

## Determination of Spectinomycin Sulfate Tetrahydrate and Lincomycin Hydrochloride by HPLC in Veterinary Products (Mycospectin oral powder)

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### Abstract

developing a high-performance liquid chromatography separation technique that is quick and precise and quantification of both spectinomycin sulphate tetrahydrate and lincomycin hydrochloride in the veterinary formulation drug. This method is applied on an HPLC Agilent 1260 with a UV detector using 150X 4.6 mm BDS hypersil cyano column, Particle size 5  $\mu$ m. Mobile phase: 95% buffer (dissolve 3.5 g potassium dihydrogen phosphate in 1000 ml distilled water and adjust pH to 6.5 with 1N sodium hydroxide):5 % acetonitrile, Flow rate 1.0 ml/min, Wavelength 220 nm, Injection volume 10.0  $\mu$ l and ambient column temperature. The calibration curve of spectinomycin sulphate tetrahydrate and lincomycin hydrochloride was linear with a correlation coefficient that should be more than 0.99 between 50% and 150% of the desired concentrations. It is determined by preparing five concentrations of spectinomycin sulfate tetrahydrate (6.72, 10.08, 13.44, 16.8 and 20.16 mg/ml) and lincomycin hydrochloride (2.513, 3.7695, 5.026, 6.2825 and 7.539 mg/ml). Linearity results of spectinomycin sulfate  $r=0.9999$  NLT, Linearity results for Lincomycin hydrochloride = 0.999 so the method is found to be linear as  $r$  is more than 0.99, The result of relative standard deviation was  $\leq 2$ . The suggested technique was verified and successfully used for the separation and quantification of both spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride in the veterinary drug.

**Keywords:** RP-HPLC; Spectinomycin sulphate tetrahydrate; Lincomycin hydrochloride; Forced degradation; Method Validation.

### 1. Introduction

The antibiotics spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride, which are respectively aminoglycoside and lincosamide, have synergistic and complimentary effects on one another's antibacterial spectra and processes. The antibacterial mechanism of spectinomycin sulphate, which inhibits bacterial protein synthesis by acting on the 30S subunit of ribosomes, primarily includes inhibiting the binding of messenger ribonucleic acid and ribosomes. This prevents protein synthesis and has bactericidal effects [1, 24]. Lincomycin HCL works by attaching to the bacterial ribosomal 50S subunit and inhibiting peptide acyltransferase, which prevents the production of bacterial proteins and has bactericidal effects. [2,25]. Spectinomycin sulphate is more active against Gram-negative bacteria than Gram-positive bacteria, Lincomycin HCL, however, has a potent antibacterial impact on Gram-positive bacteria, so can effect on *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* which is a species of gram-positive bacteria, is highly contagious and causes a chronic respiratory disease [3]. When

disease caused by strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* that are susceptible to spectinomycin which is used to treat acute gonorrheal urethritis and proctitis in males as well as acute gonorrheal cervicitis and proctitis in females. [4]. As a result, *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infections, which cause chronic respiratory disorders in chickens & piglet diarrhea are commonly treated with combination of spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin HCL [5-7,27]. In broiler-type hens, therapy with a combination of lincomycin HCL and spectinomycin sulphate during the first week of life can prevent the enterococcus cecorum EC-associated illness and has a significant effect on the formation of the cecal microbiota. [8,26]. There are numerous published techniques for determining spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride. To determine the presence of spectinomycin, The HPLC approach employed post-column oxidation and derivatization for fluorometric detection after ion-pair solid phase extraction for clean-up. [9] and with tandem mass spectrometry [10] Method with A pre-column

derivatized HPLC technique and UV detection [11] in addition to HPLC with ELSD for analysis [12] Lincomycin detection by UV detector and micellar electrokinetic capillary chromatography [13] also LC combined with tandem mass spectrometry [14] gas chromatography for the detection of nitrogen and phosphorus [15] as well as a method of pre-anodized screen-printed carbon electrode [16] RP-HPLC with TMS [17] and with RP-HPLC only [28] An immunochromatographic assay and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) were created. [18] Qualitative evaluation of lincomycin and spectinomycin by ASE followed by GC-MS [19,20] And combined with GC-NPD [21] the only reported method used charged aerosol detection techniques with liquid chromatography. (LC-CAD) [22] Also HPLC with gradient mobile phase, UV detector but in a gradient way not preferable where it takes time and, so not recommended being routine QC/QA chromatographic assay [23]. Our procedure yields a straightforward, quick, and precise reverse phase HPLC method for measuring both lincomycin hydrochloride [251.3 mg/g] and spectinomycin sulphate [672 mg/gm] in the formulation of veterinary products in an isocratic way where the method uses column 150\*4.6 mm BDS hypersil cyano column particle size 5  $\mu$ , flow rate 1.0 m/min, injection volume 10.0  $\mu$ l wavelength 220 nm, mobile phase ratio 95%buffer (dissolve 3.5g potassium dihydrogen phosphate in 1000ml distilled water and use 1 N sodium hydroxide to set the pH to 6.5) : 5% acetonitrile and by using a UV detector . For the analysis and quantification of both substances in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form, the presented procedures are a straightforward, conventional QC/QA chromatographic assay.



Fig. (1) Chemical structure of lincomycin HCl



Fig. (2) Chemical structure spectinomycin sulphate

## 2. Material and Methods

### Reagents and chemicals

Sodium hydroxide, Potassium dihydrogen ortho-phosphate, Acetonitrile HPLC grade, ortho-phosphoric acid 85% HPLC grade and water all purchased Through Merck (Germany). A 0.45-Mm nylon membrane filter, manufactured by Chrom Tech(UK)., was used to filter the mobile phase

### Standards and Samples

Lincomycin hydrochloride gets from Ningxia taiyicin biotech CO.LTD (China) & spectinomycin sulfate tetrahydrate get from Hebei shengxue Dacheng pharmaceutical (Tangshan) CO.LTD (China), Pharmaceutical products containing spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride (Mycospectin oral powder) were purchased from the Egyptian pharmaceuticals market

### Instrumentation and Chromatographic conditions

HPLC Agilent 1260 is used to analyze drugs by using (150X 4.6 mm) BDS hypersil cyano column. Particle size 5 $\mu$ , withn UV detector. Chemstation, Peak areas are integrated using an Agilent LC solution software programme, and data was recorded using LC solution software.

Schimadzu AUY 220 balance, 780 pH meter, and ultrasonic cleaner from skymen (JP-060S, china) is used to degas mobile phase.

The separation and quantification of both spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride carried using HPLC with a 150X 4.6 mm BDS hypersil cyano column, Particle size 5  $\mu$ , with a UV detector, when the detector's wavelength was set at 220 nm. 95% buffer (3.5 g potassium dihydrogen phosphate in 1000 ml distilled water, pH adjusted to 6.5 with 1N sodium hydroxide): 5% acetonitrile makes up the mobile phase with flow rate of 1.0 ml/min, injection volume of sample was 10.0  $\mu$ l, and the column temperature is ambient.

### Preparing a solution

#### Standard solution preparation:

Transfer 672 mg Spectinomycin sulfate working standard and 251.3 mg lincomycin hydrochloride working standard add 30 ml of

mobile phase to a 50 ml volumetric flask, sonicate for 15 minutes, and then cool to room temperature and reach to volume while using the mobile phase. To obtain Final concentration of 13.440 and 5.026 mg/ml respectively.

#### **Preparation of a sample solution**

Transfer 1.0 g of the mixture (corresponding to 672 mg of spectinomycin sulphate and 251.3 mg of lincomycin hydrochloride) to a 50 ml volumetric flask. Add 30 ml of the mobile phase, sonicate for 15 minutes, allow the mixture to cool to room temperature, and then add the mobile phase to fill the flask to capacity.

#### **Test method validation**

##### **Specificity**

If the main peak is clearly separated from any other peak by a resolution of at least 2, the method is considered selective.

##### **Forced degradation study**

The stress conditions that were put to use include oxidative, acidic, and basic stressors, according to ICH [24].

##### **Acid hydrolysis:**

In order to force degradation in acidic media, transferring 1g sample to 50ml volumetric flask, adding 5 ml 1 N HCL, leaving at 75 °C temperature for 1 hr then neutralize using 5 ml 1 N NaOH, Add 30 ml of mobile phase, sonicate for 15 minutes, let the mixture cool to room temperature, and then add the mobile phase to finish the volume.

##### **Base hydrolysis:**

In order to force degradation in basic media was performed by transferring 1g sample to 50ml volumetric flask, adding 5 ml 1 N NaOH, leaving at 75 °C temperature for 1 hr. then neutralize using 5 ml 1N HCL, Add 30 ml of mobile phase, sonicate for 15 minutes, let the mixture cool to room temperature, and then add the mobile phase to finish the volume.

##### **Oxidative hydrolysis:**

In order to force degradation in oxidative media was performed by transferring 1g sample to 50ml volumetric flask, add 5 ml 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, leave at 75 °C for 1 hr. Add 30 ml of mobile phase, sonicate for 15 minutes, let the mixture cool to room temperature, and then add the mobile phase to finish the volume.

##### **Linearity:**

It is determined by calculating the correlation coefficient which should be more than 0.99 between

50% and 150% of the desired concentrations. It is determined by preparing five concentrations of spectinomycin sulfate (6.72, 10.08, 13.44, 16.8 and 20.16 mg/ml) and lincomycin hydrochloride (2.513, 3.7695, 5.026, 6.2825 and 7.539 mg/ml). Each solution was injected twice.

##### **Accuracy**

It is achieved by determining the active recovery from placebo at three levels (50%, 100%, and 150%), with three preparations at each level.

##### **System suitability**

Six replicates of the standard solution at 100% concentration and six measurements of the homogeneous sample were used to test the system's repeatability.

##### **Ruggedness**

The ruggedness is determined by performing the analysis of a homogenous sample under different conditions like different days and different analysts.

Day to day: It is done by analyzing 6 different test preparations at 100 % concentration; each preparation was injected twice and repeated on the second day by the same analyst.

Analyst to analyst: It is done by analyzing 6 different test preparations at 100 % concentration; each preparation was injected twice and repeated by second analyst on the same day.

##### **Robustness**

It is determined by observing how the method stands up to slight variations in the chromatographic condition such as flow rate or the make-up of the mobile phase, mobile phase was changed from 5% to 6% acetonitrile, and the flow rate was increased from 1.0 to 1.1 ml/min.

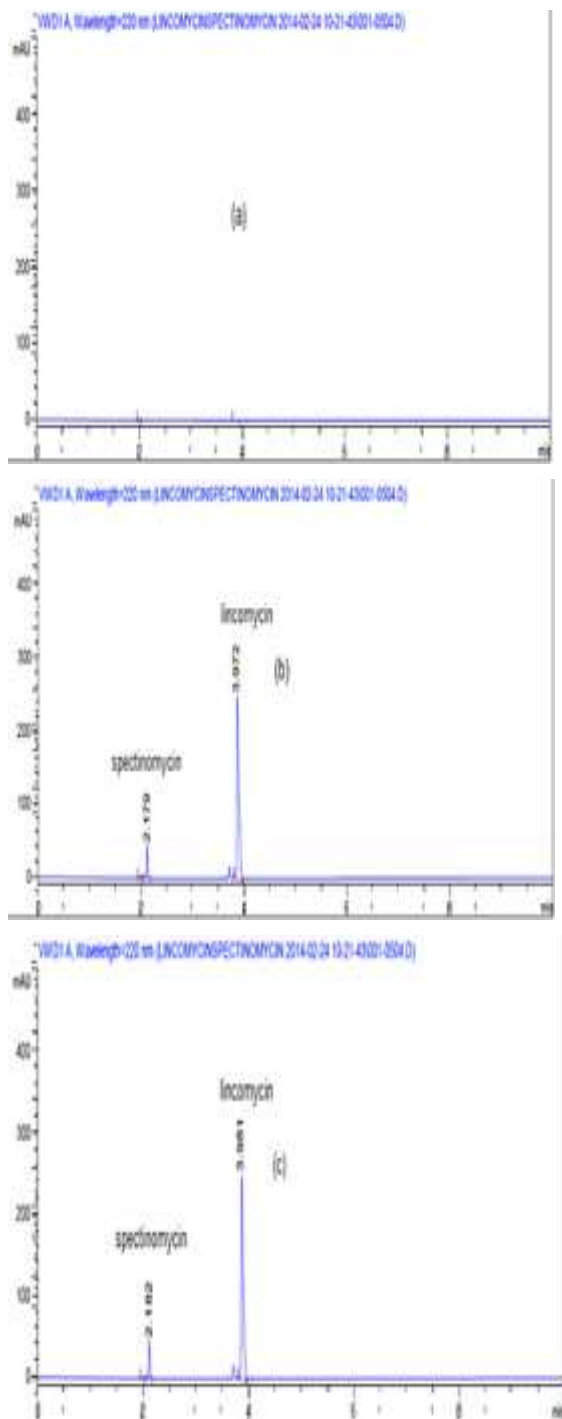
##### **Limit of Quantitation and Limit of Detection:**

Limit of detection is the minimum concentration that can be detected by the analytical procedure, where concentration levels provide a 3:1 signal-to-noise ratio. The minimum concentration is the limit of quantitation. That can be quantified by the analytical procedure with an accepted precision, where the concentration level provides a 10:1 signal-to-noise ratio.

### **3. Results and discussion**

#### *Specificity and forced degradation study*

Spectinomycin and lincomycin demonstrated reduction in the peak areas under acidic and basic conditions while the formulation shows good stability under oxidative conditions.

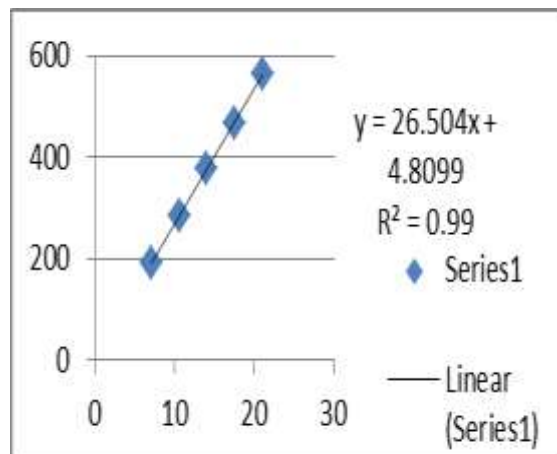


**Figure (3)** HPLC chromatogram of (a) placebo, (b) reference substance, and (c) test substance

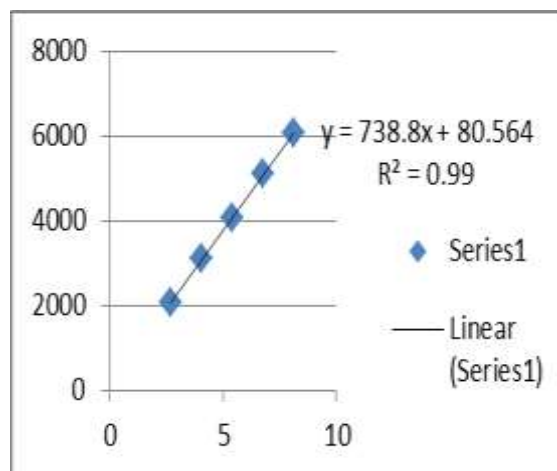
#### Linearity:

Linearity method shows its suitability for analysis in over the concentration range figures 4 and 5, the results showed that the goodness of fit ( $R^2$ )  $R^2 = 0.99$  for Spectinomycin sulphate and  $R^2 = 0.99$  for Lincomycin HCl revealing a linear correlation between the analyte's concentration and the observed peak area. Spectinomycin sulphate:  $y = 26.504x + 4.8099$ ,  $R^2 = 0.99$

Lincomycin HCl:  $y = 738.8x + 80.564$ ,  $R^2 = 0.99$



**Figure (4)** Linearity curve of spectinomycin sulphate



**Figure (5)** Linearity curve of lincomycin HCl

Within the target concentration range and the % RSD, the method displayed remarkable accuracy. For both active ingredients are within acceptable limit  $\leq 2$ . Percentage recovery for each test solution within limits  $(100 \pm 2)$ . The data summarized in tables 1 and 2.

**System suitability:** An analytical technique demonstrates that all of the required system suitability parameters are within allowable bounds. For spectinomycin sulphate and lincomycin hydrochloride, it was determined that the respective column efficiency ( $N$ ) values were 3025 and 3015 theoretical plates. The symmetry and tailing factors at the peak are 1.01 and 0.97, respectively. The two active ingredients' peaks are separated by 7.16 between them.

**Table (1)** Recovery results of Spectinomycin sulfate:

S.NO	theoretical conc. (mg/ml)	Found conc.(mg/ml)	Recovery %
1-	6.72	6.74	100.30
2-	6.72	6.73	100.15
3-	6.72	6.71	99.85
1-	13.44	13.43	99.93
2-	13.44	13.41	99.78
3-	13.44	13.43	99.93
1-	20.16	20.18	100.10
2-	20.16	20.17	100.05
3-	20.16	20.17	100.05
Mean			100.01
SD			0.161
RSD			0.161

**Table (2)** Recovery results of lincomycin hydrochloride:

S.NO	theoretical conc. (mg/ml)	Found conc.(mg/ml)	Recovery %
1-	2.513	2.511	99.92
2-	2.513	2.512	99.96
3-	2.513	2.51	99.88
1-	5.026	5.024	99.96
2-	5.026	5.022	99.92
3-	5.026	5.02	99.88
1-	7.539	7.53	99.88
2-	7.539	7.52	99.75
3-	7.539	7.51	99.62
Mean			99.86
SD			0.112
RSD			0.113

**Table (3)** System suitability results

Parameters	Limits	Value for spectinomycin sulphate	Value for lincomycin HCl
Tailing factor (T)	NMT 2	1.01	0.97
Retention time (min)	--	2.2	4.0
Number of theoretical plates(N)	NLT 2000	3025	3015
Resolution	NLT 2		7.16

**Ruggedness & Robustness:**

The methods indicate that small adjustments to the experimental conditions have no impact on the assay or the procedures' abilities to identify and quantify active substances.  $RSD \leq 2.0\%$  & Pooled  $RSD \leq 3.0\%$  for every change which ensures the robust and the rugged of the method.

**Limit of detection & Limit of Quantitation:**

The limit of quantification (LOQ) is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample that can be measured

with acceptable precision and accuracy, as contrast to the detection limit (LOD), which is the lowest amount of analyte that can be recognized in a sample.. LOD and LOQ were determined statistically from the calibration curve. LOD for spectinomycin sulphate is 0.70115 mg/ml while LOQ is 2.10345 mg/ml. LOD for Lincomycin hydrochloride is 0.03 mg/ml while LOQ is 0.08mg/ml.

**Table (4)** Assay validation report for the suggested technique

Parameters	Spectinomycin Sulphate	Lincomycin HCl
System suitability (%RSD)	0.23	0.34
Calibration range(mg/ml)	6.72 – 20.16	2.51-7.53
Slope	26.50	738.8
Intercept	4.81	80.56
Correlation coefficient	0.99	0.99
Intermediate precision (POOLED RSD%)	0.49	0.70
LOD (mg/ml)	0.70	0.03
LOQ (mg/ml)	2.10	0.08

## 5. Conclusion

An innovative, reliable, and appropriate HPLC test utilizing UV detection for analysis of an injectable lincomycin hydrochloride, Spectinomycin sulphate combination. This method has many advantages compared to other accepted techniques for analyzing these active ingredients. It is affordable and quickly assays the two ingredients. The developed method was validated per both FDA and ICH guidelines and shows excellent linearity, accuracy, selectivity, and system suitability within the standards for acceptance. The technique has been used in stability-indicating studies, and this suggests that it is appropriate for applications involving both purity and degradation evaluation..

### Conflict of Interest

There are no apparent conflicts.

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