



## Review Article on Various Analytical Techniques for the Estimation of Vildagliptin

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### ABSTRACT

Pharmaceutical analysis plays a very prominent role in quality assurance as well as quality control of bulk drugs and pharmaceutical formulations. The use of analytical sciences in the discovery, development and manufacture of pharmaceuticals is wide ranging. From the analysis of minute amounts of complex biological materials to the quality control of the final dosage forms, the use of analytical technology covers an immense range of techniques and disciplines. In the current scenario, approximately 463 million adults (20-79 years) were living with diabetes; by 2045 this will rise to 700 million<sup>1</sup>. New drug molecules are being developed and the analysis is also gaining equal importance. The present article focuses on the different analytical methods for the quantitative estimation of Vildagliptin, an anti-hyperglycaemic agent. A huge survey was conducted for determination of Vildagliptin from the research articles published in various pharmaceutical and analytical chemistry Journals. The present studies revealed that HPLC technique along with the spectroscopic have been most widely explored for the analysis. The investigatory review may provide the comprehensive details of various analytical techniques and their experimental condition to the researchers who are working in the area of analytical research of Vildagliptin.

**Keywords:** Pharmaceutical analysis, Vildagliptin, High-performance liquid chromatography, UV spectrophotometry, Gas Chromatography- Mass spectroscopy.

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### INTRODUCTION

The complexity and globalization of the pharmaceutical supply chain necessitate that standards are built into development and manufacturing processes – from raw materials through finished products. Standards are essential for ensuring the identity, purity, potency and performance of drugs across the product lifecycle. In a 2018 survey, 90% of industry professionals with expertise formulating and testing drugs, indicated that standards accelerated drug development, especially in the case of generics, saving about 19% in total product development time<sup>2</sup>. Medicinal products (gene therapy, personalized medicine, and other emerging therapeutic modalities) grow increasingly complex. Quality attributes of these products are also more complex, difficult to define and measure, making standards even more critical for ensuring quality. For standards to remain relevant, they must evolve in response to advances in the industry. Existing standards need to be updated, and new, fit-for-purpose standards created to ensure they include

the most useful, appropriate, and feasible approaches to measuring relevant parameters.

These days, the proportion of people with type II diabetes is increasing in most countries and it is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation. As such, there is a growing need for anti-hyperglycemic agents, along with their quality attributes. Vildagliptin is one such drug which is an orally active, potent & selective dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor that improves glycemic control in patients with type-II diabetes primarily by enhancing pancreatic ( $\alpha$  &  $\beta$ ) islet function. Vildagliptin has been shown both to improve insulin secretion & to suppress the inappropriate glucagon secretion. Elevated level of GLP-1 & GIP consequently results in improved glycemic control.

Oral vildagliptin was approved by the European medicines agency in 2008 for the treatment of type-II diabetes mellitus in adults as monotherapy or in combination with metformin, a sulfonylurea, or a thiazolidinedione in patients with inadequate glycemic control following monotherapy. It is marketed as Galvus. Vildagliptin is also available as Eucras, fixed dose formulation with metformin for adults in who do not adequately glycemic control from monotherapy. Vildagliptin is currently under investigation in the US.

### Methods

Vildagliptin is estimated by so many methods like High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), (RP-HPLC)



Reverse- phase high performance liquid chromatography, gas chromatography, Mass spectroscopy (GC-MS), UV spectrophotometric method.

Based on the solvents and columns used there is a change in every chromatographic conditions. The chromatographic conditions and the results obtained were listed in the Table 1.

#### A) Chromatographic methods:

In RP-HPLC & HPLC different mobile phase and stationary phase are used that also change in UV absorption or  $\lambda_{max}$ .

**Table 1:** Details of various chromatographic methods for the estimation of Vildagliptin

| Technique | Chromatographic condition   | Results obtained   | Reference |
|-----------|---|--|-----------|
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Xterra® waters C <sub>18</sub> column (150mm *4.6m)<br>M-phase : mixture of aqueous phase (1ml of 25%NH <sub>4</sub> OH by using 9.5 50% solution of phosphoric acid) and organic phase (methanol) in the ratio 60:40 v/v<br>Flow rate: 1.0ml/min<br>Retention time: 6.3min | Absorption at 210nm,<br>LOD was found to be 1.47µg/ml<br>LOQ was found to be 4.90µg/ml<br>linearity range was 5-200µg/ml | 3         |
| RP-HPLC   | s-phase : Lichrocart C <sub>18</sub> column (250*4.60*5)<br>m-phase : 0.05M KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> : Acetonitrile (70:30v/v pH 3.5 with orthophosphoric acid)<br>flow rate :1.0ml/min<br>retention time : 6.64min  | Absorption at 215nm linearity range was found to be 5-25µg/ml  | 4         |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Xterra C <sub>18</sub> column (250mm*4.6mm I.D-5µ)<br>M-phase : acetone; rile : phosphate buffer (pH6.0) :water (65:20:15v/v/v)<br>Flow rate : 1.0ml/min  | $\lambda_{max}$ at 239nm<br>LOD was found to be - 0.0040µg/ml  | 5         |
| RP-HPLC   | Column phenomenex C <sub>18</sub> column (250mm*4.6mm I.D-5µ) used as S-phase<br>M-phase include methanol : water (60:40v/v) pH adjusted to 4.5 with orthophosphoric acid<br>Flow rate- 0.8ml/min   | UV detection at 207nm  | 6         |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Thermo Hypersil ODS C <sub>18</sub> column 5µ, 4.6mm*250mm)<br>M-phase : methanol : acetonitrile: phosphate buffer (5:30:65) v/v/v pH- 3.5<br>Retention time : 5.41min<br>Flow rate : 0.8ml/min   | $\lambda_{max}$ at 212nm linearity range was found to be 1-14µg/ml   | 7         |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Jasco Crestpack RP-C <sub>18</sub> (250*4.6mm I.D-5µ)<br>M-phase : Buffer (pH-6):acetonitrile: methanol (70:10:20v/v/v)   | UV detection at 210nm<br>Linearity range was found to be 5-15µg/ml   | 8         |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : HiQsil C <sub>18</sub> (4.6mm*250mm) analytical column<br>M-phase : include phosphate buffer (Ph adjusted to 6 using 3M KOH): methanol: acetonitrile (50:30:20v/v/v)<br>Flow rate : 0.8ml/min   | LOD & LOQ -1.70µg/ml & 5.15µg/ml   | 9         |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Dionex C <sub>18</sub> (250mm*4.6mm – I.D-5µ)<br>M-phase : K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> (0.01M) buffer and water (90:10v/v)<br>Flow rate : 1.5ml/min<br>Retention time : 4.601min  | UV detection – 215nm<br>Linearity range was 50-150µg/ml  | 10        |
| RP-HPLC   | S-phase : Kromosil-C <sub>18</sub> column was used<br>M-phase: 0.05 mmol KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> Buffer: acetonitrile: (80:20:v/v) (pH adjusted to 3.5 using orthophosphoric acid)<br>Flow rate: 0.9ml/min  | Absorbance at 263nm<br>Linearity range was 5-17.5µg/ml<br>Tailoring factor -1.26   | 11        |

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|                | Runtime: 6 min<br>Column temp: 30°C<br>Injection volume -10µl<br>Retention time – 2.600min   | LOD & LOQ was 0.0182 & 0.0553µg/ml  |    |
| <b>RP-HPLC</b> | Altima C <sub>18</sub> column (150mm*4.6mm) is used as S-phase<br>M-phase include dilute phosphoric acid Ph 2.6±0.5 as buffer and acetonitrile (40:60v/v)<br>Flow rate was 0.5ml/min<br>Runtime- 6.0min, retention time-305min<br>Theoretical plates-5892          | λ <sub>max</sub> at 210nm<br>linearity range was 5-30µg/ml<br>LOD & LOQ was found to be 1.36 & 4.12µg/ml<br>Tailing factor-1.42 | 12 |
| <b>RP-HPLC</b> | Column is chromosil C <sub>18</sub> column (250mm*4.6mm,5µ)<br>M-phase include K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> : methanol (60:40v/v) pH -9.2<br>Retention time- 5.32min  | λ <sub>max</sub> at 258nm   | 13 |
| <b>RP-HPLC</b> | Monolithic column is used as S-phase<br>M-phase: acetonitrile – NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (10mM): sodium dodecyl sulphate (10mM) (30:70v/v) with pH 4.5±0.2<br>Flow rate: 2.5ml/min   | λ <sub>max</sub> at 208nm   | 14 |
| <b>RP-HPLC</b> | S-phase : column (C <sub>18</sub> , 5µ, 4.6*250mm) Hypersil<br>M-phase : Acetonitrile : methanol : water (15:60:25v/v)<br>Flow rate : 1.0ml/min  | λ <sub>max</sub> at 278nm<br>linearity range was 1-5µg/ml<br>LOD & LOQ – 0.154 & 0.468µg/ml                                     | 15 |
| <b>HPLC</b>    | Altima C <sub>18</sub> column having 150mm*4.6mm internal diameter 5µm is used as S-phase<br>M-phase: contains dilute orthophosphoric acid solution as a buffer pH 2.6 and acetonitrile (72:28v/v) isocratic mode, flow rate-1.0ml/min<br>Retention time – 3.25min | λ <sub>max</sub> at 266nm<br>LOD & LOQ was 0.06µg/ml & 0.21µg/ml  | 16 |

### B) Spectrophotometric methods:

Different UV and Visible spectrophotometric methods were done for the estimation of Vildagliptin. The spectroscopic conditions and the results obtained were listed in the Table 2.

**Table 2:** Details of various spectrophotometric methods for the estimation of Vildagliptin

| Technique                         | Experimental conditions   | Results obtained   | Reference |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| <b>UV Spectrophotometric</b>      | 0.1N NaOH was used as a solvent   | UV detection at 233nm<br>Linearity range was 30-70µg/ml<br>Correlation coefficient 0.999                         | 17        |
| <b>Visible Spectrophotometric</b> | This method was based on formation of schiff's base with PDAB in acidic ethanol | It gives yellow colour UVabsorption at 446 nm<br>LOD & LOQ was found to be 10.633 µg/ml and 32.223µg/ml          | 18        |
| <b>UV Spectrophotometric</b>      | Water was used as a solvent   | λ <sub>max</sub> - 218.25nm<br>linear range was 60-100µg/ml  | 19        |
| <b>UV Spectrophotometric</b>      | 0.2M HCl is used as a solvent   | λ <sub>max</sub> – 204 nm<br>linearity range was 1-10µg/ml<br>LOD & LOQ was 3.69µg/ml<br>3.19µg/ml               | 20        |
| <b>UV Spectrophotometric</b>      | 0.1 N HCl was used to dissolve the sample                                       | λ <sub>max</sub> at 210nm<br>linearity range was 5-60µg/ml<br>LOD & LOQ was found to be 0.951µg/ml & 2.513µg/ml. | 21        |



**C) Other advanced techniques:** Advanced hyphenated techniques for the analysis of Vildagliptin are listed below in the table 3

**Table 3:** Details of various advanced techniques for the estimation of Vildagliptin

| Technique | Experimental condition   | Result obtained  | Reference |
|-----------|--|--|-----------|
| GC-MS     | Sample was derivatized with N-Methyl-N(trimethylsilyl) trifluoroacetamide (MSTFA): Ammonium iodide: $\beta$ -mercapto-ethanol at 60 <sup>o</sup> for 30 min (100:2:6 v/v/v). 5% phenyl methylpolysiloxane capillary column is used (30m*0.25mm, I.P-025 $\mu$ m)200 <sup>o</sup> -300 <sup>o</sup> C tempo used, at 300 <sup>o</sup> C held for 2 min. | LOD & LOQ was found to be 1.5 ngml <sup>-1</sup> & 3.5ngml <sup>-1</sup> | 22        |

## CONCLUSION

The present review discussed about different analytical approach employed for the assessment of Vildagliptin. Extensive examinations have been accomplished including, HPLC, UPLC, HPTLC, UV/Vis-Spectroscopy, LC-MS, etc. for evaluation of Vildagliptin in bulk and in its combination with other drugs from pharmaceutical formulations. Liquid chromatography with UV detection has been found to be most studied for estimation in both bulk as well as pharmaceutical dosage forms, while the advanced techniques like HPTLC, UPLC were also reported. Simple UV-Spectrophometric methods were developed which may be used for routine analysis of Vildagliptin. These compiled data may be of use for research for further studies in analysis of Apremilast or other similar drugs.

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