



## Promethazine Hydrochloride as a Colorimetric Reagent for Quantitative Sulfacetamide Drug Assay in Different Infection Treatment Preparations



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### Abstract

**T**HE METHOD for detecting Sulfacetamide (SCA) using a basic, fast, and sensitive spectrophotometric method. Cerium ammonium nitrate (CAN) is used as the oxidizing agent in an acidic solution during the oxidative coupling reaction of promethazine hydrochloride (PRM) with (SCA), resulting in the creation of a stable, water-soluble product with a maximum absorption at 515 nm. The amount of SCA present will vary. With a molar absorptivity of  $8.2 \times 10^4$  L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>, a relative error of -2.3 to +3.3, and a relative standard deviation of 0.136 to 0.319%, Beer's law is applied in the concentration range of 2-34 ppm. The detection limits (LOD) and (LOQ) were 0.645 ppm and 2.15 ppm, respectively. Sandell's sensitivity was 0.172 g.cm<sup>-1</sup>. The recommended method has been successfully applied in a number of cases to ascertain SCA.

**Keywords:** Sulfacetamide, Spectrophotometric Method, Colorimetric Assay, Promethazine hydrochloride.

### Introduction

Sulfonamides, sometimes referred to as sulfa medicines, are benzenoid amino compounds that are generated from sulfanilic acid as its parent molecule. They function as bacteriostatics by preventing the synthesis of dihydrofolic acid, which is necessary for the growth of bacterial cells [1]. A significant family of antibacterial medications used in both human and veterinary medicine are sulfonamides [2]. Sulfa medications are frequently used to treat infections, particularly in those who are resistant to antibiotics. the pharmaceutical sciences' commercially significant division as well as the enormous economic success of these drugs [3]. Due to their ability to suppress the development of several germs, sulfa are frequently employed in medicine [4]. They are frequently used to treat trachoma, nocardiosis, toxoplasmosis, seborrheic dermatitis, seborrheic sicca, acne vulgaris, bacterial infections of the eyes, Numerous approaches, including techniques in spectrophotometry [13–15], chromatography [16,17], and electrical chemistry [18,19], have been published for the detection of sulphacetamide. The creation of an easy-to-use spectrophotometric technique to measure sulphacetamide sodium in pharmaceutical formulations is the goal of this study.

conjunctivitis, and skin infections[5]. Sulfacetamide is a synthetic broad-spectrum antibiotic that belongs to the sulfanilamide family (SCA) [6]. One kind of sulfonamide antibiotic is Sulfacetamide.

It is administered topically to treat infections of the skin and eyes, respectively. It's applied topically to treat acne and seborrheic dermatitis [7]. Additionally, burn treatments and urinary tract infections are treated with it [8]. Because it does not irritate the eyes when taken in large amounts, it is used to treat ophthalmic infections [9]. The powder known as SAS is crystalline and white in color. It is easily soluble in water, ethanol, and acetone and it has some ether and chloroform solubility [10]. In acetone, it does not dissolve. Sulfacetamide's scientific name is N-[(4-aminophenyl)sulfonyl ] acetamidemonosodium salt monohydrate. Its chemical composition is (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S, H<sub>2</sub>O) [11]. the chemical structure is as follows in fig. 1:

### Material and Methods

Digital recording spectrometer with a double-beam- UV- visible is (160) wavelength (Japan) - Applied to the absorbance and spectral Measurements. Analytical balance (Sartorius BL210S).

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### Materials

Samarra, Iraq (SDI) was used to synthesize simple material (The state of the pharmaceutical industry and the Medical Appliances Company).

#### Getting the solutions ready

The chemicals that were utilised in the process were subjected to the following solution, which required no washing and had a high degree of purity:

#### *Sulfacetoamid (SCA) (500 ppm)*

Samarra-Iraq (SDI) (Pharmaceutical Industries and Medical Devices Company) produced the basic material. Using 0.05 g of the pure material, 10 ml of ethanol was used to increase its solubility before it was diluted in 100 ml of deionized water in a volumetric flask to create a 500 ppm SCA standard solution. Standard work is completed in order to preserve work concentrations(20).

#### *Getting the solution Nitric acid 1M*

Concentrated nitric acid was taken in a volume of 1.385 ml and mixed and deionized water 20 ml Added to volumetric container and filled

#### *Reagents:*

The general medical supply and pharmacy facility in Samarra, Iraq provided the SCA standard material. and all of the compounds used in this experiment were analytical grade reagents.

#### *Promethazine hydrochloride (PRM) solution, $1.5 \times 10^{-2} M$*

To make this solution, (.08533) g of PRM were dissolved in 20 ml of distilled water.

#### *Ammonium ceric sulphate (ACS) solution, $4 \times 10^{-3} M$*

Take 0.0438g of (ACS) were dissolved in (20) ml of distilled water to create this solution.

#### *Suggested procedure*

Take equal volumes of standard solutions of SCA solution with concentration ranging from 2 to 34 ppm in a series of 20 ml volumetric flasks, sequentially one by one in the last volume, accompanied by the addition of 1 ml of 1M nitric acid and 1 ml of PRM and add 4 ml of ACS, and complete the volume of 20 ml by adding distilled water, then leaving the solutions for 10 minutes at room temperature, and the absorbance at 515 nm was measured step by step and a calibration curve was created [21]. Sulfacetamide in eye drop and cream dosage forms in Pharmaceutical preparations: Take 0.1 ml of drop and dilute it in 20 ml of distilled water (Table 1).

### **Results and Discussion**

The effect of several variables on colour development was studied and the ideal conditions

were determined. The results showed that the interaction between (SCA) and (PRM) gave results using spectroscopic analysis and the presence of the oxidizing agent (ACS) led to obtaining a product with a strong colour that can be used as a suitable testing technique for SCA in Pharmaceutical preparations such as eye drops. The violet product absorbs most of the light at a wavelength of 515 nm (Fig. 2).

#### *Acidic impact*

A small number of acids are taken, including HCl,  $CH_3COOH$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ , and  $HNO_3$  at concentrations of 1M. When taking into account the highest absorption of the acids used to produce the colored solution, as a result, nitric acid gave the highest absorption value at the optimal volume, which is 1 ml, when using different volumes of nitric acid [22] (Fig. 3).

#### *The impact of reagent concentration*

To studies the effects of reagent on the absorbance concentration of (PRM). It turned into made using 1 ml of 500 Sulfacetoamid (SCA) drug, which turned into transferred into a chain of volumetric flasks with a quantity of 25 ml. Varying volumes for the reagent  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} M$  have been taken, starting from 0.1 to 2.2 ml, and the volumes were completed to (25 ml) through distilled water. For the formation, colored Leads to an observation delivered, and the appropriate size become (1) ml ( PRM ), which gives a especially absorptions, then become put to use within the appearing and next experiences in Fig. (4) [20].

#### *Effect time in reaction*

After preparing the colored solution of the drug (SCA), PRM, oxidizing agent (CAN), and nitric acid, and taking the best absorbance that was fixed for 10 minutes, the color intensity of the product was at its highest levels. In this way, the proposed technique showed that a 10-minute progression window was selected as the best. Within 24 hours, the color was stable. This can be seen in Fig. (5).

#### *Calibration graph*

The calibration diagram for (SCA) identification under controlled circumstances. With a correlation value of 0.9992, a slope of 0.0316, and an intercept of 0.0536, the graph is linear in the attention range of two-34 ppm. Give the absorbance molar of the yellow colour product turned into calculated to be(  $8.2 \cdot 10^3$ ) (  $L \cdot mol^{-1} \cdot cm^{-1}$ ), like that the Sandall's sensibility became 3.07 g  $cm^{-1}$ . LOD and LOQ had been 0.645 ppm and 2.15 ppm, respectively (Fig. 6).

#### *Mechanism and Stoichiometry*

The drug/PRM ratio was always (1) equivalent (1) (i.e., one mole used of the drug and one mole used of the substance reagent reacted) during the

stoichiometry assessment for the reaction between the stated reagent and the observed SCA. This process produced a new ligand, which at 515 (nm) reacted to form a new complex absorption. The molar ratio and the continuous variation approach similarly found that the ratio in this reaction between the produced ligand and both were 1:1. Based on these findings, it was assumed that the (SCA) interactions with (PRM) likewise proceeded in the mentioned manner [23] (Fig. 7).

#### *Interferences influence*

The following excipients were examined: calcium chloride, sodium disulfate, PVP, sodium sulfite, lactose, benzoic acid, trimethoprim, and fructose.

#### *The application pharmaceutical*

The use of pharmaceuticals Using drops and cream the medicinal applicability of this approach was investigated. For each of the aforementioned applications, calibration curves were created and precision and accuracy were determined (Table 4). Three distinct concentrations were calculated for each sample using drops and cream.

#### *Biological activity*

The capacity of a molecular entity to achieve a certain biological impact on a target is known as biological activity. Potency, or the quantity of a molecular entity needed to achieve the intended effect, is used to quantify it. A biologic test is performed to determine biological activity. To assess a The capacity of a molecular entity to achieve a certain biological impact on a target is known as biological activity. Potency, or the quantity of a molecular entity needed to achieve the intended effect, is used to quantify it. mical's biological activity, the impact of the biological test is compared to that of a reference preparation on a specified therapeutic target. It is also how an agent's efficacy in terms of pharmacological target responses is determined. According to the data in Table (6), several drugs are effective against certain pathogens [25].

#### **Conclusions**

At the time, the spectrophotometric technique was Low, SCA concentrations can be determined using a rapid, simple, sensitive, and accurate approach. This method can determined SCA of trace

These excipients were included in the cream's dosage forms together with SCA, but they had no influence on these measures. SCA was a component of the study's solution, and each ingredient was added separately at concentrations 10 times higher than SCA's, and they were all assessed using same procedure In the medication's calibration chart. For spot dilution and interference investigation, 1 milliliter of each 5000 ppm excipient and 1 milliliter of 500 ppm solution were provided. When an evaluation for (SCA) revealed no interference, the degree of interaction was considered defendable if inaccuracy did not exceed  $\pm 2$  percentile relative to projected level [24] (Tables 3,4).

amounts in aqueous of solution, a quick, accurate, and sensitive spectrophotometry method based on the conjugation reaction with (Bromethizin hydrochloride, PRM), the presence of nitric acid, and an oxidizing agent of ceric ammonium nitrite was developed. The suggested procedure took fifteen minutes to complete at room temperature without the need for a solvent extraction step.

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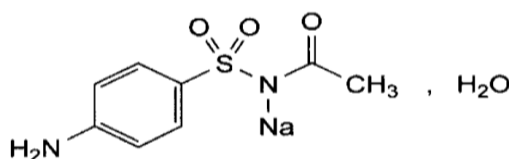
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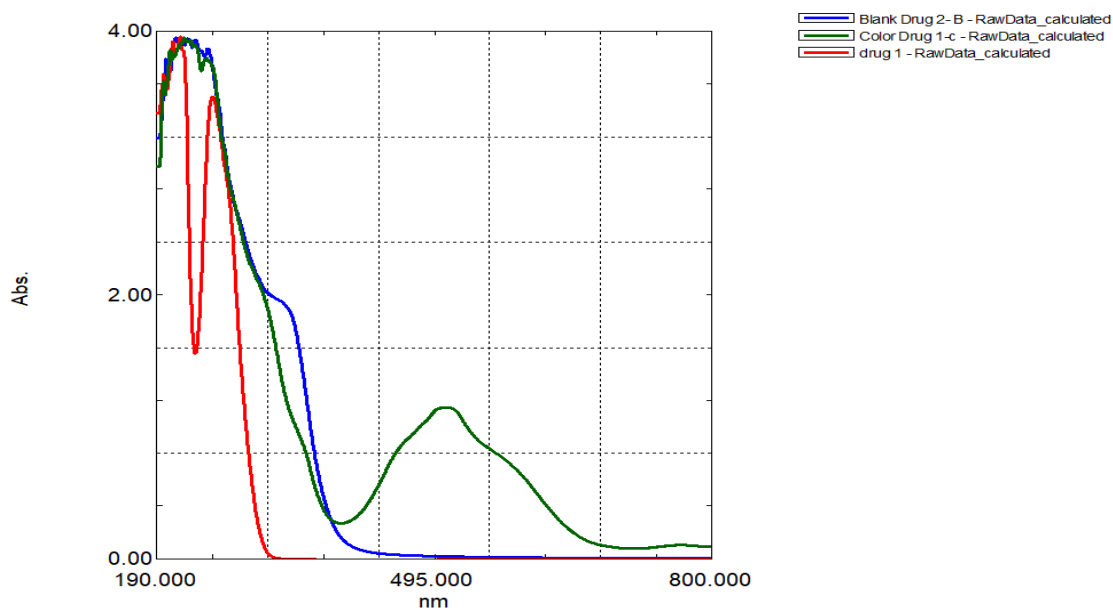
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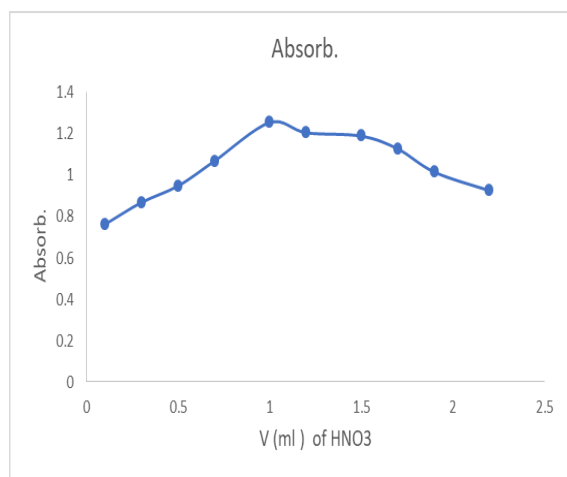
**Fig. 1. Molecular weight: 254.2 g/ mo**

**TABLE 1. Drops and cream are used for solution models in the paper and its companions**

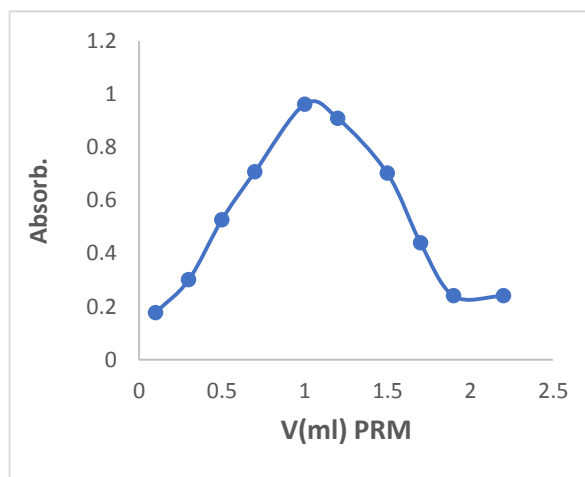
The solution preparation	Company applied
<b>Sulfacetomide</b> drops (each 10 ml of drops contains 1 gm <b>sulfacetomide</b> )	Pharmaceutical Industries Company sina darou Tehran , Iran
KON-SULTRINE cream(each 1gram contains 28.6mg <b>sulfacetomide</b> )	Kontam Pharmaceuticals (zhongshan) Company. LTD



**Fig. 2.** Shows the absorption spectrum of 500 ppm SCA processed according to the proposed method and compares it with some (a: red) pure drugs (SCA) and (b: blue) all-natural ingredients without drugs(blank). (C: green) colored solution.



**Fig. 3.** Difference in acid volume (1M)



**Fig. 4.** The reagent's volume effective at the reaction

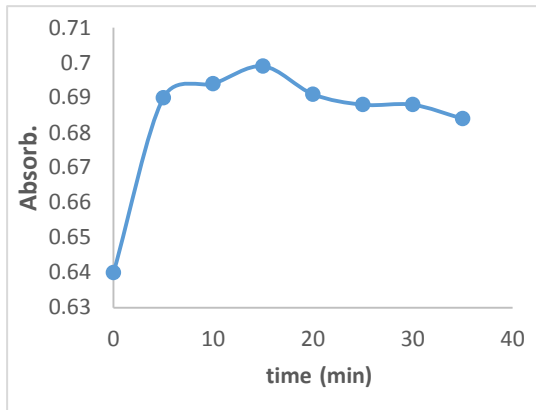


Fig. 5. The time effect of reaction

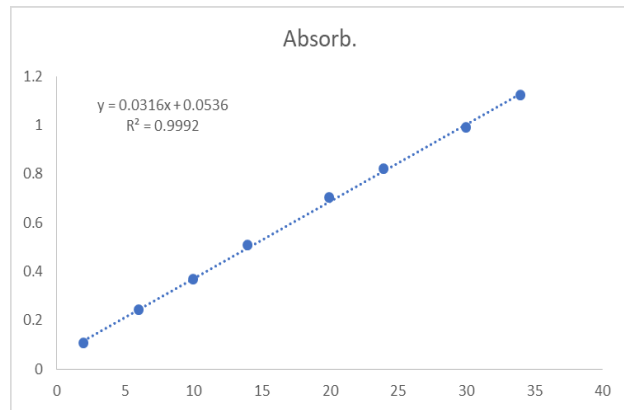


Fig. 6. The curves for calibrating of SCA

TABLE 2. Analytical Information for the Process under Study

Parameters	Value
$\lambda$ max, (n.m)	515
R2, the correlation coefficient	0.9992
(b) Slope	0.0316
Molecular Absorptivity ( $L \cdot mol^{-1} \cdot cm^{-1}$ )	$8.2 \times 10^3$
Beer limitations: Law (ppm)	2 - 34
Sandell Sensitivity ( $g \cdot cm^{-1}$ )	3.070
Intercept: (a)	.0536
The limit of quantitation (LOQ): (ppm)	.645
The limits of detection (LOD): (ppm)	2.15

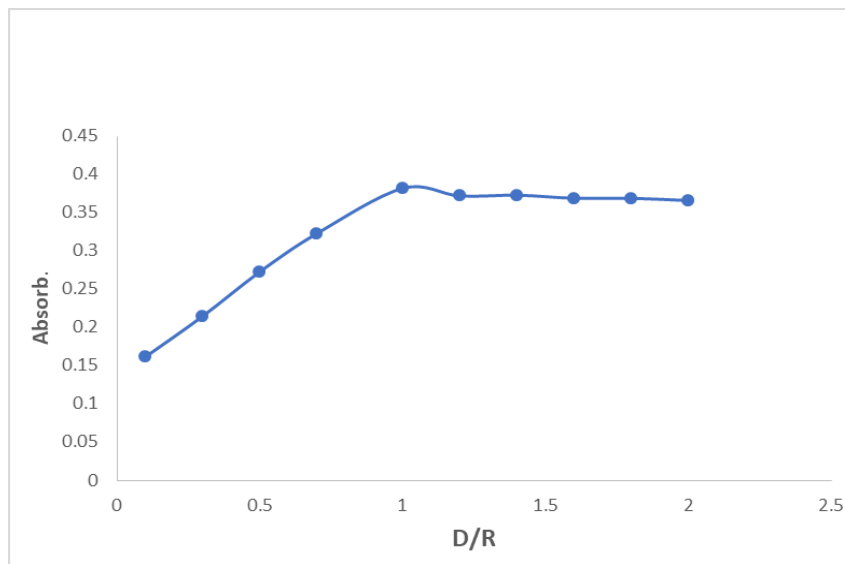


Fig. 7. The mole ratio of SCA

TABLE 3. Shows accuracy and precision data

SCA Concen. (ppm)		Error%	Recovery%	RSD%
True	Found			
6	6.2	3.3	103.3	0.906
20	20.5	2.5	102.5	0.819
34	33.2	-2.3	97.7	0.636

TABLE 4. The assessment of medicine on The effect of chemicals used as excipients

Interferences	Conc. of SCA Found (ppm)	The error %	The Recovery %
Calcium Chloride	19.79	-1.05	98.95
Sodium Disulfite	19.953	-0.235	99.765
Starch	19.941	-0.295	99.705
Talc	19.77	-1.15	98.85
Lactose	19.87	-0.65	99.35
Fructose	19.8	-1	99
Sodium Sulfite	19.78	-1.10	98.90
PVP	19.91	-0.45	99.55
Benzoic acid	19.94	-0.30	99.70
Sucrose	19.83	-0.85	99.15
Trimethoprim	19.97	-0.15	99.85

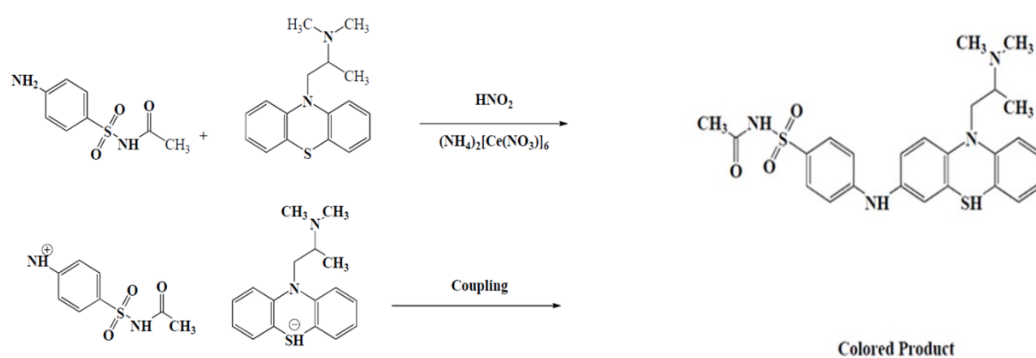


Fig. 8. Scheme 1. Potential reaction mechanism for the figuration of (SCA medicine complexes with + PRM) by finding the (nitric acid and ceric ammonium nitrate)

TABLE 5. Precision and accuracy results for drops and cram containing SCA

NO.	Composition	Present methods		Standard methods	
		% Recovery	% RSD	% Recovery	%RSD
1-	Pure SCA	101.2	0.787	98.6	.754
2-	drops this medicine (SCA)	98.5	0.766	98.5	.805
3-	Cram this medicine	97.5	.756	101.5	.792

TABLE 6. Demonstrates the bactericidal impact of SCA

The drug	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>
Pure SCA	20	22	19

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### استخدام البروميثازين هيدروكلوريد ككاشف لوني لمقايضة عقار السلفاسيتوأميد في مستحضرات علاج العدوى المختلفة

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#### الخلاصة

طريقة للكشف وتقدير عن السلفاسيتوأميد (SCA) باستخدام طريقة طيفية أساسية وسريعة وحساسة. يتم استخدام نترات الأمونيوم السيريوم (CAN) كعامل مؤكسد في محلول حمضي أثناء تفاعل الاقتران التأكسدي لهيدروكلوريد البروميثازين (PRM) مع (SCA)، مما يؤدي إلى تكوين منتج مستقر قابل للذوبان في الماء مع أقصى امتصاص عند 515 درجة نانومتر. سوف يختلف مقدار SCA الموجود مع الامتصاص المولي 8.2 – 34 جزء في المليون. وكانت حدود الكشف (LOD) 0.645 و (LOQ) جزء في المليون و 2.15 جزء في المليون على التوالي. كانت حساسية ساندل 0.172 جم.سم-1. تم تطبيق الطريقة الموصى بها بنجاح في عدد من الحالات للتأكد من SCA.

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