

# Colorimetric Determination of phenylephrine hydrochloride drug Using 4-Aminoantipyrine: Stability and higher sensitivity

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## Abstract

A highly sensitive in the presence of optimum methods by using spectrophotometric to described for the determination of phenylephrine hydrochloride in aqueous solutions. The method is based on the oxidative coupling reaction of phenylephrine hydrochloride with 4-aminoantipyrine and potassium ferricyanide to form dirty ping water soluble stable product at  $\lambda$  503 nm. Good linearity for both methods was obtained ranging from 5 to 100  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ , respectively. This method is suitable for the analysis of phenylephrine in common tablet formulations without prior separation gives a color stable for over 3 hour. The developed methodology was applied in the spectrophotometric control of the drug in pharmaceutical formulations. In the present work, optimum conditions of the oxidative coupling Colorimetric methods for the quantitative determinations of phenylephrine hydrochloride can be assayed by coupling it with 4AAP as reagents in the presence of potassium ferricyanide Using 0.1N sodium hydroxyl as the basic medium, a sufficiently stable color is obtained.

**Keywords :** phenylephrine hydrochloride , 4- aminoantipyrine , Oxidative coupling, Colorimetric, highly sensitive method.

## INTRODUCTION

Pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) are of scientific and public concern as newly recognized classes of environmental pollutants and they have received a growing concern for their pollutions [1],[2] As a result of frequent use, huge amounts of PPCPs have been released into aquatic environments [3], and the contamination of surface and ground water has emerged as a serious problem in recent years[3] Pharmaceuticals as emerging pollutants have become a major concern because of their low biodegradability, high persistence, and facile bioaccumulation[4]. These compounds include diverse groups, such as antibiotics, anti-inflammatory agents, blood-lipid regulators, and steroidal hormones [5]. Hospitals, households, and drug factories are the main sources of pharmaceuticals in wastewaters[6]. The continuous release of these pollutants into the environment significantly affects human health and aquatic systems[7] Thus, these pollutants must be eliminated from wastewater.[8]

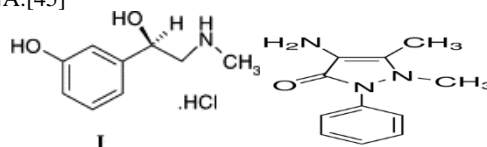
Several methods, including biodegradation[9], electrocoagulation [10], ozonation [11], ultrafiltration membrane [12], and adsorption[13], have been used to treat pharmaceuticals. Among these methods, adsorption is the simplest, cheapest, and most versatile technique for holding these pollutants [14], Activated carbon [15, 16], biochar [17], mesoporous silica [18], zeolite [19], chitosan [20], carbon nanotubes (CNTs) [21], clays [22], resin [23], biomass wastes [23], and graphene oxide [24] adsorbents have been effectively utilized to attract pharmaceutical pollutants from wastewaters. Numerous pharmaceuticals have been discovered in various surface and ground waters, and wastewaters globally, some of which have been linked to ecological impacts, even at trace concentrations[25-27]. Reports on pharmaceuticals for environmental risk and public health assessments have raised substantial concerns between both the public and regulatory agencies[28, 29]. Various conventional and advanced water and wastewater treatment processes have been investigated in terms of pharmaceutical removal from aqueous phase[30, 31]. It is worth mentioning that nanotechnology enabled remediation applications have captured enormous attention during the past years and gradually become the focus of research.[32].

Phenylephrine hydrochloride (Nec-synephrine) is (*R*)-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methyl-aminoethanol hydrochloride [33]. It is closely related chemically to epinephrine. It is a useful vasoconstrictor of sustained action with little effect on the myocardium or the central nervous system. It is used by topical

application in nose drops. Sub-cutaneous injection has been employed extensively to prevent hypotension during spinal anaesthesia and for the treatment of orthostatic hypotension [34, 35]. The most recent methods for determination of phenylephrine hydrochloride included chromatographic electrochemical and spectrophotometric (Ahmed 2007) techniques.

Many procedures are known for the qualitative detection and for the quantitative determination of phenylephrine hydrochloride. Among the several analytical methods are titrimetric, [36] colorimetric,[37, 38] spectrophotometric, [39] fluorometry[40] and chromatographic[41] methods.

4-Aminoantipyrine(C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O) is known as the type of non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug. is a metabolite of aminopyrine with analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties [42, 43]. It is used as a reagent for biochemical reactions producing peroxides or phenols. [44] 4-Aminoantipyrine stimulates liver microsomes and is also used to measure extracellular water.<sup>4</sup> The derivatives derived from 4-aminoantipyrine have shown various pharmacological activities such as antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antioxidant, anti-fungal properties and anti-microbial. Moreover, in recent reports in the field of anticancer research, 4-aminoantipyrine exhibited promising antiproliferative activity against human carcinoma cell lines and as cleavage agents for DNA.[45]



**Fig 1: chemical structure of a) Phenylephrine hydrochloride, b) 4-Aminoantipyrine**

## EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

### Preparation Reagents and samples

4-Aminoantipyrine in different series was prepared by dissolving (0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 and 0.9) 100 mL of distilled water in a volumetric flask of 100 mL.

**Phenylephrine hydrochloride** standard solutions (100  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ) were prepared by dissolving 0.1 g of **Phenylephrine hydrochloride** in distilled water the solution was made up to 1000 mL with distilled water.

Potassium Ferricyanide in different series was prepared by dissolving (0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5) 100 mL of distilled water in a volumetric flask of 100 mL.

**Preparation of Calibration Curve Phenylephrine hydrochloride**

Aliquots of standard Samples containing different concentrations (5–100) mgL<sup>-1</sup> of Phenylephrine hydrochloride drug were prepared by simple dilution with distilled water of the stock solution (100 mg l<sup>-1</sup>). The following aqueous solutions were prepared fresh daily solution were transferred into a series of 10 mL calibrated volumetric flasks : A 2.0-ml quantity of standard solution Phenylephrine hydrochloride was mixed with 2 ml of potassium ferricyanide solution in a 10-ml volumetric flask. The volume was 1 ml sodium hydroxyl solution, and the solution was mixed. A 2-ml of 4-aminoantipyrine solution was then added, and the mixture was brought to volume and mixed. The absorbance were determined spectrophotometrically by using UV-Visible Spectrophotometer as shown in Fig.2 .

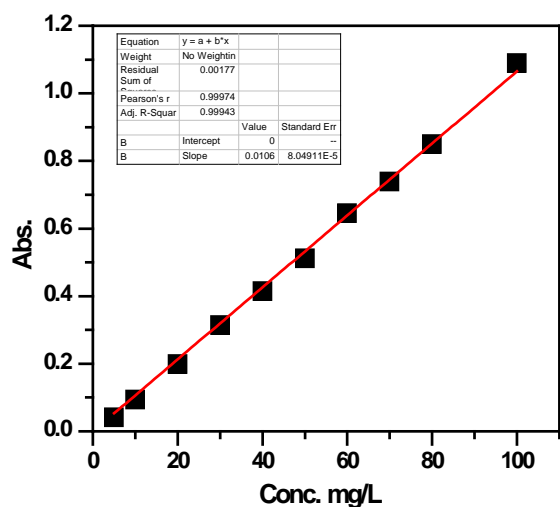


Fig. 2: Calibration curve of phenylephrine hydrochloride.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**3.1. Preliminary experiments and investigation**

Throughout the preliminary investigation on the reaction of drug with 4-aminoantipyrine in the presence of potassium Ferocyanide. A ping color product was formed. It has a maximum absorption at λ<sub>max</sub> 503 nm as shown in Fig. 3.

From the results obtained in Fig. 3, it appeared a possible to develop a new spectrophotometric method for the determination of Phenylephrine hydrochloride using the previous mentioned reaction.

Under the same conditions the reagent blank shows very small absorbance quantity (A = 0.0032) in the region of interest, so all the absorbance measurements were carried out against a reagent blank.[46]

From the results obtained, it appeared a possible to develop a new spectrophotometric method for the determination of Phenylephrine hydrochloride using the previous mentioned reaction. Initial studies were directed toward optimization of the experimental condition in order to obtain a more sensitive, stable and reproducible colored product. The influence of various reaction variables on the colored product was tested to establish the most favorable conditions for the determination of Phenylephrine hydrochloride. This study was started with the initial parameter given in Table 1.

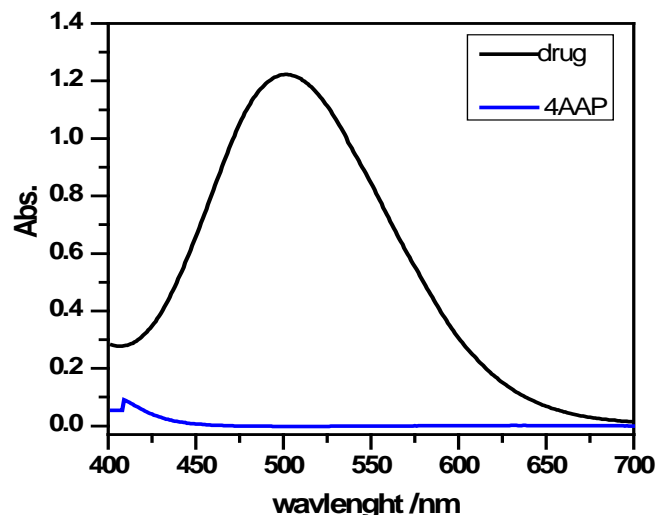


Fig. 3. Absorption spectra of A (100mgL<sup>-1</sup>) of Phenylephrine hydrochloride treated as described under procedure and measured against reagent blank of B.

Table 1. Initial experimental chemical and physical conditions.

No.	Preliminary parameters	Value
1	Conc. of 4-aminoantipyrine	0.3 gm
2	Conc. of potassium ferricyanide	0.3 gm
3	Setting time	Immediately
4	Temperature	25 °C

**3.2. Effect of time on the stability of complex**

The effect of time on the reaction and stability of the colored dye were also studied. Fig. 4 shows that the high intensity can be obtained after 5 min from the beginning of the reaction and the complex color was stable up to 1 h, after that slowly decay between 2-4 hrs. Thus, 5 min was selected as a waiting time in this study

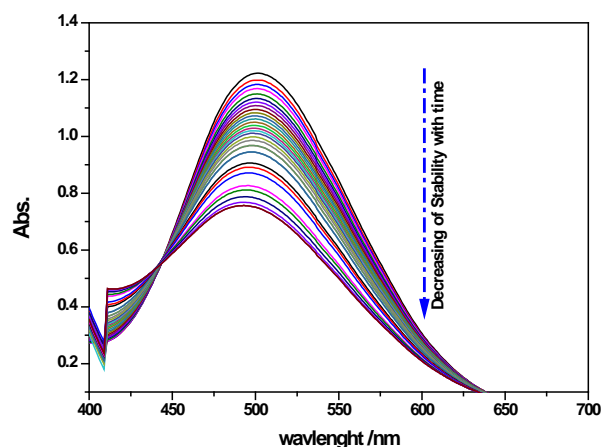


Fig. 4. Kinetic Absorption spectra of A (100 µgml<sup>-1</sup>) of Phenylephrine hydrochloride treated as described under procedure drug 3 hours

### 3.3 Concentration of 4-aminantipyridine

The effect of concentration of 4-aminoantipyridine was studied, results are shown in (Fig. 5 a & b). The absorbance increases with increasing concentration up till 0.3 gm/100 ml and started leveling

off. The corresponding decrease in absorbance when the concentration increases above 0.5mg l<sup>-1</sup>, therefore hence 0.3gm/100 ml was chosen for further investigations.[47]

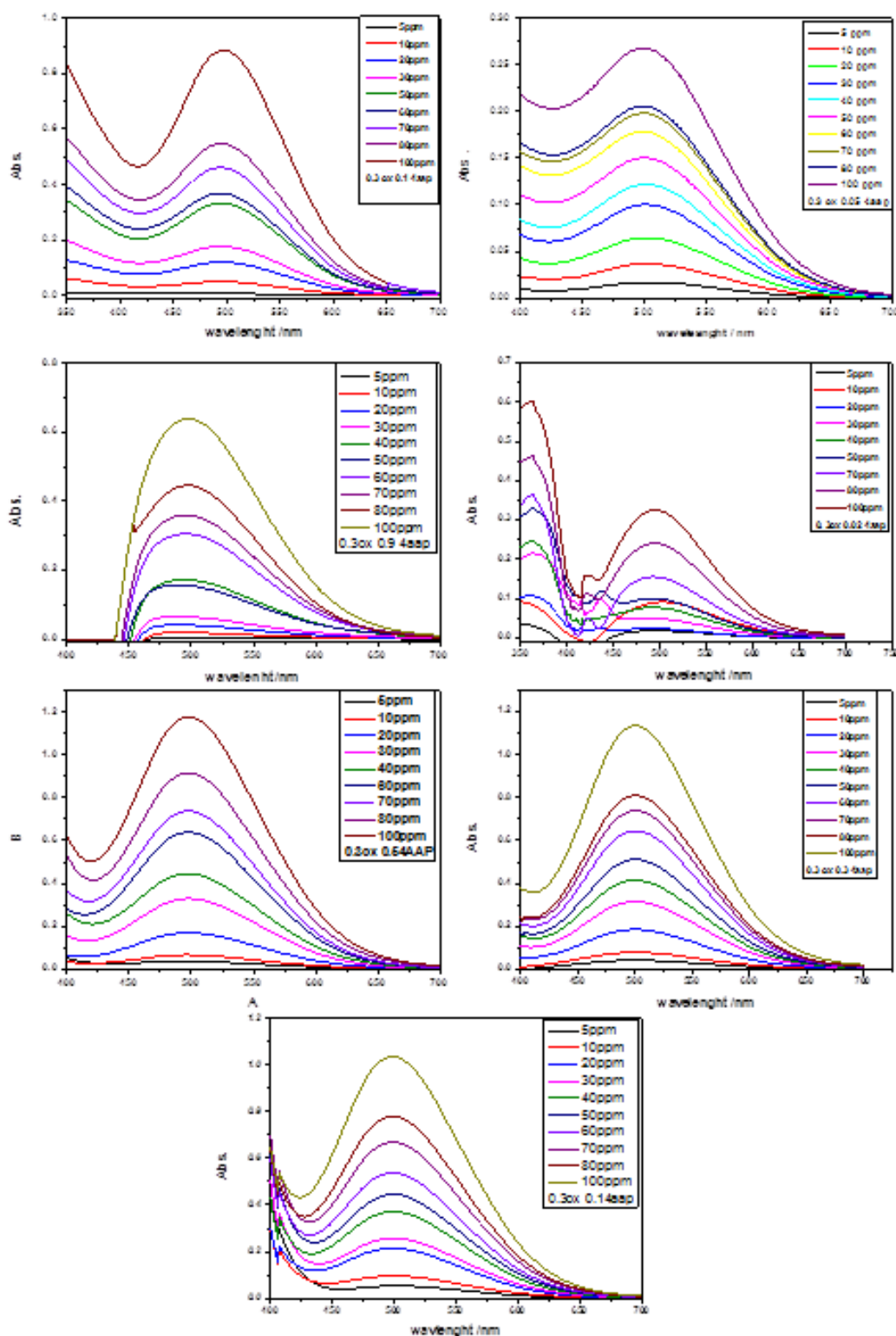


Fig.5a absorption Spectra of in the presence of difference concentrations of 4AAP

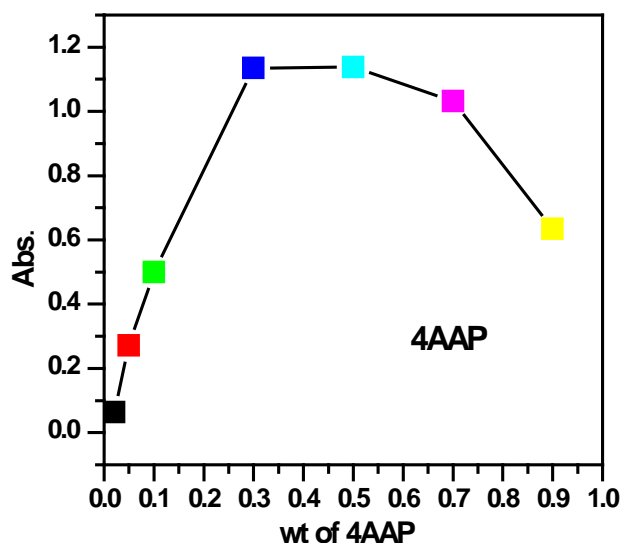


Fig. 5b. Optimum absorption of complex in the presence of difference concentrations of 4APP

**3.4 Concentration of potassium ferricyanide**

The measurements, it is vital to have sufficient reagent excess to have a better sensitivity. The effect of concentration of potassium ferricyanide was investigated from 0.02 to 0.5 mg l<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. 5). The absorbance increases with increasing concentration, but as shown in Figure 4a after 0.3g/100

mL the absorbance have a negative behavior this may be attributed to the side reaction of complex in the presence of higher concentration of oxidant, therefore in our work the 0.3 g/100ml choose as the optimum conditions. [47]

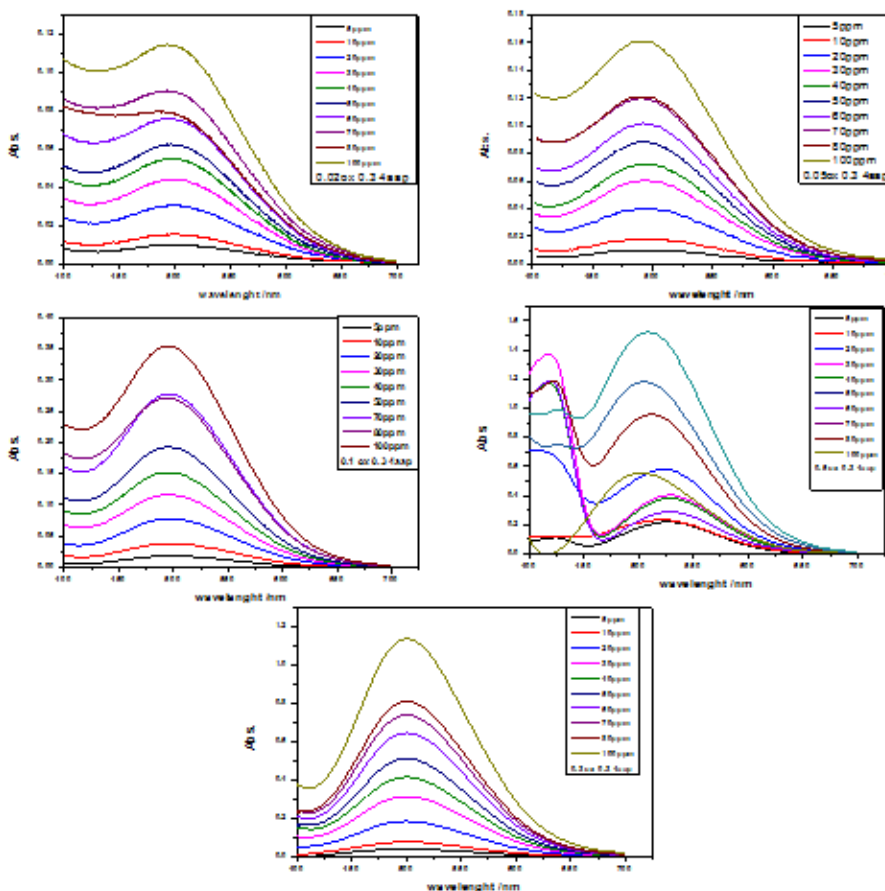


Fig.6a: Absorption spectra of oxidant in the presence of different concentrations

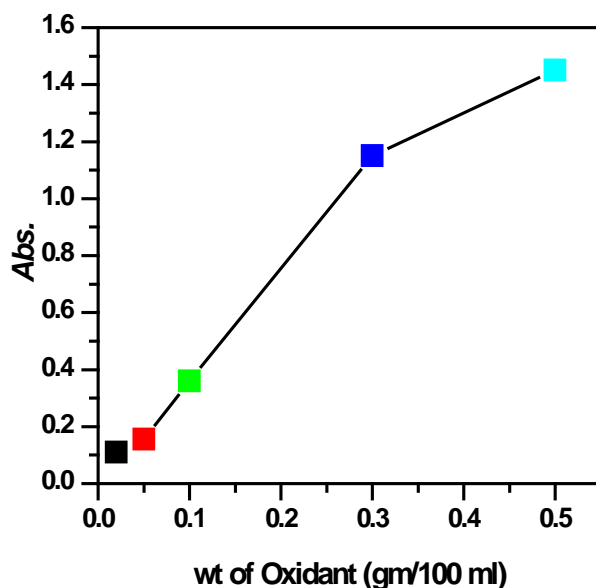


Fig.6b: absorptions value of oxidant in the presence of different concentrations

#### CONCLUSION:

1. Maximum absorbance attained at 503 nm by using UV-Vis spectrophotometer.
2. Coupling stability still at least 3 hrs.
3. The highest molar absorptivity attained when using 1:1 reagent /drug
4. 4AAP have a very important role on the stability and increasing the sensitivity until reach equilibrium, indeed of potassium ferricyanide solution.

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