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CHROMATOGRAPHIC METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION STABILITY-INDICATING TWO IMPURITIES AND ITS **DEGRADATION PRODUCTS IN PYRIDOSTIGMINE BROMIDE** ORAL SOLUTION, 60 MG/5 ML

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ABSTRACT

A Novel RPHPLC Quantification method was developed for estimation of Pyridostigmine known impurities like its Hydroxy N-Methyl Impurity, Pyridine Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity which, were separated on Phenomenex Kinetex C18 column (150 mm x 4.6 mm; 5µ). Using a mixture of Phosphate Monobasic, 1.74 g of Potassium Phosphate Dibasic and 2.16 g of 1-Octane Sulfonic Acid Sodium Salt Anhydrous, Acetonitrile as a gradient mobile phase with a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min; λ max at 220 nm. The developed method was validated all the parameters like linearity, specificity, LOD, LOQ, accuracy,

robustness, ruggedness, precision, filter variation, solution stability and forced degradation studies.

KEYWORDS: Method development and validation, Pyridostigmine, Related substances, Stability-indicating.

INTRODUCTION

Pyridostigmine is chemically N-(4-{[(5R)-7-chloro-5-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-1benzazepin-1-yl]carbonyl}-3-methylphenyl)-2-methylbenzamide(fig. 1). Pyridostigmine is non peptide vasopressin V2 receptor antagonist inhibits water re-absorption in the kidney blocking VP binding resulting in water dieresis without significantly changing electrolyte excretition. [1-2] Pyridostigmine is available as a tablet for administration. Many techniques have been reported quantitave estimation including Spectrophotometric. [3-4] liquid chromatographic, [5-6] UPLC. [7]

Since no method has been developed for the separation and estimation of impurities in Pyridostigmine oral solution and the drug is being marketed in domestic and international market the present study by the author describes a rapid, accurate and precise RP – HPLC method for the estimation of known related impurities, i.e., Hydroxy N-MethylImpurity (3-Hydroxy-1-methylpyridin-1-ium bromide) and Pyridine Dimethyl CarbamateImpurity (Pyridin-3-yl dimethyl carbamate) and degrading products under stress conditions present in Pyridostigmine oral solution. The method was validated as per ICH guidelines. [9]

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EXPERIMENTAL

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Chromatographic Conditions

Waters HPLC consisting pump, Auto sampler, VWD & photo diode array detector, Empower software connected with a Phenomenex Kinetex C18, 150 x 4.6 mm, 5 µm, 100A.

Chemicals and reagents

Pyridostigmine pure drug and impurities, Acetonitrile (HPLC Grade), water (HPLC Grade), Methanol(HPLC Grade), orthophosphoric acid 85% pure were AR grade from SD Fine Chem., was used in the present study. The oral solution formulations purchased from local market Hyderabad, India.

Mobile phase

Dissolve2.72 g of Potassium Phosphate Monobasic, 1.74 g of Potassium Phosphate Dibasic and 2.16 g of 1-Octane Sulfonic Acid Sodium Salt Anhydrous in 1000 mL of water. Adjust pH of the solution to pH2.5 \pm 0.05 with Diluted Phosphoric Acid Solution. Mix well, filter the solution through a Nylon membrane filter, further degas for at least 10 minutes. Label as Mobile Phase A, 100% Acetonitrile used as mobile phase-B, Pyridostigmine and its impurities were separated and eluted in a gradient program represented in Table-1. The flow rate of the mobile phase was maintained at 1.0ml/min. The column temperature was maintained at 25°C and the detection was carried out at 220nm with an injection volume of 20 μ l.

Diluent

Dissolve 2.72 g of Potassium Phosphate Monobasic in 1000 mL of water. Mix well and label

as Buffer Solution.

Mix 950 mL of Buffer Solution with 50 mL of Acetonitrile, mix well and label as Diluent.

Standard solution preparation

Accurately weigh and transfer 25 mg of Pyridostigmine Bromide standard into a 250-mL volumetric flask. Add diluent about 60% volume of the flask, sonicate to dissolve, dilute to volume with diluent and mix well. The concentration is about 100 μ g/mL of Pyridostigmine Bromide.

Pipet 2.0 mL of Standard Stock Solution into a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute to the volume with diluent and mix well. The concentration is about 2.0 μg/mL of Pyridostigmine Bromide.

Placebo preparation

Prepare Placebo Sample Solution, if required, by weighing and transferring about 5.13 g of Placebo of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution into a 50-mL volumetric flask. Add diluent to about 60% volume of the flask, sonicate for 10 minutes with intermittent shaking. Dilute to volume with diluent and mix well. Label as Placebo Sample Solution.

Sample preparation

Accurately weigh and transfer about 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine BromideOral Solution, USP, 60mg/5 mL into a 50-mL volumetric flask. Add diluentto about 60% volume of the flask, sonicate for 10 minutes with intermittent shaking. Dilute to volume with diluent and mix well. Label as Sample Solution. The concentration is about 1000 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of Pyridostigmine Bromide.

Impurities Calculation

% of Impurity =
$$\frac{\text{Impurity Area x Standard weight x } 1 \times 100 \times 1 \times \text{standard Potency}}{\text{Average Standard Area x } 50 \times 100 \times \text{sample weight x Label amount}} x RF$$

% of Total Impurities = Sum of % Individual impurities,

RF – Response Factor

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

System Suitability

System suitability was evaluated from the standard solution preparation by injecting six times into the HPLC. The parameters measured were Theoretical plates, asymmetry, %RSD, the

observed results asymmetry is about 1.0, theoretical plates about 55000, % RSD is 1.3 and the resolution between two peaks greater than 2.0 indicates the method suitable for related substances estimation.

Placebo and impurities interference

Interference from placebo and impurities was carried out by preparing the following specificity samples. Performed related substances on Placebo equivalent to the amount present in test preparation and injected into the chromatography. By preparing and inject impurities at 1.0 % of test concentration, by preparing active sample as per test concentration, by spiking the active sample with individual known impurities at 1.0% of test concentration. The above samples were injected and observed for any interference from blank and placebo at the retention time of analyte and known impurity peaks. This was further demonstrated by determining the peak purity of analyte and known impurity peaks. Since no interference of blank, placebo and known impurities was observed at the retention time of analyte. Individual impurity peaks are separated from the analyte peak. Peak purity of analyte peak and known impurity peaks are purity angle less than purity threshold, so the method is specific for Pyridostigmine oral solution. The chromatogram of spiked impurities with Pyridostigmine preparation shown in (fig. 2).

Limit of Quantitation and Detection

The limit of quantitation (LOQ) and detection (LOD) were conducted on the basis of signal to noise ratio method. Different concentrations of impurities with sample solution were injected, LOQ established the values which give the signal to noise ratio about 10.0, for LOD of impurities were established which give the signal noise ratio about 3.0; the results of both LOQ & LOD values were tabulated in Table-2.

Linearity and Detector Response

The linearity of detector response for impurities was demonstrated by prepared solutions of Lacosamide and its impurities over the range of LOQ to 200% level and the detector response was found to be linear and the correlation coefficient was more than 0.998, proves Pyridostigmine and its impurities are linear, the results were tabulated in Table-3 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 3).

Establishment of RRT's and RF Values for Impurities

The RRT's and RF values were calculated from the linearity levels i.e., 0.04%, 0.10%, 0.20%, 0.32%, 0.40% and 1.2% of test concentration. The RRT's and RF values were calculated and the results were tabulated in Table-4.

Precision

Six sample preparations representing a single batch were injected, the each impurity area were determined and the precision was evaluated, the %RSD of each impurity results was less than 10.0 indicates the method is precise, the results are tabulated in Table-4.

Intermediate Precision

The ruggedness of the method was injected six preparations of a single batch sample by different analyst (analyst-2), different column (column-2) and different instrument (instrument-2). The %RSD of each impurity was calculated; the results were less than 10.0. consider the precision results for analyst-1, column-1 and system-1, the mean %RSD values of both precision and intermediate calculated, the results were less than 15.0 shows the method is rugged and the results were tabulated in Table-4.

Accuracy

The accuracy of the test method was prepared recovery samples (i.e. test sample with known quantities of Hydroxy N-Methyl Impurity, and Pyridine Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity) at the level of LOQ, 100% and 200% of target concentration, as the recovery results were found between 90 to 110% the method is accurate for the estimation of Pyridostigmine oral solution and its impurities over the range of LOQ to 200% level of target concentration and the results were tabulated in Table-5.

Robustness

The solution stability & mobile phase stability

The standard and sample solution kept for bench top, under refrigerator were injected initially, after 24 hours and 48 hours. The difference between initial, 24hrs and 48hrs of individual impurity less than 0.03% and total impurities less than 0.1% and the similarity factor after 24 hours and after 48 hours is between 0.95 to 1.05 indicates the solution is stable up to 48hrs and the results were tabulated in Table 8.for mobile phase stability the standard and sample solutions injected initially, after 24 hours and after 48 hours, a slight variation of

parameters like theoretical plates, asymmetry and % RSD indicates the mobile phase is stable up to 48 hours.

Extraction time of analyte

The difference between as such condition and different extraction samples for % of individual impurity less than 0.03% and % of total impurities 0.1% found within the limits.

Filter variation

The filter variation was injected the test solution of centrifuged and filtered through 0.22μ nylon filter 0.45μ nylon filter and 0.22μ PVDF, 0.45μ PVDF filter and the difference between filtered portions of individual impurity less than 0.03% and total impurities were less than 0.1% with respect to centrifuged sample shows no effect of filter variation.

Effect of Column Temperature and Flow Variation

The standard preparation was injected under normal condition (i.e. as such condition) and of the altered conditions column temperature 25±5°C and flow rate 1±0.1ml the difference between as such for all changed conditions parameters like theoretical plates, asymmetry and % RSD within the limits proves the method is robust.

Forced Degradation Studies

Acid Hydrolysis Stress study

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask.

Pipetted 5.0 mL of 0.1 N Hydrochloric Acid Solution into the flask, mixed well and tightly closed the flask. Kept the solution under 60°C for 24 hours.

After 24 hours of acid hydrolysis, pipetted 5.0 mL of 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide solution into the flask to neutralize the solution. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is highly sensitive to acid the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 8).

Base Hydrolysis Stress Study

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask.

Pipetted 5.0 mL of 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide Solution into the flask, mixed well and tightly closed the flask. Kept the solution under room temperature for 30 minutes.

After 30 minutes of base hydrolysis, pipetted 5.0 mL of 0.1 N Hydrochloric Acid solution into the flask to neutralize the solution. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is not sensitive to base the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 9)

Peroxide Oxidation Stress Study

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask.

Pipetted 5.0 mL of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide into the flask, mixed well and tightly closed the flask. Kept the solution under room temperature condition for 24 hours.

After 24 hours of oxidation, followed the impurity sample preparation as described in attached test method. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is highly sensitive to peroxide the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 11).

Water degradation Stress study

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask.

Pipetted 5.0 mL of Water into the flask, mixed well and tightly closed the flask. Kept the solution under 60°C for 24 hours.

After 24 hours of water hydrolysis, followed the impurity sample preparation as described in attached test method. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is not sensitive to water the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 10).

Heat Stress Study

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask. Tightly closed the flask and kept the flask under 70°C for 24 hours.

After exposure under 70°C for 24 hours, prepared the sample solutions following the impurity sample preparation as described in attached test method. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is not sensitive to heat the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 12)

Table 1: HPLC Gradient Program.

Time (Minutes)	Mobile phase-A (%)	Mobile phase-B (%)
0	94	6
5	94	6
10	90	10
15	90	10
20	85	15
24	85	15
30	80	20
35	80	20
40	94	6
45	94	6

Table 2: LOD & LOQ results.

]	LOD RESULTS	LOQ RESULTS		
S. No	Name of the Component	S/N Ratio	% level of component w.r.t to sample concentration	S/N Ratio	% level of component w.r.t to sample concentration	
1	Pyridostigmine	4.0	0.011	14.0	0.045	
2	HydroxyN-Methyl Impurity	4.0	0.011	11.0	0.044	
3	PyridineDimethyl Carbamate Impurity	3.0	0.010	12.0	0.039	

Table 3: Linearity Results.

Compound Name	Correlation coefficient	Slope	Y- Intercept	Residual sum square	Residual standard deviation
Pyridostigmine	0.9998	24043	-0.63%	1562970.377	19285
Hydroxy N-Methyl Impurity	0.9997	31138	0.07%	3102838.623	12548
Pyridine Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity	1.0000	30266	1.42%	3099847.163	14289

Table 4: Precision, Intermediate Precision, RF and RRT Results.

Parameter	Hydroxy N-Methyl Impurity	Pyridine Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity
Precision(n=6)	0.42	0.52
Intermediate Precision(n=6)	0.24	0.15
Mean	0.52	0.64

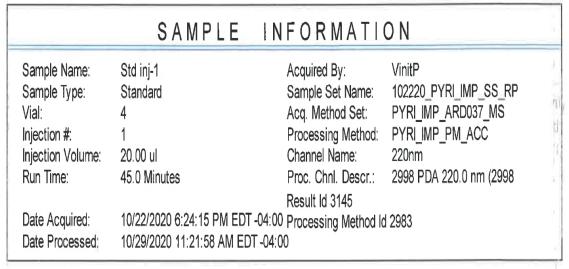
RRT&RF Values		
RRT values	~ 0.624	~ 1.158
RF values	1.31	1.17

Table 5: Accuracy results.

Spike Level	Amount added(µg/mL)	Amount found(µg/mL)	% Mean Recovery	%RS D
Recovery of Hydroxy N-				
Methyl Impurity				
LOQ level	0.4353	0.4352	100.25	0.65
100%	2.1766	2.1526	100.10	0.72
200%	4.3533	4.2433	100.52	0.54
Recovery of Pyridine				
Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity				
LOQ level	0.4235	0.4224	100.01	0.21
100%	2.1241	2.1321	99.92	0.15
200%	4.2451	4.2151	99.52	0.12

Table-6: Degradation Results.

Sample Name	Condition	% Rec Based on Control	Total Impurity (%)	Mass Balance	Purity Angle	Purity Threshold
Control	Not Stressed	100.0	0.000	100.0	0.515	0.669
Acid Hydrolysis	5.0 mL of 0.1 N HCl, 60°C for 24 hours	98.6	0.438	99.0	0.511	0.657
Base Hydrolysis	5.0 mL of 0.1 N NaOH, Room Temperature for 30 minutes	87.2	6.120	93.3	0.387	0.540
Water Hydrolysis	5.0 mL of Water, 60°C for 24 hours	100.0	0.025	100.0	0.501	0.671
Oxidation	5.0 mL of 3% H ₂ O ₂ , Room Temperature for 24 hours	100.3	0.116	100.4	0.556	0.685
UV/White Light	SUNTEST CPS+, Room Temperature for 8 hours*	100.0	0.000	100.0	0.512	0.670
Elevated Temperature	70°C for 24 hours	100.2	0.068	100.3	0.493	0.673



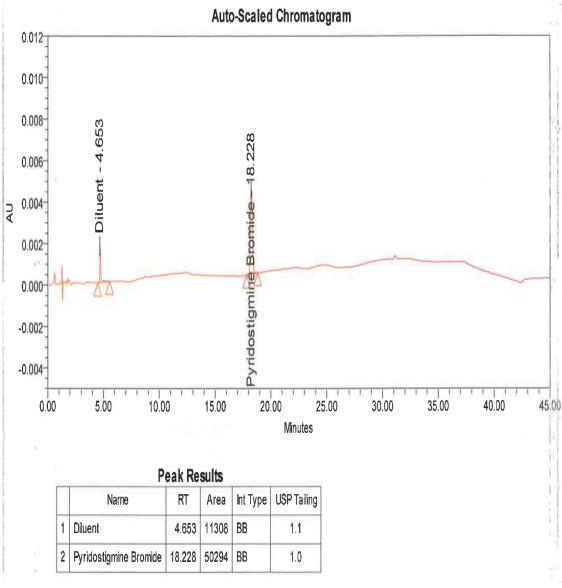
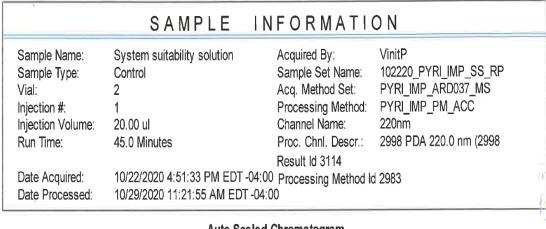


Fig. 1: Representative Chromatogram of Standard Solution.



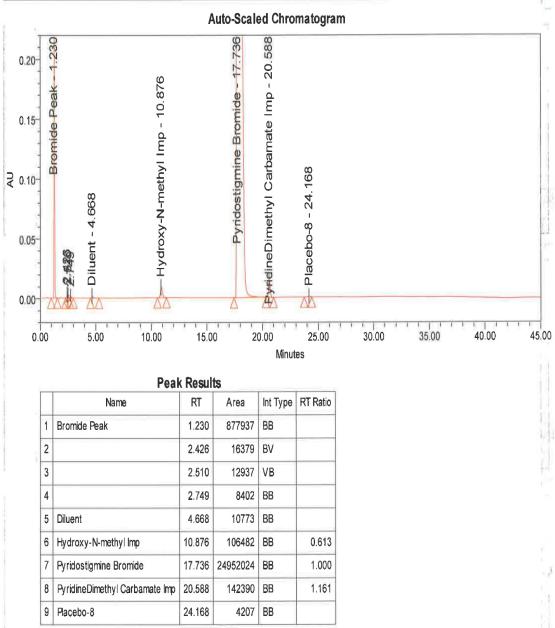


Fig. 2: Representative Chromatogram of System Suitability Solution.

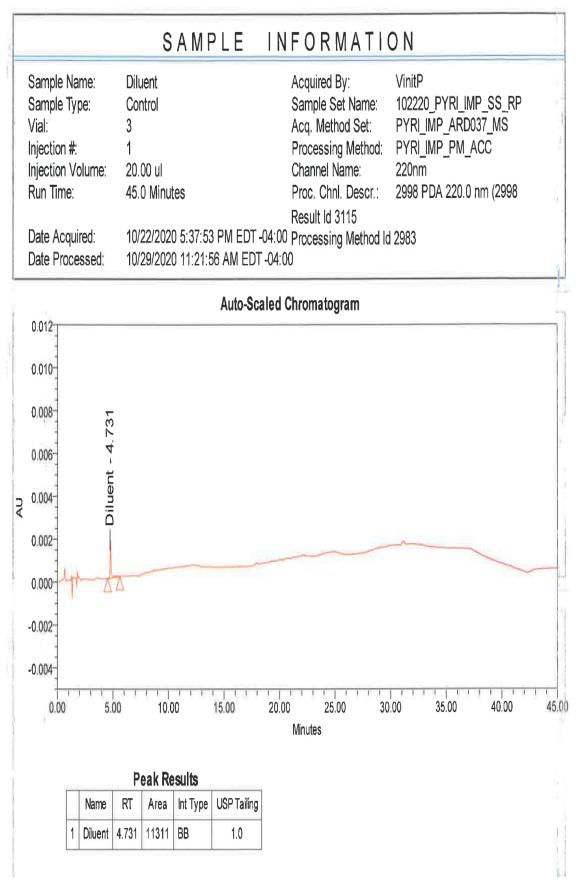
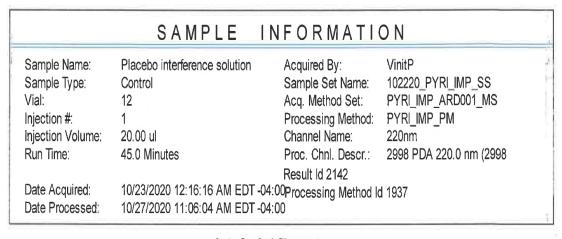


Fig. 3: Representative Chromatogram of Diluent.



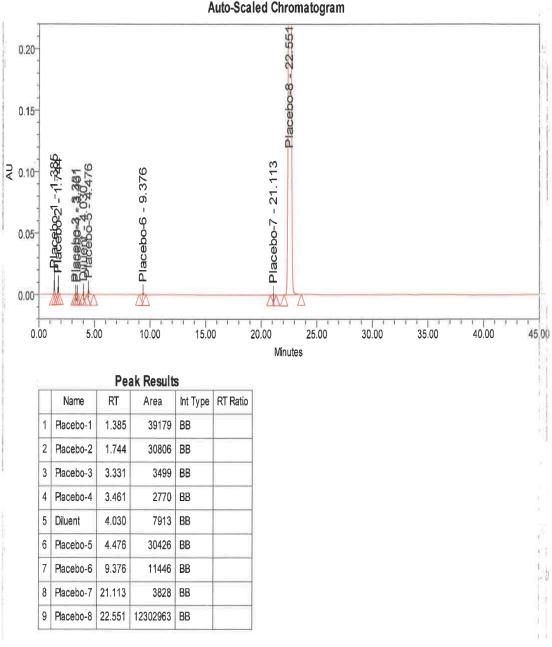
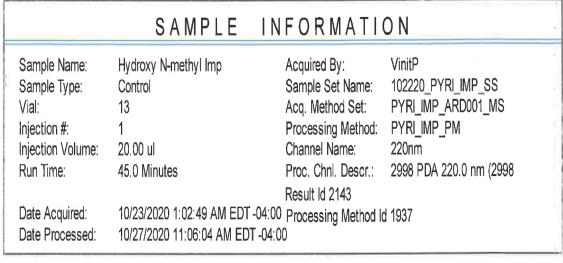


Fig. 4: Representative Chromatogram of Placebo Solution.



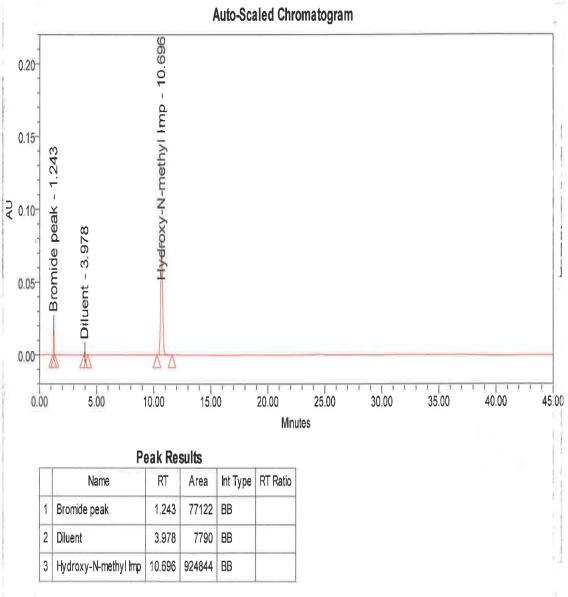
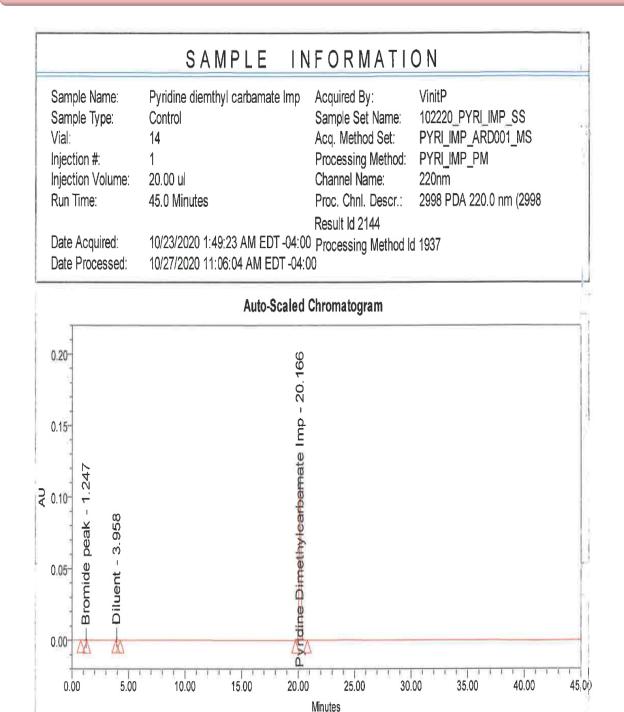


Fig. 5: Representative Chromatogram of Hydroxy N-Methyl Impurity Solution.



	Peak Results							
	Name	RT	Area	Int Type	RT Ratio			
1	Bromide peak	1.247	10170	ВВ				
2	Diluent	3.958	8009	BB				
3	Pyridine Dimethylcarbamate Imp	20.166	1229669	ВВ				

Fig. 6: Representative Chromatogram of Pyridine Dimethyl Carbamate Impurity Solution.

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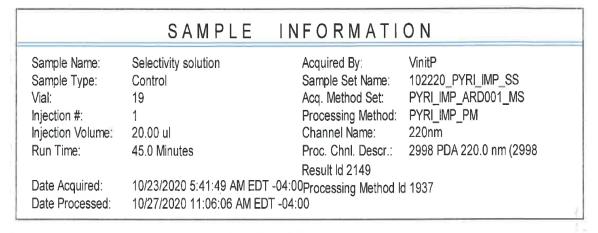
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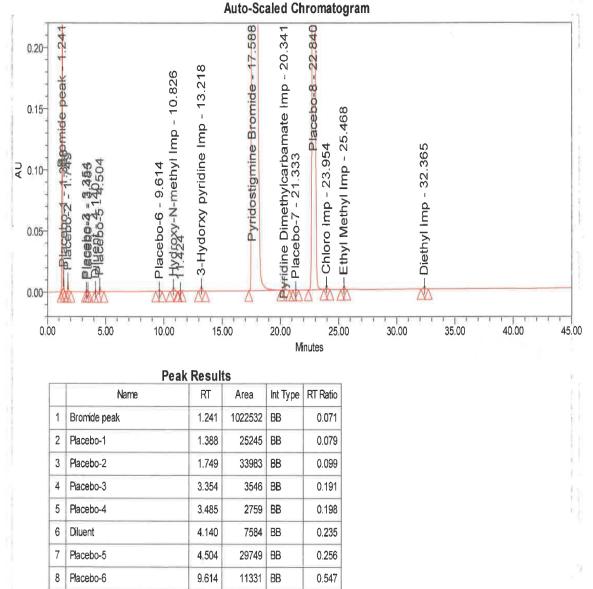


Fig. 7: Representative Chromatogram of Selectivity Solution.

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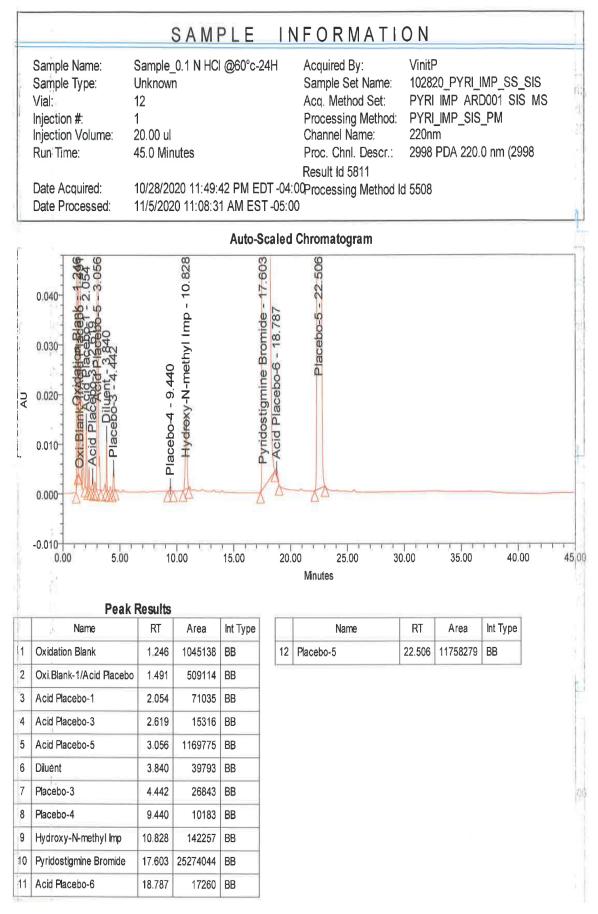


Fig. 8: Representative Chromatogram of Acid Hydrolysis Sample Solution.

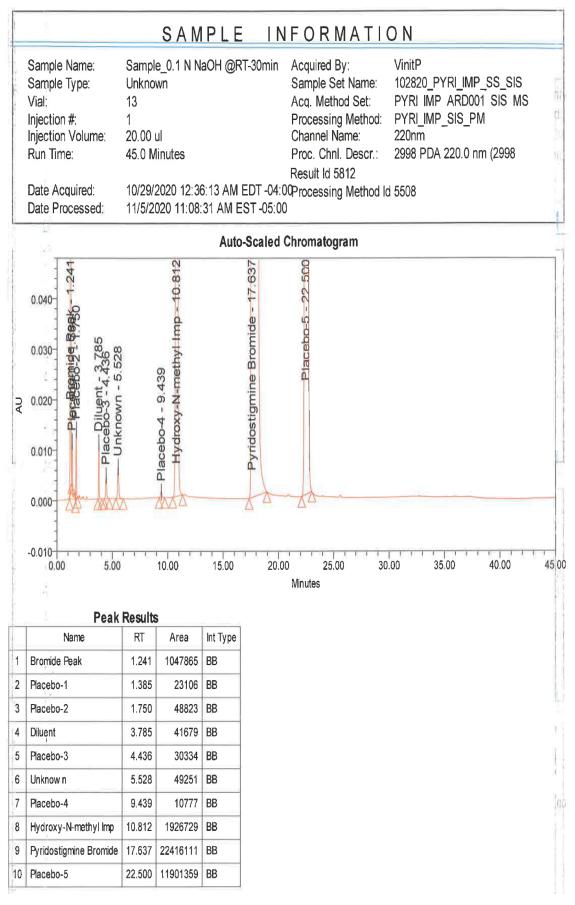


Fig. 9: Representative Chromatogram of Base Hydrolysis Sample Solution.

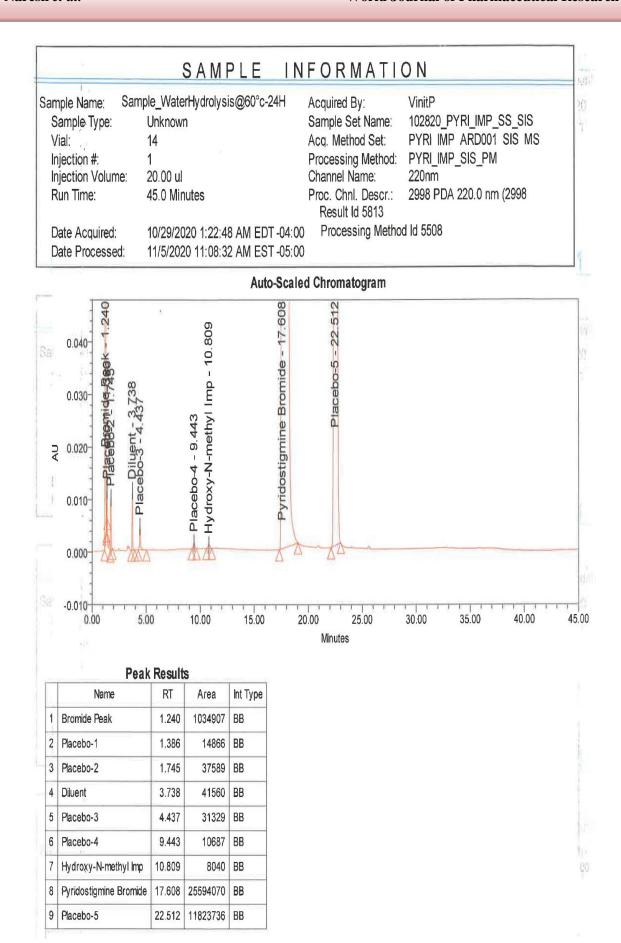


Fig. 10: Representative Chromatogram of Water Hydrolysis Sample Solution.

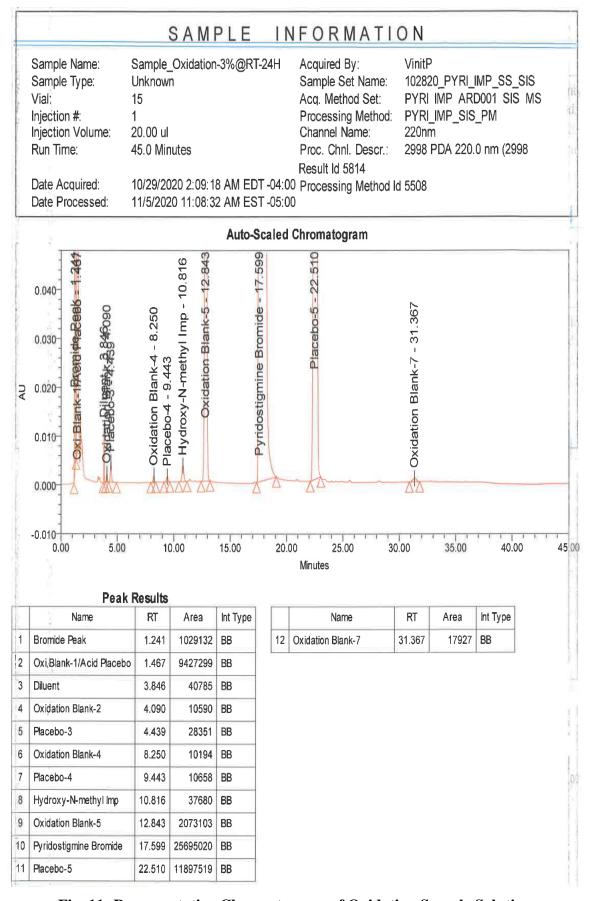


Fig. 11: Representative Chromatogram of Oxidation Sample Solution

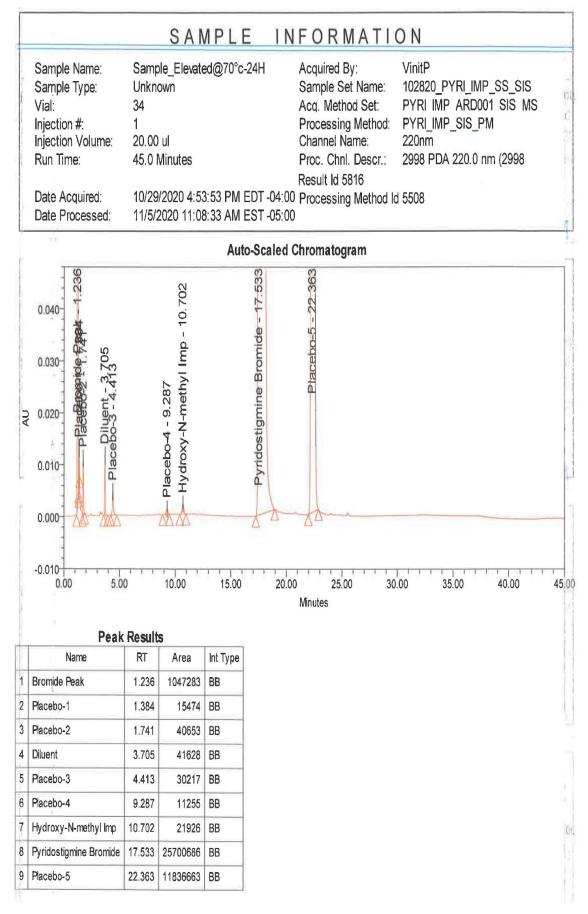


Fig. 12: Representative Chromatogram of 70°C Sample Solution.

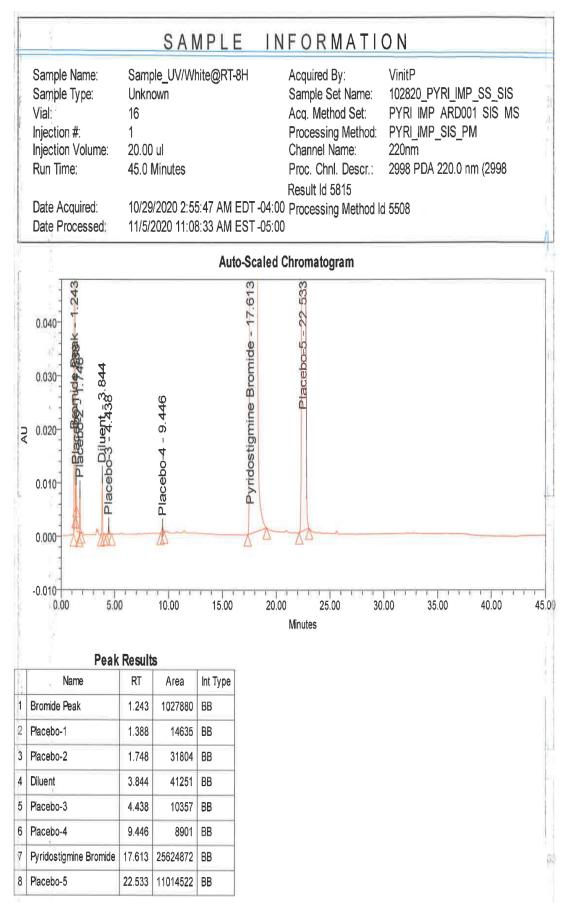
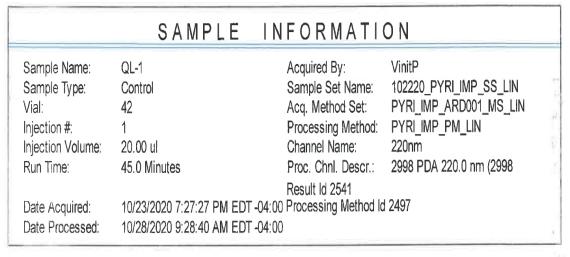


Fig. 13: Representative Chromatogram of UV/White Light Sample Solution.



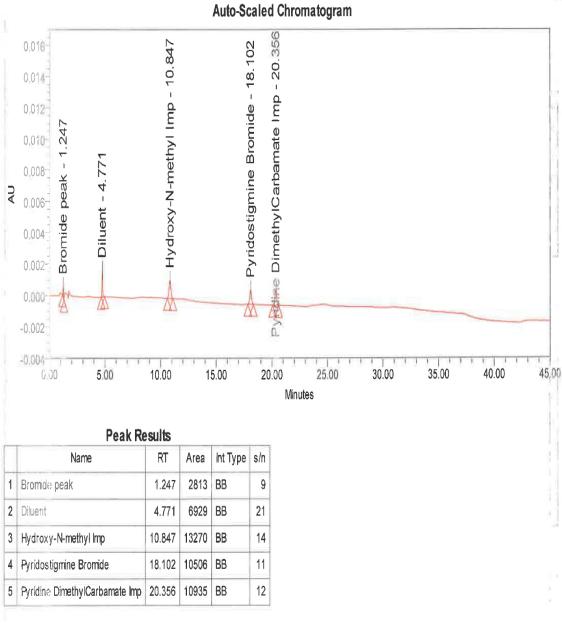
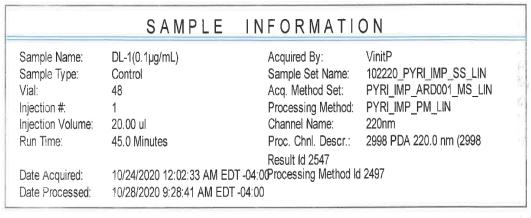


Fig. 14: Representative Chromatogram of Quantitation Limit Solution.



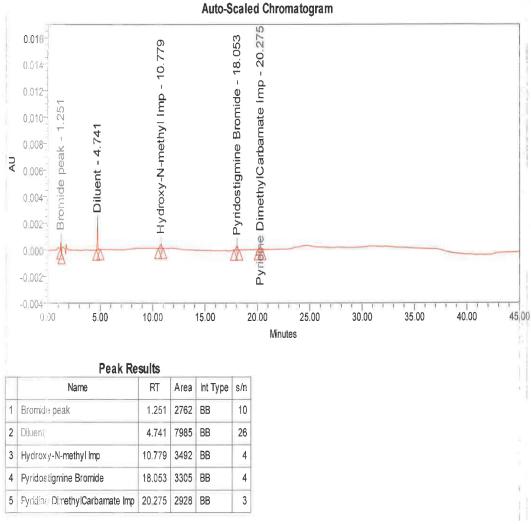


Fig. 15: Representative Chromatogram of Detection Limit Solution.

Photolytic Stress study

UV Light

Weighed and transferred 5.13 g of Pyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or 5.13 g of Placebo Oral Solution into a separate quartz culture dish with cover. Kept the dish under UV/White light (SUNTEST CPS+) for 8 hours.

After exposure under UV/White light, with aid of the diluent, transferredPyridostigmine Bromide Oral Solution or Placebo Oral Solution into a separate 50-mL volumetric flask and followed the impurity sample preparation as described in attached test method. Filtrate the solution through 0.45 micron nylon filter and injected into the chromatography. The homogeneity of the peak is pure, the sample is not sensitive to UV the results are tabulated in Table-6 and the chromatogram shown in (fig. 13).

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed RP-HPLC method satisfies the parameters like system suitability, specificity, precision, accuracy, linearity, and robustness, ruggedness. The obtained results from the validation as per the ICH guidelines and drug stability were indicates this method is accurate, sensitive and best suitable Method for determination of known and unknown impurities in Pyridostigmine bromide regular laboratory analysis.

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