

## UV-SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ANALYTICAL METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR DETERMINATION OF TELMISARTAN IN PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG AND DRUG PRODUCT (TABLET DOSAGE FORM)

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### ABSTRACT

An easy, simple, specific, speedy, precise and accurate UV Spectrophotometric method have been developed and validated for content determination of Telmisartan. Drug Telmisartan demonstrated the absorption maxima in at 296.5 nm and found was linear for a range of 5 µg/ml –25 µg/ml with correlation coefficient of 0.9994. The limit of detection (LOD) of Telmisartan was found to be 1.3µg/ml and the limit of quantification (LOQ) of Telmisartan was found to be 4.5µg/ml. The analytical method validation of the above proposed method was performed by carrying out precision and accuracy studies. The Accuracy percentage recovery on three different levels i.e. 80%, 100% and 120% was found to be 79.6%, 100.7% and 117.9% respectively. The proposed analytical method demonstrated good Intra precision (Repeatability) with relative standard deviation 0.896% and Inter precision with relative standard deviation is 0.671% which is less than 2. The proposed analytical method was validated for the test parameter Specificity, Precision, Linearity and range, Ruggedness, Accuracy and recovery. Hence proposed analytical method for content determination of Telmisartan formulation drug in tablet dosage forms by UV spectrophotometer in pharmaceutical found easy, simple, accurate, precise and reproducible, economical and can be applied for the everyday quality control analysis.

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### INTRODUCTION

Telmisartan is an Anti-hypertensive drug belongs to Angiotensin II receptor antagonist (ARB) [1] used in effective hypertension, reduces the arterial blood pressure. The IUPAC name is 4'-[(1,4'-dimethyl-2'-propyl [2,6'-bi-1H-benzimidazol]-1'-yl) methyl]-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid. Telmisartan having molecular formula C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and molecular weight 514.62g/mol<sup>[2]</sup>. It is official in United States pharmacopoeia [3] with -Potentiometric titration method. Literature survey reveals that few analytical methods are available including HPTLC [4], HPLC [5-9] and UV Spectrophotometry [10-21].

In the current assessment work, an easy, simple, accurate and sensitive method for determining Telmisartan content in drug substance pure form and drug product (Tablet Dosage Form) was introduced. No simple and rapid work has been reported for determination of Telmisartan. All these reported methods either took a long time for analysis or employ mobile phases with pH adjustment of Buffer solutions, Fine crushing of tablet, carefully weighing of crushed tablet powder avoiding lumps/granules of fine material all through sample preparation,

which is tedious and anomalous<sup>[4-21]</sup>, especially for routine testing of quality control samples of assay determination study. Hence it was felt necessary to build up an easy, simple, rapid, economical and precise Spectrophotometric method for the direct determination of Telmisartan (Tablet).

The current research work covenant with the development of UV Spectrophotometric method and it's validation as per International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guideline<sup>[22-23]</sup>. The developed method was found to be easy, simple, specific, stable, rapid, accurate, precise, reliable, less expensive and time saving by UV Spectrophotometric method<sup>[10-21]</sup> for the determination of Telmisartan content in drug substance and drug product (Tablet Oral Dosage Form).

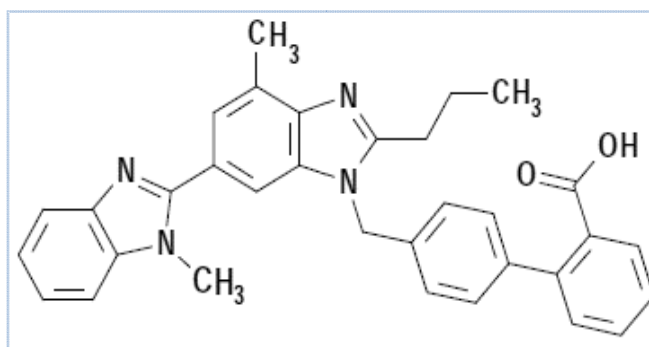


Figure 1 Chemical structure of Telmisartan

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Instrumentation and Materials

U.V. visible double beam spectrophotometers SL 210 Elico with Spectra treat software having path length 1cm U.V. matched quartz cells were used. Telma-20 mg Tablet (Telmisartan Tablet IP 20 mg, Manufacturer - Glenmark Pharmaceutical) sample procured from market and Telmisartan Standard from Cureworth Pharmaceuticals Mumbai, Maharashtra. All chemicals, solvents and reagents i.e. Sodium Hydroxide, Acetic acid, Water and Methanol used, were analytical grade and purchased from S.D. Fine Chem Ltd /Merck Ltd, India/Qualigens.

### Method Development

#### Preparation of Diluent Solution

Transferred about 300 ml of water to the 1000 ml volumetric flask, then slowly added about 4 gm of Sodium Hydroxide with stirring and add 3 ml of Acetic Acid, stir and mixed well to dissolve completely, then with constant stirring slowly added Methanol up to mark to make volume 1000 ml. used this solution as diluent.

#### Preparation of Standard Solution

Weighed accurately about 120 mg of Telmisartan and transferred to 200 ml amber volumetric flask. Dissolved in diluent and made up the volume to 200 ml, further transferred 2 ml of solution to 100 ml amber volumetric flask. Made volume upto the mark to get a concentration 12µg/ml.

#### Selection of wavelength for analysis of Telmisartan

The standard solution having concentration 12µg/ml was scanned at 200 nm to 400 nm with diluent as the blank to detect maximum wavelength (Figure-2).

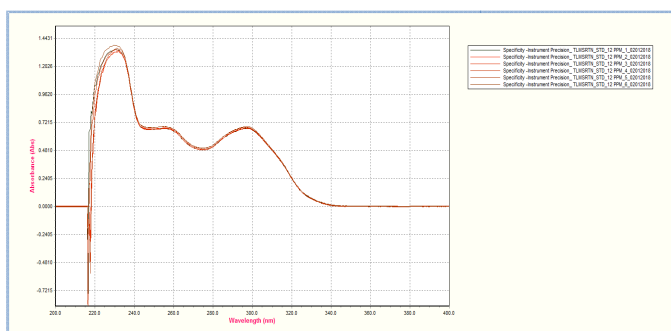


Figure 2 Estimation of Maxima of Telmisartan

From the above (Figure-2) spectra of Telmisartan wavelength maxima identified for quantification were 296.5 nm ( $\lambda_{max}$ ).

### Validation of proposed Analytical Method

The proposed method was validated according to International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines for validation of analytical procedures [22-23]. Analysis of variance was used to ensure the validity and performance effectiveness of the proposed analytical methods.

### Specificity

Specificity is the capacity to appraise obviously the analyte in the existence of components which could be predictable to be present. In general these might consist of impurities, degradants, matrix, etc. Specificity was performed by scanning

of Diluent solution and Telmisartan Standard solution of concentrations 12 µg/ml, 15 µg/ml and 20 µg/ml in Spectrophotometric range from 200 nm to 400 nm to substantiate specific absorption maxima at predefined wavelength i.e. 296.5 nm and solution stability study executed to assess the solution stability at different time interval up to 26 hrs.

### Instrument Precision

Instrument precision was carried out to assess the suitability of the developed analytical method with respect to capacity of instrument consistency to afford the precise wavelength maxima when scanned the Telmisartan Standard solution of having concentrations 12 µg/ml in the UV range from 200 nm to 400 nm. To make sure specific absorption maxima at predefined wavelength 296.5 nm with reproducible absorption detection. Six separate standard preparations were scanned / analyzed according to the proposed analytical method of analysis. The % RSD due to Telmisartan concentration for the six standards was found 0.957%. The % RSD due to Telmisartan concentration for the instrument precision meets the requirements. Results are tabulated in the Table 1.

Table 1 Instrument Precision

Sr.No.	Standard number	Absorbance @296.5 nm	% RSD
1	Standard Preparation -1	0.6678	
2	Standard Preparation -2	0.6745	
3	Standard Preparation -3	0.6703	
4	Standard Preparation -4	0.6689	0.957%
5	Standard Preparation -5	0.6847	Limit < 2%
6	Standard Preparation -6	0.6779	
Average Absorbance		0.6740	→

### Linearity and Range

The linearity of an analytical method is the ability to elicit test results, which are directly proportional to the concentrations of drug in a given range. Linearity justifies the use of single-point calibrations. The correlation coefficient of the Regression line for was found that 0.9994.

Six levels of six different concentrations of Telmisartan Standard solution with concentrations range from 5µg/ml, 10µg/ml, 12µg/ml, 15µg/ml, 20µg/ml and 25µg/ml, in the range relative to the working concentrations, were prepared and recorded the absorbance as per proposed method of analysis. A linear regression curve was drawn, the correlation coefficient (R<sup>2</sup>) and assessment value calculated. The correlation coefficient (R<sup>2</sup>) for Telmisartan obtained is 0.9994. The plot is a straight line and the results are tabulated in the Table 2 and Curve is shown in the Figure 3.

Table 2 Linearity and Range

Sr. No.	Standard Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance @ 296.5 nm	Correlation coefficient
1	5	0.3107	
2	10	0.5478	
3	12	0.6792	
4	15	0.8163	0.9994
5	20	1.0654	Limit ≥ 0.999
6	25	1.3490	



Figure 3 Linearity and Range of Telmisartan

### Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification

For determination of Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification assessed Telmisartan Standard solution through concentration's range from 5µg/ml, 10µg/ml, 12µg/ml, 15µg/ml, 20µg/ml and 25µg/ml, considering the relative range of the working concentrations followed by the slope ratio Limit of detection of Telmisartan were found to be 1.3 µg/ml and Limit of Quantitation of Telmisartan were found to be 4.5 µg/ml.

### Analytical Method Precision

The precision of an analytical method expresses the degree of conformity surrounded by individual test results when the method is applied to multiple sampling of a homogenous sample.

### Method of analysis for Tablet Formulation

Determined the weight of 10 tablets and transferred to 250 ml amber volumetric flask. Dissolved in about 150 ml diluent, Sonicated for 20 minute with intermittent shaking and made up the volume to 250 ml with diluent. The solution was filtered through Whatmann filter paper, discarding first few ml of filtrate, and further transferred 3 ml of solution to 200 ml amber volumetric flask.

### Intra Precision (Repeatability)

This parameter determines the repeatability of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg assay results under the same operating conditions over a short period of time. The % RSD due to Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg concentration for the six samples was found to be 0.896%. Six separated sample preparations were analyzed according to the proposed method of analysis. The % RSD due to Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg concentration for the assay meets the requirements. Results are tabulated in the Table 3.

Table 3 Intra Precision (Repeatability) Results

Sr. No.	Sample number	Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg		% RSD of Six Assay content
		% Assay content	Assay content in mg	
1	Sample Preparation -1	100.2	20.035	0.896% Limit < 2%
2	Sample Preparation -2	100.4	20.070	
3	Sample Preparation -3	98.8	19.764	
4	Sample Preparation -4	98.6	19.713	
5	Sample Preparation -5	99.0	19.805	
6	Sample Preparation -6	100.6	20.127	
Average % Assay		99.6	19.919	

### Inter Precision (Repeatability)

This parameter determines the Intermediate repeatability of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg, assay results under the same

operating conditions test performed on a different day, using different makes of reagents and solvents. The % RSD due to Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg concentration for the six samples was found to be 0.671%. Six separated sample preparations were analyzed according to the proposed method of analysis. The % RSD due to Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg concentration for the assay meets the requirements. Results are tabulated in the Table 4.

Table 4 Inter Precision (Repeatability) Results

Sr. No.	Sample number	Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg		% RSD of Six Assay content
		% Assay content	Assay content in mg	
1	Sample Preparation -1	99.6	19.929	0.671% Limit < 2%
2	Sample Preparation -2	98.9	19.778	
3	Sample Preparation -3	100.7	20.133	
4	Sample Preparation -4	99.2	19.849	
5	Sample Preparation -5	98.9	19.772	
6	Sample Preparation -6	99.4	19.879	
Average % Assay		99.4	19.890	

### Ruggedness

Ruggedness of the method was determined by carrying out the analysis on different days, different makes of reagents and solvents. The respective test assay results of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg having concentration as 12µg/ml was illustrious. The result is expressed as shown in table 4. The developed method for estimation of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg was found to be rugged as Shown in table 5.

Table 5 Ruggedness

Sr. No.	Precision	% RSD of assay of Six Preparation	Limit For Ruggedness
1	Intra Precision	0.896	NMT 2%
2	Inter Precision	0.671	
% RSD of Overall 12 Assay content		0.762	

### Accuracy

This parameter determines the accuracy of the assay results under the same operating conditions test.

A Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg sample was constituted analyzed for the accuracy with known quantity of standard samples of Telmisartan at 80%, 100%, 120% concentration levels and assayed as per the method stated under proposed analytical Methods respectively. Three determinations were performed under each concentration levels respectively. Results are shown in Tables 6, 7, 8. The % RSD due to recovery of Telmisartan at 80%,100%, 120% concentration levels was found to be 79.6%, 100.7% and 117.9% respectively. Nine sample preparations were analyzed according to the proposed method of analysis. The %RSD due to Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg concentration for the assay meets the requirement and accuracy of recovery is within 90.0% to 110%. Results are tabulated in the Table 6, 7, 8.

Table 6 Accuracy and Recovery Results @ 80 % Concentration level

Sr.No.	Accuracy @ 80% level	Recovery of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg % Assay content	% Recovery 90.0% to 110%	% RSD
1	Sample Preparation -1	79.5	99.5	1.131
2	Sample Preparation -2	80.5		%
3	Sample Preparation -3	78.7		Limit < 2%
Average % Assay		79.6		

**Table 7** Accuracy and Recovery Results @ 100 % Concentration level

Sr. No.	Accuracy @ 100% level	Recovery of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg % Assay content	% Recovery 90.0% to 110%	% RSD
1	Sample Preparation -1	102.9		
2	Sample Preparation -2	99.3		1.920%
3	Sample Preparation -3	99.7	100.7	Limit
Average % Assay →		100.7		<2%

**Table 8** Accuracy and Recovery Results @ 120 % Concentration level

Sr.No.	Accuracy @ 120% level	Recovery of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg % Assay content	% Recovery 90.0% to 110%	% RSD
1	Sample Preparation -1	117.7		
2	Sample Preparation -2	118.3		0.239%
3	Sample Preparation -3	117.8	98.3	Limit <
Average % Assay →		117.9 →		2%

### Solution Stability

Solution stability of the Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg sample solution was performed up to 26 hrs with different time interval and found the solution is stable showing cumulative % RSD of different time interval is 1.081 which is less than the 2. Hence the Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg sample solution is found stable up to 26 hrs at room temperature and recommended for 24 hrs solution stability (%RSD 0.789).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The method discussed in the present work provides an easy, simple, stable, accurate, precise, reliable, rapid, less expensive (Economical), time saving and convenient method for the analysis of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg using U.V. Spectrophotometry.  $\lambda$  max selected for quantitation was 296.5 nm. In the developed analytical method, the linearity was observed 0.9994 in the concentration range of 5  $\mu$ g/ml -25  $\mu$ g/ml.

Method precision for the Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg at concentrations level 12 $\mu$ g/ml was found in the range of 98.6%-100.7%. Accuracy of the proposed method was ascertained by recovery studies and the results were expressed as percent recovery and were found in the Range of 98.3%-100.7%. Values of standard deviation and coefficient of variance was satisfactorily indicating the accuracy of the method. Intra-day and Inter-day precision studies were carried out by analyzing the sample of Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg at different time interval on the same day and on different days respectively. Standard deviation and coefficient of difference for Intra-day and Inter-day precision studies was found to be less than 2 indicating precision of the proposed method.

Based on the outcome of analytical method development and analytical validation study test results, it was found that, the proposed analytical method for determination of Telmisartan and Telmisartan Tablet 20 mg by UV Spectrophotometry is Accurate, Precise, Reproducible, Stable, Easy, Simple, Rapid Time saving and less expensive (Economical). The analytical method can be employed for routine analysis in quality control of Telmisartan and Telmisartan Tablet in pharmaceutical.

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