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Simultaneous Determination of Impurities and Degradation Product in Fluralaner Antiparasitic Drugs Using Reverse Phase High-Performance Liquid Chromatography Method

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ABSTRACT

A simple, selective and fast Reversed-Phase High-Performance Liquid Chromatographic (RP-HPLC) approach for identifying related compounds in fluralaner, an Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API), has been developed and validated. The chromatographic system consisted of LC-2030C 3D with PDA detector and auto-sampler. The chromatographic separation was performed by gradient elution method using Hypersil BDS C_{18} column (250 mm×4.6 mm, 5 µm) as a stationary phase and mobile phase comprising of phosphate buffer (pH 4.0), acetonitrile (60:40) v/v in phase A and acetonitrile and methanol (50:50) v/v as phase B at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min⁻¹. Using an ultraviolet absorbance detector, the samples were detected and quantified at 264 nm. The method was found selective and a peak of the fluralaner was well separated with other impurities. For fluralaner the proposed method is linear ($r^2 = 0.999$), accurate (with 99.0% recovery) and precise (%RSD<2%). The method has been utilized to determine related substances in commercial products and was found to be accurate within a limit.

Graphical Abstract:



Impurity spike chromatogram.

Keywords: Fluralaner, Impurity, Method validation, RP-HPLC.