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Comparative Liquid Chromatographic Study for Concurrent Determination of Canagliflozin and Metformin in Combined Tablets

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New HPLC-UV method (method A), for simultaneous determination of metformin (MET) and canagliflozin (CANA), was developed and compared to another novel UPLC-UV method (method B) in their tablet combination. Concerning method A, isocratic separation was done by C18 column (100 mm × 2.1 mm, 3 μm) using methanol and 0.03 M phosphate buffer (75:25, v/v) at pH 3.2 as a mobile phase. Meanwhile, chromatographic separation in method B was achieved via Hypersil® gold (50 mm × 2.1 mm, 1.9 μm). Mobile phase was methanol and 0.03 M phosphate buffer at ratio of 80:20 v/v. In both, detection was done at wavelength of 240 nm. Method A showed satisfactory linearity results over 1–50 μg mL⁻¹ and 0.5–100 μg mL⁻¹, while method B linearity was at 0.1–50 μg mL⁻¹ and 0.25–100 μg mL⁻¹ for CANA and MET, respectively. In terms of accuracy and precision, method A accuracy was 99.81±0.73 and 99.37±0.54, while method B gave accuracy of 99.47±1.03 and 99.73±0.89 for CANA and MET, respectively. For precision, the % RSD was found to be less than 2% for three concentrations analyzed three times. The two methods are convenient for quality laboratories, yet the UPLC method offered the advantage of shorter run times and higher sensitivity.

1. Introduction

Diabetes mellitus type 2 (DMT2) is a progressive disease, and to fully control hyperglycemia after initial monotherapy and lifestyle modification, combination treatments are usually needed to maintain glycemic control [1].

Metformin hydrochloride (MET) (Figure 1(b)) is the most widely used drug for the treatment of DMT2 with a dimethylbiguanidine structure. Metformin-based combinations are found to be better in efficacy and tolerance rather than other single hypoglycemic agent therapy. The therapeutic properties of metformin are due to its action in suppressing glucose production by liver, especially gluconeogenesis. Also metformin increases the insulin sensitivity in peripheral tissue [2, 3].

Canagliflozin (CANA), the other agent in this binary study (Figure 1(a)), is sodium glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor, which was developed for DMT2 treatment by Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2014. Canagliflozin improves urinary glucose excretion via decreasing the glucose renal threshold. SGLT2 is glucose transporter with low affinity and high capacity which is the main cause for renal reabsorption of glucose [4].

Because CANA is a relatively new drug, there are no official methods for its analysis in pharmacopeias but MET has authentic techniques of analysis in the British Pharmacopeia (BP) [5] and United State Pharmacopeia (USP) [6]. Referring to the literature, sparse methods were proclaimed [7–9] for concentration assurance of CANA and MET simultaneously in pharmaceutical preparations or in laboratory prepared...
mixtures. An objective comparison between the reported and proposed methods was manifested in Table 1 to facilitate proper understanding of the aim of this study.

Other few methods were found for determination of CANA alone, either in dosage form or in plasma. Patel et al. [10] and Kaur et al. [11] achieved concentration determination of CANA in bulk and in its dosage form using UV-spectroscopy. While Suneetha and Sharmila [12] achieved more sensitive method using reversed phase HPLC technique, Iqbal et al. [13, 14] have performed UHPLC method for detection of CANA in plasma using MS/MS and fluorescence detectors each in a separate study. Despite the low limit of detection and quantification achieved in this study, mass and fluorescence detectors are considered quiet expensive and less notorious. They may not be used as regular method in quality control laboratories.

On the contrary, various analysis methodologies were developed for investigation of MET using both spectrophotometry and chromatographic techniques. Metformin was determined via UV-spectrophotometry in presence of the recent empagliflozin in their dosage form [15] and of trending gliptins: alogliptin and linagliptin either in prepared mixtures or in marketed dosage forms [16, 17]. In addition to that, there are remarked methods reported for analysis of MET utilizing either ultra or high performance liquid chromatography with other hypoglycemic agents such as empagliflozin [18], linagliptin, alogliptin, pioglitazone [19], sitagliptin [20, 21], and sitagliptin degradation product. Recently, the sensitive LC-MS technique with various bioanalytical applications was also found in literature for MET detection and quantification [22–27].

There is no UPLC-UV method found, for CANA and MET simultaneous quantification in tablets. Moreover, UPLC is proven to be more economic than HPLC with less organic solvent consumption and less run time and resulting in relatively more sharp peaks. Besides, UPLC offers higher sensitivity in nanogram level facilitating development of new bioanalytical methods for the studied drugs.

### Table 1: Comparison between different LC-UV reported methods and the proposed methods for simultaneous determination of CANA and MET.

| Methods                     | Column            | Mobile phase                                      | Run time (min) | Sensitivity               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Reported method [7]         | C₁₈ column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) At ambient temperature | Ammonium acetate: acetonitrile (pH 3.5) (65 : 35, v/v) | 8 min | CANA (5–30 μg mL⁻¹) MET (50–300 μg mL⁻¹) |
| Reported method [8]         | C₁₈ column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) At Temperature at 30°C | Phosphate buffer: acetonitrile (pH 4.5) (65 : 35, v/v) | 4 min | CANA (5–30 μg mL⁻¹) MET (50–300 μg mL⁻¹) |
| Reported method [9]         | ODS column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) At Temperature at 30°C | Phosphate buffer: acetonitrile: methanol (pH 4.5) (40 : 40 : 20, v/v) | 7 min | CANA (5–30 μg mL⁻¹) MET (50–300 μg mL⁻¹) |
| Proposed method (A)        | C₁₈ column (100 mm × 2.1 mm, 3 μm) At ambient temperature | Methanol: phosphate buffer (pH 3.2) (75 : 25, v/v) | 1.1 min | CANA (0.1–50 μg mL⁻¹) MET (0.5–100 μg mL⁻¹) |
| Proposed method (B)        | Hypersil gold (50 mm × 2.1 mm, 1.9 μm) At ambient temperature | Methanol: phosphate buffer (pH 3.5) (80 : 20, v/v) | 1 min | CANA (0.1–50 μg mL⁻¹) MET (0.25–100 μg mL⁻¹) |
This work aims to evolve new, yet more sensitive UPLC-UV and HPLC-UV methods for concurrent quantification of MET and CANA in bulk and in their pharmaceutical preparation. This is followed by full validation for each method. The authors’ idea for a comparative study using two different stationary phases has emerged from the need to find the most suitable analytical method in short time to be applicable in QC labs giving the analyst the choice of the preferable detector according to the underlying application. Furthermore, outputs from a comparative study using two columns with different dimensions will be useful for analysts working in the area of drug quality control.

2. Experimental

2.1. Instrumentation for Methods A and B. The wielded liquid chromatography facility was a UPLC of Thermo Fisher with Ultimate 3000 Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography (USA), UV Detector (DAD, 3000 RS) and (WPS-3000TRS, Thermo Scientific) (USA) autosampler were employed. For HPLC technique (method A) a BDS Hypersil (USA) C18 column (100 × 3 mm, 3 μm) was used and for UPLC technique (method B) Hypersil gold (USA) C18 column (50 mm × 2.1 mm, 1.9 μm) was used. Software utilized for LC system was ChromLeon 7. Solvent degassing was utilized using Elmasonic S 60 H water bath sonicator (Germany). To adjust pH, Jenway digital pH meter (UK) was employed.

2.2. Source of Samples and Reagents. Industrial grade raw material of CANA and MET and Invokamet tablets that contain in each tablet 50 mg CANA and 1000 mg MET were obtained by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Co. (USA). Metformin (MET) was kindly supplied by “Chemical Industries Development” (CID) Cairo, Egypt; canagliflozin (CANA) was purchased from Baoji Guokang Bio-Technology Co., Ltd., China. CANA and MET bulk purity were found to be 99.90% and 99.88%, respectively. Deionized water was produced in-house, and acetonitrile, methanol, and potassium phosphate monobasic powder of HPLC grade were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

2.3. Chromatography Separation Conditions

2.3.1. High Performance LC Separation (Method A). Chromatographic method was applied via Hypersil BDS C18 column (100 × 3 mm, 3 μm) from Thermo Scientific, New York, USA. A binary mobile phase consisting of 75% methanol and 25% (0.03 M) phosphate buffer pH maintained at 3.2 adjusted by phosphoric acid was used. Prior to mobile phase usage, it was Millipore-filtered through 0.2 Millipore filter by vacuum Buchner and then degassed. The separation was done at 240 nm. Mobile phase was pumped in 1.3 mLmin⁻¹ flow rate, where isocratic elution was done at room temperature. 10 μL was adapted as sufficient injection volume.

2.3.2. Ultra Performance LC (Method B). Separation was carried out by a Hypersil gold column (column packed with ultrapure silica), 50 × 2.1 mm (1.9 μm). Isocratic elution was utilized, and mobile phase was prepared as a mixture of methanol and 0.03 phosphate buffer (80 : 20, v/v). pH was adjusted at 3.5 using phosphoric acid. 240 nm wavelength was selected. Mobile phase was filtered initially using 0.2 μm membrane filter and then degassed before its use. Flow rate of 0.4 mLmin⁻¹ was adapted. Separation was done at room temperature with 10 μL injection volume.

2.4. Stock Preparations. CANA and MET stock solutions of concentration 1 mg mL⁻¹ were initially accurately prepared with methanol. By diluting the corresponding stock solutions with mobile phases, we obtain the working solutions that were used in each method (A and B). All of them were conserved at 4°C and junked after 30 days.

2.5. Preparation of Tablet Samples. Ten tablets of Invokamet 50 CANA/1000 MET were solely weighed, powdered, and blended. Specific quantity of the obtained powder contains 100 mg of MET and 5 mg of CANA was dissolved in 30 mL of methanol in a 100 mL volumetric flask, sonicated for 20 min. The solution was filtered and made up to the final volume with methanol. Then certain dilutions were done to prepare the investigated concentrations of the two components via mobile phase. This step was accompanied with addition of precise calculated amount of pure drug to achieve standard addition technique.

2.6. Applied Procedures

2.6.1. HPLC Method Calibration Curve. Calibration curves were built up via preparing five solutions of each drug using the mentioned mobile phase within ranges of concentration: 0.1–50 μg mL⁻¹ and 0.5–100 μg mL⁻¹ for CANA and MET, respectively. 10 μL aliquots were injected onto the stationary phase. Calibration curves were then built up for each drug by plotting the peak area of each drug absorbance against its corresponding concentrations.

2.6.2. UPLC Method Calibration Curve. Calibration curves were built up by preparing five solutions of each drug using the mobile phase in ranges of concentration: 0.1–50 μg mL⁻¹ and 0.25–100 μg mL⁻¹ for CANA and MET, respectively, and then only 10 μL was injected. By plotting area under the peak (AUP) of the corresponding drug against its concentration, the calibration curve was attained.

2.6.3. Study of CANA and MET in Laboratory Mixtures and Invokamet Tablets. The procedures declared earlier were applied for different ratios of CANA and MET and for tablet samples, prepared under Section 2.5. Different concentrations of the investigated drugs were obtained from each computed equation of regression.

3. Results and Discussion

It is worth mentioning that the proposed methods are the first methods applying UPLC techniques for the analysis of the studied drugs rather than HPLC technique. UPLC is more advantageous [28] in terms of withstand the high system back pressure, improved resolution, shorter run
times, and fewer consumables. Also the proposed methods were developed with simple mobile phase which enables their further application on different detectors. The obtained results confirmed the validity of the methods showing better resolution and sharp peaks.

Using a Hypersil gold C18 column (50 \( \times \) 2.1 mm, 1.9 \( \mu \)m) showed better results than the commonly used Symmetry® C18 column (100 \( \times \) 2.1 mm, 3 \( \mu \)m). When high pressure applied in UPLC was combined with 1.9 \( \mu \)m particles, high peak capacity was observed which is crucial for sensitive CANA determination due to its low contribution in the pharmaceutical combination with MET.

3.1. Chromatographic Investigations concerning Separation Conditions. Concerning method A, HPLC analysis of the drugs was firstly tried using various combinations of either methanol or acetonitrile with water, yet no separation occurred. Addition of buffer was then decided. Phosphate buffer was chosen with two concentrations (0.03 and 0.05 M) with varying ratios with the organic phase. All reported methods showed separation using acetonitrile. So it was implemented first with diverse ratios (from 40% to 75%) of the total mobile phase. Separation was done using acetonitrile and phosphate buffer; methanol then was tried to separate the mixture owing to its lower cost relatively to acetonitrile. The ratio of 75 : 25 methanol : 0.03 M phosphate buffer \( \nu/\nu \) (pH: 3.2) gave the best peak resolution with valid, satisfactory, and rational determination values as revealed in Figures 2 and 3. Mobile phase was pumped on HPLC BDS Hypersil C18 column (100 \( \times \) 3 mm, 3 \( \mu \)m). Flow rate was optimized to give each peak a smart outline with optimum retention time; it was adjusted to be 1.3 mL/min\(^{-1}\). Separation was done at wavelength of 240 nm with no applied temperature on column.

Targeting the optimum detection of the studied drugs, method B was applied using an UPLC Hypersil gold column (50 \( \times \) 3 mm, 1.9 \( \mu \)m). Mobile phase of methanol or acetonitrile with water results in no separation. Phosphate buffer (0.03 M)
Table 2: Results obtained by the HPLC-UV and UPLC-UV methods for the simultaneous determination of CANA and MET in their binary mixture.

| Parameters                        | HPLC  | UPLC  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| CANA                              |       |       |
| Linearity range (µg mL⁻¹)          | 1–50  | 0.1–50|
| Slope                             | 0.9102| 0.8821|
| Intercept                         | 0.3367| 0.1499|
| Correlation coefficient           | 0.9999| 0.9999|
| Accuracy (mean ± SD)              | 99.81 ± 0.73 | 99.73 ± 0.89 |
| LOD                               | 0.7154| 0.463 |
| LOQ                               | 2.1075| 1.406 |
| Precision (% RSD) Repeatability   | 1.31  | 0.48  |
| Interday precision (reproducibility) | 1.75  | 0.89  |
| Specificity (mean ± SD)           | 99.60 ± 0.33 | 99.09 ± 1.31 |

3.2. Validation of the Methods. Validation was done in accordance with ICH guidelines [29].

3.2.1. Linearity. Under the optimum conditions, CANA and MET were evaluated by studying certain different concentrations of each drug. Satisfactory linearity was attained between area under the curve (AUC) and its corresponding concentration of each drug; equations of regression were obtained with high value of correlation coefficient as listed in Table 2. Method A showed satisfactory linearity within concentration ranges of 1–50 µg mL⁻¹ and 0.5–100 µg mL⁻¹ for CANA and MET, respectively, while method B showed good results using ranges of 0.1–50 µg mL⁻¹ and 0.25–100 µg mL⁻¹ for CANA and MET, respectively.

3.2.2. Accuracy and Precision. Results’ accuracy was verified through calculation of percentage recovery of five concentrations of each drug by each method (A and B). Besides, calculation of percentage recovery of each drug in laboratory prepared mixture was carried out. The findings include standard deviations and the mean of the recovery is mentioned in Table 2. Precision was verified by analyzing three concentrations of both CANA and MET by each method three times, within the same day to test intraday repeatability. Then to test interday precision and to confirm reproducibility, analysis of three diverse concentrations of the analytes was done on three successive days using the procedures declared earlier. The resultant % RSD was found to be less than 2% in the three concentrations, as found in Table 2.

3.2.3. Robustness. Robustness of methods A and B was verified by the peak area uniformity of the analytes after intentional minor changes performed in chromatographic conditions. This was ascertained by studying the effect of minor changes in experimental parameters on the resolution between the two peaks of MET and CANA. For the HPLC method using the 3-micron C18 column, flow rate was altered from 1.3 mL min⁻¹ to 1.2 mL min⁻¹ and 1.4 mL min⁻¹, the ratio of the organic solvent was altered by % ±1, and the value of pH of the mobile phase was changed from 3.2 to 2.9 and 3.1; there was no significant change in the results, indicating good robustness of those methods.

3.2.4. Specificity. In the present work, specificity was tested by analyzing four diverse concentrations of each drug using methods A and B in the presence of other drugs as in laboratory prepared mixtures (Table 3) and in presence of additives and excipients of the combination dosage form as represented in Table 4.

3.2.5. Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification for the Proposed Methods. Limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) were computed and represented in Table 2. LOD is the concentration of any analyte at signal/noise ratio of 3.3; meanwhile LOQ is at signal/noise ratio of 10.

3.2.6. System Suitability Tests. Those tests were done to ensure that the chromatographic method is sufficiently reproducible, which mainly include column efficiency, tailing factor of chromatographic peaks, and resolution between peaks. All these results are found in Table 5.
Table 3: Determination of CANA and MET in lab prepared mixtures by the proposed methods.

| Mix. number | CANA Taken (µg/mL) | CANA Found (µg/mL) | MET Found (µg/mL) | % recovery | % recovery |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
|             | HPLC method         |                    |                  |            |           |
| 1           | 8 70                | 8.03               | 100.45           | 69.74      | 99.63     |
| 2           | 10 65               | 10.16              | 101.75           | 64.38      | 99.05     |
| 3           | 20 80               | 19.81              | 98.99            | 79.51      | 99.39     |
| 4           | 25 65               | 24.88              | 99.53            | 65.27      | 100.42    |
| 5*          | 3 60                | 2.94               | 98.09            | 59.71      | 99.51     |

Mean ± SD          99.76 ± 1.40                      99.60 ± 0.51

| Mix. number | CANA Taken (µg/mL) | CANA Found (µg/mL) | MET Found (µg/mL) | % recovery | % recovery |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
|             | UPLC method         |                    |                  |            |           |
| 1           | 8 70                | 7.94               | 99.21            | 70.20      | 100.29    |
| 2           | 10 65               | 9.92               | 99.17            | 65.58      | 100.89    |
| 3           | 20 80               | 19.85              | 99.23            | 78.64      | 98.29     |
| 4           | 25 65               | 24.75              | 99.01            | 65.42      | 100.64    |
| 5*          | 3 60                | 3.01               | 100.19           | 59.69      | 99.48     |

Mean ± SD          99.36 ± 0.47                      99.92 ± 1.05

*Laboratory mixture represents the CANA:MET ratio as 1 : 20 as in dosage form.

3.2.7. Standard Addition Technique Application on Dosage Forms. This chromatographic methods were satisfyingly utilized for analysis of a pharmaceutical dosage form (Figure 2). Moreover, standard addition technique was employed. This technique is done by adding different known amounts of the pure drug to different known concentrations previously prepared, of the drug product using the procedure mentioned above. The final concentrations were then estimated using each corresponding equation of regression; the date is represented in Table 4.

3.3. Statistical Analysis. The obtained results for analysis of CANA and MET by those investigated UPLC and HPLC methods were statistically compared to the reported methods for CANA [7] and MET [27]. The values of computed t and F were lower than their tabulated values at 95% confidence level. This uncovers that there was no momentous difference concerning precision and accuracy as presented in Table 6.

3.4. Remarks about the Procedure. The lack of UPLC-UV methods for concurrent analysis of CANA and MET in tablets has motivated us to propose and develop such a method (method B). Based on our planned future work, this comparative study is considered a crucial step to decide which method can be further employed for the analysis and quantification of the drugs studied, with their different degradation products or in biological fluids. Furthermore, as in Table 1, the proposed HPLC method (method A) has many advantages over the previously reported HPLC-UV methods including the usage of a simpler mobile phase with lowest buffer content, shorter run time, studying the validation parameters, and taking in consideration the ratio of two components in their pharmaceutical preparation.

Moreover, the developed UPLC technique (method B) has other major outcomes that include detection at most sensitive wavelength for the two studied drugs after preliminary investigation, using simple mobile phase which is a mixture containing higher ratio of organic phase with lowest concentration of phosphate buffer (0.03 M), better resolution between peaks, adjusted pH less than the pKa of the considered drugs by more than two units, lower LOD and LOQ values, and high throughput analysis, not to mention the sensitivity of the method which was able to detect CANA and MET in a concentration range between 100 ng·mL⁻¹ and 50000 ng·mL⁻¹ and 250 ng·mL⁻¹ and 100000 ng·mL⁻¹, respectively.

4. Conclusion

The proposed comparative chromatographic study has revealed that UPLC-UV (method B) is more sensitive. Moreover, not only does it offer more advantages, elegant complete separation, but also, compared to the HPLC-UV method, it offers shorter time of development and efficient analysis. Linearity at nanogram range using method B has supported our future plans for the analysis of the same drugs in the presence of their degradation products and in biological fluids. Furthermore, any of the proposed methods is suitable to be used conveniently in quality control laboratories.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.
Table 4: Assay of canagliflozin and metformin in Invokamet tablets and application of the standard addition technique.

| Pharmaceutical formulation | Claimed \( \mu g \cdot mL^{-1} \) | Cana | HPLC | MET | Claimed \( \mu g \cdot mL^{-1} \) | Cana | UPLC | MET | Standard addition % recovery |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------------------|
| Invokamet 50 CANA/1000 MET  | 3 \( \mu g \cdot mL^{-1} \)  | 100.46 | 7 | 6.96 | 99.56 | 5 | 4.95 | 99.09 | 7 | 7.09 | 101.38 | 5 | 5.01 | 100.22 |
|                             | 60 \( \mu g \cdot mL^{-1} \)  | 100.15 | 22 | 21.81 | 99.16 | 5 | 5.11 | 101.94 | 22 | 21.59 | 98.12 | 5 | 4.86 | 97.25 |
|                             | 22 21.81 99.16 | 20 | 19.99 | 99.93 | 17 | 16.93 | 99.58 | 10 | 10.06 | 100.57 | 10 | 9.97 | 99.72 |
|                             | Mean ± SD | 99.60 ± 0.33 | Mean ± SD | 100.38 ± 1.20 | Mean ± SD | 99.89 ± 1.39 | Mean ± SD | 99.09 ± 1.31 |
Table 5: System suitability tests for LC/UV methods for simultaneous determination of CANA and MET.

| Parameters                        | HPLC | UPLC | HPLC | UPLC |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Retention time (t_R)              | 0.9  | 0.5  | 1    | 0.5  |
| Resolution (Rs)                   | 2.8  |      | 2.5  |      |
| Selectivity factor (α)            | 0.5  |      | 0.5  |      |
| Capacity factor (K')              | 14   | 7    | 13   | 8    |
| Number of theoretical plates (N)  | 1296 | 400  | 1600 | 400  |

Table 6: Statistical comparison between the results of the proposed methods and the reference methods for CANA [7] and MET [27].

| Values            | HPLC | CANA | MET | CANA | MET | UPLC | CANA | MET | Reported methods |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----------------|
| Mean              | 99.81| 99.37| 99.47| 99.73| 99.52| 100.59|      |     |                 |
| SD                | 0.73 | 0.54 | 1.034| 0.89 | 0.76 | 0.81 |      |     |                 |
| % RSD             | 0.73 | 0.54 | 1.039| 0.89 | 0.76 | 0.81 |      |     |                 |
| n                 | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 6    |      |     |                 |
| Variance          | 0.53 | 0.29 | 1.07 | 0.79 | 0.58 | 0.66 |      |     |                 |
| Student’s t-test^b| 0.6154| 2.866| 0.08712| 1.678|      |      |      |     |                 |
| F-value^b         | 1.084| 2.250| 1.851| 1.207|      |      |      |     |                 |

^bThe values in the parenthesis are the corresponding theoretical values of t and F at P = 0.05.

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