

# Effect of the Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment on the Characteristic Properties of Cefazolin Sodium



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## Abstract

Cefazolin is a broad-spectrum first-generation cephalosporin antibiotic, used for the treatment of a number of bacterial infections. The aim of this research work was to evaluate the influence of the Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment on the physicochemical, and thermal properties of cefazolin sodium powder using modern analytical techniques. The test sample cefazolin sodium was divided into two parts. One part of the test sample was considered as a control sample (no Biofield Energy Treatment was provided), whereas the other part was treated with the Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment remotely by a renowned Biofield Energy Healer, Gopal Nayak and termed as a treated sample. The particle size values in the treated sample were significantly decreased by 3.95% ( $d_{10}$ ), 2.63% ( $d_{50}$ ), 13.02% ( $d_{90}$ ), and 21.7% {D (4,3)}; hence, the specific surface area was increased by 5% compared to the control sample. The decomposition temperature of the treated cefazolin was increased by 4.84 compared to the control sample. Similarly, the latent heat of evaporation of two peaks and decomposition was significantly increased by 56.81%, 225.38%, and 261.84% in the treated sample compared with the control sample. The total weight loss was decreased by 2.7%; however, the residual amount was significantly increased by 28.59% in the treated cefazolin compared with the control sample. A new form of cefazolin sodium might have generated after Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment which may offer better solubility, dissolution rate, bioavailability, and thermal stability compared to the control sample. The treated cefazolin sodium would be more efficacious pharmaceutical formulations against respiratory tract infections, cellulitis, urinary tract infections, joint infection, biliary tract infections, pneumonia, endocarditis, genital infections, blood infections, etc.

**Keywords:** Cefazolin sodium; The Trivedi Effect®; Consciousness energy healing treatment; Complementary and alternative medicine; Particle size; Surface area; DSC

**Abbreviations:** UTI: Urinary Tract Infections; CAM: Complementary and Alternative Medicine; PSA: Particle Size Analysis; PXRD: Powder X-Ray Diffraction; DSC: Differential Scanning Calorimetry; TGA: Thermo Gravimetric Analysis; DTG: Differential Thermo Gravimetric Analysis

## Introduction

Cefazolin is a broad-spectrum first-generation cephalosporin antibiotic. It is used for the treatment of a number of both Gram-positive (i.e., *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and other strains of streptococci) and Gram-negative (i.e., *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, etc.) bacterial infections [1,2]. Cefazolin inhibits the growth of bacteria by restricting the bacterial cell wall synthesis [3]. It is used for the treatment of diseases like Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs), respiratory tract infections, pneumonia, cellulitis, endocarditis, joint infection, blood infections, genital infections, biliary tract infections, and also prevent the streptococcal disease in the time of delivery and before surgery, etc. [1,2]. Some amount of cefazolin enters in the breast milk during the pregnancy and breastfeeding, so safety needs to follow in that

period. Many side effects associated with the cefazolin medication are diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach pain, rash, blood dyscrasias, allergic reaction, hypoprothrombinemia, etc. [2,3]. The sodium salt form of cefazolin (cefazolin sodium) available in various dosage form, i.e., injectable, powder for injection, eye drop, etc. [4]. It is a white crystalline powder, insoluble in chloroform, acetone, dichloromethane, and ethyl acetate; slightly soluble in ethanol and methanol; and freely soluble in water and isopropanol; it has no fixed melting point but decompose at the temperature of ~193 °C [5].

The physicochemical properties of a pharmaceutical compound is very important for the dissolution, absorption, and bioavailability in the body [6]. All over the world pharmaceutical scientists working for the improvement of stability and bioavailability of pharmaceutical and nutraceutical compounds.

Similarly, The Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment is one of the approaches which has the significant impact on the crystallite size, particle size, particle surface area, thermal behavior, and bioavailability of pharmaceutical/nutraceutical compounds [7-9]. The Trivedi Effect® is a natural and only scientifically proven phenomenon in which a person can harness this inherently intelligent energy from the "Universe" and transmit it anywhere on the planet through the possible mediation of neutrinos [10]. A unique, infinite, and para-dimensional electromagnetic field exists around every living organism, which originates from the continuous movements of the charged particles, ions, cells, blood/lymph flow, brain functions, heart, etc. in the body known as Biofield. The Biofield Energy Healer has a unique capability to harness energy from the "Universe" and can transmit anywhere in the world. This Biofield Energy Therapy has been reported with significantly beneficial outcomes against various disease conditions [11].

The National Institutes of Health/National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NIH/NCCAM) recommend and included the Energy therapy under Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) category along with Yoga, homeopathy, Ayurveda medicine, Chinese herb and medicine, etc. that has been accepted by most of the U.S.A. population [12, 13]. The Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment has also shown significant impacts on the physicochemical and behavior of metals, organic compounds, ceramics [14-19], crops, cancer cell line, microbes [20-24]. Therefore, this experiment was designed to evaluate the impact of the Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment on the physicochemical, thermal, and behavioral properties of cefazolin sodium powder sample using Particle Size Analysis (PSA), Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD), Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), and Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)/ Differential Thermo Gravimetric analysis (DTG).

### Materials and Methods

#### Chemicals and reagents

Cefazolin sodium ( $C_{14}H_{13}N_8NaO_4S_3$ ) powder was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co, Ltd, Japan and the additional chemicals were of analytical grade purchased in India.

#### Consciousness energy healing treatment strategies

The cefazolin sodium test sample was divided into two parts. One part of the test sample was received the Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment remotely under the standard laboratory conditions for 3 minutes by the renowned Biofield Energy Healer, Gopal Nayak, India, and known as the Biofield Energy Treated sample. However, the second part of cefazolin powder sample was considered as a control sample, which did not receive the Biofield Energy Treatment. Later, the control sample was treated with a "sham" healer; however, the sham healer did not have any knowledge about the Biofield Energy Treatment. After the treatment, the Biofield Energy Treated and control cefazolin sodium powder samples were kept

in sealed condition and characterized using PSA, PXRD, DSC, and TGA/DTG analytical techniques.

### Characterization

#### Particle size analysis (PSA)

The particle size analysis of cefazolin sodium powder samples was conducted on Malvern Rasterizer 2000, from the UK with a detection range between 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to 3000  $\mu\text{m}$  using wet method [7, 8]. The percent change in particle size ( $d$ ) for cefazolin sodium powder sample at below 10% level ( $d_{10}$ ), 50% level ( $d_{50}$ ), 90% level ( $d_{90}$ ), and  $D(4,3)$  was calculated using the following equation 1

$$\% \text{ change in particle size} = \frac{[d_{\text{Treated}} - d_{\text{Control}}]}{d_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where  $d_{\text{Control}}$  and  $d_{\text{Treated}}$  are the particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) for at below 10% level ( $d_{10}$ ), 50% level ( $d_{50}$ ), and

90% level ( $d_{90}$ ) of the control and Biofield Energy Treated samples, respectively.

The % change in surface area ( $S$ ) was calculated using the following equation 2

$$\% \text{ change in surface area} = \frac{[S_{\text{Treated}} - S_{\text{Control}}]}{S_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

Where  $S_{\text{Control}}$  and  $S_{\text{Treated}}$  are the surface area of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium powder sample, respectively.

#### Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) analysis

The PXRD analysis of cefazolin sodium powder samples were performed with the help of Rigaku MiniFlex-II Desktop X-ray diffractometer (Japan) [25, 26]. The average size of individual crystallites are generally calculated using the Scherrer's formula (3):

$$G = k\lambda/\beta\cos\theta \quad (3)$$

Where  $k$  is the equipment constant (0.94),  $G$  is the crystallite size in nm,  $\lambda$  is the radiation wavelength (0.154056 nm for  $K\alpha_1$  emission),  $\beta$  is the Full-Width at Half Maximum (FWHM), and  $\theta$  is the Bragg angle [27].

#### Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

The DSC analysis of cefazolin sodium powder samples was performed with the help of DSC Q200, TA instruments. The sample of ~1-2 mg was loaded to the aluminium sample pan at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  from 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  to 350 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  [7, 8]. The % change in melting point ( $T$ ) was calculated using the following equation 4:

$$\% \text{ change in melting point} = \frac{[T_{\text{Treated}} - T_{\text{Control}}]}{T_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (4)$$

Where  $T_{\text{Control}}$  and  $T_{\text{Treated}}$  are the melting point of the control and Biofield Energy Treated samples, respectively.

The % change in the latent heat of fusion ( $\Delta H$ ) was calculated using the following equation 5:

$$\% \text{ change in latent heat of fusion} = \frac{[\Delta H_{\text{Treated}} - \Delta H_{\text{Control}}]}{\Delta H_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

Where  $\Delta H_{\text{Control}}$  and  $\Delta H_{\text{Treated}}$  are the latent heat of fusion of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium powder sample, respectively.

### Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) / differential thermo gravimetric analysis (DTG)

TGA/DTG thermograms of cefazolin sodium powder samples were carried out with the help of TGA Q50 TA instruments. Sample of ~4-7 mg was loaded to the platinum crucible at a heating rate of 10°C/min from 25°C to 1000°C with the recent literature [7, 8]. The % change in weight loss (W) was calculated using the following equation 6:

$$\% \text{ change in weight loss} = \frac{[W_{\text{Treated}} - W_{\text{Control}}]}{W_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (6)$$

Where  $W_{\text{Control}}$  and  $W_{\text{Treated}}$  are the weight loss of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium, respectively.

The % change in maximum thermal degradation temperature ( $T_{\text{max}}$ ) (M) was calculated using the following equation 7:

$$\% \text{ change in } T_{\text{max}} (M) = \frac{[M_{\text{Treated}} - M_{\text{Control}}]}{M_{\text{Control}}} \times 100 \quad (7)$$

Where  $M_{\text{Control}}$  and  $M_{\text{Treated}}$  are the  $T_{\text{max}}$  values of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium, respectively.

## Results and Discussion

### Particle size analysis (PSA)

**Table 1:** Particle size distribution of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium

Parameter	$d_{10}$ (µm)	$d_{50}$ (µm)	$d_{90}$ (µm)	D (4,3) (µm)	SSA (m <sup>2</sup> /g)
Control	4.88	37.38	193.74	82.84	0.5
Biofield Treated	4.69	36.4	168.52	64.86	0.525
Percent Change* (%)	-3.95	-2.63	-13.02	-21.7	5

$d_{10}$ ,  $d_{50}$ , and  $d_{90}$ : particle diameter corresponding to 10%, 50%, and 90% of the cumulative distribution, D(4,3): the average mass-volume diameter, and SSA: the specific surface area.

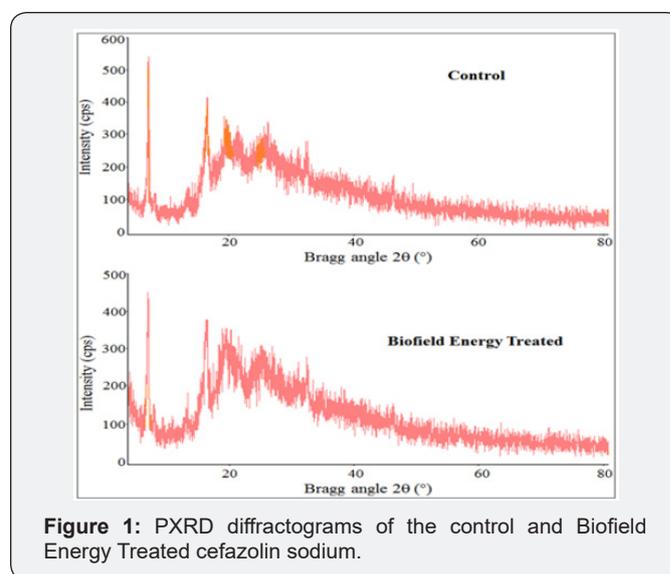
\*denotes the percentage change in the Particle size distribution of the Biofield Energy Treated sample with respect to the control sample.

The PSD data of both the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin are presented in Table 1. The particle size values of the control sample at  $d_{10}$ ,  $d_{50}$ ,  $d_{90}$ , and D (4,3) were 4.88 µm, 37.38 µm, 193.74 µm, and 82.84 µm, respectively. Likewise, the particle sizes of the Biofield Energy Treated sample at  $d_{10}$ ,  $d_{50}$ ,  $d_{90}$ , and D (4,3) were 4.69 µm, 36.4 µm, 168.52 µm, and 64.86 µm, respectively. The particle size values in the treated sample were significantly decreased at  $d_{10}$ ,  $d_{50}$ ,  $d_{90}$ , and D (4,3) by 3.95%, 2.63%, 13.02%, and 21.7% compared to the control sample. The Specific Surface Area (SSA) of the Biofield Energy Treated

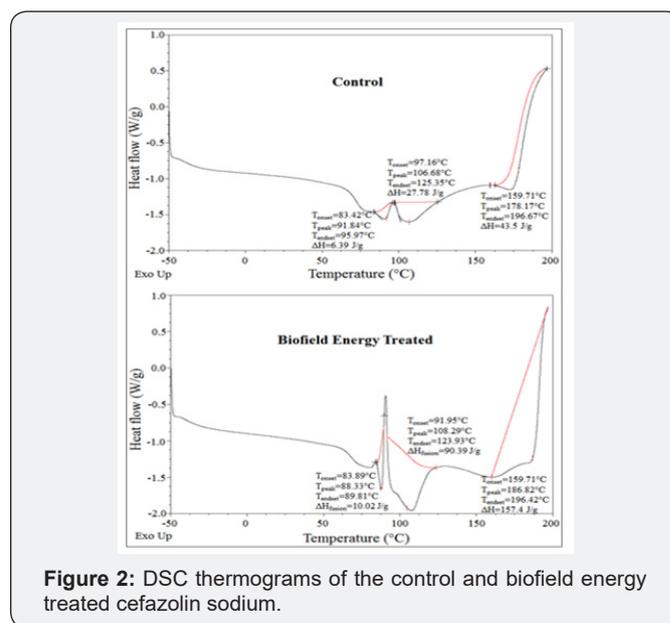
sample (0.525 m<sup>2</sup>/g) was increased by 5% compared to the control sample (0.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g). It can be assumed that the Trivedi Effect® might have fractured the larger particle into smaller one, hence increased surface area. Due to the reduced particle size and increase surface area, the solubility, dissolution rate, and bioavailability would be higher the physiological system [6,28, 29]. Thus, the Consciousness Energy Healing Treated cefazolin sodium might offer better solubility, dissolution rate, and bioavailability compared with the untreated sample.

### Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) analysis

Both the control and the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium samples did not show any clear, sharp, and intense peaks in the PXRD diffractograms (Figure 1). Therefore, it was difficult to compare PXRD of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium with the control sample. It was concluded that both the samples were amorphous.



**Figure 1:** PXRD diffractograms of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium.



**Figure 2:** DSC thermograms of the control and biofield energy treated cefazolin sodium.

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analysis

The DSC thermograms of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium showed two endothermic and one

exothermic peak (Figure 2). The evaporation temperatures of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium was slightly altered by -3.82% and 1.51%, but the decomposition temperature was increased by 4.85% compared with the control sample (Table 2).

Table 2: DSC data for both control and Biofield Energy Treated samples of cefazolin sodium.

Sample	Evaporation Temp (°C)		Decomposition Temp (°C)	ΔH (J/g)		
				Evaporation	Decomposition	
Control Sample	91.84	106.68	178.17	6.39	27.78	43.5
Biofield Energy Treated	88.33	108.29	186.82	10.02	90.39	157.4
% Change*	-3.82	1.51	4.85	56.81	225.38	261.84

ΔH: Latent heat of evaporation/decomposition.

\*denotes the percentage change of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium with respect to the control sample.

The latent heat of evaporation ( $\Delta H_{\text{evaporation}}$ ) of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium was significantly increased by 56.81% and 225.38% compared with the control sample (Table 2). Similarly, the latent heat of decomposition ( $\Delta H_{\text{decomposition}}$ ) of the Biofield Energy Treated sample was significantly increased by 261.84% compared with the control sample (Table 2). The disrupted the molecular chains and crystal structure of cefazolin [30], might be the root cause of altered thermal stability of the Biofield Energy Treated sample compared to the control sample.

Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) / differential thermo gravimetric analysis (DTG)

The TGA thermograms of the control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium samples showed three steps of thermal degradation (Figure 3). The total weight loss in the Biofield Energy Treated sample was decreased by 2.7% compared with the control sample (Table 3). However, the residue amount was significantly increased by 28.59% in the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sample compared to the control sample (Table 3).

samples of cefazolin sodium.

Sample	TGA		DTG	
	Total Weight Loss (%)	Residue %	Peak 1 T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	Peak 2 T <sub>max</sub> (°C)
T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	Peak 2			
T <sub>max</sub> (°C)				
Control	91.36	8.64	185.89	851.61
Biofield Energy Treated	88.89	11.11	183.04	808.74
% Change*	-2.7	28.59	-1.53	-5.03

\*denotes the percentage change of the Biofield Energy Treated sample with respect to the control sample

T<sub>max</sub> = the temperature at which maximum weight loss takes place in TG or peak temperature in DTG.

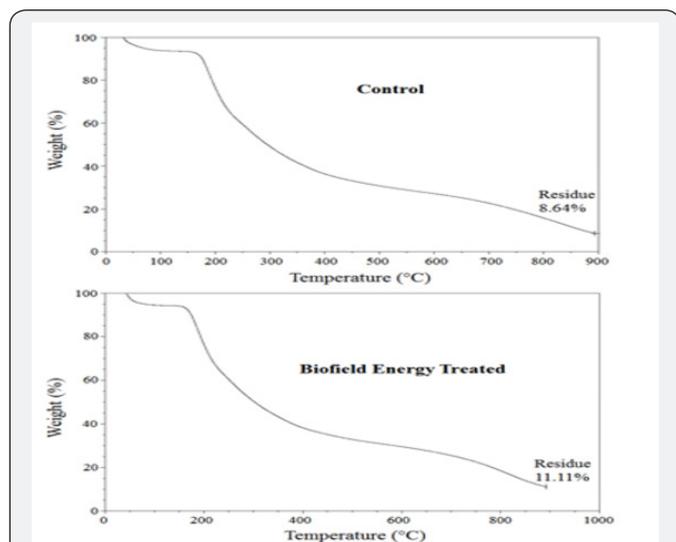


Figure 3: TGA thermograms of the control and biofield energy treated cefazolin sodium.

Table 3: TGA/DTG data of the control and Biofield Energy Treated

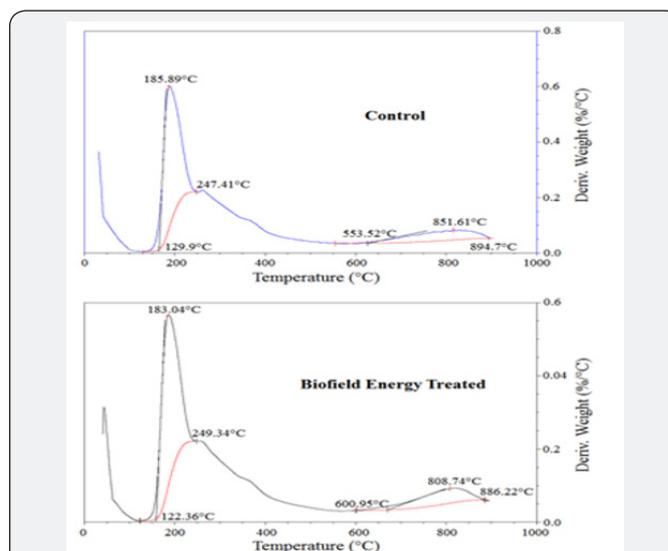


Figure 4: DTG thermograms of the control and biofield energy treated cefazolin sodium.

The control and Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium exhibited two peaks in the DTG thermograms (Figure 4). The

maximum thermal degradation temperature ( $T_{max}$ ) of the 1st and 2nd peaks of Biofield Energy Treated sample were slightly altered by -1.53% and -5.03% compared to the control sample (Table 3). Overall, thermal analysis by DSC and TGA/DTG of the samples revealed that the thermal stability of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin sodium was significantly improved compared with the control sample.

### Conclusion

The Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment has significant effects on the physicochemical and thermal properties of cefazolin sodium. The particle size values in the Biofield Energy Treated sample were significantly decreased by 3.95% ( $d_{10}$ ), 2.63% ( $d_{50}$ ), 13.02% ( $d_{90}$ ), and 21.7% {D (4,3)}; hence, the specific surface area was increased by 5% compared to the control sample. The decomposition temperature of the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin was increased by 4.84 compared to the control sample. Similarly, the  $\Delta H_{evaporation}$  of two peaks and  $\Delta H_{decomposition}$  was significantly increased by 56.81%, 225.38%, and 261.84% in the Biofield Energy Treated sample compared with the control sample. The total weight loss was decreased by 2.7%; however, the residual amount was significantly increased by 28.59% in the Biofield Energy Treated cefazolin compared with the control sample. A new form of cefazolin sodium might have generated after Trivedi Effect®-Consciousness Energy Healing Treatment which may offer better solubility, dissolution rate, bioavailability, and thermal stability compared to the control sample.

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