



**DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF RP-HPLC METHOD FOR
SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF LUMEFANTRINE AND ARTEMETHER IN
BULK AND TABLET DOSAGE FORMS**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Typically, analytical methods are necessary to determine the identification, potency, quality, and assay of drug material, drug product, and contaminant. Examining pharmaceutical and biological samples may aid biopharmacokinetics researchers in identifying the presence of drugs and their metabolites.^[1]

Lumefantrine is a member of the fluorenes family and has the formula 9-(p-chlorobenzylidene)-9H-fluorene. It contains chlorine atoms at locations 2 and 7, as well as a 2-(dibutylamino)-1-hydroxyethyl group at position 4. Used in combination with artemether to treat resistant falciparum malaria. It is beneficial because it prevents malaria. It is a member of the tertiary amine, monochlorobenzene, secondary alcohol, and fluorene families.

Artemether, an artemisinin derivative, is artemisinin with the lactone substituted by lactol methyl ether. It is an antimalarial used in concert with lumefantrine to treat resistant strains of falciparum malaria. It is beneficial because it prevents malaria. It consists of artemisinin, a semisynthetic sesquiterpenoid, cyclic acetal, organic peroxide, and a semisynthetic acetal.

Innovations made to the rp-hplc technique

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is a potent and simple analytical technique used to measure the quality, safety, and effectiveness of pharmaceutical drugs.^[4]

The following approach optimises analytical operations like related substances and assay testing.

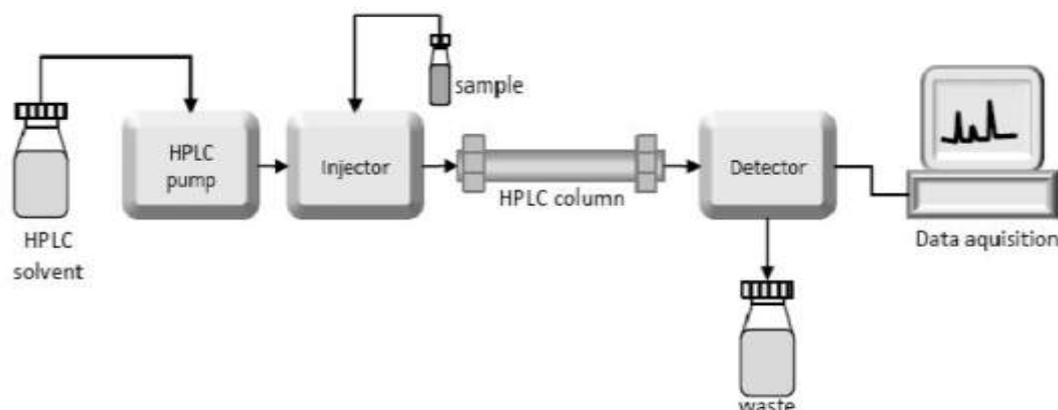


Figure 1: HPLC process works.

1.2. Method development aspects

During method development, several factors must be studied to produce best chromatographic results.

1.2.1 Choosing mobile phases

By optimising and choosing the mobile phase, organic contaminants, process-related impurities, and stress condition degradants may be reduced. The analysis

requires this. Several analytical buffers have been considered.^[5]

1.2.2 Buffer pH rise

The buffer pH is crucial for contaminant separation in chromatograms. The buffer's pH controls the ionisation of the active medicinal component, which affects analyte elution. The pKa of the active medicinal component is used to establish peak retention periods.^[6] Every HPLC column's pH should be between 2.0 and 8.0 for appropriate mobile phase setup. Always keep this range. Optimal buffer pH separates the primary analyte peak from process-related pollutants.

1.2.3 Selecting a High-Performance LC Column

When establishing a procedure, the following factors must be considered when choosing HPLC columns:

- i. Column length and diameter
- ii. Porousness
- iii. Packaging or stationary phase material
- iv. Floor space
- v. Stop "capping"
- vi. Small-to-large particles.
- vii. Stationary carbon loading

Most normal phase HPLC columns employ silica packing.^[7] Isopropyl alcohol and n-hexane are non-polar organic solvent phases (mobile phase composition).

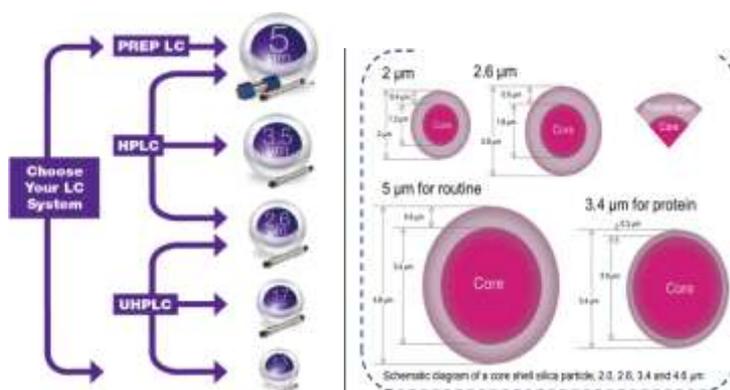


Figure 2: Depicts column particle size.

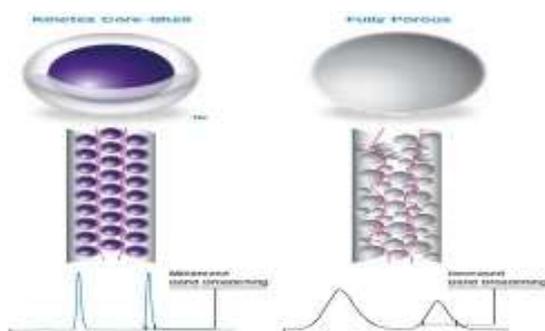


Figure 3: Smaller particles enhance system back pressure.

The following is a list of silica-based HPLC columns with different types of cross-linking arranged in ascending order of polarity.^[8]

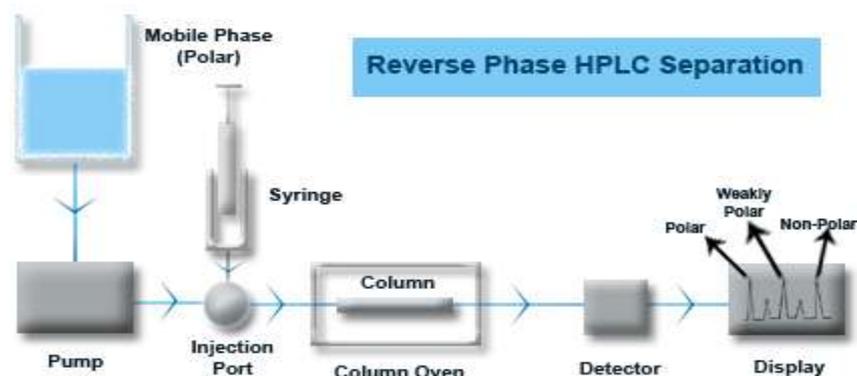


Figure 4: Schematic diagram of Reverse Phase HPLC.

1.2.4 Selection of the Detector and the Wavelength

There are various different types of detectors that can be used, and which one is used depends on the chemical make-up of the molecule.

- i. UV/VIS
 - a. One and only wavelength
 - b. Altering the wavelength of the light
 - c. Detector array made of photodiodes Waters
 - d. Refraction Index of the Glass (RI Detector)
- ii. Fluorescence metre

- iii. Light scattering due to evaporation (ELSD)
- iv. Mass metre (LC-MS)

The detector selection and wavelength tuning are crucial phases in the SIM analytical process. Pharmaceutical businesses use UV and PDA detectors to analyse water quality. Inject API standard stock solutions into the HPLC PDA system, then collect spectra (Fig. 1.5). Choose a high-absorbance wavelength for the main analyte.

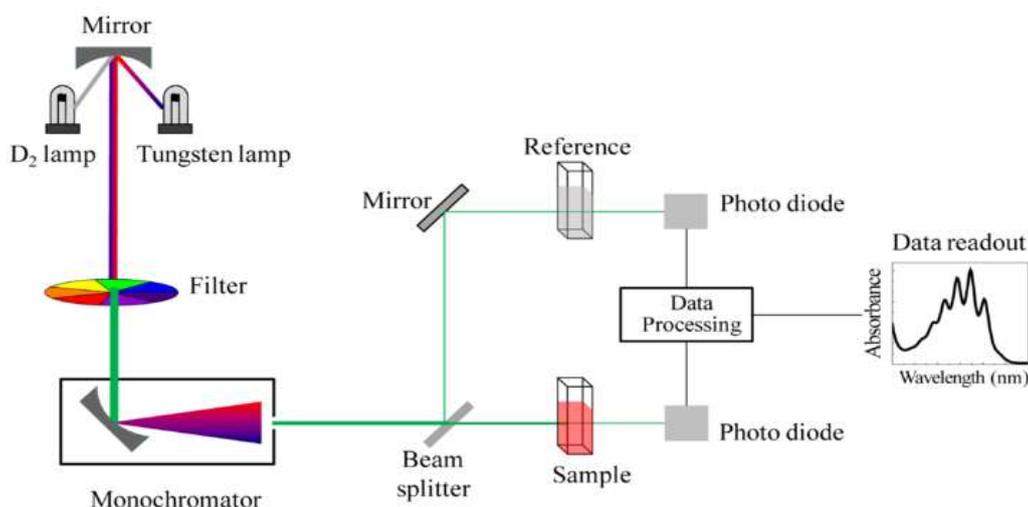


Figure 5: Schematic of UV – Visible spectrophotometer.

1.3 Forced degradation/exposure study

Stress testing is vital for accurate DSPy's pharmacological stability in ICH-recommended recommendations. It involves rapid testing, heat (in increments of 10-15 °C), humidity, oxidation, and photostability.

The analytical department uses SIM, or reverse Phase Stability Indicating Technique.

- Determine the shelf life of various dosage forms of finished medicines or provide suggestions.
- Suggest optimal packaging and warehousing conditions.
- Analyze a specification's amount and calculate a maximum value for a number of pharmaceutical chemical entities.

The API is broken down at higher temperatures than those employed for accelerated stability testing, creating the stability indicator combination (SIM). After 10%, the API may experience secondary degradation. In stress tests, medicines are exposed to acidity, alkalinity, oxidation, humidity, and light. These research aim to find possible drug degradation pathways and pollutants.^[9] This provides formula-creation data.

Test samples must be distinguished from analyte peaks. To prove that contaminants, degradation products, and excipients do not interact with the analyte, forced degradation experiments (FDS) were conducted under the following circumstances.

To obtain the appropriate degree of degradation, the tablet powder or capsule should be put to acid and base stress of up to 5N strength for 12 hours, and then neutralised. If deterioration is required, the sample cannot be stressed directly with chemicals (Degradation followed by extraction of drug substance) First, dilute the sample so it may be investigated for deterioration (drug extraction followed by degradation), then determine the stressing agent concentration.

If required, treat capsules and tablet powder with 10 or 30% hydrogen peroxide to test for oxidative stress. If sample deterioration is needed, peroxide solution cannot be used directly (Degradation followed by extraction of drug substance) After dilution for the degradation investigation (drug extraction followed by degradation), the stressing agent's normality should be determined.^[10]

1.3.1 Causes of Stress Factors

- Heat 0.1M HCl at 60°C for 30 minutes to relieve acid tension.
- Heat 0.1N NaOH at 60°C for 30 minutes to create base stress.
- Use 60°C water for 24 hours for water stress.
- 1 percent hydrogen peroxide for oxidative stress (Hydrogen When possible, follow these FDS requirements:
- Heat strain: straining at 105-150°C API melting point determines temperature.
- Humidity: 7 days with 90% RH and 25°C.

- UV Light: Seven days in an ultraviolet cabinet or 200 watts hour/m² in a photostability chamber.
- Visible Light: 1,000,000-200,000 Lux hours in a photostability chamber or 7 days in a UV cabinet

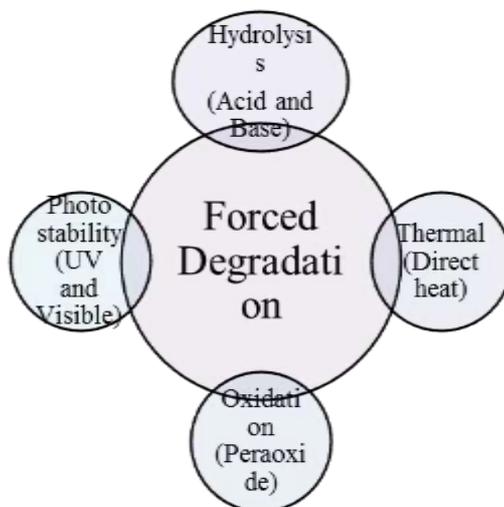


Figure 6: Graphical representation of FD studies.

By evaluating the analyte's peak purity with the help of chromatographic empower software, you can demonstrate that there is no interference from impurities on the analyte peaks.

1.4 Validation of analytic method

The suggested analytical technique must be verified according to ICHQ2 (R1) criteria (Validation of analytical procedure: Text and Methodology).^[11]

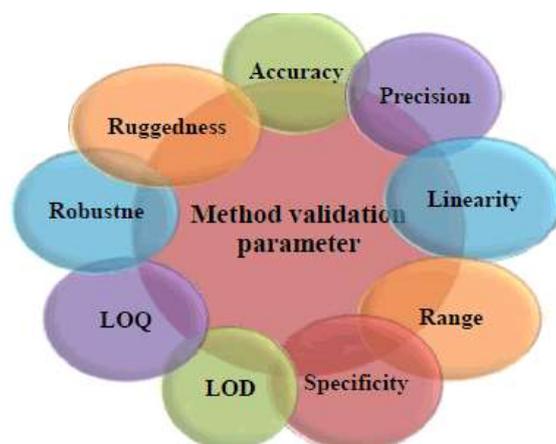


Figure 7: Graphical representation of method validation.

Check the validation settings for the procedure that are shown below.

System compatibility Test, often known as SST

Create a system-appropriate solution for the analytical operation, then inject it into the HPLC or UPLC chromatographic device. Assess USP 621 general chapter system suitability using the technique's criteria (s). If all SST values are within the range, the chromatographic column, system (UPLC/HPLC), and optimised procedure parameters may be used in the lab.

By injecting a single solution into liquid chromatography, one may examine both the active peak's (API) and degrading impurities' linearity.

When there's a substantial analyte peak at the test concentration, linearity must be evaluated (RRt 0.90 to 1.10 from the main peak). We created six sample solutions ranging from the lowest allowable concentration (LOQ) to the highest acceptable concentration (maximum). These sample solutions were injected into an analytical system using an optimised standard test procedure to confirm linearity for the principal analyte and known contaminants.

Bias is intercept (b) multiplied by area response at 100% target concentration.

1.5.3 Accuracy of the method

Make sure the testing technique is done correctly by developing a medical product mix that is consistent (such as solid oral Tablets & Capsules). in order to produce a

predetermined quantity of standard stock solutions. The standard procedure for conducting the test mandates the preparation of at least six (six) sample solutions by making use of the blend sample that was previously indicated. [12] Examine the precision of the testing technique by applying it to the drug product's level of release specification. Determine the relative standard

deviation of each of the six preparations, as well as the weight-to-weight percentage of each impurity.

1.5.4 Recoverability and Accuracy:

Recovery experiments were conducted at dosages that ranged from fifty percent to one hundred fifty percent of the objective concentration.

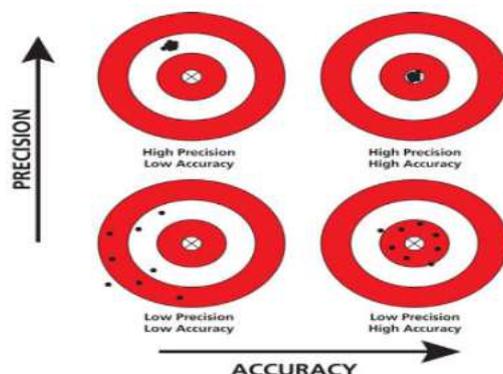


Figure 8: Graphical representation of Precision and Accuracy.

1.5.5 Upper and Lower limits for Detection and Quantification:

By injecting sample solution with a diluent or placebo, LOD and LOQ for the active peak (API) and a known

contaminant may be determined (s). Experiment using the sample test's medication and placebo. Three setup methods exist.

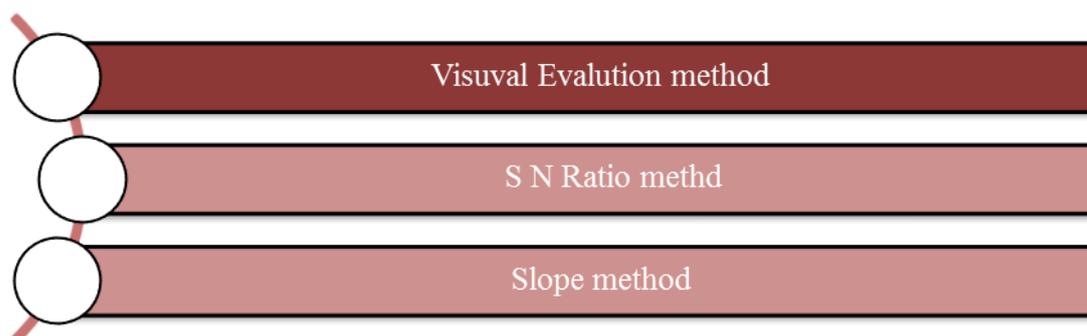


Figure 9: Graphical representation of LOD and LOQ.

1.5.6 LOQ Accuracy

After the test preparation is spiked with contaminants and the samples are run through the chromatograph, six test solutions are generated. Find the RSD and impurity percentages.

1.5.7 Range

When defining the concentration range where the technique is linear, precise, and accurate, consider the linearity, LOQ, and accuracy sections.



Figure 10: Graphical representation of range.

1.5.8 Precision

1.5.8.1 Intermediate Accuracy

Variability studies may be done alone or with chemist-to-chemist and column-column study. Determine the

percentages of impurities (s). Changing one variable at a time lets you examine the outcome if it doesn't meet approval standards.

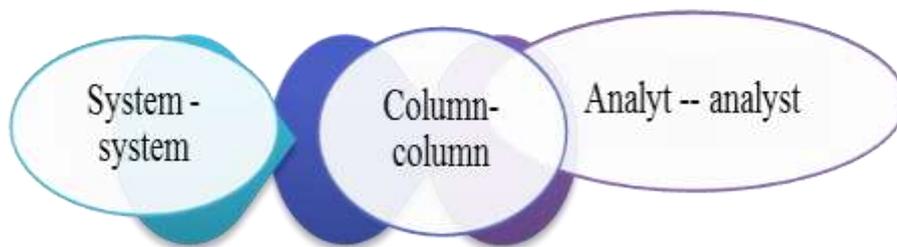


Figure 11: Graphical representation of ruggedness.

1.5.8.2 Lab conditions for the stability of the mobile phase:

Prepare the Mobile phase on a closed workstation using the Test method. Inject mobile phase, SST, and test solution into chromatographic apparatus for one week, preserving batch uniformity. Find the RRT and pollutant impurity percentages (s). Calculate the difference between daily impurity and starting values. If the mobile phase isn't stable after a day, repeat the experiment with shorter timer intervals. As shown below, mobile phase stability, standard preparation, and test preparation may be evaluated concurrently. Store mobile phase standard

test solution on a workstation. Refrigerate test and standard solutions. After utilising the stored mobile phase on Days 1, 2, 5, and 7, inject new standard and test solutions. Then, standard and test solutions are injected. If the mobile phase you're employing doesn't satisfy the standards, use a new one to ensure standard stability.

1.5.9 Accuracy

In order to show the nature of the stability, interference testing was performed using a blank, a placebo, and an impurity.

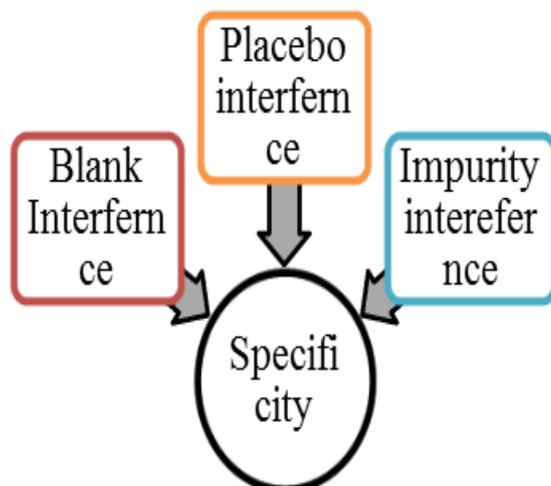


Figure 12: Graphical representation of specificity.

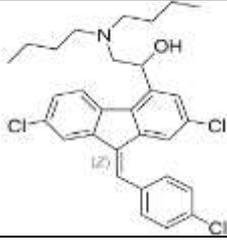
1.6 Checking the appropriateness of the method the order of parameters^[13]

- System suitability
- A focus on detail (Placebo interference and Impurity Interference)
- Accuracy of the method
- Grit and tenacity (Stability of solutions and mobile phase)
- LOD & LOQ

- The linearity of the ideal technique and its prerequisites
- Preciseness
- Range (Minimum to maximum range)
- The doggedness of the process (Variations)
- Stability (Filter validation)
- Stability (Variations)

Drug profile

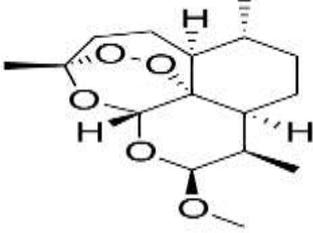
Table 1: Lumefantrine drug profile.^[14]

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|--------------------|--|
| Name of the drug | Lumefantrine |
| Chemical structure |  |
| Chemical name | 2-(dibutylamino)-1-[(9Z)-2,7-dichloro-9-[(4-chlorophenyl)methylidene]-9H-fluoren-4-yl]ethan-1-ol |
| Chemical formula | C ₃₀ H ₃₂ Cl ₃ NO |
| Molecular weight | 528.9 |
| Category | antimalarial drug |
| Dosage form | Tablet |
| Dose | 120&480mg |
| Brand Name | Coartem |

While lumefantrine has been shown to be effective against malaria, the specific mechanism by which this is achieved is not known. However, current evidence

suggests that lumefantrine inhibits nucleic acid and protein synthesis in addition to preventing the creation of -hemin by building a complex with hemin.⁽¹⁵⁾

Table 2: Artemether drug profile.^[16]

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Name of the drug | Artemether |
| Chemical structure |  |
| Chemical name | (1R,4S,5R,8S,9R,10S,12R,13R)-10-methoxy-1,5,9-trimethyl-11,14,15,16-tetraoxatetracyclo[10.3.1.0 ^{4,13} .0 ^{8,13}]hexadecane |
| Chemical formula | C ₁₆ H ₂₆ O ₅ |
| Molecular weight | 298.3 |
| Category | Antimalarial drug |
| Dosage form | Injection |
| Dose | 20-80mg/ml |
| Brand Name | Larither, Rezart M, Arteo, Biomal, Malafi, Rmther, Malither, Larmal |

It involves a reaction with ferriprotoporphyrin IX ("heme") or ferrous ions in the acidic parasite food vacuole, which makes cytotoxic radical species.

Most people agree that peroxide antimalarials work by interacting with heme, a byproduct of haemoglobin degradation that is made when haemoglobin is broken down into smaller pieces. It is thought that this interaction leads to the creation of a number of oxygen- and carbon-centered radicals that could be harmful.^[17]

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Materials:

- Potassium dihydrogen phosphate
- Methanol

- Sodium hydroxide
- Phosphoric acid
- Hydrochloric acid

Drugs:

- LUMEFANTRINE(LUM)
- ARTEMETHER(ARM)

Tablets:

Product tablet name: Lumerax-80

- Claimed content: LUM – 480mg and ARM – 80 mg

Apparatus:

- HPLC system: make company - Waters alliance

- Photodiode array detector: make company - Waters alliance

Mobile phase

Transfer 1000ml of HPLC water into 1000ml of beaker and KH₂PO₄ adjust pH 4.5. Transfer the above solution 500ml KH₂ PO₄ of, 500ml of Methanol is used as mobile phase.

Lum & Arm Assaying conditions for liquid chromatographic determination:

Stock Lum & Arm solution:

Dissolving 480 mg of LUM and 80 mg of ARM, respectively, in 100 ml of a suitable diluent yielded stock solutions with concentrations of 480 µg/ml and 80 µg/ml, respectively.

A working LUM and ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was obtained by emulsifying 1 ml of stock solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) in 10 ml of the recommended diluent.

Solution one linearity (LUM concentration – 240 µg/ml & ARM concentration – 40 µg/ml): With 9.5 ml of the selected diluent, 0.5 ml of stock LUM and ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml and ARM - 80 µg/ml) was liquefied.

- **Solution two linearity (Conc. LUM- 360 µg/ml & ARM-60 µg/ml):**

0.75 ml of stock LUM & ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was dissolved in 9.25 ml of the selected diluent.

Solution three linearity (Conc. LUM- 480 µg/ml & ARM- 80 µg/ml): With 9.0 ml of the specified diluent, 1.0 ml of stock LUM & ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was liquefied.

- **Solution four linearity (Conc. LUM- 600 µg/ml & ARM- 100 µg/ml):** With 8.75 ml of the prescribed diluent, 1.25 ml of stock LUM & ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was liquefied.

- **Solution five linearity (Conc. LUM- 720 µg/ml & ARM- 120 µg/ml):** 1.50 ml of the stock LUM & ARM solution (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was reconstituted with 8.50 ml of the selected diluent.

Evaluation of developed method validation:

The analytical approach for assessing LUM and ARM in Leemether tablets was evaluated using International Conference on Harmonization validation standards.

LUM and ARM stock solutions (LUM – 480 µg/ml & ARM – 80 µg/ml) were made by dissolving 480 mg LUM and 80 mg ARM in 100 ml of a certain diluent.

1 ml of stock LUM and ARM solution (LUM – 480 µg/ml & ARM- 80 g/ml) was dissolved in 10 ml of the

specified diluent to produce a practical LUM and ARM solution (LUM – 480 g/ml & ARM- 80 g/ml).

The stock LUM and ARM solution for tablet estimation (LUM - 480 µg/ml & ARM - 80 µg/ml) was made by ultrasonically dissolving 996 mg of powdered Leemether tablets (equal to 480 mg DSP and 80 mg EST) for 20 minutes in 100 ml of the appropriate diluent.

10 ml of stock LUM and ARM tablet solution (LUM-480 µg/ml & ARM-80 µg/ml) in 100 ml of the prescribed diluent yielded a LUM and ARM solution suitable for chromatographic estimation (LUM-480 µg/ml & ARM-80 µg/ml).

Ten microliters of LUM & ARM tablet solution were pushed via a YMC C18 column with the dimensions 150 x 4.6 mm x 5 m. Using the chromatographic estimate parameters, the LUM & ARM contents of contraceptive pills were determined.

Lum & Arm stability evaluation

LUM & ARM stability testing was carried out by subjecting samples to the following conditions:

LUM & ARM stability in 0.1N hydrochloric acid: In a 100 ml flask, 10 ml of LUM & ARM tablet stock solution was dissolved in 10 ml of 0.1N hydrochloric acid after 30 minutes of ultrasonication. After thirty minutes, 100 millilitres of the appropriate diluent were added to the flask. Following the proper application of 0.1N HCl, 10 litres of tablet solution were pumped onto a YMC C18 column. The parameters outlined in the section under " LUM & ARM COMBINATION TESTING CONDITIONS " were used to determine the LUM & ARM concentrations in the 0.1N HCl solution.

Stability of LUM & ARM in 0.1N NaOH: After thirty minutes of ultrasonication in a 100-milliliter flask containing liquid, ten millilitres of LUM & ARM tablet stock solution were dissolved in one millilitre of 0.1N NaOH. After thirty minutes, 100 millilitres of the appropriate diluent were added to the flask. Following the proper application of 0.1N NaOH, 10 litres of tablet solution were pumped onto a YMC C18 column. The parameters described in the section entitled "LUM & ARM COMBINATION TESTING CONDITIONS " were used to determine the LUM & ARM concentrations in 0.1N NaOH.

Stability of LUM and ARM in 30% Hydrogen peroxide:

The stability of LUM and ARM in 30 percent peroxide was evaluated by dissolving 10 millilitres of LUM and ARM tablet stock solution in 10 millilitres of 30 percent peroxide after 30 minutes of ultrasonication in a 100-milliliter flask. After thirty minutes, 100 millilitres of the appropriate diluent were added to the flask. Ten millilitres of tablet solution were put onto a YMC C18 column following a peroxide treatment at a concentration

of thirty percent. Using the parameters provided in the section headed " LUM and ARM COMBINATION ASSAYING CONDITIONS ", the LUM and ARM concentrations in the 30 percent peroxide were determined.

Stability of LUM and ARM in the sun:

A 10-milliliter stock tablet solution of LUM and ARM (10 micrograms per millilitre of LUM and 40 micrograms per millilitre of ARM) was exposed to the sun for six hours. After the allocated time had elapsed, the remaining quantity was stated to be 100 millilitres.

After the treatment (consisting of six hours in the sun) was finished, a 10microliter volume of tablet solution was injected into the YMC C18 column. The criteria indicated in the section headed " LUM & ARM

COMBINATION TESTING CONDITIONS " were used to analyse the content of LUM and ARM tablet solutions that had been treated with 30% peroxide.

Stability of LUM and ARM at 105 ° Celsius:

For thirty minutes, the stock tablet solution (10 ml) of LUM and ARM (10 µg/ml LUM & 40 µg/ml ARM) was kept at 105 degrees Celsius. After thirty minutes, the desired diluent was used to reduce the capacity of the flask to one hundred millilitres. The YMC C18 column received ten microliters of a dry solution containing LUM and ARM tablet that had been subjected to heat. By following the criteria stated in the section entitled " LUM & ARM COMBINATION TESTING CONDITIONS," we were able to determine the LUM and ARM content of the dried, heat-treated LUM and ARM tablet solution.

| Conditions applied | Vol. of sample (ml) | Vol. of reagent (ml) | | Vol. of diluent added (ml) | Theoretical conc. (µg/ml) |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Acid hydrolysis | 10ml | 10ml 0.1N HCL | Sonicated for 30min at room temperature and then filtered | 80 | LUM – 480; ARM – 80 |
| Base hydrolysis | 10ml | 10ml 0.1N NaoH | | 80 | LUM – 480; ARM – 80 |
| Peroxide Oxidation | 10ml | 10ml 30% peroxide | | 80 | LUM – 480; ARM – 80 |
| Thermal degradation | 10ml | Exposed to 60°C in oven and then filtered | | 90 | LUM – 480; ARM – 80 |
| Photo degradation | 10ml | Exposed to sun light for 6hr and then filtered | | 90 | LUM – 480; ARM – 80 |

Table 3: Lumefantrine and Artemether combination testing conditions – Stability Evaluation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

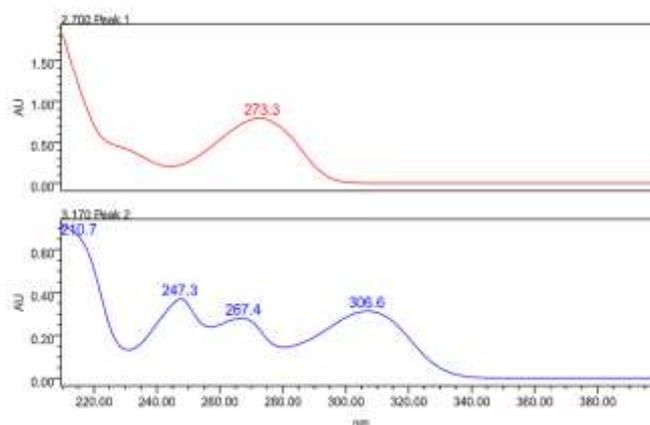
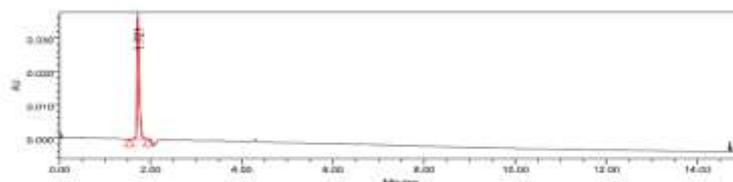


Figure 13: UV graph.

Development and Trails

Trail: 1

Mobile Phase : K_2HPO_4 ; Methanol (70:30)
 Column : SUPELCO, C18, 150X4.6mm, 5 μ m
 Flow Rate : 1.0ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10 μ l
 Run time : 15min
 Detector : PDA



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int. Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1.721 | 125695 | 100.00 | 26076 | SB | | 1.72 | 6295 |

Observation: One peak was detected & peak shape is not good.

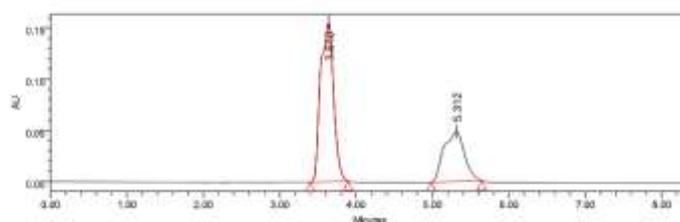
Reason: may be column efficiency is low.

Corrective Action: Change the column.

Figure 14: Readings of suitability testing and chromatogram of trail one.

Trail: 2

Mobile Phase : K_2HPO_4 ; Methanol (70:30)
 Column : WATERS, C8, 150X4.6mm, 3.5 μ m
 Flow Rate : 1.0ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10 μ l
 Run time : 9min
 Detector : PDA



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int. Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 3.640 | 1638921 | 66.84 | 156632 | SB | | 0.98 | 2341 |
| 2 | 5.312 | 912218 | 33.16 | 48919 | SB | 4.27 | 0.98 | 1815 |

Observation: Two peak was detected & peak shape is not good.

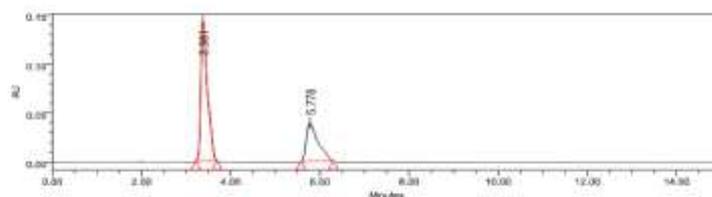
Reason: may be Buffer not set column efficiency is low.

Corrective Action: Change the column and Buffer.

Figure 15: Readings of suitability Testing and Chromatogram of trail two.

Trail: 3

Mobile Phase : KH₂PO₄: Methanol (60:40)
 Column : INERTSUSTAIN, C8, 150X4.6mm, 3µm
 Flow Rate : 1.0ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10µl
 Run time : 15min
 Detector : PDA



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 3.381 | 1460534 | 67.11 | 142799 | BB | | 1.72 | 2625 |
| 2 | 6.778 | 715879 | 32.89 | 38927 | BB | 6.72 | 1.92 | 2372 |

Observation: Two peak was detected & peak shape is not good.

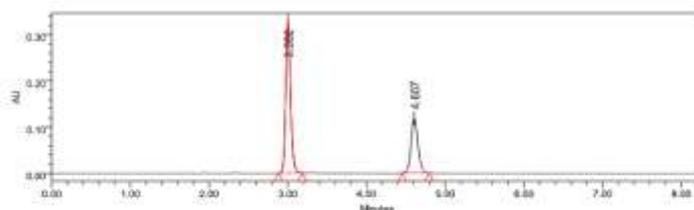
Reason: may be column efficiency is low.

Corrective Action: Change the column.

Figure 16: Readings of suitability Testing and Chromatogram of trail three.

Trail: 4

Mobile Phase : KH₂PO₄: Methanol (60:40)
 Column : YMC, C18, 150X4.6mm, 5µm
 Flow Rate : 1.0ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10µl
 Run time : 9min
 Detector : PDA



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 3.002 | 1406904 | 66.09 | 529612 | BB | | 1.22 | 11916 |
| 2 | 6.607 | 722006 | 33.91 | 117915 | BB | 11.62 | 1.14 | 13208 |

Observation: Two peaks were detected but resolution and RT high.

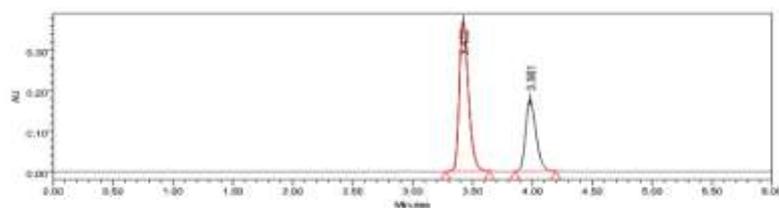
Reason: may be composition is not suitable.

Corrective Action: Change the composition and Flow Rate.

Figure 17: Readings of suitability Testing and Chromatogram of trail four.

Trail: 5

Mobile Phase : KH_2PO_4 : Methanol (60:40)
 Column : YMC, C18, 150X4.6mm, 5 μm
 Flow Rate : 0.9ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10 μl
 Run time : 6min
 Detector : PDA



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 3.423 | 1967411 | 64.74 | 371090 | BB | | 1.35 | 9744 |
| 2 | 3.981 | 1071507 | 35.26 | 178503 | BB | 3.60 | 1.29 | 10232 |

Observation: Two peaks were detected but resolution and RT high.

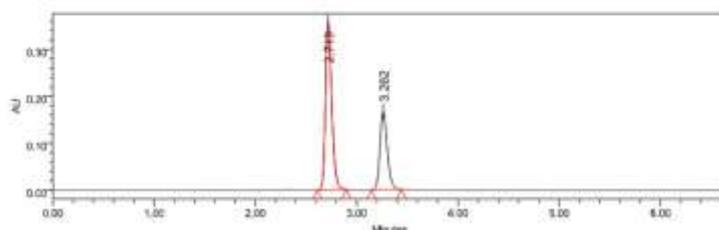
Reason: may be composition is not suitable.

Corrective Action: Change the composition.

Figure 18: Readings of suitability Testing and Chromatogram of trail five.

Trail: 6

Mobile Phase : KH_2PO_4 : Methanol (50:50)
 Column : YMC, C18, 150X4.6mm, 5 μm
 Flow Rate : 0.9ml/Min
 Column Temperature: 25°C
 Sample Temperature: 25°C
 Volume : 10 μl
 Run time : 6min
 Detector : 287
 pH : 4.5



| Name | Retention Time | Area | % Area | Height | Int Type | USP Resolution | USP Tailing | USP Plate Count |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2.719 | 1538911 | 64.62 | 366296 | BB | | 1.32 | 9493 |
| 2 | 3.262 | 835090 | 35.38 | 166378 | BB | 4.37 | 1.24 | 8935 |

Observation: Two peaks eluted and all the system suitability parameters are within the limit.

Figure 19: Readings of suitability Testing and Chromatogram of trail six.

Validation of developed method by utilising ich: linearity:

- **Solution one linearity (LUM- 240 µg/ml & ARM- 40 µg/ml concentrations):** With 9.5 ml of the selected diluent, 0.5 ml of stock LUM and ARM solution (480 µg/ml LUM and 80 µg/ml ARM) was liquefied.
- **Solution two linearity (Conc. LUM- 360.00 µg/ml & ARM-60 µg/ml):** With 9.5 ml of the selected diluent, 0.5 ml of stock LUM and ARM solution (480 µg/ml LUM and 80 µg/ml ARM) was liquefied.
- **Solution three linearity (Conc. LUM- 480.00 µg/ml & ARM- 80 µg/ml):** With 9.0 ml of the specified diluent, 1.0 ml of stock LUM and ARM solution (480 µg/ml LUM and 80 µg/ml ARM) was liquefied.

- **Solution four linearity (Conc. LUM- 600 µg/ml & ARM- 100 µg/ml):** With 8.75 ml of the selected diluent, 1.25 ml of stock LUM & ARM solution (480 µg/ml LUM & 80 µg/ml ARM) was liquefied.
- **Solution five linearity (Conc. LUM-720 µg/ml & ARM-120.00 µg/ml):** 1.50 ml of stock LUM & ARM solution (480 µ g/ml LUM & 80 µg/ml ARM) was dissolved in 8.50 ml of the selected diluent.

The gathered results demonstrated that the methodology was sufficiently linear for LUM and ARM analysis.

Table 4: Peak Area and Concentration for the Lumefantrine and Artemether.

| LUM | | ARM | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Response peak area | µg/ml amount | Response peak area | µg/ml amount |
| 766204 | 240 | 415096 | 40 |
| 1136411 | 360.00 | 623097 | 60 |
| 1513332 | 480.00 | 832020 | 80 |
| 1907344 | 600 | 1022689 | 100 |
| 2283612 | 720 | 1230079 | 120.00 |

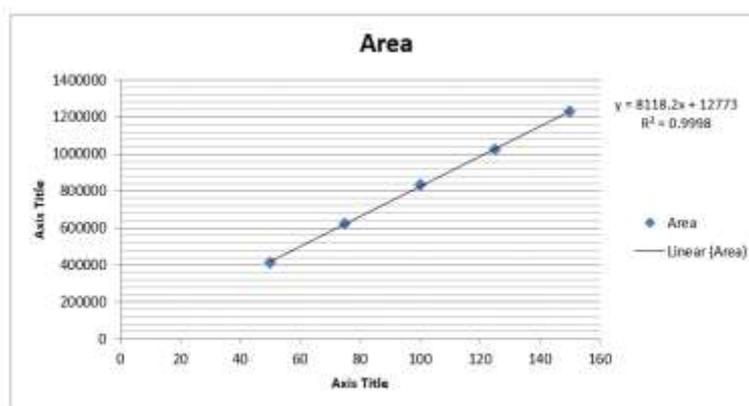
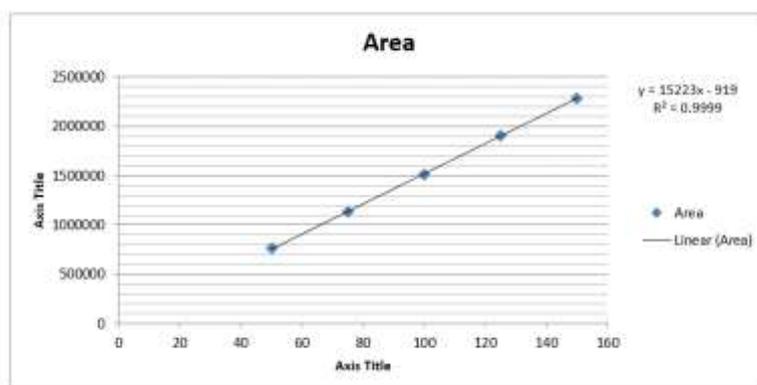


Figure 20: Lumefantrine and Artemether calibration curves.

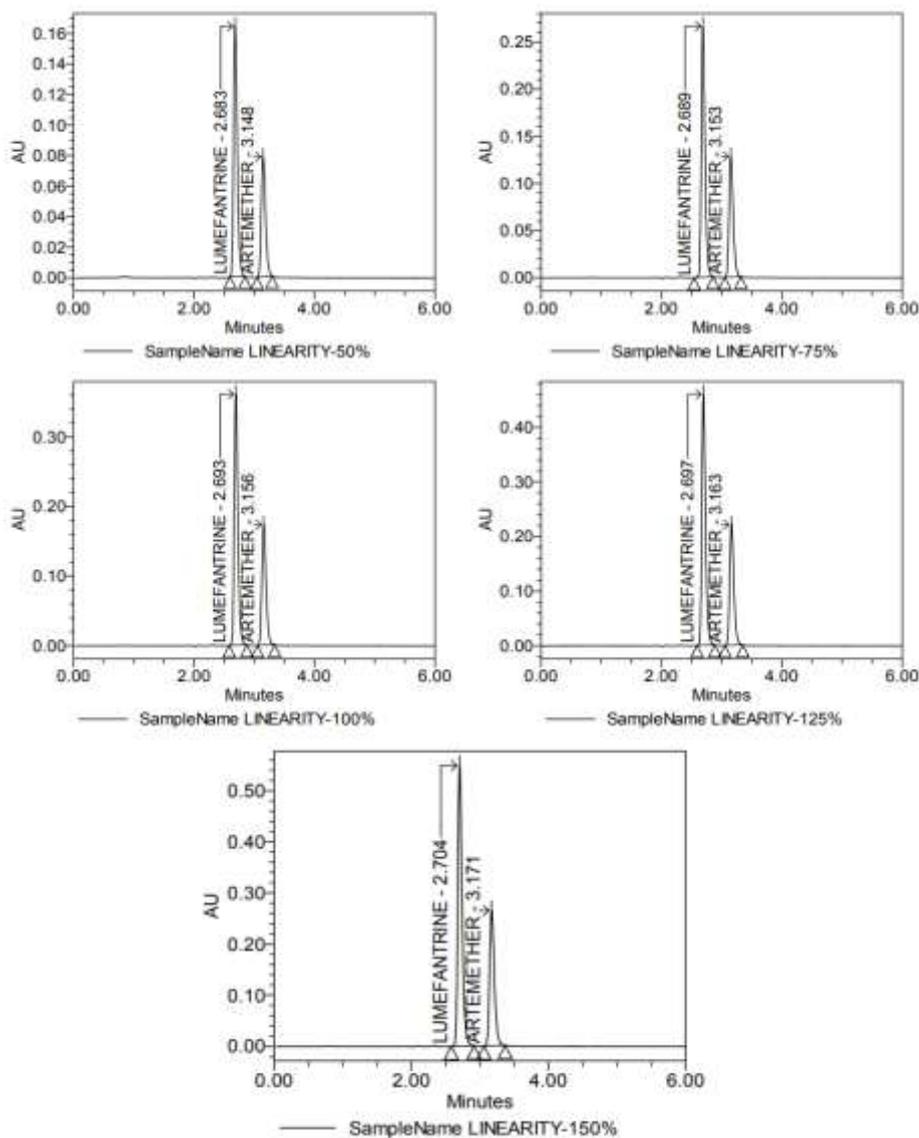


Figure 21: Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatogram linearity readings.

Detection limit:

Using the standard deviation method and formula, the following are accomplished:

The detection limit corresponds to 3.3% of the peak area or slope of the drug calibration curve.

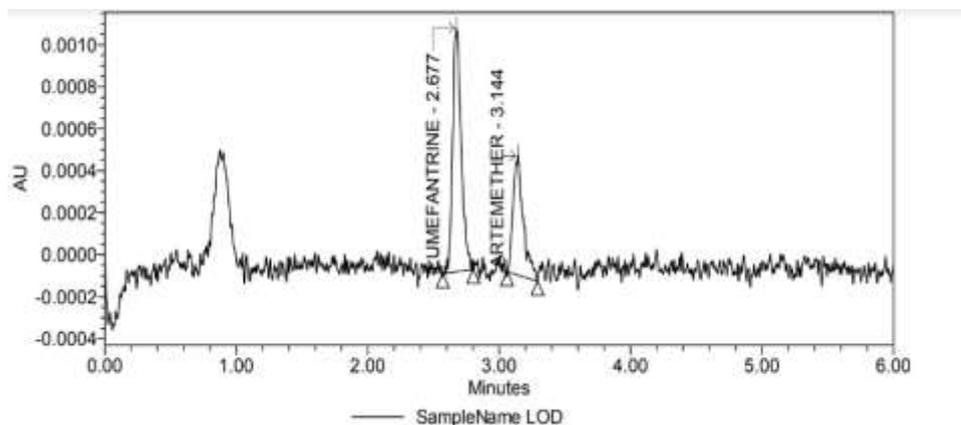


Figure 22: Reading of Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatograms - sensitivity - detection limit.

LUM detection limit: 0.860 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
 ARM detection limit: 0.299 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
 LUM has a signal-to-noise ratio of 1674.8 at $\mu\text{g/ml}$.
 ARM has a signal-to-noise ratio of 802.2 at $\mu\text{g/ml}$.
 According to the collected data, the method is sensitive enough to be employed for LUM and ARM analyses.

Limit of quantification:

The following method and formula were applied to calculate the standard deviation: The quantitative limit is equivalent to 10 standard deviations off the slope or peak area of the drug calibration curve. This limit is determined by the drug's effect.

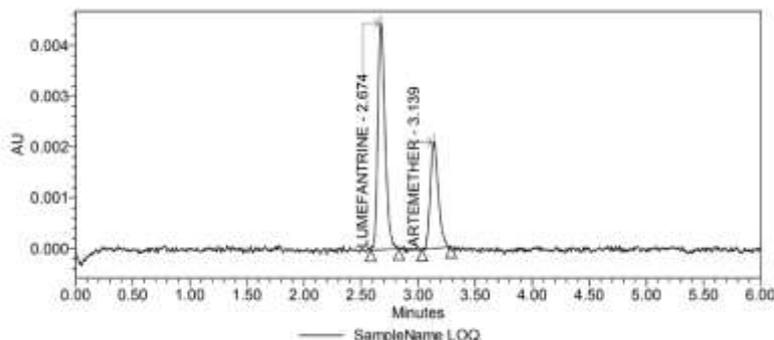


Figure 23: Readings from the Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatograms, sensitivity Levels and Quantitation limits.

LUM measurement limit: 2.866 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
 The quantitative limit of ARM is 0.997 $\mu\text{g/ml}$.
 LUM has a signal-to-noise ratio of 1674.8 at $\mu\text{g/ml}$.
 At $\mu\text{g/ml}$, the signal-to-noise ratio for ARM is 802.2
 The data acquired revealed that the technique is sensitive enough for LUM and ARM analysis.

Precision:

On a YMC C18 column measuring 5 metres in length and 150 X 4.6 mm in diameter, 480 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and 80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

solutions of LUM and ARM, respectively, were applied. Using the criteria stated in the section labelled " LUM & ARM ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS," it was found that both the LUM and ARM replies had peak areas. Six distinct LUM and ARM response peak locations had their respective standard deviation and corresponding % standard deviation calculated. Both the LUM and ARM evaluation results suggest that the approach is acceptable. The specific results of the investigation are presented in Table 7 for both LUM & ARM.

Table 5: The specific results of the investigation for both Lumefantrine and Artemether

| Response peak area | |
|--------------------|--|
| LUM | |
| 1518791 | Mean response peak area 1515213 |
| 1513902 | |
| 1517517 | Standard response Deviation 3868.9 |
| 1519347 | |
| 1510763 | RSD 0.3 |
| 1510956 | |
| ARM | |
| 832234 | Mean response peak area 831868 |
| 831394 | |
| 832168 | Standard response Deviation 324.8 |
| 831626 | |
| 831990 | RSD fraction 0.0 |
| 831794 | |

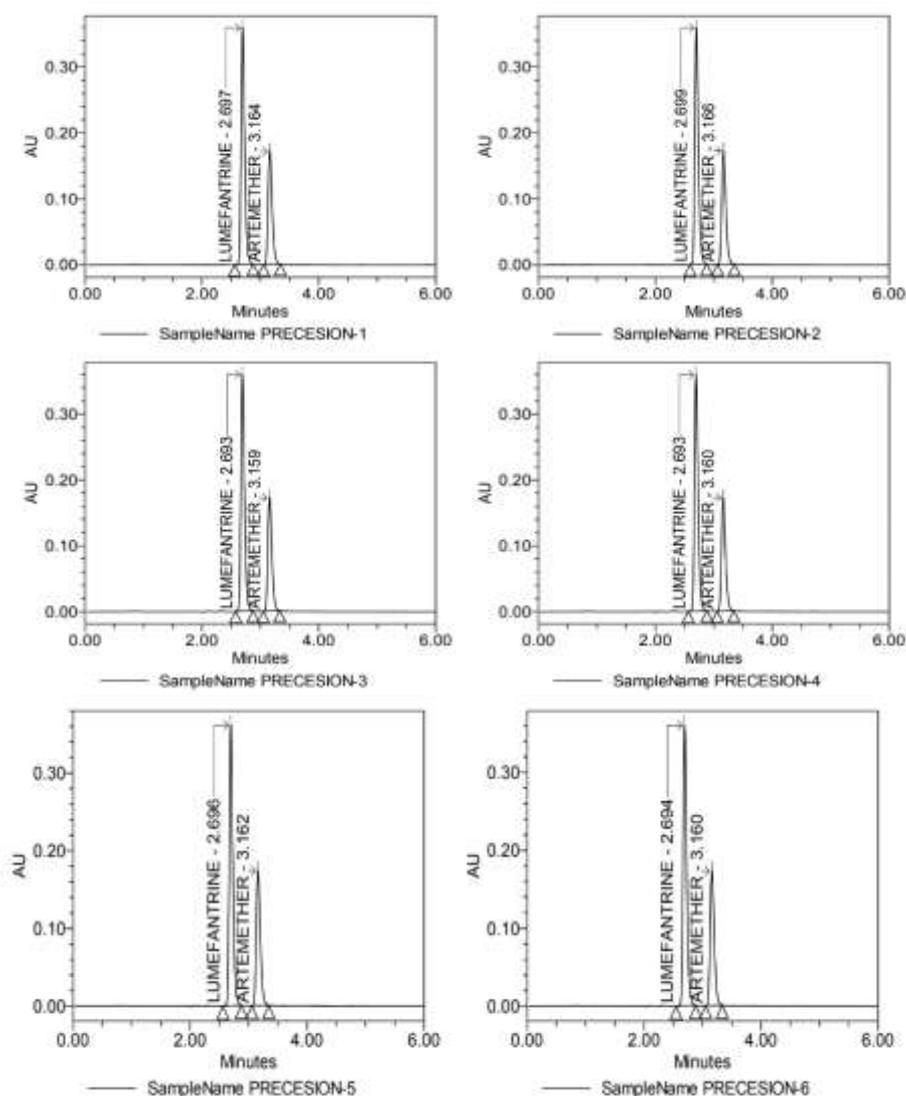


Figure 24: Precision in interpreting Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatograms.

Accuracy:

Six injections of a solution containing LUM and ARM at concentrations of 40 and 4 micrograms per millilitre, respectively, were made into a 5-meter-long, 250-millimeter-wide, and 4.6-millimeter-diameter YMC C18 column. The requirements mentioned in the section labelled " LUM & ARM COMBINATION ANALYSIS CONDITIONS " served as the foundation for the data analysis. Throughout the examination, the percentages of

LUM and ARM were recorded. Six distinct LUM and ARM injections were statistically analysed, and the mean, standard deviation, and relative percent standard deviation for each were computed. The findings gave solid proof that the LUM and ARM analysis approach was correct.

The findings of the examinations into the accuracy of LUM and ARM are presented in Table 6.

Table 6: Accuracy of Lumefantrine and Artemether.

| $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount considered | $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount quantified | Assay percent | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| LUM | | | |
| 230.949 | 238.83 | 103 | Mean percent assay 100 Standard assay Deviation 0.5 RSD 0.5 |
| 230.949 | 238.55 | 103 | |
| 230.949 | 238.53 | 103 | |
| 470.400 | 470.71 | 100 | |
| 470.400 | 470.48 | 100 | |
| 470.400 | 470.10 | 100 | |
| 705.600 | 708.10 | 100 | |

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----|--|
| 705.600 | 712.83 | 101 | |
| 705.600 | 710.48 | 101 | |
| AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAR ARMM | | | |
| 38.884 | 39.66 | 102 | Mean percent assay 100 Standard assay Deviation 0.4 RSD 0.4 |
| 38.884 | 39.60 | 102 | |
| 38.884 | 39.61 | 102 | |
| 79.200 | 79.47 | 100 | |
| 79.200 | 79.71 | 100 | |
| 79.200 | 79.45 | 100 | |
| 118.800 | 118.26 | 100 | |
| 118.800 | 118.19 | 99 | |
| 118.800 | 118.50 | 100 | |

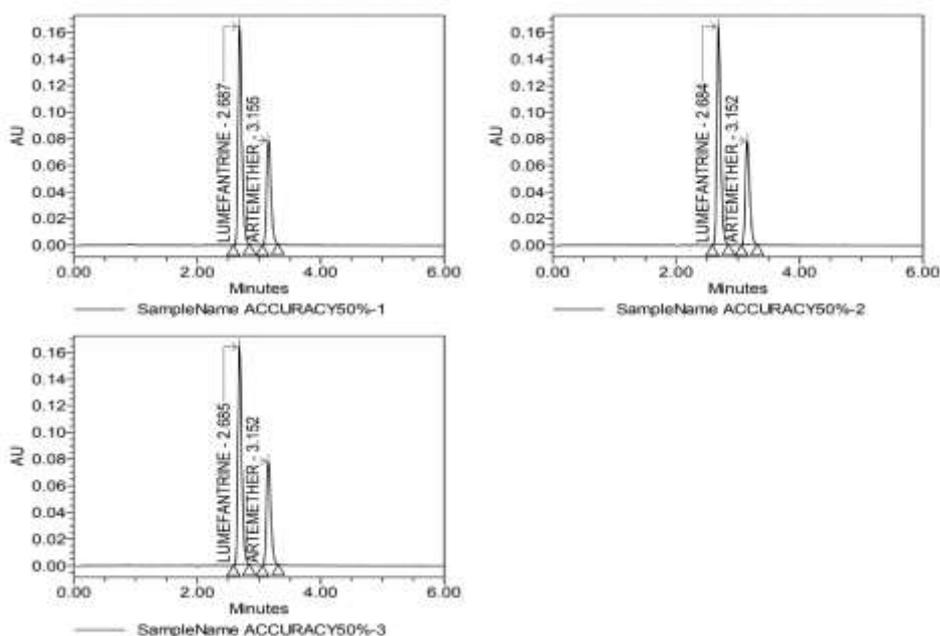


Figure 25: Accuracy of Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatogram reading (50%).

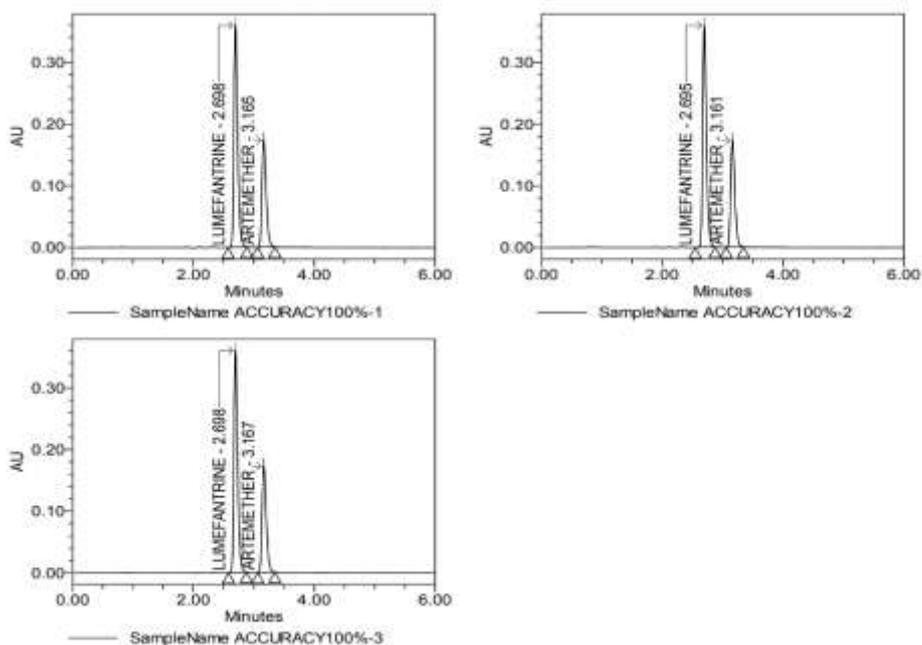


Figure 26: Accuracy of Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatogram reading (100%).

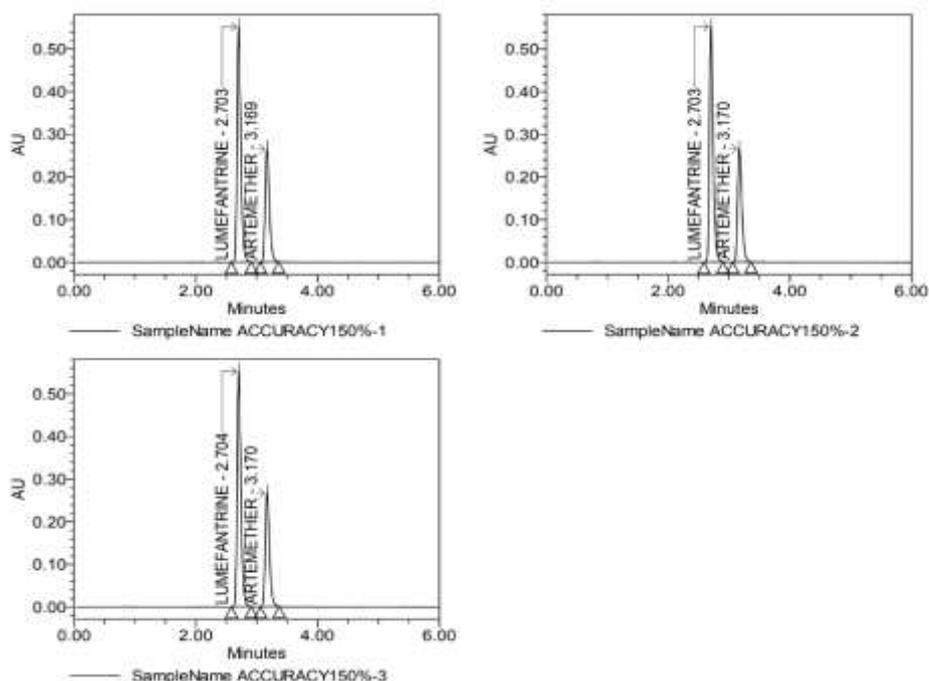


Figure 27: Accuracy of Lumefantrine and Artemether chromatogram reading (150%).

Selectivity:

Using the traditional addition method, we were able to determine the experiment's selectivity by calculating the percent recovery of LUM and ARM. 50 percent (LUM-240 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and EST-40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) 100 percent (DSP-480 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and EST-80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) and 150 percent (DSP-720

$\mu\text{g/ml}$ and EST-120 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) stock solutions of LUM and ARM were produced. The samples were then analysed three times in accordance with the criteria outlined in the section labelled " LUM and ARM COMBINATION TESTING CONDITION.

Table 7: Lumefantrine selectivity investigation results.

| $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount considered | $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount quantified | Recovered percent | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 50% additional | | | |
| 230.949 | 238.83 | 103 | Mean percent recovered 103 |
| 230.949 | 238.55 | 103 | |
| 230.949 | 238.53 | 103 | |
| 100% additional | | | |
| 470.400 | 470.71 | 100 | Mean percent recovered 100 |
| 470.400 | 470.48 | 100 | |
| 470.400 | 470.10 | 100 | |
| 150% additional | | | |
| 705.600 | 708.10 | 100 | Mean percent recovered 101 |
| 705.600 | 712.83 | 101 | |
| 705.600 | 710.48 | 101 | |

Table 8: Artemether selectivity investigation results.

| $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount considered | $\mu\text{g/ml}$ amount quantified | Recovered percent | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 50% additional | | | |
| 38.884 | 39.66 | 102 | Mean percent recovered 102 |
| 38.884 | 39.60 | 102 | |
| 38.884 | 39.61 | 102 | |
| 100% additional | | | |
| 79.200 | 79.47 | 100 | Mean percent recovered 100 |
| 79.200 | 79.41 | 100 | |
| 79.200 | 79.45 | 100 | |
| 150% additional | | | |

| | | | |
|---------|--------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 118.800 | 118.26 | 100 | Mean percent recovered 100 |
| 118.800 | 118.19 | 99 | |
| 118.800 | 118.50 | 100 | |

The collected data demonstrated the method's selectivity for LUM and ARM analyses (no influence from **Leemether** tablet excipients).

Robustness:

Analyses of LUM and ARM solutions (LUM-480 µg/ml and ARM-80 µg/ml) were conducted with only minor modifications to the criteria described in the part of the article titled " LUM and ARM COMBINATION

TESTING CONDITIONS." The device settings were determined to be compatible with both LUM and ARM. The collected findings demonstrated that the approach may be used to LUM and ARM analyses.

The first modification was to optimise the methanol ratio at 50% volume.

The modified values were 55% (comp 1) and 45% (comp 2)

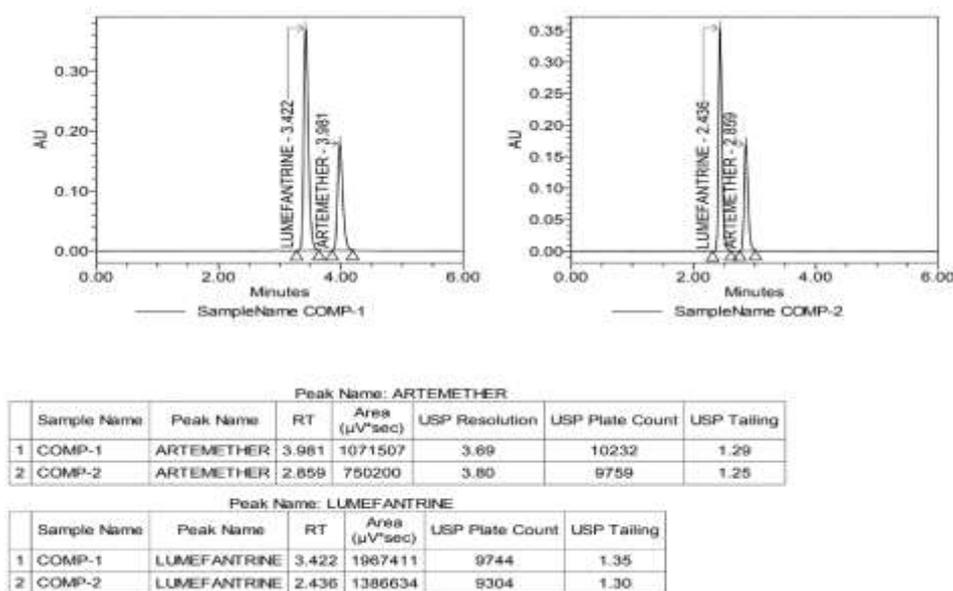


Figure 28: Suitability test Results and Chromatograms of robustness (Methanol modification).

Second, the optimal nm was 287nm.

The modified wavelengths were 285nm (nm 1) and 289nm (nm 2)

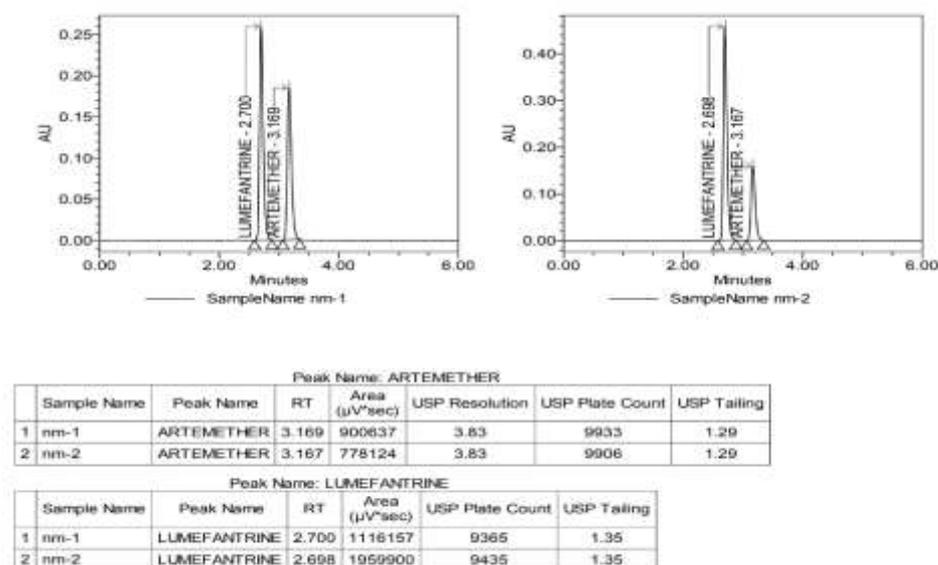
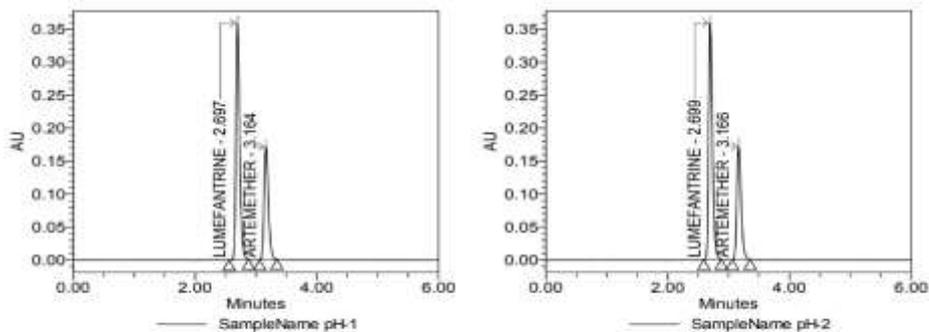


Figure 29: Suitability test Results and Chromatograms of robustness (nm modification).

Third modification:

The ideal pH was 4.5.

The corrected values were 4.7 (pH 1) and 4.3 (pH 2).



| Peak Name: ARTEMETHER | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sample Name | Peak Name | RT | Area (μV ² sec) | USP Resolution | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
| 1 pH-1 | ARTEMETHER | 3.164 | 837234 | 3.81 | 9877 | 1.30 |
| 2 pH-2 | ARTEMETHER | 3.166 | 837394 | 3.82 | 9942 | 1.29 |

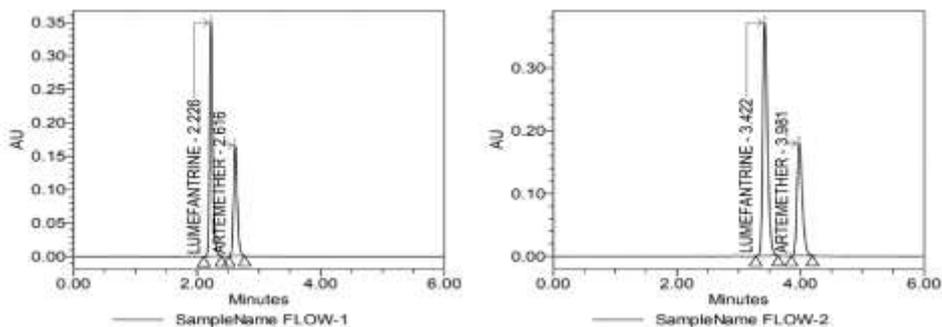
| Peak Name: LUMEFANTRINE | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sample Name | Peak Name | RT | Area (μV ² sec) | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
| 1 pH-1 | LUMEFANTRINE | 2.697 | 1538791 | 9381 | 1.35 |
| 2 pH-2 | LUMEFANTRINE | 2.699 | 1533902 | 9450 | 1.35 |

Figure 30: Suitability test Results and Chromatograms of robustness (pH modification).

Fourth modification

Flow optimized rate was 0.9ml/Min

Modified values were 0.7, 1.1



| Peak Name: ARTEMETHER | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sample Name | Peak Name | RT | Area (μV ² sec) | USP Resolution | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
| 1 FLOW-1 | ARTEMETHER | 2.616 | 884582 | 3.80 | 9484 | 1.23 |
| 2 FLOW-2 | ARTEMETHER | 3.981 | 1071507 | 3.69 | 10232 | 1.29 |

| Peak Name: LUMEFANTRINE | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sample Name | Peak Name | RT | Area (μV ² sec) | USP Plate Count | USP Tailing |
| 1 FLOW-1 | LUMEFANTRINE | 2.226 | 1262493 | 9184 | 1.28 |
| 2 FLOW-2 | LUMEFANTRINE | 3.422 | 1967411 | 9744 | 1.35 |

Figure 31: Suitability test Results and Chromatograms of robustness (Flow modification).

Modification Five:

Temp optimized rate was 25⁰c

Modified values were 20⁰c and 30⁰c

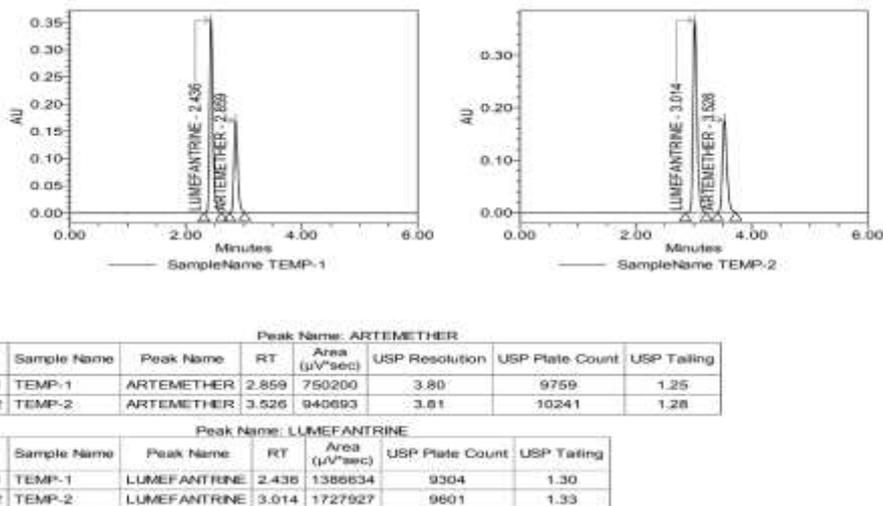


Figure 32: Suitability test Results and Chromatograms of robustness (Temp modification).

LUM AND ARM STABILITY REPORTS The results of tests to determine the LUM and ARM's stability after being subjected to 0.1N HCl, 0.1N NaOH, peroxide,

sunshine, and 105 degrees Celsius are presented in the table below.

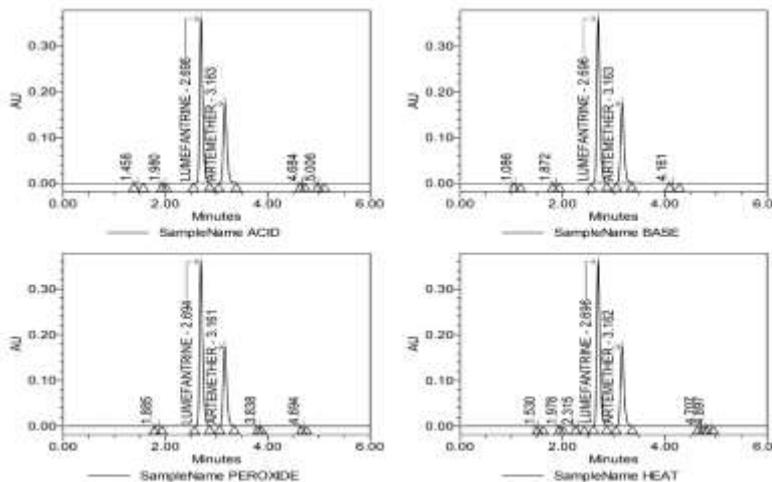
Table 9: Lumefantrine and Artemether stability.

| Drug exposed | LUM | | | ARM | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Response Area | Perished (percent) | Survived (percent) | Response Area | Perished (%) | Survived (%) |
| 0.1N HCl | 1382725 | 89.74 | 10.26 | 754337 | 90.03 | 9.97 |
| 0.1N NaOH | 1423972 | 92.42 | 7.58 | 789342 | 94.21 | 5.79 |
| 30% H ₂ O ₂ | 1444463 | 93.75 | 6.25 | 809600 | 96.62 | 3.38 |
| 105 °C | 1392757 | 90.39 | 9.61 | 744646 | 88.87 | 11.13 |
| Sunlight | 1423927 | 92.42 | 7.58 | 787079 | 93.94 | 6.06 |
| Untreated | 1521540 | 98.75 | 1.25 | 832111 | 99.31 | 0.69 |

LUM stability: untreated > 30% H₂O₂ > Sunlight > 0.1N NaOH > 105 degrees Celsius > 0.1N HCl
 Direction of ARM stability: untreated > 30% H₂O₂ > 0.1N NaOH > Sunlight > 0.1N HCl > 105 degrees Fahrenheit

Below are the chromatograms of the LUM and ARM stability reports after exposure to 0.1N HCl, 0.1N NaOH, peroxide, sunlight, and 105 degrees Celsius. The resolution (different RT values) that may be reached between LUM and ARM for deteriorated compounds is both exceptional and adequate. The gathered findings demonstrated the technique's consistency as well as its specificity with respect to LUM and ARM analyses.

Specificity indicating stability:



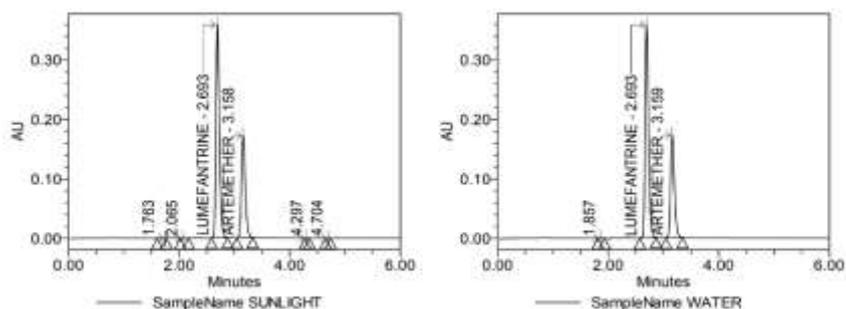
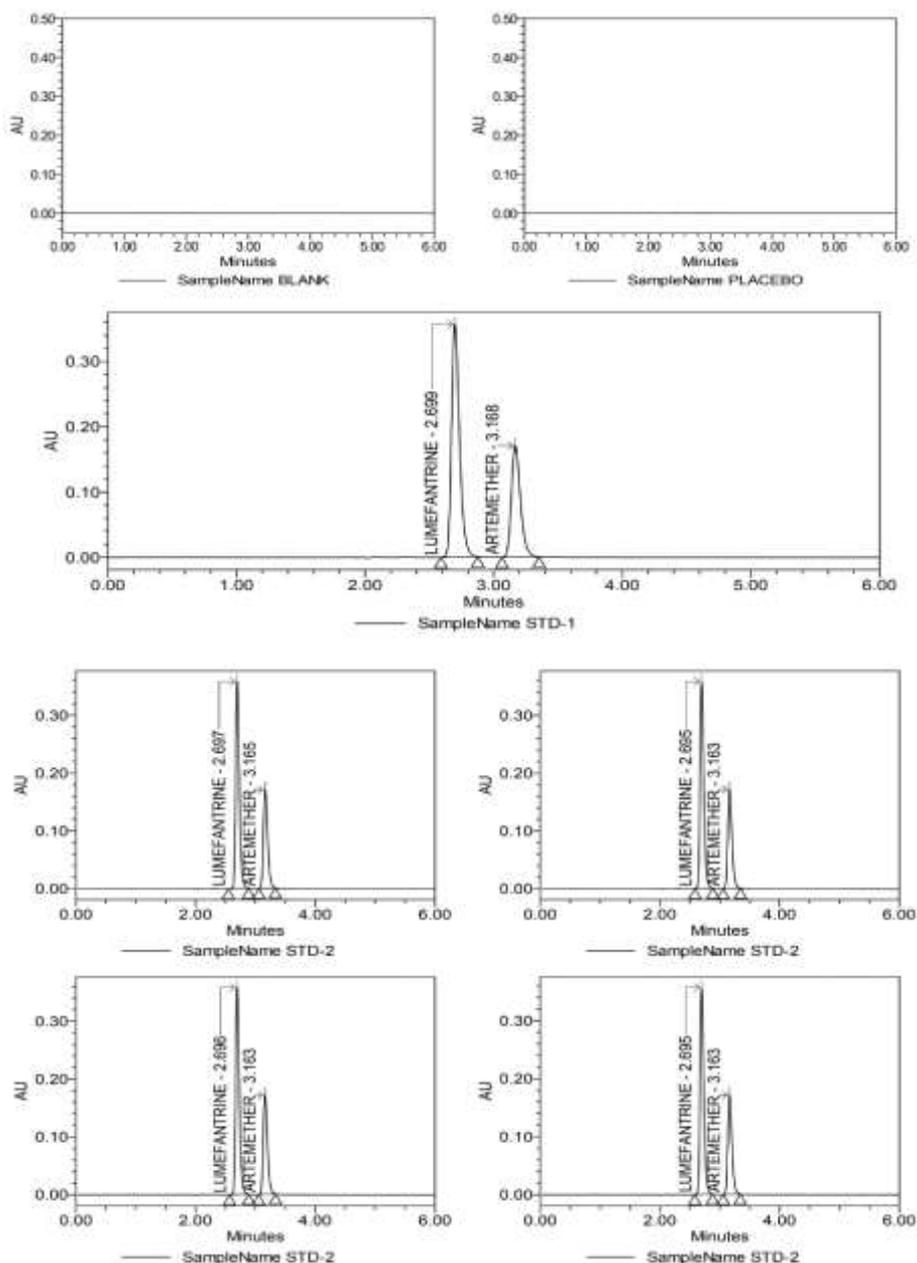


Figure 33: Chromatogram readings illustrating stability, Nature and Specificity.

Selectivity:

Lumether solution with LUM quantity of 480 mg/ml, ARM quantity of 80mg/ml, diluent [KH 2 PO 4 : Methanol are combined in a 50:50 vol/vol fraction] and Working LUM and ARM solution. Peak chromatograms

for LUM and ARM were calculated. Peaks associated with excipients and diluents were not found during any of the LUM and ARM retention periods. The test results for LUM and ARM combo analysis were extremely selected.



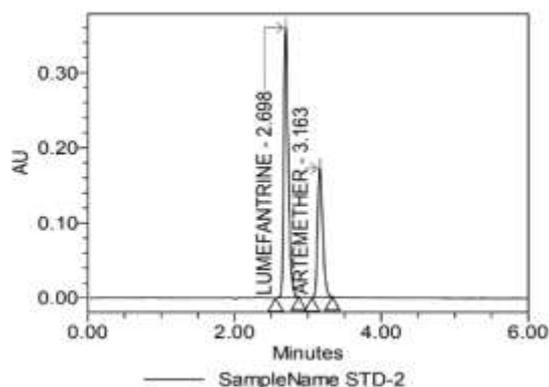


Figure 34: Chromatograms –Lumefantrine and Artemether selectivity.

CONCLUSION

The quantification of LUM and ARM was performed using an RP-HPLC-based method that is stability-indicating, selective, needs the bare minimum run time, is precise, specific, robust, and cost-effective; this was thoroughly verified.

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