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Development and Validation of UV and RP-HPLC Methods for Simultaneous Estimation of Mirabegron and Solifenacin Succinate in Their Pharmaceutical Dosage Form

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ABSTRACT

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Recently, a new formulation containing Mirabegron (MB) and Solifenacin succinate (SFS) has been approved for the management of over active bladder. However, only one analytical method has been reported for the simultaneous determination of both the analytes. Therefore, the current study was design to develop simple UV derivative spectroscopic and rapid RP-HPLC methods for simultaneous determination of MB and SFS. The chromatographic separation of MB and SFS was performed using Phenomenex Kinetex C₁₈ (150mm \times 4.5 mm \times 5 µm) analytical column. A mixture of Water: Acetonitrile (20:80% v/v) was consider as mobile phase, at a flow rate of 1ml/min and at detector wavelength 225nm. A linear response was observe over the concentration range 2.5-12.5 μ g/ml and 0.5-2.5 μ g/ml respectively. The first order derivative method was develop by derivatisation of the zero absorption spectra for the first absorption spectra. The Zero crossing point of MB and SFS at 221 nm and 266 nm was obtain respectively. Beer's law is obey in the concentration range of 7.5-20 µg/ml and 1.5-4 µg/ml for MB and SFS with correlation coefficient (R2) of 0.9984 and 0.9993 respectively. Both the methods were validated in accordance to guidelines for linearity, precision, repeatability, limit of detection (LOD), Limit of Quantification (LOQ), accuracy and robustness. Further, both the methods were validated and compared statistically using Student's-t-test and employed for the concurrent estimation of MB and SFS in formulations. The proposed methods were simple, accurate, precise, and rapid. Therefore, they can be use for regular quality control of MB and SFS formulations and dissolution studies as well.

 KEYWORDS:
 Mirabegron, Solifenacin succinate, First Order Derivative method, RP-HPLC,
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INTRODUCTION:

Recently, a new formulation containing mirabegron (MB) and solifenacin succinate (SFS) has been approved for the management of over active bladder. Combination of the beta-3 adrenoreceptor agonist mirabegron and the counter muscarinic specialist Solifenacin succinate may further develop adequacy in the treatment of overactive bladder (OAB) while decreasing the anti-muscarinic side effects. Mirabegron is a beta- 3 adrenergic agonist. The chemical name is 2-(2-amino-1, 3-thiazol-4-yl)-N-[4-(2-[[(2R)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]acetamide having empirical formula $C_{21}H_{24}N_4O_2S$ and molecular weight 396.5 g/mol. The structural formula of Mirabegron is

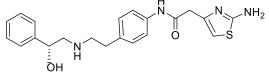


Figure 1 : Structure of Mirabegron

It has CAS number 223673-61-8. It has a (4.2) pKa1 and pKa2 (8.0). Mirabegron is a white powder. It is practically insoluble in water. It is soluble in methanol and dimethyl sulfoxide. It has 138-140°C. It is classify as Class 3 biopharmaceutical classification system (high solubility and low permeability)^[1]. Solifenacin Succinate is an antimuscarinic selective M3 / anti-cholinergic drugs. The

chemical name is [(3R)-1-azabicyclo [2.2.2] octan-3-yl] (1S)-1-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinoline-2- carboxylate; butane dioic acid having empirical formula $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_2$; $C_4H_6O_4$ and molecular weight 480.6 g/ml. The structural formula of Solifenacin Succinate is:

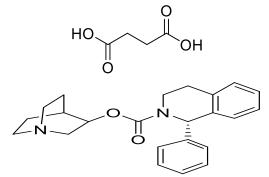


Figure 2: Structure of Solifenacin Succinate

It has CAS number 242478-38-2. It has a pKa (8.0). Solifenacin Succinate (SFS) is a white powder or crystals. It is freely soluble in water. It is also soluble in methanol. It has 134-136°C. It is classified as Class 1 biopharmaceutical classification system (high solubility and high permeability ^[2]. RP-HPLC, UPLC, HPTLC and spectrophotometric methods for the estimation of MB in combination with other drugs are reported ^[3-17]. The literature survey revealed the report of LC-MS/MS, HPLC, LCMS and spectrophotometric methods for estimation of SFS ^[18-40]. Literature survey reveals that only one HPTLC method available for simultaneous estimation of MB and SFS in combined dosage form ^[41].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instruments and Apparatus

A Shimadzu UV/Vis double beam spectrophotometer (model 1800) connected with Shimadzu UV-Probe 2.33 software was used for all spectrophotometric measurements. The absorbance spectra of the reference and test solutions were carried out in 1cm quartz cells over the range of 200-800 nm. The chromatographic analysis were carried out using Shimadzu LC 20 AD binary pump system equipped with UV detector with manual injector and Phenomenex Kinetex C18 column. Other instruments used were electronic balance and sonicator.

Chemical and Reagents

All the chemicals used were of A.R. grade and pure drug sample of Mirabegron was obatined from Swati Spentose Pvt., Vapi, Gujarat and pure Solifenacin succinate was gifted by Flax Laboratories, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Tablets of MB and SFS in combine dosage form with 25mg MB and 5 mg SFS label claim were purchase from local medical store.

For UV-Spectrophotometric method:

Determination of maximum wavelength

Wavelength of maximum absorption was determined by scanning 10 μ g/ml solution of MB and SFS using UV spectrophotometer from 200 to 400 nm. This shows maximum absorbance at 247 nm and 210 nm for Mirabegron and Solifenacin Succinate respectively.

Preparation of standard stock solutions

Accurately weighed 100 mg of Mirabegron and 10 mg of Solifenacin succinate were transfer into separate 100 ml volumetric flask. To each flask, 5 ml methanol added and sonicated for 5 minutes. Then volume was make up to mark with distilled water. This will give primary stock solution containing 1000 µg/ml and 100 µg/ml concentration of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate respectively. From each flask take volume of 25 ml from MB solution and 5 ml from SFS solution and then the volume was made up to the mark with distilled water to make 250 µg/ml and 10 µg/ml (secondary stock) of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate. From the above secondary stock solution, different concentrations of the solution were prepared from the range of 7.5- 20 µg/ml for MB and 1.5-4 µg/ml for SFS of which volumes of were 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7 and 0.8 were withdrawn each and transferred to 10 ml of volumetric flask and volume was made up to mark.

Preparation of sample solution for assay

Estimation of MB and SFS in dosage form, 20 tablets weighed individually, and an average weight of the tablets was calculated and triturated into fine powder. The powder equivalent to 25 mg MB and 5 mg SFS (350.6 mg) was

weighed accurately and transferred to 100 ml of volumetric flask dissolved in methanol and sonicate for 5 min and filter and diluted up to mark with distilled water to give 1° stock solution (250 μ g/ml of MB 50 μ g/ml of SFS). Further, dilute it to make the concentration of 12.5 μ g/ml of MB 2.5 μ g/ml of SFS analyzed for assay determination.

First order derivative method

Working standard solutions of Mirabegron and Solifenacin were prepared from the respective standard solution and were scanned in the UV range 200-400nm. The overlain spectra of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate were obtain. These absorption spectra of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate were converted into first order derivative spectra by using instrument mode ($\Delta \lambda = 8$ and scaling factor =10). From the overlain first order derivative spectra (Figure), zero crossing points of drugs selected for the analysis of another drug. The first wavelength selected was 221nm (zero crossing point of Mirabegron), where Solifenacin succinate showed considerable absorbance. The second wavelength selected was 266nm (zero crossing point of Solifenacin succinate), where Mirabegron showed considerable absorbance. Thus, the absorbance of the working solutions of MB and SFS were measured at 221nm (ZCP of MB) and 266nm (ZCP of SFS) respectively. The graph of absorbance vs concentration plotted at each wavelength and regression coefficient is calculated.

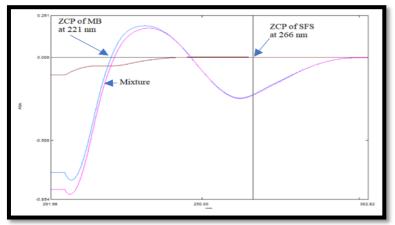


Figure 3: First order overlain of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate and mixture

For RP-HPLC method:

Determination of Wavelength

Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate were scanned in UV range of 200-400nm in which both Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate show reasonably good response at 225nm. So, 225 nm wavelength selected for the determination of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate.

Chromatographic conditions

The Mobile phase consists of Water: Acetonitrile (20:80% v/v), flowing through the column at a constant flow rate of 1.0ml/min. A Phenomenex Kinetex Column C18 (150mm \times 4.5 mm \times 5 µm) was used as stationary phase. By considering the parameter, 225nm selected as the detection wavelength for UV-Visible detector.

Preparation of solutions

100mg of Mirabegron and 10 mg of Solifenacin succinate were weighed accurately and transferred into separate 100 ml volumetric flask. To each flask 5 ml methanol was added and sonicated for 5 minutes. Then volume made up to mark with methanol. This will give 1000 μ g/ml and 100 μ g/ml (primary stock) concentration of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate respectively. From each flask take volume of 25 ml from MB solution and 5 ml from SFS solution and then the volume was made up to the mark with methanol to make 250 μ g/ml and 10 μ g/ml (secondary stock) of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate. From the above secondary solution the working solutions were prepared form the range of 2.5-12.5 μ g/ml and 0.5-2.5 μ g/ml for MB and SFS respectively.

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RP-HPLC method

Chromatography was performed on Shimadzu HPLC system equipped with UV Detector; using LC solution software. A manual loop injector valve with volume of 20μ L. The chromatogram recorded at 225nm as both shows good response. During optimization separation method, Phenomenex Kinetex C18 column, (150mm × 4. 6mm × 5 μ m) and the mobile phase composed of Acetonitrile and water were tested. After trying several mobile phases,

containing Water, Acetonitrile and Methanol the final mobile phase optimized was Water: Acetonitrile (20: 80) which gives better resolution and peak symmetry. Typical chromatogram obtained with final condition is shown in figure 4. The order was Solifenacin succinate (RT= 3.31min) and Mirabegron (RT= 5.82 min), at flow rate of 1ml/min.

Table 1. Optimized Chromatographic conditions

Chromatographic Conditions		Results		
Elution		Binary Gradient		
Column		Phenomenex kinetex C18 (150×4.6 mm)		
Mobile Phase compositi	ion (%v/v)	Water : Acetonitrile (20 : 80)		
Flow rate (ml/min)		1.0ml/min		
Detection wavelength (I	nm)	225nm		
Injection volume		20µL		
Run time		10 min		
Retention time MB (min)		5.82		
	SFS	3.31		

Validation Parameters

Linearity: Linearity was studied by analyzing five standard solutions (n=5) in the range of 7.5-20 μ g/ml of MB and 1.5-4 μ g/ml for SFS and range of 2.5-12.5 μ g/ml for MB and 0.5-2.5 μ g/ml for SFS in UV spectrophotometric and RP-HPLC

For UV Spectrophotometric method

method respectively. Calibration curves with concentration verses absorbance or peak area was plotted for each method and obtained data were subjected to regression analysis using least square method. Linearity of MB and SFS was established by ratios of drugs i.e. (5:1).

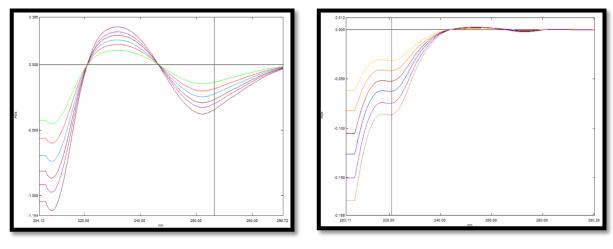


Figure 4: First order derivativ spectrum of MB(7.5-20 µg/ml) and SFS(1.5-4µg/ml)

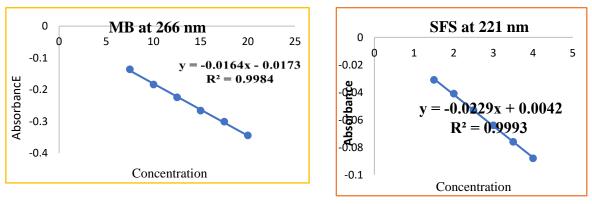
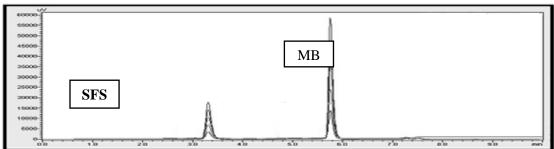


Figure 5: Calibration curve of MB and SFS

For RP-HPLC method





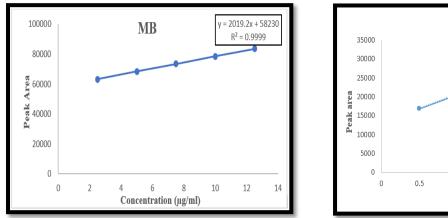


Figure 7: Calibration Curve of MB and SFS

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Parameters	First Order Derivative method		RP-HPLC method	
	MB	SFS	MB	SFS
Linearity range (µg/ml)	7.5-20	1.5-4	2.5-12.5	0.5-2.5
Regression equation	y= -0.0164x- 0.0173	y=-0.0229x +0.0042	y= 2019.2x + 58230	y= 7868x + 13070
Slope	-0.0164	-0.0229	2019.2	7868
Intercept	0.0173	0.0042	58230	13070
Correlation coefficient (R ²)	0.998	0.999	0.999	0.998
Limit of Detection (µg/ml)	0.170	0.304	0.61	0.06
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Precision: The precision of an analytical method expresses the closeness of agreement between a series of measurement which are obtained by performing multiple samplings of the same homogenous sample under the given conditions of the method. Here, the intraday and inter-day precision was determined. For that three concentration having lower, upper and middle limits of both the drugs were taken and analysed three times on the same day for intra-day precision and on 3 different days for interday precision at the same concentration level. The %RSD (relative standard deviation) of the results was calculated.

y = 7868x + 13070

R² = 0.9985

2.5

3

2

1.5

Concentration (µg/ml)

SFS

1

Table 3. Precision data of MB and SFS by UV-spectrophotometric method

Conc.	Intraday	Interday	
(μ g/ml) Mean Absorbance ± RSD (n=3)		Mean Absorbance ± RSD (n=3)	
MB			
7.5	-0.134 ± 0.74	-0.134 ± 0.74	

15	-0.265 ± 0.37	-0.265 ±0.37
20	-0.343 ± 0.29	-0.343 ± 0.29
SFS		
1.5	-0.031 ± 1.83	-0.031 ± 1.82
3	-0.063 ± 1.58	-0.063 ± 1.54
4	-0.086 ± 1.74	-0.087 ± 1.74

Table 4. Precision data of MB and SFS by RP-HPLC method

Conc.	Intraday	Interday
(µg/ml)	Mean Absorbance ± %RSD (n=3)	Mean Absorbance ± %RSD (n=3)
MB	·	
2.5	63823 ± 0.68	63937 ± 0.68
7.5	73760 ± 0.62	73593 ± 0.62
12.5	83242 ± 0.54	82968 ± 0.54
SFS		
0.5	17016 ± 0.95	16948 ± 0.66
1.5	24993 ± 0.42	25094 ± 1.09
2.5	32696 ± 0.50	32650 ± 0.63

Accuracy: The accuracy of the method was determined by recovery experiments. A known quantity of the pure drug was added the pre-analysed sample mixture at 80%, 100% and 120% levels. The recovery studies were carried out and the %

recovery and % RSD of the % recovery were calculated and given in Table 5 for UV-spectrophotometric method and in Table 6 for RP-HPLC method.

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Drug	%Spiked	Std. Conc.spiked (μg/ml)	Conc. recovered(µg/ml)	%Recovery (n=3)	%RSD
	80	6	6.04	100.5	0.63
MB	100	7.5	7.56	100.8	0.40
	120	9	8.87	98.50	0.35
	80	1.2	1.18	98.80	0.99
SFS	100	1.5	1.49	99.20	1.16
	120	1.8	1.80	99.90	0.98

Drug	%Spiked	Std. Conc.spiked (µg/ml)	Conc. recovered(µg/ml)	%Recovery (n=3)	%RSD
	80	4	4.06	101.5	0.38
MB	100	5	5.07	101.4	0.81
	120	6	6.07	101.1	0.17
	80	0.8	0.79	100.3	0.84
SFS	100	1	1.00	100.1	0.76
	120	1.2	1.19	99.60	0.69

System Suitability Parameters

For RP-HPLC method, the system suitability test was performed to verify the suitability of chromatographic system

for intended analysis. The test was performed by three replicate injections of standard solution for Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate and system suitability parameters were

determined, for their retention time, theoretical plates, asymmetric factor and resolution. The results are given in the Table 7 which are within the acceptable limits.

Parameters	Data obtained		
	MB	SFS	
Retention time (Rt) \pm SD	5.80 ± 0.04	3.29 ± 0.05	
Area ± SD	77914 ± 889.5	28645 ± 299.0	
Theoretical Plates per column $(N) \pm SD$	6795 ± 27.6	2964 ± 48.6	
Symmetry factor/ Tailing factor ± SD	1.14 ± 0.02	1.12 ± 0.04	
Resolution	11		

Robustness: For the robustness of the analytical method , changed the ratio of mobile phase, flow rate and wavelength. To study the effect of the flow rate, it was changed to 0.2 units

i.e. 0.8 and 1.2 ml/min. The effect of ratio of mobile phase was studied by changing 2 units i.e. 22:78 and 18:82. The change in wavelength \pm 2nm. The results of robustness are summarized in Table 8

Conditions	Mirabegron			Solifenacin Succinate		
	Peak Area (n=3)	Theoretical Plates (n=3)	Tailing Factor (n=3)	Peak Area (n=3)	Theoretical Plates (n=3)	Tailing Factor (n=3)
Flow rate 0.8ml/min	76741	6767	1.23	28489	2874	0.96
Flow rate 1.2ml/min	75537	6781	1.25	28645	2908	0.97
MobilePhase water:ACN (18:82)	77493	6785	1.25	27568	2899	0.69
MobilePhase water:ACN (22:78)	77418	6778	1.27	28873	2936	1.03
Wavelength 223nm	77244	6734	1.27	29240	2832	0.96
Wavelength 227nm	76578	6764	1.26	29156	2937	0.97

Table 8. Robustness data for MB and SFS

The robustness of the method demonstrates that the method developed is robust. The study suggested that all the parameters have no significant influence on the determination. Result indicate that the selected factors remained unaffected by small variation of these parameters.

Analysis of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate in marketed formulation Table 9. Assay Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate by UV- spectrophotometric method

Drug	Label claim (mg)	Conc. found (µg/ml)	% Assay (n=5)	Content Found (mg)
MB	25	12.54	100.3 ± 1.07	25.2
SFS	5	2.50	100.1 ± 1.15	5.01

Drug	Labelclaim (mg)	Conc. found (µg/ml)	% Assay (n=5)	Content Found (mg)
MB	25	10.11	101.1	25.2
SFS	5	2.00	100.1	5.02

Table 10. Assay of Mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate by RP-HPLC method

Statistical Comparison using Student's T-test:

The Student's t-test (also called T test) used to compare the means between two groups and there is no need of multiple comparisons as unique P value was observe. It is use to test

whether mean difference between two groups is statistically significant. T test are three types i.e one sample *t*-test, independent sample *t*-test and paired sample *t* test.

Table 11. T-test method for MB and SFS

Source of Variation		P value	t (critical)
Between groups	MB	0.1896	2.77644
	SFS	0.915	2.776

From the Statistical Comparison using Student's T-test it could be concluded that P value was found to be smaller compared to t _{crit} value, therefore there were no significant different groups.

CONCLUSION

Two simple analytical procedures were established for the concurrent determination of MB and SFS from laboratory mixed solutions and tablets without prior separation. The UV spectroscopic method was economical and eco-friendly as water has been used as a solvent. The optimized chromatographic technique was simple, rapid, precise, and robust for the concurrent quantification of MB and SFS from solid dosage forms. Based on the result, percentage of recovery shows that the method is free from interference of the excipients used in the formulation and can be employed for routine analysis of these two drugs in combined dosage form and from the Statistical Comparison using Student's T-test it could be concluded that P value was found to be smaller compared to t $_{crit}$ value, therefore there were no significant different groups.

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