

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A RP HPLC METHOD FOR ESTIMATION OF CLOPIDOGREL AND ASPIRIN IN BULK AND IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of these work was to develop a simple, rapid, sensitive and validated RP-HPLC method for separation and analysis of Aspirin and Clopidogrel in bulk and tablet dosage form. The separation was conducted by using Grace C 18 (150×4.6µm) with mobile phase consisting of methanol: water in the ratio (90:10) pH4. The mobile phase was delivered at the flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. The eluent was monitored at wavelength 244 nm by UV 3000 wavelength detector and found a sharp and symmetrical peak with retention time for Aspirin and Clopidogrel was found to be 4.474 min and 5.883 min respectively. The method was validated for linearity, accuracy, precision, system suitability, and stability. These method was validate according to ICH guidelines which include linearity, precision, accuracy, robustness, LOD, LOQ. The result obtained were within the

acceptance criteria as per ICH guidelines.

KEYWORDS: HPLC, Aspirin, Clopidogrel, Methanol, Water, Validation.

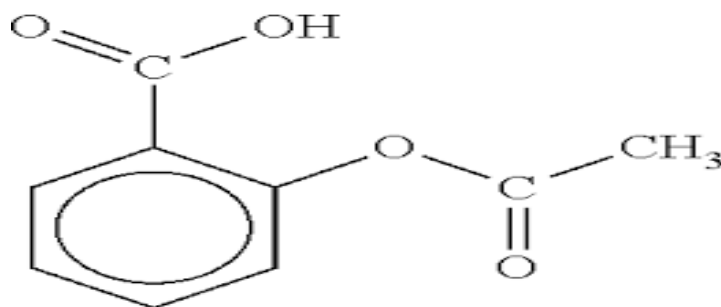
INTRODUCTION

The antiplatelet therapy for prevention of thrombotic events in cardiovascular disease are evident. Statistical studies have shown that secondary prevention by antiplatelet agent reduces risk of myocardial infraction and stroke.^[1]

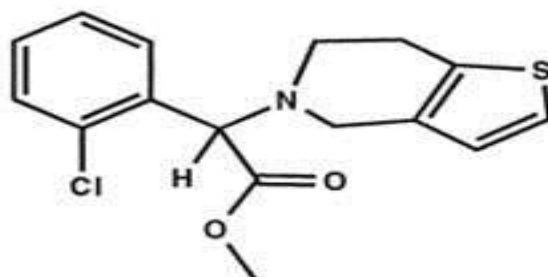
Clopidogrel is used to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke in those at high risk. It is also used together with aspirin in heart attacks and following the placement of a coronary artery.^[2] Aspirin is the most widely used antiplatelet agent which inhibits platelet cyclo-oxygenase and the conversion of arachidonic acid to the potent platelet agonist thromboxane A but does not prevent platelet activation occurring via various signaling pathways that are independent of thromboxane A release. Therefore a number of other compounds have been developed to complement aspirin's beneficial effect. These include thiopyridines like clopidogrel.^[3]

Aspirin irreversibly inhibits cyclo-oxygenase in platelets and therefore blocks the formation of thromboxane A and the clopidogrel is metabolized in liver to its active compound which covalently binds to the adenosine phosphate receptor on platelets and dramatically reduces platelet aggregation. Clopidogrel is a prodrug, which is activated in two steps, first by CYP2C19, CYP1A2 AND CYP2B6, then by CYP2C19, CYP2C9, CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 steps. The active metabolite then specifically and irreversibly inhibits the P2Y₁₂ subtype of ADP receptor, which is important in activation of platelets and eventual cross-linking by the protein fibrin.^[2]

Structure of Aspirin



Structure of Clopidogrel



Literature survey revealed several assay methods for ASP and CLO individually or in combination with other drugs by, RP HPLC-UV^[4,5,6,7,8], Ion pairing RP-HPLC^[9], HPTLC^[10,11], Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) LC-MS/MS.^[12] Reverse phase -Ultra fast liquid chromatography (RP-UFLC)^[13], UV spectrophotometry.^[14] However every method has its own limitation. Thereby, an attempt has been taken to develop and validate a simple, economic, reliable, reproducible, accurate and precise RPHPLC based method for simultaneous estimation of ASP and CLO in combined tablet dosage form where validation of the analytical method has been performed in accordance with ICH guideline.^[19]

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Table no. 1: Drug name.

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Drug (1) | Aspirin |
| Drug (2) | Clopidogrel |

Table No. 2: Reagent and chemicals.

| Sr. no. | Name of reagent used | Make |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Water | Analytical and HPLC grade |
| 2. | Methanol | Analytical and HPLC grade |
| 3. | Acetonitrile | Analytical and HPLC grade |

Table No. 3: List of instruments.

| Sr. no. | Name of Equipment | Source |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| 1. | HPLC | Analytical technology Ltd. HPLC3000 system |
| 2. | UV | Jasco V-630 |
| 3. | Detector | UV 3000 M |
| 4. | Balance | Wensor high precision balance |
| 5. | Sonicator | Wensor ultra sonicator |
| 6. | pH meter | Thermo orion 4 star |

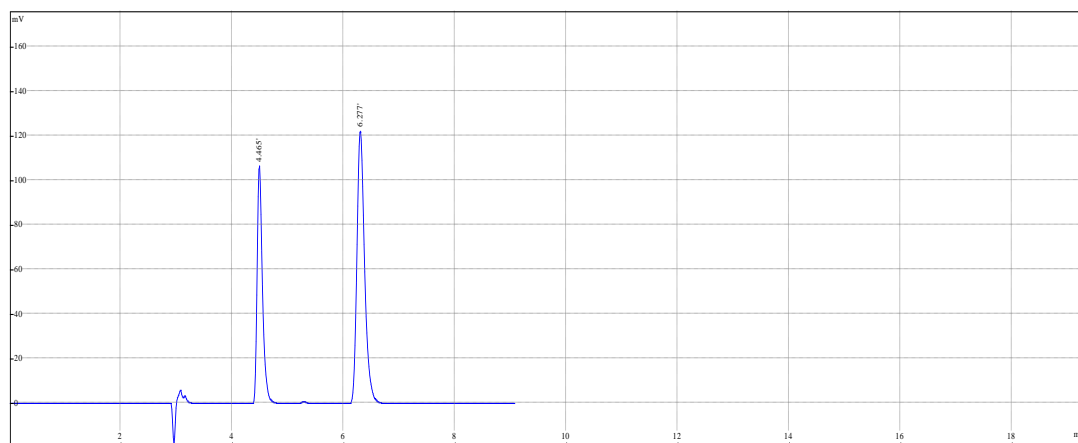
VALIDATION OF DEVELOPED METHOD

1. SYSTEM SUITABILITY TEST

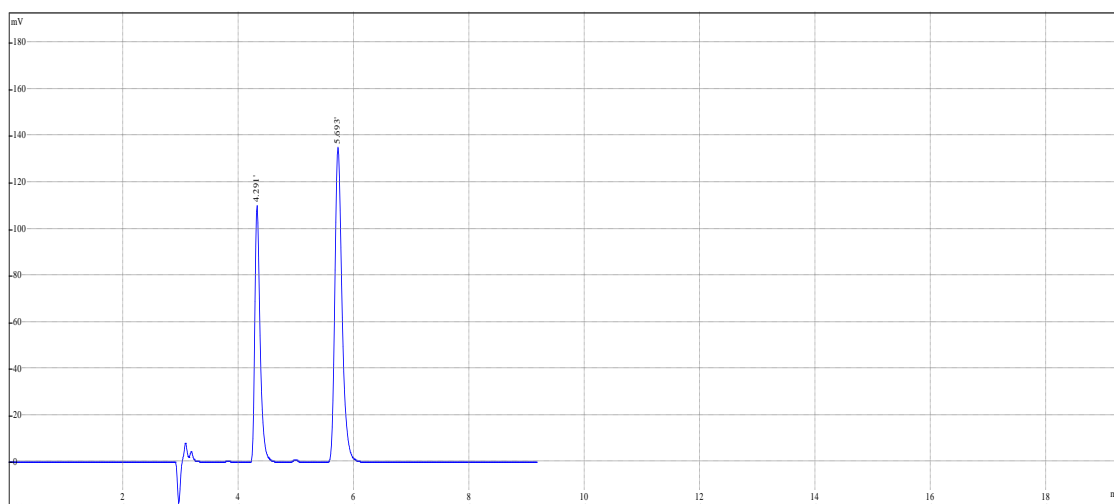
HPLC system was optimized as per chromatographic condition. 20 μ /ml of working standard solution of drugs were injected triplicate into the chromatographic system. The chromatogram were recorded and majored the response for major peak. system suitability parameter such as retention time, Theoretical plate and Asymmetry factor. then the %RSD of all parameter were calculated.

Table no 4: Data for system suitability for Aspirin and Clopidogrel.

| system suitability parameters | Aspirin | Clopidogrel |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Retention time | 4.474 | 5.883 |
| therotical plate | 7769 | 8592 |
| Asymentry factor | 1.26 | 1.24 |
| Resolution | 4.58 | 4.58 |

2. ASSAY (%)**A. Standard drug of Aspirin and Clopidogrel**

| Time | Conc. | Area | Resolution | T. Plate | Asymmetry |
|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 4.465 | 30 | 1154451 | 5.47 | 8644 | 1.24 |
| 6.277 | 30 | 1488773 | 0.00 | 7957 | 1.22 |

Fig. No. 1: Chromatogram for standard drug of aspirin and clopidogrel.**B) Sample of Aspirin and Clopidogrel**

| Time | Conc. | Area | Resolution | T. Plate | Asymmetry |
|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 4.291 | 30 | 1152870 | 5.03 | 8279 | 1.26 |
| 5.693 | 30 | 1487912 | 0.00 | 8301 | 1.19 |

Fig. No. 2: Chromatogram for sample of aspirin and clopidogrel.

Table 22: Assay of Aspirin.

| Sr. No. | Conc. | Area of standard | Area of sample | % Assay |
|---------|-------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | 30 | 1154451 | 1152870 | 99.86 |

Table 23: Assay of Clopidogrel.

| Sr. No. | Conc | Area of standard | Area of sample | % Assay |
|---------|------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| | 30 | 1488773 | 1487912 | 99.94 |

OBSERVATION

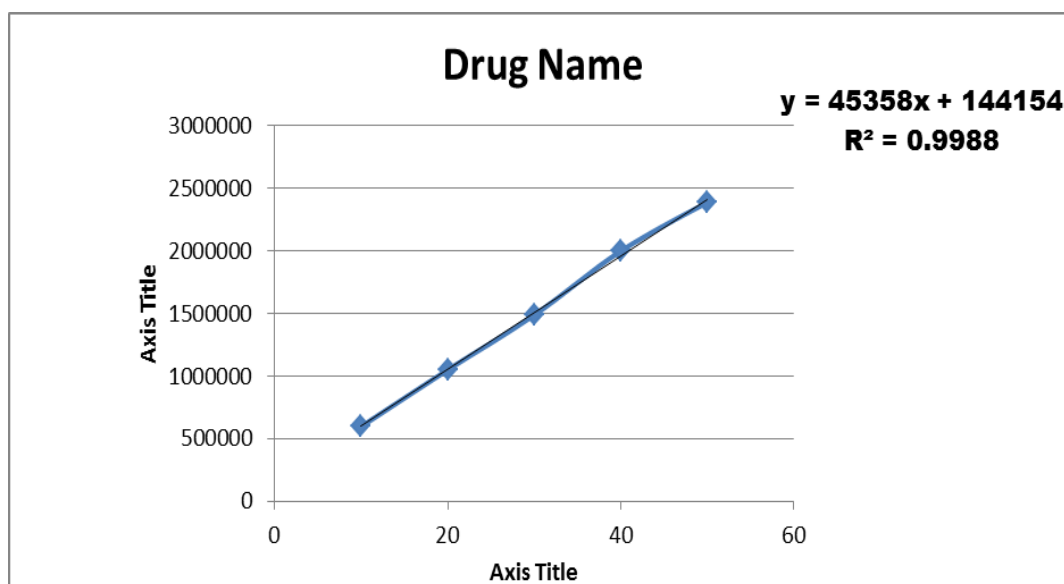
The individual assay of Aspirin and Clopidogrel was found within a limit, should not less than 98% and not more than 102%.

3. LINEARITY

Linearity was tested for range of concentration 10 to 50 μ /ml for Aspirin and Clopidogrel respectively Each sample was analysed and peak areas were recorded. The response factor was plotted against the concentration of Aspirin and Clopidogrel obtain in calibration curve for Aspirin and Clopidogrel respectively.

Table no. 5: linearity range study results for aspirin and clopidogrel.

| Parameter | Aspirin | Clopidogrel |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Linearity range | 10 to 50 μ /ml | 10 to 50 μ /ml |
| Correlation coefficient | 0.9988 | 0.9988 |

**Fig. no. 3: Linearity graph of Aspirin.**

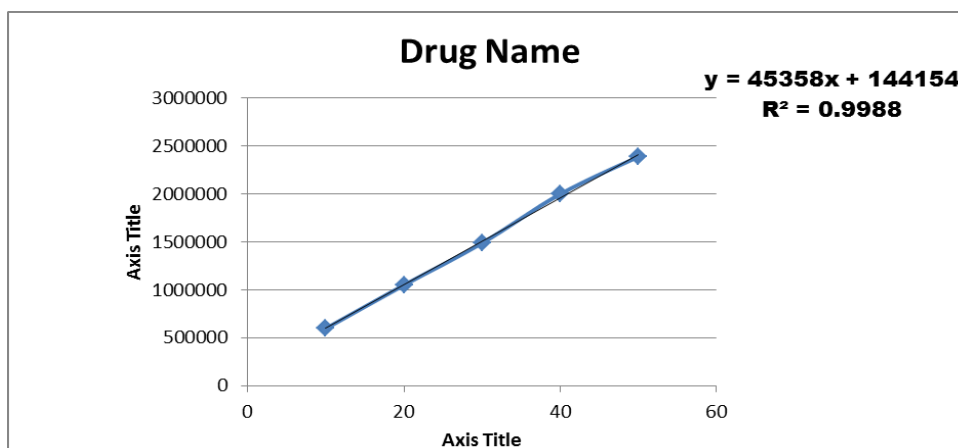


Fig no. 4: Linearity graph of Clopidogrel.

4. PRECISION

The precision of an analytical method is the degree of agreement among individual test result when the procedure is applied repeatedly to multiple sampling of a homogenous sample under prescribed condition. Precision of the method was determined by Repeatability (intraday) and intermediate precision (interday) studies. The low RSD value indicates that the method was precise. The relative standard deviation should not be more than 2.0%.

Table no. 6: Inter day variability for Aspirin and Clopidogrel.

| | Aspirin | Clopidogrel |
|-------|----------|-------------|
| | Area | Area |
| Day 1 | 1151439 | 1485759 |
| | 1156192 | 1483034 |
| | 1150656 | 1483943 |
| Day 2 | 1151439 | 1485759 |
| | 1156192 | 1483034 |
| | 1150656 | 1483943 |
| Mean | 11506556 | 1483943 |
| %RSD | 0.23% | 0.08% |

Table no. 7: Intraday variability for Aspirin and Clopidogrel.

| | Aspirin | Clopidogrel |
|---------|---------|-------------|
| | Area | Area |
| Morning | 1154506 | 1491316 |
| | 1149374 | 1491217 |
| | 1155726 | 1493350 |
| Evening | 1154506 | 1491316 |
| | 1149374 | 1491217 |
| | 1155726 | 1493350 |
| Mean | 1153202 | 1491961 |
| %RSD | 0.26% | 0.09 |

5. ACCURACY: (% RECOVERY)

The accuracy of the method was determined by calculating the recoveries of Aspirin and Clopidogrel by standard addition method at the three concentration level the percentage recovery of Aspirin and Clopidogrel were found to be in a range. The result of accuracy studies for Aspirin shown in table no. 8 and Clopidogrel shown in table no. 9.

Table no. 8: Recovery of Aspirin.

| Composition | Sample amount (ppm) | Amount added (ppm) | Amount recovered (ppm) | % Recovery | %mean recovery |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 50% | 20 | 10 | 29.93 | 99.76 | 100.1 |
| | 20 | 10 | 30.33 | 101.1 | |
| | 20 | 10 | 29.96 | 99.86 | |
| 100% | 20 | 20 | 39.89 | 99.72 | 99.84 |
| | 20 | 20 | 39.96 | 99.9 | |
| | 20 | 20 | 39.96 | 99.9 | |
| 150% | 20 | 30 | 50.07 | 100.14 | 100.06 |
| | 20 | 30 | 50.05 | 100.1 | |
| | 20 | 30 | 49.97 | 99.94 | |

Table no. 9: Recovery of Clopidogrel.

| Composition | Sample amount (ppm) | Amount added (ppm) | Amount recovered (ppm) | %Recovery | %mean recovery |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 50% | 20 | 10 | 30.04 | 100.1 | 99.89 |
| | 20 | 10 | 30.01 | 100.03 | |
| | 20 | 10 | 29.87 | 99.56 | |
| 100% | 20 | 20 | 40.16 | 100.4 | 100.10 |
| | 20 | 20 | 40.16 | 100.4 | |
| | 20 | 20 | 39.81 | 99.52 | |
| 150% | 20 | 30 | 50.06 | 100.12 | 99.86 |
| | 20 | 30 | 49.84 | 99.68 | |
| | 20 | 30 | 49.89 | 99.78 | |

6. ROBUSTNESS

Robustness of the method were determined by changing the method parameter (wavelength and pH).the result were presented in following table based on the result of these studies shows, the small change made to the method procedure ,but it was not affect the method result so this method is robust.

Table no. 10: Data of different wavelength.

| Drug sample | wavelength | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|-------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| ASPIRIN | 244nm | 1064719 | 896782.7 | 145458.9 | 0.80 |
| | 242nm | 815331 | | | |
| | 246nm | 810298 | | | |
| CLOPIDOGREL | 244nm | 1601923 | 1233764 | 318843 | 0.99 |
| | 242nm | 1047390 | | | |
| | 246nm | 1051980 | | | |

Table no. 11: Data of different PH.

| Drug sample | PH | Area | Mean | SD | %RSD |
|-------------|-----|---------|----------|----------|------|
| ASPIRIN | 4.0 | 1064719 | 897860.3 | 144506.1 | 0.78 |
| | 3.8 | 815230 | | | |
| | 4.2 | 813632 | | | |
| CLOPIDOGREL | 4.0 | 1601923 | 1235123 | 317662.2 | 0.83 |
| | 3.8 | 1049982 | | | |
| | 4.2 | 1053464 | | | |

7. RUGGEDNESS

Acceptance criteria for the ruggedness is not more than 2%.

Table no. 12: Ruggedness data of Aspirin.

| Sr.no | Concentration | Area |
|-------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 10 | 450700 |
| 2 | 20 | 816702 |
| 3 | 30 | 1159481 |
| 4 | 40 | 1522909 |
| 5 | 50 | 1841098 |

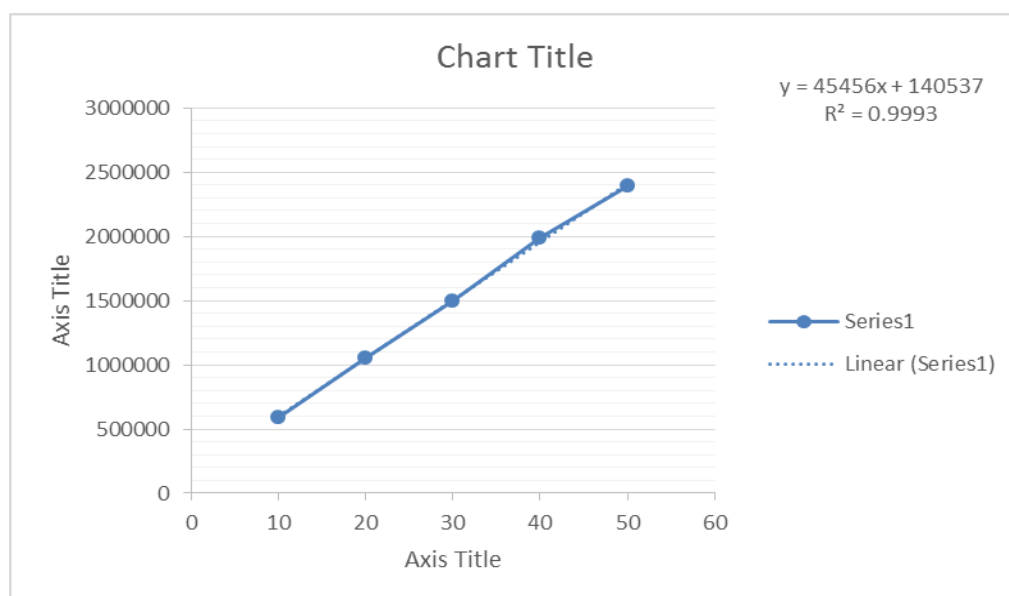
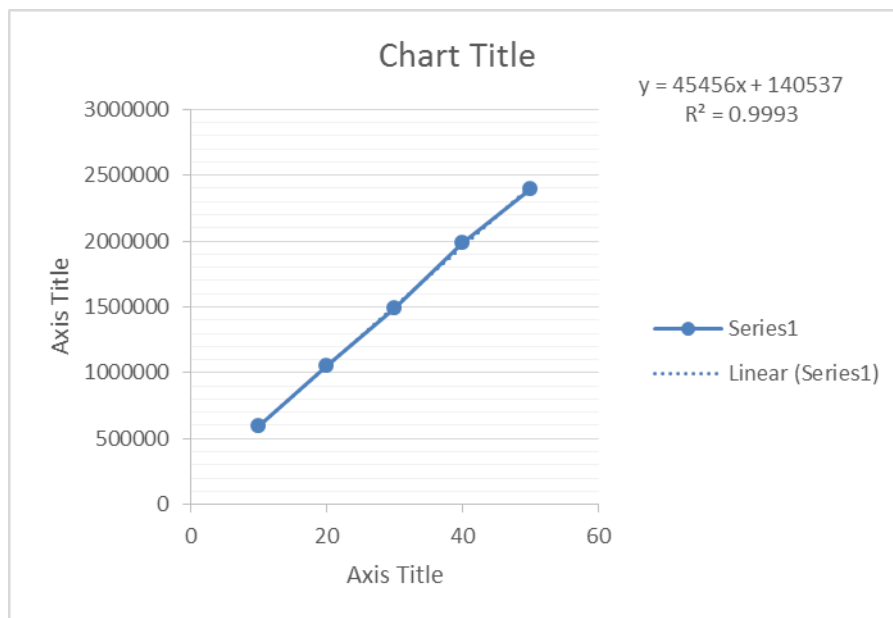
**Fig no. 5- Aspirin.**

Table no. 13: Ruggedness data of Clopidogrel.

| Sr.no | Concentration | Area |
|-------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 10 | 590971 |
| 2 | 20 | 1052298 |
| 3 | 30 | 1492815 |
| 4 | 40 | 1990222 |
| 5 | 50 | 2394824 |

**Fig no. 6: Clopidogrel.****8. LIMIT OF DETECTION AND LIMIT OF QUANTITATION (LOD and LOQ)**

From the linearity data calculate the limit of detection and limit of quantification,

Table no 14: LOD and LOQ.

| Parameters | Aspirin | Clopidogrel |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| LOD | 0.0662 | 0.1029 |
| LOQ | 0.200 | 3.059 |

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The proposed HPLC method was found to be simple, linear, précised, accurate and robust for the simultaneous estimation of Aspirin and Clopidogrel in bulk and in pharmaceutical dosage form. Grace C18 column was used as stationary phase. Mobile phase consisting of mixing Methanol and Water (90:10V/V) pH-4. Retention time of Aspirin and Clopidogrel was found to be 4.474 min and 5.883 min respectively. The developed method was validated based on ICH guidelines, the linearity of Aspirin and Clopidogrel was found to be in concentration range 10 to 50 µg/ml respectively. Precision and robustness of developed method, %RSD

was found to be less than 2%. The LOD of Aspirin and Clopidogrel was 0.0662 µg/ml and 0.1029 µg/ml and LOQ were 0.200µg/ml and 0.359 µg/ml. The % recovery was found to be 2892.4% and 44.97% respectively. % Assay of Aspirin and Clopidogrel was found to be 99.86% and 99.94% respectively.

The developed RP-HPLC method was found to be simple, précised, linear, accurate and robust according to the acceptance criteria. The method was found to be better than previously reported method because of its UV detection and better resolution of peak. The coefficient correlation was found in acceptance range. Obtained results are good agreement with declared contents of dosage formulation, result are accurate and précised and are confirmed by statistical parameter. thus from the above result of the individual test is conclude that the analytical method is validated and found to be satiafactory.

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