

A CRITICAL REVIEW ON ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR NEWLY APPROVED DRUGS: MIRABEGRON AND SOLIFENACIN SUCCINATE

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ABSTRACT

A recently approved FDC of Mirabegron (25mg) and Solifenacin Succinate (5mg) recommended to treat Over Active Bladder. Analytical methods are available for individual quantitation of Mirabegron (MB) and Solifenacin Succinate (SFS), but only one an effective and reliable analytical method reported for their combination. Thus, the objective for this literature survey was to gather information on various analytical instrumental methods used so far for the individual quantitation of Mirabegron and Solifenacin Succinate in various matrices. The reported methods are high performance liquid chromatography, hyphentaed techniques, spectroscopy and high performance thin layer chromatography or thin layer chromatography for mirabegron and Solifenacin succinate respectively.

KEYWORDS: Mirabegron, Solifenacin succinate, UV, RP-HPLC, Analytical Method.

INTRODUCTION

Mirabegron is a beta- 3 adrenergic agonist. The chemical name is 2-(2-amino-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-N-[4-(2-[[[(2R)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]acetamide having empirical formula $C_{21}H_{24}N_4O_2S$ and molecular weight 396.5 g/mol. The structural formula for mirabegron is.

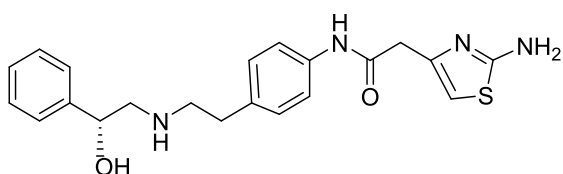


Figure 1: Structure of Mirabegron.

It has CAS number 223673-61-8. It has a (4.2) pKa1 and pKa2 (8.0). Mirabegron is a white powder. It is practically insoluble in water. It is soluble in methanol and dimethyl sulfoxide. It has 138-140^o C. It is classified as Class 3 biopharmaceutical classification system (high solubility and low permeability).

Solifenacin Succinate is a anti-muscarinic selective M3 / anti-cholinergic drugs. The chemical name is [(3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-yl] (1S)-1-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinoline-2- carboxylate;butanedioic acid having empirical formula $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_2$; $C_4H_6O_4$ and molecular weight 480.6 g/ml. the structural formula for Solifenacin Succinate is:

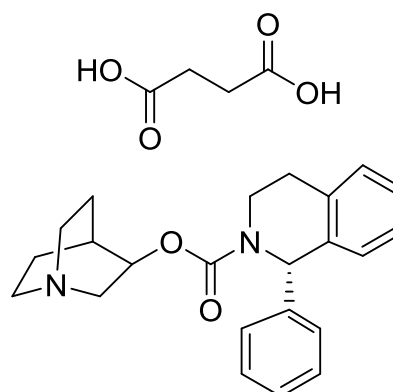


Figure 2: Structure of Solifenacin Succinate.

It has CAS number 242478-38-2. It has a pKa (8.0). Solifenacin Succinate (SFS) is a white powder or crystals. It is freely soluble in water. It is also soluble in methanol. It has 134-136^o C. It is classified as Class 1 biopharmaceutical classification system (high solubility and high permeability).

Mechanism of Action

Mirabegron

When urine accumulates in bladder, sympathetic nerve stimulation predominates. Non-adrenaline is released from nerve terminals, leads to beta adrenoreceptor activation in bladder muscles. Mirabegron is potent and selective agonist of beta-3 adrenergic receptors. The activation of beta-3 receptors relaxes detrusor smooth muscle during the storage phase of the urinary bladder fill-void cycle, which increases the bladder's storage capacity so increase the feelings of urgency and frequency.

Solifenacin Succinate

Solifenacin is a competitive muscarinic receptor antagonist. It has the highest affinity for M3, M1 and M2 muscarinic receptors. Most (80%) of the muscarinic receptors in the bladder are M2 while 20% are M3.

Solifenacin antagonism of the M3 receptor prevents contraction of the detrusor muscle, while antagonism of M2 receptor may prevent contraction of smooth muscle in bladder.

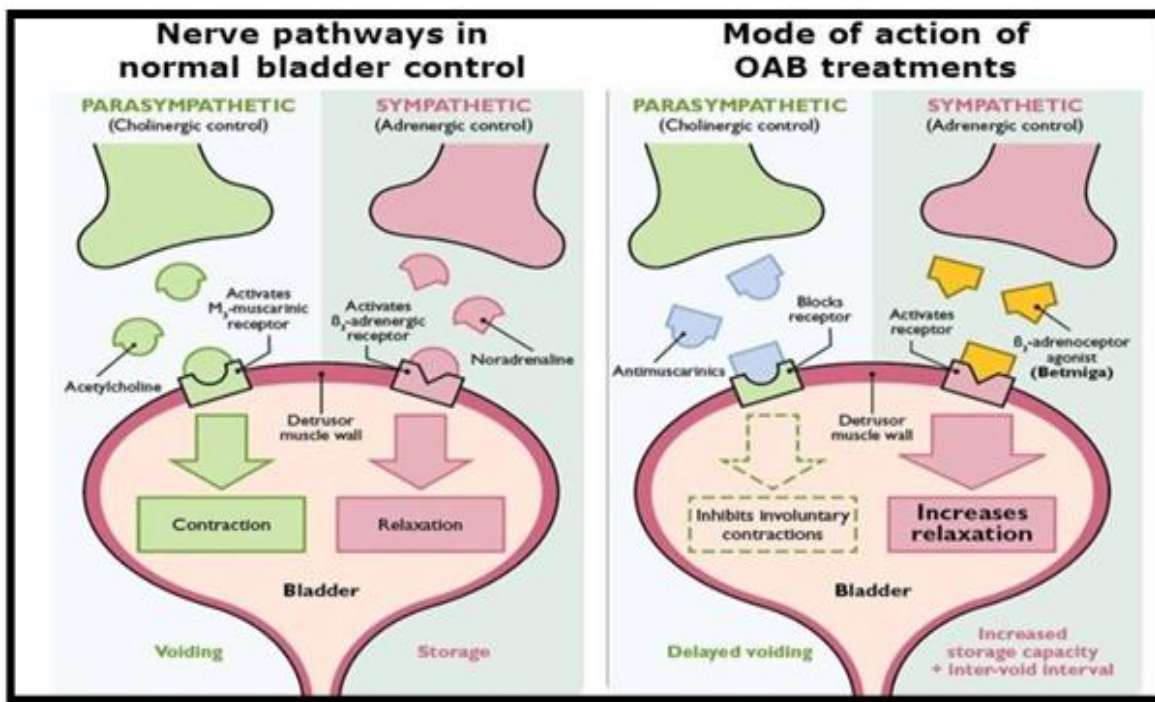


Figure 3: Site of action of drugs.

Pharmacokinetics

Mirabegron absolute bioavailability of orally administered mirabegron ranges from 29% at a dose of 25 mg to 35% at a dose of 50 mg. The T_{max} for the extended-release tablet and suspension formulations are approximately 3.5 hours, while the T_{max} for the granule formulation is 4-5 hours. Steady-state concentrations of mirabegron are achieved after approximately 7 days of once-daily administration. Volume of distribution (V_d) of 1670 L indicating extensive distribution. Mirabegron is approximately 71% protein-bound in plasma, primarily to albumin and alpha-1-acid glycoprotein. Metabolic pathways and their resultant metabolites include amide hydrolysis (M5, M16, M17), glucuronidation (mirabegron O-glucuronide, N-glucuronide, N-carbamoylglucuronide, M12), and secondary amine oxidation or dealkylation (M8, M9, M15), amongst others. The enzymes responsible for the oxidative metabolism of mirabegron are thought to be CYP3A4 and CYP2D6 while the UDP-glucuronosyltransferases responsible for conjugation reactions have been identified as UGT2B7, UGT1A3, and UGT1A8. Other enzymes that may be involved in the metabolism of mirabegron include butylcholinesterase and possibly alcohol dehydrogenase. Renal elimination is achieved primarily via active tubular secretion with some contribution by glomerular filtration. Elimination half-life of mirabegron approximately 50 hours in adults and elimination half-life is approximately 26-31 hours for

pediatric patients. Total plasma clearance following intravenous administration is approximately 57 L/h, with renal clearance accounting for roughly 25% at approximately 13 L/h. Symptoms of overdose included palpitations and increased heart rate. Symptoms of chronic overdosage are similar in presentation and may also include a rise in systolic blood pressure.

Solifenacin Succinate is well absorbed in the duodenum, jejunum, and ileum but not the stomach. Absorption occurs via passive diffusion and so no transporters are involved. The mean oral bioavailability of solifenacin is 88%. The T_{max} of solifenacin is 3-8 hours with a C_{ss} of 32.3ng/mL for a 5mg oral dose and 62.9ng/mL for a 10mg oral dose. The volume of distribution of solifenacin is 600L. Solifenacin is 93-96% protein bound in plasma, mainly to alpha-1-acid glycoprotein. Metabolism of Solifenacin undergoes N-oxidation at the quinuclidin ring by cytochrome P450, though the exact enzymes are not revealed in the literature. The tetrahydroisoquinolone ring is 4R-hydroxylated by CYP3A4, CYP1A1, and CYP2D6. A 4R-hydroxy N-oxide metabolite is also formed by CYP3A4. Finally, solifenacin can undergo direct glucuronidation. The elimination half life of solifenacin ranges from 33-85 hours. The clearance of solifenacin is 7-14L/h and a renal clearance of 0.67-1.51L/h. Toxicity signs of overdose include severe anticholinergic effects, mental status changes, and decreased consciousness.

Pharmacodynamics

Mirabegron exerts its pharmacologic effects by forcing bladder smooth muscle to relax, thereby expanding its capacity and relieving urgency. Mirabegron does not appear to adversely affect the mean maximum flow rate or mean detrusor pressure at maximum flow rate in patients with lower urinary tract symptoms and bladder outlet obstruction (BOO), but should be used with in patients with BOO due to reports of significant urinary retention. Furthermore, mirabegron increases both blood pressure and heart rate in a dose-dependent manner and should therefore be used with caution in patients with severely uncontrolled hypertension or others for whom these increases may prove dangerous.

Solifenacin antagonizes the M2 and M3 muscarinic receptors in the bladder to treat an overactive bladder. It has a long duration of action as it is usually taken once daily. Patients taking solifenacin should be aware of the risks of angioedema and anaphylaxis.

Pharmaceutical analysis profiles for Mirabegron and Solifenacin Succinate

Various analytical methods for the individual estimation of MB as well as SFS have been published in literature since 2010. Figure 4 shows a year wise paper published for both the drugs. Both drugs are non-official in any of compendia.

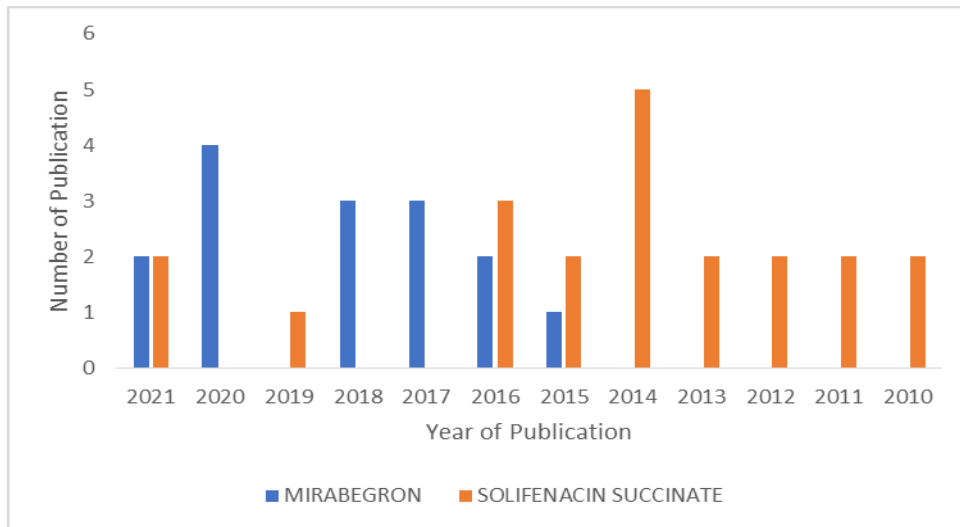


Figure 4: Year wise paper published of MB and SFS.

Non-compendial analytical methods

Non-compendial methods of analysis developed by various researches. These are spectroscopic, chromato-

graphic and hyphenated techniques represented graphically in figure 5.

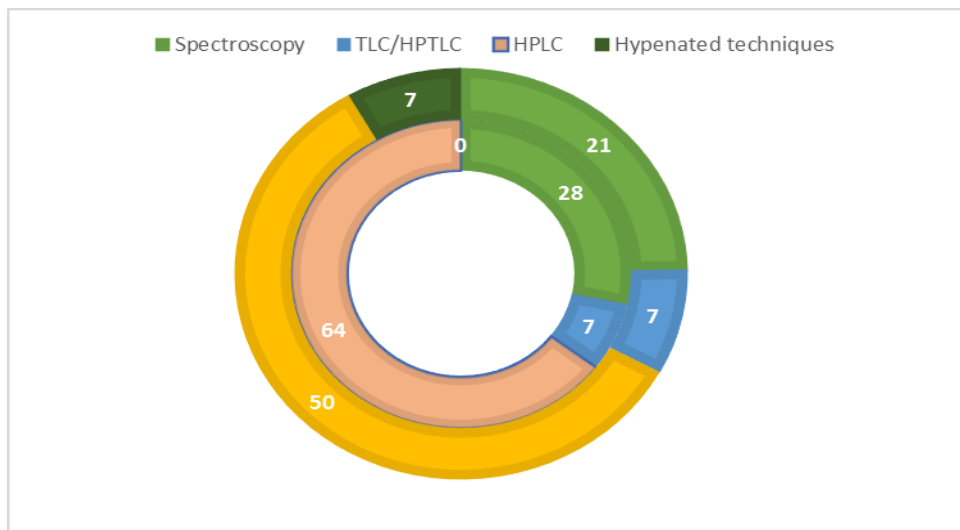


Figure 5: Non-compendial methods chart.

Spectroscopy methods

Spectroscopy is the interaction of matter and electromagnetic radiation that, as a function of

wavelength, provides a quantitative evaluation of the reflecting or transmitting properties of a material. These methods have many benefits, such as being simple,

inexpensive and taking less time. They are the most widely used method by researchers and those who do not have access to advanced analytical tools. It was claimed that these methods were simple, quick, and relatively cost-effective.

There are many spectrophotometric methods developed so far for estimation of Mirabegron in various sample matrices including capsule formulation, bulk, dissolution medium and human plasma. The maximum UV-visible wavelength range was between 400-200nm. The solvent used for the detection of mirabegron was found according to solubility. There are many estimation of Solifenacin Succinate in bulk and tablet formulation.

Chromatographic methods

Chromatography is defined as separation of the components of a sample, in which the components are distributed between two phases, one of which is stationary phase while other is mobile phase.

The stationary phase may be solid or liquid supported on a solid or gel, and maybe packed in a column, spread as a layer or distributed as a film. The mobile phase may be gaseous or liquid.

It is categorized as thin-layer (TLC) chromatography, gel permeation chromatography, affinity chromatography, gas chromatography (GC), high- pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC), ion-exchange chromatography, ultra-high-performance liquid chromatography (UHPLC) etc.

Hypenated techniques

Hypenated techniques are a combination of chromatographic techniques with spectral techniques. For the estimation of drugs in biological fluids such as plasma and urine, various advanced chromatographic techniques such as GC-MS, LC-MS/MS, UHPLC have been used.

Table 1: Spectroscopic methods for the determination of Mirabegron.

| Sample matrix | Instrument model UV-Visible spectrophotometer | Solvent/Solution | Wavelength (nm) | LQ µg/ml | LD µg/ml | Author and year publication |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Bulk and tablet | UV-Visible spectrophotometer | 1N HCl | 249 | 0.568 | 0.187 | Badike S, et al. [2020] |
| Bulk and tablet | ElicoSL164 UV-Visible spectrophotometer | phosphate buffer pH 6.8. | 245 | 7.67 | 23.24 | Raveendra G, et al. [2017] |
| Bulk and tablet | UV-Visible spectrophotometer | Ethanol and water (1:9) | 246 zero order 213 1 st derivative | 0.80 & 2.43 | 0.47 & 1.42 | Rani K, et al. [2017] |
| Bulk and tablet | ELICO Double beam SL 210 UV-VIS spectrophotometer | Methanol | 251 | 0.029 | 0.00957 | Sankar P, et al. [2016] |

Table 2: Spectroscopic methods for the determination of Solifenacin Succinate.

| Sample matrix | Instrument model UV-Visible spectrophotometer | Solvent/Solution | Wavelength (nm) | LQ µg/ml | LD µg/ml | Author and year publication |
|---------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Tablets | UV-visible spectrophotometer (LABINDIA) | Distilled water | 250 265 nm First derivative | 3.196 | 1.054 | Srinivasarao Y, et al. [2021] |
| Tablets | Shimadzu UV/VIS double beam spectrophotometer (model 1800) | Methanol | 223 | 0.0999 2 | 0.9985 | Saiyed N, et al. [2015] |
| Tablets | UV-visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, model 1800) | 0.1N HCl | 210 | - | - | Kumar A, et al. [2015] |
| Tablets | UV-visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, model 1800) | 100% TEA phosphate buffer (pH 2.5) | 215 | 3.35 | 1.106 | Kumar A, et al. [2014] |
| Tablets | UV-visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, model 1800) | Distilled water | 220 | 0.9145 05 | 0.30178 6 | Teja G, et al. [2013] |
| Tablets | Shimadzu UV 1700 UV-visible spectrophotometer | Bromo thymol blue (0.3% w/v) added to Chloroform | 415.6 and 412 | - | - | Singh L, et al. [2011] |

Table 3: HPLC methods for the determination of Mirabegron.

| Analytical system | Sample matrix | Column | Mobile Phase | Detection (nm) | Flow rate (ml/min) | Retention time (min) | Author and publication year |
|--|----------------------|---|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| RP HPLC | Bulk | Puratis C18 column (250 × 4.6mm, 5µm) | mobile phase A consisted, 20 Mm Ammonium acetate, Ph adjusted to 4.5 and mobile phase B consisted methanol | 247 | 1.0 | 10.8 | Bharathi T, et al. [2021] |
| RP HPLC | Bulk and tablets | C18, 250 × 4.6mm, 5µm | methanol water (70:30) at Ph 5.0 Adjusted to OPA | 243 | 1.0 | 2.548 | Suryawanshi R, et al. [2020] |
| HPLC- UV | Bulk and tablets | - | Acetonitrile: water (50/50 v/v) adjusted Ph 9 with 1 % TEA | 247 | 1.0 | 3.93 | Chhalotiya U, et al. [2020] |
| Agilent technologies-1260 infinity system HPLC | Dosage form | eclipse XDB C18 column (4.6mm i.d × 250 nm, 5µm particle size) | methanol and acetonitrile (95: 5v/v) | 251 | 1.0 | 5.813 | Sankar P, et al. [2020] |
| RP HPLC | Tablets | Restek C18 column (250 × 4.6mm, 5µm) | buffer Ph: 7.0 potassium dihydrogen phosphate and acetonitrile (60:40 v/v) | 249 | 1.0 | 4.576 | Ramazani A, et al. [2018] |
| RP HPLC | Bulk and dosage form | THERMO, C18, 250X4.6mm, 5µm | 0.1M KH ₂ PO ₄ : Methanol (60:40) | 248 | 1.0 | 3.684 | Jyothsna M, et al. [2018] |
| RP HPLC | Tablets | Waters Acquity HSS T-3 C ₁₈ (100 × 2.1 mm, 1.7µm) | Potassium di-hydrogen phosphate: acetone in the ratio (40:60 v/v) at Ph 6.0 | 243 | 1.0 | 2.574 | Mounika B, et al. [2017] |
| RP HPLC | Tablets | EnableC18 G (250 × 4.6mm, 5µm) column | methanol: 1% OPA (70: 30v/v) at Ph 5 | 246 | 1.0 | 3.601 | Spandana R, et al. [2016] |
| LC | Enantiomers | Chiralpak AY-H, column coated with amylose tris-(5-chloro-2-methylphenylcarbamate) with influence of ethanol (30-45%) | mixture solution of n-hexane, ethanol, and diethyl amine (55: 45: 0.1, v/v/v) | 254 | 1.0 | | Zou Q, et al. [2015] |

Table 4: HPLC methods for the determination of Solifenacin Succinate.

| Analytical system | Sample matrix | Column | Mobile Phase | Detection (nm) | Flow rate (ml/min) | RT (min) | Author and publication year |
|-------------------|------------------|--|---|----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| RP-HPLC | Bulk and tablets | Sunfire C8 (4.6 × 150mm, 5µm) | buffer: methanol: Acetonitrile (45: 45: 10v/v/v) | 220 | 1.0 | 2.894 | Tanuja A, et al. [2021] |
| RP-HPLC | API and tablets | Enable ODS reverse phase (250mm × 4.6 mm, 5µm) | Acetonitrile and water (80: 20v/v) | 225 | 1.0 | 2.92 | Kumar H, et al. [2019] |
| HPLC | Tablets | Capcell Pak C18, MG, (150 × 4.6mm, 5µm) column | A- (pH 6.6 phosphate buffer + 0.5% Triethylamine) B- (Milli-Q water 90% Acetonitrile (10: 90)). | 225 | 0.9 | 10 | Ganthi R, et al. [2016] |
| RP-HPLC | API | Xterra RP-18 (25cm × 4.6mm i.d. 5µm) | 0.05M pentane sulfonic acid sodium salt and acetonitrile (50:50 v/v) | 200 | 1.0 | 4.1 | Attia A, et al. [2016] |
| RP-HPLC | Tablets | EnableMake C18 G (250mm) | Triethylammonium phosphate buffer pH 3: | 210 | 1.0 | 3.5 | Kumar A, et al. [2014] |

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|---------|-------------------|--|--|-----|-----|-------|------------------------------|
| | | ×4.6mm i.d., 5µm) column. | acetonitrile (30: 70v/v) | | | | |
| RP-HPLC | Tablets | Inertsil ODS 3V C18 column (150mm ×4.6mm, 5µm) | potassium phosphate at pH 3.5 containing 0.1% triethylamine and methanol | 220 | 1.5 | 5.12 | Shaik R, et al. [2014] |
| LC | Tablets | C18 column | aqueous tetra butyl ammonium hydrogen sulphate (10mM): Acetonitrile (40: 60) | 254 | 0.8 | 3.071 | Annapurna M, et al. [2014] |
| HPLC | API | RP-18 (150mm × 4.6mm, 5µm) | 0.01M phosphate bufferpH 3.5 with orthophosphoric acid (88%) and second mobile phase B contains mixture of acetonitrile and water (90: 10 v/v) | 220 | 1.0 | - | Rambabu C et al. [2013] |
| RP-HPLC | Bulk and Tablets | eclipse XBD-C18 (4.6 mm × 150mm, 5µm) | CAN: 20mM sodium phosphate buffer (0.2% TEA) (30:70) | 225 | 1.0 | 10.95 | Israel D, et al. [2013] |
| RP-HPLC | Bulk and Tablets | Xterra C18 (150 ×4.6mm, packed with 5µm) | Acetonitrile: Phosphate buffer (50: 50v/v) | 210 | 1.0 | 2.4 | Raul S, et al. [2012] |
| RP-HPLC | Bulk and tablets | OysterBDS C8 (250mm ×4.6mm i.d., 5µm) | 10mM ammonium formate buffer: acetonitrile: methanol (52.5: 37.5:5.10, v/v/v) | 210 | 0.7 | 13.8 | Rajput S, et al. [2012] |
| HPLC | Bulk and tablets | Hypersil C8(250mm ×4.6mm i.d., 5µm) | 10mM potassium dihydrogen phosphate with 0.1%v/v TEA in Milli-Q water pH 3: Acetonitrile (60: 40) | 210 | 1.0 | 7.8 | Vasanthraju S, et al. [2011] |
| HPLC | SFS in Rat plasma | TSK gel ODS-80Ts (5µm, 150mm ×2.0 mm i.d) | 0.1M phosphate buffer: acetonitrile (71: 29v/v) | 220 | 0.2 | 7.3 | Yanagihara T, et al. [2007] |
| UFLC | API | Simpak XR-ODS column | 10mM buffer potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate in water the pH adjusted by using TEA | | 0.5 | | Saipriya P, et al. [2010] |

Table 5: TLC (Thin layer chromatography) or HPTLC (High performance liquid chromatography) methods for Mirabegron.

| Sample matrix | Stationary Phase | Mobile Phase | Wavelength (nm) | Author and publication year |
|------------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Bulk and Tablets | Aluminium Plates pre-coated with silica gel 60F- 254 | methanol: acetonitrile: triethylamine (4: 6: 0.1, v/v/v) | 247 | Kachhiya H, et al. [2021] |

Table 6: TLC (thin layer chromatography) or HPTLC (High performance liquid chromatography) methods for Solifenacin Succinate.

| Sample matrix | Stationary Phase | Mobile Phase | Wavelength (nm) | Retention Factor | Author and Publication year |
|---------------|---|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| API | plates precoated with silica gel 60F254 column with 250µm thickness | methanol: water: Glacial acetic acid (9: 1: 0.1v/v/v) | 216 | 0.49 ± 0.03 | Damle M, et al. [2016] |
| Tablets | aluminum plates pre-coated with silica gel F254. | methanol: ethyl acetate: triethylamine (8: 2: 0.1). | 222 | - | Shah D, et al. |

Table 7: Hyphenated techniques for Solifenacin Succinate.

| Analytical System | Sample matrix | Stationary Phase | Mobile Phase | Detection | Author and publication year |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| LC-MS/MS | SFS in rat plasma | Gemini-NX C18 (50 × 4.6mm, 5µm) column | 5mM Ammonium formate, pH 3: methanol (20: 80v/v) | proton adducts at m/z 363.2@193.2 and 368.2@198.2 in multiple reaction monitoring mode (MRM). | Shaik R, et al. [2014] |
| LC-MS | SFS in human plasma | Pentafluorophenylpropylsilica Column (50 × 4.6mm, 5µm) | methanol- 100mM ammonium acetate containing 1% of formic acid (90: 10 v/v) | m/z 363.2@193.2 and 368.2@198.2. | Macek J, et al. [2010] |

CONCLUSION

This review geared toward specializing in numerous analytical strategies according for the assay of both the drugs. A broad vary of techniques is out there for the estimation of Solifenacin succinate and Mirabegron alone but in combination of both the drugs only HPTLC method is available for estimation. For analysis of Solifenacin succinate and Mirabegron, HPLC-UV provides correct result and low price compared to advance detection techniques. The information provided in the article helps researcher to develop stability indicating method, pharmacokinetic studies and quantification in biological fluids. This review includes the entire detail of analytical strategies obtainable on Solifenacin succinate and Mirabegron which can be substantiative for any analysis of drug.

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Abbreviations

MB Mirabegron

SFS Solifenacin Succinate

BCS Biopharmaceutics Classification system

FDC Fixed dose combination

GC Gas Chromatography

HPLC High Performance Liquid Chromatography

HPTLC High Performance thin layer Chromatography

IUPAC International Union of pure and applied Chemistry

LC-MS/MS Liquid Chromatography mass spectroscopy

mg Milligram

ml Milliliter

TLC Thin Layer Chromatography

UV-Vis Ultra-Violet visible

v/v Volume by volume

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