

Multiple Dissociation Constants of the Intepirdine Hydrochloride Using Regression of Multiwavelength Spectrophotometric pH-Titration Data

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Abstract

UV/VIS-metric of the Neurotransmitter Intepirdine for three pK_a were estimated $pK_{a1}^T = 5.64$, $pK_{a2}^T = 7.31$, $pK_{a3}^T = 8.85$ at 25°C and $pK_{a1}^T = 5.51$, $pK_{a2}^T = 7.15$, $pK_{a3}^T = 8.77$ at 37°C.

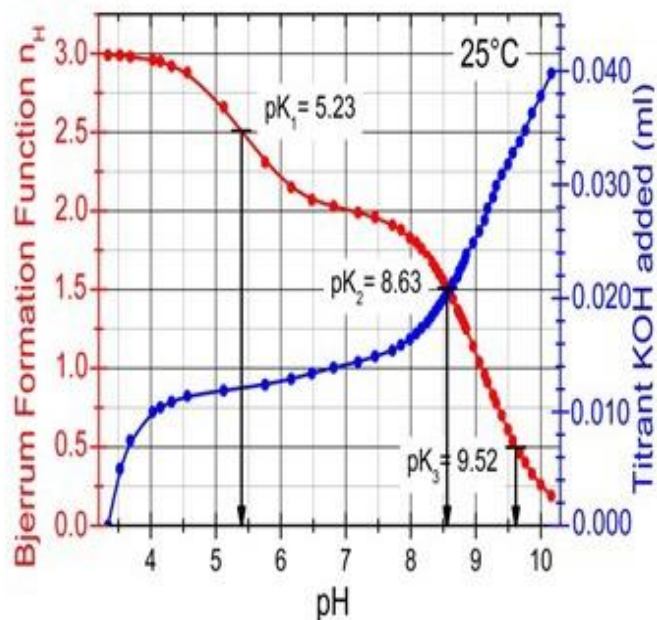
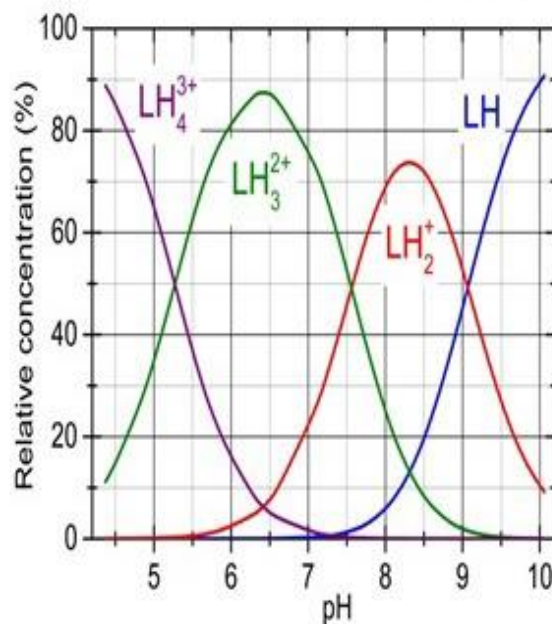
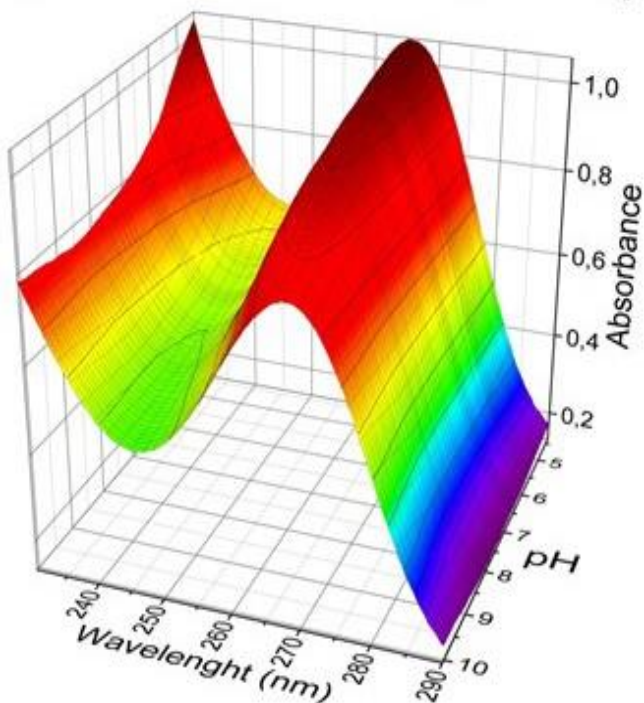
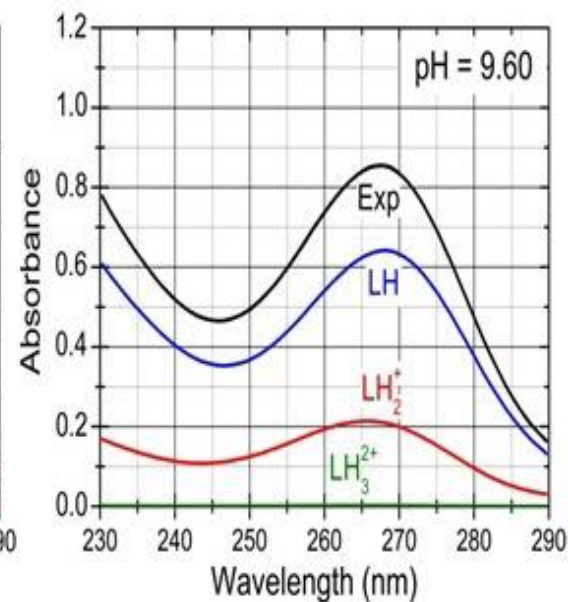
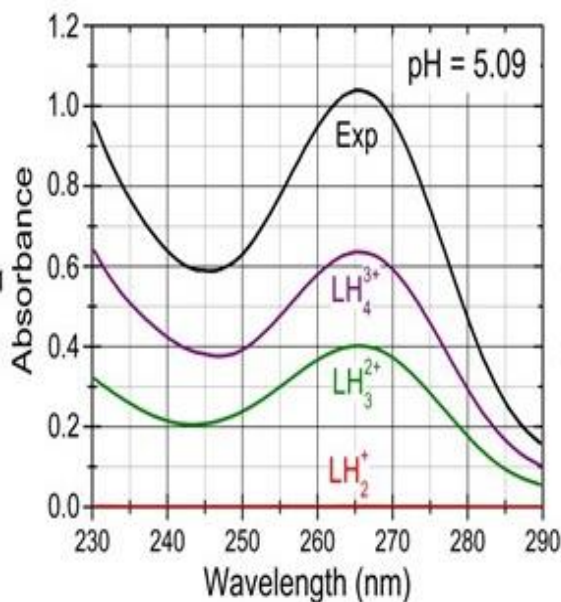
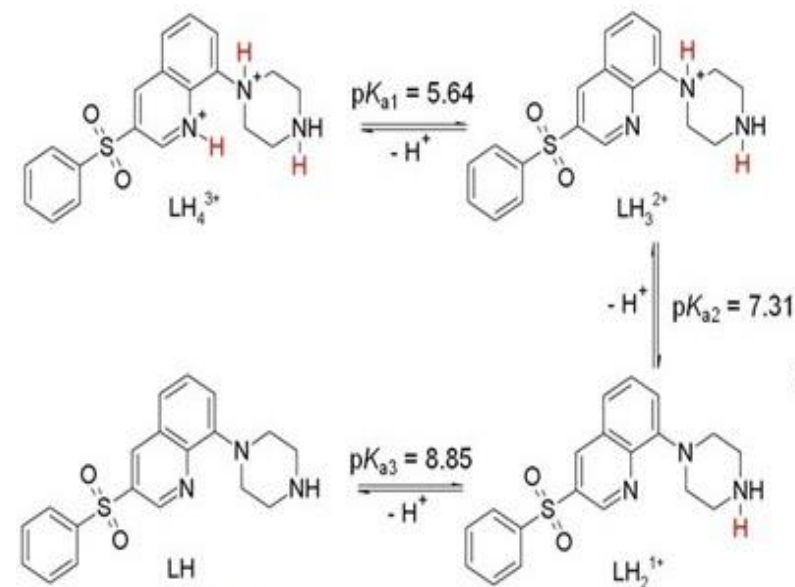
A sparingly soluble molecule LH was protonated to form still soluble three cations LH_2^+ , LH_3^{2+} and LH_4^{3+} in pure water.

Three multiple thermodynamic dissociation constants of 3×10^{-4} M Intepirdine were determined by the regression analysis of pH-metric titration curves $pK_{a1}^T = 5.14$, $pK_{a2}^T = 8.38$, $pK_{a3}^T = 9.33$ at 25°C and $pK_{a1}^T = 5.17$, $pK_{a2}^T = 8.31$, $pK_{a3}^T = 9.07$ at 37°C.

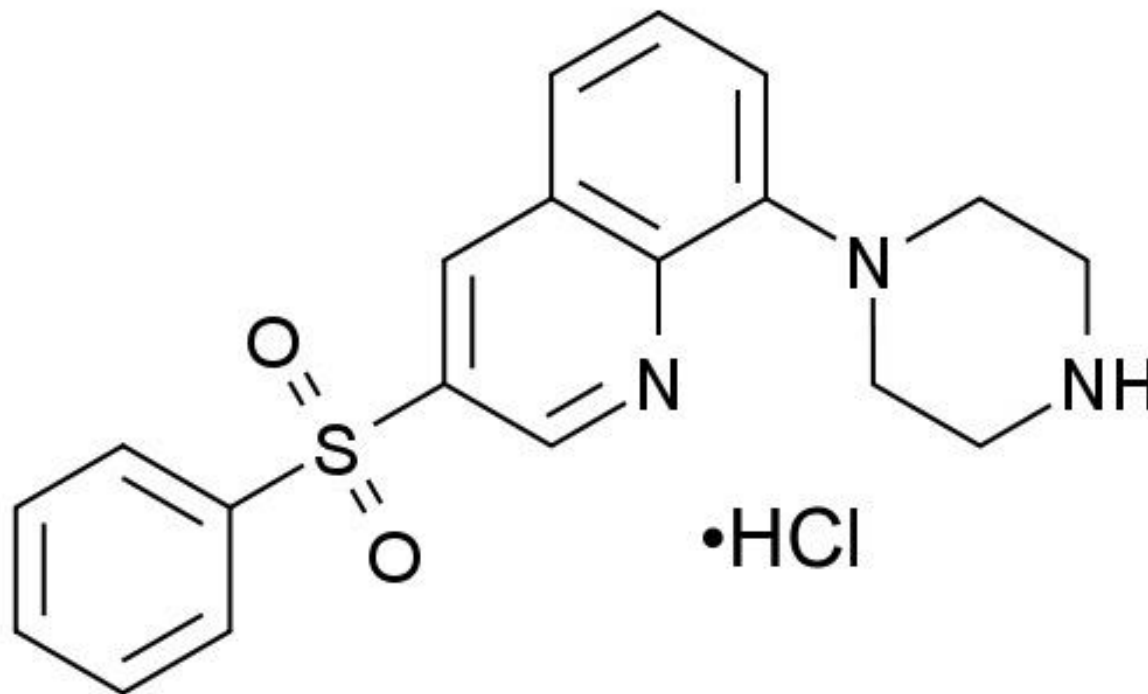
The macro-dissociation constants were predicted with MARVIN and ACD/Percepta programs.

The protonation scheme of INN.HCl was suggested.

Protonation of Intepirdine for the Treatment of Alzheimer's disease



Structural formula of Intepirdine hydrochloride, INN.HCl

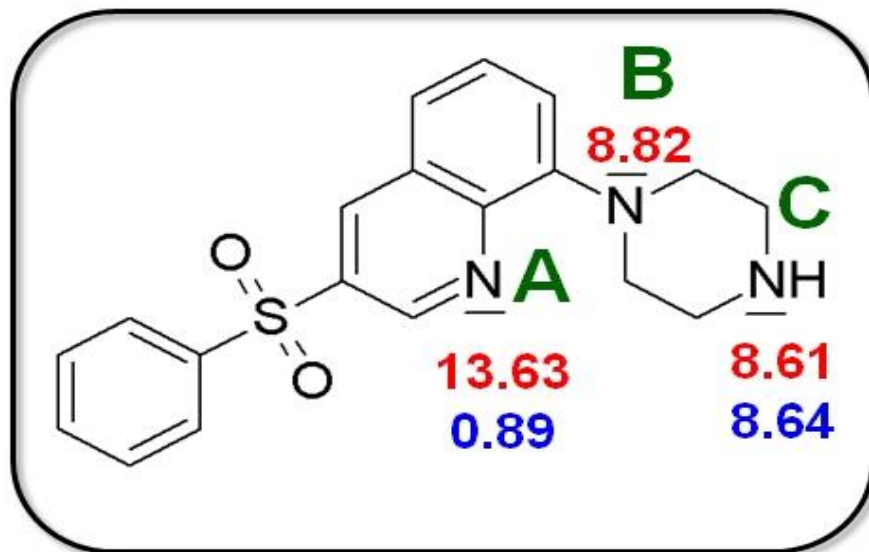
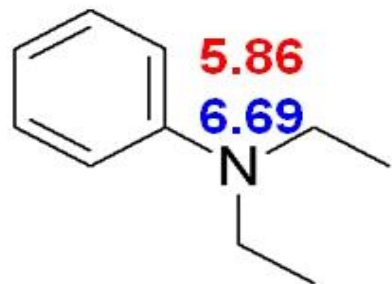


Intepirdine (INN) is a novel 5-HT₆ receptor antagonist in development for the treatment of patients with mild-moderate Alzheimer's disease.

As a 5-HT₆ receptor antagonist, intepirdine works in part by relieving interneuron-mediated inhibition and promoting the release of acetylcholine and other neurotransmitters in the brain.

Predicted pK_{pred} of Intepirdine with MARVIN and ACD

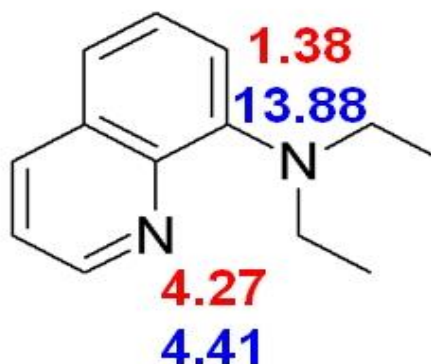
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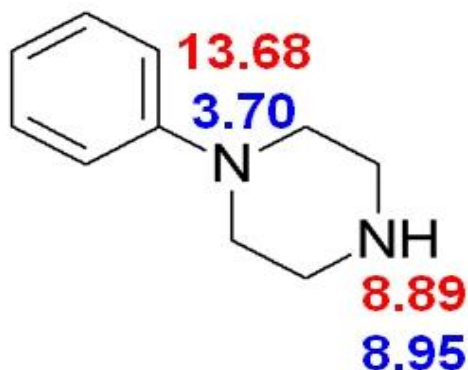
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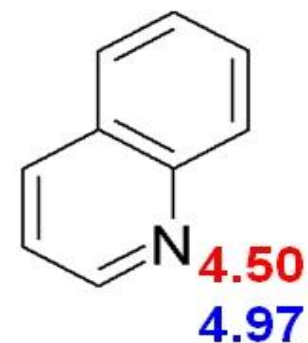
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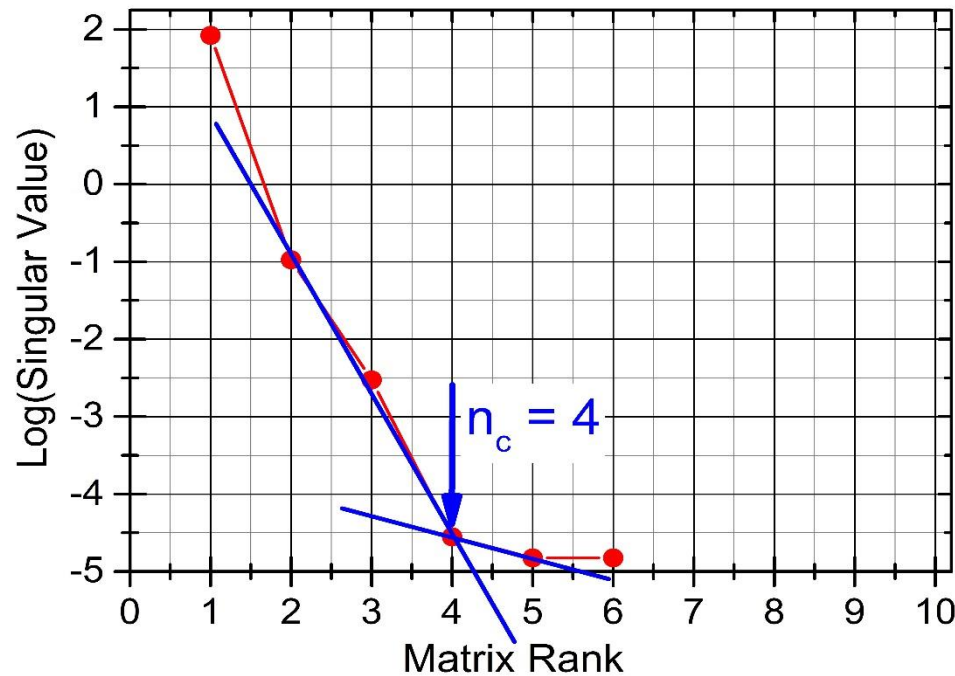
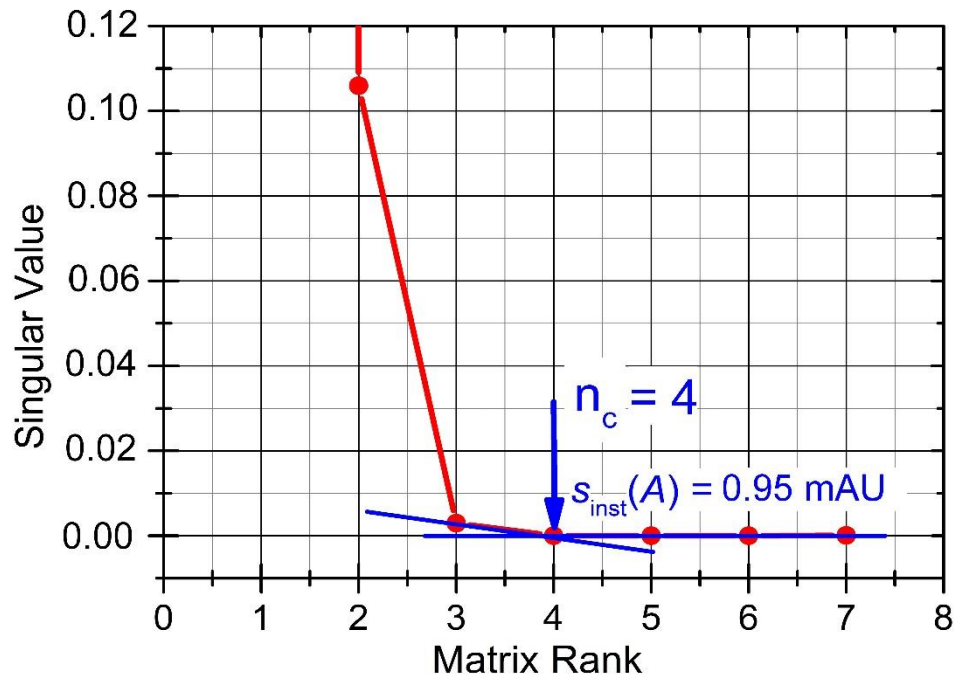
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Molecular structure of Intepirdine INN (inset) with highlighted basic centres A, B and C and predicted pK_a values using MARVIN/ACD prediction programs.
Structure of auxiliary fragments 1-5 and their predicted pK_a .

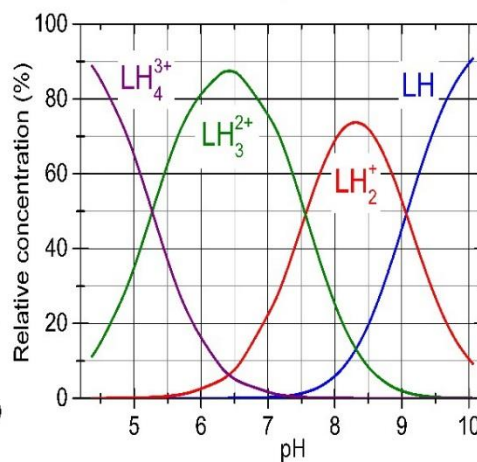
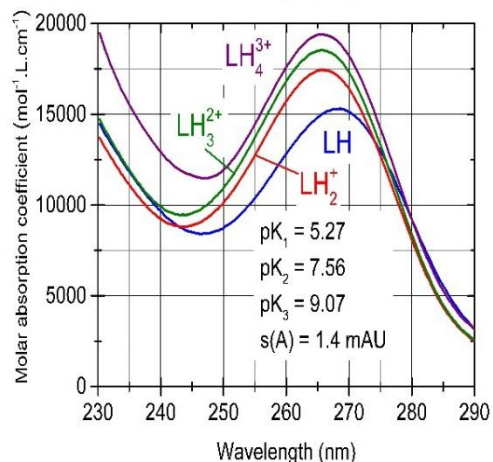
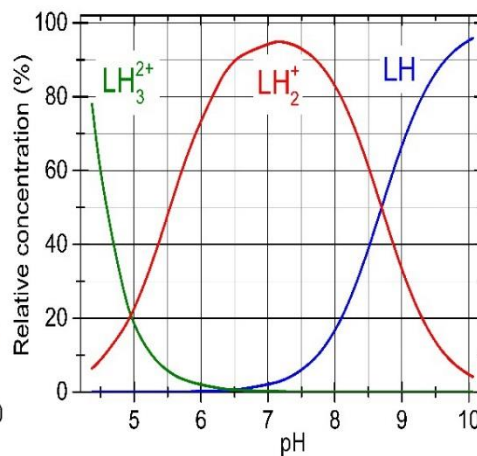
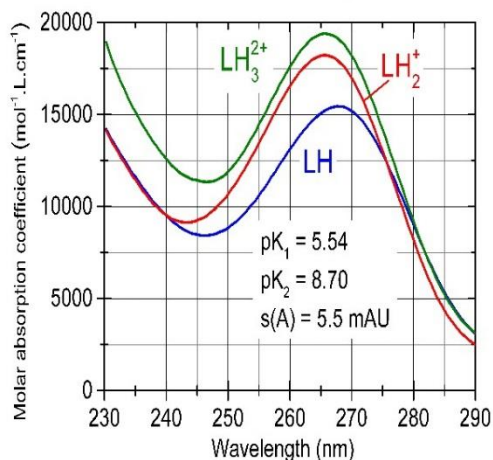
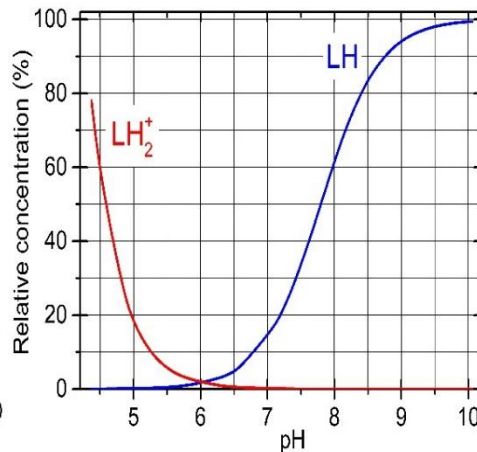
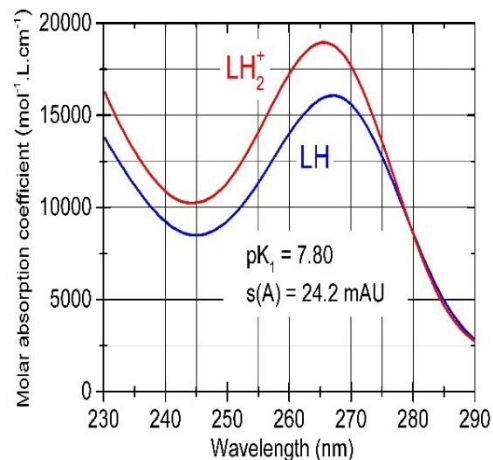
Number of light-absorbing species in mixture

The Cattell's scree plot $s_k(SV) = f(k)$ for the rank of the absorbance matrix $k^* = 4$ in normal scale and in logarithmic scale which leads to four light-absorbing species in the equilibrium mixture, $n_c = 4$.

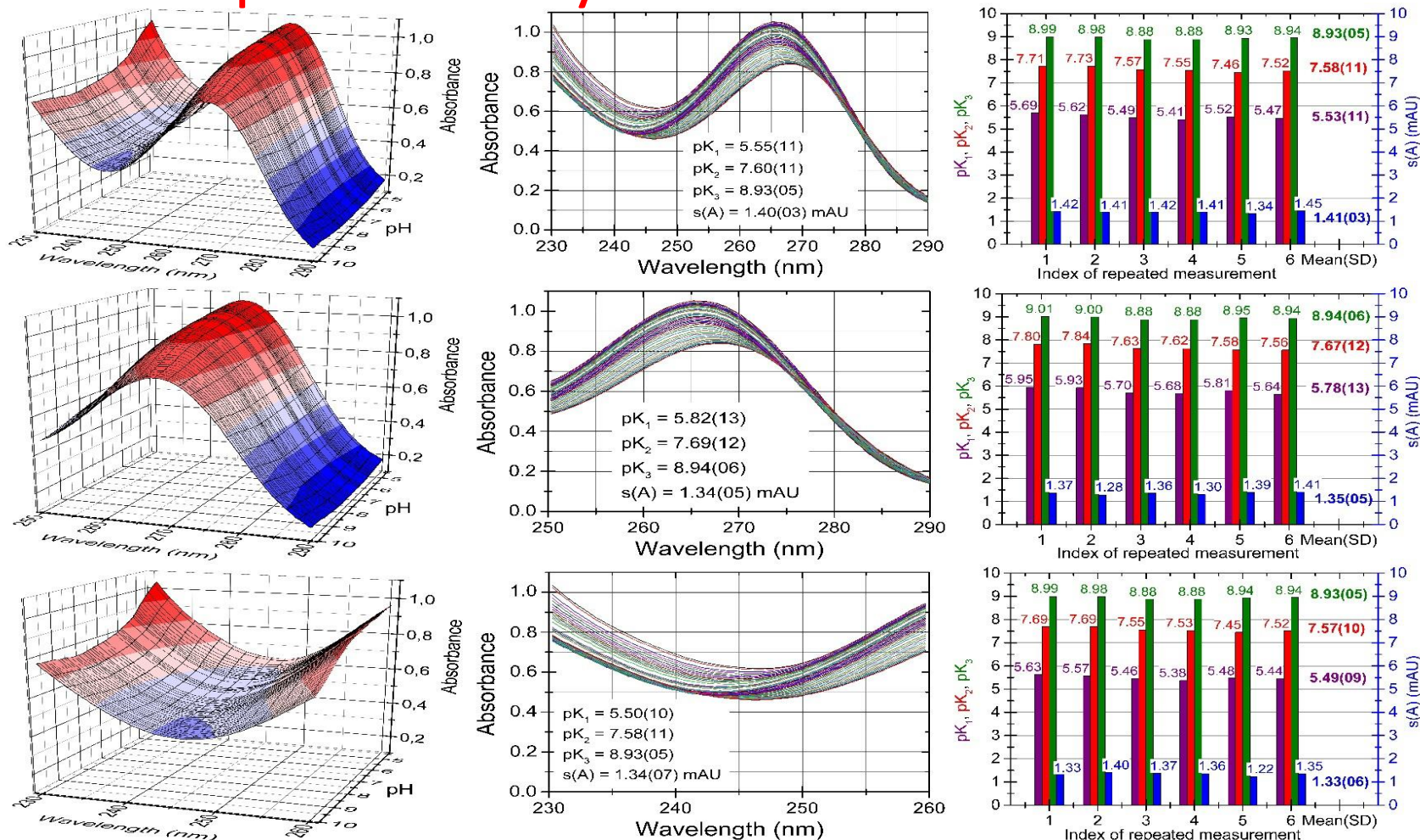


Search for the protonation model building and testing

The SQUAD84 working environment searching the best protonation model of Intepirdine hydrochloride for one (**Upper**), two (**Middle**) and three (**Lower**) dissociation constants
 pK_{a1} , pK_{a2} , pK_{a3}

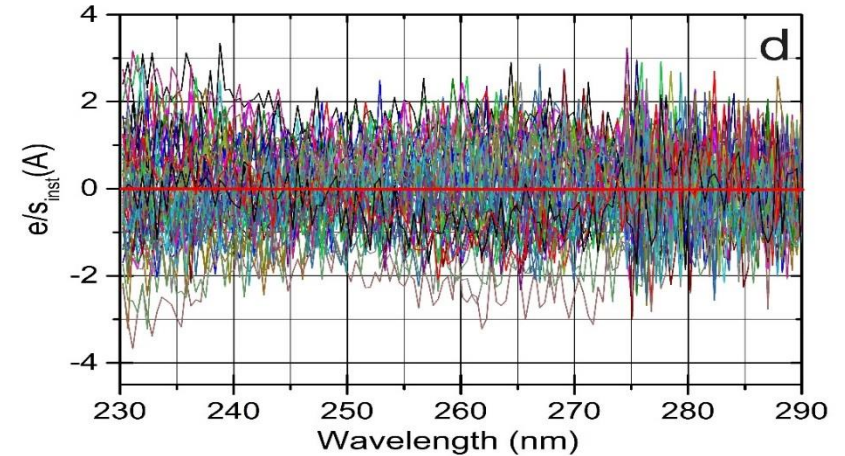
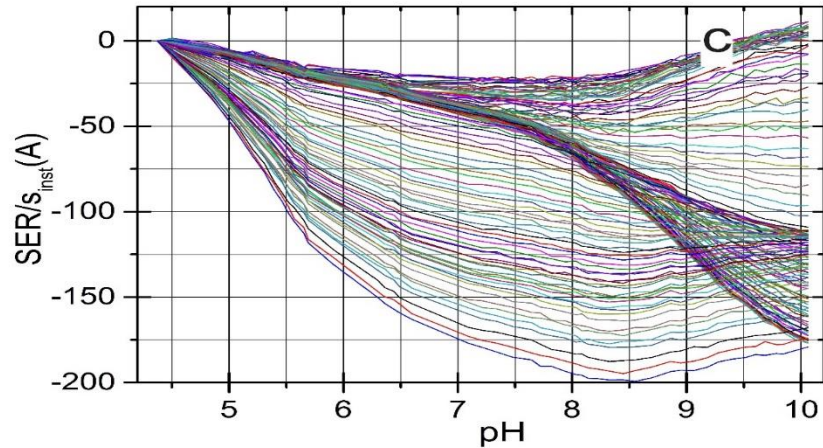
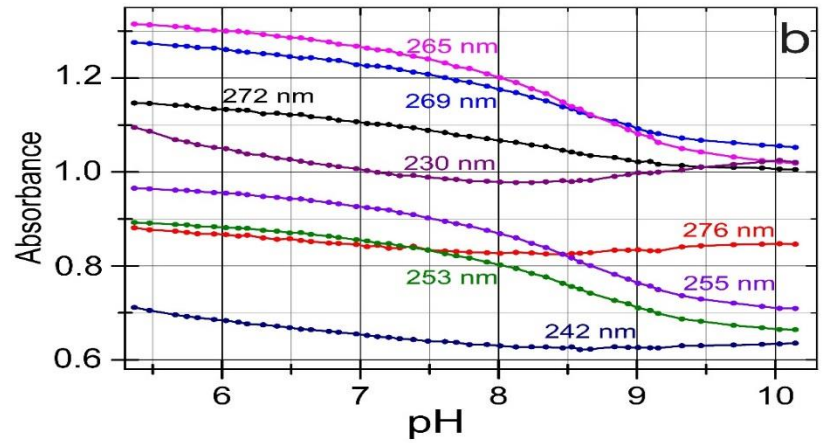
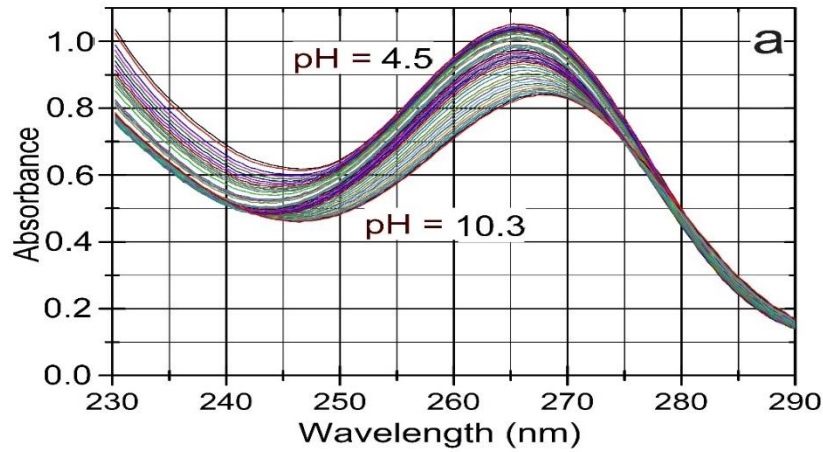


Reproducibility of dissociation constants



The plot of 2D and 3D-absorbance-response-matrix for Intepirdine and reproducibility of the estimated dissociation constants from three absorption bands. pK_{a1} , pK_{a2} , and pK_{a3} with their standard deviation in the last two digits. The goodness-of-fit is expressed on the right axis as the standard deviation of absorbance after regression, $s(A)$ [mAU].

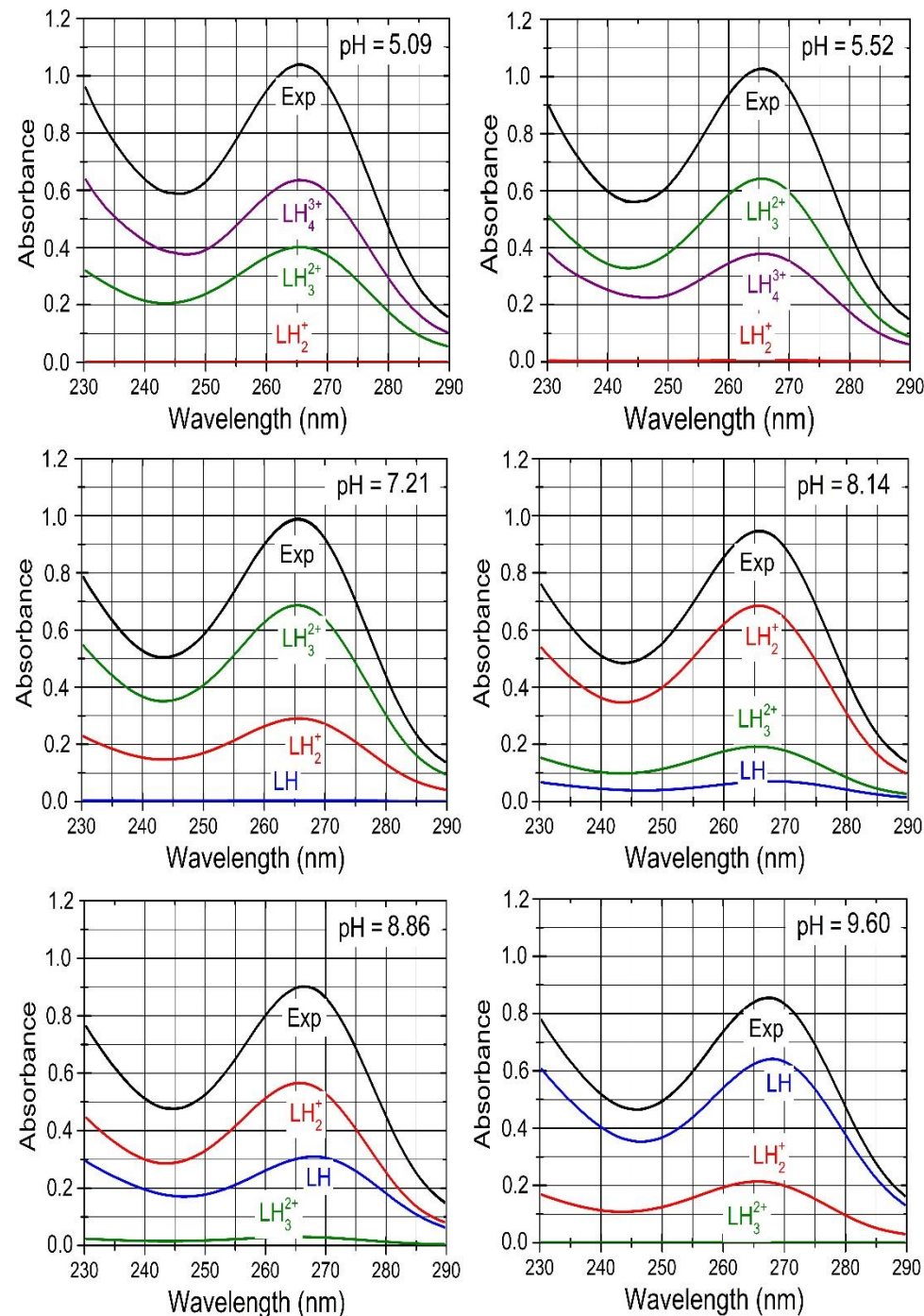
Effect of small absorbance changes

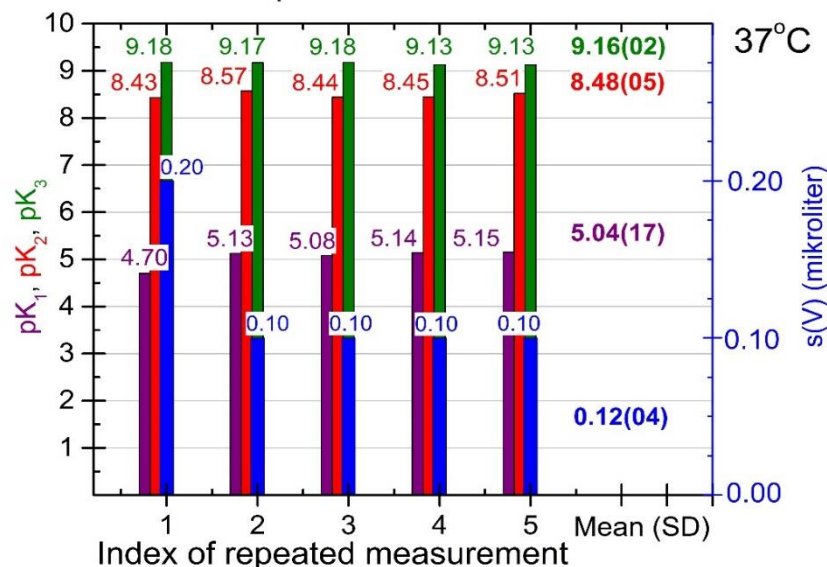
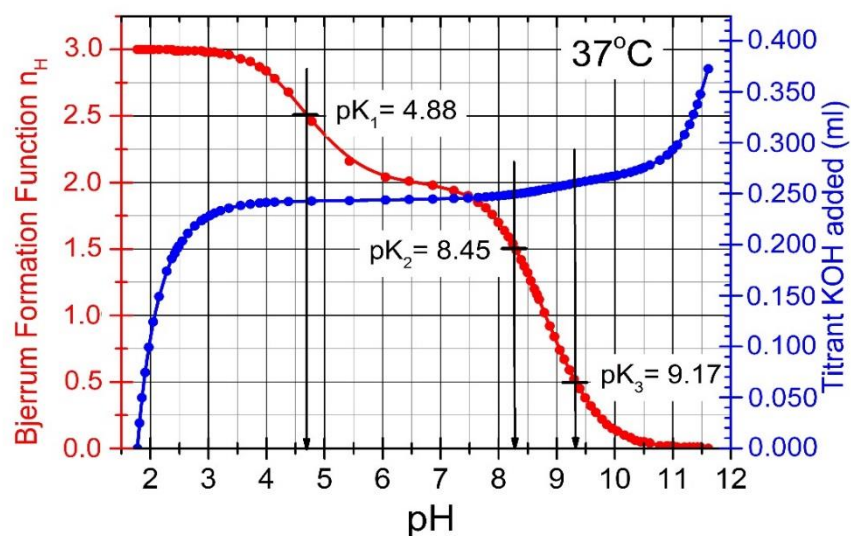
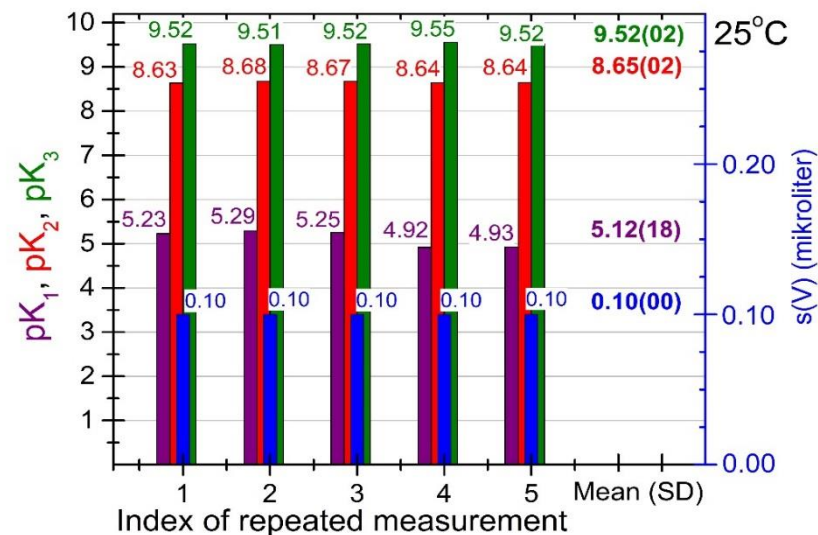
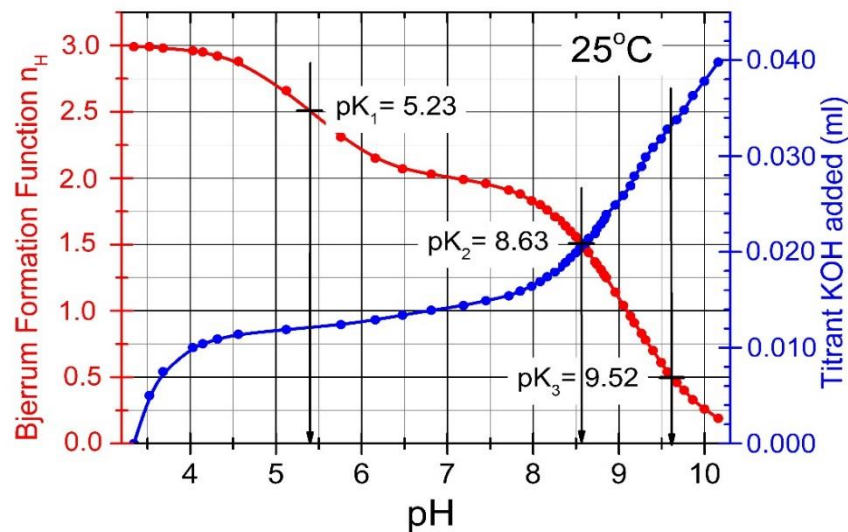


Plot of small absorbance changes in the Intepirdine 2D-spectra set within pH-titration and Absorbance-pH curves at wavelengths. Plot of small absorbance shift in spectrum within pH-titration $SER_{ij} = A_{ij} - A_{i,acid}$ divided with the $s_{inst}(A)$ leading to $SER/s_{inst}(A)$. Residuals e [mAU] are divided by $s_{inst}(A)$ leading to $e/s_{inst}(A)$ to test if the residuals e are of the same magnitude as the $s_{inst}(A)$.

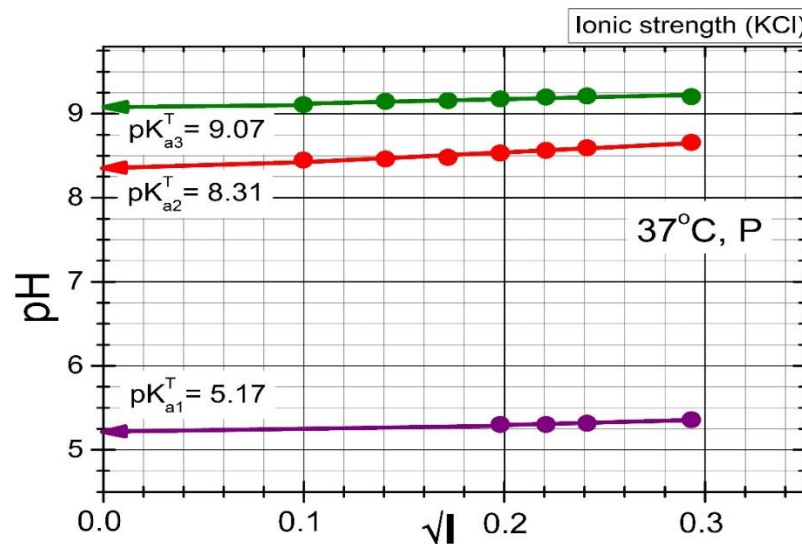
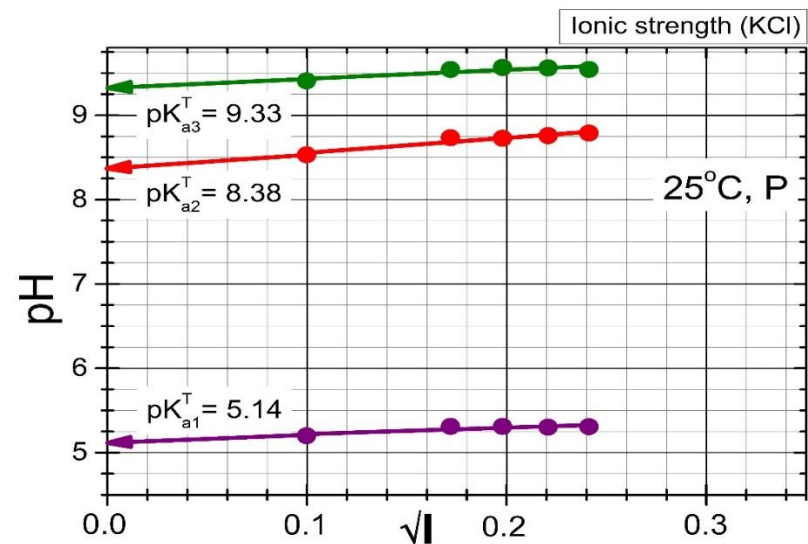
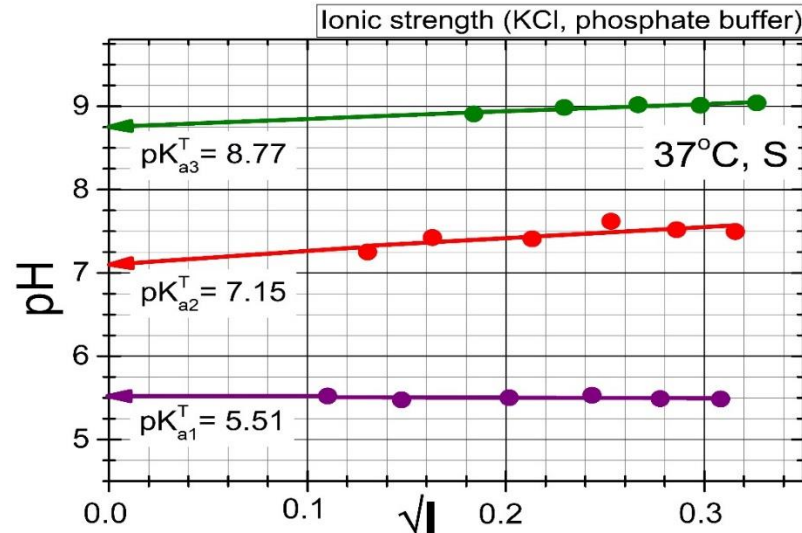
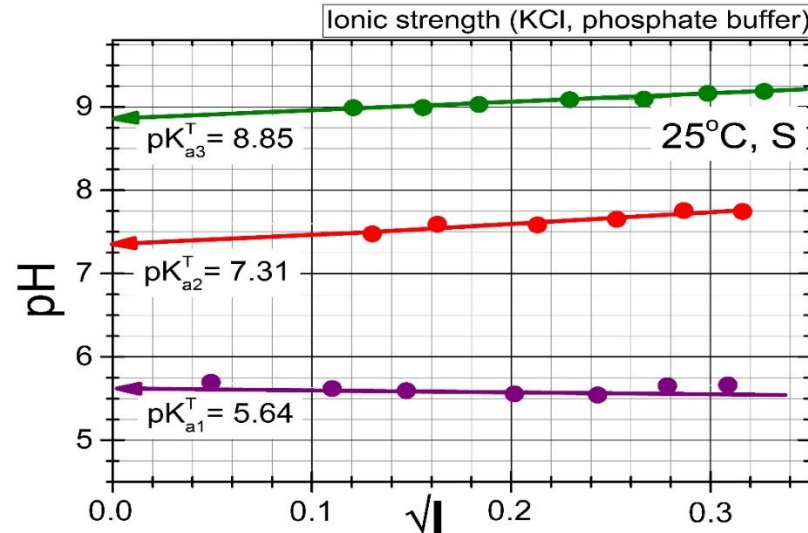
Spectra deconvolution

Deconvolution of the experimental spectrum of Intepirdine into spectra of the protonated species LH , LH_2^+ , LH_3^{2+} , LH_4^{3+} in mixture for pH: 5.09, 5.52, 7.21, 8.14, 8.86, and 9.60 using SQUAD84.



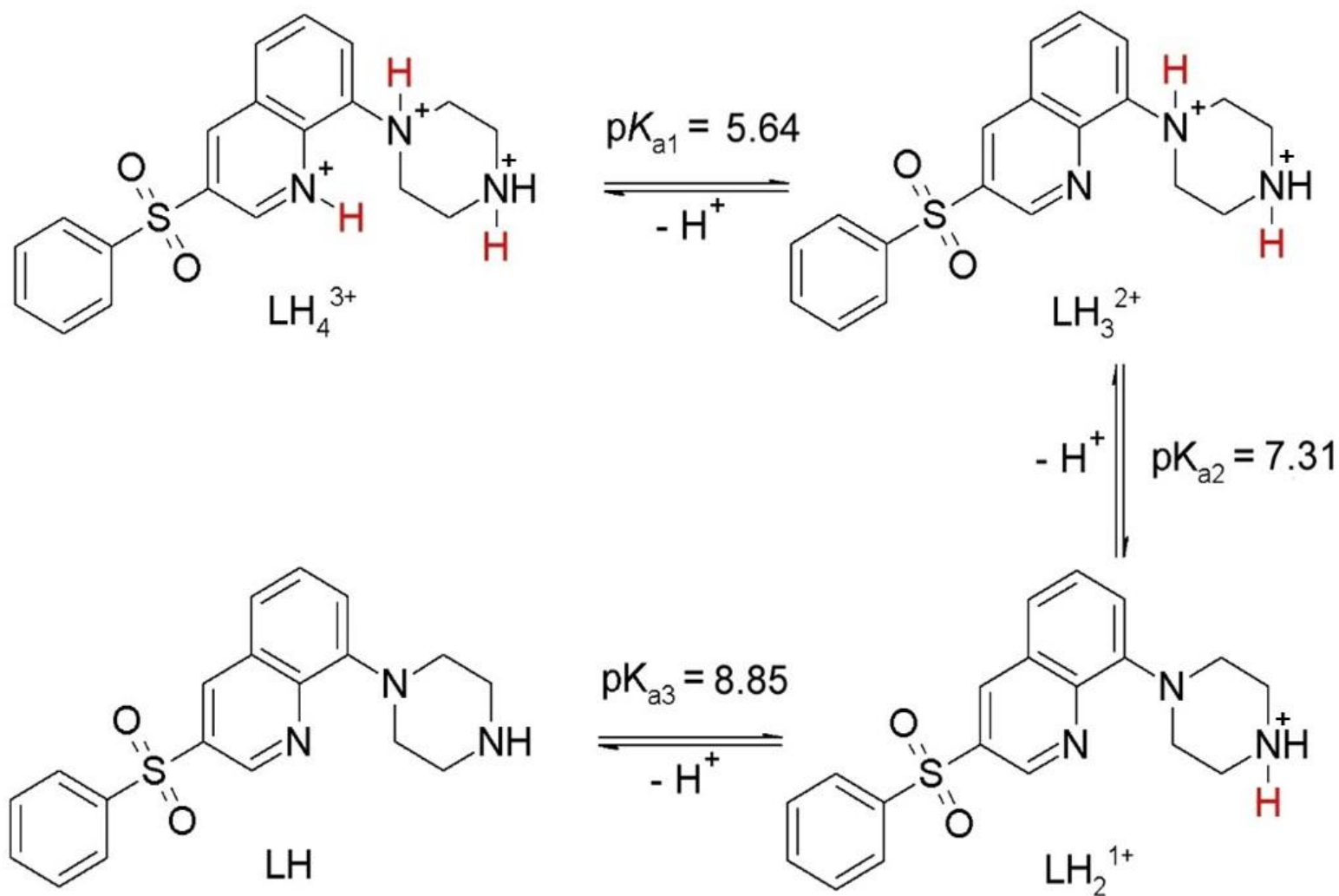


The search for the protonation model analysing the potentiometric titration curve of acidified Intepirdine and titrated with KOH and plotted with the Bjerrum protonation function indicating three pK_a values. Dissociation constants are estimated with ESAB at 25°C and 37°C.



Dependence of the mixed dissociation constants of Intepirdine on the square root of the ionic strength for three dissociation constants leading to the thermodynamic dissociation constant pK_a^T at 25°C and 37°C with UV-metric (**S**) and pH-metric technique (**P**).

Protonation scheme of Intepirdine



Conclusion

1. UV-metric and pH-metric determination of three dissociation constants of Intepirdine (Scheme 1).
2. The sparingly soluble molecule LH of Intepirdine capable of protonation to form three cations LH_2^+ , LH_3^{2+} and LH_4^{3+} in pure water.
3. Three thermodynamic dissociation constants of Intepirdine hydrochloride can be reliably determined with SQUAD84 and REACTLAB reaching to similar values with both programs, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}1}^{\text{T}} = 5.64$, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}2}^{\text{T}} = 7.31$, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}3}^{\text{T}} = 8.85$ at 25°C and $\text{p}K_{\text{a}1}^{\text{T}} = 5.51$, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}2}^{\text{T}} = 7.15$, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}3}^{\text{T}} = 8.77$ at 37°C.
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5. Prediction of the pK of Intepirdine hydrochloride using the MARVIN and ACD/Percepta programs specified protonation locations.

Recommended papers

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