

Validation parameters of densitometric method for simultaneous determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the current investigation was the development and validation as per ICH requirements of the TLC-densitometric method with the detection at $\lambda = 282$ nm for the simultaneous determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine in model mixtures. The aim was in accordance to the perspectives of multi-target therapy of Alzheimer's disease, and due to the fact that in the literature and pharmacopoeial articles the methods for simultaneous analysis of these components haven't been described. Selectivity was confirmed by the fact that in blank solution, Rf data weren't observed corresponding to Rf data of the active ingredients. The regression equations obtained demonstrated the linear relationship between the peak area and concentration: $y = 2.10^7 \cdot x + 25364$ (Galantamine hydrobromide) (LOD = $1.87 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml; LOQ = $6.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml); $y = 2.10^7 \cdot x + 65930$ (Pymadine) (LOD = $2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml; LOQ = $8.35 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml). All the experimental data for the degree of recovery were included in the corresponding confidence interval: 93.54 % ÷ 97.32 % (Galantamine hydrobromide); 100.05 % ÷ 103.11 % (Pymadine). The results of precision suited the relevant intervals.

System suitability was confirmed by the lack of a statistically significant difference between the Rf values: 0.663 (Galantamine hydrobromide); 0.433 (Pymadine). The method was appropriate for the simultaneous determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine in the model mixtures.

Keywords: Densitometry, Galantamine, Pymadine, validation, determination.

Introduction

Alzheimer is a neurodegenerative disease ^[1] associated with plaques and tangles in the brain ^[2]. The conventional therapy is with Galantamine (Fig. 1.), Donepezil and Rivastigmine ^[3]. A potent inhibitory activity against acetylcholinesterase possess the extracts of *Ocimum sanctum* ^[4] and *Cinnamon zeylanicum* ^[5].

In Alzheimer's disease ^[6], Galantamine improves the behavior ^[7] by blocking the reversible enzyme acetylcholinesterase and allosterically potentiation of $\alpha 7$ -nicotinic acetylcholine receptors ^[8], and improves learning and memory alone and in combination with Pymadine ^[9].

Reactive oxygen species induce neurodegeneration in

Alzheimer's disease ^[10], and Galantamine is appropriate for the treatment due to the antioxidant properties ^[11].

4-aminopyridine (Dalfampridine) (Fig. 1.), has been a drug for the symptomatic management of the multiple sclerosis ^[12] and it improves walking ^[13].

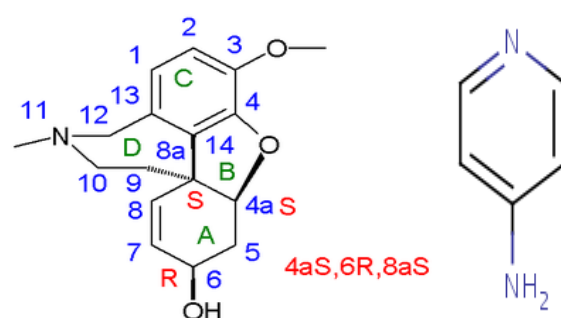


Figure 1. Chemical structures of Galantamine hydrobromide and 4-aminopyridine.

For the analysis of Galantamine in Nivalin, HPLC has been applied ^[14]. By High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC), Gallic acid, Curcumin and Quercetin are analysed ^[15]. TLC is often applied for the analysis of plant extracts: *Psidium guajava* ^[16], *Nelumbo nucifera* ^[17], Galantamine in

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Galanthus species [18]. For Galantamine in *Galanthus species* extracts, Silicagel G₆₀F₂₅₄ or aluminium are used; spots are displayed by quenching the fluorescence at $\lambda = 254$ nm, or spraying with Dragendorff reagent or iodine vapour; and the mobile systems are: chloroform : ethylacetate : methanol = 20 : 20 : 10 v/v (*Galanthus nivalis* L.; *Galanthus elwesii* Hook. Fil.); chloroform : methanol : 25 % ammonia = 90 : 9 : 1 v/v (*Galanthus nivalis* L.) [18].

HPTLC has been applied for the analysis of the extracts of *Narcissus jonquilla* Pipit [19], and TLC-densitometry has been used for the quantification of Galantamine in the extracts of *Galanthus elwesii* Hook and *Galanthus nivalis* L [20].

TLC-extraction-spectrophotometric analysis has been developed for Galantamine in the extracts of *Galanthus nivalis* L. subsp. *cilicicus* Baker [21] after derivatization reaction with tropeolin 00 [18]. 3-hydroxy-4-aminopyridine has been analysed by TLC [22].

As a part of a new trend of multi-target drug therapy of Alzheimer's disease, future pharmacological investigations of combination Galantamine/Pymadine would be ongoing. On the other side, the quality control of the active substances has been important. In connection with these reasons, and due to the fact that in the literature and pharmacopoeial articles, the methods for the simultaneous analysis of Galantamine and Pymadine haven't been described, the aim of the current study was the development and validation of the TLC-densitometric method for the simultaneous identification, and the determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine in the mixture as per International Conference Harmonization [23] and validation requirements [24, 25].

Materials

- I. Pharmacopoeial purity compounds investigated: Galantamine hydrobromide (Sopharma, N: 10796132); 4-aminopyridine.
- II. Reagents with the pharmacopoeial purity: distilled water.
- III. Solvents with the pharmacopoeial purity: methanol Chromasolv (99.9 %) (Sigma Aldrich, N: SZBD063AVUN1230); chloroform (Sigma Aldrich, N: SZBC186SVUN1888); acetone (Riedel de Haën, N: STBG5763VUN1090); ethylacetate: (98.9 %) (Sigma Aldrich, N: 270989).
- IV. TLC aluminium sheets Silicagel G₆₀F₂₅₄ (20 cm × 20 cm) (Merck, Germany, N:HX73683254).

Methods: TLC-densitometry.

I. Equipment.

TLC Densitometer TR 541a, wavelength scan mode $\lambda = 282$ nm, 10 μ l micropipette (Hamilton, Bonaduz, Switzerland, N:18005701), TLC chamber (22 cm/12 cm/22 cm).

II. Chromatographic conditions.

Stationary phase: Silicagel G₆₀F₂₅₄, mobile phase: chloroform: acetone: ethylacetate: methanol = 20:10:5:5 v/v, UV detection at $\lambda = 282$ nm, start-front distance: 150 mm.

III. Preparation of the solutions of reference substances including Galantamine hydrobromide and 4-aminopyridine for the validation of the densitometric method with respect of the analytical parameter linearity.

The accurate weighed quantities of the reference substances included: 0.01 g, 0.02 g, 0.03 g, 0.05 g, 0.1 g, 0.15 g, 0.3 g, (Galantamine hydrobromide) and 0.025 g, 0.05 g, 0.1 g, 0.15 g, 0.2 g, 0.25 g, 0.3 g, 0.35 g, 0.4 g (4-aminopyridine) were separately dissolved in the distilled water in 10.0 ml volumetric flasks for obtaining the solutions with concentrations of: $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml (Galantamine hydrobromide) and $2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, $1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $2.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $3.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml, $4 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml (4-aminopyridine).

IV. The preparation of model mixtures of Galantamine hydrobromide and 4-aminopyridine for the validation of densitometric method with respect to the analytical parameters accuracy and internal precision (repeatability).

6 model mixes were prepared by measuring 0.2 g Galantamine hydrobromide and 0.1 g 4-aminopyridine and dissolving in 10.0 ml distilled water.

V. Root limit mean square error method (RMSE) for the determination of the limit of detection (LOD) and the limit of quantitation (LOQ).

The data were subjected to the linear regression analysis. From the regression equation of: $y = a \cdot x + b$, the predictable absorbance value (A_p); the error $E = |A_p - A|$; $E_2 = [|A_p - A|]^2$; $E_1 = \frac{\sum E_2}{n-2}$; $RMSE = \sqrt{E_1}$; $LOD = 3 \cdot RMSE/a$; $LOQ = 10 \cdot RMSE/a$ were calculated [26].

Results and Discussion

I. Densitometric parameters for reference solutions of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine.

The densitometric parameters for Galantamine hydrobromide ($1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml ÷ $3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml) (Table 1.) and 4-aminopyridine ($1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml ÷ $4 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g/ml) (Table 2.) were summarized.

Table 1. Densitometric parameters for reference standard Galantamine hydrobromide

| Parameters | Reference standard Galantamine hydrobromide | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| C [g/ml] | $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ |
| Volume [μ l] | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Quantity [µg/spot] | 10 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 300 |
| R _f | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| Diameter (d)[cm] | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Radius (r) [cm] | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.65 | 0.8 |
| Area (S)[cm ²] | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.28 | 1.13 | 1.33 | 2.01 |
| Spot area (A) | 55200 | 83300 | 87600 | 115300 | 223600 | 336100 | 663000 |

Table 2. Densitometric parameters for reference standard 4-aminopyridine.

| Parameters | Reference standard 4-aminopyridine | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| C [g/ml] | 1.10 ⁻² | 1.5.10 ⁻² | 2.10 ⁻² | 2.5.10 ⁻² | 3.10 ⁻² | 3.5.10 ⁻² | 4.10 ⁻² | |
| Volume [µl] | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| Quantity [µg/spot] | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | |
| R _f | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.43 | |
| Diameter (d)[cm] | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.55 | 1.6 | 1.65 | 1.8 | |
| Radius (r) [cm] | 0.6 | 0.65 | 0.7 | 0.78 | 0.8 | 0.83 | 0.9 | |
| Area (S) [cm ²] | 1.13 | 1.33 | 1.54 | 1.91 | 2.01 | 2.16 | 2.54 | |
| Spot area (A) | 232000 | 370400 | 419000 | 494200 | 576200 | 633100 | 703100 | |

II. Validation of densitometric method for determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine in model mixtures.

TLC method was validated for the analytical validation parameters' selectivity, linearity, limit of detection, limit of quantitation, accuracy (precision) and internal precision (repeatability) according to ICH [23].

1. Selectivity

In the same manner like the reference solutions, a blank solution containing only a solvent was prepared and chromatographed. Selectivity was confirmed by the lack of R_f-data in the blank solution corresponding to R_f-data of the active ingredients: Galantamine hydrobromide (R_f = 9.9/15 = 0.663); Pymadine (R_f = 6.5/15 = 0.433).

2. Linearity, LOD, LOQ.

The experimental results were subjected to the linear regression analysis. The calibration curves showed the linear relationship between the peak area A, and the concentration C which were illustrated in Fig. 2.

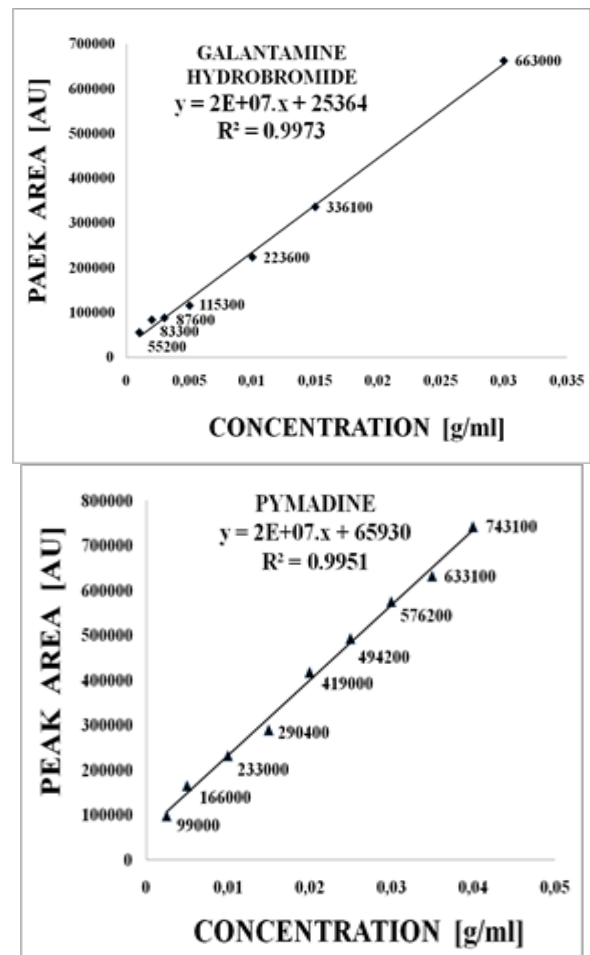


Figure 2. Linearity of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine.

Linearity is the range within the signal from the detector that remains in the linear dependency from the concentration of the analyte [23].

For the analysis of linearity from the reference standards, a series of solutions with increasing concentrations of Galantamine hydrobromide (1.10⁻³ g/ml ÷ 3.10⁻² g/ml) and 4-aminopyridine (1.10⁻² g/ml ÷ 4.10⁻² g/ml) were prepared. The peak areas were measured, and the results were included in Table 1. and 2.

In Table 3., the parameters of the regression equations, which demonstrated the linear relationship between the peak area and the concentration at the corresponding concentration intervals were described. Linearity was characterized by coefficients of the linear regression: R² > 0.995.

Table 3. Parameters of regression equations for Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine

| N: | Parameter | Galantamine hydrobromide | Pymadine |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1. | Linear interval [g/ml] | 1.10 ⁻³ ÷ 3.10 ⁻² | 2.5.10 ⁻³ ÷ 4.10 ⁻² |
| 2. | Regression equation | y = 2.10 ⁷ .x + 25364 | y = 2.10 ⁷ .x + 65930 |
| 3. | Slope (a) | 2.10 ⁷ | 2.10 ⁷ |
| 4. | Standard slope error | 491256 | 445422 |
| 5. | Inrersept (b) | 25364 | 65930 |
| 6. | Standard inrersept error | 6601 | 10610 |
| 7. | Correlation coefficient (R ²) | 0.9973 | 0.9951 |

The results of the analysis of the standard solutions with increasing concentration of Galantamine hydrobromide (Table 4.) and 4-aminopyridine (Table 5.) for the investigation of linearity, LOD and LOQ were summarized as follows:

C [g/ml] – concentration, A – measured peak area, A_p – calculated by the calibration curve peak area.

LOD and LOQ were based on the regression equations: $y = 2.10^7 \cdot x + 25364$ (Galantamine hydrobromide) and $y = 2.10^7 \cdot x + 65930$ (Pymadine) (Table 4.) by the application of RMSE-method [23].

Table 4. Linearity, LOD and LOQ for Galantamine hydrobromide

| N: | C [g/ml] | A | A_p | $E = A_p - A $ | $E^2 = [A_p - A]^2$ |
|---|---------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 1.10^{-3} | 55200 | 46372 | 8828 | 77933584 |
| 2. | 2.10^{-3} | 83300 | 67381 | 15919 | 253414561 |
| 3. | 3.10^{-3} | 87600 | 88389 | 789 | 622521 |
| 4. | 5.10^{-3} | 115300 | 130406 | 15106 | 228191236 |
| 5. | 1.10^{-2} | 223600 | 235448 | 11848 | 140375104 |
| 6. | $1.5.10^{-2}$ | 336100 | 340490 | 4390 | 19272100 |
| 7. | 3.10^{-2} | 663000 | 655615 | 7385 | 54538225 |
| $\sum E^2 = 774347331$ | | $E1 = \frac{\sum E^2}{n-2} = 154869466$ | | $RMSE = \sqrt{154869466} = 12444.66$ | |
| LOD = $(3.12444.66)/2.10^7 = 1.87.10^{-3}$ g/ml | | | LOQ = $(10.12444.66)/2.10^7 = 6.22.10^{-3}$ g/ml | | |

Table 5. Linearity, LOD and LOQ for Pymadine.

| N: | C [g/ml] | A | A_p | $E = A_p - A $ | $E^2 = [A_p - A]^2$ |
|--|---------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | $2.5.10^{-3}$ | 99000 | 107856 | 8856 | 78428736 |
| 2. | 5.10^{-3} | 166000 | 149783 | 16217 | 262991089 |
| 3. | 1.10^{-2} | 233000 | 233636 | 636 | 404496 |
| 4. | $1.5.10^{-2}$ | 290400 | 317489 | 27089 | 733813921 |
| 5. | 2.10^{-2} | 419000 | 401342 | 17658 | 311804964 |
| 6. | $2.5.10^{-2}$ | 494200 | 485195 | 9005 | 81090025 |
| 7. | 3.10^{-2} | 576200 | 569047 | 7153 | 51165409 |
| 8. | $3.5.10^{-2}$ | 633100 | 652900 | 19800 | 392040000 |
| 9. | 4.10^{-2} | 743100 | 736753 | 6347 | 40284409 |
| $\sum E^2 = 1952023049$ | | $E1 = \frac{\sum E^2}{n-2} = 278860436$ | | $RMSE = \sqrt{278860436} = 16699.11$ | |
| LOD = $(3.16699.11)/2.10^7 = 2.5.10^{-3}$ g/ml | | | LOQ = $(10.16699.11)/2.10^7 = 8.35.10^{-3}$ g/ml | | |

III. Accuracy and internal precision (repeatability).

6 model mixtures containing 20 mg Galantamine hydrobromide (G) and 10 mg Pymadine (P) were analyzed by TLC, and the results for: peak area (A): AG_{20} , AP_{10} and Chauvenet's criterion for peak area (UA): $UA_{G_{20}}$, $UA_{P_{10}}$ were summarized in Table 6.

Table 6. Peak area and Chauvenet's criterion for Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymidine in mixtures.

| N: | $A_{P_{10}}$ | $UA_{P_{10}}$ | $A_{G_{20}}$ | $UA_{G_{20}}$ |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | 266200 | 1.56 | 414500 | 0.04 |
| 2. | 267500 | 0.86 | 417900 | 0.93 |
| 3. | 269500 | 0.20 | 408700 | 1.69 |
| 4. | 270000 | 0.47 | 416300 | 0.47 |
| 5. | 270500 | 0.74 | 417700 | 0.87 |
| 6. | 271000 | 1.01 | 412700 | 0.55 |
| $\bar{X} \pm SD$ | 269117 \pm 1871 | | 414633 \pm 3516 | |
| RSD [%] | 0.7 | | 0.85 | |

The contents of Galantamine hydrobromide [G_{20}] and Pymadine [P_{10}] were calculated by the application of calibration curve method, using the peak area of the components. The results for accuracy and repeatability were summarized in Table 7.

Table 7. Accuracy and repeatability for model mixtures of Galantamine hydrobromide Pymadine.

| N: | $[P_{10}]$ [mg/ml] | R $[P_{10}]$ [%] | U $[P_{10}]$ | $[G_{20}]$ [mg/ml] | R $[G_{20}]$ [%] | U $[G_{20}]$ |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1. | 10.01 | 100.1 | 1.67 | 19.46 | 96.34 | 0.06 |
| 2. | 10.08 | 100.8 | 0.89 | 19.63 | 97.18 | 0.89 |
| 3. | 10.18 | 101.8 | 0.22 | 19.17 | 94.90 | 1.67 |
| 4. | 10.20 | 102.0 | 0.44 | 19.55 | 94.90 | 0.44 |
| 5. | 10.23 | 102.3 | 0.78 | 19.62 | 95.24 | 0.83 |
| 6. | 10.25 | 102.5 | 1.0 | 19.37 | 94.03 | 0.56 |
| $\bar{X} \pm SD$ | 10.16 \pm 0.09 | | | 19.47 \pm 0.18 | | |
| $\bar{R}[\%] \pm RSD$ [%] | 101.58 \pm 0.93 | | | 95.43 \pm 1.19 | | |
| SD | 0.09 | 0.94 | | 0.18 | 1.14 | |
| RSD [%] | 0.89 | 0.93 | | 0.92 | 1.19 | |
| $S\bar{X}$ | 0.04 | 0.38 | | 0.07 | 0.47 | |
| P [%] | 99.0 | 99.0 | | 99.9 | 99.0 | |
| t | 4.03 | 4.03 | | 6.86 | 4.03 | |
| $t \cdot S\bar{X}$ | 0.16 | 1.53 | | 0.48 | 1.89 | |
| $\bar{X} \pm t \cdot S\bar{X}$ | 10.0 \div | 100.05 \div | | 18.99 \div | 93.54 \div | |
| $\bar{X} - t \cdot S\bar{X}$ | 10.32 | 103.11 | | 19.95 | 97.32 | |
| E [%] | 0.39 | 0.37 | | 0.36 | 0.49 | |

In Table 7., the results for: N – number of measurements (1 \div 6); $[G_{20}]$, $[P_{10}]$ – quantity of components; R $[G_{20}]$, R $[P_{10}]$ – degree of recovery [%]; U $[G_{20}]$, U $[P_{10}]$ – Chauvenet's criterion; \bar{X} – arithmetic mean; SD – standard deviation; RSD [%] – related standard deviation; $S\bar{X}$ – mean square error; P – confidence probability [%]; t – coefficient of Student; $\bar{X} \pm t \cdot S\bar{X}$ – confidence interval; E – relative error [%], were summarized. Accuracy is the degree of the correspondence between the obtained average result of the repeated analysis and the actual values. For the model mixtures, accuracy was represented by the degree of recovery R [%] \pm RSD [%] as per ICH guidelines [23]: 95.43 % \pm 1.19 % (Galantamine hydrobromide); 101.58 % \pm 0.93 % (Pymadine). SD and RSD were lower than 1.5, which proved the correspondence between the obtained results and the actual values.

Repeatability is characterized by the uncertainty of the results, which includes SD, RSD and the confidence interval [23], and in this study, it was investigated on Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine content in 6 model mixtures. At the confidence level of $P = 99.0\%$, all the data for amounts suited the corresponding confidence intervals: $18.99 \text{ mg} \div 19.95 \text{ mg}$ (Galantamine hydrobromide); $10.0 \text{ mg} \div 10.32 \text{ mg}$ (Pymadine). The data for Chauvenet's criterion were lower than the maximum permissible value ($U = 1.73$; $N = 6$), which confirmed that no statistically significant difference between the obtained quantities was observed, and this proved the repeatability of the results.

IV. System suitability test

The system suitability was confirmed by the lack of a statistically significant difference between the values for R_f : $\bar{X}_{Rf} = 0.663$ (Galantamine hydrobromide); $\bar{X}_{Rf} = 0.433$ (Pymadine) (Table 8.).

Table 8. R_f for Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine in model mixtures.

| N: | Galantamine hydrobromide | Pymadine |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | R_f | R_f |
| 1. | 0.66 | 0.43 |
| 2. | 0.67 | 0.44 |
| 3. | 0.66 | 0.43 |
| 4. | 0.66 | 0.43 |
| 5. | 0.67 | 0.44 |
| 6. | 0.66 | 0.43 |
| $\bar{X} \pm \text{SD}$ | 0.663 ± 0.005 | 0.433 ± 0.005 |
| RSD [%] | 0.75 | 1.15 |

Conclusion

Regression equations demonstrated a linear relationship between the peak areas and concentrations. All the experimental data for the degree of recovery and for the repeatability were included in the corresponding confidence interval. The system suitability was confirmed. The developed and validated TLC-densitometric method was appropriate for the simultaneous determination of Galantamine hydrobromide and Pymadine.

Conflicts of Interests

All authors had none to declare.

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