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Stability Indicating Method Development and Validation for Assay of Omeprazole Sodium for Injection by a Rapid RP-HPLC

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ABSTRACT

Omeprazole,^{1,3} a member of proton pump inhibitor, used for the treatment of peptic ulcers, it suppresses gastric acid secretion by inhibiting H^+/K^+ ATPase. A new fundamental, rapid and sensitive HPLC method was developed for the assay of Omeprazole sodium for injection. It was validated according to ICH and FDA guidelines ². The HPLC analysis was performed on Dionex ultimate 3000 system equipped with C-18 (150cm*4.6mm) 5 μ column, with a mixture of ammonium acetate and acetonitrile buffer in the ratio 65:35 v/v as the mobile phase at the wavelength (λ) 305nm. The total run time was 8 minutes. The calibration curve was linear for 50-150% range of the analytical concentration of 40mg/ml, r^2 was found to be 0.9998. The precision was calculated and % RSD was 0.1 % and the recovery of omeprazole was within the range of 98-102%. Validation parameters like robustness, solution stability studies, specificity and forced degradation studies were performed and found to be within acceptance limits. As compared to other methods, this method was found to be more accurate, linear, precise and specific, with short run time. All the results were acceptable and confirmed that the method is suitable for its intended use in routine quality control analysis.

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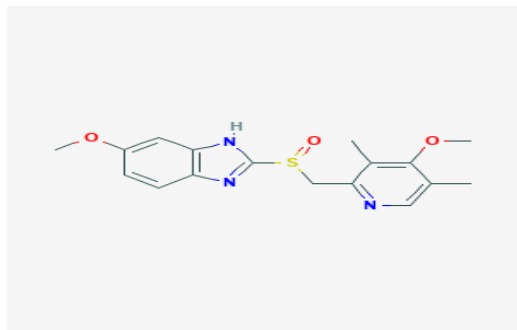
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INTRODUCTION

Omeprazole, a white crystalline powder, which is slightly soluble in acetone and isopropanol, freely soluble in methanol and ethanol, very slightly soluble in water, is a member of proton pump inhibitors, which is used for treatment and management of medical conditions like- Peptic ulcers, Gastro Oesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), Zollinger- Ellison syndrome and forms of Esophagitis (erosive and eosinophilic)¹⁻⁶⁻⁷

It is also utilized as prophylactic to prevent upper gastro intestinal bleeding. As selective and irreversible proton pump inhibitors (PPI), within gastric mucosa at secretory surface of gastric parietal cells.

Omeprazole functions by inhibiting H^+/K^+ ATPase to suppress production of stomach acid or gastric acid secretion. There are various analytical techniques, which are been used for quantification of omeprazole. High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is the most predominant method for the determination of Omeprazole. Analytical method validation was the crucial step in developing Omeprazole in Omeprazole sodium for injection, as it provided information about accuracy, linearity, precision, specificity, range, robustness, solution stability and forced degradation studies. All the above validation parameters were successfully reported.⁷⁻⁸



Molecular formula $C_{17}H_{19}N_3O_3S$

Molecular weight - 345.4 g/mol

Physical properties:

Colour White to off-white crystalline powder

Boiling point 599.991 °C at 760 mmHg

Melting point 155 °C-156 °C

Solubility Freely soluble in ethanol and methanol, and slightly soluble in acetone and isopropanol and very slightly soluble in water.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

INSTRUMENTATION

Dionex Ultimate 3000 Thermoscientific HPLC system was used for analytical method development and validation for assay of Omeprazole in Omeprazole sodium for injection, and autosampler, a Gemini NX C-18 (150*4.6mm) 5 micron column (Phenomenex), and the detector containing UV Visible which was operated at 305nm. Chromeleon software version 7.2 was used for data processing and evaluation.⁹⁻¹⁰

CHEMICALS AND REAGENTS-

Omeprazole sodium for injection (purity), was obtained from Dr. Reddys Laboratories. Omeprazole sodium for injection 40mg/ml containing Omeprazole was purchased from local market (RDL)

Acetonitrile HPLC grade (Merck), methanol HPLC grade (Merck), Ammonium acetate Lichropur grade (Merck), sodium phosphate tribasic Dodecahydrate AR grade (SRL).⁷

Water was deionised and purified using a Milli Q reagent grade water system (Millipore cor).

CHROMATOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

The mobile phase was prepared by dissolving 1.54gm of Ammonium acetate in 1000 ml of Milli Q water then filter through 0.45 microns membrane filter. From the prepared solution measure 650ml ammonium acetate buffer and add 350ml of HPLC grade ACN, transfer into mobile phase bottle, mixed well and sonicated for 10 minutes.

The analysis was carried out on Dionex Ultimate 3000 (Thermoscientific) HPLC system. Gradient flow was maintained through C-18 column with Ammonium acetate buffer: HPLC grade ACN (65:35) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 1ml/min and run time was 20 microliter and

detection was at 305nm. The HPLC system was operated at 25 degree centigrade. Data was collected by Chromeleon software.

PREPARATIONS

Preparation of Mobile phase:

Accurately weighed 1.54 gm of Ammonium acetate in to a beaker and dissolved in 1000 ml of MilliQ water and then filtered through 0.45μ membrane filter. Mixed 650 ml of Ammonium acetate buffer and 350 ml of HPLC grade Acetonitrile, transferred into a mobile phase bottle, mixed well and sonicated for 10 minutes.

Preparation of Diluent:

Accurately weighed 3.8 gm of Sodium Phosphate Tribasic Dodecahydrate in to a beaker and dissolved in 1000 ml of MilliQ water then filtered through 0.45μ membrane filter. Mixed 600 ml of Sodium Phosphate Tribasic Dodecahydrate buffer and 400 ml of HPLC grade Methanol, transferred into a mobile phase bottle, mixed well and sonicated for 10 minutes.

Preparation of Blank preparation:

Use Diluent as Blank.

Preparation of Standard solutions

Preparation of Standard Solution-01:

Omeprazole stock solution:

Weigh accurately about 20 mg of Omeprazole and transfer into a 50 mL of volumetric flask, add about 30 mL of Diluent. Sonicated to dissolve completely, then made up to the mark with diluent and mixed well.

Standard solution preparation: Pipetted and transferred 5.0 mL of above stock solution into a 50 mL volumetric flask. Made up to the mark with diluent and mixed well.

Preparation of Standard Solution-02:

Omeprazole stock solution:

Weigh accurately about 20 mg of Omeprazole and transfer into a 50 mL of volumetric flask, add about 30 mL of Diluent. Sonicated to dissolve completely, then made up to the mark with diluent and mixed well.

Standard solution preparation:

Pipetted and transferred 5.0 mL of above stock solution into a 50 mL volumetric flask. Made up to the mark with diluent and mixed well.

Preparation of Sample

Reconstitute 3 vial of Omeprazole Sodium for Injection each with 10 mL of sterile water for injection and pooled the reconstituted solutions. Transferred 10 mL of the reconstituted solution into a 50 mL volumetric flask, added about 30 mL of diluent, and swirl to mix. Dilute to volume with diluent and mix well. Further dilute 5 mL of the above solution into a 100 mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with diluent and mix well.

Preparation of Placebo

Reconstitute 3 vial of Placebo for Omeprazole Sodium for Injection each with about 10 mL of sterile water for injection and pool the reconstituted solutions. Transfer 10 mL of the reconstituted solution into a 50 mL volumetric flask, add about 30 mL of diluent, and swirl to mix. Dilute to volume with diluent and mix well. Further dilute 5 mL of the above solution into a 100 mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with diluent and mix well.

Procedure

Equilibrate the column Inject 1 Blank, Standard (5 replicate injections) and Check Standard (2 replicate Injections) into the Chromatographic system and check the system suitability criteria, if system suitability meets inject samples into HPLC.

System suitability criteria

The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peak from first injection of standard should be NMT 2.0. The Theoretical plates of Omeprazole peak from first injection of standard should be NLT 2000. The % Relative Standard Deviation for the peak area for Omeprazole peak from standard should be NMT 2.0 %. Recovery of check standard against standard preparation should be in between 98.0 to 102.0 %.

Recovery of check standard (Similarity factor) calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Average area of standard-1}}{\text{Average area of standard-2}} \times \frac{\text{weight of standard-2}}{\text{weight of standard-1}} \times 100$$

Calculations:

$$\text{Assay (\% Label claim)} = \frac{A}{B} \times \frac{W_s}{50} \times \frac{5}{50} \times \frac{100}{V} \times \frac{P}{5} \times \frac{100}{L}$$

Where,

A= Peak area of Omeprazole from test preparation

B= Average peak area of Omeprazole from Standard Solution

Ws = Weight of Omeprazole working standard taken in mg

V= Volume of Sample solution taken in mL

L= Label claim of Omeprazole for Injection in mg/mL

P= Potency of Omeprazole working Standard ($C_{17}H_{19}N_3O_3S$) on as is basis

METHOD VALIDATION

Method validation is the process used to confirm that the analytical procedure employed for a specific test is suitable for its intended use. Results from **method validation** can be used to judge the quality, reliability and consistency of analytical results; it is an integral part of good analytical practice. The method was validated as per ICH and FDA guidelines, and the validation parameters included specificity, linearity, range, accuracy, precision and robustness.²⁻³

1. System suitability:

It is performed to ensure system performance before or during the analysis. System suitability parameters (Asymmetry, plate count, %RSD, %r recovery) were performed. Acceptance criteria for asymmetry-NMT 2, plate count-NLT 2000, %RSD for five replicate injections-NMT 2, % Recovery within 98%-102%.

2. Specificity:

Specificity of the analytical method is the ability to assess unequivocally the analyte in the presence of components which may be expected to be present. It includes impurities, degradants, matrixes etc. Interference for blank, standard and forced degradation products were performed and method was found to be specific. Peak purity data for all the degradation conditions shows homogenous peaks and no co-eluting peaks were observed, which indicates the method was stable and specific.

3. Linearity:

The linearity of an analytical procedure is its ability (within a given range) to obtain test results which are directly proportional to the concentration (amount) of analyte in the sample. It was determined using seven different concentrations (20, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 60 µg/ml) and average peak areas were plotted against concentrations. Linearity was determined using calibration curve to calculate correlation coefficient, % Y-intercept, slope and Y-intercept. Graph was plotted by taking concentrations (µg/ml) on X axis and response on Y axis. Acceptable criteria for regression line r^2 should be greater than 0.9998.

4. Precision:

Precision of analytical method is the degree of agreement among individual tests, when the technique is applied respectively to analyse multiple replicates. System precision was performed using ten replicate injections of standard solutions, the %RSD and recovery were found to be within limits (NMT 2%). Method precision (Repeatability) was performed using six sample solutions, the %RSD and recovery were found to be within limits (NMT 2%). Intermediate precision was performed by using six sample solutions and when these samples were analysed by different analysts on different days by different instruments and columns, the results should be comparable and meet the acceptance criteria. Hence the method was precise and rugged.

5. Accuracy:

The accuracy of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement between the value which is accepted either as a conventional true value or an accepted reference value and the value found. It was determined by preparing samples by spiking drug at different concentrations (50-150%) with respect to test concentration. Placebo concentration was kept constant. Both % Recovery (98-102%) and %RSD (NMT 2%) were found to be within the limits and the method was found to be accurate.

6. Range:

The range of an analytical procedure is the interval between the upper and lower concentration (amounts) of analyte in the sample for which it has been demonstrated that the analytical procedure has a suitable level of precision, accuracy and linearity. The range of the analytical method for Omeprazole is 50-150% of test concentration.

7. Solution stability:

Bench top stability and refrigerator stability of standard and sample solutions, bench top stability of mobile phase, was performed for two days and the solutions were stable for 2 days.

8. Robustness:

The robustness of an analytical procedure is a measure of its capacity to remain unaffected by small, but deliberate variations in method parameters and provides an indication of its reliability during normal usage. The test was performed for column temperature (plus or minus 5 degree), flow rate (plus or minus 0.2 ml per min), wavelength (plus or minus 3 nm), mobile phase organic composition (plus or minus 5%). All the above parameters were evaluated by calculating %RSD, % Recovery, % Asymmetry, plate count and were within the limits. Thus, the method was robust.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table: 1 System Suitability Parameters

System Suitability Parameters	Result
The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peak from standard solution	1.06
The USP plate count for Omeprazole peak from standard solution	9860
The % RSD of peak areas from five replicate injections of standard solution.	0.1%
Recovery of check standard preparation against standard preparation should be in between 98.0% and 102.0% for Omeprazole peak	99.80%

Acceptance Criteria:

- The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peaks from standard solution should be NMT 2.0.
- The USP plate count for Omeprazole peak from standard solution should be NLT 2000.
- The % RSD of Omeprazole peak areas from five replicate injections of standard solution should be NMT 2.0.
- Recovery of check standard against standard preparation should be in between 98.0% and 102.0%.

CONCLUSION:

From the above data, it can be concluded that the system is found to be suitable

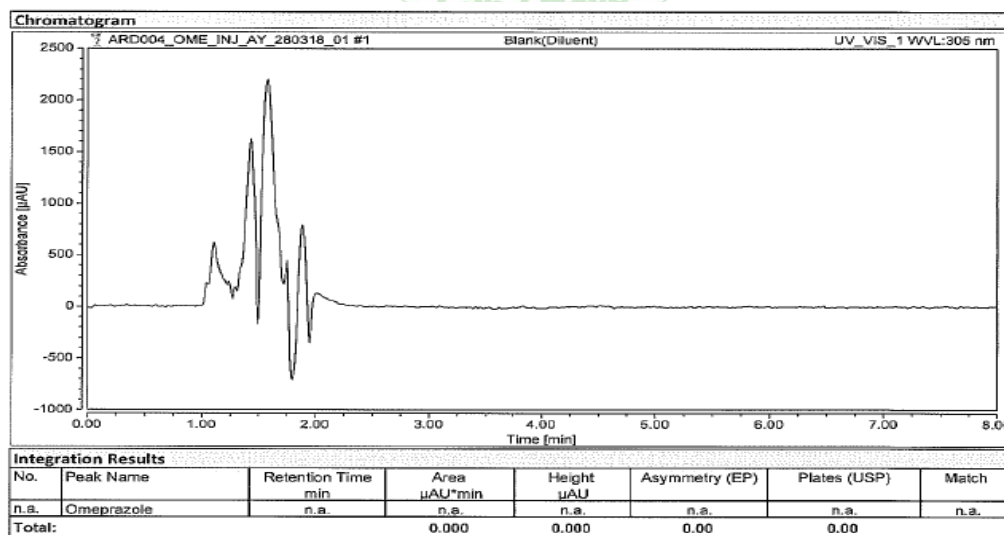


Figure: 1 Chromatogram of Blank

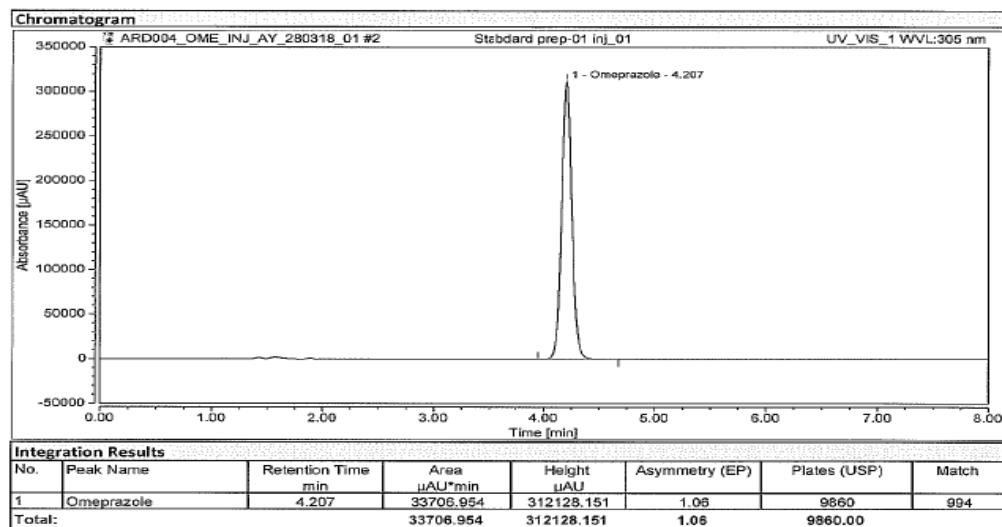


Figure: 2 Chromatogram of Standard

Specificity

Blank and Placebo Interference

A study was conducted to demonstrate the non-interference of placebo, prepared placebo for Omeprazole solution in triplicate at concentration equal to the concentration in the sample preparation as per test procedure and injected blank and placebo solutions in to the HPLC system as per methodology. Evaluated the

interference of blank, placebo at the retention time of Omeprazole and found no peaks at the retention time of Omeprazole. The results are summarized in Table-1 and Figure-3&4.

Acceptance Criteria:

Blank and placebo solutions should not show any peak at the retention time (RT) of Omeprazole.

Table: 1 Results of Placebo Interference

Sample No.	Interference (Yes/No)
Interference due to the Blank	No
Interference due to the Placebo of Omeprazole at the RT of Omeprazole.	No

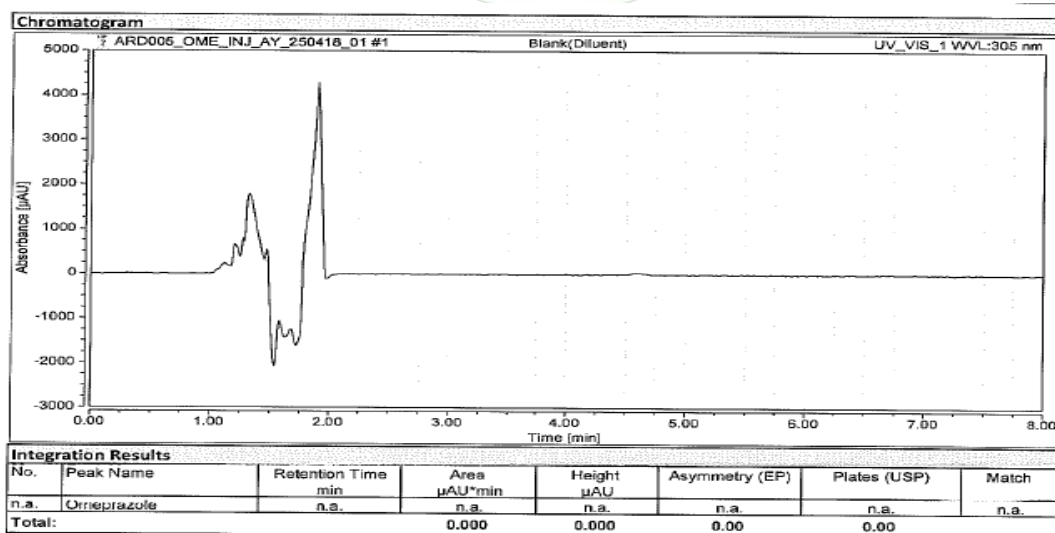


Figure: 3 Chromatogram of Blank for Omeprazole

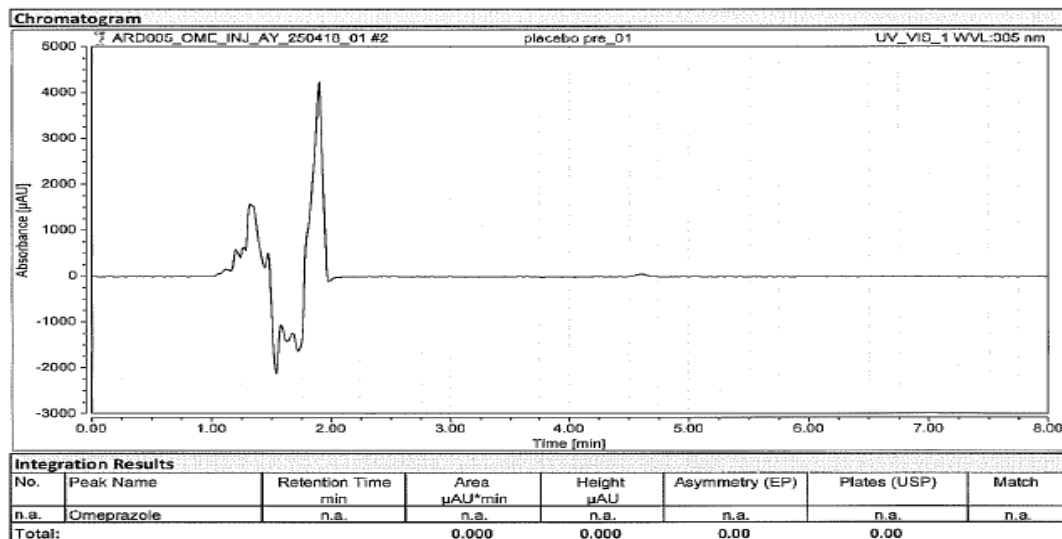


Figure: 4 Chromatogram of Placebo sample for Omeprazole

Conclusion: Method was found specific to Blank and placebo interference.

Interference from forced degradation Products

Omeprazole sodium for Injection 40 mg/vial samples and placebo were stressed under following conditions and solutions prepared as per test method and injected into HPLC system as per methodology.

Table: 2 Conditions for Forced Degradation

S. No.	Degradation / Stress Mechanism	Sample Details	Condition
1	Acid Hydrolysis	Drug Product / Placebo	0.2N HCl (10 mL at RT for 15 minutes)
2	Base Hydrolysis	Drug Product / Placebo	2N NaOH (10mL at 80°C for 45 minutes)
3	Peroxide Hydrolysis	Drug Product / Placebo	3 % H ₂ O ₂ (10 mL at RT for 15 minutes)
4	Water Hydrolysis	Drug Product / Placebo	At 80°C for 3 hours
5	Thermal exposure	Drug Product / Placebo	In hot air oven at 60°C for 6 Days
6	Humidity exposure	Drug Product / Placebo	At 25°C and 90 % RH for 3 Days.
7	Photolytic exposure	Drug Product / Placebo	Visible light (1.2 million lux hours UV light 200 watts/m ²)

Unstressed and stressed samples (placebo and sample solutions) were injected into the HPLC system equipped with Photo diode array detector as per test method conditions. All degradants peaks were resolved from Omeprazole peak in the chromatogram of all stressed samples. The chromatogram of the stressed samples was

evaluated for peak purity. The results are summarized in Table-2 & Table-3 and Figure-5 to 12.

Forced degradation for placebo:

Acceptance Criteria: Blank and Placebo solutions should not show any interfering peak at retention time (RT) of Omeprazole peak.

Table: 3 Results of Forced Degradation placebo/Diluent

Observation / Results		
Degradation mechanism	Observation	Results
Unstressed sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Acid sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Base sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Peroxide sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Water sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Thermal sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Humidity sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed
Photolytic sample	No interference at RT of Omeprazole peak	Passed

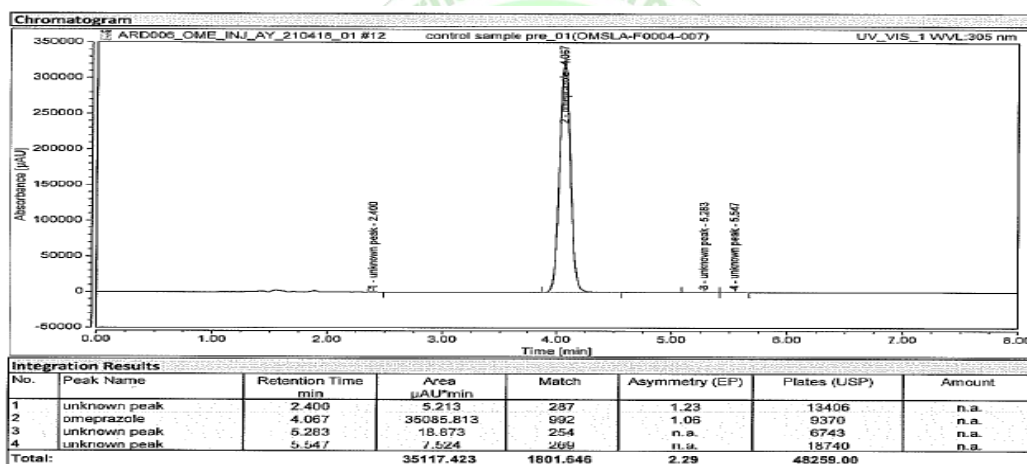
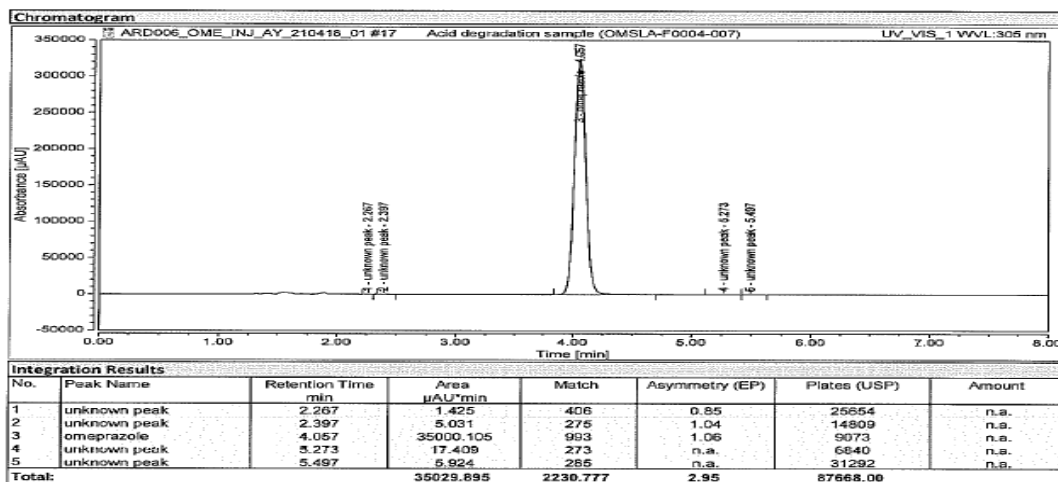
Forced degradation for samples:**Acceptance criteria:**

Peak should be homogeneous and there should be no co-eluting peaks. Peak purity of Omeprazole should pass (Match should be not less than 990 for peak purity as per Chromeleon 7.2 software).

Table: 4 Results of Forced Degradation Sample

Stressed Condition	Observation/Result		
	% degradation	Peak Purity	Mass balance
Unstressed	NA	992	NA
Acid	0.08	993	99.7
Base	4.41	993	96.4
Peroxide	1.52	992	101.9
Water	0.95	993	98.7
Thermal	0.33	992	101.3
Humidity	0.09	995	100.0
Photolytic	0.11	993	97.8

Conclusion: The peak purity data of Omeprazole peak of all degradation conditions shows that the peak was homogeneous and there were no co-eluting peaks indicating that the method was stability indicating and specific.

**Figure: 5** Chromatogram of Unstressed sample**Figure: 6** Chromatogram of Acid Stress

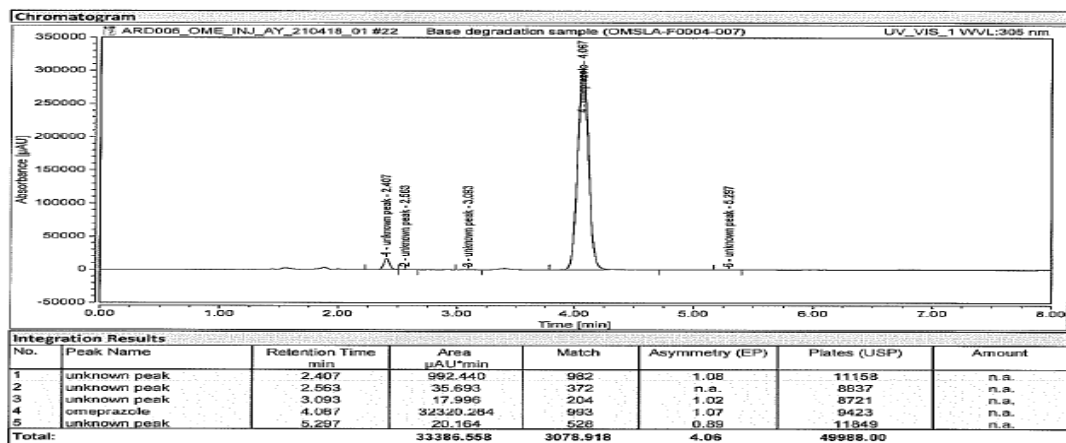


Figure-7: Chromatogram of Base Stress

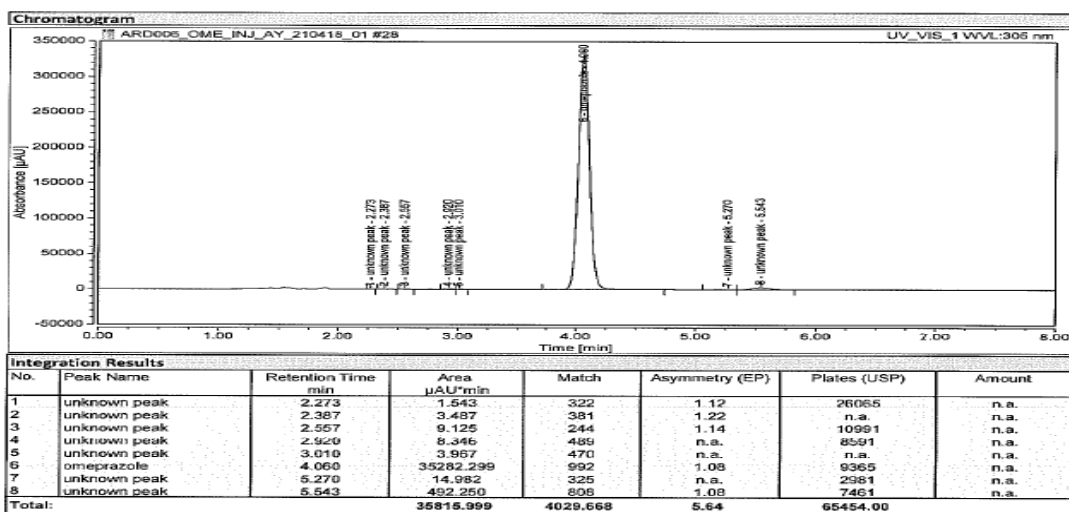


Figure-8: Chromatogram of Peroxide Stress

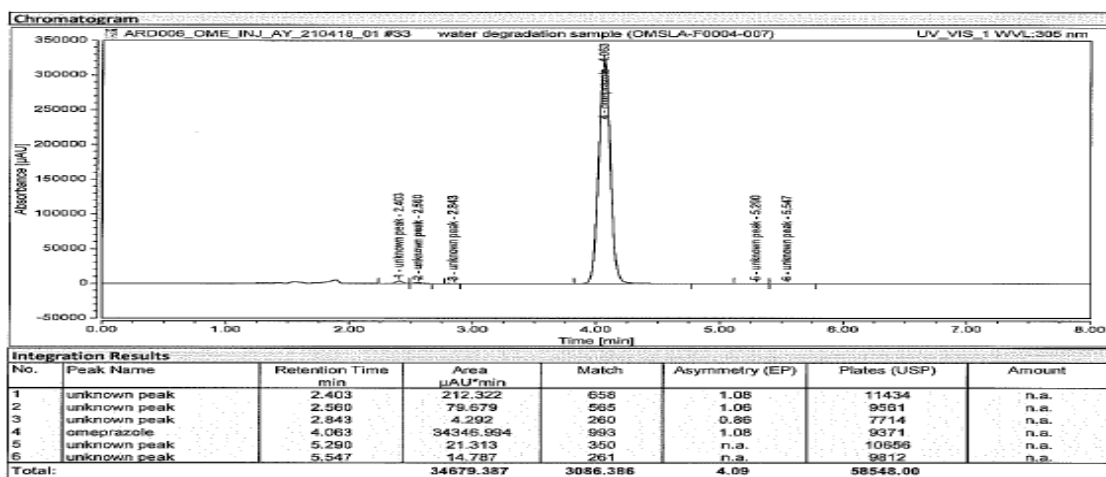


Figure-9: Chromatogram of Water Stress

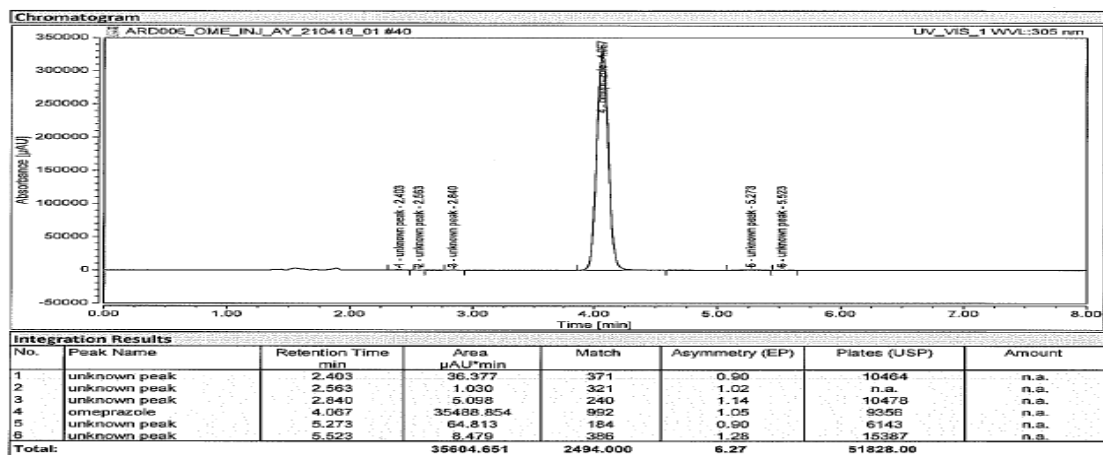


Figure-10: Chromatogram of Thermal Stress

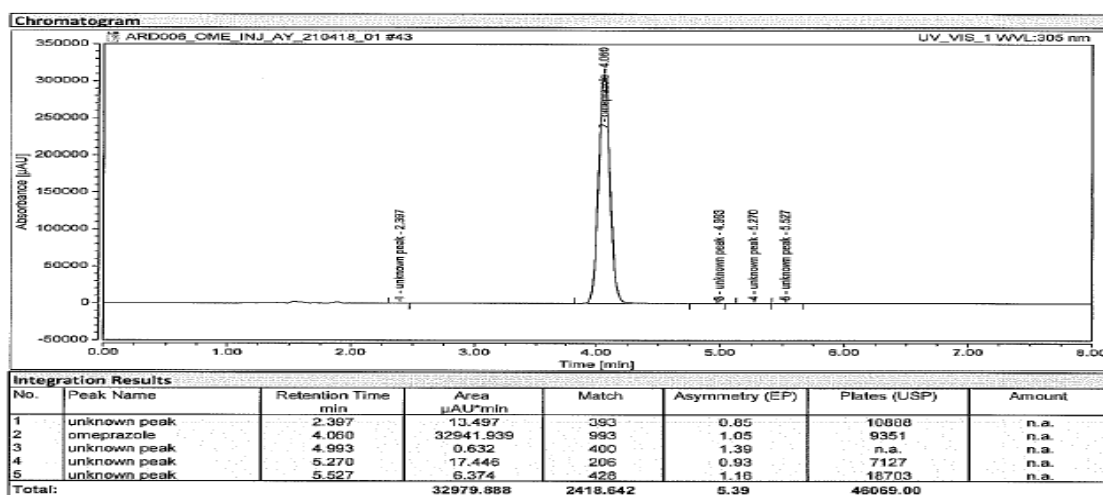


Figure-11: Chromatogram of Humidity Stress

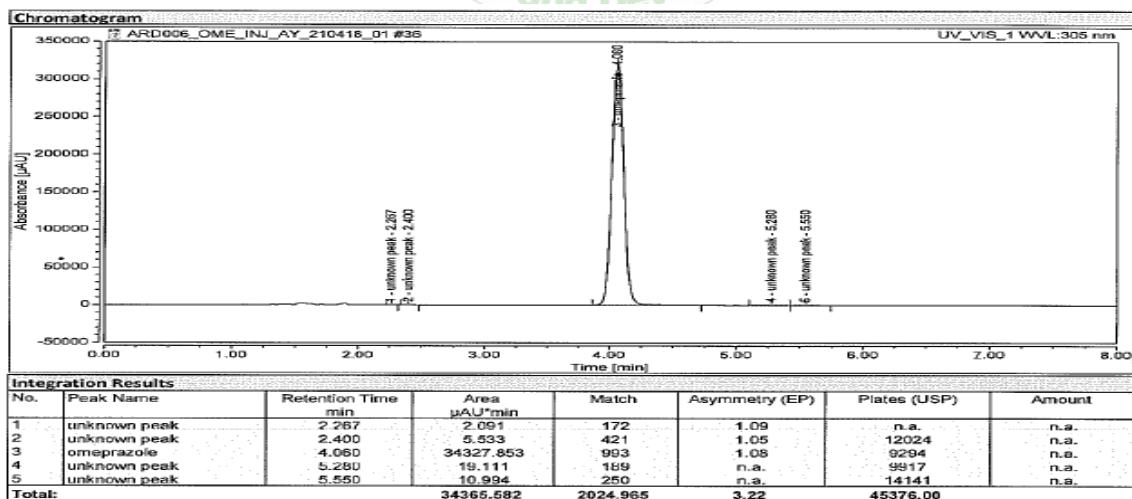


Figure-12: Chromatogram of Photolytic Stress

Linearity

Linearity of detector response was established by plotting a graph of concentration versus average peak area and by

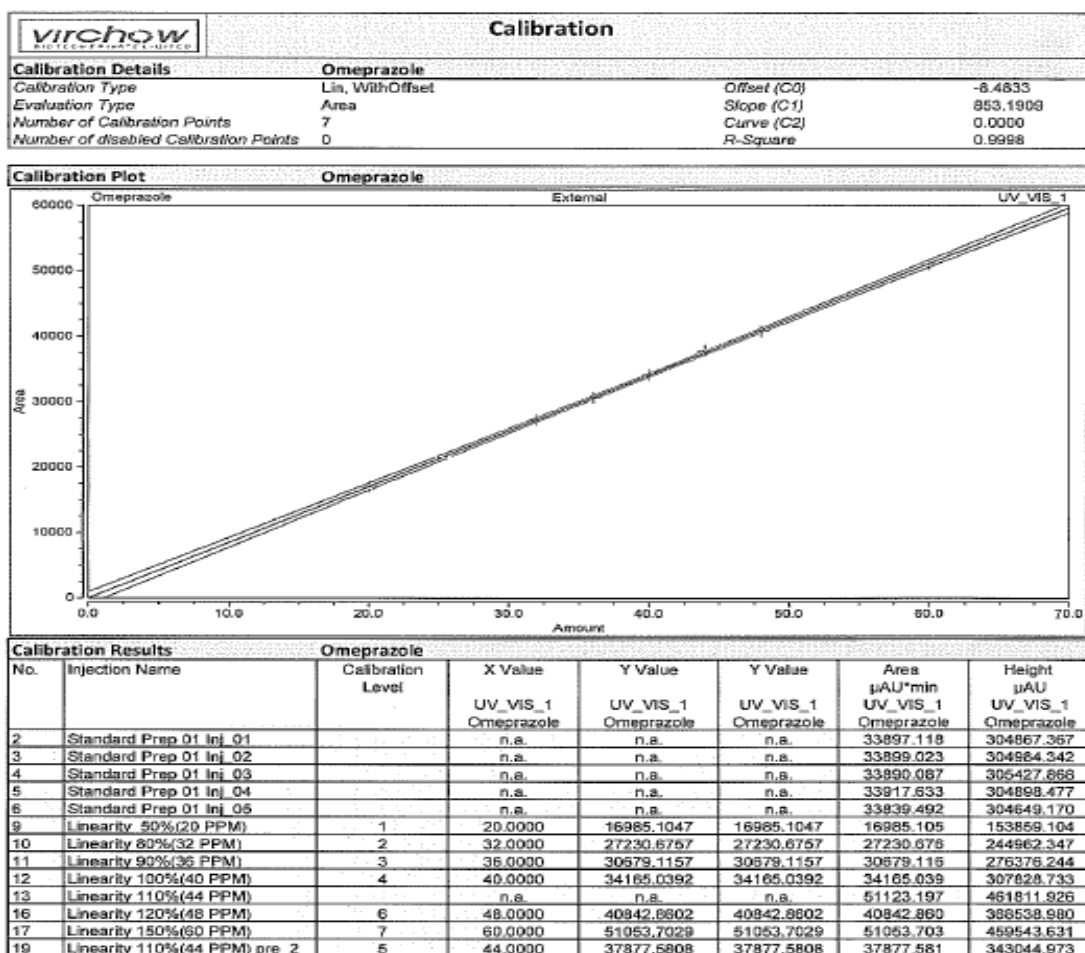
determining the correlation coefficient, % Y-Intercept, slope and Y-intercept. A series of solutions of Omeprazole was prepared in the concentration range of 50 % to 150 % of the target sample concentration and analyzed as per the

test method. A graph was plotted to concentration in $\mu\text{g/mL}$ on X- axis versus response on Y-axis. The results are

summarized in Table-4&5, and the linearity graph is presented in Figure-13.

Table: 5 Linearity of Omeprazole

Solution No.	% level of target concentration	Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Average Peak Area
1	50%	20	16985.1050
2	80%	32	27230.6760
3	90%	36	30679.1157
4	100%	40	34165.0392
5	110%	44	37877.5808
6	120%	48	40842.8600
7	150%	60	51053.7030
Parameter	Acceptance Criteria		Result
Correlation coefficient (r)	NLT 0.999		0.9998
% Y-intercept	NMT 2.0		-8.483
Y-Intercept	Report the value		-0.02
Slope	Report the value		853.19



CONCLUSION:

From the above results, it can be conclude that the method is found to be linear within the predefined limits.

PRECISION

System precision

To demonstrate system Precision the standard solution prepared as per test procedure and injected into the HPLC

system as per methodology. The system Precision parameter was evaluated and found to be within the acceptance criteria. The % RSD for Omeprazole peak areas from ten replicate injections of standard solution was found to be within the limits. The results are summarized in Table-6.

Table 6: System Precision

System Precision Parameter	Observed value
The % Relative Standard Deviation (RSD) of Omeprazole peak areas from ten replicate injections.	0.1%
Recovery of check standard preparation against standard preparation.	99.80%

Method Precision (Repeatability)

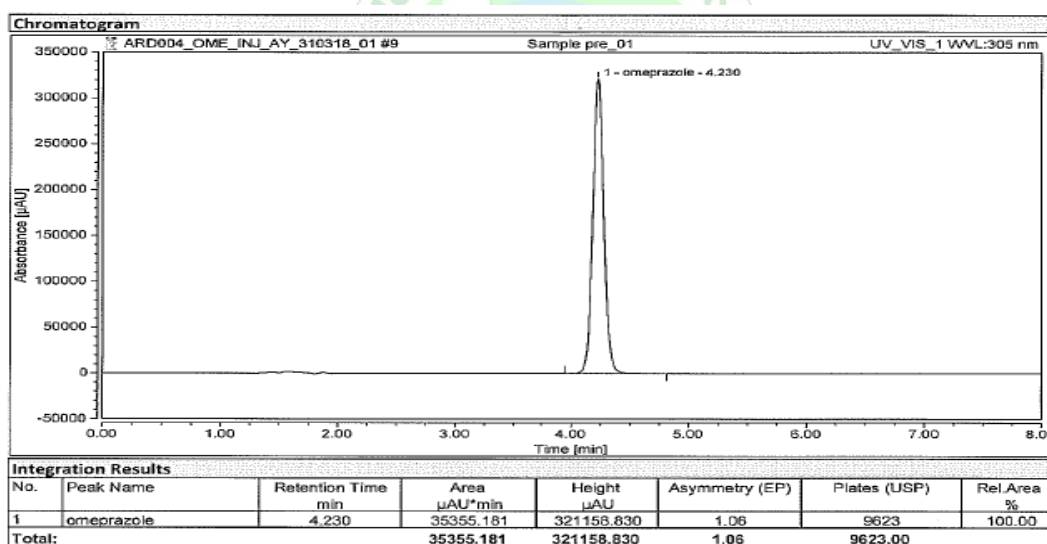
Prepared six sample solutions of Omeprazole as per test procedure and injected each solution in to HPLC system as per methodology. The results are summarized in Table-7

and the test sample chromatogram is presented in Figure-14. **Acceptance Criteria:**

% RSD for assay results of six replicate preparations should be NMT 2.0.

Table 7: Method Precision (Repeatability)

Sample No.	% Assay
1	104.5
2	105.0
3	103.8
4	104.8
5	103.7
6	104.2
Average	104.3
% RSD (NMT 2.0)	0.5

**Figure: 13:** Chromatogram of Sample – Repeatability

CONCLUSION: From the above results, it can be conclude that the method is found to be precise within the predefined limits.

Intermediate Precision

Perform the intermediate precision of same batch of samples analyzed by method precision by different analyst on different day, different column and on different instrument.

Prepared six sample solutions of Omeprazole Sodium for Injection 40mg/vial per test procedure and injected each solution in to HPLC system as per methodology.

The % assay and % RSD and overall % RSD were calculated and the results were found to be within the acceptance criteria. The results are summarized in Table-8 to 10 and the test sample chromatogram is presented in Figure-15.

Table 8: Intermediate Precision

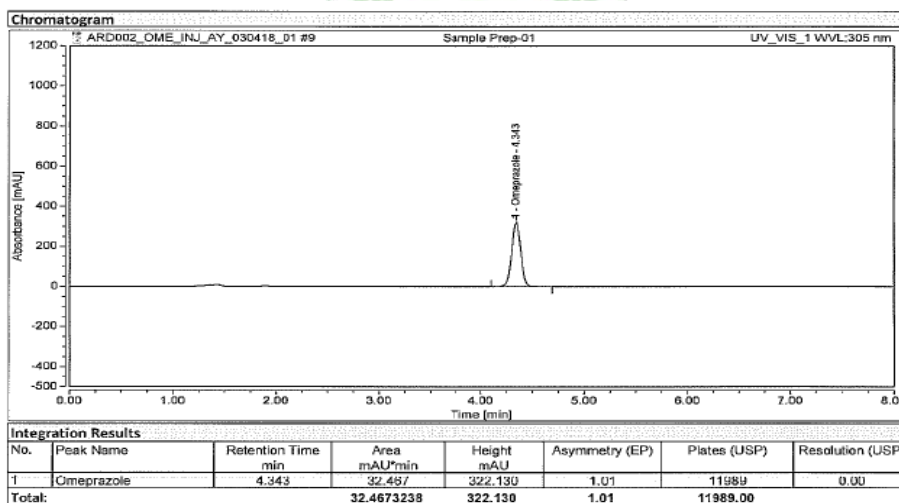
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	VBPL-ARD004	VBPL-ARD002
Column I.D No.	Column – 1	Column - 2
	CLC003	CLC080

Table: 9 System suitability details

System Suitability Parameters	Observed value		Acceptance Criteria
	Method precision	Intermediate Precision	
The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peak from standard solution.	1.07	1.01	NMT 2.0
The USP Theoretical plates for Omeprazole peak from standard solution.	9773	12005	NLT 2000
The % RSD of peak areas of Omeprazole from five replicate injections of Standard solution.	0.1	1.2	NMT 2.0

Table 10: Intermediate Precision-for Omeprazole Assay

Sample No.	% Assay	
	Method Precision	Intermediate Precision
1	104.5	101.0
2	105.0	101.3
3	103.8	100.8
4	104.8	100.4
5	103.7	101.4
6	104.2	101.5
Average	104.3	101.1
Standard deviation	0.5279	0.4179
% RSD (NMT 2.0)	0.5	0.4
Overall % RSD (NMT 2.0)	1.7	

**Figure-13:** Chromatogram of Sample – Intermediate Precision

Note: For Analyst-1 results from Repeatability.

Conclusion: Based on the results, it can be conclude that when the samples are analyzed by different analyst on different days by using different instruments and columns,

the obtained results are comparable and meeting the acceptance criteria for both individual as well as cumulative. Hence it can be concluded that the method is found to be precise and rugged.

Accuracy

Accuracy study was conducted by preparing samples by spiking Omeprazole at different concentrations (50 % to 150 %) with respect to test concentrations and kept placebo concentration constant as in target of sample in test method. Prepared 50%, 75%, 100%, 125% and 150% levels for Omeprazole. Prepared the recovery samples in triplicate for 75%, 100% and 125% levels. Prepared six recovery sample preparations at 50 % and 150 % levels. The prepared

samples were injected in to HPLC system as per methodology.

Acceptance criteria is “The method is considered to be “ACCURATE” if the average recovery is between 98.0 to 102.0 %”.

Calculated the mg added, mg found, % recovery and also calculated the % RSD of lower level (50 %) and higher levels (150 %) to prove the precision. The results are summarized in Table-11 and 12.

Table 11: Accuracy for Omeprazole

Recovery level	Sample No.	µg added	µg found	% Recovery	Average % Recovery	% RSD
50 %	1	20.0131	20.2807	101.3	101.5	0.4
	2	20.0131	20.4594	102.2		
	3	20.0131	20.3759	101.8		
	4	20.0131	20.2174	101.0		
	5	20.0131	20.2692	101.3		
	6	20.0131	20.2992	101.4		
150 %	1	60.0393	60.1818	100.2	99.9	0.3
	2	60.0393	59.8090	99.6		
	3	60.0393	59.8606	99.7		
	4	60.0393	60.2486	100.3		
	5	60.0393	59.7830	99.6		
	6	60.0393	59.9887	99.9		

Table 12: Accuracy for Omeprazole

Recovery level	Sample No.	µg added	µg found	% Recovery	Average % Recovery (Limit: 98.0 to 102.0)
75 %	1	30.0264	30.4394	101.4	101.2
	2	30.0264	30.2786	100.8	
	3	30.0264	30.4631	101.5	
100%	1	40.0351	40.4997	101.2	101.1
	2	40.0351	40.4572	101.2	
	3	40.0351	40.0351	100.9	
125%	1	50.0328	50.6010	100.8	100.8
		50.0328	50.2560	100.1	
		50.0328	50.4107	100.4	

CONCLUSION:

From the above results, the test method was found to be accurate from 50 % to 150 % of target concentration.

Range

Range of analytical method can be obtained from the linearity, precision and accuracy data.

Acceptance criteria:

Report the range in % with respect to test concentration.

Conclusion:

It can be concluded from the linearity, precision and accuracy experiments, that the range of analytical method for the assay of Omeprazole in Omeprazole Sodium for Injection 40mg/vial is 50% to 150% of test concentration.

Solution Stability:

Preparation of standard solution: Prepared standard solution as per test method.

Preparation of sample solution: Prepared sample solution as per test method.

Bench Top Stability of Standard and Sample Solution

A study to establish bench top stability of Omeprazole in sample solution and standard solution was conducted at Initial, Day 1 and Day 2. The assay of Omeprazole in

Table 13: Bench Top Stability of Standard and Sample Solution-for Omeprazole

Time in days	% Assay of Standard preparation	Difference from initial (NMT 2.0)	% Assay of sample preparation	Difference from initial (NMT 2.0)
Initial	99.2	NA	104.0	NA
1	99.3	0.1	103.1	-0.9
2	98.5	-0.7	102.3	-1.6

sample solution and standard solution was estimated against freshly prepared standard at each time. The difference in % Assay of standard and sample solutions from initial to Day 1 and Day 2 was calculated against freshly prepared standard at each time and results were summarized in Table-13.

Refrigerator Stability of Standard and Sample Solution

A study to establish refrigerator stability of Omeprazole in sample solution and standard solution was conducted at Initial, Day 1 and Day 2. The assay of Omeprazole sample

solution was estimated against freshly prepared standard at each time. The % difference of standard and sample solutions from initial to Day 1 and Day 2 was calculated against freshly prepared standard at each time and results are summarized in Table-14.

Table 14: Refrigerator Stability of Standard and Sample Solution-for Omeprazole

Time in days	% Assay of Standard preparation	Difference from initial (NMT 2.0)	% Assay of sample preparation	Difference from initial (NMT 2.0)
			Sample	Sample
Initial	99.2	NA	104.0	NA
1	99.6	0.4	103.4	-0.6
2	98.5	-0.7	103.2	-0.8

Conclusion: From the above data it was concluded that the standard solution and sample solutions were stable up to 2 days on bench top condition and in refrigerator condition.

Bench Top Stability of Mobile Phase

A study to establish the bench top stability of mobile phase was conducted at initial, Day 1, and Day 2. The mobile

phase was prepared as per the test method and kept on bench top in well closed condition. Standard solution was prepared as per test method and injected into HPLC system with the same mobile phase at initial, Day 1, and Day 2. The system suitability parameters from initial were evaluated and found to be within the limits. The results are summarized in Table-15.

Table 15: Bench top stability of mobile phase

System Suitability Parameters	Initial	Day 1	Day 2	Acceptance criteria
The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peak from standard solution	1.06	1.05	1.05	NMT 2.0
The USP plate count for Omeprazole peak from standard solution	9860	9817	9912	NLT 2000
The % RSD of peak areas of Omeprazole from five replicate injections of Standard solution	0.1	0.2	0.1	NMT 2.0

Conclusion: From the above data it was concluded that the mobile phase was stable up to 2 days on bench top.

Robustness

A study was conducted to determine the effect of variation in chromatographic conditions of the test method. Sample

solution (in duplicate) were prepared as per test method. All the solutions were injected in to the HPLC system at one variable condition at a time. The results are summarized in Table 16.

Table 16: System suitability at robustness variation conditions-for Omeprazole

Robustness/Parameters	Asymmetry		Plate count	% RSD	Recovery of check Standard	%Assay	Diff.
	Flow variation (mL/minute)						
Test method flow	1.0	1.10	9517	0.1	100.4	104.7	NA
Low flow	0.9	1.09	9842	0.1	100.1	104.6	0.1
High flow	1.1	1.10	8881	0.1	100.0	104.7	0.0
	Column oven temperature variation (°C)						
Test method temperature	30	1.10	9517	0.1	100.4	104.7	NA
Low temperature	25	1.14	9036	0.1	99.9	104.9	0.2
High temperature	35	1.07	9333	0.1	100.0	104.9	0.2
	Organic composition (Acetonitrile in Mobile phase)						
Test method organic Acetonitrile (MP)	35	1.10	9517	0.1	100.4	104.7	NA
Low organic Acetonitrile (MP)	31.5	1.08	9533	0.1	100.0	104.8	0.1
High organic Acetonitrile (MP)	38.5	1.11	9008	0.1	99.9	105.0	0.3

Acceptance criteria

- The USP Asymmetry for Omeprazole peak from standard solution should be NMT 2.0
- The USP plate count for Omeprazole peak from standard solution should be NLT 2000
- The % RSD of Omeprazole peak areas from five replicate injections of standard solution should be NMT 2.0.
- Recovery of check standard against standard preparation should be in between 98.0 to 102.0%
- Difference between % assay of test method and variation condition should be NMT 2.0.

Conclusion:

From the above results it can be concluded that the method is robust with respect to flow rate, column oven temperature and mobile phase organic composition.

CONCLUSION

The test procedure was validated for specificity, linearity, precision, accuracy, solution stability and robustness were found to meet the predefined acceptance criteria.

The validated method was specific, linear, precise, stable and robust for the Assay of Omeprazole in Omeprazole sodium for Injection 40 mg/vial.

Hence the test procedure can be used for its intended purpose.

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