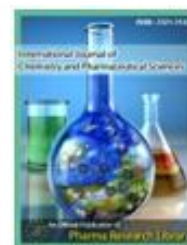




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Analytical Method Development and Validation for the Simultaneous Estimation of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms by RP-HPLC Method

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ABSTRACT

A new method was established for simultaneous estimation of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin by RP-HPLC method. The chromatographic conditions were successfully developed for the separation of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin by using Agilent C1 85 μ m(4.6*250mm) column, flow rate was 1ml/min, mobile phase ratio was Phosphate buffer pH 4.0 : ACN (30:70% v/v), detection wave length was 254nm. The instrument used was WATERS HPLC Auto Sampler, Separation module 2695, PDA Detector 996, Empower-software version-2. The retention times were found to be 3.503 mins and 2.577 mins. The % purity of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin was found to be 100.3% and 101.1% respectively. The system suitability parameters for Empagliflozin and Linagliptin such as theoretical plates and tailing factor were found to be 1.3, 5824.4 and 1.2, 2936.0 the resolution was found to be 9.4. The analytical method was validated according to ICH guidelines (ICH, Q2(R1)). The linearity study for Empagliflozin and Linagliptin was found in concentration range of 20 μ g-100 μ g and 20 μ g-100 μ g and correlation coefficient (r²) was found to be 0.999 and 0.999, % mean recovery was found to be 102.5% and 101.0%, % RSD for repeatability was 0.6 and 0.5, % RSD for intermediate precision was 0.7 and 0.6 respectively. The precision study was precise, robust, and repeatable. LOD value was 3.1 and 3.02, and LOQ value was 10.1 and 10 respectively. Hence the suggested RP-HPLC method can be used for routine analysis of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin in API and Pharmaceutical dosage form.

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1. Introduction

Empagliflozin (trade name Jardiance) is a drug of the gliflozin class, approved for the treatment of type 2 diabetes in adults in 2014. It was developed by Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly and Company. Empagliflozin is an inhibitor of the sodium glucose co-transporter-2 (SGLT-2), and causes sugar in the blood to be excreted by the kidneys and eliminated in urine.

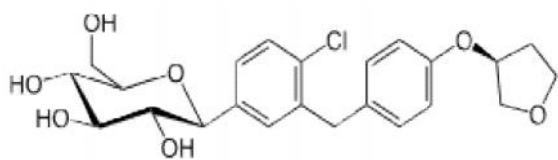


Fig 1: Structure of Empagliflozin

Linagliptin (INN, previously known as BI-1356, marketed under trade names Tradjenta (U.S.) and Trajenta (worldwide)) is a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor developed by Boehringer Ingelheim for treatment of diabetes mellitus type 2. Once-daily linagliptin was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on 2 May 2011 for treatment of type 2 diabetes. It is being marketed by Boehringer Ingelheim and Lilly.

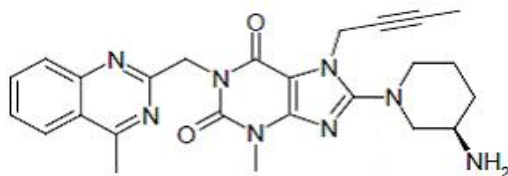


Fig 2: Structure of Linagliptin

2. Materials and Methods**Instrumentation**

HPLC-auto sampler –UV detector, Separation module 2695, UV detector 2487, Empower-software version-2, Waters, U.V double beam spectrometer, UV 3000+, U.V win soft ware, Lab India.

Chemicals

Water, Methanol, Acetonitrile, Potassium dihydrogen, Empagliflozin and Linagliptin.

Chromatographic conditions:

Column	: Agilent C18 5 μ m (4.6*250mm)
Mobile phase ratio	: Phosphate buffer pH 4.0: ACN (70:30% v/v)
Detection wavelength	: 254 nm
Flow rate	: 1ml/min
Injection volume	: 10 μ l
Temperature	: Ambient

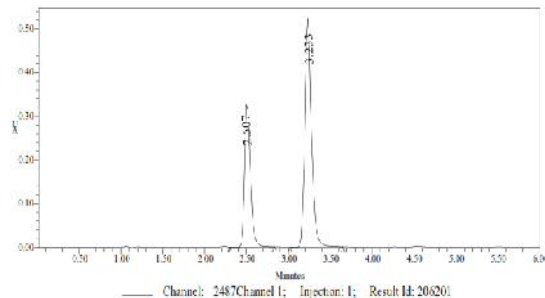


Fig 3: Optimized Chromatogram

Observation:

The chromatogram is perfect with clear separation of components. The peak symmetry and system suitability parameters are within the limits. Hence this method is chosen as optimized one.

Preparation of the individual Empagliflozin standard preparation:

10mg of Empagliflozin working standard was accurately weighed and transferred into a 10ml clean dry volumetric flask and about 2ml of DMF is added. Then it is sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume up to the mark with the diluant. (Stock solution). Further 10.0 ml from the above stock solution is pipette into a 100 ml volumetric flask and was diluted upto the mark with diluant.

Preparation of the individual Linagliptin standard preparation:

10mg of Linagliptin working standard was accurately weighed and transferred into a 10ml clean dry volumetric flask and about 2ml of DMF is added. Then it is sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume upto the mark with the diluant. (Stock solution). Further 10.0 ml from the above stock solution is pipette into a 100 ml volumetric flask and was diluted upto the mark with diluant.

Preparation of Sample Solution :(Tablet)

Accurately 10 tablets are weighed and crushed in mortar and pestle and weight equivalent to 10 mg of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin (marketed formulation) sample into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and about 7mL of Diluents is added and sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume upto the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution) Further 3 ml of above stock solution was pipetted into a 10ml volumetric flask and diluted upto the mark with diluant.

Method Validation**Accuracy:**

Accurately weighed 10 mg of Linagliptin and 10mg of Empagliflozin working standard were transferred into a 10mL and 100ml of clean dry volumetric flasks. About 7mL and 70ml of Diluents are added and sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume up to the mark

with the same solvent. (Stock solution) Further 0.3ml and 0.3ml of the above stock solution was pipetted into a 10ml volumetric flask and diluted upto the mark with diluents.

Precision:

Repeatability: Accurately 10 mg of Linagliptin and 10mg of Empagliflozin working standard were weighed and transferred into a 10mL and 100ml of clean dry volumetric flasks and about 7mL and 70ml of Diluant was added and sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume up to the mark with the same solvent.

Intermediate Precision (Ruggedness): To evaluate the intermediate precision (also known as ruggedness) of the method, precision was performed on different days by using different make column of same dimensions.

Specificity:

The system suitability for specificity was carried out to determine whether there is any interference of any impurities in retention time of analytical peak. The specificity was performed by injecting blank.

LOD:

LOD's can be calculated based on the standard deviation of the response (SD) and the slope of the calibration curve (S) at levels approximating the LOD according to the formula. The standard deviation of the response can be determined based on the standard deviation of y-intercepts of regression lines.

LOQ:

LOQ's can be calculated based on the standard deviation of the response (SD) and the slope of the calibration curve (S) according to the formula. Again, the standard deviation of the response can be determined based on the standard deviation of y- intercepts of regression lines.

Linearity:

Accurately 10 tablets were weighed & crushed in mortar and pestle and weight equivalent to 10 mg of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin (marketed formulation) sample were transferred into a 10mL clean dry volumetric flask and about 7mL of Diluant was added and sonicated to dissolve it completely and made volume up to the mark with the same solvent.

Range:

Based on precision, linearity and accuracy data it can be concluded that the assay method is precise, linear and accurate in the range of 1µg-5µg and 100µg- 500µg of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin respectively.

Robustness:

As part of the robustness, deliberate change in the flow rate, mobile phase composition was made to evaluate the impact on the method. The flow rate was varied at 0.8ml/min to 1.2 ml/min. Standard solution 3ppm of Empagliflozin and 300 ppm of Linagliptin was prepared and analyzed using the varied flow rates along with method flow rate.

System suitability:

10 mg of Empagliflozin and 10 mg of Linagliptin working standard was accurately weighed and transferred into a 10 ml clean dry volumetric flask and add about 20ml of diluant and sonicated to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent.

3. Results and Discussions

Wavelength Detection: The detection wavelength was selected by dissolving the drug in mobile phase to get a concentration of 10µg/ml for individual and mixed standards. The resulting solution was scanned in U.V range from 200-400nm. The overlay spectrum of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin was obtained and the isobestic point of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin showed absorbance's maxima at 254 nm.

Linearity: The resultant areas of linearity peaks are plotted against Concentration. It was shown in fig 4 and 5.

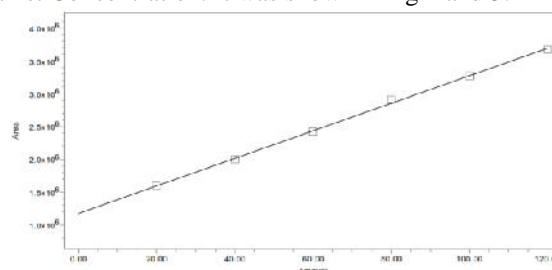


Fig 4: Calibration curve of Linagliptin

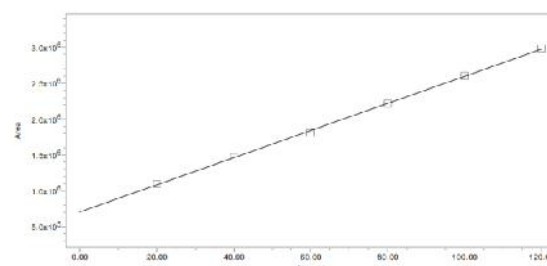


Fig 5: Calibration curve of Empagliflozin

Robustness: Flow Rate: The robustness was performed for the flow rate variations from 0.8 ml/min to 1.2ml/min. Standard solution 60 µg/ml of Empagliflozin & 60 µg/ml of Linagliptin was prepared and analyzed using the varied Mobile phase composition along with the actual mobile phase composition in the method.

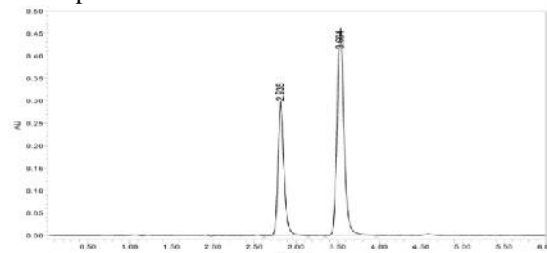


Fig 6: Chromatogram for Robustness Less flow

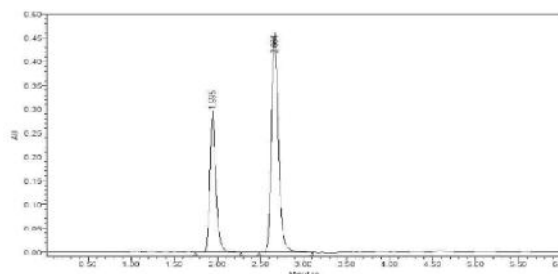
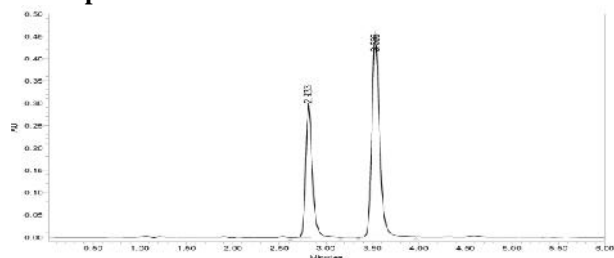
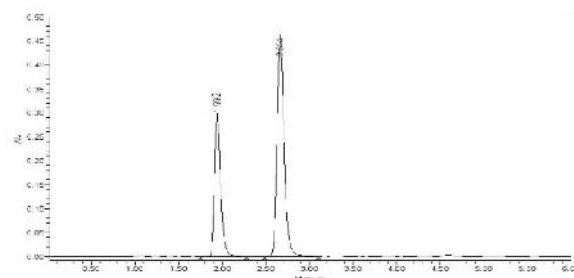


Fig 7: Chromatogram for Robustness More flow

Mobile phase:**Fig 8:** Chromatogram for Robustness less organic**Fig 9:** Chromatogram for Robustness more organic**Table No 1:** Accuracy results of Empagliflozin

% concentration (at specification level)	Area	Amount added(m)	Amount found(m)	% Recovery	Mean Recovery
50%	1426646	5	4.9	101.8%	102.5%
100%	2551005	10	9.98	99.9%	
150%	2139845	15	15.0	100.0%	

Acceptance Criteria: The % Recovery for each level should be between 98.0 to 102.0%.

Table No 2: Accuracy results of Linagliptin

% concentration (at specification level)	Area	Amount added(m)	Amount found(m)	% Recovery	Mean Recovery
50%	975578	5	5.0	101.3%	101.0%
100%	1718370	10	9.96	99.6%	
150%	1465857	15	14.9	99.3%	

Acceptance criteria: The % recovery for each level should be between 98.0 to 102.0 %

Table No 3: Repeatability results of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin

Name :Empagliflozin							Name : Linagliptin						
	Name	RT	Area	Height (μV)	USP Plate Count	USP Tailing		Name	RT	Area	Height (μV)	USP Plate Count	USP Tailing
1	Empag	2.506	1553631	316525	6346.5	1.3	1	Linag	3.230	2790868	497608	7950.1	1.2
2	Empag	2.516	1508002	296974	6197.1	1.2	2	Linag	3.239	2661482	468477	8046.5	1.2
3	Empag	2.519	1545624	307327	6184.0	1.3	3	Linag	3.246	2706096	474632	8054.1	1.2
4	Empag	2.531	1542374	302327	6176.0	1.2	4	Linag	3.257	2703419	473234	8171.8	1.2
5	Empag	2.544	1561368	302525	6382.1	1.3	5	Linag	3.271	2695932	474830	8068.3	1.2
Mean			1542200				Mean			2711560			
Std. Dev.			20490.0				Std. Dev.			47796.3			
% RSD			1.33				% RSD			1.76			

Table No 4: Intermediate precision/Ruggedness Results for Empagliflozin

	Peak name	RT	Area
1	Empagliflozin	2.506	1763951
2	Empagliflozin	2.516	1794350
3	Empagliflozin	2.519	1792044
4	Empagliflozin	2.5531	1792044
5	Empagliflozin	2.544	1783951
Mean			1786782
Std.dev			10795.03
%RSD			0.60416

Table No 5: Intermediate precision/Ruggedness Results for Linigaleptin

	Peak name	RT	Area
1	Linagliptin	3.230	2575632
2	Linagliptin	3.230	2570930
3	Linagliptin	3.246	2613729
4	Linagliptin	3.227	2613729

5	Linagliptin	3.271	2575632
Mean			2586764
Std.dev			19163.75
%RSD			0.740839

Table No 6: Linearity Results Linagliptin

S.No	Linearity Level	Concentration	Area
1	I	20 ppm	471543
2	II	40 ppm	656277
3	III	60 ppm	794999
4	IV	80 ppm	946124
5	V	100 ppm	1002139
Correlation Coefficient			0.999

Table No 7: Linearity Results Empagliflozin

S.No	Linearity Level	Concentration	Area
1	I	20 ppm	471543
2	II	40 ppm	656277
3	III	60 ppm	794999
4	IV	80 ppm	946124
5	V	100 ppm	1002139
Correlation Coefficient			0.999

Table No 8: System suitability results for Linagliptin (Flow rate)

S.No	Flow Rate(ml/min)	System suitability results	
		USP Plate count	USP Tailing
1	0.8	3483	1.26
2	1.0	2936	1.3
3	1.2	2832	1.1

* Results for actual flow (1.0 ml/min) have been considered from Assay standard.

Table No 9: System suitability results for Empagliflozin (Flow rate)

S.No	Flow Rate (ml/min)	System suitability results	
		USP Plate count	USP Tailing
1	0.8	6645	1.3
2	1.0	5824.4	1.3
3	1.2	6059.0	1.2

* Results for actual flow (1.0ml/min) have been considered from Assay standard

Table No 10: System suitability results for Linagliptin (Mobile phase)

S.No	Change in Organic Composition in the Mobile Phase	System suitability results	
		USP Plate count	USP Tailing
1	10% Less	3254.5	1.1
2	Actual	3516	1.2
3	10% More	3215	1.2

Table No 11: System suitability results for Empagliflozin (Mobile phase)

S.No	Change in Organic Composition in the Mobile Phase	System suitability results	
		USP Plate count	USP Tailing
1	10% Less	6691	1.3
2	Actual	6532.1	1.2

3	10% More	6557	1.3
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* Results for actual Mobile phase composition (55:45 Water: Methanol) have been considered from Accuracy standard

4. Conclusion

A new method was established for simultaneous estimation of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin by RP-HPLC method. The chromatographic conditions were successfully developed for the separation of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin by using Agilent C185 μm (4.6*250mm) column, flow rate was 1ml/min, mobile phase ratio was Phosphate buffer pH 4.0: ACN (30:70% v/v), detection wave length was 254nm. The instrument used was WATERS HPLC Auto Sampler, Separation module 2695, PDA Detector 996, Empower software version-2. The retention times were found to be 3.503 mins and 2.577 mins. The % purity of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin was found to be 100.3% and 101.1% respectively. The system suitability parameters for Empagliflozin and Linagliptin such as theoretical plates and tailing factor were found to be 1.3, 5824.4 and 1.2, 2936.0 the resolution was found to be 9.4. The analytical method was validated according to ICH guidelines (ICH, Q2(R1)). The linearity study for Empagliflozin and Linagliptin was found in concentration range of 20 μg -100 μg and 20 μg -100 μg and correlation coefficient (r^2) was found to be 0.999 and 0.999, % mean recovery was found to be 102.5% and 101.0%, %RSD for repeatability was 0.6 and 0.5, %RSD for intermediate precision was 0.7 and 0.6 respectively. The precision study was precise, robust and repeatable. LOD value was 3.1 and 3.02, and LOQ value was 10.1 and 10 respectively. Hence the suggested RP-HPLC method can be used for routine analysis of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin in API and Pharmaceutical dosage form

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