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METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION FOR ESTIMATION OF SOLANUM LYCOPERSICUM BY USING UV-VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

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ABSTRACT:

This study presents the development of an accurate, precise, and cost-effective UV-visible spectroscopy method for predicting phytochemical constituents in Solanum lycopersicum (tomatoes). The method quantifies key phytochemicals such as lycopene and carotenoids, known for their antioxidant properties and health benefits. Method optimization included solvent selection, determination of absorbance maxima, and refined sample preparation to minimize inaccuracies. Validation followed ICHQ2R1 guidelines, assessing linearity, accuracy, precision, limit of detection (LOD), and limit of quantification (LOQ). Linearity was confirmed with the equation Y = 0.0134X - 0.0737, demonstrating proportionality between concentration (20–80 µg/mL) and absorbance. The S/N ratio thresholds were set at 3 for LOD and 10 for LOQ, ensuring reliable detection and quantification. The developed method is robust, straightforward, and applicable for routine analysis in quality control and Solanum lycopersicum research. Its efficiency supports further investigations into tomato-based health promotion, nutraceuticals, and pharmaceuticals.

Keywords: Solanum Lycopersicum, UV-Visible Spectroscopy, Validation, Method development.

INTRODUCTION:

Tomatoes which are scientifically known as solanum lycopersicum are known to contain lycopene, flavonoids, phenolics and vitamins with antioxidants. Tomatoes are one of the most widely consumed and versatile fruits worldwide. They belong to the Solanaceae family (night shade family). They are native to western south America. They come in different shapes, sizes and colors which includes red, yellow and orange.



Fig:1 Solanum Lycopersicum

UV-Visible Spectroscopy is the analytical technique applied to determine the absorption of Ultra Violet light of 200-400nm, and visible light,400-800nm. It depends upon the Beer-Lambert Law which explains that absorbance of light varies directly with concentration of absorbing species and the path length of sample. Common transitions include $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, and $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$, depending on the molecular structure. The components involved include a light source like deuterium or tungsten lamp, monochromator for selecting a particular wavelength and detectors, such as a photodiode or photomultiplier.





Method validation is like quality assurance for scientific methods. It's a way to prove that the method is reliable and consistent for its intended purpose. According to ICH The analytical parameters can be validated are accuracy, precision, detection of limit, quantitation limit, linearity, range, system suitability and robustness. Analytical Method Validation According to ICH Q2 (R1), method validation can be defined as, "Establishing a documented proof, which provides a high degree of assurance that specific process consistently produce a desired result at it pre-arranged specifications and quality characteristics."



Fig3: Method Validation

Methodology:

Method For Extraction:

The chopped tomatoes were crushed through a grinding machine, and the moisture from the pulp was removed by manual hand pressing. The pulp was then subjected to drying at 60 °C for a period of 6 hours. Following this stage, water saturated ethyl acetate was added to the pulp and left in contact for a maximum period of 1 hour. The lycopene extract was filtered through muslin cloth, to remove any large particles. The filtered extract was poured into a separating funnel, vigorously shaken, and set aside to allow layer separation. There were two layers a lower aqueous layer and an upper layer of ethyl acetate containing lycopene. The surface layer was collected in a conical flask, while the bottom layer was discarded into a beaker. The final product was purified and stored.



Fig 4: Method For Extraction

Method Development:

Solubility:

The term 'solubility' is characterized as maximum amount of solute that dissolved in a given amount of solvent. Lycopene, A tomato phytoconstituent is soluble in selected solvents which includes ethyl acetate. partially soluble in methanol, ethanol and completely insoluble in chloroform and water.

WATER

CHLOROFORM

RM ETHANOL METHANOL Fig 5: Solubility Of Lycopene Extract In Different Solvents

Selection of solvents based on solubility of lycopene, stability of lycopene, compatibility with UV-Visible Spectroscopy. Lycopene is a non- polar

Method development:

Selection of solvent:

Trail-1:

Preparation Of Working Standard Solution:

which shows complete solublity as above figure 4.

Accurately I ml of solanum lycopersicum extract were measured and mixed with ethyl acetate transferred into 10ml volumetric flask, keep it aside. From the above, 1 ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up with 8:2 ethyl acetate and ethanol with a concentration of 10μ g/ml extract respectively.

compound, it is soluble in solvents like ethyl acetate. Lycopene extract of solanum lycopersicum was disolved in ratio of 1:1 ratio of ethyl acetate

Lycopene Extract In 8:2 Ethyl Acetate And Ethanol:

Fig 6: The peak has not been observed.

TRAIL-2:

Preparation of Standard solution:

Accurately 1λ ml of solanum lycopersicum extract were measured and mixed with ethyl acetate transferred into 10ml volumetric flask, keep it aside. From this I ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up with 6:4 ethyl acetate and ethanol with a concentration of 10μ g/ml extract respectively.

Lycopene extract in 6:4 ethyl acetate and ethanol:

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Fig 7: The peak has not been observed.

TRAIL-3:

Preparation of Standard solution:

Accurately 1 ml of solanum lycopersicum extract were measured and mixed with ethyl acetate transferred into 10ml volumetric flask, keep it aside.

From this 1 ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up with ethyl acetate a concentration of $10\mu g/ml$ extract respectively.

The Wavelength maxima was found to be - 426nm

1 ml Lycopene Extract In Ethyl Acetate

Fig 8: The peak has been observed.

Preparation of stock solution:100mg of drug was taken and transfer into clean, dry volumetric flask. the volume was made up to the mark with ethyl acetate, which is the standard solution.

Determination of absorbance maxima: The stock solution was diluted with ethyl acetate to get concentration of 100μ g/ml. this solution was scanned in the range of 400 to 600nm. The wavelength of maximum absorbance was found at 426nm

List of instruments used:

TABLE NO :1

INSTRUMENTS	NAME	MODEL
WEIGHING BALANCE	Shimadzu	ELB3OO

UV- VISIBLE	Shimadzu	UV-1800
SPECTROPHOTOMETER		

TABLE NO :2

Reagents and chemicals:

S.NO	CHEMICALS	GRADE	MANUFACTURE/SUPPLIER
1.	Solanum Lycopersicum	LR	Natural and organic
2.	Distilled water	LR	Himalaya chemicals
3.	Ethanol	LR	Himalaya chemicals

Validation:

Analytical Method Optimization:

Aim:

The present study is to develop a new method and validation of lycopene extract by UV- Visible Spectroscopy.

Quantitative Determination Of The Drug By Using The UV Visible Spectroscopy

Method:

Sample: Lycopene Extract

Standard solution drug: accurately weigh lycopene powder equivalent to 1gm and mix with 10ml of ethanol transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and filtered, keep it aside.

From this 1ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up with 1:9 ethanol and water to give a concentration of $10\mu g/ml$ of lycopene extract respectively.

Assay formula:

Weight of powder

Average weight of powder = -----

Bulk density Average weight × Equivalent weight

Amount to be taken=-----

Labelled claim

Acceptance criteria:

The limit of assay is in between the Where, A1=Peak area of sample solution A2=peak area of standard solution

C1=weight of working standard solution

Validation Parameters

1. Specificity:

Definition: specificity is the ability to assess and unequivocally the analyte in the presence of impurities, degradants, matrix(components) which may be expected to be present. Lack of specificity of an individual analytical procedure may be contented by other supporting analytical procedure. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

ICH Requirement:

The ICH document states that when chromatographic procedure are used representive peaks should be presented to demonstrate the degree of labelled.

peaks purity test (example; using selectivity and peaks should be approximately diode array or mass spectroscopy) may be useful to show that the analyte UV peak is not attributable to more than one component.

Specificity: At 50 μ g/ml against ethyl acetate

Table no :3

S. No	No of observation	absorbance
1	1	0.534
2	2	0.534
3	3	0.534
4	4	0.534
5	5	0.534
6	6	0.534

2. LINEARITY AND RANGE

Linearity:

Linearity is the ability of the method to obtain test results that are directly proportional to the analyte concentration within a given range. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

Range:

Range of analytical procedure is the interval between the upper and lower concentration of analyte in the sample (including concentration) for which it has been demonstrated that the analytical has a suitable level of precision, accuracy and linearity. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

Procedure:

Preparation of Standard Stock Solution:

Accurately 1ml of solanum lycopersicum were measured and transferred into volumetric flask and make up to the mark by using solvent ethyl acetate Preparation of (0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8µg/ml) sample solutions:

From the above stock solution pipette out 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7 and 0.8ml respectively into individual 10ml of volumetric flasks and made up to 10ml with ethyl acetate mark with to prepare 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7 and 0.8 μ g/ml of sample solutions respectively.

Acceptance criteria for Range:

Correlation co-efficient should not be less than 0.999.

Linearity and Range:

Linearity:

Table no :4

	Concentration in	Observation 1	Observation 2	Observation 3	Average
	µg/ml				
1	20	0.234	0.234	0.234	0.234
2	30	0.345	0.344	0.344	0.344
3	40	0.436	0.436	0.436	0.436
4	50	0.522	0.522	0.526	0.523
5	60	0.727	0.724	0.724	0.725
6	70	0.893	0.895	0.895	0.894
7	80	1.022	1.022	1.026	1.023

Linearity Graph:

The concentration from 20 to $80 \ \mu g/ml$ is found to be the range of this sample. Since this concentration obey linearity. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

3. Precision

Precision of an analytical method is the degree of agreement among individual test result procedure is applied repeatedly to multiple sampling of a homogenous sample. Precision method is usually expressed as the standard deviation and relative standard. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

Determination:

The precision of the analytical method was determined by assaying sufficient of samples and relative standard deviation was calculated. The precision of the instrument determined by assaying the samples consecutively number of time and relative's deviation was calculated.

Procedure:

A) System Precision

Preparation of Standard solution:

Accurately 1ml of solanum lycopersicum extract were measured and mixed with ethyl acetate transferred into 10ml volumetric flask, keep it aside. From this 1ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up with ethyl acetate a concentration of 10μ g/ml extract respectively. The analytical procedure results in wavelength maxima of 426nm.

Method Precision

preparation of Sample solution:

Accurately 1ml of solanum lycopersicum extract were measured and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and made up with 10ml ethyl acetate %RSD Formula = $\sigma/\mu \times 100$

Acceptance criteria:

Relative standard deviation (RSD) for the areas of betel from the standard peaks should be more than 2.0. The method precision was determined by preparing the sample from the tablet formulation for five times and six successive injections of 10ul of working sample solution were injected and the peaks were recorded.

PRECISION:

Intraday Precision at 50 µg/ml:

Table no :5

No of observation	Absorbance
1	0.543
2	0.543
3	0.543
4	0.542
5	0.544
6	0.546
Average	0.5435
Standard deviation	0.0014
Relative standard deviation	0.254
in % (RSD)	

Interday Precision at 50 µg/ml:

Table no :4

No of observation	Absorbance
1	0.536
2	0.542
3	0.543
4	0.543
5	0.544
6	0.539

Average	0.541
Standard deviation	0.003
Relative standard deviation	0.266
in % (RSD)	

8 4.Accuracy:

The accuracy of an analytical method is the closeness of that results obtained by that method to be true value. Accuracy may often be expressed as percent recovery by the assay of known added amount of analyte.

Determination:

The accuracy of the analytical method was determined by applying the method the analysed samples, to which known amounts of analyte had been added, the accuracy was calculated from the results as the percentage of analyte recovered by the assay

Procedure:

Preparation of Standard solution:

Accurately 0.4, 0.5 and 0.6ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract respectively were weighed and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask. From this 1ml of solution was pipetted out and transferred into 10ml of volumetric flask and the volume was made up with ethyl acetate water to a concentration of 0.4mg/ml, 0.5mg/ml and 0.6mg/ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract respectively.

Preparation of 40% sample solution:

Accurately 0.4ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract were measured and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask made up with ethyl acetate. Preparation of 50% sample solution:

Accurately 0.5ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract were measured and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask made up with ethyl acetate Preparation of 60% sample solution:

Accurately 0.6ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract were weighed and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask made up with ethyl acetate.

(Amount recovered)
%Recovery = x 100
(Actual amount added)

Acceptance criteria:

Percentage recovery in all the cases should be between 98.0 and 102.0% w/v.

Table showing results of accuracy:

Table no :6					
S.No	Abso	Absorbance			
	4.0	4.0 5.0 6.0			
1.	0.436	0.522	0.727		
2.	0.436	0.522	0.724		
3.	0.436	0.526	0.724		
mean	0.436	0.523	0.725		
STD	0.002	0.003	0.004		
%RSD	0.526	0.566	0.568		

(amount recovered)

Formula: % recovery = ----- 100

(actual amount added)

0.436

% recovery for 40% =----- $\times 100 = 99.1\% \text{ w/v}$

0.490

0.523

% recovery for 50% =----- $\times 100 = 97\% \text{ w/v}$ 0.538

0.725

% recovery for 60% =-----×100 = 99.3% w/v 0.730

5. ROBUSTNESS

It is a measure of ability to remain unaffected by small but deliberate variations parameters and provides an indication of its reliability during normal usage.

The robustness of an analytical method was determined by analysis of aliquots from homogenous lots by differing physical parameters of the assay for example change in physical parameters like wavelength, temperature and concentration. Preparation of Sample solution:

Accurately 1 ml of Solanum Lycopersicum extract were measured and transferred into 10ml volumetric flask and made up to the mark with ethyl acetate.

S.no	Absorbance	λmax(nm)
1.	0.536	426nm
2.		
	0.542	426nm
3.		
	0.543	426nm
4.	0.541	426nm
5.	0.542	426nm
6.	0.566	426nm
mean	0.541	
STD	0.003	
%RSD	0.566	

Table no :7

	Table no :7.1		
S.no	Absorbance	λmax(nm)	
1.			
	0.536	431nm	
2.			
	0.542	431nm	
3.			
	0.543	431nm	
4.	0.541	431nm	
5.	0.542	431nm	
6.	0.566	431nm	
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		

Table no :7.2

S.no	Absorbance	λmax(nm)
1.		
	0.536	421nm
2.		
	0.542	421nm
3.		
	0.543	421nm
4.	0.541	421nm
5.	0.542	421nm
6.	0.566	421nm
mean	0.541	

STD	0.003	
%RSD	0.566	

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	37°c	
2.			
	0.542	37°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	37 [°] c	426nm
4.	0.541	37°c	426nm
5.	0.542	37°c	426nm
6.	0.566	37 [°] c	426nm
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		

Table no: 7.4

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	42°c	
2.			
	0.542	42°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	42°c	426nm
4.	0.541	42°c	426nm
5.	0.542	42°c	426nm
6.	0.566	42 [°] c	426nm
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		

Table no:7.5

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	32°c	
2.			
	0.542	32°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	32°c	426nm
4.	0.541	32°c	426nm
5.	0.542	32°c	426nm
6.	0.566	32°c	426nm
mean	0.541		

STD	0.003	
%RSD	0.566	

6.Limit Of Detection

It is determined by based on the standard deviation of response and the slope The Detection limit may be expressed as

 3.3σ DL = ------S 3.3×0.003 DL = -----0.0134= $0.73880 \,\mu$ g/ml

LOD is based on the s/n ratio of the standard injection.

s/n ratio value shall be 3 for LOD.

7. Limit Of Quantification

It is determined by based on the standard deviation of response and the slope The Quantification limit may be expressed as

 10σ

QL = -----S

10×0.003

QL=-----

0.0134

 $= 2.2388 \, \mu g/ml$

LOQ is based on the s/n ratio of the standard injection

s/n ratio value shall be 10 for LOQ

RESULT:

Selection of solvent: Solubility of drug was checked in the solvent like ethyl acetate and n-hexane. The drug shows good absorbance in ethyl acetate.

S.no	Solvent	Solubility
1.	Water	Insoluble
2.	Chloroform	Insoluble
3.	Ethanol	Partially Soluble
4.	Methanol	Partially Soluble
5.	Ethyl Acetate Soluble	

SPECTRUM OF SOLANUM LYCOPERSICUM EXTRACT:

Selection Of Detector Wavelength

The wavelength selection is made at 400nm and 600nm maximum absorbance in uv spectrum as reported in the literature is in 400nm and 600nm respectively

ASSAY OF SOLANIUM LYCOPERSICUM EXTRACT:

Weight of extract = 15 mg 15 Average weight = ----- = 16.68mg 0.899 15×1 Amount to be taken =----- = 1.5mg 10 C_1 A_1 ----- = ------ C_2 A_2 A_2 $C_2 = \cdots \times C_1$ А 0.515 $C_{2} = ----- \times 10 = 9.5$ 0.54

= 95% w/v

Acceptance Criteria:

The limit of assay is in between the 90 $-\,102\%\,$ w/v

1.SPECIFICITY

The specificity of the method was confirmed by injecting he placebo and placebo standard and observed that the no shift in wavelength interference due to placebo. This confirms the specificity of the proposed method. The results are reported in table no: **Specificity : at 50 \mug/ml against ethylene acetate**

Table no:8

S. No	No of observation	absorbance
1	1	0.534
2	2	0.534
3	3	0.534
4	4	0.534
5	5	0.534
6	6	0.534

2. LINEARITY AND RANGE:

Linearity was evaluated by visual inspection of plot of peak are as a function of analyte concentrations for drug. From the linearity studies the specified range was determined for drug.

Linearity:

S.no	Concentration in	Observation 1	Observation 2	Observation 3	Average
	µg/ml				
1	20	0.234	0.234	0.234	0.234
2	30	0.345	0.344	0.344	0.344
3	40	0.436	0.436	0.436	0.436
4	50	0.522	0.522	0.526	0.523
5	60	0.727	0.724	0.724	0.725
6	70	0.893	0.895	0.895	0.894
7	80	1.022	1.022	1.026	1.023

Table no : 9

LINEARITY GRAPH:

RANGE:

The concentration from 20 to $80 \,\mu$ g/ml is found to be the range of this sample. Since this concentration obey linearity.

3.PRECISION:

Intraday Precision at 50 µg/ml:

Table no:10

No of observation	Absorbance
1	0.543
2	0.543
3	0.543
4	0.542
5	0.544
6	0.546
Average	0.5435
Standard deviation	0.0014
Relative standard deviation	0.254
in % (RSD)	

Table no :11

Interday Precision at 50 µg/ml:

No of observation	Absorbance
1	0.536
2	0.542
3	0.543
4	0.543
5	0.544
6	0.539
Average	0.541
Standard deviation	0.003
Relative standard deviation	0.266
in % (RSD)	

4.ACCURACY

Table showing results of accuracy:

Table	no	:11
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S. No	Absorbance		
	4.0	5.0	6.0
1.	0.436	0.522	0.727
2.	0.436	0.522	0.724
3.	0.436	0.526	0.724
mean	0.436	0.523	0.725
STD	0.002	0.003	0.004
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0.523

% recovery for 50% =-----×100 = 97% w/v 0.520

0.725

% recovery for 60% =----- $\times 100~=~99.3\%\,w/v$

0.730

5.ROBUSTNESS: Robustness is carried out the assay during which free rate and temperature were altered slightly. The results are reported in the Table no :12

S.no	Absorbance	λmax(nm)
1.	0.536	426nm
2.		
	0.542	426nm
3.		
	0.543	426nm

4.	0.541	426nm
5.	0.542	426nm
6.	0.566	426nm
mean	0.541	
STD	0.003	
%RSD	0.566	

Table no :12.1				
S.no	S.no Absorbance λmax(nm)			
1.				
	0.536	431nm		
2.				
	0.542	431nm		
3.				
	0.543	431nm		
4.	0.541	431nm		
5.	0.542	431nm		
6.	0.566	431nm		
mean	0.541			
STD	0.003			
%RSD	0.566			

Table no :12.2

S.no	Absorbance	λmax(nm)
1.		
	0.536	421nm
2.		
	0.542	421nm
3.		
	0.543	421nm
4.	0.541	421nm
5.	0.542	421nm
6.	0.566	421nm
mean	0.541	
STD	0.003	
%RSD	0.566	

Table no :12.3

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	37°c	
2.			
	0.542	37°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	37°c	426nm
4.	0.541	37°c	426nm
5.	0.542	37°c	426nm

6.	0.566	37°c	426nm
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		
Table no: 12.4			

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	42°c	
2.			
	0.542	42°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	42°c	426nm
4.	0.541	42°c	426nm
5.	0.542	42°c	426nm
6.	0.566	42°c	426nm
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		

Table no:12.5

S.no	Absorbance	Temperature(⁰ c)	λmax(nm)
1.			426nm
	0.536	32°c	
2.			
	0.542	32°c	426nm
3.			
	0.543	32°c	426nm
4.	0.541	32°c	426nm
5.	0.542	32 [°] c	426nm
6.	0.566	32°c	426nm
mean	0.541		
STD	0.003		
%RSD	0.566		

6.LIMIT OF DETECTION:

It is determined by based on the standard deviation of response and the slope The Detection limit may be expressed as

 $DL = \frac{3.3\sigma}{S}$ $DL = \frac{3.3 \times 0.003}{0.0134}$

 $= 0.73880 \ \mu g/ml$

LOD is based on the s/n ratio of the standard injection. s/n ratio value shall be 3 for LOD.

7.LIMIT OF QUANTIFICATION:

It is determined by based on the standard deviation of response and the slope The Quantification limit may be expressed as

10σ QL = ----- S 10×0.003

OL=-----

0.0134

 $= 2.2388 \ \mu g/ml$

LOQ is based on the s/n ratio of the standard injection

s/n ratio value shall be 10 for LOQ

CONCLUSION:

- A new method is developed for estimation in Solanum Lycopersicum extract by UV Visible spectrophotometry.
- The sample preparation is simple and analysis time is short.
- The analytical procedure is validated as per ICH Q2R1guidelines and shown to be accurate, precise, specific and obeys linearity within range.
- This method represents a fast-analytical procedure for the estimation of Solanum Lycopersium in its bulk and pharmaceutical dosage form by using UV Visible spectrophotometry.
- The methods enable to routine analysis of large number of samples with good precision and accuracy.
- The solvents used are ethyl acetate which is easily available and economical.

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