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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATED STABILITY INDICATING RP-HPLC METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PANTOPRAZOLE IN PURE FORM AND ITS TABLET DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT

A rapid and precise reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic method has been developed for the validated of Pantoprazole, in its pure form as well as in tablet dosage form. Chromatography was carried out on a Phenomenex Gemini C18 $(4.6\times250\text{mm})$ 5 μ column using a mixture of Methanol: TEA Buffer pH 4.0 (70:30 v/v) as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0ml/min, the detection was carried out at 280nm. The retention time of the Pantoprazole was $2.302 \pm 0.02\text{min}$ respectively. The drugs were exposed to thermal, photolytic, acid, alkali, and oxidative stress and the stressed samples were analyzed by use of the proposed method & chromatograms from the stressed samples, obtained by use of the

photodiode-array detector. The method produce linear responses in the concentration range of 10-50mg/ml of Pantoprazole. The method precision for the determination of assay was below 2.0%RSD. The method is useful in the quality control of bulk and pharmaceutical formulations.

KEYWORDS: Pantoprazole, RP-HPLC, validation.

INTRODUCTION

Pantoprazole, [13-17] or pantoprazol (also called Pantoprazolum) is a proton pump inhibitors, a type of, Anti-Ulcer Agents used for the treatment of Gastric Ulcer.it is chemically 6-(difluoromethoxy)-2-{[(3,4-dimethoxypyridin-2-yl)methane]sulfinyl}-1H-1,3- benzodiazole.

The author have developed a liquid chromatographic and validated, sensitive and reproducible method for the determination of Pantoprazole in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage forms.

Fig.No.Chemical structure of Pantoprazole

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chromatographic conditions

A prominence isocratic HPLC system (waters high performance liquid chromatography with auto sampler and PDA detector) column Phenomenex Gemini C18 (4.6×150mm, 5 μ m). A 10 μ L Waters injection syringe was used for sample injection. HPLC grade methanol and Triethylamine Buffer were used for the preparing the mobile phase. A freshly prepared Methanol: Triethylamine Buffer (p^H-4.0) (70:30 v/v) was used as the mobile phase. The solvents was filtered through a 0.45 μ membrane filter and sonicate before use. The flow rate of the mobile phase was maintained at 1mL/min., column temperature was maintained at 35°C temperature and the detection of the drug was carried out at 280nm.

Preparation of Triethylamine buffer (pH-4.0)

Take 6.0ml of Triethylamine in to 750ml of HPLC water in a 1000ml volumetric flask and mix well. Make up the volume up to mark with water and adjust the pH to 4.0 by using Orthophosphoric acid, filter and sonicate.

Preparation of mobile phase

Mix a mixture of above buffer 300mL (30%) and 700mL of Methanol HPLC (70%) and degas in ultrasonic water bath for 5 minutes. Filter through 0.45μ filter under vacuum filtration.

Diluent preparation

Mobile phase as diluent.

Standard solution preparation

Accurately weigh and transfer 10mg of Pantoprazole working standard in to 10mL volumetric flask add about 10ml of diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution) further pipette 0.3ml of the above stock solution in to a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluent. Mix well and filter through $0.45~\mu m$ filter.

Sample solution preparation

Weigh 10 Pantoprazole tablets and calculate the average weight. Accurately weigh and transfer the sample equivalent to 10mg of Pantoprazole into a 10ml volumetric flask. Add about 10ml of diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with diluent. Mix well and filter through 0.45µm filter. Further pipette 0.3ml of the above stock solution into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluent. Mix well and through 0.45µm filter.

Method validation

Linearity

The linearity of the method was demonstrated over the concentration range of $10\text{-}50~\mu\text{g/ml}$ of the target concentration. Aliquots of 10,20,30,40 and $50\mu\text{g/ml}$ were prepared from above stock solution. Different concentrations of the pure drug were injected into the chromatographic system. Calibration curve of Pantoprazole was constructed by plotting peak area vs applied concentration of Pantoprazole. A typical chromatogram is shown in Fig 1. The obtained results shown an excellent correlation between peak area and concentration of pure drug within the concentration range & it has shown in fig:2. The correlation coefficient for the average area at each level versus concentration of analyte was calculated and is presented in Table:1 and their calibration parameters were shown in Table:2.

SAMPLE PREPARATIONS TO PERFORM FORCED DEGRADATION STUDIES Acid degradation

Take average weight of Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Pantoprazole sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and add about 3mL of 5 N Hcl and kept a side for 3hours and add 3mL of 5 N NaOH solution to

neutralize the solution and make the volume up to mark by using Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and was analyzed as per the test method.

Alkaline degradation

Take average weight of Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Pantoprazole sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and add about 3mL of 5 N NaOH and kept a side for 3hours and add 3mL of 5 N Hcl solution to neutralize the solution and make the volume up to mark by using Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and was analyzed as per the test method.

Peroxide degradation

Take average weight of Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Pantoprazole sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and add about 3mL of Hydrogen peroxide solution and kept a side for 3hours and make the volume up to mark by using Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and was analyzed as per the test method.

Thermal degradation

Take average weight of Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Pantoprazole sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and expose to heat at 80-90°c for 3hours and make the volume up to mark by using Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and was analyzed as per the test method.

Photolytic degradation

Take average weight of Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Pantoprazole sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and expose to sunlight for 3hours and make the volume up to mark by using Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and was analyzed as per the test method.

The results are shown in "Fig:4" to "Fig:8" and "Table:6"

Precision method

The precision of the method was demonstrated by inter-day and intra-day variation studies. In the intra-day studies, six repeated injections of standard solution was made and the response factor of drug peak and% RSD were calculated and present in Table 3. The chromatogram was shown in Fig 3. In the inter-day variation studies, six repeated injections of standard

solution were made for six consecutive days and response factor of drug peak and %RSD were calculated shown in Table3. From the data obtained, the developed method was found to be precise.

Accuracy

A study of recovery of Pantoprazole from spiked placebo was conducted at three different spike levels i.e.50, 100 and 150 samples were prepared with Pantoprazole raw material equivalent to about the target initial concentration of Pantoprazole. Sample solutions were prepared in triplicate for each spike level and assayed as per proposed method. The % recovery was given in Table4. The mean recoveries of Pantoprazole from spiked were found to be in the range of 99.1-100.33%.

LOD and **LOQ**

The LOD and LOQ were separately determined based on the standard deviation of response of the calibration curve. The residual standard deviation of the regression lines and slope of the calibration curves were used to calculate the LOD and LOQ (Table no.2)

System suitability

System suitability tests are an integral part of method development and are used to ensure adequate performance of the chromatographic system. Retention time (Rt), number of theoretical plates (N) and tailing factor (T) were evaluated for six replicate injections of the drug at a concentration of 100mcg/ml. The results given in Table5. Were within acceptable limits.

Table 1. Linearity results for Pantoprazole

Conc. (µg/ml)	10	20	30	40	50
Avg. area	111022	232738	358996	476130	584909
Correlation	0.999				

Table: 2 Characteristic parameters of Pantoprazole for the proposed RP-HPLC method

Parameters	RP-HPLC
Calibration range (µg/ml)	10-50
Detection wavelength	280nm
Mobile phase (Methanol: Buffer)	70:30
Retention time	2.302±0.02
Regression equation(Y*)	Y=11846x-2186
Slope (b)	11846
Intercept (a)	2186

Correlation coefficient (r ²)	0.999
Intraday precision (%RSD*)	0.78
Interday precision (% RSD*)	0.61
Limit of detection (µg/ ml)	1.6
Limit of quantitation(µg/ml)	5.0

Table 3. Precision results for Pantoprazole

S.No	Concentration (µg /ml)	Intraday precision (area)	Interday precision (area)
1	30	359018	354835
2	30	354707	355270
3	30	356238	359122
4	30	359990	356405
5	30	358262	354250
6	30	352671	352699
Mean		356814.3	355430.2
Std Dev		2792.023	2182.287
% RSD		0.782	0.613

Table 4. Accuracy results for Pantoprazole

Sample No	Spike level	Amount (µg / ml) added	Amount (µg / ml) found	% Recovery	Mean % Recovery
	50%	14.8	15	99.1	
1	50%	15.0	15	100.0	99.1
	50%	14.75	15	98.3	
	100%	30.5	30	101.6	
2	100%	30.2	30	100.9	100.5
	100%	29.7	30	99.1	
	150%	45.0	45	100.1	
3	150%	45.1	45	100.3	100.3
	150%	45.2	45	100.5	

Table:5 system suitability studies of Pantoprazole by RP-HPLC method

Property	Values	Required limits
Retention time (R _t)	2.301±0.02	$RSD \le 2\%$
Theoretical plates (N)	5307	N > 2000
Tailing factor	1.7	T≤ 2

Table: 6 Data for forced degradation studies of Pantoprazole.

Parameter	Area	%label	% Degradation
Acid	344532	97.5%	2.5
Alkali	354540	100.3%	-
Peroxide	344518	97.5%	2.5
Thermal	349614	98.9%	1.1
Photolytic	319454	90.5%	9.5

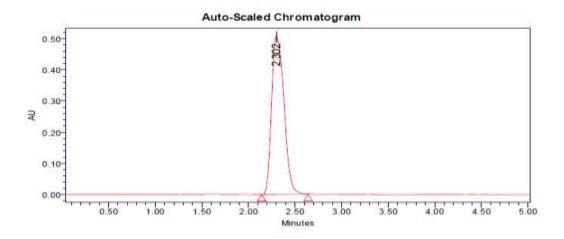


Fig: 1. Chromatogram of Pantoprazole at 280nm

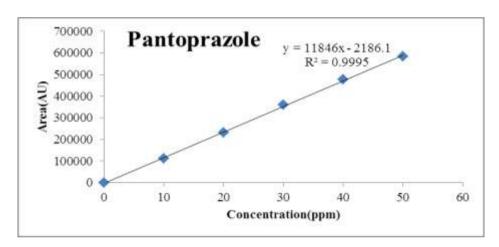


Fig:2. Calibration curve of Pantoprazole

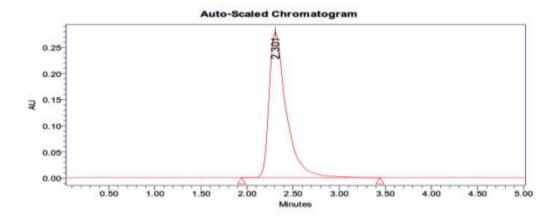


Fig:3. Chromatogram of precision

FORCED DEGRADATION STUDIES

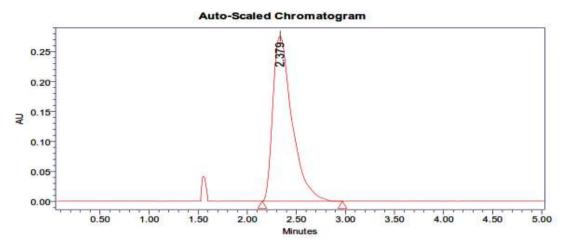


Fig: 4. ACID

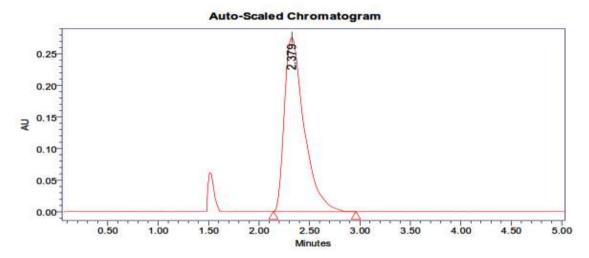


Fig: 5. BASE

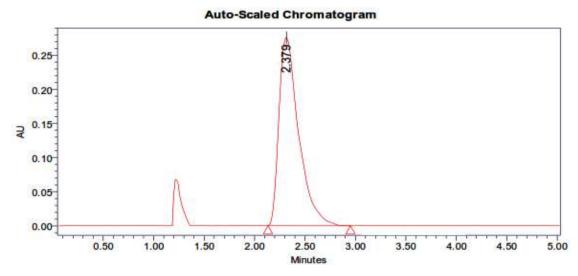


Fig: 6. PEROXIDE

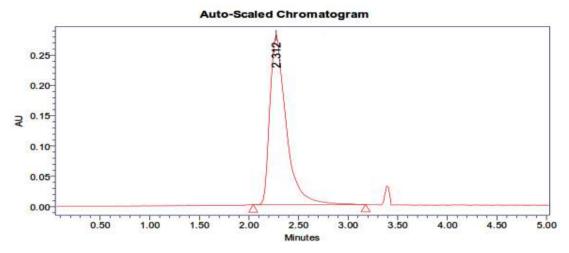


Fig: 7. THERMAL

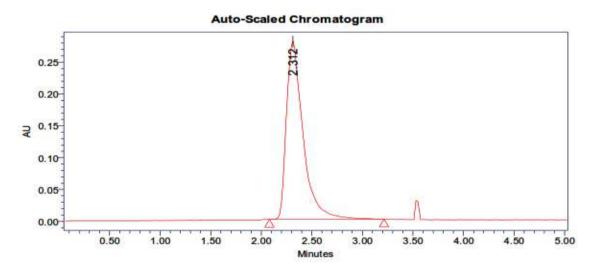


Fig: 8. LIGHT

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In HPLC method, HPLC conditions were optimized to obtain, an adequate separation of eluted compounds. The objective of this study was to develop a rapid and sensitive RP-HPLC method for the analysis of Pantoprazole in bulk dug and pharmaceutical dosage form by using the most commonly employed RP C-18 column with PDA-detection.

The run time was set at 5min and the retention time for Pantoprazole was 2.302 ± 0.2 min. Each sample was injected 5 times and the retention times were same. When the concentrations of Pantoprazole and its respective peak areas were subjected to regression analysis by least squares method, a good linear relationship (r^2 =0.999) was observed between the concentration of Pantoprazole and the respective peak areas in the range $10-50\mu g/ml$. The regression equation was used to estimate the amount of Pantoprazole, either in tablet

formulations or in validation study (precision and accuracy). For the proposed RP-HPLC method, characteristic parameters were shown in Table: 2.

To analyse tablet formulations, RP-HPLC method has been developed. Pantoprazole tablets were analyzed as per the procedure described above. The low % RSD values (≤ 2) indicated that the method was precise and accurate. The mean recoveries found in the range of 99.1-100.33%%. No interfering peaks were found in the chromatogram indicating that excipients used in the tablet formulation did not interfere with the estimation of the drug by the proposed RP-HPLC method.

CONCLUSION

The proposed RP-HPLC method was also validated for intra and inter-day variation. When the solution containing $30\mu g/ml$ of Pantoprazole was repeatedly injected on the same day, the % RSD in the peak area for six replicate injections was found to be 0.78%. Also the inter day variation (6 days and six injections) was found to be 0.61%. The results are presented in Table:3. The % RSD values were within 2 and the method was found to be precise. It can concluded the proposed HPLC method is rapid, sensitive, precise and accurate for the determination of Pantoprazole and can be reliably adopted for routine quality control analysis of Pantoprazole in Bulk and its pharmaceutical formulations.

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