

## Dopamin ve Ürik Asitin Birinin Varlığında Diğlerinin Kare Dalga Voltametri ile Tayini

### The Determination of Dopamine and Uric Acid with the Presence of Other Using Square Wave Voltammetry

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#### ÖZET

*Bu çalışmada çeşitli destek elektrolit ortamlarında DA ve ÜA' nın yükseltgenme davranışları incelenmiş, pH 2,5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ve pH 7,2 fosfat tamponunun uygun olduğuna karar verilmiştir. pH 2,5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ortamında DA ve ÜA' nın sırasıyla +0,480 V, +0,620 V' da ki, fosfat tamponunda da sırasıyla +0,140 V, +0,270 V' da ki yükseltgenme pikleri kullanılmıştır. Her iki ortamda farklı [DA] / [ÜA] oranları çalışılmıştır. Sentetik numune için, pH 2,5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ortamında DA ve ÜA için % hata sırasıyla -0,41 ve 0,27, pH 7,2 fosfat tamponu ortamında aynı numune için % hata sırasıyla -0,61 ve -0,14 olarak bulunmuştur. pH 2,5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ortamında DA ve ÜA için gözlenebilme sınırı (LOD) sırasıyla  $2,16 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $4,14 \times 10^{-8}$  M, tayin sınırı (LOQ) ise  $6,48 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $1,24 \times 10^{-7}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. pH 7,2 fosfat tamponu ortamında DA ve ÜA için gözlenebilme sınırı (LOD) sırasıyla  $2,28 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $2,13 \times 10^{-8}$  M, tayin sınırı (LOQ)  $6,84 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $6,39 \times 10^{-8}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. Bu yöntemde çeşitli anyon ve katyonların girişim etkileri incelenmiştir.*

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Kare dalga voltametri, Tayin, Dopamin, Ürik asit.

#### ABSTRACT

*Initially the electrochemical behavior of dopamine (DA) and uric acid (UA) in different supporting electrolytes was investigated. It was found that the most suitable supporting electrolytes were pH 2.5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and pH 7.2 phosphate buffer. The analysis of DA and UA in acidic medium was carried out by the use of their oxidation peaks observed at +0.480 V and +0.620 V, respectively. The analysis of the phosphate buffer medium were carried out by the use of the oxidation peaks of DA and UA appeared at +0.140 V and +0.270 V, respectively. The studies carried out with different [DA] / [UA] ratios gave acceptable results for both media. The synthetic sample was analyzed. The error was -0.41 % for DA and 0.27 % for UA in acidic media and -0.61 % for DA and -0.14 % for UA in basic media. The limits of detection (LOD) were found as  $2.16 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $4.14 \times 10^{-8}$  M in acidic media,  $2.28 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $2.13 \times 10^{-8}$  M in basic media for DA and UA, respectively.*

**Keywords:** Square wave voltametry, Determination, Dopamine, Uric acid.

## INTRODUCTION

Dopamine hydrochloride (DA) is an important neurotransmitter and extracellular messenger in biological systems. Determination of DA and related catecholamine compounds is significant for neurochemistry and brain-science studies (Wightman *et al.* 1988). A loss of DA-containing neurons may result in some serious disease, such as Parkinson's disease. Therefore, detailed information regarding its reaction at the molecular level and a determination of the concentration of DA are important (Lane and Blaha 1990). In addition, a significant problem for dopamine determination is the fouling effect due to accumulation of reaction products which, form electro-polymerized films on the electrode surface (Wang *et al.* 2002).

The fact that DA and other catecholamines are easily oxidizable compounds makes their detection possible by electrochemical methods based on oxidation reaction. Several studies of electrochemical processes of DA have been carried out (Hawley *et al.* 1967, Bishop and Hussein 1984).

Uric acid (2, 6, 8-trihydroxypurine, UA), the end metabolic product of purine through the liver, is present in blood and urine. Monitoring UA in the blood or urine is important because it can be used as a powerful indicator for an early warning sign of kidney diseases. Abnormal UA level in a human body could be caused by several diseases such as gout, hyperuricemia, Lesch-Nyan syndrome, cardiovascular and chronic renal disease. Thus, UA concentration determination is of paramount importance, due to its crucial role in health assessment and monitoring. There are some electrochemical methods for determination of UA (Shahrokhian and Zare-Mehrjardi 2007, Ardakani *et al.* 2006, Gilmartin and Hart 1992, Tatsuma and Watanabe 1991). The normal UA levels in human serum ranges from 240 to 520 mM and in urinary excretion from 1.2 to 4.4 mM (Pachla *et al.* 1987). Various methods such as colorimetric (Pileggi *et al.* 1972, Dilena *et al.* 1986), enzymatic (Tatsuma and Watanabe 1991, Pachla *et al.* 1987, Pileggi *et al.* 1972, Dilena *et al.* 1986, Gilmartin and Hart 1992, Miland *et al.* 1996),

electrophoretic (Guan *et al.* 2005, Lee and Chen 2004), and chromatographic (Ross 1994, Lykkesfeldt 2000) have been reported for the analysis of UA in the human body fluids. Electrochemical methods offer an analytical platform which can exhibit a higher selectivity and sensitivity than other commonly employed methods and have an inherent advantage of lower cost and rapid sensing (Dutt *et al.* 2005, Bravo *et al.* 1998, Rivas *et al.* 2007).

The aim of this study is to develop a new and simple method in the determination of DA or UA with the presence of other molecule, using square wave voltammetry.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Chemicals

All chemicals used were of analytical reagent grade. Solution of  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mol/dm<sup>3</sup> DA was prepared by dissolving 0.0189 g DA (Merck) in water and diluting to 100 mL in volumetric flasks. Double distilled water was used throughout. Solution of  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mol/dm<sup>3</sup> UA was prepared by dissolving 0.0176 g UA (Merck) in 20 mL  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$  mol/dm<sup>3</sup> NaOH solution and diluting to 100.0 mL with water. pH 7.2 Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer solutions were prepared by dissolving 2.18 g NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Merck) and 9.65 g Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (Merck) in water, diluting to 250 mL in a volumetric flask. Argon gas with % 99.99 purity was used to de-aerate solutions. pH 1-3.5 solutions were prepared by H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution.

### Aparatus

Square-wave voltammetry (SWV) experiments were performed using a Electrochemical Work Station CHI 660B electroanalyzer. Measurements were carried out with a glassy carbon electrode (GCE) in a three electrode arrangement. GCE as the working electrode (BAS MF-2012), a saturated Ag/AgCl/KCl as the reference and a platinum wire as the counter electrode with a conventional three-electrode system. All the experiments were performed at room temperature and at an atmosphere of argon. Inolab WTW-720 digital pH meter was used for pH measurements.

**Procedure**

Before the experiment, the GCE working electrode was polished with alumina powder (0.3 and 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$ ), then washed in an ultrasonic bath for 5 min to obtain a mirror face. The polished electrodes were treated by Piranha solution (concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4:\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(30\%)=3:1$ ) for 10 min, then ultrasonically cleaned by distilled water and absolute ethanol for 5 min, respectively.

The solutions were purged with water-saturated argon for 5 min in the first cycle and 30 s for each successive cycle.

**Working in acidic medium**

After the sample of DA and UA mixture was added to  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  support electrolyte in voltammetric cell, standard DA solutions were added. Standard addition graphic was made and unknown concentration DA in the sample was determined.

Standard UA solution were added on  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  support electrolyte and a portion of DA in voltammetric cell, consecutively. Then, calibration graphic was made for UA and unknown concentration UA in the sample was determined.

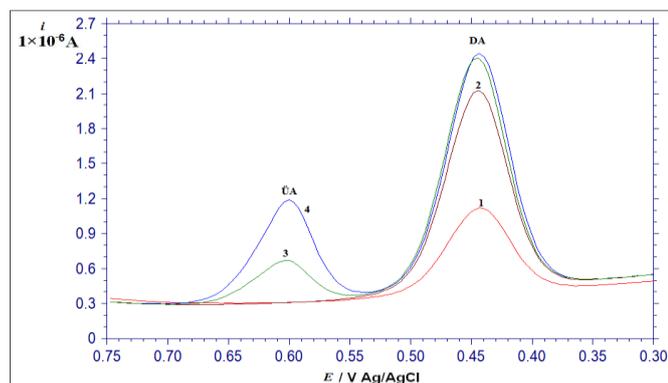
**Working in basic medium**

After the sample of DA and UA mixture was added to phosphate buffer support electrolyte in voltammetric cell, standard DA solutions were added. Standard addition graphic was made for DA and unknown concentration DA in the sample was determined. In the same way was followed for determination of UA in phosphate buffer support electrolyte.

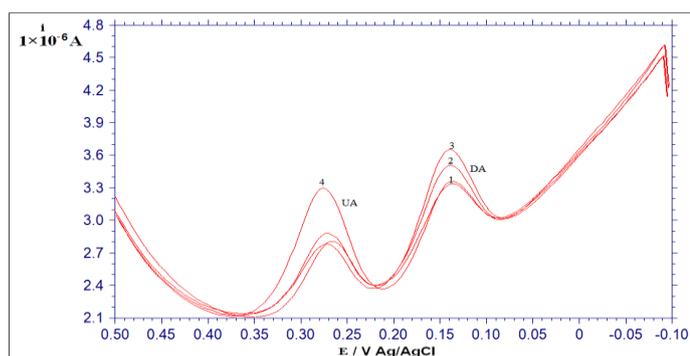
**RESULTS and DISCUSSION****Voltammograms of the UA and DA molecules**

Preliminary experiments were carried out to identify the general features that characterize the behavior of the DA and UA systems on glassy carbon electrode. Fig.1

displays the voltammograms of different concentration DA and UA in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , pH 2.5 medium. Fig.2. displays the voltammograms DA and UA in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2).



**Figure 1.** Voltammograms of DA and UA in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , pH 2.5, 1. 10 mL support electrolyte + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 2. 1 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 3. 2 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 4. 3 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA



**Figure 2.** Voltammograms of DA and UA in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), 1. 10 mL support electrolyte + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 2. 1 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 3. 2 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 4. 3 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA

### Optimization of Parameters

#### *Effect of pH*

The influence of pH on the oxidation peaks current of DA and UA was studied in the pH range of 1.0–3.5 for  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . It was seen from Table 1 the peaks potential of DA and UA shifted toward more negative values and distance between them decreased with

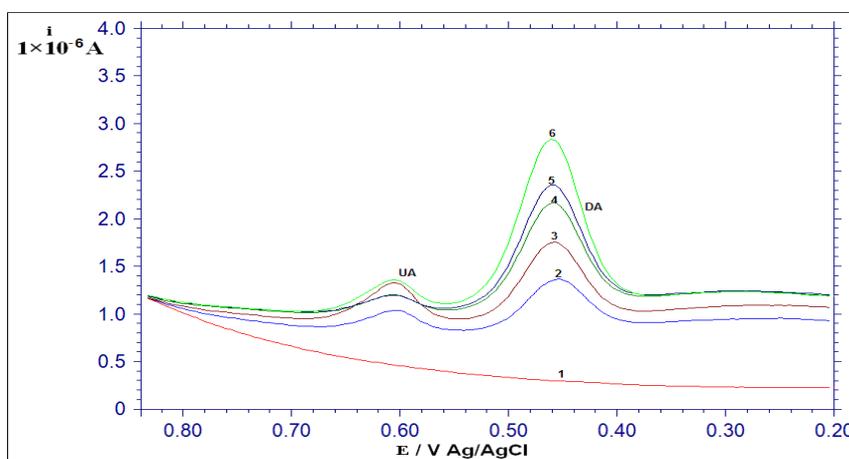
increasing pH of the mixture of DA and UA solution. Therefore, pH 2.5 was selected for subsequent uses, because at pH 2.5 DA's oxidation peak current was very big.

**Table 1.** Effect of pH on peaks potential and separation

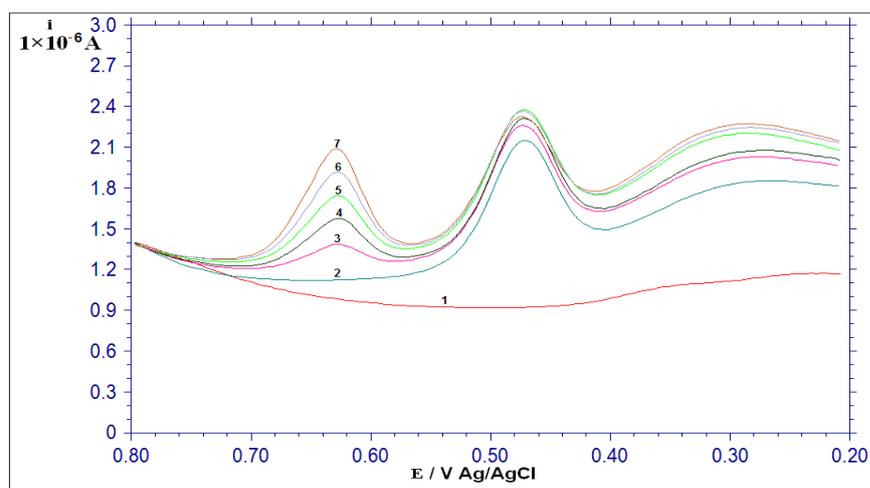
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>					
DA			ÜA		
pH	E <sub>p</sub> (V)	i <sub>p</sub> × 10 <sup>-7</sup> (A)	E <sub>p</sub> (V)	i <sub>p</sub> × 10 <sup>-7</sup> (A)	ΔE <sub>p</sub> (V)
1.0	+0.516	2.070	+0.660	6.625	0.144
1.5	+0.472	9.125	+0.624	5.641	0.152
2.0	+0.444	11.280	+0.600	4.240	0.156
2.5	+0.445	54.770	+0.605	4.972	0.160
3.5	+0.364	13.900	+0.520	2.230	0.156

#### *Influence of [DA]/[UA] ratios*

In first study, [DA]/[UA]= 1 and  $9.80 \times 10^{-6}$  M in pH 2.5 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution was investigated (Figure 3 and Figure 4). After than have worked with samples which presented different [DA]/[UA] ratios. All results are shown in Table 2.



**Figure 3.** SWV's for increments of DA amounts on H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (pH 2.5) and DA+UA sample, 1. 10 mL support electrolyte, 2. 1 + 0.10 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M DA + 0.10 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M UA, 3. 2 + 0.05 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M DA, 4. 3 + 0.05 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M DA, 5. 4 + 0.05 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M DA, 6. 5 + 0.10 mL 10<sup>-3</sup> M DA



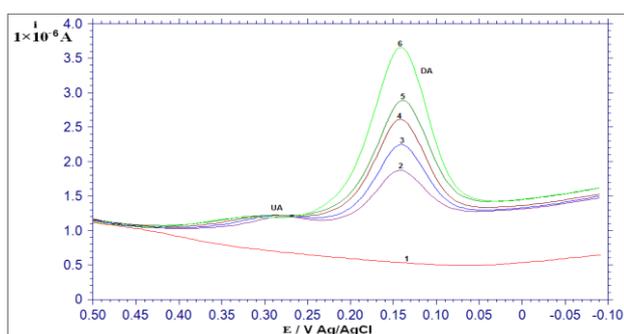
**Figure 4.** SWV's for increments of UA amounts on  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (pH 2.5) and DA sample, 1. 10 mL support electrolyte, 2. 1 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 3. 2 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 4. 3 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 5. 4 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 6. 5 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 7. 6 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA.

**Table 2.** Determination of DA and UA in pH 2.5  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (n=3)

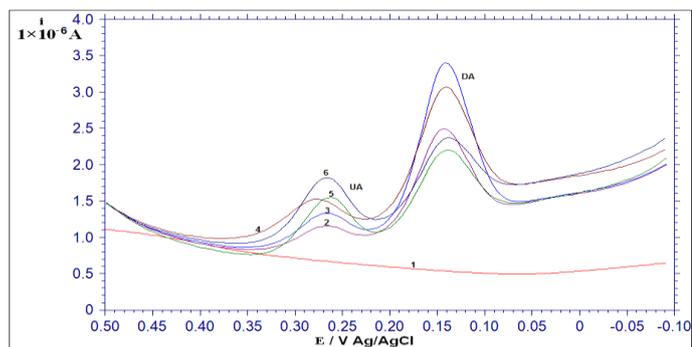
[DA]/[UA]	Added ( $10^{-6}$ M)		Found ( $10^{-6}$ M)		Standard Deviation ( $10^{-6}$ )		$\bar{x} \pm \frac{t^* s}{\sqrt{N}}$ ( $10^{-6}$ )		% Error	
	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA
1:1	9.81	9.81	9.88	9.51	0.28	1.06	9.88±0.47	9.51±1.78	0.81	-2.96
1:2	4.92	9.85	4.82	9.20	0.21	0.69	4.82±0.36	9.20±0.17	-2.07	-6.61
1:3	4.90	14.70	4.92	14.37	0.19	0.31	4.92±0.32	14.37±0.52	0.41	-2.24
1:4	2.47	9.88	1.84	8.92	0.02	0.13	1.84±0.03	8.92±0.21	2.56	9.75
1:5	4.85	24.27	4.78	23.70	0.05	2.62	4.78±0.08	23.70±4.41	-1.40	-2.35
2:1	19.42	9.71	19.27	9.22	0.25	0.74	19.27±0.42	9.22±0.74	0.78	-2.48
3:1	14.70	4.90	14.50	4.90	0.16	0.75	14.50±0.27	4.90±0.13	-1.36	4.59
4:1	19.51	4.88	19.50	5.18	0.56	0.22	19.50±0.94	5.18±0.37	-0.05	6.23
5:1	24.27	4.85	24.03	4.93	0.61	0.68	24.03±1.03	4.93±1.15	-0.98	1.61

\*90 % confidence level

When,  $[DA]/[UA]=1$  and  $9.80 \times 10^{-6}$  M in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer solution was investigated (Figure 5 and Figure 6). After that have worked with samples which presented different  $[DA]/[UA]$  ratios. The results are shown in Table 3.



**Figure 5.** SWV's for increments of DA amounts in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and UA sample, 1. 10 mL support electrolyte, 2. 1 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 3. 2 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 4. 3 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 5. 4 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA, 6. 5 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA



**Figure 6.** SWV's for increments of UA amounts in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and DA sample, 1. 10 mL support electrolyte, 2. 1 + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M DA + 0.10 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 3. 2 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 4. 3 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 5. 4 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA, 6. 5 + 0.05 mL  $10^{-3}$  M UA

**Table 3.** Determination of DA and UA in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer (n=3)

DA/UA	Added (10 <sup>-6</sup> M)		Found (10 <sup>-6</sup> M)		Standard Deviation (10 <sup>-6</sup> )		$\bar{x} \pm \frac{t^* s}{\sqrt{N}}$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> )		% Error	
	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA	DA	UA
1:1	9.81	9.81	9.86	9.74	0.21	0.16	9.86±0.36	9.74±0.26	0.55	-0.71
1:2	4.92	9.85	4.87	9.86	0.04	0.08	4.87±0.06	9.86±0.14	-0.98	0.11
1:3	4.90	14.70	4.76	14.40	0.07	0.17	4.76±0.12	14.40±0.29	-2.94	-2.04
1:4	2.47	9.88	2.47	9.50	0.20	0.32	2.47±0.34	9.50±0.54	-0.08	-3.81
1:5	4.85	24.27	5.10	24.80	0.28	0.82	5.10±0.47	24.80±1.38	5.09	2.18
2:1	19.42	9.71	19.60	9.64	0.36	0.10	19.60±0.61	9.64±0.18	0.93	0.71
3:1	14.70	4.90	14.40	4.81	0.16	0.06	14.40±0.27	4.81±0.10	-2.04	-1.76
4:1	19.51	4.88	20.27	5.25	1.16	0.50	20.27±1.95	5.25±0.84	3.88	7.54
5:1	24.27	4.85	23.60	5.18	0.50	0.28	23.60±0.84	5.18±0.48	-2.76	6.87

\*90 % confidence level

**Detection limits (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) of Method**

To verify the linear relationship between peaks current, DA and UA concentrations 3 standard addition calibration graphs were constructed under optimum conditions (pH 7.2 phosphate buffer, frequency 10 Hz, pulse amplitude 0.025 V, potential increment 0.004 V). The limits of detection (LOD) were  $2.16 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $4.14 \times 10^{-8}$  M and limits of quantification (LOQ) were  $6.48 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $1.24 \times 10^{-7}$  M for DA and UA in acidic media. These values were found to be  $2.28 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $2.13 \times 10^{-8}$  M for LOD and  $6.84 \times 10^{-8}$  M and  $6.39 \times 10^{-8}$  M for LOQ in basic media, respectively.

**Table 4.** LOD and linear working range values for DA and UA in some literatures and this working

References:	LOD		Linear working range	
	DA (M)	UA (M)	DA (M)	UA (M)
(Deletioğlu at al. 2010)	$1.99 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.99 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$
(Ardakani at al. 2008)	$8.70 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $9.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-5}$ - $6.50 \times 10^{-4}$
(Huang at al. 2008)	$2.40 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.70 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $3.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $3.20 \times 10^{-5}$
(Wang at al. 2007)	$1.20 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $8.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$
(Liu at al. 2006)	$8.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-6}$ - $5.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$
(Cao at al. 2009)	$5.00 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $8.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-6}$ - $8.00 \times 10^{-4}$
(Yu and Lin 2008)	$3.60 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-7}$ - $3.80 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $5.70 \times 10^{-5}$
(Thiagarajan at al. 2009)	-	-	$1.97 \times 10^{-6}$ - $9.88 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-5}$ - $9.88 \times 10^{-5}$
(Ye at al. 2008)	$6.00 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$5.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $3.00 \times 10^{-5}$	-
(Zhao at al. 2006)	-	$2.00 \times 10^{-6}$	-	$1.00 \times 10^{-5}$ - $8.00 \times 10^{-5}$
(Popa at al. 2000)	-	$1.50 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$5.00 \times 10^{-8}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-6}$
(Liu at al. 2007)	$2.00 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-8}$ - $3.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$
(Wang at al. 2004)	$1.14 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.00 \times 10^{-9}$ - $4.00 \times 10^{-7}$	-
(Yang at al. 2009)	-	$3.02 \times 10^{-7}$	-	$1.52 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.54 \times 10^{-3}$
This working	$2.16 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.14 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$
	(H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	(H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )		
	$2.28 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.13 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.00 \times 10^{-8}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$ - $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$
	(Buffer)	(Buffer)		

It is seen that in terms of detection limit (LOD) and linear working range, better results were obtained from this study, which was made for the detection of DA and UA, when compared to the results of the other studies given in Table 4. LOD is well and range that can be accepted as a good linear range. The detection was made by forming a modified electrode in most of the studies, even in those given in Table 4. Considering the modification process of an electrode, it can be said that it is a process which needs much more time, effort and money as well, compared to that of bare electrode. Combined all together, this study can be preferred for the analysis of DA and UA concentrations.

### Interference Studies

Some interference ions by other ionic species and molecule in the square wave voltammetric determination of DA and UA was investigated by the addition of an interfering ions to a solution containing  $4.88 \times 10^{-6}$  M of DA or UA using the optimized conditions. The addition of interfering ions into the solution was gone to with DA or UA peaks were overlapped and/or peaks currents were decreased. These points were called tolerance ratio. The results of this study are summarized in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Interference study of determination of DA and UA under the optimum condition.

Species	Tolerance ratio <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup>	1000
Zn <sup>2+</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	400
Na <sup>+</sup> , CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	300
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	200
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	10
Ascorbic Acid	3

<sup>a</sup>Maximum ratio of ions tested

### Analyses of Synthetic Sample

The studies were realized where [DA] / [UA] ratio was equal to 2/3 (Table 6). The synthetic sample which is containing  $9.76 \times 10^{-6}$  M DA and  $1.46 \times 10^{-5}$  M UA were analyzed.



## CONCLUSION

The present study demonstrates that square wave voltammetry of DA and UA based on the oxidation of on the glassy carbon electrode can be used for the determination of trace amounts of both molecules in the presence of each other. The method offers a practical separation of oxidation potentials for simultaneous determination of trace amount of DA and UA in a single scan with high selectivity and sensitivity, simplicity and speed.

The ratio of [DA] and [UA] was changed afterwards and the best results were obtained when  $[DA] / [UA] = 5$  at pH 2,5. In phosphate buffer medium the most satisfying results were observed when  $[DA] / [UA] > 1$ . However the studies carried out with different [DA] / [UA] ratios gave acceptable results for both media. The interference of various anions and cations was also investigated.

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## GENİŞ ÖZET

Bu çalışmada, kare dalga voltametri kullanılarak dopamin (DA) ve ürik asit (ÜA) tayini için metot geliştirilmeye çalışılmıştır. Bunun için ilk önce çeşitli destek elektrolit ortamlarında Dopamin ve Ürik asitin yükseltgenme davranışları incelenmiştir. Buna göre  $H_2SO_4$  ve fosfat tamponunun analiz için uygun olduğuna karar verilmiştir. Daha sonra  $H_2SO_4$  ortamında pH taraması yapılarak DA ve ÜA'nın aynı derişimine karşılık en yüksek pik akımının elde edildiği pH 2,5 değeri analiz çalışmaları için uygun bulunmuştur. Diğer analiz ortamı olan fosfat tamponu için, kan pH sına uyumlu olması gerekçesiyle, ön çalışmalar yapılmadan doğrudan pH 7,2 değeri kullanılmıştır. pH 2,5  $H_2SO_4$  ortamında analiz yapılırken DA ve ÜA'nın sırasıyla +0,480 V, +0,620 V' da ki yükseltgenme pikleri kullanılmıştır. ÜA varlığında DA analizi standart ekleme metodu ile yapılırken, DA varlığında ÜA analizi ise kalibrasyon grafiği metodu ile yapılmıştır. Daha sonra diğer bir destek elektrolit ortamı olan fosfat tamponu ile çalışmalara devam edilmiştir ve DA ve ÜA'ya ait sırasıyla +0,140 V, +0,270 V' da ki yükseltgenme

pikleri kullanılmıştır. Bu ortamda ise her iki tür standart ekleme metodu ile tayin edilmiştir. Her iki ortamda da ilk önce  $[DA] / [ÜA] = 1$  iken çalışılmıştır. Daha sonra bu oran ( $[DA] / [ÜA]$ ) değiştirilerek çalışmalar yapılmış ve pH 2,5  $H_2SO_4$  ortamında özellikle  $[DA] / [ÜA]$  oranının 5 olduğu durumda, çok daha düşük hatalar ile tayinler gerçekleştirilmiştir. Fosfat tamponu ortamında ise özellikle  $[ÜA] / [DA] > 1$  olduğu durumda çok küçük hatalar ile analiz yapılabilmektedir. Bununla birlikte her iki ortamda da yapılan DA ve ÜA tayinlerinde, her bir oran çalışması için % hata değerleri, kabul edilebilir düzeydedir. Daha sonra, hazırlanan sentetik numune ile çalışılmıştır. Bu sentetik numune için, pH 2,5  $H_2SO_4$  ortamında DA derişimi  $9,76 \times 10^{-6}$  M ve ÜA derişimi  $14,63 \times 10^{-6}$  M iken sonuçlar DA ve ÜA için sırasıyla  $(9,72 \pm 0,10) \times 10^{-6}$  M ve  $(14,67 \pm 0,10) \times 10^{-6}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. Bu çalışma için % hata DA tayini için -0,41, ÜA tayini için 0,27 olarak bulunmuştur. pH 7,2 fosfat tamponu ortamında aynı numune için sonuçlar DA ve ÜA için sırasıyla  $(9,70 \pm 0,04) \times 10^{-6}$  M ve  $(14,61 \pm 0,18) \times 10^{-6}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. Bu çalışma için % hata DA tayini için -0,61, ÜA tayini için -0,14 olarak bulunmuştur. pH 2,5  $H_2SO_4$  ortamında DA ve ÜA için gözlenebilme sınırı (LOD) sırasıyla  $2,16 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $4,14 \times 10^{-8}$  M, tayin sınırı (LOQ) ise sırasıyla  $6,48 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $1,24 \times 10^{-7}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. pH 7,2 fosfat tamponu ortamında DA ve ÜA için gözlenebilme sınırı (LOD) sırasıyla  $2,28 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $2,13 \times 10^{-8}$  M, tayin sınırı (LOQ) ise sırasıyla  $6,84 \times 10^{-8}$  M ve  $6,39 \times 10^{-8}$  M olarak bulunmuştur. Analize girişim yapması muhtemel anyonlar, katyonlar ve askorbik asit için girişim çalışmaları yapılarak, bu türlerin dopamin ve ürik asidin yükseltgenme pikleri üzerine girişime başladığı derişim değerleri belirlenmiştir.