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METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF RP-HPLC METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF EMPAGLIFLOZIN AND LINAGLIPTIN IN BULK AND PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION

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ABSTRACT

A rapid and accurate reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography method has been developed for the validation of empagliflozin and linagliptin in pure form and in the form of tablets. Chromatography was performed on an Altima C18 column (4.6 x 150 mm, 5 μ m) using water: ACN (15: 85% v / v) as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 ml / min. at 234nm. The retention time of empagliflozin and linagliptin was 2,088, 6,068 \pm 0.02 min, respectively. The method produces linear responses in the concentration range of 5-25 μ g / ml empagliflozin and 30-150 μ g / ml linagliptin. The precision of the method for the determination of the test was lower than 2.0% RSD. The method is useful for the quality control of bulk and pharmaceutical formulations.

KEYWORDS

Empagliflozin, Linagliptin, RP-HPLC and Validation.

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INTRODUCTION

The analysis can be defined as the science and art of determining the composition of materials according to the elements or compounds they contain. In fact, analytical chemistry is the science of chemical identification and the determination of the composition (atomic, molecular) of substances, materials and their chemical structure.

Quality control is a concept that aims to produce a perfect product through a series of measures designed to prevent and eliminate errors in different stages of production. The decision to release or reject a product is based on one or more types of control actions. With the growth of the pharmaceutical industry in recent years, rapid

progress has been made in the field of pharmaceutical analysis involving complex instrumentation. Providing a simple analytical procedure for complex formulation is a matter of the utmost importance. Therefore, it is necessary to develop new methods of analysis for these drugs. In summary, the reasons for developing new drug testing methods are the following:

1. The medication or combination of medications cannot be official in any pharmacopoeia.
2. An appropriate analytical procedure for the medication may not be available in the literature due to patent regulations.
3. Methods for testing a drug in combination with other medications may not be available.
4. Analytical methods to quantify the medication in body fluids may not be available.
5. Existing analytical procedures may require expensive reagents and solvents. It can also involve long extraction and separation procedures, which may not be reliable^{1,2}.

DRUG PROFILE

Drug : Empagliflozin
Drug category : Hypoglycemic Agent
Structure :

Chemical name/ Nomenclature / IUPAC Name
 (2S, 3R, 4R, 5S, 6R)-2-[4-chloro-3-({4-[(3S)-oxolan-3-yloxy]phenyl}methyl) phenyl]-6-(hydroxymethyl) oxane-3, 4, 5-triol.

DRUG PROFILE

Drug : Linagliptin
Synonym : (R)-8-(3-Aminopiperidin-1-yl)-7-but-2-ynyl-3-methyl-1-(4-methylquinazolin-2-yl)methyl)-3, 7-dihydro-purine-2, 6-dione
 Trajenta.

Drug category : Antidiabetic Agent
Structure :

Chemical name/ Nomenclature / IUPAC Name
 8-[(3R)-3-aminopiperidin-1-yl]-7-(but-2-yn-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-[(4-methylquinazolin-2-yl)methyl]-2, 3, 6, 7-tetrahydro-1H-purine-2, 6-dione.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Instruments used

Chemicals used

Preparation of Standard Solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Empagliflozin and 10mg of Linagliptin 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 0.15ml of Empagliflozin and 0.9ml of the Linagliptin 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 Tablet and crush in a mortar by using pestle and weight 10 mg equivalent weight of Empagliflozin and Linagliptin 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 0.15ml of Empagliflozin and 0.9ml of the Linagliptin from the above stock solutions into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents.

PREPARATION OF DRUG SOLUTIONS FOR LINEARITY

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Empagliflozin and 10mg of Linagliptin 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)

Preparation of Level - I (5µg/ml of Empagliflozin and 30 µg/ml of Linagliptin)

Pipette out 0.05ml of Empagliflozin and 0.3ml of Linagliptin stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

Preparation of Level - II (10 µg/ml of Empagliflozin and 60 µg/ml of Linagliptin)

Pipette out 0.1ml of Empagliflozin and 0.6ml of Linagliptin stock solutions was take in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

Preparation of Level - III (15 µg/ml of Empagliflozin and 90 µg/ml of Linagliptin)

Pipette out 0.15ml of Empagliflozin and 0.9ml of Linagliptin stock solutions was taken in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

Preparation of Level - IV (20 µg/ml of Empagliflozin and 120 µg/ml of Linagliptin)

Pipette out 0.2ml of Empagliflozin and 1.2ml of Linagliptin stock solutions was taken in a 10ml of volumetric flask dilute up to the mark with diluent.

Preparation of Level - V (25 µg/ml of Empagliflozin and 150 µg/ml of Linagliptin)

Pipette out 0.25ml of Empagliflozin and 1.5ml of Linagliptin stock solutions was taken 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.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Optimized Chromatogram (Standard)

Mobile phase : Water: ACN (15:85% v/v)
 Column : Altima C18 (4.6×150mm, 5.0 µm)
 Flow rate : 1 ml/min
 Wavelength : 234 nm
 Column temp : 35°C
 Injection Volume : 10 µl
 Run time : 14 minutes

Observation

From the above chromatogram it was observed that the Empagliflozin and Linagliptin peaks are well separated and they show proper retention time, resolution, peak tail and plate count. So it's optimized trial.

Optimized Chromatogram (Sample)

Acceptance criteria

- Resolution between two drugs must be not less than 2
- Theoretical plates must be not less than 2000
- Tailing factor must be not less than 0.9 and not more than 2.

- It was found from above data that all the system suitability parameters for developed method were within the limit.

VALIDATION

Blank

System suitability

Acceptance criteria

- %RSD of five different sample solutions should not more than 2
- The %RSD obtained is within the limit, hence the method is suitable.

Acceptance criteria

- %RSD for sample should be NMT 2
- The %RSD for the standard solution is below 1, which is within the limits hence method is precise.

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.

%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 Empagliflozin and Linagliptin in pharmaceutical dosage form was found to be 99.6%.

LINEARITY

CHROMATOGRAPHIC DATA FOR LINEARITY STUDY

Empagliflozin

Linearity plot

The plot of Concentration (x) versus the Average Peak Area (y) data of Empagliflozin is a straight line.

$$Y = mx + c$$

$$\text{Slope (m)} = 19725$$

$$\text{Intercept (c)} = 35332$$

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

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 35332. These values meet the validation criteria.

Linagliptin

Linearity Plot

The plot of Concentration (x) versus the Average Peak Area (y) data of Linagliptin is a straight line.

$$Y = mx + c$$

$$\text{Slope (m)} = 22791$$

$$\text{Intercept (c)} = 56388$$

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

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 56388. 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.

Repeatability

Acceptance criteria

- %RSD for sample should be NMT 2
- The %RSD for the standard solution is below 1, which is within the limits hence method is precise.

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Intermediate precision

Day 1

Acceptance criteria

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Day 2

Acceptance criteria

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- The %RSD obtained is within the limit, hence the method is rugged.

Accuracy

Accuracy at different concentrations (50%, 100%, and 150%) were prepared and the % recovery was calculated.

Accuracy 50%

Acceptance Criteria

- The percentage recovery was found to be within the limit (98-102%).
The results obtained for recovery at 50%, 100%, 150% are within the limits. Hence method is accurate.

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.

$$\text{LOD} = 3.3 \times \sigma / s$$

Where

σ = Standard deviation of the response

S = Slope of the calibration curve

Empagliflozin response standard deviation

$$\sigma = 5877.74$$

$$S = 19726$$

Linagliptin response standard deviation

$$\sigma = 17637.4$$

$$S = 22792$$

RESULTS

Empagliflozin

$$= 3.3 \times 5877.74 / 19726$$

$$= 0.9 \mu\text{g/ml}$$

Linagliptin

$$= 3.3 \times 17637.4 / 22792$$

$$= 2.5 \mu\text{g/ml}$$

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.

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

Where

σ = Standard deviation of the response

S = Slope of the calibration curve

RESULTS

Empagliflozin

$$= 10 \times 5877.74 / 19726$$

$$= 2.9 \mu\text{g/ml}$$

Linagliptin

$$= 10 \times 17637.4 / 22792$$

$$= 7.7 \mu\text{g/ml}$$

Robustness

Acceptance criteria

The tailing factor should be less than 2.0 and the number of theoretical plates (N) should be more than 2000.

Table No.1: Instruments used

S.No	Instruments And Glasswares	Model
1	HPLC	WATERS Alliance 2695 separation module, software: Empower 2, 996 PDA Detector.
2	pH meter	LabIndia
3	Weighing machine	Sartorius
4	Volumetric flasks	Borosil
5	Pipettes and Burettes	Borosil
6	Beakers	Borosil
7	Digital ultra sonicator	Labman

Table No.2: Chemicals used

S.No	Chemical	Brand names
1	Empagliflozin(Pure)	Sura labs
2	Linagliptin(Pure)	Sura labs
3	Water and Methanol for HPLC	LICHROSOLV (MERCK)
4	Acetonitrile for HPLC	Merck

Table No.3: Peak results for trail 4

S. No	Peak name	R _t	Area	Height	USP Resolution	USP Tailing	USP plate count
1	Empagliflozin	2.088	3425413	567933		1.0	5565.5
2	Linagliptin	6.068	1629854	517733	5.6	1.1	5355.2

Table No.4: Optimized Chromatogram (Sample)

S.No	Name	Retention time(min)	Area (μ V sec)	Height (μ V)	USP resolution	USP tailing	USP plate count
1	Empagliflozin	2.090	3468547	567933		1.0	5565.5
2	Linagliptin	6.070	16289441	517733	5.5	1.1	5355.2

Table No.5: Results of system suitability for Empagliflozin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing
1	Empagliflozin	2.080	3569412	567917	5568.0	1.0
2	Empagliflozin	2.080	3465125	517719	6359.2	1.1
3	Empagliflozin	2.080	3598154	567933	5565.5	1.0
4	Empagliflozin	2.081	3586491	517733	5355.2	1.1
5	Empagliflozin	2.081	3582694	567917	6348.0	1.0
Mean			3560375			
Std. Dev			54225.61			
% RSD			1.523031			

Table No.6: Results of method precession for Linagliptin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing	USP Resolution
1	Linagliptin	2.080	3582264	567917	5568.0	1.0	2.5
2	Linagliptin	2.080	3586491	517719	5359.2	1.1	2.5
3	Linagliptin	2.080	3598154	567933	5565.5	1.0	2.5
4	Linagliptin	2.081	3564125	517733	5355.2	1.1	2.5
5	Linagliptin	2.081	3569412	562173	5568.0	1.0	2.5
Mean			3580089				
Std. Dev			13609.81				
% RSD			0.380153				

S.No	Concentration Level (%)	Concentration μ g/ml	Average Peak Area
1	33.3	5	1010252
2	66.6	10	2049374
3	100	15	3072706
4	133.3	20	3921068
5	166.6	25	4952813

S.No	Concentration Level (%)	Concentration μ g/ml	Average Peak Area
1	33	30	8040807
2	66	60	14318417
3	100	90	21087985
4	133	120	27913928
5	166	150	34584741

Table No.7: Results of repeatability for Empagliflozin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing
1	Empagliflozin	2.084	3569412	567917	5568.0	1.0
2	Empagliflozin	2.083	3465125	517719	5359.2	1.1
3	Empagliflozin	2.082	3598154	567933	5565.5	1.0
4	Empagliflozin	2.081	3586491	517733	5355.2	1.1
5	Empagliflozin	2.080	3582694	567917	5568.0	1.0
Mean			3560375			
Std. Dev			54225.61			
% RSD			1.523031			

Table No.8: Results of method precision for Linagliptin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing	USP Resolution
1	Linagliptin	6.056	1582264	567917	5568.0	1.0	5.5
2	Linagliptin	6.057	1586491	517719	5359.2	1.1	5.5
3	Linagliptin	6.058	1598154	567933	5565.5	1.0	5.5
4	Linagliptin	6.059	1564125	517733	5355.2	1.1	5.5
5	Linagliptin	6.060	1569412	562173	5568.0	1.0	5.5
Mean			1580089				
Std. Dev			13609.81				
% RSD			0.861332				

Table No.9: Results of Intermediate precision for Empagliflozin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing
1	Empagliflozin	2.081	3481579	567917	5568.0	1.0
2	Empagliflozin	2.082	3458121	517719	5359.2	1.1
3	Empagliflozin	2.083	3426581	567933	5565.5	1.0
4	Empagliflozin	2.084	3465712	517733	5355.2	1.1
5	Empagliflozin	2.085	3451476	567917	5568.0	1.0
6	Empagliflozin	2.085	3452106	567514	5359.2	1.1
Mean			3455929			
Std. Dev			18188.92			
% RSD			0.5			

Table No.10: Results of Intermediate precision for Linagliptin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing	USP Resolution
1	Linagliptin	6.061	15481579	567917	5568.0	1.0	2.5
2	Linagliptin	6.062	15369852	517719	5359.2	1.1	2.5
3	Linagliptin	6.063	15248454	567933	5565.5	1.0	2.5
4	Linagliptin	6.064	15874692	517733	5355.2	1.1	2.5
5	Linagliptin	6.064	15236547	567933	5568.0	1.0	2.5
6	Linagliptin	6.064	15217547	567133	5359.2	1.1	2.5
Mean			15404779				
Std. Dev			251289.4				
% RSD			1.6				

Table No.11: Results of Intermediate precision Day 2 for Empagliflozin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing
1	Empagliflozin	2.081	3481579	567917	5568.0	1.0
2	Empagliflozin	2.082	3458121	517719	5359.2	1.1
3	Empagliflozin	2.083	3426581	567933	5565.5	1.0
4	Empagliflozin	2.084	3465712	517733	5355.2	1.1
5	Empagliflozin	2.085	3451476	567917	5568.0	1.0
6	Empagliflozin	2.085	3452106	567514	5359.2	1.1
Mean			3455929			
Std. Dev			18188.92			
% RSD			0.5			

Table No.12: Results of Intermediate precision for Linagliptin

S.No	Name	Rt	Area	Height	USP plate count	USP Tailing	USP Resolution
1	Linagliptin	6.061	15481579	567917	5568.0	1.0	2.5
2	Linagliptin	6.062	15369852	517719	5359.2	1.1	2.5
3	Linagliptin	6.063	15248454	567933	5565.5	1.0	2.5
4	Linagliptin	6.064	15874692	517733	5355.2	1.1	2.5
5	Linagliptin	6.064	15236547	567933	5568.0	1.0	2.5
6	Linagliptin	6.064	15217547	567133	5359.2	1.1	2.5
Mean			15404779				
Std. Dev			251289.4				
% RSD			1.6				

The accuracy results for Empagliflozin

% Concentration (at specification Level)	Area	Amount Added (ppm)	Amount Found (ppm)	% Recovery	Mean Recovery
50%	1543793	7.5	7.51	101.9	100.9%
100%	3035883	15	15.1	101.4	
150%	4451005	22.5	22.47	99.4	

The accuracy results for Linagliptin

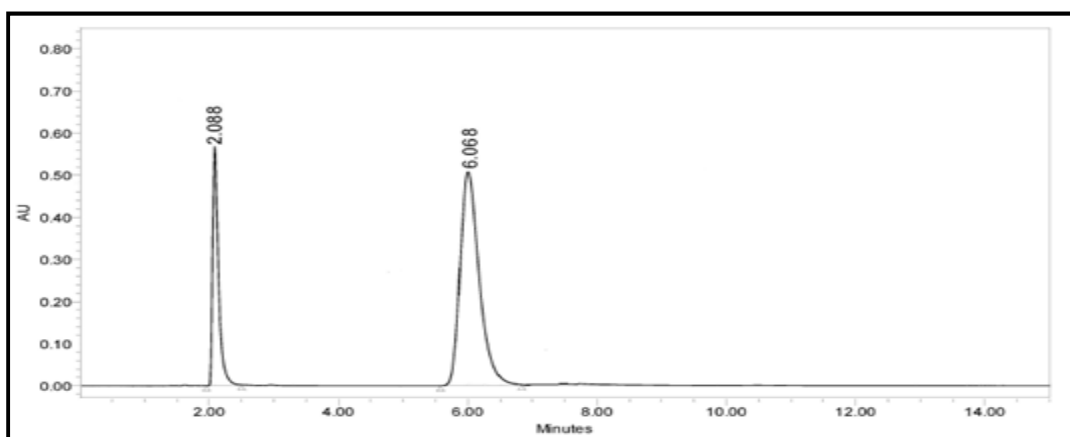
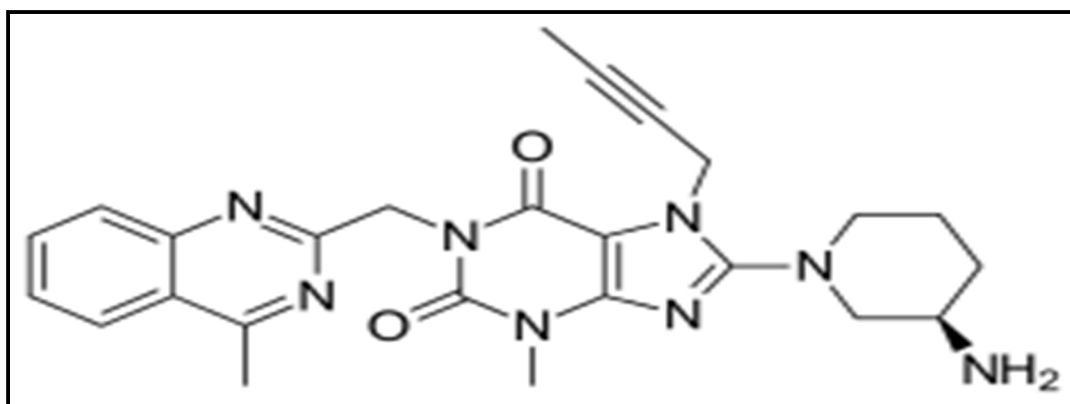
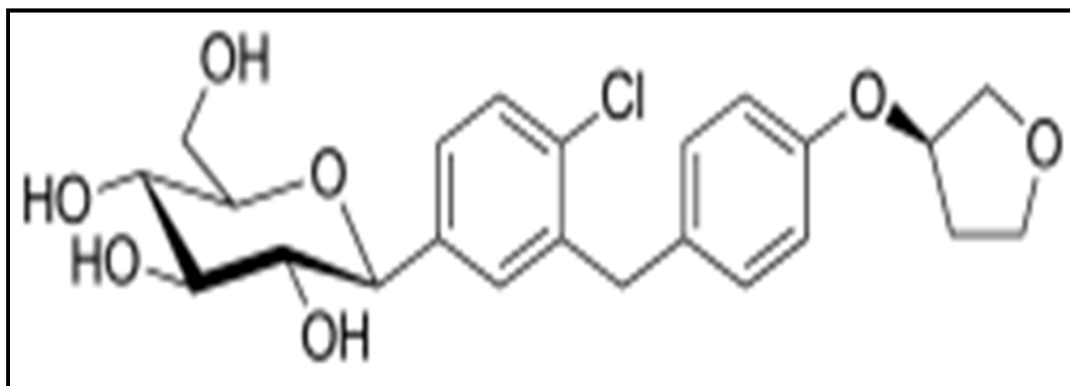
% Concentration (at specification Level)	Area	Amount Added (ppm)	Amount Found (ppm)	% Recovery	Mean Recovery
50%	1084420	45	45.01	100.2	99.6%
100%	2096069	90	89.9	99.4	
150%	3112684	135	134.9	99.5	

**Table No.13: Results for Robustness
Empagliflozin**

S.No	Parameter used for sample analysis	Peak Area	Retention Time	Theoretical plates	Tailing factor
1	Flow rate of 1.0 mL/min	3425413	2.088	5568.2	1.0
2	Flow rate of 0.9 mL/min	3425282	3.111	5922.2	1.2
3	Flow rate of 1.1 mL/min	3517879	1.880	5868.8	1.2
4	Less aqueous phase	3175485	3.101	5836.2	1.2
5	More aqueous phase	3365431	1.881	5282.6	1.1

Linagliptin

S.No	Parameter used for sample analysis	Peak Area	Retention Time	Theoretical plates	Tailing factor
1	Flow rate of 1.0 mL/min	2029854	6.068	5359.2	1.1
2	Flow rate of 0.9 mL/min	1738319	7.101	5999.1	1.2
3	Flow rate of 1.1 mL/min	1638304	5.007	5989.2	1.1
4	Less aqueous phase	1973724	7.108	5387.2	1.1
5	More aqueous phase	2102838	5.008	5938.1	1.1



Optimized Chromatogram

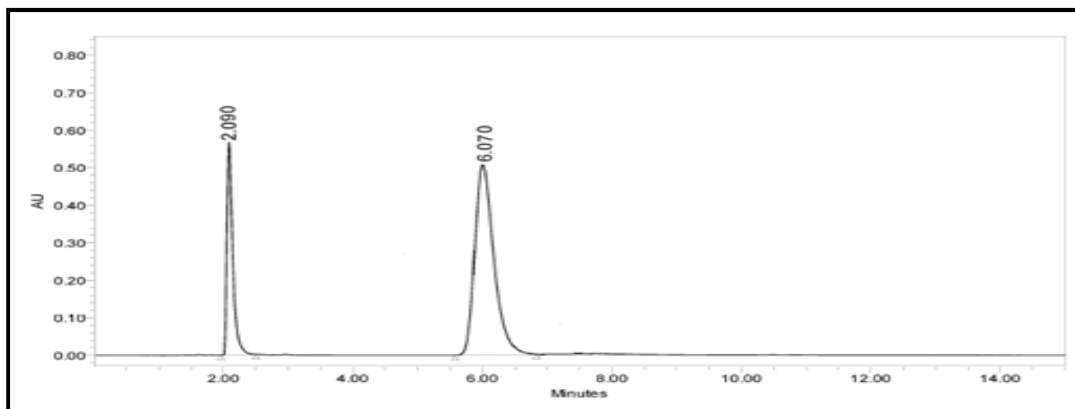


Figure No.1: Optimized Chromatogram (Sample)

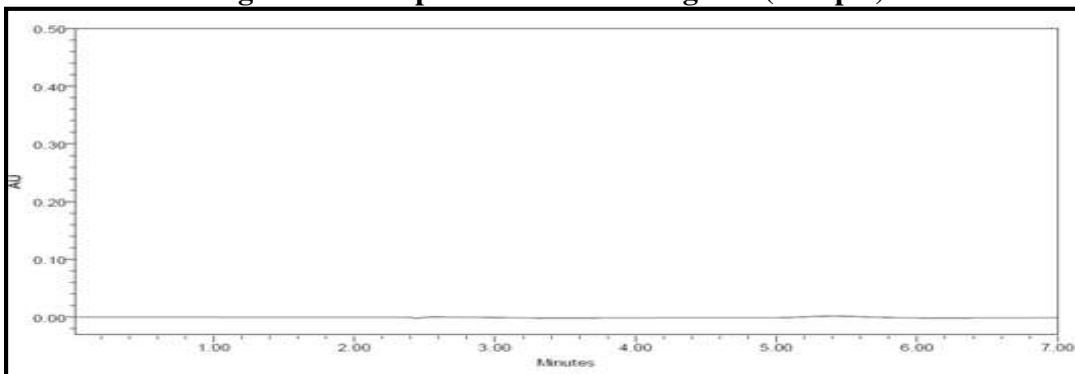


Figure No.2: Chromatogram showing blank (mobile phase preparation)

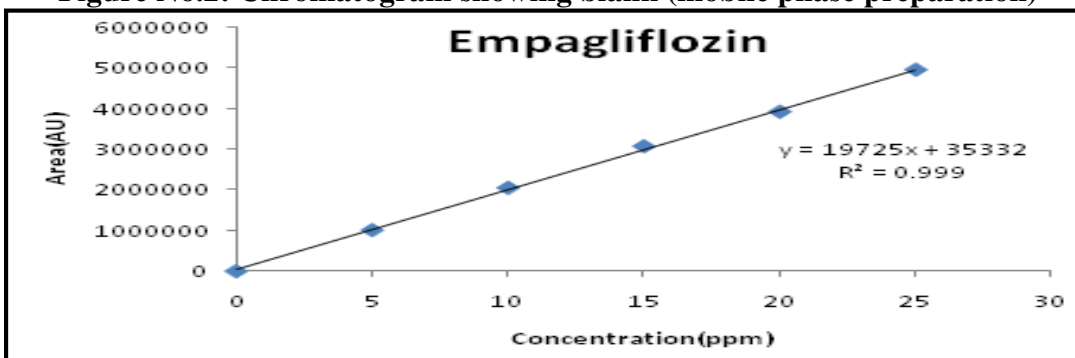


Figure No.3: Calibration graph for Empagliflozin

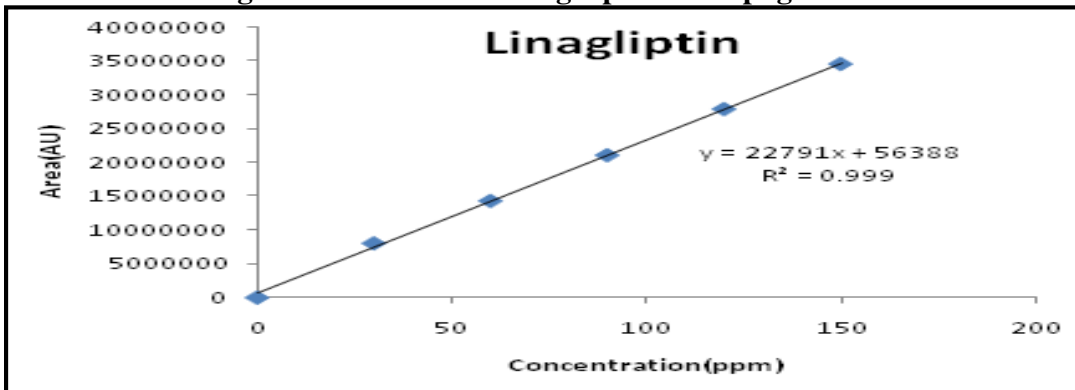


Figure No.4: Calibration graph for Linagliptin

CONCLUSION

- In the present investigation, a simple, sensitive, precise and accurate RP-HPLC method was developed for the quantitative estimation of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin in bulk drug and pharmaceutical dosage forms.
- This method was simple, since diluted samples are directly used without any preliminary chemical derivatisation or purification steps.
- Linagliptin and Empagliflozin was freely soluble in ethanol, methanol and sparingly soluble in water.
- Water: ACN (15:85% v/v) was chosen as the mobile phase. The solvent system used in this method was economical.
- The %RSD values were within 2 and the method was found to be precise.
- The results expressed in Tables for RP-HPLC method was promising. The RP-HPLC method is more sensitive, accurate and precise compared to the Spectrophotometric methods.
- This method can be used for the routine determination of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin in bulk drug and in Pharmaceutical dosage forms.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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