



Estimation of Related Substances in Tigecycline by rp-hplc Method

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ABSTRACT

Estimation of related substances by using high-performance liquid chromatographic method was developed and validated for the determination of Tigecycline in the present work. Reversed-phase chromatography was performed on Waters 2489 UV 2695 pump, Waters 2998 PDA 2695 pump Software Empower² photodiode array detector using Zorbax Eclipse plus C18 (100 mm x 4.6 mm, 1.8 μm particle size) column. Mobile phase: eluent-A: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile: DMSO (90:5:5 %v/v) and eluent-B: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile: DMSO (71:24:5 %v/v) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. UV detection at 270 nm. Linearity was observed in the concentration range of Tigecycline 0.001–0.13% (R² = 1.000), the concentration range of di-MA-TIG impurity 0.04–0.23% (R² = 0.999), the concentration range of CMI 0.05–0.23% (R² = 0.999). The limit of quantitation (LOQ) and limit of detection (LOD) were found to be di-MA-TIG impurity 0.0001 and 0.0004 mg/mL, CMI impurity 0.0001 and 0.0004 μg/mL, Tigecycline 0.0001 and 0.0005 mg/mL respectively. The method was validated as per ICH guidelines. The %RSD precision was found to be less than 1.0%. The percentage recovery was in good agreement with the labeled amount in the pharmaceutical formulations and the method is simple, specific, precise and accurate for the determination of Tigecycline in pharmaceutical formulations.

Keywords: Tigecycline, Estimation of related substances, validation and reverse phase-liquid chromatography,

INTRODUCTION

Tigecycline [TIG] is (4S,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-[2-(tert-butylamino)acetamido]-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12 a-octahydro-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene-carboxamide. Tigecycline is a new glycylicycline with an expanded broad spectrum antibiotic, including inhibition of Gram positive,

anaerobic and antibiotic resistant organisms. Studies have demonstrated that Tigecycline is superior to the treatment of complicated skin infections as well as complicated intra-abdominal infections. Tigecycline is only available as an intravenous injection¹.

There are only limited reports regarding determination of Tigecycline in pharmaceutical

dosage forms and biological fluids such as spectrophotometric²⁻⁴ and HPLC methods⁵⁻⁷ to determine Tigecycline in pharmaceutical dosage forms. The assay of Tigecycline in the human bone is also reported by LC-MS method⁸.

Tigecycline is not official in any pharmacopoeia and there is no monograph containing methods to characterize or quantify Tigecycline. Such methods could offer official parameters to guarantee the validity of the assay. Hence, there is a need for simple, rapid and reproducible method for the routine analysis of Tigecycline in pharmaceutical dosage forms. There is not even a single method estimation of impurities in TIG by using RP-liquid chromatographic method in pharmaceutical dosage forms. In the present work a simple estimation of impurities in TIG reverse phase liquid chromatographic method has been developed for the determination of TIG and validated as per ICH guidelines⁹⁻¹¹.

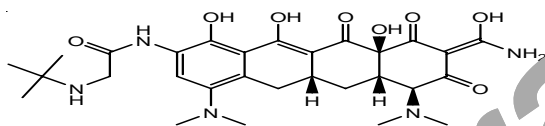


Fig.1.1 Chemical Structure of Tigecycline (TIG).

Related substance structures:

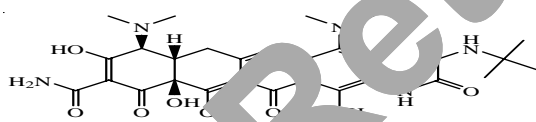


Fig. 1.2 Chemical structure of TIG-6-ene.

- (i) TIG-6-ene=(4S,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-(2-(tert-butylamino)acetamido)-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,11,12a-hexahydro-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene-carboxamide.

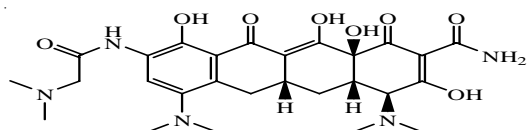


Fig. 1.3 Chemical Structure of di-MA-TIG.

- (ii) di-MA-TIG=(4S,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-(2-(dimethylamino)acetamido)-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene-carboxamide.

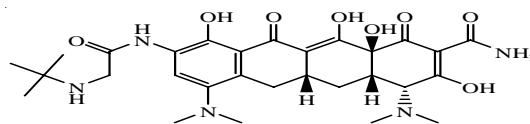


Fig. 1.4 Chemical Structure of epi-TIG.

- (iii) epi-TIG=(4R,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-(2-(tert-butylamino)acetamido)-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene-carboxamide.

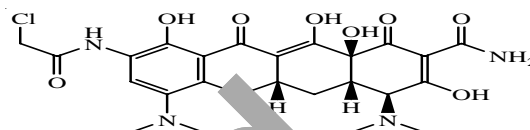


Fig.1.5 Chemical Structure of CMI.

- (iv) CMI=(4R,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-chloroacetamido-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacene-carboxamide.

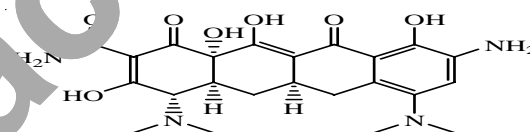


Fig. 1.6 Chemical Structure of AMC.

- (v) AMC=(4S,4aS,5aR,12aS)-9-amino-4,7-bis(dimethylamino)-3,10,12,12a-tetrahydroxy-1,11-dioxo-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-tetracene-2-carboxamide.

EXPERIMENTAL

Reagents and Chemicals

Ammonium acetate, Acetonitrile (HPLC grade), Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and Ethylenediamine tetra acetic acid disodium dihydrate (EDTA Na₂·2H₂O) were obtained from Merck (India). All chemicals were of an analytical grade and used as received.

Preparation of pH 6.50 buffer

1.54 g of Ammonium acetate, 3.7224 g of Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, disodium dihydrate in 1000mL HPLC grade water sonicated to dissolve then adjusted pH 6.50 with 25% aqueous ammonia solution. Filtered through 0.45 µm membrane filter paper and degassed.

Preparation of buffer

1.54g of Ammonium acetate, 3.72g of Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, disodium dihydrate and 0.66gms of Sodium sulfite in 1000ml HPLC grade water sonicated to dissolve then adjusted to pH 6.50 with 25% aqueous ammonia solution. Filtered through 0.45µm membrane filter paper and degassed. Transferred above buffer, acetonitrile and of dimethyl sulfoxide in the ratio of (90:5:5 %v/v/v). Filtered through 0.45µm membrane filter paper and degassed.

Chromatographic conditions

Chromatographic separation was achieved by using a Waters 2489 UV 2695 pump, Waters 2998 PDA 2695 pump Software Empower² photodiode array detector using Zorbax Eclipse plus C18 (100 mm×4.6 mm, 1.8µm particle size) column with eluent-A: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile:DMSO (90:5:5 %v/v/v) and eluent-B: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile: DMSO (71:24:5 %v/v/v) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. with UV detection at 270 nm. Column maintained at temperature 30 °C, sample temperature 2-5°C. The overall run time was 26 min. and the flow rate was 1.0 mL/min. 10µl of sample was injected into the HPLC system. Retention times of impurities were 13.50 min for di-MA-TIG impurity, 16.7 min for CMI and 14.35min for Tigecycline.

Method validation

System suitability

The system suitability was performed by analyzing the reference solution three times. Calculate % RSD for replicate injections of each component from reference solution. Preparations of Tigecycline, di-MA-TIG and CMI standard at concentrations: 28.500×10^{-3} mg/ml (0.7%), 5.0516×10^{-3} mg/ml 0.15% and 5.0516×10^{-3} mg/ml 0.15% of the nominal concentration of sample

Table 1.1: Summary of system suitability from reference solution.

Injection No	Tigecycline	di-MA-TIG	CMI
1	484950	78622	110620
2	486317	78114	109323
3	485113	78903	109471
Mean	485460	78546	109805
%RSD	0.2	0.5	0.6

required by the method were analyzed in triplicate for each solution according to the method. The details of summary of system suitability from reference solution were incorporated in the Table 1.1.

Specificity

Solutions of TIG-6-ene impurity, di-MA-TIG impurity, epi-TIG impurity, CMI impurity, AMC impurity and Tigecycline each were prepared and analysed individually. A spiked solution of each potential impurity to the Tigecycline drug substance was prepared and analyzed. Performed the analysis using PDA detector and the peak purity was determined. The study showed that all the known impurities of Tigecycline are adequately

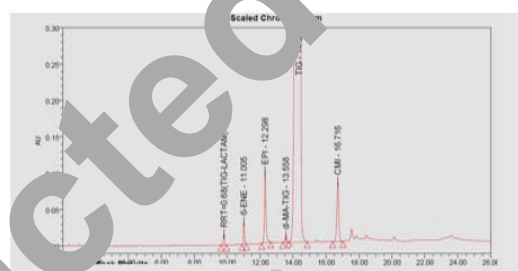


Fig 1.7. Specificity chromatogram of Spiked Solution.

Table 1.2: Summary of retention time, and relative retention time for known impurities

Peak Name	Retention Time	Relative retention time(RRT)
TIG-Lactam	9.804	0.68
TIG-6-ene	11.005	0.77
Epi-TIG	12.298	0.85
di-MA-TIG	13.558	0.94
Tigecycline	14.366	1.00
CMI	16.716	1.16

resolved and the details of retention time and relative retention time for known impurities were presented in the Table 1.2. Therefore the method is selective for the determination of related substances in Tigecycline.

Limit of Detection

A solution containing 0.8152×10^{-3} mg/ml of Tigecycline standard (0.02% of the nominal concentration of a sample), 0.8152×10^{-3} mg/ml of di-MA-TIG standard (0.02% of the nominal

concentration of a sample) and 0.8368×10^{-3} mg / ml of CMI standard (0.02% of the nominal concentration of a sample), was injected three times. The worst found signal to noise ratio for each

Linearity and Range

The linearity is determined by injecting the solutions in duplicate containing known impurities and Tigecycline ranging from 0.05 to 1.13% and

Table: 1.3 Limit of detection (LOD) for Tigecycline and impurities.

S.No	Tigecycline		di-MA-TIG		CMI	
	Area	conc.mg/ml	Area	conc.mg/ml	Area	conc.mg/ml
1	10448	0.00015664	7908	0.000126917	10977	0.00014494
2	10629	0.00015930	7967	0.000127856	10965	0.00014479
3	10436	0.00015647	8045	0.000129114	11018	0.00014542
Mean	10504		7973		10986	
%RSD	1.0		0.9		0.9	

peak was greater than 3 in each injection. All the peaks were detected in all the three injections. Results of LOD for Tigecycline and impurities were shown in Table 1.3. The limit of detection values obtained for each impurity and Tigecycline are within the acceptance criteria.

impurities ranging from 0.05% to 0.22% of the specified limit. Regression analysis was performed and the correlation coefficient and residual sum of squares were determined. The response factor for each impurity with respect to Tigecycline was determined. Linearity range as the range for determining the impurities were reported. Results obtained are incorporated in Table 1.5- Table 1.7

Table: 1.4 Limit of Quantitation for Tigecycline and impurities.

S.No	Tigecycline		di-MA-TIG		CMI	
	Area	conc. %Accuracy mg/mL	Area	conc. %Accuracy mg/mL	Area	conc. %Accuracy mg/mL
1	34479	0.00051693 101.57	26279	0.000418825 99.59	36225	0.0004783 104.25
2	35075	0.00052568 103.41	26290	0.000421925 100.32	36183	0.0004778 104.14
3	34440	0.00051105 101.36	26549	0.000426075 101.31	36358	0.0004799 104.6
4	34045	0.0005103 100.8	26208	0.0004206 100.01	35953	0.00047508 103.55
5	34432	0.000516 101.63	26251	0.0004213 100.18	35746	0.0004726 103.01
6	34849	0.0005235 102.84	26281	0.000421775 100.29	35582	0.00047063 102.58
Mean	34553		26279		36008	
%RSD	1.0		0.6		0.8	

Limit of Quantitation

A solution containing 2.0317×10^{-3} mg/ml of Tigecycline standard (0.05% of the nominal concentration of a sample), 1.6822×10^{-3} mg/ml of di-MA-TIG standard (0.04% of the nominal concentration of a sample) and 1.8352×10^{-3} mg/ml of CMI standard (0.05% of the nominal concentration of a sample), was injected six times. The RSD of areas, deviation so each six replicates from the line regression curve and average deviation for each standard were calculated. The results of LOQ for Tigecycline and its impurities were presented in Table 1.4. The limit of quantitation values obtained for each impurity and Tigecycline are within the acceptance criteria.

Table 1.5: Linearity of Tigecycline.

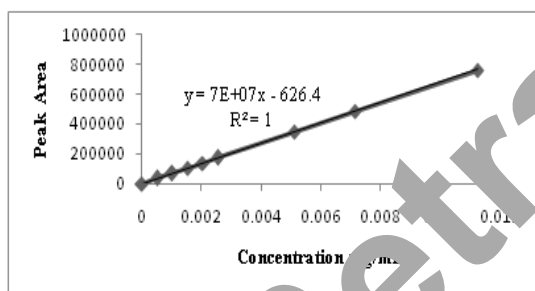
% of Tigecycline	Concentration (mg/mL)	Average Peak Area
0.05	0.00051	34479
0.10	0.00102	67287
0.15	0.00152	103231
0.20	0.00204	138278
0.25	0.00256	172143
0.50	0.00512	348385
0.70	0.00713	485950
1.13	0.01126	764512

Table 1.6. Linearity of di-MA-TIG.

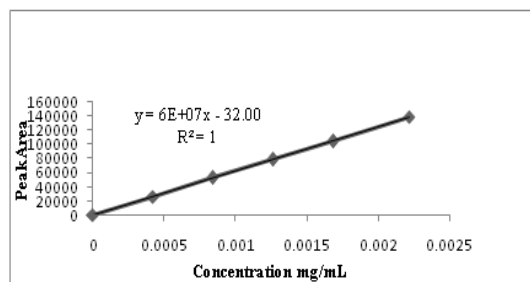
% di-MA-TIG	Concentration (mg/ml)	Average Peak Area
0.04	0.000421	26097
0.08	0.000842	53002
0.13	0.001263	78622
0.17	0.001682	104520
0.22	0.002220	138911

Table 1.7: Linearity of CMI.

% of CMI	Concentration (mg/mL)	Average Peak Area
0.05	0.00046	36225
0.09	0.00091	70502
0.14	0.00136	110620
0.18	0.00184	148152
0.24	0.00238	197098

**Fig 1.8. Linearity graph of Tigecycline.****Table 1.8: Summary of % recoveries for Tigecycline.**

% of Tigecycline	Theoretical conc. (mg/mL)	Measured conc.(mg/mL)	% Recovery	Avg.
0.05	0.0020317	0.0020677	101.77	102.3
	0.0020317	0.0021027	103.49	
	0.0020317	0.0020654	101.66	
0.10	0.0040714	0.0039961	98.15	99.0
	0.0040714	0.0040461	99.38	
	0.0040714	0.0040476	99.41	
0.70	0.0285000	0.028605	100.37	100.30
	0.0285000	0.028627	100.44	
	0.0285000	0.028556	100.20	
1.12	0.0450480	0.044979	99.85	100.0
	0.0450480	0.045024	99.95	
	0.0450480	0.045099	100.11	

**Fig 1.10. Linearity graph of CMI.**

and figures 1.8-1.10 and showed the line of best fit for peak area versus concentration for each impurity. The linearity results for Tigecycline and all the impurities in the specified concentration range are found satisfactory, with correlation coefficient greater than 0.99.

Accuracy

Tigecycline solution spiked with a known amount of each impurity at five levels each in triplicate (in total 15 determinations) was prepared and analyzed as per the method. Summary of % recoveries for Tigecycline and impurities such as di-MA-TIG and CMI were presented in the tables from Table 1.8-1.10. The percentage recovery values obtained for each impurity are in the range of about 99.6-104.3, which are within the specified criteria. The relative standard deviation values of recoveries obtained for all impurities are in the range of 0.04%-0.23.

Precision

System precision

The analysis of reference solution six times was performed and determined the percentage relative standard deviation of peak area of replicate injections of each impurity and Tigecycline. Details of results were mentioned in the Table 1.11.

Method precision

The precision of the method is determined by analyzing a sample of Tigecycline solution spiked with impurities at 100% of the specification limit. The precision of the method for Tigecycline and its impurities were shown in the Table 1.12. The relative standard deviation observed for Tigecycline and

Table 1.9: Summary of % recoveries for di-MA-TIG.

% of di-MA-TIG	Theoretical conc. (mg/mL)	Measured conc.(mg/mL)	% Recovery	Avg.
0.04	0.0016822	0.0016753	99.59	100.4
	0.0016822	0.0016877	100.32	
	0.0016822	0.0017043	101.31	
0.12	0.0050516	0.0050387	99.74	99.6
	0.0050516	0.0050062	99.10	
	0.0050516	0.0050567	100.10	
0.22	0.0088780	0.0088990	100.23	100.1
	0.0088780	0.0088848	100.08	
	0.0088780	0.0088600	99.89	

Table 1.10: Summary of % recoveries for CMI

% of CMI	Theoretical	Measured conc.(mg/mL)	%Recovery	Avg.
0.04	0.0018352	0.0019132	104.25	104.30
	0.0018352	0.0019112	104.14	
	0.0018352	0.0019196	104.60	
0.13	0.0054521	0.0054682	100.29	99.60
	0.0054521	0.0054062	99.16	
	0.0054521	0.0054133	99.29	
0.23	0.0095319	0.0096005	100.72	100.70
	0.0095319	0.0096142	100.86	
	0.0095319	0.0095904	100.61	

Table 1.11: Summary of peak areas of the Tigecycline and its impurities.

Injection No	Tigecycline	di-MA-TIG	CMI
1	484950	78622	110620
2	486317	78114	109323
3	485113	78903	109471
Mean area	485460	78546	109805
%RSD	0.2	0.5	0.6

Table 1.12: Summary of results for precision of the method.

Inj. No	% of di-MA-TIG Impurity	% of Unknown1 CMI (RRT0.86)	Unknown2 (RRT1.37)
1	0.103	ND	0.041
2	0.105	ND	0.044
3	0.105	ND	0.042
4	0.103	ND	0.044
5	0.103	ND	0.042
6	0.103	ND	0.046
Mean (%)	0.10	N/A	0.04
% RSD	0.09	N/A	0.0

impurities are less than 10%. The results comply with the acceptance criteria and indicate acceptable precision of the system.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A simple, economic, accurate and precise HPLC method was successfully developed by using Zorbax Eclipse plus C18 (100 mm × 4.6 mm, 1.8 μm particlesize). Injection volume of 10 μl is injected and eluted with the mobile phase eluent-A: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile: DMSO (90:5:5 %v/v) and eluent-B: pH 6.50 buffer: acetonitrile: DMSO (71:24:5 %v/v), which is pumped at a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. Detection, was carried out at 270 nm. The results obtained were accurate and reproducible. The method developed was statistically validated in terms of Selectivity, accuracy, linearity, precision, robustness, and stability of solution.

For Selectivity, the chromatograms were recorded for standard and sample solutions of Tigecycline and its related substances. Selectivity studies reveal that the peak is well separated from each other. Therefore the method is selective for the determination of related substances in Tigecycline. The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantitation (LOQ) for di-MA-TIG impurity 0.0001 and 0.0004 mg/ml, CMI impurity 0.0001 and 0.0004 μg/ml, Tigecycline 0.0001 and 0.0005 mg/ml respectively. Using the optimized chromatographic conditions, retention times of impurities were 13.50 for di-MA-TIG impurity, 16.75 for CMI, and 14.35 for Tigecycline. The linearity results for Tigecycline and all the impurities in the specified concentration range are found satisfactory, with a correlation coefficient greater than 0.99. Calibration curve was plotted and

correlation co-efficient for Tigecycline and its impurities found to be 1.000, 1.000, and 0.9999 respectively.

The accuracy studies were shown as % recovery for Tigecycline and its impurities at specification level. The limit of % recovered shown is in the range of 90 and 110% and the results obtained were found to be within the limits. Hence the method was found to be accurate. The accuracy studies showed % recovery of the Tigecycline and its related substances in the range 99.6 to 104.30 respectively. For Precision studies six replicate injections were performed. % RSD was determined from the peak areas of Tigecycline and its impurities. The acceptance limit should be not more than 10, and the results were found to be within the acceptance limit.

CONCLUSIONS

A simple and precise RP-HPLC method has been developed by the author for the estimation of related impurities present in the Tigecycline and it was observed that the chromatographic method developed for Tigecycline and its related substances are rapid, sensitive, precise, and accurate. Therefore, the proposed method can be successfully applied for the routine analysis of the active pharmaceutical ingredients for assurance of its quality during its formulation.

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