First and Second Derivative Spectrophotometric Methods for Determination of Paliperidone in Pharmaceutical Formulation

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Abstract— Simple, fast and reliable derivative spectrophotometric methods were developed for determination of paliperidone in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage forms. The solutions of standard and the sample were prepared in methanol. The quantitative determination of the drug was carried out using the first derivative values measured at 248 nm and the second derivative values measured at 246 nm (n=6). Calibration graphs constructed at their wavelengths of determination were linear in the concentration range of paliperidone using 2-10 μg/ml for first and second derivative spectrophotometric method. The calibration graphs constructed at their wavelength of determination were found to be linear for UV and derivative spectrophotometric methods. All the proposed methods have been extensively validated as per ICH guidelines. There was no significant difference between the performance of the proposed methods regarding the mean values and standard deviations. Developed spectrophotometric methods in this study are simple, accurate, precise, specific, sensitive, and reproducible and can be directly and easily applied to pharmaceutical dosage form.

Keywords: Paliperidone, Derivative spectrophotometric, First derivative spectrum, Second derivative spectrum.

INTRODUCTION:
Paliperidone is the major active metabolite of risperidone which is a widely used as atypical antipsychotic ((Sherje and Londeh 2015)). Paliperidone is a benzisoxazolo derivative and approved for the treatment of schizophrenia ((Mathew, Joshi Chintankumar, and Jonils 2011)) and other psychiatric disorders Chemically it is (±)-3-[2-(4-(6-fluoropyridin-2,1-benzisoxazol-3-yl)-1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-9-hydroxy-2-methyl-1Hpyridol[1,2-alpyrimidin-4-one with empirical formula C_{27}H_{27}FN_{2}O_{3} and molecular weight 426.49 ((Nageswara Rao, Ganapaty, and Lakshmana Rao 2013)). Specific mechanism is not know. Its therapeutic effect may be due to combination of D2 and 5-HT receptor antagonism (Barbosa et al. 2012)). Paliperidone has an antagonistic effect on α1 and α2 adrenergic receptors and H1 histaminic receptors ((Mathew, Joshi Chintankumar, and Jonils 2011)). The drug was approved on December 20, 2006 by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Trivedi et al. 2013)). Extensive literature survey reveals RP-HPLC method ((Nageswara Rao, Ganapaty, and Lakshmana Rao 2013; JadHAV et al. 2011)) Extraction Procedure and Chromatographic Analysis (Trivedi et al. 2013)). Stress degradation studies ((Chaudhari et al. 2013)). UFLC method ((Bendu, Dhekale, et al. 2012)) Spectrophotometric Method (Nagar and Pradesh 2014; Davidson et al. 2007)) Derivative spectrophotometry is an analytical technique of great utility for extracting both qualitative and quantitative information from spectra composed of unresolved bands, and for eliminating the effect of baseline shifts and baseline tilts(Swamalatha et al. 2014)

Other methods for determination of paliperidone:- Reverse phase HPLC method: - This was developed and validated for the assay of paliperidone in pure and tablets. Analysis was carried out on Shimadzu HPLC model equipped with inertsil, LC-10AT pump, inertsil ODS C-18 column variable wavelength programmable UV-Detector SPD-10AVP and rhodine injector with 20 μL fixed loop. Acetonitrile and methanol in the ratio 10:90 v/v at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min was employed for elution and the components were detected at 235 nm at ambient temperature. The method was validated as per the ICH guidelines. The retention time for paliperidone was found to be 5.67 min. Linearity was observed in the concentration range of 20-120 ppm with correlation coefficient 0.9990. The percent of relative standard deviation of six replicate measurements was found to be 1.25 indicate that the proposed method was precise. Recovery studies were conducted at three different concentration levels within the linearity limits and the average percent of recovery was 99.56. The amount of paliperidone drug content present in tablet dosage form was determined and found to be 99.80%. Therefore, the developed method was simple, precise and accurate and can be successfully applied for the estimation of paliperidone in pharmaceutical dosage forms. (( et al. 2012))

UPLC Method: - This method is applicable to the quantification of related substances and assay of Paliperidone palmitate. Chromatographic separation was
achieved on Acquity UPLC BEH (50 mm, 2.1 mm, and 1.7 µm) C-18 column, and the impurities were eluted with a gradient program of runtime about 10.0 min (Chen et al. 2014)). The eluted compounds were monitored at 238 nm, the flow rate was 0.5 mL/min, and the column oven temperature was maintained at 35°C. The resolution of Paliperidone palmitate and eight (potential, bi-products and degradation) impurities was greater than 2.0 for all pairs of components. The high correlation coefficient (r² > 0.999) values indicated clear correlations between the investigated compound concentrations and their peak areas within the test ranges. The repeatability and intermediate precision, expressed by RSD, were less than 10.0%. The accuracy and validity of the method were further ascertained by performing recovery studies via a spike method. The accuracy of the method expressed as relative error was satisfactory. The drug was subjected to the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) prescribed hydrolytic, oxidative, photolytic, and thermal stress conditions. The performance of the method was validated according to the present ICH guidelines for specificity, limit of detection, limit of quantification, linearity, accuracy, precision, ruggedness, and robustness. (Bindu, Dhekale, et al. 2012)

Four simple, sensitive, rapid and accurate analytical methods have been developed for the estimation of paliperidone in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage forms. Method I was a precise reverse phase HPLC involving an isocratic elution of Paliperidone in a column of Phenomenex CIS, using a mobile phase composition of acetonitrile: Methanol: Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (45:30:25, v/v). The flow rate was 1.0 ml/min and the effluent was monitored at 275 nm and retention time was observed at 4.15 mm. Forced degradation studies were carried out in acid and basic medium, oxidative degradation in H2O2 and as well as uv photo to stability studies (Sherje and Londhe 2015; Bindu, Reddy, et al. 2012).

Method II & III are visible spectrophotometric methods based on the formation of red coloured complex between Paliperidone and PDACA which showed linearity in the concentration range 20-120 µg/ml and between Paliperidone and 4 Amino phenazone in red coloured chromogen which obeyed Beer's law 30-150 µg/ml at absorbance maxima of 460 nm and 532 nm respectively (Rele 2017a; 2017b)

Method IV was a simple ultraviolet spectroscopic method was developed for the estimation of Paliperidone in 0.1N HC1 which obeyed Beer's law in the linearity range 5-25 µg/ml at 275 nm. The proposed methods are optimized and validated as per the ICH guidelines (Patil and Shirkhedkar 2015). Recovery of paliperidone in the proposed methods was found to be in the range of 97.5-99.2 %. The proposed methods can be used for routine analysis for the estimation of paliperidone in formulations. (Mathew, Joshi Chintankumar, and Joniils 2011)

Derivative spectroscopy is a simple, sensitive, rapid, accurate, precise and economical methods for the estimation of paliperidone by UV, first and second derivative spectrophotometric methods in tablet formulation. Or

Derivative spectroscopy is a simple sensitive and economical method with minimal reagents and development period when compared with other analytical techniques

The current study focuses on developing a simple, sensitive novel derivative spectrophotometric methods for the estimation of Paliperidone in pure and pharmaceutical formulation and validate the method using standard ICH guidelines.((Davidson et al. 2007)

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**INSTRUMENTATION:**

UV and derivative spectra of the solutions were recorded on double beam UV–Vis spectrophotometer Shimadzu-1800 using 10mm path length quartz cells with fixed slit width of 2 nm at a scanning speed of 1000 nm/min scan range of 200–400 nm, data pitch 0.5 nm.

**CHEMICALS:**

Paliperidone pure sample was obtained as a gift sample from RL fine chemicals ltd, Bangalore, India. Tablet formulation (Palido OD 3, Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd, India) containing 3 mg paliperidone was purchased from the local pharmacy. Methanol used was of analytical grade and was purchased from Merck Chemicals, India.

**SELECTION OF SOLVENT:**

Paliperidone is soluble in methanol and derivative spectra of the drug showed zero crossing points. Hence methanol was selected as the solvent for the method.
PREPARATION OF STANDARD SOLUTIONS:
Stock solution of 1000 μg/ml of paliperidone was prepared in methanol, for first and second derivative spectrophotometric analysis. The standard solutions were prepared by dilution of the stock solution with methanol in a concentration range of 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 μg/ml for first and second derivative spectrophotometric methods. Methanol was used as a blank solution.

ASSAY PROCEDURE:
A total of 20 tablets of paliperidone were accurately weighed and powdered. An amount of tablet triturate equivalent to label claim of paliperidone was weighed and transferred in 10 ml calibrated volumetric flask, diluted with methanol stirred for about 45 min and then volume made up with methanol. This solution was filtered to remove any insoluble matter. The filtrate was collected in a clean volumetric flask. Appropriate dilutions were made to obtain 10 μg/ml with methanol from stock solution for both UV and derivative spectrophotometric methods (Table 7).

VALIDATION:
The proposed method was validated according to the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines.

LINEARITY:
From the standard stock solution of paliperidone, appropriate aliquots were pipetted out in to A series of volumetric flasks and volume was made up with methanol to get concentrations of 2-10µg/ml. Absorbances of these solutions was measured at 279 for zero order spectroscopy, 248 for first order derivative spectroscopy and at 246 nm for second order spectroscopy.

Standard graphs of linearity for proposed methods Results were shown in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3.

PRECISION:
To evaluate the precision of the method, pure drug solution (Within the Linearity range of 2-10µg/ml) was analyzed and being repeated six times. The relative error (%) and relative standard deviation (%) were less than 2.0 and indicate the high precision for the proposed methods (Table 4).

L.O.Q and L.O.D
The limits of detection and quantification of the proposed method was also analysed and reported (Table 5).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Linearity:
The UV, first and second derivative spectra for paliperidone were recorded at the wavelength of 279nm, 248nm, 246 nm respectively (Figure 3, Figure 5 and Figure 7). The proposed method was found that the drug obeys linearity with in concentration range of 2-10µg/ml (Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3) and (Figure 2, Figure 4 and Figure 6).

Table 1: Linearity of UV for Paliperidone

| Slno | Concentration | Absorbance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 1    | 2             | 0.068      |
| 2    | 4             | 0.084      |
| 3    | 6             | 0.16       |
| 4    | 8             | 0.196      |
| 5    | 10            | 0.236      |

Slope =0.0249, Intercept 0.003, Correlation coefficient=0.9841

Figure 2: Calibration curve of UV for Paliperidone
Figure 3: Overlay spectra of UV

![Overlay spectra of UV](image)

Table 2: Linearity first derivative

| Slno | Concentration | Absorbance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 1    | 2             | -0.005     |
| 2    | 4             | -0.008     |
| 3    | 6             | -0.013     |
| 4    | 8             | -0.016     |
| 5    | 10            | -0.021     |

Slope = -0.002, Intercept = -0.006, Correlation coefficient = 0.9926

Figure 4: Calibration curve of first derivative

![Calibration curve of first derivative](image)

\[ y = -0.002x - 0.0003 \]

\[ R^2 = 0.9953 \]
Table 3: Linearity of second derivative

| Slno | Concentration | Absorbance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 1    | 2             | -0.002     |
| 2    | 4             | -0.003     |
| 3    | 6             | -0.004     |
| 4    | 8             | -0.005     |
| 5    | 10            | -0.006     |

Slope = -0.0006, Intercept = 0.0005, Correlation coefficient = 0.9796

Figure 5: Overlay spectra of first derivative

![Figure 5](image)

Figure 6: Calibration curve of second derivative

![Figure 6](image)
From the precision studies it was found that the % RSD was less than 2% which indicates that the method has good reproducibility. To determine the precision of the method, paliperidone solution of concentration 6 μg/ml was analyzed six times for UV, first and second derivative spectrophotometric methods (Table 4).

Table 4: Precision data for paliperidone.

| Slno | Concentration | Absorbance | Intraday precision | Interday precision |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|      |               |            | UV                 | First derivative   | Second derivative |
|      |               |            | Second             |                    |                    |
|      |               |            | derivative         |                    |                    |
|      |               |            | UV                 | First derivative   | Second derivative |
|      |               |            |                    |                    |                    |
|      |               |            |                    |                    |                    |

| LOD and LOQ: | |
| The LOD and LOQ values of paliperidone for UV, first and second derivative were recorded (Table 5) |

Table 5: LOD and LOQ of paliperidone

| LOD     | UV    | First derivative | Second derivative |
|---------|-------|------------------|-------------------|
| 0.397μg | 0.272μg | 0.25μg           |
| 1.204μg | 1.038μg | 0.897μg          |

Accuracy:
The % recovery values of indicates that the method is accurate and reveals that commonly used excipients and additives present in the pharmaceutical formulations did not interfere in the proposed method. (Table 6)

Table 6: % recovery of paliperidone

| UV    | First derivative | Second derivative |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|
| 80%   | 98.14%           | 101%              |
| 100%  | 98.75%           | 99.01%            |
| 120%  | 99.17%           | 100.12%           |

Assay of marketed formulation:
Percentage of paliperidone in the marketed formulation was calculated and reported (Table 7).
CONCLUSION:
Due to high sensitivity and simple sample preparation, the methods described can be used for undergraduate studies. Moreover, simple spectrophotometric methods have obvious advantages over sophisticated instrumental analysis such as HPLC. This method was validated for precision, linearity and accuracy as per ICH guidelines. All the above parameters lead to the conclusion that the proposed method is accurate, precise, simple, sensitive and cost effective and can be applied successfully for the routine estimation of paliperidone in bulk and pharmaceutical formulation.

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Table 7: Assay of marketed formulation

| Brand name | Available form | Label claim | Amount found | Assay |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| UV         | Palido        | Tablet      | 3mg          | 2.931 | 97.7% |
| First derivative | Palido        | Tablet      | 3mg          | 2.962 | 98.73 |
| Second derivative | Palido        | Tablet      | 3mg          | 2.989 | 99.63 |

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