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#### SYNTHESIS OF THE NEW NAPROXEN SELECTIVE ELECTRODE BASED ON IMPRINTED POLYMER USING DIFFERENT MONOMERS AND ITS DETERMINATION AT PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATION

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#### ABSTRACT

Naproxen(NPX) imprinted liquid electrodes of polymers are built using polymerization precipitation. The molecularly imprinted (MIP) and non imprinted (NIP) polymers were synthesized using NPX as a template. In the polymerization precipitation involved, styrene(STY) was used as monomer, N,N-methylenediacrylamide (N,N-MDAM) as a cross-linker and benzoyl peroxide (BPO) as an initiator. The molecularly imprinted membranes and the non-imprinted membranes were prepared using acetophenone(AOPH) and di octylphathalate(DOP)as plasticizers in PVC matrix. The slopes and detection limits of the liquid electrodes ranged from(-18.1,-17.72) mV/decade and (4.0 x  $10^{-4}$ – 5.0 x  $10^{-4}$ ) M, respectively and their response time was about 1 minute. The electrodes of fluid are lined with 0.1)M standardsolution of drug and their response was stable in a pH range from (1.0 to 11.0) and with good selectivity for over several species. The new electrodes were successfully applied for the analyte determination in preparation pharmaceutical sample without any time consuming pretreatment steps.

Keywords: Molecularly imprinted polymer electrodes, naproxen, potentiometric measurements, styrene(STY) monomer.

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تحضير قطب النابروكسين الانتقائي الجديد المعتمد على البوليمر المطبوع باستخدام مونيمرات مختلفة وتعينها في المستحضرات الصيدلانية

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#### الخلاصة

أنشات أقطاب السائل من البوليمرات المطبوعة مع النابروكسين (NPX) باستخدام البلمرة الترسيبية، اذ تم تصنيع البوليمرات المطبوعة جزيئياً (MIP) والبوليمرات غير المطبوعة (NIP) باستخدام NPX كقالب في عملية البلمرة، تم استخدام الستايرين (STY) كمونومر، N،N- ميثيلين ثنائي اكرامايد (N،N-MDAM) كرابط وبيروكسيد البنزويل (BPO) كبادئ، اذ تم تحضير الغشاء المطبوع جزيئياً والأغشية غير المطبعة باستخدام خلات الفينون (AOPH) وفاتيلات ثنائياًوكتيل (DOP) كمادة بلاستيكية في مصفوفة (PVC) كلوريد متعدد الفنايل، وتراوحت المنحدرات وحدود الكشف للأقطاب السائلة بين (18.1-17.2-) مللي فولت / عقد و( 4.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> - 5.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup>) مولاري، على التوالي وكان وقت المجلد (12) العدد (2) لسنة 2020



الاستجابة حوالي دقيقة واحدة، اذ تمت تعبئة الأقطاب الكهربائية السائلة بمحلول قياسي (0.1) مولاري من الدواء واستجابتها كانت مستقرة في نطاق الأس الهيدروجيني من (1.0 إلى 11.0) وبانتقائية جيدة لأكثر من عدة أنواع، وتم تطبيق الإقطاب المطورة بنجاح لتقدير المادة المراد تحليلها في تحضير العينة الدوائية دون أن تستهلك أي خطوات علاجية.

الكلمات المفتاحية: الأقطاب الكهربائية المطبوعة جزيئياً، النابر وكسين، طريقة قياس الجهد، مونومر الستايرين (STY).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Molecular imprinting technology is characterized as a copolymerization technique of fu nctional and crosslinking monomers in the presence of the target molecule, which acts as a mo template. Naproxen (6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl) propanoic acid (Britishlecular Pharmacopoeia 2014) is a 2-arylpropionic acid used as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (2-APANSAID). Naproxen is useful to treat pain and inflammation, which widely used in the clinical initially. As a consequence, the process of recognition in MIPs may be defined in resemblance with mechanisms proven for enzyme- substrate-complexes. It was determination some drug such as ibuprofen (Al-Bayati & Al-jabari, 2015) and warfarin (Al-Bayatiet al., 2016) based on molecularly imprinted polymer method. In this study imprinted polymer electrodes were prepared based on naproxen as a template in PVC matrix membrane and electrodes specification were studied. In the present study, S-naproxen was used as a template and chose styrene (STY) as functional monomer and N,N-methylenediacrylamide (N,N-MDAM) as cross linker to prepare MIPs. The interactions between template and monomer were studied by spectral and computer simulation analysis. The chemical formula of Naproxen is  $C_{14}H_{14}O_3$ .(M.Wt :230.3 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>) and its structural formula show in (Figure 1).

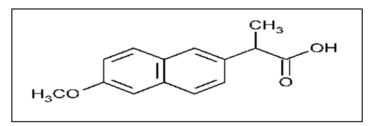


Figure 1: Chemical Structure of the Naproxen.

According to review. Several methods of determining naproxen in pharmaceuticals and biological fluids available in the literature are reported They include chromatographic method: HPLC (Monser et al., 2003), TLC with densitometry (Pyka, et al., 2011), gas spectrometry (Araujo et al., 2011), capillaryelectrophoresis chromatography-mass (Preinerstorfer et al., 2009), spectrophotometry (Bally et al., 2018), spectrofluorymetry (Damiani et al., 2002), chemiluminescence (Du et al., 2010), potentiometric titration (Aktas & Ertokuş, 2008) and other electrochemical methods (Yuan et al., 2009). Such approaches are characterized by long and complicated sample preparation for analysis and costly instrumental equipment. On the basis of the literature, there are limited scientific works on the use of ion-selective electrodes for naproxen determination (Valsami & Macheras, 1989; Lenik et al., 2002; Santini et al., 2006; Lenik et al., 2008). These electrodes have different constructions: the electrode (Valsami & Macheras, 1989) with liquid membrane type, based on the use of naproxen. The purpose of this research was to sensor design as soon as possible better analytical parameters than the so far developed electrodes. In this work new naproxen ion-selective membrane electrode was prepared based on (NPX-MIP+DOP or AOPH) in PVC membrane phase.

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#### **Chemicals and materials**

Naproxen was obtained from the State Company of Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (IRAQ- SID- Samara). The Commercial naproxen tablets that obtained from local stores are; NAPRON 20 tablets 250 mg from (PIONEER- lraq), Naproxen 20 tablets 500 mg from (Gebze-Kocaeli–TURKEY), NAPROX 20 tablets 500 mg from (Damascus–Syria) .acetophenone(AOPH) and dioctylphathalate(DOP) as well as metal salts were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and were used as they were received. Styrene (STY) (99%), was used as monomer, N,N-methylenediacylamide (N,N-MDAM) (99%), and benzoyl peroxide (BPO)(78%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The chemical used were reagent grade with highest purity and used as received without further purification.

#### Apparatus

Potentiometric measurements were carried out with a digital voltmeter (HANA pH 211 instrument Microprocessor pH meter). pH measurements were made with a digital pH meter (wissenschaftlich-TechnischeWerkstätten GmbH WTW/pH meter in lab pH720-Germany). The performance of the electrode was investigated by measuring the potential of naproxen solutions at room temperature with a concentrations range from  $(10^{-4} \text{ to } 10^{-1})$ M. Each solution was stirred and the potential reading was recorded at equilibrium.The calibration curves obtained by plotting the response against the naproxen concentration logarithmic functions.

#### Preparing of standard solutions for ises studies:

- 1. For preparing standard solution of 0.1 M naproxen by dissolving (3.302) gm of standard Naproxen in the methanol and completed to 100 mL in the volumetric flask. The other solutions were prepared in 100 mL at the ranged from  $(1 \times 10^{-4} 10^{-1})$ M in the same procedure.
- 2. The stock standard solution of  $(5 \times 10^{-3}, 5 \times 10^{-4})$  M phosphomolybdic acid was prepared by dissolving (1.1288, 0.11288)gm of phosphomolybdic acid respectively in distilled water and completed to 100 mL.
- 3. All interfering ions (K<sup>+1</sup>,Ca<sup>+2</sup> and Al<sup>+3</sup>) are preparing of (0.1) M. The other solutions were prepared in 100 mL at the range from (1×10<sup>-4</sup>-10<sup>-1</sup>) M

#### Synthesis of the imprinted polymer(mip)

In a 50mL screw cap glass test tube 50mL, MIPs for (Naproxen) was prepared using a bulk polymerization procedure. The template (NPX) 1mmol (0.2)gm was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol in a thick walled glass tube. A functional monomer styrene (STY) 0.96mmol (0.1) gm, cross-linker N,N-methylenediacrylamide (N,N-MDAM) 9.72mmol (1.5) gmas a crosslinker and initiator (BPO) 0.57 mmol (0.14) gm were added later to the above solution respectively. The mixture was degassed by purging nitrogen for 30 min in an ultrasonic water bath. While maintaining flow of nitrogen, the glass tube was removed from the ultrasonic water bath, sealed and placed inside a water bath at 60°C to allow initiation of the reaction. white colored polymers with a rigid structure were formed.Non-reacted species (excessive reagents or template) were removed from the polymers by consecutive washout of the particles with methanol then acetic acid and dried at room temperature overnight. The template was successively removed by repeated washing with the MIPs with 100 mL portions of 30 percent (v / v) acetic acid / methanol solution using soxhlet removal. The polymer was dried at (35-45) <sup>o</sup>C for (24-48) h. The polymers were then crushed and ground with mortar and pestle and tested to a particle size of 125µm (using 100 mesh sieves): It was used in the selective sensor membrane as an active material. The non-imprinted polymer (NIP) was produced in the same

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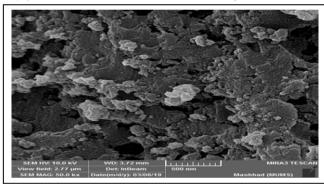
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way, but without the drug template. The sensing PVC membrane was prepared by mixing (0.2)gm of high molecular weight PVC, (0.45)gm of the plasticizer and (0.036)gm of the MIP. After homogenization, 2-4 mL of THF was added and stirred. The mixture was poured in a 5 cm diameter glass ring and evaporated for 24 h. The electrode was made by attaching the PVC membrane circular disk (10 mm in diameter) to the end of the tygon tube using a concentrated PVC / THF solution as adhesive. The other end of the tygon tube was fixed to a glass tube into which a silver wire coated with silver chloride was inserted and filled with (0. 1) M standard solution of naproxen.

### Scanning electron microscope (sem)

A scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was used for the primary evaluation of MIP particles. Electron microscope shows the morphology of the MIP and NIP membranes for naproxen prior to and after washing. A porous surface area of about (30-50)  $\mu$ m(Figure, 2) can indicate the binding sides of the polymer.(Figure, 3) shows clear holes of approximately (70-90)  $\mu$ m in sizes that were removed by soxhlet extraction.



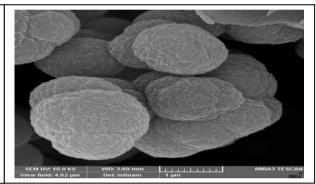


Figure 2: SEM for the MIP before washing

Figure 3: SEM for the MIP after washing

Construction of ionselective electrodes As depicted by Lenik (2013).the building of the electrode body and the immobilization were achieved. The solution of naproxen Μ was filled as an internal solution in the glass tube. (0.1)The membrane was preferred to be immersed in a standard solution of (0.1) M Naproxen for at least three hours before measurements representing membrane electrode stipulations.

## Preparation of pharmaceutical samples

To obtain the powder of pharmaceutical samples from tablets using pestle and mortar to grind the tablets, a suitable weight was taken for the preparation of 100 mLsolutions.

Appropriate quantity (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) used for dissolved pharmaceutical samples and completed for more than 30 min in the volumetric flask of methanol and using the magnetic agitator. The solution was then filtered using  $0.07\mu m$  cellulose filter paper to prepare and obtained naproxen concentrations of (5 x1<sup>-3</sup> and 5 x 10<sup>-4</sup>) M.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Ion selective electrodes (ISE) are one of the most common sensors for measuring voltae These measurements were used in laboratory testing, industry, process control, physiological a ndenvironmental monitoring (**Mousavi** *et al.*, **2018**).

Electrodes membranes that responded to the concentration analysis using a chemical reaction to produce ions that can be monitored with an ions selective electrode (Michalska 2012).



These membrane electrodes comprised two main categories: Ions selective electrodes sensitive to ionic species and selective molecular electrodes used to determine molec ular analytes (Ghenidii 2011; Moody & Thomas 1988).

The main function of ion selective electrodes consists of two different types of electrical conductivity in metals, the electrical current is transmitted by electrons, while the electrical current is transmitted by ions in liquid. In one of these types of galvanic cell, electrolysis and electrical analysis, conductivity measurement can be achieved for each electroc hemical process. This type of cell must be in contact with the solution on both sides of the cell membrane, and some ISE arrangements with wire connection on one side of the membrane are .4). Traditional cell composition isOuter also available show in (Figure ref. Test solutionmembrane internal ref.

Or Outer ref. Test solution ion-selective electrode. The current passing through the electrolytic cell must be zero depending on this condition that the cell is designed in accordance with the basic design rule for electrolytic cells.

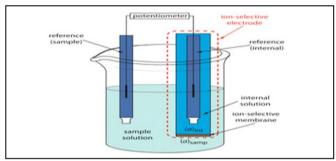


Figure 4: Schematic Diagram Showing a Typical Potentiometric Cell with an Ion-Selective Electrode.

Using naproxen as a template, styrene as monomer, N,N-methylenediacrylamide and benzoyl peroxide as cross-linker, and initiators, MIP have been prepared. An important component of an ISE membrane is a plasticizer. Compatibility with polymer and other membrane components provide a homogeneous membrane environment when plasticizers are used. As a membrane solvent, the practical use of the ISE membrane should be avoided, otherwise the electrode performance would be affected over time. On the basis of the PVC matrix, two electrodes were constructed. These plasticizers, for example: dioctyl phthalate (DOP) and acetophenone (AOPH).

The characteristics of two electrodes based on (NPX-MIP membranes A1, A2) have been studied. This included the range of linearity, correlation coefficients, detection limit (M) and life time (day). The results shown in (Table1) and (Figure 5).

**Table 1:** Characteristics of the Naproxen-MIP Electrode Based on Different Functional

 Monomers and Plasticizers.

Membrane composition	NPX-MIP+ DOP (A1)	NPX-MIP+AOPH (A2)
Slop (mV/decade)	-18.1	-17.72
Linearity range (M)	0.1 - 1×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.1 - 1×10 <sup>-4</sup>
Correlation coefficient	0.9849	0.9993
Detection limit (M)	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	5×10 <sup>-4</sup>
Life time ( day)	17	16

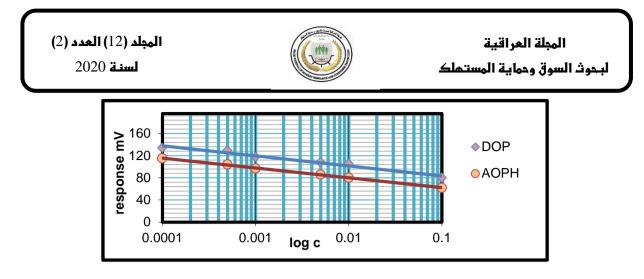


Figure 5:Calibration Curve for NPX-MIP Membrane Electrodes.

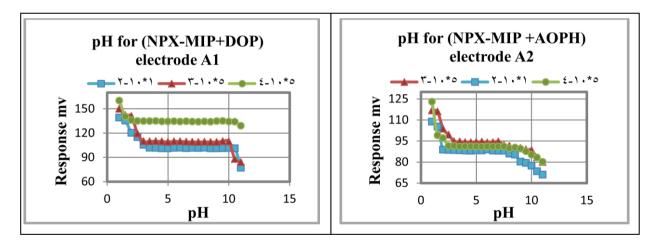
### Effect of ph on electrodes response

The pH study was carried out on electrodes of (NPX) membrane using different concentration s of NPX (10-2,  $5 \times 10$  -3 and  $5 \times 10$ -4) M.

To measure selective pH (1-11)using hydrochloric acid (0.1, 1)M and/or ammonium hydroxide (0.1, 1)M in pH studies.

The results obtained by adding the appropriate volume of HCl / NH4OH as shown in (Figure

6). The change in the potential of differential pH values is due to the composition of electrodes.



**Figure 6:** Effect of pH on the Naproxen {NPX -MIP+ DOP (A1) and NPX-MIP +AOPH (A2)} Electrodes at Concentration  $10^{-2}$ ,  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ .

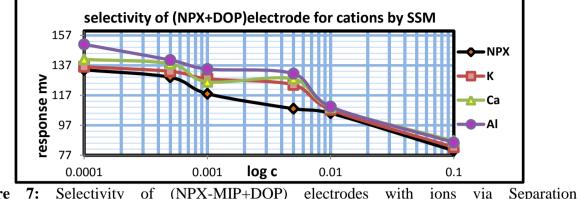
#### **Interference studies**

The separate solution method was used to calculate selectivity coefficient measurement. For these measurements, the separate equation was used according to the equation below.

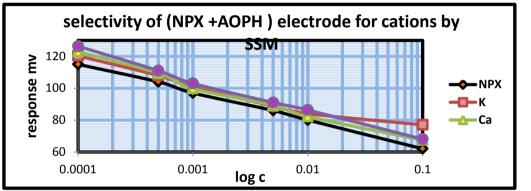
Log K pot= [(EB - EA)/(2.303RT/z F)] + (1 - zA/zB) log aA

EA, EB; zA, zB; and aA, represents the potentials, charge numbers, and activities for the primary A and interfering B ions, respectively at aA = aB. Theresults for primary ion selectivity coefficients and interfering ions such as  $(K^{+1},Ca^{+2}and Al^{+3})$  used in this work have been obtained. The selectivity coefficients also depend on the concentration and composition of electrodes depend on the charges of both the primary ion and the interfering ions were listed in the (Figures 7 and 8).





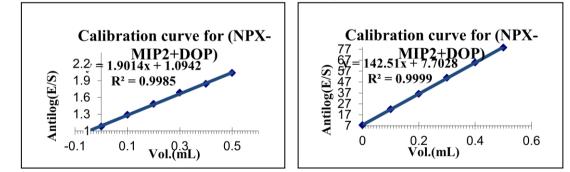
**Figure 7:** Selectivity of (NPX-MIP+DOP) electrodes with ions via Separ Solution Method.



**Figure 8:** Selectivity of (NPX-MIP+AOPH) electrodes with ions via Separation Solution Method.

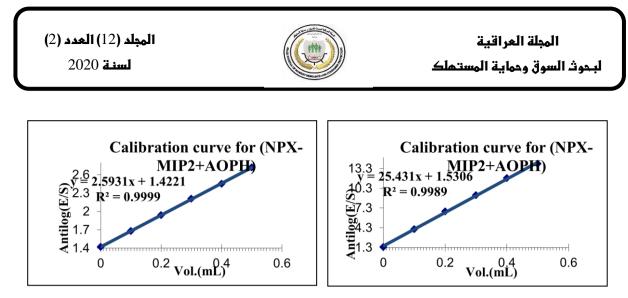
## Calculation by multiple standard addition method (msa)

The concentrations used for applied in this method  $(5 \times 10^{-3} \& 5 \times 10^{-4})$  M for two solutions of Naproxen for plotting the antilog E/S (Y-axis) against volume of standard Naproxen (X-axis). (Figure 9 and 10) represents the results of Naproxen concentrations calculated via the electrodes based on NPX-MIP+DOP, NPX-MIP+AOPH.



**Figure 9:** Antilog (E/S) against the volume of the added standard for the determination of naproxen solution ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) by MSA using (NPX-MIP+DOP) electrode.

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**Figure 10:** Antilog (E / S) against the volume of the added standard for the determination of Naproxen solution ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) M by MSA using (NPX-MIP+ AOPH) electrode.

### **Titration methods (titrimetry)**

In this method the measurement is depended changes that to be a large shift in the electrode response for the detection of the end point of titration. The process have been achieved by used volumetric analysis of concentrations ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) M of Naproxen versus solutions ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) M of concentrations (PMA).The results for parameters RSD(%), RC(%) and RE(%) for all electrodes are listed in the (Table 2).

	Concentration ( M )				
Electrode NO.	Measured using PMA as titrant				
	Parameter	DOP	AOPH		
	5×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.0556×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.0607×10 <sup>-3</sup>		
	RSD (%)	1.12	1.50		
	RC (%)	101.112	101.214		
Pure (NPX)	RE (%)	1.112	1.214		
rule (INFA)	5×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.1020×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.0761×10 <sup>-4</sup>		
	RSD (%)	0.06	1.16		
	RC (%)	102.04	101.522		
	RE (%)	2.04	1.522		
	5×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.0916×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.0864×10 <sup>-3</sup>		
	RSD (%)	0.88	1.46		
	RC (%)	101.832	101.728		
	RE (%)	1.832	1.728		
NAPRON	5×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.0864×10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.1229×10 <sup>-4</sup>		
(PIONEER-Iraq)	RSD (%)	1.12	1.85		
	RC (%)	101.728	102.258		
	RE (%)	1.728	2.459		

 Table 2: Naproxen sample analysis by using titration method for NPX electrodes.

## Applications of pharmaceuticals

Ion selective electrodes that based on molecularly imprinted polymers were used for determination of naproxen in pharmaceuticals. This ISEs measurements including: standard addition, direct, Gran plot and multiple standard addition method. Preparation solutions of Naproxen at concentrations  $(5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ and } 5 \times 10^{-4})$ M. The RE (%), RC (%) and RSD (%) were calculated of Naproxen in pharmaceuticals. The results obtained represented in the (Table 3 and 4).

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**Table 3:** Determination of Naproxen Samples by Ion Selective Electrodes (ISEs) techniques

 based on PVC membranes

Electrode NO. and composition	Measurement by using ISEs methods				
•	Standard sample $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$				
	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	1.94	100.66	0.66	5.0329×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	SAM	1.51	101.678	1.678	5.0839×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	MSA	-	99.98	-0.02	×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		Standard	sample	5×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	
NPX-MIP+ DOP (I)	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	1.47	98.488	-1.512	4.924×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	SAM	0.82	99.478	-0.522	4.9739×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	MSA	-	100.222	0.222	5.0111×10 <sup>-4</sup>
		Standard	d sample 5	5×10 <sup>-3</sup> M	
	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
NPX-MIP +AOPH (II)	Direct	1.30	100.82	0.82	5.0409×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	SAM	1.48	98.938	-1.062	4.9469×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	MSA	-	100.60	0.60	5.0302×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	Standard sample $5 \times 10^{-4}$ M				
	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	0.75	100.66	0.66	5.0329×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	SAM	0.84	100.108	0.108	5.0054×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	MSA	-	100.38	0.38	5.0191×10 <sup>-4</sup>

**Table 4:** Sample Analysis of Pharmaceuticals Naproxen by using ISE.

Pharmaceutical	NAPRON(PIONEER)				
Electrode NO. and composition	Measurement by using ISEs methods				
1	Standard sample $5 \times 10^{-3}$			5×10 <sup>-3</sup> M	
	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	1.93	101.09	1.09	5.0543×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	SAM	4.09	96.61	-3.38	4.8306×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	MSA	-	98.81	-1.18	4.9407×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		Standard s	ample	$5 \times 10^{-4}  \mathrm{M}$	
NPX-MIP+ DOP (I)	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	1.94	98.08	-1.92	4.9038×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	SAM	0.82	96.67	-0.97	4.8339×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	MSA	-	99.03	-0.97	4.9513×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	Standard sample $5 \times 10^{-3}$ M				
	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	1.34	98.23	-1.77	4.9116×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	SAM	4.38	102.108	2.10	5.1054×10 <sup>-3</sup>
	MSA	-	99.53	-0.47	4.9763×10 <sup>-3</sup>
		Standard	sample	5×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	
NPX-MIP +AOPH (II)	Parameter	RSD (%)	RC (%)	RE (%)	Con. Found M
	Direct	2.26	99.81	-0.19	4.9903×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	SAM	0.82	101.12	0.11	5.0561×10 <sup>-4</sup>
	MSA	-	99.50	-0.50	4.9748×10 <sup>-4</sup>

\*each measurement have been repeated three time.

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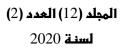


# CONCLUSION

Naproxen membranes selective electrodes can be constructed by mixing with different plasticizers. These plasticizers DOP, AOPH were used to prepared Naproxen membranes electrodes based on PVC. The results obtained for all electrodes were excellent as well as applied on standard and pharmaceutical solutions .The aim of construction electrodes for used in determination Naproxen in pharmaceuticals analysis.

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