

SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC DETERMINATION OF AMLODIPIINE BESILATE, BISOPROLOL HEMIFUMARATE AND SOTALOL HCl THROUGH OXIDATION REDUCTION REACTION

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ABSTRACT

Two simple sensitive and accurate methods have been developed for the determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl through oxidation-reduction reaction. The first method involves the oxidation of the drugs with cerium(IV) sulphate in acidic medium and subsequent measurement of the decrease in reagent absorbance at 318 nm in the concentration ranges of 0.2-1.4, 0.25-2.75 and 0.5-4 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl, respectively. The second method is based on the oxidation of the selected drugs with known excess cerium(IV) sulphate in acidic medium followed by determination of the unreacted cerium(IV) by measuring the decrease in absorbance of chromotrope 2R(C2R) at λ_{max} 508 nm in the concentration ranges of 1.25-4.5, 0.75-3.25 and 0.5-3 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl, respectively. The proposed methods were successfully applied for the analysis of the investigated drugs pharmaceutical dosage forms. Results obtained by the proposed methods were compared with those obtained by the reference methods and no significant differences were found.

INTRODUCTION

Amlodipine besilate is 3-Ethyl 5-methyl (4RS)-2-[(2-aminoethoxy) methyl]-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate benzenesulphonate⁽¹⁾. It is a dihydropyridine calcium-channel blocker. It is used in the management of hypertension and angina pectoris⁽²⁾. Spectrophotometric methods were reported for amlodipine determination in bulk drug and in pharmaceutical preparation⁽³⁻¹³⁾. Spectrofluorimetric methods were reported for its determination^(7,9,14). Other methods of analysis including HPLC^(15,16), LC-MS/MS⁽¹⁷⁾, RP-HPLC⁽¹⁸⁾, HP-TLC⁽¹⁹⁾, GC⁽²⁰⁾ and voltammetric methods were used⁽²¹⁾.

Bisoprolol Hemifumarate is 1-[4-[[2-(1-methylethoxy) ethoxy] methyl] phenoxy]-3-[(1-methylethyl) amino]2-Propanol fumarate (2:1). It is a highly selective α_1 -receptor blocking agent used for the treatment of hypertension and angina pectoris⁽²⁾. Spectrophotometric methods were reported for Bisoprolol determination in pharmaceutical preparation⁽²²⁻²⁵⁾. Several methods were used including spectroflourimetric⁽²⁶⁾, HPLC⁽²⁷⁾, RP-HPLC⁽²⁸⁾, LC⁽²⁹⁾, GC-MS⁽³⁰⁾, HP-TLC⁽³¹⁾, capillary electrophoresis⁽³²⁾, potentiometric⁽³³⁾ and voltammetric⁽³⁴⁾ methods. Sotalol hydrochloride is N-[4-[(1RS)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1-methylethyl) amino] ethyl] phenyl]methanesulphonamide hydrochloride⁽¹⁾. It is a non-cardioselective beta blocker with class II and III antiarrhythmic properties⁽²⁾. Several methods were used for sotalol HCl determination in pure and pharmaceutical dosage forms.

These methods include spectrophotometric⁽³⁵⁻⁴⁰⁾, spectroflourimetric^(41,42), HPLC^(38,40,43), RP-HPLC⁽⁴⁴⁾, LC⁽⁴⁵⁾, capillary zone electrophoresis⁽⁴⁶⁾ and NMR spectroscopic methods⁽⁴⁷⁾.

was diluted with the same solvent then further dilution with distilled water to obtain working standard solution of concentration 50 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$.

Cerium Cerium(IV) as an oxidising agent has been used successfully for the determination of many drugs such as diclofenac sodium⁽⁴⁸⁾, phenolic β -lactam antibiotics⁽⁴⁹⁾, risedronate sodium, alendronate sodium, etidronate disodium⁽⁵⁰⁾, nizatidine⁽⁵¹⁾, ambroxol HCl and orciprenaline sulphate⁽⁵²⁾. In the present work, two accurate, easy and sensitive spectrophotometric procedures were developed for the analysis of the cited drugs in bulk form and pharmaceutical preparations through oxidation with Cerium (IV) and with cerium (IV)-chromotrope 2R.

EXPERIMENTAL

Instrumentation

A Shimadzu recording spectrophotometer UV 1800 equipped with 10 mm matched quartz cells was employed for all absorbance measurements.
Materials and reagents

All reagents were of analytical grade and distilled water was used. Amlodipine besilate (Amyria, Egypt), Bisoprolol hemifumarate (Amoun Pharm, Egypt), Sotalol HCl (Amoun Pharm, Egypt), Cerium (IV) sulphate (Merck, England), 0.1 %, 0.04% w/v and 5×10^{-4} M solutions in 2M sulphuric acid, Chromotrope 2R: 2-(Phenylazo) chromotropic acid disodium salt, (Aldrich), 0.03% w/v prepared solution in distilled water were used.

Standard drug solutions

1. 0.1 mg ml^{-1} solution of amlodipine besilate in least amount of methanol was diluted with distilled water to obtain working standard solution of concentration 20 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ and 50 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$.
2. 0.1 mg ml^{-1} solution of bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl in distilled water

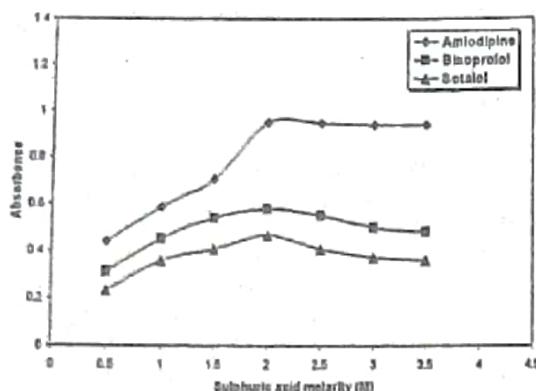


Fig. (2): Effect of sulphuric acid molarity on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate with:
 - $1.4 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl.

2. Effect of ceric(IV) sulphate concentration

Maximum decrease in absorbance was obtained using 1.5 ml 0.1% w/v ceric (IV) sulphate. Concentrations higher than 0.14% and volumes higher than 2.5 ml 0.1% of the reagent leads to higher unacceptable absorbance values and the shape of absorbance spectra changed due to the increase of blank absorbance. Figs. (3,4)

3. Effect of temperature and heating time

Heating for 30, 15 and 25 min in a boiling water bath was optimum for amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl. Figs.(5,6).

4. Effect of diluting solvent

Water, ethanol, methanol, acetone and 2M H_2SO_4 were tried. Water was optimum solvent for the three drugs.

5. Stoichiometric relationship

By applying Job's method of continuous variation^[53] the ratio of ceric (IV) sulphate to the studied the drugs was (4 : 1). Fig. (7)

Method (b): Spectrophotometric procedure using ceric sulphate and chromotrope 2R

It involves two stages: the first one is the oxidation of the selected drugs with known excess Ce^{+4} in acidic medium under the effect of heating as explained previously, and the second one involves the determination of the unreacted oxidant by measuring the decrease in absorbance of C2R at the suitable λ_{max} 508 nm. Fig. (8). The decrease in color intensity is attributed to the oxidation of the dye to its degradable products, results in the formation of formic acid as the main oxidation product.

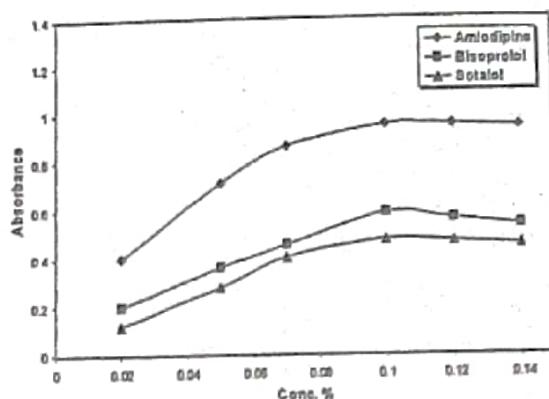


Fig. (3): Effect of cerium(IV) sulphate concentration on the reaction with:
 - $1.4 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl.

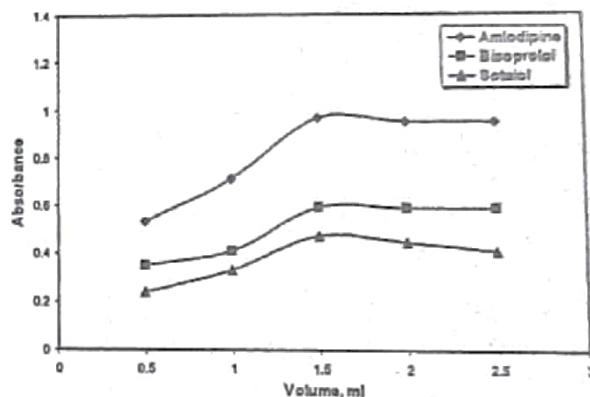


Fig. (4): Effect of volume of 0.1% w/v cerium(IV) sulphate on the reaction with:
 - $1.4 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl.

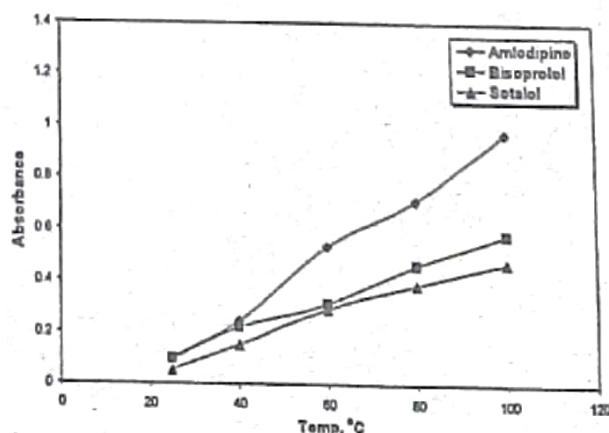


Fig. (5): Effect of heating temperature on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate with:
 - $1.4 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl.

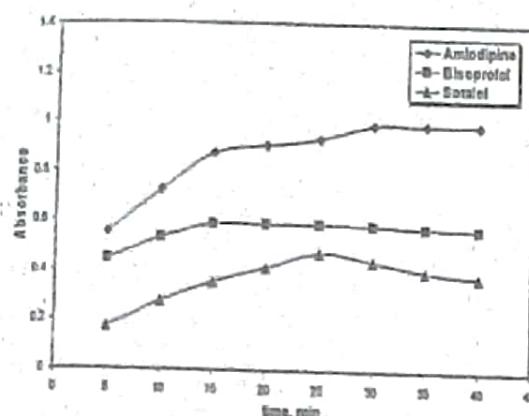


Fig. (6): Effect of heating time on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate with:
- $1.4 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate.
- $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
- $1.5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl.

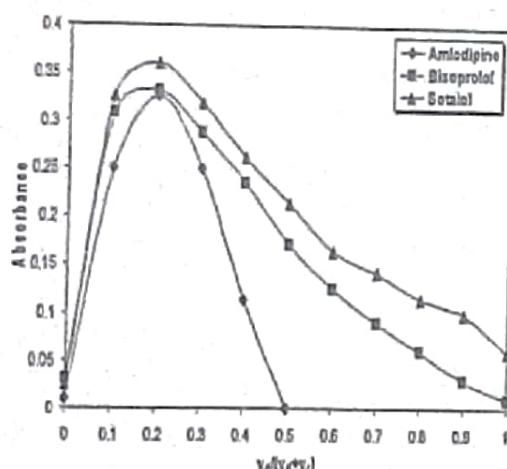


Fig. (7): Continuous variation plot of the reaction between:
(a) 5×10^{-4} M amlodipine besilate and 5×10^{-4} M cerium(IV) sulphate in 2M H_2SO_4 .
(b) 5×10^{-4} M bisoprolol hemifumarate and 5×10^{-4} M cerium(IV) sulphate in 2M H_2SO_4 .
(c) 5×10^{-4} M sotalol HCl and 5×10^{-4} M cerium(IV) sulphate in 2M H_2SO_4 .

Investigation of assay parameters

1. Effect of sulphuric acid concentration

Using different sulphuric acid concentrations ranging from 0.1 to 3.5M solutions, the optimum concentration that gave maximum decrease in absorbance and maximum fluorescence intensity was 2M solution. Fig. (9)

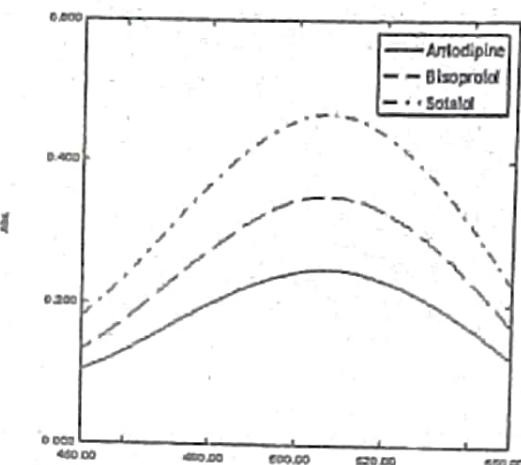


Fig. (8): Absorption Spectra of the reaction products of Cerium(IV) sulphate and C2R with:
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

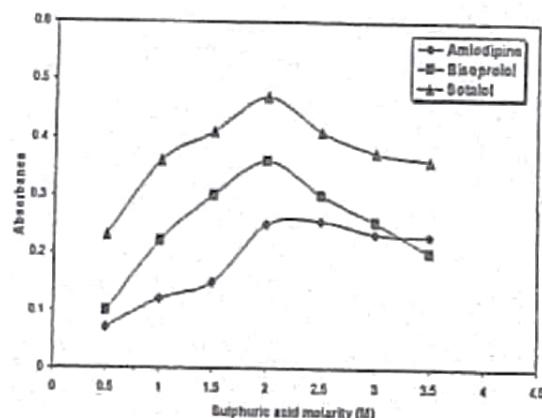


Fig. (9): Effect of sulphuric acid normality on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate and C2R with:
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
- $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

2. Effect of ceric (IV) sulphate concentration

Maximum increase in absorbance was obtained using 3 ml 0.04% w/v ceric (IV) sulphate for amlodipine besilate and bisoprolol hemifumarate, while 2 ml 0.04% w/v was the best for sotalol HCl. Figs. (10,11)

3. Effect of temperature and heating time:

Heating for 15, 20 and 25 min in a boiling water bath was optimum for amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl, respectively. Figs. (12, 13)

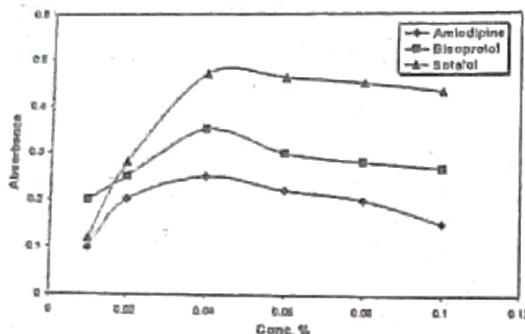


Fig. (10): Effect of cerium(IV) sulphate concentration on its reaction with C2R and:
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

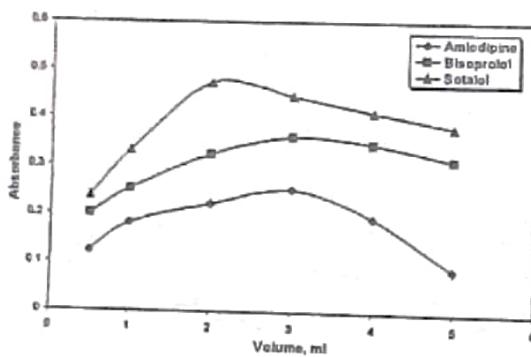


Fig. (11): Effect of volume of cerium(IV) sulphate (0.04% w/v) on its reaction with C2R and:
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

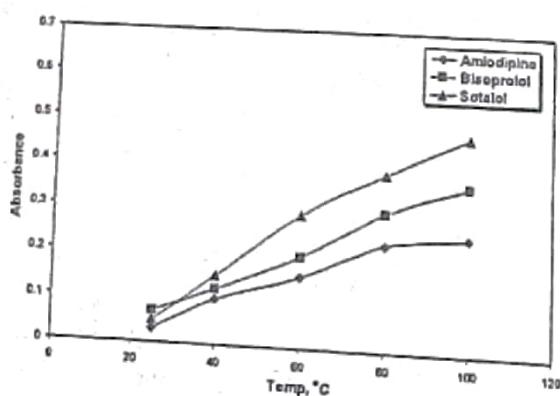


Fig. (12): Effect of heating temperature on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate and C2R with:
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

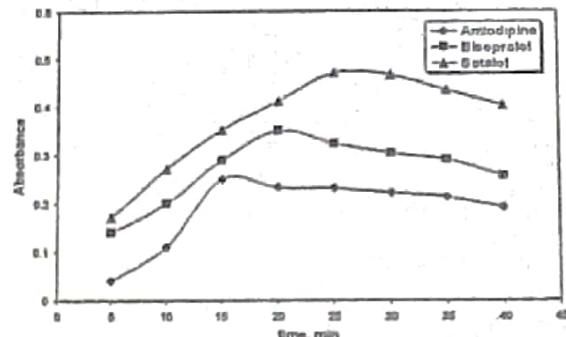


Fig. (13): Effect of heating time on the reaction of cerium(IV) sulphate and C2R with:
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

4. Effect of chromotrope 2R (C2R) concentration

Maximum increase in the absorbance was achieved by using 1.5 ml of 0.03% w/v of C2R for amlodipine besilate and bisoprolol hemifumarate, while 1 ml 0.03% w/v was the best for sotalol HCl. Figs. (14,15)

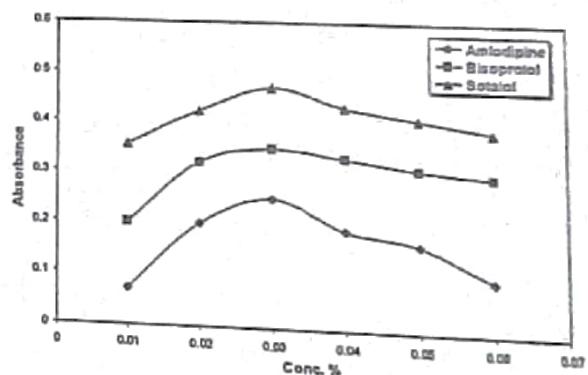


Fig. (14): Effect of chromotrope 2R concentration on its reaction with cerium(IV) sulphate and:
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - $2 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

5. Effect of diluting solvent

Water, ethanol, methanol, acetone and 2M H_2SO_4 were tried. Water was optimum solvent for the three drugs.

Quantification, accuracy and precision

Linear correlation was found between the decrease in absorbance and concentration of the studied drugs. Beer's law range, molar absorptivity, correlation coefficient, intercept and slope of the calibration curve were calculated.

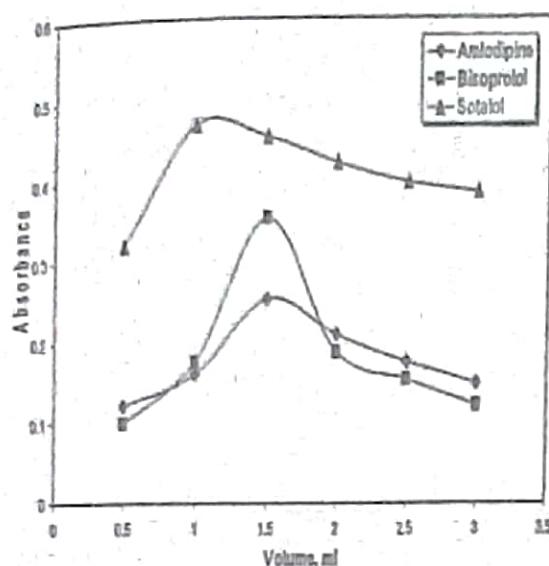


Fig. (15): Effect of volume of chromotrope 2R (0.03% w/v) on its reaction with cerium(IV) sulphate and:
 - 2 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ amlodipine besilate
 - 2 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ bisoprolol hemifumarate.
 - 2 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ sotalol HCl

Also relative standard deviation, analytical standard error, detection and quantification limits were calculated and listed in tables (1,2).

Table (I): Spectral data for determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl using cerium (IV) sulphate and cerium(IV) sulphate-chromotrope 2R.

Parameters	Cerium(IV) sulphate method			Cerium(IV) sulphate + C2R method		
	Amlodipine besilate	Bisoprolol hemifumarate	Sotalol HCl	Amlodipine besilate	Bisoprolol hemifumarate	Sotalol HCl
Linearity range ($\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$)	0.2-1.4	0.25-2.75	0.5-4	1.25-4.5	0.75-3.25	0.5-3
Apparent molar absorptivity* ($\text{mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$)	4.08×10^5	1.62×10^5	9.14×10^4	6.92×10^4	6.60×10^4	7.62×10^4
Sandell's sensitivity (mg ml^{-1} per 0001A)	7.19×10^{-3}	4.24×10^{-2}	2.96×10^{-3}	1.22×10^{-2}	1.72×10^{-2}	2.47×10^{-2}
Limit of detection ($\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$)	0.059	0.072	0.114	0.483	0.218	0.145
Limit of quantification($\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$)	0.197	0.240	0.381	1.197	0.726	0.484
Regression equation **:						
Slope (b)	0.6400	0.3075	0.2213	0.0275	-0.0197	0.0897
Intercept (a)	0.0749	0.1287	0.1172	0.1117	0.184	0.1891
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9998	0.9998	0.9999

*Calculated on the basis of the molecular weight of the drug.

** $A = a + bc$

The proposed methods were used for determination of the selected drugs in their pharmaceutical preparations by standard addition technique, Tables (3,4). Results obtained were compared with the reference methods ^(11,24,25) by student's t-test and variance ratio F-test, Table (5). The calculated values did not exceed the theoretical ones.

Accuracy and precision

Accuracy and precision were carried out by six determinations at four different concentrations of the three drugs in the same day (intra-day), and in six different days (inter-day). Percentage relative standard deviation (R.S.D. %) as precision and percentage relative error (Er %) as accuracy of the suggested method were calculated.

The percentage relative error calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Er\%} = [(\text{found} - \text{added}) / \text{added}] \times 100$$

The results of accuracy and precision show that the proposed methods have good repeatability and reproducibility able (6)

Table (2): Determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl using cerium (IV) sulphate and cerium (IV) sulphate-chromotrope 2R.

	Cerium(IV) sulphate method						Cerium(IV) sulphate + C2R method												HCl		
	Amlodipine besilate			Bisoprolol hemifumarate			Sotalol			Amlodipine besilate			Bisoprolol hemifumarate			Sotalol			HCl		
Statistics	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	HCl	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	HCl	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	Taken $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Recovery %	Sotalol	HCl			
0.2	101.64	0.25	99.12	0.5	99.23	1.25	101.34	0.75	99.06	0.5	99.74										
0.6	99.24	0.5	98.27	0.75	98.08	1.75	99.50	1.00	98.75	1.0	99.05										
0.9	99.84	0.75	100.59	1.25	100.42	2.25	100.07	1.25	100.74	1.5	100.23										
1.1	99.45	1.00	99.48	1.75	100.39	2.75	99.13	2.00	100.46	2.0	100.56										
1.2	101.18	1.25	100.89	2.00	100.27	3.00	100.72	2.50	101.24	2.5	100.54										
1.3	99.89	1.50	98.80	3.00	100.73	3.25	99.86	3.00	99.04	3.0	99.47										
1.4	99.90	1.75	100.64	3.50	99.77	3.5	99.37	3.25	99.95												
		2.25	100.08	4.00	99.61	4.5	100.37														
		2.50	100.07																		
		2.75	99.35																		
Mean±S.D.	100.16±0.897		99.73±0.863		99.82±0.856		100.04±0.743		99.89±0.965		99.93±0.613										
N	7		10		8		7		8		6										
S.D.	0.897		0.863		0.856		0.743		0.965		0.613										
R.S.D.	0.896		0.866		0.858		0.742		0.966		0.613										
V	0.805		0.746		0.733		0.551		0.931		0.376										
S.E.	0.339		0.273		0.303		0.263		0.36		0.250										

* Average of three experiment

Table (3): Application of standard addition technique for determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl in their pharmaceutical formulations using ceric(IV) sulphate.

	Amlodipine besilate (Norvasc tablets)						Bisoprolol Hemifumarate (Concor tablets)						Sotalol HCl (Betacor tablets)					
	Taken		Added		Recovery*		Taken		Added		Recovery*		Taken		Added		Recovery*	
	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%
	0.2	—	102.42	0.25	—	—	100.42	0.50	—	—	100.78	0.75	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	98.33
	0.2	100.86	—	—	0.75	—	99.72	—	—	—	99.07	—	—	—	101.04	—	—	—
	0.3	100.57	—	—	1.00	—	100.42	0.50	—	—	100.78	0.75	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	99.89
	0.3	101.99	—	—	1.25	—	99.07	—	—	—	99.01	—	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	99.59
	0.7	99.13	—	—	1.50	—	99.01	—	—	—	99.01	—	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	100.46
	1.1	100.58	—	—	1.75	—	101.20	0.50	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	101.52
	1.2	99.88	—	—	2.25	—	100.36	0.50	—	—	100.36	0.50	—	—	101.20	0.50	—	98.78
																3.25	99.66	
																		100.14±0.935
Mean±S.D.	100.50±0.962						100.03±0.904						100.14±0.935					
N	6						6						7					
V	0.925						0.817						0.874					
S.D.	0.962						0.904						0.935					
S.E.	0.392						0.369						0.382					

* Mean of three different experiments

Table (4): Application of standard addition technique for determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl in their pharmaceutical formulations using ceric(IV) sulphate and chromotrope 2R.

	Amlodipine besilate (Norvasc tablets)			Bisoprolol hemifumarate (Concor tablets)			Sotalol HCl (Betacor tablets)		
	Taken	Added	Recovery*	Taken	Added	Recovery*	Taken	Added	Recovery*
	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	%
1.25	—	—	99.91	0.75	—	101.23	0.50	—	98.68
1.25	1.25	—	98.48	—	0.75	99.78	—	0.50	100.79
1.50	1.50	100.57	—	—	1.00	100.38	—	0.75	100.33
1.75	1.75	98.48	—	—	1.25	101.61	—	1.00	98.52
2.00	2.00	100.04	—	—	1.50	100.25	—	1.25	100.39
2.25	2.25	99.67	—	—	1.75	99.29	—	1.5	100.93
2.50	2.50	99.37	—	—	2.00	99.10	—	1.75	99.21
Mean±S.D.	99.44±0.842	—	—	100.07±0.909	—	—	100.03±0.957	—	—
N	6	—	—	6	—	—	6	—	—
V	0.709	—	—	0.825	—	—	0.917	—	—
S.D.	0.842	—	—	0.909	—	—	0.957	—	—
S.E.	0.344	—	—	0.371	—	—	0.391	—	—

* Mean of three different experiments
Table (5): Statistical data for determination of amlodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemifumarate and sotalol HCl using ceric(IV) sulphate and ceric(IV) sulphate + Chromotrope 2R.

Drug	ceric(IV) sulphate method			Ceric(IV) sulphate+ C2R method			Reference or reported method
	Mean ± S.D	N	100.16±0.897	Mean ± S.D	N	100.00±0.717	
Amlodipine besilate	Variance	—	0.805	0.514	—	0.713	—
	Student-t-test	—	0.215 (2.179)*	—	—	—	100.06±0.844 ^[11]
	F-test	—	1.129 (4.280)*	—	—	—	7
	Mean ± S.D	—	99.73±0.863	—	—	—	1.301 (4.740) [*]
Bisoprolol hemifumarate	N	—	10	—	—	—	100.24±0.782 ^[24]
	Variance	—	0.746	—	—	—	6
	Student-t-test	—	1.182 (2.145)*	—	—	—	0.612
	F-test	—	1.219 (4.780)	—	—	—	—
Sotalol HCl	Mean ± S.D	—	99.81±0.856	—	—	—	—
	N	—	8	—	—	—	—
	Variance	—	0.733	—	—	—	8
	Student-t-test	—	0.671 (2.145)*	—	—	—	0.865
	F-test	—	1.180 (3.790)	—	—	—	—

*Theoretical values of t and F at $p = 0.05$

Table Q: The intra-day and inter-day accuracy and precision data for amiodipine besilate, bisoprolol hemisumarate and sotalol HCl obtained using cerum™ UV subtractive chromatograms.

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صورتها النقية وفي المستحضرات الصيدلانية، و تمت مقارنة النتائج بالطرق المرجعية، وثبت نجاحها.