



## Development and Validation of Derivative Spectroscopic Method for the Simultaneous Estimation of Lafutidine and Rabepazole Sodium in Combined Dosage Form

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### ABSTRACT

The Present manuscript describe simple, sensitive, rapid, accurate, precise and economical first derivative spectrophotometric method for the simultaneous determination of Lafutidine and Rabepazole Sodium in combined Pharmaceutical dosage form. The derivative Spectrophotometric method was based on the determination of both the drugs at their respective Zero Crossing Point (ZCP). The First order derivative spectra was obtained in Methanol and the determinations were made at 284.2nm (ZCP of Rabepazole Sodium) for Lafutidine and 272.8nm (ZCP of Lafutidine) for Rabepazole Sodium. The linearity was obtained in the concentration range of 10-45 µg/ml for Lafutidine and 6-20 µg/ml for Rabepazole Sodium. The mean recovery was 102.46 ± 1.19 and 100.61 ± 1.0 for Lafutidine and Rabepazole Sodium, respectively. The method was found to be Simple, Sensitive, Accurate and Precise as per ICH guideline Q2B(R1). The Proposed method was successfully applied for the simultaneous estimation of both the drugs in commercial Pharmaceutical dosage form.

### KEYWORDS

Lafutidine (LAF), Rabepazole Sodium (RAB), Derivative spectrophotometry, Zero Crossing Point.

### INTRODUCTION

**Lafutidine** is chemically 2-(furan-2-ylmethylsulfinyl)-N-[4-[4-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxybut-2-enyl]acetamide. Lafutidine is not official in any pharmacopoeias. Lafutidine is the new generation H<sub>2</sub>-receptor antagonist. It blocks the production of acid by acid producing cells in the stomach and blocks histamine H<sub>2</sub>-receptors in the stomach and prevents histamine mediated gastric acid secretion. It is indicated in hyperacidity, NSAID induced gastritis, gastric and duodenal ulcers and also used as preanesthetic medication.

Apart from H<sub>2</sub>-receptor blockade activity, it has additional gastro protective action. Therefore not only inhibit acid secretion but also provide gastric mucosal protection.

**Rabepazole Sodium** is chemically 2-[[[4-(3-Methoxypropoxy)-3-Methyl-2-Pyridinyl]-Methyl]Sulfinyl]-1H-Benzimidazole Sodium salt. Rabepazole sodium (RBP) is a Potent Proton Pump inhibitor that suppress gastric acid secretion by specific inhibition of the gastric H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase enzyme system at the secretory surface of the gastric parietal cell and is used in the treatment of Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and duodenal ulcers. It has a faster onset of action and lower potential for drug interaction compared to Omeprazole.

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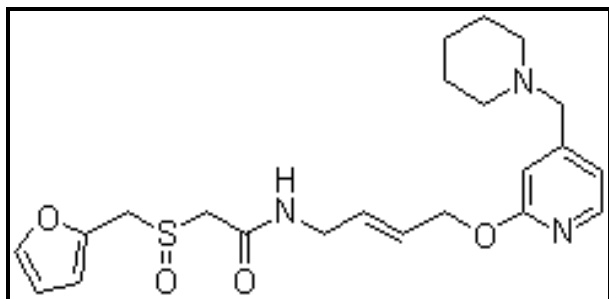


Figure 1: Chemical Structure of Lafutidine

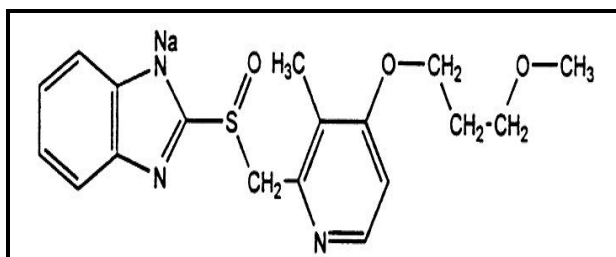


Figure 2: Chemical Structure of Rabeprazole Sodium

Literature survey<sup>4,5,6,7,8,9,10</sup> revealed that a number of analytical methods have been reported for the estimation of Lafutidine(LAF) and Rabeprazole Sodium(RAB) in individual and combination with other drugs are spectrophotometry, HPLC, RP-HPLC, HPTLC, but not even single method was reported for the simultaneous estimation of LAF and RAB in their combined dosage form.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Instrument

Instrument used was an UV-Visible double beam spectrophotometer, SHIMADZU (model UV-1800) with a pair of 1 cm matched quartz cells. All weighing was done on Shimadzu analytical balance (Model AU-220).

### Reagents and Chemicals

Pure drug samples of LAF and RAB were provided as a gift sample from Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Ahmedabad and Alkem Laboratories Ltd, Mumbai. Methanol LR was used as solvent. Calibrated glass wares were used throughout the work.

### Marketed Formulation

The commercial formulation LAFUMAC PLUS (Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mumbai) was

purchased from Local pharmacy. Each Capsule contains 10mg Lafutidine and 20mg Rabeprazole Sodium.

### Preparation of Standard Stock Solution

Accurately weighed quantity of LAF (100 mg) and RAB (100 mg) was transferred to two separate 100 ml volumetric flasks, dissolved in Methanol and diluted to the mark with same solvent. (Stock solutions: 1000 $\mu$ g/ml of LAF and 1000 $\mu$ g/ml of RAB).

### Preparation of Working Standard Solution

100 $\mu$ g/ml of LAF solution was prepared by diluting 10.0 ml of stock solution with methanol in 100 ml volumetric flask up to the mark. 100 $\mu$ g/ml of RAB solution was prepared by diluting 10.0 ml of stock solution with Methanol in 100 ml volumetric flask up to the mark.

### Selection of Wavelength for Analysis

1.0 ml of working standard solution of LAF (100 $\mu$ g/ml) and 2.0 ml of working standard solution of RAB (100 $\mu$ g/ml) was pipette out into two separate 10 ml volumetric flask and volume was adjusted to the mark with Methanol to get 10 $\mu$ g/ml of LAF and 20 $\mu$ g/ml of RAB. Each solution was scanned between 200-400 nm against methanol as a reagent blank for zero order spectra (figure 3). The first order derivative spectra of each solution were obtained using smoothing ( $\Delta\lambda = 2$ , Scaling Factor = 25). The zero crossing points were found to be 272.8 nm and 284.2nm for LAF and RAB respectively (figure 4). Wavelengths selected for quantitation were 284.2 nm for Lafutidine (zero crossing point for Rabeprazole Sodium) and 272.8 nm for Rabeprazole Sodium (zero crossing point for Lafutidine).

### Calibration Curves for LAF and RAB

Standard LAF solution from 10-45 $\mu$ g/ml were prepared by pipetting out, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 ml of the working standard solution of LAF (100 $\mu$ g/ml) into series of 10 ml volumetric flasks and the volume was adjusted to mark with Methanol. Absorbance of each solution was measured at 284.2 nm using first order derivative spectrophotometry. A

calibration curve was prepared by plotting absorbance against respective concentration (figure 7). Standard RAB solution from 6-20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  were prepared by pipetting out 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 and 2.0ml of the working standard stock solution of RAB (100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) into series of 10ml volumetric flasks and the volume was adjusted to mark with Methanol. Absorbance of each solution was measured at 272.8 nm using first order derivative spectrophotometry. A calibration curve was obtained by plotting absorbance against respective concentration (figure 8).

### Analysis of Marketed Formulation

Twenty Capsules were weighed and content crushed to obtain a fine powder. An accurately weighed powder equivalent to about 10mg of LAF and 20mg of RAB was transferred to 100 ml volumetric flask and the volume was made up to the mark using Methanol as solvent. The solution was sonicated for 20minutes. The solution was filtered through whatman Filter Paper No.42. First few ml of filtrate were discarded. 10 ml of the solution from above filtrate was diluted to 100 ml with Methanol. The absorbance of the resulting solution was measured using first order derivative spectrophotometry at 284.2 nm for LAF and 272.8 nm for RAB. The concentration of each drug was calculated using equation of straight line. (Table.7)

## METHOD VALIDATION<sup>3</sup>

### Linearity and Range

Aliquots of standard stock solutions of LAF and RAB were taken in volumetric flasks and diluted with Methanol to get final concentrations in range of 10-45 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  for LAF and 6-20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  for RAB. This calibration range was prepared five times and absorbances were measured at respective wavelengths for each drug separately. (Table.1) (figure 5, 6)

### Precision

Precision of the method was determined by performing interday variation, intraday variation and method repeatability studies. In inter day

precision, the absorbance of standard solutions of LAF (15, 30 and 45 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) and RAB (6, 12 and 18 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) were measured on Three consecutive days. In intraday variation the absorbances were measured Three times in a day. Repeatability study, one concentration of both the drugs was measured Six times. (Table.2, 3, 4)

### Recovery Studies

To study the accuracy of the proposed method, recovery studies were carried out by standard addition method at three different levels. A known amount of drug was added to preanalyzed Capsule powder and percentage recoveries were calculated. (Table.5, 6)

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

LOD and LOQ were calculated from the data obtained from the linearity studies. The slope of the linearity plot was determined. For each of the six replicate determinations of same conc. (15  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of LAF and 12  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of RAB), standard deviation (SD) of the responses was calculated. From these values, the parameters Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation were determined on the basis of standard deviation and slope of the regression equation.

$$\text{LOD} = (3.3 \times \text{SD}) / \text{Slope}$$

$$\text{LOQ} = (10 \times \text{SD}) / \text{Slope}$$

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed method was validated as per ICH guideline Q2B (R1). The plot of absorbances versus respective concentrations of LAF and RAB were found to be linear in the concentration range of 10-45 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  and 6-20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  respectively with correlation coefficient 0.998 at 284.2 nm and 0.998 at 272.8 nm (as shown in Table. 1 and Figure 5,6,7,8.) Precision was calculated as repeatability, intraday and interday variations and %RSD (Relative Standard Deviation) was found to be in the range (Table 2, 3, 4). The accuracy of method was determined at 80, 100 and 120% level. The mean recovery was  $102.46 \pm 1.19$  and

100.61 ± 1.0 for Lafutidine and Rabeprazole Sodium, respectively (Table.5, 6).

The derivative spectrophotometric method can be successfully used for simultaneous estimation of LAF and RAB in their combined Capsule dosage form. Marketed Capsules were analyzed and results obtained were within the range (Table 7).

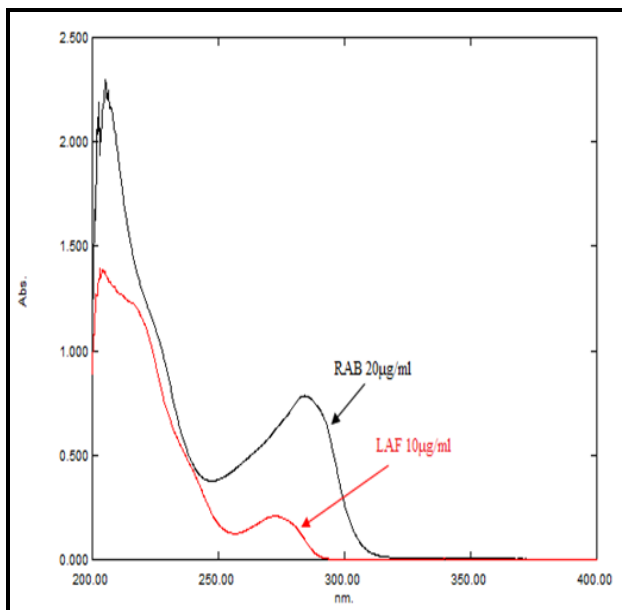


Figure 3: Overlain Zero order spectra of LAF (10µg/ml) and RAB (20µg/ml) in methanol.

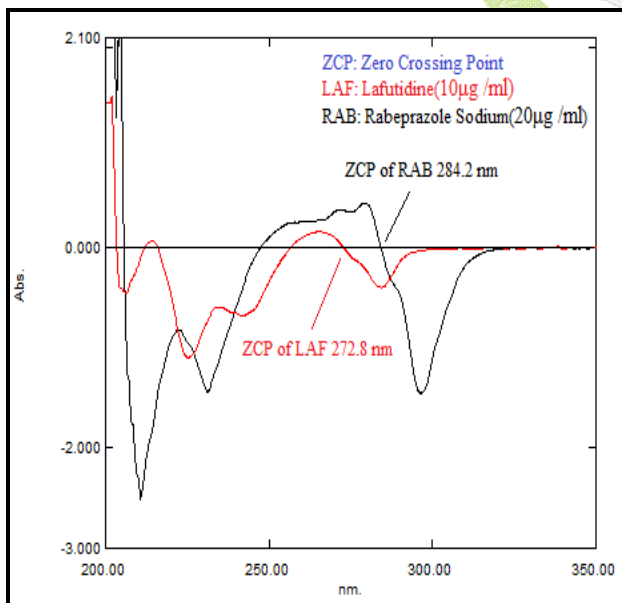


Figure 4: Overlain First order Derivative spectra of LAF (10µg/ml) and RAB (20µg/ml) in Methanol.

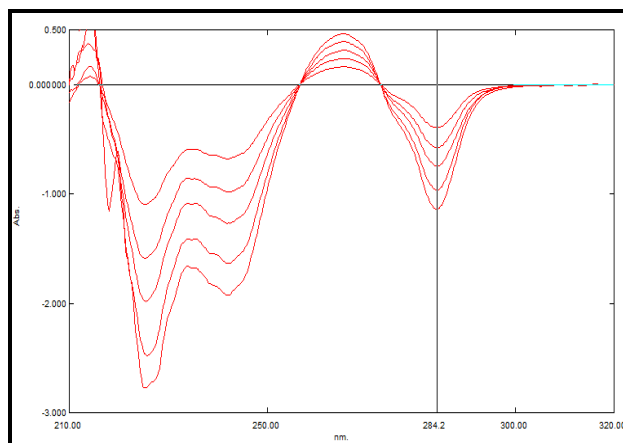


Figure 5: Overlain First order Derivative spectra of LAF (10-30µg/ml) at 284.2 nm (ZCP of RAB) in Methanol.

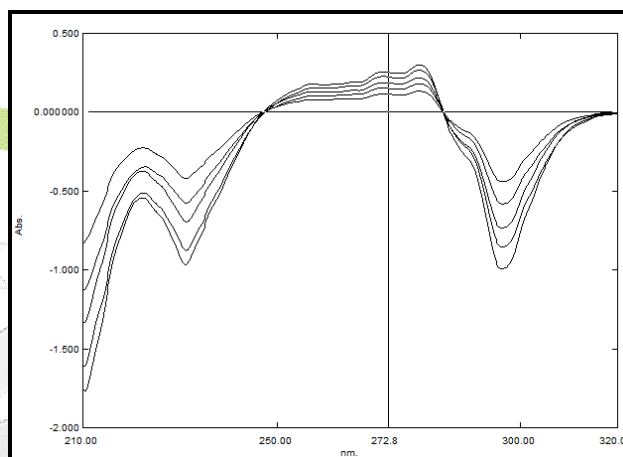


Figure 6: Overlain First order Derivative spectra of RAB (6-20µg/ml) at 272.8 nm (ZCP of LAF) in Methanol.

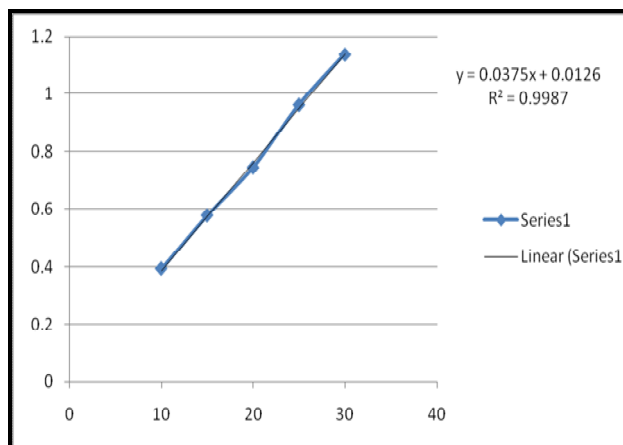


Figure 7: Calibration curve of standard LAF at 284.2nm by first order derivative spectrophotometry.

Table 1: Linearity Study

Sr No.	Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance at 284.2 nm	Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance at 272.8 nm
1	10	0.393	6	0.115
2	15	0.577	8	0.151
3	20	0.746	10	0.186
4	25	0.962	12	0.224
5	30	1.139	14	0.253

Table 2: Intra-Day Precision Study

LAF Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD	RAB Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD
15	0.5936 ± 0.001155	0.19	6	0.1016 ± 0.00058	0.56
30	1.17 ± 0.001732	0.15	12	0.212 ± 0.001	0.47
45	1.7286 ± 0.001732	0.10	18	0.3173 ± 0.00058	0.18

\*Average of Three determination

S.D. = Standard Deviation

RSD= Relative Standard Deviation

Table 3: Inter-Day Precision Study

LAF Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD	RAB Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD
15	0.5976 ± 0.002309	0.39	6	0.10366 ± 0.001528	1.47
30	1.180 ± 0.01044	0.88	12	0.21133 ± 0.002517	1.19
45	1.745 ± 0.01345	0.77	18	0.321 ± 0.003606	1.12

\*Average of Three determination

Table 4: Repeatability Study

LAF Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD	RAB Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance* ± S.D.	%RSD
15	0.59633 ± 0.003327	0.56	12	0.211833 ± 0.001329	0.63

\*Average of Six determination

Table 5: Recovery Study of Lafutidine

	Level of Recovery	Amt. of Drug taken (µg/ml)	Amt. of Std. drug taken (spiked amt.) (µg/ml)	% Recovery* ± S.D.	%RSD
Lafutidine	80%	10	11.2	103.2 ± 0.28	0.27
	100%	10	14.0	103.09 ± 0.42	0.40
	120%	10	16.8	101.09 ± 1.94	1.90

\*Average of Three determination

Table 6: Recovery Study of Rabeprazole Sodium

	Level of Recovery	Amt. of Drug taken (µg/ml)	Amt. of Std. drug taken (spiked amt.) (µg/ml)	% Recovery* ± S.D.	%RSD
Rabeprazole Sodium	80%	10	6.4	100.49 ± 1.06	1.06
	100%	10	8.0	101.67 ± 1.44	1.41
	120%	10	9.6	99.67 ± 0.94	0.94

\*Average of Three determination

Table 7: Results of simultaneous estimation of LAF and RAB in Marketed Formulation.

BRAND NAME:	Drugs	Label Claim (mg)	Amount Found (mg)	% Label Claim*	S.D.	%RSD
LAFUMAC PLUS	LAF	10	10.37	103.74 %	1.06	1.02
	RAB	20	19.72	98.58 %	0.71	0.72



Table 8: Results of Validation Parameters

SR No.	PARAMETERS	LAFUTIDINE	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM
1	Zero Crossing Point	272.8nm	284.2nm
2	Range	10-45 µg/ml	6-20 µg/ml
3	Linearity	R <sup>2</sup> = 0.998	R <sup>2</sup> = 0.998
4	Precision a) Intraday b) Interday c) Repeatability	%RSD 0.10-0.19 0.39-0.88 0.56	%RSD 0.18-0.56 1.12-1.47 0.63
5	Accuracy	%RSD 0.27-1.90	%RSD 0.94-1.41
6	Limit of detection (LOD)	0.297	0.258
7	Limit of Quantification (LOQ)	0.899	0.782
8	Assay	103.7%	98.6%

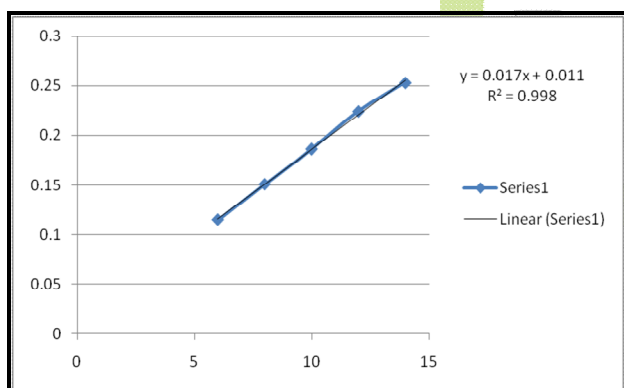


Figure 8: Calibration curve of standard RAB at 272.8 nm by first order derivative spectrophotometry.

## CONCLUSION

The proposed method gives accurate and precise results for determination of LAF and RAB in marketed Capsule formulation and is easily applied for routine analysis. The method is simple, accurate, precise and rapid. The proposed method was successfully applied for the estimation of these drugs in commercial dosage form.

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