Determination of moxifloxacin hydrochloride in AVELOX pharmacological formulations using modified potentiometer sensors

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Abstract: Three different electrodes modified with carbon paste (CP), silk-screen (SP) and poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) were obtained to verify the reliability of AVELOX, the generic name of which is Moxifloxacin HCL (AV-MOXH). The sensing membranes were containing AVELOX ion associated complexes with sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB), phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), phosphotungstic acid (PTA), and ammonium reineckate (RN) as electroactive materials. All three electrodes gave fast, viable, and near-Nernstian linear responses over a relative wide concentration range that ranged from 1.0-10⁻⁶ to 1.0·10⁻² mol/l AV-MOXH at 25°C with a monovalent cationic decrease. The sensors demonstrated a good discernment of AV-MOXH from numerous inorganic and organic compounds such as glucose, sucrose, Na⁺, Ca²⁺, etc. Additionally, the isothermal coefficients along with selectivity coefficients were calculated. The modified Screen Printed Electrode sensor appeared to be highly sensitive for the determination of AV-MOXH. The electrode response was observed in pH range 2-6 for ISPE electrodes and IPVC electrodes and 3-7 for ICPE electrodes under various temperature conditions. The short response time, lifetime validity, recovery, and all the methods of validation such as limit of detection and limit of quantification were estimated. The potentiometric method turned out to be suitable for determining AV-MOXH in pharmacological formulations, and the findings obtained are comparable to the "HPLC official method" in terms of the agreement. As a result, the postulated potentiometric approach was verified in accordance with IUPAC guidelines.

Keywords: AVELOX, moxifloxacin HCL, ion-selective electrodes, sodium tetraphenylborate, phosphomolybdic acid, phosphotungstic acid, poly(vinyl chloride), potentiometry.

Oznaczanie chlorowodorku moksyfloksacyny w formulacjach farmakologicznych AVELOX przy użyciu zmodyfikowanych czujników potencjometrycznych

Streszczenie: Otrzymano trzy różne elektrody modyfikowane pastą węglową (CP), sitodrukiem (SP) i polichlorkiem winylu (PVC) w celu oceny skuteczności działania leku AVELOX (nazwa rodzajowa Moxifloxacin HCL, AV-MOXH). Membrany czujników zawierały kompleksy jonu AVELOX z tetrafenyloboranem sodu (NaTPB), kwasem fosfomolibdenowym (PMA), kwasem fosfowolframowym (PTA) i soli Reineckego (RN) jako materiałami elektroaktywnymi. Wszystkie trzy elektrody dały szybkie i bliskie zależności liniowe Nernsta w zakresie stężeń AV-MOXH od 1.0·10⁻⁶ do 1.0·10⁻² mol/l (w 25°C). Elektrody wykazały dobrą selektywność w oznaczaniu AV-MOXH względem wielu jonów i związków organicznych i nieorganicznych, jak glukoza, sacharoza, Na⁺, Ca²⁺ itp. Dodatkowo obliczono współczynniki izotermiczne oraz współczynniki selektywności. Zmodyfikowany czujnik z elektrodą sitodrukową okazał się być bardzo czuły do oznaczania AV-MOXH. Badania prowadzono w zakresie pH 2–6 w przypadku elektrod ISPE i IPVC oraz 3–7 w przypadku elektrod ICPE w różnych temperaturach. Oszacowano czas odpowiedzi elektrod, ich czas życia, możliwość regeneracji, odzysk oraz granicę wykrywalności i granicę oznaczalności. Metoda potencjometryczna okazała się być odpowiednia do oznaczania AV-MOXH

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w preparatach farmakologicznych, a uzyskane wyniki są porównywalne z "oficjalną metodą HPLC". **Słowa kluczowe:** AVELOX, moksyfloksacyna HCL, elektrody jonoselektywne, tetrafenyloboran sodu, kwas fosfomolibdenowy, kwas fosfowolframowy, poli(chlorek winylu), potencjometria.

Moxifloxacin hydrochloride is the generic name of the drug AVELOX. AVELOX (Fig. 1) is a fluoroquinolone, a synthetic antibacterial drug that can be taken orally or intravenously. The monohydrochloride salt of 1-cyclopropyl-7-[(S,S)-2,8-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-8-yl]-6-fluoro-8--methoxy-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinoline carboxylic acid is accessible as moxifloxacin, a fluoroquinolone used for treatment of pneumonia and respiratory tract infectious diseases. Moxifloxacin is well absorbed from the gastrointestinal system, with a 90% absolute bioavailability. It binds to serum proteins 30-50% of the time, regardless of drug dose, and is broadly dispersed throughout the body, with tissue concentrations frequently exceeding plasma concentrations [1]. It has molecular weight of 437.9 and is somewhat yellow crystalline in appearance. Its empirical formula is C₂₁H₂₄FN₃₀. Microcrystalline cellulose (wood pulp), lactose monohydrate (the sugar found in milk), sodium croscarmellose (sodium carboxymethvlcellulose or sodium CMC), magnesium stearate, hypromellose (hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, C₅₆H₁₀₈O₃₀), titanium dioxide (TiO₂), polyethylene glycol ($C_{2n}H_{2n+2}O_{n+1}$), and ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3) are among the inactive constituents in AVELOX [2].

Adults can get community-acquired pneumonia caused by susceptible strains of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (including MDRSP), *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Moraxella catarrhalis*, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* as well as *Klebsiella*, *Mycoplasma* and *Chlamydophila*. MDRSP isolates are resistant to penicillin, which minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) at which the chemical the bacterial growth will stop is 2 µg/ml, and 2nd generation cephalosporins (for example cefuroxime), macrolides, tetracyclines, and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole. They're also

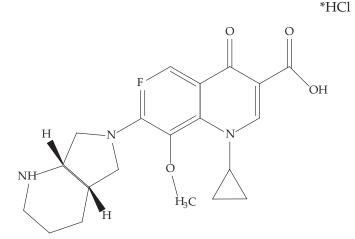


Fig. 1. Chemical structure of AVELOX (moxifloxacin hydrochloride)

used to treat simple skin infections caused by bacteria like methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or Streptococcus pyogenes, Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli [3], Klebsiella pneumoniae, or Enterobacter cloacae. Abscesses caused by sensitive isolates of E. coli, Bacteroides fragilis, Streptococcus anginosus, Streptococcus constellatus, Enterococcus faecalis, Proteus mirabilis, Clostridium perfringens, Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron, or Peptostreptococcus can be cured with AVELOX [4], which can be also used in the treatment of outbreaks such as pneumonic and septicemic plague, but only in cases of present sensitive Yersinia pestis isolatest, and in the prophylaxis of plague in humans. For practical reasons, moxifloxacin efficacy investigations on humans with plague were not possible. As a result, this recommendation is based only on animal efficacy trial [5]. AVELOX should be only used for preventing infections caused by susceptible bacteria that have been proven or strongly suspected, in order to prevent the formation of drug-resistant microbacteria and sustain the efficacy of AVELOX and other antibacterial drugs [6]. As far as culture and susceptibility data are available, they should be used to guide antibacterial therapy selection and modification. Local epidemiology and vulnerability patterns may help with speculative therapy selection in the absence of such data. AVELOX is taken once every 24 hours at a dose of 400 mg (orally or as an intravenous infusion) [7].

A biological test for detecting moxifloxacin in tablets was published by Guerra et al. [8]. Various methods for determining and analyzing these types of tablets have been mentioned in the literature, including spectrophotometry [9, 10], spectrofluorimetry [11], electroanalysis [12], atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) [13], conductometry [14], voltammetry [15, 16], high performance liquid chromatography in ultraviolet (HPLC-UV) [17-20], HPLC-fluorescence (HPLC-Fl) [21], capillary electrophoresis (CE) and HPLC-mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS) [22], ultra-performance liquid chromatography (UPLC) [23], liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) [24, 25] and capillary zone electrophoresis [26] approaches for detecting moxifloxacin (MOX) alone and in conjunction with other medicines in various formulations and biological materials. Conversely, the majority of these approaches entail lengthy procedures, derivatization, and/or the use of sophisticated instruments. Because AVELOX-Monofloxacin HCL (AV-MOXH) is such an important pharmacological and analytical chemical, there has been an increase of interest in developing precise analytical methods for the quantification of AV-MOXH in samples of biological and pharmacological substances in recent years. Because of its great efficiency, selectivity, reproducibility, and sensitivity, HPLC is the most widely used analytical technique for medication quality control. Furthermore, in order to conserve the environment, the current tendency is to develop simple, quick, and environmentally friendly analytical methods [27]. The potentiometric analysis relies on estimating the comparative potential difference between both the sensor surface and the buffer solution, which gives data on the taster composition when no flow of current exists amongst them and the sample is not disrupted and remains unaffected [28]. Potentiometers, unlike other analytical procedures, do not consume analytes, which makes them especially attractive when only a small total amount needs to be detected. Furthermore, the analytical signal is independent of the electrode surface area, making downsizing possible. Potentiometric sensors have many economic advantages, including ease of construction, tracking instrumentation, rapid implementation, the ability to use bright and vivid colors, good accuracy, wide linear ranges, and the ability to combine with Flow Injection Analysis (FIA) systems. Thus, they provide satisfactory selectivity for the medication in the existence of numerous therapeutic excipients [29]. The activity (concentration) of the analyte determines the potential of these electrodes. Carbon Paste Electrodes (ICPE) offer the advantages of being simple to prepare, having quick response, being easily renewable, inexpensive, and able to be connected to basic instruments. Their low perfunctory and physical steadiness, as well as degeneration in non-polar electrolytic solvents, which resulted in signal degradation, confined their application to the research lab only. A frequent technique is to adapt the principle from carbon paste electrodes to more vigorous sensors, such as thick sheets used in Screen Printed Electrodes (ISPE). The detection limit, linear range, selectivity, operational pH, temperature, and pressure constraints, as well as the short lifespan due to discharge out of electroactive material, are all critical difficulties that emerge with all traditional Ion-Selective Electrodes (ISE). Thick film technology, on the other hand, comprises the screen printing process, which is particularly ideal for commercialization because of its uncomplicatedness, cheap in price, excellent consistent, and efficiency for enormous production [30-32].

The manufacture of the modified electrodes within altered carbon paste electrode, screen printing, PVC ion-selective electrodes for the detection of AVELOX--Moxifloxacin HCL tablets (AV-MOXH) is reported in the current work. Membranes used in our studies were combined with sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB), phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), phosphotungstic acid (PTA), and ammonium reineckate (RN) as electroactive materials in the Monofloxacin HCL complex. Their characteristics slopes and analytical performance with the influence of varied plasticizers, ion-pairing agent content, pH range, temperature, and effect of the interfering cations have been investigated. All the electrodes were used to measure AV-MOXH in both pure and pharmaceutical preparations. Method validation parameters were improved in accordance with ICH recommendations.

EXPERIMENTAL PART

Experimental techniques

Laboratory potential measurements were made with the Orion pH/mv meter, model 330, and AV-MOXH membrane sensors in combination with an Ag/AgCl double--junction reference electrode (Orion pH/mv meter, model 90-02) and several drug ion-selective electrodes. The examined medicine (AVELOX-MOXHCL) was investigated using a digital multi-meter coupled to a portable computer system and a Brand digital burette. The current study used homemade printing carbon ink to make modified and *in situ* modified carbon paste, screen printed, and PVC electrodes as potentiometric sensors, as well as comparing the performance characteristics of such electrodes in determining AV-MOXH in pure and pharmacological preparations.

Materials

All used chemicals and reagents were of high pure analytical reagent (AI) grade and double distilled water was all through the experiment. The AVELOX (moxifloxacin hydrochloride) 400 mg tablet was obtained from the Bayer manufacturer. Relative high molecular weight poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC), synthetic graphite powder (1–2 µm in size), o-nitrophenyloctylether (o-NPOE), tricresylphosphate (TCP), dibutylphthalate (DBP), dioctylphthalate (DOP), dioctylsebacate (DOS), and tetrahydrofurane (THF) of purity >99%, were supplied from Merck. Ion-pairing agents such as sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB) and ammonium reineckate {RN, $NH_4[Cr(NH_3)_2(SCN)_4] \cdot H_2O$ were supplied from Fluka. Phosphotungstic acid (PTA, $H_3PW_{12}O_{40}$) and phosphomolybdic acid (PMA, H₃PMo₁₂O₄₀) were purchased from BDH. Acetone, cyclohexanone and tetrahydrofuran were all purchased from Aldrich Company.

Preparation of the operational electrodes

Screen printed electrodes (SPE)

To create disposal SPE electrodes, a man-made screen printer was used. A network of 12 electrodes was screen printed over bendable X-ray film by squeezing primed conductive ink to permeate across pores of a screen stencil. There were three primary steps in the screen printing electrodes:

a) Selection of the screen template. A dense weight polyester fabric (I003M Sefar Pet 1000, mesh or pores count 36) was pre-tensioned to a 35x45 cm² hardwood

edging. Steel sheet was pre-stressed to a new casing of steel for building stainless steel model, and grooves with identical electrode dimensions were used [31].

b) Making of graphite-ink suspension. The welldesigned screen printed electrodes were produced by using homemade carbon ink combined with 2.5–20 mg of ion-pairing agent (NaTPB, PMA, RN, or PTA) in TCP (900 mg) and 3.0 g of 8–10% PVC solution. 2.5 g of carbon powder was mixed in a continuous motorized mixing process to obtain a homogenous ink. After absolute involvement of the ink components with the help of magnetic stirrer the produced ink was again sonicated for about 60 minutes to enhance the uniformity and remove water molecules completely [32].

c) Screen printed electrodes (SPE) printing. Sheet of polyester was rinsed with concentrated nitric acid (HNO₃) and eroded multiple times by distilled water before being scrubbed with commercially available cleaners. After the treatment sheet of polyester was utilized as a substrate that was unaffected by the critical temperature or ink solvent and could be break into pieces with a pair of scissors only.

Prepared graphite ink was dispensed on top of the produced pores and pressed into the network by using an 8-inch squeegee which was held at a 60° angle, while the mesh was kept away from the sheet of polyester. After that, the squeegee was again dragged back through the template, ensuring that the electrode templates were entirely loaded with ink suspension. In a single fast operation, the woody frame was hard-pressed downwards across the polyester sheet and the squeegee was pulled crossway to the template forcing the ink through the mesh and onto the polyester sheet. The electrodes were then printed onto the polyester sheet after the stencil frame was removed. The electrodes were dried at 60°C before slicing out of the substrate. After the completion of this printing process, the stencil was washed with a commercially available thinner solution to remove any extra ink from the template.

Carbon paste electrodes (CPE)

Carbon paste electrodes were made by mixing different volumes of ion-pairing agents (in the range 2.5–20 mg) with 2.5 mg carbon powder and TCP (100 ml) in an intimate manner. After that the blend was carefully mashed in the mortar to achieve homogeneity. The obtained paste was firmly filled in the electrode build through the opening [33–35]. The surface of produced carbon paste electrode was meticulously smoothed with a membrane filter and washed with double distilled water to get a new working surface.

PVC electrodes

The PVC membrane mixtures were obtained by dispersing the recognition element, activator, and polymeric matrix (PVC) in tetrahydrofurane until they created a clear transparent solution, and afterwards putting into a 10 cm diameter Petri dish and covering with filter paper. The evaporation of tetrahydrofurane at ambient conditions for about 24 hours resulted in a bendable membrane with a thickness of roughly 100 μ m is obtained. The original sheet was cut with the help of a cork borer and affixed to the edge of a plastic tube filled with 10⁻³ mol/l drug solution and 0.1 mol/l KCl, as needed, to establish the potential of internal Ag/AgCl wire. To understand the effect of the internal filling solution composition, researchers used different solutions of pure AV-MOXH (10⁻⁴ to 10⁻² mol/l) coupled with KCl (0.1 mol/l). The electrode potential response was unaffected by the filling solution structure apart from the intercept. A mixture of 10⁻³ mol/l AV-MOXH and 0.1 mol/l KCl was utilized as an interior filling solution [36].

Measurements of potentials

The samples of examined solutions were mixed and kept at room temperature. The electromotive force (EMF) of the following electrochemical cell was used to test the sensor's responsiveness to AV-MOXH⁺: AV-MCPE; ICPE, IPVC, or ISPE | Ag | AgCl | standard KCl | sample solution | AV-MCPE; ICPE, IPVC, or ISPE electrodes. The EMF was shown as a logarithm function of the AV-MOXH concentration. Serial dilution of a 10^{-2} mol/l AV-MOXH stock solution yielded dilute AV-MOXH solutions (ranging from $1.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$ to $1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$ mol/l). The detection limit was set at the intersection of the calibration curve's extrapolated linear sections.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Influence of the ion-pairing agent content with electrode potential

Four ion-pairing agents, sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB), phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), phosphotungstic acid (PTA), and ammonium reineckate (RN) were deposited on three selected electrodes *i.e.* screen printed, carbon paste and polymatrix (PVC) electrodes. The amount of used ion-pairing agents was in the range of 2.5 mg to 20 mg. The obtained results are shown in Fig. 2 and Table 1 (for ICPE electrodes containing NaTPB ion--pairing agent), Table 2 (for IPVC electrode with NaTPB, PMA, and PTA ion-pairing agents), and Table 3 (for ISPE electrodes with NaTPB, RN, and PTA ion-pairing agents). The slope values for IPVC electrodes with 7.5 mg of ion-pairing agent were: 53.0±1.5 mV/dec (where mV/dec stands for mV per concentration decade) for NaTPB, 58.2±3.9 mV/dec for PMA, and 51.6±2.0 mV/dec for PTA. For ISPE modified electrodes the observed slope values were 59.7±2.0 mV/dec for 22 mg NaTPB, 60.1±2.0 mV/dec for 16 mg RN, and 58.9±3.2 mV/dec for 30 mg PTA ion-pairing agents. The obtained slope value for ICPE electrode modified with 7.5 mg NaTPB was 60.0±2.3 mV/dec.

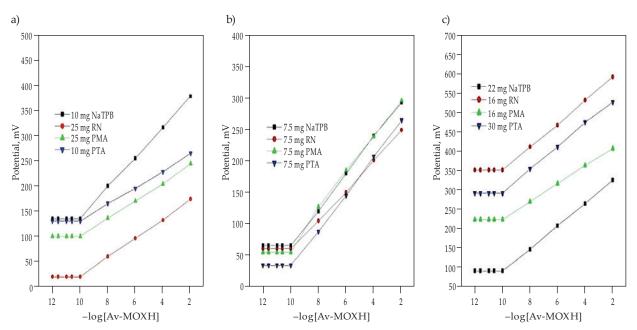


Fig. 2. Influence of selected ion-pairing agents on electrodes: a) ICPE, b) IPVC, c) ISPE

NaTPB, mg	Concentration range, mol/l	Obtained slope, mV/dec	R
2.5	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	71.0±1.8	0.989
5	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	67.0±3.1	0.998
7.5	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	60.0±2.3	0.999
10	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	55.0±3.1	0.999
12.5	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	50.0±1.0	0.989
15	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	45.7±2.7	0.999
20	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	40.5±2.4	0.998

T a ble 1. Slope values for ICPE electrodes modified with NaTPB ion-pairing agent

T a ble 2. Slope values for IPVC electrodes modified with NaTPB, RN, and PTA ion-pairing agents

Ion-pairing agent	Concentration range, mol/l	Content, mg	Slope, mV/dec	R
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	2.5	47.5±2.0	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	5	57.0±2.5	0.989
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	7.5	53.0±1.5	0.999
Sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	10	49.2±2.0	0.998
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12.5	42.0±1.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	15	40.2±1.5	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	20	37.1±1.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	2.5	52.0±1.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	5	59.7±3.5	0.996
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	7.5	58.2±3.9	0.999
Phosphomolybdic acid (PMA)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	10	50.0±2.8	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12.5	53.0±0.2	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	15	49.0±2.3	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	20	51.0±2.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	2.5	53.0±1.8	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	5	55.7±2.5	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	7.5	51.6±2.0	0.999
Phosphotungstic acid (PTA)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	10	45.0±2.5	0.999
-	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12.5	45.0±2.5	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	15	43.1±1.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	20	40.1±2.1	0.999

Ion-pairing agent	Concentration range, mol/l	Content, mg	Slope, mV/dec	R
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	2.5	38.0±0.8	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	5	40.2±1.9	0.989
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	7.5	50.0±2.5	0.999
Sodium tetraphenylborate (NaTPB)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	10	54.3±3.0	0.998
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12.5	56.6±1.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	15	59.7±2.0	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	20	52.5±3.2	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	6	35.3±1.8	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12	40.7±2.5	0.996
Ammonium reineckate (RN)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	16	60.1±2.0	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	24	50.0±2.3	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	30	45.5±3.0	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	8	20.1±0.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	12	41.4±1.6	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	16	45.0±1.8	0.999
Phosphotungstic acid (PTA)	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	24	52.8±2.7	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	30	58.9±3.2	0.999
	1.0.10-6-1.0.10-2	35	52.8±1.6	0.999

T a bl e 3. Slope values for ISPE electrodes modified with NaTPB, RN, and PTA ion-pairing agents

Influence of plasticizer on the characteristics of sensors

A plasticizer is a compound that added to a material makes it milder and more stretchy and flexible, increases its elasticity, reduces viscosity, or reduces friction during manufacturing [37]. Plasticizers are often added to polymers like plastics and rubber, either to make the raw material easier to handle during fabrication or to fulfill the needs of the end product use [38]. Plasticizers have a considerable influence on the behavior of ion-selective electrodes (ISE). Because of the dissimilarity in their polarity physical features, the plasticizer increases their ionic mobility and sensing material solubility, and reduces the effect of bulk resistance of the electrode [39]. The use of a plasticizer aids in the screen printing process by preserving acceptable electrochemical properties. The performance of AV-MOXH ion-selective membrane sensors made of various electroactive materials was examined. Three reagents, NaTPB, PMA, and PTA, were used as ion--pairing reagents as potential conflicting ions for the production of the electroactive complex of AV-MOXH. Five different plasticizers, o-nitrophenyloctylether (o-NPOE), tricresylphosphate (TCP), dibutylphthalate (DBP), dioctylphthalate (DOP), and dioctylsebacate (DOS) were used over three electrodes (CPE, PVC, and SPE) to produce different combinations. The use of a plasticizer as fluidizer in the process of fabrication of PVC-based ISEs is well known, permitting homogeneous suspension and dispersion motion of the ion-pair in the structure of membrane [40]. The PVC membrane sensors of AV-MOXH with NaTPB, PMA, and PTA were revealed to be appropriate and prime accessible intermediators with various plasticizers, like DBS, DOP, and o-NPOE. Compared to o-NPOE (58.2) and TCP (58.2) and some non-polar mediators such as DBS (slope 52.3 mV/dec) and DOP (slope 50.7 mV/dec) PVC membrane sensors offered low solubility of the ion-pair and feeble responses from the analyte. It appeared that o-NPOE enhanced membrane selectivity due to its high dielectrical constant, $\varepsilon = 24$, which made significant changes in ion-association dissolution within the membrane only. As a result, partition coefficient was improved in the membrane. Plasticizers also delivered appropriate mechanical strength to the membrane when associated to poorer permittivity, for example in case of plasticizers such as DBS and DOP having permittivity 4 and 7, respectively, the solubility of electroactive materials was comparatively smaller than in case of *o*-NPOE. The effect of the plasticizers on the performance of ICPE electrode is shown in Table 4. o-Nitrophenyloctylether and tricresylphosphate revealed out to be the best plasticizers among all used at 10 mg NaTPB.

T a b l e 4. Plasticizer effect on the performance of ICPE modified with 10 mg NaTPB

Type of plasticizer used	Slope, mV/dec	R
o-NPOE	58.2±1.3	0.998
TCP	58.2±1.4	0.999
DBP	52.3±1.6	0.997
DOS	54.8±1.6	0.997
DOP	50.7±1.7	0.998

Analysis of isothermal coefficients

The potentiometric response of the three electrodes (ICPE, IPVC, and ISPE) was found to be quite sensitive to changes in pH and temperature values. The isothermal coefficient of the electrode (dE°/dt) could be determined at different temperatures (10, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 90°C) with help of Nernst equation (Eq. 1). Because the equation relates (half or fully) a cell reaction reduction potential to a standard electrode potential that varies with temperature, changes in pH values are usually estimated by chemical species concentrations before reduction and oxidation. Thus, the standard electrode potential (E°) is determined by calibration in selected temperature compared to (t-25) as the intercepts nearly at p[AV-MOXH]=0, where *t* is the temperature of the experiment according to the resulting equation 1 (Eq. 1) [41]. The isothermal coefficient of the three electrodes was represented by the slope of a straight line. The electrode potentials for the suggested sensor were determined in pH varying from 1 to 10 for concentration between 1·10⁻² and 1·10⁻⁴ mol/l AV-MOXH ionic solutions. The pH of tested solutions was attuned by the dropwise addition of 0.1 mol/l hydrochloride acid. The measured isothermal coefficients are displayed in Table 5. The potential response of the ICPE electrodes was found to be constant ~0.269 V/°C in case of 10 mg NaTPB ion modifier. Whereas, the potential response of IPVC was found to be 0.281, 0.224, and 0.279 V/°C and constant at nearly 2–6 pH range with 7.5 mg TPB, PMA, and PTA ion modifier, respectively. Similarly, the potential response of ISPE electrodes was also found to be constant at nearly 2-6 pH range with three different modifiers (16 mg RN, 22 mg NaTPB, and 30 mg PTA) and its values were respectively ~0.310, ~0.271, and ~0.292 V/°C. The experiments revealed that the electrodes comprised good thermal stability when used in a particular range of temperature and pH. The selective electrodes were efficient at 60°C without making any significant changes in Nernstian equation.

$$E^{\circ}_{cell} = E^{\circ}_{cell(25^{\circ}C)} + \frac{dE^{\circ}_{cell}}{dt} + (t - 25)$$
(1)

T a b l e 5. Influence of pH on the isothermal coefficients of selected electrodes

Electrode	Ion modifier	pH range	Isothermal coefficient V/°C
ICPE	10 mg NaTPB	3.0-7.0	0.269
IPVC	7.5 mg TPB	2.0-6.0	0.281
IPVC	7.5 mg PMA	2.0-6.0	0.224
IPVC	7.5 mg PTA	2.0-6.0	0.279
ISPE	16 mg RN	2.0-6.0	0.310
ISPE	22 mg NaTPB	2.0-6.0	0.271
ISPE	30 mg PTA	2.0-6.0	0.292

Potentiometer selectivity and interference ions study

The equilibria at the intersection between the sample and the electrode membrane were quantitatively compared to the selectivity of solvent polymeric membrane ion-selective electrodes (ISE) [36] determined as potentiometric selectivity coefficient ($K_{A,B}^{pot}$). This selectivity coefficient refers to the ability of an ion-selective electrode to distinguish a specific primary ion from other present interfering ions [42, 43]. This potentiometer selectivity behavior is the most important feature of a screen printed electrodes (SPE), carbon paste electrodes (CPE), and polymatrix (polymeric matrix) electrodes (PVC) sensors, revealing the possibility of accurate drug measurement. The potentiometric selectivity coefficients ($K_{A,B}^{pot}$) were calculated using two methods approved by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC):

a) Separate Solution Method (SSM): for determining low selectivity coefficients that are highly time-dependent and, based on evidence, are a precise linear timedependent elevated to a particular negative power.

b) Matched Potential Method (MPM): The motion ratio between primary ion and interfering ion that provides the equivalent change in potential as a reference solution is described as the matched potential method (MPM) utilized in the selectivity coefficient.

The Nernst equation responses to the movements of any primary or interfering ions are not obeyed by this potential approach [44]. Thus, MPM selectivity coefficient method is most suitable for the calculation of selectivity coefficients for neutral compounds. The selectivity coefficients ($\log K_{A,B}^{pot}$) of the three selected electrodes (ISPE, ICPE, and IPVC) were evaluated by applying a separate solution method (SSM) with some re-arranged Nicolsky equation (Eq. 2) [45–47].

$$\log K_{A,B}^{\text{pot}} = \left(\frac{E_1 - E_2}{S}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{Q_1}{Q_2}\right)\log a \tag{2}$$

where: E_1 – potential measured in 1.0·10⁻³ mol/l AV-MOXH (A)

 E_2 – potential measured in 1.0·10⁻³ mol/l of the interfering compound (B)

 Q_1 – charge of the AV-MOXH (A)

 Q_2 – charge of interfering species (B)

S – slope of the electrode calibration plot.

The selectivity coefficients were calculated for selective electrode measured at 10 mg NaTPB for ICPE ion-pairing agent. For IPVC ion-pairing agent the selectivity coefficients were determined with 7.5 mg of NaTPB, PMA, and PTA. Whereas, ISPE electrodes ion-pairing selectivity coefficients were determined at 16 mg RN, 22 mg NaTPB, and 30 mg PTA. The results obtained by using Eq. 2 are summarized in Table 6. No significant interference was observed with the reference ions and the exact selectivity of the test electrodes required for AV-MOXH is reflected.

	Interfering	Selectivity coefficient $(K_{A,B}^{pot})$							
Method	ion	ICPE 10 mg NaTPB	IPVC 7.5 mg NaTPB	IPVC 7.5 mg PMA	IPVC 7.5 mg PTA	ISPE 22 mg NaTPB	ISPE 30 mg PTA	ISPE 16 mg RN	
	Glucose	1.67.10-4	5.10.10-4	1.26.10-4	9.36.10-6	$4.92 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8.33.10-3	3.68.10-3	
	Fructose	4.58·10 ⁻⁴	7.08·10 ⁻⁴	1.61.10-4	4.64.10-5	$4.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$	7.38.10-3	8.82·10 ⁻³	
Matched	Maltose	5.01.10-4	3.83.10-4	1.19.10-4	5.44·10 ⁻⁵	$2.97 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5.86.10-3	6.23·10 ⁻³	
Potential Method	Lactose	4.42.10-4	8.37.10-4	1.98.10-4	4.43.10-5	$2.79 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5.65·10 ⁻³	1.32·10 ⁻³	
(MPM)	Sucrose	3.60.10-4	9.72·10 ⁻⁴	2.81·10 ⁻⁴	6.39·10 ⁻⁵	$8.92 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6.50·10 ⁻³	3.29·10 ⁻³	
	Starch	8.20.10-5	2.26.10-4	2.19.10-4	4.92·10 ⁻⁶	$8.26 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5.04·10 ⁻³	2.96·10 ⁻³	
	Glycine	1.32.10-4	7.60.10-4	3.99.10-4	4.29.10-5	9.61·10 ⁻⁴	4.49.10-3	7.68·10 ⁻⁴	
	Na⁺	5.61·10 ⁻⁵	5.02·10 ⁻⁶	5.96.10-6	2.94·10 ⁻⁶	$4.17 \cdot 10^{-5}$	3.92.10-5	8.88·10 ⁻⁵	
	Cd ²⁺	2.77·10 ⁻⁴	$1.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.67 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6.48·10 ⁻⁵	$2.72 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.26.10-3	9.81·10 ⁻³	
	K⁺	3.86.10-5	3.91·10 ⁻⁶	$4.74 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.87.10-6	7.28·10 ⁻⁵	5.66.10-5	$1.11 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
	Mg ²⁺	2.70.10-4	$1.14 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.47 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.77·10 ⁻⁵	$4.86 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.60.10-3	2.16·10 ⁻³	
	Zn ²⁺	3.24.10-4	$1.45 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.78 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6.75·10 ⁻⁵	5.66·10 ⁻³	7.05.10-4	1.64·10 ⁻³	
Separate	Ni ²⁺	1.76.10-4	$1.50 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.83 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8.53.10-5	$1.69 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8.52·10 ⁻⁴	2.44·10 ⁻³	
Solution	Mn ²⁺	2.92·10 ⁻⁴	$1.08 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5.35.10-5	$1.95 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8.22·10 ⁻⁴	3.42·10 ⁻³	
Method (SSM)	Ba ²⁺	2.12·10 ⁻⁴	2.87·10 ⁻⁴	2.00.10-4	4.53.10-5	$2.52 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9.28.10-4	2.24·10 ⁻³	
(33141)	Fe ³⁺	1.23.10-4	2.75·10 ⁻⁴	3.65.10-4	1.33.10-4	$1.24 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.89 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.42.10-4	
	Pb ²⁺	1.16.10-4	1.59.10-4	$1.54 \cdot 10^{-4}$	7.38·10 ⁻⁵	$2.41 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.95.10-4	1.22·10 ⁻³	
	Al ³⁺	8.97.10-4	1.97.10-4	3.49.10-4	1.83.10-4	$1.11 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.53 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.20.10-4	
	Cr ³⁺	1.16.10-4	2.73·10 ⁻⁴	3.91.10-4	3.39.10-4	$1.14 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.33 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.05.10-4	
	Cu ²⁺	5.66.10-5	7.31.10-4	1.16.10-4	7.93·10 ⁻⁵	1.49.10-3	2.38.10-4	1.56.10-3	

T a b l e 6. Selectivity coefficients of ICPE, IPVC, and ISPE electrodes

The results also revealed that there were no severe interference ions obtained in reaction with glucose, fructose, maltose, lactose, and starch with all three used electrodes. Inorganic cations, on the other hand, did not obstruct due to dissimilarities in ionic size, and therefore their interactions, polarization, and porosity and permeability when compared to those of the AV-MOXH⁺ cation.

Analysis of the response time of the selective electrode

Average reaction or response time is defined as the time it takes for the electrode to reach a stable potential within 1 mV of the final equilibrium value [47]. The response

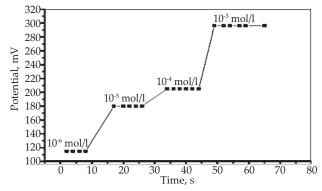


Fig. 3. Dynamic response time measured for ICPE electrode modified with 10 mg NaTPB ion-pairing agent

time is a significant aspect that characterizes ion-selective electrodes (ISE) measured in seconds. After sequential entanglements in a series of solutions, each with a 10-fold concentration change, it could be well defined as the time it took the electrodes to reach stable potential values of about 90% of the final equilibrium values [48-51]. The sensor dynamic response time was measured for concentrations ranging from 1.0·10⁻⁶ to 1.0·10⁻³ mol/l and results are given in Figs. 3–5. For the ICPE modified with NaTPB ion-pairing agent (Fig. 3), the electrode response time was determined to be 7.23 seconds. For IPVC (Fig. 4), the response time was found to be ~7.65 seconds with NaTPB modifying agent, 7.02 seconds with RN modifying agent and 5.64 seconds. For the ISPE electrode (Fig. 5), the response time was 5.10 seconds with NaTPB, 5.32 seconds with RN, and 4.65 seconds with PTA modifying ion-pairing agents. The best electrodes among them having lower response time were screen printed electrodes.

Lifetime measurement of sensors

The lifetime of the three selected sensors (ICPE, IPVC, and ISPE) was investigated by systematically assembling the electrode calibration graphs under ideal circumstances for several days, as shown in Figs. 6–8. The lifetime was found to be approximately ~49 days in case of ICPE electrodes modified with NaTPB ion-pairing agent (Fig. 6). For IPVC (Fig. 7), the lifetime was found to be

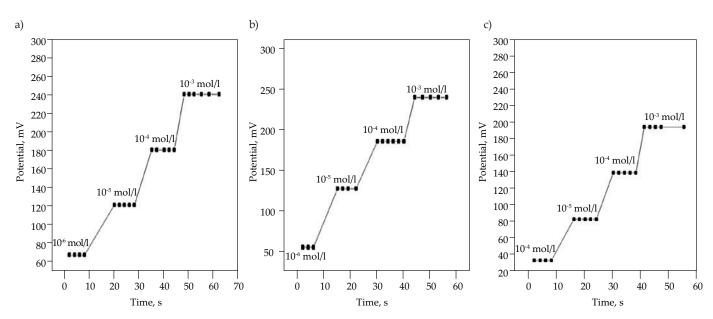


Fig. 4. Dynamic response time measured for IPVC electrode modified with 7.5 mg of: a) NaTPB, b) PMA, c) PTA ion-pairing agents

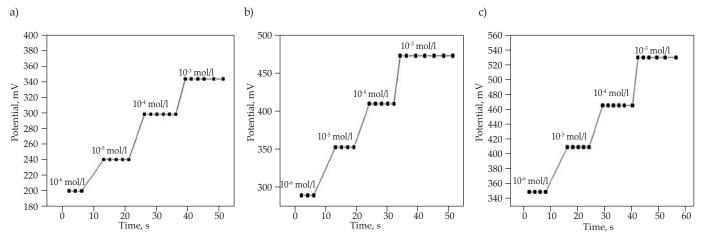


Fig. 5. Dynamic response time measured for ISPE electrode modified with: a) 22 mg NaTPB, b) 30 mg PTA, c) 16 mg RN ion-pairing agents

approximately ~16 days with 7.5 mg NaTPB, ~18 days with 7.5 mg PMA, and ~17 days with 7.5 mg PTA modifying ion-pairing agent. For ISPE electrodes (Fig. 8), the life-time was estimated at nearly ~80 days with 22 mg NaTPB, ~90 days with 16 mg RN, and ~82 days with 30 mg PTA modifying ion-pairing agents. No significant changes

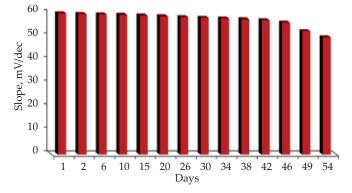


Fig. 6. Lifetime of ICPE modified with 10 mg NaTPB ion-pairing agent

were observed in slopes obtained from calibration graphs (Figs. 6–8). The slope of the calibration graph seemed to decline after the above mentioned period.

Squeezing off a little bit of the paste and polishing it on filter paper created a sparkling new surface every time a carbon paste electrode (CPE) was used for measurement. Before being employed in potentiometric tests, SPEs were produced and kept at 4°C.

Standard calculations, recovery and ruggedness analysis of sensors

The suggested electrodes were used to determine the potency of the AV-MOXH medication in formulations that are both pristine and potentiometric treatment. Data acquired are summarized in Table 7 and the outcomes were compared to the HPLC official technique. The recoveries of AV-MOXH were examined by associating the potential of the measured or detected concentration to a directly added standard in tris buffer whose pH

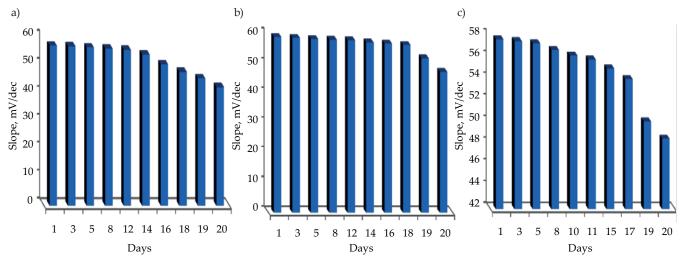


Fig. 7. Lifetime of IPVC modified with 7.5 mg of: a) NaTPB, b) PMA, c) PTA ion-pairing agents

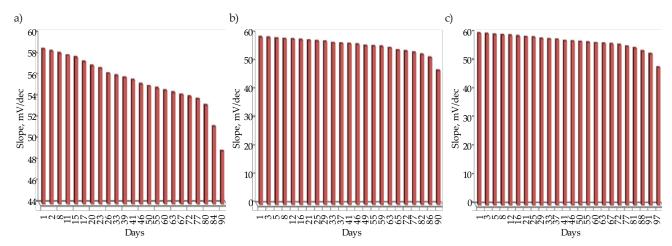


Fig. 8. Lifetime of ISPE electrodes modified with: a) 22 mg NaTPB, b) 30 mg PTA, c) 16 mg RN ion-pairing agents

was ~7.0. The following equation was used to calculate the recovery assay at each concentration (Eq. 3):

Recovery (%) = = [measured concentration/added concentration] · 100 (3)

The potentiometric method's robustness was tested [47] by conducting the study on two different days with two different analysts (operators) and different tools. The average recovery rate for direct determinations of 400 μ g/ml of AV-MOXH was observed to be around 99.59% with RSD (relative standard deviation) value of 0.251 as shown in Table 7. The %RSD was <2 which indicated precision and accuracy of the method used [52].

Limit of quantification and limit of detection. Validation of the method

For checking the validity of this potentiometer test, the solutions were subjected to testing 5 times at different concentrations to calculate their limit of detection and quantification. At each concentration, the potentials obtained from 5 analyses were averaged. Potential and concentration have the following relationship (Eq. 4):

Logarithmic (equation 2) $X = S \log [AV-MOXH] + Y (4)$

where: X - potential

$$S - slope$$

Over pH range of 2.0–9.0, the sensors responded linearly to concentrations ranging from $1.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$ to $1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ mol/l. The calculated limits of detection (LOD) and limits of quantification (LOQ) were in accordance with the IUPAC recommendation shown in Table 8 [54, 55]. LOD and LOQ were 1.04 and 3.34 mol/l, respectively, showing good sensitivity of the suggested method.

CONCLUSION

The *in-situ* modified three different electrodes SPE, CPE, and PVC could be used as detectors and interesting alternative approaches for determining AV-MOXH⁺ in various genuine samples. With minimum sample pretreatment, the manufactured electrodes showed good sensitivity, reasonable selectivity, fast static response, long-term stability, and application over a wide pH range of 2.0-7.0. The estimated recovery rate was around 99.59% with an RSD value of 0.251 calculated for 400 μ g/ml of

T a ble 7. Potentiometric determination of AV-MOXH in pure and pharmacological preparation by calibration and SAM methods
using modified ICPE, ISPE and IPVC sensors; <i>n</i> – average of five replications (<i>n</i> = 5), SAM – Standard Addition Method, SOM –
Standard Official Method

Turno of alactroda		SD, %	6RSD	Recover	y rate, %	[AV-MOXH] mg/ml		Standard Official Method, SOM			
Type of electrode with modifying ion-pairing agent	[AV-MOXH] mg/ml	SAM	Calibration	SAM	Calibration	Calibration	SAM	%RSD (<i>n</i> = 5)	Estimated recovery rate, %	[AV-MOXH] mg/ml	[AV-MOXH] mg/ml
ICPE	0.307	0.006 (2.375)	0.005 (1.343)	97.10	95.67	0.308	0.283				
(10 mg NaTPB)	2.186	0.004 (0.167)	0.004 (0.178)	96.78	100.11	2.199	2.198				
IPVC	0.305	0.004 (1.427)	0.002 (0.981)	95.78	97.83	0.278	0.298				
(7.5 mg NaTPB)	2.185	0.006 (0.265)	0.008 (0.396)	97.82	100.01	2.076	2.090				
IPVC	0.306	0.003 (1.151)	0.004 (1.576)	98.40	95.53	0.310	0.229				
(7.5 mg PMA)	2.189	0.005 (0.210)	0.007 (0.335)	98.72	98.46	2.138	2.157				
IPVC	0.310	0.005 (1.831)	0.004 (1.348)	96.19	97.15	0.239	0.219	0.245	99.59	2.180	2.190
(7.5 mg PTA)	2.168	0.007 (0.306)	0.006 (0.340)	97.49	94.29	2.717	2.127	0.245	99.39	2.160	2.190
ISPE	0.360	0.002 (1.200)	0.006 (2.196)	97.37	98.36	0.279	0.279				
(16 mg RN)	2.198	0.004 (0.189)	0.004 (0.168)	99.49	99.27	2.167	2.117				
ISPE	0.307	0.004 (1.907)	0.004 (1.97)	94.58	97.40	0.267	0.259				
(22 mg NaTPB)	2.199	0.005 (0.189)	0.005 (0.312)	99.56	98.37	2.198	2.157				
ISPE	0.360	0.005 (1.820)	0.006 (2.059)	95.07	97.41	0.279	0.298				
(30 mg PTA)	2.198	0.005 (0.282)	0.004 (0.221)	97.04	98.83	2.138	2.178				

T a ble 8. Critical response characteristics of ICPE, IPVC, and ISPE sensors

Type of electrode	Ion modifier	Slope mV/dec	pH range	Isothermal coefficient V/°C	Response time s	Lifetime days
ICPE	10 mg NaTPB	58.6±1.7	3.0–7.0	0.269	7.2	49
IPVC	7.5 mg NaTPB	60.0±2.0	2.0-6.0	0.281	7.5	16
IPVC	7.5 mg PMA	59.0±3.3	2.0-6.0	0.224	7.2	18
IPVC	7.5 mg PTA	57.2±2.6	2.0-6.0	0.279	5.4	17
ISPE	16 mg RN	59.2±4.6	2.0-6.0	0.310	5.2	90
ISPE	22 mg NaTPB	57.7±2.7	2.0-6.0	0.271	5.1	81
ISPE	30 mg PTA	60.0±2.3	2.0-6.0	0.292	4.5	82

AV-MOXH drug used. The given potentiometric methods for determining AV-MOXH with the described electrodes are easy, sensitive, and extremely specific, making them superior to the previously published processes for determining AV-MOXH in natural form and pharmacological composition. A standard AV-MOXH stock solution was used to achieve validation characteristics including reliability, accuracy, uniformity, sensitivity, and limit of detection (LOD) and quantification (LOQ). The suggested potentiometric method's high accuracy and precision are indicated by low standard deviation and relative standard deviation values. Table 8 shows the critical response received from the above investigations. The sensors were employed as indicator electrodes for AVELOX--Moxifloxacin HCL potentiometric titration. The findings obtained are comparable to the HPLC official method in

terms of the agreement. Thus, we can conclude that the suggested sensors are to be effective for the direct determination of the strength of AVELOX-Moxifloxacin HCL in the field of medical and pharmacological measures and hence can be effectively used as an antibiotic drug.

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