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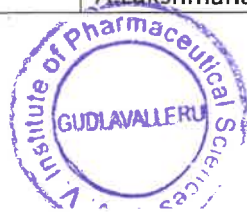
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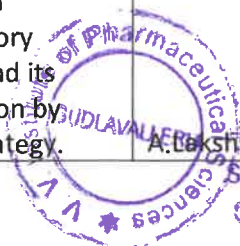
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Computational study for identifying promising therapeutic agents of hydroxychloroquine analogues against SARS-CoV-2

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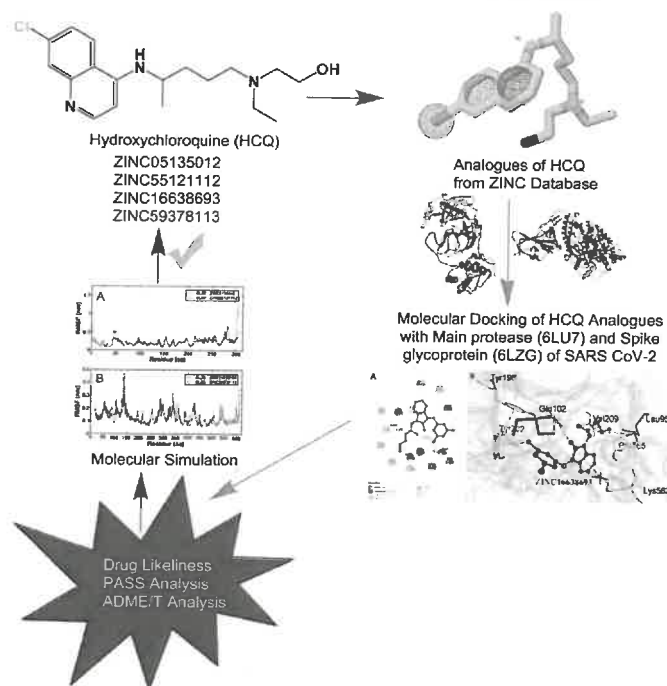
Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and its derivatives have recently gained tremendous attention as a probable medicinal agent in the COVID-19 outbreak caused by SARS-CoV-2. An efficient agent to act directly in inhibiting the SARS-CoV-2 replication is yet to be achieved. Thus, the goal is to investigate the dynamic nature of HCQ derivatives against SARS-CoV-2 main protease and spike proteins. Molecular docking studies were also performed to understand their binding affinity *in silico* methods using the vital protein domains and enzymes involved in replicating and multiplying SARS-CoV-2, which were the main protease and spike protein. Molecular Dynamic simulations integrated with MM-PBSA calculations have identified *in silico* potential inhibitors ZINC05135012 and ZINC59378113 against the main protease with -185.171 ± 16.388 , -130.759 ± 15.741 kJ/mol respectively, ZINC16638693 and ZINC59378113 against spike protein -141.425 ± 22.447 , -129.149 ± 11.449 kJ/mol. Identified Hit molecules had demonstrated Drug Likelihood features, PASS values and ADMET predictions with no violations.

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Development and Validation of a Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Sitagliptin and Ertugliflozin in Rat Plasma by LC-MS method



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Abstract: Background: The development of sound bioanalytical LC-MS (liquid chromatography-mass spectroscopy) method(s) is of paramount importance during the process of drug discovery, development and culminating in a marketing approval. The use of oral antidiabetic agents has been increased significantly from the last decades and till now no bioanalytical method is available for quantitation of sitagliptin (SG) and ertugliflozin (EG) in biological matrix which can be applied to pharmacokinetic studies using LC-MS/MS.

Objective: To develop a new, rapid and sensitive LC-MS/MS method for the simultaneous estimation of sitagliptin (SG) and ertugliflozin (EG) in rat plasma by Liquid-Liquid Extraction method (LLE) using deuterated sitagliptin (SGd6) and ertugliflozin (EGd6).

Methods: Chromatographic separation was carried out on a reverse phase Waters, Xetra C₁₈ (150mm x 4.6mm, 2µm) column using a mixture of acetonitrile and OPA buffer (50:50v/v) at a flow rate of 1ml/min in isocratic mode. Quantification was achieved using an electrospray ion interface operating in positive mode, under Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) conditions.

Results: The method showed excellent linearity over the concentration range of 5.00- 75.00pg/mL for sitagliptin and 0.75- 11.35pg/mL ertugliflozin. The intra-batch and inter batch precision (%CV) was ≤ 4.3% and matrix effect (%CV) was 0.02% and 0.12% for sitagliptin at HQC and LQC, respectively. Matrix effect (%CV) was 0.08% and 0.33% for ertugliflozin at HQC and LQC, respectively.

Conclusion: The simplicity of the method allows for application in laboratories, presents a valuable tool for pharmacokinetic studies. The particular assay has been proficiently put on pharmacokinetic study in rats subjects.

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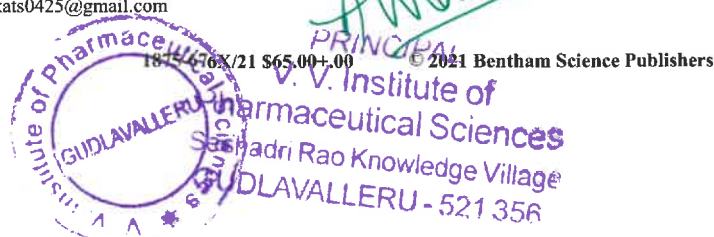
Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder in which prevalence has been increasing steadily all over the world. As a result of this trend, it is fast becoming an epidemic in some countries of the world with the number of people affected expected to double in the next decade due to an increase in the ageing population. Sitagliptin is an oral dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor used in conjunction with diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in patients with type-2 diabetes mellitus [1]. The effect of this medication leads to glucose dependent increases in insulin and decreases in glucagon to improve control of blood sugar, Chemical name for Sitagliptin (Fig. 1) is (3R)-3-amino-1-[3(trifluoromethyl)-5H,6H,7H,8H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrazin-

7-yl]-4-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)butan-1-one. It has a molecular formula of C₁₆H₁₅F₆N₃O and a molecular weight of 407.3 [2-4].

Ertugliflozin is in a class of medication called sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors belongs to glifolins class and used for the treatment of type2 diabetes. It lowers blood sugar level by causing the kidneys to get rid of more glucose in the urine. Chemically ertugliflozin (ERT) is (1S,2S,3S,4R,5S)-5-(4-chloro-3-(4-ethoxybenzyl)phenyl)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo octane-2,3,4-triol, with (2S)-5oxopyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (Fig. 2). In the United States, it was approved by the FDA (Food & Drug Administration) for use as monotherapy and as affixed dose combination with either sitagliptin or metformin. It has a molecular formula of C₂₂H₂₅ClO₇ and a molecular weight of 436.89 [5-9].

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Literature survey reveals that some chromatographic methods are available for estimation of sitagliptin alone and



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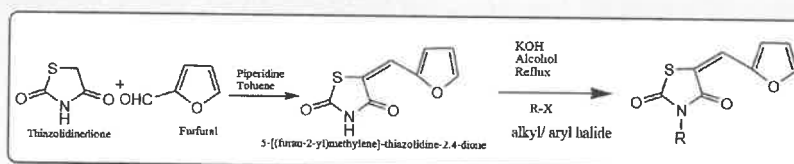
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INTRODUCTION

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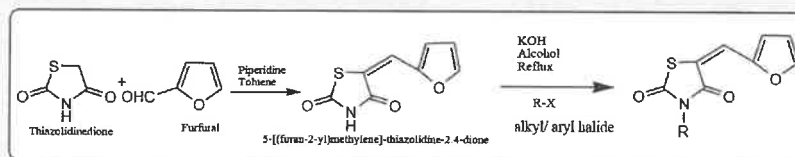
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Objective

To study the use of highly responsive simple liquid-liquid extraction method development using deuterated MET and deuterated ERT, LC-MS/MS method for gradation of MET and ERT in the rat plasma.

Materials and methods

The chromatographic condition involves isocratic mode using Waters XBridge C₁₈ 3.5 μ (150 \times 4.6mm) column. Mobile phase was 0.1% orthophosphoric acid and acetonitrile in the ratio of 80 : 20 v/v. Detection was carried out on a triple quadrupole MS employing electrospray ionization technique, operating multiple reactions, monitoring with the transitions of m/z 258.2 \rightarrow 174.1, m/z 250.1 \rightarrow 210.2, m/z 258.2 \rightarrow 174.1, and m/z 260.3 \rightarrow 210.2 for MET, ERT, deuterated MET, and deuterated ERT, respectively, in the positive ion mode.

Results and conclusion

The method has been validated, and the linearity was observed in the range of 10–150 ng/ml and 0.1–1.5 ng/ml for MET and ERT, respectively. For intraday and interday %RSD, the values were found to be within the acceptable limits. Recovery studies for MET and ERT obtained, mean recovery of 99.5 and 98.6%, respectively. A battery of stability studies like bench-top stability, autosampler stability, freeze-thaw stability, and long-term stability were performed. Highly responsive simple LC-tandem MS assay method was developed and witnessed for the gradation of MET and ERT in the rat plasma; the developed method was applied to pharmacokinetic studies.

Keywords:

ertugliflozin, liquid chromatography-mass spectroscopy, metformin, method validation, pharmacokinetic study

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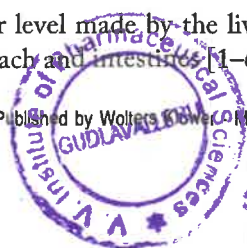
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Introduction

An oral antidiabetic drug used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes is metformin (MET), and chemically, it is 3-(diaminomethylidene)-1, 1-dimethylaniline (Fig. 1). MET is an oral antihyperglycemic agent of the biguanide class and used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. MET is the first drug of choice for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. So MET is considered as an antihyperglycemic agent because it lowers blood glucose concentration in type 2 diabetes without causing hypoglycemia. Control of high blood sugar levels helps to prevent kidney damage, nerve problems, blindness, loss of limbs, and sexual problems. MET helps restore body's proper response to the insulin as well as helps in the natural production of insulin. It also decreases the amount of sugar level made by the liver and that absorbed by the stomach and intestines [1–6].

Ertugliflozin (ERT) is in a class of medication called sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors, which belongs to gliflozin class and is used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. It lowers blood sugar level by causing the kidneys to get rid of more glucose in the urine. Chemically, ERT is (1S,2S,3S,4R,5S)-5-(4-chloro-3-(4-ethoxybenzyl)phenyl)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo octane-2,3,4-triol, with (2S)-5oxopyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (Fig. 2). In the United states, it was approved by the FDA for use as monotherapy and as affixed dose combination with either sitagliptin or MET [7–10].

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VALIDATION OF A DEVELOPED ANALYTICAL METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF NATEGLINIDE AND METFORMIN HCL IN PURE AND PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM BY REVERSED-PHASE HIGH-PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY AND ITS DEGRADATION STUDIESK.MD ISMAIL¹, A LAKSHMANA RAO^{2*}¹Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Nizam Institute of Pharmacy, Deshmukhi Village, Nalgonda, Telangana, India. ²Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, India. Email: dralrao@gmail.com

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The objective of the study was to develop a versatile analytical method and validate according to International Council for Harmonization guidelines for simultaneous estimation of nateglinide and metformin HCl by reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) in active pharmaceutical ingredient and in tablet dosage form.

Methods: Analytes, metformin and nateglinide, are separated and eluted from stationary phase luna phenyl hexyl column (150 mm × 4.6 mm, 3.5 μm) (micrometer) using polar mobile phase composed of acetonitrile:1% orthophosphoric acid 30:70 v/v, with flow rate of 1 ml/min for 8 min at ambient column temperature, at 221 nm (nanometer) detection. Acid, base, peroxide, thermal, and photolytic-induced degradation studies were performed on nateglinide and metformin.

Results: Through isocratic flow, both metformin and nateglinide are detected at retention times of 2.79 min and 5.13 min, respectively, at 221 nm. The linearity and range of analytical method for nateglinide and metformin were 0.61–9.15 μg/ml and 7.5–75.15 μg/ml, respectively. The R² value for nateglinide was 0.9998 and for metformin HCl was 0.9991. The limit of detection and limit of quantification for nateglinide were 0.21 μg/ml and 0.63 μg/ml and for metformin were 4.8 μg/ml and 14.6 μg/ml, respectively. The % relative standard deviation for method precision was found to be 0.22% and 0.64% for both nateglinide and metformin, respectively. The mean %recovery for nateglinide and metformin was 99.88% and 99.21%, respectively. The %thermal degradation was identified as 17.7% and 17.5% for nateglinide and metformin, respectively.

Conclusion: The developed chromatographic (RP-HPLC) method was selective, specific, economic, precise, and accurate. Hence, it can be one of the preferred analytical methods of choice for the estimation of nateglinide and metformin by RP-HPLC in pure and in tablet dosage form.

Key words: Nateglinide, Metformin, Reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography, Isocratic, Acetonitrile.

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INTRODUCTION

Nateglinide is chemically 3-phenyl-2-[(4-propan-2-yl cyclohexane carbonyl) amino] propanoic acid (Fig. 1) with molecular formula C₁₉H₂₇NO₃. It acts by blocking adenosine triphosphate sensitive potassium channels of beta cells of pancreas, causes membrane depolarization results in calcium influx and their by stimulation of insulin secretion. Metformin HCl is chemically N, N-Dimethyl imidodicarbonimidic diamide hydrochloride (Fig. 2) with molecular formula C₄H₁₁N₅.HCl. The main mechanism of metformin HCl was lowering glucose intestinal absorption, inhibition of hepatic glucose production, and improving glucose uptake and utilization [1-6].

It was found that very few articles are available in detailed literature survey on simultaneous estimation of nateglinide and metformin HCl by reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) in pure and dosage form [7-9]. The resting literature was found on analytical and bioanalytical methods by HPLC, LC-MS/MS, RP-LC, high-performance thin-layer chromatographic, and ultraviolet (UV) spectrophotometric estimations, in combination with glinides (nateglinide, repaglinide, and mitiglinide) and metformin HCl [10-21].

The comprehensive literature survey disclosed diverse analytical techniques of estimating nateglinide and metformin HCl in single and in combination with other drugs. The present study was taken up to

develop a sensitive, accurate, precise, and simple method of analysis for the estimation of both drugs in combined dosage forms.

METHODS**Chemicals and reagents**

The active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), nateglinide and metformin hydrochloride, were supplied as a gift sample by Care Labs, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad, and marketed formulation was purchased from the local market. HPLC grade orthophosphoric acid, acetonitrile, and water were of Merck grade. Waters autosampler RP-HPLC, e2695 pump, and 2998 photodiode array (PDA) detector with Empower2 software were employed in this method.

Selection and preparation of mobile phase and diluent

In RP-HPLC, pure API mixture containing nateglinide and metformin HCl at lower concentration levels were prepared, injected, and run with different solvent systems. Different combination of solvents using acetonitrile, triethylamine, and orthophosphoric acid at different compositions, flow rates, and ratios were tried to optimize the mobile phase. Finally from the trials, mobile phase and diluent (acetonitrile and 0.1% orthophosphoric acid in a ratio of 30:70 v/v) are selected since they were fulfilling the requirements and the results obtained were within the acceptable limits.

Preparation of standard stock solution

Powder analytes equivalent to 6 mg and 50 mg of nateglinide and metformin HCl, respectively, were accurately weighed and transferred



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Antidiabetic Activity of Methanolic Extract of *Searsia mysorensis* in Alloxan Induced Diabetic Rats

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ABSTRACT

This dreadful disease is found in all parts of the world and is becoming a serious threat to the mankind. There are a lot of chemical agents available to control and to treat diabetic patients but total recovery from diabetes has not been reported up to this date. Alternative to these synthetic agents' plants provide a potential source of hypoglycemic drugs and are used widely in several traditional systems of medicine to prevent diabetes. The aim of the present study was to evaluate the antidiabetic activity of methanolic leaf extract of *Rhus mysorensis* in alloxan-induced diabetic rats.

Keywords: Antidiabetic, Methanolic, *Searsia mysorensis*

INTRODUCTION

Traditional medicine is looked on as an alternative or supplement to modern medicine and has made significant contributions to the healthcare of the world over the past decades. Various diseases such as diarrhea, skin problems, headache, fever, cough, wounds, hypertension, diabetes, and rheumatism are treated with herbal medicine. Traditional medicines continue to be practiced by the community to treat disease and maintain health especially in remote areas where modern facilities are not readily available. Most of the medicinal plant species are collected from the wild, a few are being cultivated.^[1]

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DIABETES MELLITUS

Diabetes mellitus commonly known as diabetes is a group of metabolic disorder characterized by high glucose blood level over a prolonged period of time.^[2] Diabetes is due to either pancreas not producing enough insulin or the cells of the body not responding properly to the insulin produced.^[3]

Types of diabetes mellitus

WHO classified diabetes mellitus into three types based on the etiology.^[4]

- Type 1 diabetes (Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus [IDDM])
- Type 2 diabetes (Non-IDDM)
- Gestational diabetes.

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ESTIMATION OF DACLATASVIR IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM BY ULTRA PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

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ABSTRACT: Daclatasvir is an antiviral drug used in combination with other drugs includes sofosbuvir, ribavirin, and interferon, depending on the virus type to treat cirrhosis caused by hepatitis C (HCV). Several methods have been found for quantification, but those are not cost-effective, and they are time-consuming. The present study developed a simple, precise, accurate and cost-effective UPLC method to determine daclatasvir quantity in tablet dosage forms. A simple and selective UPLC method is described for the determination of Daclatasvir Chromatographic separation was achieved on a Acquity BEH C18 (50 × 3.0mm. 1.7 μm) using a mobile phase consisting 0.1% of Orthophosphoric acid: Acetonitrile in a ratio of 60:40 v/v with detection of 248 nm. Linearity was observed in the range 50-150 μg/ml for Daclatasvir ($r^2 = 1.000$). The amount of drugs estimated by the proposed method was in good agreement with the label claim. The proposed method was validated as per ICH guidelines and applied for the determination of the cited drug in the dosage form.

INTRODUCTION: Daclatasvir is chemically dimethyl N, N'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4, 4'-diylbis{1H-imidazole-5,2-diyl-[(2S)-pyrrolidine-2,1-diyl][(2S)-3-methyl-1-oxobutane-1, 2-diyl]}) dicarbamate. Daclatasvir has molecular weight: 738.89 g/mol and molecular formula: C₄₀H₅₀N₈O₆. It is an antiviral drug used in combination with other medicaments to treat hepatitis C (HCV). The other medicines used in combination include interferon, sofosbuvir, and ribavirin, depending on the virus type 1. The dose of daclatasvir present in the formulation was determined by using the Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography method. UPLC has greater sensitivity, resolution, and speed of analysis.

UPLC operates at high pressure than HPLC, and fine particles, *i.e.*, less than 2.5 μm are used, and mobile phases at high linear velocities decrease the length of the column, reduces solvent consumption, and save time².

The UPLC is based on the use of a stationary phase consisting of particles less than 2.5 μm whereas the HPLC column is typically filled with 3-5 μm particles. The principle of this evolution is governed by the Van Deemeter equation, which is an empirical formula that describes the relationship between the linear velocity of flow rate and plate height^{3,4}.

$$H = A + B/v + Cv$$

Where; *A*, *B* and *C* are constants, *v* is the linear velocity, the carrier gas flow rate.

*The *A* term is independent of velocity and represents "eddy" mixing. It is the smallest when the packed column particles are small and uniform.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

**Development of Metoprolol Tartrate Sustained Release Formulations by using
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ABSTRACT

This study is aimed to design oral sustained-release formulations for the anti-hypertension drug Metoprolol tartrate. This drug exhibits required physicochemical and pharmacokinetic parameters to formulate sustained-release formulations. The literature survey reveals that Sustained Release formulations for some drugs were prepared by employing Modified Starch known as Calcium Starch. Natural Starches such as potato starch, rice starch, and corn starches can be chemically modified using cross-linking agents such as calcium chloride and it may be used as release retardants. The functional characteristics of starch may vary from source to source. Hence, there is a scope to evaluate the effect of starch on release characteristics of the drug. Further, the drug release is expected to be altered by the proportion of release retardant and hence there is a need to optimize the composition by screening the composition. Hence, there is scope for comparative evaluation of modified starches prepared using different naturally occurring starches and their effect on release characteristics of metoprolol tartrate for sustained release formulations.

Keyword: Metoprolol, Starch, Tartrate

INTRODUCTION

Starch is a natural, cheap, available, renewable, and biodegradable polymer produced by many plants as a source of stored energy. It is the second most abundant biomass material in nature. It is found in plant leaves, stems, roots, bulbs, nuts, stalks, crop seeds, and staple crops such as rice, corn, wheat, cassava, and potato. From serving as food for man, starch has been found to be effective in drying up skin lesions (dermatitis), especially where there are watery exudates consequently, starch is a major component of dusting powders, pastes, and ointments meant to provide protective and healing effect on skins. Starch mucilage has also performed

emollient and major base in enemas. Because of its ability to form complex with iodine, starch has been used in treating iodine poisoning. Acute diarrhea has also been effectively prevented or treated with starch-based solutions due to the excellent ability of starch to take up water. In pharmacy, starch appears indispensable; it is used as excipients in several medicines. Its traditional role as a disintegrate or diluents is giving way to the more modern role as drug carrier; the therapeutic effect of the starch-adsorbed or starch-encapsulated or starch-conjugated drug largely depends on the type of starch.

Basic structural design of starch

Starch, which is the major dietary source of carbohydrates, is the most abundant storage polysaccharide in plants and occurs as granules in the chloroplast of green leaves and the amyloplast

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Abstract

Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) is a kind of mass spectroscopy which is used in many diverse research fields such as earth, environmental, life and forensic sciences and in food, material, chemical, semiconductor and nuclear industries. In this sort of MS, Laser ablation (LA) ICP-MS is widely used to determine elements directly in virtually all types of solid samples with minimal sample preparation. UV lasers are widely used with ICP-MS because of their highly controllable spatial resolution (spot size) and relatively low cost. This technique is used to determine low-concentrations and even ultra-low-concentrations of elements. Atomic elements are lead through a plasma source where they become ionized. The high ion density and the high temperature in plasma provide an ideal atomizer and element ionizer for all types of samples and matrices introduced by a variety of specialized devices. Then, these ions are sorted on account of their mass. ICP-MS holds a distinctive position by virtue of its speed, sensitivity, dynamic range and elemental coverage. It can be considered as a viable alternative to ICP-Optical Emission Spectroscopy (OES) (also known as Atomic Emission Spectroscopy or AES) for fast measurement of higher concentration elements. At the same time, ICP-MS in many cases exceeds the detection capability of Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (GFAAS) for the determination of trace and ultra-trace elements (ng/L or ppt concentrations). One of the fastest growing areas of ICP-MS is in speciation measurement: the combination of chromatographic techniques with ICP-MS as a detector to determine the chemical form of elements in the sample. This review provides an overview of recent developments and abilities of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICPMS) coupled with different separation techniques for applications in the field of analysis and also highlighted numerous technical improvements, over the past few years which helped to promote the evolution of ICP-MS to one of the most versatile tools for elemental quantification as Laser ablation (LA) ICP-MS. In particular, the benefits and possibilities of using state-of-the-art hyphenated ICP-MS approaches for quantitative analysis applications.

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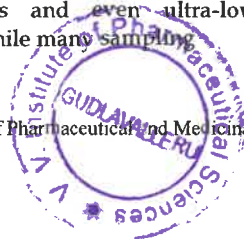
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Novel RP-HPLC Method Development and Validation for Estimation of Pravastatin in Pure and Pharmaceutical Formulation

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: A simple, rapid, precise, accurate, sensitive and stability indicating RP-HPLC method for the determination of Pravastatin in pure and tablet dosage form.

Materials & Methods: HPLC Method was developed using Zorbax ODS (250×4.6 mm ×5 μ) with the mobile phase of 0.1% formic acid pH adjusted to 3 and methanol in the ratio 50:50 v/v. Pravastatin peak was monitored at 238 nm, and the retention time was 4.44 minutes.

Results and Discussion: ICH guidelines were followed to validate the proposed method regarding specificity, precision, linearity, accuracy, system suitability, and robustness. The method was found to be linear in the range of 10–50 μg/mL, and also the regression equation was found to be $y=124936x+19884R^2=0.997$. For intra- and inter-day precision, the %RSD for Pravastatin was 1.05 and 0.917%. Percentage mean recovery was found to be 98.36%. LOD and LOQ values were 0.231 and 0.701 μg/mL, respectively. Pravastatin stability was inspected under various forced degradation conditions, and it was found to be easily degraded in acidic and basic conditions.

Conclusion: The developed method was found to be having a suitable application for routine quality control analysis of Pravastatin in pharmaceutical formulations.

Keywords: Degradation, Pravastatin, RP-HPLC. Validation.

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INTRODUCTION

Pravastatin is chemically known as (3R,5R)-7-[[[(1S,2S,6S,8S,8aR)-6-hydroxy-2-methyl-8-[[[(2S)-2-methylbutanoyl]oxy]-1,2,6,7,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-3,5-dihydroxyheptanoic acid.^[1] Pravastatin (Figure 1) is a specific inhibitor of the hepatic HMG-CoA reductase in humans. The inhibition of this enzyme produces a reduction in cholesterol biosynthesis as HMG-CoA reductase activity is an early-limiting step in cholesterol biosynthesis.^[2] Pravastatin is also used to lower the risk of stroke, heart attack, and other heart complications.^[3]

Literature survey reveals that very few HPLC^[4-8] methods were reported to estimate Pravastatin in pharmaceutical dosage forms. In the present work an attempt has been made to develop a novel, rapid and economic RP-HPLC method for estimation of Pravastatin in pure and tablet dosage form.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrument

Agilent 1260 infinity binary pump HPLC equipped with PDA detector and EZ Chrome open lab software was used for chromatographic studies. The column used was Zorbax ODS with dimensions 250 mm×4.6 mm ×5 μ.

Chemicals

Pravastatin pure drug was purchased from Yarrow Chemicals, Mumbai. HPLC grade methanol, formic acid, and all other chemicals were purchased from Merck Limited, Mumbai. Triple distilled water was used throughout the study. Pravastatin tablets were procured from local pharmacy.

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Preparation of Standard Stock Solution

A standard stock solution was prepared by dissolving 10 mg of Pravastatin in 10 mL mobile phase, then sonicated for about 10 minutes to get the primary standard stock solution containing 1000 μg/mL of Pravastatin. Working standard solution was prepared by further dilution with mobile phase.



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Introduction: A simple, rapid, precise, accurate, sensitive and stability indicating RP-HPLC method for the determination of Pravastatin in pure and tablet dosage form.

Materials & Methods: HPLC Method was developed using Zorbax ODS (250×4.6 mm ×5 μ) with the mobile phase of 0.1% formic acid pH adjusted to 3 and methanol in the ratio 50:50 v/v. Pravastatin peak was monitored at 238 nm, and the retention time was 4.44 minutes.

Results and Discussion: ICH guidelines were followed to validate the proposed method regarding specificity, precision, linearity, accuracy, system suitability, and robustness. The method was found to be linear in the range of 10–50 μg/mL, and also the regression equation was found to be $y=124936x+19884$ $R^2=0.997$. For intra- and inter-day precision, the %RSD for Pravastatin was 1.05 and 0.917%. Percentage mean recovery was found to be 98.36%. LOD and LOQ values were 0.231 and 0.701 μg/mL, respectively. Pravastatin stability was inspected under various forced degradation conditions, and it was found to be easily degraded in acidic and basic conditions.

Conclusion: The developed method was found to be having a suitable application for routine quality control analysis of Pravastatin in pharmaceutical formulations.

Keywords: Degradation, Pravastatin, RP-HPLC, Validation.

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INTRODUCTION

Pravastatin is chemically known as (3R,5R)-7-[[[1S,2S,6S,8S,8aR)-6-hydroxy-2-methyl-8-[[[(2S)-2-methylbutanoyl]oxy]-1,2,6,7,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-3,5-dihydroxyheptanoic acid.^[1] Pravastatin (Figure 1) is a specific inhibitor of the hepatic HMG-CoA reductase in humans. The inhibition of this enzyme produces a reduction in cholesterol biosynthesis as HMG-CoA reductase activity is an early-limiting step in cholesterol biosynthesis.^[2] Pravastatin is also used to lower the risk of stroke, heart attack, and other heart complications.^[3]

Literature survey reveals that very few HPLC^[4-8] methods were reported to estimate Pravastatin in pharmaceutical dosage forms. In the present work an attempt has been made to develop a novel, rapid and economic RP-HPLC method for estimation of Pravastatin in pure and tablet dosage form.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrument

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Pravastatin pure drug was purchased from Yarrow Chemicals, Mumbai. HPLC grade methanol, formic acid, and all other chemicals were purchased from Merck Limited, Mumbai. Triple distilled water was used throughout the study. Pravastatin tablets were procured from local pharmacy.

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Preparation of Standard Stock Solution

A standard stock solution was prepared by dissolving 10 mg of Pravastatin in 10 mL mobile phase, then sonicated for about 10 minutes to get the primary standard stock solution containing 1000 μg/mL of Pravastatin. Working standard solution was prepared by further dilution with mobile phase.



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SPECTROSCOPICAL METHOD FOR ESTIMATION OF ATENOLOL AND HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM

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Some Selected Phytoconstituents from *Rhus succedanea* as SARS CoV-2 Main Protease and Spike protein (COVID-19) Inhibitors

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Abstract

Rhus succedanea (Anacardiaceae) was used to treat multiple human afflictions. Literary works demonstrate that it has many biological activities. Today's research aims to recognize *Rhus succedanea* Phyto-derived anti-viral compounds against the main protease and spike protein of the viral agent of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) gain insight into the molecular interactions. In the current study, ten molecules taken from *R. succedanea* are analyzed through docking, derived from the PubChem database. Docking experiments with Autodock vina and PyRx tools were conducted. AdmetSAR and DruLito servers were eventually used for drug-like prediction. Our research shows that the phytoconstituents from *R. succedanea*, namely, Amentoflavone, Rhoifolin, and Agathisflavone acts against SARS CoV-2 main protease with the binding affinity of -9.3, -8.6 and -8.4 Kcal/mol; Hinokiflavone Robustaflavone and Amentoflavone acts against the SARS-CoV-2 receptor-binding domain of spike protein with a binding affinity of -10.5, -10.4 and -10.1 Kcal/mol respectively. These phyto-compounds can use contemporary strategies to develop effective medicines from natural origins. The substances identified potential anti-viral as likely. However, *In-vitro* studies are even more necessary to assess their effectiveness versus SARS CoV-2.

Keywords: ADMET, In-silico, Lipinski's Rule, PyRx, *Rhus succedanea*.

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1. Introduction

WHO has currently stated a typical emergency and pandemic for the novel coronavirus (SARS CoV-2) that has proactively propagated worldwide. The virus SARS-CoV-2 can easily trigger signs and symptoms such as fever, coughing, pneumonia, nausea, as well as



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In vivo Antinociceptive Effect of Methanolic Extract of *Ipomoea marginata* Desr. in Rodents as well as *In silico* Molecular Docking of Some Phytoconstituents from the Plant

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This research was performed to analyze the antinociceptive task of methanolic extract of *Ipomoea marginata* in addition to *in silico* evaluation of the antinociceptive task of the separated constituents from *Ipomoea marginata* versus cyclooxygenase 2 enzyme together with absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion/toxicity analysis of separated substances. *In vivo* antinociceptive task of methanolic extract of *Ipomoea marginata* was examined by acetic acid-induced agonizing, tail immersion and the hot plate on rodents. *In silico* activity of the isolated substances, absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion/toxicity assessment was carried out by Autodock 4.0 and data warrior software applications. The results revealed that methanolic extract of *Ipomoea marginata* has the greatest possible dose-dependent antinociceptive task at all doses. Amongst the substances, Ipalbidine showed the very best docking score of -8.26, which was virtually better than standard diclofenac, i.e., -7.03, guaranteeing good binding compatibility among the ligand and the receptor than the standard and absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion/toxicity evaluation using data warrior assures the compound has not breached Lipinski's guideline of five suggesting its safety consumption. To conclude, *Ipomoea marginata* can be a potent resource of antinociceptive activity and also additional simulation studies are needed to develop the performance of Ipalbidine.

Key words: *Ipomoea marginata*, leucorrhoea, depression, analgesic

Pain is a beneficial tool for the body's immune system to safeguard the location harmed by various stimulations. To care for the pain, vast arrays of antinociceptive like nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), steroidal medicines in addition to opioid anaesthetics are utilized, which have a different harmful effect such as hepatic damage, cardio troubles, kidney failure, erectile dysfunction, manic depression, high blood pressure, aches as well as dizziness, look of inactive diabetes mellitus, skin degeneration, reduced bone density, intestinal system, abscess, reliance, constipation and also respiratory problems. So, it is crucial to the globe to make sure a resource of cost-abusing herbal-based antinociceptive medicines with more potent and less negative results may be acquired with the medicinal plant^[1-4].

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that a tiny molecule will certainly show affinity and bind experimentally to the binding site of the target receptor. Therefore, a practical docking approach must adequately forecast the native ligand model to the receptor-binding site and the linked physico-chemical molecular communications^[5-8].

Ipomoea marginata (*I. marginata*) Verdc. (Family Convolvulaceae) is a perennial twiner with ovate-cordate acute leaves having reddish patches; light pink (having a dark eye), funnel-shaped flowers in pedunculate subumbellate cymes and ovoid, glabrous

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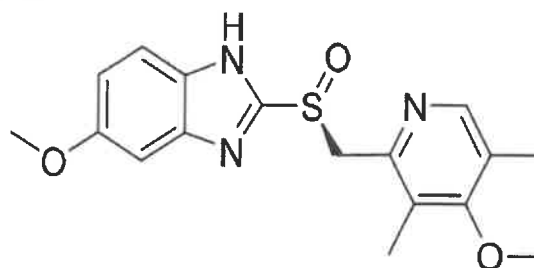


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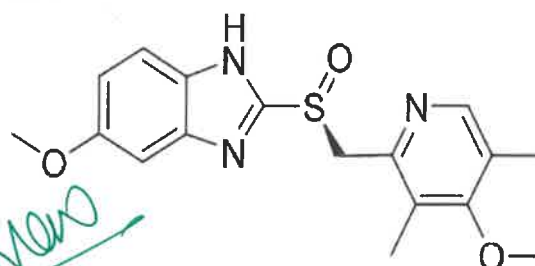


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ABSTRACT

Background: Ivacaftor and Tezacaftor belong to the CFTR potentiator class, in combination approved to manage cystic fibrosis. **Objective:** To establish a sensitive LC-MS/MS approach for the synchronized analysis of Ivacaftor and Tezacaftor and its appliance to rat pharmacokinetic investigation. **Methodology:** Method is developed with protein precipitation by acetonitrile and Ivacaftor-d4, Tezacaftor-d4 are used as internal standards. Separation is done on an Eclipse plus C18 analysis column (100 mm × 4.6 mm 1.8 μm) with a mobile phase consisting of 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid: acetonitrile (ratio 60:40, v/v, and pH 2.5) and flow stream of 1.0 mL/min at ambient temperature. **Results:** The approach developed showed fine calibration curve in the quantity range of 1.5-22.53 ng/mL (r2 – 0.99974) for ivacaftor and 1-15.02 ng/mL (r2 – 0.99988) for tezacaftor and the accuracy and precision meets ED.A guidelines. **Conclusion:** The newly designed and validated approach was simple, fast and applied effectively for rat pharmacokinetic investigation.

Keywords: Ivacaftor, Tezacaftor, LC-MS/MS, Method Validation, Pharmacokinetic study, Rat plasma

BACKGROUND

Cystic fibrosis, a progressive genetic disease, induces chronic lung infections and reduces breathing capacity over time.^[1] Cystic fibrosis is caused by variations in the transmembrane conductance regulator (cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator [C.F.T.R]) gene for cystic fibrosis.

C.F.T.R protein regulator works as an ion channel that controls the volume of liquid on the epithelial surfaces by inhibiting sodium absorption and chloride secretion,^[2] resulting in thicker and stickier mucus than usual, which is difficult to remove from the lungs by cough leading to difficulty in breathing and severe lung infections.

Symdeko tablet formulation (labeled claim: 150 mg ivacaftor and 100 mg tezacaftor) was approved by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2018.^[3,4] Symdeko tablet is

suggested for treating patients (aged 12 or older) with cystic fibrosis, patients with homozygous mutation (F508del), or mutation in the C.F.T.R gene. Ivacaftor [Figure 1] is a chloride channel agonist.^[5-7] Tezacaftor [Figure 1] is a corrector of C.F.T.R protein,^[8] cumulative effects of ivacaftor, and tezacaftor stimulates the C.F.T.R protein functions on the cell's surface, resulting in increased transport of chloride out of the body.^[9-11]

To the best of our literature search, stability indicating RP-HPLC method,^[12,13] UPLC^[14] and UV spectrophotometric methods^[15] were published to quantify tezacaftor and ivacaftor simultaneously in tablet formulations. For most of the analytes, liquid chromatography with mass spectrometry is considered as the most sensitive and specific approach compared to all other techniques. Liquid chromatography with mass spectrometry becomes the first option of quantitation for drugs in biological matrices. Three LC-M.S methods have been



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In-silico strategies of some selected phytoconstituents from *Melissa officinalis* as SARS CoV-2 main protease and spike protein (COVID-19) inhibitors

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ABSTRACT

Melissa officinalis (Lamiaceae) was used to treat multiple human afflictions. Literary works demonstrated that it has many biological activities. Today's research aims to recognise *Melissa officinalis* phyto-derived anti-viral compounds against main protease and spike protein of COVID-19, to gain insight into the molecular interactions. In the current study, 12 molecules taken from *Melissa officinalis* were analysed through docking, which is derived from the PubMed database. Docking experiments were conducted with Autodock tool. AdmetSAR and Data warrior servers were eventually used for drug-like prediction. Our research shows that three phytoconstituents from *Melissa officinalis*, namely, Luteolin-7-glucoside-3'-glucuronide, Melitric acid-A and Quadranside-III have exhibited better binding affinity and stability with the targets of COVID-19 main protease and spike protein. The identified substances can be further extended for *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies to assess their effectiveness against COVID-19.

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1. Introduction

WHO has currently stated an emergency condition due to pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19) that has proactively propagating around the entire world. The virus SARS-CoV-2 can easily trigger signs and symptoms such as high temperature, coughing, pneumonia, queasiness, as well as exhaustion [1,2]. Exact origin of the preliminary transmission to human beings is still unidentified. Presently, there are >100 total genome patterns recognised in the NCBI GenBank, coming from over 10 nations [3]. The variant in between these series is much less than 1%. SARS-CoV-2 has been identified as β -coronavirus which causes severe respiratory tract infection in humans by utilising angiotensin-converting enzyme-2 (ACE2) receptors to infect humans [3]. Chinese experts separated SARS-CoV-2 and also sequenced the genome SARS-CoV-2 on 7 January 2020 [4]. The Main protease (Mpro) is an essential protein required for proteolytic maturation of the virus [5]. Thus, targeting Mpro has the potential to provide effective treatment against SARS-CoV-2 by inhibition of the viral polypeptide cleavage. Spike protein of virus binds to the tissue membrane layer with a receptor-mediated communication which enables a way to host cell. Also makes it possible for the application of well-known protein designed to rapidly

develop a version for medicine breakthrough on this brand-new SARS-CoV-2 [6].


The COVID-19 pandemic triggered by SARS CoV-2 has resulted in substantial rates of morbidity and mortality worldwide. The strategy adopted here was to look for *in silico* potential of phyto-constituents against SARS-COV-2 by computational protocols against spike glycoprotein as well as main protease. On the other hand, plants have been essential to human welfare for their uses as therapeutics since ancient times [7,8]. A significant amount of antiviral compounds produced from numerous kinds of plants have been used in many studies [9–11]. Researchers across the globe are screening therapeutic molecules from existing antiviral plant secondary metabolites and are also trying to find novel compounds from medicinal plants to avert this pandemic crisis [12]. *In-silico* based testing has been confirmed to be a handy tool to overcome the obstacles of drug discovery. These computational strategies conserve information in terms of money and time [13–16]. Screening from existing plant metabolites, researchers have been trying to identify and optimise novel compounds from medicinal plants to prevent numerous diseases, including COVID-19.

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STABILITY INDICATING RP-HPLC METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR THE ESTIMATION OF ONDANSETRON IN BULK AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM

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A simple, rapid, precise and accurate stability indicating RP-HPLC method was developed and validated for the estimation of Ondansetron in bulk drug and pharmaceutical dosage form. A Phenomenex C18 (150 mm × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle size) column was used as stationary phase with mobile phase consisting of 0.1% Formic acid (pH 4.25):Acetonitrile in the ratio of 50:50 V/V. The flow rate was maintained at 0.6 mL/min and effluents was monitored at 250 nm. The retention time was 2.91 min. The linearity of the method was observed in the concentration range of 5-25 μg/mL with correlation coefficient of 0.999. The method developed was validated for linearity, precision, accuracy, system suitability and forced degradation studies like acidic, alkaline, oxidative and hydrolytic stress conditions were performed as per ICH guidelines. The results obtained in the study were within the acceptable limits and hence this method can be used for the estimation of Ondansetron in pure drug and pharmaceutical dosage form.

INTRODUCTION

Ondansetron (Figure 1) is a competitive serotonin type 3 receptor antagonist. It is effective in the treatment of nausea and vomiting [1-3]. Chemically it is 9-methyl-3-[(2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazol-4-one. Ondansetron is a selective antagonist of the serotonin receptor subtype, 5-HT₃. Cytotoxic chemotherapy and radiotherapy are associated with the release of serotonin (5-HT) from enterochromaffin cells of the small intestine, presumably initiating a vomiting reflex through stimulation of 5-HT₃ receptors located on vagal afferents [4]. Ondansetron may block the initiation of this reflex. Activation of vagal afferents may also cause a central release of serotonin from the chemoreceptor trigger zone of the area postrema, located on the floor of the fourth ventricle [5-6].

Literature survey revealed that few HPLC methods [7-14] were reported for the estimation of Ondansetron. Hence a novel, new, sensitive, specific, accurate and precise HPLC method was developed and validated as per ICH guidelines [15-16] for the estimation of Ondansetron in bulk drug and pharmaceutical dosage form.

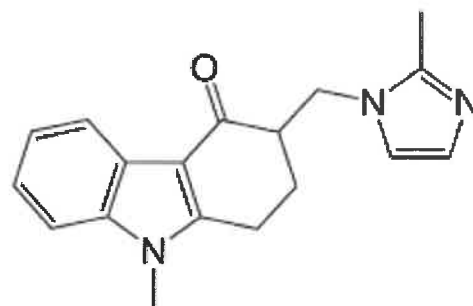


Fig. 1: Chemical structure of Ondansetron

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrumentation: To develop a high pressure liquid chromatographic method for estimation of Ondansetron using Agilent Technologies 1260

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SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF METFORMIN AND TENELIGLIPTIN IN PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION BY USING UV SPECTROSCOPY

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Three new UV spectrophotometric methods namely simultaneous equation, absorbance ratio and dual wavelength methods were developed and validated for simultaneous estimation of Metformin and Teneligliptin in bulk drug and tablet formulation which were simple, rapid, sensitive, precise and accurate. In simultaneous equation method, absorbance was measured at 233nm for Metformin and 241nm for Teneligliptin. In absorbance ratio method, absorbance was measured at 244nm for Metformin and 233nm for Teneligliptin. In dual wavelength method, two wavelengths were selected for each drug, the absorbances was measured at 225 and 251nm for Metformin and 240 and 221nm for Teneligliptin. Developed methods were validated according to ICH guidelines including parameters viz., specificity, linearity and range, precision, accuracy, limit of detection and limit of quantification. All the three methods showed linear response in the concentration range of 2-10µg/mL for Metformin and 0.5-2.5µg/mL for Teneligliptin with a low correlation coefficient. Results of method validation parameters follows ICH guideline acceptable limits. Methods were found to be simple, rapid, sensitive, economical and hence can be useful for simultaneous estimation of Metformin and Teneligliptin in pure drug and commercial tablet formulation for routine quality control analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Metformin (MET) (Figure 1) is an oral anti-diabetic drug in the biguanide class. It is the first-line drug of choice for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus^[1]. Chemically it is 1-carbamimidamido-N, N-dimethylmethanimidamide. Metformin decreases hepatic glucose production, decreases intestinal absorption of glucose and improves insulin sensitivity by increasing peripheral glucose uptake and utilization.^[2-3]

Teneligliptin (TEN) (Figure 2) is a pharmaceutical drug for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus^[4]. It belongs to the class of anti-diabetic drugs known as dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors. Chemically it is [(2S,4S)-4-[4-(5-methyl-2-phenylpyrazol-3-yl)piperazin-1-yl]pyrrolidin-2-yl]-(1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl)methanone. Teneligliptin inhibits the enzyme dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP4) which degrades incretin, a hormone adjusting blood glucose control^[5,6].

Literature review revealed that few analytical methods have been reported for the simultaneous determination of Metformin and Teneligliptin in combined pharmaceutical dosage forms using spectrophotometry^[7-12]. Hence the objective of the present work is to develop a new, simple, sensitive, specific, precise and accurate UV Spectrophotometric

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FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF PARACETAMOL SUSPENSION BY USING NATURAL SUSPENDING AGENT EXTRACTED FROM PEDALIUM MUREX SEEDS

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF AN LC-MS/MS METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF ATORVASTATIN IN HUMAN PLASMA.

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Abstract

Background: A novel method for the estimation of Atorvastatin in human plasma by using LC-MS/MS and the analyte is Atorvastatin and internal standard is Rosuvastatin have extracted with the tertbutyl methyl ether: n-hexane (70:30, v/v) from human plasma.

Methods: The chromatographic severance was attained of the peak using Agilent Zorbax Eclipse XDB-C₈, (100 mm X 4.6 mm, 3.5 µm) column with a run time is 2.5 min. Atorvastatin and Rosuvastatin were recorded at the total ion current of their relevant multiple reaction monitoring. The LC-MS/MS system composed an Agilent 1100 infinity combined with an AB Sciex Qtrap4000 Thermo Finnigan TSQ quantum discovery triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. All of the parameters must be validated like selectivity, accuracy, precision, linearity, lower limit of quantification, matrix effect, recovery reached the acceptance criteria under the following ICH guidelines.

Results: Atorvastatin has checked the various stability studies like short-term stability at 25 °C, long-term stability for 55 days at -70°C, wet extract stability for 54 hours, autosampler stability for 63 hours, benchtop stability for 14 hours and, freeze-thaw stability at -60 °C. Hence, it can be used for routine drug analysis and bioequivalence studies of Atorvastatin in human plasma samples.

Conclusion: The proposed LC-MS/MS method was simple, rapid, precise and accurate for the determination of Atorvastatin in human plasma. The developed LC-MS/MS method can apply for the bioequivalence and pharmacokinetic studies of Atorvastatin in human plasma samples.

Keywords: Atorvastatin, rosuvastatin, estimation, human plasma, LC-MS/MS and validation.



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Stability-indicating method development and validation for the concurrent determination of darunavir, cobicistat, emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide by UPLC in bulk and tablet dosage forms

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Abstract

Background: Tablet dosage forms containing combination of darunavir a protease inhibitor, cobicistat a cytochrome P450 3A inhibitor, emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide which were nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors were approved by USFDA on 1st July 2018 to suppress the viral load in HIV patients. It can be used as a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults and paediatric patients weighing at least 40 kg. An UPLC method was developed, and separation was done on SB C₈ column of dimensions 50 × 2.1 × 1.8 μ with mobile phase 0.01 N potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate (p^H-4.8) and acetonitrile in 60:40 ratio, at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min and an injection volume of 2 μL. The column temperature was maintained at 30 °C, and detection wavelength was 267 nm. The method was validated according to ICH guidelines.

Results: The retention times were 1.031, 1.341, 1.630 and 2.153 min, and they were linear in the concentration range of 1.25–7.5 μg/mL, 18.75–112.5 μg/mL, 25–150 μg/mL and 100–600 μg/mL for tenofovir alafenamide, cobicistat, emtricitabine and darunavir, respectively. The intraday and interday precisions were found to be within acceptable limits. LOD was found to be 0.06 μg/mL, 0.51 μg/mL, 1.31 μg/mL and 3.01 μg/mL, and LOQ was 0.19 μg/mL, 1.54 μg/mL, 3.96 μg/mL and 9.13 μg/mL for tenofovir alafenamide, cobicistat, emtricitabine and darunavir. The correlation coefficients were found to be more than 0.999, and recovery was more than 99.52% indicating the method was accurate. Forced degradation studies reveal that the drugs are unstable under acidic conditions. The method was simple, accurate, precise, stable and can be analysed in less runtime of 4 min.

Conclusions: The flexibility, accuracy and precision of the developed method ensure its applicability in routine analysis of tablet dosage forms.

Keywords: UPLC, Stability indicating, Tenofovir alafenamide, Cobicistat, Emtricitabine, Darunavir

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Research Article

Bio-Analytical Method Development and Validation for Simultaneous Quantification of Glecaprevir and Pibrentasvir in Rat Plasma by Using RP-HPLC

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Abstract

A novel bio-analytical method was developed for the simultaneous determination of Glecaprevir and Pibrentasvir in rat plasma by using RP-HPLC method. The chromatographic separation was performed on Xterra RP18, (150 mm × 4.6 mm and 3.5 μm) column using the mobile phase ACN: 0.1% formic acid (50:50 v/v). The internal standard used was Voxilaprevir. Glecaprevir, Pibrentasvir and Voxilaprevir peaks were detected at 2.5 min, 5.2 min and 6.3 min respectively. Linear response was obtained in the range of 0.15 μg/mL-2.25 μg/mL for Glecaprevir and 0.06 μg/mL-0.9 μg/mL for Pibrentasvir. All of the parameters must be validated like selectivity, accuracy, precision, linearity, lower limit of quantification, matrix effect, and recovery reached the acceptance criteria under the following of US FDA guidelines.

Keywords: Glecaprevir; Pibrentasvir; Voxilaprevir; Matrix effect; Recovery

Highlights

(RP-HPLC) Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography; (ACN) Acetonitrile; (C) Centigrade; (NS) Non Structural; (UV) Ultra Violet; (CV) Coefficient of Variation; (ISTD) Internal Standard; (LLOQ) Lower Limit of Quantitation; (LOQ) Limit of Quantitation; (HQC) High Quality Control; (MQC) Mid Quality Control; (LQC) Low Quality Control; (RS) Related Substances; (SD) Standard Deviation; (P and A) Precision and Accuracy.

Introduction

Infection with hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotype 3 is associated with higher rates of liver steatosis and achieving sustained virologic response quantifiably reverses its progression in those patients. GT3 has been shown to be an independent predictor of fibrosis progression and is associated with a higher incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma. Thus, effective HCV treatment options are critical for patients with HCV GT3 infection, particularly those with advanced liver disease and/or prior treatment experience.

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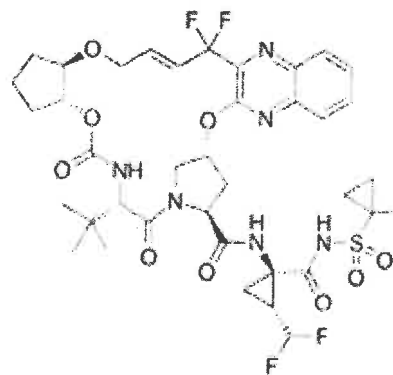
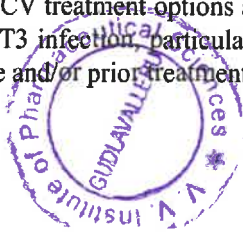


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ESTIMATION OF DACLATASVIR IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM BY ULTRA PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

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ABSTRACT: Daclatasvir is an antiviral drug used in combination with other drugs includes sofosbuvir, ribavirin, and interferon, depending on the virus type to treat cirrhosis caused by hepatitis C (HCV). Several methods have been found for quantification, but those are not cost-effective, and they are time-consuming. The present study developed a simple, precise, accurate and cost-effective UPLC method to determine daclatasvir quantity in tablet dosage forms. A simple and selective UPLC method is described for the determination of Daclatasvir Chromatographic separation was achieved on a Acquity BEH C18 (50 × 3.0mm. 1.7 μm) using a mobile phase consisting 0.1% of Orthophosphoric acid: Acetonitrile in a ratio of 60:40 v/v with detection of 248 nm. Linearity was observed in the range 50-150 μg/ml for Daclatasvir ($r^2 = 1.000$). The amount of drugs estimated by the proposed method was in good agreement with the label claim. The proposed method was validated as per ICH guidelines and applied for the determination of the cited drug in the dosage form.

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UPLC operates at high pressure than HPLC, and fine particles, *i.e.*, less than 2.5 μm are used, and mobile phases at high linear velocities decrease the length of the column, reduces solvent consumption, and save time².

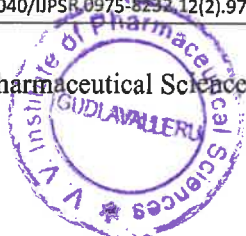
The UPLC is based on the use of a stationary phase consisting of particles less than 2.5 μm whereas the HPLC column is typically filled with 3-5 μm particles. The principle of this evolution is governed by the Van Deemeter equation, which is an empirical formula that describes the relationship between the linear velocity of flow rate and plate height^{3,4}.

$$H = A + B/v + Cv$$

Where; *A*, *B* and *C* are constants, *v* is the linear velocity, the carrier gas flow rate.

*The *A* term is independent of velocity and represents "eddy" mixing. It is the smallest when the packed column particles are small and uniform.

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Stability-indicating method development and validation for the concurrent determination of darunavir, cobicistat, emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide by UPLC in bulk and tablet dosage forms

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Abstract

Background: Tablet dosage forms containing combination of darunavir a protease inhibitor, cobicistat a cytochrome P450 3A inhibitor, emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide which were nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors were approved by USFDA on 1st July 2018 to suppress the viral load in HIV patients. It can be used as a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults and paediatric patients weighing at least 40 kg. An UPLC method was developed, and separation was done on SB C₈ column of dimensions 50 × 2.1 × 1.8 μ with mobile phase 0.01 N potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate (pH-4.8) and acetonitrile in 60:40 ratio, at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min and an injection volume of 2 μL. The column temperature was maintained at 30 °C, and detection wavelength was 267 nm. The method was validated according to ICH guidelines.

Results: The retention times were 1.031, 1.341, 1.630 and 2.153 min, and they were linear in the concentration range of 1.25–7.5 μg/mL, 18.75–112.5 μg/mL, 25–150 μg/mL and 100–600 μg/mL for tenofovir alafenamide, cobicistat, emtricitabine and darunavir, respectively. The intraday and interday precisions were found to be within acceptable limits. LOD was found to be 0.06 μg/mL, 0.51 μg/mL, 1.31 μg/mL and 3.01 μg/mL, and LOQ was 0.19 μg/mL, 1.54 μg/mL, 3.96 μg/mL and 9.13 μg/mL for tenofovir alafenamide, cobicistat, emtricitabine and darunavir. The correlation coefficients were found to be more than 0.999, and recovery was more than 99.52% indicating the method was accurate. Forced degradation studies reveal that the drugs are unstable under acidic conditions. The method was simple, accurate, precise, stable and can be analysed in less runtime of 4 min.

Conclusions: The flexibility, accuracy and precision of the developed method ensure its applicability in routine analysis of tablet dosage forms.

Keywords: UPLC, Stability indicating, Tenofovir alafenamide, Cobicistat, Emtricitabine, Darunavir

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STABILITY INDICATING HPLC METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF LAMIVUDINE AND DOLUTEGRAVIR IN BULK AND TABLET DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT

A rapid high-performance liquid chromatographic method has been developed and validated for quantification of lamivudine and dolutegravir, used to manage HIV infections. Lamivudine and dolutegravir are separated as symmetrical peaks on the analytical column Inertsil ODS, 150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5.0 μm using 50 % acetonitrile and 50 % triethylamine buffer as mobile phase and detected by photo diode array detector at wave length 250 nm. The total chromatographic runtime is 6.0 min with retention times for lamivudine and dolutegravir at 2.457 and 3.888 min, respectively. The method was validated according to ICH guidelines and linear calibration curves were obtained across a range of 6.01-90.15 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ and 1.01 -15.15 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ for lamivudine and dolutegravir, a correlation coefficient of R^2 0.999. Tablets containing lamivudine and dolutegravir were subjected to acid hydrolysis, alkali hydrolysis, oxidising agent, reducing agent, heat and UV light at two variable conditions and the drugs peaks are well resolved. This developed method can be used routinely for the determination of lamivudine and dolutegravir in bulk and tablet dosage form.

Keywords: Lamivudine, dolutegravir, HPLC, stability indicating, ICH guidelines, USFDA

INTRODUCTION

USFDA approved combination of nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor lamivudine and integrase inhibitor dolutegravir for the initial therapy and complete regimen for HIV1 infection in adults in April 2019 and it is marketed under the brand name DOVATO¹.

Lamivudine (Fig.1) is a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor which acts on HIV1, HIV2 and hepatitis B virus and decreases the chances of developing AIDS. As an inhibitor of reverse transcriptase enzyme, it terminates DNA synthesis. Lamivudine is used to treat hepatitis in lesser dose than for HIV, Chemically, lamivudine is 4-amino-1-[(2*R*,5*S*)-2-(hydroxyl methyl)-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl]-1,2-dihydropyrimidin-2-one. Lamivudine is taken along with other antiretrovirals like abacavir and zidovudine. Lamivudine is taken by mouth as liquid or tablet^{2,3}.

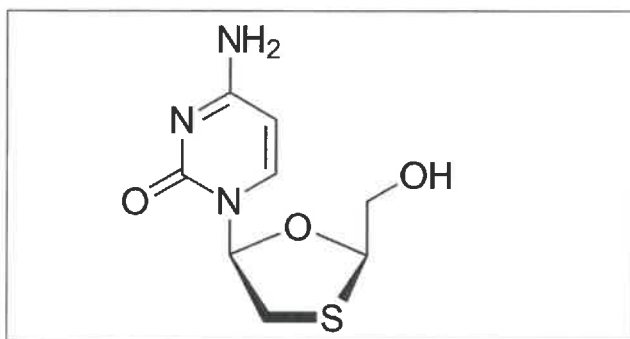


Fig. 1: Structure of lamivudine

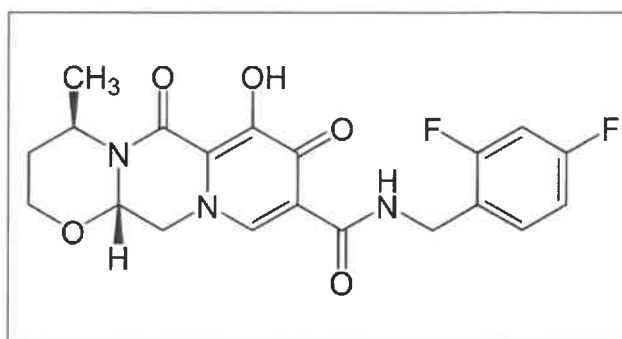


Fig. 2: Structure of dolutegravir

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Research Article

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Keywords: Glecaprevir; Pibrentasvir; Voxilaprevir; Matrix effect; Recovery

Highlights

(RP-HPLC) Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography; (ACN) Acetonitrile; (C) Centigrade; (NS) Non Structural; (UV) Ultra Violet; (CV) Coefficient of Variation; (ISTD) Internal Standard; (LLOQ) Lower Limit of Quantitation; (LOQ) Limit of Quantitation; (HQC) High Quality Control; (MQC) Mid Quality Control; (LQC) Low Quality Control; (RS) Related Substances; (SD) Standard Deviation; (P and A) Precision and Accuracy.

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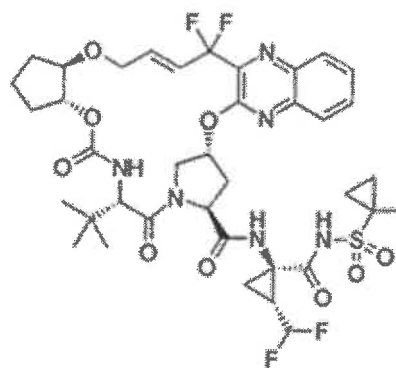


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