

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A RP-HPLC METHOD FOR ESTIMATION OF SERTALINE AND ALPRAZOLAM IN A TABLET & BULK DOSAGE FORM

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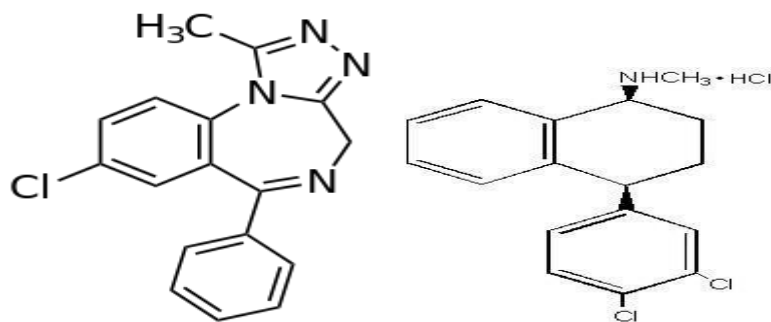
ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to develop a simple, sensitive and rapid RP-HPLC method for the determination of Sertaline and Alprazolam in marketed products. Chromatographic determination was performed in a reverse phase C18 column (250 mm × 3.3 mm I.D, 5µm particle size) using a mixture of acetonitrile: methanol: 0.065 M ammonium acetate buffer (50:20:30, v/v/v), final pH adjust to 5.5 ± 0.02 with ortho phosphoric acid as mobile phase and delivered at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. The UV detection was set at 225 nm. The calibration range was from 2.0 to 30.0 µg/ml. The method was validated in term of linearity ($r^2 > 0.98$, RSD = 1.958%), precision (RSD = 3.757 %) and accuracy. The limit of quantification was 2 µg/ml and the limit of detection was 0.1 µg/ml. The potency of Sertaline and Alprazolam in marketed products was determined by this method with acceptable precision and reproducibility.

Keywords: Sertaline and Alprazolam, marketed products, RP-HPLC, development

INTRODUCTION

Sertaline (1S-cis)-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-N-Methyl-1-naphthalenamainehydrochloride Antidepressant: Selectiveserotonin reuptakeinhibitor – Alprazolam Chloro-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-s-triazolo [4,3-α][1,4]benzodiazepine Anti-anxiety Solublein methanol or ethanol but which hasno considerable solubilityin water at physiological pH shown in Figures below.



OPTIMISED CHROMATOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

The analytical method for the simultaneous estimation of Sertraline HCl and Alprazolam will be developed by RP-HPLC method by optimizing the chromatographic conditions. WATERS, software: Empower, 2695 separation module, PDA detector Phosphate buffer (0.05M) pH 3.6: ACN (40:60% v/v) Column Symmetry C18 5 μ m (4.6x250mm) Make; waters with 225 nm.

Mobile Phase Optimization

Initially the mobile phase tried was methanol: Ammonium acetate buffer and acetonitrile: phosphate buffer with various combinations of pH as well as varying proportions. Finally, the mobile phase was optimized to potassium dihydrogen phosphate with buffer (pH 3.5), acetonitrile in proportion 40: 60 v/v respectively.

Wavelength selection

UV spectrum of 10 μ g/ml Sertraline HCl and Alprazolam in diluents (mobile phase composition) was recorded by scanning in the range of 200nm to 400nm. From the UV spectrum wavelength selected as 225. At this wavelength both the drugs show good absorbance.

Optimization of Column

The method was performed with various columns like C18 column, hypersil column, lichrosorb, and inertsil ODS column. Symmetry C8 (4.6x150mm, 5 μ m, Make: XT erra) was found to be ideal as it gave good peak shape and resolution at 0.6ml/min flow.

Preparation of buffer and mobile phase

Preparation of Phosphate buffer

Accurately weighed 6.8 grams of KH₂PO₄ was taken in a 1000ml volumetric flask, dissolved and diluted to 1000 ml with HPLC water and the volume was adjusted to pH 2.8 with Orthophosphoric

Preparation of mobile phase

Accurately measured 450ml (45%) of above buffer and 550ml of Methanol HPLC(55%) were mixed and degassed in an ultrasonic water bath for 10 minutes and then filtered through 0.45 μ filter under vacuum filtration.

Diluent Preparation: The Mobile phase was used as the diluents

Method validation summary

Precision

Preparation of stock solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 25mg of Sertraline HCl and Alprazolam working standard into a 10mL sanitary waterless volumetric flask, diluents added upto 7ml and sonicate to liquefy it wholly and makeup solvent up to mark.

Intermediate precision/ruggedness

Accurately weigh and transfer 25 mg of Sertraline HCl and 10mg of Alprazolam working standard into a 10mL fresh water less volumetric flask add about 7mL of mobile phase and sonicate to dissolve it totally and solvent added upto spot with similar solvent.

1ml to 5 ml and 0.1ml of stock solutions have been taken in different 10ml of graduated volumetric flasks, dilute up to the mark with diluent.

Limit of detection

Limit of Detection: (For Sertraline HCl) Preparation of 300 μ g/ml solution and 0.12 μ g/ml solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 10mg of Sertraline HCl standard transferred into a 10mL fresh dry volumetric flask add about 7mL of mobile phase and sonicate to dissolve it completely and compose volume up to the spot with the alike solvent. (Stock solution). Further pipette 3ml of the above previously prepared stock solution into a graduated 10ml volumetric flask and attenuate upto the mark with mobile phase.

Limit of quantification

Limit of Quantification (for Sertraline HCl) Preparation of 300 μ g/ml solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 10mg of Sertraline HCl transferred into a 10mL hygienic dried up volumetric flask add about Diluent added upto 7ml sonicate to dissolve it entirely and compose volume up to the spot with the similar solvent.

Fig No: 1 Chromatogram showing for Sertaline HCl and Alprazolam sample Preparation

S.No	Injection	PeakName		R _t		Area	Area
1	Injection-1	SertalineHCl	Alprazolam	2.344	3.281	13005070	122487
2	Injection-2	SertalineHCl	Alprazolam	2.343	3.281	1304520	122626
3	Injection-3	SertalineHCl	Alprazolam	2.345	3.283	1305937	122632
4	Injection-4	SertalineHCl	Alprazolam	2.344	3.278	1306476	122702
5	Injection-5	SertalineHCl	Alprazolam	2.342	3.278	130871	122962
Mean						1305070.2	122681.8
Standard Deviation						3061.8	174.8
%RSD						0.2	0.1

Table no 1: Results of Intermediate precision for Alprazolam and Sertaline

Parameters	SertalineHCl Hcl	Alprazolam
Slope (m)	66574	12529
Intercept (c)	53592	50245
Correlation coefficient (R ²)	0.999	0.999

Table no :2 Analytical performance parameters of Sertaline HCl and Alprazolam

Drug name	Baseline noise (μV)	Signal obtained	S/N ratio
SertalineHCl	52	522	10.03

Alprazolam	52	524	10.1
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Table No: 3 Results of LOQ

	Flow Rate (ml/min)	System Suitability Results	
		USP Plate Count	USP Tailing
1	0.8	7063.3	1.3
2	1.0	6090.3	1.2
3	1.2	6998.0	1.3

Table No:4 Flowrate(ml/min) data.

CONCLUSION

High performance liquid chromatography is at present one of the most sophisticated tool of the analysis. The estimation of Sertaline HCl and Alprazolam was done by RP-HPLC. The Phosphate buffer was pH 2.8 and the mobile phase was optimized with consists of Methanol: Phosphate buffer mixed in the ratio of 55:45% v/v. AC 18 column C18 (4.6x150mm, 5µm, Make: XTerra) or equivalent chemically bonded to porous silica particles was used as stationary phase. The detection was carried out using UV detector at 225nm. The solutions were chromatographed at a constant flow rate of 1.0ml/min the linearity range of Sertaline HCl and Alprazolam were found to be from 100-500 µg/ml of Sertaline HCl and 1-5µg/ml of Alprazolam. Linear regression coefficient was not more than 0.999.

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