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Pre-formulation study on API characterization of Brimonidine Tartrate, Timolol maleate and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride in Anti-glaucoma drugs.

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to develop the Glaucoma drug. In addition, a preformulation study and physical properties of the finished products were investigated to select the best formulation for further study.Pre-formulation studies are evaluated by the physical and chemical properties of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), Assay values by non aqueous titration and HPLC method and IR spectrum by using Fourier transformer infrared spectroscopy. The knowledge gained on the API helps to select the right salt or polymorphic form, and supports the design and development of stable as well as therapeutically effective and safe dosage form. HPLC method for identification of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate and Dorzolamide HCl at wavelength from 4000cm to 400cm1.The assay values are obtained by non aqueous titration for Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate is 99.70% and 100.18% and Dorzolamide HCl in HPLC method the value is 100.73%. The overall objective of pre-formulation testing is to generate information useful to the formulator in developing stable and bioavailable dosage forms which can be mass-produced.In present research work characterizes the Glaucoma drug by its characterization of the API (Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol maleate and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride) during pre-formulation which includes determination of: description, Solubility profile, identification by Infrared and HPLC and Assay.

Keywords: Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate, Dorzolamide Hydrochloride, Glaucoma, Intraocular pressure, Preformulation, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API).





INTRODUCTION

Glaucoma is a group of ocular disorders with multi-factorial etiology united by a clinically characteristic intraocular pressure-associated optic neuropathy [1]. This can permanently damage vision in the affected eye(s) and lead to blindness if left untreated. It is normally associated with increased fluid pressure in the eye (aqueous humour) [2]. The term "ocular hypertension" is used for people with consistently raised intraocular pressure (IOP) without any associated optic nerve damage.

API CHARACTERIZATION

Brimonidine tartrate

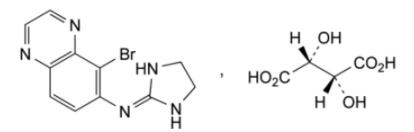
Brimonidine tartrate is a quinoxaline derivative and adrenergic alhpa-2 receptor agonist that is used to manage intraocular pressure associated with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

Brimonidine Tartrate is the tartrate salt form of brimonidine, an imidazole derivative and a selective alpha-2 adrenergic receptor agonist. Upon ocular administration, brimonidine tartrate acts on the blood vessels causing them to constrict which leads to a decrease in the production of aqueous humor. Brimonidine tartrate also enhances the outflow of aqueous humor. This drug is used in the treatment of glaucoma to reduce intraocular pressure [3].

Chemical name:

5-Bromo-N-(imidazolidin-2-ylidene) quinoxalin-6-amine(2R,3R)-2,3-dihydroxybutanedioate Chemical Formula: $C_{15}H_{16}BrN_5O_6$

Chemical structure



Molecular weight: 442.2

Appearance

White or slightly yellowish or slightly brownish powder

Solubility

Soluble in water, practically insoluble in anhydrous ethanol and in toluene

ASSAY

99.0% - 101%

Dissolve 0.350 g in 70 mL of anhydrous acetic acid R using sonication until complete dissolution. Titrate with 0.1 M perchloric acid, determining the endpoint potentiometrically

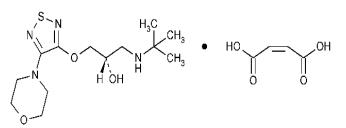
1 mL of 0.1 M perchloric acid is equivalent to 44.22 mg of C15H16BrN5O6(Table 1).

Timolol Maleate

Chemical name:

(2R)-1-[(2-Methyl-2-propanyl)amino]-3-{[4-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,5-thiadiazol-3-yl]oxy}-2-propanol (2E)-2butenedioate (1:1 Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₂₄N₄O₃S.C₄H₄O₄ Chemical structure





Molecular weight: 432.49

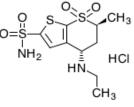
Appearance

White or almost white crystalline powder **Solubility** Soluble in water **ASSAY** 98.5% - 101%

Accurately weighed about 0.35gm of the substance dissolve in 60ml of anhydrous glacial acetic acid. Titrate with 0.1M perchloric acid determine the end point is potentiometrically. Carry out a blank titration. Each ml of 0.1M Perchloric acid is equivalent to 0.04325gm of timolol maleate [4,5] (Table 1).

Dorzolamide Hydrochloride

Chemical name: 4S, 6S)-4-(Ethylamino)-6-methyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]thiopyran-2sulfonamide 7,7-dioxidehydrochloride (1:1 Chemical Formula: C₁₀H₁₆N₂O₄S₃. HCl Chemical structure



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Molecular weight: 360.901 Appearance White or almost white crystalline powder

Solubility Soluble in water.

ASSAY BY HPLC

99.0% - 101% Mobile phase Preparation: Buffer: Methanol (93.5:6.50)

Buffer preparation: 3.70 gm of Potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate in 1000ml with water.

Standard preparation : Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride RS and is diluted to 50 ml with mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is further diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase.

Sample preparation : Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride and is diluted to 50 ml with mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is further diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase. (Table 1)

Chromatographic condition

: Column - 4.6mm x 25cm Flow rate - 1.50 ml / min Wave length - 254 nm Loop size - 20μl Temperature- Ambient

Table 1:Specification of BTD (Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate, Dorzolamide Hcl)

Specification	Brimonidine tartrate	Timolol Maleate	Dorzolamide Hydrochloride	
Description	A white to slightly	A white or almost white	White to off- white,	
	yellowish crystalline	crystalline powder	crystalline powder	
	powder			
Solubility	Soluble in water	Soluble in water	Soluble in water	
IR identification test	IR spectrum of sample	IR spectrum of sample	IR spectrum of sample	
	corresponds to that of	corresponds to that of	corresponds to that of	
	standard spectrum	standard spectrum	standard spectrum	
HPLC identification test	The retention time for	The retention time for	The retention time for	
	sample peak corresponds	sample peak corresponds to	sample peak corresponds to	
	to that of standard peak	that of standard peak	that of standard peak	
Assay	98.0% - 102.0%	98.5% - 101.0%	99.0% - 101%	

PHARMACOLOGY

Brimonidine tartrate is a potent and selective agonist of alpha-2 adrenergic receptor has an affinity 1000 times greater for the alpha-2 receptor than for the alpha receptor 1. It is highly liphophilic main route of ocular penetration after topical administration is through the cornea. It seems to have a much lower allergic response associated with it and is much more effective as chronic therapy for most patients.

Timolol Maleate is a beta blocker agent onset of action with the drop can be detected within first hour with the maximum effect observed at 2-4 hours. They lower Intra Ocular Pressure by decreasing the rate of aqueous production.

Dorzolamide is a Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors IOP is lowered by a direct action on the ciliary epithelium to suppress the secretion of aqueous humor inflow. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors are often used as adjunctive therapy.

The combined formulation results may give greater decrease in IOP than that achieved with either component alone[6].

PHARMOCOKINETICS

Dorzolamide hydrochloride is a topical carbonic anhydrase II inhibitor and timolol maleate is a topical beta-adrenergic receptor blocking agent. In combination, they are approved to reduce elevated IOP in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension and with insufficient IOP response to beta-blockers monotherapy.

Both Brimonidine, dorzolamide and timolol help reduce IOP by decreasing the production of aqueous humor by the ciliary body. Carbonic anhydrase inhibition slows the formation of bicarbonate ions thereby decreasing the amount of sodium and fluid transport. With such a decrease in fluid transport comes a decreased production of aqueous humor. Dorzolamide decreases the secretion of aqueous humor in the ciliary processes by inhibition of carbonic anhydrase II, the most active isoenzyme and found primarily in red blood cells. Thus, chronic administration of dorzolamide causes an accumulation of the medication within red blood cells. This drug also binds moderately to plasma proteins. Metabolism of dorzolamide produces N-desthyl

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which also binds to red blood cells to inhibit carbonic anhydrase I to a greater extent than carbonic anhydrase II. The major route of excretion is through the urine for both the parent and metabolite drug. Upon discontinuation of the medication there is a rapid initial decline of the medicine from the red blood cells followed by a much slower decline due to an elimination-phase half-life of approximately 4 months. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor has been reported to increase ocular blood flow parameters by causing ocular vasodilation through metabolic acidosis via elevated carbon dioxide levels in the eye tissues in normal tension glaucoma patients A high concentration of topically applied dorzolamide has been shown to reach the choroid of the posterior pole of the eye. It has been a popular adjunctive agent and is often used as monotherapy. Dorzolamide is also a safer alternative to the oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitor, acetazolamide and methazolamide, in the treatment of primary open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. Dorzolamide reduces IOP from baseline at trough by 15%–19% and at peak by 20%–24%.

Timolol is a non-selective beta-adrenergic antagonist. Reducing aqueous humor flow is the main mechanism by which beta blockers like timolol have been shown to lower IOP. Timolol presumably exerts a direct action on the beta-2 adrenergic receptors in the ciliary processes to decrease aqueous humor secretion and possibly on local capillary perfusion to reduce ultrafiltration Reduction of aqueous humor production may be secondary to inhibition of catecholamine-stimulated synthesis of cyclic adenosine monophosphate (AMP) in ciliary epithelium, which has been demonstrated in rabbit studies However, the regulation of aqueous humor dynamics is complex and still not fully understood. Studies have shown a topical timolol effect on aqueous flow in the fellow, untreated eye in patients with open-angle glaucoma and with ocular hypertension Timolol decreases IOP by approximately 20%–30%[7,8]

PREFORMULATION STUDY

Identification of drug by FTIR method

Fourier Transform Infrared analysis of drugs:

The FTIR analysis of the API Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol maleate and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride was carried out for qualitative compound identification. The KBr pellet of approximately 10mm diameter of the drug was prepared grinding 10mg of sample with 1gm of KBr in pressure compression machine. The infraspectrum of levofloxacin in a KBr pellet for wavenumber range of 4000 - 500cm⁻¹

Identification of drug by HPLC method

High Performance Liquid Chromatography: The retention time of the sample peak should corresponds with that of peak obtained with standard solution [9-12].

Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride

Mobile phase Preparation : Buffer: Methanol (93.5:6.50)

Buffer Preparation : 3.70 gm of Potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate in 1000ml with water.

Standard preparation: Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride RS, 50mg of Timolol Maleate RS and 20 mg of Brimonidine tartrate RS into 50ml SMF and dissolved in mobile phase and diluted upto 50 ml with mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase.

Sample preparation: Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride RS, 50mg of Timolol Maleate RS and 20 mg of Brimonidine tartrate RS into 50ml SMF and dissolved in mobile phase and diluted upto 50 ml with mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase.

Chromatographic condition: Column- 4.6mm x 25cmFlow rate- 1.50 ml / minWave length- 254 nmLoop size- 20µlTemperature- Ambient

Assay of Brimonidine tartrate by Non-aqueous solution 99.0% - 101.0%



Dissolve 0.350 g in 70 mL of anhydrous acetic acid R using sonication until complete dissolution. Titrate with 0.1 M perchloric acid, determining the endpoint potentiometrically 1 mL of 0.1 M perchloric acid is equivalent to 44.22 mg of C15H16BrN5O6.

Assay of Timolol Maleate by Non-aqueous solution 98.5% - 101%

Accurately weighed about 0.35gm of the substance dissolve in 60ml of anhydrous glacial acetic acid. Titrate with 0.1M perchloric acid determine the end point is potentiometrically. Carry out a blank titration. Each ml of 0.1M Perchloric acid is equivalent to 0.04325gm of timolol maleate.

Assay of Dorzolamide HCl by HPLC method

99.0% - 101%

Mobile phase Preparation: Buffer: Methanol (93.5:6.50)Buffer preparation: 3.70 gm of Potassium dihydrogen ortho phosphate in 1000ml with water.Standard preparation: Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride RS and is diluted to 50 mlwith mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is further diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase.Sample preparation: Weigh accurately 220 mg of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride and is diluted to 50 mlwith mobile phase. Take 2 ml of this solution is further diluted to 10 ml with mobile phase.Chromatographic condition: Column- 4.6mm x 25cmFlow rate- 1.50 ml / min

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Wave length	- 254 nm
Loop size	- 20µl
Temperature-	Ambient

Solubility determination

Weighed 1gm of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol maleate, and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride into an individual boiling tube and dissolved in Purified water.

Each ingredient should be completed dissolved within 10 – 20ml of Purified water.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Organoleptic Properties:

Examine the Color, Crystalinity, Hygroscopicity, and odour of each ingredient of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol maleate and Dorzolamide Hydrochloride through visual inspection (Table 2).

Organoleptic Properties	Brimonidine tartrate	Brimonidine tartrate Timolol Maleate	
			Hydrochloride
Colour	Pale yellow	White	White
Crystalinity	Crystalline powder	Crystalline powder	Crystalline powder
Hygroscopicity	No Hygroscopicity	No Hygroscopicity	No Hygroscopicity
Odour	Odorless	Odorless	Odorless

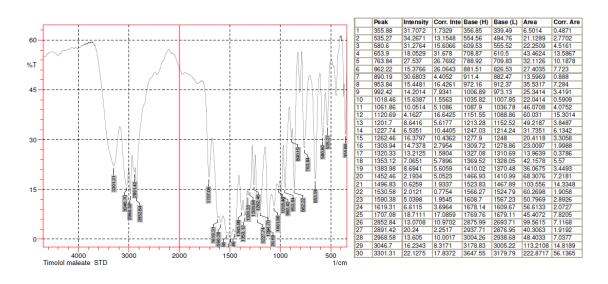
Identification test results

FTIR study for identification of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate and Dorzolamide HCI:

An FT infrared spectroscopy study was carried out to check the identity of sample spectrum (Figure 4,5,6) compatible with reference spectrum (Figure 1,2,3). The spectra obtained from Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy studies at wavelength from 4000cm to 400cm⁻¹

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Sample Name: Timolol Maleate standard.spc

Apodization;

Resolution;

Figure 1: Timolol Maleate Standard IR spectrum



	Peak	Intensity	Corr. Inte	Base (H)	Base (L)	Area	Corr. Are
1		<u> </u>	1				
	Peak	Intensity	Corr. Inte	Base (H)	Base (L)	Area	Corr. Area
1	355.88	31.7072	1.7329	356.85	339.49	6.5014	0.4871
2	535.27	34.2671	13.1548	554.56	494.76	21.1289	2.7702
3	580.6	31.2764	15.6066	609.53	555.52	22.2509	4.5161
4	653.9	18.0529	31.678	708.87	610.5	43.4624	13.5867
5	763.84	27.537	26.7692	788.92	709.83	32.1126	10.1878
6	862.22	15.3766	26.0643	881.51	826.53	27.4035	7.723
7	890.19	30.6803	4.4052	911.4	882.47	13.5969	0.888
8	953.84	15.4481	16.4261	972.16	912.37	35.5317	7.284
9	992.42	14.2014	7.9341	1006.89	973.13	25.3414	3.4191
10	1018.46	15.6387	1.5563	1035.82	1007.85	22.0414	0.5909
11	1061.86	10.0514	5.1086	1087.9	1036.78	46.0708	4.0752
12	1120.69	4.1627	16.6425	1151.55	1088.86	60.031	15.3014
13	1201.7	8.6416	5.6177	1213.28	1152.52	49.2187	3.8487
14	1227.74	6.5351	10.4405	1247.03	1214.24	31.7351	6.1342
15	1262.46	16.3797	10.4362	1277.9	1248	20.4118	3.3058
16	1303.94	14.7378	2.7954	1309.72	1278.86	23.0097	1.9988
17	1320.33	13.2125	1.5804	1327.08	1310.69	13.9639	0.3786
18	1353.12	7.0651	5.7896	1369.52	1328.05	42.1578	5.57
19	1383.98	8.6941	5.6059	1410.02	1370.48	36.0675	3.4493
20	1452.46	2.1934	5.0523	1466.93	1410.99	68.3076	7.2181
21	1496.83	0.6259	1.9337	1523.83	1467.89	103.556	14.3348
22	1530.58	2.0121	0.7754	1566.27	1524.79	60.2698	1.9058
23	1590.38	5.0398	1.9545	1608.7	1567.23	50.7969	2.8926
24	1619.31	6.6115	3.6964	1678.14	1609.67	56.6133	2.0727
25	1707.08	18.7111	17.0859	1769.76	1679.11	45.4072	7.8205
26	2852.84	13.0708	10.9702	2875.99	2693.71	99.5615	7.1168
27	2891.42	20.24	2.2517	2937.71	2876.95	40.3063	1.9192
28	2968.58	13.605	10.0017	3004.26	2938.68	48.4033	7.0377
29	3046.7	16.2343	8.3171	3178.83	3005.22	113.2108	14.8189
30	3301.31	22.1275	17.8372	3647.55	3179.79	222.8717	56.1365

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Sample Name: Timolol Maleate Sample TMM 051657.spc

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Resolution; 2 [1/cm]



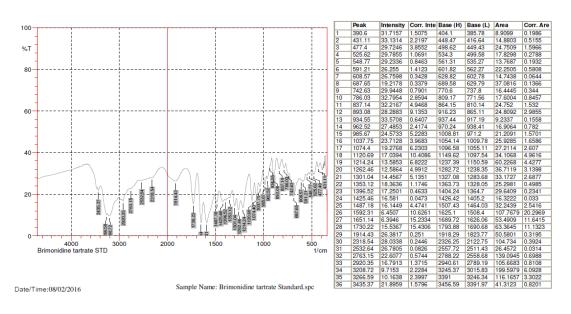
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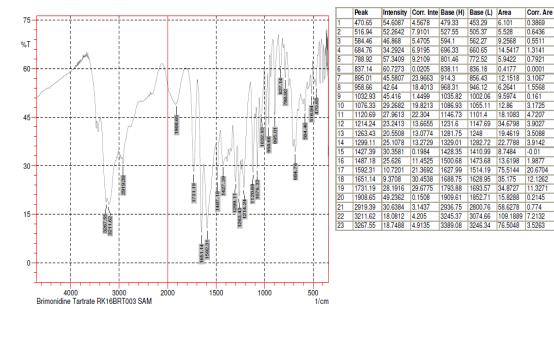




Apodization;

Resolution;

Figure 3: Dorzolamide Hydrochloride Standard spectrum



Date/Time:08/02/2016

Sample Name: Brimonidine tartrate sample RK12BRT002.spc

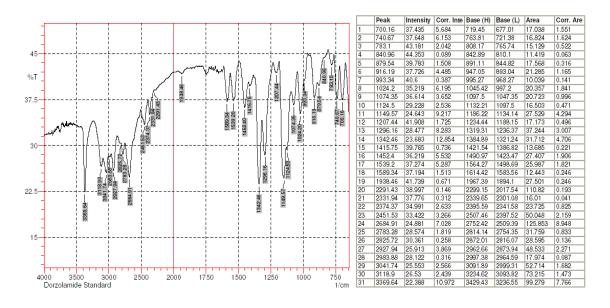
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Figure 4: Timolol Maleate sample IR spectrum



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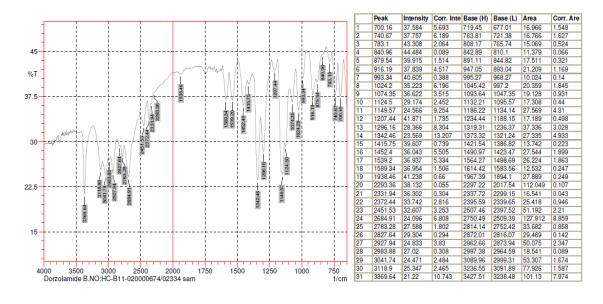


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Sample Name: Dorzolamide Standard.spc

Apodization;

Figure 5: Brimonidine tartrate sample spectrum



Date/Time:08/02/2016

Sample Name: Dorzolamide B.NO:HC-B11-020000674/02334 sample spc

Figure 6: Dorzolamide Hydrochloride sample spectrum

IDENTIFICATION TEST RESULTS BY HPLC METHOD

HPLC study for identification of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate and Dorzolamide HCI:

An HPLC study was carried out to check the identity of retention time for principal peak obtained with sample solution should corresponds with peak obtained with reference solution. The peak obtained from HPLC studies at wavelength of 254nm.

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Sample Information

STD 2Acquired by Sample Name Sample ID Injection Volume Data Filename Method Filename Date Acquired Data Processed

Sample Information : Admin : Timolol, Brimonidine, Dorzolamide : BTD Standard : 20 uL : Timolol, Bromonidine, Dorzolamide : BTD drug analysis : 08.02.2016 : 08.02.2016

5.0

Chromatogram mAU 500 0.133 2.420 1PDA Multi 1 0

1 PDA Multi 1 / 254nm 4nm

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PeakTable

10.0

12.5

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PDA Ch1 2	254nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Height %	Theoretical Plate#
1	Timolol 2.420	271073	56050	5.270	4458.825
2	Brimonidine9.33	3160811	171447	16.119	5989.513
3	Dorzolamide12.	548 25087656	836144	78.611	4228.743
Total		28519541	1063641	100.000	

7.5

Resolution	Tailing Factor
0.000	1.330
21.760	1.468
5.491	1.226

2.5

STD 3Acquired by Sample Name Sample ID Injection Volume Data Filename Method Filename Date Acquired Data Processed

Sample Information

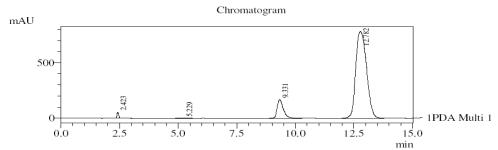
: Admin : Timolol, Brimonidine, Dorzolamide

: BTD Sample

: 20 uL

: Timolol, Bromonidine, Dorzolamide

: BTD drug analysis : 08.02.2016 : 08.02.2016



1 PDA Multi 1 / 254nm 4nm



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Resolution	Tailing Factor
0.000	1.335
6.167	1.091
6.576	1.478
5.313	1.228



Assay of Timolol Maleate by Non-aqueous titration: Limit: 98.5% - 101% Titre value for Timolol Maleate= 8.1ml Strength of 0.1M Perchloric acid= 1.0012 Weight of Timolol Maleate = 0.3501gm

Assay of Timolol Maleate

= <u>Titre value x strength of 0.1M Perchloric acid x Factor x 100</u> Weight of substance

Result = <u>8.1 x 1.0012 x 0.04325 x 100</u> = **100.18%**

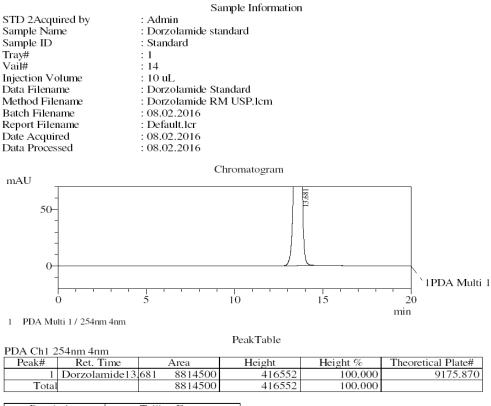
0.3501

Assay of Brimonidine tartrate by Non-aqueous titration :Limit:99.0%- 101%Titre value for Brimonidine tartrate = 7.9 mlStrength of 0.1M Perchloric acid= 1.0012Weight of Timolol MaleateAssay of Timolol Maleate

= <u>Titre value x strength of 0.1M Perchloric acid x Factor x 100</u> Weight of substance

Result = <u>7.9 x 1.0012 x 0.04422 x 100</u> = **99.70%** 0.3508

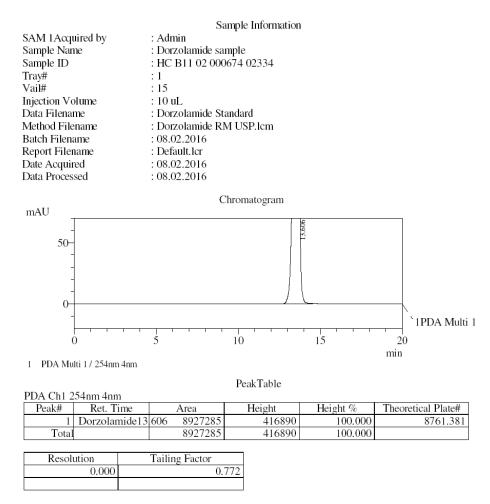
Assay of Dorzolamide Hydrochloride by HPLC : Limit: 99.0% - 101%



Resolution	Tailing Factor
0.000	0.782

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= <u>Peak area sample x wt.of.std x 2 x 50 x 10 x 100</u> Peak area of standard x 50 x 10 x wt.of.sample x 2

= <u>8927285 x 0.2212 x 2 x 50 x 10 x 100 =</u> **100.73%** 8814500 x 50 x 10 x 0.2224 x 2

DISCUSSION

Preformulation is a group of studies that focus on the physicochemical properties of a new drug candidate that could affect the drug performance and the development of a dosage form. This could provide important information for formulation design or support the need for molecular modification. Every drug has intrinsic chemical and physical properties which has been consider before development of pharmaceutical formulation[13,14]. This property provides the framework for drugs combination with pharmaceutical ingredients in the fabrication of dosage form. Objective of preformulation study is to develop the elegant, stable, effective and safe dosage form by establishing kinetic rate profile, compatibility with the other ingredients and establish Physico-chemical parameter of new drug substances. Among these properties, drug solubility, identification and assay are plays important role in pre-formulation study.

Hence we started the pre-formulation study for BTD formulation and assess the characterization of the ingredients of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol Maleate and Dorzolamide HCl for its description, solubility, identification and Assay.

CONCLUSION

For this study we were assessed physiochemical properties like description, solubility, identification and assay of Brimonidine tartrate, Timolol maleate and Dorzolamide HCl. Description of each material is



needed to identify all the solid forms that may exist as a consequence of the synthetic stage such as the presence of polymorphs. Solubility analysis of each ingredient of drug must possess some aqueous solubility for therapeutic efficacy. In order for a drug to enter the systemic circulation to exert a therapeutic effect, it must first be in solution. Relatively insoluble compounds often exhibit incomplete absorption. When a solute dissolves, the substance's inter molecular forces of attraction must be overcome by forces of attraction between solute and solvent molecules. Identification test results by FTIR and HPLC will be helpful to assess compatibility of the material with drug formulation in qualitatively good. Assay or purity test results will give the drug formulation with safe and effective.

The data obtained in present study will be helpful in the formulation of anti-glaucoma drugs in fixed dose combination.

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