



## DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF STABILITY INDICATING RP-HPLC METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS ESTIMATION OF ACECLOFENAC, PARACETAMOL AND CHLORZOXAZONE IN TABLET DOSAGE FORM

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### ABSTRACT

To develop simple, accurate, precise, rapid and economical Stability Indicating RP-HPLC method for the Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone in dosage form method included Shimadzu LC-2010, using Hypersil BDS- C<sub>18</sub> (250\* 4.6mm, 5µm) column and with mobile phase composition of Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (80:20 % v/v) pH 5.5, at a flow rate of 1ml/min was used. Detection was carried out at 285 nm. Retention time of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone was found to be 10.093 min, 5.520 min and 7.023 min. For Stability Study Drug Were subjected to acid hydrolysis, alkaline hydrolysis, oxidative degradation and thermal degradation. The linear of the proposed method was investigated in the range of 5-15 µg/ml, 16.25-48.75 µg/ml and 12.5-37.5 µg/ml for Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone. The limits of detection were 0.5473 µg/ml and 2.8318µg/ml and 1.8414µg/ml of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone and the limit of quantification were 1.6587µg/ml, 8.5813µg/ml and 5.5801 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone.

**KEYWORDS:** Aceclofenac, Paracetamol, Chlorzoxazone RP-HPLC method, forced degradation, validation.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Aceclofenac 2-[(2',6'- dichlorophenyl) amino] phenylacetoxycetic Acid (ACE) inhibits synthesis of the inflammatory cytokines interleukins and tumor necrosis factor and inhibits prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> production. It is official in British pharmacopeia 2009 and Indian pharmacopeia 2010. It is freely soluble in Methanol and water. Molecular weight of Aceclofenac 354.2 is gm/mol and formula is C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>.

Paracetamol N-(4-Hydroxyphenyl) acetamide it act as Analgesic, and anti-pyretic it is official in British pharmacopeia 2009, Indian pharmacopeia 2010 and United States Pharmacopoeia 29NF30. It is freely soluble in Methanol. Molecular weight of Paracetamol 151.163 is gm/mol and formula is C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Chlorzoxazone 5-chloro-2, 3-dihydro-1, 3 -benzoxazol-2-one it act as muscle relaxants, Benzoxazoles and Neuromuscular agent it is official in United States Pharmacopoeia 29NF30. It is freely soluble in Methanol. Molecular weight of Chlorzoxazone 169.565 is gm/mol and formula is C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>.

Aceclofenac is obtained from Amoli Organics Pvt. Ltd., Vapi, Gujarat, India.

Paracetamol is obtained from Granules India Limited, Telangana, India.

Chlorzoxazone is obtained from Vapi Care Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Vapi, Gujarat, India.

### Instrumentation and Chromatographic method

The analysis of drug was carried on RP- HPLC, by using Shimadzu LC-2010, using Hypersil BDS- C<sub>18</sub> (250 \* 4.6 mm, 5µm) column and with mobile phase composition of Phosphate Buffer: Acetonitrile (80:20 % v/v) pH 5.5, at a flow rate of 1ml/min was used. Detection was carried out at 285 nm. Retention time of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone was found to be 10.093 min, 5.520 min and 7.023 min.

### Determination of maximum absorbance

The standard solution of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone acid were scanned in range 200-400nm against mobile phase as blank Isobestic point of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone 285nm Thus the wavelength selected for the determination of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone 285nm.

### Preparation of stock and standard solutions

Accurately weighed 10mg of Aceclofenac, 32.5mg of Paracetamol and 25mg of Chlorzoxazone were dissolved

in 100 ml volumetric flask containing 100 ml of Methanol which is considered as stock solution. Working standard solution of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone were prepared by making various dilutions of the drug solution from the stock solution. Five sets of the drug solution were prepared in the mobile phase containing 5-15 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 16.25-48.75 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 12.5-37.5 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone. Each of this drug solution was injected into the column and the peak area and retention time was recorded.

#### **Assay of Marketed formulation (Branded tablet was taking)**

Twenty tablets were weighed and average weight of a single tablet was calculated. Tablets were crushed and mixed using a mortar and pestle. Then drug sample equivalent to 10 mg of Aceclofenac, 32.5mg of Paracetamol and 25mg of Chlorzoxazone were accurately weighed and transferred into a 100ml volumetric flask and mixed with known amount of methanol and the active pharmaceutical ingredients were extracted into the methanol followed by ultra-sonication and then filtered through a whatman filter paper whatman filter paper no. 42. The drug sample was diluted by adding methanol to obtain a stock solution of 100µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 325 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 250 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone.

#### **Method validation**

The Proposed method was validated according to ICH guidelines. The parameters assessed were linearity, precision, accuracy, LOD and LOQ.

#### **System Suitability**

System suitability tests are an integral part of liquid chromatography. They are used to verify that resolution and reproducibility of chromatography system are adequate for the analysis to be done. System Suitability was performed on standard solution and system suitability parameters were calculated at the start of study for each parameter.

#### **Linearity and Range**

The linearity was determined at three levels over the range of 5-15 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 16.25-48.75 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 12.5-37.5 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone. Peak area of above linearity solution preparations were taken at each concentration three times.

#### **Accuracy**

Recovery studies were carried out by addition of standard drug to the sample at 3 different concentration levels (80%, 100% and 120%) taking into consideration percentage purity of added bulk drug samples. These solutions were subjected to re-analysis by the proposed method and Results are calculated.

#### **Precision Repeatability Study**

Standard solutions of 5, 10, 15 µg/ml Aceclofenac and 16.25, 32.5, 48.75µg/ml Paracetamol and 12.5, 25, 37.5 µg/ml Chlorzoxazone were prepared and chromatograms were recorded. Area was measured of the same concentration solution three times and %RSD was calculated.

#### **Intra-day precision**

Mixed solutions containing 5, 10, 15 µg/ml Aceclofenac and 16.25, 32.5, 48.75 µg/ml Paracetamol and 12.5, 25, 37.5 µg/ml Chlorzoxazone acid were analysed three times on the same day % R.S.D was calculated.

#### **Inter-day precision**

Mixed solutions containing 5, 10, 15 µg/ml Aceclofenac and 16.25, 32.5, 48.75 µg/ml Paracetamol and 12.5, 25, 37.5 µg/ml Chlorzoxazone were analysed on three different days and % R.S.D was calculated.

#### **Limit of Detection and Limits of Quantitation Limit of Detection (LOD)**

From the linearity curve equation, the standard deviation (SD) of the intercepts (response) was calculated. The limit of detection (LOD) of the drug was calculated by using the following equation designated by International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guideline.

$$LOD = 3.3 \times \text{Intercept} / \text{Slope}$$

#### **Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)**

The limit of quantitation (LOQ) of the drug was calculated by using the following equation designated by International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guideline.

$$LOQ = 10 \times \text{Intercept} / \text{Slope}$$

#### **Robustness**

The robustness of the method was established by making deliberate minor variations in the following method parameters.

- a) pH of mobile phase:  $\pm 0.2$
- b) Flow rate:  $\pm 0.2$  ml/min.
- c) Change in the ratio of component in the mobile phase:  $\pm 2\%$ .

#### **Stability studies**

Stability Studies was carried out on the drug in order to check the stability of the drug by providing various stress conditions like acid, base, oxidation and thermal degradation compared with normal conditions. The purpose of force degradation method is to provide evidence that the analytical method is efficient in determination of drug substances in commercial drug product in the presence of its degradation products.

**Acid hydrolysis:** Take 1 ml solution of Aceclofenac 100 µg/ml and Paracetamol 325 µg/ml and Chlorzoxazone 250 µg/ml, 2 ml of 0.1N HCl was added. The solution was reflux for 6 hr at 60°C and transferred to a 10ml volumetric flask, cooled, neutralized by 0.1N NaOH and

diluted up to mark with methanol to get final concentration 10 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 32.5 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 25 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone.

**Alkaline hydrolysis:-** Take 1 ml solution of Aceclofenac 100 µg/ml and Paracetamol 325 µg/ml and Chlorzoxazone 250 µg/ml, 2 ml of 0.1N NaOH was added. The solution was reflux for 6 hr at 60°C and transferred to a 10ml volumetric flask, cooled, neutralized by 0.1N HCl and diluted up to mark with methanol to get final concentration 10 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 32.5 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 25 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone.

**Oxidative degradation:-** Take 1 ml solution of Aceclofenac 100 µg/ml and Paracetamol 325 µg/ml and

Chlorzoxazone 250 µg/ml, 2 ml 10% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was added at room temperature for 6 hours and transferred to a 10ml volumetric flask, cooled diluted up to mark with methanol to get final concentration 10 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 32.5 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 25 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone.

**Thermal degradation:-** Take 1 ml solution of Aceclofenac 100 µg/ml and Paracetamol 325 µg/ml and Chlorzoxazone 250 µg/ml, heat the solution for 6 hr at 80°C and transferred to a 10ml volumetric flask, cooled diluted up to mark with methanol to get final concentration 10 µg/ml of Aceclofenac, 32.5 µg/ml of Paracetamol and 25 µg/ml of Chlorzoxazone.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Method development

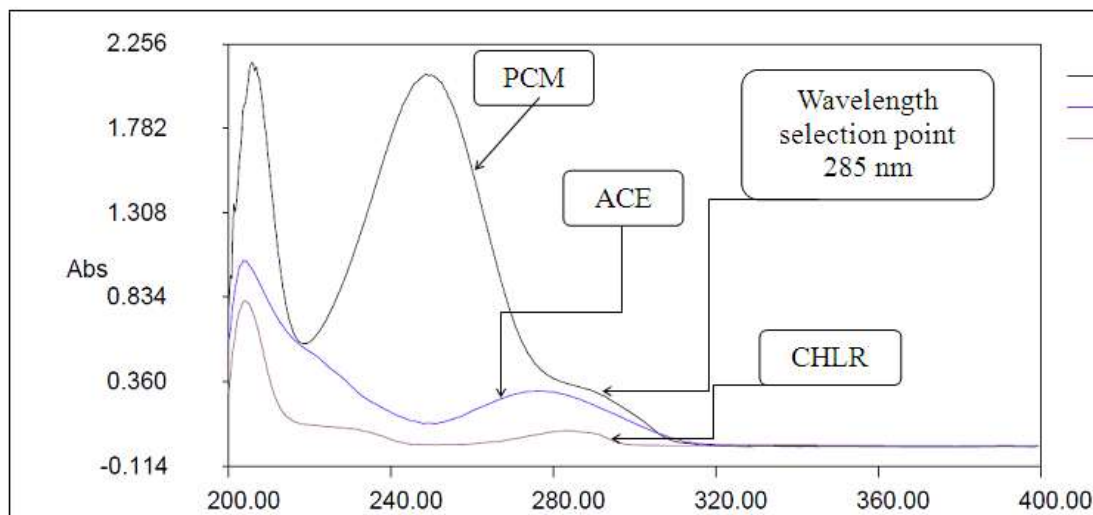


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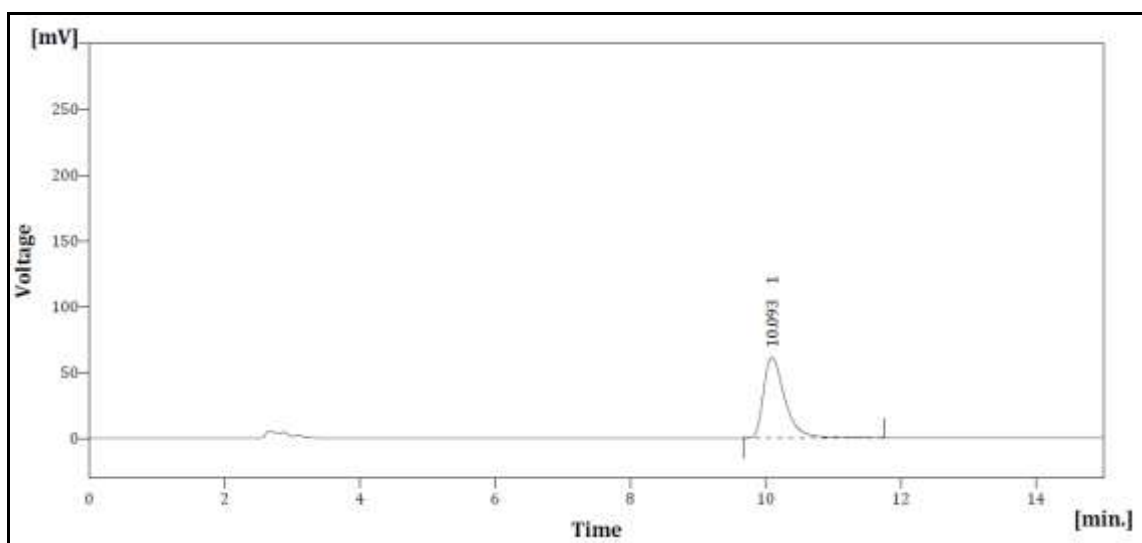


Figure no:-2 Chromatogram of Aceclofenac.

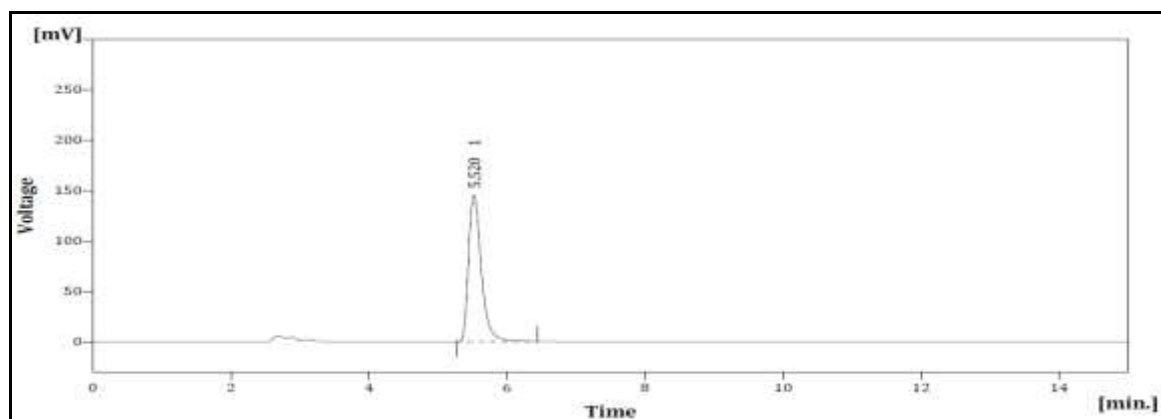


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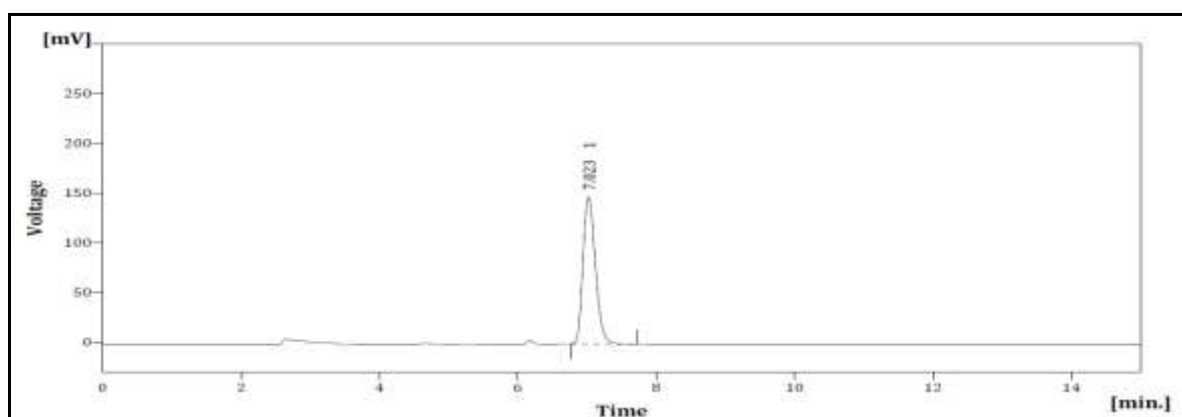


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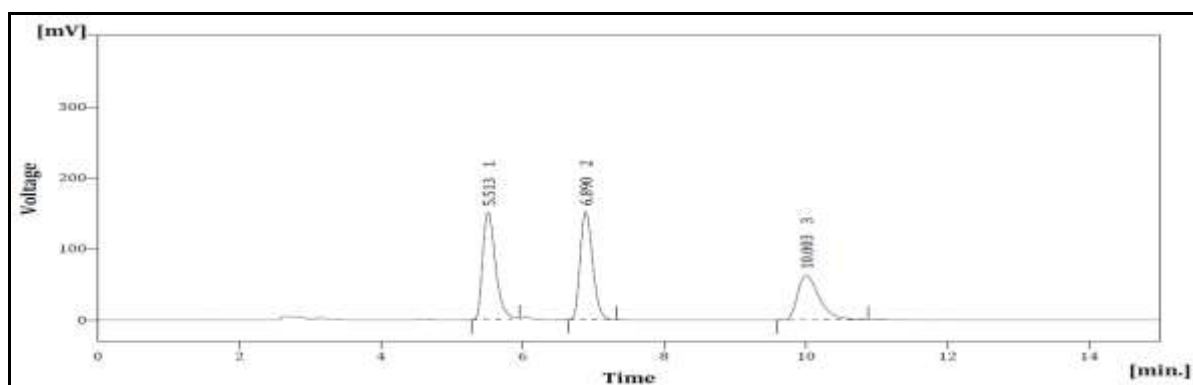


Figure no:-5 Chromatogram of formulation.

#### Linearity

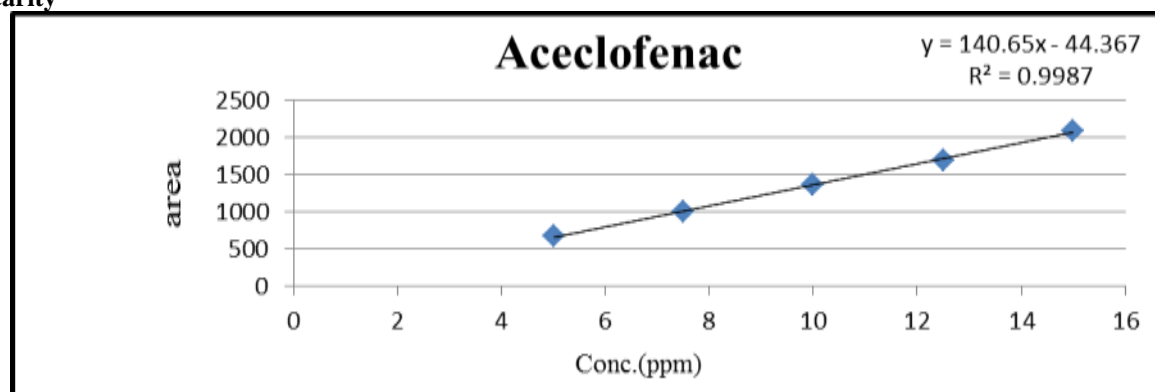


Figure no:-6 Calibration curve of Aceclofenac.

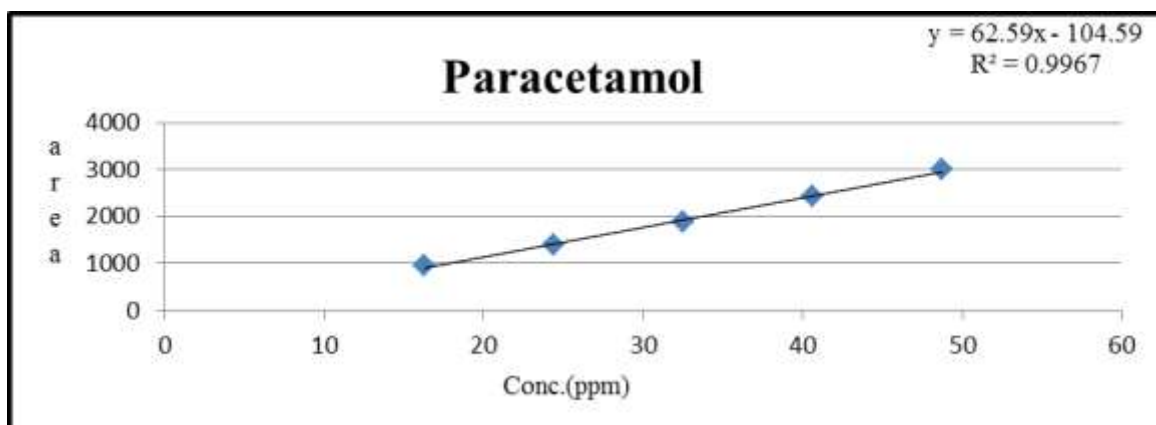


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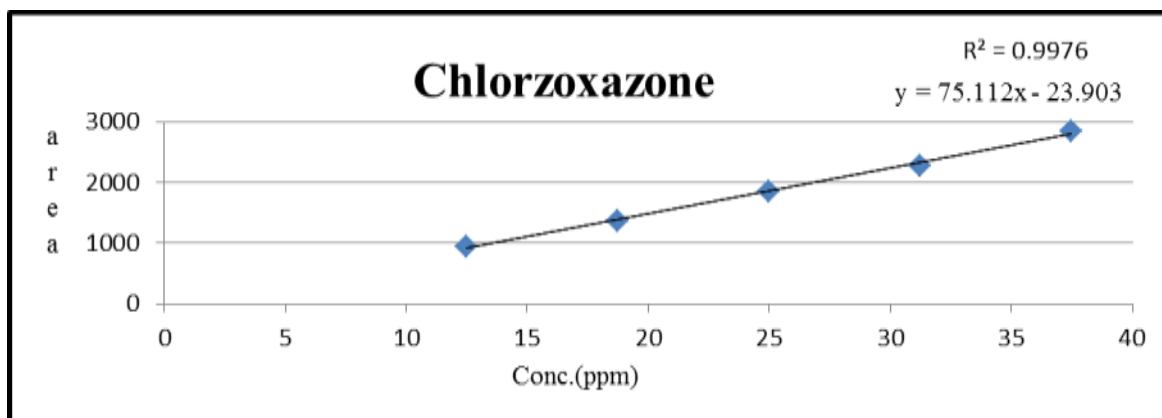


Figure no:-8 Calibration curve of Chlorzoxazone.

Table 1: System suitability parameters.

Parameters	MEAN $\pm$ S.D. (n=6)	MEAN $\pm$ S.D. (n=6)	MEAN $\pm$ S.D. (n=6)	Standard value as per IP
	Paracetamol	Chlorzoxazone	Aceclofenac	
Retention time	5.56 $\pm$ 0.020	6.96 $\pm$ 0.017	10.09 $\pm$ 0.030	—
Tailing factor	1.64 $\pm$ 0.020	1.43 $\pm$ 0.011	1.86 $\pm$ 0.016	Not greater than 2.0
Theoretical plates	4433 $\pm$ 5.019	6952 $\pm$ 3.741	5289 $\pm$ 5.329	Not less than 2000
Resolution	—	4.19	7.03	More than 1.5

## Accuracy

Table 2: Recovery study of Aceclofenac.

Level	Actual Conc. ( $\mu$ g/ml)	Amount of standard spiked ( $\mu$ g/ml)	Total amount ( $\mu$ g/ml)	Peak Area of Sample	% Recovery	Mean % Recovery $\pm$ S.D (n=3)	%RSD
80%	5	4	9	1134.04	101.71	100.54 $\pm$ 1.26	1.254
	5	4	9	1128.57	100.70		
	5	4	9	1120.49	99.21		
100%	5	5	10	1267.63	101.15	100.63 $\pm$ 0.057	0.575
	5	5	10	1259.92	100.00		
	5	5	10	1264.90	100.74		
120%	5	6	11	1407.42	101.53	100.94 $\pm$ 0.055	0.548
	5	6	11	1401.96	100.86		
	5	6	11	1398.51	100.43		

Table 3: Recovery study of Paracetamol.

Level	Actual Conc. (µg/ml)	Amount of standard spiked (µg/ml)	Total amount (µg/ml)	Peak Area of Sample	% Recovery	Mean % Recovery ± S.D (n=3)	%RSD
80%	16.25	13	29.2	1690.34	99.21	99.16±0.58	0.59
	16.25	13	29.25	1694.29	99.72		
	16.25	13	29.25	1685.22	98.55		
100%	16.25	16.25	29.25	1873.63	98.34	99.12±0.88	0.89
	16.25	16.25	32.5	1879.48	98.94		
	16.25	16.25	32.5	1890.44	100.08		
120%	16.25	19.5	35.75	2067.42	98.66	99.80±0.84	0.85
	16.25	19.5	35.75	2060.07	98.03		
	16.25	19.5	35.75	2079.49	99.70		

Table 4: Recovery study of Chlorzoxazone.

Level	Actual Conc. (µg/ml)	Amount of standard spiked (µg/ml)	Total amount (µg/ml)	Peak Area of Sample	% Recovery	Mean % Recovery ± S.D (n=3)	%RSD
80%	12.5	10	22.5	1660.91	100.54	99.40±1.22	1.232
	12.5	10	22.5	1653.56	99.57		
	12.5	10	22.5	1642.49	98.10		
100%	12.5	12.5	25	1834.22	98.76	98.54±0.20	0.204
	12.5	12.5	25	1831.95	98.52		
	12.5	12.5	25	1830.44	98.36		
120%	12.5	15	27.5	2023.68	98.99	98.73±0.32	0.333
	12.5	15	27.5	2016.51	98.36		
	12.5	15	27.5	2021.89	98.83		

## Precision

Table 5: Repeatability study of the drugs.

Drug	Conc(µg/ml)	Intraday precision		Intraday precision	
		Mean ± S.D (n=3)	%R.S.D	Mean± S.D (n=3)	%R.S.D
ACE	5	686.509 ±12.13	1.76	703.24 ± 11.48	1.63
	10	1388.42 ± 19.05	1.37	1388.88 ± 18.24	1.35
	15	2094.35 ± 12.63	0.60	2105.90 ± 9.61	0.45
PCM	16.25	969.97 ± 16.74	1.66	1001.99 ± 8.14	0.81
	32.5	1956.78 ± 34.92	1.78	1936.32 ± 10.66	0.05
	48.75	2925.94 ± 40.81	1.39	2926.61 ± 37.04	1.26
CHLR	12.5	945.64 ± 9.93	1.05	984.59 ± 17.66	1.79
	25	1901.47 ± 3.94	0.20	1898.10 ± 16.15	0.85
	37.5	2860.59 ± 11.59	0.40	2865.90 ± 21.68	0.75

## Limit of Detection and Limits of Quantitation Limit of Detection (LOD)

Table 6: LOD and LOQ of the drugs.

Drugs	LOD (µg/ml)	LOQ (µg/ml)
ACE	0.5473	1.6587
PCM	2.8318	8.5813
CHLR	1.8414	5.5801

## Force Degradation studies

Table no 7: Force Degradation studies of drugs.

Stress Condition	% Degradation of API			% Degradation of pharmaceutical dosage form (Tablet)		
	ACE	PCM	CHLR	ACE	PCM	CHLR
Acid Hydrolysis	8.12	5.52	6.06	8.58	5.15	5.82
Alkaline Hydrolysis	4.16	8.39	4.06	4.99	9.47	4.43
Oxidative	6.65	6.60	8.30	8.38	6.79	7.25
Thermal	5.23	3.60	5.06	5.29	4.29	6.72

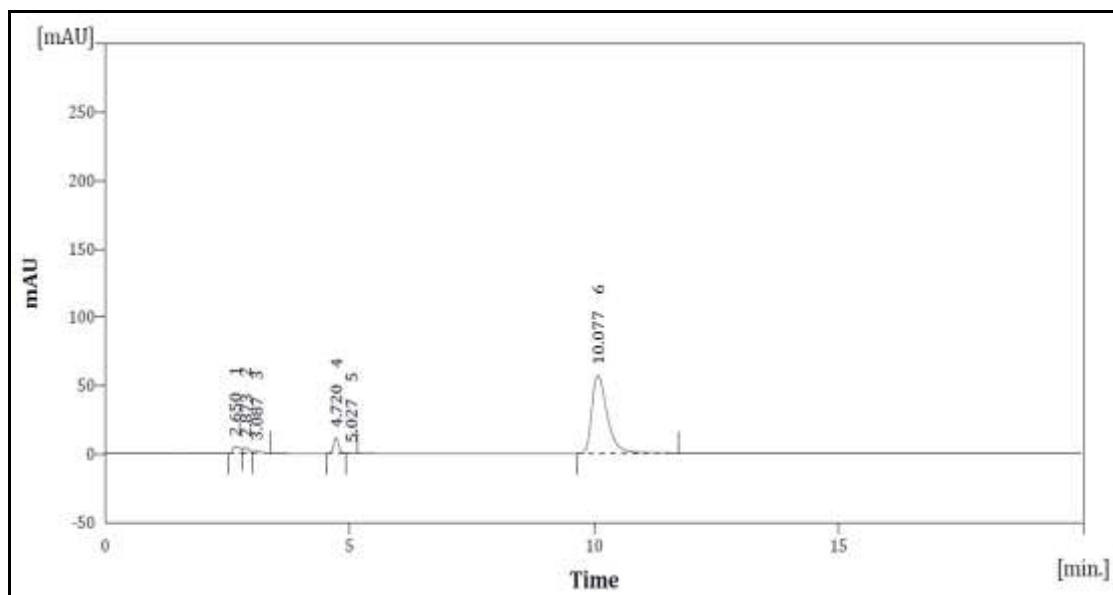


Figure no 9: Acid Hydrolysis of Aceclofenac.

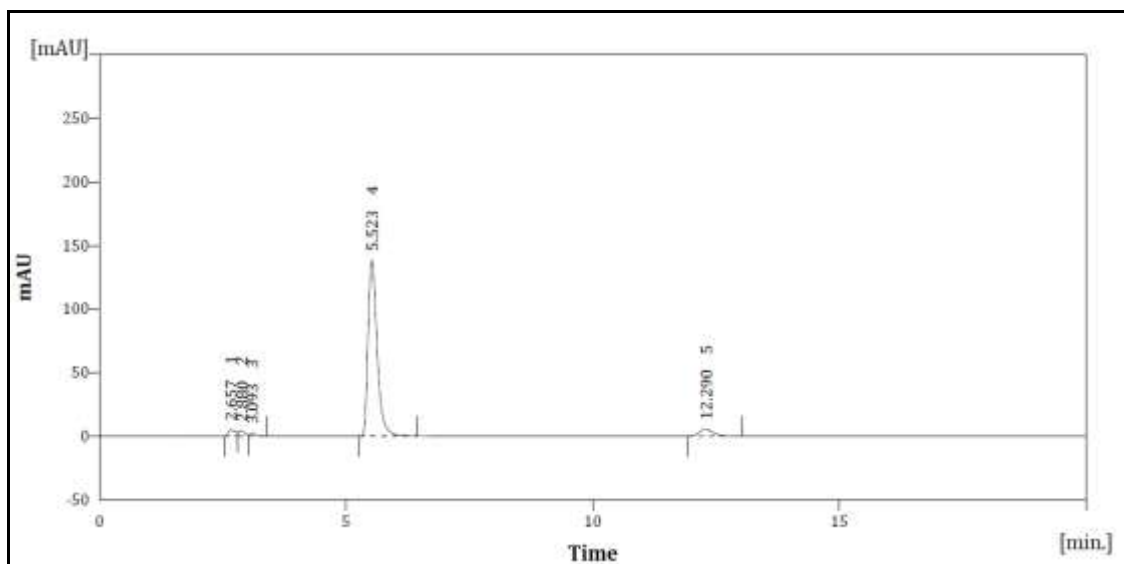


Figure no:-10 Acid Hydrolysis of Paracetamol.

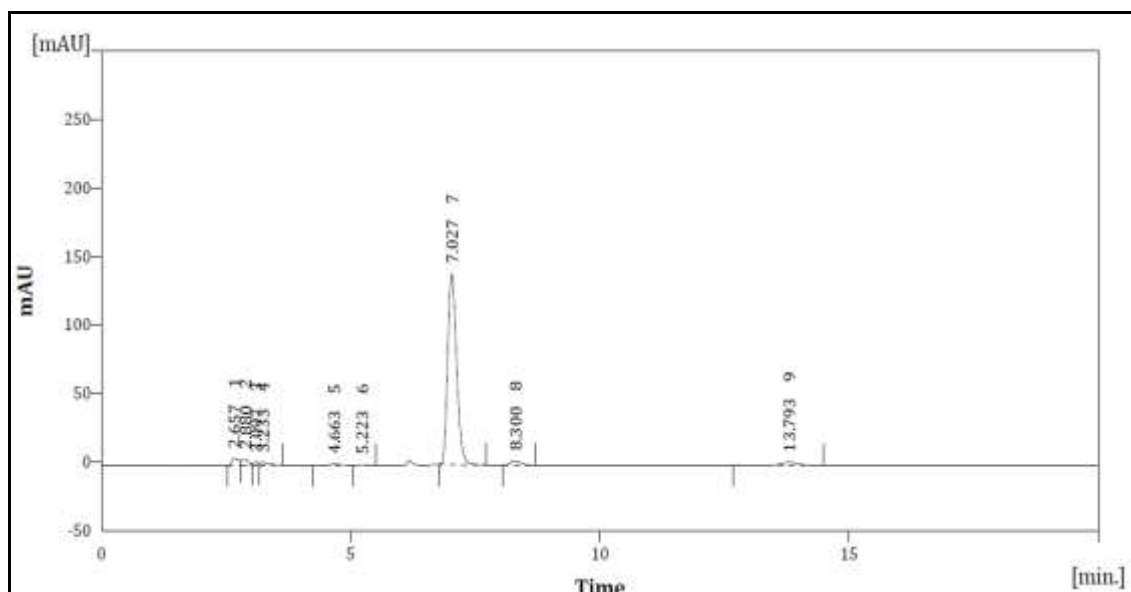


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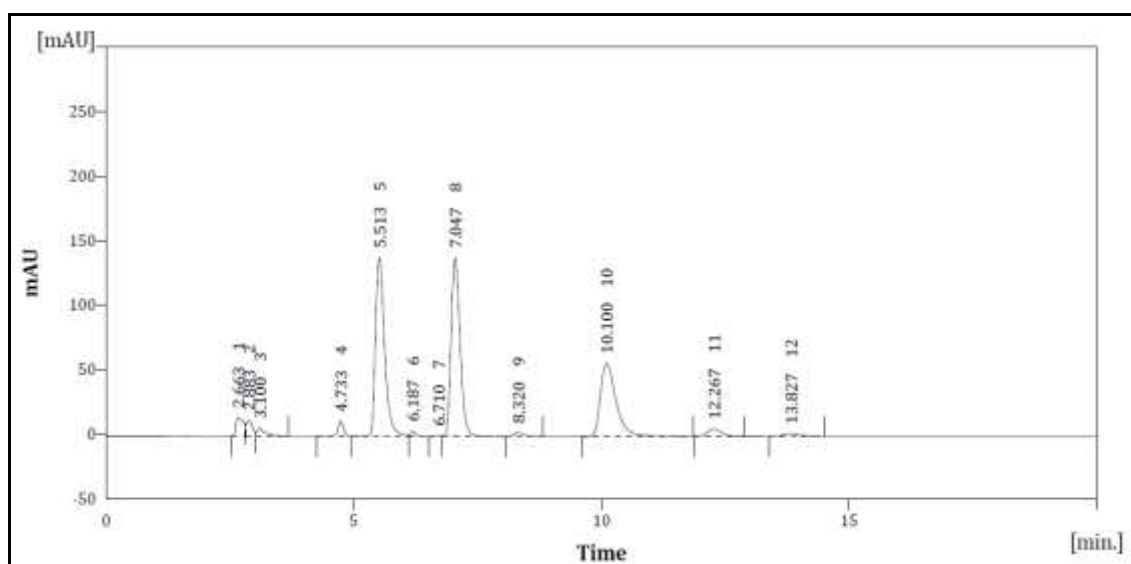


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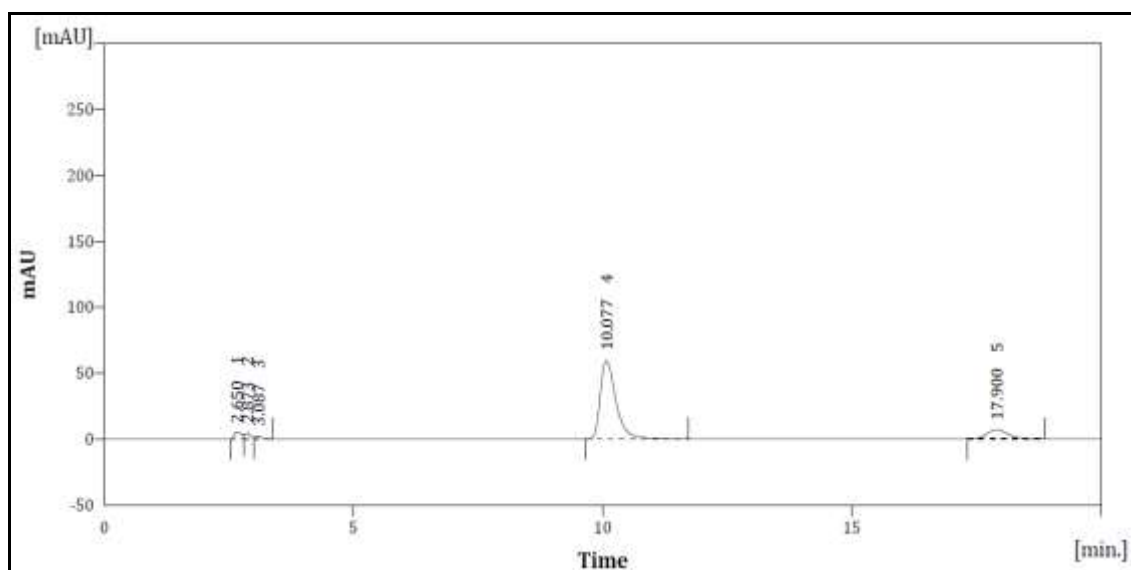


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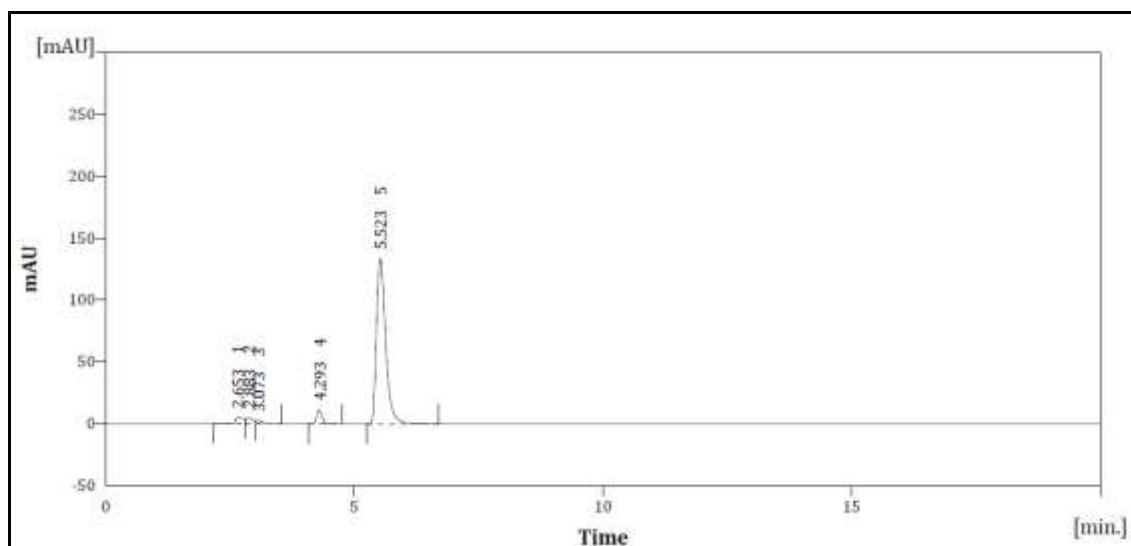


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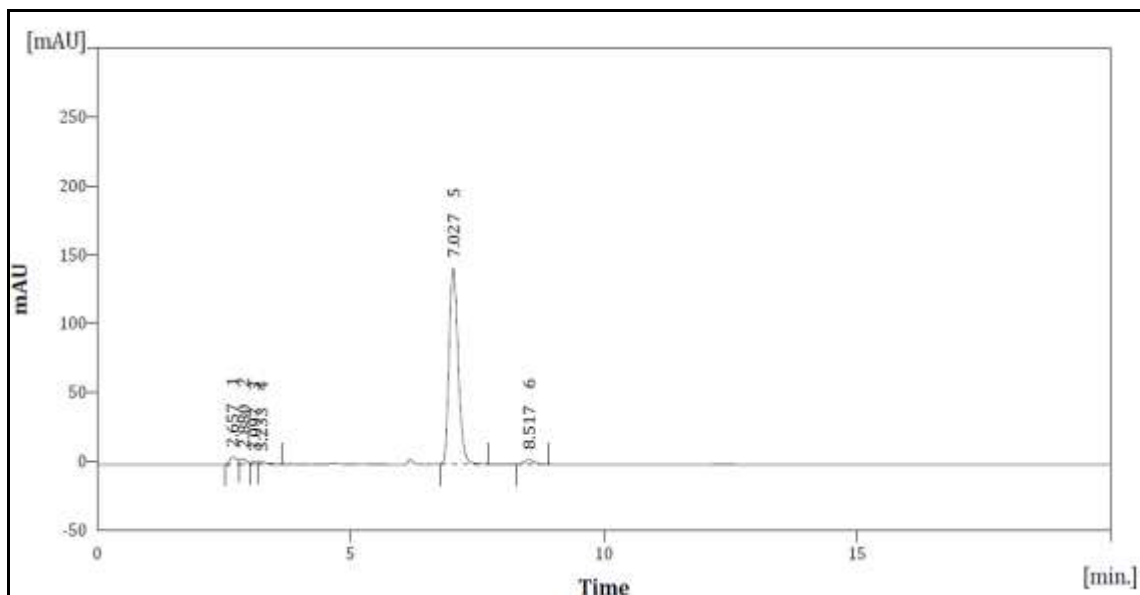


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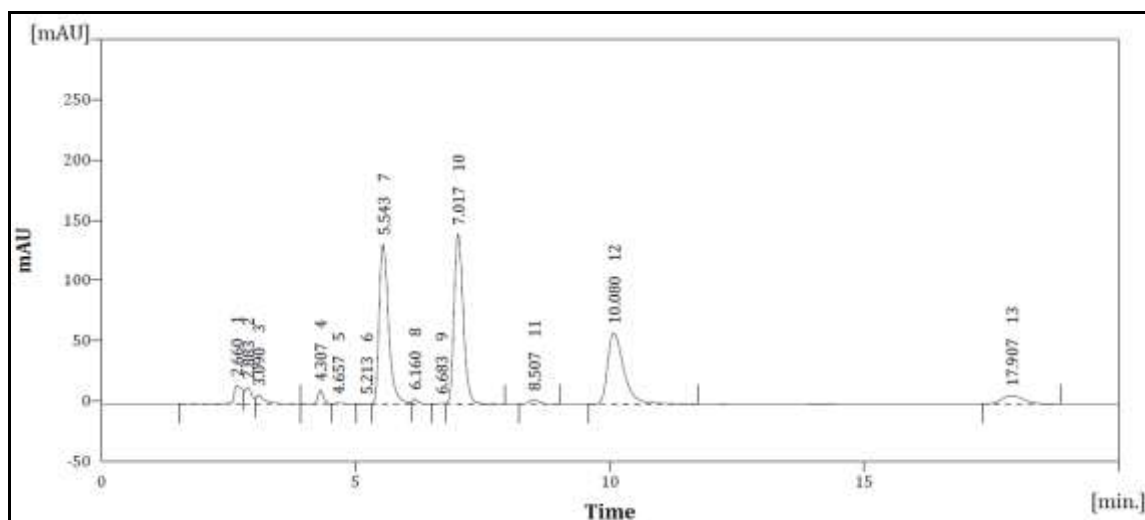


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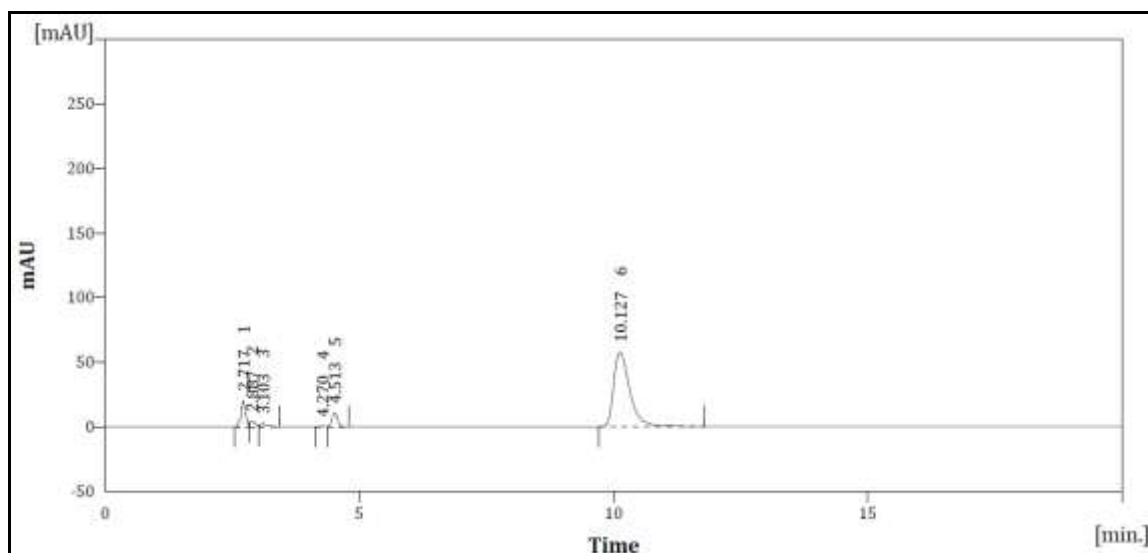


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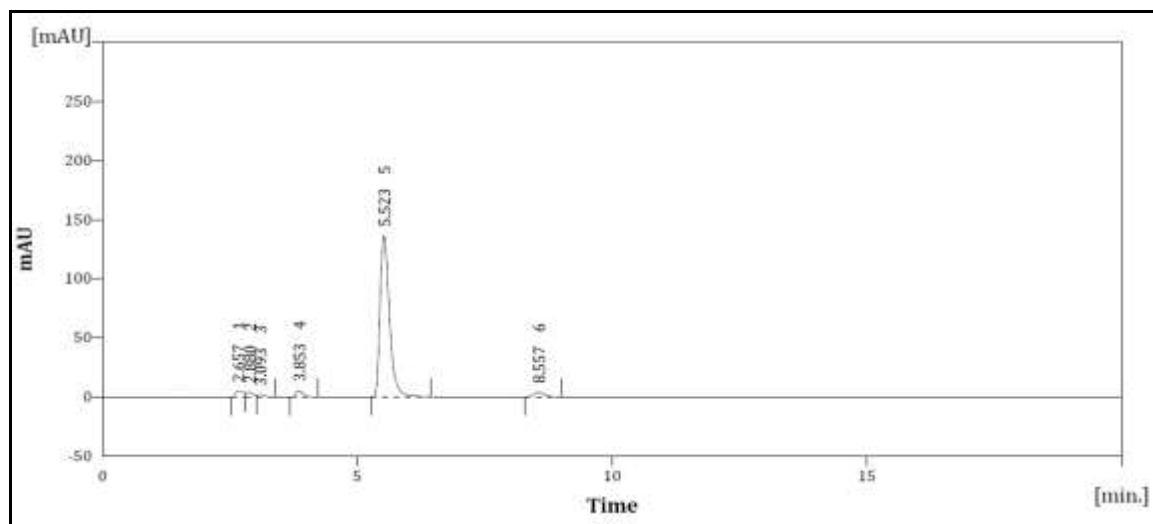


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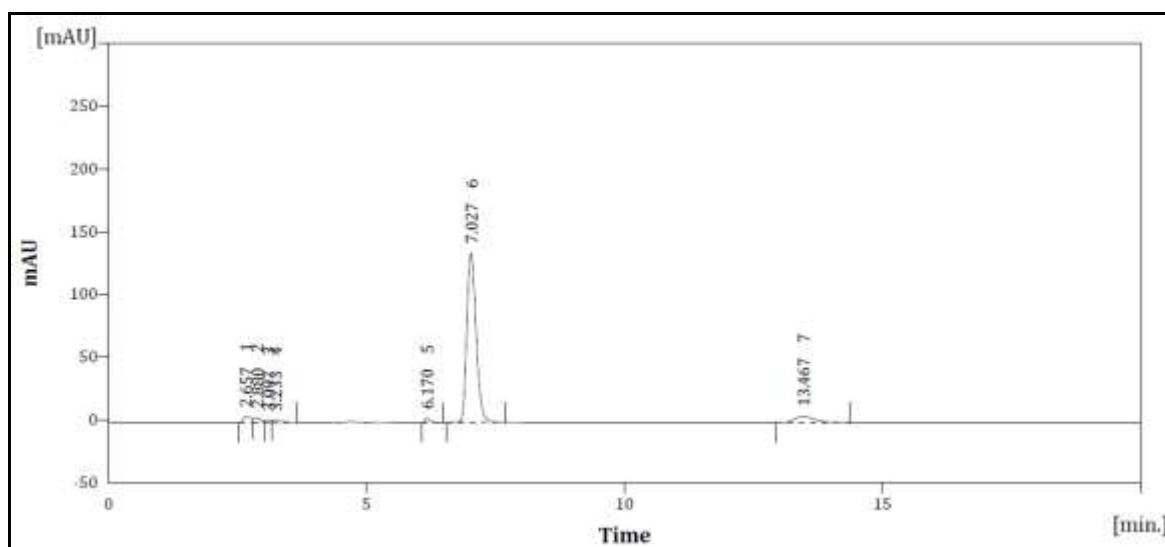


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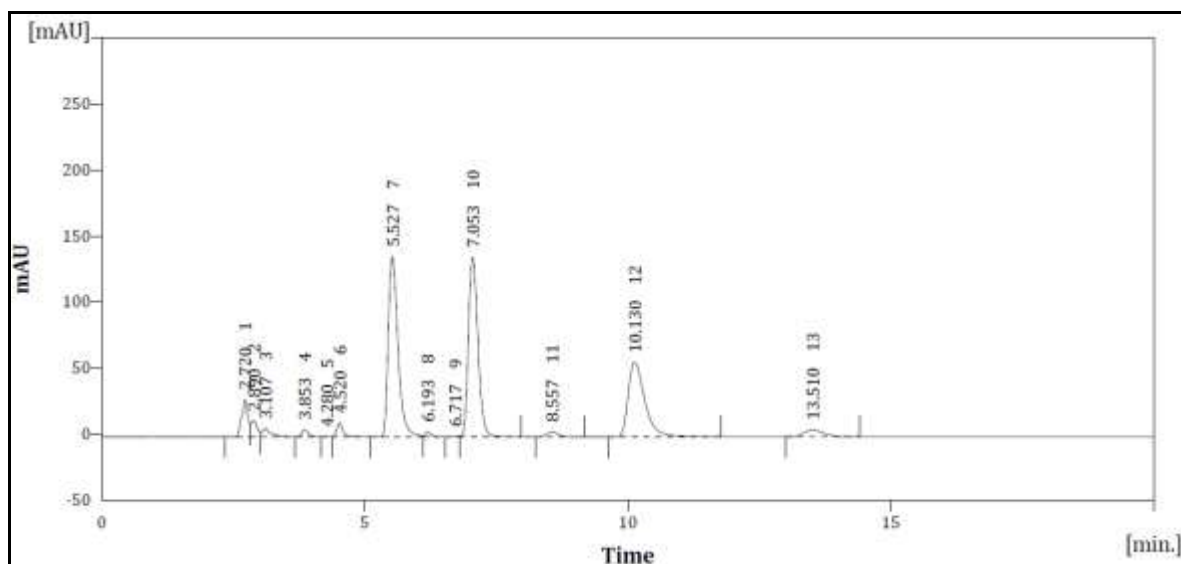


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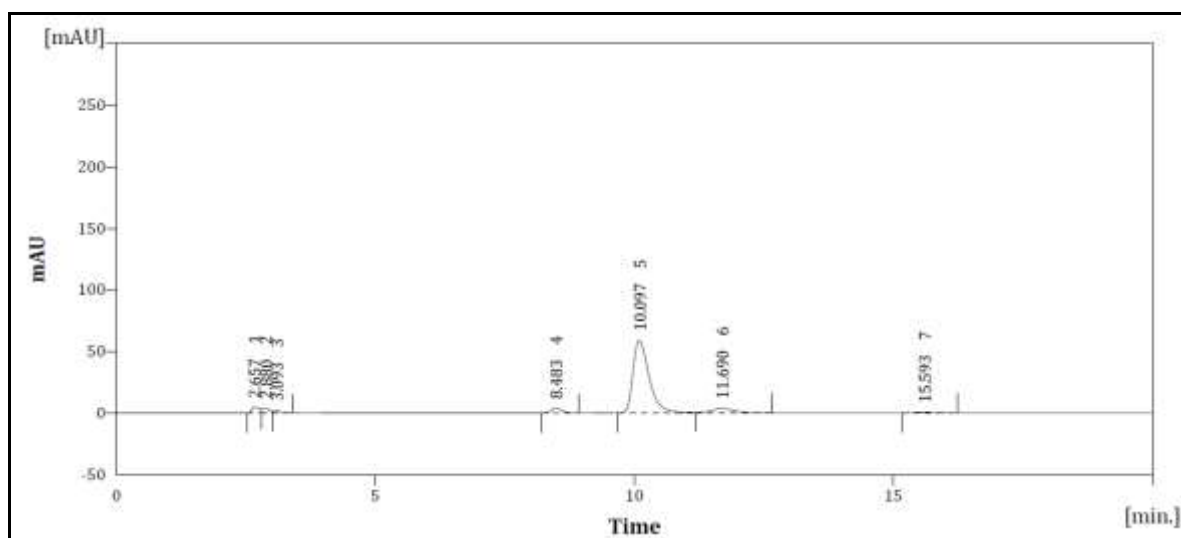


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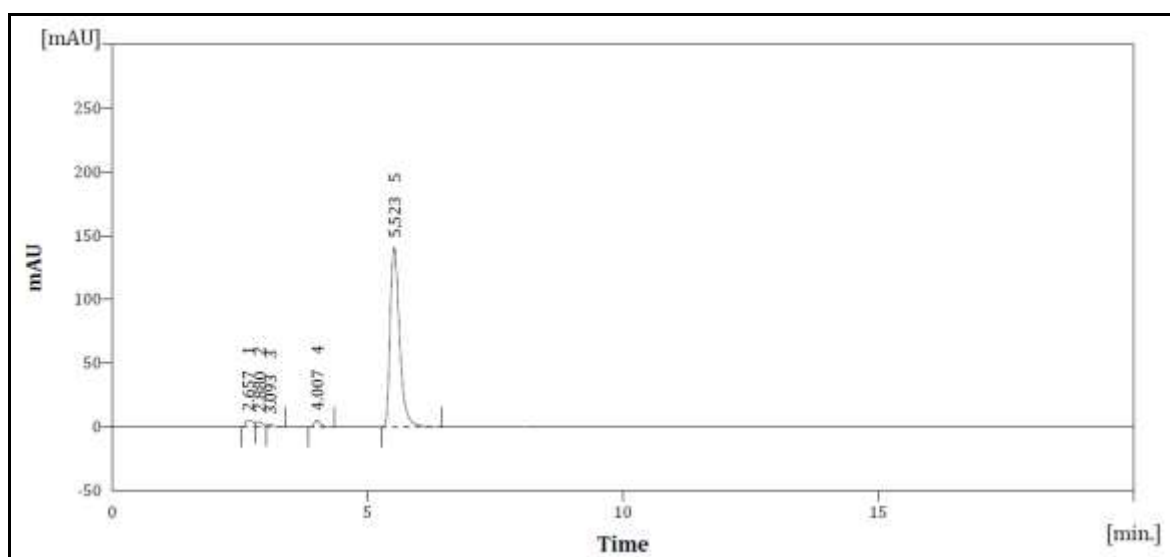


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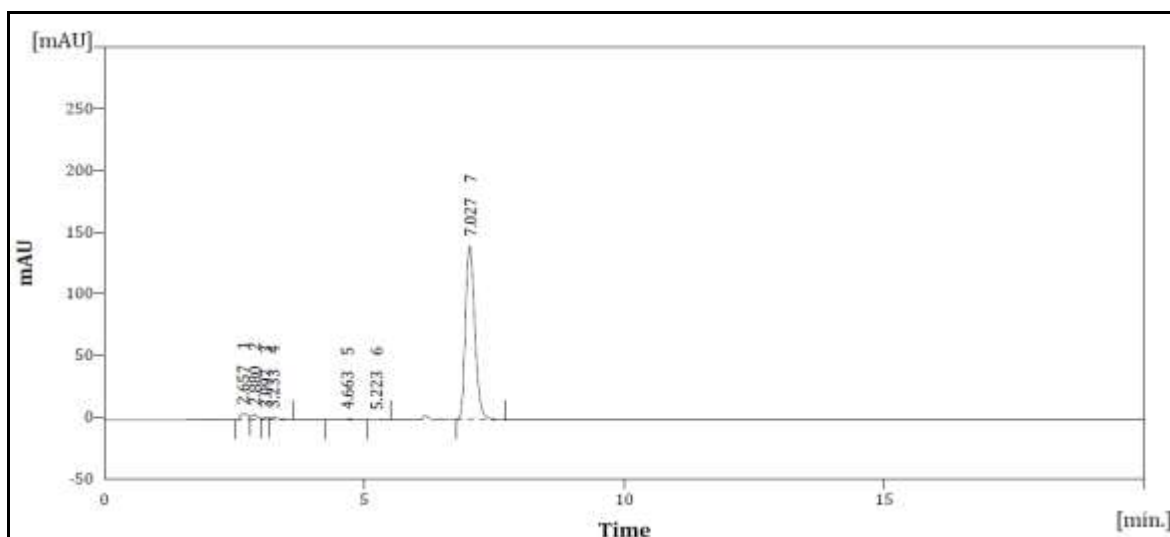


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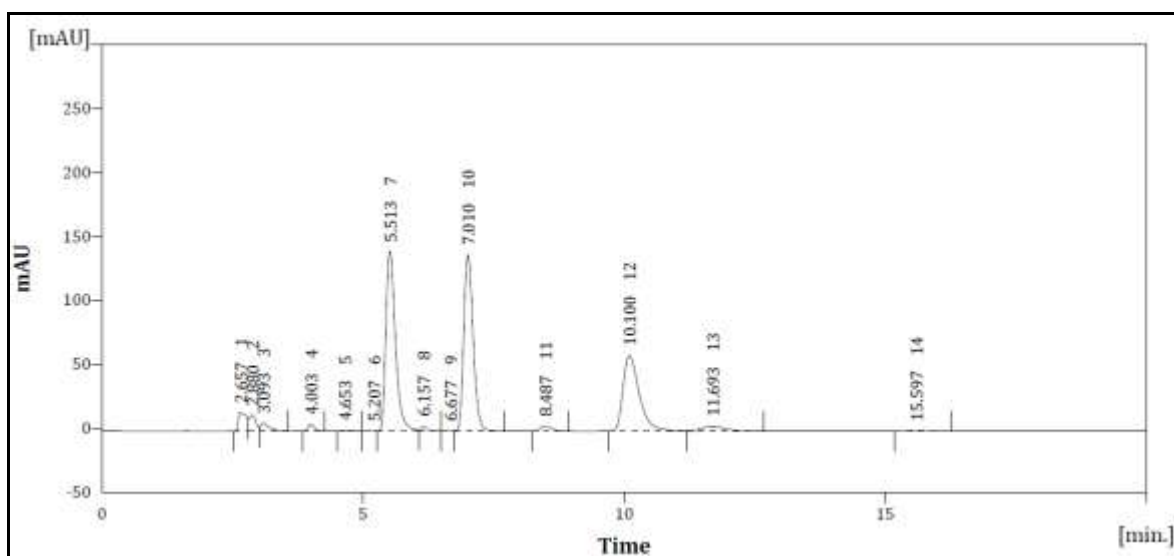


Figure no:-24 Thermal Hydrolysis of Formulation.

## CONCLUSION

- Development HPLC Method can resolve all Degradants peak of drug. No chromatographic interference from tablet excipients was found.
- It is concluded that the developed method is specific. The test parameters were also performed and were found to be within acceptable criteria. The method can be successfully employed for the simultaneous determination of Aceclofenac, Paracetamol and Chlorzoxazone in pharmaceutical formulation.

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