

An Overview of Carvedilol Side Effects and it's Importance in Medicine and Industry

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Abstract: Carvedilol is a medication which is utilized to treat congestive cardiac inability and high blood pressure. It is a nonselective β -adrenergic blocking agent with vasodilating activity. It used in many field, such as inhibition of carbon steel corrosion and inhibition of lipid Peroxidation.

Key words: Carvedilol, Lipid peroxidation, inhibition, high blood pressure.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. History of the drug

Carvedilol is a β -adrenoreceptor antagonist medication with an α_1 - adrenoreceptor antagonist effect. It was accepted in September 1995 in the United States for the care of patients with high blood pressure and in May 1997 on the basis of the findings of multiple clinical trials.¹⁻⁸ It was the first adrenoceptor-blocking medication to be accepted for symptomatic heart failure treatment.

2. MATERIALS AND RESULTS

2.1. Description

Carvedilol can be defined as one of the racemic mixtures, in which S(-) enantiomer is one of the beta adrenoceptor blockers and R(+) enantiomer is beta as well as alpha-1 adrenoceptor blocker.^{9,10} presently, it is utilized for the treatment of the heart failures, hypertension, and left ventricular dysfunctions. Carvedilol's dual action has been proven to be beneficial in the combination types of therapy as small dosages of two drugs have reduced incidences of the negative consequences in comparison with the high dosage mono-therapy in treating moderate hypertension.¹¹

Carvedilol is the generic 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy) ethyl]amino]-2-propanol as shown in Figure 1.

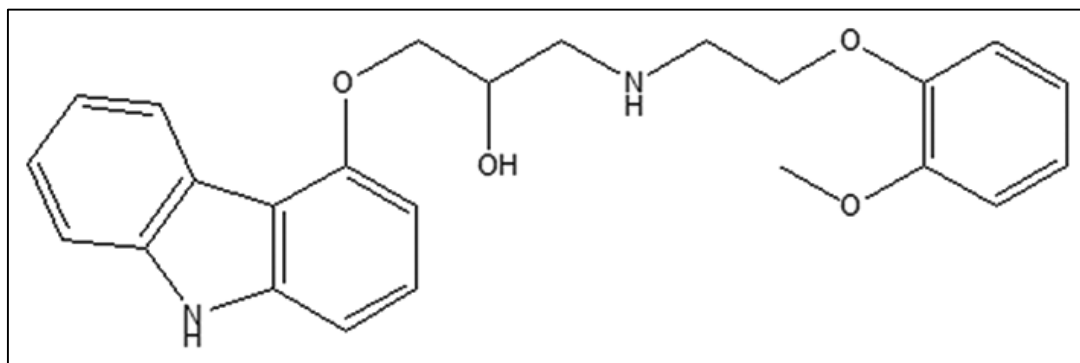
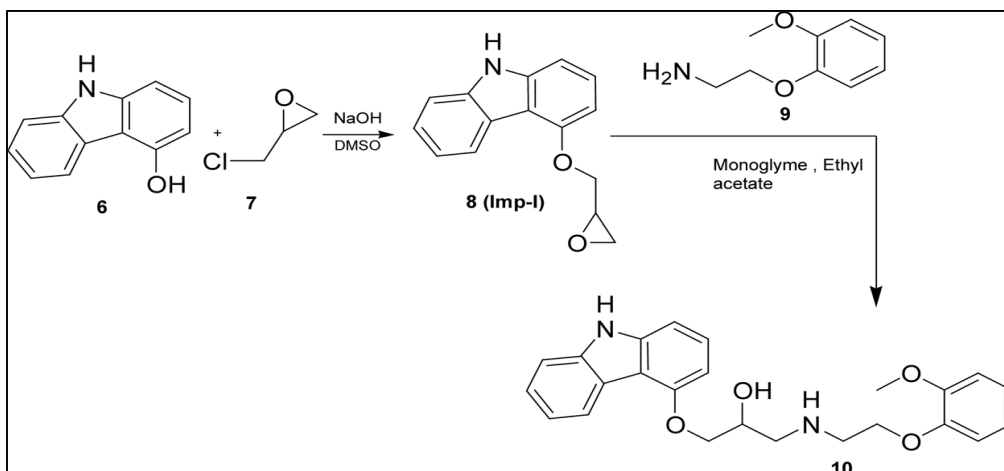


Figure1. Carvedilol chemical structure

Carvedilol has a molecular weight 406.50 with a chemical formula $C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_4$. It is a white powder and easily soluble in dimethylsulfoxide, methanol, and methylene chloride. Hence, carvedilol is moderately soluble in 94 % ethanol and isopropanol; it is partially soluble in ethyl ether; and is almost water insoluble.

2.2. Synthesized of Carvedilol

Carvedilol (10) was synthesized by two steps as shown in Scheme 1. First step was reacting 4-hydroxy carbazole (6) with epichlorohydrin(7) using DMSO as a solvent and in the existence of strong base NaOH to produce 4-oxiranylmethoxy-9H-carbazole (8). In the other step compound 8 reacts with 2-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethylamine (9) in the presence of monoglyme to give the target product Carvedilol (10).



Scheme1. Synthesis route of carvedilol

2.3. Characterization by Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy

An IR spectrum of pure carvedilol displayed distinctive peaks at 3344.57 cm^{-1} (N-H and O-H stretching peaks combined together), 3059.10 cm^{-1} (C-H, stretching, Sp^2), 2924.09 cm^{-1} (C-H, stretching, Sp^3), 1589.34 cm^{-1} (N-H bending vibrations), 1253.73 cm^{-1} due to C-O group (epoxides), 1099.43 cm^{-1} due to aryl alkyl ethers and alkyl ether C-O stretching respectively and 1022.27 cm^{-1} (symmetric C-O-C stretching) (Figure 2).¹²⁻¹⁴

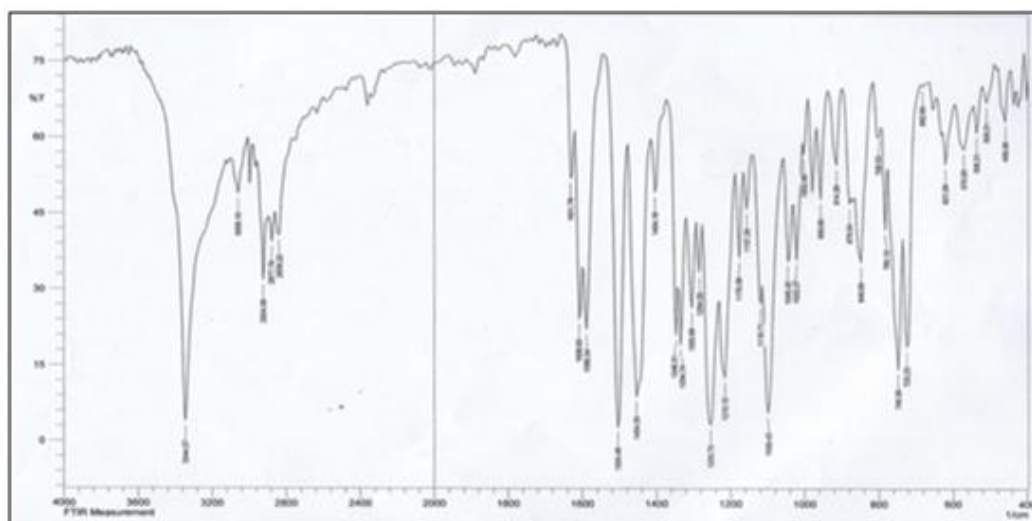


Figure2. FTIR spectrum of Carvedilol

2.4. Clinical Effectiveness

- Congestive cardiac inability
- High blood pressure (HBP)
- Coronary heart disease (CHD)

2.5. Carvedilol Side Effects

Carvedilol oral tablet can cause several types of side effects, including drowsiness. Don't drive, use machinery, or perform activities that require alertness until you know how this drug affects you.

More common side effects

The more common side effects that can occur with carvedilol oral tablet include:

- Vertigo
- Unusual lassitude
- low blood pressure
- Diarrhoea
- high blood sugar
- Energy shortage or weakness
- decreased heart rate
- Gaining weight
- changes in sex drive or performance
- dry eyes
- dry, itchy skin

3. DISCUSSION

3.1. Expired Carvedilol Drug used as Inhibition of Carbon Steel Corrosion

Carbon steel (CS) can be considered as the most commonly utilized material all over the world for the industrial as well as the domestic applications, owing to its excellent mechanical characteristics, the fact that it is available, in addition to its fairly low prices. The Hydrochloric acid (HCl) has been commonly utilized in numerous technological procedures in the industry (in extracting and processing gas and oil, pickling ponds, and so on) and in many petrochemical and chemical sectors. The carbon steel corrosion behaviors in acidic media is greatly interesting because of its significance in the applications. One of the strongest ways of preventing alloy steel from corrosion has been found to include utilizing synthetic organic compounds as deactivator of corrosion¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Which are chemical compounds decreases a material's corrosion rate^{18,19}. Nevertheless, many of these substances are sadly harmful to both humans and the climate.²⁰ Because of the toxic effects of certain corrosion inhibitors, study is aimed on introducing new, safe, nontoxic and environmentally friendly natural products like the compounds of pharmaceuticals, leaves, fruit or seed extract that may be utilized as green Inhibitors for Protection of Metals. Numerous studies have recently been conducted on drug use as possible candidates for metal corrosion inhibitions via their functional groups. The organic inhibitors include heteroatoms in common. Nitrogen, sulfur, and Oxygen have been observed to be having higher electron density and basicity which is why they serve as an inhibitor of corrosion. Nitrogen, sulfur, and Oxygen are important centers for the adsorption process on the metal surface. Antibiotics come under the group of eco-friendly compounds and are thus known to be green corrosion inhibitors that are fully water soluble and obtainable with a high level of the purity and fairly inexpensive. Those characteristics would be validating their utilization as inhibitors of the corrosion in different mediums.

Similarly, using expired medications as nontoxic inhibitors of the corrosion for the carbon steel in the acidic mediums has been stated.²¹⁻²⁵ The use of ineffective medicines (expired) as inhibitors of corrosion may be traced back to 2009 & 2011, when Abdul-Hamid utilized the obsolete ranitidine as a carbon steel corrosion inhibitor²² and for slight steel²² in the corrosive medium of the hydrochloric acid, respectively. Ineffective drugs (expired) such as carvedilol are sufficiently large (formula = $C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_4$; molecular weight = 406.50) and are possible to easily cover more carbon steel surfaces (as a result of the adsorption). In comparison, medication Carvedilol is highly inexpensive, environmentally safe, readily available, and nontoxic. Because of these features, the medication Carvedilol was selected for corrosion studies.

An expired Carvedilol, has been researched with the use of the potentiodynamic polarization, weight loss, electro-chemical frequency modulation (EFM), and electro-chemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) approaches as a safe drug for the prevention of the CS corruptions in the acidic media. The

suppression capacity improved with increased dosage of drugs and has been decreased with higher temp., up to the point where it reaches a maximal 98.94% value at 25°C and $1.60 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$. Carvedilol prevention of carbon steel corrosion can be a result of the tendency of drug molecules to be adsorbed on metal surface reactive sites. The procedure of the adsorption is following the isotherm of Langmuir through the physical adsorptions. CS surface morphologies have been observed by the AFM. Results which have been obtained from various approaches considerably coincide. Figure 3 illustrates spectrum of EFM which has been obtained for the Carbon Steel corrosions in 1M of the solution of the Hydrochloric acid with the presence and absence of $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ of researched Carvedilol at a temperature of 25°C, respectively.

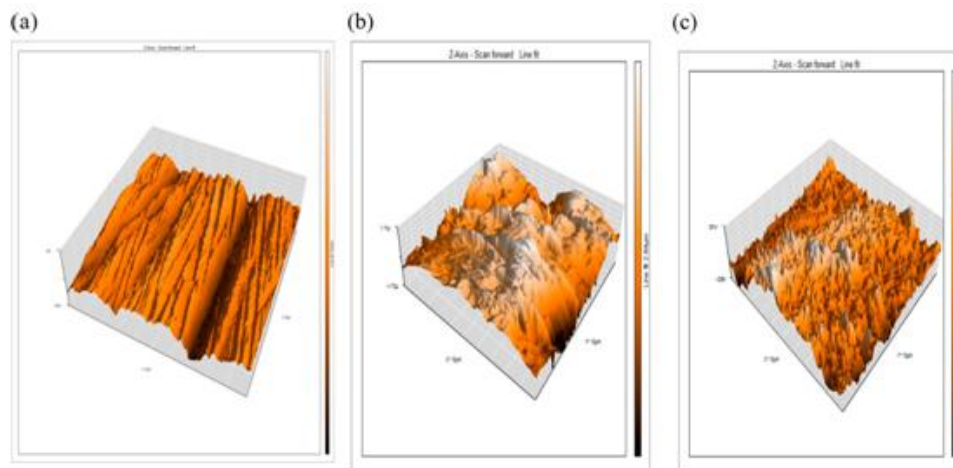


Figure 3. AFM 3D images of CS (a) free specimen (b) in 1 M HCl for 12 h (c) in 1 M HCl containing $1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ for 12 h expired Carvedilol drug at 25°C

3.2. Lipid Peroxidation Carvedilol Inhibition.²⁶

Carvedilol prevents the sonicated phosphatidylcholine liposome peroxidation has been triggered with adding FeCl_2 while the pindolol, labetalol, and atenolol, have been ineffective. Inhibition has proven not being ascribable (i) to impact the autoxidation of the Fe(II) and as a result on generating radical initiators that are oxygen derived; (ii) to inorganic initiators O^- and $\cdot\text{OH}$ scavenging (iii) to impact the organic hydro-peroxides reductive cleavage with the FeCl_2 ; (iv) to organic initiators' scavenging. Observations of the fact that (i) carvedilol's efficacy has been inversely proportionate with FeCl_2 and lipid hydro-peroxides' concentration in test.; (ii) the medication results in the prevention of lipid peroxidation onset which is triggered with adding FeCl_3 ; (iii) it could result in forming Fe(III) complex and suggesting a carvedilol action molecular mechanism. It is capable of inhibiting the lipid peroxidation through the attachment of Fe(III) , which is produced through the lipid hydro-peroxides in substrate throughout Fe(II) oxidation. The lag time which is introduced by the carvedilol in peroxidative procedure would be corresponding to time which is taken for the carvedilol to be titrated with the Fe(III) ; in the case of the drug consumed Fe(III) accumulates for reaching critical parameter which results in the stimulation of the peroxidation. Based on such molecular mechanisms, the anti-oxidant potency of the carvedilol may result in its capability for binding a species, Fe(III) , which is a catalyst of the process and to the lipophilic nature, concentrating it in membranes, in which the Fe(III) is produced by a mechanism which is site-specific.

3.3. Cardiac Mitochondrial Drug-Induced (Toxicity And Protection).²⁷

In addition to its role in the production of energy, Mitochondria has long been involved in many biological processes. The significance of such organelle for the homeostasis of the cardiac tissues was highly researched and its impairments may result in the death of the cells and the subsequent failure of organ. Numerous compounds were discussed in literature as having direct impacts on the cardiac mitochondria that is capable of providing mechanistic explanations of their pharmacological or toxicological impacts. The presented evaluation is a description of one of the common examples of the drug-induced cardiac mitochondrial toxicities as well as another drug-induced mitochondrial protection case. For the first, the doxorubicin case has been presented, an anti-cancer agent in which the treatment is related to a dose-dependent and cumulative cardio-myopathy with mitochondrial etiology. After that, carvedilol case has been presented, a β -blocker with the inherent anti-oxidant

activities that have been described for protecting the cardiac mitochondria from the oxidative injuries. The last part of this review includes an integration of the information from preceding chapters, which demonstrate the way that the carvedilol is capable of contributing to the reduction of the toxicity of the doxorubicin on the cardiac mitochondria. Both examples that have been discussed resulted in significant key messages: i) the drug-induced cardiac mitochondrial dysfunction is one of the significant contributors for the drug-related failures of organs, ii) protecting the mitochondrial functions has been included in the useful effect of a few of the clinically-utilized medications, iii) a more precise toxic versus useful impact prediction has to be one of the significant drug development components by the industry of the pharmaceuticals.

3.4. Metal-Chelating Features of Carvedilol.²⁸

Carvedilol, that is considered as one of the anti-hypertensive agents with the β -blocker function as well as anti-oxidant activities might be specified as a drug with chelating features, thus it might be applied in chelation therapy. With regard to the general context related to potential activity in biomedical chemistry, it was indicated that a few drug's coordination by metal ions enhanced the drug's pharmaceutical activity and decreased their un-wanted impacts in human as well as veterinary medicine. In the case of this work, the carvedilol coordination to Fe(III), Zn(II), in addition to Cu(II) might be considered in the capability of a few drugs in sequestering excess of the metal ions and therefore exerting their anti-oxidant activity. The results of this work in sequestering Zn (II), Fe (III) and already-indicated Cu (II) capability regarding carvedilol can be shown in cellular model, there is a possibility that the drug might be utilized for therapy of diseases which are characterized via Cu (II), Zn (II), and Fe (III) accumulation. In addition, the metal ions participate in generating oxygen free radicals via Fenton as well as Weiber-Weiss reactions. Therefore, the capability of carvedilol in sequestering the metal ions might be inducing its anti-oxidative effect.

4. CONCLUSION

Carvedilol is a very known therapy which can be utilized for congestive heart failure, hypertension and ischemic heart disease. It also used in many. It used in many field, such as inhibition of carbon steel corrosion and Inhibition of Lipid Peroxidation.

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