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Development and Validation of New Analytical Method for The Simultaneous Estimation of Netupitant And Palonosetron In Pharmaceutical Dosage Form

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# **Article History** Abstract Received on: 15-03-2021 A simple, Accurate, precise method was developed for the simultaneous Revised on: 02-05-2021 estimation of the Netupitant and Palonosetron in Pharmaceutical dosage form. Accepted on: 10-05-2021 The chromatogram was run through Std Discovery C18250 x 4.6 mm, 5m. Mobile phase containing Buffer 0.1% OPA (2.2ph): Acetonitrile taken in the ratio 55:45 Keywords: Netupitant, was pumped through the column at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. The buffer used in Palonosetron, RP-HPLC this method was 0.1% OPA. The temperature was maintained at 30°C. The optimized wavelength selected was 220 nm. The retention time of Netupitant and DOI: Palonosetron was found to be 2.308min and 3.093min. %RSD of the Netupitant https://doi.org/10.46796/ijpc.vi.158 and Palonosetron were and found to be 0.9 and 0.6 respectively. %Recovery was obtained as 99.51% and 99.29% for Netupitant and Palonosetron respectively. LOD, LOQ values obtained from regression equations of Netupitant and Palonosetron were 1.84, 0.01, and 5.59, 0.03 respectively. Regression equation of Netupitant is y = 7232.8x + 3439.3, and y = 28857x + 97.732 of Palonosetron. Retention times were decreased and run time was decreased, so the method developed was simple and economical that can be adopted in regular Quality control tests in Industries.

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# Introduction

Netupitant (NTP) is a novel antiemetic [1,2] drug in the combination of NTP/ palonosetron (PLS). It is used to the prevention of acute and delayed chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting [3], including highly emetogenic [4] chemotherapy [5] such as with cisplatin [6]. 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT3) receptors [7] are located on the nerve

terminals [8] of the vagus [9] in the periphery and centrally in the chemoreceptor [10] trigger zone of the area postrema [11]. It is thought that chemotherapeutic agents produce nausea and vomiting by releasing serotonin [12] then activate 5-HT3 receptors located on vagal afferents [13] to initiate the vomiting reflex. Netupitant is chemically called as 2-[3,5-bis (trifluoromethyl) phenyl]-N,2- dimethyl- N- [4-(2-methylphenyl) -6- (4-methylpiperazin-1-yl) pyridin-3-yl] propenamide. It Delayed emesis (vomiting) has been largely associated with the activation of tachykinin family neurokinin 1 (NK1) receptors (broadly distributed in the central and peripheral nervous systems) by substance P. As shown in in vitro and in

vivo studies, netupitant inhibits substance P mediated responses. The structure is shown in figure 01.

Figure 01: Chemical structure of Netupitant

Palonosetron chemically called as (5S)-3-[(3S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-yl]-3-azatricyclo [7.3.1.0<sup>5</sup>,<sup>13</sup>] trideca- (12), 9(13), 10-trien-2-one.it is a selective serotonin 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist. The antiemetic activity of the drug is brought about through the inhibition of 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors present both centrally (medullary chemoreceptor zone) and peripherally (GI tract). This inhibition of 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors in turn inhibits the visceral afferent stimulation of the vomiting center, likely indirectly at the level of the area postrema, as well as through direct inhibition of serotonin activity within the area postrema and the chemoreceptor trigger zone. The chemical structure shown in figure 02

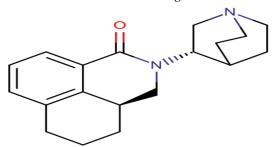


Figure 02: Chemical structure of Palonosetron

The review of literature revealed that several analytical methods have been reported for NTP and PLS in spectrophotometry, high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), high-performance thin-layer chromatograph y [14-22] individually, and in the combination. To date, there are no reports for stability-indicating simultaneous estimation and forced degradation study of NTP and PLS.

#### Materials and methods

# Materials

Netupitant and Palonosetron pure drugs (API), Combination Netupitant and Palonosetron capsules (Flumed N), Distilled water, Acetonitrile, Phosphate buffer, , Methanol, Potassium dehydrogenate ortho phosphate buffer, Ortho-phosphoric acid. All the above chemicals and solvents are from Rankem

#### Instruments

Electronics Balance-Denver,  $p^H$  meter -BVK enterprises, India, Ultrasonicator-BVK enterprises, WATERS HPLC 2695 SYSTEM equipped with quaternary pumps,Photo Diode Array detector and Auto sampler integrated with Empower 2 Software , UV-VIS spectrophotometer PG Instruments T60 with special bandwidth of 2 mm and 10mm and matched quartz cells integrated with UV win 6 Software was used for measuring absorbances of Netupitant and Palonosetron solutions.

#### Methods

#### Diluent

Based up on the solubility of the drugs, diluent was selected, Acetonitrile and Water taken in the ratio of 50:50

# Preparation of Standard stock solutions

Accurately weighed 150 mg of Netupitant , 0.25mg of Palonosetron and transferred to individual 50 ml volumetric flasks separately. 3/4 th of diluents was added to both of these flasks and sonicated for 10 minutes. Flasks were made up with diluents and labeled as Standard stock solution 1and 2. (3000 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 5 $\mu$ g/ml of Palonosetron )

# Preparation of Standard working solutions (100% solution)

1ml from each stock solution was pipetted out and taken into a 10ml volumetric flask and made up with diluent.  $(300\mu g/mlNetupitant\ of\ and\ 0.5\mu g/ml\ of\ Palonosetron\ )$ 

# Preparation of Sample stock solutions

5 capsules were weighed and the average weight of each capsule was calculated,then the weight equivalent to 1 capsule was transferred into a 100ml volumetric flask, 5ml of diluents was added and sonicated for 25 min, further the volume was made up with diluent and filtered by HPLC filters (3000 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 5 $\mu$ g/ml of Palonosetron )

# Preparation of Sample working solutions (100% solution)

1ml of filtered sample stock solution was transferred to 10ml volumetric flask and made up with diluent.(300 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 0.5 $\mu$ g/ml of Palonosetron )

# Preparation of buffer

**0.1% OPABuffer:**1ml of Conc Ortho Phosphoric acid was diluted to 1000mlwith water.

Method Validation [23,24, 26, 27,28,29] System suitability parameters The system suitability parameters were determined by preparing standard solutions of Netupitant (300ppm) and Palonosetron (0.5ppm) and the solutions were injected six times and the parameters like peak tailing, resolution and USP plate count were determined.

The % RSD for the area of six standard injections results should not be more than 2%.

#### Specificity

Checking of the interference in the optimized method. We should not find interfering peaks in blank and placebo at retention times of these drugs in this method. So this method was said to be specific.

# Precision

# Preparation of Standard stock solutions

Accurately weighed 150 mg of Netupitant , 0.25mg of Palonosetron and transferred to individual 50 ml volumetric flasks separately. 3/4 th of diluents was added to both of these flasks and sonicated for 10 minutes. Flasks were made up with diluents and labeled as Standard stock solution 1and 2. (3000 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 5 $\mu$ g/ml of Palonosetron )

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# Linearity

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# 25% Standard solution

0.25ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and made up to 10ml. (75µg/ml of Netupitant and 0.125 µg/ml of Palonosetron)

#### 50% Standard solution

0.5ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and made up to 10ml. ( $150\mu g/ml$  of Netupitant and  $0.25\mu g/ml$  of Palonosetron)

#### 75% Standard solution

0.75 ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and made up to 10 ml. ( $225 \mu g/ml$  of Netupitant and  $0.375 \mu g/ml$  of Palonosetron)

100% Standard solution: 1.0ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and made up to 10ml. (300µg/ml of Netupitant and 0.5µg/ml of Palonosetron)

#### 125% Standard solution

1.25ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and made up to 10ml. (375 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 0.625g/ml of Palonosetron )

#### 150% Standard solution

1.5ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipettede out and made up to 10ml ( $450\mu\text{g/ml}$  of Netupitant and 0.75g/ml of Palonosetron )

#### Accuracy

# Preparation of Standard stock solutions

Accurately weighed 150 mg of Netupitant , 0.25mg of Palonosetron and transferred to individual 50 ml volumetric flasks separately. 3/4 th of diluents was added to both of these flasks and sonicated for 10 minutes. Flasks were made up with diluents and labeled as Standard stock solution 1and 2. (3000 $\mu$ g/ml of Netupitant and 5 $\mu$ g/ml of Palonosetron )

# Preparation of 50% Spiked Solution

0.5ml of sample stock solution was taken into a 10ml volumetric flask, to that 1.0ml from each standard stock solution was pipetted out, and made up to the mark with diluent.

# Preparation of 100% Spiked Solution

1.0ml of sample stock solution was taken into a 10ml volumetric flask, to that 1.0ml from each standard stock solution was pipetted out, and made up to the mark with diluent.

# Preparation of 150% Spiked Solution

1.5ml of sample stock solution was taken into a 10ml volumetric flask, to that 1.0ml from each standard stock solution was pipetted out, and made up to the mark with diluent.

#### Acceptance Criteria

The % Recovery for each level should be between 98.0 to 102

# Robustness

Small deliberatechanges in method like Flow rate, mobile phase ratio, and temperature are made but there were no recognized change in the result and are within range as per ICH Guide lines.

Robustness conditions like Flow minus (0.9ml/min), Flow plus (1.1ml/min), mobile phase minus, mobile phase plus, temperature minus (25°C) and temperature plus(35°C) was maintained and samples were injected in duplicate manner. System suitability parameters were not much affected and all the parameters were passed. %RSD was within the limit.

#### **LOD** sample Preparation

0.25ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and transferred to two separate 10ml volumetric flasks and made up with diluents. From the above solutions 0.1ml each of Netupitant, Palonosetron , solutions respectively were transferred to 10ml volumetric flasks and made up with the same diluents

LOQ sample Preparation: 0.25ml each from two standard stock solutions was pipetted out and transferred to two separate 10ml volumetric flask and made up with diluent. From the above solutions 0.3ml each of Netupitant, Palonosetron , and solutions respectively were transferred to 10ml volumetric flasks and made up with the same diluent.

# Degradation studies [25,30,31]

#### Oxidation

To 1 ml of stock solution of Netupitant and Palonosetron , 1 ml of 20% hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) was added separately. The solutions were kept for 30 min at  $60^{\circ}$ c. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to obtain  $300\mu\text{g/ml}\&~0.5\mu\text{g/ml}$  solution and  $10\mu\text{l}$  were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

# **Acid Degradation Studies**

To 1 ml of stock ssolution Netupitant and Palonosetron , 1 ml of 2N Hydrochloricacidwasadded and refluxed for 30 mins at  $60^{\circ}$ c.The resultant solution was diluted to obtain 300 µg/ml & 0.5µg/ml solution and 10 µl solutions were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

# **Alkali Degradation Studies**

To 1 ml of stock solution Netupitant and Palonosetron , 1 ml of 2N sodium hydroxidewasadded and refluxed for 30mins at  $60^{\circ}c.$  Theresultantsolutionwas diluted to obtain  $300\mu g/ml\&~0.5\mu g/ml$  solution and  $10\mu l$  were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

# **Dry Heat Degradation Studies**

The standard drug solution was placed inovenat 105°C for 1h to study dry heat degradation. For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to  $300\mu g/ml\&~0.5\mu g/ml$  solution and  $10\mu l$  were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of the sample.

# **Photo Stability studies**

The photochemical stability of the drug was also studied by exposing the  $3000\mu g/ml$  Netupitant &  $5\mu g/ml$  Palonosetron solution to UV Light by keeping the beaker in UV Chamber for 1days or 200 Watt hours/m² in photo stability chamber For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to obtain  $300\mu g/ml\&~0.5\mu g/ml$  solutions and  $10\mu l$  were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of sample.

# **Neutral Degradation Studies**

Stress testing under neutral conditions was studied by refluxing the drugin water for 1 hrs at a temperature of  $60^{\circ}$ . For HPLC study, the resultant solution was diluted to 300  $\mu$ g/ml& 0.5 $\mu$ g/ml solution and 10 $\mu$ l were injected into the system and the chromatograms were recorded to assess the stability of the sample.

# **Results And Discussion**

Optimized method : Chromatographic conditions: Mobile phase : 55% 0.1% OPA buffer: 450% Acetonitrile

Flow rate: 1ml/min

Column: Discovery C18 (4.6 x 250mm, 5µm)

Detector wave length : 240nm Column temperature : 30°C Injection volume : 10µL

Run time: 6min

Diluent: Water and Acetonitrile in the ratio 50:50 Results: Both peaks have good resolution, tailing factor, theoretical plate count and resolution.

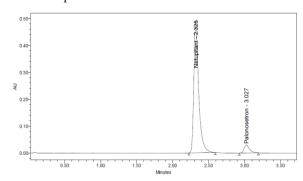


Fig 03 Optimized Chromatogram

# Observation

Netupitant and Palonosetron were eluted at 2.325 min and 3.027 min respectively with good resolution. Plate count and tailing factor was very satisfactory, so this method was optimized and to be validated.

# System suitability

All the system suitability parameters were within the range and satisfactory as per ICH guidelines

Table: 01 Systemsuitability parameters forNetupitant and Palonosetron

S n o	Netupitant			Palo	onoset	ron	
I n j	RT( min)	US P Plat e Co unt	Tail ing	RT( min)	US P Plat e Co unt	Tail ing	Resol ution
1	2.308	605 9	1.47	3.027	855 4	1.38	5.4
2	2.325	611 0	1.46	3.027	846 8	1.38	5.4
3	2.326	610 7	1.47	3.028	847 9	1.41	5.4
4	2.327	602 2	1.47	3.030	841 1	1.41	5.3
5	2.327	604 9	1.47	3.031	835 4	1.48	5.2
6	2.328	612 6	1.47	3.093	794 6	1.51	5.2

# Discussion

According to ICH guidelines plate count should be more than 2000, tailing factor should be less than 2 and resolution must be more than 2. All the system suitable parameters were passed and were within the limits.

# Validation Specificity

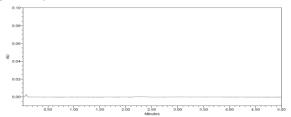


Figure No. 04 Chromatogram of blank

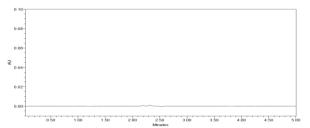


Figure No. 05 Chromatogram of placebo

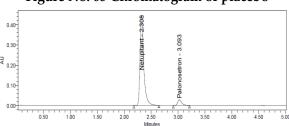


Fig: 06 Typical chromotogram

#### Discussion

Retention times of Netupitant and Palonosetron were 2.308 min and 3.093 min respectively. We did not found and interfering peaks in blank and placebo at retention times of these drugs in this method. So this method was said to be specific.

# Linearity

Table 02: Linearity table forNetupitant and Palonosetron

Ne	etupitant	Palonosetron		
Conc (µg/mL)	Peak area	Conc (µg/mL)	Peak area	
0	0	0	0	
75	528177	0.125	3559	
150	1129538	0.25	7597	
225	1642104	0.375	11002	
300	2129458	0.5	14542	
375	2714082	0.625	18031	
450	3272387	0.75	21704	

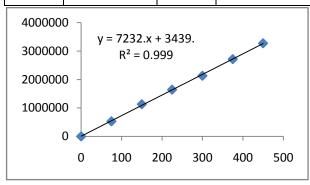


Fig: 07 Calibration curve of Netupitant

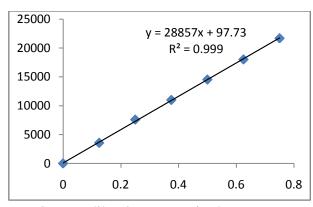


Fig: 08 Calibration curve of Palonosetron

#### Discussion

Six linear concentrations of Netupitant  $(150-450\mu g/ml)$  and Palonosetron  $(0.125-0.75\mu g/ml)$  were injected in a duplicate manner. Average areas were mentioned above and linearity equations obtained for Netupitant was y = 7232.8x + 3439.3and of Palonosetron was y = 28857x + 97.732Correlation coefficient obtained was 0.999 for the two drugs.

#### Precision

#### **System Precision**

Table 03: System precision table of Netupitant and Palonosetron

S. No	Area of	Area of
5. NO	Netupitant	Palonosetron
1.	2123440	14459
2.	2123114	14572
3.	2134157	14541
4.	2097548	14374
5.	2106005	14595
6.	2152700	14571
Mean	2122827	14519
S.D	19714.1	85.3
%RSD	0.9	0.6

#### Discussion

From a single volumetric flask of working standard solution six injections were given and the obtained areas were mentioned above. Average area, standard deviation and % RSD were calculated for two drugs.% RSDobtained as 0.9% and 0.6% respectively for Netupitant and Palonosetron .As the limit of Precision was less than "2" the system precision was passed in this method.

# Repeatability

Table: 04 Repeatability table of Netupitant and Palonosetron

S. No	Area of Netupitant	Area of Palonosetron
1.	2107058	14392
2.	2110065	14486
3.	2116355	14486
4.	2109543	14438
5.	2108307	14515
6.	2114707	14518
Mean	2111006	14473
S.D	3693.4	48.8
%RSD	0.2	0.3

# Discussion

Multiple sampling from a sample stock solution was done and six working sample solutions of same concentrations were prepared, each injection from each working sample solution was given and obtained areas were mentioned in the above table. Average area, standard deviation and % RSD were calculated for two drugs and obtained as 0.2% and 0.3% respectively for Netupitant and Palonosetron . As the limit of Precision was less than "2" the system precision was passed in this method

Intermediate precision (Day\_Day Precision)

Table: 05 Intermediate precision table of Netupitant and Palonosetron

S. No	Area of	Area of	
	Netupitant	Palonosetron	
1.	2100742	14043	
2.	2109756	14045	
3.	2102040	14054	
4.	2077355	14074	
5.	2087633	14049	
6.	2131595	14118	
Mean	2101520	14064	
S.D	18708.3	28.8	
%RSD	0.9	0.2	

# Discussion

Multiple sampling from a sample stock solution was done and six working sample solutions of same concentrations were prepared, each injection from each working sample solution was given on the next day of the sample preparation and obtained areas were mentioned in the above table. Average area, standard deviation and % RSD were calculated for two drugs and obtained as 0.9% and 0.2% respectively for Netupitant and Palonosetron . As the limit of Precision was less than "2" the system precision was passed in this method.

#### Accuracy

# Table: 06 Accuracy table of Netupitant

% Lev el	Amou nt Spike d (µg/m L)	Amount recover ed (µg/mL)	% Recove ry	Mean %Recove ry
	150	148.77	99.18	
50%	150	148.80	99.20	
	150	148.94	99.29	
	300	296.71	98.90	
100%	300	297.10	99.03	
	300	299.68	99.89	99.51%
	450	451.17	99.15	
150%	450	449.27	99.84	
	450	449.93	99.98	

# Table: 07 Accuracy table of Palonosetron

% Leve 1	Amou nt Spiked (µg/mL )	Amount recovere d (µg/mL)	% Recover y	Mean %Recove ry
50%	0.25	0.25	99.36	99.29%

	0.25	0.25	98.16	
	0.25	0.25	99.51	
100%	0.50	0.50	99.61	
	0.50	0.50	99.72	
	0.50	0.49	98.61	
	0.75	0.75	99.45	
150%	0.75	0.74	99.25	
	0.75	0.75	99.91	

# Discussion

Three levels of Accuracy samples were prepared by standard addition method. Triplicate injections were given for each level of accuracy and mean %Recovery was obtained as 99.51% and 99.29% for Netupitant and Palonosetron respectively.

# Sensitivity

Table: 08 Sensitivity table of Netupitant and Palonosetron

Molecule	LOD	LOQ
Netupitant	1.84	5.59
Palonosetron	0.01	0.03

# Robustness

Table: 09 Robustness data for Netupitant and Palonosetron.

S.n o	Condition	%RSD of Netupitan t	%RSD of Palonosetro n
1	Flow rate (-) 0.9ml/min	0.4	1.1
2	Flow rate (+) 1.1ml/min	0.1	0.8
3	Mobile phase (-) 50B:50A	0.8	0.7
4	Mobile phase (+) 60B:40A	0.7	0.1
5	Temperatur e (-) 25°C	0.3	0.5

6	Temperatur e (+) 35°C	1.1	0.8
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# Discussion

Robustness conditions like Flow minus (0.9ml/min), Flow plus (1.1ml/min), mobile phase minus (50B:50A), mobile phase plus (60B:40A), temperature minus (25°C) and temperature plus(35°C) was maintained and samples were injected in duplicate manner. System suitability parameters were not much affected and all the parameters were passed. %RSD was within the limit. **Assay** 

Akynzeo, bearing the label claim Netupitant 300mg, Palonosetron 0.5mg.Assay wasperformed with the above formulation. Average % Assay for Netupitant and Palonosetron obtained was 99.34% and 99.58% respectively

Table: 10 Assay Data of Netupitant

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S.no	Standard Area	Sample area	% Assay			
1	2123440	2107058	99.16			
2	2123114	2110065	99.30			
3	2134157	2116355	99.60			
4	2097548	2109543	99.27			
5	2106005	2108307	99.22			
6	2152700	2114707	99.52			
Avg	2122827	2111006	99.34			
Stdev	19714.1	3693.4	0.17			
%RSD	0.9	0.2	0.2			

**Table: 11 Assay Data of Palonosetron** 

S.no	Standard	Sample	% Assay	
3.110	Area	area		
1	14459	14392	99.03	
2	14572	14486	99.68	
3	14541	14486	99.68	
4	14374	14438	99.34	

5	14595	14515	99.87
6	14571	14518	99.90
Avg	14519	14473	99.58
Stdev	85.3	48.8	0.3
%RSD	0.6	0.3	0.3

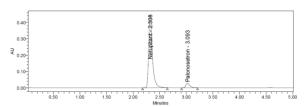


Fig 09 Chromatogram of working standard solution

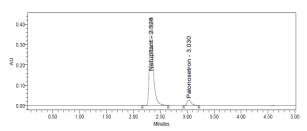


Fig: 10 Chromatogram of working sample solution

Degradation data

Table 12 Robustness data for Netupitant and Palonosetron

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Typ	Netupitant			Palonosetron		
e of degr	A R	%REC OVER	% DEG	A R	%REC OVER	% DEG
adat	E	ED	RAD	E	ED	RAD
ion	A		ED	A	ED	ED
	20			13		
A .: 1	12	94.72	5.28	75	94.62	5.38
Acid	67	94.72	3.26	1	94.02	3.36
	7			1		
	20			13		
Base	32	95.63	4.37	80	94.96	5.04
Dase	12	93.63	4.37	1	74.70	3.04
	5			1		
	20			14		
Pero	58	96.88	3.12	00	96.33	3.67
xide	64	70.00	3.12	00	70.33	3.07
	7			U		
Ther	20	97.68	2.32	14	97.58	2.42
mal	75	97.00	2.32	18	97.36	2.42

	56			2		
	1					
Uv	20	98.05	1.95	14		
	75			14		
				33	98.63	1.37
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	83	98.05	1.95	14		
				40	99.11	0.89
r	48			4		
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#### Conclusion

A simple, Accurate, precise method was developed for the simultaneous estimation of the Netupitant and Palonosetron in pharmaceutical dosage form. Retention time of Netupitant and Palonosetron were found to be 2.308min and 3.093min. %RSD of the Netupitant and were and found to be 0.9 and 0.6 Palonosetron respectively. %Recovery was obtained as 99.51% and 99.29% for Netupitant and Palonosetron respectively. LOD, LOQ values obtained from regression equations of Netupitant and Palonosetron were 1.84, 0.01 and 5.59, 0.03 respectively. Regression equation of Netupitant is y = 7232.8x + 3439.3, and y = 28857x + 97.732 of Palonosetron. Retention times were decreased and run time was decreased, so the method developed was simple and economical that can be adopted in regular Quality control test in Industries.

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