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## Novel RP-HPLC Method for Simultaneous Analysis of Chlorthalidone and Telmisartan from Combined Dosage Form



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### ABSTRACT

Novel RP-HPLC method was developed for the simultaneous estimation of chlorthalidone and telmisartan bulk drug and combined dosage form. The separation was achieved by Grace column (4.6 mm I.D × 250 mm) C18 column with mobile phase consist of acetonitrile and potassium phosphate buffer (pH 2.5) in the ratio 45:55 v/v at 0.7 mL/min flow rate. The detection was carried out at 235 nm. The retention time of chlorthalidone and telmisartan was found to be 3.41 min and 6.05 min, respectively. Linear response obtained for chlorthalidone were in the range 10-60 µg/ml ( $r^2 = 0.999$ ) and for telmisartan in the range 10-50 µg/ml ( $r^2 = 0.999$ ). The relative standard deviation in the tablets was found less than 2% for six replicates. The method was validated according to the ICH guidelines for linearity, precision, accuracy, ruggedness and robustness.

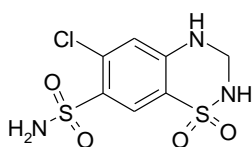


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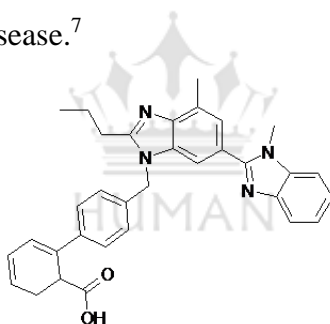
## INTRODUCTION:

Chlorthalidone (**Fig.1**) is chemically (RS)-2Chloro-5-(1-hydroxy-3-ox-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-1-yl) benzene-1-sulfonamide.<sup>1</sup> It is official in Indian Pharmacopoeia.<sup>2</sup> It is a diuretic used to treat high blood pressure, swelling including that due to heart failure, liver failure, and nephrotic syndrome, diabetic, and renal tubular acidosis.<sup>3-5</sup>



**Figure No. 1: Structure of Chlorthalidone**

Telmisartan (**Fig. 2**) is chemically 2-(4-[[4-methyl-6(1-methyl-1H-1,3-benzodiazol-2-yl)-2-propyl-1H-1,3-benzodiazole-1-yl]methyl]phenyl)benzoic acid.<sup>6</sup> It is official in Indian Pharmacopoeia.<sup>2</sup> Angiotensin receptor blocker and used treatment of high blood pressure. It provides protective benefits against the vascular and renal damage caused by diabetes and cardiovascular disease.<sup>7</sup>



**Figure No. 2: Structure of Telmisartan**

There is a number of analytical methods for the determination of various drugs from bulk and various formulations like tablets, capsules, injections, etc. These methods include UV-spectrophotometry, HPLC, UPLC, Gas chromatography, etc.<sup>8-26</sup> Literature survey revealed that there are various methods reported for determination of chlorthalidone and telmisartan alone and in combination with other drugs.<sup>27-30</sup> There is also a report of UV-spectrophotometry, HPLC and HPTLC method for the analysis of the same combination from tablet formulation.<sup>31-35</sup> Nevertheless, none of the above methods covered validation as per ICH guideline. Hence, attempts were made to develop novel RP-HPLC method which covered all validation parameters as per ICH guidelines.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS:

### Instrumentation

Chromatography was performed with YounglineAcme9000 (Autochro-3000 software) system coupled with UV 730 detector. Chromatographic separation was carried isocratically at room temperature with a Grace C<sub>18</sub> (250mmX 4.6mm, 5 $\mu$ m) column.

### Reagents and Chemicals

All chemicals and reagents used in the method were of HPLC grade. Prior to use, mobile phase and other solvents were filtered through 0.45  $\mu$ m Whatman filter paper. Standard bulk drugs chlorthalidone and telmisartan were provided as gift samples by Indo Gulf Pharmaceutical Company, Mumbai (India). Marketed tablet formulation (CTD-T<sup>TM</sup>) were purchased from local market. The contents reported on label were of 12.5 mg chlorthalidone and 80 mg telmisartan.

### Preparation of mixed standard stock solution

Mixed standard stock solution was prepared in water having a concentration 320  $\mu$ g/mL of chlorthalidone and 50  $\mu$ g/mL of telmisartan.

### Selection of wavelength

Standard solution of chlorthalidone (320 $\mu$ g/mL) and telmisartan (50  $\mu$ g/mL) were scanned individually between the range 200 to 400 nm in spectrum mode. From the spectra, 235 nm wavelength was selected for further analysis as both the drugs showed significant absorption and maximum sensitivity.

### Experimental condition

The chromatographic condition for experimental work was selected by using different mobile phases alone and in combination, at different flow rates, at ambient temperature. The mobile phase consists of acetonitrile and potassium phosphate buffer pH 2.5 (45:55 v/v) was proved to be more effective. Flow rate 0.7mL/min and wavelength 235nm were selected. At the selected condition, we got better resolution with Gaussian shape peaks.

### **System Suitability Parameters**

System suitability parameters were checked according to USP by using a standard mixture containing chlorthalidone (32 µg/mL) and telmisartan (5 µg/mL). About 20 µL of the solution was injected into the chromatographic conditions and results were recorded.

### **Tablet Formulation Assay**

The average weight of 20 tablets was determined and was then crushed to fine powder. Average powder equivalent to 32 mg of chlorthalidone (also contain 5mg of telmisartan) was weighed accurately and was transferred to 100 ml volumetric flask. To this 20 ml of methanol was added and shaken for 30 min and sonicated for 10 min. Final volume was added up to 100 ml with same solvent. The solution was filtered the Whatman filter paper. 10 ml of above solution was diluted to 100 ml with methanol. They contained 32µg/ml of chlorthalidone and 5 µg/ml of telmisartan. The solution was injected into the system and the concentration of each drug was calculated from the respective regression equation and prepared for individual drug-using AUC.

### **Validation of Method<sup>36-38</sup>**

Validation of proposed method was carried out in terms of recovery and precision, linearity and range, limit of detection (LOD), limit of quantitation (LOQ) and robustness.

### **Linearity & range,**

To study the linearity of drugs, a series of dilutions were prepared from mixed standard stock solution containing chlorthalidone (8-48 µg/mL) and telmisartan (2.5-12.5 µg/mL). The calibration graph was plotted as concentration versus peak area response. From linearity graph, concentration selected for containing chlorthalidone and telmisartan were 32µg/mL and 5 µg/mL, respectively.

### **Accuracy**

Accuracy was determined by performing a recovery study using the standard addition method. It was determined at 80%, 100%, and 120% concentration level. The results were expressed in percentage.

### **Precision**

The precision of the method was measured by replicate injections of a mixed standard solution containing chlorthalidone (32µg/mL) and telmisartan (5 µg/mL). Results were expressed in terms of %RSD calculated from the measurement of AUC.

### **Robustness**

Robustness of the method was determined by making changes in the chromatographic conditions, such as slight change in mobile phase composition, change in wavelength, and change in the flow rate was varied by  $\pm 0.1$  mL/min, intra-day and inter-day variation. The percent content in preanalysed formulation were determined.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Based on the literature survey and use of marketed formulation, combination of chlorthalidone and telmisartan were selected for the method development. RP-HPLC method was selected because of its advantages. Solvent methanol was used as it dissolved both the drugs. Wavelength for detection selected was 235 nm because at this wavelength both the drug showed higher sensitivity. The method was validated as per ICH guidelines.<sup>33-</sup><sup>34</sup>Linearity and range was studied using the series of dilution of each drug solution. From this, concentration for chlorthalidone and telmisartan were selected 32µg/mL (for chlorthalidone) and 5 µg/mL (telmisartan) respectively. The LOD and LOQ were determined by diluting known concentrations of standard drug until the mean responses were approximately 3 or 10 times the standard deviation of the responses of the blank for six replicate determinations. The signal/noise ratios 3:1 and 10:1 were taken as the LOD and LOQ, respectively. The limit of detection and limit of quantitation of chlorthalidone and telmisartan were determined by analysing results of the linearity study. Results of the linearity study are given in **Table 1** and for linearity, see **Fig. 3 & 4**.

Table No. 1: Linearity & range, LOD & LOQ

Parameters	Result	
	Chlorthalidone	Telmisartan
Linearity	8-48 µg/ml	2.5-12.5 µg/ml
% RSD*	0.73	1.29
Slope	894.1	15.06
LOD	0.051	0.190
LOQ	0.098	0.003

\*Mean of three results

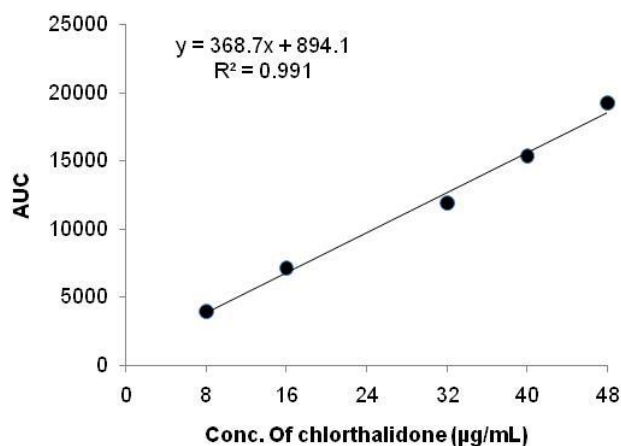


Figure No. 3: Linearity of Chlorthalidone

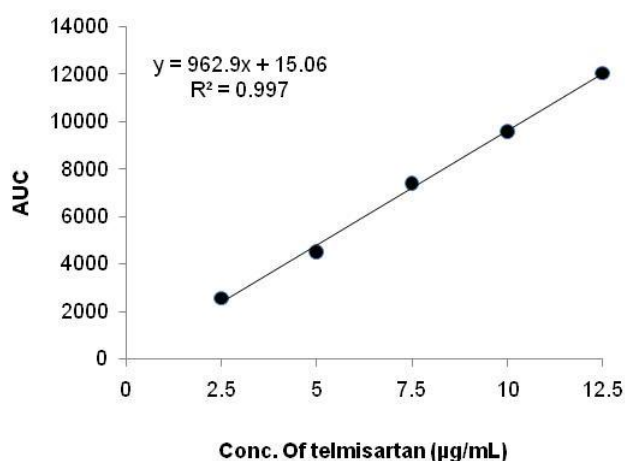
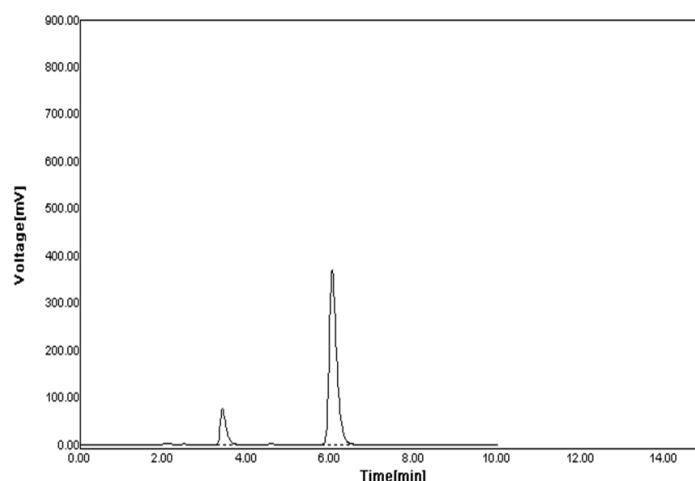


Figure No. 4: Linearity of Telmisartan

The chromatographic condition was selected on trial and error basis. The set of chromatographic conditions suitable for separation were mobile phase of acetonitrile:potassium phosphate buffer (pH 2.5) (45:55v/v), Flow rate 0.7mL/min at ambient temperature. At the selected set of condition, as chlorthalidone is more polar than telmisartan, it elutes first with retention time 3.41 min followed by less polar drug telmisartan which elutes with retention 6.05 min. Chromatogram of mixed standard solution is show in **Fig. 5**.



**Figure No. 5: HPLC Chromatogram of Chlorthalidone (first peak from left) and telmisartan (second peak)**

The precision of the method was determined by checking system suitability parameter by replicating injection of mixed standard solution in the system. The results are expressed % RSD. Accuracy of the method was performed by recovery study by standard addition method at three levels i.e. 80,100,120 %. The percentage recovery for both the drug was closed to 100% w/w for both drugs. Precision was determined by studying system suitability parameters by injecting a standard solution. The results of System Suitability Parameters are shown in **Table 2**.

**Table No. 2: Result of System Suitability Parameters.**

Sr. No.	System Suitability Parameters	Result*	
		Chlorthalidone	Telmisartan
1	Retention Time	3.466	3.75
2	Area	1577.133	10082.20
3	Theoretical Plate Number	2553.97	2305.72
4	Tailing Factor	1.40	1.37

\*Mean of five results

The capacity of developed method was checked by performed robustness study. The conditions were changed deliberately like change in mobile phase composition ( $\pm 1$ ), flow rate ( $\pm 0.1$ ), and wavelength ( $\pm 1$ ), Intraday and inter-day variation and percent contents in formulation were estimated. The mean of inter-day precision was found to be 1.18 and 1.04 for telmisartan and chlorthalidone, respectively. The results showed that the developed method remain unaffected. The results of robustness are given in **Table 3**.

**Table No. 3: Results of robustness study**

Drug	Factor	Level	% Content	% RSD
Chlorthalidone	Mobile phase composition (A : B)*	44:56	100.99	0.36
		46:54	99.25	1.26
	Wavelength	234 nm	99.74	1.19
		236 nm	99.21	0.57
	Flow rate	0.6 ml	98.98	0.16
		0.8 ml	99.08	0.97
	Intra-day	-	100.05	0.39
Inter-day	-	99.06	1.87	
Telmisartan	Mobile phase composition (A : B)*	44:56	100.45	0.16
		46:54	98.95	0.17
	Wavelength	234 nm	99.54	0.19
		236 nm	99.85	0.77
	Flow rate	0.6 ml	99.76	0.13
		0.8 ml	101.03	0.15
	Intra-day	-	99.18	0.80
Inter-day	-	100.38	1.66	

\* A- Acetonitrile, B- Potassium Phosphate Buffer (pH 2.5), V/V.



## CONCLUSION:

Novel RP-HPLC method for the simultaneous analysis of chlorthalidone and telmisartan from the combined dosage form is simple, accurate, and precise. It does not get affected upon smaller variation in experimental condition. Thus, it is used for routine quality control analysis of bulk drugs and marketed tablet formulation.

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