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# SPECTRAL RESOLUTION AND SIMULTANEOUS QUANTIFICATION OF LEVODOPA, CARBIDOPA AND ENTACAPONE BY ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

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Levodopa, carbidopa and entacapone in pharmaceutical formulation were simultaneously quantified by UV-Vis spectrophotometric studies and artificial neural networks (ANN). Absorption spectra of three components were recorded in 200-400 nm spectral region with an interval of 1 nm. The calibration models were thoroughly evaluated at several concentration levels using the spectra of synthetic ternary mixture. Two layer feed-forward neural networks using the back-propagation algorithm (BP) has been employed for building and testing models. The number of neurons in the hidden layer was optimized. The relative standard deviation (RSD) for each component in the real sample was calculated as 0.045, 0.486 and 0.214 for levodopa, carbidopa and entacapone, respectively. The results showed a very good agreement between true values and predicted concentration values and were compared with the standard chromatographic method results. The proposed procedure is a simple, precise and convenient method for the simultaneous determination of levodopa, carbidopa and entacapone in commercial tablets

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