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STABILITY INDICATING RP-HPLC METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF BILASTINE AND MONTELUKAST IN BULK AND TABLET DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT:

In the present research work, a successful attempt was made for determination of Bilastine and Montelukast in Bulk and dosage form by high performance liquid chromatography. The method was developed by experimentation, based on literature survey. The simplicity, rapidity, reproducibility and economy of the proposed method completely fulfill the objective of this research work. The HPLC method was developed and validated for simultaneous estimation of Bilastine and Montelukast. The mobile phase was consisting of pH 5.5 Acetate: methanol. The linearity range of Bilastine was found to be 50-250 μ g/ml and Montelukast 25-125 μ g/ml. The calibration curve was plotted and regression equation of Bilastine was found to be $y = 9153.17x + 1658869.30$ with correlation coefficient (r^2) of 0.9996 and Montelukast $y = 22933.18x + 2251569.30$ with correlation coefficient (r^2) of 0.9991. Detection was done at 225 nm and the retention time of Bilastine was found to be 4.3 min and Montelukast 11.3 min with the flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. From accuracy study % recovery of Bilastine was found in the range of 99.57- 100.07% and Montelukast is 99.667-100.45 % which is in the limits accordingly the ICH guidelines.

Keywords: Validation, Bilastin, Montelukast, Tablet Dosage Form



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INTRODUCTION

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)?

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is an advanced form of liquid chromatography used in separating the complex mixture of molecules encountered in chemical and biological systems, in order to understand better the role of individual molecules. Among different chromatographic methods, high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) offers a greater variety of stationary phases, which there by allows selective interactions and more possibilities for separation. In HPLC the separation is about 100 times faster than the conventional liquid chromatography due to packing of particles in the range of 3-10 m. In HPLC mobile phase composition is changed in a programmed fashion to increase the efficiency of separation. Depending on the unique affinity of each component (referred to as the analyte) between the mobile phase and the stationary phase, each analyte migrates along the column at different speeds and emerges from the column at different times, thus establishing a separation of the mixture. Analytes with higher affinity for the mobile phase migrate faster down the column, whereas those with higher affinity for the stationary phase migrate slower. This migration time (referred to as retention time) is unique for each analyte and can be used in its identification. With the appropriate use of a detection method after the column, each analyte can also be quantified for analysis. Smaller column particle size can improve chromatographic resolution.

Principle of Separation in HPLC!

The sample is introduced in a small volume into the stream of mobile phase percolating through the column which is to be separated and analyzed. The components of the sample move through the column at different velocities, which are functions of specific physical or chemical interactions with the stationary phase. The velocity of component depends on its chemical nature, the nature of the stationary phase (column) and on the composition of the



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mobile phase. The time at which a specific analyte emerges from the column (elutes) is called the retention time. The retention time measured under particular conditions is considered as an identifying characteristic of a given analyte. The use of smaller particle size packing materials.

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

Identification of drug:

Organoleptic properties of drug

The sample of Bilastine and Montelukast was checked for organoleptic properties such as colour and odour.

Melting point determination

Identification of Bilastine and Montelukast was done by checking its melting point using melting point apparatus.

Solubility analysis

Solubility of Bilastine and Montelukast was checked by dissolving it in number of solvents. It was found that Bilastine and Montelukast was soluble in Ethanol, Methanol, Isopropyl Alcohol, insoluble water.

Fourier Transform Infra-red Spectroscopy (FTIR)

The IR study of pure drug was carried out by using Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer (BRUKER). Infrared absorption spectrum of Bilastine and Montelukast was recorded and interpreted over the wave number 4000 to 600 cm^{-1} using Fourier Transform spectrophotometer (Bruker, ECO- ATR)

High Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method

Optimization of Detection Wavelength

The sensitivity of HPLC method that uses UV detection depends upon proper selection of detection wavelength. An ideal wavelength is one that gives good response for the drugs that are to be detected. For good response, optimization of wavelength was done at different wavelengths by UV detector. In the present study, drug solutions of 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of Bilastine and



25 µg/ml Montelukast were prepared in methanol. After observing UV spectra of the drug, wavelength by Overlain spectra was found at 225 nm and selected for further study.

Selection of Chromatographic Conditions

The selection of HPLC method depends upon the nature of the sample, its molecular weight and solubility. RP-HPLC method was selected for the initial separations because of its simplicity and suitability. The chromatographic variables such as mobile phase ratio and flow rate were studied. The condition that gave the best resolution, symmetry and selectivity was selected.

Optimization of Chromatographic Parameters: Optimizations in HPLC is the process of finding a set of conditions that sufficiently enable the quantification of the analyte with acceptable accuracy, precision, sensitivity, specificity, cost, ease and speed

Preparation of standard stock solutions

Accurately Weighed and transferred 20 mg of Bilastine and 10 mg of Montelukast working Standards into a 10ml clean dry volumetric flask, add 3/4th volume of diluent, sonicated for 5 minutes and make up to the final volume with diluents. 2.5 ml from the above two stock solutions was taken into a 10ml volumetric flask and made up to 10 ml and the final concentration of Bilastine is 500 µg/mL and 250 µg/mL is of Montelukast. The working standard solutions of these drugs were obtained by appropriate dilution of the respective stock solution with mobile phase.

Optimization of Mobile Phase Strength

Based on drug solubility, stability and suitability of drug in different solvents, various mobile phases and compositions were tried to get a good resolution and sharp peak. The standard solution containing drugs were run in different mobile phases.

Preparation of Mobile Phase A(pH 5.5 Acetate buffer) :

Dissolve 3.85g of ammonium acetate in 1000 ml water, add 1 ml of Triethylamine, and adjust pH 5.5 with diluted glacial acetic acid. Mobile phase was filtered through 0.45µm membrane filter and degassed by sonication for 20 min.

Selection of mobile phase

Standard solutions of Bilastine (50µg/mL) and Montelukast (25µg/mL) were injected into the RP-HPLC system and run in different solvent systems. Different mobile phases systems like Acetate buffer and Methanol were initially tried in the isocratic mode in order to determine the best conditions.

LOD and LOQ:

LOD and LOQ determined by the following formula by taking the standard deviation of y-intercept and slope from the linearity curves.

$$\text{LOD} = 3.3\sigma$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identification of drug

Organoleptic properties of drugs

| Sr. No. | Organoleptic Property | Bilastine | Montelukast Sodium |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Colour | White to off- white powder | White to off- white powder |
| 2 | Odor | Odorless | Odorless |

Melting point of drug

| Sr. No. | Name of drug | M.P. (°C) |
|---------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Bilastine | 201-203 °C |
| 2. | Montelukast | 85-90 °C |

Solubility Study:

Solubility of Bilastine and montelukast was observed by dissolving them in different solvents and the observed results are given in the table no.16

Solubility Study

| Sr. No | Solvents | Solubility | |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Bilastine | Montelukast |
| 1 | Water | Soluble | Soluble |
| 2 | Methanol | Freely soluble | Freely soluble |
| 3 | Acetate Buffer pH 5.5 | Freely soluble | Freely soluble |
| 4 | ACN | Soluble | Soluble |

FTIR spectrum of Bilastine

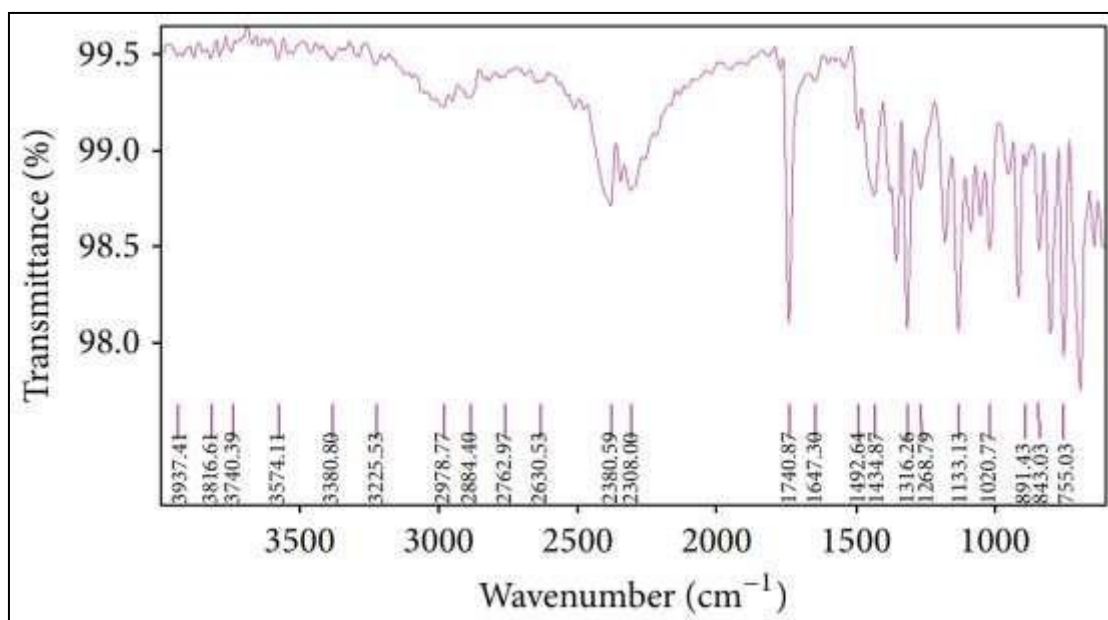


Fig.No.9: IR Spectrum of Bilastine

Interpretation of FTIR Spectrum of Bilastine

| Sr. No. | Functional group | Standard range(cm ⁻¹) | Observed range(cm ⁻¹) |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | N-H stretching | 2300-2500 | 2380.59 |
| 2 | C=O Stretch | 1700-1800 | 1740.87 |
| 3 | C-O-C Stretch | 1200-1100 | 1133.13 |
| 4 | C-H Bending | 1400-1300 | 1326.16 |

FTIR spectrum of Montelukast sodium

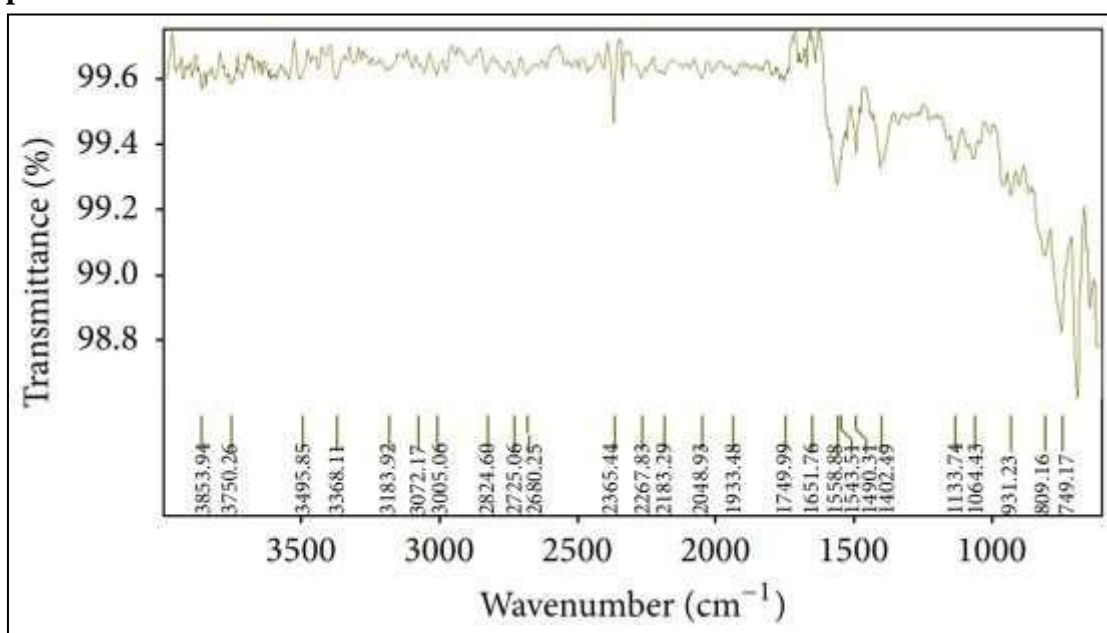
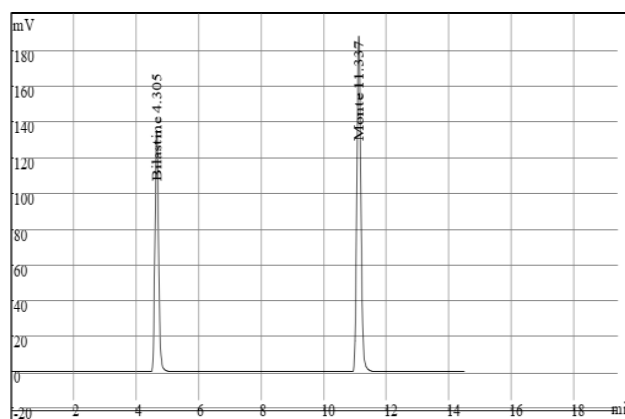


Fig.No.10: IR Spectrum of Montelukast Sodium

Interpretation of FTIR Spectrum of Montelukast

| Sr. No. | Functional group | Standard range(cm ⁻¹) | Observed range(cm ⁻¹) |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | N-H stretching | 2300-2500 | 2364.44 |
| 2 | C=O Stretch | 1600-1500 | 1558.88 |
| 3 | C-CL Stretch | 700-800 | 749.17 |
| 4 | C-H Bending | 1400-1300 | 1402.49 |

Development of simultaneous HPLC method for Bilastine and Montelukast. High performance liquid chromatographic method was developed and validated for determination of Bilastine and montelukast in bulk and dosage form.



Accuracy

Accuracy was studied by standard addition method and % recovery found was within acceptable limit. Results of recovery study are shown in Table no.21 & 23 and statistical validation is shown in Table no. 22 & 24.



Statistical validation of Bilastine by HPLC method

| Level of addition | % Mean recovery* | SD | % RSD |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 50% | 100.074 | 0.55574 | 0.555327 |
| 100% | 99.5754 | 1.02255 | 1.02691 |
| 150% | 99.9563 | 0.25926 | 0.259375 |

*Average of three determination

Optimized chromatogram of Bilastine and Montelukast Linearity Data of calibration curve of Bilastine and Montelukast by HPLC method

| Sr. No. | Bilastine | | Montelukast | |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Concentration (µg/ml) | Area | Concentration (µg/ml) | Area |
| 1 | 50 | 2130445 | 25 | 2821037 |
| 2 | 100 | 2554222 | 50 | 3385864 |
| 3 | 150 | 3028280 | 75 | 4013136 |

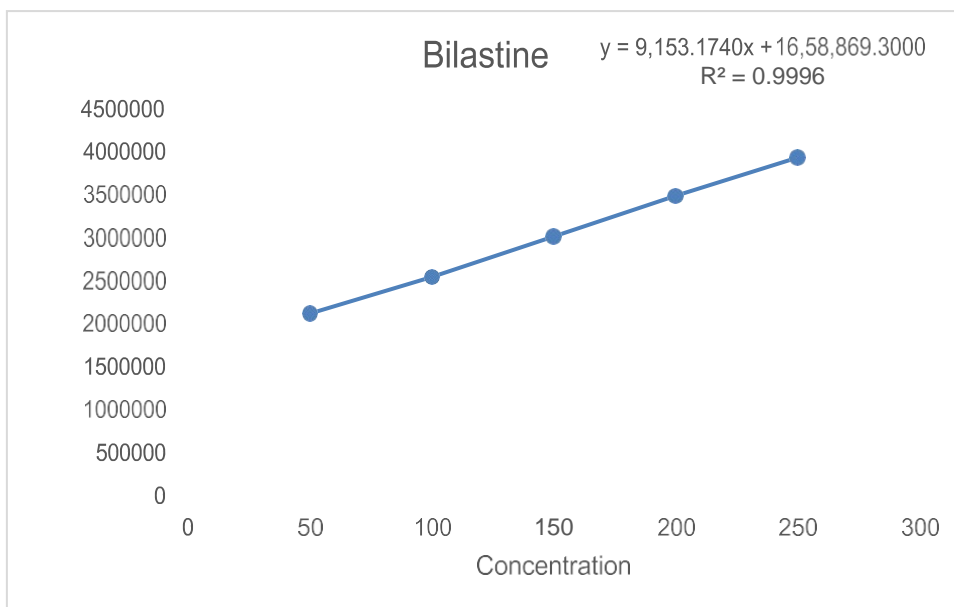


Fig. No. 12: Calibration curve for Bilastine

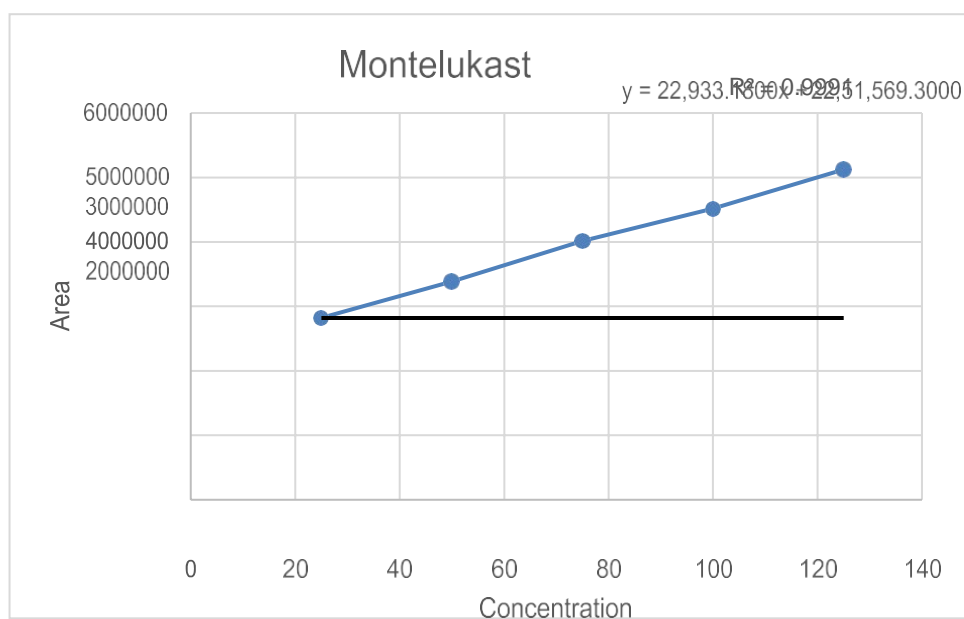


Fig. No. 13: Calibration curve for Montelukast

Optical characteristics

Optical characteristics and statistical data of linearity for Bilastine and Montelukast by HPLC method are summarized in Table no. 20

Accuracy

Accuracy was studied by standard addition method and % recovery found was within acceptable limit. Results of recovery study are shown in Table no.21 & 23 and statistical validation is shown in Table no. 22 & 24.

Table No.22: Statistical validation of Bilastine by HPLC method

| Level of addition | % Mean recovery* | SD | % RSD |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 50% | 100.074 | 0.55574 | 0.555327 |
| 100% | 99.5754 | 1.02255 | 1.02691 |
| 150% | 99.9563 | 0.25926 | 0.259375 |

*Average of three determination

Table No.23: Data for recovery study of Montelukast by HPLC method

| Level of addition | Standard added (µg/ml) | Conc. (µg/ml) | Total conc. (µg/ml) | Area obtained* | Std Area | Drug recovered (µg/ml) | % Recovery |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|
| 50% | 25 | 50 | 75 | 4014581 | 4013136 | 75.027005 | 100.0360068 |
| | 25 | 50 | 75 | 4024581 | | 75.213891 | 100.2851884 |
| | 25 | 50 | 75 | 4001548 | | 74.783436 | 99.71124826 |
| 100% | 50 | 50 | 100 | 4531546 | 4514271 | 100.38268 | 100.3826753 |
| | 50 | 50 | 100 | 4501564 | | 99.718515 | 99.71851491 |
| | 50 | 50 | 100 | 4465846 | | 98.927291 | 98.92729081 |
| 150% | 75 | 50 | 125 | 5136481 | 5123481 | 125.31717 | 100.2537337 |
| | 75 | 50 | 125 | 5102497 | | 124.48804 | 99.59043471 |
| | 75 | 50 | 125 | 5201467 | | 126.90266 | 101.5221292 |

Table : Statistical validation of Montelukast by HPLC method

| Level of addition | % Mean recovery* | SD | % RSD |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 50% | 100.011 | 0.2878 | 0.287767 |
| 100% | 99.6762 | 0.72862 | 0.730983 |
| 150% | 100.455 | 0.98152 | 0.977066 |

*Average of three determination

Precision Study for Bilastine

The % RSD found below 2, Hence results complies as per guidelines

Data for intraday precision of Bilastine by HPLC method

| Sr. No. | Conc. (µg/mL) | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|---------|---------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 50 | 2130481 | 2129512.33 | 3532.067 | 0.165863 |
| 2 | 50 | 2132459 | | | |
| 3 | 50 | 2125597 | | | |
| 4 | 100 | 2556594 | 2560926.33 | 15268.19 | 0.596198 |
| 5 | 100 | 2556444 | | | |
| 6 | 100 | 2569741 | | | |
| 7 | 150 | 3028487 | 3022953.33 | 6705.036 | 0.221804 |
| 8 | 150 | 3024876 | | | |
| 9 | 150 | 3015497 | | | |

% Assay of Marketed formulation

The % Assay of BLHIST-M (20mg+10mg) marketed formulation of Blaze remedies was calculated and given in table No. 33

Table Data of % Assay of marketed formulation

| Sr. NO. | Drug | Area of Sample | Area of Standard | Drug Recovered | % Assay |
|---------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Bilastine (20 mg) | 3014849 | 3028280 | 19.91 | 99.56 |
| 2 | Montelukast (10 mg) | 3957895 | 4013136 | 9.86 | 98.62 |

Table No Data for interday precision of Bilastine by HPLC method

| Sr. No. | Conc. ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 50 | 2139974 | 2134778.67 | 8580.28277 | 0.40192845 |
| 2 | 50 | 2124875 | | | |
| 3 | 50 | 2139487 | | | |
| 4 | 100 | 2554879 | 2563724.67 | 10172.8711 | 0.39680045 |
| 5 | 100 | 2574841 | | | |
| 6 | 100 | 2561454 | | | |
| 7 | 150 | 3021844 | 3018627 | 5267.55987 | 0.17450185 |
| 8 | 150 | 3021489 | | | |
| 9 | 150 | 3012548 | | | |

Precision Study for Motelukast

Table No. Data for intraday precision of Montelukast by HPLC method

| Sr. No. | Conc. (µg/mL) | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|---------|------------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 25 | 2814597 | 2810273.33 | 7558.198 | 0.268949 |
| 2 | 25 | 2801546 | | | |
| 3 | 25 | 2814677 | | | |
| 4 | 50 | 3389487 | 3395301.67 | 12084.15 | 0.355908 |
| 5 | 50 | 3394870 | | | |
| 6 | 50 | 3401548 | | | |
| 7 | 75 | 4003648 | 4014451.33 | 9548.932 | 0.237864 |
| 8 | 75 | 4017943 | | | |
| 9 | 75 | 4021763 | | | |

Table No.28: Data for interday precision of Montelukast by HPLC method

| Sr. No. | Conc. (µg/mL) | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|---------|------------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 25 | 2801464 | 2785786 | 13919.8559 | 0.49967427 |
| 2 | 25 | 2781015 | | | |
| 3 | 25 | 2774879 | | | |
| 4 | 50 | 3421545 | 3423187.67 | 2563.04298 | 0.07487299 |
| 5 | 50 | 3421877 | | | |
| 6 | 50 | 3426141 | | | |
| 7 | 75 | 4001544 | | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|----|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| 8 | 75 | 4057894 | 4027074 | 28545.0293 | 0.70882803 |
| 9 | 75 | 4021784 | | | |

Limit of detection and limit of Quantitation

The results of LOD and LOQ are presented in Table No. 29

Table No. 29: Results of LOD and LOQ values of Bilastine and Montelukast

| Drugs | LOD ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) | LOQ ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bilastine | 1.273394 | 3.8587707 |
| Montelukast | 0.368806 | 1.1175947 |

Robustness

Table No.30: Data for Robustness study of Bilastine and Montelukast

| Sr. No | Parameter | Condition | Bilastine (150 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) | | | | Montelukast (75 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) | | | |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD | Area | Mean | SD | % RSD |
| 1 | Change in Flow rate (ml/min) | 0.9 | 3024876 | 3021424.33 | 5974.13 | 0.1977 | 4021546 | 4019525 | 3502.78 | 0.08714 |
| 2 | | 1 | 3014526 | | | | 4015480 | | | |
| 3 | | 1.1 | 3024871 | | | | 4021548 | | | |
| 1 | Change in Wavelength (nm) | 223 | 3001548 | 3018414.67 | 15538.77 | 0.5148 | 4010215 | 4015758 | 5681.74 | 0.14149 |
| 2 | | 225 | 3032148 | | | | 4015490 | | | |
| 3 | 227 | 3021548 | 4021569 | | | | | | | |

*Average of three determination Ruggedness

Table No.31: Data for ruggedness study of Bilastine and Montelukast

| Sr.No | Analyst | Bilastine (150 µg/ml) | | | | Montelukast (75 µg/ml) | | | |
|-------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------|---------|------------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | | Area | Mean area* | SD | % RSD | Area | Mean area* | SD | % RSD |
| 1 | Analyst-I | 4216542 | 4217835 | 3279.96 | 0.07776 | 4216542 | 4217835 | 3279.96 | 0.07776 |
| | | 4215398 | | | | 4215398 | | | |
| | | 4221564 | | | | 4221564 | | | |
| 2 | Analyst-II | 4203651 | 4219948 | 22508.7 | 0.53339 | 4203651 | 4219948 | 22508.7 | 0.53339 |
| | | 4210563 | | | | 4210563 | | | |
| | | 4245631 | | | | 4245631 | | | |

*Average of three determination

Specificity

Excipients and impurities were not interacting with the standard drugs. Hence method is specific. Results of specificity are shown in Table no. 32

Table No.32: Data for specificity study of Bilastine and Montelukast

| Drug | Drug conc. (µg/ml) | Excipients (µg/ml) | Total conc. (µg/ml) | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|------|
| Bilastine | 50 | 100 | 150 | 2137849 | 2131599 | 9669.80 | 0.45 |
| | 50 | 100 | 150 | 2120461 | | | |
| | 50 | 100 | 150 | 2136487 | | | |
| | 100 | 100 | 200 | 2561497 | 2560641 | 9219.85 | 0.36 |
| | 100 | 100 | 200 | 2551023 | | | |
| | 100 | 100 | 200 | 2569403 | | | |
| | 150 | 100 | 250 | 3021497 | 3020655.3 | 1106.50 | 0.03 |
| | 150 | 100 | 250 | 3019402 | | | |
| | 150 | 100 | 250 | 3021067 | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|-----|---------|-----------|---------|------|
| Montelukast | 25 | 50 | 75 | 2816497 | 2821344 | 4992.89 | 0.17 |
| | 25 | 50 | 75 | 2821064 | | | |
| | 25 | 50 | 75 | 2826471 | | | |
| | 50 | 50 | 100 | 3389401 | 3391342.3 | 5559.31 | 0.16 |
| | 50 | 50 | 100 | 3397612 | | | |
| | 50 | 50 | 100 | 3387014 | | | |
| | 75 | 50 | 125 | 4019731 | 4021486 | 1724.36 | 0.04 |
| | 75 | 50 | 125 | 4023178 | | | |
| | 75 | 50 | 125 | 4021549 | | | |

System Suitability:

System suitability parameters were measured to verify the system, method and column performance. Standard solution of Bilastine and montelukast was injected into the system for five times and system suitability parameters were checked.

Table No. Data for System suitability study

| Sr. No. | Bilastine | | | Montelukast | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Retention Time (min) | Theoretical plates | Symmetry Factor | Retention Time (min) | Theoretical plates | Symmetry Factor |
| 1 | 4.32 | 5164 | 1.15 | 11.32 | 8487 | 1.25 |
| 2 | 4.3 | 5746 | 1.12 | 11.36 | 8552 | 1.24 |
| 3 | 4.28 | 5019 | 1.13 | 11.31 | 8462 | 1.25 |
| 4 | 4.38 | 5845 | 1.13 | 11.37 | 8359 | 1.23 |
| 5 | 4.34 | 5316 | 1.12 | 11.32 | 8252 | 1.24 |
| 6 | 4.29 | 5946 | 1.14 | 11.34 | 8539 | 1.25 |
| Mean | 4.3183333 | 5506 | 1.1316667 | 11.33667 | 8441.8333 | 1.2433333 |
| SD | 0.0371035 | 388.93547 | 0.0116905 | 0.024221 | 115.69169 | 0.008165 |
| %RSD | 0.8592078 | 7.06384799 | 1.0330296 | 0.213654 | 1.3704569 | 0.6566997 |



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