

LISINOPRIL-EXCIPIENT COMPATIBILITY STUDIES FOR ADVANCED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The safety, efficacy, quality and stability of a formulation are major concepts of any API development process. In API development process, a detailed characterization of the API and other formulation components is usually carried out during the preformulation stage. The main objective of the present study was to the preformulation studies were performed to know the physico-chemical and mechanical properties of Lisinopril dihydrate for formulation development of Lisinopril ODTs. The drug-excipient compatibility studies were conducted to characterize the drug Lisinopril present in Orally Disintegrating Tablets Delivery System ODDS. Preformulation, formulation and evaluation of Lisinopril to avoid problems associated with conventional delivery system such as limited permeation, low dissolution and bioavailability and also to improve bioavailability and antihypertensive effect. In the present study that the compatibility was assessed by, FTIR spectroscopy, and melting point apparatus, precompression parameters and powder flow properties. Results showed that physical mixtures of Lisinopril dihydrate and various excipients as mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose as diluents, and

sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose sodium, and crospovidone as superdisintegrants and sodium lauryl sulfate as wetting agent were evaluated for preformulation studies parameters. It was concluded that the drug Lisinopril dihydrate was found to be compatible with various excipients which were selected for the formulation development of the Lisinopril ODTs. Formulation scientist from his experience and knowledge have to significantly in the preformulation study stage and is an important factor in the ADDS (Advanced Drug Delivery Systems) product development process.

KEYWORDS: Lisinopril, Compatibility, Excipients, Development, Preformulation, Formulation.

INTRODUCTION

Preformulation Studies^[1-190]

Preformulation is essentials of pharmaceutical science that utilizes biopharmaceutical principles in the determination of physicochemical properties of the drug substance. Prior to the development of any dosage form new drug, it is essential that certain fundamental physical and chemical properties of drug powder are determined. This information may dictate many of subsequent event and approaches in formulation development. The safety, efficacy, quality and stability of a formulation are major concepts of any API development process. In API development process, a detailed characterization of the API and other formulation components is usually carried out during the preformulation stage. Formulation scientist from his experience and knowledge have to significantly in the preformulation study stage and is an important factor in the ADDS (Advanced Drug Delivery Systems) product development process.

One of the objectives of this study is to development of drug delivery systems by building scientific pharmaceutical research information depend on formulation scientists to join the knowledge and experience as well as experimental and practical results of this study with regard to information in previous studies, and approved references. It was found to be that the most important concepts and basics of preformulation studies such as definitions, methods, conclusion, idea, and types of pharmaceutical analysis techniques using in evaluation of preformulation studies parameters, in this study that we focused on developing drug delivery systems and linking the formulation development to establish the basics of pharmaceutical research in studying the drug-excipient compatibility, dug with various excipients, which is

important for the safety, effectiveness, quality, formulation, stability, bioavailability, and pharmacokinetics of the drug etc.

Preformulation Study Includes

Determination of physical chemical properties of API substance with the goal of developing a new drug which is safe stable and efficacious, each API, has intrinsic chemical and physical properties that were considered prior to the development of pharmaceutical formulation, the purpose of preformulation study is to generate useful information for the formulator in the development of stable and bioavailable dosage form, inappropriate preformulation study results in poor stability of active ingredients increase the overall cost of development and increased development time, preformulation studies help to fortify the pharmaceutical scientific foundation of the guidance, provide regulatory relief and conserve resources in the drug development and evaluation process, enhance public safety standards, improve product quality, promote the implementation of new technologies, aids policy development and regulatory decision making and after compiling all data it is transferred to the development pharmacist and for the day work on formulation of dosage form.

Table 1: Biopharmaceutical Classification System (BCS).

BCS -Class	Solubility	Permeability
Class-I	High	High
Class-II	Low	High
Class-III	High	Low
Class-IV	Low	Low

Preformulation Study Objectives: To establish the Physico-chemical parameters of a new API entity, determine its kinetics and stability, establish its compatibility with common excipients, it provides insights into how drug products should be processed and stored to ensure their quality, estimate problem may arise during formulation that is stability problem poor *in-vivo* dissolution, poor bioavailability, to interpret BCS classification of drugs and its significance and develop optimal drug delivery system. As shown in Table 1.

Drug-Excipient Compatibility Study: The primary objective of this investigation was to identify a stable storage condition for API in solid state and identification of compatible excipients for its formulation. Incompatibilities are major concerns in formulation development. Selection of the proper excipient during preformulation studies is of prime importance.

Dosage Forms: DF contain API and pharmaceutical excipients, which are intended to generate an ideal formulation and manufacturability of pharmaceutical products, thereby enabling a much safer and more effective administration. Pharmaceutical excipients are ideally inactive and have no impact on the stability or therapeutic effect of the active ingredient. On the other hand, there are studies that have presented that some pharmaceutical excipients are just allegedly described as inactive ingredient. Some pharmaceutical excipients have the capacity to affect API, efficacy by affecting its pharmacokinetics. Excipients can affect the physical and chemical form of pharmaceuticals by several factors such as hydrogen bond interaction, polymorphic conversion, and others. Accordingly, drug-excipient compatibility should be conducted so as to determine any drug-excipient interactions that may obstruct the stability, bioavailability, and manufacturability of pharmaceutical dosage forms.

Importance of Drug-Excipient Compatibility

Studies of active pharmaceutical ingredient (API)-excipient compatibility represent an important study in the preformulation stage of the development of new dosage forms, stability of the dosage form can be maximized, any physical or chemical interaction between API, and excipient can affect bioavailability and stability of drug, it helps to avoid the surprise problem, by performing drug excipient compatibility studies (DECS) we can know the possible reaction before formulating final dosage form, DECS data is essential for IND (investigational new drug) submission, and now, USFDA has made it compulsory to submit DECS data for any new coming formulation before its approval.

The potential physical and chemical interactions between an API, and the excipients can affect the chemical nature, the stability and bioavailability of the former and, consequently, its therapeutic efficacy and safety, solid dosage forms are generally less stable than their API components and despite the importance of API-excipient compatibility testing, there is no universally accepted protocol to assess such interactions.

Pharmaceutical Excipients: Excipients are additive substances used to improve the bulkiness, disintegration, dissolution rate, and bioavailability of a formulation etc. Different dosage forms like powders, granules, capsules, tablets, oral liquids, injectable products, implants, eye products, nasal products, inhalers, topical creams, ointments, gels, transdermal patches and suppositories etc, contains different types of excipients. To make it acceptable and compatible various pharmaceutical excipients are added in pharmaceutical dosage form for

their direct therapeutic action, manufacturing process, to protect, support or enhance stability, for bioavailability or patient compliance. These must be physiologically and chemically stable, must not have any incompatibility with the API, and must meet the standards of regulatory requirements.

Evaluation of Drug-Excipient Compatibility

The compatibility study of API and excipients is important to predict the stability of the API, in the final pharmaceutical product. It's the first time that API was compatible with excipients promoted physical and chemical compatibility studies was achieved by thermal and non-thermal methods. As a part of preformulation study, a compatibility study of API with the other excipients was carried out using physical blends in analytical techniques for the evaluation of drug-excipient interactions. The most commonly used pharmaceutical analytical techniques include, thermal techniques such as Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA), Isothermal Microcalorimetry (IMC) and Hot stage microscopy (HSM) etc, and non-thermal techniques such as UV-Visible Spectrophotometric (UV), Infrared, Near-Infrared and Raman Spectroscopy (FT-IR), (NIR), Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD), Solid-State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (ssNMR), Microscopic techniques: Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Chromatographic techniques: Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC), and High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) etc.

Preformulation Parameters: According to dosage form of API, mainly solid state, particle size, shape, pKa, pH determination, common ion effect, temperature, partition coefficient, solubility studies, dissolution rate, melting point, powder flow properties, crystallinity, polymorphism, hygroscopicity, stability study and drug-excipient compatibility etc. While other dosage forms according to important of preformulation parameters used in study before start in development of formulation.

Drug-excipient compatibility and formulation stability is not depended on API only but also its affected by excipient. Excipient play important role in dosage form but side by side it also increases compatibility problem so proper selection of excipient is very important in development of formulation. Incompatibility can be result mainly in any of following changes: Changes in organoleptic properties, changes in dissolution performance, decrease in potency, and increase in degradation rate etc.

Drug excipient physicochemical characterization is a systematic approach towards design of therapeutically active and stable dosage forms. The rapid advancements in novel drug delivery systems development have led to an interest by formulation scientists in the role and functionality of the excipients.

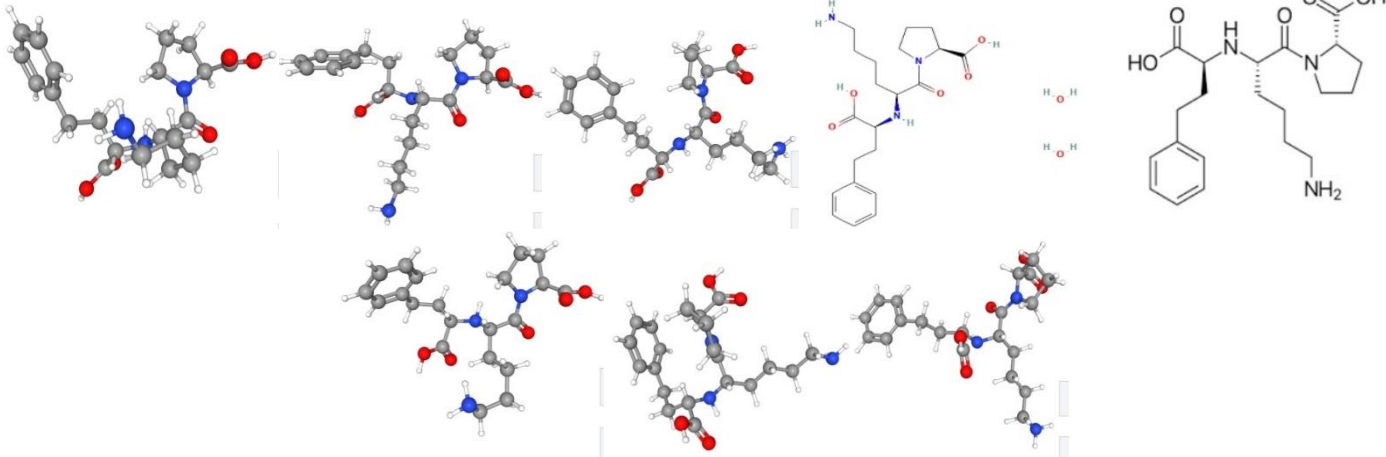
In the present study, it was proposed to drug-excipient compatibility studies of Lisinopril, with commonly different excipients using for formulation development of orally disintegrating tablets ODTs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Lisinopril dihydrate was obtained as a gift from (Yemen-Egyptian Pharmaceutical Industry Company - Yemen). While Talc, Mannitol, Microcrystalline Cellulose (Avicel), Croscarmellose Sodium, Crospovidone, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Aspartame, Magnesium Stearate, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, Saccharin Sodium, Aerosil, Polyvinylpyrrolidone PVP K30, Roseberry Flavor, Methanol, Ethanol, Buffer Solutions, and other materials were obtained as a gift from (Shaphaco Pharmaceutical Industry Company-Yemen).

Evaluation of Drug-Excipient Compatibility Studies Methods^[50-323]

Table 2: Lisinopril Dihydrate Data.

Characterization of Lisinopril Dihydrate			
			
Lisinopril Structure and 3D Conformer			
Chemical Structure	(2S)-1-[(2S)-6-amino-2-[[[(1S)-1-carboxy-3-phenyl propyl] amino] hexanoyl] pyrrolidine-2- carboxylic acid dihydrate.	Appearance	Is a white to off-white, crystalline powder.
Chemical Formula	C ₂₁ H ₃₁ N ₃ O ₅	Solubility	Soluble in water and sparingly soluble in methanol and practically insoluble in ethanol.
Molecular Weight	405.5 g/mol	BCS	Class-III Drug
Action and Use	the long-acting angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor, used in treatment of hypertension, heart failure and myocardia infraction	Duration of Treatment	Chronic
Pharmacokinetics of Lisinopril			
	Bioavailability: with an average drug is 6-60%		Lisinopril has not been binding to

Drug Absorption	orally bioavailable of 25% bioavailability. Lisinopril reaches a Cmax of 58ng/ml with a Tmax of 6-8h. Lisinopril s absorption is not affected by food.	Drug Distribution	albumin or other proteins. The apparent volume of distribution of lisinopril is 124L.
Drug Metabolism	Lisinopril is not metabolized and is excreted as the unchanged drug.	Drug Excretion	Lisinopril is entirely eliminated exclusively in the urine. A 30kg child has atypical clearance of 10L /h, which increases with renal function. The mean renal clearance of lisinopril in healthy adult males is 121mL/min.
The Elimination Half-Life (T1/2)	Lisinopril has an effective half life of accumulation of 12.6h and a terminal half life of 46.7h.	Availability	Tablets: 5mg,10mg, 20mg.

Table 3: Pharmaceutical Excipients Data.

Nonproprietary Name	Chemical Name	Functional Category	Concentration%	Solubility	Incompatibilities	Notes
Croscarmellose Sodium (Ac-Di-Sol)	Cellulose, carboxymethyl ether, sodium salt, crosslinked	Tablet and capsule disintegrant.	0.5-5% 10-25%	Insoluble in water	Incompatible with strong acids or with soluble salts of iron and some other metals such as aluminum, mercury, and zinc.	White or grayish-white powder
Sodium Starch Glycolate (Explotab)	Sodium carboxymethyl starch	Tablet and capsule disintegrant.	2–8%	Gives a translucent suspension in water	Incompatible with ascorbic acid.	Very hygroscopic
Microcrystalline Cellulose (Avicel PH)	Cellulose	Adsorbent, suspending agent, tablet and capsule diluent; tablet	5–20% 20–90%	Practically insoluble in water	Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents.	Crystalline powder

		disintegrant.				
Crospovidone (PVPP)	1-Ethenyl-2-pyrrolidinone homopolymer	Tablet disintegrant.	2–5%	Practically insoluble in water	Compatible with most organic and inorganic pharmaceutical ingredients.	Hygroscopic powder
Mannitol (Emprove)	Mannitol	Diluent, plasticizer, sweetening agent, tablet and capsule diluent, therapeutic agent, tonicity agent.	10–90%	Freely soluble in water	Incompatible with may be salted out by potassium chloride or sodium chloride. Sodium cephalixin. xylitol infusion and may form complexes with some metals such as aluminum, copper, and iron.	Crystalline powder
Magnesium Stearate (magnesium salt)	Octadecanoic acid magnesium salt	Tablet and capsule lubricant.	0.25 - 5.0%	Practically insoluble in water	Incompatible with strong acids, alkalis, and iron salts.	Greasy
Aspartame	3-Amino-N-(a carboxyphenethyl) succinamic acid N-methyl ester; 3-Amino-N-(a methoxycarbony lphenethyl) succinamic acid;	Sweetening agent.			incompatible with dibasic calcium phosphate and also with the lubricant magnesium stearate.	
Talc	Altaic, E553b, hydrous magnesium calcium silicate, hydrous magnesium silicate, Luzenac Pharma, magnesium hydrogen metasilicate.	Anticaking agent; glidant, diluent, lubricant.			Incompatible with quaternary ammonium compounds.	
Aerosil	Aerosil; Cab-O-Sil, Cab-OSil M-5P, colloidal silica, fumed	Adsorbent; anticaking agent	0.1–1.0% 2.0–10.0%	Practically insoluble in	Incompatible with diethylstilbestrol	A submicroscopic

	silica, fumed silicon dioxide, SAS, silica colloidalis anhydrica	glidant; viscosity-increasing agent	widely used in oral and topical pharmaceutical products and is generally regarded as an essentially nontoxic and nonirritant excipient.	organic solvents, water. -hygroscopic but adsorbs large quantities of water without liquefying. When used in aqueous systems at a pH 0–7.5, colloidal silicon dioxide is effective in increasing the viscosity of a system.	preparations.	fumed silica with a particle size of about 15 nm. It is a light, loose, bluish-white-colored, odorless, tasteless, amorphous powder.
Saccharin Sodium	1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one 1,1-dioxide, sodium salt, Crystalline, E954, gendorf 450, sucaryl sodium	Sweetening agent.			Saccharin sodium does not undergo Maillard browning.	
PVP K30	E1201, Kollidon, Plasdone, polyvidone, polyvinylpyrrolidone, PVP; 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidinone polymer.	Disintegrant, tablet binder.	2.0–5.0	Greater than 10% solubility in water, methanol, PG....	compatible in solution with a wide range of inorganic salts, natural and synthetic resins, and other chemicals.	White to yellowish-white amorphous powder.
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	Dodecyl alcohol hydrogen sulfate, sodium salt, dodecyl sodium sulfate, dodecyl sulfate sodium salt, Elfan 240	Detergent; lubricant; wetting agent.			incompatible with salts of polyvalent metal ions, such as aluminum, lead, tin or zinc	

According to Lisinopril and excipients data as shown in Tables 2 and 3, it was selected that the different excipients to preformulation study with Lisinopril in the present study, the equipments used as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: The Equipment's Used.

No	Equipment's
1	Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer
2	UV/VIS Spectrophotometer
3	Melting Point Tester
4	Moisture Tester
5	Density Tester
6	pH Meter
7	Ultra-sonic
8	Accelerate Stability Study Chamber
9	Electronic Balance

Determination of The Organoleptic Properties

The organoleptic properties like color, odor and taste of the API was evaluated. Color a small quantity of Lisinopril was taken in a butter paper and viewed in well illuminated place. Taste and odor very less quantity of Lisinopril was used to assess the taste with the help of tongue as well as smelled to get odor. The organoleptic properties of the API substance were assessed.

Solubility Test: Solubility of Lisinopril dihydrate in water, methanol and ethanol was determined by using Sonicator at room temperature. Approximate solubility of drugs as per B.P was indicated in Table 5.

Table 5: Solubility Specification of Drugs.

Solubility	Approximate Volume of Solvent in ml per gm of Solute
Excellent	Less than 1
Very soluble	1 to 10
Freely soluble	10 to 30
Soluble	30 to 100
Sparingly soluble	30 to 100
Slightly soluble	1000 to 10000
Very slightly soluble	1000 to 10000
Practically insoluble/ Insoluble	More than 10000

UV-Visible Spectrophotometric Method

Determination of λ Max for Lisinopril Dihydrate

The standard solution of Lisinopril was scanned in the range of 200-400 nm and the λ max was determined UV scanning of Lisinopril in phosphate buffer at pH 6.8, the absorption spectra of Lisinopril in phosphate buffer at pH 6.8 were studied. A preliminary scanning of Lisinopril in phosphate buffer to determine the λ max by screening a 5 μ g/ml solution of Lisinopril in phosphate buffer these between 200- 400 nm.

Preparation of Calibration curve Solutions

Preparation of Phosphate buffer (pH 6.8): 0.896g of NaOH and 6.804g of KH₂PO₄ dissolved in sufficient quantity of water, complete volume to 1000 ml with distilled water and mixed well by sonication.

Calibration curve: 50 mg of Lisinopril was weighed accurately and dissolved in 50 ml of phosphate buffer (pH 6.8) in a 50 ml of volumetric flask to obtain a stock solution. aliquots of 5 ml ,10 ml, 15 ml, 20 ml and 25ml were taken and transferred to 100ml volumetric flask and volume was made up to 100 ml phosphate buffer (PH,6.8). The absorbance of these solutions was measured at 216 nm against a blank of phosphate buffer. The calibration curve was plotted between concentration and absorbance.

Calibration Curve of Lisinopril Dihydrate

The standard calibration curve graph was obtained by preparing aliquots of standard solution of Lisinopril in phosphate buffer (pH 6.8) and the absorbance at 216nm was measured after suitable dilution using UV/Visible spectrophotometer.

appropriate aliquots were pipette out from standard stock solution into the series of volumetric flask and the volume was made up to the mark with concentration range 5-25 μ g/ml of Lisinopril. Solutions of different concentrations were analyzed 216 nm against blank solution and absorbance were recorded. The calibration curve was plotted between concentration and absorbance.

Preformulation Studies

Preformulation studies are initiated to define the physical and chemical properties of the agent. The key goals of preformulation studies are to ensure the delivery of drug product with acceptable stability, bioavailability, and manufacturability.

Melting Point Determination of Lisinopril Dihydrate

Melting Point: Melting point of the lisinopril dihydrate was determined by capillary method; one sided closed capillary filled with drug and put into the Melting Point Apparatus. Temperature was noted at which solid drug changed into liquid.

Drug-Excipient Compatibility Studies

A physical mixture including lisinopril dihydrate and excipient was created in a 1:1 ratio, and it was subjected to analytical techniques such as FTIR spectroscopy. FTIR, of both pure drug and physical mixes were obtained, and the spectra of the both drug and mixture of excipient with drug were compared to look for any incompatibilities.

FTIR Spectroscopy Study

FTIR study KBr-disc method was used to record the FTIR spectra and KBr pellets were made in 1:100 ratio of sample and KBr. FTIR spectra was recorded using FTIR spectrum in a range of $4000\text{--}400\text{cm}^{-1}$. Different functional groups of test compound for distinctive vibrational frequencies are identified using FTIR spectroscopy. FTIR spectra were used for the investigation of interaction in the physical mixture of API and excipient through shifting of peaks to lower or higher wavenumbers and appearance or disappearance of characteristic peaks of functional groups for pure API in physical mixture. FTIR spectroscopic study was performed to check the compatibility between API, and different excipients in amount (5mg:5mg) as ratio (1:1) as shown in Table 5. The FTIR spectra of a API alone and API with excipients were obtained by KBr method and compared with the standard FTIR spectrum of the pure API. Infrared spectrophotometer is not only used for determining the compatibility of excipients with the APIs, but also for API identification.

Preparation of IR Samples

The sample was determined by the disc method. Triturate 5mg of the substance to be examined with 300-400 mg of finely powdered and dried potassium bromide R or potassium chloride R. Each excipient was mix with lisinopril dihydrate equally then of potassium bromide is added to the mixture. Carefully grind the mixture, spread it uniformly in a suitable die, and submit it to a pressure of about 800 MPa ($8\text{ t}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$). Then the tablets were inserted to the device and the Infrared spectra was recorded at mild-infrared light in wavenumber range of 4000 cm^{-1} to 400 cm^{-1} . After that the spectra were compared with the reference.

Infrared Spectral Study of Samples in Room Condition

Compatibility studies were performed by preparing blend of different excipients with lisinopril dihydrate in room condition as shown in table 6.

Infrared Spectral Study of Samples after Stored One Month

Compatibility studies were performed by preparing blend of different excipients with drug and stored at $40^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $75 \pm 5\% \text{RH}$ for one month. The blend was evaluated after one month for changes like caking, liquefaction, discoloration and odor formation and by IR spectra. The drug excipient compatibility studies as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Samples of Lisinopril and Different Excipients for Compatibility Studies.

No	Component(s)	Amount(5mg:5mg)
1	Lisinopril	1
2	Lisinopril and MCC	(1:1)
3	Lisinopril and SSG	(1:1)
4	Lisinopril and SLS	(1:1)
5	Lisinopril and Crospovidone	(1:1)
6	Lisinopril and Talc	(1:1)
7	Lisinopril and Rose berry flavor	(1:1)
8	Lisinopril and Saccharin Sodium	(1:1)
9	Lisinopril and Aspartame	(1:1)
10	Lisinopril and CCS	(1:1)
11	Lisinopril and Mannitol	(1:1)
12	Lisinopril and Mg. Stearate	(1:1)
13	Lisinopril and PVP K30	(1:1)
14	Lisinopril and Aerosil	(1:1)

Preparation of Lisinopril Formulations

Mixing and Compression Processes: Mixing was done by using geometric mixing, in where all excipients accurately weighed then all of them except silicon dioxide, magnesium stearate and Roseberry flavor, were blended with specified quantity of lisinopril for 15minutes, whereas the other excipients were blended for 5 minutes and added to the former excipients. Then all formulae were passed through sieve # 18 for particle size uniformity. This method of ordering mixing of excipients with lisinopril in first sex formulae then testing powder properties that will be shown in Preformulation tests as shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Preparation of Lisinopril Dihydrate Formulations.

Ingredients	Formulation Amount %					
	Formulation Code					
	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6
Lisinopril Dihydrate	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Avicel PH 101	76	75.62	---	76	---	37.62
Mannitol	---	---	70.42	---	75.62	37.62
Sodium Starch Glycolate	9.6	---	---	4.81	4.81	---
Crospovidone	---	9.6	4.81	4.81	---	4.81
Croscarmellose Sodium	---	---	9.6	---	4.81	4.81
Aspartame	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Talc	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Aerosil	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	0.77	1.15	1.54	0.77	1.15	1.54
PVP K30	3.076	3.076	3.076	3.076	3.076	3.076
Saccharin Sodium	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Mg Stearate	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Roseberry Flavor	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8

Evaluation of Pre-Compression Parameters of Formulations**Bulk Density**

Bulk density (ρ_b) was determined by placing pre sieved drug excipients mixture into a graduated cylinder and measuring the volume (V_b) and weight (M).

$$\rho_b = M/V_b.$$

Tapped Density

The measuring cylinder containing a known quantity of blend was tapped for a fixed number of taps. The minimum volume (V_t) occupied in the cylinder and the weight (M) of the drug excipients mixture was measured. The tapped density (ρ_t) was calculated using the following formula. $\rho_t = M/V_t$.

Angle of Repose

Angle of repose (θ) was determined using funnel method. The drug excipients mixture was poured through a funnel that can be raised vertically until a maximum cone height (h) was obtained. The radius of the pile (r) was measured and the angle of repose was calculated. $\theta = \tan^{-1} (h/r)$. As shown in Table 7.

Carr's Index

Carr's Index or % compressibility is helpful to determine flow properties of powder mixtures, which is calculated as follows:

$C = (p_t - p_b) / p_t \times 100$ Where, p_t - Tapped density, p_b -Untapped bulk density.

Hausner's Ratio

Hausner's ratio is an index of ease of powder flow; it is calculated by the following formula.

Hausner's ratio = p_t / p_b Where, p_t - Tapped density p_b - Bulk density. As shown in Tables 8 and 9.

Table 8: Powder Flow Properties.

Description of Flow	Angle of Repose (θ)
Excellent	≤ 25
Very Good	25 – 30
Good	31 – 35
Fair	36 – 40
Passable (but flow aid might be needed)	41 – 45
Poor (agitation or vibration needed)	46 – 55
Very Poor	> 56

Table 9: Powder Flow Properties.

Description of Flow	Carr's Index (%)	Hausner Ratio
Excellent	≤ 10	1.00 – 1.11
Good	11 – 15	1.12 – 1.18
Fair	16 – 20	1.19 – 1.25
Passable	21 – 25	1.26 – 1.34
Poor	26 – 31	1.35 – 1.45
Very Poor	32 – 39	1.46 – 1.59
Very, Very Poor	> 40	> 1.60

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Preformulation Studies

Characterization of Lisinopril Dihydrate

The organoleptic properties like color, odor and taste of the API were evaluated. The color of Lisinopril dihydrate was found to be white or almost white powder, no characteristic odor was observed in the study and the taste was found to be bitter. Lisinopril dihydrate showed similar color, taste and odor as per IP specification.

Physical Identification of Lisinopril Dihydrate

Lisinopril is white powder.

Solubility Test

The solubility profile of Lisinopril dihydrate was present in Table 10.

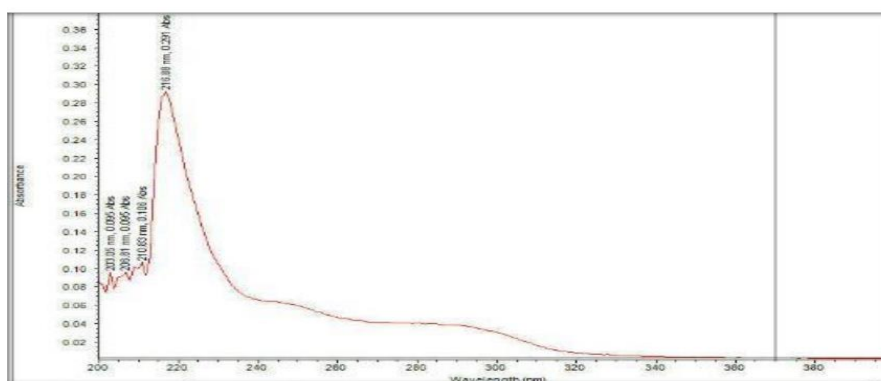
Table 10: Solubility Analysis of Lisinopril Dihydrate (API).

Raw Material (API)	Solubility
Lisinopril dihydrate	Soluble in water
	Sparingly soluble in methanol
	Insoluble in ethanol

Characterization of Lisinopril by UV Spectroscopy

The solubility studies of drug (API) revealed that Lisinopril was soluble in water, sparingly soluble in methanol and insoluble in ethanol.

The absorption maximum (λ_{\max}) of Lisinopril was observed to be 216 nm in phosphate buffer (pH 6.8) as shown in Figure 1.

**Fig. 1: UV Scanning of Lisinopril in Phosphate Buffer (pH 6.8).****Calibration Curve of Lisinopril Dihydrate**

The calibration curve of Lisinopril was prepared in phosphate buffer (pH 6.8). The plot of different concentrations of Lisinopril versus absorbance was found linear at 216 nm in calibrations. The absorbance at different concentrations as shown in Table 11. The data of standard curve was linearly regressed. The slope and correlation coefficient values of phosphate buffer calibration were found 0.0221 and 0.9992 respectively. The intercept on Y-axis was found 0.0084. The calibration curve is shown in Figure 2.

Table 11: Calibration Curve of Lisinopril in Phosphate Buffer (pH 6.8).

No	Concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Absorbance
1	0.00	0.00
2	5	0.0958
3	10	0.2073
4	15	0.3197
5	20	0.4375
6	25	0.5454

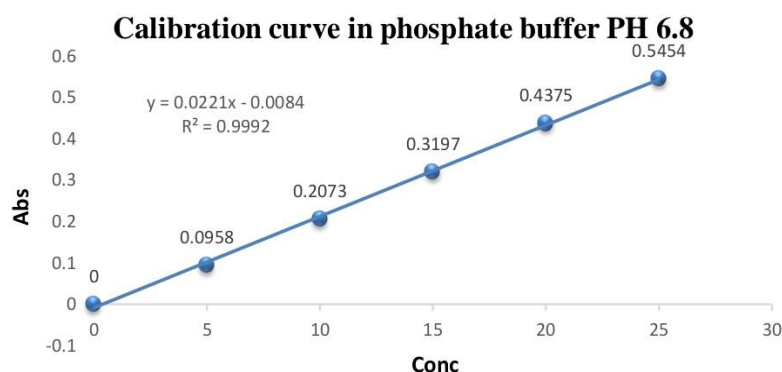


Fig. 2: Standard Calibration Curve of Lisinopril Dihydrate in Phosphate Buffer (pH 6.8).

Melting Point Determination of Lisinopril Dihydrate

Melting point of Lisinopril dihydrate was observed to be 160°C. Reported melting point of Lisinopril is (140-165 °C). The melting point range of Lisinopril dihydrate was identical to reference melting point stated in BP (140-165 °C). The sample started to melt at 155°C, and turned into liquid at 160 °C, as shown in Table 12, indicating that the sample used is pure. That reading has stated in melting point apparatus.

Table 12: Results of Melting Point of Lisinopril Dihydrate.

Test	Temp Rang Analyzed (Melting)	Results
Test I Lisinopril	(140-165 °C)	160 °C
Test II Lisinopril	(140-165 °C)	160 °C

Characterization of Lisinopril by FTIR

FT-IR spectral studies indicated that the drug is compatible with all the excipients. The FT-IR spectrum of physical mixture showed all the characteristic peaks of Lisinopril dihydrate, thus conforming that no interaction of drug occurred with the components of the formulation excipients as shown in Figures (3-16) and Tables (13-24).

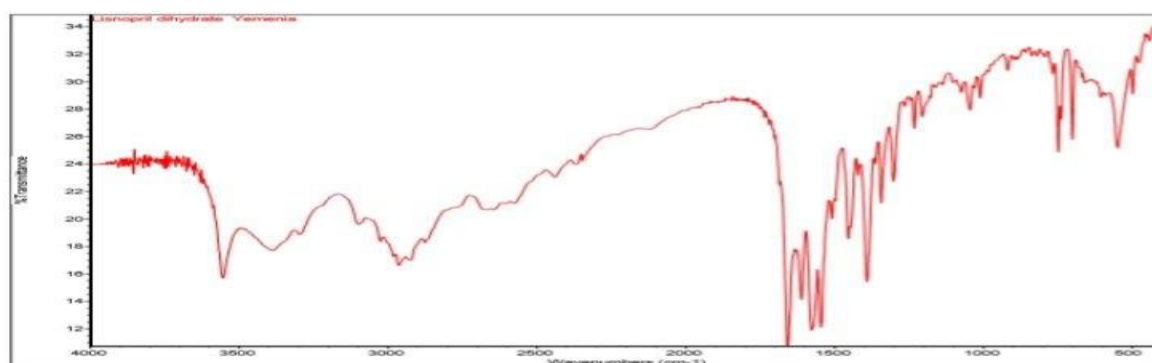


Fig. 3: FTIR Spectrum of Pure Lisinopril.

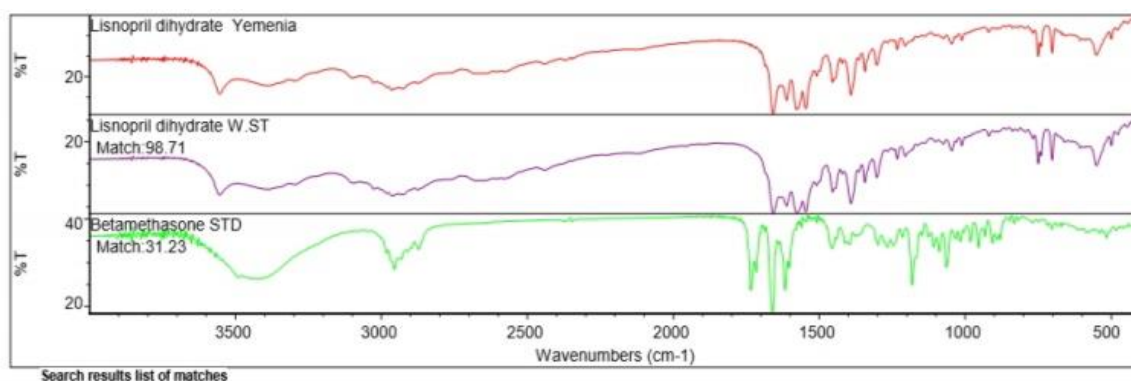


Fig. 4: FTIR Spectrum of Pure Lisinopril with STD.

Table 13: Results of IR Spectra Studies.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm^{-1})	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample ST	2964	704	1390	1659	1577

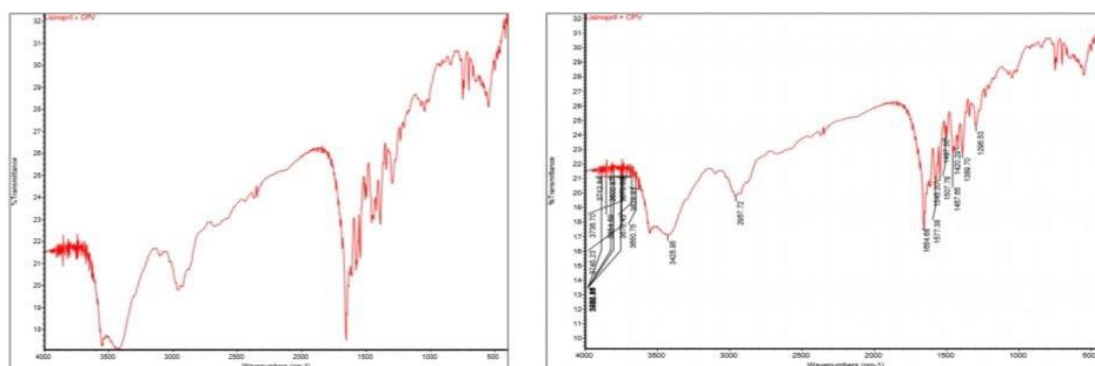


Fig. 5: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Crospovidone.

Table 13: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Crospovidone.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm^{-1})	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Crospovidone	2957.72	----	1389.7	1654.68	1577.38
After Stored	2957.72	----	1389.7	1656.68	1577.38

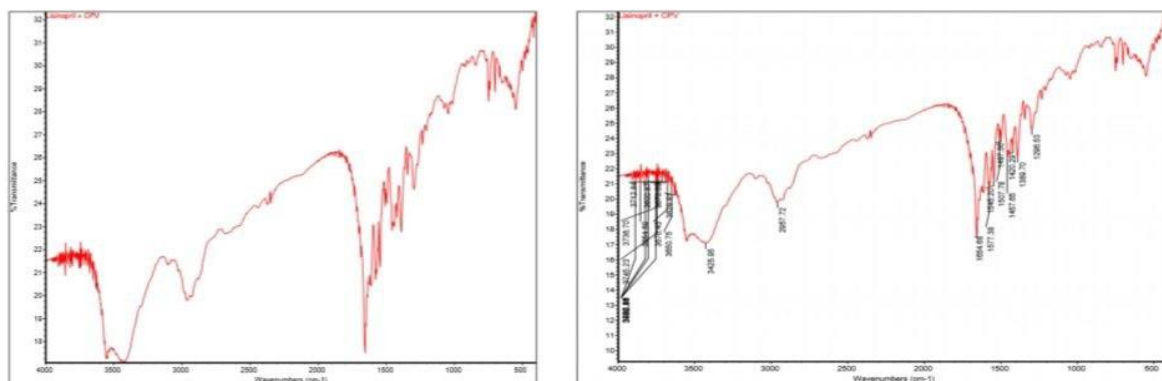


Fig. 6: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and CCS.

Table 14: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and CCS.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm^{-1})	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with CCS	2964.39	----	1390.1	1655.56	1577.44
After Stored	2964.39	----	1390.1	1655.56	1577.44

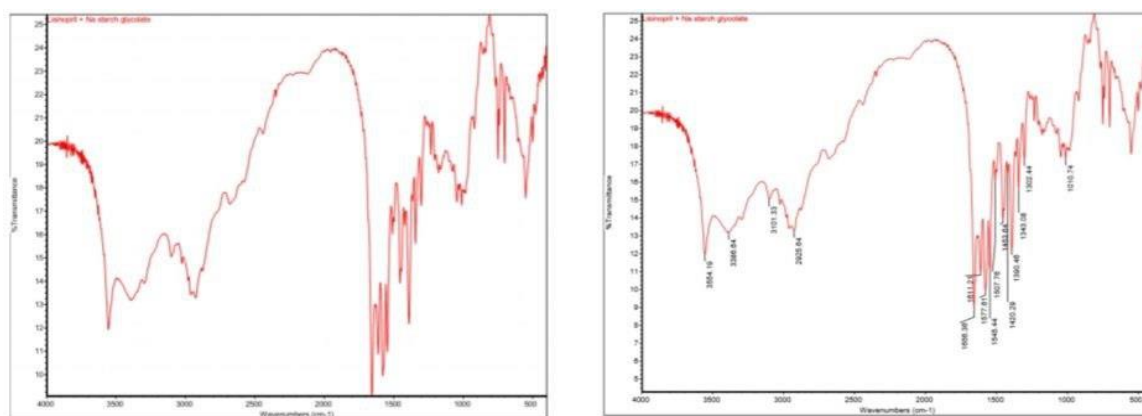


Fig. 7: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and SSG.

Table 15: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and SSG.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm^{-1})	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with SSG	2925.64	----	1390.46	1656.36	1577.61
After Stored	2925.64	----	1390.46	1656.36	1577.61

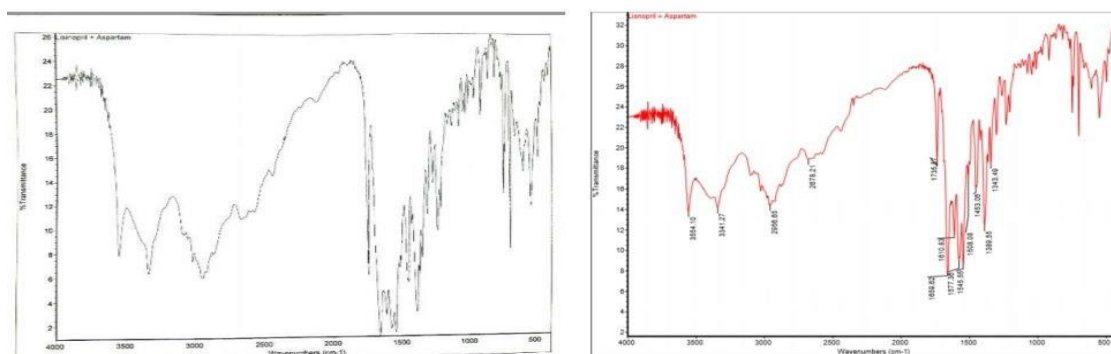


Fig. 1: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Aspartame.

Table 16: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Aspartame.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Aspartame	2956.65	----	1389.55	1659.62	1577.36
After Stored	2956.65	----	1389.55	1659.62	1577.36

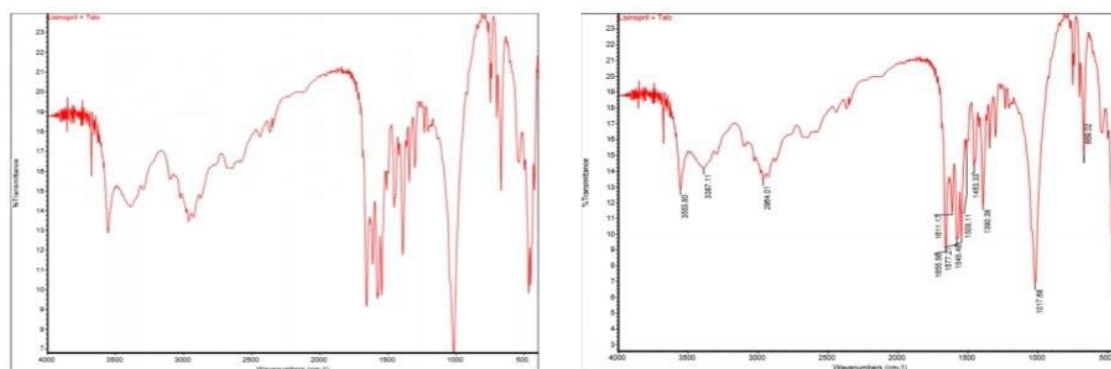


Fig. 8: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Talc.

Table 17: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Talc.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Talc	2964.01	----	669.02	1390.38	1577.27
After Stored	2964.01	----	669.02	1390.38	1577.27

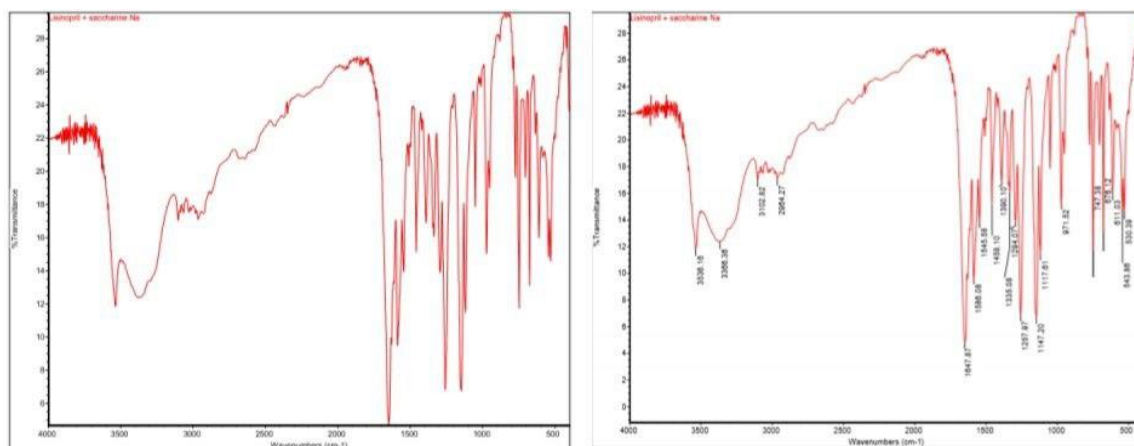


Fig. 9: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Saccharin Sodium.

Table 17: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Saccharin Sodium.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm^{-1})	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Saccharin Sodium	2964.27	747	1335.08	1647.87	1586.08
After Stored	2964.27	747	1335.08	1647.87	1586.08

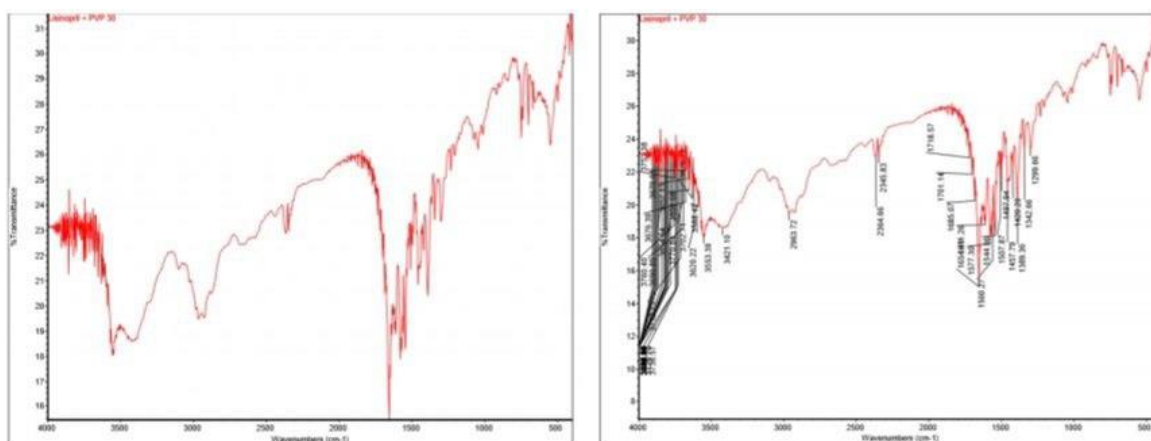


Fig. 10: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and PVP K30.

Table 18: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and PVP K30.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with PVP K30	2963.72	----	1389.36	1651.46	1577.30
After Stored	2963.72	----	1389.36	1651.46	1577.30

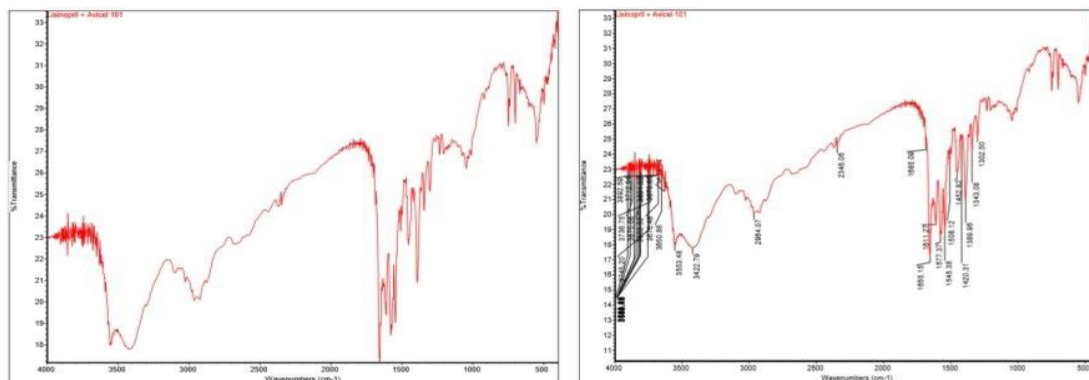


Fig. 11: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Avicel 101.

Table 19: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Avicel 101.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Avicel 101	2964.07	----	1389.96	1655.15	1577.37
After Stored	2964.07	----	1389.96	1655.15	1577.37

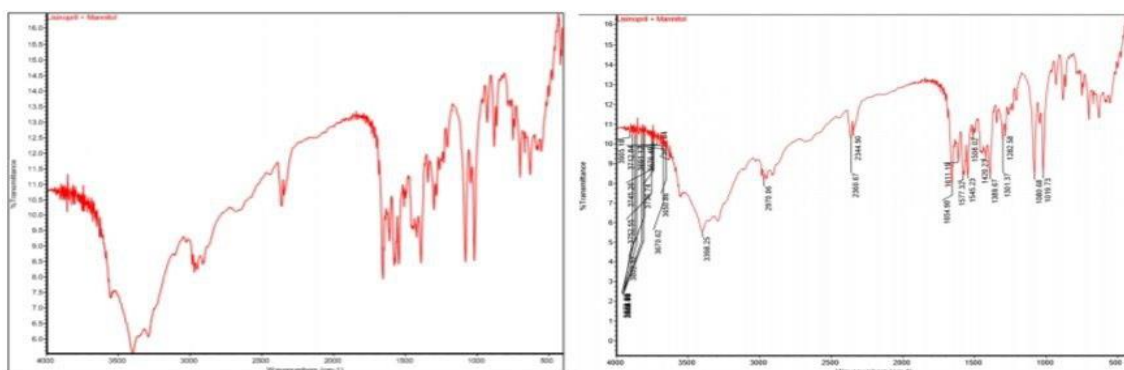


Fig. 12: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Mannitol.

Table 20: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Mannitol.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Mannitol	2970.06	----	1389.67	1654.90	1577.32
After Stored	2970.06	----	1389.67	1654.90	1577.32

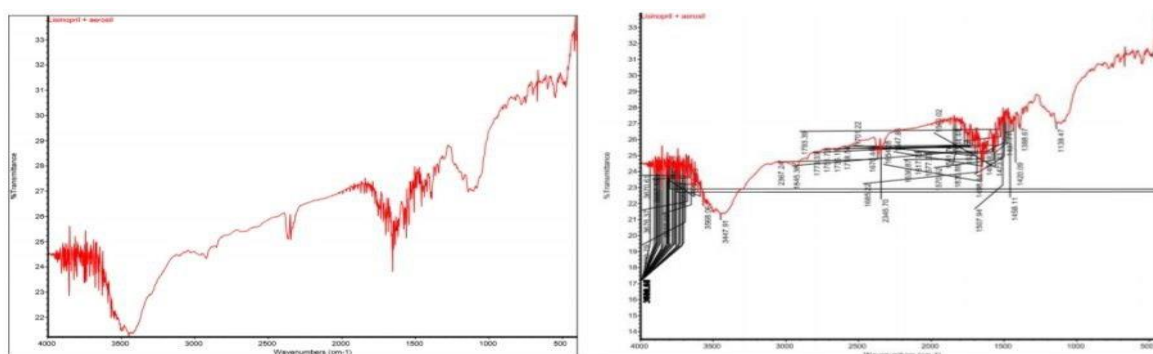


Fig. 13: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Aerosil.

Table 21: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Aerosil.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Aerosil	----	----	1388.67	1654.28	1577.33
After Stored	----	----	1388.67	1654.28	1577.33

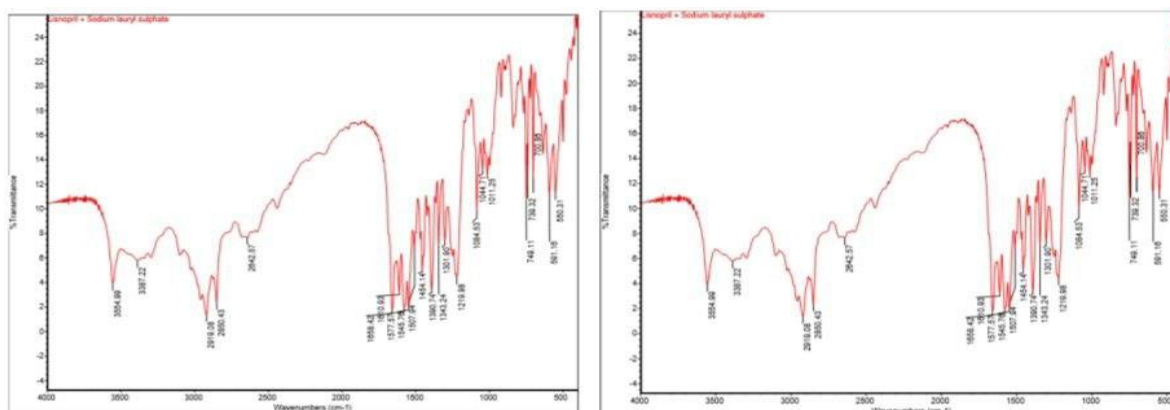


Fig. 14: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and SLS.

Table 22: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and SLS.

Function Group	CH-alkane	CH-aromatic	C=O phenol	C=O amid	C=C aromatic
Range	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with SLS	2850.43	749.11	1390.74	1658.42	1577.57
After Stored	2850.43	749.11	1390.74	1658.42	1577.57

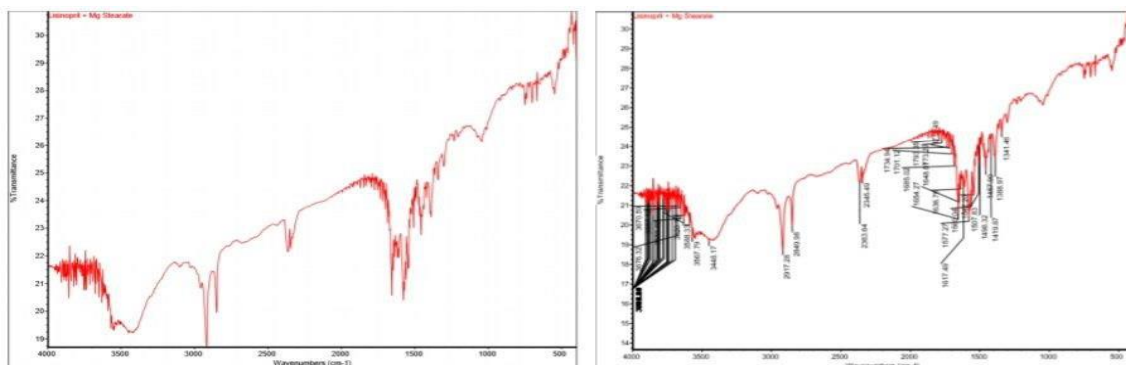


Fig. 15: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Mg. Stearate.

Table 23: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and Mg. Stearate.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with Mg. Stearate	2917.28	----	1388.97	1654.27	1577.27
After Stored	2917.28	----	1388.97	1654.27	1577.27

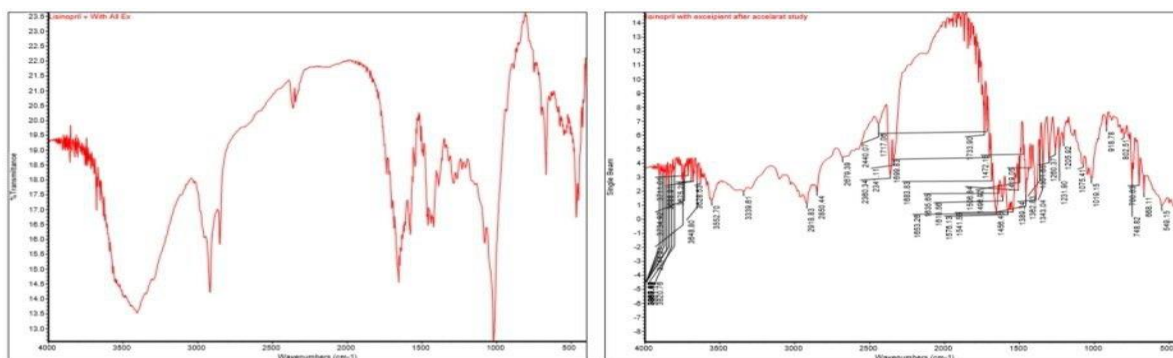


Fig. 16: FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and All Excipients.

Table 24: Results of FTIR Spectrum of Physical Mixture Fresh and Stored of Lisinopril and All Excipients.

Specific Functional Groups	CH-Alkane	CH-Aromatic	C=O Phenol	C=O Amid	C=C Aromatic
The Mid-IR Region (cm ⁻¹)	2850-3000	670-900	1300-1420	1630-1680	1550-1610
Pure Drug STD	2925.3	749.27	1395	1656.38	1590
Lisinopril Sample Test	2964	704	1390	1659	1577
Lisinopril ST with All Excipients	2918.77	774	1389.67	1654.94	1577.51
After Stored	2918.77	774	1389.67	1654.94	1577.51

Micromeritic Properties of Lisinopril

The powder of Lisinopril dihydrate was evaluated for the following parameters such as angle of repose, bulk density, tapped density, compressibility index and Hausner's ratio. The results were shown in Table 25.

Table 25: Micromeritics properties of Lisinopril Dihydrate.

Raw Material (API)	App vol	Tapp vol	App D(g/cm ³)	Tapp D (g/cm ³)	Bulk vol	Bulkiness
Lisinopril	260ml	170ml	0.18	0.304	90	5.26

Table 26: Micromeritics properties of Lisinopril Dihydrate.

Raw Material (API)	Voids	Porosity (%)	Compressibility Index (%)	Hausner Ratio	Carr's Index	Angle of Repose(θ)	Evaluation of angle of Repose
Lisinopril	0.346	34.6%	34.5%	1.5	0.34	38.4	Fair

The angle of repose of Lisinopril was found to be 38.4% which indicates Fair flow property. The bulk density was found to be 0.18 g/cm³, the tapped density was found to be 0.304 g/cm³, the compressibility index was found in 34.5% which indicates very poor flowability and the Hausner's ratio was 1.5 as shown in Table 26.

Evaluation of Precompression Parameters

The powder blends were evaluated for the following parameters such as angle of repose, bulk density, tapped density, compressibility index and Hausner's ratio. The results were shown in Table 27.

Table 27: Preformulation Parameters of Powder Flow Properties.

Formulation code	Angle of Repose (θ)	Bulk Density (g/cm ³)	Tapped Density (g/cm ³)	Compressibility index (%)	Hausner's ratio	Evaluation of angle of repose
F1	37.59	0.43	0.57	24.56	1.3	Fair
E2	34.99	0.39	0.53	26.4	1.35	Good
F3	37.95	0.51	0.72	29.16	1.41	Fair
F4	35.37	0.42	0.58	27.58	1.38	Good
F5	34.2	0.42	0.58	27.58	1.38	Good
F6	42.6	0.42	0.56	25	1.3	Passable

The angle of repose of formulation F6 was found to be 42.6 which indicates passable flow property. Angle of repose of all the other formulations were found to be between 34.2 to 37.95 which indicates good and fair flow property. The bulk density was found to be between 0.39 to 0.51 g/cm³, the tapped density was found to be between 0.53 to 0.72 g/cm³, the compressibility index was found in the range of 24.56 to 29.16 % and the Hausner's ratio lies between 1.3 to 1.41. The above results in terms of micromeritics properties revealed that the flow property of formulation F6 was passable and other formulations were good.

CONCLUSION

The compatibility studies of physical mixtures of Lisinopril dihydrate with different used excipients such as mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose as diluents, and sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose sodium, and crospovidone as superdisintegrants and sodium lauryl sulfate as wetting agent were investigated by FTIR it was detected that there was no variation or minor deviation in the characteristic peaks in FTIR spectroscopy. The Lisinopril formulations prepared were evaluated for precompression parameters and powder flow properties which were found to be within limits. It was concluded that the drug Lisinopril dihydrate was found to be compatible with various excipients which were selected for the formulation development of the Lisinopril ODTs. Formulation scientist from his experience and knowledge have to significantly in the preformulation study stage and is an important factor in the ADDS (Advanced Drug Delivery Systems) product development process.

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