

RESEARCH ARTICLE

**NEW ANALYTICAL METHOD
DEVELOPMENT AND
VALIDATION OF ABACAVIR
BY RP-HPLC**

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ABSTRACT

A simple, precise, accurate, specific and RP-HPLC method was developed for determination of Abacavir in pharmaceutical formulation.

BACKGROUND: The presented method is simple, since diluted samples are directly used without any preliminary chemical dramatization or purification steps.

OBJECTIVE: The proposed method was validated for various ICH parameters like linearity, limit of detection, accuracy, precision, ruggedness, robustness, and system suitability.

METHOD: A RP-HPLC assay utilized Symmetry C18 (4.6 x 150mm, 5 m, Make: XTerra) or equivalent with mobile phase composition of ph 7 buffer: acetonitrile [40:60] was used, and flow rate was 0.8 ml min⁻¹ with UV detection at 285 nm. The retention time Abacavir of was 2.573 min respectively. The total RP-HPLC run time was 5 min.

RESULT: Linearity was observed over concentration range of 20-60 µg/ml for Abacavir.

Conclusion: Commercial tablet formulations and laboratory prepared dilutions were successfully analyzed using the developed methods.

INTRODUCTION TO ANALYSIS¹:

Analysis is important in any product or service, but in drug it is very important as it involves life. In comparison to general consumer products, in drugs there is and there can be only quality/standard product and no other product this comes from series of tests from quality control, starting from raw materials in process during manufacture, finished product is the moral obligation to the patients, hence the manufacture and quality of drugs should be taken care off..These tests may vary from single entity or combination of several potent drugs in formulation these tests of quality control may belong to the following types:

1. Chemical methods
2. Physicochemical methods
3. Microbiological methods
4. Biological methods

INTRODUCTION TO CHROMATOGRAPHY:

CHROMATOGRAPHY²:

A method of separating and identifying the components of a complex mixture by differential movement through a two-phase system, in which the movement is effected by a

flow of a liquid or a gas (mobile phase) which percolates through an adsorbent (stationary phase) or a second liquid phase.

TYPES OF CHROMATOGRAPHY:

- Paper Chromatography
- Column Chromatography
- Thin Layer Chromatography
- Gas Chromatography
- Ion Exchange Chromatography
- Affinity Chromatography
- Two-Dimensional Chromatography
- High Performance (Pressure) Liquid Chromatography
- High Pressure Thin Layer Chromatography

HPLC (High Pressure / Performance Liquid Chromatography)³

PRINCIPLE:

The main principle involved in HPLC is adsorption. When a mixture of components is introduced into a HPLC column, they travel according to their relative affinities towards the stationary phase. The component which has more affinity towards the adsorbent travels slower. The component which has less affinity towards the stationary phase travels faster. Since no two components have the same affinity towards the stationary phase, the components are separated.

The technique of high performance liquid chromatography is so called because of its improved performance when compared to classical column chromatography. It is also called as high pressure liquid chromatography since high pressure is used when compared to classical column chromatography.

TYPES OF HPLC TECHNIQUES:

(A) BASED ON MODES OF CHROMATOGRAPHY:

- (1) Normal-phase chromatography
- (2) Reversed-phase chromatography (RPC)

(B) BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION:

- (1) Adsorption chromatography
- (2) Chiral Phase chromatography
- (3) Size-exclusion (or) Gel Permeation chromatography
- (4) Ion-exchange chromatography
- (5) Ion – Pair chromatography
- (6) Affinity chromatography

(C) ELUTION TECHNIQUE:

- (1) Isocratic Separation

- (2) Gradient Separation

(D) BASED ON SCALE OF OPERATION:

- (1) Analytical HPLC
- (2) Preparative HPLC

(E) BASED ON TYPE OF ANALYSIS:

- (1) Qualitative Analysis
- (2) Quantitative Analysis

INSTRUMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Pumps- solvent delivery system
- ❖ Mixing unit, gradient controller and solvent degassing
- ❖ Injector- manual or auto injectors
- ❖ Guard column
- ❖ Analytical columns
- ❖ Detectors
- ❖ Recorders and Integrators

THE SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF HPLC:

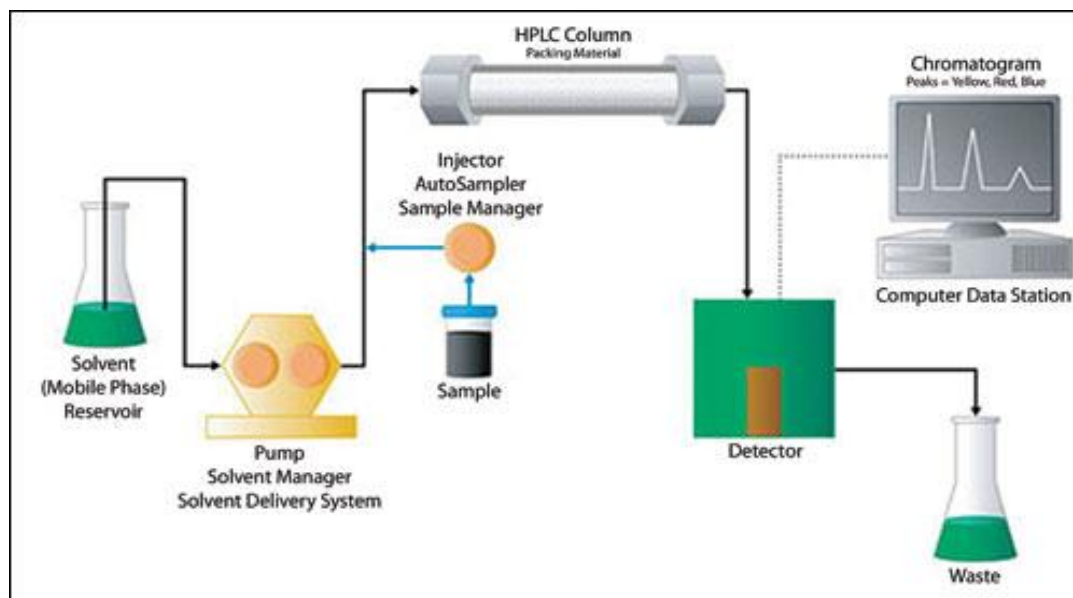


Fig 1: Instrumentation of HPLC



Fig 2: HPLC equipment

PARAMETERS USED IN HPLC⁴:

- Retention time
- Retention volume
- Separation factor
- Resolution
- Theoretical plate
- HETP- Height Equivalent to a Theoretical Plate
- Efficiency (no of theoretical plates)
- Assymetry factor- Fronting Tailing

RP-HPLC (Reverse Phase High Pressure Liquid Chromatography)⁵

INTRODUCTION:

Reversed-phase chromatography (RP-HPLC) separates molecules on the basis of differences in their hydrophobicity. The components of the analyst mixture pass over stationary-phase particles bearing pores large enough for them to enter, where interactions with the hydrophobic⁶ surface removes them from the flowing mobile-phase stream. The strength and nature of the interaction between the sample particles and the stationary phase depends on both hydrophobic interactions and polar interactions. As the concentration of organic solvent in the eluant increases, it reaches a critical value for each analyzed which desorbs it from the hydrophobic stationary-phase surface and allows it to elute from the column in the flowing mobile phase⁷.

Since this elution depends on the precise distribution of hydrophobic residues in each species, each analyte elutes from the column at a characteristic time, and the resulting peak can be used to confirm its identity and quantify it.

Mobile phase solvents:

- Main solvent : MeOH-H₂O, CH₃CN - H₂O
- Sub solvent : EtOH, IPA, THF, DMF
- Additive : Acid, Salt, Ion-pairing agent

MATERIALS AND METHODS

DRUG: Abacavir

MOBILE PHASE: Acetonitrile + Buffer (60:40)

METHODOLOGY

RP-HPLC METHOD

DETERMINATION OF ABACAVIR BY REVERSE PHASE HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY (RP-HPLC)

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retention time of Abacavir was 2.573 min respectively. The total RP-HPLC run time was 5 min. Linearity was observed over concentration range of 20-60 µg/ml for Abacavir. The proposed method was validated for various ICH parameters like linearity, limit of detection, accuracy, precision, ruggedness, robustness, and system suitability. Commercial tablet formulations and laboratory prepared dilutions were successfully analyzed using the developed methods.

METHOD VALIDATION

(A) PRECISION

PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTION:

Accurately weigh and transfer 10 mg of Abacavir Working standard into a 10 ML volumetric flask add about 7 ML of Diluents

and sonicate to dissolve it completely and make volume up to the mark with the same solvent. (Stock solution)

PREPARATION OF 40 µG/ML SOLUTION:

Further pipette 0.4 ml of the above stock solution into a 10ml volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with diluents. Mix well and filter through 0.45µm filter

PROCEDURE

The standard 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.

RESULTS

S.NO	LINEARITY	CONCENTRATION	AREA
1.	I	20µg/ml	1446976
2.	II	30µg/ml	2032387
3.	III	40µg/ml	2668344
4.	IV	50µg/ml	3324757
5.	V	60µg/ml	3869812
Correlation coefficient			0.999

Table 1: Linearity studies of Abacavir in RPHPLC

PRECISION STUDIES:

INJECTION	AREA
Injection-1	3065639
Injection-2	2991185
Injection-3	2992147
Injection-4	3047484
Injection-5	3015295
AVERAGE	3022350
STANDARD DEVIATION	33312.8
%RSD	1.10

Table 2: Precision studies of Abacavir in RPHPLC

INTERMEDIATE PRECISION:

INJECTION	AREA
Injection-1	2720665
Injection-2	2732682
Injection-3	2732214
Injection-4	2723099
Injection-5	2718033
AVERAGE	2725349
STANDARD DEVIATION	6721.2
%RSD	0.25

Table 3: Intermediate Precision studies of Abacavir in RP-HPLC

ACCURACY STUDIES:

% CONCENTRATION (at specification Level)	AREA	AMOUNT ADDED (mg)	AMOUNT FOUND (mg)	% RECOVERY	MEAN
50%	1551884	5.23	5.29	101.3%	99.9%
100%	2842401	9.8	9.70	99.0%	
150%	3987551	15.0	14.9	99.5%	

Table 4: Accuracy studies of Abacavir in RP-HPLC

S.NO	FLOW RATE	SYSTEM SUITABILITY RESULTS	
		USP PLATE COUNT	USP TAILING
1	0.6	2264.7	1.7
2	0.8	2349.5	1.6
3	1.0	2087.4	1.5

Table 5:Effect of variation of flow rate

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Table 6:Effect of variation of organic phase

RP-HPLC METHOD

The objective of the proposed work was to develop methods for the determination of Abacavir and to validate the methods according to ICH guidelines and applying the same for its estimation in pharmaceutical formulations. There is no official method for the estimation of Abacavir. The present developed HPLC method developed was found to be rapid, simple, precise, accurate and economic for routine estimation of Abacavir in commercial dosage forms.

In RP- HPLC method, HPLC conditions were optimized to obtain, an adequate separation of eluted compounds. Initially, various mobile phase compositions were tried to elute title ingredient. Mobile phase and flow rate selection was based on peak parameters (height, capacity, theoretical plates, tailing or symmetry factor), run time, resolution. The average retention time for Abacavir was found to be 2.57 ± 0.002 min. To ascertain its effectiveness, system suitability tests were carried out on freshly prepared stock solutions. The calibration was linear in concentration range of $20-60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$.

The low values of % R.S.D indicate the method is precise and accurate. The mean recoveries were found in the range of 98.5 – 102 % .Sample

to sample precision and accuracy were evaluated using three samples of five different concentrations, which were prepared and analyzed on same day. Day to day variability was assessed using five concentrations analyzed on three trials over a period of three days. These results show the accuracy and reproducibility of the assay.

The proposed methods are accurate, simple, rapid and selective for the estimation of Abacavir in pharmaceutical formulations.

CONCLUSION

RP-HPLC method

For routine analytical purpose it is desirable to establish methods capable of analysing huge number of samples in a short time period with good robust, accuracy and precision without any prior separation step. HPLC method generate large amount of quality data which serve as highly powerful and convenient analytical tool.

The run time of the HPLC procedure is only 5 minutes. Good agreement was seen in the assay results of pharmaceutical formulation as well as in laboratory prepared mixtures by developed methods. We concluded that all the proposed methods are a good approach for obtaining

reliable results and were found to be suitable for the routine estimation of Abacavir in pharmaceutical formulation.

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