

## Variation of Amino Acids in Some Biological and Pharmaceutical Sample FT-IR Study

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**Abstract:** Variation of amino acids between biological sample (Rice powder, nelli powder and lemon powder) and pharmaceutical sample (Vitamin A, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and Vitamin C) has been studied using FTIR spectroscopy. Spectroscopic analyses of biological and pharmaceutical samples are discussed. It has been found that the variation in amino acids with the variation in biological and pharmaceutical samples are correlated and the present study confirms the total amino acid content is very much lower in biological samples compared to pharmaceutical sample. Also an attempt has been made to correlate the extinction coefficient (K) values with the changes in amino acid and phenols of the biological and pharmaceutical sample. The result shows amino acid and phenol groups are more in pharmaceutical samples than biological sample.

**Key word:** FTIR Spectroscopy • Amino acids • Pharmaceutical sample • Biological sample

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### INTRODUCTION

The biological and pharmaceutical sciences may be broadly viewed to encompass a number of specialties, which differ greatly in the types of problems that are encountered and the means employed towards their solution. However, the techniques of vibrational and resonance spectroscopy have been and probably will continue to be used most widely and advantageously within those specialties (such as biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology) that are concerned for the most part with problems at the molecular level. The potentialities and the liabilities of FTIR spectroscopic techniques for applications in related disciplines like clinical chemistry, molecular biology, biophysics and biochemistry and the like can be realized by the large number of research papers published in the recent past [1-9].

The information provided by IR spectra to aid in the solution of problems in structural chemistry is a well-known idea. For biological sample only condensed phases are available. The present study has been conducted with the objective to know the effect of pharmaceutical and biological samples. The total amino acid content of different pharmaceutical and biological samples and hence to find out whether any correlation exists between the amino acid variation of pharmaceutical and biological samples.

### METHODS AND MATERIALS

The spectra are recorded at room temperature (30°C) using BRUKER IFS 66 MODEL Fourier transform infrared spectrometer. The spectra of all varieties of powdered and palletized powder samples are recorded. The variety of vitamins (Vitamin A, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and Vitamin C) samples obtained from Pharmaceutical Department, J.S.S. Pharmaceutical College at Mysore. The biological sample (rice powder, nelli powder and lemon powder) obtained from microbiological department, Mysore University, the samples are powdered well and dried at 110°C for four hours to remove the moisture content. Then samples are ground well into a fine powder by using an agate mortar. The spectra of the sample are recorded using KBr pellet technique in the range 4000 - 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Pharmaceutical samples like vitamin A, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and Vitamin C and biological sample like rice powder, nelli powder and lemon powder are taken up for the present investigation. Their mineral as well as organic constituents are analyzed spectroscopically with special reference to the amino acid and phenyl compounds.

FTIR spectra of the sample exhibit the absorption bands of chromophoric group characteristic of phenols, amino acids, proteins and chlorophylls. From the

quantitative analysis of these organic constituents, it is found that the levels of the phenols and amino acids are more or less equal pharmaceutical and biological samples.

The strong absorption at  $1653\text{cm}^{-1}$  and a weak absorption at  $1539\text{cm}^{-1}$  coupled with the presence of a band at  $3292\text{cm}^{-1}$  may be taken as an indication of the presence of amino acid [1]. The presence of  $1653\text{cm}^{-1}$  band is characteristic of amino acid group-I and the band at  $1539\text{cm}^{-1}$  is characteristic of amino acid group-II as given by Randal *et al.* [3] and Rao [1], where as both the groups show a band at  $3292\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The band at  $1653\text{cm}^{-1}$  is characteristic of the substituted secondary amides, indicative of the C=O stretching [4,5]. Amide II absorption bands are also observed at  $1570 - 1510\text{cm}^{-1}$  [3,6]. The weak band around  $1300-1200\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to the mixed vibrations involving N-H bending [7,8]. The salt of nitro compounds shows the asymmetric and symmetric N-O stretching frequencies in the region  $1316 - 1205$  and  $1175 - 1045\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively.

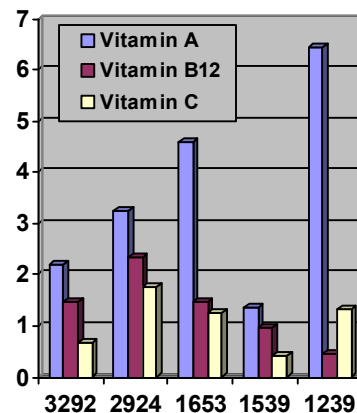
The variation in intensity are observed with respect to biological and pharmaceutical samples which may be attributed to the changes in total free amino acids, esters, ethers, phenols, proteins, fat and carbohydrate contents. The presence of  $3300 - 3250\text{cm}^{-1}$  found in characteristic of amino acids [9-13]. The presence of  $1655\text{cm}^{-1}$  band is characteristic of the amino acid group I and the band at  $1550\text{cm}^{-1}$  is characteristic of amino acid group II as given by Rao [9] and Randal *et al.* [13,19,20,21]. The strong absorption band at  $1750-1655\text{cm}^{-1}$  characteristic of C=O stretching indicates the presence of carbonyl groups [11-18].

Table 1: Value of Extinction co-efficient (K) value of Pharmaceutical sample

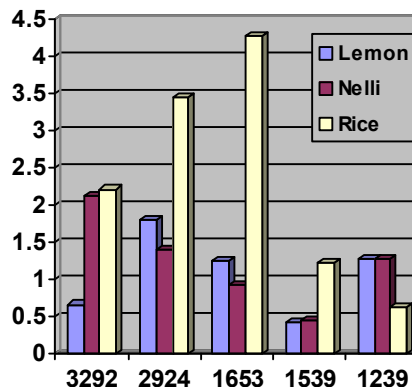
Absorption band $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Extinction co-efficient (K) $\text{cm}^2/\text{mg}$		
	Vitamin A	Vitamin B12	Vitamin C
3292	2.211	1.484	0.662
2924	3.252	2.324	1.752
1653	4.594	1.472	1.249
1539	1.343	0.9550	0.431
1239	6.431	0.4560	1.327

Table 2: Value of Extinction co-efficient (K) value of Biological sample

Absorption band $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Extinction co-efficient (K) $\text{cm}^2/\text{mg}$		
	Lemon powder	Nelli Powder	Rice Powder
3292	0.667	1.284	2.211
2924	1.802	2.132	3.452
1653	1.249	1.407	4.259
1539	0.433	0.925	1.223
1239	1.275	0.466	0.623



Variation of extinction co efficient value with Pharmaceutical sample



Variation of extinction co efficient value with Biological sample

Fig. 1:

We estimate quantitatively the amino acids due to changes in the total organic constituents in pharmaceutical samples and biological samples. For this specific extinction co-efficient (k) are calculated using the relation  $K = DA / m \text{ cm}^2 / \text{mg}$ .

Where D is optical density of the absorption band, log, A is the area of the pellet in  $\text{cm}^2$  and m is the mass of the samples in the pellet in mg. The values of extinction co-efficient are tabulated in Table 1 and 2.

The table 1-2 shows the extinction co-efficient of the peak  $3292\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1653\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $1539\text{cm}^{-1}$  are characteristic of amino acids and phenyl groups. From Fig. 1 it is clearly indicated that the amino acids and phenyl groups are more in pharmaceutical samples. But the amino acid and phenyl group and cyclic compound sufficient values contains in natural biological sample. Since few amino acids and phenols also possess cyclic ring structures, it equally acts on them and hence the total amino acids and phenols are shows similar results.

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