

High Performance USP Analysis of Ziprasidone Capsules on an Alliance HPLC System

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GOAL

To demonstrate the precise and reliable analysis of standard and formulated samples of ziprasidone using the USP compendial method and hybrid column technology on an Alliance® HPLC System.

BACKGROUND

USP compendial methods are routinely used as a basis for analyzing generic drugs. Column designations for USP methods vary depending on the monograph. Here, we demonstrate the analysis of the USP compendial method for ziprasidone HCl, which designates an L7 column type, on an Alliance HPLC System equipped with a 2998 Photodiode Array (PDA) Detector. The XBridge™ C₈ hybrid particle was chosen to provide a more robust stationary phase for analysis over a wide range of pH and buffered mobile phase conditions, compared to silica-based particle phases. The Alliance HPLC System was used for its robust, reliable, and precise performance along with simplicity in operation, all of which are critical attributes for a system used in routine analytical laboratories.

Ziprasidone, an anti-psychotic drug, was analyzed in both standard and capsule forms on an Alliance HPLC System using the XBridge C₈ L7 column. The suitability criteria described in the ziprasidone HCl USP monograph was used to monitor assay performance and evaluate a successful analysis.

Analysis of ziprasidone capsules using an Alliance HPLC System provided consistent and reproducible results.

THE SOLUTION

The USP monograph for ziprasidone HCl designates the use of an L7 column and suggests a Zorbax RX-C₈ column. An equivalent column, XBridge C₈, was chosen using the Waters® Column Selectivity Chart. The XBridge column employs hybrid column technology that promotes column robustness under wide pH and buffered mobile phase conditions. The USP compendial method for ziprasidone HCl was run as written using the L7 designated XBridge C₈ column on an Alliance HPLC System equipped with a 2998 PDA Detector. Excellent peak shape was obtained for both the standard and formulated ziprasidone samples, as shown in Figure 1. The simplified fluidic pathway of the Alliance HPLC System enables lower system dispersion resulting in sharper peaks and high quality data.

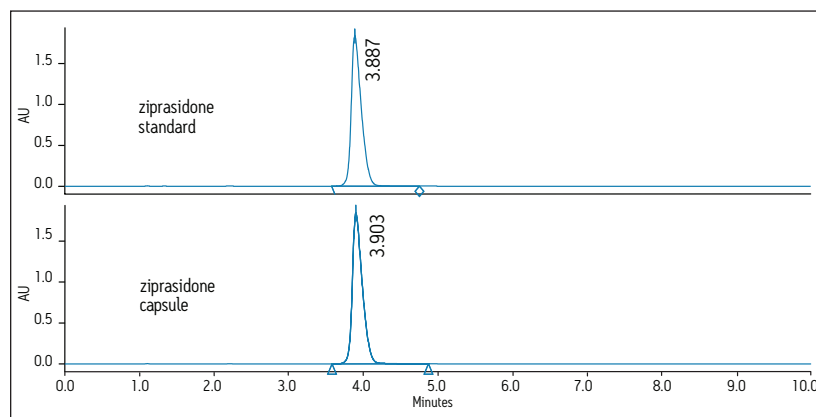


Figure 1. Analysis of ziprasidone standard and capsules using the USP compendial method on an Alliance HPLC System.

Five replicate injections of ziprasidone standard and ziprasidone capsule samples were analyzed on the Alliance HPLC System. Assay suitability criteria, including USP tailing and injection repeatability, were found to be well within specifications for both samples, demonstrating superior system performance using the compendial method, as shown in Table 1. Integrated fluidics for solvent and sample management, as well as independently driven pistons and automated solvent compressibility featured on the Alliance HPLC System provide smooth solvent flow and exceptionally consistent and reproducible results. This is demonstrated by the exceptionally low retention time and peak area %RSDs for replicate injections of ziprasidone standard and capsule samples.

Sample	Retention Time	Area	USP Tailing
ziprasidone standard	3.879	17292416	1.458
ziprasidone standard	3.876	17289110	1.443
ziprasidone standard	3.874	17282950	1.443
ziprasidone standard	3.869	17282155	1.451
ziprasidone standard	3.865	17281164	1.461
average	3.873	17285559	1.45
stdev	0.006	4933	
%RSD	0.14	0.03	

Sample	Retention Time	Area	USP Tailing
ziprasidone capsule	3.897	16697071	1.439
ziprasidone capsule	3.894	16702127	1.460
ziprasidone capsule	3.895	16726974	1.427
ziprasidone capsule	3.893	16679948	1.426
ziprasidone capsule	3.892	16682927	1.423
average	3.894	16697809	1.43
stdev	0.002	18777	
%RSD	0.05	0.11	

USP Suitability Criteria	
USP Tailing	NMT 2.0
%RSD replicate injections	NMT 2.0%

Table 1. System suitability results for the analysis of ziprasidone standard and capsules using the USP compendial method on an Alliance HPLC System.

SUMMARY

Ziprasidone standard and capsules were analyzed using the USP compendial method on an Alliance HPLC System. Using a combination of XBridge hybrid column technology with the high performance Alliance HPLC System ensures chromatographic performance well within specified suitability criteria. The use of the precise and reliable Alliance HPLC System for routine analysis of compendial methods provides high quality, reproducible results while minimizing costly instrument downtime and maintenance.

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