



Development and Validation of RP-HPLC Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Irbesartan and Simvastatin in Tablet Dosage Form

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ABSTRACT

A simple, fast, precise, selective and accurate RP-HPLC method was developed and validated for the simultaneous determination of Irbesartan and Simvastatin from bulk and formulations. The proposed method was developed by HPLC Shimadzu Separation Module with PDA/UV detector connected to Empower software using Inertsil C₁₈ ODS (4.6 x 250mm, 5mm) with an injection volume of 20 µl was injected and eluted with a mobile phase composition of Methanol: Acetonitrile (50:50), which is pumped at a flow rate of 0.8ml/min and detected by PDA detector at 245nm. Ambient column temperature has maintained. The total run time was 10mins. The retention time of Irbesartan and Simvastatin were found to be 2.9 min. and 4.1 min respectively. Linearity was observed in the concentration range of 0.2-0.8µg/ml for Irbesartan and Simvastatin respectively with correlation coefficient 0.999 for both the drugs. Percent recoveries obtained for both the drugs were 98.0-101.50%, respectively. The method was validated according to the ICH guidelines with respect to specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision and robustness. The method developed can be used for the routine analysis of Irbesartan and Simvastatin from their combined dosage form.

Key words: RP-HPLC Method; Irbesartan and Simvastatin; Tablet dosage forms.

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INTRODUCTION

Irbesartan is an Antihypertensive Agents. The chemical name for Irbesartan is 2-butyl-3-({4-[2-(2H-1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]phenyl}methyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one, and with a molecular weight of 428.5294. **Simvastatin** is a Hydroxymethyl glutaryl-CoA Reductase Inhibitors. The chemical name for Simvastatin is 1S,3R,7S,8S,8aR)-8-{2-[(2R,4R)-4-hydroxy-6-oxooxan-2-yl]ethyl}-3,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,7,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1-yl-2,2-dimethylbutanoate, with a molecular weight of 418.5662. The empirical formula is C₂₅H₃₈O₅. The chemical structures of Irbesartan and Simvastatin are shown in Figure 1&2.

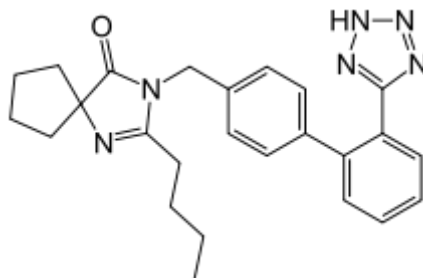


Figure 1: Chemical structure of Irbesartan

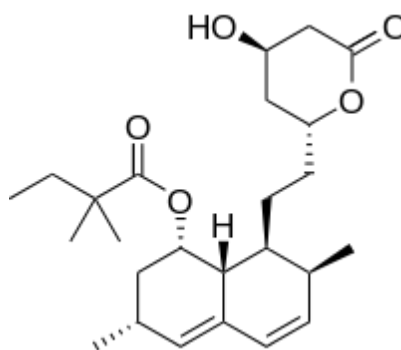


Figure 2: Chemical structure of Simvastatin

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Reagents and chemicals

Methanol HPLC grade was procured from E.Merck Ltd, Mumbai. Methanol, Acetonitrile. Fine chemicals, Hyderabad. Water HPLC grade was prepared using Millipore purification system. Irbesartan and Simvastatin reference standards procured from Active pharma labs, Hyderabad. dihydrogen orthophosphate and phosphoric acid from Rankem Ltd., Mumbai, India, while acetonitrile (HPLC grade) and triethylamine (HPLC grade) from Merck Pharmaceuticals Private Ltd., Mumbai, India. Ortho phosphoric acid used was of HPLC grade and purchased from Merck Specialties Private Ltd., Mumbai, India. Commercially available tablets procured from local market.

Instrument:

Quantitative HPLC was performed on a isocratic high performance liquid chromatograph (Waters-2690 Prominence Liquid Chromatograph) with a LC-20AT VP pump, manual injector with loop volume of 20 μ L (Rheodyne), programmable variable wavelength waters PDA detector and Inertsil ODS-3V C18 Column (4.6 X 250mm, 5 μ m particle size). The HPLC system was equipped with Empower 3000 software. In addition an electronic balance (Shimadzu TX223L), digital pH meter (Systronics model 802), a sonicator (spectra lab, model UCB 40), UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (Systronics model-2203) were used in this study.

HPLC conditions

The contents of the mobile phase were Methanol and Acetonitrile the ratio of 50:50. These were filtered through 0.45 μ m membrane filter and degassed by sonication before use. The flow rate of mobile phase was optimized to 0.8 ml / min. The run time was set at 8 min and column temperature was maintained at ambient. The volume of injection was 20 μ L, and the eluent was detected at 245nm. Each of standard and test preparations was injected into the column and the responses recorded (Fig.03).

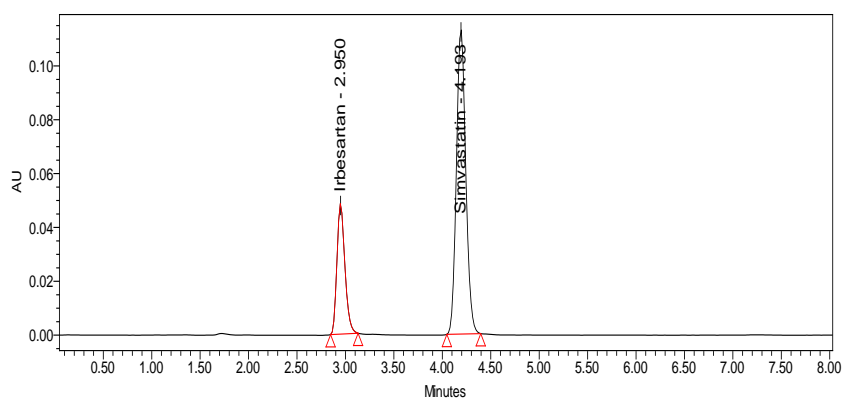


Figure No. 3: Typical chromatogram of Irbesartan and Simvastatin

The RP-HPLC Method of Irbesartan and Simvastatin were achieved by isocratic elution technique with PDA Detector. Irbesartan and Simvastatin were determined at 245nm respectively with the concentration range of 0.20-0.8 μ g/ml for both Irbesartan and Simvastatin respectively.fig.04 &05. For analysis of tablet formulation the tablet powder equivalent to 25 mg was taken, dissolved in 25 ml volumetric flask and made up to 25ml with Methanol. The solution was sonicated for 15min, centrifuged at 100 rpm for 15 min and filtered through Whatmann filter paper No.41. From clear solution, further dilutions were made to get 10 μ g/ml of Irbesartan and Simvastatin theoretically.

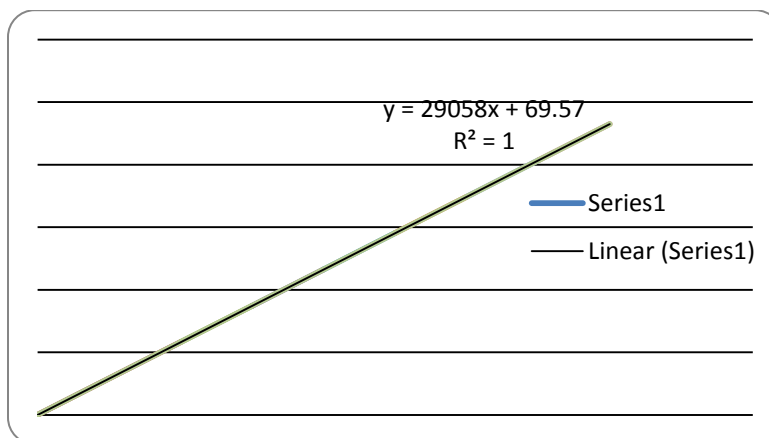


Figure 4: Calibration Graph of Irbesartan

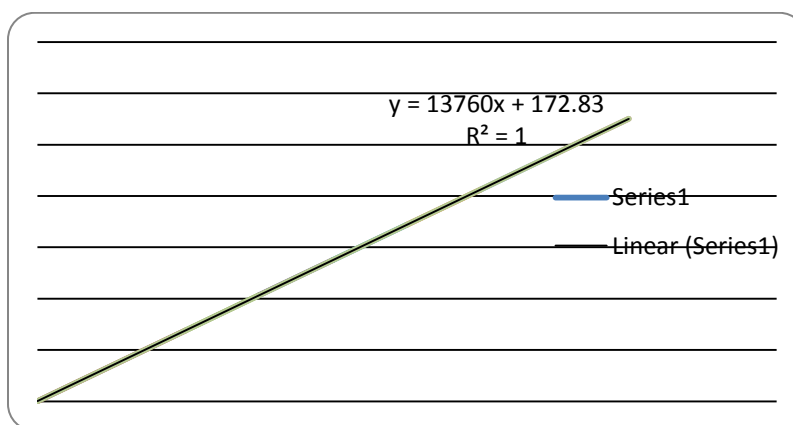


Figure 5: Calibration Graph of Simvastatin

For recovery studies, to the reanalyzed formulation, solutions of raw material containing different concentrations were added and the amount of drug recovered was calculated. The procedure was repeated as per the analysis of formulation. The amount of drug recovered was calculated by using slope and intercept values from the calibration graph. Finally the method was validated as per ICH guide lines for precision, accuracy, specificity, linearity, reproducibility, limit of detection and limit of quantification.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A simple, selective, rapid and precise validated RP-HPLC Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Irbesartan and Simvastatin in bulk material and in pharmaceutical formulation has been developed and validated. The correlation coefficient was found to be 0.9997 & 0.9998 for Irbesartan and Simvastatin respectively. In this method the % purity of Irbesartan and Simvastatin were found to be 101.25 ± 1.074 and 100.19 ± 1.031 respectively shown in Fig 06. The recovery studies range is 99.98-100.01% and 99.94 – 100.03 % for Irbesartan and Simvastatin, respectively. The Intraday and Inter day analysis carried out for precision. The

ruggedness study was performed. The method % purities were found to be 100.25 ± 1.0054 and 101.49 ± 1.9305 for Irbesartan and Simvastatin, respectively. The recovery studies range is 99.98-100.01% and 99.94 – 100.03 %. Table 1.The Intraday and Inter day analysis carried out for precision. The ruggedness study was performed. The method was validated for statistical analysis

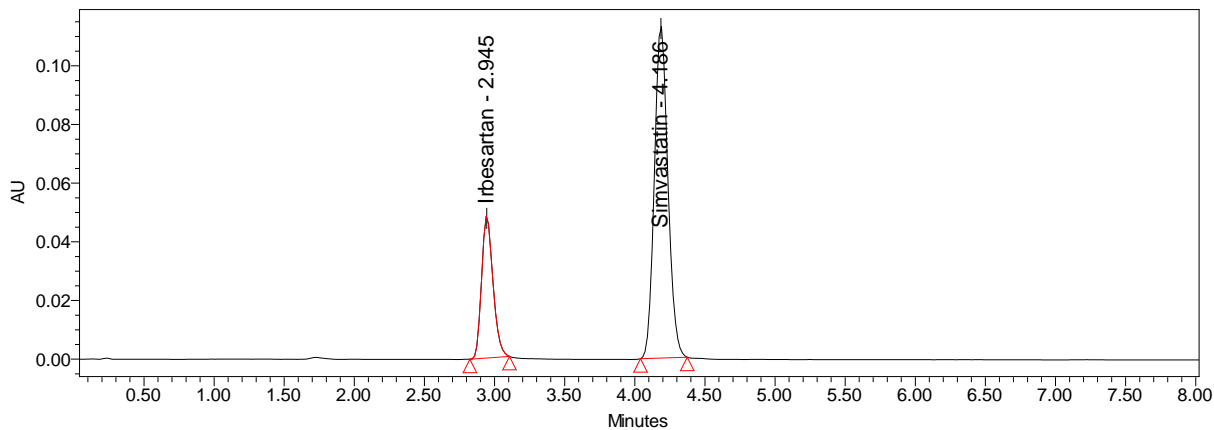


Figure 6: Recovery chromatogram of Irbesartan and Simvastatin

Table 1: Recovery Studies

Drug	Sample No.	Amount present (µg/ml)	Amount added (µg/ml)	% Recovery*	S.D	% R.S.D
IRB	1	0.2001	0.2	100.01	0.64	0.028
	2	0.3998	0.4	99.98		
	3	0.5999	0.6	99.99		
SIM	1	0.1999	0.2	99.95	0.30	0.032
	2	0.4003	0.4	100.3		
	3	0.5994	0.6	99.94		

CONCLUSION

The results of the validation process showed that the proposed method is authenticated and found within predetermined limits, and fitness for purpose. It can be seen that the proposed procedure has good precision and accuracy. Results of the analysis of pharmaceutical formulations revealed that proposed methods are suitable for their analysis with virtually no interference of the usual additives present in the pharmaceutical formulations. The developed RP-HPLC method was validated and the statistical validation was performed with the simplicity and ease of operation ensures that the validated method can successfully used for routine Analysis of Irbesartan and Simvastatin in bulk and tablet dosage formulation.

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