

# METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF SIMULTANEOUS DETERMINATION OF PIOGLITAZONE AND GLIMEPIRIDE IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM BY RP-HPLC

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**Abstract:** A simple, selective, rapid, and precise reverse phase HPLC method has been developed for the simultaneous estimation of pioglitazone and glimepiride in pharmaceutical dosage form. A phenomenex Luna c<sub>18</sub> column (4.6x150mm) was used for the separation. The mobile phase was acetonitrile: KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer (60:40%v/v) (Ph6) at a flow rate of 1.5ml/min with detection at 230nm. The retention time of pioglitazone and glimepiride was 4.4 and 2.7 minutes respectively. The developed method was validated in term of accuracy, precision, specificity, system suitability, linearity, and robustness, limit of detection and limit of quantification. Linearity of pioglitazone and glimepiride were in the range of 240 to 360µg/ml and 32 to 48µg/ml respectively. The proposed method is suitable for simultaneous determination of pioglitazone and glimepiride in pharmaceutical dosage form.

**Keywords:** pioglitazone and glimepiride.

## Introduction

Pioglitazone is a thiazolidine dione derivative and it is used in patient with NIDDM type of anti-diabetic, chemically it is 5-(4-[2-(5-ethylpyridin-2-yl) benzyl] thiazolidine-2, 4-dione. The molecular formula is C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S. Glimepiride is a sulfonylurea derivative chemically 3-ethyl-2,5-dihydro-4-methyl-N-[2-[4-s(trans-4-methyl cyclohexyl) amino] carbonyl]amino] sulfonyl] phenyl]ethyl]-2-oxo-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxamide<sup>1</sup>, widely used in patient with type 2 diabetic mellitus. Its molecular formula is C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S. Many methods have been described in the literature for the determination of pioglitazone and glimepiride individually and in combination with other drug<sup>2-11</sup>. Our present plan is to develop new, simple, precise, & accurate method for its analysis in formulation after a detailed study a new RP-HPLC method was decided to be developed and validated.

The method was validated according to the ICH (Q<sub>2</sub>A 1995) guidelines<sup>12</sup>.

## Materials and methods

Pioglitazone and glimepiride were obtained as gift samples from Dr. Reddys laboratories, Hyderabad. Acetonitrile & methanol were HPLC grade and potassium dihydrogen phosphate was A R grade from Merck chemicals, Mumbai.

### Analysis of formulation:

Twenty tablets from a batch were randomly selected and powdered, Weigh accurately 1346.7mg of ground tablet powder (equivalent to 150mg of pioglitazone and 20.3 mg of glimepiride) transfer it in 100 ml of volumetric flask, and add 100ml of mobile phase, shake the flask on a rotator shaker for 30 min and sonicate for 15 min with immediate shaking. Keep the solution on a rotatory shaker for 30 min at

200 rpm. Centrifuge the portion of above solution at 4000 rpm for 5 min. pipette out 5 ml of above clear solution and transfer it to 50 ml volumetric flask and make up the volume with mobile phase. The sample solution was suitably diluted and used for the analysis. After setting chromatographic condition and stabilizing the instrument to obtain a steady baseline, the tablet sample solution was loaded in the 20 $\mu$ l fixed-sample loop of the injection port. The solution was injected and chromatogram was recorded. A representative chromatogram has been given in the

figure-1. The result of analysis reported in (table-1). The stability of the sample in mobile was analyzed after 24 hrs, it was found no change in analytical parameter.

#### Recovery studies:

To study the accuracy, reproducibility and precision of the above methods, were carried out by addition of standard drug solution to pre-analyzed sample at different levels. Result of recovery studies were found to be satisfactory and are reported in [Table- 1]

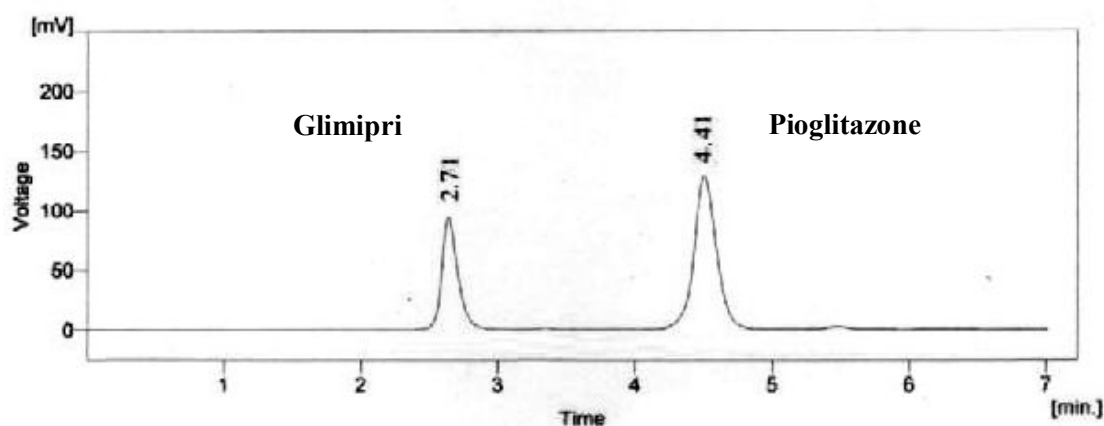
**Table1: Analysis of formulation.**

Drug	Pioglitazone		Glimepride	
	Labeled amount	Estimated amount	Labeled amount	Estimated amount
Amount of drug(mg/tab)	15mg	14.45mg	2mg	2.004mg
% Label claim	99.16%		100.2%	
%RSD	0.21%		1.24%	

**Table2: Validation and system suitability parameters**

S.No	Parameters	Pioglitazone	Glimepride
1	System suitability (%RSD of tailing factor)	1.122	1.273
2.	Specificity	specific	Specific.
3	Precision: A)System Precision B).Method precision	0.21 0.72	1.25 0.61
4	Linearity	0.997	0.990
5	Accuracy	99.9	100.3
6	Robustness	Robustted	Robustted
7	LOD	7.5	0.96
8	LOQ	22.74	2.93

Figure-1 Chromatogram for formulation



### Result and Discussion

A simple, precision and accuracy HPLC method was developed for the simultaneous estimation of pioglitazone and glimepiride in uncoated formulations, consisting of an Acetonitrile: phosphate buffer system (60: 40 % v/v). The chromatographic condition was set at a low rate of 1.5 ml/min with the UV detector at 230 nm. The above method was optimized with a view to develop an assay method for pioglitazone and glimepiride.

Several mobile phase compositions were tried to resolve the peaks of Pioglitazone and Glimepiride.

The optimum mobile phase containing Acetonitrile:  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  buffer (60: 40 % v/v) was selected because it was found ideal to resolve the analyte peaks of both the drugs. Quantification was achieved with UV detections at 230 nm based on peak area and absorbance. As per USP requirements system suitability studies were carried out and freshly prepared standard solutions of Pioglitazone and Glimepiride. Various parameters obtained with 20  $\mu\text{l}$  of injection volume are summarized in the table given below.

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