

# Simultaneous Determination of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride in Bulk Drug and Tablet Dosage Form by UV Spectrophotometry

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## Abstract

A simple, accurate and economic UV Spectrophotometric method was developed for simultaneous estimation of Ranitidine Hydrochloride (RNH) and Ondansetron Hydrochloride (ODH) in bulk drug and tablet dosage form. Distilled water was used as solvent for analysis. The wavelengths selected for determination of Ranitidine was found to be 227.8 nm and for Ondansetron was found to be 248.7 nm. The linearity was found to be satisfactory in the concentration range of 2-10 µg/ml for both RNH and ODH. Regression analysis reveals that the correlation coefficient was found to be 0.9976 for RNH and 0.9979 for ODH. The %RSD values for intra-day precision and inter-day precision for Ranitidine were found to be 0.58% and 0.96% and for Ondansetron were found to be 0.44% and 0.54% respectively. The mean recovery of the drugs RNH and ODH was 99.36% and 99.51% respectively. The proposed method was validated as per ICH guidelines and the results are in accordance with acceptance criteria. Hence the present described method can be identically used for analysis of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride in commercial formulation.

**Keywords:** Ranitidine Hydrochloride; Ondansetron Hydrochloride; UV Spectrophotometry; Linearity

## Introduction

Ranitidine Hydrochloride (Figure 1) is a histamine H<sub>2</sub>-receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of peptic ulcers [1,2]. The chemical name for Ranitidine Hydrochloride N[2-[[[5-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-2-furanyl]methyl]thio]ethyl]-N'-methyl-2-nitro-1,1-

ethenediamine hydrochloride [3,4]. Ranitidine is a competitive, reversible inhibitor of the action of histamine. Ranitidine blocks the production of acid by acid-producing cells in the stomach. Histamine is a naturally-occurring chemical that stimulates cells in the

stomach to produce acid. H<sub>2</sub>-blockers inhibit the action of histamine on the cells, thus reducing the production of acid by the stomach. They accomplish this by two mechanisms: histamine released by enterochromaffin-like (ECL) cells in the stomach is blocked from binding on parietal cell H<sub>2</sub> receptors which stimulate acid secretion, and other substances that promote acid secretion have a reduced effect on parietal cells when the H<sub>2</sub> receptors are blocked.

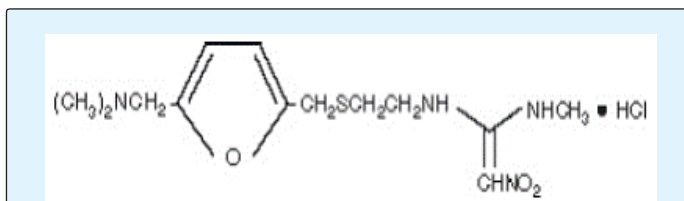


Figure 1: Molecular structure of Ranitidine Hydrochloride.

Ondansetron Hydrochloride (Figure 2) is a selective, competitive serotonin (5-HT<sub>3</sub>) receptor antagonist [5]. The chemical name was (±) 1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-9-methyl-3-[(2-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-4*H*-carbazol-4-one, monohydrochloride [6,7]. It is effective in the treatment of nausea and vomiting. The antiemetic activity of the drug is brought about through the inhibition of 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors present both centrally (medullary chemoreceptor zone) and peripherally (GI tract) [8]. This in turn inhibits the visceral afferent stimulation of the vomiting center, likely indirectly at the level of the area postrema through direct inhibition of serotonin activity within the area postrema and the chemoreceptor trigger zone.

On literature survey it was found that few analytical methods were available for simultaneous estimation of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride by using UV Spectrophotometry and RP-HPLC [9-15]. Hence an effort has been made to develop a simple, sensitive, economic and precise UV Spectrophotometric method for simultaneous analysis of RNH and ODH and validated as per ICH guidelines.

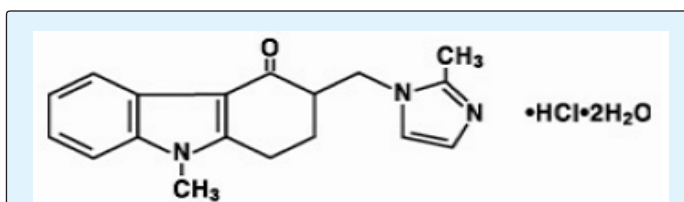


Figure 2: Molecular structure of Ondansetron Hydrochloride.

## Method and Materials

### Materials

**Instrument:** Shimadzu UV1800 Double Beam Spectrophotometer was used for analysis.

**Drugs and formulations:** The pure drug samples of Ranitidine Hydrochloride (API) and Ondansetron Hydrochloride (API) were provided as gift samples from Spectrum Labs, Hyderabad, India. The commercial formulations (tablets) (DORAN-O tablets containing 150 mg of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and 4 mg of Ondansetron Hydrochloride) were procured from the local market.

**Chemicals and solvents:** Distilled water was used as solvent and was used throughout the experiment.

### Methodology

**Selection of suitable solvent:** Both the drugs RNH and ODH were soluble in distilled water hence the distilled water was used as a solvent for estimation of these drugs.

**Preparation of standard stock solution:** Accurately weighed 10 mg of Ranitidine and 10 mg of Ondansetron and transferred into a 100 ml clean dry volumetric flask containing 70 ml of distilled water. The solution was sonicated for 5 min and the drug was dissolved completely. The volume was made up to the mark with a further quantity of the water to get a stock concentration of Ranitidine and Ondansetron.

**Determination of analytical wavelength:** Standard dilution containing 10 µg/ml of each RNH and ODH was prepared separately from stock solution and spectra were recorded in the wavelength region of 200-400 nm. The λ<sub>max</sub> was found to be 227.8 nm for RNH and 248.7 nm for ODH.

### Validation

#### Linearity

Linear response was observed in the concentration range of 2-10 µg/ml for both RNH and ONH. The standard solutions in the range of 2-10 µg/ml were prepared and the absorbances were measured at 227.8 nm for Ranitidine and 248.7 nm for Ondansetron. A calibration curve by taking concentration on X-axis and absorbance on Y-axis were plotted. The results were represented in Table 1.

S. No.	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Absorbance (RNH)	Absorbance (ODH)
1	2	0.146	0.231
2	4	0.223	0.389
3	6	0.287	0.48
4	8	0.344	0.66
5	10	0.412	0.808
Slope		0.0327	0.0713
Intercept		0.0865	0.0983
Regression Equation (y)		$0.0327x+0.0865$	$0.0713x+0.0983$
Correlation Coefficient		0.9976	0.9979

Table 1: Linearity results for RNH and ODH.

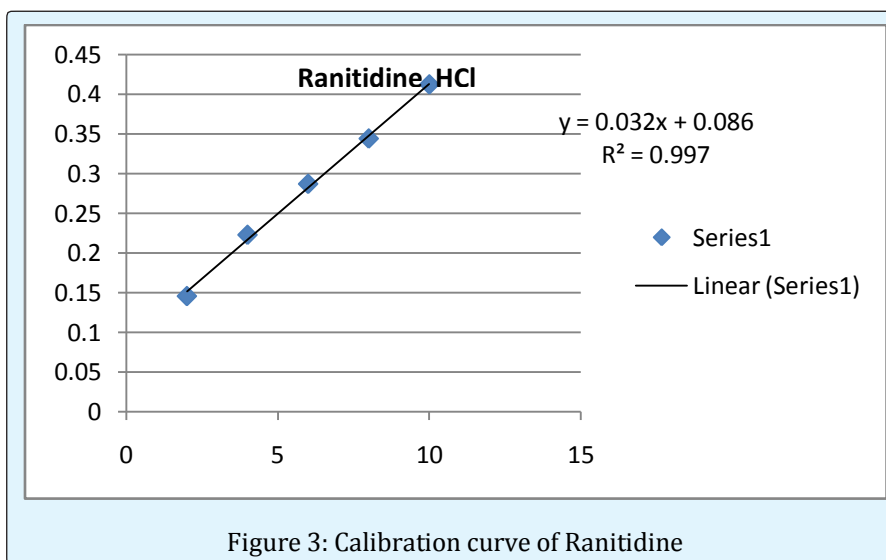


Figure 3: Calibration curve of Ranitidine

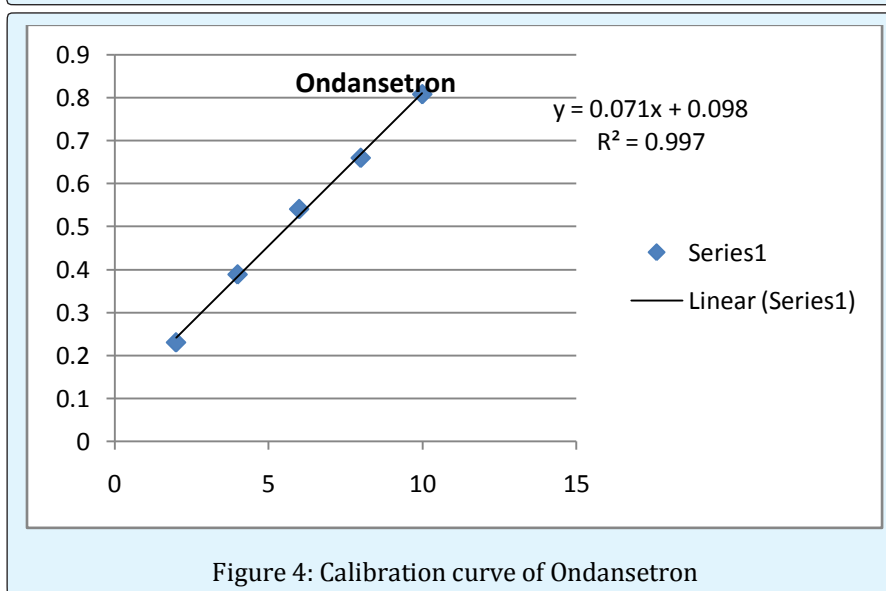


Figure 4: Calibration curve of Ondansetron

### Precision

Precision was determined by measuring the absorbance of standard solution of same concentration

six times in a day (Intra-day) and six different days (Inter-day). %RSD values are calculated and compared with acceptance criteria. The data was presented in Tables 2 and 3.

S. No.	Time (Hours)	Absorbance (RNH)	Absorbance (ODH)
1	0	0.26	0.34
2	1	0.265	0.333
3	2	0.261	0.34
4	3	0.266	0.342
5	4	0.248	0.335
6	5	0.271	0.341
Mean		0.261	0.338
SD		0.00583	0.00149
%RSD		0.58	0.44

Table 2: Intra-day Precision results.

S. No.	Time (Days)	Absorbance (RNH)	Absorbance (ODH)
1	1	0.278	0.38
2	2	0.268	0.382
3	3	0.266	0.381
4	4	0.263	0.379
5	5	0.262	0.375
6	6	0.261	0.371
Mean		0.266	0.378
SD		0.00256	0.00207
%RSD		0.96	0.54

Table 3: Inter-day Precision results.

### Accuracy

Accuracy was determined by performing recovery studies. Recovery studies were conducted by preparing standard solutions of all the two drugs were added

equivalent to 50, 100 and 150% of its drug content. These solutions were prepared in triplicate and % mean recovery was calculated. The results were tabulated in Table 4.

Level	Drugs	Standard conc. ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Conc. added ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Conc. found ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	% Recovery	% Mean Recovery
50%	RNH	10	3	2.98	99.33	99.36
100%			6	5.94	99	
150%			9	8.98	99.77	
50%	ODH	10	3	2.96	98.66	99.51
100%			6	6.02	100.33	
150%			9	8.96	99.55	

Table 4: Recovery studies.

### Robustness

The robustness study was performed by slight modification in method parameters of Ranitidine and Ondansetron. Samples of RNH and ODH at 100 µg/ml concentration were analyzed under these changed experimental conditions. It was observed that there were no marked changes in absorbances, which demonstrated that the developed method was robust in nature.

### Ruggedness

Ruggedness of the method was confirmed by the analysis of samples was done by different analysts. Samples of Ranitidine and Ondansetron at 100 µg/ml concentration were analyzed by different analysts. It was observed that there were no marked changes in absorbances, which demonstrated that the developed method was rugged in nature.

### Limit of detection and Limit of quantification

Limit of detection (LOD) and Limit of quantification (LOQ) values were calculated based on standard deviation of response and slope of calibration curve. Standard deviation of response can be obtained from y- intercepts of regression line. The LOD and LOQ of Ranitidine and Ondansetron are given in Table 5.

Parameter	Measured value RNH (µg/ml)	Measured value ODH (µg/ml)
Limit of detection	0.588	0.068
Limit of quantification	1.764	0.204

Table 5: LOD and LOQ values for RNH and ODH.

### Analysis of marketed formulation

Assay was carried out by taking an accurately weighed portion of tablet powder sample equivalent to 10 mg of Ranitidine and 10 mg of Ondansetron was transferred into a 100 ml clean dry volumetric flask containing distilled water and the solution was sonicated for 5 min.

0.2 ml of the above stock solution were transferred into a 10 ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up to the mark with the water. The assay results were presented in Table 6.

Formulation		Label claim	Amount found	% Assay
DORAN-O	Ranitidine HCl	5 mg	4.98 mg	99.60%
	Ondansetron HCl	5 mg	5.02 mg	100.40%

Table 6: Assay of marketed formulation.

### Summary and Conclusion

The present method involves development of a method for simultaneous estimation of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride by using distilled water as a solvent and the peaks of maximum absorbance was measured at 227.8 nm for Ranitidine Hydrochloride and 248.7 nm for Ondansetron Hydrochloride. The results of validation parameters were summarized in Table 7.

Parameter	RNH	ODH
Linearity (µg/ml)	2-10	2-10
Intra-day Precision (%RSD)	0.58	0.44
Inter-day Precision (%RSD)	0.96	0.54
Accuracy (% recovery)	99.36	99.51
Limit of detection (µg/ml)	0.588	0.068
Limit of quantification (µg/ml)	1.764	0.204

Table 7: Validation Summary.

Based on above results the developed method was simple, precise, robust and accurate for quantification of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride in pure and tablet dosage form. %RSD values for intra-day and inter-day precision were below 1 revealed that the method was precise. Satisfactory recovery results shown that the established method was free from interference of excipients. Low LOD and LOQ values makes the method was suitable for routine quality control analysis. So, the proposed method can be utilized for simultaneous analysis of Ranitidine Hydrochloride and Ondansetron Hydrochloride.

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