improves your quality of life by lowering your chance of getting HIV [5]. This medicine can be taken by mouth with or without food, usually every 12 hours or as per doctor direction. Based on the detailed literature survey it was observed that there are few analytical methods reported for Stavudine either individually or in combination with other drugs by UV, HPLC and HPTLC method [6]. There is no analytical method reported for the estimation of Stavudine in Pharmaceutical dosage form by Colorimetric method. This led to the development of colorimetric method for the estimation of stavudine in pharmaceutical dosage form. The present work is aimed for the development of Colorimetric method using MBTH(3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinehydrazone) reagent and its validation using ICH guideline (validation parameter) [12].

### Materials and Methods

The materials used were procured commercially and used without further purification, Stavudine (SISCON), 3-methyl-2-benzothiazonium hydrazones hydrochloride (Sigma Aldrich), Hydrochloric acid (SRL), Ferric chloride (SRL).

### Methodology

#### Experiment

The carboxyl group of the drug Stavudine was reacting with MBTH reagent (99.7%) in the presence

Hydrochloric acid (0.1M) and Oxidizing reagent of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  to give a green colored product. Under the acidic conditions, on oxidation, MBTH loses two electrons and one proton forming an electrophilic intermediate which is that the active coupling species. This intermediate undergoes electrophilic substitution with the drug to make the coloured product.

Aliquots of the standard solution of the drug 1ml - 6 ml were transferred into 10 ml calibrated flasks. To each, aqueous solution of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  (1 ml), and 1 ml of HCl (0.1M) and aqueous solution of MBTH (1ml, 0.2%) were added. The solutions were swirled and allowed to stand for 5mins at room temperature and made up to the mark with distilled water. The absorbance was measured at 626nm against the corresponding reagent blank. Colorimetric method was used to study the optical characteristics of the prepared colored compound.

## Results and Discussion

### Linearity and range

Different concentrations starting from  $10\mu\text{g/ml}$  -  $60\mu\text{g/ml}$  were prepared, scanned and therefore the absorbance was measured at 626nm and are given in table 1

**Table 1: Absorbance data of different concentrations of Stavudine**

S. No.	Concentration of Stavudine in $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Absorbance at 626nm
1.	10	0.149
2.	20	0.213
3.	30	0.28
4.	40	0.349
5.	50	0.415
6.	60	0.478



Figure 1: Color development of Stavudine standard

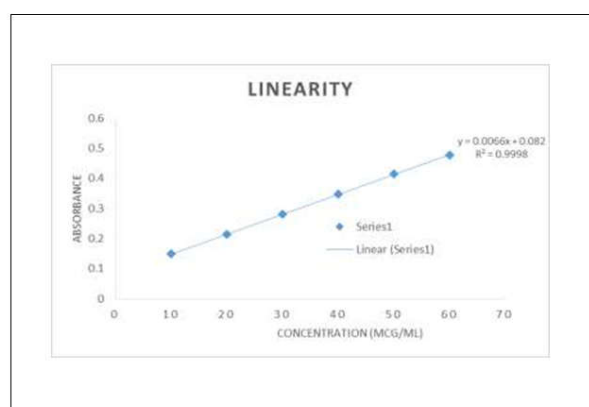


Figure 2: Calibration graph of Stavudine

Table 2: Correlation Coefficient, slope and intercept values of both the methods

Drug	Slope	Intercept	Correlation Coefficient
Stavudine	0.0066	0.082	0.9998

The correlation coefficient value was found to be within limit (0.996). The slope and intercept values are used for forming the regression equation  $y = mx + c$

Where, m- Slope

x – Concentration in  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  c – Intercepty – Absorbance

**Assay**

To check the accuracy of the method the prepared marketed formulation was subjected to analysis.

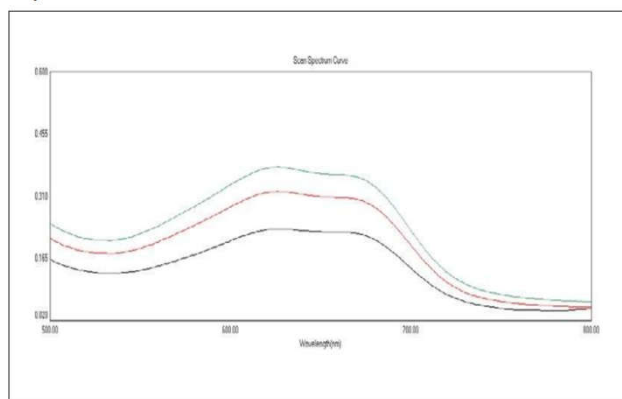


Figure 3: Assay of Stavudine

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Table 3: Assay results showing accuracy of the methods

S.No	Drug	Amount Present Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Amount found ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	% Purity
1	Stavudine	20	19.92	99.6
		30	29.97	99.9
		40	40.01	100.02
				<b>99.84*</b>

The estimated percentage purity was found to be close to 100% which proves the accuracy of the method. The results obtained by repeating the estimation procedure six times were observed to have good statistical parameters.

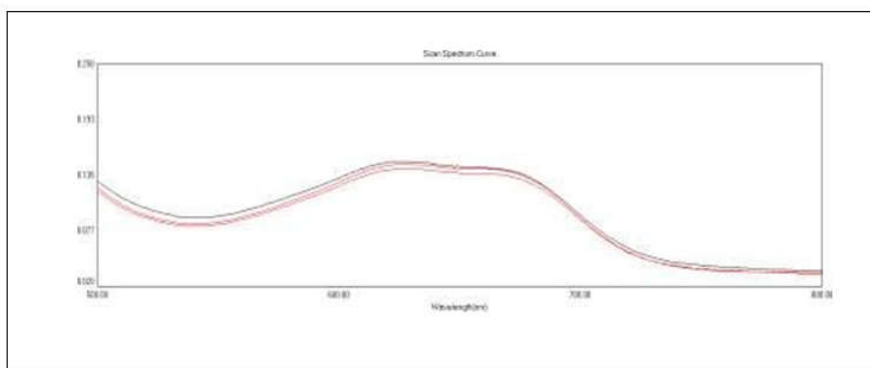


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METHOD	Drug	Amount found (µg/ml)	S.D	%RSD	Standard error	
MBTH	Stavudine	30.35	0.7133	0.7203	2.575 ± 0.40 <sup>a</sup>	2.575 ± 0.29 <sup>b</sup>

a) 95% confidential limit

b) 99% confidential limit

The Standard deviation, Relative Standard deviation, standard error were found to be low and hence proves the precision of the method.

**Recovery**

Table 5: Result of recovery studies.

S.No	Amount present (µg/ml)	Amount Added (µg/ml)	Amount recovered (µg/ml)	%Recovery
1	10	0	9.85	98.50
2	10	10	20.05	100.25
3	10	20	29.65	98.83
4	10	30	39.84	99.6
5	10	40	49.52	99.04
<b>Mean values</b>				99.24

The pre analyzed synthetic mixture was subjected to further analysis to check thereproducibility of the method. The results are shown below.

The estimated percentage recovery was found to be within the normal range (97%–103%), this proves the reproducibility of the method

Table 6: Optical Characteristics of Stavudine by Colorimetric Method

Parameter	Colorimetric method
$\lambda$ max (nm)	626
Beer's law limit ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	10-60
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9998
Regression equation (y =mx+c)* Slope (m)	
Intercept (c)	0.0066
Limit of detection(LOD) $\mu\text{g/ml}$	0.0082
Limit of quantization (LOQ) $\mu\text{g/ml}$	0.9798
Relative standard deviation	2.9692
Standarderror	0.7203 %
95% Confidencelimit	
99% Confidencelimit	
	1.96 $\pm$ 0.2923
	2.575 $\pm$ 0.2923

### Conclusion

The goal was to create and validate an analytical method using the MBTH reagent for stavudine. The employed concentration range of 0.5 mg per ml is shown to have linear response by the linearity calibration curve. The repeatability of the assay procedure was shown to be sufficient by the precision data, and the correctness of the method was confirmed by the recovery studies. The method that was developed and validated was successfully applied to medication formulation estimation. The results were proven to be significantly within the permissible range of 97-103%. Since the described methods were proved to be simple, quick, and economical, they can be used for routine analysis of stavudine in bulk and in pharmaceutical formulations.

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