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# UV spectroscopic analytical method development and validation of Lurasidone in bulk and tablet dosage form

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#### **ABSTRACT**

A Simple, accurate, rapid, sensitive and precise UV Spectrophotometric method has been developed for estimation of Lurasidone in tablet dosage form using UV detector, with a mobile phase consisting of acetone and water 70:30(v/v) was used and the effluents were monitored at 324 nm. The Proposed study describes a new UV–Spectrophotometric method development and validation of Lurasidone using simple mobile phase. The method gives good correlation coefficient with in a short analysis time. The method was validated and found to be simple, sensitive, accurate and precise. Percentage recovery shows that the method is free from interference of excipients used in formulation. Therefore, the proposed method can be used for routine analysis of Lurasidone in tablet dosage form.

Keywords: Lurasidone, Limit of Detection, Limit of Quantification, Method development and validation

#### INTRODUCTION

Analytical research and development is a requisite part of the pharmaceutical industry whose goals include contributing to the development of new active substances and pharmaceutical dosage forms by providing information based on analytical chemistry, by developing analytical methods and specifications used in quality control of material for toxicological and clinical trials, and by subsequent transfer of these methods and specifications to operations. The development of a way for analysis of a sample should take into consideration that the analytical information is characterized with quality and reliableness [1]. Quality control could be a

thought that strives to provide an ideal invention by sequence of trails frame to forestall as well as eliminate errors at different phases of manufacture.

The quality of a drug on being analyzed ought to replicate the standards associated with efficacy, safety and efficaciousness. As always, in method development, the sample could be a crucial consideration for analytical method and instrument.

Lurasidone HCl is an atypical antipsychotic drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of Schizophrenia.

In the present study, an attempt was made to develop a simple and accurate UV Spectrophotometric method for the quantification

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G. Jaya Syamala, Sri Siddhartha Pharmacy College, Nuzvid, Ammavarithota, Andhra Pradesh 521201, India of lurasidone in bulk and pharmaceutical formulations, and further to validate the established method according to ICH Q2 (R1) guidelines.

The main objective of this study is to validate the developed method by using parameters:

- Linearity
- Accuracy
- Precision
- Robustness
- Ruggedness
- LOD
- LOQ

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Methodology

#### **Solubility studies**

Solubility studies for Lurasidonewere performed by using various solvents. Phase solubility studies were performed according to the method reported by Higuchi and Connors, 1965.

The solubility of the drug was analyzed in distilled water, butyl alcohol, diethyl amine, formalin, conc. $H_2SO_4$ , alcohol, benzaldehyde, tween 80, acetone. The excess amounts of drug were transferred in to 10 mL stoppered conical flasks and volume was made upto the mark with respective solvents. The mixture was shaken in thermostatic shaker bath for 24hr at  $37\pm5$  Oc. The aliquots of 5 mL were withdrawn and filter through a 0.45- $\mu$ m Whatman filter paper for determining drug concentration by UV spectrophotometer. As per the spectral analysis Lurasidone is soluble in acetone and water in the ratio of 70:30 and same solvent was selected as diluent for further analysis.

## Method development for assay of Lurasidone tablets

Method development for assay of Lurasidone tablets was initiated based on general method development guidelines and literature.

#### **Preparation of Diluent**

The diluent was prepared by taking acetone and water in the ratio of 70:30 and mixed well.

#### Preparation of solutions for Assay

#### Preparation of standard solution

The standard solution was prepared by accurately weighing 100.0 mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 100 mg of lurasidone) in 100 mL volumetric flask containing 30 mL of diluent and sonicated for about 10 min, and then the volume was made up to the mark with the same diluent to get the final concentration of 1000  $\mu g/mL$ . From this 10mL was pipette out into a 100 mL volumetric flask and volume was made up to the mark with diluent to get final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### **Preparation of sample solution**

20 tablets were weighed and average weight of tablet was determined. The tablets were crushed into a fine powder. Accurately weighed 375.0 mg of powder (equivalent to 100 mg of Lurasidone) was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 30 minutes and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100mL standard volumetric flask and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### **Determination of absorption maxima**

Standard solution (100  $\mu$ g/mL) approximately 3.0 mL was taken in cuvette and scanned from 200-400 nm with fixed slit width of 2.0 nm.

#### **Method validation**

The method was validated according to international conference on harmonization guidelines [ICH Q2 (R1)].

#### **Specificity**

Solutions of standard and sample were prepared and analyzed as per test procedure in UV Spectrophotometer.

#### LINEARITY

Six concentrations of lurasidone standard were freshly prepared from linearity studies and absorbance was recorded.

A series of solutions of standard drug substances were prepared in the concentration ranging from 15-90  $\mu$ g/ml. A calibration graph is plotted between amount of concentration Vs absorbance.

The standard solution was prepared by accurately weighing 100.0 mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 100 mg Lurasidone) in 100 mL volumetric flask containing 30 mL of diluent and sonicated for about 10 min, and then the volume was made up to the mark with the same diluent ( $1000 \, \mu g/mL$ ).

From this 10 mL was pipette out into a 100 mL volumetric flask and volume was made up to the mark with diluent to get final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ . Aliquots of these solutions were transferred into respective volumetric flasks by using A grade bulb pipette and made up to volume with water to get final concentrations of 15-90 $\mu g/ml$ . The solutions were then filtered through a 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter. Each solution was scanned three times and linearity was evaluated by linear-regression analysis.

Table No.2: Preparation of Linearity levels: (Prepared from 100µg/ml. Stock solution)

S.NO	LEVEL	VOLUME	DILUTED TO VOLUME
	μg/ml	TAKEN(ml)	( <b>ml</b> )
1	15	1.5	10
2	30	3	10
3	45	4.5	10
4	60	6	10
5	75	7.5	10
6	90	9.0	10

#### Accuracy

The accuracy was carried out by adding known amounts of standard drug to the analyte (three concentrations levels - 50, 100 and 150 % - of the labelled claim). At each level, three determinations were performed and the results were recorded. The accuracy was expressed as percent analyte recovered by the proposed method.

## **Preparations for Accuracy levels**

#### Accuracy Level 1 (50%)

187.5 mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 50 mg of Lurasidone) reference standard was accurately weighed and transferred into 100 mL volumetric flask. 40ml of diluent was added and kept for sonication for about 10min. Now make up the volume upto 100ml (500 $\mu$ g/mL).From this solution take 10ml and transfer to 100ml volumetric flask and diluted up to the mark which produce (50 $\mu$ g/mL) and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter.

#### Accuracy level 2 (100%)

375.0mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 100mg of Lurasidone) reference standard was accurately weighed and transferred into 100 mL volumetric

flask. 40ml of diluent was added and kept for sonication for about 10min. Now make up the volume upto 100ml ( $1000\mu g/mL$ ). From this solution take 10ml and transfer to 100ml volumetric flask and diluted up to the mark which produce ( $100\mu g/mL$ ) and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter.

#### Accuracy level 3 (150%)

562.5 mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 150 mg of Lurasidone) reference standard was accurately weighed and transferred into 100 mL volumetric flask. 40ml of diluent was added and kept for sonication for about 10min. Now make up the volume upto 100ml (1500 $\mu$ g/mL).From this solution take 10ml and transfer to 100ml volumetric flask and diluted up to the mark which produce (150 $\mu$ g/mL) and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter.

#### **Precision**

Precision was determined as Repeatability. System precision and Method precision was established in accordance with ICH guidelines.

• The system precision was determined by analyzing the standard solution of Lurasidone.

• The method precision was determined by analyzing the samples of Lurasidone.

#### **System precision**

The standard solution was prepared by accurately weighing 100.0mg of Lurasidone (equivalent to 100 mg Lurasidone) in 100 mL volumetric flask containing 30 mL of diluent and sonicated for about 10 min and then the volume was made up to the mark with the same diluent to get the final concentration of 1000  $\mu$ g/mL. From this 10 mL was pipette out into a 100 mL volumetric flask and volume was made up to the mark with diluent to get final concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/mL and analyzed six times as per test procedure.

#### **Method precision**

20 tablets were weighed and average weight of tablet was determined. The tablets were crushed into a fine powder. Accurately weighed and transferred 375.0mg of powder equivalent to 100 mg of Lurasidone was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. To get finial concentration of 1000  $\mu$ g/ml. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 ml from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100ml with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/ml.

#### Sample preparation 1

Weigh accurately 375.0 mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### Sample preparation 2

Weigh accurately 375.12 mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is

sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### Sample preparation 3

Weigh accurately 375.1mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 50 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### Sample preparation 4

Weigh accurately 375.04 mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### Sample preparation 5

Weigh accurately 375.06mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100  $\mu g/mL$ .

#### Sample preparation 6

Weigh accurately 375.02mg of sample was transferred to clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask. Add few ml of diluent and dissolve, make up the final volume with diluent. The solution is sonicated for 10 minutes and filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter and marked as sample stock

solution. Pipette out 10 mL from sample stock into a clean 100 mL standard volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL with diluent to get the final concentration of 100 µg/mL.

#### Robustness

 $100\mu g/mL$  of stock solution was taken and from this 20ml of solution was taken in 100ml volumetric flask and diluted up to the mark which produce  $(20\mu g/mL)$  and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter. The robustness of the drug was determined by using different analysts and Instruments and the respective values were recorded.

#### Ruggedness

 $100\mu g/mL$  of stock solution was taken and from this 20ml of solution was taken in 100ml volumetric flask and diluted up to the mark which produce  $(20\mu g/mL)$  and then filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  membrane filter. The ruggedness of the drug was determined by using different wavelengths and temperatures and the respective values were recorded.

#### Limit of Detection (LOD)

100µg/ml of stock solution was taken and from this solution 10ml was pipetted out and it is taken

into 100ml volumetric flask and make up to the mark which produce  $10\mu g/ml$  solution. From this take 50ml of solution into 100ml volumetric flask and make it up to the mark, and the value of LOQ was observed at  $5\mu g/ml$ .

#### **Limit of Quantification (LOQ)**

 $100\mu g/ml$  of stock solution was taken and from this solution 10ml was pipetted out and it is taken into 100ml volumetric flask and make up to the mark which produce  $10\mu g/ml$  solution. From this take 80ml of solution into 100ml volumetric flask and make it up to the mark, and the value of LOQ was observed at  $8\mu g/ml$ .

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Lurasidone was analyzed using proposed UV spectrophotometric method in pharmaceutical formulation. It was soluble in acetone and water in the ratio of 70:30 after sonicated for 30 minutes and hence it was selected as the diluent for Lurasidone to obtained UV spectrum in the range of 200-400 nm. After the evaluation of the spectrum, Lurasidone showed maximum absorption at 324 nm.



Fig No: 5 Absorption Spectrum of Lurasidone

#### Assay

The UV spectrophotometric method was applied to the quantification of Lurasidone in

pharmaceutical formulation available in local market. The results were tabulated in the table. It can be seen that, the results obtained by proposed method was very much Similar to that of

established methods. The validated method could be useful for quality control of Lurasidone in pharmaceutical formulations.

#### Acceptance criteria

RSD for the absorbance of the standard solution is not more than 2.0%.

Table no. 3: Standard absorbance data

S.no	Wavelength(nm)	Absorbance(nm)
1	324.00	0.931
2	324.00	0.930
3	324.00	0.934
Average		0.931
S.D		0.007
RSD		0.75%

Table No.4: Sample absorbance data

S.no	Wavelength(nm)	Absorbance(nm)
1	324.00	0.862
2	324.00	0.866
3	324.00	0.863
Average		0.863
S.D		0.009
%R.S.D		1.04%

#### Calculation of assay

Sample abs	stdwt ×	sample dil	%potency Assay=
Std mean abs	stddil	sample wt	100

**= 100.2%** 

#### **SPECIFICITY**

#### Lurasidone identification

Solutions of Standard and Sample were prepared as per the test method and analysed in the spectrophotometric system.

#### Acceptance criteria

Spectrum of standard and sample should be identical.

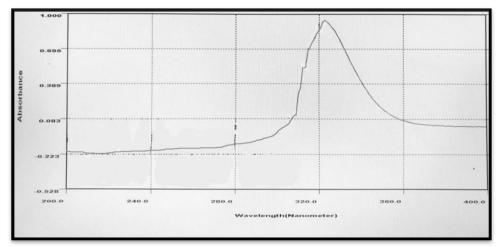


Fig No. 6: Absorption Spectrum of Lurasidone standard

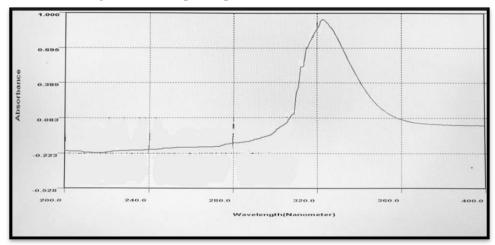


Fig No. 7: Absorption Spectrum of Lurasidone sample

The spectrums of standard and sample were identical with nearly same hence it is concluded that the standard and sample are same.

#### **Blank Interference**

Diluent was prepared as per the test method and analyzed in Spectrophotometric system.

#### Acceptance criteria

Spectrum of blank should not show any interference with of analyte. There is no interference at the wavelength of analyte which indicates that the method is specific.

#### Linearity

A linearity set consisting of six solutions in working range of 10-100  $\mu g/mL$  were freshly prepared and scanned in the UV region. The calibration curve shows that, the selected method was linear in the concentration range of 15-90  $\mu g/ml.Regression$  equation and correlation coefficient values were found to be y =0.1407x + 0.15,  $r^2$  = 0.998,respectively indicating that the proposed method was linear.

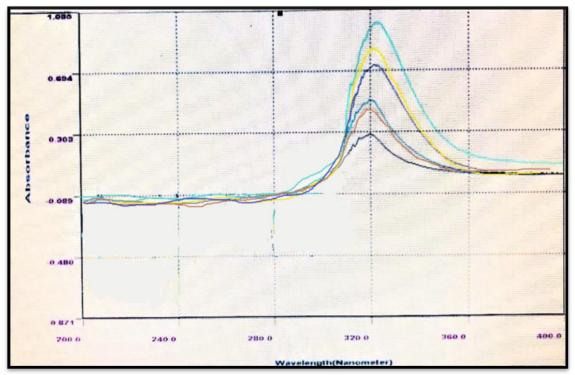


Fig No.8: Linearity spectrum of Lurasidone

### Acceptance criteria

Correlation coefficient should be not less than 0.9995% and %RSD for should be not more than 2

**Table No.5: Linearity Results** 

S.no	Concentration(µg/mL)	Absorbance(nm)			
1	15	0.298			
2	30	0.425			
3	45	0.561			
4	60	0.724			
5	75	0.869			
6	90	0.984			

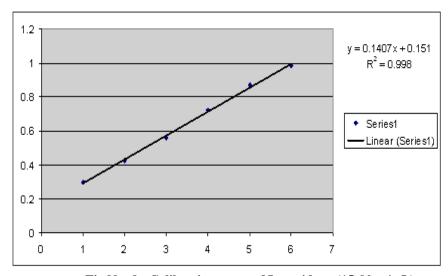


Fig No: 9: Calibration curve of Lurasidone (15-90µg/mL)

**Table No: 6: Linearity Data of Lurasidone** 

S.no	Parameter	Result
1	λmax (nm)	324
2	Intercept(a)	0.151
3	Slope (b)	0.1407x
4	Correlation coefficient (r2)	0.998

With increase in the concentration, absorbance is increasing linearly, hence the method had linearity range from  $15-90~\mu\text{g/ml}$ .

#### Accuracy

The accuracy of the method was evaluated through the recovery studies. Recovery studies

were carried out by addition of known quantity of pure drug to pre-analyzed sample at three different concentration levels (50, 100 and 150%). The percentage recovery values were found to be 99.8-100.32 with %RSD of <1% which indicates that the proposed method was accurate.

Table No: 7: Accuracy Results of Lurasidone (standard addition method)

S.No.	Spiked level	absorbance	% recovery	S.D	%RSD	% mean recovery
		0.47	99.8%			
1.	50%	0.45	99.9%	0.002	0.35	99.8%
		0.46	99.7%			
		0.90	100 .04%			
2.	100%	0.93	100.06%	0.003	0.41	100.04%
		0.91	100.08%			
		1.28	100.42%			
3.	150%	1.32	100.41%	0.002	0.44	100.42%
		1.29	100.43%			

From the accuracy tables it was found that recovery value of pure drug was in the range 99- 102%, which indicates that the method is accurate

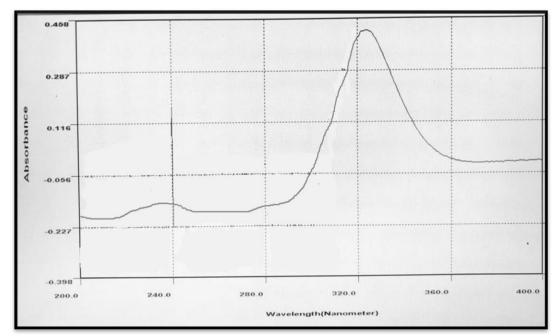


Fig.no.10: 50% accuracy data

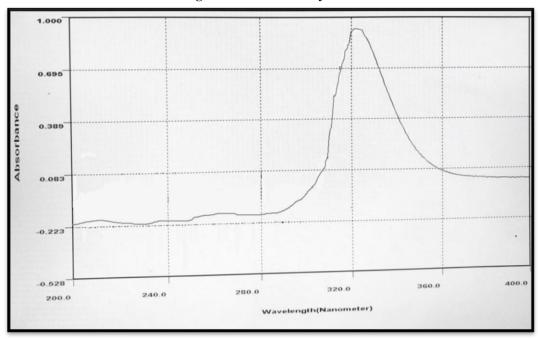


Fig.no.11: 100% accuracy peak of lurisidone

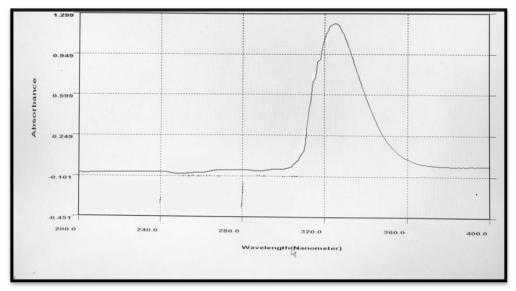


Fig no.12: 150% accuracy peak of lurasidone

#### **Precision**

Precision was determined as system precision and method precision, in accordance with ICH guidelines. The results of system and method precision studies were shown in Table no (8). The low %RSD values obtained from the analysis of tablets indicated that the method was highly precise.

#### Acceptance criteria

- The individual assays of Lurasidone tablets should be within 98% to 102%.
- Relative standard deviation of % Assay results should not more than 2.0%.

#### **SYSTEM PRECISION**

Table No: 8 System Precision Data of Lurasidone (standard)

S.No	Wave lenght	Absorbance
1	324	0.943
2	324	0.945
3	324	0.942
4	324	0.944
5	324	0.945
6	324	0.949
Avg		0.944
S.D		0.0073
%R.S.	D	0.77%

#### METHOD PRECISION

**Table No: 9 Method Precision Data of Lurasidone (formulation)** 

Sample	Wavelenght	Absorbance	%assay
1	324	0.861	100.1%
2	324	0.867	100.9%
3	324	0.865	100.7%

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4	324	0.864	100.5%
5	324	0.862	100.2%
6	324	0.865	100.7%
Avg			100.5%
S.D			0.48%
%R.S	.D		0.57%

<sup>%</sup> Assays and % RSD of Assay are within limit, hence the method passes repeatability

#### **Robustness**

Table No: 10: Robustness Data of Lurasidone

	Change in wave length	Absorbance	%RSD
1.	Low (323nm)	0.243	
2.	Original(324nm)	0.245	0.63
3.	High (325nm)	0.242	

The results of robustness are presented in the above table no (10) and the parameter is said to be within the method's robustness range.

#### Ruggedness

Table 11: Ruggedness Data of Lurasidone

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Different Analysts	Absorbance	%RSD	
Analyst-1	0.247		
(Ms. P. savithri)	0.242		
	0.245	0.87%	
Analyst-2	0.247		
(Ms. K. Sujatha)	0.246		
	0.248		
Different Labs:			
	0.243		
Lab – 1 (PA & QA Lab)	0.246		
	0.248		
Lab – 2 (UG Analysis Lab)	0.243	0.94%	
	0.247		
	0.248		
Different instruments:			
Instrument – 1	0.245		
(PG Instrument T60)	0.248		
	0.246		
	0.248	0.79%	
Instrument – 2	0.247		
( Lab India)	0.243		

The absorbances of standard solution were measured by different analysts and different instruments. The ruggedness values are presented in the above table no (11).

#### L.O.D and L.O.Q

The LOD and LOQ values are presented in the above table no (12) according to the signal to noise ratio (3:1and 10:1)

Table No: 12 L.O.D & L.O.O Data

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Parameter	Lurasidone	
Limit of Detection	0.275μg/ml	
Limit of Quantification	$0.549\mu g/ml$	

**Table 13: Results in Method Validation** 

	S.no	Parameter	Result	Acceptance Criteria
1		Linearity	$r^2 = 0.9987$	$r^2 = 0.999$
2		Accuracy	99.82-100.40%	98-102%
3		Precision	Method -0.57%	RSD < 2%
			System-0.77%	
4		Assay	100.02%	98-102%
5		Robustness	0.63%	RSD < 2%
6		Ruggedness	0.87%	RSD < 2%
7		L.O.D	$0.275 \mu g/ml$	Signal noise ratio should be more than 3:1
8		L.O.Q	$0.549 \mu g/ml$	Signal noise ratio should be more than 10:1

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

An UV spectrophotometric method was developed and validated for various parameters as per ICH guidelines. The acetone and water were selected as diluent in the ratio of 70:30 for proposed method for quantification of Lurasidone in bulk and tablet dosage forms. The Lurasidone showed maximum absorbance at 324 nm using acetone and water in the ratio of 70:30 as diluent. There is no interference between the drug and the excipients. Hence the developed method is specific.

The sensitivity of the method is good and also linearity which is observed over wide concentration range of 15-90  $\mu$ g/ml. Regression equation and correlation coefficient values were found to be y = 0.1407x+0.151 and  $R^2 = 0.998$ , respectively indicating that the proposed method was linear. The

accuracy of the method was determined by recovery studies. The recovery of drug is well within the acceptance limits of 98-102%.

The precision was determined by analyzing the samples of Lurasidone. The low %RSD values obtained from the analysis of tablets indicated that the method was highly precise. For routine analytical purposes it is always of interest to establish methods capable of analyzing a sample in a short time period with due accuracy and precision. The main purpose of this study was to develop specific, accurate, precise and economic methods for the determination of Lurasidone. The proposed method was found to be suitable for the routine quality control of Lurasidone in tablet dosage form.

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