

# Visible quantitative methods for the estimation of Furosemide in Pure form and pharmaceutical formulations

## Abstract

**Aims:** Design of technical methods for the determination of Furosemide in its pure and pharmaceutical dosage form using spectral methods.

**Study design:** planned and executed to estimate Furosemide by using Visible spectrophotometric in pure and pharmaceutical dosage form.

**Place And Duration Of Study:** Laboratory of Analytical Research, chemistry department, college of Science, University of Mosul ,Mosul-Iraq, during the period of April 2021 to August 2021.

**Methodology:** furosemide, the commercially known drug Lasix, which is important in the treatment of heart diseases and high blood pressure. This study was carried out using JASCO V – 630 double-beam computerized UV-Visible spectrophotometer with 1 cm matched cell, and HANA pH meter was used for reported pH readings.

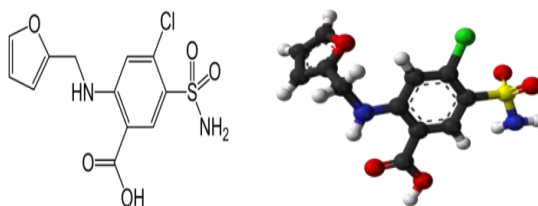
**Results:** The reaction between Furosemide and bromo-phenol blue, xylenol orange, and chromazorol S. The decreasing in the intensity of the resulted colored complex was measured using bromo-phenol blue, xylenol orange, While the increasing of the color intensity was measured in the third method. These three method were based on charge transfer reaction. The limits of Beer's law for the first  $0.4\text{-}32\mu\text{g. mL}^{-1}$ , second method  $1\text{-}32$  and the third method were  $0.8\text{-}32$  depending on the level of concentration, while the values of the molar absorption coefficient  $1.4\times 10^4$ ,  $2.1\times 10^4$  and  $1.57\times 10^4 \text{ l.mol}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-1}$  for the first, second and third method respectively. Sandel's significance also was calculated for these three methods,  $0.0157 \mu\text{g.cm}^{-2}$  for the first method,  $0.0236 \mu\text{g.cm}^{-2}$  for the second method, while the third method was  $0.0210 \mu\text{g.cm}^{-2}$ . The method has been successfully applied for the determination of furosemide in its pure form and in some of its pharmaceutical preparations

**Conclusion:**The proposed method was validated in terms of linearity, range, Accuracy, precision, Specificity, Robustness. Method was successfully applied to the estimation of Furosemide,in its pure pharmaceutical dosage form.

**Keywords:***Furosemide, Xylenol Orange, Bromo-Phenol Blue, Chromazorol S, Pharmaceutical Preparations.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

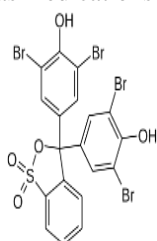
Furosemide (FSD) is known commercially as Lasix, and chemically as 4-chloro-en-furfuryl-5-sulfamoylantranilic acid or 5-(amino sulfonyl)-4-chloro-2[(2-furanylmethyl) amino] benzoic acid. FSD is used to treat high blood pressure as well as a diuretic where it is used to treat edema associated with heart failure, cirrhosis, and kidney disease.[1-5].



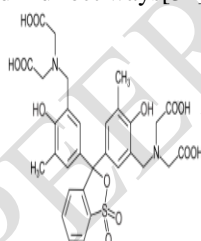
**Image 1: Chemical structure of Furosemide**

FSD is an important drug for human health, as it is used to treat the most important organs of the body, starting with the heart, kidneys and liver. Therefore, researchers have dealt with this drug in many studies, which have dealt with its solubility, uses and methods of estimation it, mostly of these method used various techniques, and among of these techniques, a spectrophotometric and chromatographic methods have been used for determination of FSD depending on: charge transfer complex method[6], mass spectroscopy [7], infra-red spectroscopy [8], Also, first order derivative spectroscopy method and absorbance ratio (Q-Absorbance) method were used.[9], other spectrophotometric method was using principal component regression[11], Validated RP-HPLC Method was used for estimation Furosemide in tablet[12], Some researchers depending on diazotized method to assay FSD[13], liquid chromatography were reported for estimation FSD in plasma and urine samples[14,15], as well as polarographic method[16]. Other method was based on using schiff's bases to estimate FSD spectrophotometrically [17].also, liquid-liquid extraction and high-performance liquid chromatography were used for estimation FSD[18,19]. Spectrophotometric methods adopted different reactions for the determination of FSD in pharmaceutical dosage forms [20-23], finally, reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography[24],and flow injection with HPLC[25], as well as HPLC method were used in the estimation of FSD [26-28]

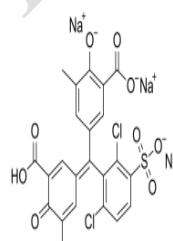
In this paper, three an organic dyes have been used for estimating FSD, chromazurol S, xylenol orange and bromophenol blue, FSD was bleaching both of xylenol orange and bromophenol blue, where, chromazurol S was differed from them and increase the absorbance intensity as increasing FSD concentration, depending on this principle, FSD was assayed in three methods, method A bleaching bromophenol blue with increasing FSD amount at pH 3.63, as well as method B with xylenol orange at pH 4.72, While method C based on charge transfer reaction between chromazurol S and FSD at pH 4.77 with increasing FSD amount. So that, the organic dye used in method A is bromophenol blue which is chemically and traditionally named as 3',3'',5',5''-tetrabromophenolsulfonphthalein, albutest respectively was prepared by the slowly addition of an excess bromine to a hot phenolsulfonphthalein in glacial acetic acid solution.[29], Xylenol orange is an organic reagent used as indicator for metal titration, Xylenol orange is the traditionally name of 2,2',2'',2'''-(1,1-Dioxo-2-benzoxathiole-3,3 (1H)-diyl) bis [(6-hydroxy-5-methyl-3,1-phenylene) methylenenitrilo]}tetra acetic acid.[30]. Trisodium 5-[(E)-(3-carboxy-5-methyl-4-oxocyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene)(2,6-dichloro-3-sulfonatophenyl)methyl]-3-methyl-2-oxidobenzoate is the chemical name for chromazurol S, this reagent was widely used for determination of cations as well as medications in direct and indirect ways[31].



Bromophenol blue



xylenol orange



Chromazurol S

## 2. Experimental

### Apparatus:

The final spectrum of FSD was measured and drawn using JASCO V – 630 double-beam computerized UV-Visible spectrophotometer, for all spectrophotometric measurements, 1 cm matched cell was used, and HANA pH meter used for reported pH readings.

### Analytical chemicals

All chemicals used were of the purest analytical grade.

**Table 1. Preparation of chemical materials**

| Chemical materials | Manufactured company | Weight, g | Solvent in final volumn 100 mL | Concentration |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| FSD                | SDI, Iraq            | 0.01      | Ethanol[32]                    | 100 µg/ ml    |
| Bromophenol blue   | Hopkin and williams  | 0.6699    | Distilled water                | 0.01 M        |
| Xylenol orange     | Fluka                | 0.7585    | Distilled water                | 0.01 M        |
| Chromazurol S      | Fluka                | 0.0605    | Distilled water                | 0.001 M       |

### Preparation of furosemide from tablets

Three different brands of pharmaceutical preparations were used for furosemide, where 10 tablets (each tablet contains 40 mg) were ground into a very fine powder, then weighed precisely about 0.01 g of the powder, this quantity was then dissolved in methanol, filtered and completed the volume of filtration with methanol mixed with warm distilled water at a ratio of 1:1 in a 100ml volumetric flask.

### 3. Discuss the experimental results:

100 µg of FSD in a final volume of 25 mL was used to study the experimental optimal conditions

#### Study of optimum conditions:

In this research paper, the optimal conditions suitable for the formation of the colored complex of furosemide were studied and selected.

#### Selected the optimum medium of the reaction:

In order to choose the most appropriate type of acids and in the optimum quantity among sulfuric, acetic and hydrochloric acids, by studying the effect of adding different quantities to each type of these acids to determine the acidity function most appropriate for the three methods for estimating furosemide, a (0.1-3.0) of these acids was chosen with a concentration of 0.1 M as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Effect of Kind and amount of acids.**

| ml of<br>0.1M<br>acids | Method A<br>Absorbance         |       |                      | Method B<br>Absorbance         |       |                      | Method C<br>Absorbance         |       |                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
|                        | H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | HCl   | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH | H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | HCl   | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH | H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | HCl   | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH |
| 0.0                    |                                | 0.645 |                      |                                | 0.521 |                      |                                | 0.364 |                      |
| 0.1                    | 0.134                          | 0.168 | 0.174                | 0.109                          | 0.104 | 0.142                | 0.164                          | 0.138 | 0.144                |
| 0.3                    | 0.119                          | 0.126 | 0.159                | 0.098                          | 0.094 | 0.128                | 0.141                          | 0.112 | 0.134                |
| 0.5                    | 0.094                          | 0.109 | 0.124                | 0.072                          | 0.071 | 0.110                | 0.119                          | 0.094 | 0.101                |
| 0.7                    | 0.086                          | 0.099 | 0.093                | 0.062                          | 0.057 | 0.089                | 0.089                          | 0.080 | 0.089                |
| 1                      | 0.064                          | 0.078 | 0.076                | 0.041                          | 0.042 | 0.070                | 0.065                          | 0.068 | 0.072                |
| 1.5                    | 0.051                          | 0.059 | 0.044                | 0.024                          | 0.028 | 0.053                | 0.031                          | 0.051 | 0.059                |
| 2                      | 0.033                          | 0.043 | 0.028                | 0.013                          | 0.014 | 0.038                | 0.017                          | 0.037 | 0.039                |

The practically obtained results and illustrated in table 1, that the addition of any type at any amount of all acids did not have a beneficial effect, therefore, this study was excluded from the subsequent experiments. Depending on this fact, the pH value of method A, B, and C in the absence of any quantity of acids or bases were 3.58, 4.51 and 4.77 respectively, so that, these pH value have adopted for the subsequent experiment.

#### Effect of dye quantity:

The experimental results which were depending on the values of the correlation coefficient and absorbance values were considered the best factor to choose the optimum amount of dyes in the three proposed methods. 3 mL, 2 mL of 0.01 M and 2 mL of 0.001 M, have been selected as an optimum amount of these three dyes with correlation coefficient equals to (0.99863, 0.98972 and 0.9992) for method A, B, and C respectively.

#### Effect of various kinds of surfactants

In many cases, the addition of any type of surfactant of different types may not lead to a shift in the wavelength or an improvement in the intensity of absorption, as happened in this study.

It was noted from the practical results that adding all types of surfactants (sodium dodecyl sulfate as a surfactant) Anionic, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, cetylpyridinium chloride as cationic surfactants and non-ionic Triton X-100) to the staining regimen had no obvious effect either in increasing the absorption intensity or leading to the wavelength shift to higher values. Therefore, this study was not adopted in subsequent experiments

Studying order of addition:

The interaction components of the three methods do not exceed the drug and the dye, so there are no more than two sequences to study that lead to the same result, adding the dye to the drug or vice versa did not have a clear effect, so the addition of the dye to the furosemide drug was adopted in this study.

Studying stability period

The time required for the formation of the colored potion between FSD and the three dyes was studied, as it was found from the practical results that the color formed instantaneously and remained stable for more than 72 hours with a high stability of the three methods under optimal conditions, meaning that the colored compound was developed immediately and remains at a maximum and consistently and very stable more than 72 hours. figure 1 show a part of stability for this study for these three methods.

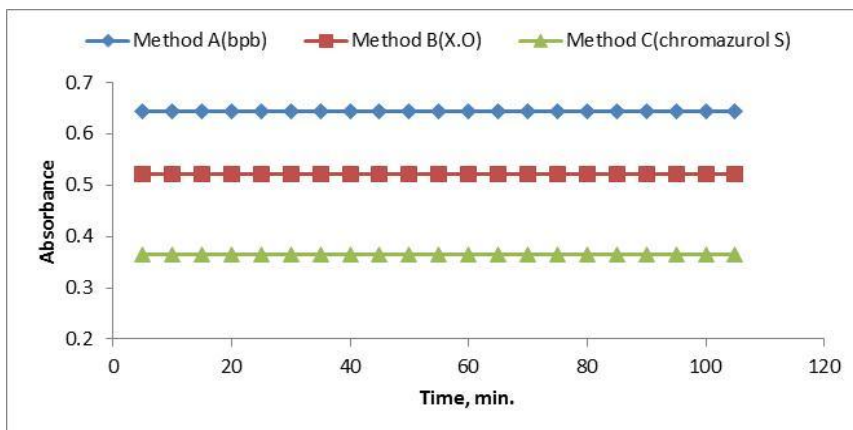


Fig. 1. Stability of the product coloured complex

### Beer's law, molar absorptivity and sensitivity

The standard curve of the proposed spectroscopic methods has been studied by adding different amounts ranging between (10-800), (25-800) and (20-800) for each method A, B and C respectively, then adding dyes and dilution to the mark with distilled water and after shaking the bottles. The absorbance was measured at the specified wavelength at 591, 583, and 525 nm, complied with Beer's law over the  $\mu$  and ppm of FSD. While the molar absorptivity was  $1.4 \times 10^4$ ,  $2.1 \times 10^4$ ,  $1.57 \times 10^4 \text{ l.mol}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 0.0157, 0.0236 and 0.0210  $\mu\text{g}.\text{cm}^{-2}$ , as shown in figure 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

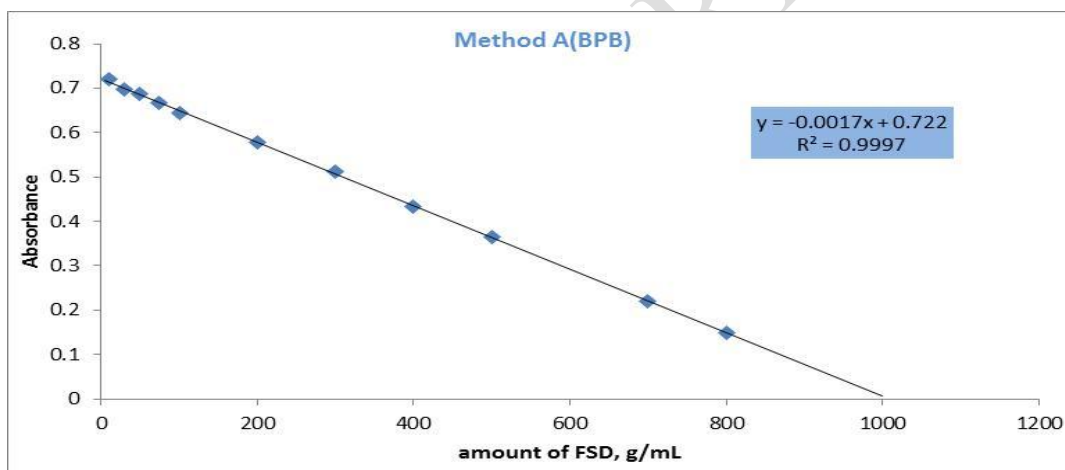


Fig.2. calibration curve for the first method

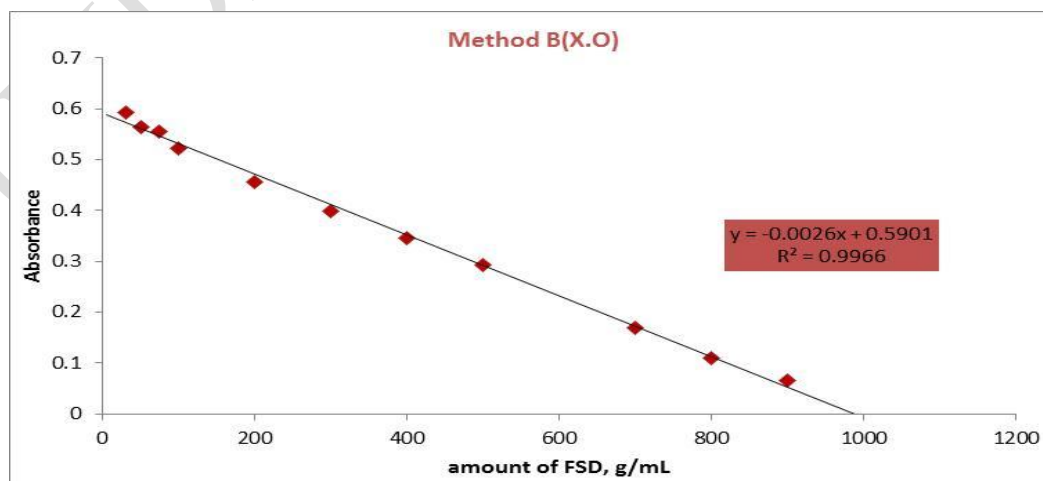


Fig.3. calibration curve for the second method

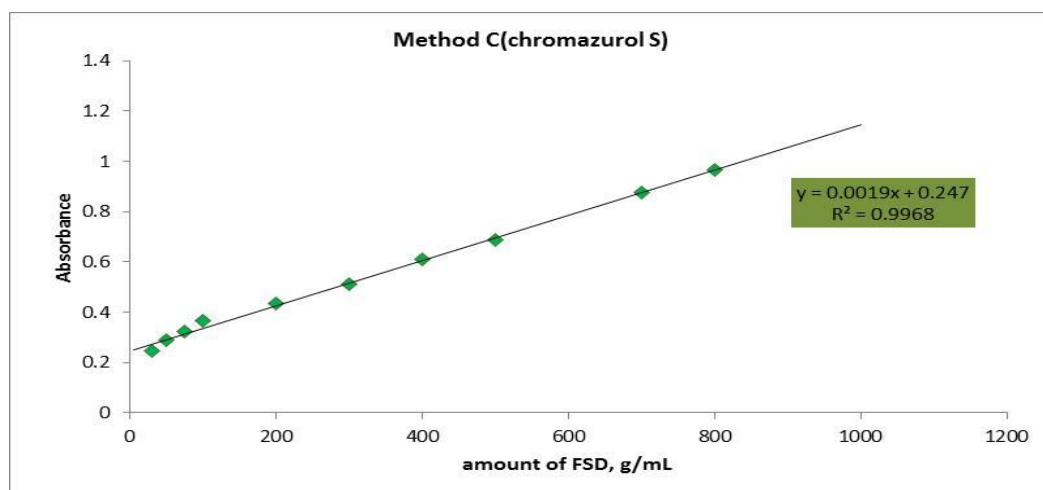
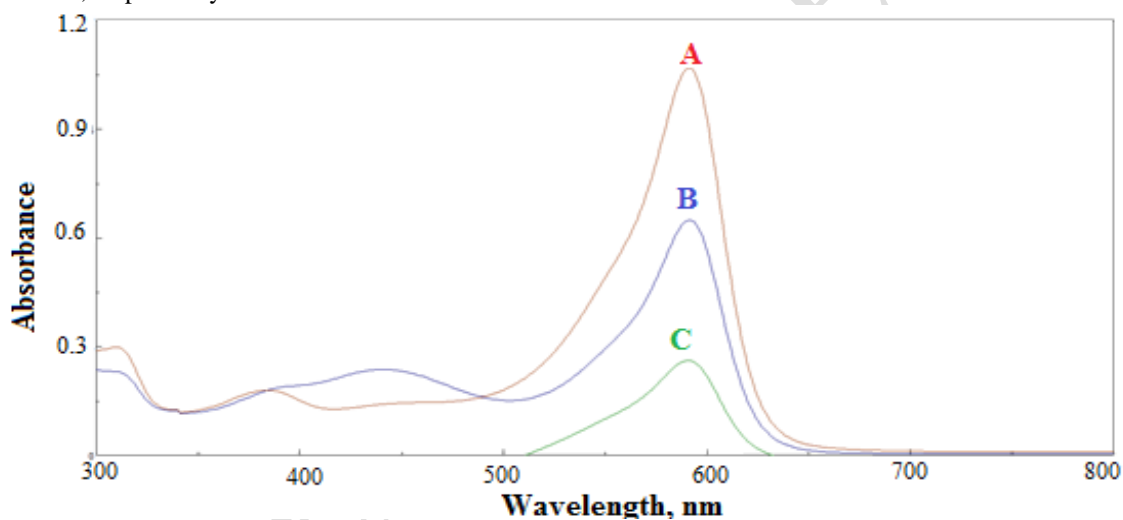
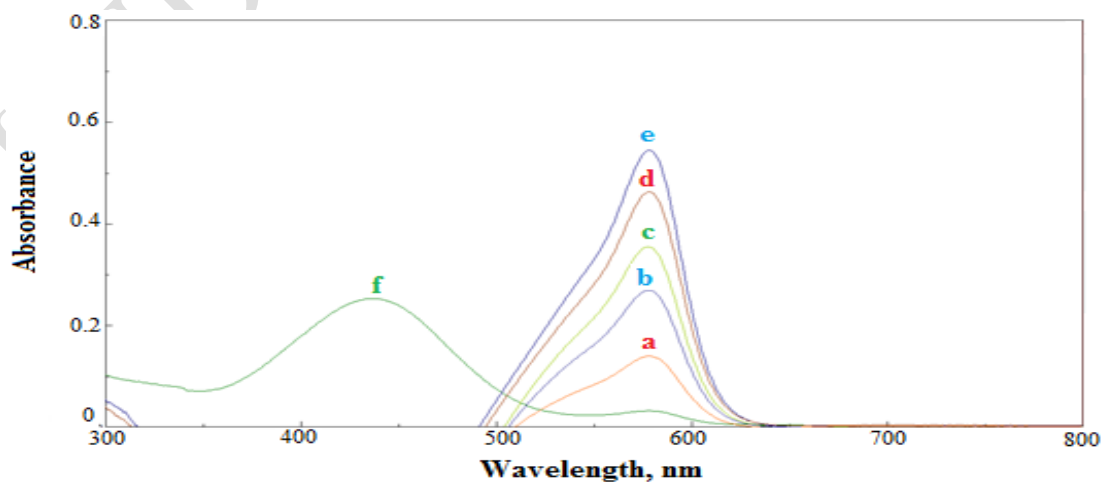


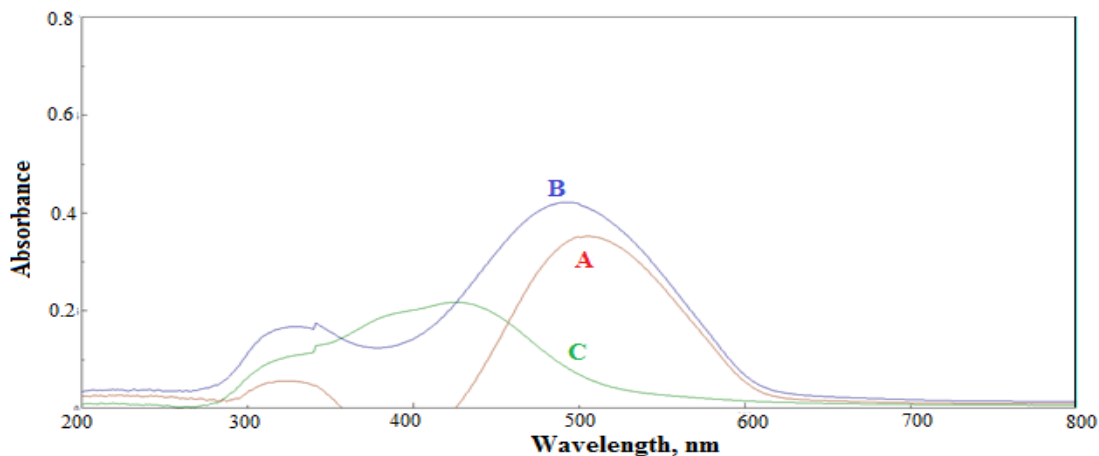
Fig.4. calibration curve for the third method

### Absorption spectra

Depending on the optimum conditions, the absorption spectrum of FSD was studied, as shown in figure 5,6 and 7 which were indicate that the sample solution shows maximum absorption at 591, 583 and 525 nm for the three methods, respectively.

Fig.5. Final spectrum of 100 µg FSD for the 1<sup>st</sup> method measured against Blank(B), Distilled water(A) and Blank measured against distilled water (C)

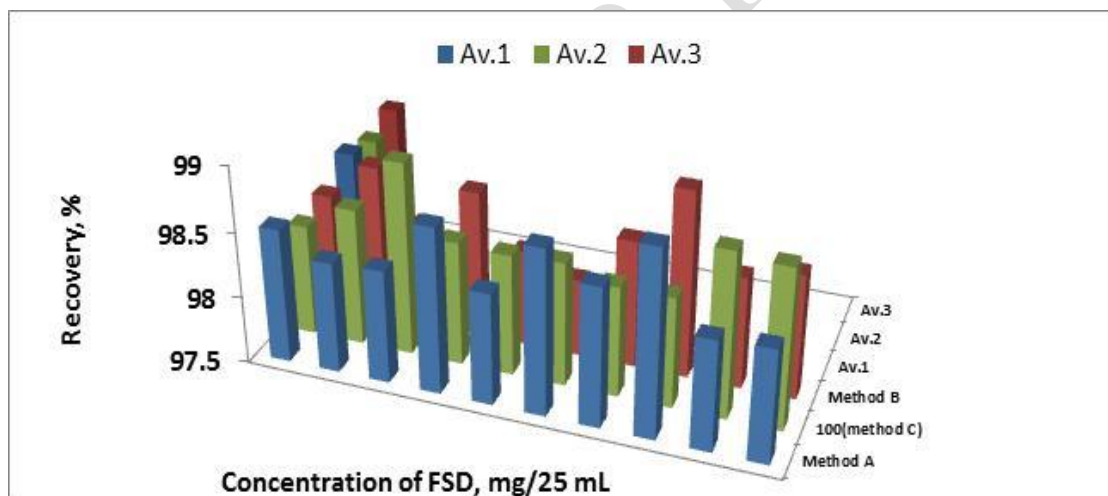
**Fig.6. Final spectrum of (700, 500, 300, 200 and 100)  $\mu\text{g}$  FSD for the 2nd method measured against Blank(a,b,c,d and e),and Blank measured against distilled water (f)**



**Fig.7. Final spectrum of 100  $\mu\text{g}$  FSD for the 3rd method measured at Blank(A), Distilled water(B) and Blank measured against distilled water (C)**

### Accuracy and precision

In order to verify the selectivity and efficiency of the proposed methods for FSD estimation, 100 $\mu\text{g}$  of FSD were determined using ten measurements for each method as shown in fig. 8 which is illustrated that these three methods were almost reliable.



**Fig.8. Accuracy and precision**

### Mole ratio:

The determination of the interaction ratio between furosemide drug and the three dyes was studied by preparing equal concentrations for both drug and dyes, then taking volumes ranging from (0-5) mL of FSD, corresponding to (5-0) mL of each of the three dyes. Figure 11 shows the result of using Job's method to study the reaction ratio in each method, so that, reaction ratio of FSD to bromophenol blue is 1:2, and 1:1 between FSD to xylene orange dye, while the ratio of FSD to chromazurol S is 1:2 as shown in the Fig.9.

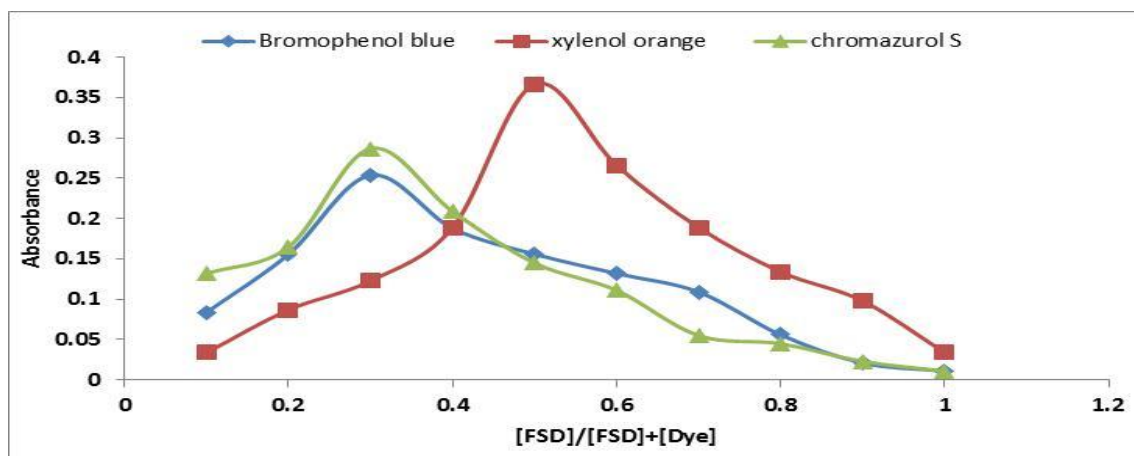


Fig 9. Job's plot of the proposed methods.

### Effect of foreign materials

This study was conducted by adding a number of potential substances present and use in pharmaceutical preparations, with concentrations of up to 1000  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . The results listed in Table 3 showed that the studied excipients do not seriously interfere in the determination of FSD in pharmaceutical preparations using the three proposed methods.

Table 3. Effect of interferences

| Interferences | Recovery (%)/100 $\mu\text{g}$ of FSD added |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |
|---------------|---|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
|               | Method A                                    |       |       | Method B |       |       | Method C |       |       |
|               | 100   | 500   | 1000  | 100      | 500   | 1000  | 100      | 500   | 1000  |
| Acatia        | 99.34                                       | 99.67 | 98.82 | 99.85    | 98.93 | 98.99 | 99.92    | 99.93 | 99.41 |
| Lactose       | 99.87                                       | 99.99 | 99.07 | 99.74    | 98.97 | 98.95 | 99.89    | 98.98 | 98.76 |
| Sorbitol      | 99.89                                       | 98.97 | 98.73 | 98.69    | 98.87 | 98.90 | 99.86    | 99.93 | 98.93 |
| glucose       | 99.51                                       | 99.39 | 98.22 | 98.94    | 98.99 | 98.95 | 99.93    | 98.92 | 98.80 |
| Menthol       | 98.97                                       | 98.98 | 98.97 | 98.92    | 98.89 | 98.94 | 99.86    | 99.89 | 98.82 |
| Starch        | 99.39                                       | 99.34 | 99.56 | 99.89    | 98.87 | 98.97 | 99.90    | 98.84 | 98.79 |

### Application of the method

The three proposed methods have been satisfactorily applied for the estimation of FSD in pharmaceuticals and the results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: determination of FSD

| Drug                        | $\mu\text{g}$ of FSD present/25 ml | $\mu\text{g}$ of FSD measured/25 ml | R*, %  | R.E *, %     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Furosemide/tablets 40mg/tab | Method A                           | 100                                 | 99.85  | $\pm 0.5291$ |
|                             | Method B                           | 100                                 | 99.81  | $\pm 0.2902$ |
|                             | Method C                           | 100                                 | 100.27 | $\pm 0.2889$ |
| Octosemide/tablets 40mg/tab | Method A                           | 300                                 | 299.34 | $\pm 0.4071$ |
|                             | Method B                           | 300                                 | 299.29 | $\pm 0.3237$ |
|                             | Method C                           | 300                                 | 300.71 | $\pm 0.2691$ |

\*For 5 determination

It is noted from the results listed in Table 5 that the calculated value of the t-test measured at 95% confidence level and for five degrees of freedom ( $N_1 + N_2 - 2 = 5$ ) did not exceed the theoretical values for that when compared with the theoretical values established in the references[34].

Table 5: The value of t-test

| drug                        | t-test      | Tabulated value of t-test |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Furosemide/tablets 40mg/tab | $\pm 1.854$ | $\pm 2.571$               |

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| octosemide/tablets<br>40mg/tab | $\pm 1.497$ |
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### Comparison of the present method

Table 6 shows some of the analytical variables measured for the current methods and their comparison with the spectroscopic methods proven in the references for the estimation of FSD

**Table 6: Comparison of the method**

| Analytical parameters                       | Present method                  |                                 |                                 | Literature method [34]         |                                |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Method A                        | Method B                        | Method C                        | Method A                       | Method B                       |
| Reaction                                    | Bleaching                       | Bleaching                       | Charge transfer                 | Oxidation with Bleaching       | Oxidation with Bleaching       |
| pH  | 3.58                            | 4.51                            | 4.77                            | ---                            | ----                           |
| $\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)                       | 591                             | 583                             | 525                             | 612                            | 526                            |
| Reagent                                     | Bromophenol blue                | Xylenol orange                  | Chromazurol S                   | Xylene cyanol FF               | Safranin O                     |
| Correlation coefficient                     | 0.9997                          | 0.9966                          | 0.9968                          | 0.9992                         | 0.9996                         |
| Beer's law range (ppm)                      | 0.4-32                          | 1-32                            | 0.8-32                          | 20-30                          | 6-16                           |
| Molar absorptivity ( $l.mol^{-1}.cm^{-1}$ ) | $1.4 \times 10^4$               | $2.1 \times 10^4$               | $1.57 \times 10^4$              | $1.16 \times 10^4$             | $2.02 \times 10^4$             |
| R.S.D. (%)                                  | $\pm 0.5291$ to $\pm 0.4071$    | $\pm 0.3237$ to $\pm 0.2902$    | $\pm 0.2889$ to $\pm 0.2691$    | 0.099                          | 1.8345                         |
| Color of the product                        | Red                             | Red                             | Red                             | Blue                           | Red                            |
| Application of the method                   | Pharmaceutica<br>1 preparations | Pharmaceutica<br>1 preparations | Pharmaceutica<br>1 preparations | Pharmaceutical<br>preparations | Pharmaceutical<br>preparations |

### Conclusion

Three spectroscopic methods are proposed based on the reaction of charge transfer and shortening of the dye using bromophenol blue in method 1, xylenol orange in method 2, and chromazurol S in rapid, sensitive and inexpensive methods that do not require expensive devices or any temperature control or any extraction process. Good recovery values for FSD are achieved upon successful application of the proposed methods for determining FSD in some of its pharmaceutical preparations.

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