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# Treatment of Amoxicillin Formulation Effluent by Ozone Technology

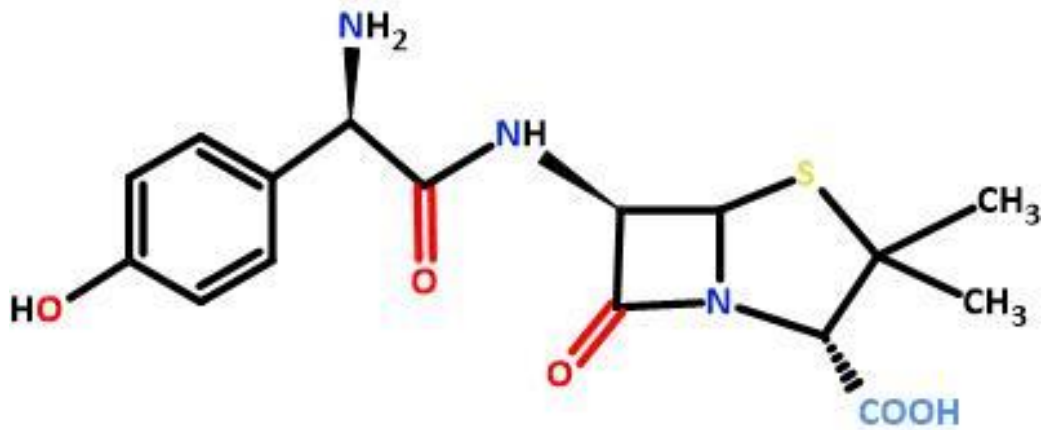
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# Introduction



**Fig. 1.** Amoxicillin structure

((2S,5R,6R)-6-[[[(2R)-2-amino-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid)

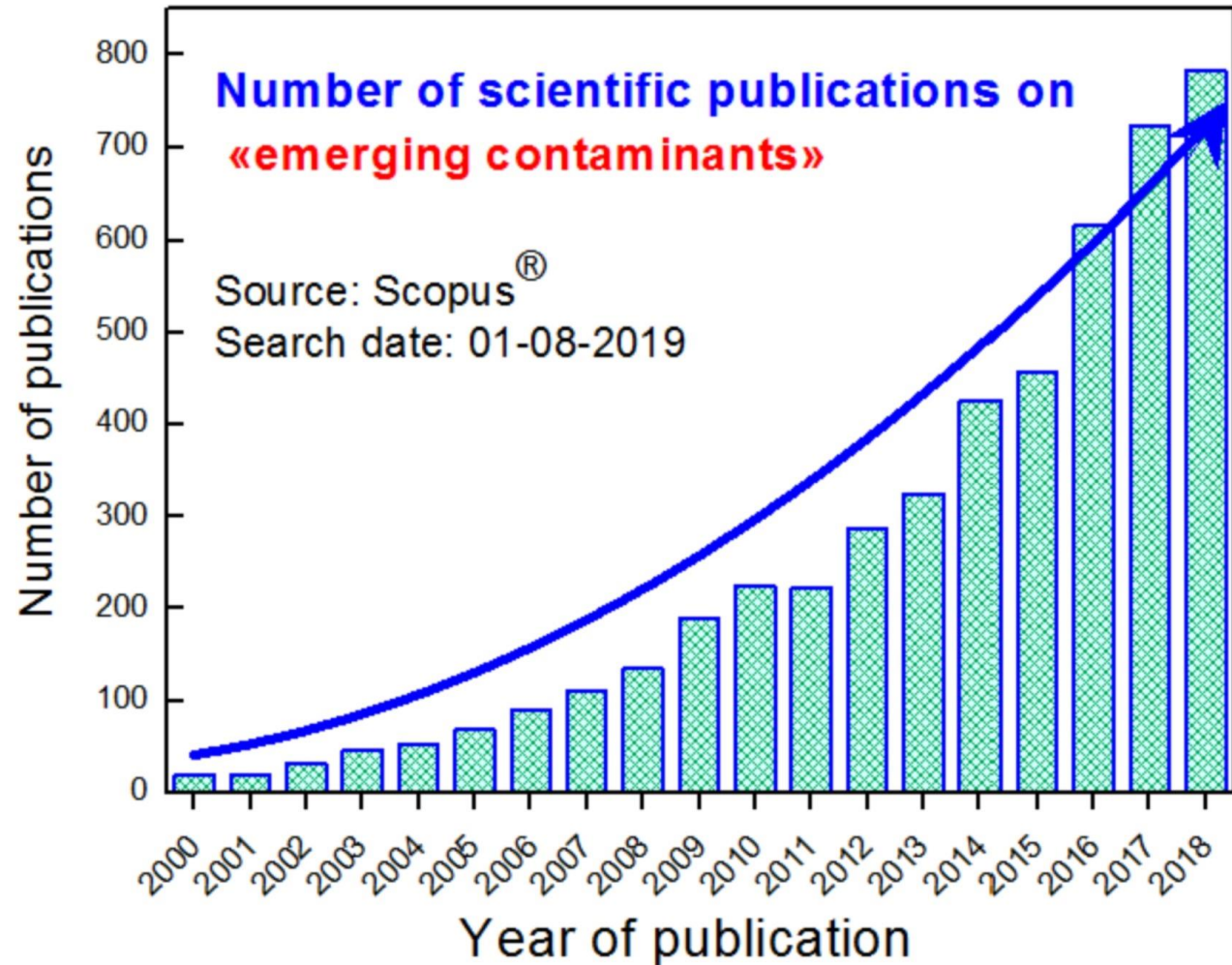
With chemical formula C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S

It is an antibiotic that belongs to the beta-lactams group and it is often used for bacterial infection treatments

World Health Data Platform / GHO / Indicator Metadata Registry List

Essential Medicines List includes paediatric Amoxicillin syrup

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Review

Removal of caffeine, nicotine and amoxicillin from (waste)waters by various adsorbents. A review

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**Fig. 2.** Number of publications on EC.

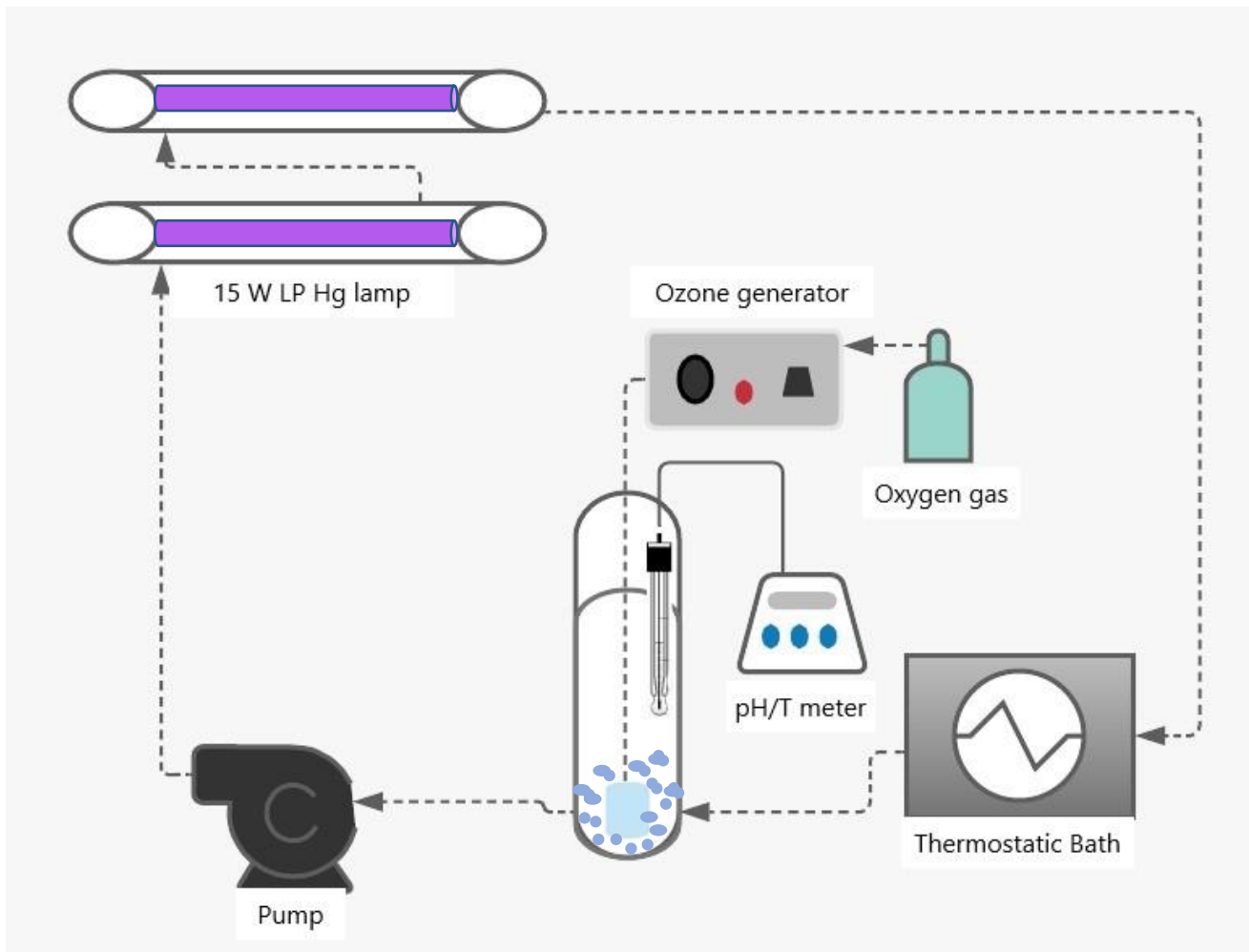
# Objectives

- ❖ Evaluate the potential application of ozone-based technologies in the removal of amoxicillin (AMX).
- ❖ Evaluate the effects of the operational factors UV dose, pH, O<sub>3</sub> dose on AMX degradation and mineralization.
- ❖ Determine the reaction kinetics of AMX degradation using ozone-based technologies (O<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>3</sub>/UV).
- ❖ Study mechanisms of AMX degradation.
- ❖ Evaluate the influence of 1-propanol and 2-propanol (possible •OH scavenger).





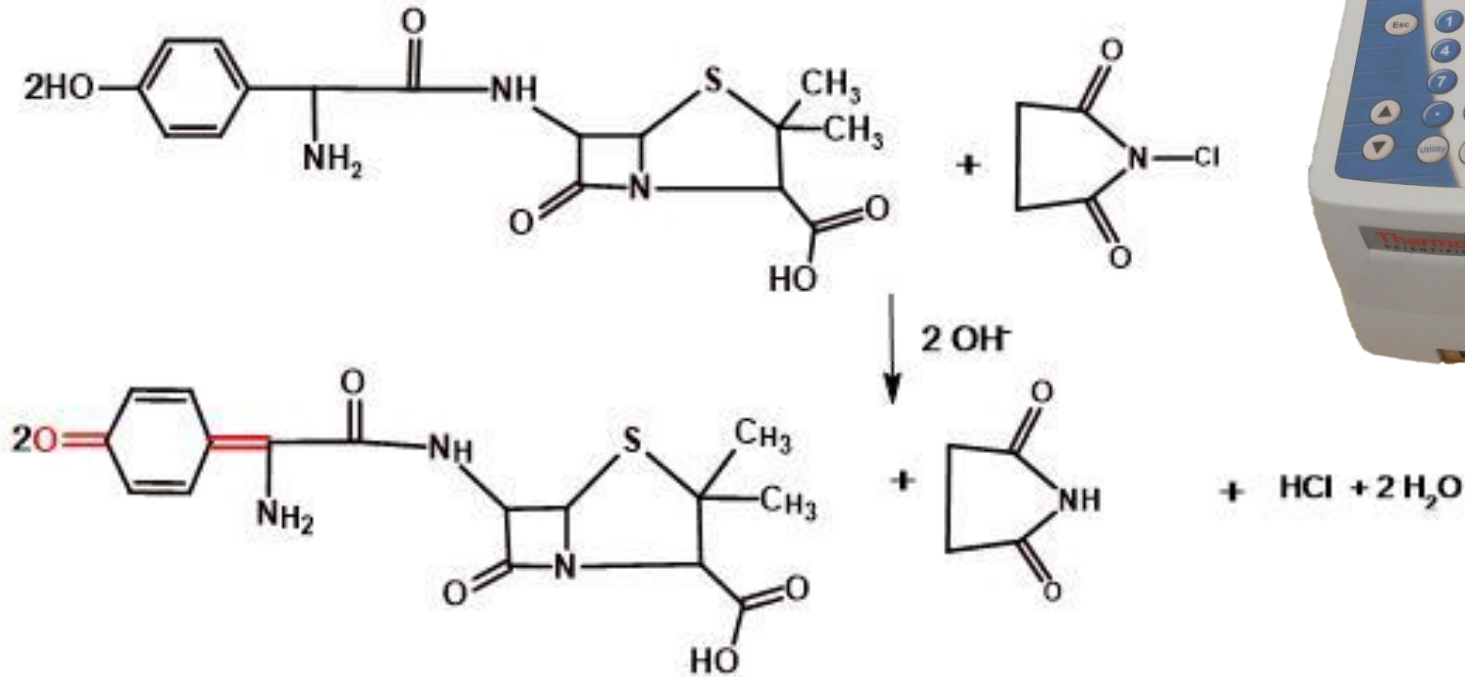
# Materials and Methods



- ❖ pH = 9.0; 11.0; and  $13.0 \pm 0.5$
- ❖ Temperature =  $20.0 \pm 0.5$  °C
- ❖ Volumetric flow-rate: 0.5 and  $1.0 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- ❖ Ozone mass-rate: 8.13; 15.00; and  $25 \text{ mg min}^{-1}$
- ❖ Low-pressure mercury vapor lamps

**Fig. 3.** Reaction system diagram.

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**Fig. 4.** NCS method mechanism.



$\lambda = 395 \text{ nm}$

**Spectrophotometer  
Thermo Scientific  
Model Genesys 10S UV-Vis**

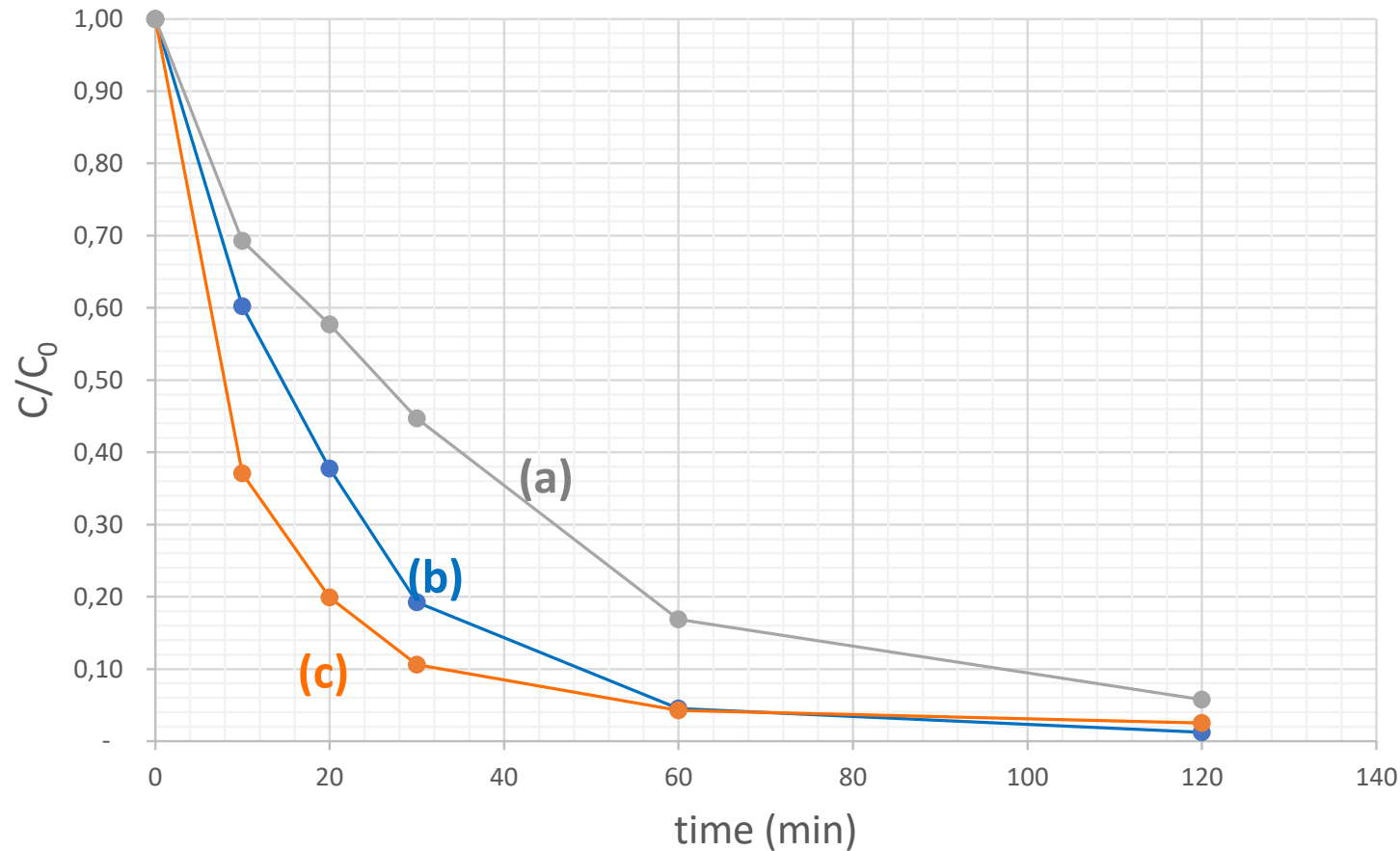
**Fig. 5.** Spectrophotometer.



**Pale-Yellow Color**

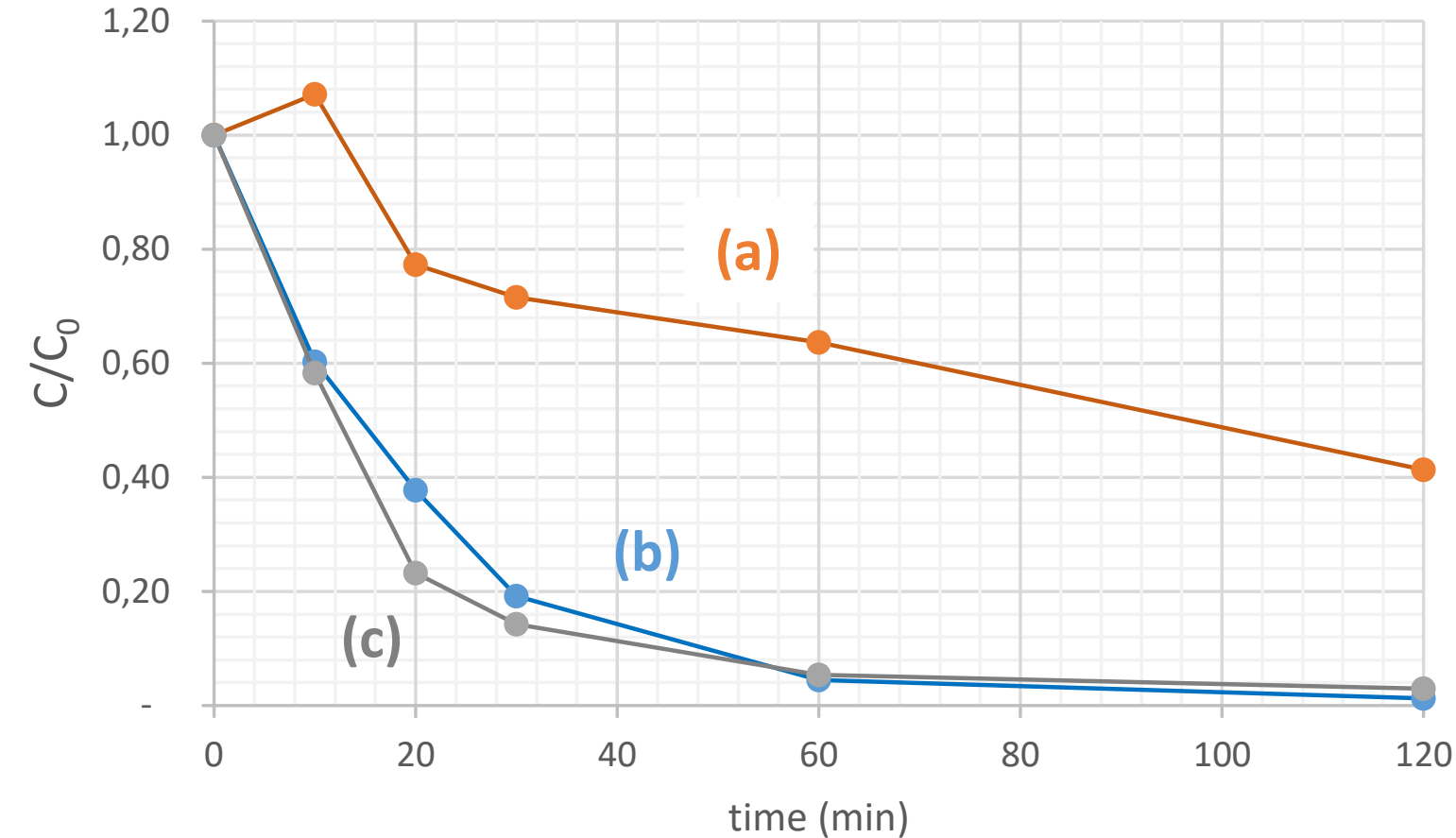
**Fig. 6.** AMX determination.

# Results and Discussion



**Fig. 7.** Normalized AMX concentration abatement kinetics for ozonation of pharmaceutical formulation effluent at pH=13 (a), pH=9 (b), and pH=11 (c).

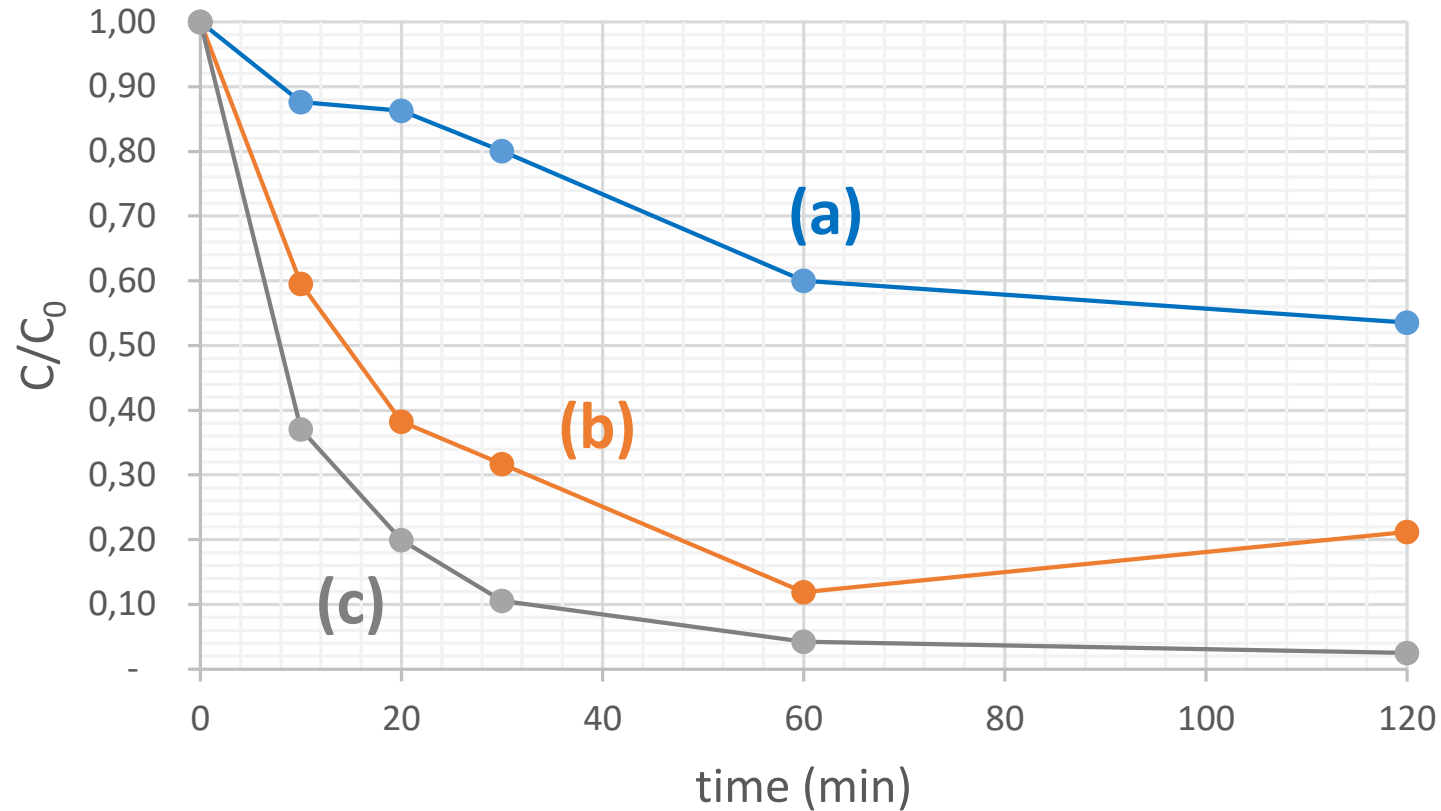
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**Fig. 8.** Normalized AMX concentration abatement kinetics for ozonation of pharmaceutical formulation effluent at pH=9: (a)  $O_3$  at  $8.13 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ ; (b)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1}$ ; and (c)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ .

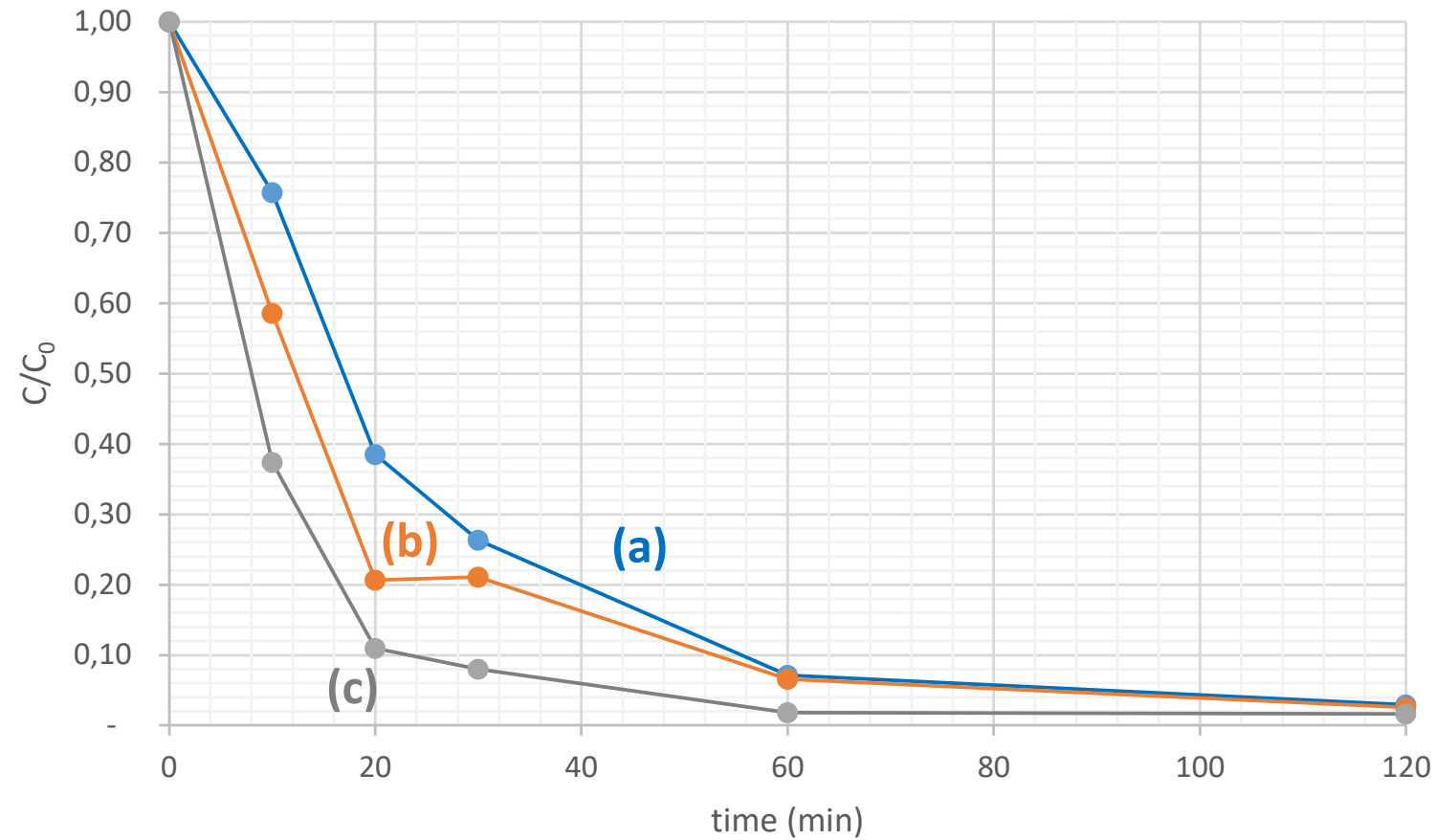


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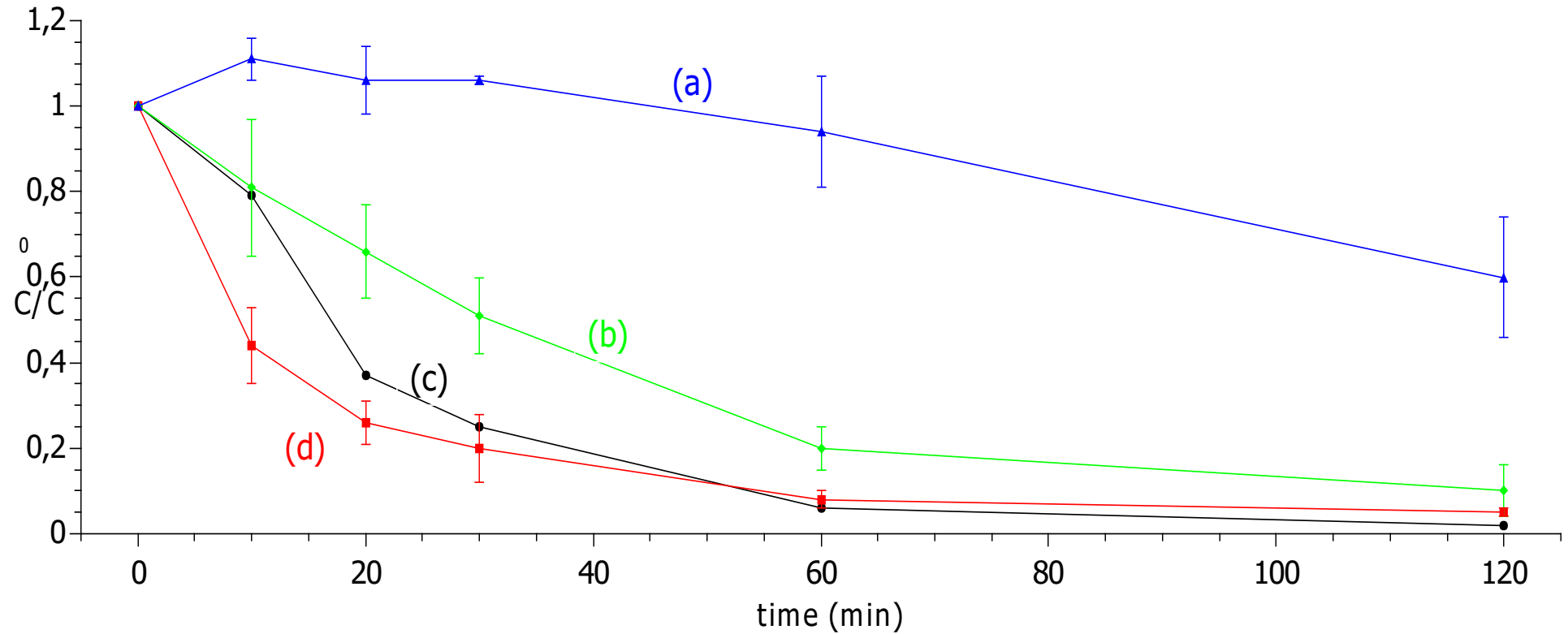
**Fig. 9.** Normalized AMX concentration abatement kinetics for ozonation of pharmaceutical formulation effluent at pH=11: (a)  $O_3$  at  $8.13 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ ; (b)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ ; and (c)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1}$ .

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**Fig. 10.** Normalized AMX concentration abatement kinetics for ozonation of pharmaceutical formulation effluent at pH=13: (a)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1}$ ; (b)  $O_3$  at  $15 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ ; and (c)  $O_3$  at  $25 \text{ mg min}^{-1} + \text{UV}$ .

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**Fig. 11.** Normalized AMX concentration abatement kinetics for ozonation of pharmaceutical formulation effluent at pH=13. (a) blank experiment with  $O_2$  injection at  $0.5 \text{ L min}^{-1}$ ; (b) ozonation process; (c) ozonation process with addition of 2-propanol  $0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ; (d) ozonation process with addition of 1-propanol  $0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ .

# Conclusions

- ❖ Expiry AMX pharmaceutical effluent was successfully degraded by ozone technology in high pH value.
- ❖ The basic pH medium provided higher AMX solubility, which facilitates mass transfer in a direct/indirect ozone reaction.
- ❖ The ozonation semi-batch process was effective for one hour in all experimental conditions, producing recalcitrant transformation products to the oxidative process.
- ❖ UV light in hydroxyl radicals production is marginal. On the other hand, the ozone dose is the most important parameter so far.



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