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HPLC METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR DETERMINATION OF GLIBENCLAMIDE IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS

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ABSTRACT

Glibenclamide is an oral hypoglycemic agent, which increases the insulin secretion by binding to the sulfonylurea receptors on the beta cells or with ATP sensitive potassium channels on the pancreatic beta cells. The present study includes development of HPLC technique for determination and estimation of glibenclamide in pharmaceutical dosage forms using acetonitrile: phosphate buffer (70:30) as mobile Phase. The detection wavelength of glibenclamide was found to be at 235 nm. The developed method was validated for its linearity, precision, accuracy, specificity, robustness and determination of limit of quantification and limit of detection in the mobile phase. The linearity demonstrated a correlation coefficient of 0.999. Thus, this method can be considered to be precise, reliable, rapid, simple, sensitive and cost effective for determination of glibenclamide in pharmaceutical formulations.

Key words: Glibenclamide, Validation, Hypoglycemic agent, ICH guidelines

INTRODUCTION

Glibenclamide 5-chloro-N-[2-(4 -{[(cyclohexyl carbamoyl) amino] sulfonyl} phenyl) ethyl]-2 methoxybenzamide, 4-[2-(5-chloro-2-methoxybenzamido) ethyl] benzene sulphonamide and Methyl N-4-[2-(5-chloro-2- methoxybenzamido) ethyl] benzene sulphonyl carbamate is an antidiabetic medication belonging to the class of sulfonylureas^{1,2}. Glibenclamide is also known as glyburide, it binds to the sulfonylurea receptors on the beta cells or with ATP sensitive potassium channels on the pancreatic beta cells thus increasing the insulin secretion ³. Glibenclamide is a drug of choice in type 2 diabetes along with life style changes. Recent studies have shown that glibenclamide is effective in lowering blood glucose in women with gestational diabetes also 4.5.6.

Numerous methods are reported for the analysis and determination of glibenclamide in pharmaceutical dosage forms⁷. These reported methods are complex and time consuming; hence there was a need for developing and validating a new method for qualitative and quantitative estimation of glibenclamide in various formulations. The current method consists of simple, rapid, accurate, specific and precise RP-HPLC method for the estimation of glibenclamide in pharmaceutical dosage forms

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Glibenclamide was procured as a gift sample from Mankind Pharma. Methanol and water (HPLC-grade) were obtained from Himedia labs, Bangalore. Daonil (Sanofi-aventis) tablet was purchased from the local pharmacy, Bangalore. All other chemicals and reagents used were of analytical grade.

Chromatographic Condition

The instrument used was a Phenomenex (USA), consisting of a model LC AT VP intelligent solvent delivery pump, 7125-Rheodyne injector, a computerized system controller (with the Baseline chrome Tech N2000 software), and a UV SPD10A detector set at 235 nm. Chromatographic separation was performed using a C-8 Phenomenex HPLC column (Dimension 250X4.6 mm, 5µg). The mobile phase consisted of acetonitrile: phosphate buffer (70:30). The apparent pH of the mixed solvent system was adjusted to 3 ± 0.1 .

Method Validation

The methods were validated as per the ICH guidelines on analytical process validation. The linearity, accuracy, precision, specificity, and robustness of the method were validated as per ICH guidelines⁸.

Linearity

Stock solution of glibenclamide at a concentration of 100 μ g/ml was prepared in the mobiles phase. From the stock several dilutions between 20-80 μ g/ml were prepared and injected into the column at a rate of 1 ml/min at injection volume of 20 μ L. The calibration curve was plotted using area of retention time versus concentrations μ g/ml. linear regression analysis was used to assess the linearity using least square regression method ⁹.

Precision and Accuracy

The assay precision was carried out by interday and intraday study and the process was evaluated for solutions (20, 40, 60 μ g/ml) and were analyzed at different time points. The % RSD (Relative standard deviation) was calculated for the methods¹⁰.

Specificity

As per ICH guideline "Specificity" can be defined as the ability of the method to specifically detect the particular API or analyte in the presence of other components¹¹. A marketed formulation of glibenclamide, Daonil from Sanofi Aventis Pharma India was taken, and specificity was determined in triplicate at a concentration of 50 μ g/ml and percentage RSD was calculated⁸.

Determination of Robustness

Robustness of an analytical method is necessary to determine the consistency of the process with a minute intentional change in the procedure. This reflects the suitability and reliability of the method in regular use.^{12, 13}. The robustness of the RP HPLC method was checked by allowing small deliberate change in injection flow rate (± 0.2 units) and wavelength (± 1 unit) and percentage RSD was found out.

Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification

The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) were determined according to ICH guidelines by the below mentioned formulae 8 .

LOD= 3.3 * SE/ A (1) LOQ= 10 * SE/ A (2) SE=Standard error of Y intercept. A= Slope of the calibration curve

Table 1: Calibration data of glibenclamide in acetonitri	le: phosphate buffer (70:30)
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Concentration in µg/ml	Retention time R _t (min)	Peak area
20	3.01	80497.27
40	3.3	156779
60	3.4	232363.7
80	3.34	317274.9

Type of solution	Concentration (µg/ml)	Peak area	%RSD
Acetonitrile:phosphate buffer pH	20	430534.2	
3.0	40	849890.4	0.66
	60	1286014	

Table 2: Results of precision (Intraday)

Table 3: Results of precision (Interday)

Type of solution	Concentration (µg/ml)	Peak area	%RSD
Acetonitrile:phosphate buffer pH	20	431124.2	
3.0	40	850594.1	0.69
	60	1287546	

Table 4: Results of accuracy

Concentration added	Concentration recovered	%Mean recovery	%RSD
20	20.14		0.23
20	20.2	99.2	
20	20.1		
40	39.8	100.6459	0.13
40	39.70		
40	39.73		
60	60.3	99.77868	0.25
60	60.12		
60	60.09		

Table 5: Specificity study

Preparation	Area	Concentration	Recovery	%RSD	%Accuracy
50 µg/ml	1109476	50.87	101.73	0.94	102.74±0.97
50 µg/ml	1121346	51.41	102.83		
50 µg/ml	1130331	51.83	103.66		

Table 6: Results of robust (change in injection flow rate)

Injection flow rate 1.2 ml/min					
Concentration	Peak Area	Found concentration	% Recovery	% RSD	
20	431753	19.82428	99.1214		
40	1104225	50.70136	101.4027		
60	1295259	59.47284	99.1214	1.608925	

Table 7:	Results of	robust	(change i	n wavelength)
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Wavelength 234					
Concentration	Peak Area	Found	%Recovery	% RSD	
		concentration			
20	450742.7	20.28819	101.4409		
40	869484.7	39.13601	97.84002		
60	1333657	60.02866	100.0478	1.819825	

Table 8: Determination of LOD and LOQ

Statistical parameters	Value (µg/ml)
LOD	1.61
LOQ	4.88



Figure 1: Calibration curve of glibenclamide in acetonitrile: phosphate buffer (70:30)



Figure 3: Chromatogram of glibenclamide at 50 µg/ml.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Linearity

The calibration curve for the method obtained was linear over the concentration of glibenclamide $20-80\mu$ g/ml. The correlation coefficient obtained was 0.999, thus indicating excellent correlation between peak areas. Calibration data is presented in table 1 and calibration curve shown in figure 1 proves the linearity over the concentration range 20 to 80 μ g/ml.

Precision and Accuracy

The interday and intraday variation study of three different dilutions of glibenclamide solutions in acetonitrile: phosphate buffer pH 3.0 (70:30) showed % RSD less than 2% as shown in table 2 and table 3 respectively.

A good accuracy was verified with a mean recovery which was not less than 99 % and not more than 101% for study of the different dilutions of glibenclamide in acetonitrile: phosphate (70:30) buffer pH 3.0 solutions as shown in table 4.

Specificity

Specificity was determined by analyzing marketed sample of glibenclamide (Daonil 5mg tablet). The content was found at an



Figure 2: Chromatogram of glibenclamide at 50 µg/ml.



Figure 4: Chromatogram of glibenclamide at 50 µg/ml.

average of 102.74 ± 0.97 % in buffer solution. The % RSD was found to be 0.94 as shown in table 5 and figure 2, 3 and 4. The excipients present in marketed injection did not interfere in the analysis.

Robustness

The robustness of an analytical procedure is a measure of its capacity to remain consistent, when subjected to a minute but intentional deviation in the procedure and provides an indication of its reliability during regular usage. Considering a slight change in injection rate and wavelength %RSD was found to be less than 2% as shown in the table 6 and 7.

Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification

The lowest amount of analyte in a sample that can be detected but not necessarily quantitated LOD (limit of detection) and the lowest amount of analyte in a sample that can be determined with acceptable precision and accuracy under the stated experimental conditions or quantitation limit LOQ (limit of quantitation) was determined. The LOD and LOQ were found to be **1.61** μ g/ml and **4.88** μ g/ml as shown in table 8. The significantly low value of LOD and LOQ proved the sensitivity of the process.

CONCLUSION

The developed RP-HPLC method is able to determine glibenclamide in raw materials and in pharmaceutical dosage forms; this can be attributed to the good separation and resolution of the chromatographic peaks with optimum retention time of 3.2 minutes. The results were in good conformity with the affirmed statistical and Pharmacopeial contents. Hence, this method can be considered to be precise, reliable, rapid, simple, sensitive and economical nature.

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