

# Development of Rp-Hplc Method for Simultaneous Determination of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil in Bulk and Marketed Tablet Dosage Form

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## ABSTRACT :

**Objective:** To develop a simple, selective and rapid reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) method and validate as per ICH guidelines for simultaneous determination of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil in a combined dosage form.

**Methods:** The chromatographic separation of the two anti-Diabetic drugs were achieved using Develosil C<sub>18</sub> (4.6mm×250mm, 5µm) Particle size, maintained at 34 °C throughout the analysis. The drugs were separated in isocratic elution mode with a mobile phase of Methanol: Phosphate Buffer (45:55% v/v) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min and a detection wavelength of 261 nm using a PDA detector.

**Results:** The linearity and range for Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil were 60 to 140 mg/mL (R<sup>2</sup>> 0.9997) and 100 to 500 mg/mL (R<sup>2</sup>> 0.9997), respectively. Mean recoveries observed for Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil were 100.36% and 100.15%, respectively. The precision of the method obtained was for Azelnidipine and for Olmesartan Medoxomil with a relative standard deviation less than 2%. The lower degree of % RSD that was obtained for intermediate precision has proved that the method is robust and rugged.

**Conclusion:** A simple and rapid RP-HPLC method was developed and validated for simultaneous determination of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil in a combined dosage form and hence, it can be used in the quality control analysis of an active pharmaceutical ingredient and pharmaceutical dosage form.

**Key Words:** Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil, RP-HPLC, ICH Guidelines.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Azelnidipine is a third-generation dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker (CCB) used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension). It works by relaxing blood vessels, which reduces the workload on the heart and lowers blood pressure. Azelnidipine is a dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker<sup>1</sup>. It is marketed by Daiichi-Sankyo pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Japan. It has a gradual onset of action and produces a long-lasting decrease in blood pressure, with only a small increase in heart rate, unlike some other calcium channel blockers. It is currently being studied for post-ischemic stroke management<sup>2</sup>. Azelnidipine belongs to a class of anti-hypertensive drugs primarily used to treat hypertension (high blood pressure). Hypertension (high blood pressure) is a lifelong or chronic condition in which the force exerted by the blood against the artery walls becomes high<sup>3</sup>. The IUPAC name of Azelnidipine is 3-O-(1-benzhydrylazetid-3-yl) 5-O-propan-2-yl 2-amino-6-methyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate. The Chemical Structure of Azelnidipine is shown in following figure-1.

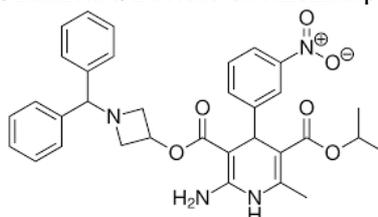


Fig-1: Chemical Structure of Azelnidipine

Olmesartan belongs to the angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) family of drugs, which also includes Telmisartan, candesartan, losartan, valsartan, and Irbesartan. ARBs selectively bind to angiotensin receptor 1

(AT1) and prevent the protein angiotensin II from binding and exerting its hypertensive effects, which include vasoconstriction, stimulation and synthesis of aldosterone and ADH, cardiac stimulation, and renal reabsorption of sodium, among others<sup>4</sup>. Overall, Olmesartan's physiologic effects lead to reduced blood pressure, lower aldosterone levels, reduced cardiac activity, and increased excretion of sodium<sup>5</sup>. Olmesartan is indicated for the treatment of hypertension either alone or in combination with other antihypertensive agents. The IUPAC Name of Olmesartan Medoxomil is (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl 5-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-propyl-3-[[4-[2-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]phenyl]methyl]imidazole-4-carboxylate<sup>6</sup>. The Chemical Structure of Olmesartan Medoxomil is shown in following figure-2.

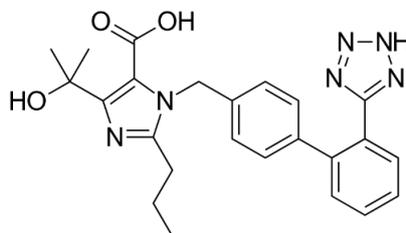


Fig-2: Chemical Structure of Olmesartan Medoxomil

## II. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

### Instruments Used:

Table-1: Instruments Used

| S.No. | Instruments and Glass wares | Model   |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1     | HPLC                        | WATERS Alliance 2695 separation module. 996 PDA detector, software: Empower 2 |
| 2     | pH meter                    | LabIndia  |
| 3     | Weighing machine            | Sartorius   |
| 4     | Digital Ultra Sonicator     | Labman  |

### Chemicals Used:

Table-2: Chemicals used

| S.No. | Chemical                    | Brand Names                       |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1     | Azelnidipine                | Synpharma Research Lab, Hyderabad |
| 2     | Olmesartan Medoxomil        | Synpharma Research Lab, Hyderabad |
| 3     | Water and Methanol for HPLC | LICHROSOLV (MERCK)                |
| 4     | Acetonitrile for HPLC       | Merck                             |

### HPLC Method Development:

#### Preparation of Standard Solution:

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil working standard into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7ml of Methanol and sonicate to dissolve and removal of air completely and make volume up to the mark with the same Methanol. Further pipette 1ml of the above Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with Methanol<sup>7</sup>.

#### Preparation of Sample Solution:

Take average weight of the Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and add about 7mL of Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml Olmesartan Medoxomil above stock solution into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluent<sup>8</sup>.

**Procedure:** Inject the samples by changing the chromatographic conditions and record the chromatograms, note the conditions of proper peak elution for performing validation parameters as per ICH guidelines<sup>9-15</sup>.

**Preparation of Mobile Phase:**

Accurately measured 450ml (45%) of Methanol, 550ml of Phosphate Buffer (55%) were mixed and degassed in digital ultra sonicator for 15 minutes and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  filter under vacuum filtration<sup>16</sup>.

**Diluent Preparation:**

The Mobile phase was used as the diluent.

**Method Validation Parameters****System Suitability**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution). Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

**Procedure:**

The sample solution was injected for five times and measured the area for all five injections in HPLC. The %RSD for the area of five replicate injections was found to be within the specified limits<sup>17</sup>.

**Specificity:****Preparation of Standard Solution:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working standard into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution). Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

**Preparation of Sample Solution:**

Take average weight of the Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and add about 7mL of Diluent and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml Olmesartan Medoxomil above stock solution into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluent.

**Procedure:**

Inject the three replicate injections of standard and sample solutions and calculate the assay by using formula<sup>18</sup>:

%ASSAY =

$$\frac{\text{Sample area}}{\text{Standard area}} \times \frac{\text{Weight of standard}}{\text{Dilution of standard}} \times \frac{\text{Dilution of sample}}{\text{Weight of sample}} \times \frac{\text{Purity}}{100} \times \frac{\text{Weight of tablet}}{\text{Label claim}} \times 100$$

**Linearity:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution).

**Preparation of Level – I (60ppm of Azelnidipine & 100ppm of Olmesartan Medoxomil):**

Pipette out 0.6ml of Azelnidipine and 1ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

**Preparation of Level – II (80ppm of Azelnidipine & 200ppm of Olmesartan Medoxomil):**

Pipette out 0.8ml of Azelnidipine and 2ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

**Preparation of Level – III (100ppm of Azelnidipine & 300ppm of Olmesartan Medoxomil):**

Pipette out 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions was take in a 10ml of

volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent<sup>19</sup>.

**Preparation of Level – IV (120ppm of Azelnidipine & 400ppm of Olmesartan Medoxomil):**

Pipette out 1.2ml of Azelnidipine and 4ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

**Preparation of Level – V (140ppm of Azelnidipine & 500ppm of Olmesartan Medoxomil):**

Pipette out 1.4ml of Azelnidipine and 5ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

**Procedure:**

Inject each level into the chromatographic system and measure the peak area. Plot a graph of peak area versus concentration (on X-axis concentration and on Y-axis Peak area) and calculate the correlation coefficient<sup>20-22</sup>.

**Precision**

**Repeatability**

**Preparation of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil Solution for Precision:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution). Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

The sample solution was injected for five times and measured the area for all five injections in HPLC. The %RSD for the area of five replicate injections was found to be within the specified limits<sup>23</sup>.

**Intermediate Precision:**

To evaluate the intermediate precision (also known as Ruggedness) of the method, Precision was performed on different days by maintaining same conditions.

**Procedure:**

**Day 1:** The sample solution was injected for six times and measured the area for all six injections in HPLC. The %RSD for the area of six replicate injections was found to be within the specified limits.

**Day 2:** The sample solution was injected for six times and measured the area for all six injections in HPLC. The %RSD for the area of six replicate injections was found to be within the specified limits<sup>24</sup>.

**Accuracy:**

**For preparation of 50% Sample Stock solution:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution).

Further pipette 0.5ml of Azelnidipine and 1.5ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

**For preparation of 100% Sample Stock solution:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution).

Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents<sup>25</sup>.

**For preparation of 150% Sample Stock solution:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working Sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution).

Further pipette 1.5ml of Azelnidipine and 4.5ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

**Procedure:**

Inject the Three replicate injections of individual concentrations (50%, 100%, 150%) were made under the optimized conditions. Recorded the chromatograms and measured the peak responses. Calculate the Amount found and Amount added for Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil and calculate the individual recovery and mean recovery values<sup>26</sup>.

**Robustness:**

The analysis was performed in different conditions to find the variability of test results. The following conditions are checked for variation of results.

**For preparation of Standard solution:**

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Azelnidipine and 10mg of Olmesartan Medoxomil working sample into a 10ml of clean dry volumetric flasks add about 7mL of Diluents and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution).

Further pipette 1ml of Azelnidipine and 3ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

**Effect of Variation of Flow Conditions:**

The sample was analyzed at 0.9 ml/min and 1.1 ml/min instead of 1ml/min, remaining conditions are same. 20 $\mu$ l of the above sample was injected and chromatograms were recorded<sup>27</sup>.

**Effect of Variation of Mobile Phase Organic Composition:**

The sample was analyzed by variation of mobile phase i.e. Methanol: Phosphate Buffer (45:55% v/v) was taken in the ratio and 50:50, 40:60 instead (45:55% v/v) remaining conditions are same. 20 $\mu$ l of the above sample was injected and chromatograms were recorded.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Development of an Analytical Method:****Optimized Chromatogram (Standard)**

Mobile phase : Methanol: Phosphate Buffer (45:55% v/v)  
Column : Develosil C<sub>18</sub> (4.6mm $\times$ 250mm, 5 $\mu$ m) Particle size  
Flow rate : 1.0 ml/min  
Wavelength : 261 nm  
Column temp : 34 $^{\circ}$ C  
Injection Volume : 20  $\mu$ l  
Run time : 10 minutes

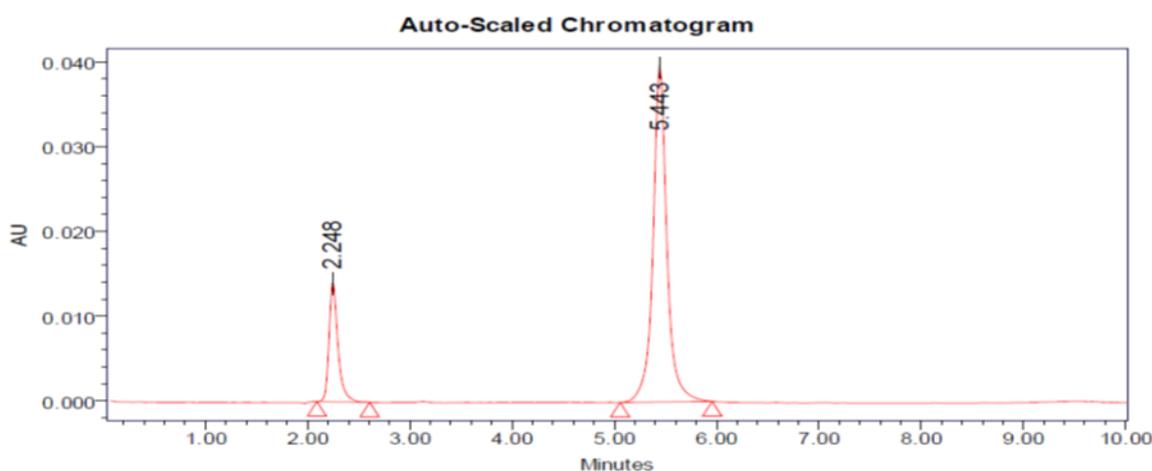


Fig-3: Optimized Chromatogram

**Analytical Method Validation:****System Suitability:**

Table-4: Results of System Suitability for Azelnidipine

| S.No.           | Name         | Rt    | Peak Area       | Height | USP plate Count | USP Tailing |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1               | Azelnidipine | 2.247 | 105698          | 18652  | 7592            | 1.08        |
| 2               | Azelnidipine | 2.246 | 105874          | 18754  | 7584            | 1.09        |
| 3               | Azelnidipine | 2.248 | 105698          | 18698  | 7562            | 1.08        |
| 4               | Azelnidipine | 2.252 | 105465          | 18689  | 7549            | 1.08        |
| 5               | Azelnidipine | 2.248 | 105236          | 18695  | 7591            | 1.09        |
| <b>Mean</b>     |              |       | <b>105594.2</b> |        |                 |             |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |              |       | <b>247.4049</b> |        |                 |             |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |              |       | <b>0.234298</b> |        |                 |             |

Table-5: Results of System Suitability for Olmesartan Medoxomil

| S.No.           | Name                 | Rt    | Area            | Height | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing | USP Resolution |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.452 | 1856985         | 63659  | 6359            | 1.05        | 5.86           |
| 2               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.484 | 1856754         | 63598  | 6384            | 1.04        | 5.85           |
| 3               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.491 | 1856985         | 63845  | 6395            | 1.05        | 5.86           |
| 4               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.482 | 1856574         | 63989  | 6345            | 1.04        | 5.86           |
| 5               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.491 | 1854735         | 63895  | 6395            | 1.05        | 5.85           |
| <b>Mean</b>     |                      |       | <b>1856407</b>  |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |                      |       | <b>950.2696</b> |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |                      |       | <b>0.051189</b> |        |                 |             |                |

### Specificity

The ICH documents define specificity as the ability to assess unequivocally the analyte in the presence of components that may be expected to be present, such as impurities, degradation products, and matrix components. Analytical method was tested for specificity to measure accurately quantities Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil in marketed formulation<sup>28</sup>.

%ASSAY =

$$\frac{\text{Sample area}}{\text{Standard area}} \times \frac{\text{Weight of standard}}{\text{Dilution of standard}} \times \frac{\text{Dilution of sample}}{\text{Weight of sample}} \times \frac{\text{Purity}}{100} \times \frac{\text{Weight of tablet}}{\text{Label claim}} \times 100$$

The % purity of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil in pharmaceutical dosage form (marketed formulation) was found to be 99.72%.

### Linearity:

Table-6: Chromatographic Data for Linearity Study of Azelnidipine

| Concentration<br>µg/ml | Average<br>Peak Area |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 60                     | 648743               |
| 80                     | 856982               |
| 100                    | 1068542              |
| 120                    | 1268984              |
| 140                    | 1469853              |

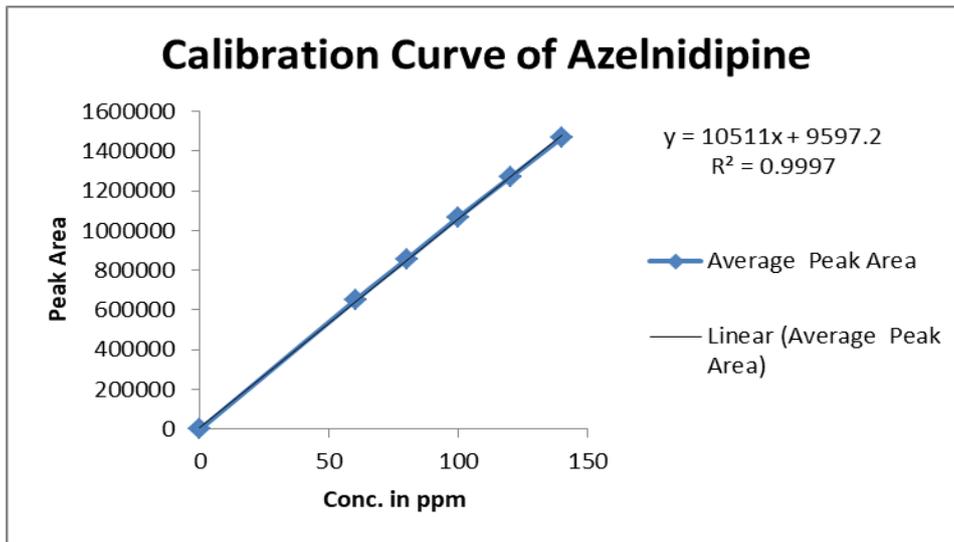


Fig-4: Calibration Graph for Azelnidipine

**Linearity Plot:** The plot of Concentration (x) versus the Average Peak Area (y) data of Azelnidipine is a straight line.

$Y = mx + c$   
 Slope (m) = 10511  
 Intercept (c) = 9597  
 Correlation Coefficient (r) = 0.999

**Validation Criteria:** The response linearity is verified if the Correlation Coefficient is 0.99 or greater.

**Conclusion:** Correlation Coefficient (r) is 0.99, and the intercept is 9597. These values meet the validation criteria<sup>29</sup>.

Table-7: Chromatographic Data for Linearity Study of Olmesartan Medoxomil

| Concentration<br>µg/ml | Average<br>Peak Area |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 100                    | 667564               |
| 200                    | 1268547              |
| 300                    | 1868598              |
| 400                    | 2465487              |
| 500                    | 3085864              |

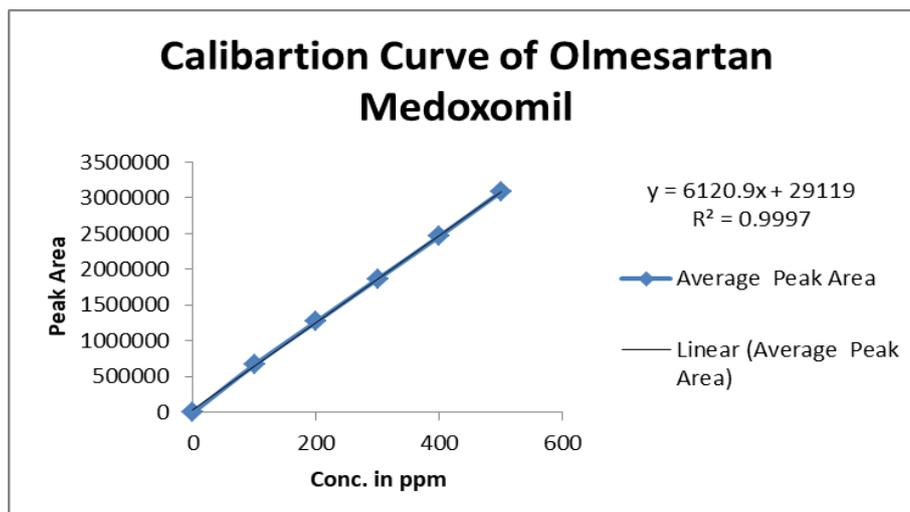


Fig-5: Calibration Graph for Olmesartan Medoxomil

**Linearity Plot:** The plot of Concentration (x) versus the Average Peak Area (y) data of Olmesartan Medoxomil is

a straight line.

$$Y = mx + c$$

$$\text{Slope (m)} = 6120$$

$$\text{Intercept (c)} = 29119$$

$$\text{Correlation Coefficient (r)} = 0.999$$

**Validation Criteria:** The response linearity is verified if the Correlation Coefficient is 0.99 or greater.

**Conclusion:** Correlation Coefficient (r) is 0.99, and the intercept is 29119. These values meet the validation criteria.

**Precision:**

The precision of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement (degree of scatter) between a series of measurements obtained from multiple sampling of the same homogeneous sample under the prescribed conditions<sup>30</sup>.

**Repeatability:** Obtained Five (5) replicates of 100% accuracy solution as per experimental conditions. Recorded the peak areas and calculated % RSD.

Table-8: Results of Repeatability for Azelnidipine

| S.No.           | Name         | Rt    | Area     | Height | USP plate count | USP Tailing |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|----------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1               | Azelnidipine | 2.269 | 105698   | 18569  | 7598            | 1.08        |
| 2               | Azelnidipine | 2.255 | 105684   | 18547  | 7546            | 1.09        |
| 3               | Azelnidipine | 2.252 | 105421   | 18594  | 7549            | 1.09        |
| 4               | Azelnidipine | 2.267 | 105879   | 18574  | 7538            | 1.08        |
| 5               | Azelnidipine | 2.260 | 105326   | 18563  | 7582            | 1.08        |
| <b>Mean</b>     |              |       | 105601.6 |        |                 |             |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |              |       | 224.5023 |        |                 |             |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |              |       | 0.212594 |        |                 |             |

Table-9: Results of Method Precision for Olmesartan Medoxomil

| S. No.          | Name                 | Rt    | Area            | Height | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing | USP Resolution |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.274 | 1856985         | 63598  | 6359            | 1.05        | 5.86           |
| 2               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.266 | 1857458         | 63579  | 6357            | 1.04        | 5.85           |
| 3               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.265 | 1854795         | 63547  | 6358            | 1.04        | 5.86           |
| 4               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.278 | 1857469         | 63592  | 6357            | 1.05        | 5.86           |
| 5               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.305 | 1857685         | 63569  | 6345            | 1.04        | 5.85           |
| <b>Avg</b>      |                      |       | <b>1856878</b>  |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |                      |       | <b>1192.4</b>   |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |                      |       | <b>0.064215</b> |        |                 |             |                |

**Intermediate Precision:**

**Day 1:**

Table-10: Results of Intermediate Precision for Azelnidipine

| S. No. | Name         | Rt    | Area   | Height | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
|--------|--------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1      | Azelnidipine | 2.248 | 115246 | 19685  | 7698            | 1.09        |
| 2      | Azelnidipine | 2.245 | 116985 | 19654  | 7685            | 1.09        |
| 3      | Azelnidipine | 2.242 | 115847 | 19675  | 7645            | 1.09        |
| 4      | Azelnidipine | 2.239 | 116985 | 19682  | 7682            | 1.09        |

|                 |              |       |                 |       |      |      |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------|------|
| 5               | Azelnidipine | 2.243 | 115848          | 19654 | 7691 | 1.09 |
| 6               | Azelnidipine | 2.246 | 116582          | 19647 | 7642 | 1.10 |
| <b>Mean</b>     |              |       | <b>116248.8</b> |       |      |      |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |              |       | <b>710.3091</b> |       |      |      |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |              |       | <b>0.611025</b> |       |      |      |

Table-11: Results of Intermediate Precision for Olmesartan Medoxomil

| S.No.           | Name                 | Rt    | Area            | Height | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing | USP Resolution |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.284 | 1948592         | 64582  | 6459            | 1.05        | 5.96           |
| 2               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.293 | 1958245         | 64256  | 6475            | 1.06        | 5.95           |
| 3               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.306 | 1947584         | 64598  | 6498            | 1.05        | 5.96           |
| 4               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.319 | 1948675         | 64785  | 6472            | 1.06        | 5.95           |
| 5               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.346 | 1959854         | 64585  | 6493            | 1.05        | 5.96           |
| 6               | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.352 | 1958246         | 64924  | 6438            | 1.06        | 5.96           |
| <b>Mean</b>     |                      |       | <b>1953533</b>  |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |                      |       | <b>5792.661</b> |        |                 |             |                |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |                      |       | <b>0.296522</b> |        |                 |             |                |

## Day 2:

Table-12: Results of Intermediate Precision Day 2 for Azelnidipine

| S.No.           | Name         | Rt    | Area            | Height | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1               | Azelnidipine | 2.255 | 102658          | 62584  | 6259            | 1.03        |
| 2               | Azelnidipine | 2.260 | 102856          | 62359  | 6276            | 1.02        |
| 3               | Azelnidipine | 2.242 | 102658          | 62451  | 6215            | 1.03        |
| 4               | Azelnidipine | 2.245 | 102698          | 62584  | 6285            | 1.02        |
| 5               | Azelnidipine | 2.260 | 102451          | 62758  | 6235            | 1.03        |
| 6               | Azelnidipine | 2.255 | 102368          | 62154  | 6298            | 1.02        |
| <b>Mean</b>     |              |       | <b>102614.8</b> |        |                 |             |
| <b>Std. Dev</b> |              |       | <b>176.9592</b> |        |                 |             |
| <b>% RSD</b>    |              |       | <b>0.17245</b>  |        |                 |             |

Table-13: Results of Intermediate Precision for Olmesartan Medoxomil

| S.No. | Name                 | Rt    | Area    | Height | USP plate count | USP Tailing | USP Resolution |
|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.266 | 1798952 | 62859  | 6265            | 1.03        | 5.42           |
| 2     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.265 | 1789854 | 62985  | 6289            | 1.02        | 5.43           |
| 3     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.306 | 1798659 | 62895  | 6279            | 1.03        | 5.42           |
| 4     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.293 | 1789898 | 62785  | 6285            | 1.02        | 5.43           |
| 5     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.265 | 1796856 | 62354  | 6249            | 1.03        | 5.42           |
| 6     | Olmesartan Medoxomil | 5.266 | 1798568 | 62589  | 6245            | 1.02        | 5.43           |

|          |  |  |          |  |  |  |
|----------|--|--|----------|--|--|--|
| Mean     |  |  | 1795465  |  |  |  |
| Std. Dev |  |  | 4390.879 |  |  |  |
| % RSD    |  |  | 0.244554 |  |  |  |

**Accuracy:** Accuracy at different concentrations (50%, 100%, and 150%) were prepared and the % recovery was calculated<sup>31</sup>.

Table-14: The Accuracy Results for Azelnidipine

| % Concentration (at specification Level) | Area    | Amount Added (ppm) | Amount Found (ppm) | % Recovery | Mean Recovery |
|--|---------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| 50%                                      | 539070  | 50                 | 50.373             | 100.746%   | 100.36%       |
| 100%                                     | 1063578 | 100                | 100.274            | 100.274%   |               |
| 150%                                     | 1587149 | 150                | 150.085            | 100.056%   |               |

Table-15: The Accuracy Results for Olmesartan Medoxomil

| % Concentration (at specification Level) | Area    | Amount Added (ppm) | Amount Found (ppm) | % Recovery | Mean Recovery |
|--|---------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| 50%                                      | 949127  | 150                | 150.328            | 100.218%   | 100.15%       |
| 100%                                     | 1867824 | 300                | 300.441            | 100.147%   |               |
| 150%                                     | 2785321 | 450                | 450.359            | 100.079%   |               |

**Limit of Detection :** The detection limit of an individual analytical procedure is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be detected but not necessarily quantitated as an exact value<sup>32</sup>.

$$LOD = 3.3 \times \sigma / s$$

Where

$\sigma$  = Standard deviation of the response

S = Slope of the calibration curve

**Result:**

**Azelnidipine:** = 2.63  $\mu$ g/ml

**Olmesartan Medoxomil:** = 3.84  $\mu$ g/ml

**Limit of Quantitation:** The quantitation limit of an individual analytical procedure is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be quantitatively determined<sup>33</sup>.

$$LOQ = 10 \times \sigma / S$$

Where

$\sigma$  = Standard deviation of the response

S = Slope of the calibration curve

**Result:**

**Azelnidipine:** = 7.92  $\mu$ g/ml

**Olmesartan Medoxomil:** = 11.54  $\mu$ g/ml

**Robustness:** The robustness was performed for the flow rate variations from 0.9 ml/min to 1.1 ml/min and mobile phase ratio variation from more organic phase to less organic phase ratio for Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil. The method is robust only in less flow condition and the method is robust even by change in the Mobile phase  $\pm 5\%$ . The samples (marketed formulation) of Azelnidipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil were injected by changing the conditions of chromatography. There was no significant change in the parameters like resolution, tailing factor, asymmetric factor, and plate count<sup>34</sup>.

Table-16: Results for Robustness of Azelnidipine

| Parameter used for sample analysis | Peak Area | Retention Time | Theoretical plates | Tailing factor |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Actual Flow rate of 1.0 mL/min     | 105265    | 2.256          | 7589               | 1.08           |
| Less Flow rate of 0.9 mL/min       | 109898    | 2.505          | 7256               | 1.05           |
| More Flow rate of 1.1 mL/min       | 102365    | 2.046          | 7469               | 1.07           |
| Less organic phase                 | 101548    | 2.505          | 7358               | 1.06           |

|                    |        |       |      |      |
|--------------------|--------|-------|------|------|
| More organic phase | 104645 | 2.046 | 7659 | 1.02 |
|--------------------|--------|-------|------|------|

Table-17: Results for Robustness of Olmesartan Medoxomil

| Parameter used for sample analysis | Peak Area | Retention Time | Theoretical plates | Tailing factor |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Actual Flow rate of 1.0 mL/min     | 1858475   | 5.427          | 6354               | 1.04           |
| Less Flow rate of 0.9 mL/min       | 1925684   | 5.599          | 6253               | 1.05           |
| More Flow rate of 1.1 mL/min       | 1863525   | 4.576          | 6248               | 1.03           |
| Less organic phase                 | 1825471   | 5.599          | 6415               | 1.02           |
| More organic phase                 | 1836594   | 4.576          | 6529               | 1.06           |

## STABILITY STUDIES

The specificity of the method can be demonstrated by applying stress conditions using acid, alkaline, peroxide, thermal, UV, water degradations. The sample was exposed to these conditions the main peak of the drug was studied for peak purity that indicating the method effectively separated the degradation products from the pure active ingredient<sup>35-39</sup>.

Table-18: Results of Forced Degradation Studies of Azelnidipine

| S.No. | Stress Condition | Peak Area  | % of Degraded Amount | % of Active Amount | Total % of Amount |
|-------|------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1     | Standard         | 105265     | 0                    | 100%               | 100%              |
| 2     | Acidic           | 101557.566 | 3.522                | 96.478             | 100%              |
| 3     | Basic            | 104200.770 | 1.011                | 98.989             | 100%              |
| 4     | Oxidative        | 102830.220 | 2.313                | 97.687             | 100%              |
| 5     | Thermal          | 103990.240 | 1.211                | 98.789             | 100%              |
| 6     | Photolytic       | 105154.471 | 0.105                | 99.895             | 100%              |

Table-19: Results of Forced Degradation Studies of Olmesartan Medoxomil

| S.No. | Stress Condition | Peak Area   | % of Degraded Amount | % of Active Amount | Total % of Amount |
|-------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1     | Standard         | 1858475     | 0                    | 100%               | 100%              |
| 2     | Acidic           | 1795045.248 | 3.413                | 96.587             | 100%              |
| 3     | Basic            | 1832214.748 | 1.251                | 98.749             | 100%              |
| 4     | Oxidative        | 1800100.300 | 3.141                | 96.859             | 100%              |
| 5     | Thermal          | 1829910.239 | 1.537                | 98.463             | 100%              |
| 6     | Photolytic       | 1839276.953 | 1.033                | 98.967             | 100%              |

## CONCLUSION

The analytical method was developed by studying different parameters. First of all, maximum absorbance was found to be at 261 nm and the peak purity was excellent. Injection volume was selected to be 20µl which gave a good peak area. The column used for study was Develosil C<sub>18</sub> (4.6mm×250mm, 5µm) Particle size because it was giving good peak. Ambient temperature was found to be suitable for the nature of drug solution. The flow rate was fixed at 1.0ml/min because of good peak area and satisfactory retention time. Mobile phase is Methanol: Phosphate Buffer (45:55% v/v) was fixed due to good symmetrical peak. So this mobile phase was used for the proposed study. Run time was selected to be 10 min because analyze gave peak around 2.248, 5.443 ±0.02min respectively and also to reduce the total run time. The percent recovery was found to be 98.0-102 was linear and precise over the same range. Both system and method precision was found to be accurate and well within range. The analytical method was found linearity over the range 60-140µg/ml of Azelnidipine and 100-500µg/ml of Olmesartan Medoxomil of the target concentration. The analytical passed both robustness and ruggedness tests. On both cases, relative standard deviation was well satisfactory.

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