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# METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION PROCESS FOR THE ESTIMATION OF LINEZOLID AND ITS FORMULATION USING THE REVERSE PHASE HIGH-PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY METHOD

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#### Abstract:

The objective of this study was to develop a reliable and accurate RP-HPLC method for the determination of Linezolid content in drug formulations. The method development involved the optimization of various parameters, including the mobile phase composition, column selection, and detection wavelength. The Linezolid drug and its formulation were subjected to RP-HPLC analysis using the developed method. For the validation of the RP-HPLC method, parameters such as linearity, precision, accuracy, specificity, robustness, and system suitability were evaluated. The linearity of the method was determined by analyzing Linezolid standard solutions at different concentrations. Precision was assessed by repeatability and intermediate precision studies. Accuracy was determined by recovery studies conducted at various spiked levels.

The developed RP-HPLC method exhibited satisfactory results for all validation parameters. The linearity of the method was excellent over the specified concentration range. Specificity tests demonstrated that the method was selective for Linezolid, without interference from other components. The method showed robustness, as minor variations in the chromatographic conditions did not significantly affect the Linezolid peak. In conclusion, the developed RP-HPLC method proved to be reliable, accurate, and specific for the estimation of Linezolid drug and its formulation. The validation results indicated that the method is suitable for routine analysis of Linezolid samples, ensuring the quality control of Linezolid-based products and compliance with regulatory guidelines.

Keywords: Linezolid, bioavailability, Solubility, Qualitative analysis, RP-HPLC method.

## Linezolid

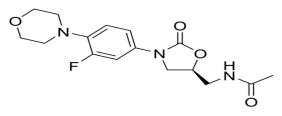


Figure No. 01: Structure of Linezolid

Linezolid is a synthetic antibiotic which is used for the treatment of infections caused by aerobic Gram-positive bacteria. Its effects are bacteriostatic against both enterococci and staphylococci and bactericidal against most isolates of streptococci. Linezolid exerts its antibacterial activity by inhibiting the initiation of bacterial protein synthesis - more specifically, it binds to the 23S ribosomal RNA of the 50S subunit and, in doing so, prevents the formation of the 70S initiation complex which is essential for bacterial reproduction.

Linezolid was initially approved in 2000 and was the first member of the oxazolidinone antibiotic class. A second member of this class, tedizolid, was approved by the FDA in 2014 and is considered generally more effective and tolerable than its predecessor.

Chemical name: N-[[(5S)-3-(3-fluoro-4-morpholin-4-ylphenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl]acetamide

Molecular formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

Molecular weight: 337.35 g/mol

**Melting Point:** 181.5-182.5°C

Solubility: It is soluble in Water, Ethanol, Methanol, and Hexane.

Category: antibacterial

**PKa:** 1.8

Linezolid is indicated in adults and children for the treatment of infections caused by susceptible Gram-positive bacteria, including nosocomial pneumonia, community-acquired pneumonia, skin and skin structure infections, and vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecium infections. Examples of susceptible bacteria include Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pyogenes, and Streptococcus agalactiae.

Linezolid is not indicated for the treatment of Gram-negative infections, nor has it been evaluated for use longer than 28 days.

#### **Materials and Method**

# 1. Procurement of drug sample

Table No. 1: Details of drug sample

Name of Drug	Quantity	Drug Supplier
Linezolid	5gm	

#### 2. Reagents and chemicals

All the chemicals used are of HPLC and AR grade. Chemicals used are as follows

#### **Table No. 2: Reagents and Chemicals List**

Sr	•. N	No.	REAGENTS	GRADE	MANUFACTURES
	1		Acetonitrile	HPLC	LOBA CHEMIE Pvt. Ltd
	2		Water	HPLC	LOBA CHEMIE Pvt. Ltd
	3	1	Orthophosphoric	AR	PALLAV Chemical and
			acid (OPA)		Solvent Pvt. Ltd
$ \land $	4		Methanol	HPLC	LOBA CHEMIE Pvt. Ltd

#### **Experimental Work**

#### 1. Identification of drug

#### Organoleptic properties of drug

The sample of Linezolid was checked for organoleptic properties such as colour and odour.

#### Melting point determination

Identification of Linezolid was done by checking its melting point and it was found in the range of 181.5-182.5°C Standard.

#### Solubility analysis

It is soluble in Water, Ethanol, Methanol, and Hexane.

#### Fourier Transform Infra-red Spectroscopy (FTIR)

The IR study of pure drug was carried out by using Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer (BRUKER). Infrared absorption spectrum of Linezolid was recorded and interpreted over the wave number 400 to 600 cm-1 using Fourier Transform spectrophotometer (Bruker, ECO- ATR)

#### Selection of wave length

From the above stock solution further dilution were prepared and scanned between range of 200-400nm and spectra were obtain. The observed  $\lambda$ max for Linezolid was 258nm.

#### 2. High Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method

# Preparation of standard stock solutions

Accurately 10.0 mg weighed quantity of Linezolid was transferred to 100 mL volumetric flask. That was dissolved by adding 50 mL mobile phase and then the drug solution was diluted up to the mark with mobile phase to get the stock solution of 100  $\mu$ g/mL of Linezolid.

The working standard solutions of drug were obtained by appropriate dilution of the respective stock solution with mobile phase.

# 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 preparation-

0.3 ml of ortho-phosphoric acid was mixed with 300 ml of HPLC grade water. Adjusted pH of 0.1% OPA to 4.0 using triethyl amine. Filtered through 0.45  $\mu$  filter paper. Sonicated for 5 minutes.

#### **Mobile Phase Preparation**

Mixed 700 ml of Acetonitrile, 300 ml of 0.1% OPA pH 4.0. Filtered through 0.45 µ filter paper. Sonicated for 5 minutes.

#### Trial and error method:

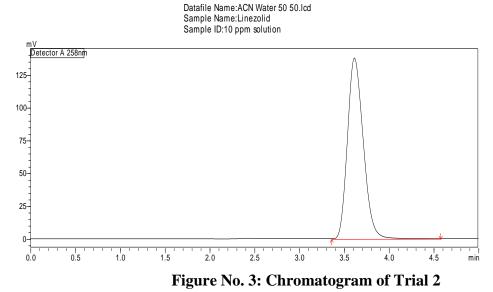
Trial	Column	Mobile	Flow	Wavelength	Observation	Result
No.	Used	Phase	Rate			
1.	X-Terra RP	Acetonitrile :	0.5ml/min	258 nm	No stable	Method
	18,	0.1% OPA			baseline and	rejected
	100 mm x	(70:30)			tailing peak. and	1
	4.6 mm,				theoretical plates	8.
	3.5µm				found less	2
2.	Agilent C18,	Acetonitrile :	0.6ml/min	258 nm	No stable	Method
	250 mm x	Water			baseline	rejected
	4.6 mm, 5µm	(50:50)				
	Agilent	Acetonitrile	0.8ml/min	258nm	Some small	Method
3.	C18, 250	Water pH 3.0			peaks were	rejected
	mm x 4.6	(70:30)			observed.	
	mm, 5µm					
	Agilent	Acetonitrile	0.9ml/min	258nm	Peak shape	Method
4.	C18, 250	Buffer pH			was not proper	rejected
	mm x 4.6	6.0				
	mm, 5µm	(60:40)				

# Table No.3: Trial and error method

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5.	Shimadzu	ACN: 0.1%	1.0ml/min	258nm	Peak sh	nape, RT	Method
	C18, 250	OPA pH 4.0			and	baseline	accepted
	mm x 4.6	(70:30)			found		
	mm, 5µm				satisfact	ory	
	mV Detector A258m						
	150						
	125						
	100-						
	75-			Λ			
	50-			/ \			
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Trial	0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75	5 1.00 1.25 1.50	1.75 2.00 2.25 2	250 2.75 3.00	325 350 3.75	4.00 4.25 4.50	4.75 min
		F	igure No. 2:	Chromato	gram of Tria	11	
		Tabl	e No. 4: Chr	omatograj	phic Conditio	on for	
				Trial 1			
				A	0.10/ 0.01		20)
		bile phase			: 0.1% OPA	-	
		on of column	100	) mm x 4.6	mm, <mark>5</mark> μ , C18		X-Terra
Flow rate 0.50 ml/min						in	
Detection wavelength 258 nm						2	
	Injection Volume 10 µl						<u>ر</u>
	Со	nclusion	No stable ba	aseline and	tailing peak. a	and theoret	ical plates found
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Trial 2



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# Table No.5: Chromatographic Condition for Trial 2

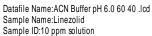
	Mobile phase	ACN : Water (50 : 50)	
Trial 3	Selection of column	250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μ , C18 Make- Agilent	
	Flow rate	0.60 ml/min	
Detection wavelength		258 nm	
50- Injection Volume		10 µl	
40 Conclusion		No stable baseline and theoretical plates were found less	
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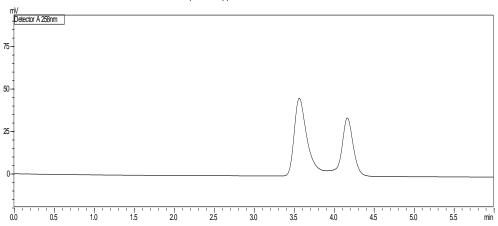
Figure No. 4: Chromatogram of Trial 3

Table No. 6: Chromatographic Condition f	for Trial 3
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ACN : Water pH 3.0 (70 : 30)
250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μ, C18 Make- Agilent
0.80 ml/min
258 nm
10 µl
Some small peaks were observed.

#### Trial 4



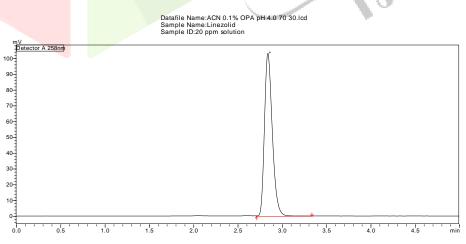


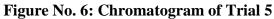
#### Figure No. 5: Chromatogram of Trial 4

# Table No. 7: Chromatographic Condition for Trial 4

Mobile phase	ACN : Buffer pH 6.0 (60: 40)		
Selection of column	150 x 4.6 mm, 5 μ , C18	Make- Agilent	
Flow rate	0.90 ml/min		
Detection wavelength	258 nm		
Injection Volume	10 µl		
Conclusion	Peak shape was not prope	r.	







Mobile phase	ACN : 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 (70: 30)	
Selection of column	250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μ , C18 Make- Shimadzu	
Flow rate	1.0 ml/min	
Detection wavelength	258 nm	
Injection Volume	10 μl	
Conclusion	Good Peak and Retention time observed (confirmed)	

# **Table No. 8: Chromatographic Condition for Trial 5**

#### **Optimized Chromatographic Conditions**

#### Table No.9: Optimized Chromatographic Conditions

Mobile phase	ACN : 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 (70: 30)		
Selection of column	250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μ , C18	Make- Shimadzu	
Flow rate	1.0 ml/min		
Detection wavelength	258 nm		
Injection Volume	10 µl		
Conclusion	Good Peak and Retention time observed (confirmed)		

# Validation of Developed RP-HPLC Method

# 1. Linearity

The chromatographic conditions were set as per the optimized parameters and mobile phase was allowed to equilibrate with stationary phase as was indicated by the steady baseline. Test solutions of different concentration were injected separately and the chromatograms were recorded. A series of test preparations of Linezolid (5-40 $\mu$ g/ml) were prepared by taking 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0ml from the stock solution in six 100 ml volumetric flask and final volume make up to the mark with mobile phase.

# 2. Precision

# **Intraday and Interday Precision**

Intraday precision study was carried out by preparing test solution of same concentration and analyzing it at two different times in a day. The same procedure was followed for two different days to determine interday precision. The result was reported as %RSD. The precision result showed a good reproducibility with percent relative standard deviation less than 2.

The % RSD obtained should be NMT 2.0.

# 3. LOD and LOQ:

LOD and LOQ determined by the following formula by taking the standard deviation of y- intercept and slope from the linearity curves.

The detection limit of an individual analytical procedure is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be detected but not necessarily quantified as an exact value. Limits are prescribed as percentage or as parts per million. The limit of detection will not only depend on the procedure of analysis but also on type of instrument. A signal-to-noise ratio between 3:1 or 2:1 is generally considered acceptable for estimating the detection limit. It may be calculated based on standard deviation (SD) of the response and slope of the curve(S).

LOD= 3.3 (SD)/ S

Where, SD = Standard deviation,

S = Slope of the curve.

The quantitation limit of an individual analytical procedure is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision and Accuracy. It is expressed as the conc. of analyte (e.g., percentage, parts per billion) in the sample. A typical signal-to-noise ratio is 10:1 or 20:1.

The S/N ratio should not less than 10.

It may be calculated based on standard deviation (SD) of the response and slope of the curve(S).

LOQ = 10 (SD)/S

Where, SD = Standard deviation,

S = Slope of the curve.

#### 4. Accuracy

Samples are prepared normally covering 50 % to 150 % of the nominal sample preparation concentration. These samples are analyzed and the recoveries of each are calculated. For this study,

- Prepare three preparation of each 50 %, 100 % and 150 % level and inject in to the chromatography.
- Make the injection lowest concentration to highest concentration.
- Calculate individual recovery, mean recovery and %RSD.

#### Acceptance Criteria:

• Individual and mean % recovery should be within 98.0 % to 102.0 %.

#### 5. Repeatability

Repeatability precision study was carried out by preparing test solution of same concentration and analyzing it at five different times. The result was reported as %RSD. The precision result showed a good reproducibility with percent relative standard deviation less than 2.

#### 6. Robustness

The robustness of an analytical procedure is an estimate of its capacity to last unchanged by slight but intentional change in the analytical method parameters. To assess HPLC method robustness some measurable factors were

intentionally changed. The study was carried out solution (20  $\mu$ g/mL) by varying the flow rate (1.0, and 1.2 mL/min) and, Wavelength (256 and 258) respectively.

#### 7. Ruggedness

The value for %RSD (Relative Standard Deviation) less than 2 for three successive injections of solution (20  $\mu$ g/mL) by two different analysts of the sample solution from the same homogenous mixture at working concentrations, which indicate the method developed is rugged.

#### **Results and Discussion**

# **1** Identification of drug

# 1.1 Organoleptic properties of drug

#### Table No. 10: Organoleptic properties of drug

Sr. No.	Organoleptic Property	Linezolid	
1	Colour		
2	Odour	Odourless	

#### 1.2 Melting point of drug

#### Table No. 11: Melting point of drug

Sr. No.	Name of drug	M.P. (°C)
1	Linezolid	182°C

# **1.3 Solubility Study:**

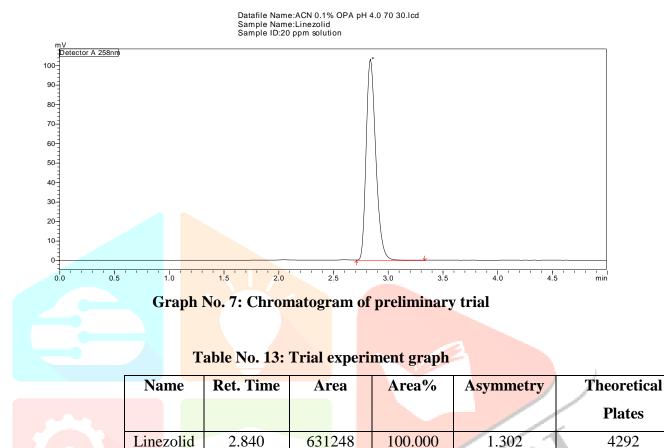
Solubility of Linezolid was observed by dissolving them in different solvents and the observed results are given in the table no.13

# Table No. 12: Solubility Study of Linezolid

Sr. No.	Solvents	Solubility
1	Water	Soluble
2	Methanol	Soluble
3	Hexane	Soluble
4	Ethanol	Soluble

# 2 Preliminary HPLC method development

At the beginning of the experiment, trial run was performed as per section 7.2.5 of chapter7. The chromatogram and data obtained with first condition viz. ACN: 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 (70: 30) at 258nm and was as shown in Graph No. 02 and Table 14.



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#### 3. RP-HPLC method validation

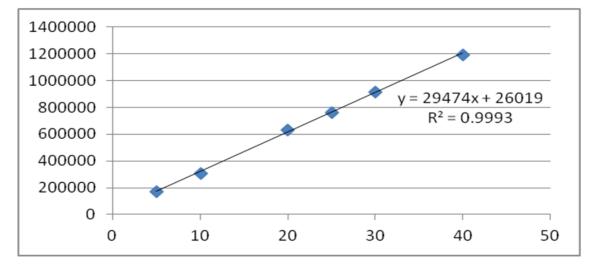
#### **3.1. Linearity and Range**

Drug was found to be linear in the concentration range of 5-40 µg/ml. Results obtained are shown in Table no.

32 and calibration plot obtained was shown in Graph no. 25

Table No. 14: Data of calibration curve of Linezolid by HPLC method

Sr. No.	Linezolid	Time	Peak Area	No. of	Asymmetry
	Conc.			Theoretical	
	(ppm)			Plates	
1	5	2.843	173024	4338	1.305
2	10	2.842	309695	4325	1.303
3	20	2.841	631512	4296	1.305
4	25	2.842	760871	4329	1.305
5	30	2.842	915622	4315	1.305
6	40	2.845	1196963	4358	1.309



# Graph No.8: Linearity graph of Linezolid

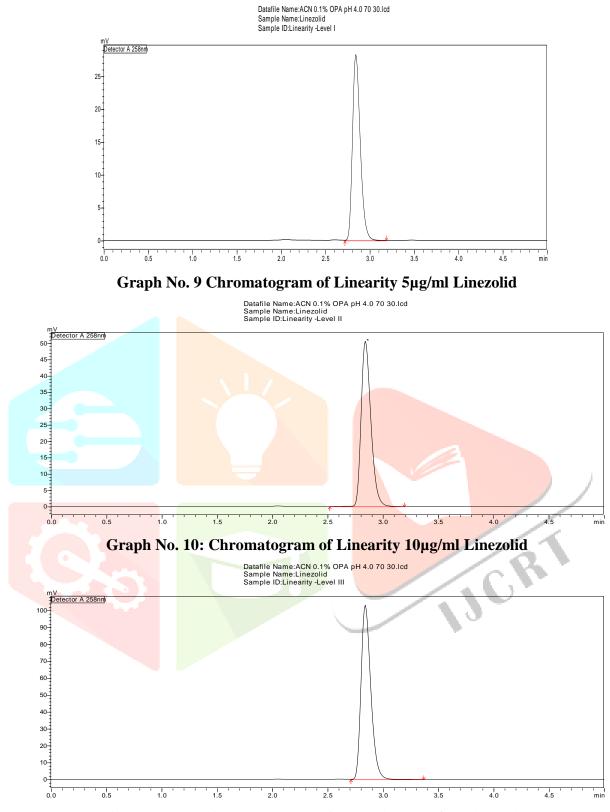
Data Interpretation: The method was found to be linear for Linezolid. The correlation coefficient of the plot was found to be 0.9993.

# **Optical characteristics**

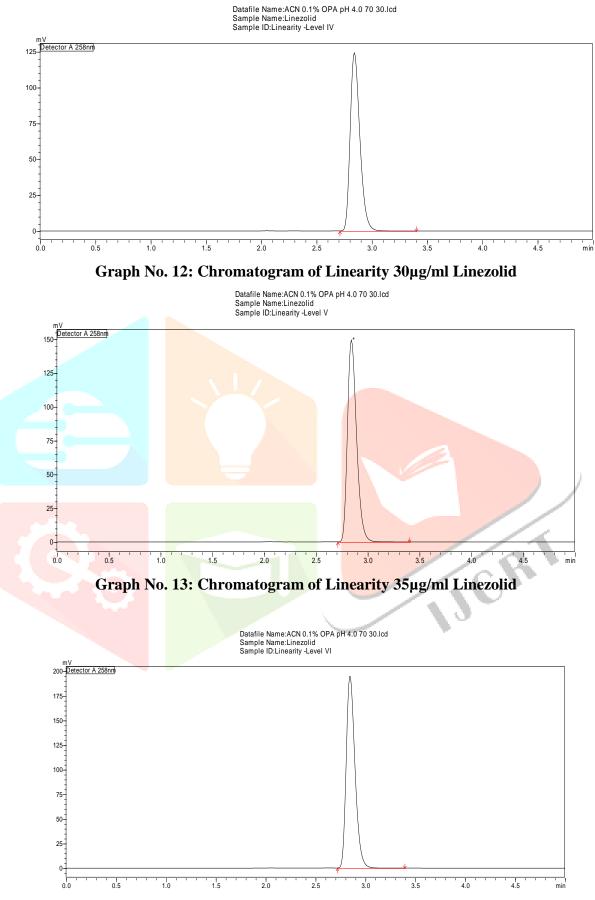
Optical characteristics and statistical data of linearity for Linezolid by HPLC method are summarized in Table no. 16.

Table 10, 15. Optical characteristics for Emezoniu							
Sr. No <mark>.</mark>	Parameters Parameters	HPLC method					
1	λ <sub>max</sub>	258					
2	Linearity	5-40					
3 Regression equa		y = 29474x + 26019					
4	Slope[m]	29474					
5	Intercept [c]	26019					
6	Correlation coefficient [r <sup>2</sup> ]	0.9993					
7	Limit of detection (LOD)	0.78					
8	Limit of quantitation (LOQ)	2.34					

# Table No. 15: Optical characteristics for Linezolid



Graph No. 11: Chromatogram of Linearity 20µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 14: Chromatogram of Linearity 40µg/ml Linezolid

# 3.2. Accuracy

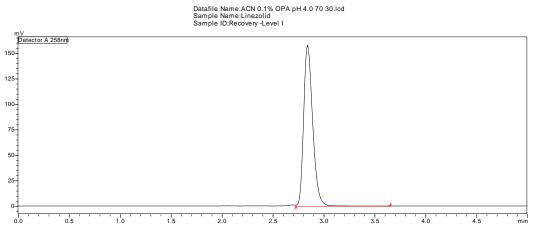
Accuracy was studied by standard addition method and % recovery found was within acceptable limit. Statistical validation is shown in Table No 17.

	Level	Standard	Conc.	Total	Area	Std	Drug	
	of	added	(ml)	Conc.	Obtained	Area	recovered	%Recovery
	addition	(ml)	(IIII)	(µg/ml)	Obtained	Alea	(µg/ml)	
		1.0 ml	2.0 ml	30	911889		30.91	102.8%
	50%	1.0 ml	2.0 ml	30	911894	911891	30.96	103.1%
		1.0 ml	2.0 ml	30	911892		30.94	103.0%
		2.0 ml	2.0 ml	40	1182639		40.14	100.4%
	100%	2.0 ml	2.0 ml	40	1182632	1182635	40.10	100.2%
		2.0 ml	2.0 ml	40	1182636		40.12	100.3%
		3.0 ml	2.0 ml	50	1482467		50.28	100.5%
-	150%	3.0 ml	2.0 ml	50	1482462	1482460	50.25	100.2%
		3.0 ml	2.0 ml	50	1482469		50.29	100.6%

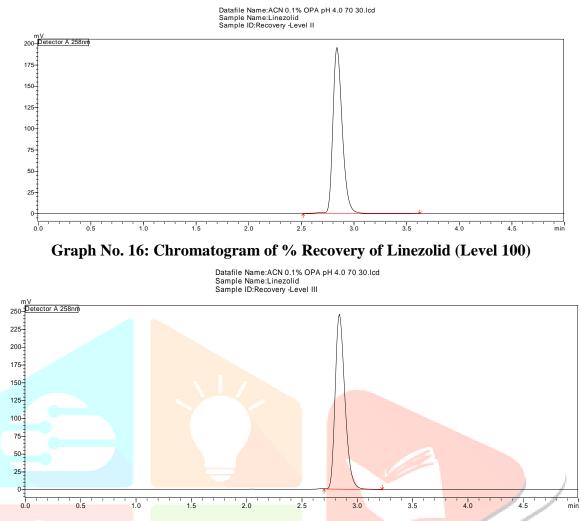
Table No. 16: Data for recovery study of Linezolid by HPLC method

# Table No 17: Statistical validation of Linezolid by HPLC method

Levels	% Mean recovery	SD	%RSD
50%	103.2%	0.0311	0.0318
100%	100.3%	0.0188	0.0188
150%	100.4%	0.0124	0.0123



Graph No. 15: Chromatogram of % Recovery of Linezolid (Level 50)



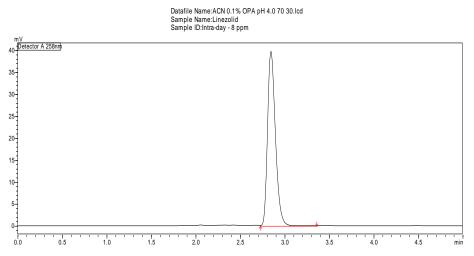
Graph No. 17: Chromatogram of % Recovery of Linezolid (Level 150)

#### 3.3 Precision

Intraday and interday precision assures the repeatability of test results. The % RSD found was below 2. Result of intraday and interday precision was shown in Table no. 19 and Table no. 38 respectively.

Sr.No.	Concentration	Area	Area	Area	Area-	% RSD
		Set I	Set II	Set III	Mean	
1	8 µg/ml	244020	244002	243970	243997	0.01%
2	16 µg/ml	484168	483909	484172	484083	0.03%
3	32 μg/ml	983112	983717	983544	982457	0.03%

Table No. 18: Data for intraday precision of Linezolid by HPLC method



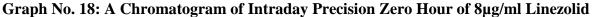
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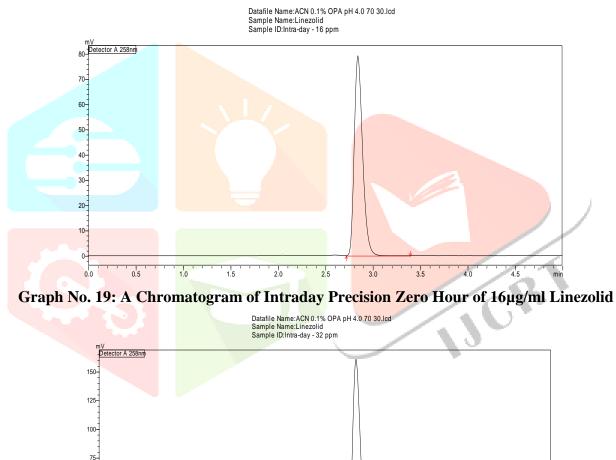
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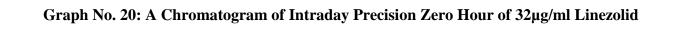
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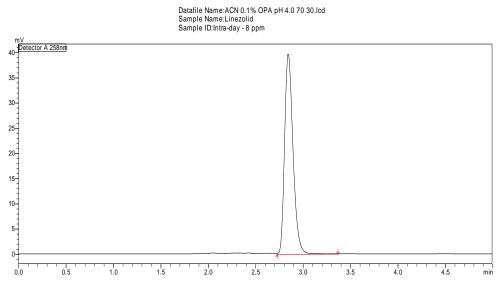




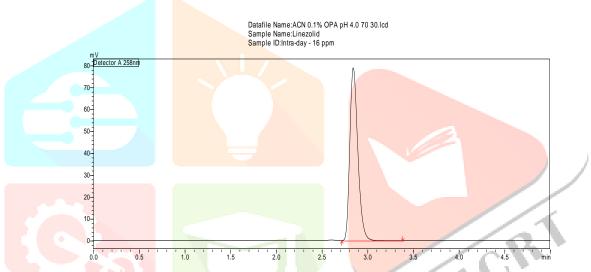
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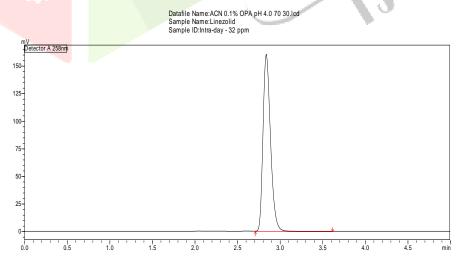
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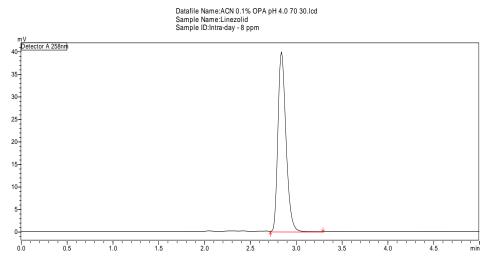
Graph No. 21: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Two Hour of 8µg/ml Linezolid



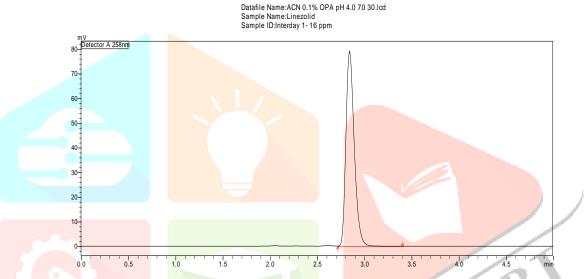
Graph No. 22: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Two Hour of 16µg/ml Linezolid



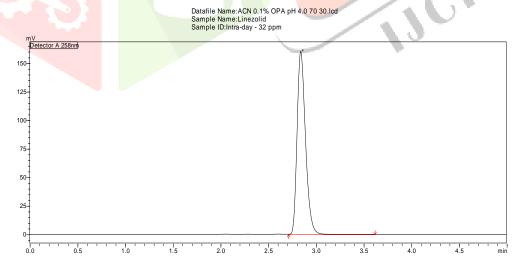
Graph No. 23: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Two Hour of 32µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 24: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Four Hour of 8µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 25: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Four Hour of 16µg/ml Linezolid

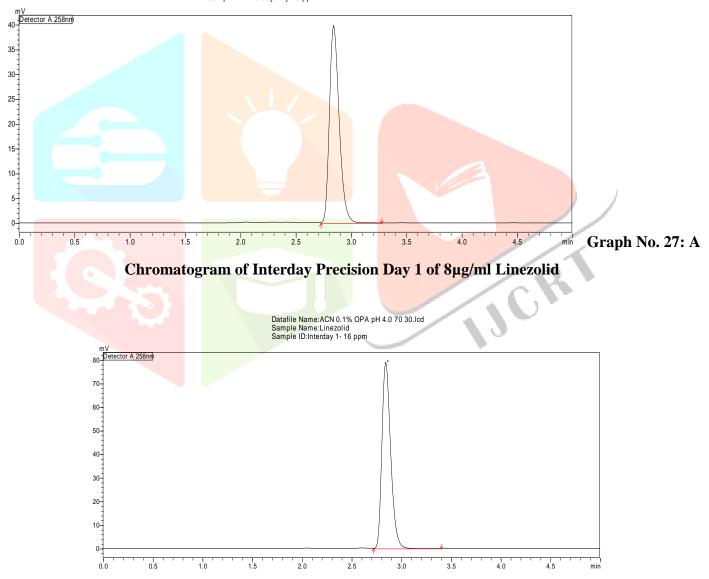


Graph No. 26: A Chromatogram of Intraday Precision Four Hour of 32µg/ml Linezolid

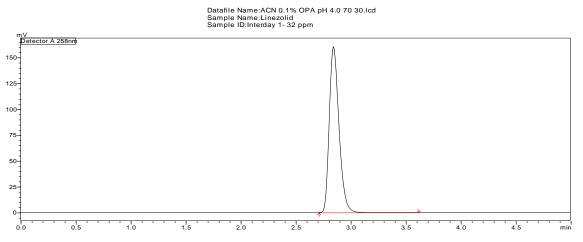
Sr.No.	Concentration	Area	Area	Area	Mean	% RSD
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Area	
1	8 µg/ml	243508	241970	243753	243077	0.40%
2	16 μg/ml	484172	483719	484434	484108	0.07%
3	32 µg/ml	983855	983770	982719	983448	0.06%

#### Table No. 19: Data for interday precision of Linezolid by HPLC method

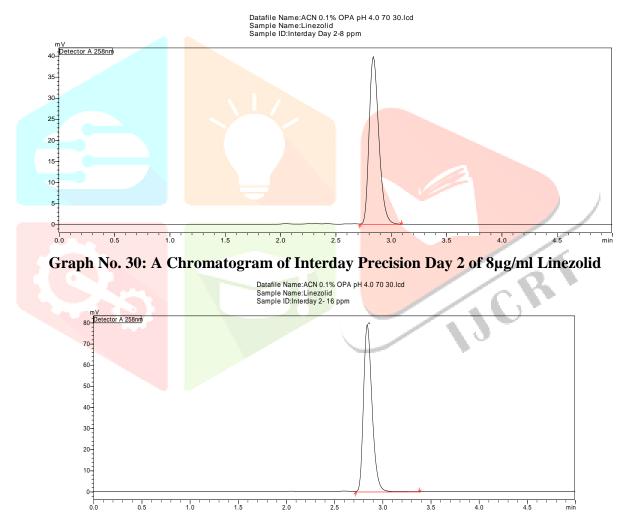
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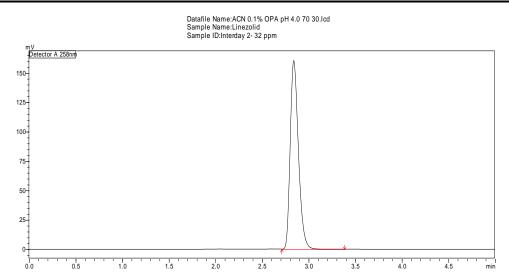
Graph No. 28: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 1 of 16µg/ml Linezolid



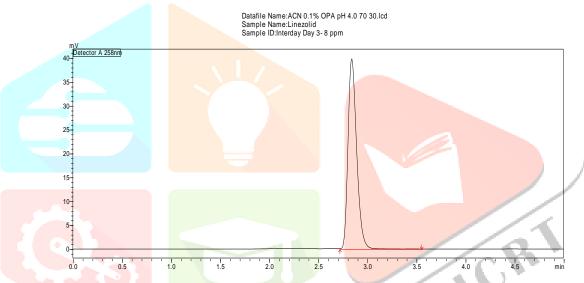
Graph No. 29: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 1 of 32µg/ml Linezolid



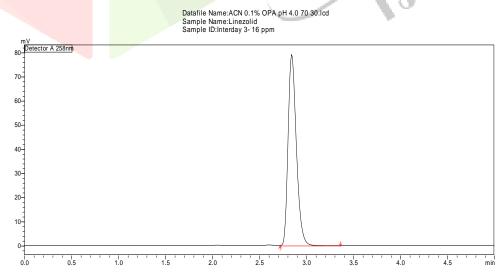
Graph No. 31: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 2 of 16µg/ml Linezolid



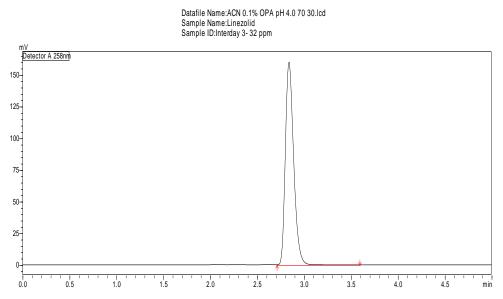
Graph No. 32: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 2 of 32µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 33: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 3 of 8µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 34: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 3 of 16µg/ml Linezolid



Graph No. 35: A Chromatogram of Interday Precision Day 3 of 32µg/ml Linezolid

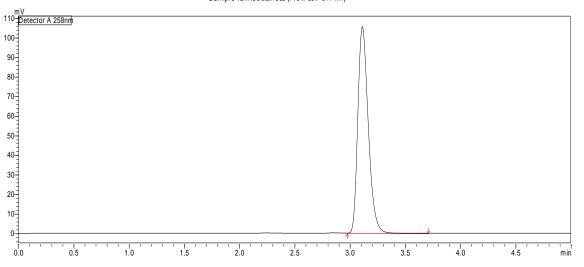
# **3.4 Robustness**

Robustness was studied by different deliberate variations in the chromatographic conditions. Results are shown in Table no 21.

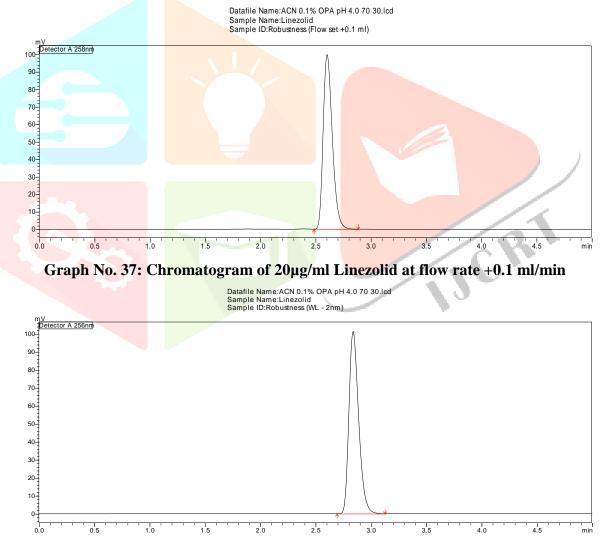
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Sr. No.	Parameter	<b>Condition</b>	Area	Mean	SD	%RSD
 1	Change in	1.0	619347			
2	Flow rate	1.0	619265	619267.3	78.526	0.01268
3	(ml/min)	1.0	619190	10		
		1.2	616297			
2		1.2	616186	616288	97.81104	0.015871
3		1.2	616381			
1	Change in	256	620253			
2	Wavelength	256	620368	620454.3	255.6762	0.041208
3	(nm)	256	620742			
1		258	621753			
2		258	621856	621750.3	107.0249	0.017213
3		258	621642			

# Table No. 20: Data for Robustness study of Linezolid by HPLC method

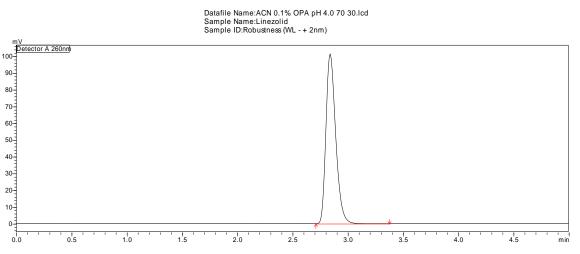
Datafile Name:ACN 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 70 30.lcd Sample Name:Linezolid Sample ID:Robustness (Flow set -0.1 ml)



Graph No. 36: Chromatogram of 20µg/ml Linezolid at flow rate -0.1 ml/min



Graph No. 38: Chromatogram of 50µg/ml Linezolid at Wavelength 256nm



Graph No. 39: Chromatogram of 50µg/ml Linezolid at Wavelength 260nm

#### 3.5 Limit of detection and limit of Quantitation

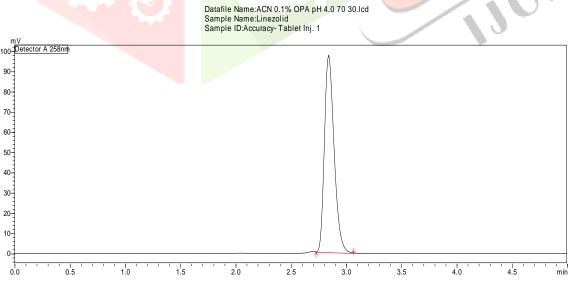
The results of LOD and LOQ are presented in Table No. 22

#### Table No. 21: Results of LOD and LOQ values of Linezolid

C	Drugs	LOD (µg/ml)	LOQ (µg/ml)
	Linezolid	0.78	2.34

# **3.6 Analysis of Marketed Formulation**

The assay of marketed formulation was performed as per the procedure provided in section 7.6., chapter 7. Linezolid that can be quantified using proposed method was shown in Table 22.





Marketed	Label Claim	Observed amount	% Assay
Formulation		(mg)	
LIZOLID	600 mg Linezolid	600.31	100.05

#### Table No. 22: Result of assay of Linezolid in marketed formulation.

#### Conclusion

The RP-HPLC method developed for estimation of Linezolid was validated as per ICH Q2 (R1) guidelines using various parameters. In this project, as per our objective RP-HPLC method was developed and validated on analytical column Agilent ( $250 \times 4.6$ mm,  $5\mu$ m), with mobile phase ACN: 0.1% OPA pH 4.0 (70: 30). The flow rate was kept at 1.0 ml /min and UV detection was carried out at 258 nm. The retention time for Linezolid was found to be 2.840 min. RP-HPLC method has been developed for estimation of Linezolid in tablet dosage form. The proposed method was validated and it was found to be simple, sensitive, precise, and robust and it can be used for the routine analysis of Linezolid in bulk. All result are in acceptable limits such as %RSD is less than 2%, Tailing Factor less than 2, theoretical plates more than 2000.



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