

***In vivo* Drug-Drug Interaction Study Between Ketotifen Fumarate And Amoxicillin Trihydrate Along With Their IR Studies**

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Abstract

The aim of the present study was to find out *in vitro* IR studies and *in vivo* interaction between ketotifen fumarate and amoxicillin trihydrate. By using Infrared spectroscopy study, the extra peaks were found out. Thirty five peaks were observed in the infrared spectrum of ketotifen fumarate. Similarly forty seven and thirty one extra peaks were located in the infrared spectrum when ketotifen & amoxicillin in aqueous and chloroform extract respectively. One and six extra peaks were found in the infrared spectrum of ketotifen & amoxicillin in aqueous and chloroform extracts respectively compared to the infrared spectrum of ketotifen. At time 30, 60, 120 and 180 minutes, the multiple comparison tables showed there is a significance difference in absorbance but the results which are obtained are statistically significant. The mean difference obtained from post hoc tests, we can draw a conclusion that the result is significant.

Key words: Infrared spectrum, *In vivo* study, Ketotifen fumarate, Amoxicillin trihydrate

Introduction

Ketotifen, is benzocycloheptathiophene derivative that has been shown to anti-histaminic and anti-anaphylactic properties. [1] In oral dosage form, ketotifen is most commonly used to prevent asthma attacks or anaphylaxis, as well as various mast cell, allergic-type disorders.[2-6] Common seasonal allergies can be prevented by ketotifen. Eye itchiness and irritation can also be prevented by it. The drug has not been studied in children under three. [2] The $t_{1/2}$ of ketotifen is 12 hours. [7] The drug may also help relieve the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome.[8] Long term use of ketotifen shows some common side effects including drowsiness, weight gain and dry mouth. On the other hand amoxicillin is a moderate-spectrum, bacteriolytic, β -lactam antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections caused by susceptible microorganisms.

It is usually the drug of choice within the class because it is better absorbed, following oral administration, than other β -lactam antibiotics. Amoxicillin is one of the most common antibiotics prescribed for children. Amoxicillin is susceptible to degradation by β -lactamase-producing bacteria, which are resistant to a broad spectrum of β -lactam antibiotics, such as penicillin. For this reason, it is often combined with clavulanic acid, a β -lactamase inhibitor. This increases effectiveness by reducing its susceptibility to β -lactamase resistance. Amoxicillin is used in the treatment of a number of infections, including acute otitis media, streptococcal pharyngitis, pneumonia, skin infections, Urinary tract infections, Salmonella infections, Lyme disease, and chlamydia infections. [9] It is also used to prevent

bacterial endocarditis in high-risk people who are having dental work done, to prevent Streptococcus pneumoniae and other encapsulated bacterial infections in those without spleens, such as people with sickle-cell disease, and for both the prevention and the treatment of anthrax. [9]The United Kingdom recommends against its use for infectious endocarditis prophylaxis.

These recommendations have not appeared to have changed the rates of infection. [10]Amoxicillin and amoxicillin-clavulanate are recommended by guidelines as the first-choice drug for bacterial sinusitis, but most sinusitis is caused by viruses, for which amoxicillin and amoxicillin-clavulanate are ineffective. [11-12] Amoxicillin is occasionally used for the treatment of skin infections, such as acne vulgaris. [13] It is often an effective treatment for cases of acne vulgaris that have responded poorly to other antibiotics, such as doxycycline and minocycline. [14]

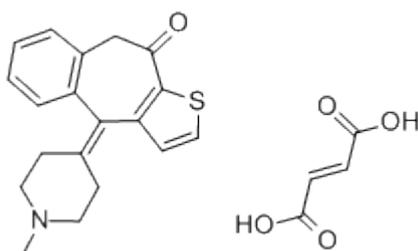


Figure 1: Structure of ketotifen fumarate

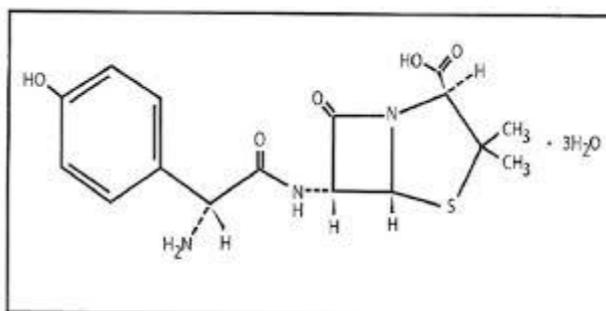


Figure 2: Structure of Amoxicillin trihydrate

Infrared Spectroscopy

Infrared photometry (IR photometry) deals with the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. The light having a longer wavelength and lower frequency compared with visible light. It is based on light absorption. To identify the pure chemicals the IR photometry is the best method compared to the other spectroscopic techniques. A common laboratory instrument that uses this technique is a Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrometer.

The near-IR, $14000\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($0.8\text{--}2.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) is commonly used to detect harmonic vibrations. Whereas the mid-infrared, ($2.5\text{--}25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) can be used to identify rotational-vibrational structure of the molecule. On the other hand the far-infrared, $400\text{--}10\text{ cm}^{-1}$ can be used to find out rotational energy of the molecule. Another important application of Infrared Spectroscopy is in the food industry to measure the concentration of various compounds in different food product. [16]

Materials and methods

Drugs and reagents used

The drugs ketotifen and amoxicillin trihydrate were collected from Beximco pharmaceuticals Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh. For preparation of buffer solution sodium di hydrogen orthophosphate and disodium hydrogen orthophosphate, methanol, chloroform etc. analytical grade reagents were collected from Department of Pharmacy of IIUC that were purchased from Merck, Germany.

Instruments

UV Spectrophotometer (model number : UV- 1600, Shimadzu corporation, Japan), to maintain the specific pH of the solution a pH meter is used (Mettler Toledo, Switzerland), four digit

Analytical Balance (Model No. AL 204-S/01, Mettler Toledo, Switzerland), and a thermostatic water bath (Shimadzu, Japan) IR Affinity-1 A213747, Shimadzu Corporation, Japan were selected to perform the infrared spectroscopy study

Preparation of chloroform extracts for IR study

100 mg of pure powder of ketotifen fumarate was dissolved in water (10 ml distilled water) in a 50 ml beaker and similarly 100 mg of amoxicillin powder was dissolved in another beaker. Both solutions were mixed together in a 100 ml beaker with constant stirring. Then the mixture was transferred to the separating funnel and chloroform was added into it. Finally chloroform was evaporated and the precipitated solid drug product was analyzed by IR spectrophotometer.

Preparation of aqueous extracts for IR study

Another experiment for aqueous extracts were carried out by mixing both ketotifen and amoxicillin solutions and evaporated. The drug product obtained was also analyzed by IR spectrophotometer.

***In vivo* interaction study**

Selection of Animal

Wister rats (140 grams to 200 grams) for both male and female were used to perform the test. The rats were keeping in dry environment and housed under normal conditions with normal diet and water up to the time of experiments. The rats were exposed to light and dark cycle (12 hours each) .The experimental animals were acclimatized to the laboratory environment one hour before the starting of the experiments.

Preparation of drug solution

20 ml of each drug solutions were prepared according to their corresponding doses. Ketotifen fumarate and amoxicillin trihydrate hydrochloride solutions were formulated in 5% and 0.5% tween-80 and carboxy methyl cellulose in milli-Q water.

Methodology

The rats were grouped into five groups. Freshly prepared ketotifen and amoxicillin trihydrate were administered as single dose to each group. The blood samples were

collected at 30, 60, 120 and 180 minutes to compare the drug interaction between the group that took the single drug as well as mixtures (ketotifen & amoxicillin trihydrate)

Group I. Each rat received ketotifen fumarate (0.2 mg/kg),

Group II. Each rat received amoxicillin trihydrate,

Group III. They received ketotifen (0.2 mg/kg) & amoxicillin trihydrate.

Procedure

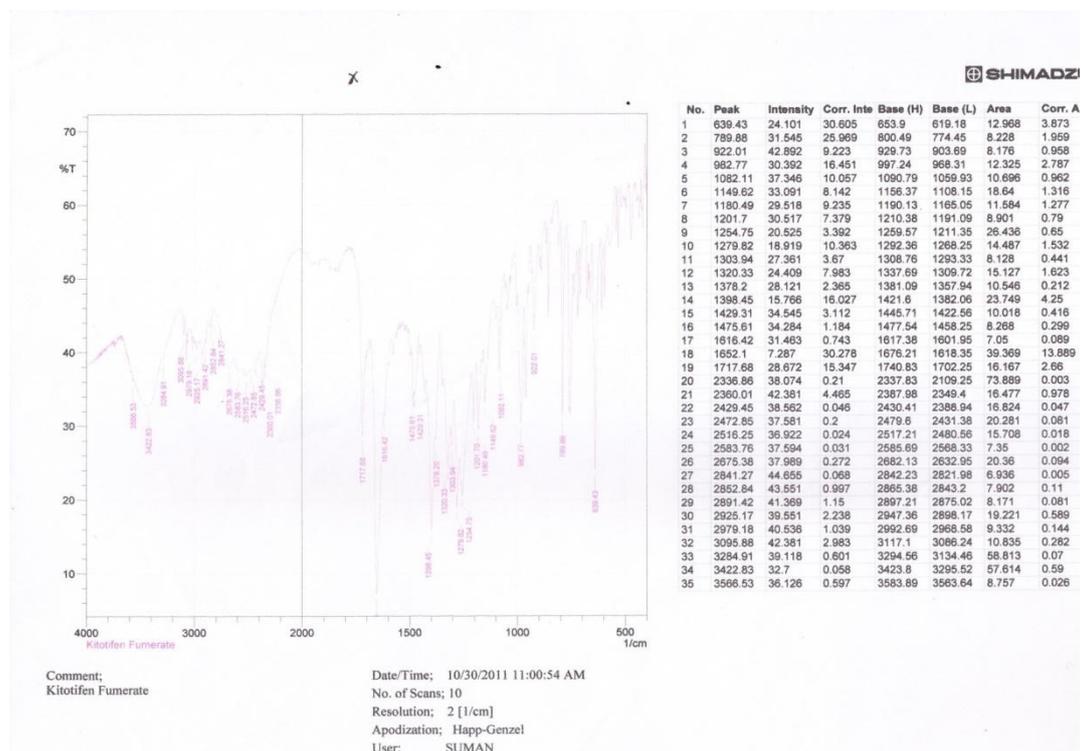
1. Five rats were separated into five baskets.
2. The standard drugs and mixtures were administered as per dose for 7 days.
3. The blood was collected from the hearts of the rats.
4. Serum was separated and heparin was added to it.
5. To precipitate the protein, 0.5 ml of serum and 1.5 ml of 0.9% NaCl solutions were taken in individual test tube.
6. The preparation was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 20 minutes.
7. The supernatant fluid was separated and measured at 300 nm.

Statistical analysis

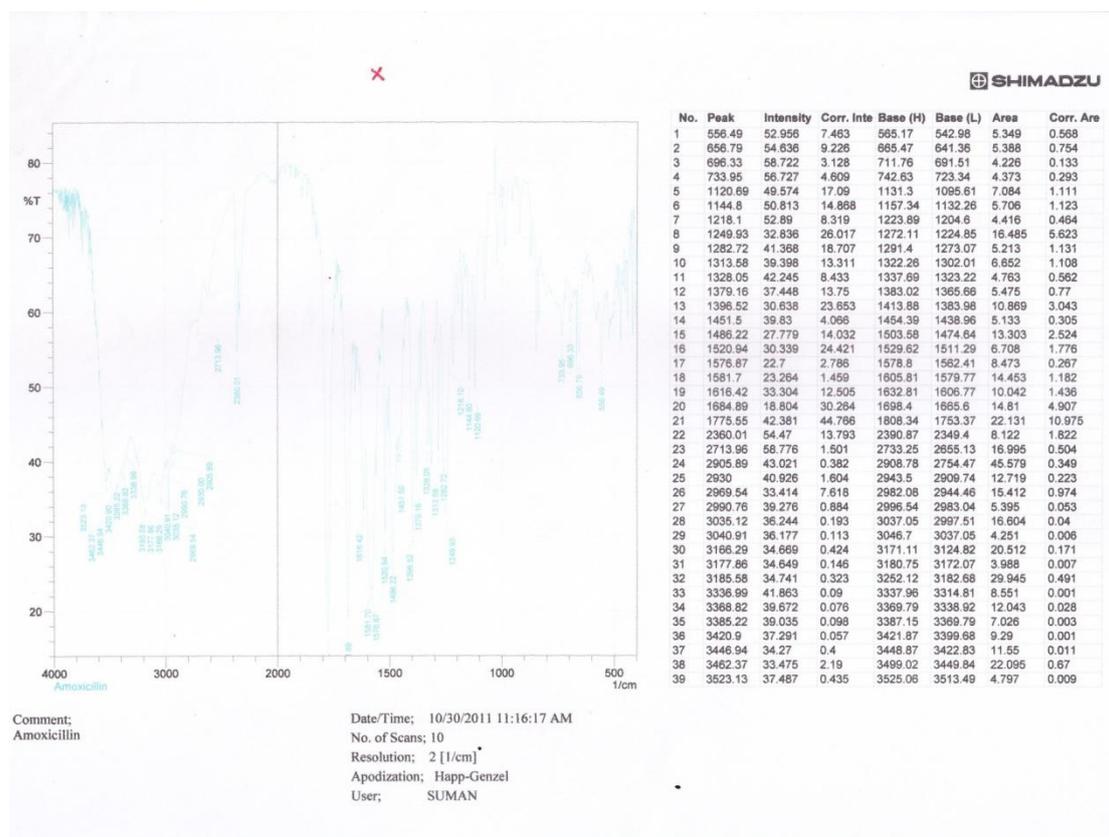
The results were expressed as mean \pm SEM values for each experiment. Differences in mean values between different experimental groups were analysed by Dunnett 't' test. After analysis it was observed that the probability was found to be less than 0.05 ($p < 0.05$) which was significant. From the above observation it has been cleared that as the absorbance of drugs given together (ketotifen and amoxicillin trihydrate) at 1:1 complex indicates less than 0.05, so we can conclude that there is presence of drug interaction.

Results and Discussion

IR spectrum of ketotifen fumarate



IR spectrum of amoxicillin trihydrate



IR spectrum of ketotifen fumarate and amoxicillin trihydrate (chloroform extract)



Peak No.	Wave Number (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity	Area	Wave Number (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity	Area	Wave Number (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity	Area
42	2917.46	44.303	0.671	2920.35	2906.85	4.64	0.042		
43	2941.57	40.89	3.483	2948.32	2921.32	9.98	0.465		
44	2954.11	43.712	1.205	2961.82	2949.29	4.412	0.065		
45	2969.54	44.012	3.96	2982.08	2962.79	6.363	0.332		
46	3014.87	48.33	2.81	3023.55	2997.51	7.764	0.224		
47	3056.34	49.274	0.27	3058.27	3042.84	4.666	0.019		
48	3079.49	48.594	0.261	3084.31	3070.81	4.208	0.015		
49	3114.21	46.243	2.338	3120.96	3098.78	7.137	0.198		
50	3178.83	46.674	0.155	3179.79	3138.39	13.974	0.003		
51	3198.11	45.992	0.163	3200.04	3187.51	4.189	0.004		
52	3210.65	45.607	0.099	3211.62	3201.01	3.589	0.002		
53	3233.8	44.88	0.06	3234.76	3223.19	4.008	0.006		
54	3277.2	43.334	0.114	3278.16	3268.52	3.479	0.006		
55	3327.35	41.955	0.06	3328.31	3315.78	4.693	0.003		
56	3336.99	41.299	0.241	3338.92	3329.28	3.669	0.008		
57	3357.25	40.426	0.077	3358.21	3339.89	7.101	0.003		
58	3385.22	39.222	0.235	3388.11	3370.75	6.979	0.014		
59	3420.9	37.897	0.716	3425.72	3408.44	7.983	0.034		
60	3546.28	38.298	2.255	3550.14	3541.46	5.515	0.113		
61	3567.5	36.214	4.623	3572.32	3562.68	3.958	0.201		
62	3650.44	38.106	6.138	3654.3	3644.65	3.741	0.319		
63	3690.95	41.062	3.561	3694.81	3683.23	4.217	0.177		
64	3712.17	40.283	4.276	3716.99	3707.34	3.569	0.182		
65	3735.31	37.273	5.493	3740.13	3730.49	3.786	0.232		
66	3853.94	37.819	5.954	3859.73	3848.15	4.446	0.295		

: Interacted peaks for ketotifenfumarate and amoxicillin

Ketotifenfumarate Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Amoxicillin Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Ketotifenfumarate and amoxicillin (Aqueous extract) Wave number (cm ⁻¹)		Ketotifenfumarate and amoxicillin (Chloroform extract) Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	
639.43	556.49	649.07	2360.01	703.08	2917.46
789.88	656.79	720.44	2521.07	734.91	2941.57
922.01	696.33	736.84	2558.68	757.09	2954.11
982.77	733.95	757.09	2603.05	782.17	2969.54
1082.11	1120.69	790.85	2691.78	855.47	3014.87
1149.62	1144.8	840.04	2705.28	922.01	3056.34
1180.49	1218.1	853.54	2722.64	950.95	3079.49
1201.7	1249.93	964.45	2735.18	983.74	3114.21
1254.75	1282.72	987.6	2749.65	1066.68	3178.83
1279.82	1313.58	1038.71	2794.97	1099.47	3198.11
1303.94	1328.05	1083.08	2808.48	1127.44	3210.65
1320.33	1379.16	1098.51	2837.41	1144.8	3233.8
1378.2	1396.52	1129.37	2853.81	1177.59	3277.2
1398.45	1451.5	1151.55	2891.42	1194.95	3327.35
1429.31	1486.22	1174.7	2900.1	1224.85	3336.99
1475.61	1520.94	1244.14	2918.42	1246.07	3357.25
1616.42	1576.87	1280.54	2928.07	1284.65	3385.22
1652.1	1581.7	1281.75	2961.82	1384.95	3420.9
1717.68	1616.42	1329.98	3012.94	1405.2	3546.28
2336.86	1684.89	1339.62	3049.59	1595.2	3587.5
2360.01	1775.55	1354.09	3065.02	1648.24	3650.44
2429.45	2360.01	1362.77	3079.49	1654.03	3690.95
2472.85	2713.96	1386.88	3178.83	1662.71	3712.17
2516.25	2905.89	1404.24	3198.11	2263.56	3735.31

2583.76	2930	1448.6	3210.65	2311.79	3853.94
2675.38	2969.54	1457.28	3233.8	2329.15	
2841.27	2990.76	1490.07	3255.02	2342.65	
2852.84	3035.12	1507.43	3274.31	2360.01	
2891.42	3040.91	1559.51	3292.63	2423.66	
2925.17	3166.29	1576.87	3327.35	2461.27	
2979.18	3177.86	1595.2	3336.99	2512.39	
3096.88	3185.58	1602.91	3356.28	2575.08	
3284.91	3336.99	1609.67	3367.86	2625.23	
3422.83	3368.82	1617.38	3379.43	2658.99	
3566.53	3385.22	1623.17	3392.93	2682.13	
	3420.9	1635.71	3420.9	2701.42	
	3446.94	1667.28	3446.94	2729.39	
	3462.37	1653.07	3481.66	2778.58	
	3523.13	2311.79	3509.63	2790.15	
		2329.15	3545.32	2848.02	
		2342.65	3566.53	2895.28	

Discussion

Thirty five peaks were observed in the infrared spectrum of ketotifen fumarate. Similarly forty seven and thirty one extra peaks were located in the infrared spectrum of when ketotifen & amoxicillin in aqueous extract (82 peaks) and ketotifen & amoxicillin in chloroform extract (66 peaks). All these extra peaks are the indication of drug interactions between ketotifen fumarate and combination forms.

In-vivo drug interactions study of ketotifen fumarate and amoxicillin

After completion of the experiment it is observed that the probability value less than 0.05 ($p < 0.05$) was defined to be statistically significant when the drugs given together (ketotifen fumarate & amoxicillin trihydrate) at 1:1 mixture.

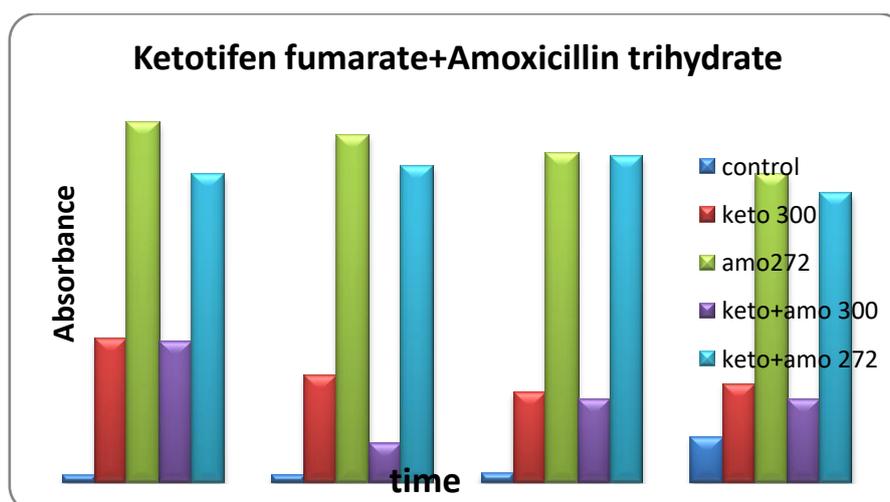


Figure 3: Graph for ketotifen fumarate & amoxicillin

Conclusion

Interaction of ketotifen with amoxicillin decreased the free drug concentration of both drugs which can result in decreased availability of the drugs at receptors. At the end of the research we can conclude that if both the amoxicillin and ketotifen administered at a time, the pharmacological response of any one may be decreased.

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