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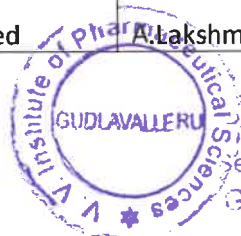
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1	Evaluation of Hepatoprotective Activity of <i>Indigofera barberi</i> in Rats against Paracetamol Induced Hepatic Injury.	A.Lakshmana Rao	Pharmaceutical chemistry	Advances in investigational Pharmacology and Therapeutic Medicine.	NA
2	Evaluation of Hepatoprotective Activity of <i>Indigofera barberi</i> in Rats against Paracetamol Induced Hepatic Injury.	Sk.Aminabee	Pharmacology	Advances in investigational Pharmacology and Therapeutic Medicine.	NA
3	Evaluation of Pharmacognostic, Phytochemical and Physicochemical Standards of <i>Wedelia Trilobata</i> Root	D.S.N.B.K.Prasanth	Pharmacognosy	Open Access Journal of Pharmaceutical Research	2574-7797
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5	Design and Schematic Evaluation of Dextran Conjugated	A.Lakshmana Rao	Pharmaceutical chemistry	American Journal of Chemistry	2616-5244



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16	Simultaneous Estimation of Canagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride in Tablet Dosage Form by UV Spectrophotometry	A.Lakshmana Rao	Pharmaceutical chemistry	International Journal of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Analysis	2394-2797
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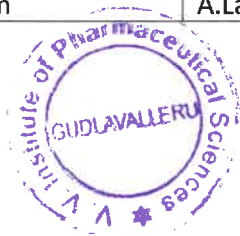
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Case Report

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Context: Ethnomedicinally, the root of *Wedelia trilobata* L. (Asteraceae) has long been used in various ailments in traditional system; most importantly it is used against backache, muscle cramp, rheumatism, stubborn wounds, sores, swelling and arthritic pain, fever and malaria. The main problem experienced in the standardization of herbal drugs is lack of proper identification of plant source. So there is need to establish quality control parameters by using pharmacognostic and phytochemical evaluation, which ensures the purity, safety and efficacy of medicinal plant *W. trilobata*.

Aim: To evaluate pharmacognostic properties including macroscopic, microscopic and physicochemical parameters of the root of *W. trilobata*.

Methods: Micro and Macroscopic characters of fresh and dried root samples were investigated. Physicochemical parameters were done by utilizing WHO recommended parameters, preliminary phytochemical and fluorescent analysis of root sample were performed for identification and standardization of root of *W. trilobata*.

Results: The color, shape, size, odor and surface characteristics were noted from the root and powdered root material of *W. trilobata*. Light electron microscope images of cross section of root and powdered root revealed that the presence of cork cells, lignified spiral vessels, and parenchymatous cells. Phytochemical screening showed the presence of flavonoids, tannins, phenols, saponins, steroids, carbohydrates and glycosides. Physicochemical parameters such as moisture content, ash value, extractive value and fluorescent behavior of root powder were determined. These parameters are useful tools to differentiate the powdered drug material.

Conclusion: The present study is helpful to supplement the information with regard to its standardization and identification and in carrying out further research in Ayurvedic system of medicine.

Keywords: Pharmacognostic; Microscopical; *Wedelia trilobata* L; Physicochemical and lignified spiral vessels



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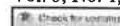
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Design and Schematic Evaluation of Dextran Conjugated Dexibuprofen, a Gastrosparring NSAID

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ABSTRACT

A novel prodrug approach was undertaken to develop the safe and therapeutically efficacious dexibuprofen to avoid oral NSAIDs induced ulceration. Dexibuprofen was esterified with dextran, using N,N-carbonyldiimidazole in one pot reaction. Synthesized dexibuprofen prodrug was characterized and evaluated by FT-IR and NMR spectroscopy, molecular weight, lipophilicity, partition coefficient, protein binding, degree of substitution, hydrolysis in simulated GI fluids, *in-silico* ADME properties and pharmacological potentials. Structural profile of dexibuprofen prodrug was elucidated by an ester linkage, glucosidic ring anomeric proton, dextran monomer protons and ester carbonyl carbon signals. Prodrug possessed physicochemical features as molecular weight of 83,368.11 g/mol, log P of 5.4 with optimal protein binding of 66% and degree of substitution of 25.3%. It was significantly hydrolyzed in SIF (99.53%) by following first-order kinetics with 85.9 min half-life. *In-silico* ADME properties of prodrug satisfied the Lipinski' rule of five and Jorgensen's rule of three without any CNS activity and cardiac toxicity, thus prodrug was suitable for oral administration. Prodrug has exhibited superior analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antipyretic activities devoid of antigenicity and ulceration in experimental animals. Data of the study were thus evinced that dexibuprofen prodrug is a safer therapeutic moiety in effective management of acute inflammation, pain and fever.

Keywords: Acyl imidazole, Brewer's yeast, Challenge antigen, Complete freund's adjuvant (CFA), Gastric lesions, Sheep red blood cells (SRBC).

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The association between *H. pylori* and the increased risk of duodenal ulceration and antral gastritis has been well established. Hence the importance of preventing reinfection by identifying the potential natural reservoirs of *H. pylori*². The reservoir of *H. pylori* and its mode of transmission are unclear, a fecal-oral, oral-oral, and in developing countries a water borne route of infection have been suggested^{3,4}. Studies on gastritis reinfection by *H. pylori* from an oral reservoir has produced conflicting reports as both supragingival and subgingival dental

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Abstract

The new dithio carbamate derivatives, 2-(naphthalen-8-ylcarbamoyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl) ethyl diethylcarbamodithioate (IIIa) and 2-(naphthalen-8-ylcarbamoyl)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl) ethyl diethylcarbamodithioate (IIIa) were synthesized from 1-naphthylamine chalcone. The new molecules were characterized by spectral and elemental analysis data. The synthesized analogues were evaluated for anti-mitotic activity by Bengal gram seed germination model showed strong to moderate activities compared with control. Both the molecules showed good inhibition.

Keywords: Dithiocarbamates; 1-Naphthylamine; Antimitotic Activity.

Introduction

Dithiocarbamates, the half amides of dithiocarbonic acids, were discovered as a class of chemical compounds in the history of organo sulphur chemistry. Dithiocarbamates are a common class of organic molecules that form mono and bidentate coordination with transition metals. Transition metal complexes of dithiocarbamate present a wide range of biological activities and are recently applied in the treatment of cancer. Since brassinin (Fig. 1), a phytoalexin first isolated from cabbage had cancer preventive activity,

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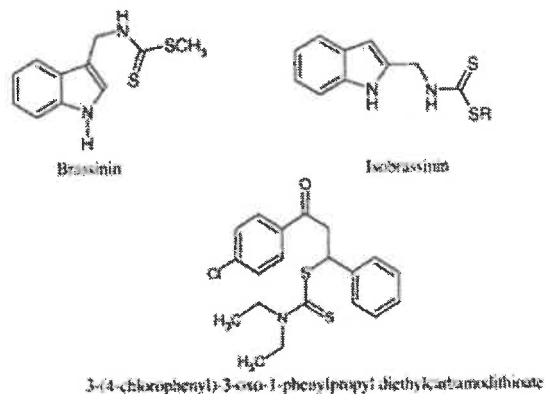


Fig. 1:

structural modification on this compound led to the synthesis of isobrassinin (Fig. 1) and a series of Dithiocarbamates [1], some of these were found to have antitumor activity. On the other side, Chalcones are the bio-genetic precursors of all known flavonoids and isoflavanoids and are abundant in edible plants. They exhibit a broad spectrum of pharmacological activities such as anticancer, anti-inflammatory, anti-malarial, antifungal, anti-lipidemic, antiviral, anti-Leshmanial, anti-ulcer and antioxidant activities. Recently Yong Qian and coworkers reported a series of chalcone derivatives (Fig. 1), with dithiocarbamated moieties which possessed potential anti-proliferative and anti-tubulin properties. Microtubules are among the most important molecular targets for cancer chemotherapeutic agents. These small molecules bind to the tubulin, interfering with the polymerisation or depolymerisation of micro-tubules and there by inducing cell cycle arrest, resulting in cell death or apoptosis. Based on above information used to



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ABSTRACT

Present day organometallic science is difficult to envision without flexible N-heterocyclic carbene ligands. Because of their remarkable soundness and auxiliary differing qualities these themes are utilized in incalculable coordination buildings in current days. Specifically, transition metal complexes bearing interchangeable and promptly accessible NHCs have been built up as intense homogeneous catalysts. This field concentrates on particular applications and adjustments. Therefore, the present scientific experts can depend on complex engineered apparatus for the functionalization of carbenes, empowering access to polydentate ligand frameworks with or without hemilabile conduct. With regards to this work, different functionalized carbene ligands were utilized to accomplish or examine particular properties of ruthenium complexes. Tetracarbene ligands are generally unbending structures which empower relatively stable mixes because of their chelating coordination mode. Be that as it may, the basic differences of these themes is frequently restricted because of the low adaptability of the ligand forerunners. Using a non-cyclic, open-chain tetraimidazolium salt, we blended Ru (II) edifices whose geometry can be adjusted relying upon the response conditions. Also, these buildings demonstrated articulated movement in the TH of ketones. The present study focuses on the synthesis of Ru-NHC and its impact on malarial parasites.

KEYWORDS: Carbene compounds, methylated caffeine, XRD, malarial parasite.

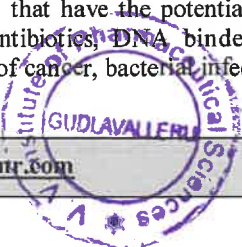
INTRODUCTION

Ruthenium (III) complexes are all octahedral and low-spin with one pair electron. It can also form extensive series of halide complexes, the aqua-chloro series being probably the best characterized of all its complexes. The Ru(III)/Cl⁻/H₂O system has received extensive study, especially by ion exchange technique. K₃[RuF₆] can be synthesized from molten salt RuCl₃/KHF₂ (Goldberg *et al.*, 1968). The dimeric anion of bromo complexes were reported, for example, [Ru₂Br₉]³⁻ which is composed of a pair of faced-sharing octahedra. Cyano complexes of ruthenium (III) were prepared, the parent [Ru(CN)₆]³⁻ was isolated as the brilliant yellow salt by aerial oxidation of dimethylsulfoxide solution of [Ru(CN)₆]²⁺. Ruthenium (III) is much more amenable in coordination with N-donor ligands than is iron(III), and forms amines with 3 to 6 NH₃ ligands (the extra ligands making up octahedral coordination are commonly H₂O or halides) as well as complexes with 2,2'-bipyridine and 1,10-phenanthroline (Dwyer *et al.*, 1963).

We are interested in the synthesis of Ruthenium NHC complexes that have the potential to be used as a new class of antibiotics, DNA binders particularly for the treatment of cancer, bacterial infections, malaria, Chagas

disease, Sptic shock and also as immunosuppressants. Malaria is a life threatening mosquito-borne infectious disease caused by parasites transmitted to humans through the bite of the Anopheles mosquito and affects approximately 16,00,000 people world wide (Caraballo and Hector, 2014). Infections with infected anophilous mosquitoes cause most of the morbidity and mortality in patients with Malaria (Bousema and Drakeley, 2011).

The global scope of malaria and the spread of drug-resistant *Plasmodium falciparum* make the need for improved therapy undeniable (Guerin *et al.*, 2002). Assessment of both existing drugs and new antimalarials, alone or in combination, requires reliable methods for high-throughput testing. For decades, antimalarial drug effects have been measured in vitro by quantifying parasite uptake of radioactive substrates as a measure of growth and viability in the presence of the test drug (Desjardins *et al.*, 1979; Elabbadi, *et al.*, 1992). Antimalarial drugs are used for the treatment and prevention of malaria infection. Most antimalarial drugs target the erythrocytic stage of malaria infection, which is the phase of infection that causes symptomatic illness. The extent of preerythrocytic (hepatic stage) activity for



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EVALUATION OF ANTIPIRETTIC ACTIVITY OF ETHANOLIC EXTRACT OF *WEDELIA TRILOBATA*

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ABSTRACT

The aim of present study was to investigate antipyretic activity of ethanolic extract of leaves of *Wedelia trilobata* in yeast induced pyrexia in wistar albino rats. In which pyrexia was induced by an intraperitoneal injection of 20% brewer's yeast (10 ml/kg b.wt.). The body temperature of rats were measured before the injection of yeast and injected ethanolic extract of leaves of *Wedelia trilobata* (100 mg/kg b.wt.) and (200 mg/kg b.wt.) and followed by treatment with paracetamol (150 mg/kg b.wt.). The body temperature of experimental animals were recorded in the time interval of 0 hr, 1 hr, 2 hr and 3 hr with help of digital clinical thermometer which is placed in rectum in the depth of 2 cm and recorded body temperature values shown that the leaves extract of *Wedelia trilobata* possess antipyretic activity.

INTRODUCTION

Wedelia trilobata is a mat forming perennial herb with rounded stems. Leaves are fleshy, usually 2 to 4 inches long and 1 to 5 inches wide, with irregularly toothed margins. Flowers are solitary, one inch in diameter and yellow-orange in color. The major components were germacrene D, α -phellandrene, α -pinene, E-caryophyllene, bicyclogermacrene, limonene and α -humulene. The percentage of most of the individual constituents present in *W. trilobata* essential oil changed significantly during the months. The plant has reported various pharmacological activities i.e., antimicrobial, antiproliferation, wound healing, antioxidant, antiinflammatory, *in-vitro* thrombolytic, antiproteinase, antifungal, antitumour and leishmanicidal activities^[1]. Aerial parts of this plant used in traditional medicine against bronchitis, colds, abdominal pains, dysmenorrheal, fertility enhancer. Antipyretic compounds available in the market still present a wide range of undesired effects, leaving an open door for new and better compounds. Therefore, the present study was made on antipyretic effects on *Wedelia trilobata*.

EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY

Identification & collection of plant material

The whole plant of *Wedelia trilobata* was collected from Gudlavalleru. These plants were identified and authenticated by Department of Botany, Hindu College, Machilipatnam. The plants were sorted, cleaned and air dried at room temperature for one week. Then it was ground to powder. Powdered sample was collected and stored in air and water proof containers protected from direct sunlight and heat until used for extraction.

Preparation of plant material

The powdered material of *Wedelia trilobata* was extracted with maceration for 3 days with distilled water followed by simple distillation. The extracts were concentrated to dryness till free from the solvents.

Qualitative Phytochemical screening

The following tests were carried out on standardized herbal extract to detect the presence of various phytoconstituents like saponins, tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, carbohydrates, proteins and phenols by different methods.



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Simultaneous estimation of canagliflozin and metformin hydrochloride in tablet dosage form by UV spectrophotometry

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Abstract

The combination of Canagliflozin and Metformin was available as fixed dose tablets for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. The present method aims to develop a simple, precise and accurate spectrophotometric method for simultaneous determination of Canagliflozin and Metformin in commercial formulation. The method utilizes Vierordt's equation based on the measurement at two wavelengths 290nm (λ_{max} of Canagliflozin) and 236nm (λ_{max} of Metformin). The method exhibited linear range of 2.5 to 15 μ g/ml and 5 to 17.5 μ g/ml for Canagliflozin and Metformin, respectively, with a correlation coefficient of 0.999. The LOD and LOQ for Canagliflozin were found to be 0.43 and 1.31 respectively. For Metformin the LOD and LOQ were found to be 0.49 and 1.49 respectively. The recovery of Canagliflozin and Metformin were found to be 99.43 and 98.82 respectively. The results were validated statistically as per ICH guidelines and were found to be satisfactory. To conclude, the developed UV spectrophotometric method is more economical for analysis of Canagliflozin and Metformin in both bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form for routine analysis.

Keywords: Canagliflozin, Metformin, Vierordt's equation, UV-Spectrophotometry, ICH guidelines.

Introduction

The combination of Canagliflozin and Metformin is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type-2 diabetes. The Canagliflozin and Metformin formulation is available in four dose strengths (50/500 mg, 50/1000 mg, 150/500 mg, 150/1000 mg) and should be taken twice daily with food.¹ Canagliflozin (Fig. 1a) is chemically (1S)-1, 5-anhydro-1-[3-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-thienyl]methyl]-4-methylphenyl]-D-glucitol and belongs to the class of SGLT2 inhibitors. It is used in the treatment of type-2 diabetes.² Canagliflozin inhibits the reabsorption of glucose from kidneys and lowers the renal glucose threshold by inhibiting sodium-glucose transport protein (SGLT2).³⁻⁴ By blocking SGLT2, Canagliflozin decreases reabsorption of filtered glucose and reduces the renal threshold for glucose (RT_G), thereby elevating the urinary glucose excretion (UGE) and reducing raised plasma glucose in patients with type-2 diabetes.⁵ Canagliflozin can be used as monotherapy or multi therapy in the treatment of type-2 diabetes.⁶⁻⁹

Metformin (Fig. 1b) a biguanide antihyperglycemic agent used for treating type-2 diabetes. It acts by decreasing hepatic glucose production and glucose absorption, and it enhances insulin mediated glucose uptake. Metformin is recommended as first line therapy for patients with type-2 diabetes. Patients, from whom Metformin monotherapy is not sufficient to achieve glycemic goals, it is referred to use in combination with other class of antidiabetic drugs.¹⁰

The literature survey revealed that few analytical methods were reported for estimation of the drugs individually and in combination using UV, HPLC,

HPLC,¹⁴⁻¹⁶ HPTLC¹⁷ and LC-MS.¹⁸ In the present study an attempt was made for simultaneous estimation of Canagliflozin and Metformin in pharmaceutical dosage form by UV spectrophotometry. The method can be applied for routine quality control analysis.

Materials and Method

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Keywords: Canagliflozin, Metformin, Vierordt's equation, UV-Spectrophotometry, ICH guidelines.

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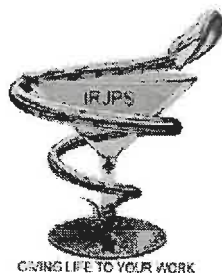
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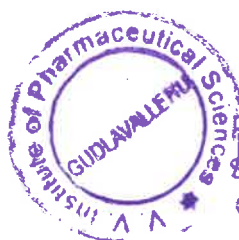
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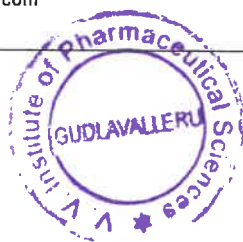
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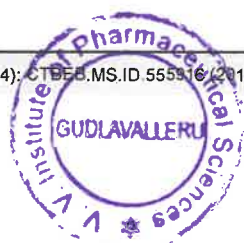
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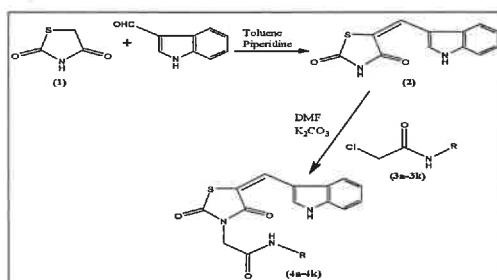
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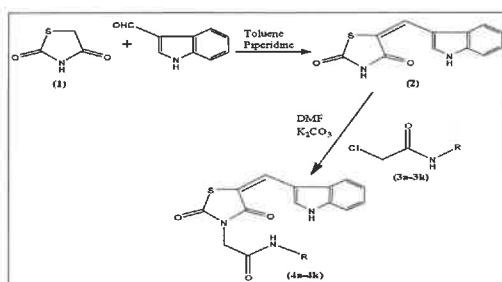
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ABSTRACT: A rapid, sensitive and reproducible HPLC method was developed and validated for the quantification of Ceritinib in rabbit plasma using PDA detector at wave length 264 nm. The method was developed using Dasatinib as internal standard (IS). Ceritinib is a selective and potent inhibitor of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) indicated in the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). The Ceritinib and Dasatinib were separated as symmetrical peaks on an analytical column ODS (250 × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) column using a mixture of 75% phosphate buffer (pH 3.6) and 25% acetonitrile as mobile phase with a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. The total chromatographic run time is 10.0 min with retention times for Ceritinib and Dasatinib at 7.630 min and 2.771 min respectively, no interferences from the endogenous plasma peaks is observed. The method is validated and linear calibration curves were obtained across a range of 0.002 - 0.2 μg/ml for Ceritinib with a correlation coefficient of 0.999. The coefficients of variation for intra-day and inter-day assays were less than 10%. The intra-batch and inter-batch precision (% CV) across five levels (LLOQ, LQC, MQC, HQC, and ULOQ) is less than 11.15. The method was validated as per the USFDA guidelines and the results were within the acceptance criteria for selectivity, sensitivity, linearity, precision, accuracy, recovery stability of solution and stability of solution in plasma.

INTRODUCTION: Ceritinib **Fig. 1** is used for the treatment of adults with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer ¹ (NSCLC). Chemically Ceritinib is N-{2- [(5-chloro-2- {[5-methyl-4- (piperidin-4-yl)- 2- (propan- 2- loxy) phenyl] amino} pyrimidin- 4-yl) amino] phenyl} propane- 2- sulfonamide.

Ceritinib exerts its therapeutic effect by inhibiting auto-phosphorylation of ALK, ALK-mediated phosphorylation of the downstream signaling protein STAT3, and proliferation of ALK-dependent cancer cells ².

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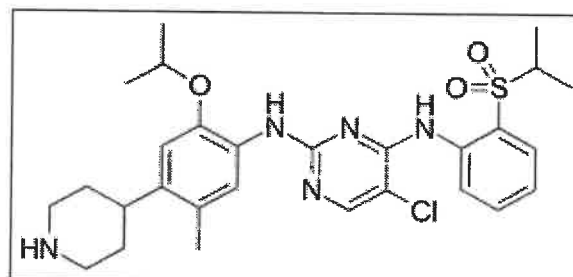
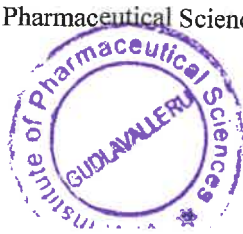


FIG. 1: STRUCTURE OF CERITINIB



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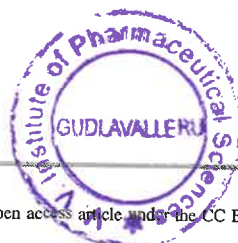
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SIMULTANEOUS QUANTIFICATION OF EZETIMIBE AND
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DOSAGE FORM****M. Mukkanti Eswarudu^{1*}, A. Lakshmana Rao², K. Vijay³**¹Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Vignan Pharmacy College, Vadlamudi, Guntur- 522213 and Ph. D Research Scholar, Department of Pharmacy, JNTUK, Kakinada, India.²Principal, V. V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru- 521356, A.P., India.³Assistant Professor, University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur- 522510, A.P., India.**Abstract:**

A simple, specific, accurate, and precise reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic (RP-HPLC) method and Stability indicating tests was developed and validated for the simultaneous quantification of Ezetimibe and Glimepiride in Bulk drugs and Pharmaceutical dosage form. The quantification is carried out using Kromosil C18 (150 × 4.6mm, 5μ) column with mobile phase consisted of a mixture of Acetonitrile and Potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate buffer in the ratio of 65:35 (v/v) delivered at a flow rate of 1.0 ml / min and effluents were monitored at 228 nm. The retention times of Ezetimibe and Glimepiride were found to be 2.789 min and 3.282 min respectively. The linearity for Ezetimibe and Glimepiride were in the range of 25-150 μg/ml and 2.5-15 μg/ml with correlation co-efficient of 0.999 for both drugs. The mean % recoveries of Ezetimibe and Glimepiride were found to be 98.41 to 100.78 % and 98.39 to 100.80 % respectively. The proposed method was validated as per ICH guidelines and it was found to be accurate, precise and robust, and it was applied to the estimation of Ezetimibe and Glimepiride in combined tablet dosage form. Forced degradation studies indicated the suitability of the method for stability studies.

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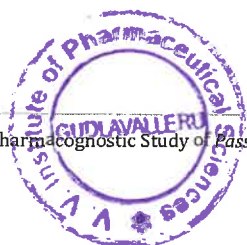
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ABSTRACT

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Keywords: Pazopanib, Gefitinib, Plasma, HPLC and Analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Pazopanib (Fig. 1) is chemically described as 5-((4-[(2, 3-dimethyl-2H-indazol-6-yl) (methyl) amino] pyrimidin-2-yl) amino)-2-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide. Pazopanib was approved by FDA for treating patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma and soft tissue sarcoma (who already received chemotherapy)^{1,2}. Pazopanib exhibits antiangiogenic and antitumour effects through inhibiting multiple receptor tyrosinases^{3,4}. Pazopanib is a potent and selective second-generation multi targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor. Pazopanib inhibits key proteins responsible for tumor growth and angiogenesis such as vascular endothelial growth factor receptor -1, -2, -3, platelet-derived growth factor receptor -α, -β, cytokine receptor, fibroblast growth factor receptor -1, -3, interleukin-2 receptor inducible T-cell

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Research Article

Formulation and Evaluation of Eplerenone Matrix Tablets using Aloe Vera, Guar Gum and Povidone K-30.

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Abstract

Purpose: In the existing work different sustained release matrix tablets of eplerenone were prepared with dried mucilage of *Aloe vera*, guar gum and povidone K30 by using different binder: tablet weight ratios viz. 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20 and 5:20. **Method:** During this process *Aloe vera* leaves are procured, extracted, dried and characterized to obtain *Aloe vera* mucilage powder. Pre-formulation studies were performed and studied for the functional groups and also compatibility studies were conducted. The formulations that were prepared using *Aloe vera* were named as EPA, for Guar gum as EPG, for Povidone K30 as EPP and finally combination of *Aloe vera* and Povidone K30 was named as EPAP. **Results:** From the graphs, kinetic evaluation was done and observed that the drug release is governed by diffusion mechanism and this is confirmed by *r* values. The regression coefficient values, clearly indicates that the drug release is governed by zero order and almost all formulations showing Fickian release. Among all the formulations that were prepared EPAP-5 is selected as best. The best formulation is compared with the marketed formulation. **Conclusion:** *Aloe vera* gel dried powder is a suitable matrix agent in formulating sustained release tablets of eplerenone. It may be useful in similar preparations of other drugs.

Key words: Eplerenone, Matrix tablets, *Aloe vera*, Guar gum, Povidone K-30.

Introduction

Among the entire delivery systems oral route is highly preferred because of its high comfort zone that cannot be produced by other routes. In order to release the drug at specific location different types of polymers are used and they also help to show prolonged action. Many advanced technologies are available and these are making the delivery systems more suitable and advantageous when compared to the past. Controlled release oral drug delivery

system is one among the advanced technologies that is most widely preferred. (1)

Eplerenone is a steroidal anti mineralocorticoid of the spiro lactone group that is used as an adjunct in the management of chronic heart failure. The recommended starting dose of eplerenone for the treatment of essential hypertension is 50 mg once daily titrated to a maximum of 50 mg twice daily.



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Purpose: In the existing work different sustained release matrix tablets of eplerenone were prepared with dried mucilage of *Aloe vera*, guar gum and povidone K30 by using different binder: tablet weight ratios viz. 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20 and 5:20. **Method:** During this process *Aloe vera* leaves are procured, extracted, dried and characterized to obtain *Aloe vera* mucilage powder. Pre-formulation studies were performed and studied for the functional groups and also compatibility studies were conducted. The formulations that were prepared using *Aloe vera* were named as EPA, for Guar gum as EPG, for Povidone K30 as EPP and finally combination of *Aloe vera* and Povidone K30 was named as EPAP. **Results:** From the graphs, kinetic evaluation was done and observed that the drug release is governed by diffusion mechanism and this is confirmed by r values. The regression coefficient values, clearly indicates that the drug release is governed by zero order and almost all formulations showing Fickian release. Among all the formulations that were prepared EPAP-5 is selected as best. The best formulation is compared with the marketed formulation. **Conclusion:** *Aloe vera* gel dried powder is a suitable matrix agent in formulating sustained release tablets of eplerenone. It may be useful in similar preparations of other drugs.

Key words: Eplerenone, Matrix tablets, Aloe vera, Guar gum, Povidone K-30.

Introduction

Among the entire delivery systems oral route is highly preferred because of its high comfort zone that cannot be produced by other routes. In order to release the drug at specific location different types of polymers are used and they also help to show prolonged action. Many advanced technologies are available and these are making the delivery systems more suitable and advantageous when compared to the past. Controlled release oral drug delivery

system is one among the advanced technologies that is most widely preferred. (1)

Eplerenone is a steroidal anti mineralocorticoid of the spiro lactone group that is used as an adjunct in the management of chronic heart failure. The recommended starting dose of eplerenone for the treatment of essential hypertension is 50 mg once daily titrated to a maximum of 50 mg twice daily.



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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF RP-HPLC METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF PARACETAMOL AND LORNOXICAM IN BULK AND PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, accurate and precise isocratic reversed phase high performance liquid chromatographic method has been developed and validated for simultaneous estimation of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam in tablet dosage form. The chromatographic separation was carried out on Zorbax C18 column (150 mm x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 µm particle size) with a mixture of 20 mM ammonium acetate pH 3.2 buffer and acetonitrile in the ratio of 60:40 v/v as a mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. UV detection was performed at 265 nm. The retention times were 2.74 minutes and 5.36 minutes for Paracetamol and Lornoxicam respectively. Calibration plots were linear ($r^2=0.999$ for both Paracetamol and Lornoxicam respectively) over the concentration range of 6.25-250 µg/mL for Paracetamol and 0.1-4 µg/mL for Lornoxicam. The method was validated for linearity, precision, accuracy, ruggedness and robustness. The proposed method was successfully used for simultaneous estimation of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam in tablet dosage form. Validation studies revealed that the proposed method is specific, rapid, reliable and reproducible. The high % recovery and low % RSD confirms the suitability of the proposed method for routine quality control analysis of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam in bulk and tablet dosage form.

INTRODUCTION

Paracetamol (Fig. 1) is a non-selective COX inhibitor and has weak activity on prostaglandin synthetase in the inflamed peripheral tissues [1]. Paracetamol is used to treat many conditions such as headache, muscle ache, arthritis, backache, toothache, cold and fever. Chemically it is N-acetyl-p-amino phenol [2].

Lornoxicam (Fig. 2) is a potent analgesic with excellent anti inflammatory properties in a range of painful and inflammatory conditions, including postoperative pain and rheumatoid arthritis [3]. Chemically it is 6-chloro-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-2-pyridinyl-2H-thieno[2,3-e]-1,2-thiazine-3-carboxamide, 1,1-dioxide [4].

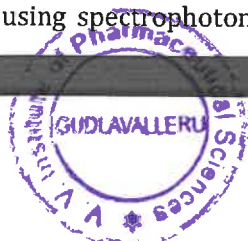
Literature survey reveals that few analytical methods using spectrophotometry [5-7], HPLC [8-10]

and HPTLC [11-13] have been reported for the simultaneous determination of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam in combined dosage forms. Therefore, an attempt has been made to develop a novel, rapid, accurate and precise RP-HPLC method for simultaneous estimation of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam in tablet dosage form and validated in accordance with ICH guidelines [14].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrumentation

To develop a high performance liquid chromatographic method for simultaneous estimation of Paracetamol and Lornoxicam using Waters 2695 HPLC system on a Zorbax C-18 (150 mm x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 µm particle size) column was used. The instrument is equipped with pump-515,





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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF HPTLC METHOD FOR THE ESTIMATION OF EPERISONE HYDROCHLORIDE IN PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION

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ABSTRACT

A simple, precise, accurate and rapid high performance thin layer chromatographic method has been developed and validated for the estimation of Eperisone hydrochloride in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form. The stationary phase used was silica gel precoated aluminum plate 60F₂₅₄ plates. The mobile phase used was a mixture of ethyl acetate: methanol: toluene (4:3:3, v/v/v). The detection of spots was carried out at 272 nm. The method was validated in terms of specificity, accuracy, linearity, precision and accuracy. The calibration curve was found to be linear between 100-700 ng/band. The proposed method can be successfully used to determine the drug Eperisone hydrochloride in bulk and pharmaceutical formulation.

KEYWORDS

Eperisone, HPTLC, Validation and Precision.

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INTRODUCTION

Eperisone hydrochloride acts by relaxing both skeletal muscles and vascular smooth muscles and demonstrates a variety of effects such as reduction of myotonia, improvement of circulation and suppression of the pain reflex¹. Chemically it is 4-ethyl-2-methyl-piperdino prophenone hydrochloride. The chemical structure of Eperisone hydrochloride was shown in Figure No.1. Eperisone hydrochloride also facilitates voluntary movement of the upper and lower extremities without reducing muscle power, it is therefore useful during the initial stage of rehabilitation and as a supporting drug during subsequent rehabilitative therapy²⁻⁴.



METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR SIMULTANEOUS DETERMINATION OF EPALRESTAT AND PREGABALIN IN HUMAN PLASMA BY USING RP-HPLC

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, sensitive, precise and accurate high-performance liquid chromatography method was developed for simultaneous determination of Epalrestat and Pregabalin in human plasma using Glipizide as an internal standard (ISTD). The analytes were extracted from 500 μ L aliquots of a human plasma sample by direct protein precipitation technique using acetonitrile. Evaluation of content of the drugs was done by employing a mixture of acetonitrile and 0.1% orthophosphoric acid (OPA) buffer in the ratio of 45:55 v/v as the mobile phase with a flow rate of 1 mL/min and injection volume of 10 μ L. Chromatographic separation was accomplished using Symmetry C18 150 X 4.6mm, 5 μ m analytical column and the effluents were monitored at 220 nm with a photodiode array (PDA) detector. The total run time was 8 min with a retention time of Epalrestat, Pregabalin and Glipizide was 3.828, 4.699, and 2.463 min respectively. Linearity was established at a concentration range of 0.250-5.00 μ g/mL for Epalrestat and 0.160-3.25 μ g/mL for Pregabalin. The method was validated as per the US-FDA guidelines and the results were within the acceptance criteria and proposed method was successfully applied for the simultaneous determination of Epalrestat and Pregabalin in human plasma.

Keywords: Epalrestat, Pregabalin, Protein Precipitation, Human Plasma, RP-HPLC.

INTRODUCTION

Epalrestat is an aldose reductase inhibitor. It is chemically designated as 2-[(5Z)-5-[(E)-2-methyl-3-phenylprop-2-enylidene]-4-oxo-2-sulfanylidene-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl] acetic acid. The chemical Formula of Epalrestat is $C_{15}H_{13}NO_3S_2$. Aldose reductase reduces glucose to sorbitol. Epalrestat restrains high glucose-intervened neutrophils. Endothelial cell grip and articulation of endothelial bond particles not just through the hindrance of a PKC-subordinate pathway, yet additionally through expanded endothelial NO generation.

Epalrestat is a carboxylic corrosive subsidiary and a non-competitive and reversible utilized for the treatment of which is a standout amongst the most widely recognized long haul intricacies in patients with. It lessens the aggregation of intracellular sorbitol which is accepted to be the reason for diabetic neuropathy, retinopathy and, nephropathy. Artificially, Epalrestat is strange in that it is a medication that contains a gathering. Epalrestat is the main ARI economically accessible. It is effortlessly assimilated into the neural tissue and hinders the compound with the least symptoms.¹



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METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF SITAGLIPTIN AND ERTUGLIFLOZIN IN HUMAN PLASMA BY USING HPLC

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, sensitive, precise and accurate high-performance liquid chromatography method was developed for simultaneous estimation of Sitagliptin and Ertugliflozin in human plasma using Dapagliflozin as an internal standard (ISTD). The analytes were extracted from 500 μ L aliquots of a human plasma sample by direct protein precipitation technique using acetonitrile. Evaluation of content of the drugs was done by employing a mixture of acetonitrile and 0.1% orthophosphoric acid (OPA) buffer in the ratio of 40:60 v/v as the mobile phase with a flow rate of 1 mL/min and injection volume of 10 μ L. Chromatographic separation was accomplished using Inertsil 250 X 4.6 mm, 5 μ m analytical column and the effluents were monitored at 220 nm with a photodiode array (PDA) detector. The total run time was 8 min with a retention time of Sitagliptin, Ertugliflozin and Dapagliflozin 4.548, 5.331, and 3.945 min. respectively. Linearity was established at a concentration range of 0.020-0.750 μ g/mL for Sitagliptin and 0.008-0.300 μ g/mL for Ertugliflozin. The method was validated as per the US-FDA guidelines and the results were within the acceptance criteria and proposed method was successfully applied for the simultaneous determination of Sitagliptin and Ertugliflozin in human plasma.

Keywords: Sitagliptin, Ertugliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Protein Precipitation, Human Plasma.

INTRODUCTION

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. It is chemically designated as (3R)-3-amino-1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)-6,8-dihydro-5H-[1,2,4] triazolo [4,3-a]pyrazin-7-yl]-4-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl) butan-1-one. The chemical formula of Sitagliptin is $C_{16}H_{15}F_6N_5O$. Sitagliptin inhibits DPP-4 which leads to increased levels of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP), decreased levels

of glucagon, and stronger insulin response to glucose.^{1,2} The chemical structure of Sitagliptin is shown in Fig. 1.

Ertugliflozin belongs to the class of potent and selective inhibitors of sodium-dependent glucose cotransporters (SGLT). It is chemically designated as (1S,2S,3S,4R,5S)-5-[4-chloro-3-[(4-ethoxyphenyl)methyl]phenyl]-1-(hydroxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2,3,4-triol. The chemical formula is $C_{22}H_{25}ClO_7$. The administration of Ertugliflozin in combination with Sitagliptin is indicated to improve glycemic control in adult patients with type 2 diabetes



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A Novel Method for the Estimation of Budesonide in Human Plasma by Using LC-MS-MS

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ABSTRACT

A novel method for the estimation of Budesonide in human plasma by using LC-MS-MS and the analyte is budesonide and internal standard is levonorgestrel were extracted with the tertbutyl methyl ether: n-hexane (70:30, v/v) from human plasma. The chromatographic severance was attained of the peak using Agilent Zorbax Eclipse XDB-C₈, (100 mm × 4.6 mm, 3.5 μm) column with a run time is 2.5 min. Budesonide and levonorgestrel 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 Qtrap[®] 4000 thermo Finnigan TSQ quantum discovery triple quadruple 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 of ICH guidelines. Budesonide have 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 h, auto sampler stability for 63 h, bench top stability for 14 h and freeze-thaw stability at -60°C. Hence, it can be used for routine drug analysis and bioequivalence studies of budesonide in human plasma samples.

Keywords: Budesonide, Levonorgestrel, Estimation, Human plasma, LC-MS/MS and Validation

INTRODUCTION

Budesonide was a glucocorticoid steroid and its chemical name is 16,17-(butylidenebis(oxy))-11,21-hydroxy-(11-β,16-α)-pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione. Budesonide designated for the asthma, nasal polyposis and Crohn's disease [1] and it was used for long term management of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with the help of inhaled corticosteroid therapy [2]. A relevant number of studies for estimation of budesonide have been reported, the methods employed includes UV spectroscopy [3,4] high performance liquid chromatography [5-7] and liquid chromatography-mass spectroscopy [8-10]. Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of budesonide have been measured in healthy volunteers [11,12] and primary biliary cirrhosis patients [13] However, no studies regarding the estimation of budesonide in human plasma by using Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy-Mass Spectroscopy (LC-MS-MS) has published so far. The goal of the present study was estimation of budesonide in human plasma by using LC-MS-MS. Besides, until now, no studies have been reported in scientific literature regarding the data of full bio-analytical validation of estimation of budesonide in human plasma by using LC-MS-MS. This paper reports the simple, sensitive, rapid, precise and accurate method for the estimated of budesonide in human plasma by using LC-MS-MS. Based on the data obtained the LC-MS-MS has been applied for analysis of commercial and bioequivalence studies of budesonide samples.

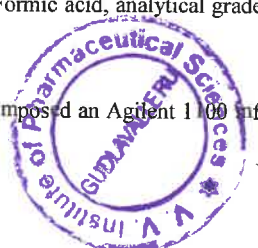
MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Budesonide (≥ 99%) was purchased from Aarti Industries Limited (Mumbai, India). Levonorgestrel (≥ 98%) was purchased from Clearysynth Labs (Mumbai, India). Acetonitrile (≥ 95.8%) and methanol (≥ 98.5%), tert butyl methyl ether (≥ 99.5%), HPLC grade were purchased from J.T. Baker (Philipsbur, USA). Formic acid, analytical grade, n-hexane and water, both HPLC grade, were purchased from Merck Limited (Mumbai, India).

Instrument

The LC-MS-MS system composed an Agilent 1100 infinity combined with an AB Sciex Qtrap[®] 4000 thermo Finnigan TSQ quantum discovery



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Development and validation of RP-HPLC method for the estimation of Ramosetron hydrochloride in tablet dosage form

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, sensitive, accurate and precise RP-HPLC method has been developed and validated for the estimation of Ramosetron hydrochloride in bulk and tablet dosage form. The method was carried out using Hypersil ODS C18 (150 x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 m particle size) column and mobile phase comprised of buffer pH 3.2 and acetonitrile in proportion of ratio 50:50 v/v and degassed in ultrasonic water bath. The flow rate was 0.8 mL/min and the detection wavelength was at 310 nm. The linearity was observed in the range of 1-5 µg/mL with a correlation coefficient of 0.999. The retention time of Ramosetron hydrochloride was 2.54 min. The method was validated as per the ICH guidelines for its linearity, precision, accuracy, specificity, limit of detection, limit of quantitation and by performing recovery studies. The percentage recovery of the drug Ramosetron hydrochloride was 99.76 % to 100.33 % from the tablet formulation. The proposed method is suitable for the routine quality control analysis for the estimation of Ramosetron hydrochloride in bulk and tablet dosage form.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chromatographic conditions

The analysis of the drug was carried out on a Agilent 1260 Infinity Binary HPLC system equipped with a reverse phase Hypersil ODS C18 (150 x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 m particle size) column, mp, a 20 µL injection loop, rheodyne injector, DAD detector and running on Open Labs EZChrom software.

Chemicals and solvents

The reference sample of Ramosetron hydrochloride (API) was provided as gift sample from Spectrum Pharma Research Solutions, Hyderabad, India. The commercial formulations (IBSET tablets containing 5 mg of Ramosetron hydrochloride) were procured from the local market. Acetonitrile (HPLC grade), ortho phosphoric acid, triethyl amine were purchased from E.Merck (India) Ltd., Mumbai, India. Freshly prepared triple distilled water was used throughout the experiment.

Preparation of buffer

Dissolve 1 mL of ortho phosphoric acid (OPA) in 1000 mL of water. Adjusted the pH to 3.2 by using triethyl amine and the solution is filtered and sonicated for 5 min.

Preparation of mobile phase and diluent

500 ml of the buffer (0.1% OPA) was mixed with 500 ml of

INTRODUCTION

Ramosetron hydrochloride (Fig. 1) is a serotonin 5-HT₂ receptor antagonist for the treatment of nausea and vomiting [1]. Chemically Ramosetron hydrochloride is (1-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl) (4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1 H-benzo [d] imidazol-6-yl) methanone hydrochloride. Ramosetron is also indicated for a treatment of diarrhea-predominant irritable bowel syndrome in males. Ramosetron was shown in pharmacological assays to inhibit activities mediated by 5-HT₂ receptors, such as emesis caused by cisplatin [2]. A few HPLC methods [3-5] were reported earlier for the estimation of Ramosetron hydrochloride in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form. In the present study the authors report a rapid, sensitive, accurate and precise HPLC method for the estimation of Ramosetron hydrochloride in bulk drug and in tablet dosage form.

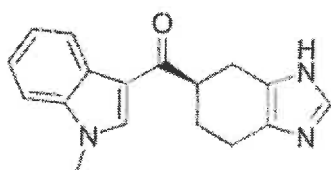


Figure 1: Chemical structure of Ramosetron



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Validated stability indicating RP-HPLC method for simultaneous determination of Cefixime and Acetylcysteine in pharmaceutical dosage form

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ABSTRACT

A simple stability indicating RP-HPLC method has been developed for the simultaneous determination of Cefixime in combination with Acetylcysteine using ODS C18 column (250 × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) with UV detection at 274 nm. The mobile phase consisting of 0.1% Ortho Phosphoric Acid (OPA) and acetonitrile in a ratio of 58:42, v/v and at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The method was linear over the concentration range for Cefixime 50-375 μg/mL and for Acetylcysteine 75-400 μg/mL. The retention times for Cefixime and Acetylcysteine were found to be 2.018 min and 5.141 min respectively. The average percentage recoveries of active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) Cefixime and Acetylcysteine were found to be in the range of 99.23% and 100.13% respectively. The method was validated and was successfully employed for the routine quantitative analysis of pharmaceutical formulations containing Cefixime and Acetylcysteine in combined tablet dosage form.

INTRODUCTION

Cefixime (Fig. 1), an antibiotic, is a third-generation oral bactericidal cephalosporin. Cefixime is chemically known as (6R,7R)-7-[(2Z)-2-(2-amino-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-2-[(carboxymethoxy) imino] acetamido]-3-ethenyl-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclooct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid [1]. The antibacterial effect of Cefixime results from inhibition of mucopeptide synthesis in the bacterial cell wall. Cefixime is extremely stable in presence of β-lactamase enzymes and some cephalosporins may be susceptible to Cefixime. Cefixime is used in the treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract infections caused by *Escherichia coli* and *Proteus mirabilis*, otitis media caused by *Haemophilus influenzae*, pharyngitis and tonsillitis caused by *S. pyogenes*, uncomplicated gonorrhoea (cervical/urethral) caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* etc.

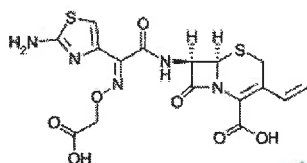


Fig. 1: Structure of Cefixime

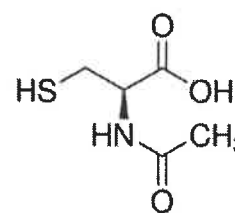
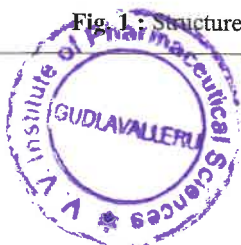


Fig. 2 : Structure of Acetylcysteine

Acetylcysteine (Fig. 2), is primarily used as a mucolytic agent and in the management of acetaminophen poisoning. It is chemically known as (2R)-2-acetamido-3-sulfanylpropanoic acid [2]. It is a derivative of cysteine with an acetyl group attached to the amino group of cysteine. Acetylcysteine can also be used as a general antioxidant which can help mitigate symptoms for a variety of diseases exacerbated by reactive oxygen species (ROS). N-acetylcysteine is now widely used in the treatment of HIV. Acetylcysteine is also being successfully used to treat a variety of neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders including cocaine, cannabis, and smoking addictions, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, autism, compulsive and grooming disorders, schizophrenia, depression, and bipolar





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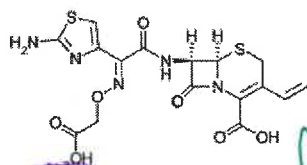


Fig. 1 : Structure of Cefixime

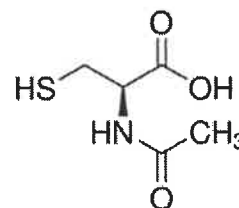
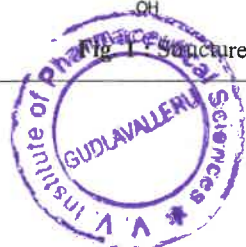


Fig. 2 : Structure of Acetylcysteine

Acetylcysteine (Fig. 2), is primarily used as a mucolytic agent and in the management of acetaminophen poisoning. It is chemically known as (2R)-2-acetamido-3-sulfanylpropanoic acid [2]. It is a derivative of cysteine with an acetyl group attached to the amino group of cysteine. Acetylcysteine can also be used as a general antioxidant which can help mitigate symptoms for a variety of diseases exacerbated by reactive oxygen species (ROS). N-acetylcysteine is now widely used in the treatment of HIV. Acetylcysteine is also being successfully used to treat a variety of neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders including cocaine, cannabis, and smoking addictions, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, autism, compulsive and grooming disorders, schizophrenia, depression, and bipolar



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Validated Stability Indicating RP-HPLC method for estimation of antiviral class of drugs Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir in combination and its comparison with reported methods

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ABSTRACT:

A simple, specific, accurate and stability-indicating reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic method was developed for simultaneous determination of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir, using a BDS C8 (150 x 4.6 mm, 5 µm) column and a mobile phase composed of Buffer (0.1% OPA): Acetonitrile (50:50, v/v). The retention time of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir was found to be 2.267 mins and 2.983 mins respectively when compared with the developed methods the retention time was very less. Linearity was established in the range of 100-600 µg/ml and 25-150 µg/ml for Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir respectively. The percentage recoveries of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir were found to be 100.34% and 101.37% respectively. The drugs were subjected to acid, alkali, hydrolysis, oxidation, dry heat, photolytic and UV degradation and showed very less degradation where no method has reported about the degradation data. The developed method can be successfully employed for simultaneous quantitative analysis of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir in bulk and formulations. When the validation parameters of the method developed are compared with those of the earlier reported methods. The developed method was found to be superior in the aspects such as retention time, system suitability and the method was more economical when compared to others as the run time is only 5 minutes.

KEYWORDS: Comparison, Degradation, RP-HPLC, Stability, Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir.

INTRODUCTION:

Sofosbuvir N- [[P(S), 2'R] -2'-Deoxy -2'-fluoro -2'-methyl - P- phenyl - 5'-uridylyl] -l-alanine (fig.1). Sofosbuvir a recently approved nucleotide analog, is a highly potent inhibitor of the NS5B polymerase in the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), and has shown high efficacy in combination with several other drugs, with and without PEG-INF, against HCV.

Sofosbuvir is used for treatment of chronic HCV genotype 1, 2, 3, or 4 infection in treatment-naive (previously untreated) or previously treated adults without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, including those with HIV infection and those with hepatocellular carcinoma awaiting liver transplantation[1,2].

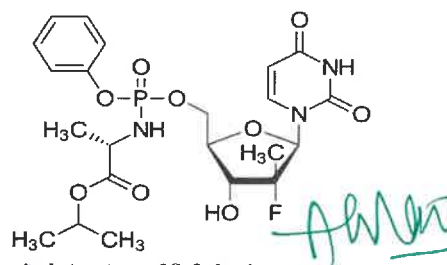


Fig. 1: Chemical structure of Sofosbuvir

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Method Development and Validation of Stability Indicating RP-HPLC Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir in Tablet Dosage Form

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Abstract

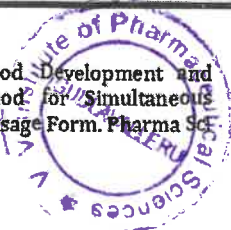
A simple, accurate and precise stability indicating RP-HPLC method was developed for the simultaneous estimation of the Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir in tablet dosage form. Chromatogram was run through Discovery C18 (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μ m) column. Mobile phase containing buffer 0.1% OPA: acetonitrile taken in the ratio 50:50 v/v was pumped through column at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. Temperature was maintained at 30°C. Optimized wavelength selected was 240 nm. The method was linear over the concentration range for Sofosbuvir is 100-600 μ g/ml and for Velpatasvir is 25-150 μ g/ml. The retention times of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir were found to 2.473 min and 3.316 min respectively. %RSD of the Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir were found to be 0.2 and 0.3 for system precision, 0.4 and 0.5 for repeatability and 0.2 and 0.3 for intermediate precision respectively. %Recovery was obtained as 99.32% and 100.43% for Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir respectively. LOD and LOQ values obtained from regression equations of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir were 0.44, 1.32 and 0.33, 1.01 respectively. Regression equation of Sofosbuvir is $y=10179x+3201$ and $y=16944x+13228$ for Velpatasvir respectively. The method was validated and was successfully employed for the routine quantitative analysis of pharmaceutical formulations containing Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir in combined tablet dosage form.

Keywords: Sofosbuvir; Velpatasvir; RP-HPLC; Validation

Abbreviations: RP-HPLC: Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography; USFDA: US Food and Drug Administration; EMA: European Medicine Agencies; ICH: International Conference on Harmonisation; LOD: Limit of Detection; LOQ: Limit of Quantitation; HCV: Hepatitis C Virus.

Introduction

Sofosbuvir (Figure 1) is a direct acting antiviral medication used as part of combination therapy to treat chronic Hepatitis C, an infectious liver disease caused by infection with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) [1]. Chemically it is Propan-2-(2S)-2-[(S)-[[[(2R,3R,4R,5R)-5-(2,4-dioxo-



Simultaneous determination of candesartan and hydrochlorothiazide in human plasma by LC-MS/MS

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A simple, sensitive, rapid and highly efficient LC-MS/MS method was developed for the determination of Candesartan and Hydrochlorothiazide simultaneously in human plasma. The method employed Zorbax eclipse C18 (150 X 4.6 mm, 5 μ) column using acetate buffer: acetonitrile (25:75%, v/v) as the mobile phase. The mobile phase flow rate is 1 mL/min which was delivered into the mass spectrometer electron spray ionization chamber. The Liquid/liquid extraction procedure was used in the method for the extraction of analytes. The chromatograph was attached to a negative ion mode tandem mass spectrometer and the method was validated for all the parameters as per the guidelines of US-FDA. The ions were detected in multiple reaction monitoring mode and the transitions are m/z 439.00 \rightarrow 309.10 and 295.80 \rightarrow 268.80 for candesartan and hydrochlorothiazide respectively. Isotopic standards were used as internal standards for effective recovery of the analytes. The drugs were analyzed over a calibration range of 1.027-302.047 ng/mL for candesartan and 1.044-306.945 ng/mL for hydrochlorothiazide respectively with regression coefficient greater than 0.99. The mean extraction recoveries are 96.95 \pm 5.61 and 100.55 \pm 4.82 for candesartan and hydrochlorothiazide respectively. The precision and accuracy values for all the studies were within the range of \leq 15% and 85-115%. The performed stability studies indicate that the developed method is stable in plasma for 15 h at room temperature (bench top); 52 h (in injector); for 112 days at -70 °C for long term stability; five successive freeze and thaw cycles. The developed method could be successfully employed for the determination of selected drugs in biological samples.

Keywords: Candesartan. Hydrochlorothiazide. LC-MS/MS. Method validation. Human plasma.

INTRODUCTION

Candesartan (CAN), is chemically 2-ethoxy-1-({4-[2-(2H-1, 2, 3, 4-tetrazol-5-yl) phenyl] phenyl} methyl)-1H-1,3-benzodiazole-7-carboxylic acid. It is an angiotensin receptor blocking agent which can be used alone or in combination with other drugs for the treatment of hypertension. It competes with angiotensin-II for its receptors there by lowering blood pressure. It is also used as an effective alternative for the treatment of heart failure, myocardial infarction, coronary diseases and systolic dysfunction (The Merck Index, 2006).

Hydrochlorothiazide (HCT), is chemically 6-chloro-1, 1-dioxo-3, 4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzo-

thiadiazine-7-sulfonamide. It is a prototypical member of the thiazide diuretic. It helps in reduction of reabsorption of various electrolytes through renal tubules resulting in excretion of water along with different electrolytes like sodium, potassium, chloride, magnesium etc. It is widely used in the treatment of edema, hypertension, hyperparathyroidism, and diabetes insipidus (The Merck index, 2006).

Thorough survey of literature disclosed good number of analytical methods which include UV (Erk, 2003a; Naseem *et al.*, 2009), HPTLC (Bipin, Sachin *et al.*, 2008), HPLC (Qutab *et al.*, 2007; Be *et al.*, 1990; Richter, Oertel, Kir, 1996; Erk, 2003b; Zendelovska, Stafilovm Molisevski, 2004; Balamuralikrishna, Syamasundar, 2010; Annapurna, Narendra, Ravi, 2012; Veeranjaneyulu, Aneasha, Nandakishore, 2012; Narendra, Satyanarayana, Ganga, 2012), LC-MS (Brushinina *et al.*, 2014; Surbhi *et al.*, 2010; Bharathi *et al.*, 2012) and UPLC-MS (Singh

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