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Degradation Pathways of Tadalafil: A thermoanalytical investigation

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Highlights

Tadalafil free base was submitted to thermal analysis

Propyl isocyanate was released followed by 1,3-Benzodioxole, NH₃ and CO₂

The solid intermediate was characterized by LC-MS-MS

Abstract

Tadalafil (TAD, Figure 1), is one of the most marketed drugs for treat erectile dysfunction. Due to its widespread global use, it is interesting to understand different aspects related to this active pharmaceutical ingredient. Thus, in the present study, the thermal behavior of TAD was investigated using thermogravimetry (TGA) and differential thermal analysis (DTA), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), hot stage microscopy (HSM), and evolved gas analysis using thermogravimetry coupled with vibrational infrared spectroscopy (TGA-FTIR). Furthermore, the solid intermediate formed during the thermal decomposition of the drug was characterized using liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). TAD decomposed in different ways Under N2 and air atmospheres. The DSC curves presented an endothermic event related to the melting of the sample at Tonset = 303.3°C in the first heating, with no evidence of crystallization under the conditions used in this study. TGA-FTIR revealed that the thermal decomposition of TAD begins with the release of 1,3-benzodioxole, carbon monoxide, and propyl isocyanate. The decomposition of the latter results in carbon dioxide and ammonia, which were identified in the gas phase as by-products of propyl isocyanate thermal degradation. From HSM (Figure 2), allowed the observation of the complete decomposition of TAD at 300°C, corroborating the results from TGA/DTG/DTA and DSC curves. Finally, the results obtained from LC/MS/MS supported the identification of possible intermediates formed during the thermal decomposition of TAD, contributing to the findings from thermal analysis for a deeper understanding of the thermal decomposition of the drug. Based on these results, a thermal decomposition mechanism was proposed.

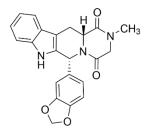


Figure 1 Structural formula of Tadalafil

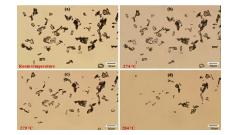


Figure 2. Images from Hot stage microscopy of TAD

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