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ABSTRACT

A simple, accurate and precise UV spectroscopy and RP-HPLC methods were developed and validated for simultaneous estimation of Valsartan and Cilnidipine in combination. First order derivative method was developed using methanol as a solvent. At ZCP of valsartan (248nm) cilnidipine showed a measurable derivative absorbance where as at zero crossing point of cilnidipine (240) valsartan showed an appreciable derivative absorbance value. The calibration curve were linear in a concentration range of 8-48 µg/ml for Valsartan and 1-6 µg/ml for Cilnidipine at their respective wavelength. In combination both the drugs were estimated in the range 98.50-101.33%. The RP-HPLC method has shown adequate separation of Valsartan and Cilnidipine in combination. The separation was achieved on a Enable C18 (250mm X 4.6 mm i.d., 5 µm particle size) with an Isocratic system of Acetonitrile :

Water (pH 4.4) in the ratio of 80:20 v/v. The mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min, injection volume 20 μ l and wavelength of detection used was 227nm. The retention time for Valsartan and Cilnidipine was obtained as 3.711 \pm 0.1min and 7.882 \pm 0.05min respectively. The linearity of the proposed method was investigated in the range of 8-56 μ g/ml and 1-7 μ g/ml for Valsartan and Cilnidipine respectively. The developed method was validated as per ICH guideline, for its accuracy, precision, LOD & LOQ and the results were found to be satisfactory, thus the method is specific, rapid and simple with good sensitivity for estimation of Valsartan and Cilnidipine.

Conclusion: The above methods were cost-effective quality-control tool for routine analysis of Valsartan and Cilnidipine in Combination.

Keywords: Valsartan (VAL), Cilnidipine (CIL), UV Spectrophotometry, First order derivative Spectrophotometry, RP HPLC.