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Determination of Amoxicillin in Pharmaceutical preparations by spectrophotometric and flow Injection – activated chemiluminescence methods

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Abstract

This investigation involves development of a simple spectrophotometric method and a flow injection – activated chemiluminescence (FIA-CL) for the determination of amoxicillin (Amox.) in pharmaceutical formulations. Spectrophotometric method was based on the oxidation of the (Amox.) with alkaline potassium permanganate, the reaction was followed spectrometrically by measuring the absorbance of (Amox.) at 600 nm. The reaction time of oxidation at (20 min) method is adopted for determining the drug concentration. The calibration graph was linear in the range of (5-50)µg.ml⁻¹ with a correlation coefficient of (0.9995), detection limit of (4.76) µg.ml⁻¹, molar absorption coefficient is 2557.8 L/mol.cm and a relative standard deviation RSD% of (1.84%). The method of FIA-CL was based on the activation of luminol – cobalt – H₂O₂ chemiluminescence by (Amox.). The linearity is (8-32) µg.ml⁻¹ with detection limit of (6.2)µg.ml⁻¹, and correlation coefficient was (0.9998) n=6 and the relative standard deviation was(1.48%). The two methods were applied successfully to determine the content of (Amox.) in pharmaceutical preparations with a recovery of 98.9% .

تقدير الاموكسيسيلين في المستحضرات الصيدلانية باستخدام الطريقة الطيفية وطريقة الحقن الجرياني المقترن بالبريق الكيميائي المنشط

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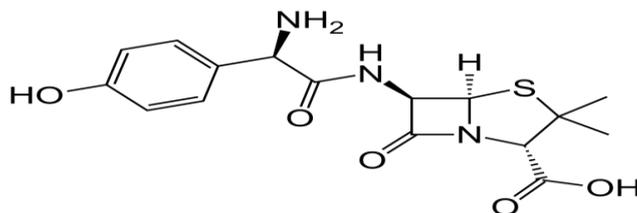
الخلاصة

تضمنت هذه الدراسة تطوير طريقة طيفية بسيطة وطريقة الحقن الجرياني المقترن بالبريق الكيميائي المحفز لتقدير الاموكسيسيلين في المستحضرات الصيدلانية، استندت الطريقة الطيفية على أكسدة الاموكسيسيلين مع برمنغنات البوتاسيوم القاعدية (KMnO₄) ومتابعة التفاعل طيفياً من خلال قياس التغير بالامتصاص عند طول موجي (600) نانوميتر. وجد أن الزمن اللازم لإكمال التفاعل هو (20) دقيقة ومدى الخطية لمنحني المعايرة يتراوح بين (5-50) مايكروغرام / مل ومعامل الارتباط (0.9995). وحد الكشف مقداره (4.76) مايكروغرام / مل أما معامل الامتصاص المولاري 2557.8 لتر/مول.سم وبلغت قيمة الانحراف القياسي النسبي (RSD%) 1.84%. أما الطريقة الثانية فقد استندت على تحفيز البريق الكيميائي لنظام (لومينول - كوبلت - بيروكسيد الهيدروجين) بواسطة الاموكسيسيلين وكانت الحدود الخطية للطريقة تتراوح بين (8-32) مايكروغرام / مل وبحد كشف (6.2) مايكروغرام / مل وبمعامل ارتباط (0.9998) وانحراف قياسي نسبي مثوي 1.48%. طبقت هاتين الطريقتين بنجاح لتقدير الاموكسيسيلين في المستحضرات الصيدلانية وكان الاسترداد المئوي (98.9%).

Introduction

amoxicillin⁽²⁾ is (2S, 5R, 6R) – 6 – {[(2R) -2- amino-2- (4- hydroxyl phenyl) – acetyl] amino} – 3,3 – dimethyl – 7-oxo – 4 thia -1- azabicyclo[3,2,0] heptane -2- carboxylic acid, which have the following structures.

Amoxicillin is a moderate- spectrum bacteriolytic, β- lactam antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections caused by susceptible microorganisms and it is used in the treatment of a number of infection.⁽¹⁾ The chemical name for



Amoxicillin (C₁₆H₁₉N₃O₅S), M. wt = 365.4 gm/mole

Various methods based on spectrophotometry⁽³⁻⁷⁾ have been developed for determination of (Amox.) as its metabolites, sequential injection analysis^(8,9), flow – injection⁽¹⁰⁻¹³⁾, FIA-Chemiluminescence⁽¹⁴⁻¹⁶⁾, electro chemical method^(17,18), chromatography^(19,20). HPLC⁽²¹⁻²⁴⁾

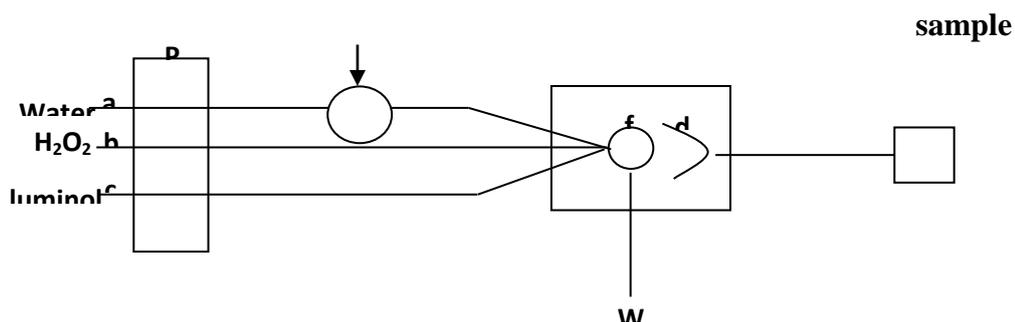
and polarography⁽²⁵⁾. The present study describes a spectrophotometric method for the determination of (Amox.) in pharmaceutical preparations based on the oxidation with alkaline potassium permanganate and also includes development of FIA-CL method.

Experimental

Apparatus:

A) A spectrophotometer of type Shimadzu UV-160 model Kyoto, Tokyo, Japan was used, with quartz cells of 1 cm width.

B) FIA Chemiluminescence configuration which was outlined in figure (1) was used for the determination of (Amox.).



P- Peristaltic pump V- Injection valve F- Flow cell d- Photomultiplier

R- Recorder W- Waste solution .

Fig.(1):- Chemical reaction manifold used for the Flow-Injection Chemiluminescence determination of Amox.

Reagents

Reagents of analytical grade and distilled water were used through out

the study. Solutions were prepared by appropriate dissolution as shown in table (1).

Table (1):- Preparation of some solutions

Substance	Molar Concentration (M)	Dissolved weight (gm)	Final Volume (ml)
NaOH	1.5	6.000	100
KMnO ₄	0.05 , 0.1	7.900 , 15.800	1000 , 1000
Na ₂ CO ₃	0.1	10.599	1000
Na ₂ C ₂ O ₄	0.1	13.390	1000

* Luminol solution was prepared by dissolving the required weight in a solution of (0.1 M Na_2CO_3) while KMnO_4 has been prepared and then standardized by (0.1M $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$).

* Hydrogen peroxide solution (1M) was prepared by diluting 48.85 ml of H_2O_2 (48%) in 1 L of distilled water and standardized against standard solution of 0.1 M KMnO_4 .

* 0.1 M of sulfuric acid was prepared by diluting 0.55 ml of concentrated acid (96%) in 100 ml of distilled

water and standardized against 0.1 M Na_2CO_3 . Cobalt ($100 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$) was prepared by dissolving 0.4039 gm of $\text{CoCl}_2.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 20 ml of 5×10^{-3} M H_2SO_4 and diluted to 1L with distilled water. Finally, Amox. stock solution ($100\mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$) was prepared by dissolving 0.1 gm of Amox. powder in 1L of ($0.7 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$) cobalt (II) solution. Solutions of lower concentrations were prepared by appropriate dilution.

Pharmaceutical preparation

Amoxicillin (SDI Samara - Iraq). Ten capsules were taken and a certain portion of the powder was accurately weighed to give an equivalent to 500 mg of Amoxicillin and then dissolved with (25) ml of methanol. The resulting solution was washed by shaking with methanol and filtered on Whatman filter paper No.4 to remove any suspended particles. Then this solution was evaporated to dryness at 60C and the residue was redissolved in 25 ml distilled water to form a solution of $100 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$. The same method was adopted for preparation of Amoxicillin capsules, and finally dissolving in ($0.7 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$) cobalt salt insolvent was carried out by ultrasonic bath.

Procedure (1): Spectrophotometric determination of Amoxicillin in pharmaceutical preparation.

General procedure for the spectrophotometric method

Initial rate method: Aliquots of 5×10^{-2} M KMnO_4 solution (3.0 ml) and 1.5M NaOH solution (1.5 ml) were transferred into a 25 ml volumetric flask. An accurate volume of the working solution of Amox. (3) ml was added and diluted to volume with distilled water. The contents of the mixture were shaken well and immediately transferred to the spectrophotometric cell at room

temperature. The absorbance of the oxidation reaction of (Amox.) was found at 600 nm as a function of time against reagent blank. In the second procedure, the absorbance was measured at a fixed time of (20 min) and was plotted against the final concentration of Amox. and the content of the drug was calculated from either the calibration graph or regression equation.

Results and Discussion

In an alkaline medium, potassium permanganate oxidizes Amox. resulting in the formation of manganate ion⁽²⁶⁾, which showed an absorption peak at 600 nm. The various experimental parameters affecting the formation of the reaction product were optimized as follows:

Effect of the KMnO_4 concentration

To study the effect of the KMnO_4 concentration, aliquots of amoxicillin containing $10 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$ were transferred into a series of 10 ml volumetric flasks, followed by addition of varying volumes of 0.05M KMnO_4 (0.5-5) ml and 1.5 ml of 1.5M NaOH solution. The absorbance at 600 nm was measured at a fixed time of 20 minute. It is obvious from figure (2) that the absorbance

increased with increasing volume of the KMnO_4 solution, and became

constant at 3 ml of KMnO_4 so it used in subsequent experiment.

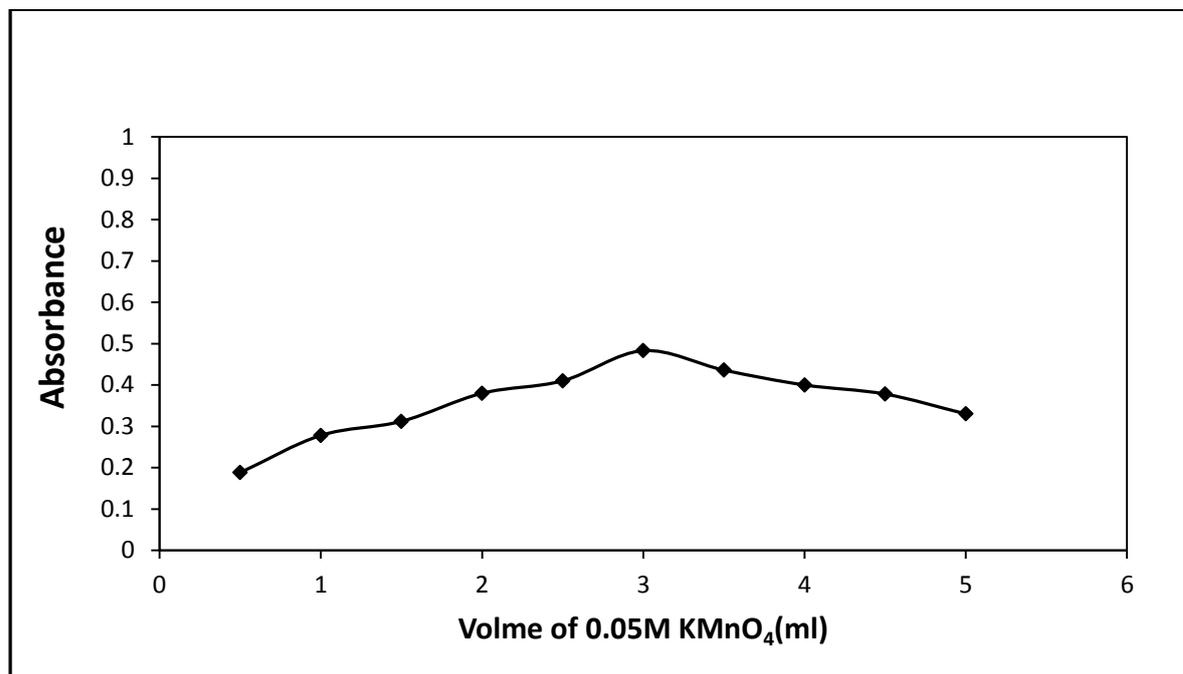


Fig. (2):- Effect of the volume of 0.05M KMnO_4 on the intensity of color produced for the reaction (Amox. $10\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 1.5 ml of 1.5 M NaOH).

Effect of the NaOH concentration

Influence of the NaOH concentration on the formation of MnO_4^{2-} was examined critically. Figure (3) shows that the

maximum absorbance was obtained with 1.5 ml of the 1.5M NaOH, so the optimum volume of 1.5 ml was chosen.

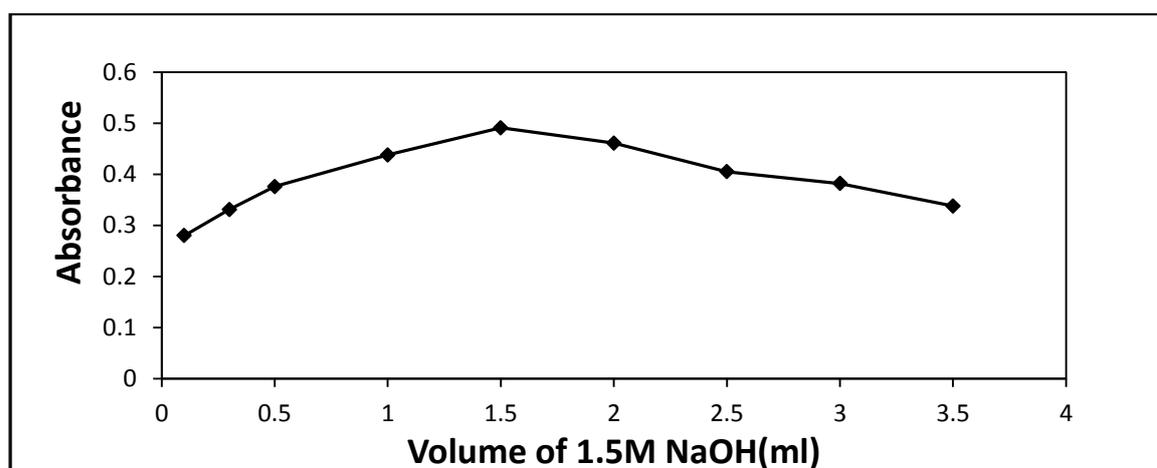


Fig.(3):- Effect of the volume of 1.5M NaOH on the intensity of color produced for the reaction (Amox. $10\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 3.0 ml of 0.05 M KMnO_4).

Effect of oxidation time

It was found that the most acceptable value was obtained at a fixed time of

20 min. (Figure 4) and therefore was considered to be the most suitable time of oxidation reaction.

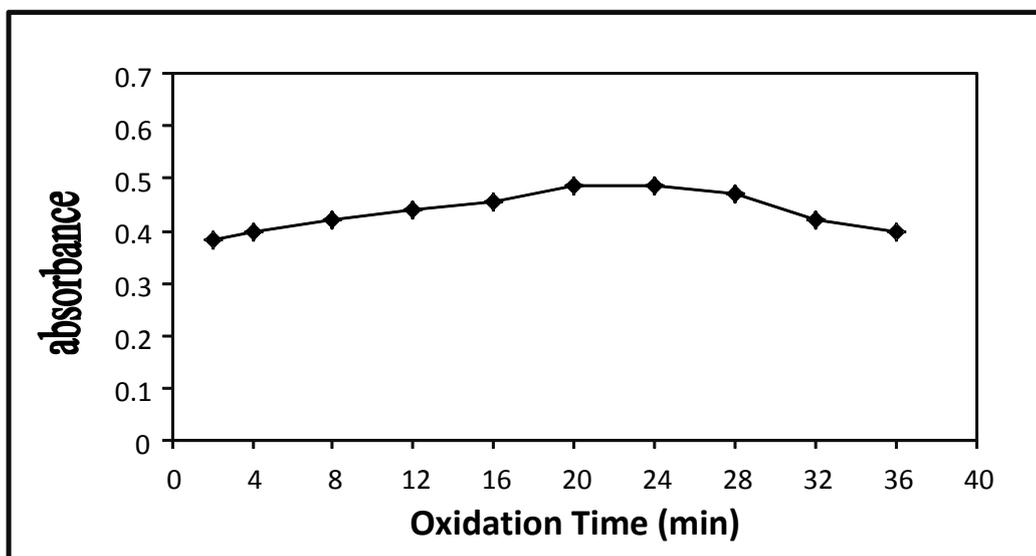


Fig.(4):- Effect of time on the oxidation of Amoxicillin by 0.05M KMnO_4

Final absorption spectrum of (Amox.)

A clear peak of MnO_4^{2-} at 600 nm (figure 5) was obtained after the

oxidation of Amox. by 0.05M KMnO_4 solution in an alkaline medium of 1.5M NaOH.

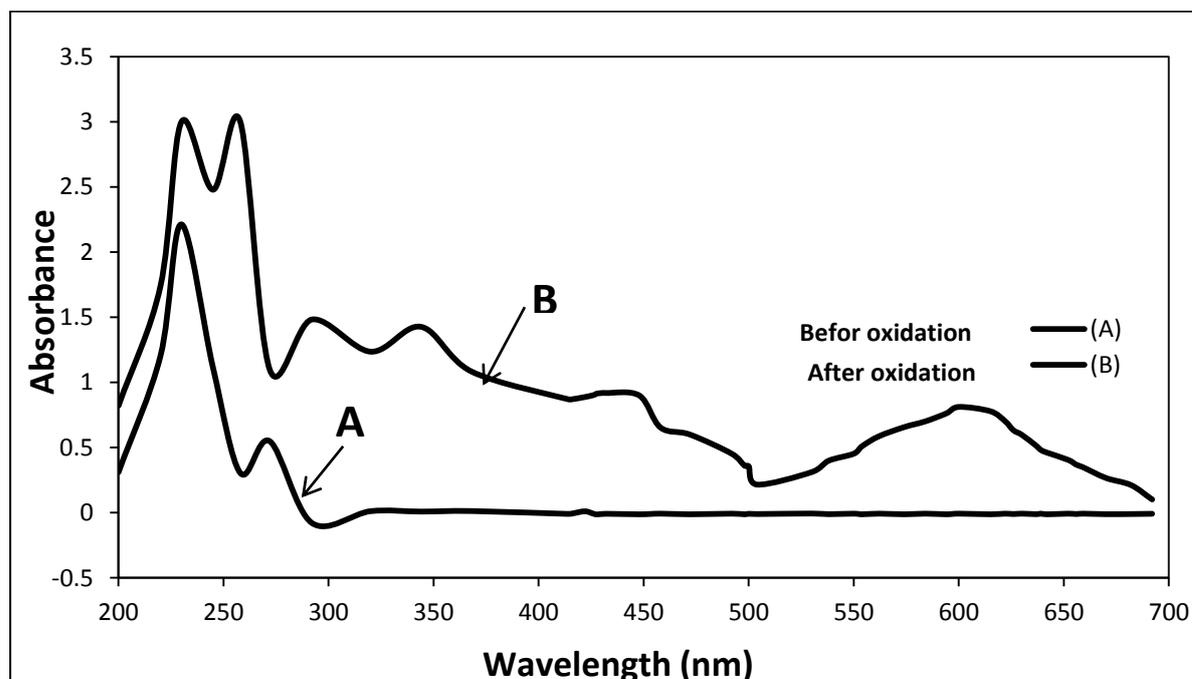
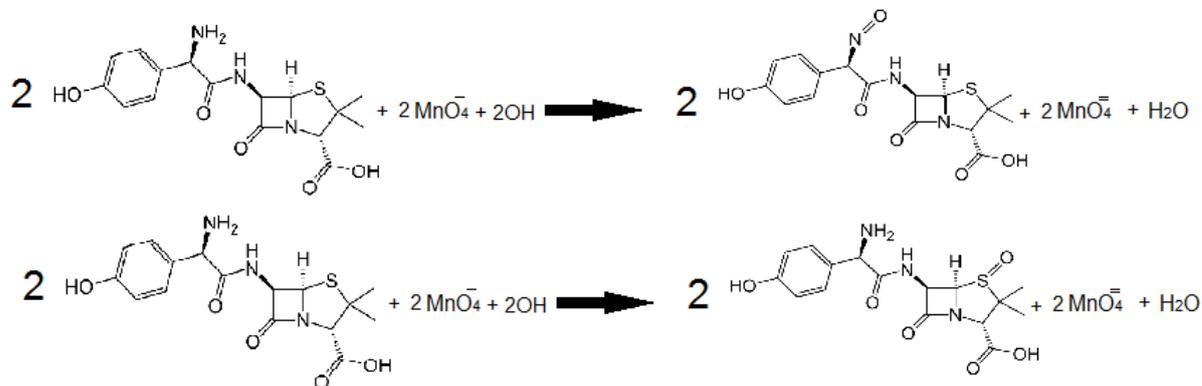


Fig.(5):- A - absorption spectrum of (Amox.) before oxidation with KMnO_4 .
B - absorption after the oxidation of (Amox.) with KMnO_4 .

Amoxicillin contains (NH₂) and (S) groups which has an ability to be

reaction mechanism is proposed and given in the following equations ⁽²⁶⁾



Recommended analytical conditions

According to the obtained results, the optimum conditions for the

determination of Amox. using a spectrophotometric method are given in table (3).

Table (3):- Optimum conditions for the determination of Amox. using the spectrophotometric method.

KMnO ₄		NaOH		Fixed time	Wave length
Conc. M	Vol.ml	Conc. M	Vol.ml	Min	nm
0.05	3	1.5	1.5	20	600

Calibration graph

A linear calibration graph for amoxicillin (Fig.6) under the optimized conditions was obtained in table (3). Beer's law is obeyed over the

concentration range of (5-50) µg.ml⁻¹ with correlation coefficient of 0.9995 and molar absorbance ε_{max} 2557.8 l.mol⁻¹.cm⁻¹ and detection limit 4.76 µg.ml⁻¹.

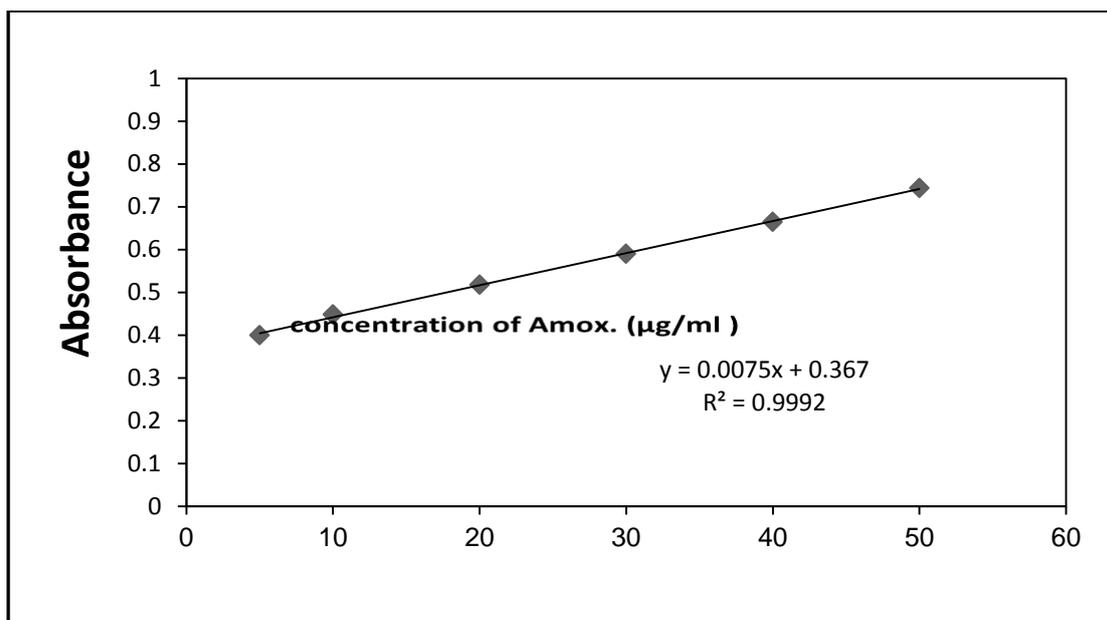


Fig.(6):- Calibration graph for the determination of Amox. by the spectrophotometric method.

The relative standard deviation for the method was ranged 1.84 -5.45 % (n = 6). Table (4) shows the accuracy and precision of the calibration graph.

Table (5) shows summary of analytical data for the determination of amoxicillin using spectrophotometric method.

Table (4):- Accuracy and precision of the calibration graph for the determination of (Amox.) by spectrophotometric method.

Taken amount of Amox. µg/ml	Found amount of Amox. µg/ml	*Recovery (%)	Average recovery (%)	*RSD (%)	Detection limit
5.0	5.06	101.2	100.6	5.45	4.76
20.0	20.2	101.0		1.87	
50.0	49.85	99.7		1.84	

*Average of six determinations.

Table(5):-Analytical data for the determination of Amox. by the spectrophotometric method.

Analytical data	Value
Linear range $\mu\text{g. ml}^{-1}$	5-50
Correlation coefficient	0.9995
Regression equation	$Y = 0.0075 X + 0.367$
RSD %	1.84
LOD $\mu\text{g. ml}^{-1}$	4.76
$\epsilon_{\text{max}} \text{ L.mol}^{-1}.\text{Cm}^{-1}$	2557.8

Pharmaceutical Application

The proposed method was applied for the determination of amoxicillin in capsules. The result in table (4) refer to good precision and recovery. This

method was successfully compared with the British Pharmacopoeia⁽²⁾ standard method. The results obtained are summarized in table(6).

Table (6):- Application of the proposed Spectrophotometric method for the determination of Amox. in Pharmaceutical Preparations

Sample	Recovery %		RSD %
	*Proposed method	Standard method	
Pure amoxicillin	101.20	99.83	1.84
Amoxidal	100.54	99.69	1.80

*Average of six determinations

Procedure (2): Determination of Amoxicillin using a FIA-CL method.

General procedure for the FIA – CL method:

The FIA-CL scheme is outlined in Figure (1). Various concentrations of

Amox. were prepared in Co^{2+} ($0.7 \mu\text{g}.\text{ml}^{-1}$) solution. 200 μl aliquot of each solution was injected through the sample loop into the stream of Co^{2+} solution, which then was combined with luminol and hydrogen peroxide streams in the flow cell which situated in front of the photomultiplier tube (PMT).

Results and discussion

The chemiluminescence of luminol–hydrogen peroxide–Co (II) System is very intense⁽²⁷⁾. However, in this work, trace amounts of Amox. were

found to be strongly activate chemiluminescence signal of this system.

Effect of reagents concentration

The effect of luminol concentration on the net chemiluminescence intensity was studied. Different concentrations of luminol (1×10^{-5} – 8×10^{-5} M) were used to establish the best emission intensity – time profile that can be obtained. Figure (7) shows that (5×10^{-5} M) of luminol is the optimal concentration.

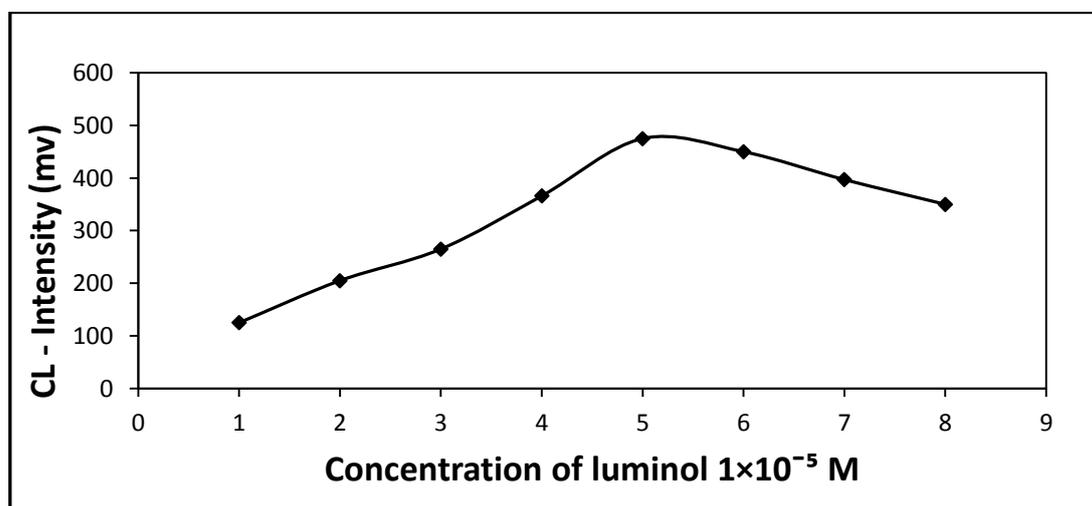


Fig. (7):- Effect of concentration of Luminol on the CL-intensity.

Effect of hydrogen peroxide concentration

The effect of H_2O_2 concentration was investigated; from the results of Figure

(8), the concentration of (1×10^{-2} M) H_2O_2 was selected to be the optimum concentration.

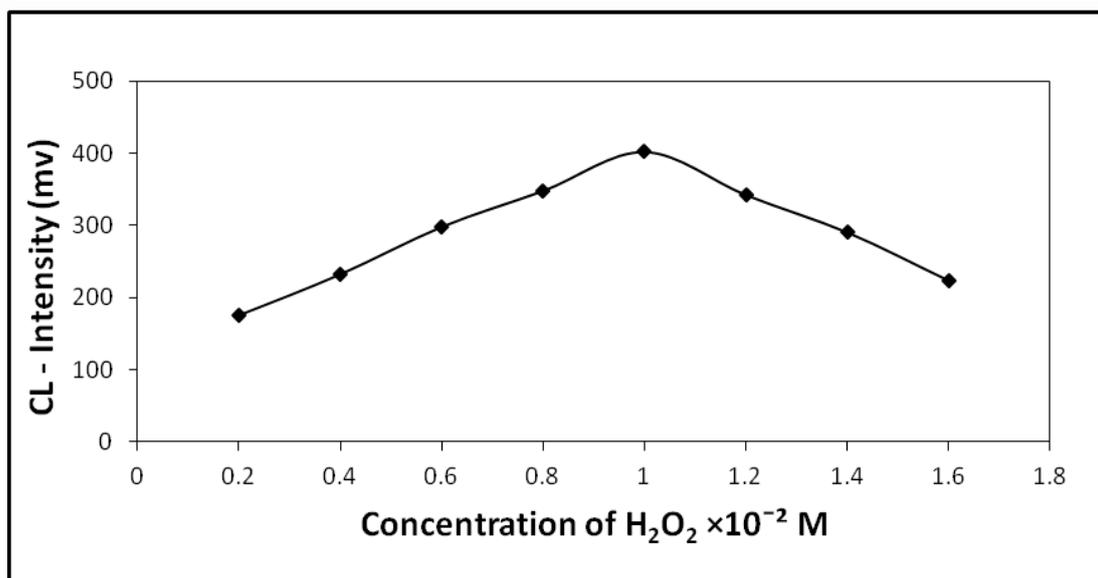


Fig.(8):- Effect of concentration of H₂O₂ on the CL-intensity

Effect of Sulphuric acid and Cobalt Concentrations

The effect of the acidity of cobalt Co²⁺ solution was also studied; three concentration of cobalt Co²⁺ (0.2, 0.5, 0.7) µg. ml⁻¹ with varying concentrations of (5 × 10⁻³ - 1 × 10⁻⁴)

M of H₂SO₄ were investigated. The best intensity was obtained at the concentration of (5 × 10⁻³) M of H₂SO₄. The effect of cobalt concentration was also studied, figure (9) Shows that the Concentration of Co²⁺ is (0.7 µg / ml⁻¹) gives a suitable CL-intensity

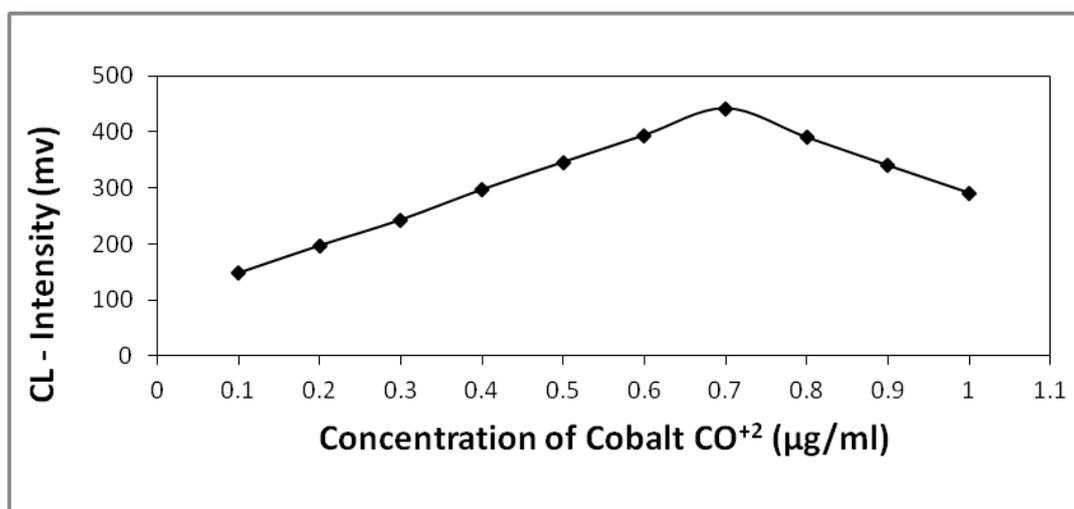


Fig.(9):- Effect of Cobalt concentration on the CL-intensity.

It is worth noting here that as the concentration of H₂SO₄ increases the CL intensity increases, this is because of increasing the catalyzed oxidation of luminol by H₂O₂ (27). At 1 × 10⁻² M

H₂SO₄ the CL intensity decreases, this fact can be attributed to the cleavage of the formed fluorescent compound. Table (7) shows that as the concentration of H₂SO₄ increases, the

time of analysis decreases width.
 accompanied with decreasing band

Table (7):- Effect of sulphuric acid concentration on band width and time of analysis.

H₂SO₄ Concentration (M)	Base band width (mm)	Time of analysis (sec)
1x10 ⁻⁴	30.0	80.0
5x10 ⁻⁴	28.0	72.0
1x10 ⁻³	25.0	55.0
5x10 ⁻³	15.0	49.0
1x10 ⁻²	9.8	44.0

Effect of flow rate

A flow rate ranged from (1-10) ml/min was investigated. Table (8) shows that the CL intensity increased with the increase of flow rate. However, a flow

rate of 5ml/min is recommended for all streams because of satisfactory CL intensity, less reagent consumption and short analysis time.

Table (8):- Effect of flow rate on the emission intensity, analysis time and peak width using 0.7 µg. ml⁻¹ of Co⁺²

Flow rate ml/min	Intensity (m v)	Analysis time (sec)	Peak width mm
1.0	223	70	26
2.0	278	45	18
3.0	489	42	12
4.0	550	38	10
5.0	670	35	8
6.0	720	32	7
7.0	743	27	6

8.0	776	25	5
9.0	820	21	4
10.0	842	15	3

Recommended Conditions

A Summary of the optimum experimental conditions for the

Analytical

determination of Amox. in pharmaceutical preparations are in Table (9).

Table (9): The recommended analytical conditions for the determination of Amoxicillin using FIA – Chemiluminescence system

Parameter	Recommended value
Conc. Of luminal	5×10^{-4} M
Conc. Of H ₂ O ₂	1×10^{-2} M
Conc. Of Co ⁺²	0.7 µg. ml ⁻¹
Conc. Of H ₂ SO ₄	5×10^{-3} M
Flow rate	5 ml/ min
Volume of Co ⁺² injected	200 µl

Calibration graph

A calibration graph of relative chemiluminescence intensity against the Amoxicillin concentration was established by applying the optimal

conditions . The regression equation is (Y = 13.42X + 1.4643), and the linearity is in the range of (8-32) µg . ml⁻¹ of Amox. (Fig.10)

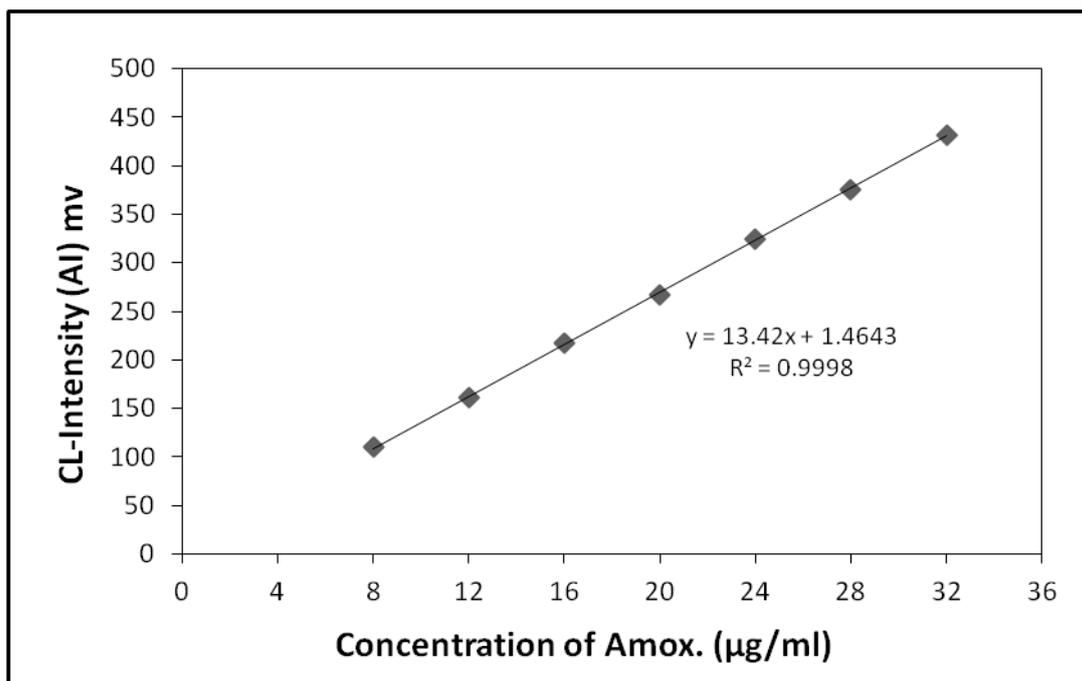


Fig.(10):- Calibration graph of relative Chemiluminescence intensity against the Amox. concentration.

The analytical data obtained from the calibration graph are summarized in table (10)

Table (10):- Analytical data for the determination of amoxicillin using FIA-CL method.

Analytical data	Value
Linear range µg. ml ⁻¹	8-32
Correlation coefficient	0.9998
Regression equation	Y= 13.42 X+1.4643
RSD %	1.48
Average Recovery %	98.9
LOD µg. ml ⁻¹	6.2

Interferences

Amoxicillin is usually formulated in capsules, and injections forms, therefore, the effect of some common excipient substances usually present in

pharmaceutical preparation were investigated. The presence of Croscarmellose Sodium, Magnesium stearate and Iron oxides gave no significant interfering effect on the

chemiluminescence intensity of Amoxicillin.

Application of developed FIA-CL method for the determination of Amox. in pharmaceutical preparations;

Amoxidal capsule containing amoxicillin was analyzed using the developed method and the results are compared with the British pharmacopoeia⁽²⁾ standard method, Table(11).

Table (11):- Application of the proposed method for the determination of Amox. in Pharmaceutical Preparations

Sample	Recovery %		*RSD %
	*Proposed method	Standard method	
Pure amoxicillin	98.9	99.3	1.48
Amoxidal	98.4	99.5	1.39

*Average of six determinations

Comparison between the two methods

The two proposed methods were compared with other methods as

shown in table (12). The value (0.45) of calculated (F test) for FIA-CL / spectrophotometric methods is much less than the value (4.95) for tabulated (F test) which indicates good agreement.

Table (12):- The statistical comparison of results for the spectrophotometric and FIA-CL method

The method	Linearity (µ g/ml)	Correlation Coefficient (r)	Recovery %	RSD %	L.O.D µg.ml	Reference
Spectrophotometric	5.0-50.0	0.9992	100.6	1.84	4.76	Present method
FIA-CL	8.0-32.0	0.9998	98.9	1.48	6.2	Present method

FIA-CL	0.1-50 mg/L	-	-	0.3-0.6	0.05 mg/L	(14)
FIA-CL	0.1-10 mg/L	-	-	0.8-2.0	-	(15)
FIA-CL	0.05-10	-	-	2.3	0.02	(16)
HPLC	0.15-600	-	-	-	0.05	(23)
Spectrophotometric	0.6-24	0.9999	99.92	1.83	-	(5)
Spectrophotometric	7.5-75	-	-	1	-	(7)
Polarography	0.15-7.3	0.9986	98.0	-	-	(25)

Conclusion

This study included two main parts: The first part involved the development of a simple kinetic spectral method for the determination of amoxicillin based on oxidation of this drug with KMnO₄ and spectral follow-up by measuring the change in absorption at a wavelength of 600 nanometres. In the second part the

chemiluminescence was found to be activated by Amox. and this is the base of the developed new method. The proposed method offers advantages of simplicity, rapidity, high sensitivity and low reagent consumption. These two methods were successfully applied to pharmaceuticals and had percentage recovery (98.9%).

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