

## BAZI LOKAL ANESTEZİKLERİN SPEKTROFOTOMETRİK MİKTAR TAYINLERİ

### SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC DETERMINATION OF SOME LOCAL ANESTHETICS

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#### SUMMARY

In this work the determination of benzocaine, procaine hydrochloride, butacaine sulfate or tetracaine hydrochloride in the injections solutions containing thiamine hydrochloride or pyridoxine hydrochloride was performed at UV by absorbancy ratio method without prior separation of the drugs. Best accuracy was obtained for solutions containing 5-10 mcg/ml of each substances.

#### ÖZET

Bu çalışmada benzokain, prokain hidroklorür, butakain sulfat ve tetra-kain hidroklorür'un tiamin hidroklorür veya piridoksin hidroklorür ihtiva eden injeksiyonluk solüsyonlarındaki miktar tayinleri UV de absorbans oranı metodu ile yapılmıştır. Sonuçlar çok iyi olup, karışımlarda ml de 5 mcg kadar maddenin tayin edilebileceği anlaşılmıştır.

#### INTRODUCTION

Existing spectrophotometric methods used for the analysis of some local anesthetics were based either on the color intensity determination of Schiff bases (1-6), azo-compounds (7-12), sodium 1,2-naphtoquinone-4-sulfonate derivatives (13-15) and others (16-

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21), or on the measurement of the UV absorbance at a wavelength by comparing with a reference substance (22-25).

In this work the spectrophotometric determination of benzocaine, procaine hydrochloride, butacaine sulfate, orthocaine and tetracaine hydrochloride is described. The procedure used for analysis based on the UV estimation of local anesthetics in their mixtures with thiamine hydrochloride or pyridoxine hydrochloride by the absorbancy ratio method.

## EXPERIMENTAL

*Chemicals* Benzocaine (B), procaine hydrochloride (PH), butacaine sulfate (BS), tetracaine hydrochloride (TH), pyridoxin hydrochloride (PyH) and thiamine hydrochloride (ThH), purified by crystallisation and dried.

*Solutions* 1) Standart solutions were prepared by dissolving 1.0 mg of each local anesthetic or pyridoxine hydrochloride and 2.0 mg of thiamine hydrochloride in 100 ml water. Extinction coefficients were determined with these solutions at max. and isosbestic points.

2) Binary mixtures were: 1a) B-PyH, 1b) B-ThH, 2a) PH-PyH, 2b) PH-ThH, 3a) BS-PyH, 3b) BS-ThH, 4a) TH-PyH, 4b) TH-ThH.

### *Spectral characteristics of substances*

Absorption maxima: B-285 nm, PH-290 nm, BS-292 nm, TH-310 nm.

*Location of the isosbestic points:* The isosbestic points were located first approximately by superimposing the spectra of each pair and then by fixing the exact wavelength by comparing the solutions with the interval of 0,01 nm.

The chosen first wavelengths for the mixture 1a, 1b are 285 nm, 2a, 2b are 290 nm, 3a, 3b are 292 nm and 4a, are 310 nm and the located isosbestic points are 317.0 nm, for 1a, 250.85 nm, for 1b, 253.70 nm, for 2a, 257.20 nm, for 2b, 312.0 nm, for 3a, 262.30 nm, for 3b, 337.25 nm, for 4a, and 274.60 nm, for 4b.

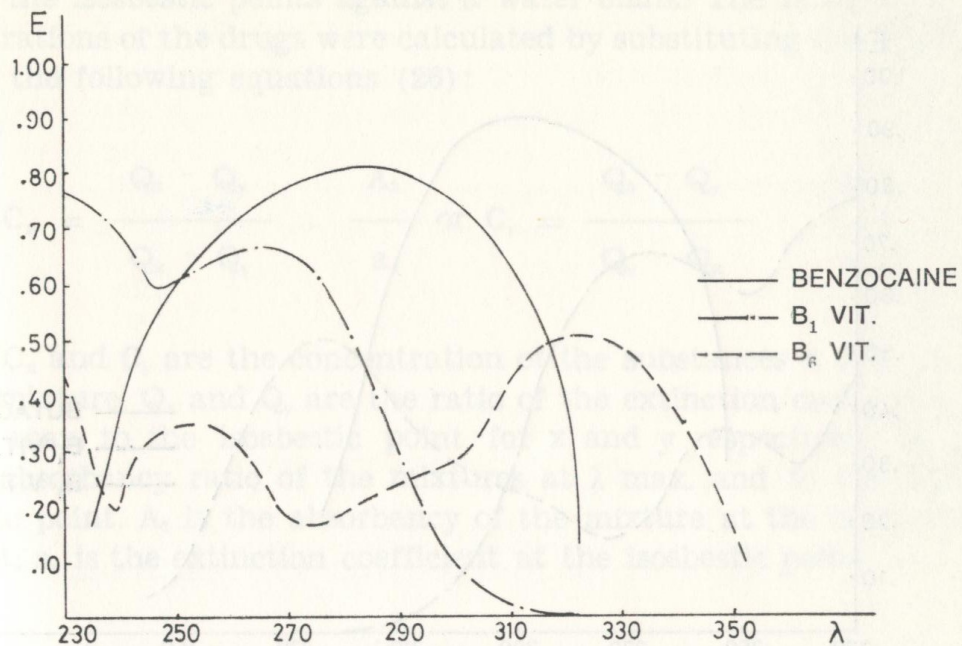


Fig. 1 - Absorption curves a) B, b) ThH, c) PyH

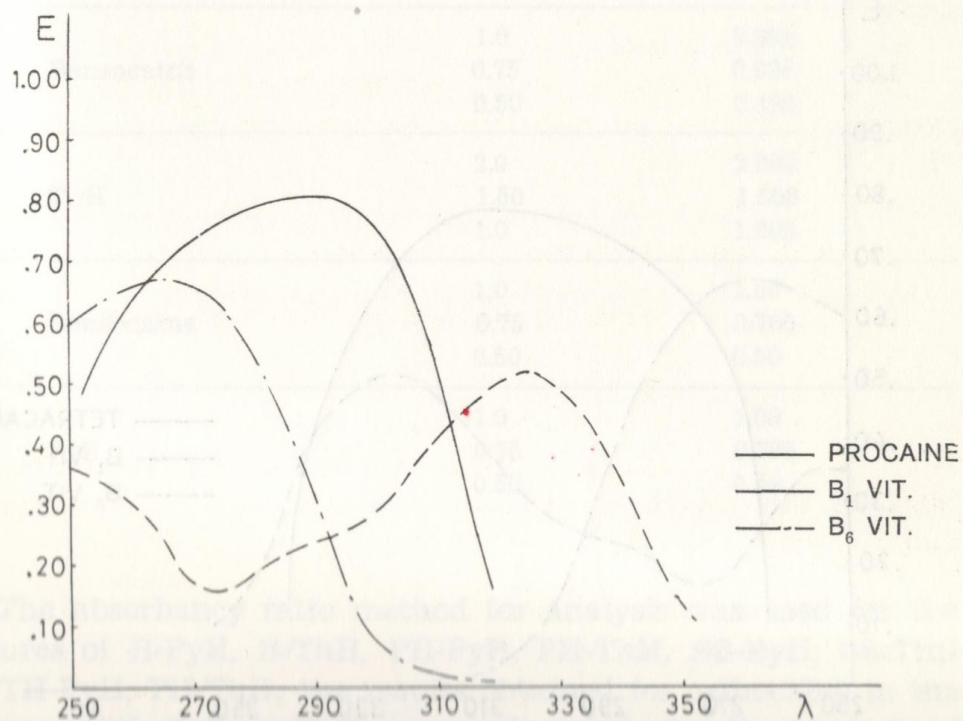


Fig. 2 - Absorption curves a) PH, b) ThH, c) PyH

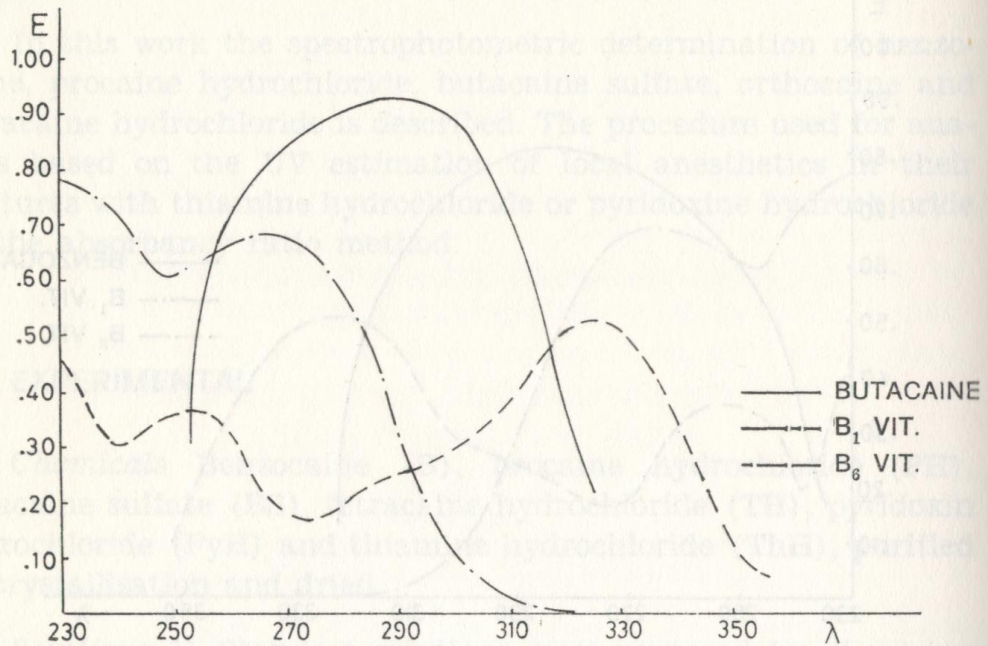


Fig. 3 - Absorption curves a) BS, b) ThH, c) PyH

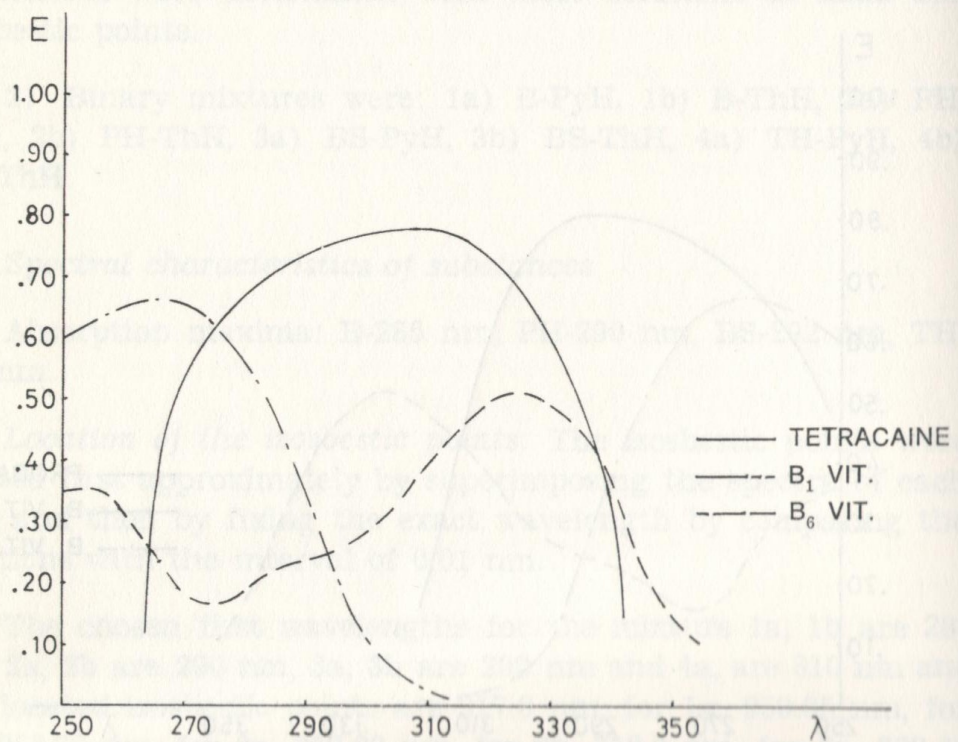


Fig. 4 - Absorption curves a) TH, b) ThH, c) PyH

The absorbances were measured at the absorption maxima and the isosbestic points against a water blank. The relative concentrations of the drugs were calculated by substituting the values into the following equations (26):

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The results are given in table 1-4.

(Table I)

Compound	Added (mg)	Found (mg)
Benzocaine	1.0	0.998
	0.75	0.998
	0.50	0.495
ThH	2.0	2.002
	1.50	1.508
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Benzocaine	1.0	1.00
	0.75	0.765
	0.50	0.50
PyH	1.0	1.00
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(Table II)

Compound	Added (mg)	Found (mg)
Procaine HCl	1.0	0.966
	0.75	0.755
	0.50	0.46
Thiamine HCl	2.0	2.034
	1.5	1.525
	1.0	0.98
Procaine HCl	1.0	0.988
	0.75	0.75
	0.50	0.50
Pyridoxine HCl	1.0	0.989
	0.75	0.76
	0.50	0.50

(Table III)

Compound	Added (mg)	Found (mg)
Butacaine sulfate	1.0	0.992
	0.75	0.748
	0.50	0.496
Thiamine HCl	2.0	2.008
	1.50	1.502
	1.0	1.004
Butacaine sulfate	1.0	0.98
	0.75	0.745
	0.50	0.49
Pyridoxine HCl	1.0	1.02
	0.75	0.776
	0.50	0.51

(Table IV)

Compound	Added (mg)	Found (mg)
Tetracaine HCl	1.0	1.03
	0.75	0.78
	0.50	0.52
Thiamine HCl	2.0	1.89
	1.50	1.43
	1.0	0.97
Tetracaine HCl	1.0	1.03
	0.75	0.71
	0.50	0.50
Pyridoxine HCl	1.0	1.08
	0.75	0.74
	0.50	0.50

The spectral characteristics of compounds are illustrated in fig 1-4. This characteristics indicated that binary mixtures of benzocaine, procaine hydrochloride, butacaine sulfate and tetracaine hydrochloride with pyridoxine hydrochloride or thiamine hydrochloride can be analyzed by applying this procedure to the market samples of paranteral solution of this drug. The quantities taken for each assay is the same as market samples. The minimum measurable amounts of the local anesthetic with this method is 5 mcg/ml.

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