

## A NEW STABILITY-INDICATING RP-HPLC-PDA METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF TRIPPLICATE MIXTURE OF RAMIPRIL, ATORVASTATIN AND CLOPIDOGREL IN TABLET DOSAGE FORM

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To develop a novel, accurate, precise and linear reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic (RP-HPLC) method for simultaneous quantitative estimation of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel in Atamra-CV tablet and validate as per international conference on harmonization (ICH) guidelines and to perform the force degradation studies using the developed method.

**Methods:** In the present work, the good chromatographic separation was achieved isocratically using a shim-pack HPLC Kromasil 150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 m.  $\mu$ . And mobile phase consisting of 0.05 M potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate pH 3 adjusted with orthophosphoric acid and acetonitrile in the ratio (52:48), at flow rate 1 ml/min and column temperature (30 °C). The effluents obtained were monitored at 210 nm with the UV-visible detector.

**Results:** The retention time of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel was found to be 2.893 min, 5.012 min and 6.102 min respectively. The linearity of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel was found in the range of 25-150 % and the correlation coefficient for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel were >0.999. The high recovery values (98%-101%) indicate a satisfactory accuracy. The low percent relative standard deviation (% RSD) values in the precision study reveals that the method is precise. The three-drug samples were subjected to stress conditions of acidic and alkaline hydrolysis, oxidation, photolysis and thermal degradation. The proposed method proved to be stability-indicating by resolution of the analytes from their forced-degradation products.

**Conclusion:** The developed method is novel, simple, precise, rapid, accurate and reproducible for simultaneous estimation of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel tablet dosage form. Hence the proposed method may find practical applications as a quality-control tool in the simultaneous analysis of the three drugs in combined dosage forms in quality-control laboratories. The proposed method was made use of photodiode array (PDA) as a tool for peak identification and purity confirmation.

**Keywords:** Ramipril, Atorvastatin, Clopidogrel, RP-HPLC method development, Validation

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### INTRODUCTION

Ramipril is an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor, used to treat hypertension and congestive heart failure. It acts on the renin-angiotensin system [1-2]. Ramipril is an anti-hypertensive agent [3-4] and chemically (1S, 5S, 7S)-8-[[[(2S)-2-[[[(1S)-1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl] amino] propanoyl]-8-azabicyclo [3.3.0] octane-7-carboxylic acid [5-8]. It blocks the counter-regulatory rise in Angiotensin-II triggered by diuretic therapy [9-10]. The structure of ramipril was shown in (fig. 1a) Atorvastatin calcium is a selective, competitive HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor [11-12], is used to lower cholesterol and triglycerides in patients with hypercholesterolemia and mixed dyslipidemia and in the treatment of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia [7]. It is chemically known as (βR, 8R)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-α, δ-dihydroxy-5-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-4-[[[phenyl amino] carbonyl] 1H-pyrrole-1-heptanoic acid trihydrate [13-14]. It

lowers lipid levels by inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase, a rate-limiting enzyme in cholesterol biosynthesis in the liver, thus reducing the cholesterol content in hepatocytes [15]. Antihypertensive and lipid-lowering medications substantially reduce the risk of stroke, coronary artery disease (CAD), and death in patients with cardiovascular risk factors [16-17]. Clopidogrel bisulfate is chemically (+)-(S)-[2-(2-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dihydrothieno [3,2-c] pyridine-5 (4H) acetic acid methyl ester sulphate is a potent oral antiplatelet agent often used for the treatment of CAD, peripheral vascular disease (PVD) and cerebrovascular diseases (CVD). Since it is a prodrug, it must be metabolized by CYP450 enzymes to produce the active metabolite that inhibits platelet aggregation. This active metabolite selectively inhibits adenosine diphosphate (ADP) binding to its platelet P2Y12 receptor and subsequently the ADP-mediated activation of the glycoprotein GPIIb/IIIa complex, thereby inhibiting platelet aggregation [18-20].

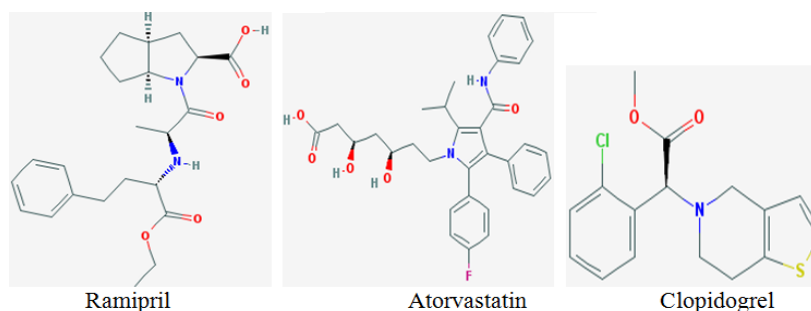


Fig. 1: Chemical structure of (a) Ramipril (b) Atorvastatin (c) Clopidogrel

As per the literature survey several methods have been reported for the estimation of ramipril, atorvastatin, and clopidogrel individually or with the combination of some other drugs. Some of the methods were being; simultaneous estimation of atorvastatin, clopidogrel [21-22] ramipril, atorvastatin [23-24]. There is no official method for this combination so far as per our knowledge. The present proposed method estimates ramipril, atorvastatin, and clopidogrel in a simple and economical process. The main aim of this method was to determine and validate the ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel based on International Conference on Harmonization [25-27] guidelines. This method was made use of a reproducible procedure for the quantitative analysis of drug samples as the bulk drug and in tablet dosage forms. The designed method was considered as an advisable to develop precise, accurate, a simple RP-HPLC method for stability indicating and simultaneous estimation of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel in tablets.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Instrumentation

The analysis was performed on an HPLC instrument used was of Kromasil 150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ . With Auto-Injector and PDA Detector and it was controlled by using software Empower 2. and it has UV-VIS spectrophotometer PG Instruments T60 with a special bandwidth of 2 nm and 10 nm and matched quartz was be used for measuring absorbance for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel solutions. The separation and quantization were made on column (Kromasil 150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ ).

### Materials

HPLC grade acetonitrile, water was secured from Ranbaxy, India, and orthophosphoric acid AR grade was purchased from SD Fine Chem. Mumbai, India were used in the study and supported by the literature. The drug samples were kindly supplied by Spectrum Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd, Kukutpally, Hyderabad, India, and the formulation samples analytical grade of orthophosphoric acid, sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid, hydrogen peroxide and high purity distilled water were used. The preparation of three drugs was Atamra-CV tablets labeled claim was 5 mg of ramipril, 10 mg of atorvastatin and 75 mg of clopidogrel.

### General procedure

#### Chromatographic conditions

A mobile phase system consisting of buffer and acetonitrile was used in the ratio of 52:48A % V/V at a pH 3 adjusted with orthophosphoric acid and water and methanol in the ratio of 50:50 V/V used as diluents for preparing the working solutions of drug. The separation was achieved with the elution method. The flow rate was 1.0 ml/min. The injection volume was 10 ml. The eluant was monitored by the photo diode array detector (PDA) from 200 to 400 nm, and chromatograms were extracted at the wavelengths of 210 nm. The total run time was 11 min, and all establishments were performed at 30 °C.

#### Standard solutions

Accurately Weighed and transferred 6 mg, 6 mg and 18 mg of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel working Standards into a 50 ml, 25 ml and 10 ml clean dry volumetric flask, add 5 ml of diluents, sonicated for 30 min and made up to the final volume with diluents to obtain the concentrations of 12  $\mu$ g/ml ramipril, 24  $\mu$ g/ml atorvastatin and 180  $\mu$ g/ml of clopidogrel.

From the above stock solutions, 1 ml was pipette out in to a 10 ml volumetric flask and then made up to the final volume with diluents and achieved concentrations 12, 24 and 180  $\mu$ g/ml. Three injections were finished for each concentration and chromatographs were gained under the previously described liquid chromatographic conditions. The peak areas were plotted in opposition to the consequent concentrations to erect the calibration graphs.

#### Assay of sample preparation

Six Atamra-CV tablets were weighed and calculated the average weight of each tablet then the weight equivalent to 1 tablet was transferred into a 100 ml volumetric flask, 70 ml of diluents added

and sonicated for 30 min, further the volume made up with diluents and filtered. From the filtered solution 0.4 ml was pipette out into a 10 ml volumetric flask and made up to 10 ml with diluents and acquired final concentrations were 12, 24 and 180  $\mu$ g/ml for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel respectively. These specified concentrations were used for general procedure and recovered concentrations were calculated from the consequent calibration graphs. For regular addition assay, test solutions were spiked with aliquots of regular solutions of the three compounds to gain total concentrations contained by the earlier specified ranges then treated as under common process. Recovered concentrations were deliberated by assimilating the analyte response with the growth response achieved after addition of the standard.

### Method validation procedure

The method was validated as per ICH guidelines [25-27]. The different validation parameters which were performed are following: system suitability, linearity, precision, accuracy, specificity, and limit of detection, limit of quantification, robustness, degradation studies and the stability indicating capability.

### Stability-indicating and forced degradation studies

Forced degradation studies were executed on ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel standards based on the following conditions:

#### Oxidation

To 1 ml of stock solution of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel and 1 ml of 20% hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) were added separately. The solutions were kept for 30 min at 60 °C. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to obtain concentrations 12, 24 and 184  $\mu$ g/ml. A solution of 10  $\mu$ l was injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

#### Acid degradation studies

To 1 ml of stock solution of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel and 1 ml of 2N Hydrochloric acid was added and refluxed for 30 min at 60 °C. The resultant solution was diluted to obtain concentrations 12, 24 and 184  $\mu$ g/ml. A solution of 10  $\mu$ l was injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

#### Alkali degradation studies

To 1 ml of stock solution of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel and 1 ml of 2N sodium hydroxide was added and refluxed for 30 min at 60 °C. The resultant solution was diluted to obtain concentrations 12  $\mu$ g/ml, 24  $\mu$ g/ml and 184  $\mu$ g/ml. A solution of 10  $\mu$ l was injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

#### Dry heat degradation studies

The standard stock solution was placed in oven at 105 °C for 6 h to study dry heat degradation. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to obtain concentrations 12  $\mu$ g/ml, 24  $\mu$ g/ml and 184  $\mu$ g/ml for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel. A solution of 10  $\mu$ l was injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of the sample.

#### Photo stability studies

The photochemical stability of the drugs were also studied by exposing the concentrations of 12  $\mu$ g/ml, 24  $\mu$ g/ml and 184  $\mu$ g/ml solution to UV Light by keeping the beaker in UV Chamber for 7 d or 200 Watt hours/m<sup>2</sup>in photostability chamber. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to obtain 12  $\mu$ g/ml, 24  $\mu$ g/ml and 184  $\mu$ g/ml concentrated solutions and 10  $\mu$ l were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of the sample.

#### Neutral degradation studies

Stress testing under neutral conditions was studied by refluxing the drugs in water for 6 h at a temperature of 60°C. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to 12  $\mu$ g/ml, 24  $\mu$ g/ml and 184  $\mu$ g/ml concentrated solutions and 10  $\mu$ l were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of the sample.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A simple, rapid and precise method has been developed and validated for the drug ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel. There is no official method for this combination so far. However, few methods have been reported in either of one or two in this combination with some other drugs. On comparison with literature, it is found that Mobile phase used by SM Patole *et al.* [6] used methanol and acetate buffer. Rajesh Sharma *et al.* [7] Gurupadayya *et al.* [18] were phosphate buffer and acetonitrile methanol. Nitin dubey *et al.* [28] used methanol, acetonitrile and water. Sahityasundar *et al.* [29] used acetonitrile, methanol and trimethylamine. The buffers in the mobile phases used in all the methods take more preparation time and also the usage of buffers reduces the life of column. The retention time of drugs in the methods developed by SM Patole *et al.* [6] 5.80 min for ramipril and 8.20 min for atorvastatin. Rajesh Sharma *et al.* [7] 3.620 and 11.710 min for ramipril and atorvastatin. Gurupadayya *et al.* [18] 8.2 min for clopidogrel. Nitin dubey *et al.* [28] 11.820 min for clopidogrel and 15.620 min for atorvastatin. Sahityasundar *et al.* [29] 3.8 min for atorvastatin and 7.4 min for clopidogrel thereby increasing the analysis time.

In the proposed method a simple mobile phase consisting of buffer and acetonitrile was used which elute the ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel with lower retention time. The retention times were 2.903 min, 5.005 min and 6.134 for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel respectively. The calibration curve was linear over the concentration range of 25-150 ppm. The LOD values were 0.29, 0.35 and 1.97 and LOQ values were found to be 0.89, 1.07 and 5.98 for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel respectively. The high percentage of recovery and low percentage coefficient of variance confirm the suitability of the method and the forced degradation studies shows that the developed method was stability indicating. Hence it was concluded that the RP-HPLC method developed was highly suitable for routine analysis and all the parameters result data was shown in method validation systematically.

### Method development

Six trials were performed for the method development and the best peaks with least fronting factor was elevated for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel to be with retention times were 2.903, 5.005, 6.134 min respectively. The resultant chromatogram revealed in the fig. 2.

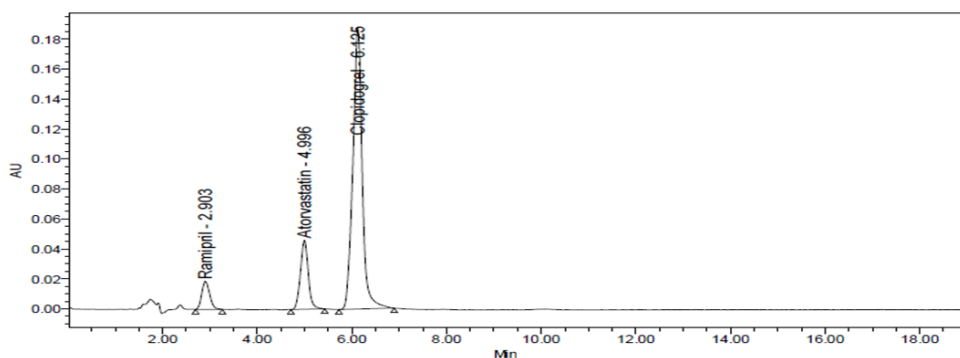


Fig. 2: Sample chromatogram of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

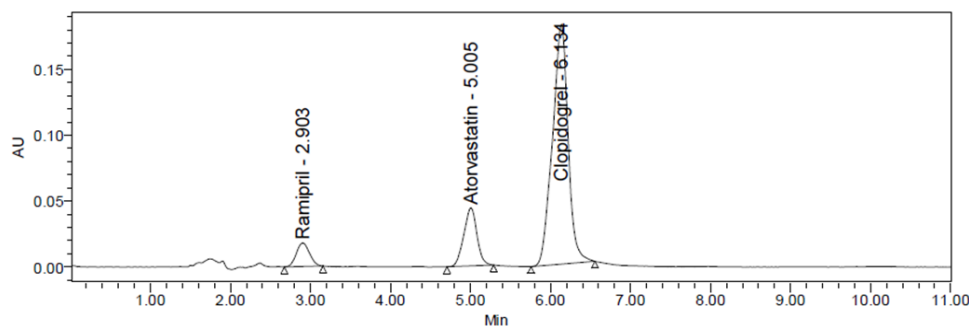


Fig. 3: Standard chromatogram of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

### Method validation

#### System suitability test

Six replicate injections of standard solutions were injected and the chromatograms were recorded. The system was suitable for analysis of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel if the % relative standard

deviation (% RSD) of area counts in six repeated injections should be not more than 2.0%. USP tailing factor for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel peak should be not more than 2.0. USP resolution factor between the peaks corresponding to ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel should be more than 2.0. The results are shown in the table 1.

Table 1: System suitability results

Parameter	Ramipril	Atorvastatin	Clopidogrel
USP tailing Factor	1.07	0.96	0.93
USP plate count	1391	3899	4037
LOD( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	0.29	0.35	1.97
LOQ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	0.89	1.07	5.98
% RSD	0.7	0.6	0.5

### Linearity and concentration ranges

Working dilutions of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel was 25 to 150 % was prepared by taking suitable aliquots of solutions of drug in several 10 ml volumetric flask and made up to the mark with mobile phase and those are depicted in table 2. 10  $\mu$ l amount of every dilution was injected in to the column with a flow rate of 1 ml/min. The samples in elute were monitored at 210 nm and the

subsequent chromatograms were recorded. From these, calculated the mean peak areas and showed in table-3 for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel a plot of concentration vs peak areas was produced and drawn in the fig. 4, 5 and 6. The regression of the plot was calculated by least square regression method. Regression equation of ramipril was  $y = 17045x + 1518$  ( $R^2 = 0.999$ ), atorvastatin was  $y = 21828x + 2328$  ( $R^2 = 0.999$ ) clopidogrel was  $y = 13555x + 8103$  ( $R^2 = 0.999$ ) and also the results were presented in table 3.

Table 2: Linearity concentration table

S. No.	Pipetted from stock (ml)	Volume of flask (ml)	Concentration in ppm (ramipril)	Concentration in ppm (Atorvastatin)	Concentration in ppm (Clopidogrel)	% linearity level
1	0.25	10	3	6	45	25
2	0.5	10	6	12	90	50
3	0.75	10	9	18	135	75
4	1	10	12	24	180	100
5	1.25	10	15	30	225	125
6	1.5	10	18	36	270	150

Table 3: linearity peak area values of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

S. No.	concentration	Peak areas of ramipril	Peak areas of atorvastatin	Peak areas of clopidogrel
1	25	56110	134192	630356
2	50	103767	262687	1241964
3	75	156441	399126	1845601
4	100	201249	527033	2406287
5	125	254148	659598	3049912
6	150	312733	783975	3691858

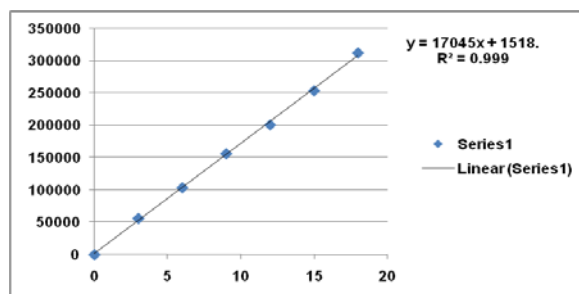


Fig. 3: Linearity graph for ramipril

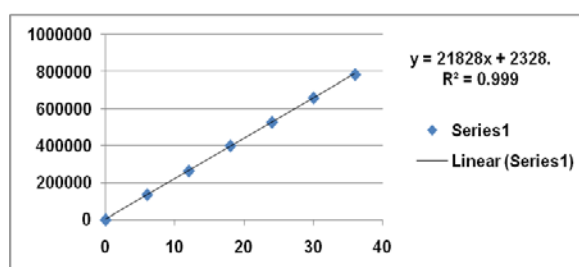


Fig. 4: Linearity graph for atorvastatin

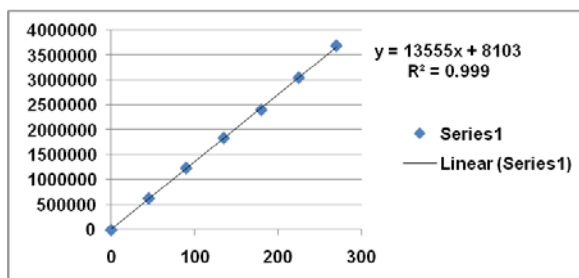


Fig. 5: Linearity graph for clopidogrel, X-Axis = Concentration, Y-Axis = peak area

**Precision**

The standard ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel solutions were injected for six times and measured the area for all six trails in RP-HPLC. The %RSD for the area of six repeat injections was founded to

be within the specific limits. The data of system precision was shown in the table 4, repeatability was presented in table 5, and inter day precision was showed in table 6.

**Acceptance Criteria:** The % RSD should not be more than 2%

**Table 4: Precision results of system**

S. No.	Area of ramipril	Area of atorvastatin	Area of clopidogrel
1	208249	524974	2406287
2	207249	522689	2495508
3	209523	528939	2499346
4	209845	522427	2486225
5	206360	520971	2527346
6	208360	527033	2517161
Mean	208264	524506	2488646
SD	1322.8	3045.5	43037.7
%RSD	0.64	0.58	1.73

n=6; SD denotes for standard deviation; RSD denotes for relative standard deviation.

**Table 5: Repeatability results**

S. No.	Area of ramipril	Area of atorvastatin	Area of clopidogrel
1	210787	516694	2519164
2	209879	530243	2509185
3	208496	530243	2499346
4	206680	520780	2460405
5	208144	522780	2477286
6	210602	523716	2482551
Mean	209098	524076	2491323
S. D	1463.1	5352.2	21856.1
%RSD	0.70	1.02	0.88

n=6; SD denotes for standard deviation; RSD denotes for relative standard deviation.

**Table 6: Inter day precision results**

S. No.	Area of ramipril	Area of atorvastatin	Area of clopidogrel
1	210502	512725	2547431
2	210637	509879	2578002
3	213167	51784401	2593673
4	209196	528881	2548908
5	212468	514777	2579421
6	212764	521027	2546590
Mean	211456	517522	2565671
SD	1571.7	6787.9	20508.6
%RSD	0.7	1.3	0.8

n=6; SD denotes for standard deviation; RSD denotes for relative standard deviation.

**Accuracy**

Accuracy of the readings was computed by % recovery of six different concentrations of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel at 50%, 100% and 150% and also standard addition technique was carried out for

same samples. The results acquired including the means of the recovery and standard deviations were displayed in table 7.

**Acceptance Criteria:** The % Recovery for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel at each stage should be between 99 to 101%.

**Table 7: Accuracy expressed as % recovery of three drugs by the proposed method**

% Concentration	Ramipril			Atorvastatin			Clopidogrel		
	50	100	150	50	100	150	50	100	150
Trail-I	101.07	100.65	99.80	99.53	99.54	99.63	100.84	99.80	100.15
Trail-II	99.78	100.12	100.11	99.03	99.69	100.07	99.71	99.50	100.13
Trail-III	99.81	100.18	100.58	100.52	100.44	100.22	98.32	100.35	99.60
AVG (% recovery)	100.22	100.32	100.17	99.70	99.89	99.97	99.62	99.88	99.96
SD	0.74	0.29	0.39	0.76	0.48	0.31	1.26	0.43	0.31
%RSD	0.74	0.29	0.39	0.76	0.48	0.31	1.26	0.43	0.31

n=3; AVG denotes average; SD denotes for standard deviation; RSD denotes for relative standard deviation

### Recovery studies

To estimate the accuracy and precision of the proposed method recovery studies were carried out. A fixed amount of sample was taken and reference drugs were added at 50%, 100% and 150% levels. The results were analyzed and the results were within the limits.

### Specificity

The specificity of the RP-HPLC method is furnished, where complete separations of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel were distinguished in presence of other inert excipients used in tablets. In addition, there was no deterrence at the retention time of in the chromatogram of placebo solution. In the case of peak purity analysis with PDA, purity gradient was always not greater than purity threshold for the analytes. This shown that the peaks of analyte were pure and excipients in the formulation does not interfere the analyte. The data were listed in the table 8.

### Limit of detection and limit of quantification

Limit of Detection (LOD) is the least concentration of an analyte in a sample that can be identified but not quantified. LOD is indicated as a concentration at a precised signal to noise ratio. The LOD will depend on the procedure of analysis along with type of instrument. In the chromatography, detection limit is the injected quantity that consequences in a peak with a height at least thrice or twice as high

as baseline noise level. LOD was computed by using formula  $LOD = 3.3 \left(\frac{SD}{S}\right)$

The LOD was found to be 0.29, 0.35 and 1.97 for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel respectively.

Limit of quantification (LOQ) is defined as least concentration of analyte in a sample that can be estimated with tolerable precision, accuracy and reliability by a specified method under affirmed experimental conditions. LOQ is uttered as a concentration at a specified signal to noise ratio. In the chromatography, limit of quantification is the injected quantity that consequences in a peak with a height, ten times as high as base line noise level. LOQ is calculated by using the formula  $LOQ = 10 \left(\frac{SD}{S}\right)$

The LOQ was found to be 0.89, 1.07 and 5.98 for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel respectively.

### Robustness

Robustness is denoted by making speculate changes in the chromatographic conditions like change in temperature, mobile phase composition and flow rate were assessed for the impact on the present method. It was founded from the chromatograms that the results were not exceeding the limits. This represents that the method developed is robust and shown in the table 9.

Table 8: Specificity results for ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

S. No.	Name of the sample	No. of injections	Area of ramipril	Area of atorvastatin	Area of clopidogrel
1	Blank	1	-	-	-
2	Placebo	1	-	-	-
3	Standard	1	208249	524974	2406287
4	Water sample	1	206846	512140	2502060

Table 9: Robustness of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

Parameter		Ramipril	Atorvastatin	Clopidogrel
Temperature±5	25	204346	496627	2424942
	35	206505	491383	2421334
Flow rate±0.1	0.9	203495	486072	2407038
	1.1	202758	481871	2413933
Mobile Phase change±5	48:52	200842	482383	2418510
	57:53	201772	481680	2409303

### Degradation studies

The forced degradation studies were conceded out to ensure the effective separation of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel in the current study from degradation products. The degradation was observed by reducing the peak areas of the drug substances with same drug molecules of degraded peak areas. The percentage assay of degradation was calculated from the peak area obtained in degradation conditions and it was compared with assay of nondegraded conditions. The percentage assay degradation in both acidic and alkali conditions was found to be within the limits. Oxidative degradation studies were

performed by using peroxide solution and the results showed that there was no degradation products formed. The drug solutions were placed in oven at 105 °C for 6h for thermal stress studies and then injected into HPLC system and photo stress testing was carried out by keeping the drug solutions in UV chamber for 7 d. The purity of angle is found to be less than that of purity of threshold in all the conditions which indicates that the developed method was stability indicating. The forced degradation studies were performed without planning to recognize the degradation products but only to show that they are not interfering with active molecules if any present. The data of stress studies are shown in table 10.

Table 10: Degradation studies of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel

Sample name	Total purity	Ramipril		Atorvastatin		Clopidogrel	
		% of purity	Purity of peak area	% of purity	Purity of peak area	% of Purity	Purity of peak area
Acid	100	92.24	204612	92.20	500136	92.05	2439614
base	100	93.42	204122	93.44	497716	93.12	2456551
peroxide	100	94.05	205592	94.47	503765	94.09	2471387
thermal	100	95.13	201373	95.60	497829	95.57	2441639
uv	100	98.98	204288	98.68	501125	98.40	2459190
Water	100	99.37	204177	99.32	500977	99.85	2452886

## CONCLUSION

The current study describes new and simple, reliable, economic elution RP-HPLC-PDA method for the simultaneous estimation of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel. The forced degradation studies were conducted for the three drugs by using several degradation conditions like oxidation, acidic, alkali, thermal, and photolytic conditions and proposed method was effectively employed from the resolution of employed samples peaks. To our present knowledge, no such detailed and stability indicating method has been presented for the assay of this triplicate drug mixture. The developed method finished use of PAD as a tool for peak integrity and purity confirmation. Therefore the proposed study method can be used for quantification of ramipril, atorvastatin and clopidogrel in bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form. Finally, this method was carefully validated; as a result, it can be suggested for routine analysis and for testing quality through stability studies of the drugs.

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## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The authors have no conflict of interest

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