

# Spectrophotometric Determination of Esomepreazol in Pure form and in its Pharmaceutical Preparations

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## ABSTRACT

Two simple, rapid, and sensitive spectrophotometric methods have been developed for the determination of Esomepreazol (ESO) in pure form and pharmaceutical preparations. The proposed methods are: (I) synthesis Schiff's base between ESO and Vanillin reagent "4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde" in acidic medium to produce an intense yellow colored product, and (II) diazotization and coupling reaction between ESO and P-aminobenzoic acid", in an alkaline intermediate to form an intense brown colored product. A maximum absorption at 386 nm using reagent Vanillin and 412 nm on using reagent P-aminobenzoic acid. Beer's Law is obeyed in a concentrations range of 6-120 µg/mL and 25-240 µg/mL with a molar absorptivity  $9.314 \times 10^4$  and  $1.47 \times 10^5$  L/mol.cm for Vanillin and P-aminobenzoic acid, respectively.

The limit of detections (LOD) was found to be 0.048 and 0.023 µg/mL for Vanillin and P-aminobenzoic acid respectively. The suggested method was prosperity implement to the estimation of "This drug" in pure form and in the pharmaceutical formulations.

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## INTRODUCTION

Esomepreazol (ESO) (Figure 1), "A drug that is used to reduce the acids that are secreted inside the human stomach, as many people suffer from diseases and problems inside the stomach that make them much.<sup>1</sup> Molar mass is 767.2 gm/mol, m.p = 184-189°C, chemically know is magnesium; 5-methoxy-2-[4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylpicolin-2-yl] methylsulfonamide trihydrate.<sup>2,3</sup> Several methods have been proposed for determination of this drug, such as HPLC,<sup>4,5</sup> TLC,<sup>6</sup> HPTLC,<sup>7</sup> Voltammetry,<sup>8,9</sup> UV-Spectrophotometry,<sup>10,11</sup> and UV-Vis. Spectrophotometry.<sup>12,13</sup>

## AIM OF THE STUDY

This research aims to find a "uncomplicated, rapid, and cost-effective spectral methods for determination of Esomepreazole by using reagent Vanillin in the acidic medium, and reagent P-aminobenzoic acid in alkaline medium, and the success of the proposed methods for determination of ESO in its pharmaceutical preparations (like tablets).

## Apparatus

Tqo UV-vis Spectrophotometer double beam from PG Instruments LTD, with 1cm quartz cell's, UV-Vis spectrophotometer single beam from genesys UV10, balance

Kern 770 Gs/Gj from satorius BL 2105, Oven from memmert Schutzart DIN 40059-Ip20.

## Materials

Esomepreazole 99% from SDI Samarra. Iraq. Vanillin 99% from Merck, P-aminobenzoic acid 99% from Merck, sodium nitrite 99% from merck, ammonium hydroxide 30–33% from Fulka, etanol 99.9% from Scharlan.

## Solutions

- Esomepreazol magnesium trihydrate stock solution (1000 µg/mL): an exactly 0.1000 gm of ESO "standard" were dissolved in (100 mL) ethanol.
- Vanillin ( $1 \times 10^{-2}$  M): was prepared by dissolving 0.0761 gm of vanillin in 50 mL ethanol.

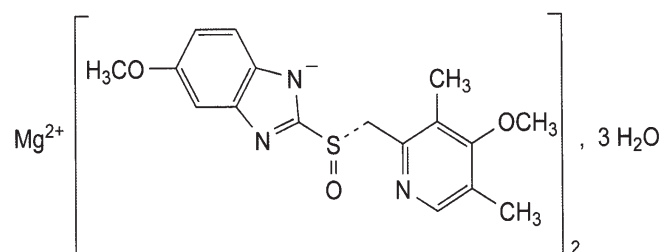


Figure 1: Esomepreazol magnesium trihydrate

- P-aminobenzoic acid ( $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{M}$ ): was prepared by dissolving 0.0069 gm in 50 mL ethanol.
- $\text{NaNO}_2$  ( $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{M}$ ): was prepared by dissolving 0.0034 gm in 50 mL distilled water.
- Hydrochloric acid solution: prepared at an approximate concentration of (1.0 molar) by diluting 8.6 mL of concentrated acid (11.64 M) to (100 mL) distilled water.
- Ammonium hydroxide: was prepared by diluting (15.4 mL) of concentrated  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  13.36 M to 50 mL distilled water.

## PROCEDURES

### (I) Determination of (ESO) by Vanillin

After initial testing, optimal conditions were obtained, transferring 2.0 mL of 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  (ESO) to a 25 mL volumetric flask, then add 0.5 mL of 1.0 M HCl acid. After 10 minutes, with constant shaking, add 4.0 mL of  $1 \times 10^{-2} \text{M}$  from Vanillin, and after 15 minutes, the volume is supplemented with water to 25 mL, and was measured at 386 nm against distilled water as blank.

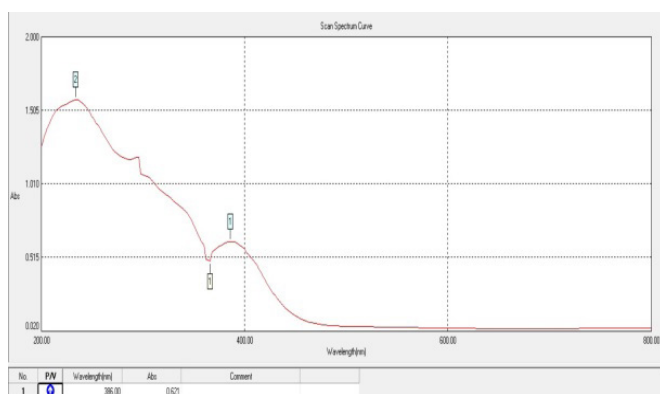


Figure 2: Absorption spectrum of (ESO) product against blank

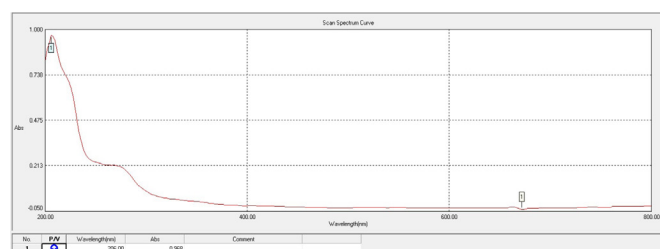


Figure 3: Absorption spectrum of blank against distilled water

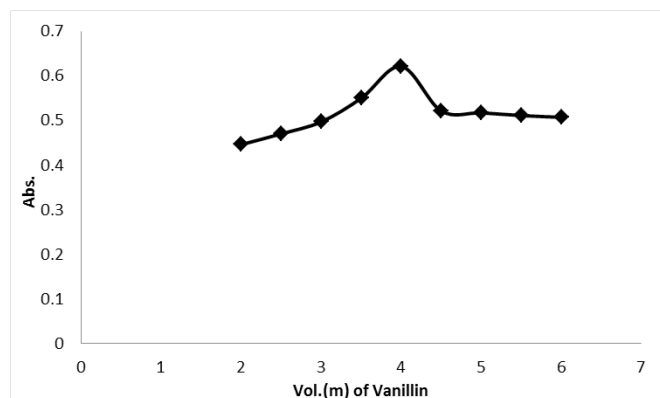


Figure 4: Effect Vol.(mL) of Vanillin (0.01M) on (ESO) product

### Application of Proposed Methods

Average weight of ten tablets was computed and further to that, these tablets were grinded into exact powder. A precisely weighed amount of powder was transferred into a beaker and they were shaken with 50 mL solvent and filtered the filtrates, and the washings were collected in a 100 mL “volumetric flask” this filtrate and the washing was diluted up to the mark with solvent to obtain final concentration as 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ . The identified methods were implemented for the determination of ESO in many available commercial tablets.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Optimal Conditions

#### Effect of Reagent Concentration

The effect of reagent concentration on the reaction was studied at “room temperature” and the reaction of ESO with reagent depends on the concentration of Vanillin. So, its concentration was studied by different volumes of (0.01M) Vanillin, with the ESO concentration was maintained of Vanillin up to a particular concentration either decrease or remain steady, the highest absorption intensity was attained when the volume of Vanillin was 4.0 mL

#### Effect of the use Different Acids

The acids ( $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) were used, with a concentration of 1.0M for each and the same volume added 0.5mL, to know which acid the best absorption when product formation, that the best acid to form the product is HCl acid.

#### Effect of acid volume:

Different and increasing volume of HCl were used at a concentration of 1.0M, to know which volume gives the best absorption, the optimal added acid volume is 0.5 mL, and when the added volume increases, the color of the found product disappears gradually.

#### Effect of Time

The effect of stability of the product was studied for its importance in knowing the period in which it remains constant, the interaction which time was followed using optimum conditions in every ten minutes for total 60 minutes.

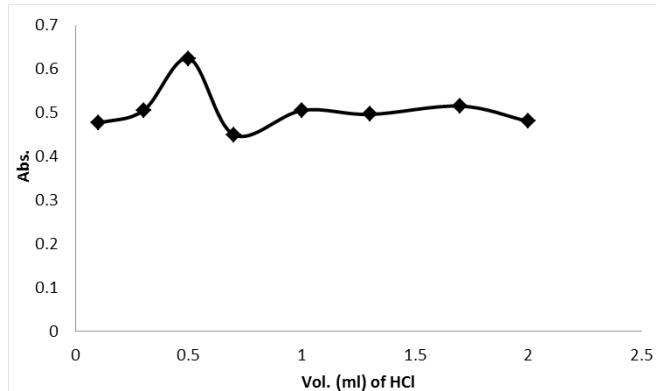


Figure 5: Effect of Vol. (ml) of HCl on the absorption values of the product

### Effect of Additives

The effect of additives on the composition of the product was studied, and there is no effect of additives on absorption values.

### Calibration Curve

The calibration curve for ESO with Vanillin showed the linearity at concentrations rang of 6–120  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , as show in Figure 6.

### Application of the Proposed Methods

In Table 1, the result of determination of ESO in the pharmaceutical preparations as tablet.

## (II) DETERMINATION OF (ESO) BY P-AMINO BENZOIC ACID

After initial testing, optimal conditions were obtained, transferring 0.5 mL of ( $1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) P-aminobenzoic acid was transferred into series of (10 mL) volumetric flask, 0.5 mL of ( $1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) Sodium nitrite solution. Then add (0.5 mL) of (1M) HCl acid, (4.5 mL) of (ESO) 500  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , and after 10 minutes, add 1 mL of 2M Ammonium hydroxide and diluted to 10 mL with ethanol and mixed well. After 15 minutes, the absorbance of colored “Azo” was measured at 412 nm against blank, absorption spectra of ESO-P-aminobenzoic acid against reagent blank in an alkaline medium at room temperature ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ ) producing a colored product in (Figure 7).

### Optimal Condition

#### Effect of Acid Volume

Different and increasing volume of HCl were used at a concentration of 1.0 M to know which volume give the best absorption, the optimal added acid volume is 0.5 mL.

#### Effect of the Different Acids

The acid (HCl,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  etc.) was used, with a concentration of 1.0 M for each, as well as, the same volume added 0.5 mL, to know which acid gives the best absorption to product formation, when adding HCl acid.

#### Effect of Base Volume

Different and increasing volume of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  were used at concentration of 2.0 M, to know which volume gives the best absorption, the optimal added base volume is 1.0 mL.

**Table 1:** Determination of ESO (as tablet)

Pharmaceutical preparations	Content (mg) declared	Found (mg) by proposed method	%Recovery
	80	79.77	99.71
ESOFAG	90	90.22	100.24
	100	99.23	99.23
	80	80.04	100.05
NEXIUM	90	89.97	99.97
	100	100.34	100.34
	80	80.05	100.06
PUMPIONX	90	89.06	98.96
	100	99.99	99.99

### Effect of the used Different Bases

The base ( $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ) were used, with a concentration of 2.0M for each, as well as, the same volume added 1-mL, to know which the best absorption when product formation, when adding  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  base.

### Effect of Reagent Volume

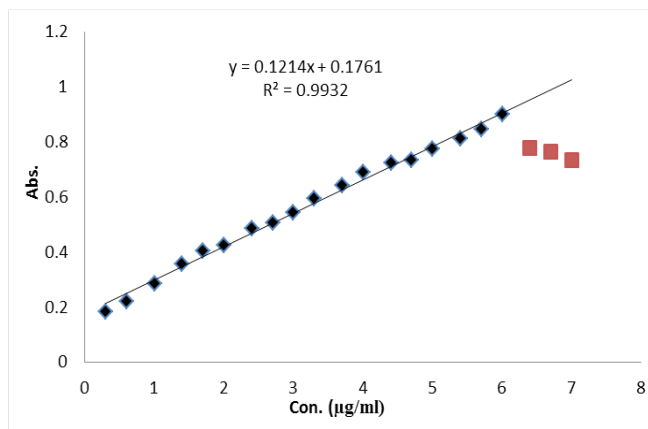
Figure 9, shows the Effect adding different volumes of the (P-aminobenzoic acid) on the absorption of product, the best added volume was 0.5 mL.

### Effect of $\text{NaNO}_2$ Volumes

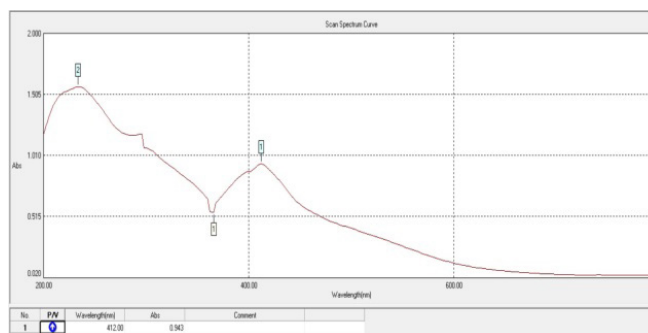
Figure 10, shows the effect of adding different volumes of sodium nitrite on the absorption of product, the best added volume was 0.5 mL.

### Effect of Time

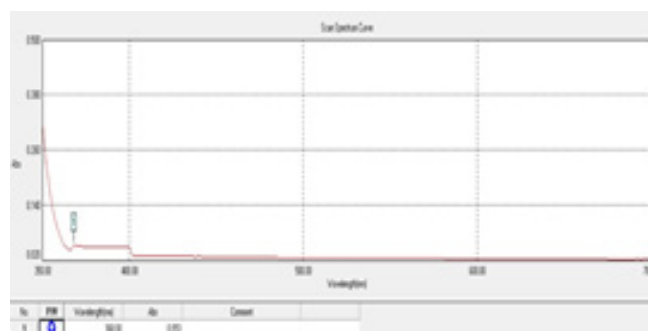
Under the “optimum conditions” the effect of reaction time of ESO with reagent in alkaline medium was studied, the



**Figure 6:** Calibration curve of ESO-Vanillin product



**Figure 7:** Absorption spectrum of ESO Product against blank



**Figure 8:** Absorption spectrum of blank against ethanol

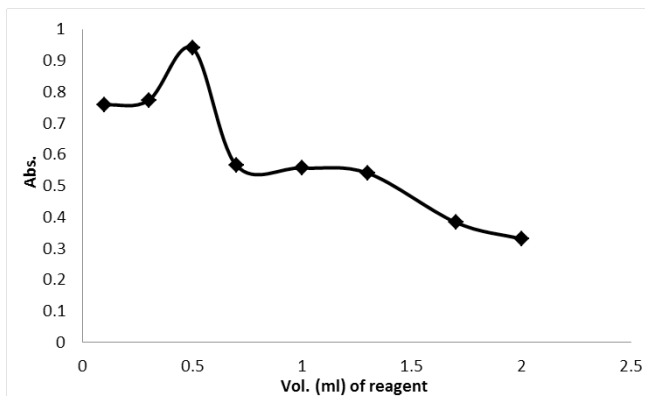


Figure 9: Effect of reagent volumes

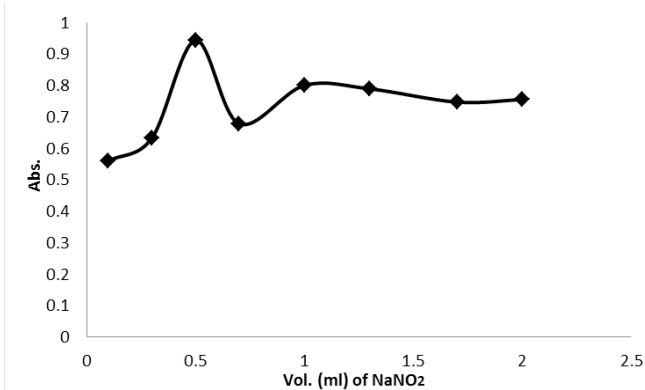
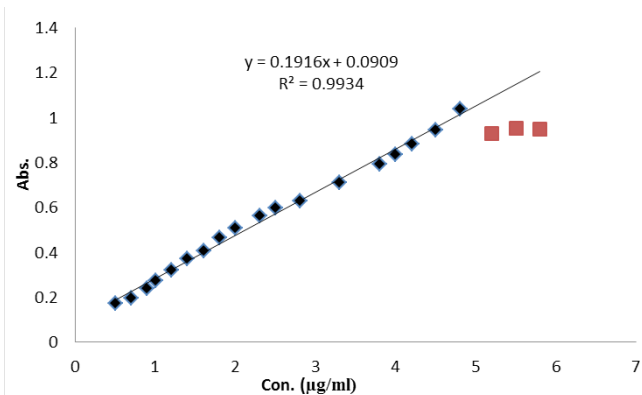
Figure 10: Effect of NaNO<sub>2</sub> volumes

Figure 11: Calibration curve of (ESO-P-aminobenzoic acid) product

interaction which time was followed using optimum conditions every ten minutes for 50 minutes.

#### Effect of Additives

The effect of additives on the composition of the product between ESO with reagent was studied, and there is no effect of additives on absorption values.

#### Calibration curve

The calibration curve for ESO pure form with P-aminobenzoic acid showed the linearity at concentration rang of 25–240 µg/mL, as shown in Figure 11.

#### Application of the proposed method

In Table 2, the result of determination of (ESO) in the pharmaceutical preparations (as tablets).

Table 2: Determination of ESO as tablet

Pharmaceutical preparations	Content (mg) declared	Found (mg) by proposed method	%Recovery
ESOFAG	75	74.97	99.96
	125	125.04	100.03
	175	174.89	99.93
NEXIUM	75	75.01	100.01
	125	124.22	99.38
	175	175.67	100.38
PUMPIONX	75	74.74	99.65
	125	125.03	100.02
	175	174.54	99.74

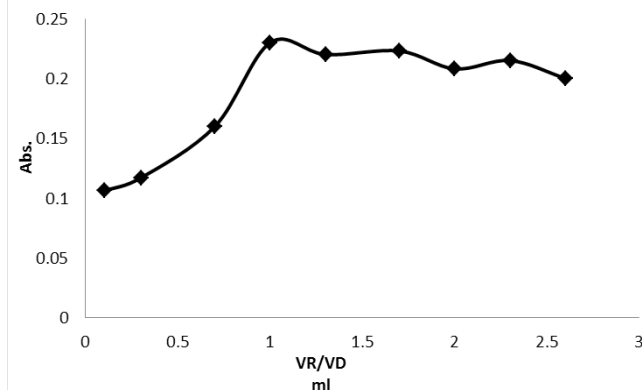


Figure 12: Mole-ratio method of ESO

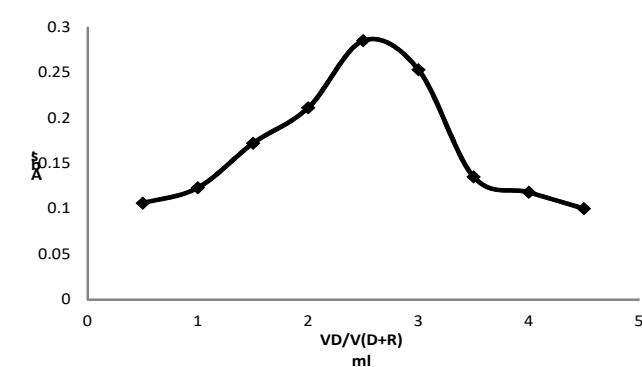


Figure 13: Continuous variation method of ESO

#### Equivalence of the Generated Product

Under the optimum conditions, “the stoichiometry” of the reactions between (ESO), with reagent were studied by mole-ratio (upon initial concentration  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{M}$ ), and continuous variation (upon initial concentration  $8 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ ) methods. The equivalence between reagent and this drug was 2:1 (Figures 12, 13).

#### CONCLUSION

These methods described here are simple, rapid, convent and do not requires special working conditions unlike many other reported methods. The procedures showed shorter reaction time, stable colored species with inexpensive reagents. The determination can be performed at room temperature and do not require heating step. The proposed methods can be

applied to determination of ESO in pharmaceutical preparation (Tablet).

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