

Comparative Evaluation of Marketed Tablet Formulations by UV Spectroscopy

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ABSTRACT:

This study explores the application of UV-Visible spectrophotometry for the quantitative analysis and quality assessment of pharmaceutical drugs, specifically Paracetamol, Ofloxacin, Aspirin, Amlodipine. UV-Visible spectrophotometry is a widely used analytical technique that measures the absorption of ultraviolet or visible light by chemical substances, based on the principles of the Beer-Lambert law. This method enables the determination of drug concentration and purity by evaluating the relationship between absorbance and concentration at specific wavelengths. In this research, standard and sample solutions of drugs were prepared using appropriate solvents, and their absorbance was measured at their respective maximum wavelengths (λ_{max}). Calibration curves were constructed by plotting absorbance against known concentrations of the standard solutions, establishing linear equations for each drug. These calibration models were then used to estimate the concentration of active pharmaceutical ingredients in commercial tablet formulations. The study also reviewed the pharmaceutical profiles, pharmacokinetics, mechanisms of action, and manufacturing details of both drugs to provide a comprehensive understanding of their analytical and therapeutic significance. The aim of this work is to highlight the reliability, simplicity, and cost-effectiveness of UV spectrophotometry as a tool for routine quality control in pharmaceutical analysis, especially in ensuring compliance with pharmacopeial standards.

KEYWORDS: Calibration Curve, UV Spectroscopy, Paracetamol, Ofloxacin, Aspirin Amlodipine, % Purity

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

Aim: To evaluate the percentage purity of commercially available Paracetamol, Aspirin, Ofloxacin and Amlodipine tablet formulations

using UV-Visible spectrophotometry based on the principles of Beer-Lambert law.

Objectives of the Research:

- To study the principles and instrumentation of UV-Visible spectrophotometry.
- To prepare and analyse standard and sample solutions of each drug.
- To determine the maximum absorption wavelength (λ_{max}) for each drug.
- To construct calibration curves by plotting absorbance vs. concentration.
- To apply Beer-Lambert's law to calculate the concentration of drug samples.
- To assess the percentage purity of commercial drug formulations.
- To compare the results with pharmacopeial standards (IP and USP) for quality evaluation.
- To demonstrate the efficacy of UV spectrophotometry in pharmaceutical quality control.

Need for the Research:

- To ensure the quality, safety, and efficacy of commonly used pharmaceutical drugs like Paracetamol and Amlodipine.
- To identify substandard or degraded formulations in the market that may pose health risks.
- To support regulatory compliance with Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) standards.
- To improve quality control practices in pharmaceutical manufacturing and testing laboratories.

I. INTRODUCTION^[1]

Definition

- UV Spectroscopy measures absorption of UV light (200–400 nm) by molecules, helping determine their concentration and structure.

Principle

- Based on electronic transitions: molecules absorb UV light and shift from ground to excited states, producing a characteristic absorbance.

Beer-Lambert Law

- Formula: $A = \epsilon \cdot c \cdot l$

Where:

- A: Absorbance
- ϵ : Molar absorptivity
- c: Concentration
- l: Path length (usually 1 cm)

Assumptions:

- Homogeneous solution
- Monochromatic light
- Independent absorbers
- Constant path length and concentration
- No scattering or fluorescence

Instrumentation Components^[2]

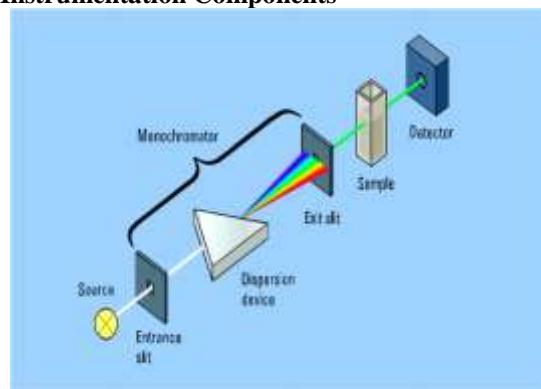


Figure no 1: Instrumentation of UV Spectrophotometer

1. Light Source:

- Deuterium lamp for UV (190–400 nm)
- Tungsten lamp for visible (400–800 nm)

2. Monochromator:

- Isolates specific wavelengths using slits and gratings

3. Sample Holder:

- Quartz cuvettes for UV, glass/plastic for visible

4. Sample:

- Usually in solution; absorbs light based on structure

5. Detector:

- Photodiode or PMT converts light into electrical signals

6. Signal Processor:

- Converts signals into spectra (absorbance vs. wavelength)

7. Exit Slit:

- Controls light resolution before it reaches the sample

8. Spectral Range:

- UV: 200–400 nm
- Visible: 400–800 nm

9. Software Functions:

- Wavelength control, baseline correction, spectrum analysis, concentration calculation

❖ Applications of UV spectroscopy:^[3]

UV spectroscopy has a wide range of applications across many fields, especially in chemistry, biology, environmental science, and material science. Below are some of the key applications of UV spectroscopy in detail:

- Quantitative Analysis (Concentration Determination)
- Identification and Characterization of Compounds
- Kinetic Studies
- Structural Elucidation
- Protein and Nucleic Acid Analysis
- Environmental Monitoring
- Forensic Analysis
- Photochemistry Studies

Advantages of UV spectroscopy:^[4]

- Non-destructive Technique
- Simplicity and Ease of Use
- High Sensitivity and Detection Limits
- Rapid and Real-Time Analysis
- Wide Range of Applications
- Quantitative Analysis Using Beer's Law
- Minimal Sample Preparation
- Ability to Analyse Various Forms (Solid, Liquid, or Gas)

❖ Limitations of UV spectroscopy:^[5]

- Limited Sample Types
- Interference from Solvents
- Poor Sensitivity for Low Absorbing Compounds
- Beer's Law Limitations (Linear Range)

Introduction To Method:^[6]

The **Calibration Curve Method** is a technique to find the concentration of an unknown sample by comparing its measured response to a curve plotted from standards of known concentration.

Steps for Calibration Curve Method:

Prepare Standard Solutions:

Make several solutions with known concentrations of the analyte.

Measure Responses:

Measure the instrument response (e.g., absorbance, peak area) for each standard.

Plot Calibration Curve:

Plot the instrument response (y-axis) vs. concentration (x-axis).

Fit the Curve:

Fit a straight line (or appropriate curve) through the points; most commonly a linear regression line.

Measure Unknown Sample:

Measure the response of the unknown sample under the same conditions.

Determine Concentration:

Use the calibration curve equation to calculate the concentration of the unknown by substituting the sample's response.

Formula: If the calibration curve is linear, the relationship is usually:

$$y = mx + c$$

Where: y = instrument response (e.g., absorbance)

x = concentration of analyte

m = slope of the calibration curve

c = y-intercept

Instrumentation model:

Feature	Details
Instrument	UV-VIS
Name	SPECTROPHOTOMETER
Manufacturer	Shimadzu Corporation
Type	UV-1900 Series
Model	UV 1900 1 (A12535981410)
UV Range	190 nm – 1100 nm (varies slightly by model)
Detectors	Photomultiplier tube (PMT), Silicon photodiode
Light Source	Deuterium lamp (UV) and Tungsten lamp (visible)
Software	LabSolutions UV-Vis

Version | 1.12

Table No. 1: Shimadzu 1900 Series Details

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

A. PARACETAMOL

1. DRUG PROFILE^[7]

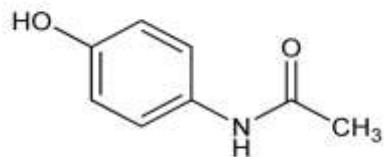


Figure No 2: Structure Of Paracetamol

- Generic Name: Paracetamol
- Also Known As: Acetaminophen
- Chemical Name: N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamide
- Molecular Formula: C₈H₉NO₂
- Molecular Weight: 151.16 g/mol
- Drug Class: Analgesic and Antipyretic
- Mechanism of Action: Inhibits prostaglandin synthesis in the central nervous system, primarily acting on the hypothalamic heat-regulating centre.
- Uses: Relief of mild to moderate pain (e.g., headache, muscle pain, dental pain) and fever reduction.
- Dosage (Adults): 500–1000 mg every 4–6 hours; maximum 4000 mg/day
- Absorption: Rapid from gastrointestinal tract
- Half-life: 2–3 hours
- Metabolism: Primarily in the liver (glucuronidation and sulfation)
- Excretion: Renal
- Common Side Effects: Rash, nausea; hepatotoxicity in overdose
- Advantages: Safe for most populations, minimal gastric irritation.

2. SAMPLE COLLECTION:

1. Dolo 650 Mg



Figure No 3: Dolo 650 mg

Manufactured By	Micro Labs Limited
Mfg. lic. No.:	M/600/2012
Batch No.:	DOB534237
Mfg. Date:	JAN 2023
Exp. Date:	DEC 2025
Strength	650 mg
M.R.P.	33.76rs for 15 Tablets

Table No 2: Dolo 650 mg Details

2. Paracip-500 Mg



Figure No 4: Paracip-500 Mg

Manufactured by:	CIPLA LTD
Mfg. Lic. No.:	43/UA/2010
Batch No.:	CH40454
Mfg. Date:	NOV 2024
Exp. Date:	OCT 2027
Strength	500 mg
M.R.P.	10.08(10 tablets)

Table No 3: Paracip-500 Mg Details

3. MATERIAL AND METHODS:^[8]

Materials

- Paracetamol (standard, pure API)
- Commercial Paracetamol tablets (label claim: 500 mg, 650mg)
- 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) solution
- Distilled water
- Analytical balance
- Volumetric flasks (10 mL, 100 mL, 50ml)
- Pipettes, filter paper
- UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (Range: 257 nm)

Method

Preparation of Standard Stock Solution

- Dissolve 50 mg of pure Paracetamol in 50 ml of 0.1 N NaOH.

Preparation of Working Standard Solution

- Pipette 5 mL of the standard stock solution into 50 ml 0.1 N NaOH.
- Further dilutions (e.g., 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 ml in 10 ml solvent) may be prepared to construct a calibration curve by suitable dilution with 0.1 N NaOH.

Preparation of Sample Solution

- Weigh 20 tablets of paracetamol, calculate the average weight.
- Powder the tablets finely in a mortar.
- Weigh accurately a portion equivalent to 50 mg of Paracetamol.
- Transfer the weighed powder into a 50 mL volumetric flask.
- Add about 25 mL of 0.1 N NaOH and sonicate for 10–15 minutes to dissolve.

6. Filter the solution through Whatman No. 41 filter paper.
7. Wash the residue with 0.1 N NaOH, combine the filtrates, and make up the volume to 50 mL with 0.1 N NaOH.
8. Pipette **5 mL** of this solution into another 100 mL volumetric flask and dilute to the mark with 0.1 N NaOH. Final concentration.
9. Further dilutions can be made to match the standard concentration used for analysis.
 (2 μ g/mL)

4. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

1. Standard paracetamol

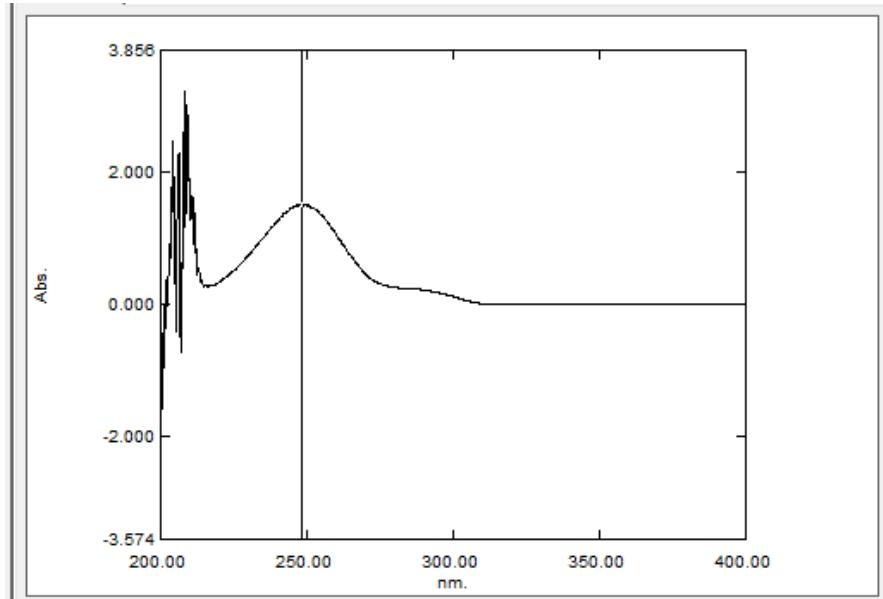
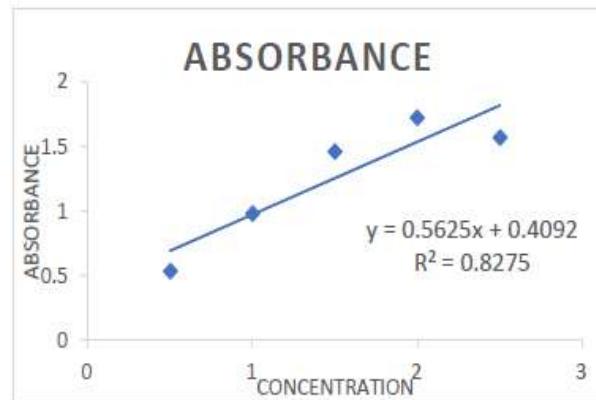


Fig No 5: λ_{max} Paracetamol Standard (257nm)

Concentration (μ g/ml)	Absorbance
0.5	0.5329
1	0.9799
1.5	1.4621
2	1.7218
2.5	1.5683

Table No 4: Concentration Vs Absorbance



Graph No 1: Calibration Curve of Standard

2. Sample Paracetamol:

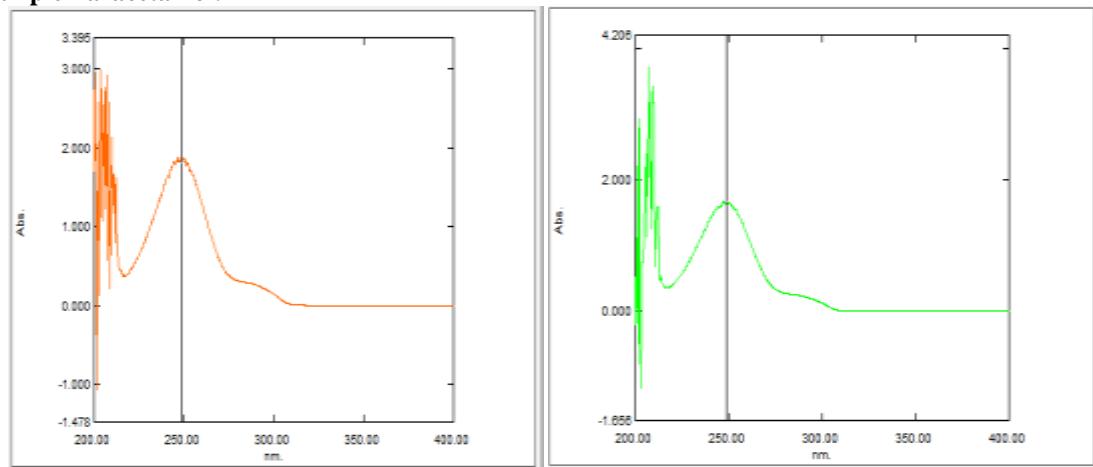


Figure No 6: λ_{max} of Dolo 650mg And Paracip 500 mg at 257 Nm

5. CALCULATIONS:

Formula Used:^[10]

The calculations are based on the linear equation of the calibration curve:

$y = mx + c$, where:

- y is the absorbance of the sample
- m is the slope of the calibration curve (from standard data)
- c is the intercept
- x is the concentration of the sample (solved from the equation)
- Then, **% Purity = (Calculated Concentration / Label Claim) × 100**

Paracetamol

Sample 1 (650 mg): $y = 1.450$, $m = 0.5625$, $c = 0.4092$

$$\rightarrow x = (1.480 - 0.4092) / 0.5625 = 1.90$$

$$\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.90 / 2) \times 100 = 95\%$$

Sample 2 (500 mg): $y = 1.550$, $m = 0.5625$, $c = 0.4092$

$$\rightarrow x = (1.550 - 0.4092) / 0.5625 = 2.02$$

$$\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (2.02 / 2) \times 100 = 101\%$$

B. OFLOXACIN

1.DRUG PROFILE^[9]

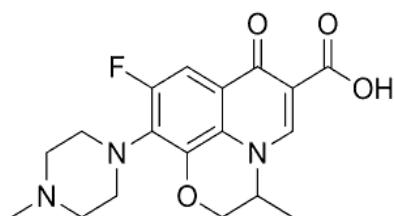


Figure no.7: Structure of Ofloxacin

- Generic Name: Ofloxacin
- Brand Name: Oflox, Floxin
- Chemical Name: (\pm)-9-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-3-methyl-10-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-7-oxo-7H-pyrido[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-6-carboxylic acid
- Molecular Formula: $C_{18}H_{20}FN_3O_4$
- Molecular Weight: 361.37 g/mol
- Drug Class: Fluoroquinolone Antibiotic
- Mechanism of Action: Inhibits bacterial DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV, essential for DNA replication, repair, and transcription.
- Uses: Treatment of urinary tract infections, respiratory tract infections, skin infections, prostatitis, gonorrhoea, and bacterial conjunctivitis.
- Dosage (Adults): 200–400 mg every 12 hours depending on infection; dose adjusted in renal impairment
- Absorption: Rapid and nearly complete oral absorption (bioavailability ~98%)
- Half-life: 4–7 hours
- Metabolism: Limited hepatic metabolism
- Excretion: Primarily renal, mostly unchanged in urine
- Common Side Effects: Nausea, diarrhoea, headache, dizziness; risk of tendon rupture, QT prolongation
- Advantages: Broad-spectrum, high tissue penetration, effective oral and IV options

2. SAMPLE COLLECTION

1. Oflox 400 Mg



Figure no 8: Oflox 400 mg

Manufactured by:	Golden Cross Pharma Ltd
Mfg. Lic. No.:	M/481/08
Batch No.:	ASQ032X
Mfg. Date:	MAY 24
Exp. Date:	APR 27
strength	400 mg
M.R.P.	353.57rs (10 tablets)

Table no 5: Oflox 400 mg details

2. Oflox 200 Mg



Figure No 9: Oflox 200 Mg

Manufactured by:	CIPLA Ltd.
Mfg. Lic. No.:	M/435/08
Batch No.:	45B01688
Mfg. Date:	NOV 23
Exp. Date:	JAN 26
strength	200 mg
M.R.P.	87.42rs(10 tablets)

Table No 6 : Oflox 200 Mg Details

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS ^[10]

Materials

- Ofloxacin pure drug (standard) – obtained from a certified supplier.
- Marketed Ofloxacin tablets – labelled to contain 200 mg or 400 mg of Ofloxacin.
- Distilled water – used as the solvent throughout the analysis.
- Volumetric flasks – 10 mL, 50 mL, and 100 mL capacity.
- UV-Visible Spectrophotometer – with 1 cm quartz cuvettes.
- Digital balance – with precision ± 0.1 mg.
- Filter paper – Whatman No. 41.

Preparation of Standard Solution

1. Accurately weigh 50 mg of Ofloxacin reference standard using a digital balance.
2. Transfer the weighed quantity into a 50 mL volumetric flask.
3. Add about 35 mL of distilled water and sonicate (if needed) to dissolve the drug completely.
4. Make up the volume to 50 mL with distilled water. This gives a stock solution of 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$.
5. Pipette out 5 mL of this stock solution into another 50 mL volumetric flask and dilute to the mark with distilled water to get a working standard of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$.
6. Further dilutions may be prepared (e.g., 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for linearity and

calibration by appropriately diluting with water.

Preparation of Sample Solution (Tablet Formulation)

1. Weigh and finely powder 20 tablets.
2. Accurately weigh a quantity of tablet powder equivalent to 50 mg of Ofloxacin.
3. Transfer the powder into a 50 mL volumetric flask and add about 35 mL of distilled water.
4. Sonicate for 10 minutes to ensure complete extraction of the drug.
5. Cool and make up the volume to 50 mL with distilled water.
6. Filter the solution through Whatman filter paper No. 41.

4.RESULTS OF ANALYSIS

1. Standard Ofloxacin

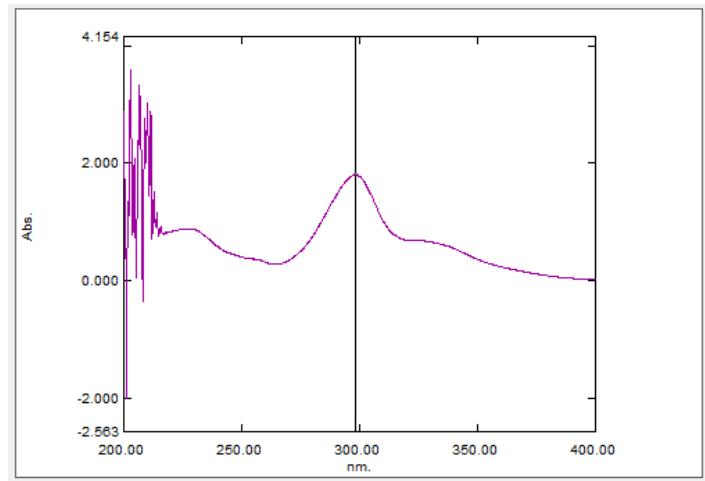


Figure No. 10: λ_{max} of Ofloxacin Standard (287nm)

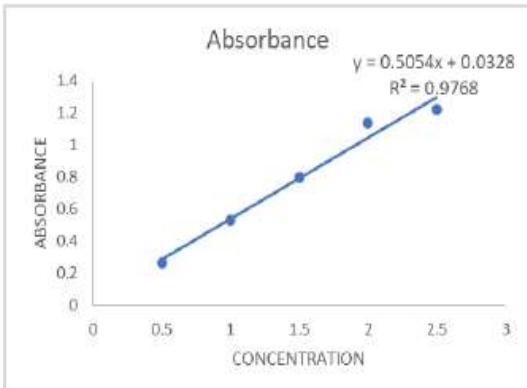
Concentration	Absorbance
0.5	0.2636
1	0.5314
1.5	0.7968
2	1.1397
2.5	1.2229

Table no 7: concentration vs absorbance

7. Pipette 5 mL of the filtrate into another 50 mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with distilled water. This yields a test solution of 50 μ g/ml.
8. Further dilutions may be made from this stock as required for UV analysis. (2 μ g/mL)

UV Analysis Procedure

1. Measure the absorbance of both standard and sample solutions at the λ_{max} of Ofloxacin (typically around 287 nm).
2. Use distilled water as a blank.
3. Prepare a calibration curve using standard dilutions (0.5-2.5 μ g/mL) and determine the concentration of the sample from the curve.



Graph No 2: Calibration Curve of Standard

2. Sample Ofloxacin

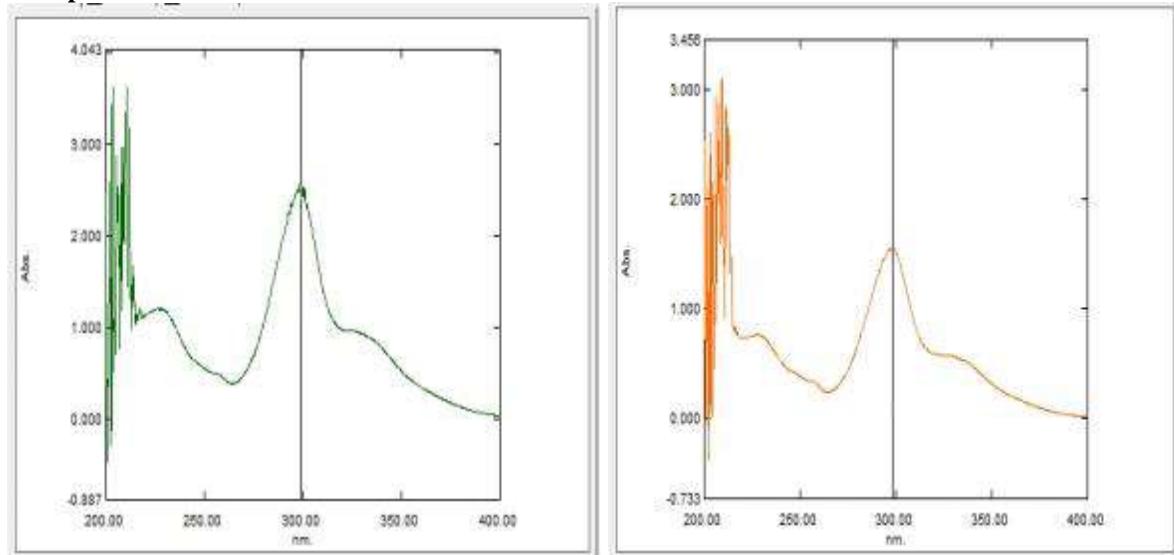


Figure no 11: λ_{max} of oflox 400 mg and oflox 200 mg sample

5.CALCULATIONS

Sample 1(400 mg): $y = 1.002$, $m = 0.5054$, $c = 0.0328$
 $\rightarrow x = (1.002 - 0.0328) / 0.5054 = 1.9$
 $\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.9 / 2) \times 100 = 95\%$

Sample 2 (200 mg): $y = 1.0995$, $m = 0.5054$, $c = 0.0328$
 $\rightarrow x = (1.0995 - 0.0328) / 0.5054 = 2.11$
 $\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (2.11 / 2) \times 100 = 105.5\%$

C. ASPIRIN

1. DRUG PROFILE ^[14]

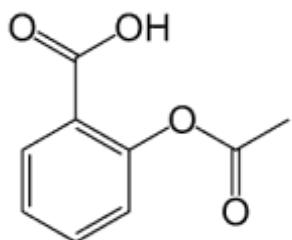


Figure No.12: Structure of Aspirin

- Generic Name: Aspirin
- Also Known As: Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)
- Chemical Name: 2-Acetoxybenzoic acid
- Molecular Formula: $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$

- Molecular Weight: 180.16 g/mol
- Drug Class: NSAID (Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug), Antiplatelet
- Mechanism of Action: Irreversibly inhibits cyclooxygenase (COX-1 and COX-2), reducing prostaglandin and thromboxane A2 synthesis
- Uses: Pain relief, fever reduction, anti-inflammatory in arthritis; prevention of heart attack, stroke, and clot formation
- Dosage (Adults):
- For pain/fever: 325–650 mg every 4–6 hours (max 4 g/day)
- For antiplatelet use: 75–325 mg once daily
- Absorption: Rapid from stomach and upper intestine
- Half-life:
- 2–3 hours (low dose)
- Up to 15 hours (high dose, due to saturation metabolism)
- Metabolism: Liver (to salicylic acid)
- Excretion: Renal (pH-dependent excretion)
- Common Side Effects: Gastric irritation, bleeding, nausea, tinnitus (in overdose), Reye's syndrome (in children)
- Advantages: Effective antiplatelet agent; inexpensive and widely available

2. SAMPLE COLLECTION

1. Ecosprin 150 mg



Figure no 13: Ecosprin 150 mg

Manufactured by:	USV	Private Limited
Mfg. Lic. No.:	D/354/07	
Batch No.:	73R48201	
Mfg. Date:	MAR 24	
Exp. Date:	JUN 26	
Strength	150 mg	
M.R.P.	35.57RS	(14 tablets)

Table no 8: Ecosprin 150 mg details

2. Ecosprin 75 mg



Figure No 14: Ecosprin 75 Mg

Manufactured by:	USV Private Limited
Mfg. Lic. No.:	E/243/09
Batch No.:	47P02386
Mfg. Date:	JAN 23
Exp. Date:	DEC 25
Strength	75 mg
M.R.P.	24.57rs (14 tablets)

Table No 9: Ecosprin 75 Mg

3. MATERIAL AND METHODS^[12]

Materials

- Aspirin tablets (marketed formulation containing 75 mg and 150mg Aspirin per tablet)
- Aspirin standard (analytical grade, ≥99% purity)
- Ethanol (95%) (analytical reagent grade)
- Distilled water
- UV-Visible spectrophotometer with 1 cm quartz cuvettes
- Analytical balance (sensitivity ±0.1 mg)
- Volumetric flasks (10 mL, 50 mL, 100 mL)
- Pipettes and micropipettes

Preparation of Standard Solution

- Accurately weigh 50 mg of Aspirin standard using an analytical balance.

- Transfer the weighed standard into a 50 ml volumetric flask.
- Add about 35 ml of 95% ethanol and sonicate if necessary to dissolve.
- Make up the volume to 50 ml with 95% ethanol to obtain a stock solution of 500 µg/ml.
- From this stock, pipette 5 ml into another 50 ml volumetric flask and dilute to the mark with ethanol to prepare a 50 µg/ml working standard.
- Prepare further dilutions (e.g., 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 ml in 10 ml) as needed for calibration by pipetting appropriate aliquots into 10 ml volumetric flasks and diluting with ethanol.

Preparation of Sample Solution

1. Accurately weigh and finely powder 20 Aspirin tablets.
2. Weigh a quantity of the powder equivalent to 50 mg of Aspirin and transfer to a 100 mL volumetric flask.
3. Add about 35 ml of 95% ethanol, sonicate for 10 minutes to ensure complete extraction.
4. Filter through Whatman No.1 filter paper.
5. Wash the residue with small portions of ethanol and combine filtrates.
6. Make up the volume to 100 ml with ethanol (resulting in a 500 μ g/ml stock solution).
7. Further dilute an appropriate volume (e.g., 0.5,1,1.5,2,2.5ml) to obtain a 50 μ g/ml sample solution for UV analysis.

4. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS

1. Standard Aspirin

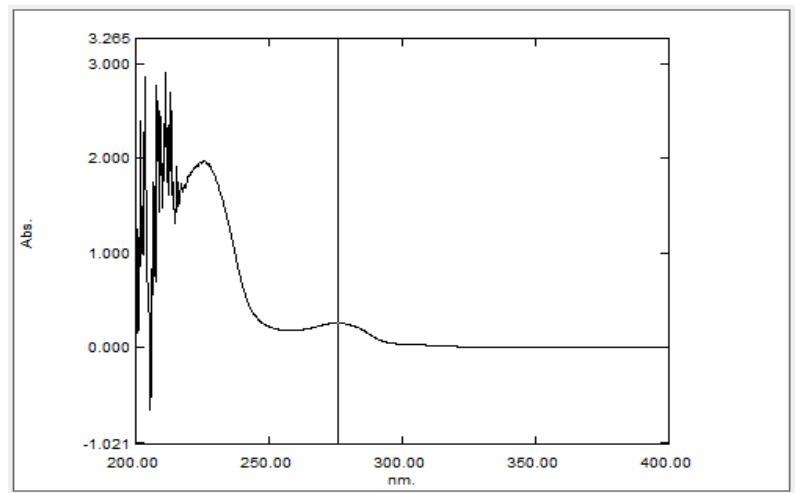
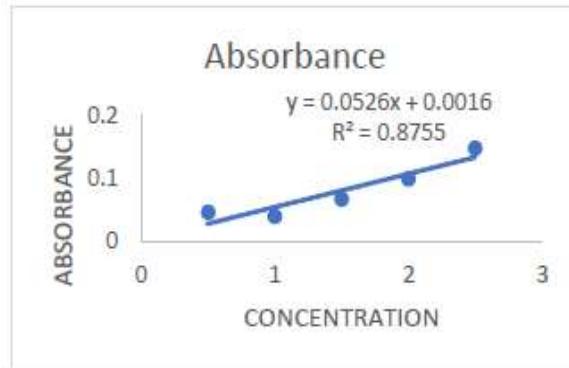


Figure no 15: λ_{max} of aspirin standard (276nm)

Concentration	Absorbance
0.5	0.0465
1	0.0401
1.5	0.0677
2	0.0998
2.5	0.1481

Table no 10: concentration vs absorbance



Graph No 3: Calibration Curve of Standard

Sample Aspirin

2. Sample aspirin

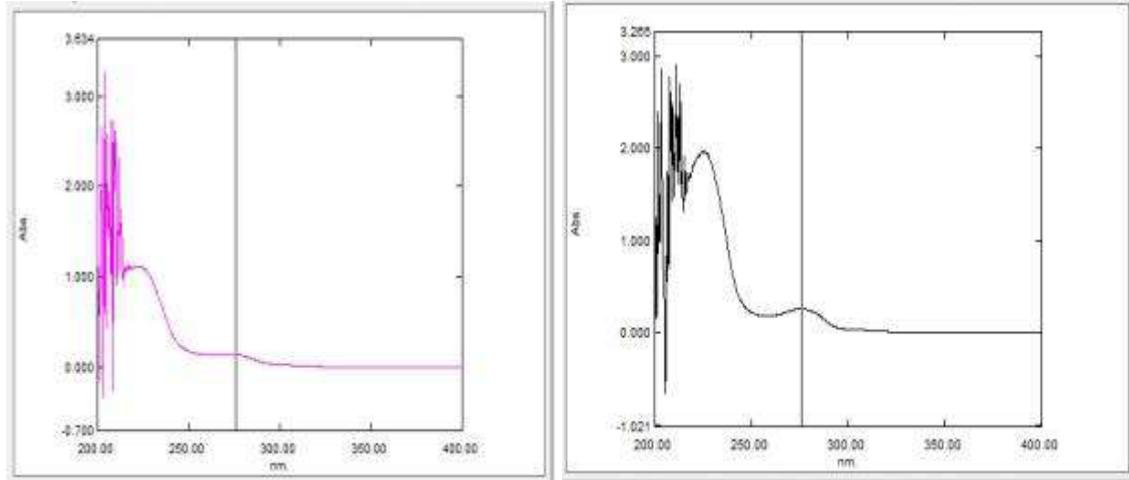


Figure no 16: λ_{max} of Ecosprin 150 mg and Ecosprin 75 mg at 276nm

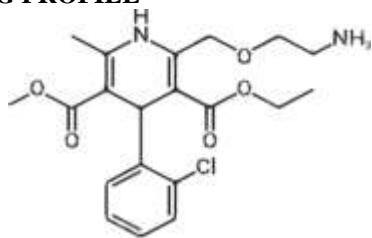
5.CALCULATIONS

Sample 1(150 mg): $y = 0.1005$, $m = 0.0526$, $c = 0.0016$
 $\rightarrow x = (0.1005 - 0.0016) / 0.0526 = 1.88$
 $\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.88 / 2) \times 100 = 94\%$

Sample 2 (75 mg): $y = 0.1011$, $m = 0.0526$, $c = 0.0016$
 $\rightarrow x = (0.1011 - 0.0016) / 0.0526 = 1.89$
 $\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.89 / 2) \times 100 = 94.5\%$

D. AMLODIPINE

1. DRUG PROFILE ^[13]



Amlodipine

Figure No 17: Structure Of Amlodipine

- Generic Name: Amlodipine

2. SAMPLE COLLECTION

1.Amlip-5 mg

- Drug Class: Calcium Channel Blocker (Dihydropyridine class)
- Chemical Name: 3-Ethyl 5-methyl 2-[(2-aminoethoxy)methyl]-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate
- Molecular Formula: $C_{20}H_{25}Cl N_2O_5$
- Molecular Weight: 408.9 g/mol
- Mechanism of Action: Inhibits L-type calcium channels in vascular smooth muscle, causing vasodilation and reduced blood pressure.
- Uses: Treatment of hypertension, chronic stable angina, and vasospastic angina
- Dosage (Adults): Starting dose 5 mg once daily; max 10 mg/day
- Absorption: High oral bioavailability (64–90%)
- Half-life: 30–50 hours (long-acting)
- Metabolism: Hepatic (mainly via CYP3A4)
- Excretion: Primarily via urine as inactive metabolites
- Common Side Effects: Peripheral oedema, dizziness, headache, flushing
- Advantages: Once-daily dosing, effective in both hypertension and angina



Figure No 18: Amlip-5mg

Manufactured by:	CIPLA LTD.
Mfg. Lic. No.:	L/04/79
Batch No.:	4C1307
Mfg. Date:	NOV 2024
Exp. Date:	OCT 2027
Strength	5 mg
M.R.P.	28.00rs (10 tablets)

Table No 11: Amlip-5 Mg Details

2.Amlip-2.5 mg



Figure No 19: Amlip-2.5 Mg

Manufactured by:	CIPLA LTD
Mfg. Lic. No.:	L/04/79
Batch No.:	C10265
Mfg. Date:	MAR 2024
Exp. Date:	FEB 2026
strength	2.5 mg
M.R.P.	20.04(10 tablets)

Table No 12: Amlip-2.5 Mg Details

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS^[14]

Chemicals and Reagents

- Amlodipine Besylate Reference Standard (purity \geq 99%)
- Commercial Amlodipine tablets (label claim: 2.5 mg and 5 mg per tablet)
- Methanol
- Distilled Water

Preparation of Standard Solution

1. Accurately weigh about 50 mg of Amlodipine Besylate reference standard using an analytical balance.
2. Transfer to a 50 mL volumetric flask.
3. Add about 35 mL of methanol, sonicate for 5 minutes to dissolve, and dilute to the mark with methanol.
4. This gives a stock solution of 50 μ g/ml.
5. Prepare working standard solutions by pipetting appropriate aliquots (e.g.,

0.5,1,1.5,2,2.5 mL) into 10 mL volumetric flasks

6. Measure absorbance at maximum wavelength (λ_{max}) of Amlodipine (~238 nm).

Preparation of Sample Solution

1. Weigh and finely powder 20 tablets of Amlodipine.
2. Accurately weigh a portion of the powder equivalent to 50 mg of Amlodipine
3. Transfer the powder to a 50 mL volumetric flask.
4. Add 35 mL of methanol, sonicate for 15 minutes to extract the drug.
5. Filter the solution using Whatman filter paper No. 41.
6. Wash the residue with methanol and make up the filtrate to 50 mL with methanol.
7. From this solution, pipette 5 mL into a 50 mL volumetric flask, and dilute to the mark with methanol to get a 50 μ g/mL solution. And

make dilutions in 0.5,1,1.5,2,2.5 mg/ml in 10 ml.

8. Measure the absorbance at **238 nm** against a methanol blank.

4. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

1. Standard aspirin

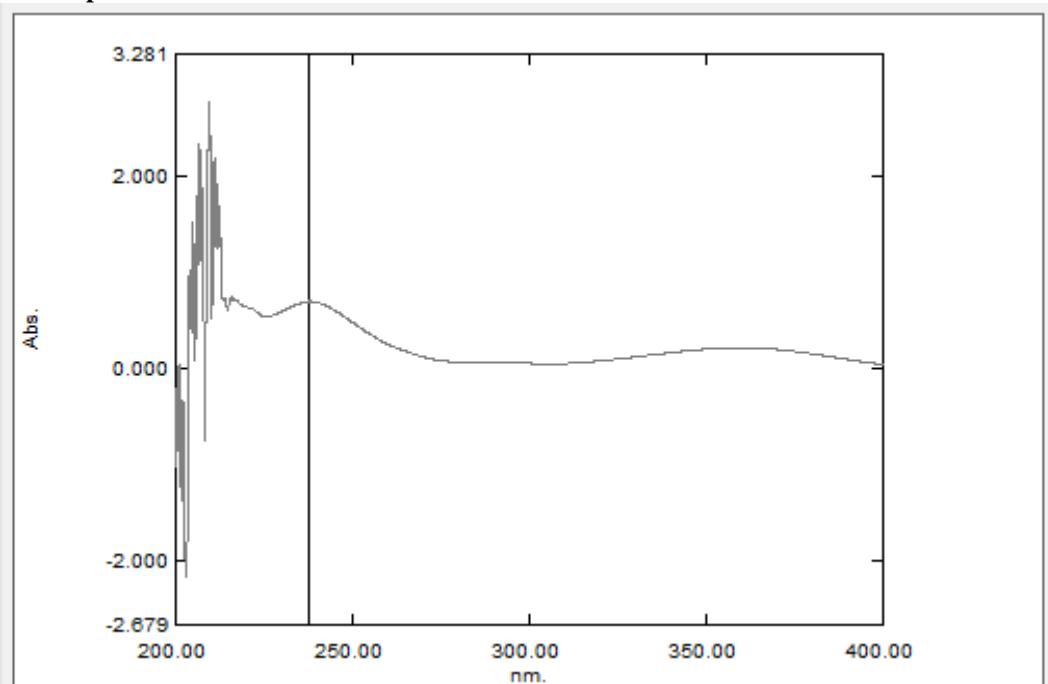
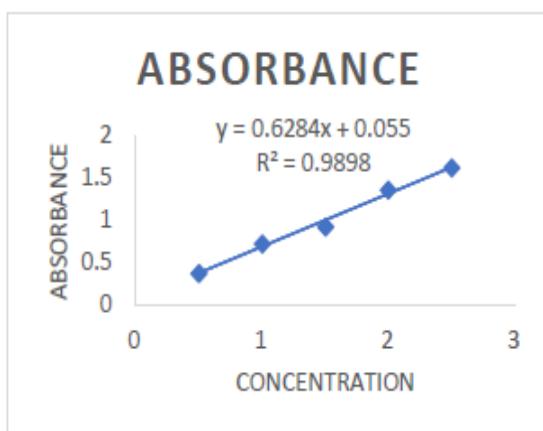


Figure No 20: λ_{max} of Amlodipine Standard At 238nm

Concentration(ug/ml)	Absorbance
0.5	0.3689
1	0.7203
1.5	0.9183
2	1.3613
2.5	1.6194

Table No 13: Concentration Vs Absorbance



Graph No 4: Calibration Curve of Amlodipine Standard

2. Sample aspirin

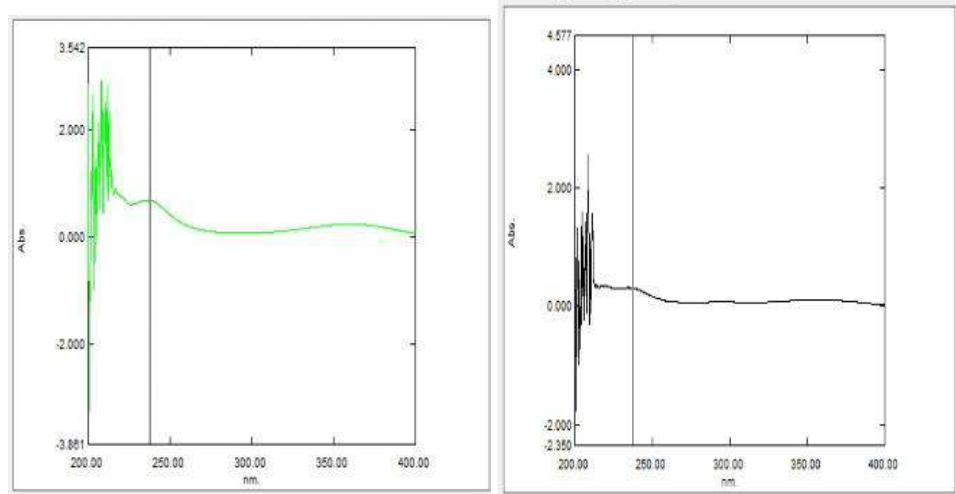


Figure No 21: Lamda Max of Amlip 2.5 mg And Amlip 5 mg at 238 Nm

Formula Used:

The calculations are based on the linear equation of the calibration curve:

$$y = mx + c, \text{ where:}$$

- y is the absorbance of the sample
- m is the slope of the calibration curve (from standard data)
- c is the intercept
- x is the concentration of the sample (solved from the equation)
- Then, **% Purity = (Calculated Concentration / Label Claim) × 100**

Amlodipine

Sample 1(5 mg): $y = 1.2929$, $m = 0.6284$, $c = 0.055$

$$\rightarrow x = (1.2929 - 0.055) / 0.6284 = 1.96$$

$$\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.96 / 2) \times 100 = 98.5\%$$

Sample 2(2.5 mg): $y = 1.3014$, $m = 0.6284$, $c = 0.055$

$$\rightarrow x = (1.3014 - 0.055) / 0.6284 = 1.98$$

$$\rightarrow \% \text{ Purity} = (1.98 / 2) \times 100 = 99.2\%$$

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The current research successfully employed UV-Visible spectrophotometry for the quantitative analysis of four commonly used pharmaceutical drugs Paracetamol, Ofloxacin, Aspirin, and Amlodipine in tablet formulations. The method is based on the Beer-Lambert law, which establishes a direct relationship between absorbance and concentration. Each drug's standard and sample solutions were prepared using

appropriate solvents and subjected to spectrophotometric analysis at their respective maximum absorbance wavelengths (λ_{max}): 257 nm for Paracetamol, 287 nm for Ofloxacin, 276 nm for Aspirin, and 238 nm for Amlodipine.

For each drug, calibration curves were constructed using serial dilutions of known concentrations, and the absorbance values were plotted to generate linear equations. The high correlation of linearity in each case confirmed the reliability and accuracy of the spectrophotometric method. Sample concentrations were derived by applying these linear equations, and the percentage purity was calculated using the ratio of experimentally obtained concentration to the label claim.

The study revealed slight variations in the purity of commercial tablets when compared with pharmacopeial standards. For example, Paracetamol samples showed purity levels of 95% and 101%, suggesting acceptable variability and compliance with Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) standards. Similarly, Ofloxacin samples showed purities of 95% and 105.5%, while Aspirin samples had values of 94% and 94.5%. Amlodipine, analysed through methanolic solutions, demonstrated high purity with values of 98.5% and 99.2%. All these values fall within the acceptable pharmacopeial limits, confirming the suitability of these formulations for therapeutic use.

Additionally, the method demonstrated strong applicability across different solvents—NaOH, water, ethanol, and methanol based on drug solubility, without significant loss of accuracy or

sensitivity. The simplicity of the method, minimal sample preparation, and real-time analysis capability make it highly suitable for routine quality control in pharmaceutical industries.

However, it is essential to maintain strict procedural adherence to prevent deviations due to solvent interference or instrument limitations, as discussed in the methodology.

SUMMARY OF RESULT: -

Sample name	Sample no	Strength (mg)	y	m	x	c	% Purity
Paracetamol	Sample 1	650	1.480	0.5625	1.90	0.4092	95
Paracetamol	Sample 2	500	1.550	0.5625	2.02	0.4092	101
Ofloxacin	Sample 1	400	1.002	0.5054	1.9	0.0328	95
Ofloxacin	Sample 2	200	1.0995	0.5054	2.11	0.0328	105.5
Aspirin	Sample 1	150	0.1005	0.0526	1.88	0.0016	94
Aspirin	Sample 2	75	0.1011	0.0526	1.89	0.0016	94.5
Amlodipine	Sample 1	5	1.2929	0.6284	1.96	0.055	98.5
Amlodipine	Sample 2	2.5	1.3014	0.6284	1.98	0.055	99.2

Table No 14: Results Of Samples

III. CONCLUSION:

The present study demonstrates the effectiveness of UV-Visible spectrophotometry as a simple, accurate, and cost-efficient analytical technique for determining the percentage purity of pharmaceutical formulations. By applying Beer-Lambert's law and constructing calibration curves for both Paracetamol and Amlodipine, it was possible to quantitatively assess the concentration of active pharmaceutical ingredients in commercially available tablet formulations. The results revealed that both sample of each drug met the pharmacopeial standards specified by the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP). The study revealed slight variations in the purity of commercial tablets when compared with pharmacopeial standards. All these values fall within the acceptable pharmacopeial limits, confirming the suitability of these formulations for therapeutic use. These findings underscore the importance of routine quality evaluation using reliable analytical techniques such as UV spectrophotometry to ensure the safety, efficacy, and regulatory compliance of pharmaceutical products. Furthermore, the study highlights the potential for this technique to be widely adopted in both research and industrial settings for the quality assurance of a variety of drug formulations.

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