

# Cleaning Validation and Development of Linezolid Injection by Using Total Organic Carbon

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**Abstract:** This paper presents a useful method using total organic carbon analyzers employing combustion for validating equipment cleaning procedures and verifying cleaning in a pharmaceutical plant. The study summarizes the initial steps that should be taken into account and focuses particularly on the solutions to some of the most critical considerations (e.g., detection and quantification limits, recovery). Also described are the calculation limits and the good results obtained. Cleaning validation is the process of assuring that cleaning procedures effectively remove the residue from manufacturing equipment/facilities below a predetermined level. This is necessary to assure the quality of future products using the equipment, to prevent cross-contamination, and as a World Health Organization Good Manufacturing Practices requirement. We have applied the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analysis method to a number of pharmaceutical products. In this article we discuss the TOC method that we developed for measuring residual of linezolid injection contain linezolid(0.2%v/w) and dextrose(5%w/w) on surface of mixing tank during manufacturing process. Linezolid contain 56.91%carbon and dextrose contain 39.96% carbon The method with correlation coefficient  $R^2 = 0.999$  and method offers low detection capability (0.089ppm) and rapid sample analysis time. The accurate recovery values ranged from  $96.22 \pm 0.97$  with method precision value less than 2%RSD . We found that the TOC method is applicable for determining residual of linezolid and dextrose on pharmaceutical equipment surfaces and will be useful for cleaning validation.

**Key words:** Linezolid, dextrose, equipment surface(mixing tank), Total Organic Carbon.

## INTRODUCTION

Cleaning is one of the critical processes in pharmaceutical manufacturing. Equipment contamination may come from any of the materials that have been in contact with the equipment surfaces. It is critical to avoid carryover of trace amounts of either active or other materials from one batch to another in order to avoid cross-contamination of the subsequent product. For that reason, equipment used in pharmaceutical manufacturing must be cleaned meticulously<sup>[1,2]</sup>, and the cleaning procedure used must be validated<sup>[3-5]</sup>. In the pharmaceutical industry, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) require that the cleaning of drug manufacturing equipment be validated<sup>[6]</sup>. Many different validation techniques can demonstrate that the manufacturing equipment is cleaned and essentially free from residual active drug substances and all cleaning agents. Common analytical techniques in the validation process include HPLC, spectrophotometry (UV/Vis) and TOC. HPLC and UV/Vis are classified as specific methods that identify and measure appropriate active and substances. TOC is classified as a non-specific method and is ideal for detecting all carbon-containing compounds, including active species, excipients, and cleaning agent(s). The disadvantage of specific methods, particularly HPLC, is that a new procedure must be developed for every active drug substance that is manufactured. This development process can be very time consuming and tedious, plus important sampling issues also must be considered. In addition, HPLC analyses must be performed in a relatively short time period after sampling to avoid any chemical deterioration of the active substance. Finally, the sensitivity of HPLC methods can be limited by the presence of degradation products. TOC analysis can be adapted to any drug compound or cleaning agent that contains carbon. The method is sensitive to the ppb range and is less time consuming than HPLC or UV/Vis. USP TOC methods are standard for Water for Injection and Purified Water<sup>[7]</sup>, and simple modifications of these methods can be used for cleaning validation<sup>[8]</sup>. Linezolid, chemically (5)-N-(3-(3-fluoro-4(4-morpholinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolindinyl)-acetamide (fig 1) is synthetic bacteriostatic agent used in treatment of nosocomial infections of gram positive bacterias having molecular weight 337. 346 and molecular formula C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and dextrose having molecular weight 180.16 and molecular formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>[9]</sup> (fig 2).

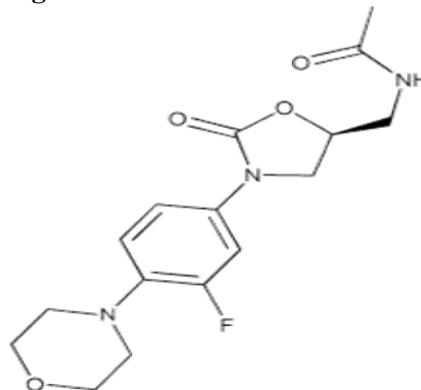
## MATERIAL AND METHOD

### MATERIAL

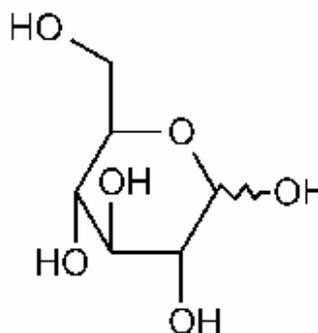
In this study we were used HCl, USP Sucrose, USP 1,4-benzoquinone (Finar Reagent, Ahemdabad,

India), Linezolid and dextrose sample from Nirlife Healthcare, Texwipe alpha swab polyester (baxter scientific product, McGaw Park, IL), Water with less TOC (< 25 ppb)

**Figure 1: Structure of Linezolid**



**Figure 2: Structure of Dextrose**



## EQUIPMENT

TOC analyzer used in this study was a TOC-5000 (Shimadzu, Columbia, MD) equipped with 74-position autosampler. TOC-5000 used acidification of sample by HCl by sparging with purified air to remove inorganic carbon as CO<sub>2</sub> gas. And organic carbon remain in the solution which is oxidized to CO<sub>2</sub> gas in combustion tube with catalyst at 680 °C and Mettler Toledo analytical balance (Germany) for weighing purpose.

## METHOD

### TOC SYSTEM SUITABILITY TEST

The TOC system suitability test described in the USP indicates the use of 2 types of USP reference standards (Sucrose and 1,4-benzoquinone). Sucrose is used as the standard reagent solution, and 1,4-benzoquinone is used as the system suitability test solution. As for calibration of the TOC analyzer, a suitable method is described for the particular instrument. The test procedure is as Water is measure the TOC in pure water (pure water used for preparing test solution) and

take this value as rw, Sucrose is measure the TOC in sucrose standard solution make by dissolving 0.1163 g sucrose in 1L purified water(50000 ppb of C) and make a dilution into 1 L volumetric flask to get carbon concentration 500 ppb and take value as rs, 1,4-benzoquinone is measure the TOC in system suitability test solution (1,4-benzoquinone solution make by dissolving 0.08 g into 1L purified water(50000ppb of C) and dilution into 1L volumetric flask with purified water to get carbon concentration 500 ppb and take value as rss, and test result was shown in (Table 1). If system suitability test solution detection rate =  $100 \text{ (rss - rw) / (rs - rw)}$  is 85% – 115%, system suitability test requirement is satisfied<sup>[10]</sup>

**LINEARITY**

For cleaning validation of Linezolid injection in mixing tank by TOC, we require the linearity of final product(injection) Linezolid and dextrose sample, make a solution of final product by taking 0.5 ml Linezolid (0.2%w/v) and 1 ml of 5% dextrose working standard in one 1000ml volumetric flask with purified water and make a dilution of 1,3,5,7,9 ppm in series of 50ml volumetric flask and measure this sample in TOC in set of three, the linearity excel graph shown in( fig. 3) and linearity in (Table 2).

**LIMIT OF DETECTION AND QUANTIZATION**

Limit of detection and quantitation was measure by standard deviation method as par the guideline of ICH Q2B: Validation of Analytical Procedure<sup>[11]</sup>. shown in (Table 3).

**ACCURACY AND PRECISION**

To demonstrate accuracy and precision a one standard sample solution of final product like 5 ppm as carbon was analyzed by TOC for ten time<sup>[11]</sup> and result of accuracy and precision was shown in (Table 4).

**Table 1:TOC System Suitability Test**

Test Parameter	Carbon(ppb)
Pure water TOC value rw	22.4
Sucrose standard solution TOC value rs	515
1,4-benzoquinone aqueous solution rss	505
System suitability: $100 \text{ [(rss - rw) / (rs - rw)]}$	97.97%

**Table 2:Linearity of Final product**

Concentration (ppm)	Carbon (ppm)
1	0.406
3	1.14
5	1.98
7	2.78
9	3.62

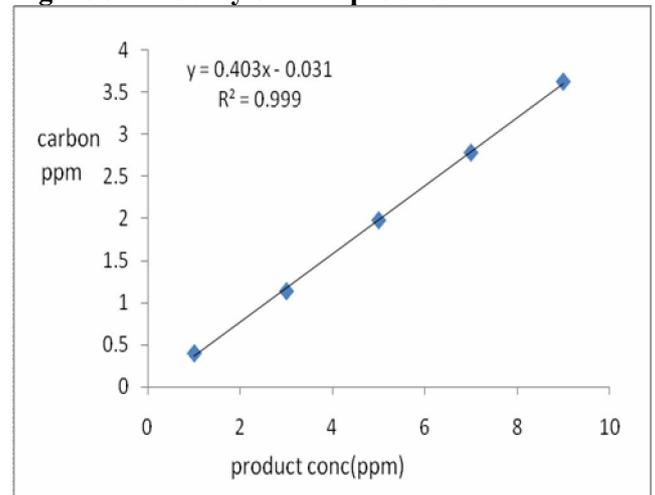
**Table 3:Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantitation**

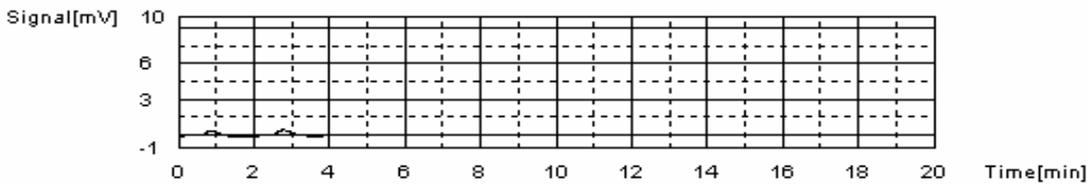
Parameter	Carbon(ppm)
Limit of Detection	0.089
Limit of Quantitation	0.26

**Table 4:Precision and Accuracy(%recovery)**

Vial no.	Carbon(ppm)
1	1.98
2	1.95
3	1.94
4	1.96
5	1.97
6	1.99
7	2
8	1.95
9	1.97
10	1.98
Average	1.969
SD	0.019
%RSD	0.97
%Recovery	96.22

**Figure 3:Linearity of final product**



**Figure 4:TOC graph of cleaning process sample of final product****Table 5:Swab Recovery(Residual Recovery)**

Substance	ppm of C spiked Standard solution	ppm of C spiked on Plate	%Recovery	%RSD
Linezolid	1.14	1.13	99.71	0.45

n=3 average

**Table 6:Analysis of cleaning process sample**

Test	Result (Active Drug substance in ppm)	Complies with USP limit (Less than 10 ppm)
cleaning process sample	0.71	Yes
Individual (Linezolid 0.2%)	0.027	Yes
Individual(dextrose 5%)	0.686	Yes

n=3 average

**SWAB RECOVERY**

Stainless steel plates were used in the swab recovery test to simulate manufacturing equipment. One side of each plate was spiked with a solution of active substance 1.14 ppm of C (3 ppm solution from linearity) The plates were allowed to dry completely overnight at room temperature. A Texwipe alpha swab was moistened with low TOC (< 25 ppb) water and the spiked plate surface was swabbed both vertically and horizontally. The swab end was cut off, placed into a vial to which we added 50-mL of low TOC water. The vial was capped tight, vortexed, and allowed to stand for one hour prior to analysis. The same volume of each solution that was spiked onto the plates was separately spiked directly into 50-mL of low TOC water and analyzed. The percent recoveries of substances is listed in (Table 5) Reported values are the average of three individual swab samples for each substance. The swab recoveries varied between 99.12-100.88%.

**APPLICATION OF DEVELOPED METHOD TO CLEANING PROCESS OF MIXING TANK**

This method was apply on the cleaning process of mixing tank where Linezolid ,dextrose and other ingredient were mixed. injection is NIRZOLID contain linezolid (0.2%w/v) and dextrose(5%w/w) injection other are inorganic substance.For applying this method

select sampling place in mixing tank(bottom site) having area 10cm<sup>2</sup> and swab it by using Texwipe alpha swab was moistened with low TOC (< 25 ppb) water and the spiked plate surface was swabbed both vertically and horizontally. The swab end was cut off, placed into a vial to which we added 50-mL of low TOC water. The vial was capped tight, vortexed, and allowed to stand for one hour prior to analysis. The same volume of each solution that was spiked onto the plates was separately spiked directly into 50-mL of low TOC water and analyzed by TOC (fig. 4)and result was in (Table 6).

**RESULT**

From this study we measure the TOC and concentration of Residual substance with linear Correlation Coefficient which is 0.999 and Residual recovery(Swab recovery) ranged between 99.12-100.88% and lower detection limit was 0.01 ppm found and %RSD less than 2 for method precision and method also apply to cleaning process where we found 0.71ppm concentration of active drug substance (linezolid 0.02ppm and dextrose 0.68 ppm)which is complies USP limit(less than 10ppm) for cleaning validation.all this indicate the accuracy and precision of proposed methods.

**CONCLUSION**

This study demonstrates that the TOC method is suitable for measuring organic residues on stainless steel surfaces for cleaning validation, and that it is a reliable tool for cleaning validation. The TOC method offers low limits of detection, excellent linearity, precision, and accuracy. All of these TOC results indicate that TOC technology a low cost, simple and less time consuming alternative for cleaning validation.

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