

## Method Development and Validation of Anti-Diabetic Drug gliclazide in its pharmaceutical dosage form by HPLC with forced degradation Studies

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### ABSTRACT:

A simple, rapid, and specific method for analysis of an anti-diabetic drug i.e., gliclazide by a sensitive reverse phase high-performance liquid chromatographic method is described. HPLC is an essential tool which should be able to separate, quantify, detect the various drug, drug-related impurity during the synthesis. The Gliclazide is an anti-diabetic drug which is used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. It belongs to the sulfonylurea class of insulin secretagogues, which act by stimulating  $\beta$  cells of the pancreas to release insulin. The developed method was validated as per ICH guidelines. The chromatographic separation was achieved by using Agilent Zorbax Bonus-RP (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 $\mu$ ) column at ambient temperature using Phosphate Buffer: ACN(40: 60, % v/v) as mobile phase at flow rate of 1 ml/min and wavelength detection at 230 nm. Gliclazide shows linearity over the concentration range of 0.8-1.2 mg/ml with a limit of detection of 2.86  $\mu$ g/ml. The accuracy of the method was 99.49-101.08%. The proposed method was validated as per the ICH guideline with excellent selectivity, linearity, sensitivity, precision, accuracy, inter-day and intra-day was applicable for the assay of given drug. The proposed method can be successfully applied for the estimation of Gliclazide in pharmaceutical dosage forms.

**KEYWORDS:** Anti-diabetic, insulin secretagogues, ambient temperature.

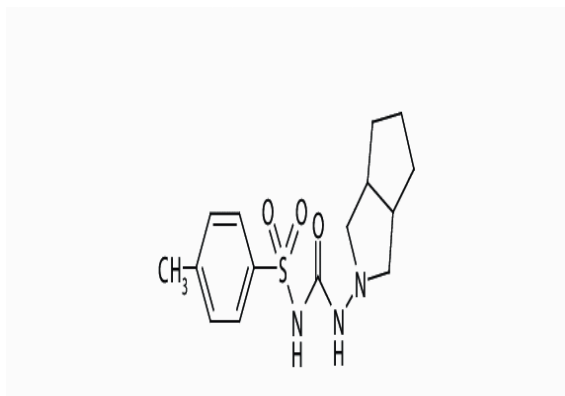
### I. INTRODUCTION:

Gliclazide is an oral antihyperglycemic agent used for the treatment of non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM). It has been classified differently according to its drug properties in which based on its chemical structure, gliclazide is considered a first-generation sulfonylurea due

to the structural presence of a sulfonamide group able to release a proton and the presence of an aromatic group.<sup>1</sup>

Gliclazide belongs to the sulfonylurea class of insulin secretagogues, which act by stimulating  $\beta$  cells of the pancreas to release insulin. Sulfonylureas increase both basal insulin secretion and meal-stimulated insulin release. Sulfonylureas also increase peripheral glucose utilization, decrease hepatic gluconeogenesis and may increase the number and sensitivity of insulin receptors. Due to their mechanism of action, sulfonylureas may cause hypoglycemia and require consistent food intake to decrease this risk. The risk of hypoglycemia is increased in elderly, debilitated and malnourished individuals. Gliclazide has been shown to decrease fasting plasma glucose, postprandial blood glucose and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) levels (reflective of the last 8-10 weeks of glucose control). Gliclazide is extensively metabolized by the liver; its metabolites are excreted in both urine (60-70%) and feces (10-20%).

Gliclazide binds to the  $\beta$  cell sulfonyl urea receptor (SUR1). This binding subsequently blocks the ATP-sensitive potassium channels. The binding results in closure of the channels and leads to a resulting decrease in potassium efflux leading to depolarization of the  $\beta$  cells. This opens voltage-dependent calcium channels in the  $\beta$  cell resulting in calmodulin activation, which in turn leads to exocytosis of insulin-containing secretory granules.



Structure of gliclazide

#### CHEMICALS AND REAGENTS:

The tested pharmaceutical dosage Procter and Gamble Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Gliclazide working standard pure drug form in powder form were purchased from Dhamtec pharma, Navi Mumbai. Acetonitrile, Phosphate Buffer were of HPLC grade from Loba chemicals, Mumbai. HPLC grade water was prepared using a Milli-Q purification system. All other reagents were of analytical grade.

#### INSTRUMENTATION:

The HPLC system used for method development and validation consisted of an Agilent 1200 Series UV Spectroscopy Shimadzu UV-1800 and Agilent Carry-60, Sonicator Labman I-SL-50 and Labman PROB-250, Weighing Balance Shimadzu No. D460020153, Magnetic Stirrer Remi equipment PVT. LTD.

#### • Preparation of stock and working standard solutions

##### ➤ Preparation of Gliclazide Standard Stock Solution (SSS-I):

Weigh accurately 10 mg of Gliclazide in a 10 ml volumetric flask and dilute it with diluent to make up the volume. (Conc. of Gliclazide = 1000 µg/ml)

##### ➤ Preparation of Gliclazide Standard Stock Solution (SSS-II):

Pipette out 1 ml of above solution in a 10 ml volumetric flask and dilute it with diluent to make up the volume. (Conc. of Gliclazide = 100 µg/ml)

##### ➤ Preparation of Gliclazide Working Standard (WS):

Pipette out 1.0 ml of SSS-II in a 10 ml volumetric flask and dilute it with diluent to make up the volume. (Conc. of Gliclazide = 10 µg/ml)

#### • Drug Product Sample Preparation for Assay:

- i. 10 tablets were weighed, and average weight was calculated. And tablets were crushed & mixed in mortar and pestle.
- ii. Powder weight equivalent to 5 mg Gliclazide was weighed into 10 ml volumetric flask & add 5 ml diluent, sonicate for 5 minutes, and make the volume to 10 ml with diluent. (Conc. of Gliclazide = 500 µg/ml).
- iii. Further, pipette out 1.0 ml of above solution in 10 ml volumetric flask and add 5 ml diluent and vortex and make up the volume with diluent. (Conc. of Gliclazide = 50 µg/ml).

#### • Selection of Wavelength:

The sample was scanned from 190-400 nm with DAD detector. The Wavelength selected for analysis chosen was 230 nm for appropriate identification of Gliclazide.

#### • Chromatographic conditions

The chromatographic separation was performed using isocratic elution at ambient temperature (30 °C) on Agilent Zorbax Bonus-RP (150 x 4.6 mm, 5 µ) with UV detection at 230 nm. The mobile phase was composed Phosphate Buffer: ACN (40:60, % v/v). The flow rate was set at 1 mL/min. The injection volume was 10 µL for every injection.

#### • Analytical method validation:

The developed RP-HPLC method was validated in terms of the following parameters: specificity, linearity, sensitivity, precision, accuracy and stability of analytical solutions. The validation was carried out according to International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines for validation of analytical procedures.

#### a. Specificity & Assay:

iv. Individual sample of Gliclazide working standard & drug product of 50 µg/ml was prepared and peaks were identified from Retention Time.

v. Blank was injected to ensure there is no blank peak interfering with the main analyte peak.

vi. Assay was calculated by using following formula.

$$\%Assay = \frac{SampleArea}{StandardArea} \times 100$$

**a. Repeatability & System Suitability:**

- vii. A single sample was prepared as described and 6 injections were made from same sample and checked for system suitability.
- viii. System suitability parameters are as below:

- 1. Retention Time,
- 2. Theoretical plates,
- 3. Asymmetry (Tailing factor),
- 4. Peak purity.

**b. Linearity & Range:**

- ix. 5 samples of varying concentrations ranging from 80-120% were made.
- x. The concentrations are given below.

%Level	Gliclazide Conc. (µg/ml)
80	40
90	45
100	50
110	55
120	60

- xi. The sample preparations are given as below.
- xii. X ml of Gliclazide was added to 10 ml diluent to make up the concentrations given above:

X ml of GSSS-I	Diluted to
0.8	10 ml
0.9	10 ml
1.0	10 ml
1.1	10 ml
1.2	10 ml

**c. Accuracy:**

- xiii. Samples were prepared of 80%, 100% and 120% concentration by spiking the same amount of concentration given above in table for both Gliclazide.
- xiv. Samples were injected in triplicate to calculate %RSD.
- xv. % recovery was also calculated.

$$LOD = \frac{3.3 \times Std. Error of Intercept}{Coefficient of X Variable 1}$$

$$LOQ = \frac{10 \times Std. Error of Intercept}{Coefficient of X Variable 1}$$

**d. LOD/LOQ:**

- xvi. Was calculated by using ANOVA technique.
- xvii. Formula:

**e. Robustness:**

- xviii. The Robustness was performed by changing the column temperature by ±2°C.
- xix. Each sample was injected % Assay was calculated at each condition was calculated.

Condition	Increased	Normal	Decreased
Column Oven Temperature	32°C	30°C	28°C

**f. Intra & Inter-day Precision:**

- xx. Single mixture working standard and drug product samples were prepared and injected twice in a day at different time intervals to evaluate intra-day precision.
- xxi. Same mixture working standard and drug products samples were analysed on second day to evaluate the inter-day precision.
- xxii. % Assay was calculated at each interval and stability of solutions were estimated.

➤ **Forced Degradation Studies**

Forced degradation study (FD) studies (stress testing) are an intrinsic part of pharmaceutical product development. It is a procedure whereby the natural degradation rate of a product or material is increased by the application of additional stress condition. It manifests chemical behavior of the molecule which helps in the development of formulation and packaging of pharmaceutical development. It is necessary to specify the specificity of the stability indication methods and provide insight into degradation pathways and degradation products of the drug substance and aid in an elucidation of the structure of the degradation products.

The Regulatory guidelines, the Various International guidelines are recommended for the forced degradation studies<sup>2</sup>: -

- a. ICHQ1A: Stability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products.
- b. ICHQ1B: Photostability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products.
- c. ICHQ2B: Validation of Analytical Procedure s: Methodology.

● **Various degradation conditions**

**1. Hydrolysis:** Over a wide range of pH most common degradation, chemical reactions are Hydrolysis. The decomposition of a chemical compound by reaction with water is called Hydrolysis. In acidic and basic hydrolysis, the catalysis of ionizable functional groups present in the molecule occurs. Forced degradation of a drug substance occurs when the drug interacts with acid and base. It produces primary degradants in the desirable range. Depending on the stability of the drug substance, the class and concentrations of acid or base taken should be decided. For acid hydrolysis, hydrochloric acid or sulphuric acid (0.1-1M) considered to be most suitable where as sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide (0.1-1M) for base hydrolysis are suggested<sup>2,3</sup>. Co-

solvents can be used if compounds are poorly soluble in water. Forced degradation started at room temperature and further temperature increased if there is no degradation<sup>3</sup>.

**2. Oxidation conditions:** For oxidative forced degradation, hydrogen peroxide is broadly used. Apart from this as metal ions, oxygen, and radical initiators: azobisisobutyronitrile, AIBN can also be used. Drug structure will allow selecting concentration and condition of oxidizing agents. An electron transfer mechanism occurs in the oxidative degradation of drug substance<sup>4</sup>.

**3. Photolytic conditions:** The light exposure does not affect the drug substance for this purpose photostability is conducted. Photostability studies are performed to produce primary degradants of drug substance by exposure to UV or fluorescent conditions. In ICH guidelines, so mere recommended conditions for photostability testing are described. Samples of drug substance and solid/liquid drug product should be exposed to a minimum of 1.2 million lxh and 200 Wh/m<sup>2</sup> light, 300-800 nm is the most commonly accepted wavelength of light to cause the photolytic degradation. 6 million is the maximum illumination recommended. Photo oxidation can be caused by light stress conditions by the free radical mechanism. Photosensitive groups are carbonyls, nitroaromatic, N-oxide, alkenes, aryl chlorides, weak C-H and O-H bonds, sulfides and polyenes<sup>5</sup>.

**4. Thermal conditions:** Thermal degradation (e.g., dry heat and wet heat) should be carried out at more strenuous conditions than recommended ICHQ1A accelerated testing conditions. Samples of solid-state drug substances and drug products should be exposed to dry and wet heat. Liquid drug products should be exposed to dry heat. For a shorter period, studies may be conducted at higher temperatures. Through the Arrhenius equation the effect of temperature on the thermal degradation of a substance can be studied.

**5. Humidity:** Humidity is one of the effective factors in establishing the potential degradants in the finished product and active pharmaceutical ingredient. Normally 90% humidity for the duration of one week shall be recommended for the establishment of forced degradation samples<sup>6</sup>.

**II. RESULT:**

The proposed method can be successfully

applied for the estimation of Gliclazide in pharmaceutical dosage forms. The RP-HPLC separation was developed on C18 column under isocratic condition with short retention time (6.75)

acceptable resolution, use of cost-effective solvents and ease of preparation. Quantitative analysis was achieved with high chromatographic response peak and optimum resolution.

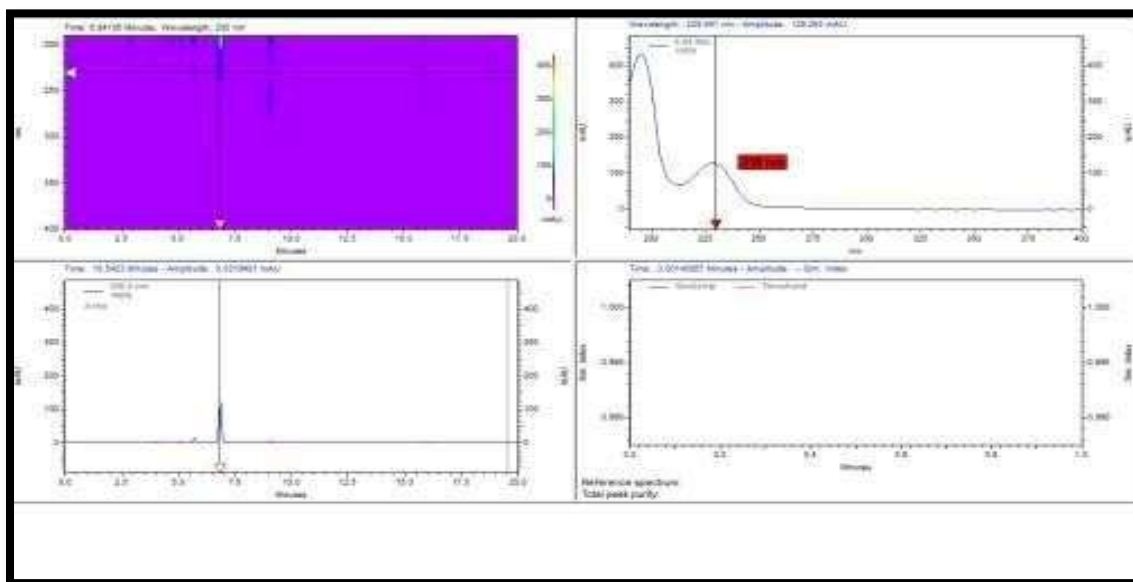


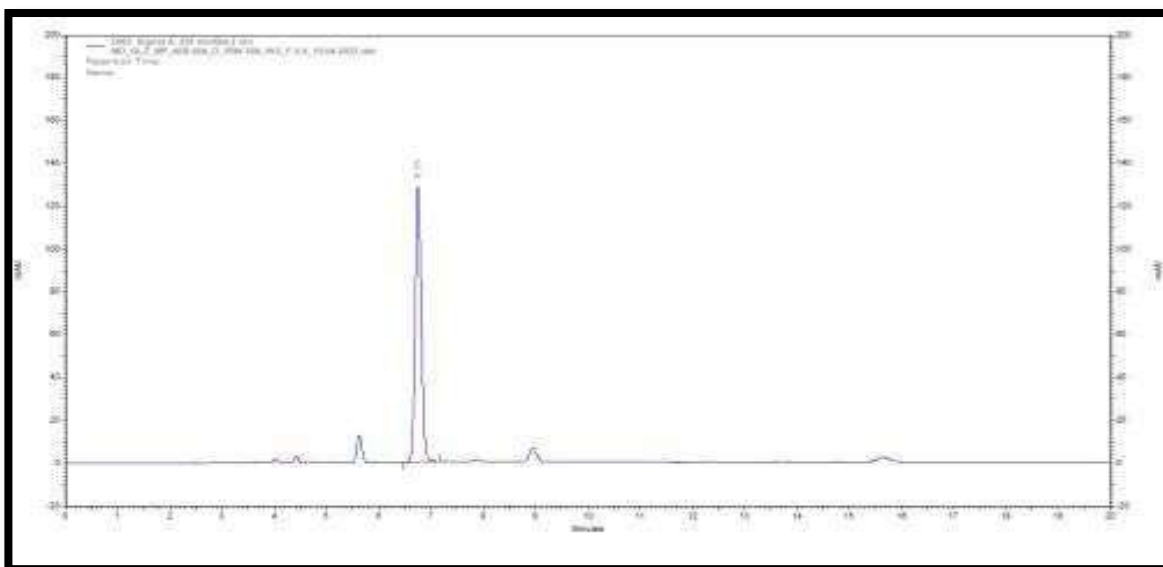
Figure No. 1-Absorption spectra of Gliclazide

**Optimization of HPLC method Development:**  
 The optimized chromatographic condition of Gliclazide

obtained data after 5 trials. Obtained results are as follows:

Table No. 1-Optimization of Chromatogram.

Chromatograph	HPLC System
Mobile phase	Phosphate Buffer: ACN (40:60, % v/v)
Column	Agilent Zorbax Bonus-RP (150x4.6mm, 5µ)
Flow rate	1.0ml/min
Wavelength detection	230nm
Injection volume	10µl
Temperature	30°C
Runtime	10min
Diluent	Water: ACN (50:50, % v/v)



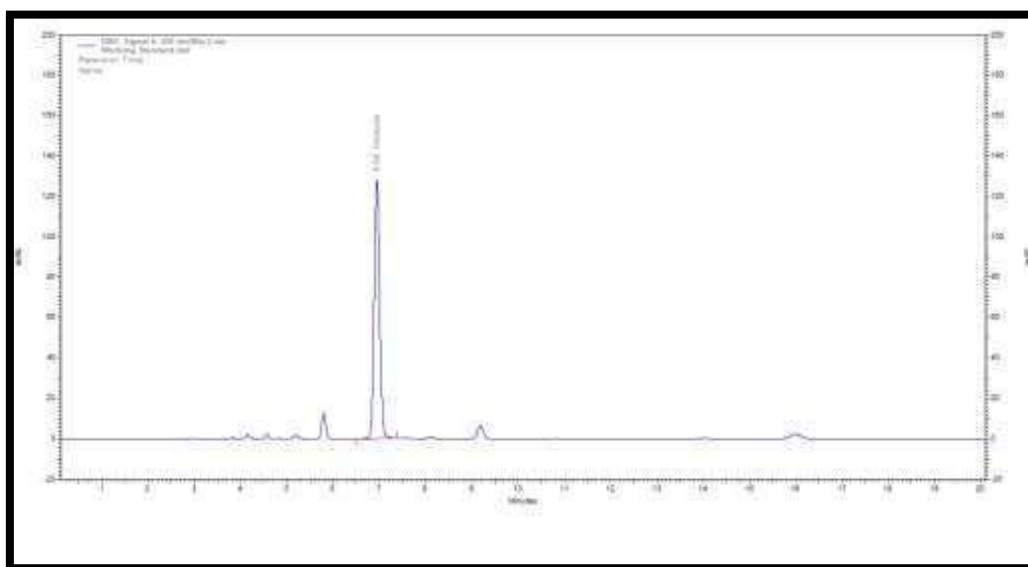
**FigureNo.2-Chromatogramofoptimization**

**2.METHODVALIDATION:**

**1. Specificity:**

Specificity was evaluated by comparing the chromatograms of mobile phase blank, standardsolution, and sample solution (Gliclazide 100 µg/ml). For this purpose, 10 µl from solutionsmobilephaseblank,standardsolution,andsa

mplesolutionwereinjectedintotheHPLCsystemseparately, and the chromatogram results are shown in Figures 4. It can be observed that peakfound at retention time at 6.75. Therefore-the result indicates that the peak of the analyte waspure, and this confirmedthespecificityof themethod.



**Figureno.8-Chromatogramofworkingstandardofspecificity.**

**2. LinearityandRange.**

Analytical method linearity is defined as the ability of the method to obtain test results thatare directly proportional to the analyte concentration, within a specific range. mean

peakarea obtained from the HPLC was plotted against corresponding concentrations to obtainthecalibration graph.resultsoflinearitystudy(Figure5-6)gavelinearrelationshipovertheconcentration range

of 0.8-1.2 µg/ml for Gliclazide. From the regression analysis, a linearequation was obtained:  $y = 45629x + 93878$ , and the goodness-of-fit ( $R^2$ ) was found to

be 0.9991 indicating a linear relationship between the concentration of analyte and area under the peak.

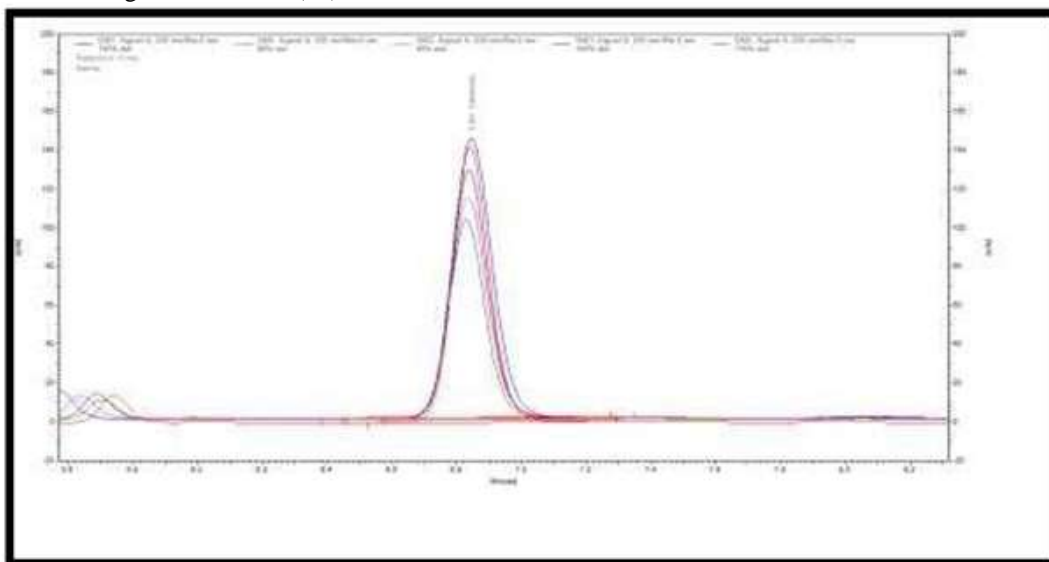


Figure no.4- Linearity overlay of Gliclazide

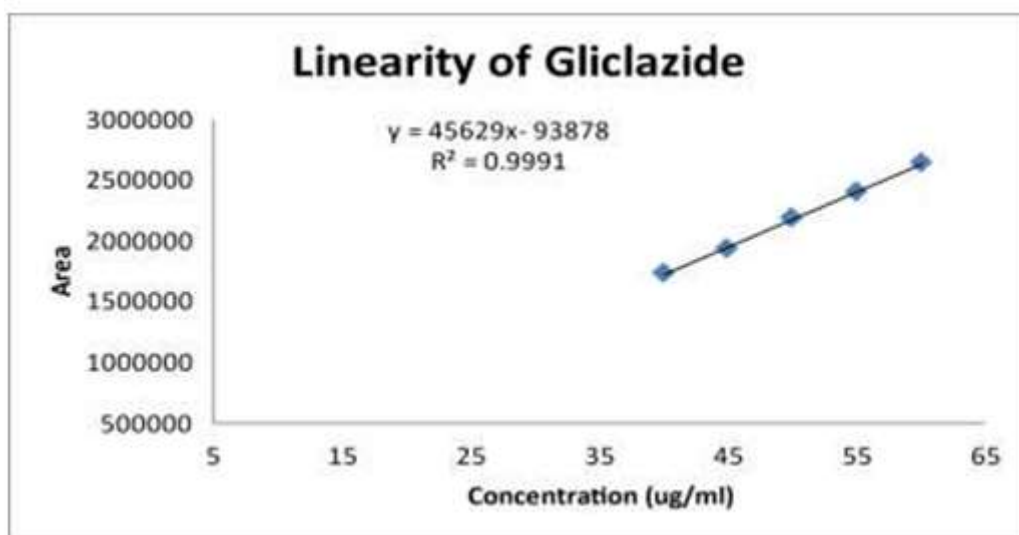


Figure no.5- Linearity Plot of Gliclazide

### 3. Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification (LOD and LOQ).

Limit of detection (LOD) is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample that can be detected, but not necessarily quantitated, while the limit of quantification (LOQ) is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample that can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision. Results showed an LOD and LOQ for Gliclazide of 2.86 and 8.67 µg, respectively.

### 4. Accuracy.

Accuracy of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of results obtained by that method to the true value. Results of accuracy showed percentage recovery at all three levels in the range of 99.98–100.15%, and RSD values were in the range of 0.03–0.02% as i.e. results of percentage recovery and %RSD were within the accepted limits from 98.0% to 102.0% and not more than 2.0%, respectively,

which indicates the Applicability of the method for routine drug analysis.

**5. Precision.**

Precision of the method is defined as “the closeness of agreement between a series of measurements obtained from multiple sampling of the same homogeneous sample under the prescribed conditions,” and it is normally expressed as the relative standard deviation.

Results of both system and method precision showed that the method is precise within the acceptable limits. RSD, tailing factor, and number of theoretical plates were calculated for both solutions; all the results are within limits. Acceptable precision was not more than 2.0% for the RSD and the tailing factor and not less than 1000 for number of plates, as shown in Tables 2 and 3.

**Table No. 2- Intraday precision**

Intra Day precision			
Day 1	Sample ID	Nitrofurantoin	
		Area	Assay
Morning	WS	4085432	-
	DP	4074587	99.73
Evening	WS	4075412	-
	DP	4070054	99.87

**Table No. 3- Interday precision.**

Inter Day precision			
Day	Sample ID	Nitrofurantoin	
		Area	Assay
Day 2	WS	4068542	-
	DP	4061571	99.83

**6. Robustness.**

Analytical method robustness was tested by evaluating the influence of minor modifications in HPLC conditions on system suitability parameters of the proposed method. Results of robustness testing showed that a minor change of method conditions, such as the composition of the mobile phase, temperature, flow rate, and wavelength, is robust within the

acceptable limits. Results are summarized in Table 4. In all modifications, good separation of Gliclazide was achieved, and it was observed that the percent of recovery was within acceptable limits and the % RSD is within limit of not more than 2.0%. Tailing factors and number of theoretical plates were found within acceptable limits as well.

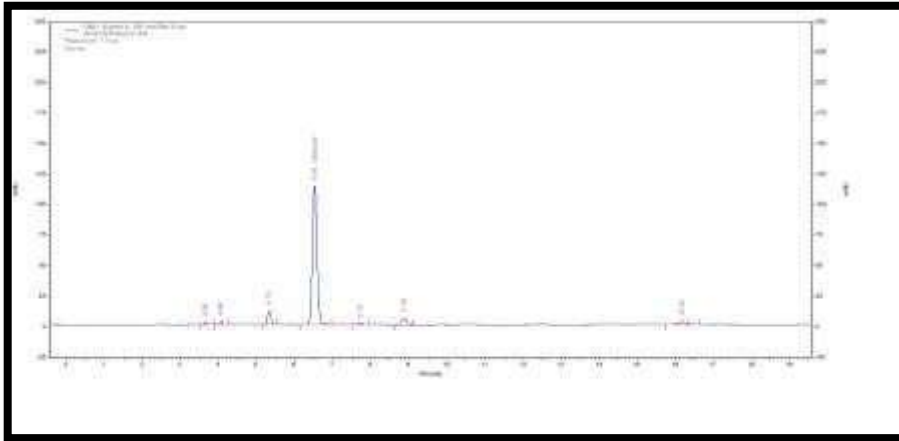
**Table No. 4- Robustness data of the proposed HPLC method.**

Column Oven Temp Change				
Condition	Sample	Nitrofurantoin		
		RT	Area	Assay
28°C	WS	4.07	4078542	-
	DP	4.07	4069974	99.79
30°C	WS	4.07	4085432	-
	DP	4.07	4074587	99.73
32°C	WS	4.07	4080456	-
	DP	4.07	4075317	99.87



**FORCED DEGRADATION STUDY BY RP-HPLC METHOD**

**1. Acid Hydrolysis degradation study**

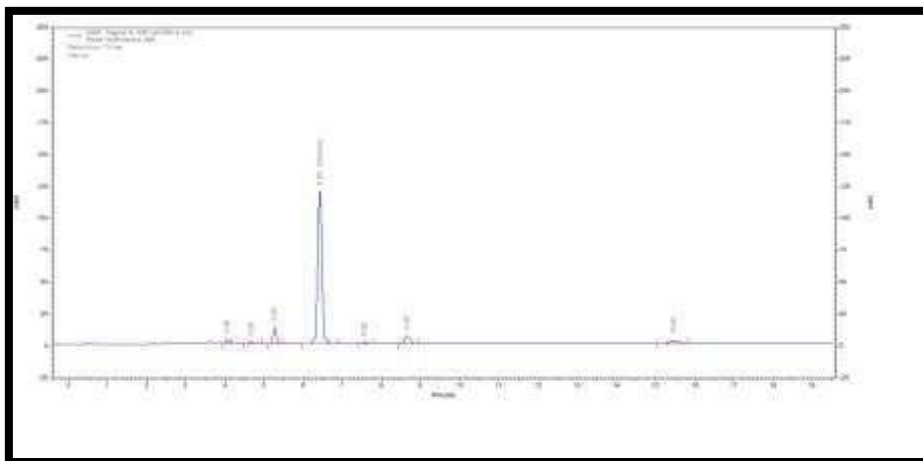


**Figure No. 6 – Chromatogram of Acid sample**

**Result- Table No. 5- Result of Acid Hydrolysis degradation study**

Sample	Area	Assay	% Degradation
Acid Hydrolysis (1 ml 0.1 N HCl @ RT for 10 min)	218960	89.23	10.77

**2. Base Hydrolysis degradation study:**



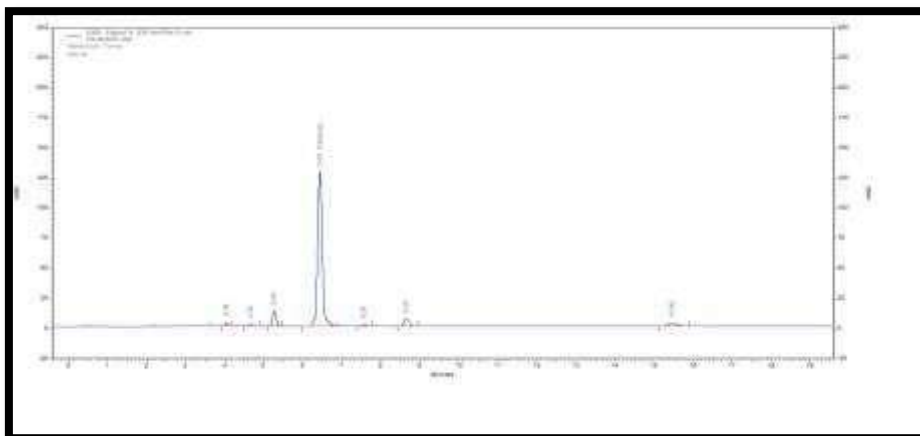
**Figure No. 7 – Chromatogram of Base blank**

**Result-TableNo.6-ResultofBaseHydrolysisdegradationstudy**

Sample	Area	Assay	% Degradation
BaseHydrolysis (1ml0.1N NaOH@RTfor10min)	2047	93.50	6.50

3. Oxidationdegradationstudy:

**FigureNo.8–Chromatogramofoxidation**

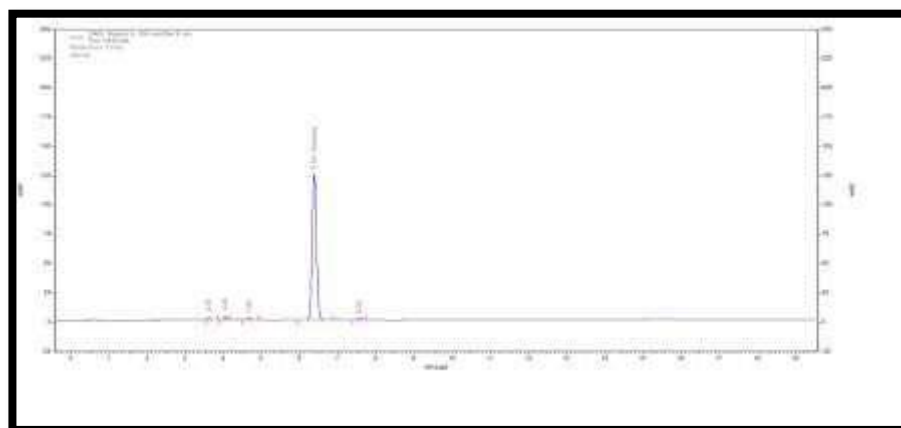


**Result-TableNo.7–ResultsofOxidationdegradationstudy**

Sample	Area	Assay	% Degradation
Oxidation(1ml of 30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> @RT for 10min)	2069173	94.50	5.50

4. DryHeatdegradationstudy

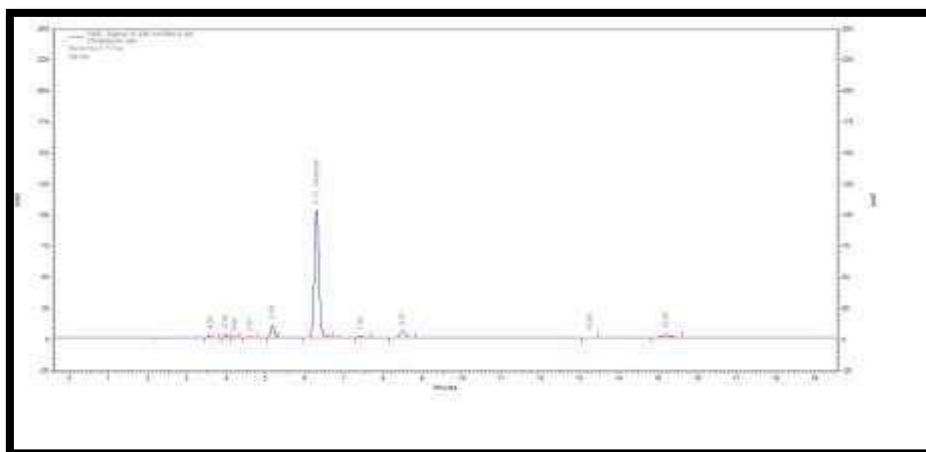
**FigureNo.9-Chromatogramofdryheat**



**Result-TableNo.8–ResultofDryHeatdegradationstudy**

Sample	Area	Assay	%Degradation
DryHeat(@60°Cfor5 hrs)	2108586	96.30	3.70

**5. photolysisdegradationstudy:**



**Figure No. 10- Chromatogram of photolysisResult-**

**TableNo9–Resultofphotolysisdegradationstudy**

Sample	Area	Assay	%Degradation
UV(@254nmfor5hrs)	1885247	86.10	13.90

**III. CONCLUSION:**

In the present research, a fast, simple, accurate, precise, and linear HPLC method has been developed and validated for nitrofurantoin, and hence it can be employed for routine quality control analysis. Analytical method conditions and the mobile phase solvents provided good resolution for nitrofurantoin. In addition, the main features of the developed method are short run time and retention time around 6.75 min. Method was validated in accordance with ICH guidelines. Method is robust enough to reproduce accurate and precise results under different chromatographic conditions.

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