

ANALYTICAL METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF DAPAGLIFLOZIN AND LINAGLIPTIN TABLETS BY RP-HPLC

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: The objective of this study was to developed and validated for the routine simultaneous analysis of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in Bulk Form and Marketed Pharmaceutical dosage forms.

Methods: The estimation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was accomplished with X-Bridge C₁₈, 250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5µm with PDA detector. The mobile phase consists of Mobile Phase A Containing Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (900:100v/v) and Mobile Phase B containing Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (300:700 v/v) at flow rate of 1.0mL/min. The detection wavelength was 230nm, respectively.

Results: In the developed method, the retention time of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was found to be 15.639min and 5.853min respectively. The reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography method produces linear response for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin that was found in the ranges of 12–74µg/mL and 6–28 µg/mL respectively. The % recovery studies were found to be within the limits. The Theoretical plates, tailing factor and resolution were also found be to be within the range as per ICH Guidelines. Calculated information acquired for both the preliminaries roughly coordinates with the information given by design expert programming which shows the genuineness of the chromatographic condition.

Conclusion: The developed method was validated according to the ICH guidelines. The linearity, precision, range, and robustness were within the limits as specified by the ICH guidelines. Hence, the method was found to be simple, accurate, precise, economic, and reproducible.

Key Words: Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin, ICH guidelines, Accuracy, Precision, RP-HPLC.

INTRODUCTION

Dapagliflozin is a selective sodium-glucose co-transporter subtype 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor with antihyperglycemic activity. Dapagliflozin¹ selectively and potently inhibits SGLT2 compared to SGLT1, which is the cotransporter of glucose in the gut. Dapagliflozin² is a C-glycosyl comprising beta-D-glucose in which the anomeric hydroxy group is replaced by a 4-chloro-3-(4-ethoxybenzyl) phenyl group. Used (in the form of its propanediol monohydrate) to improve glycemic control, along with diet and exercise, in adults with type 2 diabetes. It has a role as a hypoglycemic agent and a sodium-glucose transport protein subtype 2 inhibitor. It is a C-glycosyl compound, an organochlorine compound and aromatic ether. Dapagliflozin³ is a sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor indicated for managing diabetes mellitus type 2. When combined with diet and exercise in adults, Dapagliflozin helps to improve glycemic control by inhibiting glucose resorption in the proximal tubule of the nephron and causing glycosuria. Dapagliflozin was approved by the FDA on Jan 08, 2014. The IUPAC Name of Dapagliflozin is (2S, 3R, 4R, 5S, 6R)-2-[4-chloro-3-[(4-ethoxy phenyl) methyl] phenyl]-6-(hydroxy methyl) oxane-3, 4, 5-triol. The Chemical Structure of Dapagliflozin is as following

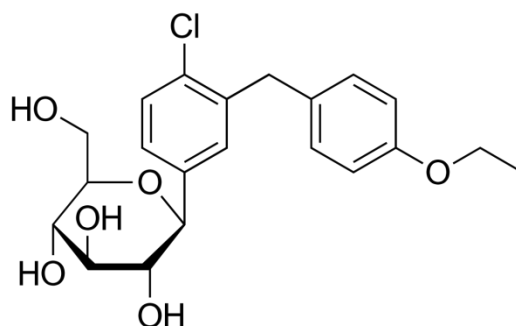


Fig-1: Chemical Structure of Dapagliflozin

Linagliptin is a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor which is used in combination with diet and exercise in the therapy of type 2 diabetes, either alone or in combination with other oral hypoglycemic agents. Linagliptin has been linked to rare instances of clinically apparent liver injury. Linagliptin⁴ is a potent, orally bioavailable dihydropurinedione-based inhibitor of dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4), with hypoglycemic activity. The inhibition of DPP-4 by Linagliptin appears to be longer lasting than that by some other DPP-4 inhibitors tested. Linagliptin⁵ is a xanthine that is 7H-xanthine bearing (4-methylquinazolin-2-yl)methyl, methyl, but-2-yn-1-yl and 3-aminopiperidin-1-yl substituents at positions 1, 3, 7 and 8 respectively (the R-enantiomer). Used for treatment of type II diabetes. It has a role as an EC 3.4.14.5 (dipeptidyl-peptidase IV) inhibitor and a hypoglycemic agent. It is a member of quinazolines and an aminopiperidine. It is functionally related to a 7H-xanthine. The IUPAC Name of Linagliptin⁶ is 8-[(3R)-3-amino piperidin-1-yl]-7-but-2-ynyl-3-methyl-1-[(4-methyl quinazolin-2-yl) methyl] purine-2, 6-dione. The Chemical Structure of Linagliptin as shown in fig-1.

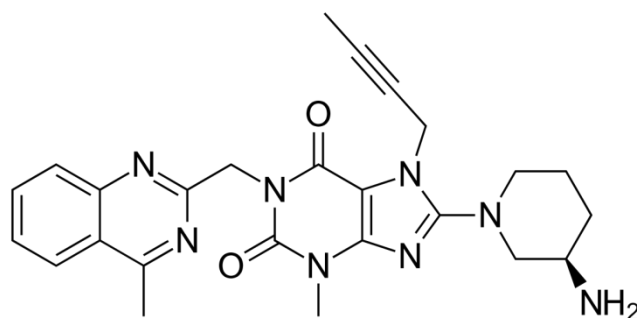


Fig-2: Chemical Structure of Linagliptin

As per the past literature review³⁰⁻⁶³, Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was estimated by different chromatographic methods such as liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry, normal phase high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), and reversed-phase HPLC (RP-HPLC) for simultaneous determination and by different spectroscopic methods⁷ such as ultraviolet (UV), UV first derivative spectroscopy, and moreover several methods⁸ were there for the determination of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in bulk and its pharmaceutical dosage forms⁹. Hence, the present paper reports that to develop and validate an accurate, simple, precise, economical, rapid method for the simultaneous estimation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin by RP-HPLC method¹⁰ and its forced degradation studies¹¹.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

MATERIALS

Drug Samples (Raw material)

Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin were obtained sample from Micro labs Limited, Bangalore, India.

Formulation Used

Tablets containing Dapagliflozin 10mg and Linagliptin 5mg.

Chemical and Solvent Used

- Water (Milli Q),
- Methanol (HPLC Grade),
- Acetonitrile (HPLC Grade),
- Ortho phosphoric acid (EMPARTA),
- Ammonium dihydrogen phosphate (EMPARTA) was purchased from Merck.

Instruments Used

HPLC Specification

- Model: Agilent-1260 infinity
- Software: Empower
- Syringe Filter: 0.45µm-33mm Nylon filter
- Column: Waters X-bridge C-18 _ 5µm x 4.6 x 250 mm
- Temperature: Ambient

Others

- Top load balance: Sartorius [Secura]
- Analytical balance: Mettler Toledo

- pH Meter: Metrohm 900
- Centrifuge apparatus: Neuation ifuge L400P
- Ultrasonicator

METHOD

In the present work an attempt was made to develop and validate simple, precise and accurate HPLC method for the estimation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in bulk and in tablet dosage form.

HPLC Method

Selection of Mobile Phase

The method development¹² and validation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin required greater resolution¹³. Hence different solvent were tried.

Selection of Column

Experiments with different columns¹⁴ were conducted to achieve the best separation of analyte, blank.

Selection of Flow Rate

Flow rate selection¹⁵ was done depending on retention time, peak symmetry, separation of impurities¹⁶.

System Suitability

System suitability parameter¹⁷ had to be selected based on the tailing factor resolution, plate count % RSD. In general % RSD for peak should not be more than 2.

Preparation of buffer solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 8.6g of ammonium dihydrogen phosphate in 1000mL milli-Q water and mix well. Adjust pH to 3.0 ± 0.05 with diluted ortho phosphoric acid. Filter¹⁸ the buffer through 0.45 μ nylon membrane filters.

Preparation of Mobile Phase-A

Mixture of Buffer and Acetonitrile in the ratio of 90:100v/v respectively, mixes well and sonicated to degas¹⁹.

Preparation of Mobile Phase-B

Mixture of Buffer and Acetonitrile in the ratio of 300:700v/v respectively, mixes well and sonicated to degas.

Preparation of Diluent 1

Use methanol as diluent-1

Preparation of Diluent-2/ Blank

Prepare a mixture of Buffer and Acetonitrile in the ratio of 500:500v/v respectively, mixes well to sonicate to degas.

Preparation of Dapagliflozin standard stock solution

Accurately weigh and transferred 30.6mg of Dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate [equivalent to 25.0mg of Dapagliflozin] workings standard²⁰ into a 50mL volumetric flask add 30mL diluent-1 and sonicate to dissolve the content. Dilute upto the mark with diluent-1 and mix well.

Preparation of Linagliptin Standard Stock Solution

Accurately weighed and transferred 25.0mg of Linagliptin working standard into 100mL volumetric flask add 70mL of diluents-1 and sonicate to dissolve the content. Dilute upto the mark with diluent and mix well.

Preparation of standard solution

Further pipette and transfer 5.0mL of above Dapagliflozin standard stock solution²¹ and 5.0mL of above Linagliptin standard stock solution into a 50mL volumetric flask and dilute upto the mark with diluents-2 and mix well.

Preparation of sample solution

Weigh 20 tablets to determine the average weight of the tablet. Accurately weight²² and transfer 5 intact tablets into a 250mL volumetric flask. Add about 10mL of water to disperse the tablets completely. Add about 150mL of diluents-1 and sonicate for about 20minutes with intermediate shaking to dissolve the contents. Keep the solution to cool at room temperature. Dilute upto the mark with diluent- 1 and mix well. Centrifuge the solution at 4000rpm for 15minutes. Pipette and transfer 5.0mL of above supernatant clear solution into a 20mL of volumetric flask make upto the volume with diluent-2 and mix well. Filter the solution through 0.45µm PVDF syringe filter by discarding first 5mL of filtrate.

Validation of Developed Method

Linearity

A calibration curve²³ was plotted between concentration and Peak area. Dapagliflozin was linear²⁴ with the concentration range²⁵ of 12-74µg/mL and Linagliptin was linear with concentration range of 6-38µg/mL at 230nm.

Precision

The repeatability of the method²⁶ was confirmed by the analysis of formulation was repeated for six times with the same concentration. The amount of drug present in the tablet formulation²⁷ was calculated. The percentage RSD²⁸ and confidence interval were calculated.

Accuracy

Accuracy²⁹ of the method was confirmed by recovery studies³⁰. To the pre-analyzed formulation, a known quantity of raw material was added and the procedure was followed as per the analysis of formulation³¹. The amount of each drug recovered³¹ was calculated. This procedure was repeated for three times for each concentration. The % RSD and confidence interval were calculated.

Specificity

Specificity is the ability to measure accurately and specifically the analyte of interest in the presence of other components that may be expected that may be expected to be present in the sample matrix. It is a measure of the degree of interference from such things as other active ingredients, excipients, impurities and degradation products, ensuring that a peak response is due to only to a single component; that is; that no co-elution exists. Specificity³² is measured and documented in a separation by the resolution, plate count, and tailing factor³³.

Robustness

Robustness³⁴ of the method was confirmed by deliberate change in the flow rate, wavelength³⁵ and the mobile phase composition were made to evaluate the impact on proposed method. The sample were injected in six replicates and % RSD was calculated.

System Suitability

The system suitability parameters³⁶⁻⁴⁰ were evaluated from standard chromatograms by calculating the Tailing factor, resolution, % RSD of retention time and peak areas from six replicate injections.

Forced degradation studies

The stress degradation study⁴¹⁻⁴⁶ was carried out on the sample preparations of tablet. The degradation was evaluated by calculating the peak purity of the analyte peak.

Filter interference study

The sum of standard solution⁴⁷ was filtered through 0.45 μ -33mm Nylon filter, .45 μ - 33mm PVDF filter, and 45 μ -33 mm PTFE filter. The sum of sample solution was centrifuged and filtered through 0.45 μ -33mm Nylon filter, 45 μ -33mm PVDF filter, 45 μ -33mm PTFE filter. All the solution injected into the chromatographic system⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ and the peak response was measured for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin peak. Comparison the %difference in between filtered and unfiltered solution was calculated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Method Development

A precise reverse phase chromatography⁵¹ for the stimulation estimation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was developed. The Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was prepared and scanned in the UV-region from 200-400nm. Both the drugs showed the marked absorbance at 230nm. For getting optimized chromatographic condition⁵² various trials have been performed by changing the mobile phase⁵³ and the composition of the mobile phase.

Table-1: Optimized Chromatographic Condition

Parameters	Conditions
Column	X-Bridge C18, 250x4.6mm, 5 μ m
Mobile phase A	Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (900:100v/v)
Mobile phase B	Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (300:700 v/v)
Diluent-1	Methanol
Diluent-2	Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (500:500 v/v)
pH	3.0
Flow rate	1.0mL/min
Wavelength	230nm
Injection Volume	25 μ L
Column oven Temp	30 °C
Sample Temp.	25°C
Run time	25minutes

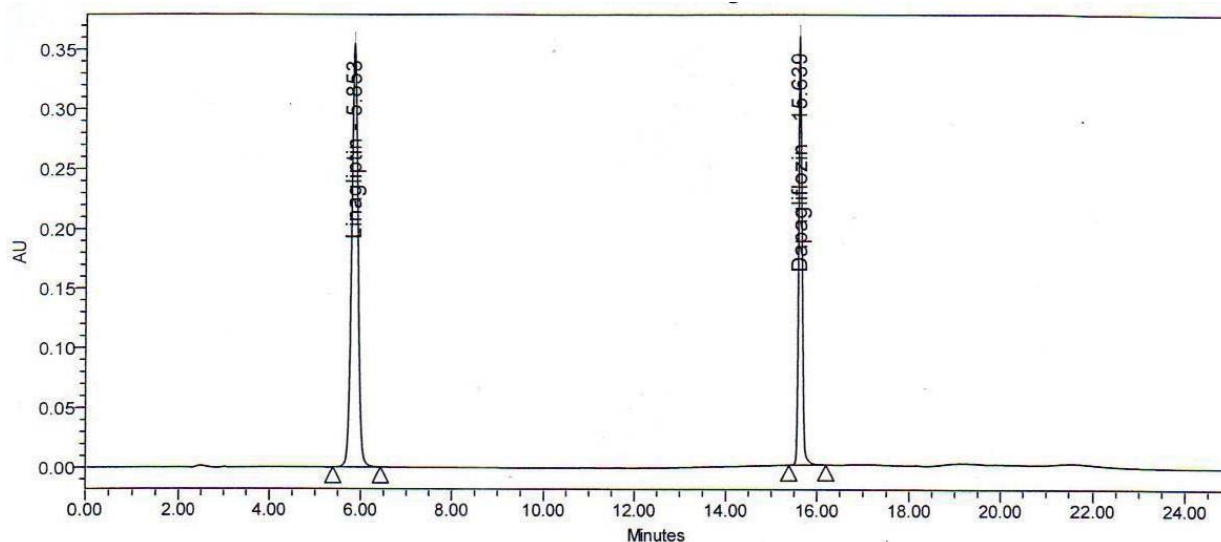


Fig-3: Optimized Chromatographic Condition

By using the optimized chromatographic conditions a stock solution of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was prepared by using the buffer and pH adjusted to 3 by adding diluted orthophosphoric acid with the concentration of 0.1-0.5ml for 50 μ g/ml from the stock solution concentration range of 12-74 μ g/ml for Dapagliflozin and 0.1-0.5ml for 6- 38 μ g/ml for Linagliptin was prepared and injected to the chromatographic system. The slope intercept and correlation coefficient⁵⁴ were calculated. The slope, intercept, correlation coefficient of Dapagliflozin was found to be 59360.1302, 39677.2662, 0.9999 and Linagliptin was found to be 168442.9091, 62986.3592, 1.0000. Calibration curve was plotted by taking concentration Vs Area. The calibration shows that linear response⁵⁵ was obtained over range of Concentration used and shown in figure 4 & 5 and the tables are shown in 2 & 3. The range demonstration that the method is linear outside the limit of expected use.

Tablets were (10mg Dapagliflozin and 5mg Linagliptin) selected for analysis. The nominal concentration of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin from the linearity was prepared and the absorbance of the solution was measured at the selected wavelengths. The percentage label claim in tablet formulation was found to be 98.6 % for Dapagliflozin and 104.5 % for Linagliptin. The amount present in tablet formulation was good concord with the label claim and the Percentage Relative Standard Deviation⁵⁶ (%RSD) was also found to be 0.2 for Dapagliflozin and 0.1 for Linagliptin. The %RSD value indicates that the method as good precision.

From the standard stock solution concentration solution was prepared and injected into the chromatographic system in six replicate injections. System suitability parameters such as Theoretical plates, Tailing factor and % RSD were calculated. Theoretical plates and Tailing Factor, Retention Time, Asymmetry Factor and %RSD of Dapagliflozin was found to be 93897, 1.1, 15.720 and Linagliptin was found to be 4927, 1.1, 5.683 respectively and Resolution⁵⁷ for Dapagliflozin were found to be 37.3. The result indicates the good precision of the developed method. The System Suitability parameters were presented in table 5.

Specificity⁵⁸ was evaluated by injecting the Blank solution, Standard and Sample solution. Blank shows no peak, standard, sample solution of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin shows Retention time at 15.806min Dapagliflozin of and 5.880min Of Linagliptin respectively.

Peak purity test of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was passes the test. The specificity parameters and chromatograms and results were shown in table 10 & 11.

The accuracy of the method is confirmed by recovery analysis. To the analyzed formulation, known quantities of the standard drugs were added at the concentration of 25%, 50%, 100% and 150% concentration. The area of the solutions was measured and percentage recovery⁵⁹ was calculated. The percentage recovery of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was found to be in range of 98.40 to 99.9 and 98.7 to 100.7 respectively. The %RSD value was found to be less than 2. The %RSD indicates that there is no interference of excipients during the analysis. The data recovery analysis is given in table 9.

Forced degradation study was evaluated by calculating the peak purity of the analyte peak. Stress degradation studies⁶⁰ like acid stress, alkali stress, peroxide stress, photolytic control, photolytic stress and thermal stress was carried out for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin sample. The peak purity⁶¹ of the Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin sample was passes the test. Forced degradation study peak purity chromatograms⁶² and results were shown in table 9 & 10.

Filter interference study⁶³ was evaluated by standard and sample solution was filtered through 0.45µ-Nylon filter, 0.45µ-PVDF filter, 0.45µ-PTFE filter and some portion was centrifuged. Compared the %difference in between filtered and unfiltered solution was calculated for standard and sample solution. The %difference was shown in table 14-15.

Method Validation

Linearity and Range:

Table-2: Linearity Results of Dapagliflozin

Parameters	Values*
Detection wavelength (nm)	230nm
Beer’s law limit (µg/mL)	12-74 (µg/mL)
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9999
Regression equation(y=mx+c)	Y = 59702x + 21068
Slope (m)	59702
Intercept (c)	21068

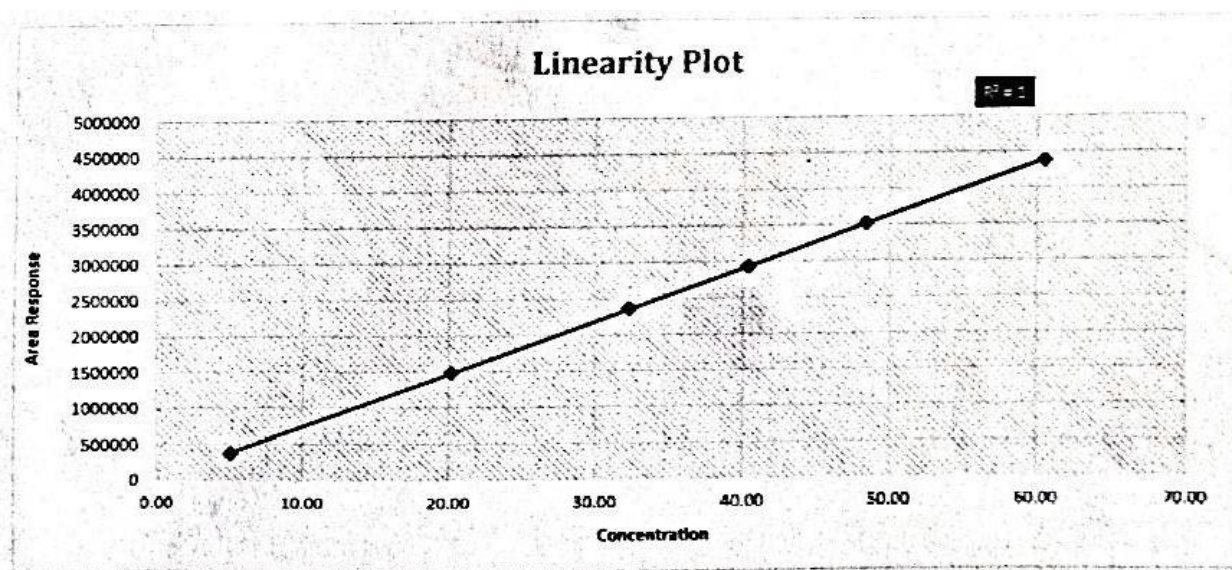


Fig-4: Calibration Curve of Dapagliflozin

Table-3: Linearity Results of Linagliptin

Parameters	Values*
Detection wavelength (nm)	230nm
Beer's law limit (µg/mL)	6-28 (µg/mL)
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9999
Regression equation(y=mx+c)	Y=16954x + 33208
Slope (m)	16954
Intercept (c)	33208

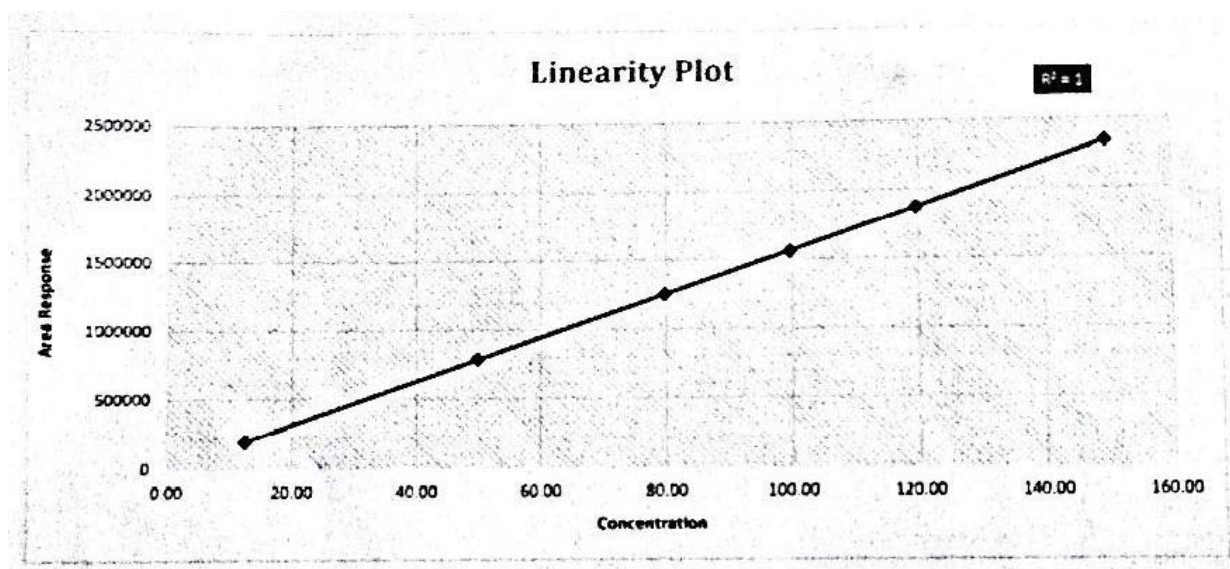


Fig-5: Calibration Curve of Linagliptin

Table-4: Linearity of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin

Linearity	Dapagliflozin		Linagliptin	
	Concentration (µg/mL)	Average Area response	Concentration (µg/mL)	Average Area response
25%	12.2367	752363	6.2995	1100207
50%	24.4734	1490236	12.5990	2195112
85%	39.1574	2379489	20.1583	3472254
100%	48.9467	2952072	25.1979	4322223
120%	58.7361	3540363	30.2375	5165970
150%	73.4201	4374637	37.7969	6405313

Correlation Coefficient	0.9999	1.0000
Slope	59360.130	168442.9091
Intercept	39677.266	62986.359

System Suitability:**Table-5: System Suitability Parameters for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin**

S.No.	Parameters	Dapagliflozin	Linagliptin
1	Theoretical plate	93987	4927
2	Tailing factor	1.24	1.06
3	Retention time	15.639	5.853
4	Asymmetric factor		
5	%RSD	0.2	0.3
6	Resolution	49.5	

System Precision:**Table-6: System Precision**

	Dapagliflozin 10mg and Linagliptin 5mg Tablets	
Injection Number	Dapagliflozin	Linagliptin
1	2890180	4124653
2	2891383	4130312
3	2879173	4132870
4	2892094	4144064
5	2880528	4153526
Average	2886672	4137085
Std.dev	6282.54	115788.87
%RSD	0.2	0.3

Method Precision:**Table-7: Method Precision for Dapagliflozin**

Product Name	Dapagliflozin 10mg and Linagliptin 5mg Tablets	
Sr. No	Assay (mg)	Assay % of LC
1	9.83	98.3
2	9.85	98.5
3	9.84	98.4
4	9.86	98.6
5	9.88	98.8
6	9.88	98.8
Average	9.86	98.6
Std.dev	0.021	0.21
%RSD	0.2	0.2

Table-8: Method Precision for Linagliptin

Product Name	Dapagliflozin 10mg and Linagliptin 5mg Tablets	
Sr. No	Assay (mg)	Assay % of LC
1	5.23	104.6
2	5.22	104.4
3	5.22	104.5
4	5.23	104.6
5	5.22	104.5
6	5.23	104.6
Average	5.23	104.5
Std.dev	0.005	0.08
%RSD	0.1	0.1

Accuracy:

Table-9: Accuracy of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin

Recovery Level	Dapagliflozin			Linagliptin		
	Amount Spiked (mg)	Amount Recovered (mg)	% Recovery	Amount Spiked (mg)	Amount Recovered (mg)	% Recovery
25%	12.6560	12.6017	99.9	6.3162	6.3592	100.7
50%	26.0042	25.5953	98.4	12.8409	12.6753	98.7
100%	50.9812	50.8180	99.7	25.8440	25.9581	100.4
150%	76.0865	75.2516	98.9	38.1597	38.0477	99.7
Overall % Recovery			99.2	Overall % Recovery		99.9
Overall %RSD for % Recovery			0.7	Overall %RSD for % Recovery		0.9

Specificity:

Table-10: Peak Purity of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin Sample

Standard Solution	Dapagliflozin			Linagliptin		
Product Name	Purity Angle	Purity Threshold	Results (Peak Purity)	Purity Angle	Purity Threshold	Results (Peak Purity)
Dapagliflozin 10mg and Linagliptin 5mg	3.630	10.794	Passes	8.552	24.447	Passes

Table-11: Placebo Interference Study

Observation	Placebo Preparation
% Interference	No interference

Forced Degradation Studies:**Table-12: Forced Degradation Study Peak Purity Results of Dapagliflozin**

Stress Condition	Purity Angle	Purity Threshold	Peak Purity
Acid Stress	1.436	2.263	Pass
Alkali Stress	1.488	2.264	Pass
Peroxide Stress	1.463	2.268	Pass
Photolytic Control	2.681	5.905	Pass
Photolytic Stress	2.839	7.424	Pass
Thermal stress	2.827	6.555	Pass

Table-13: Forced Degradation Study Peak Purity Results of Linagliptin

Stress Condition	Purity Angle	Purity Threshold	Peak Purity
Acid Stress	0.128	2.336	Pass
Alkali Stress	0.127	2.333	Pass
Peroxide Stress	0.129	2.356	Pass
Photolytic Control	5.581	12.625	Pass
Photolytic Stress	6.064	16.240	Pass
Thermal stress	5.282	14.078	Pass

Filter Interference Study:**Table-14: Filter Interference Data for Standard Solution**

Prep. Type	Dapagliflozin		Linagliptin	
	Area	%Diff	Area	%Diff
Unfiltered	2890782	NA	4127483	NA
Nylon filter	2891185	0.0	4131941	-0.1
PVDF filter	2892739	-0.1	4148530	-0.5
PTFE filter	2890571	0.0	4130422	-0.1

Table-15: Filter Interference Data for Sample Solution

Prep. Type	Dapagliflozin		Linagliptin	
	Area	%Diff	Area	%Diff
Centrifuged	2952855	NA	4270531	-0.1
Nylon filter	2952128	0.0	4274730	0.2
PVDF filter	2955025	-0.1	4262062	0.2
PTFE filter	2951684	0.0	4263881	0.2

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

A simple, rapid, precise and accurate HPLC method was developed and validated for estimation of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in pure form and in tablet dosage form.

The methods employed for the analysis of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin was HPLC method.

HPLC Method

A simple and rapid HPLC method was developed for the estimation Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in bulk and in Tablet dosage form. The mobile phase consisting of buffer and acetonitrile. In the ratio of 90:10%v/v and 30:70%v/v was selected for the analysis. 230nm was selected as the detection wavelength. With the above optimized conditions, the linearity range was fixed as 12 to 74 μ g/ml for Dapagliflozin and 6 to 38 μ g/ml for Linagliptin. The correlation coefficient was found to be 0.9999 and 1.0000 for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin, respectively.

Tablet containing 10mg of Dapagliflozin and 5mg Linagliptin was selected for analysis. The percentage label claim in the tablet formulation was found to be 98.6% for Dapagliflozin and 104.5% for Linagliptin. The precision of the method was confirmed by the repeated analysis of formulation. The %RSD was found to be 0.2 and 0.1 and for Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin, respectively.

A simple, precise, rapid and accurate HPLC method was developed for the determination of Dapagliflozin and Linagliptin in bulk and in combination tablet formation.

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