



DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF RP-HPLC METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF GLIMEPIRIDE AND SITAGLIPTIN PHOSPHATE IN BULK AND SYNTHETIC MIXTURE

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ABSTRACT

A simple, specific and accurate Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography Method was developed for the simultaneous determination of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture. The using Peerless C₁₈ (250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μm) column in Isocratic mode, with Mobile Phase containing ACN: Phosphate Buffer in the ratio of (75:25 %v/v) pH 3.6 adjusted with Orthophosphoric acid at detection wavelength 222 nm with flow rate is 1 ml/min and run time is 10 min. the average retention time was found to be 2.547 min and 4.950 min for Sitagliptin Phosphate and Glimepiride, respectively. The calibration was linear in concentration range of 1-6 μg/ml for Glimepiride and 50-300 μg/ml for Sitagliptin Phosphate. The low RSD (< 2%) Value indicates that the method is precise. The recoveries for Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate were found to be in the range of 98-99%. The proposed method was Validated and successfully applied for the estimation of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture.

INTRODUCTION

Glimepiride is chemically 3-ethyl-4-methyl-N-{2-[4-((4-methylcyclohexyl) carbamoyl) amino] sulfonyl} phenyl]ethyl}-2-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxamide. [1] It acts as an insulin secretagogue. It lowers blood sugar by stimulating the release of insulin by pancreatic beta cells and by inducing increased activity of intracellular insulin receptors. [2,3] Sitagliptin Phosphate is chemically (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; phosphoric acid. [4] Sitagliptin Phosphate competitively inhibits dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4). This enzyme breakdown the incretins GLP-1, gastrointestinal hormones released in response to a meal. By preventing GLP-1

Inactivation, they are able to increase the secretion of insulin and suppress the release of glucagon by the alpha cells of pancreas. This leads blood glucose level to normal. [4] Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate are commercially available in various dosage forms as an individual formulation. Combination of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate was studied under Clinical Trial phase. Identifier No: NCT01189890 by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. [6] Combination of Glimepiride with Sitagliptin Phosphate in "Efficacy of combination therapy with Sitagliptin and Low dose Glimepiride in Japanese patients with Type 2 Diabetes" was studied under clinical trial phase and was proved that the combination is effective in type-2 diabetes in such a way that it Synergistically stimulate insulin

secretion and also combination therapy leads to ameliorate hyperglycemia in type -2 Diabetes Mellitus. Also significant improvement in secretion of insulin by pancreatic alpha and beta cells which leads blood glucose level to normal. [7]. Glimepiride is official in IP [8]. Sitagliptin Phosphate is not official in any of the pharmacopoeia. From Literature Survey, various method (Spectroscopic method: UV, Mass Chromatographic method: HPLC,

Material and Methods

Instruments and apparatus

- A Shimadzu RP-HPLC (LC-20-AD) (SPD-20 A) Instrument [Spinchrome]
- Column- Peerless C₁₈ (250×4.6 mm, 5 μm)
- Digital Analytical Balance – Wensar DA 13–220 (India)
- pH meter (Systronics, Naroda, Ahmedabad)
- Sonicator – Equitron (India)
- High vacuum pump (Parag Engineering)
- Volumetric flask – 10, 50 and 100 ml (Borosil)
- Pipettes – 1, 2, 5 and 10 ml (Borosil)
- Beaker –50,100 and 150 ml (Borosil)
- Hamilton syringe

Chemicals and Materials

- Acetonitrile (HPLC grade) (Avantor Performance Material India Ltd)
- Methanol (HPLC grade) (Finar, Ahmedabad)
- Water (HPLC grade) (Astron Chemical India)
- Ortho Phosphoric Acid 75 % (AR Grade) (Astron Chemical India)
- Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate were supplied by West Coast Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad, India and Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad, India, respectively.

Selection of Detection Wavelength:

The sensitivity of HPLC method that uses UV detection depends upon proper selection of detection wavelength. At 222 nm both drug gave remarkable absorbance, good peak height and shape. So, 222 nm was

HPTLC) were reported for the analysis of individual drugs and also in combination with other drugs but no method were reported for simultaneous estimation of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate. Hence, the purpose of the present work was to develop and validate RP-HPLC method for simultaneous estimation of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in synthetic mixture.

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Mobile phase selection:

The composition and flow rate of mobile phase were changed to optimize the separation condition using combined solution. After number of trial experiments, it was established that the Mobile phase ACN: Phosphate Buffer in the ratio of (75:25 % v/v) pH 3.6 adjusted with Orthophosphoric acid shows good peak shape and resolution.

Chromatographic condition:

Column: Peerless C₁₈ (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm)

Mobile phase: ACN: Phosphate Buffer (pH 3.6 adjusts with 10% Ortho phosphoric acid) (75:25% v/v)

Flow rate: 1 ml/min

Run time: 10 min

Detection wavelength: 222 nm

Detector: U.V Detector

Injection volume: 20 μL

Syringe: Hamilton

Preparation of Mobile phase:

Preparation of 10% Orthophosphoric acid: 10% ortho phosphoric acid was prepared by diluting 1.3 ml of concentrated ortho phosphoric acid in 10 ml HPLC grade water.

Preparation of buffer (10 mM phosphate buffer): Accurately weighed 0.272 gm potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH₂PO₄) was transferred it in 200 ml HPLC grade water and allowed it to dissolve. It was filtered through 0.45 μm membrane filter and sonicated for about 10 min. Buffer pH was adjusted to 3.6 with 10% ortho phosphoric acid.

Preparation of Mobile phase: ACN: Phosphate Buffer (75:25 % v/v) (pH 3.6 adjusts with 10% Ortho phosphoric acid). Prepared Mobile phase was used after filtered it through 0.45 µm membrane filter and sonication.

Preparation of standard stock solution:

Glimepiride (100 µg/ml): Accurately weighed GLIM (10 mg) was transferred to a 100 ml volumetric flask, and diluted up to the mark with mobile phase to obtain a standard stock solution (100 µg/ml).

Sitagliptin Phosphate (1000 µg/ml):

Accurately weighed SITA (100 mg) was transferred to a 100 ml volumetric flask, and diluted up to the mark with mobile phase to obtain a standard stock solution (1000 µg/ml).

Preparation and analysis of synthetic mixture [15, 54]

The synthetic mixture of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate was prepared in the ratio of 1:50. Common excipients such as Polivinyll Pyrolidine (10 mg), CCS [Cross Carmellose Sodium] (8 mg), Talc (4 mg), Magnesium Stearate (6 mg), MCC [Micro Crystalline Cellulose] (21 mg) were added in the motor pestle along with the drug Glimepiride (1 mg) and Sitagliptin Phosphate (50 mg). Accurately weighed equivalently weight of Glimepiride (1 mg) and Sitagliptin Phosphate (50 mg) which transferred in 100 ml volumetric flask and make up half mark with Methanol. This solution was sonicated till the drug dissolves and was made upto mark with methanol. This solution was filtered through Whatmann filter paper. The concentration of Glimepiride was 10 µg/ml and Sitagliptin Phosphate was 500 µg/ml. From above synthetic mixture solutions take 2 ml and transferred in to a 10 ml volumetric flask and the volume was adjusted up to the mark with mobile phase to make final concentration of Glimepiride 2 µg/ml and Sitagliptin Phosphate 100 µg/ml.

Method Validation: The developed method was validated with respect to

specificity, linearity, range, accuracy, and precision, limit of detection and limit of quantification in accordance with the ICH guideline.

➤ **Specificity**

Specificity is the ability to assess unequivocally the analyte in the presence of components which may be expected to be present. Typically, these might include impurities, degradants, matrix, etc.

➤ **Linearity & Range**

The linearity of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate was found to be in the range of 1-6 µg/ml and 50-300 µg/ml respectively. Plot the calibration curve of Peak area Vs Concentration (µg/ml). Linearity of both the drugs was checked in term of slope, intercept and correlation coefficient.

Preparation of calibration curve

Aliquots of stock solution of Glimepiride (100 µg/ml) 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 and 0.6 ml and Sitagliptin Phosphate (1000 µg/ml) 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.0 ml were pipette out in same six different 10 ml volumetric flasks and further diluted with mobile phase to obtain the concentration of about 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 µg/ml for Glimepiride and 50, 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 for Sitagliptin Phosphate. 20 µL of each solution were injected into RP-HPLC system by Hamilton syringe and analyzed. Calibration curve was obtained by plotting respective Peak area Vs Concentration in µg/ml and Regression equation was obtained.

➤ **Precision**

The precision of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement (degree of scatter) between a series of measurements obtained from multiple sampling of the same homogeneous sample under the prescribed conditions. Precision may be considered at three levels: Intermediate (Intraday) precision, Reproducibility (Interday precision), Repeatability.

1) Intraday Precision: Solutions containing 1, 2, 3 µg/ml of GLIM and 50, 100, 150 µg/ml of SITA were analyzed three times on the same day and %R.S.D was calculated.

2) Interday Precision: Solutions containing 1, 2, 3 µg/ml of GLIM and 50, 100, 150 µg/ml of SITA were analyzed on three

different successive days and %R.S.D. was calculated.

3) Repeatability: Solutions containing 2 µg/ml of GLIM and 100 µg/ml of SITA were analyzed for six times and %R.S.D. was calculated.

➤ **Limit of Detection (LOD)**

Limit of detection can be calculated using following equation as per ICH guidelines.

$$\text{LOD} = 3.3 \times (\sigma / S)$$

Where, σ = standard deviation of the Y intercept of calibration curve

S = Mean slope of the corresponding calibration curve.

➤ **Limit of Quantification (LOQ)**

Limit of quantification can be calculated using following equation as per ICH guidelines.

$$\text{LOQ} = 10 \times (\sigma / S)$$

Where, σ = standard deviation of the Y intercept of calibration curve

S = Mean slope of the corresponding calibration curve.

➤ **Accuracy**

The accuracy of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement between the value which is accepted either as a conventional true value or an accepted reference value and the value found. Accuracy of the developed method was confirmed by doing recovery study as per ICH guideline at three different concentration levels 50%, 100%, 150% and the values were measured for Glimepiride (2 µg/ml) and Sitagliptin Phosphate (100µg/ml). This performance was done in triplicate.

Preparation of stock solution of Mixture (100 µg/ml): (Stock 1)

The synthetic mixture of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate was prepared in the ratio of 1:50. Common excipients such as Poliviny Pyrolidine (10 mg), CCS [Cross Carmellose Sodium] (8 mg), Talc (4 mg), Magnesium Stearate (6 mg), MCC [Micro Crystalline Cellulose] (21 mg) were added in the motor pestle along with the drug Glimepiride (1 mg) and Sitagliptin Phosphate (50 mg).

Accurate weighed equivalently weight of Glimepiride (1mg) and Sitagliptin Phosphate (50 mg) which transferred in 100 ml volumetric flask and make up half mark with Methanol. This solution was sonicated till the drug dissolves and was made upto mark with methanol. This solution was filtered through Whatmann filter paper. The concentration of Glimepiride was 10 µg/ml and Sitagliptin Phosphate was 500 µg/ml.

Preparation of Standard stock solution

Glimepiride (100 µg/ml): (Stock 2)

Accurately weighed GLIM (10 mg) was transferred to a 100 ml volumetric flask and was diluted to half and sonicated and made upto the mark with Methanol to obtain a standard stock solution.

Preparation of Standard stock solution

Sitagliptin Phosphate (1000 µg/ml):

(Stock 3)

Accurately weighed SITA (100 mg) was transferred to a 100 ml volumetric flask and was diluted to half and sonicated and made upto the mark with Methanol to obtain a standard stock solution. Each flask was made up to 10 ml with Methanol. Each procedure was carried out for 3 times (n=3).

➤ **Robustness**

The robustness of an analytical procedure is a measure of its capacity to remain unaffected by small, but deliberate variations in method parameters and provides an indication of its reliability during normal usage. It should show the reliability of an analysis with respect to deliberate variation in method parameter. In case of liquid chromatography, examples of typical variations are: Influence of variations of pH in mobile phase; Influence of variations in Mobile phase composition;

- Different columns (different lots and/or suppliers)

- Temperature

- Flow rate

System suitability tests

A system suitability test is an integral part of liquid chromatography. They are used to verify that resolution and reproducibility of chromatography system are adequate for the analysis to be done. The test includes the

Resolution, Column efficiency, tailing factor and Theoretical plates.

Selection detection wavelength: The sensitivity of RP-HPLC method that uses UV detection depends upon proper selection of detection wavelength. At 222 nm both drugs give good peak height and shape. So, 222 nm was selected for simultaneous estimation of GLIM and SITA in synthetic mixture.

Optimization of chromatographic conditions:

Various mobile phases, such as Methanol: Water, Acetonitrile: Water, ACN: Buffer in different proportion was tried. The combination of ACN: Phosphate buffer in the ratio of (75:25 %v/v) pH 3.6 adjusted with Orthophosphoric acid provided optimum polarity for proper migration, separation and resolution of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate. Under these conditions, the eluted peaks were well defined and resolved.

Result: For RP- HPLC method various mobile phase compositions was tried to get adequate separation of eluted compound.

Separation of GLIM and SITA were performed by use of isocratic mobile phase prepared from ACN: Phosphate Buffer in the ratio of (75:25 %v/v) pH 3.6 adjusted with Orthophosphoric acid at detection wavelength 222 nm with flow rate is 1 ml/min and run time is 10 min. the average retention time was found to be 2.547 min and 4.950 min for SITA and GLIM respectively. The calibration was linear in concentration range of 1-6 µg/ml for GLIM and 50-300 µg/ml for SITA. The low RSD (< 2%) value indicates that the method is precise. The recoveries for GLIM and SITA were found to be in the range of 99.50-99.84%.

Discussion: The statistical analysis of data and the drug recovery data showed that the method was simple, rapid, economical, sensitive, precise and accurate. It can thereby easily adopt for routine quality control analysis. The results of this analysis confirmed that the proposed method was suitable for determination of drug in Synthetic Mixture with virtually no interference of additives. Hence the proposed method can be successfully applied in estimation of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture.

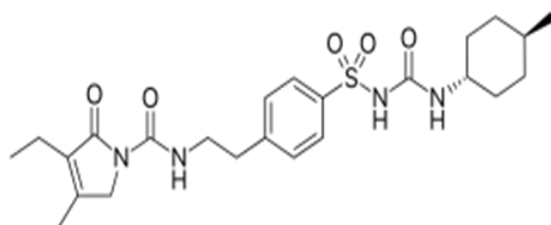


Figure 1: Structure of Glimepiride [1]

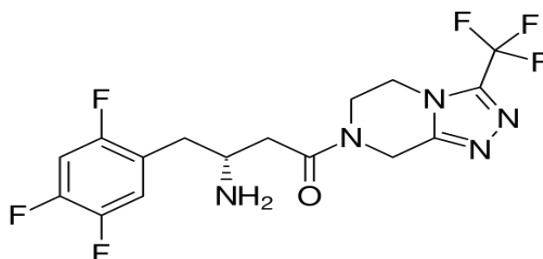


Figure 2: Structure of Sitagliptin Phosphate [4]

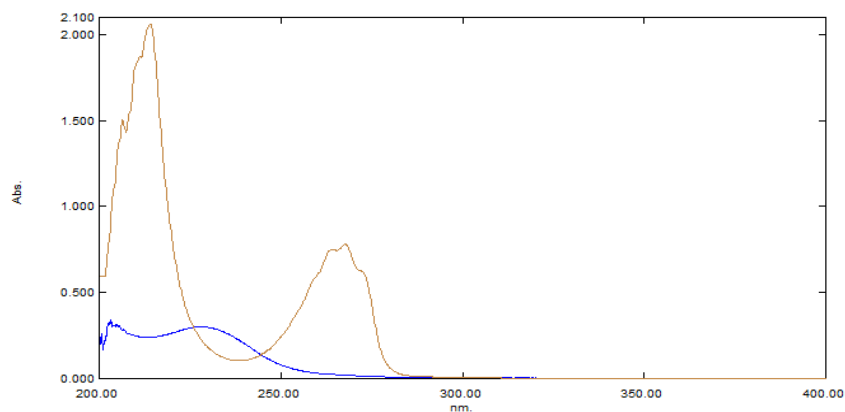


Figure 3: Overlain spectra of GLIM (2 µg/ml) and SITA (100 µg/ml) in Methanol

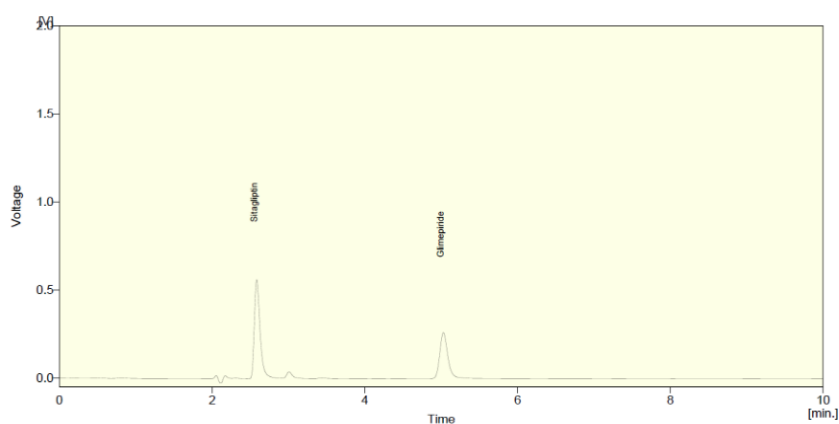


Figure 4: Chromatogram of SITA (100 µg/ml) and GLIM (2 µg/ml) in ACN: Phosphate Buffer (pH 3.6 adjusted with Ortho phosphoric acid) (75:25 %v/v)

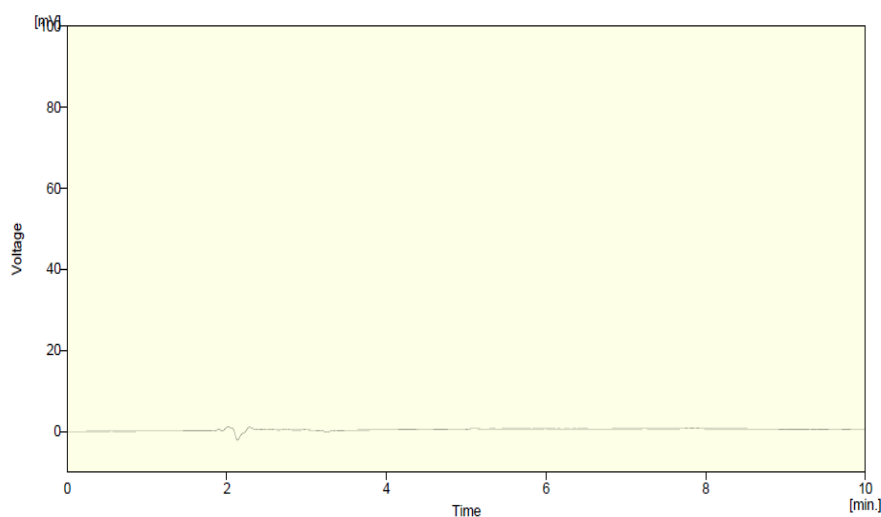


Figure 5: Blank chromatogram

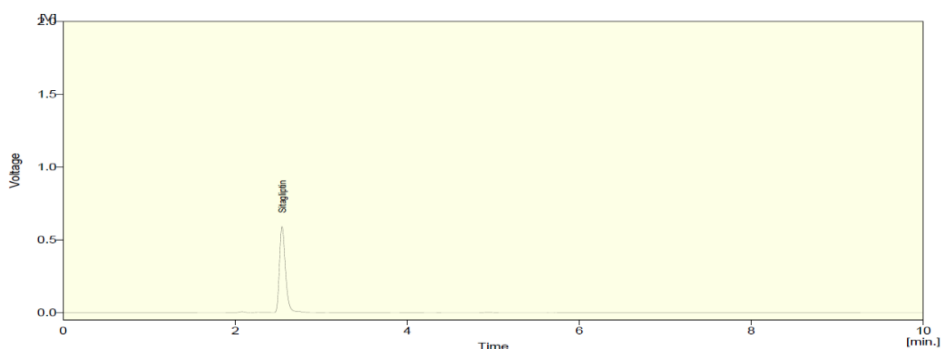


Figure 6: Chromatogram of SITA (100 µg/ml) in in ACN: Phosphate Buffer (pH 3.6 adjusts with Ortho phosphoric acid) (75:25 %v/v)

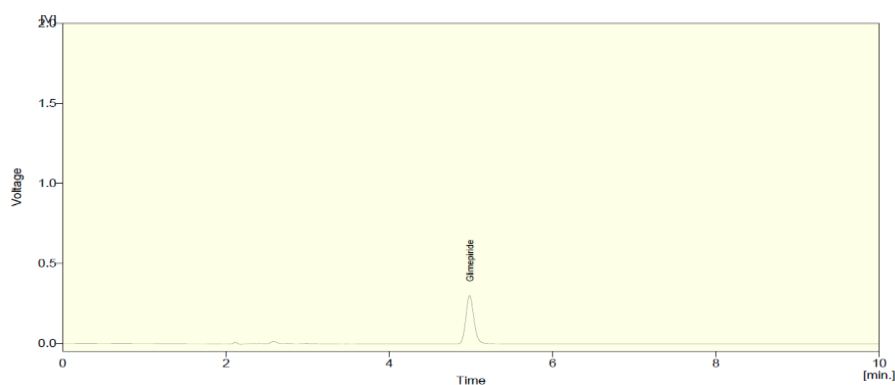


Figure 7: Chromatogram of GLIM (2 µg/ml) in in ACN: Phosphate Buffer (pH 3.6 adjusts with Ortho phosphoric acid) (75:25 %v/v)

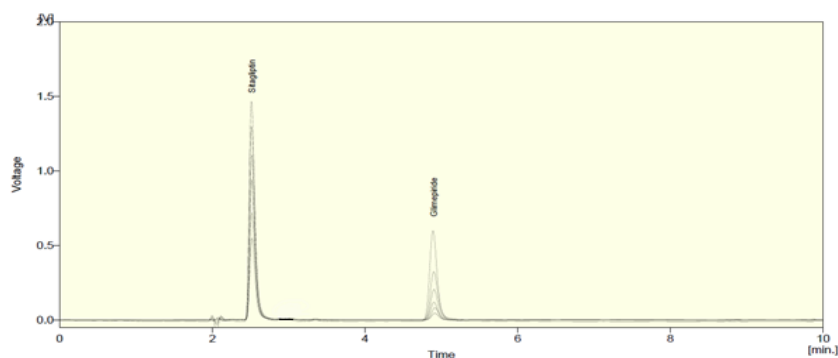


Figure 8: Overlain chromatogram of SITA 50-300 (µg/ml) and GLIM (1-6µg/ml)

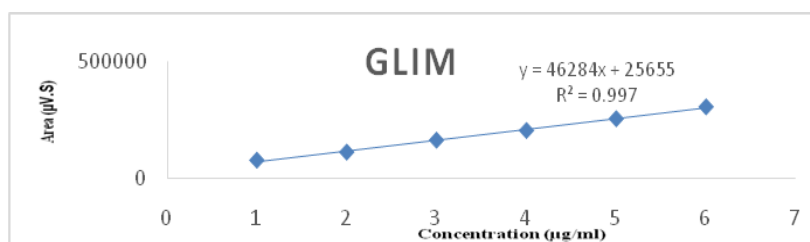


Figure 9: Calibration curve of Glimepiride (1-6 µg/ml)

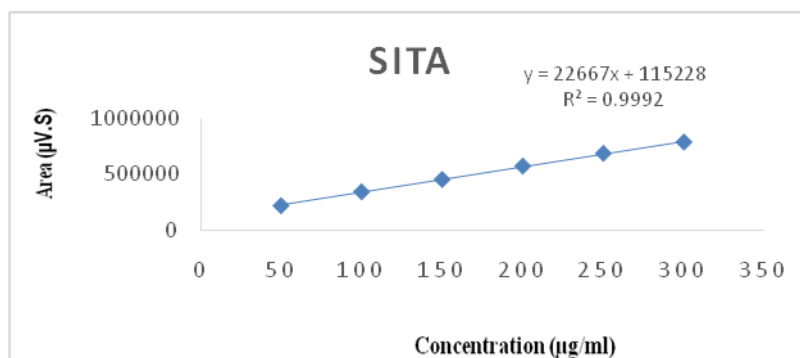


Figure 10: Calibration curve of Sitagliptin Phosphate (50-300 µg/ml)

Table 1: Amount of drug taken in 10 ml volumetric flask for Glimepiride

Flask	% Level of Recovery	Stock 1 (µg/ml)	Stock 2 (µg/ml)	Total Amount(ml)
1	50	2	0.1	2.1
2	100	2	0.2	2.2
3	150	2	0.3	2.3

Table 2: Amount of drug taken in 10 ml volumetric flask for Sitagliptin Phosphate

Flask	% Level of Recovery	Stock 1 (µg/ml)	Stock 2 (µg/ml)	Total Amount(ml)
1	50	2	0.5	2.5
2	100	2	1.0	3.0
3	150	2	1.5	3.5

Table 3: Calibration data for GLIM (1-6µg/ml) and SITA 50-300 (µg/ml)

GLIMEPIRIDE			SITAGLIPTIN PHOSPHATE		
Conc. (µg/ml)	Mean Peak Area (µV.s) ± S.D. (n=6)	% RSD	Conc. (µg/ml)	Mean Peak Area (µV.s) ± S.D. (n=6)	% RSD
1	78138 ± 663.18	0.8487	50	222480 ± 1565.98	0.7038
2	113075 ± 922.79	0.8160	100	345625 ± 2026.31	0.5862
3	154385 ± 1087.42	0.7043	150	455142 ± 2298.55	0.5050
4	205994 ± 1414.77	0.6868	200	573805 ± 2716.07	0.4733
5	256620 ± 1631.36	0.6357	250	687189 ± 2765.61	0.4024
6	317674 ± 1750.73	0.5511	300	787150 ± 2775.62	0.3513

Table 4: Precision study for Glimepiride

Intraday precision of Glimepiride		
Glimepiride		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm S.D (n=3)	% RSD
1	78356 \pm 597.16	0.7621
2	113804 \pm 846.16	0.7435
3	154792 \pm 1068.35	0.6901
Interday precision of Glimepiride		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm S.D (n=3)	% RSD
1	78723 \pm 707.18	0.8983
2	113708 \pm 996.19	0.8760
3	154339 \pm 1081.11	0.7004
Repeatability of Glimepiride		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm SD (n=6)	% RSD
2	113412 \pm 718.88	0.6338

Table 5: Precision study for Sitagliptin Phosphate

Intraday precision of Sitagliptin Phosphate		
Sitagliptin Phosphate		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm SD (n=3)	% RSD
50	223502 \pm 1688.35	0.7554
100	345080 \pm 1969.70	0.5707
150	454754 \pm 2238.18	0.4921
Interday precision of Sitagliptin Phosphate		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm SD (n=3)	% RSD
50	223544 \pm 1680.30	0.7516
100	344766 \pm 1922.88	0.5577
150	454716 \pm 2286.59	0.5028
Repeatability of Sitagliptin Phosphate		
Conc. ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean peak area ($\mu\text{v}*\text{sec}$) \pm SD (n=6)	% RSD
100	344550 \pm 1457.30	0.4229

Table 6: Recovery study data

Name of Drug	% Level of recovery	Amount of drug Taken ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Spiked amt taken ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Total Std amount ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Total amount recovered ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	% Recovery \pm S.D. (n=3)
Glimepiride	50	2	1	3	2.99	99.75 \pm 0.2112
	100	2	2	4	3.98	99.50 \pm 0.1569
	150	2	3	5	4.98	99.65 \pm 0.5968
Sitagliptin Phosphate	50	100	50	150	148.76	99.84 \pm 0.5885
	100	100	100	200	199.12	99.56 \pm 0.5862
	150	100	150	250	249.46	99.78 \pm 0.6453

Table 7: LOD and LOQ data

Drug Name	Glimepiride	Sitagliptin Phosphate
LOD ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.0472	0.2279
LOQ ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	0.1432	0.6908

Table 8: Analysis of synthetic mixture

Drug Name	Amount taken ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Mean Amount Found ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	% Assay \pm S.D. (n=3)	% R.S.D.
Glimepiride	2	1.98	99.00 \pm 0.2330	0.2353
Sitagliptin Phosphate	100	99.85	99.85 \pm 0.1493	0.1495

Table 9: Robustness data

Condition	Variation	Glimepiride	Sitagliptin Phosphate
		%Assay \pm SD (n=3)	%Assay \pm SD (n=3)
Flow rate (1 ml \pm 0.1 ml/ min)	0.9 ml/min	99.33 \pm 0.6966	98.3 \pm 0.5129
	1.0 ml/min	99.66 \pm 0.6634	100.33 \pm 0.4921
	1.1 ml/min	99 \pm 0.6403	99.33 \pm 0.4747
Detection wavelength (222 nm \pm 1 nm)	221	98.66 \pm 0.6957	99.00 \pm 0.5236
	222	100.33 \pm 0.6634	99.66 \pm 0.4921
	223	99.00 \pm 0.6489	98.66 \pm 0.4756
Mobile Phase (ACN:Phosphate Buffer%v/v)	74: 26	98.66 \pm 0.6979	98.66 \pm 0.5082
	75: 25	100.66 \pm 0.6634	99.66 \pm 0.4921

Table 10: Summary of Validation Parameters

Sr. No.	Parameters	Glimepiride	Sitagliptin Phosphate
1	Wavelength (nm)	222 nm	
2	Retention time (min)	4.953	2.543
3	Linearity Range ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1-6	50-300
4	Regression equation	y = 46284x + 25655	y = 22667x + 115228

	(y = mx +c)		
5	Correlation Coefficient (r ²)	0.9972	0.9992
6	Repeatability (% RSD, n=6)	0.6338	0.4229
7	Intraday Precision (%RSD, n=3)	0.7319	0.6060
8	Interday Precision(% RSD, n=3)	0.8249	0.6040
9	Accuracy (% Recovery, n=3)	99.50-99.75	99.56-99.84
10	LOD (µg/ml)	0.0472	0.2279
11	LOQ (µg/ml)	0.1432	0.6908
12	% Assay (n=3)	99.00%	99.85%

CONCLUSION:

A simple, rapid, sensitive, accurate and precise RP-HPLC Method has been developed and Validated for routine analysis of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture. The RP-HPLC method is suitable for simultaneous estimation of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture without interference of each other. The developed method was successfully applied in Synthetic Mixture. The proposed Method can be utilized for the routine analysis of Glimepiride and Sitagliptin Phosphate in Synthetic Mixture.

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