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Development and Validation of RP-HPLC Stability Indicating Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Dolutegravir and Lamivudine in Bulk and Pharmaceutical Dosage Form

ABSTRACT

Aims: Dolutegravir (DVR) and Lamivudine (LMN) is anti-retroviral drug used in treatment of HIV-I infection. FDA approved dosage regime for DVR and LMN is 50mg and 300mg respectively. The aim of present research work is to develop and validate a reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) method for simultaneous estimation of DVR and LMN in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage forms. Further the stability indicating nature of method has been evaluated.

Methodology: A chromatographic separation was achieved on Hypersil BDS C18, 250 × 4.6 mm 3.5 µm particle size, column as stationary phase and mobile phase composed of Phosphate Buffer pH 3.0: Acetonitrile (60:40 %V/V) with flow rate of 1.5mL/min with 20µL injection volume. The analytes were estimated at 232nm using PDA detector. The DVR and LMN solutions were exposed to various forced degradation stress conditions to evaluate the stability behavior of the product. The method was also validated as per ICH Guideline (Q2R).

Results: The retention time for DVR and LMN was found 3.94 and 2.62 min, respectively. The developed method was found linear within concentration range of 27.5 to 82.5 µg/ml (50-150%) for DVR and 167.5 to 502.5 µg/ml (50-150%) for LMN. The % recovery (Accuracy) was found between 99.50 %-101.23% and 100.09%-101.51% for DVR and LMN respectively in range of 50-150% for both drugs. The %RSD for the accuracy at all levels was less than 2.0 %. LOD and LOQ, for DVR were found to 0.669 and 2.028 µg/mL, respectively, and for LMN 0.102 and 0.308 µg/mL, respectively.

Conclusion: The developed RP-HPLC method indicates no interference from the excipients and degradants peaks. All the degradant peaks were having been efficiently resolved through the use of the evolved analytical method with changed retention times. The results obtained were statistically analyzed and meets the acceptance criteria as specified in ICH Q2R1 guideline. Hence, developed method can be successfully applied for the analysis of estimation of DVR and LMN in bulk as well as pharmaceutical dosage form.

Key Words: RP-HPLC, Forced Degradation, Dolutegravir, Lamivudine, Validation

1.INTRODUCTION

Chromatography is most widely used technique in chemical analysis as a separation technique. The separation of analytes is accomplished by passing them through a column filled with micrometer-sized stationary phase with specific affinity to the target analytes. In HPLC, reversed-phase chromatography is a popular separation technique. [1-5]

Dolutegravir (DVR) is a new HIV-1 integrase inhibitor that works by binding to a specific location and inhibiting the strand transfer stage in retroviral DNA integration. Dolutegravir, an integrase strand transfer inhibitor, prevents HIV replication by preventing viral DNA from combining with the genetic material of the host human immunological T cells. Lamivudine (LMN) is a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor that exhibits activity against the human immunodeficiency virus type I (HIV-I) and hepatitis B. (NRTI). It's a crucial stage of the HIV replication cycle that can lead to viral activity suppression. [6-9]

Chemically DVR is a (3S,7R)-N-[(2,4-difluorophenyl) methyl]-11-hydroxy-7-methyl-9,12-dioxo-4-oxa-1,8-diazatricyclotetradeca-10,13-diene-13-carboxamide (Figure 1). Chemically, Lamivudine is (2R, cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl) -(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one (Figure 2). These medications are available in the market and prescribed either individually or as a combination form.

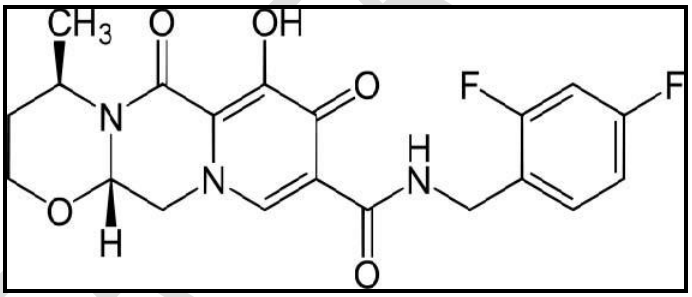

Figure 1: Structure of DVR

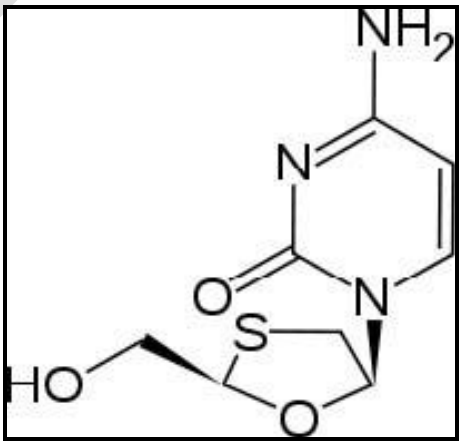

Figure 2: Structure of LMN

The fixed dose combination (FDC) medication containing DVR 50 mg and LMN 300 mg is used to treat HIV-1 infection in adults. In the case of adults, the drug's suggested FDC is once daily, with or without food.
To analyze a drug individually or in combination with other drugs, an effective analytical method is required. Various analytical methods were used to quantify the individual or multi-component combination assay of nucleoside polymerase inhibitor (NPI) in pharmaceutical dosage forms. Several HPLC [10-19], LC/MS/MS [20-23], HPTLC [24-25], UV [26-28], and UPLC [29] assay methods for estimating lamivudine, Dolutegravir and a few other anti-retroviral drugs individually and in combination with other drugs have been described in the literature.

According to a review of the literature no official analytical method for the stability-indicating simultaneous estimation of DVR and LMN by RP-HPLC in the bulk and dosage form. As per the literature search and review no Pharmacopoeial and reported analytical method available to analyze the target analytes in combined dosage form. Hence it is opportunity to develop and validate RP-HPLC method. As a result, the proposed research work aims to develop an RP-HPLC method for estimating DVR and LMN. The novel RP-HPLC method should be able to separate all of the active ingredients present in pharmaceutical dosage form and it is validated as per ICH guidelines [30].

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Chemicals and Reagents

Reference standards for Dolutegravir (DVR) and Lamivudine (LMN) were obtained from Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Acetonitrile, methanol and methanol for HPLC supplied by Sigma Aldrich chemical Pvt Ltd, Bangalore. Milli-Q water, orthophosphoric acid, sodium hydroxide, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, hydrogen peroxide and hydrochloric acid obtained from Himedia lab Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai.

2.2 Instrumentation

A Waters HPLC (Model-2695) instrument consisting of an Hypersil BDS C18 (250 x 4.6 mm) 3.5 µm column and a Waters 515 solvent delivery system using an inbuilt PDA detector was used. Empower 3 software was used. For pH adjustment of the solution, Elico pH meter was employed.

2.3 Chromatographic Conditions

A chromatographic separation was achieved by using Hypersil BDS C_{18}, 3.5 µm particle size, 250 × 4.6mm column as a stationary phase and mobile phase composed of phosphate buffer, pH 3.0: acetonitrile (60:40% v/v) with a flow rate of 1.5 mL/min, and the eluents were detected at a wavelength of 232 nm utilizing PDA detector. Injection volume was set to 20µL and HPLC operated at 30 °C and run time was 10 min at isocratic mode.

2.4 Preparation of Solutions

2.4.1 Preparation of Phosphate Buffer pH 3.0 Solution

Accurately weigh about 6.8 gm potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate, add into a 1000ml beaker. Add 800ml of HPLC water and dissolve it. Adjust solution pH 3.0 with 1.0% ortho phosphoric acid and make up volume (Up to 1000ml) with HPLC water. The buffer solution was filtered through 0.45µm membrane filter and sonicated.

2.4.2 Preparation of Mobile Phase

Mobile phase was prepared by mixing Phosphate buffer solution pH 3.0, acetonitrile within the ratio of 60:40% v/v. The same solution was used as diluent solution to prepare standard solution of drug.

2.4.3 Preparation of Standard Stock solutions

Standard Stock solution of Dolutegravir: Weigh accurately 55.0mg of Dolutegravir into a 100ml volumetric flask. Add 5ml methanol and shake for dissolve, make up volume with diluent.

Standard Stock solution of Lamivudine: Weigh accurately 335.0mg of Lamivudine into a 100ml volumetric flask. Add 5ml methanol and shake for dissolve, make up volume with diluent.

Combined Standard Solution: Transfer 5ml each from Dolutegravir STD stock solution and Lamivudine Std Stock solution into a 50ml volumetric flask and make up volume with diluent.

2.4.4 Preparation of Sample Stock Solution

Weigh and powder 20 tablets. Take tablet powder equivalent to 55.0mg and 335.0 mg of Dolutegravir and Lamivudine, respectively into a 100ml volumetric flask. Add 60ml methanol and shake for 5 minutes and sonicate for 10 minutes. Make up volume with Methanol. Filter this solution with 0.45µm membrane filter. (Dolutegravir-550.0 µg /ml and Lamivudine-3350.0 µg/ml)

Working sample preparation: Take 1ml of sample stock solution into a 10ml volumetric flask and make up with mobile phase. (Dolutegravir-55.0 µg /ml and Lamivudine-335.0 µg /ml).

2.5 Analytical Procedure using HPLC

The combined standard solution and working sample solution was injected in HPLC system, respectively and % assay was calculated using following formula:

$$\%\text{Assay of Dolugretavir} = \frac{\text{Area of Sample}}{\text{Area of Standard}} \times \frac{\text{Wight of Standard}}{\text{Weight of Sample}} \times \text{Average Weight} \times \text{Standard Ptency or Label Claim}$$

$$\%\text{Assay of Lamivudine} = \frac{\text{Area of Sample}}{\text{Area of Standard}} \times \frac{\text{Wight of Standard}}{\text{Weight of Sample}} \times \text{Average Weight} \times \text{Standard Ptency or Label Claim}$$

Developed method was validated as per ICH Q2R1 guidelines with reference to accuracy, precision, system suitability, specificity, linearity, limit ofquantification, limit of detection and forced degradationstudies.

2.5.1 System Suitability

The suitability of the system was checked by 6 repeated injections of the freshly prepared standard solution. Perceived RSD values were within the appropriate range (≤ 2.0%). The theoretical plates, resolutions, and retention rates of dolutegravir and lamivudine were determined and found to be within reasonable limits.

2.5.2 Linearity

Linearity was determined for dolutegravir and lamivudine standard solutions prepared at various concentration levels, i.e., in the range of 27.5 to 82.5 µg/ml for DVR and 167.5 to 502.5 µg/ml for LMN. Each measurement was performed in triplicate. Linearity was confirmed by multivariate least squares analysis.

2.5.3 Precision

The precision of the method was demonstrated by intradayand inter-day analysis.The Interday precision was performed for different 3 concentration as per below concentration range for day-1, day-2 and day-3 Intraday precision was performed using 3 different concentration (n=3) as per condition given below:

1. Lower concentration- DVR-27.5mcg/ml + LMN-167.5mcg/ml
2. Middle concentration- DVR-55mcg/ml + LMN-335mcg/ml
3. Higher concentration- DVR-82.5mcg/ml + LMN-502.5mcg/ml

2.5.4 Accuracy

Accuracy of the developed method was determined using on 3 replicates on 3 levels (total 9 determination) over the range of 27.5 to 82.5 µg/ml (50-150%) for DVR and 167.5 to 502.5 µg/ml (50-150%) for LMN.

2.5.5 Repeatability

Repeatability of the method was performed DVR-55mcg/ml + LMN-335mcg/ml concentration (n=6).

2.5.6 Robustness

The robustness was determined by varying three parametersfrom the optimized conditions described as under:

1. Flow rate: +0.2ml/min and -0.2ml/min
2. Buffer pH: +0.2pH and -0.2pH
3. Solvent % in mobile phase: +2% solvent and -2% solvent in mobile phase.

2.5.7 Limit of detection and limit of quantification (LOD and LOQ)

LOD and LOQ were computed with the use of waters Empower software for signal-to-noise ratio method.

2.6 Forced Degradation Study

Standard stability study of the DVR and LMN solution was performed using different conditions. The standard stock solution of DVR was prepared by dissolving 55mg DVR in 100 ml methanol (550 µg /ml) and LMN standard stock solution was prepared by dissolving 335mg LMN in 100 ml methanol (3350 µg /ml). The working sample stock solution was by accurately weighing and powdered 20 tablets. Take powdered tablet equivalent to 335mg LMN and 55mg DVR in to a 100ml volumetric flask, Respectively. Add 60 ml methanol. Shake for 15 minutes and sonicate for 10 minutes. Make up volume with diluent. Filter this solution with 0.45µm membrane filter. (i.e. DVR-550 µg /ml, LMN-3350 µg /ml).

2.6.1 Sample preparation for Acid Degradation

Blank Sample: Blank sample was prepared by mixing 2ml 0.1N HCl and 2ml 0.1N NaOH in 10 ml volumetric flask and volume was makeup diluent.

Standard Sample: DVR standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml DVR standard stock solution in 2ml 0.1N HCl. Kept this solution for standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml LMN standard stock solution in 2ml 0.1N HCl. Kept this 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N NaOH to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent. LMN solution for 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N NaOH to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

Sample Preparation: Formulation standard solution (DVR and LMN combination) was prepared by adding 1 ml sample stock solution in 2ml 0.1N HCl. Kept this solution for 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N NaOH to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

2.6.2 Sample preparation for Base Degradation

Blank Sample: Blank sample was prepared by mixing 2ml 0.1N HCl and 2ml 0.1N NaOH in 10 ml volumetric flask and volume was makeup diluent.

Standard Sample: DVR standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml DVR standard stock solution in 2ml 0.1N NaOH. Kept this solution for 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N HCl to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent. LMN standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml LMN standard stock solution in 2ml 0.1N NaOH. Kept this solution for 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N HCl to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

Sample Preparation: Formulation standard solution (DVR and LMN combination) was prepared by adding 1 ml sample stock solution in 2ml 0.1N NaOH. Kept this solution for 4 hrs then neutralize with 2ml 0.1N HCl to prevent further degradation. Then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

2.6.3 Sample preparation for Oxidation Degradation

Blank Sample: Blank sample was using 2ml 3% H_2O_2 10 ml volumetric flask and volume was makeup diluent.

Standard Sample: DVR standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml DVR standard stock solution in 2ml 3% H_2O_2. Kept this solution for 2 hrs, then make the volume (10ml) using diluent. LMN standard solution was prepared by adding 1 ml LMN standard stock solution in 2ml 3% H_2O_2. Kept this solution for 2 hrs then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

Sample Preparation: Formulation standard solution (DVR and LMN combination) was prepared by adding 1 ml sample stock solution in 2ml 3% H_2O_2. Kept this solution for 2 hrs then make the volume (10ml) using diluent.

2.6.4 Sample Preparation for Thermal Degradation

For thermal degradation study mobile phase (diluent) was taken as blank solution. For standard degradation study, put the standard powder individually in Oven at 105^0C for 12 hrs.

2.6.5 Sample Preparation for Photo Degradation

For Photo degradation study mobile phase (diluent) was taken as blank solution. For standard degradation study, put the standard powder individually in UV chamber at 105°C for 24 hrs.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 RP-HPLC Method Development

For detection of DVR and LMN using RP-HPLC chromatographic condition was applied. The analysis of results within the suitable limit i.e not less than 2.0. Figure 3 represents the RP-HPLC chromatogram of placebo, blank and sample, Respectively. This may be a referred as specificity of the developed method RP-HPLC.

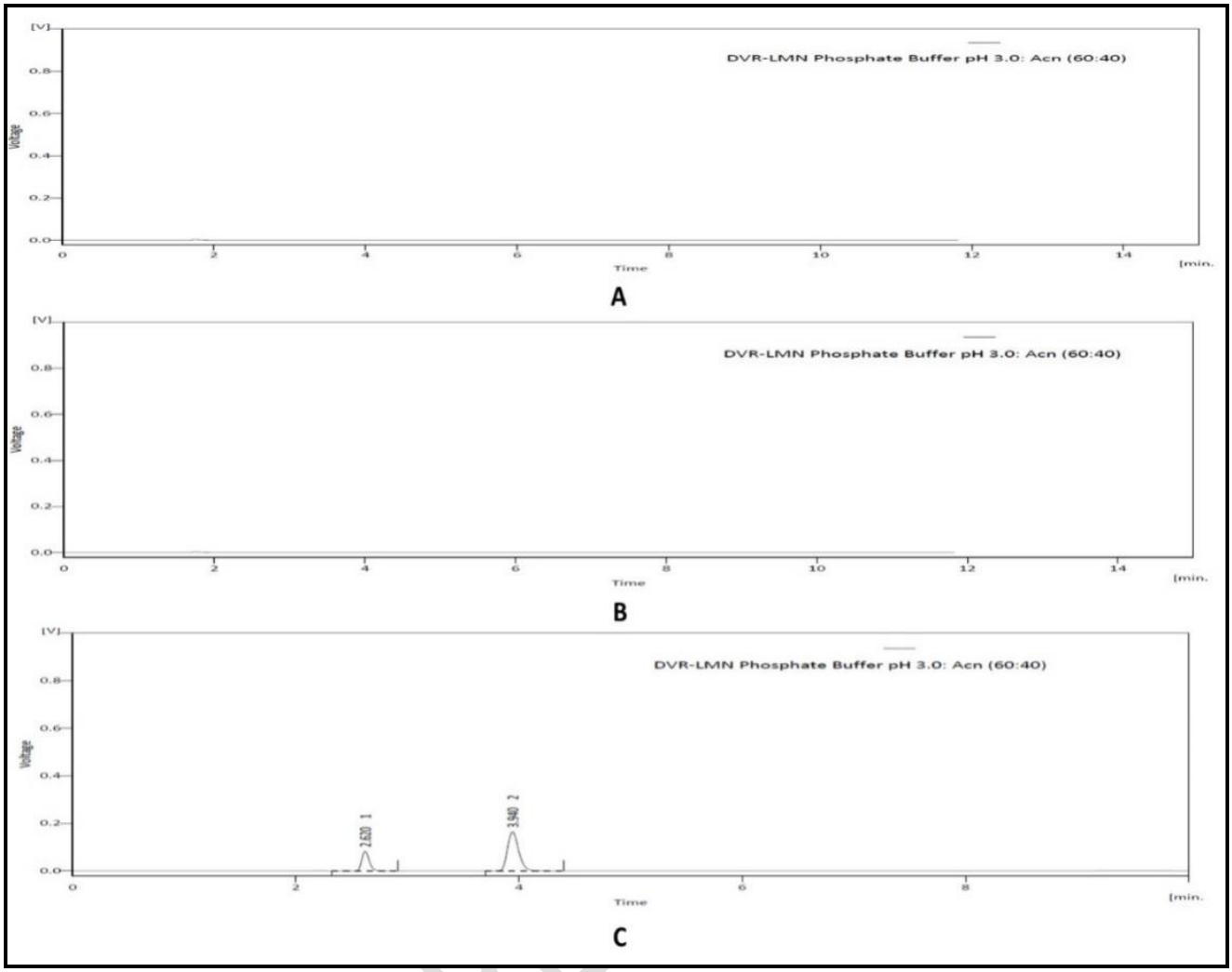

Figure 3: RP-HPLC chromatograms for (A) Placebo (B) Blank and (C) Sample Solution.

3.2 System Suitability Study

6 replicates of standard solution were freshly prepared and RSD value was observed within the generally acceptable limit (≤ 2.0%). The results of theoretical plates, resolution, and tailing factor of DVR and LMN was found within the acceptable limit (Table 1).

Table 1: Results of System suitability parameters

System suitability parameters	Observed Results		Acceptance Criteria
	DVR	LMN	
Retention time	3.94	2.62	----
%RSD for area count of 6 standard replicate injections	0.4	0.5	Not More Than 2.0
USP Tailing factor	1.40	1.35	Not More Than 2.0
USP Theoretical plates	7107	7071	Not Less Than 2000
Resolution	8.473	NA	Not Less Than 5.0

3.3 Linearity, Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification study

The linearity was performed by preparing standard solution of DVR and LMN at various concentration levels i.e., in the range of 27.5 to 82.5 µg/ml for DVR and 167.5 to 502.5 µg/ml for LMN. Each measurement was done in triplicate. The results indicated in Figure 4, which showed linear relationship exist between peak area and concentration of drug within the given range. Table 2 showed linear equation and correlation coefficient for DVR and LMN.

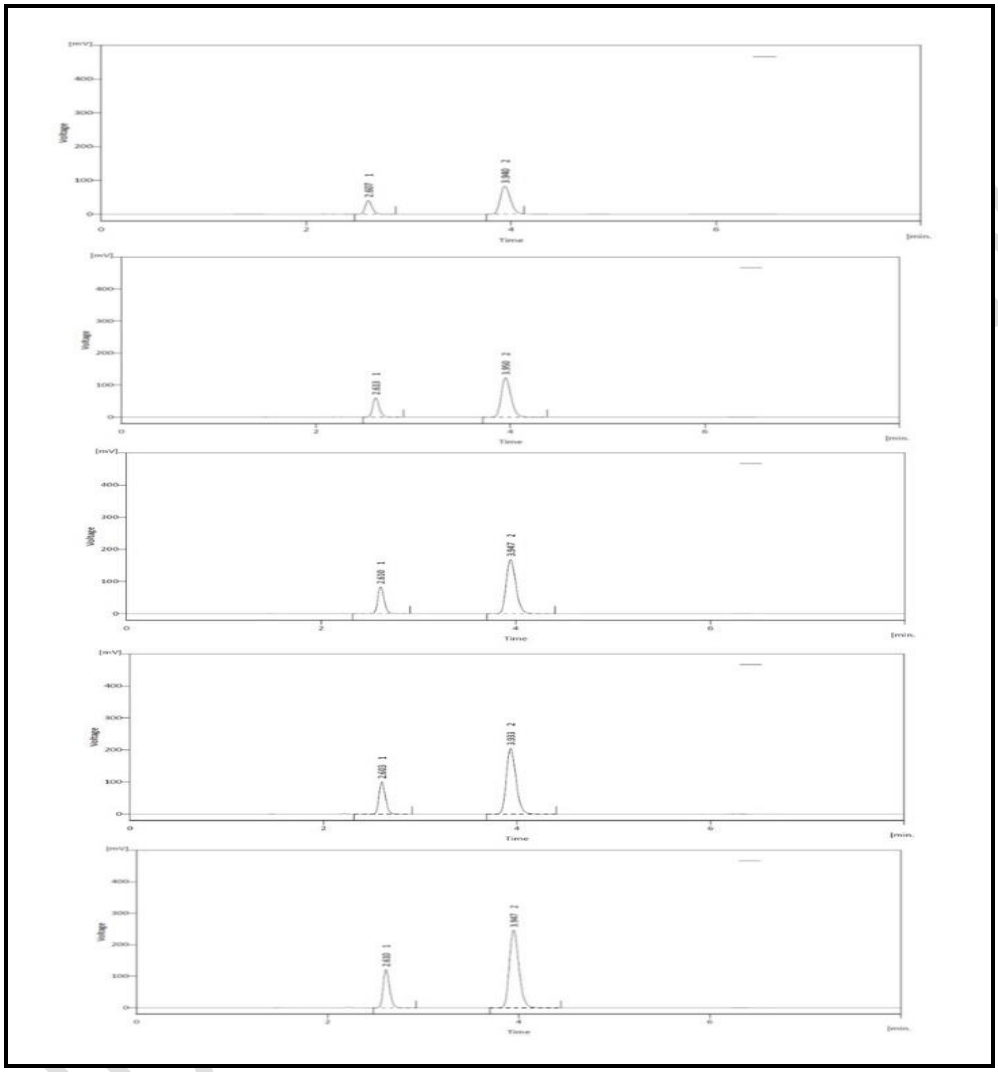

Figure 4: Results of Linearity in concentration range of 27.5 to 82.5 µg/ml for DVR and 167.5 to 502.5 µg/ml for LMN

Table 2: Results of Linearity study

Sr. No	Drug Name	% Level	Concentration Range (mcg/ml)	Peak Area	Linear Equation	Correlation Coefficient (r^2)
01	DVR	50	27.5	186.351	y = 9.2929x + 2.5182	0.9988
		75	41.25	278.547		
		100	55	383.444		

		125	68.75	465.122		
		150	82.5	557.709		
02	LMN	50	167.5	559.963	y = 230.47x - 5.8588	0.9988
		75	251.25	856.885		
		100	335	1174.379		
		125	418.75	1424.619		
		150	502.5	1716.508		

LOD and LOQ were found to be 0.669 and 2.028 µg/mL, respectively, for DVR and 0.102 and 0.308 µg/mL, respectively, for LMN.

3.4 Accuracy

Accuracy of the developed method was determined by standard addition method that represent % drug recovery study (n=3). i.e. 50%, 100% and 150%. The results of accuracy study were presented in Table 3. The % recovery at each level, mean% recovery, % RSD met the established acceptance criteria.

Table 3: Results of Accuracy for Developed Method for DVR and LMN

		Results of %Recovery Study of DVR				
% Level	**Sample No**	**Amount Added (µg /ml)**	**Amount Recovered (µg /ml)**	**% Recovery**	**% Mean Recovery**	**% RSD**
50	1	27.5	27.00	98.18	99.50	1.16
	2	27.5	27.57	100.27		
	3	27.5	27.51	100.05		
100	1	55	55.22	100.40	101.23	1.14
	2	55	55.41	100.75		
	3	55	56.40	102.55		
150	1	82.5	83.42	101.12	99.85	1.62
	2	82.5	82.82	100.39		
	3	82.5	80.87	98.03		
		Results of %Recovery Study of LMN				
50	1	167.5	168.42	100.55	100.09	0.67
	2	167.5	168.17	100.40		
	3	167.5	166.38	99.33		
100	1	335	344.51	102.84	101.51	1.44
	2	335	334.83	99.95		
	3	335	340.86	101.75		
150	1	502.5	504.46	100.39	100.17	0.45

	2	502.5	500.79	99.66		
	3	502.5	504.86	100.47		

3.5 Precision and Repeatability Study

The Intraday precision was determined by analyzing samples(n=3). The %RSD was found to be 0.92-1.72 %and 0.70-1.47 for DVR and LMN, respectively. The Interday precision was measured using mean values and the % RSD at different days. The % RSD was found to be 0.77-1.77 % and 0.82-1.02 for DVR and LMN, respectively. The repeatability (n=6) of the developed method was evaluated as the % RSD, it was found to be 1.77%and 1.85% for DVR and LMN, respectively. The results were indicated in Table 4 and Table 5. The results of developed method were found within the acceptance criteria.

Table 4: Results of Precision of Developed Method for DVR and LMN

Intraday Precision for DVR and LMN							
DVR				**LMN**			
Concentration (mcg/ml)	**Peak Area**	**Mean peak Area**	**% RSD**	**Concentration (mcg/ml)**	**Peak Area**	**Mean Peak Area**	**%RSD**
27.5	192.173	193.83	1.55	167.5	591	591.70	0.70
	196.794				596.178		
	191.181				587.924		
55	388.1	384.63	0.92	335	1190.147	1177.84	1.08
	381.021				1164.81		
	384.795				1178.565		
82.5	569.377	578.11	1.72	502.5	1823.293	1802.97	1.47
	588.904				1812.617		
	576.066				1773.015		
Inter day Precision for DVR and LMN							
DVR				**LMN**			
Concentration (mcg/ml)	**Peak Area**	**Mean peak Area**	**% RSD**	**Concentration (mcg/ml)**	**Peak Area**	**Mean Peak Area**	**%RSD**
27.5	185.231	185.18	1.77	167.5	569.612	564.90	0.92
	188.442				565.768		
	181.895				559.341		
55	369.143	372.05	0.77	335	1162.977	1150.30	1.02
	372.176				1139.862		
	374.854				1148.084		
82.5	556.034	558.23	1.41	502.5	1711.341	1711.82	0.82
	551.712				1698.027		
	566.962				1726.11		

Table 5: Repeatability study of Developed Method for DVR and LMN

Concentration of DVR (µg /ml)	Peak Area	Concentration of LMN (µg /ml)	Peak Area
55	370.776	335	1135.585
	383.679		1175.044
	368.068		1132.507
	371.342		1184.74
	375.629		1150.482
	383.219		1167.427
Mean	375.4521667	**Mean**	1157.630833
SD	6.65	**SD**	21.46
%RSD	1.77	**%RSD**	1.85

3.6 Robustness

The robustness (n=3) of the developed method at different condition was presented in Table 6. % RSD of the method was found less than 2.0%, which is within acceptance limit.

Table 6: Results of Robustness for DVR and LMN

DVR Concentration (55 µg /ml)				LMN Concentration (335 µg /ml)			
Parameter	Peak Area	Mean Peak Area	%RSD	Parameter	Peak Area	Mean Peak Area	%RSD
Flow Rate +2ml/min	365.541	366.3263	1.39	Flow Rate +2ml/min	1119.689	1114.039	0.53
	361.684				1107.813		
	371.754				1114.614		
Flow Rate -2 ml/min	390.199	394.703	1.85	Flow Rate -2 ml/min	1200.56	1218.489	1.66
	403.133				1240.35		
	390.777				1214.557		
Mobile Phase Composition +2%	360.4	363.644	1.55	Mobile Phase Composition +2%	1103.756	1115.019	1.75
	360.371				1103.729		
	370.161				1137.573		
Mobile Phase Composition -2%	380.511	378.1783	1.36	Mobile Phase Composition -2%	1170.756	1156.855	1.11
	381.745				1154.395		
	372.279				1145.415		

Buffer pH +0.2	370.256	370.345	1.67	Buffer pH +0.2	1133.987	1135.99	1.45
	364.212				1120.623		
	376.567				1153.36		
Buffer pH - 0.2	373.752	374.5757	1.41	Buffer pH - 0.2	1144.714	1148.978	1.22
	380.217				1164.595		
	369.758				1137.624		

3.7 Forced Degradation Study

Forced degradation studies were performed to indicate stability of DVR and LMN at various stress conditions. Stress conditions used for forced degradation studies were as per ICH Q2R2 specifications. The stability of samples was cross checked with standard samples. Table 7 indicated results of various forced degradation condition on sample and standard. There is no interference was observed in the HPLC chromatograms (Figure 5) of degraded products at respective drug peaks. The individual drug peak purity values were found to be within specific limits, hence, it is said that the developed RP-HPLC method was specific and stability indicating.

Table 7: Results of Forced degradation Study on DVR and LMN

% DVR Degradation				
Forced Degradation Parameter	**Standard**		**Sample**	
	Peak Area	**% Degradation**	**Peak Area**	**% Degradation**
Acid Condition	293.499	20.84	307.532	17.05
Alkaline Condition	315.512	14.90	313.279	15.50
Oxidation Condition	306.973	17.21	303.154	18.24
Photo Degradation Condition	322.936	12.90	327.826	11.58
Thermal Degradation Condition	328.753	11.33	326.484	11.94
% LMN Degradation				
Forced Degradation Parameter	**Standard**		**Sample**	
	Peak Area	**% Degradation**	**Peak Area**	**% Degradation**
Acid Condition	954.385	15.95	951.16	16.23
Alkaline Condition	952.469	16.12	968.791	14.68
Oxidation Condition	933.152	17.82	949.933	16.34
Photo Degradation Condition	1000.942	11.85	997.969	12.11
Thermal Degradation Condition	1003.411	11.63	1030.52	9.25

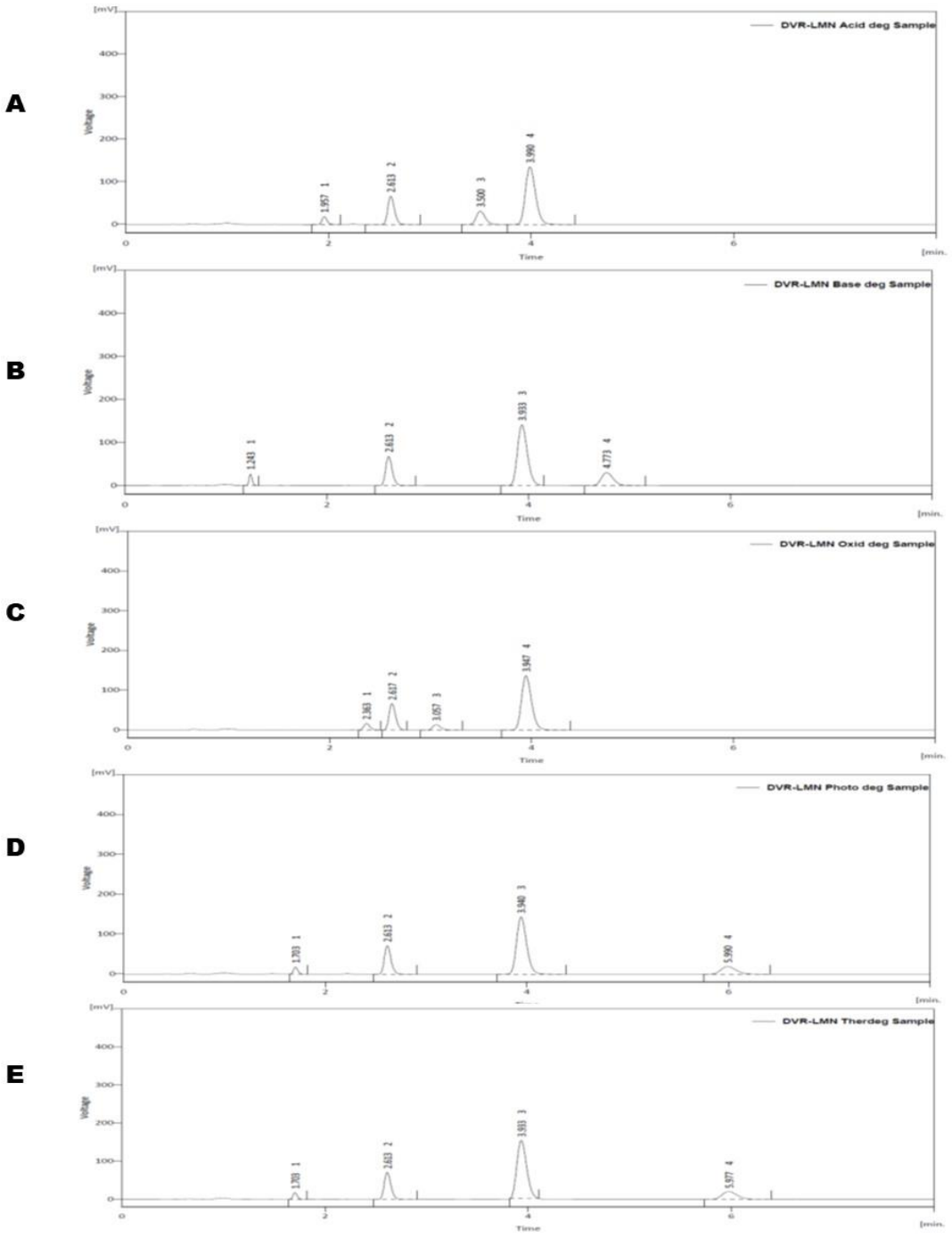

Figure 5: HPLC Chromatograms for DVR and LMN Sample Degradation (A) Acid Degradation (B) Base Degradation (C) Oxidation Degradation (D) Photo Degradation (E) Thermal Degradation, Respectively

4. CONCLUSION

The developed RP-HPLC chromatographic method was simple, accurate, specific and selective as well as proved to be stability indicating for simultaneous estimation of DVR and LMN in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form. During estimation of DVR and LMN using developed method, it indicates good resolution, LOD and LOQ. The validation of developed method was as per the acceptance criteria of the ICH Q2R2 guideline. Hence, validated stability indicating method for estimation of DVR and LMN was successfully employed.

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