## High-Performance Liquid Chromatography Determination of Praziquantel in Rat Plasma; Application to Pharmacokinetic Studies

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A very simplistic, selective, sensitive, and reproducible procedure based on a reversed-phase highperformance liquid chromatography was used and developed for the determination of praziquantel in rat plasma. For the separation of praziquantel from the internal standard, diazepam on an Enable, C18 column ( $250 \times 4.6$  mm, 5 µm particle size), with the retention time of 6.4, 8.5 min, respectively. For praziquantel with UV detector at 225 nm. The mobile phase was a mixture of acetonitrile:water in a ratio of (60:40 v/v), running through the column at the flow rate of 1 ml/min. Sample preparation of 200 µl of plasma was done by a protein precipitation by using perchloric acid. Calibration curve was found to be linear with correlation coefficients ( $r^2$ ) is 0.9989 prepared in plasma at the concentrations of 5 to 1000 ng/ml. The precision of the above method was based on inter-day, and intra-day repeatability, and reproducibility (day-to-day variation) were found to be within the limit of 15%. Limit of quantification was accepted and found to be 5 ng/ml using 200 µl samples. The method appears to be robust and has been applied to a pharmacokinetic study of praziquantel in three groups of rats with a single oral dose of 40 mg/kg body weight.

# Key words: Praziquantel, reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography, limit of quantification, rat plasma

Praziquantel (PRQ) is a derivative of pyrazinoiso quinoline with IUPAC name [2-(cyclohexylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6,7,11b-hexahydro-4H-pyrazino [2,1a]isoquinoline-4-one]. Due to its high efficacy and low toxicity, it is widely used for the treatment of many diseases, such as human trematode, cestode infections, schistosomiasis, and many other infections pathogenic conditions to human<sup>[1]</sup>. From the very beginning different analytical methods were developed by different researchers and reported its level in animals and humans from a biological fluids (plasma, serum), tissue organ extracts. Some of the analytical methods, which include radiometric assay<sup>[2]</sup>, fluorometric assay<sup>[3]</sup>, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)<sup>[4]</sup>, thinlayer chromatography (TLC), gas chromatography (GC) <sup>[5,6]</sup>, high-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC)<sup>[7,8-14]</sup>.

Literature demonstrates that a number of researchers have reported the sample preparation procedures and methods but due to its lengthy time-consuming single step or three-step liquid-liquid extraction<sup>[15]</sup> process, it is not reproducible technically. To avoid this drawbacks and making this process reproducible to produce clean samples clear chromatograms this method was developed for the estimation of PRQ in rat plasma using diazepam as an internal standard.

This method is simple, sensitive and a selective for determination of PRQ in plasma. In this research work, we reported a very simple and single step sample preparation method based on the protein precipitation by using perchloric acid as a protein precipitating agent. The protein precipitation method was very efficient in giving a clear chromatogram that does not require solvent evaporation by a gentle stream of nitrogen or oxygen. Moreover, this method uses less plasma in this study.

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### MATERIALS AND METHODS

PRQ was obtained from Micro Labs Ltd., Goa, India. Diazepam was received from Hetero Drugs Ltd. Hyderabad India as a gift samples. Acetonitrile and methanol were purchased from S. D. Fine-Chem Limited, Mumbai, India. Water was used to HPLC grade. Perchloric acid of an analytical grade was purchased from Merck Specialties Private Limited, Worli, Mumbai, India.

#### Preparation of standard stock solutions:

A stock solution of 1 mg/ml PRQ and diazepam were prepared in methanol. The standard solution of PRQ and diazepam were prepared by mixing and diluting it with an exact amount of an individual stock solution of methanol. The final concentration of the standard solution were prepared in the concentration range of 10 000, 7500, 5000, 2500, 1000, 750, 500 and 50 ng/ml. And the fixed concentration of the internal slandered (IS) was taken as 5000 ng/ml. Different concentration of 10 000, 7500, 5000 50 ng/ml were also developed for its precision and accuracy by the same method with a fixed concentration of the IS (5000 ng/ml). The stock solutions were refrigerated when not in use replaced on a weekly basis. The fresh standard solution was prepared for each day for analysis and validation.

### **Chromatography:**

Reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) system composed of a pump LC-20AT Prominence solvent delivery module, having manual rheodyne injector with a 20-µl fixed loop having a SPD-20A Prominence UV/Vis detector set at 225 nm. Analyte and IS were separated by using an Enable C18 column (column length: 250×4.6 mm i.d.; 5 µm; particle size) at an ambient temperature. The data acquisition was made with Spinchrom Chromatographic Station® CFR Version 2.4.195 (Spinchrom Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India). The mobile phase consists of acetonitrile:water in a ratio of 60:40 for plasma sample at a flow rate of 1.0 ml/min.

#### Sample collection:

The study protocol was approved by the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee of Sigma Institute of Pharmacy, Vadodara. Healthy albino Wister rats of weight 150-250 g was used to carry out the procedure. The animals were allowed to acclimatize to approved environmental conditions. About 2 ml of blood sample was collected from the vein into a heparinized-coated micro-centrifuge tube from retro-orbital plexus of albino rats. It was centrifuged at 15 000 rpm for 15 min, and the plasma was collected. Plasma was stored at  $-20^{\circ}$ . The blood sample was collected from the rats on a regular time-interval. To avoid unbiased in analysis technique, an experiment was continued till separation completed.

#### **Calibration curves:**

A blood sample of the different group of animals was collected and plasma was separated. Absence drug contents collected plasma was used as a blank. The calibration curve was prepared by spiking 200  $\mu$ l of plasma with 20  $\mu$ l of each PRQ and diazepam as an internal standard solution was vortexed for a few minutes. The calibration curves for plasma were in the range of 5-1000 ng/ml at fixed concentration of the IS (500 ng/ml). After plasma was spiked and it was subjected to further sample preparation before analysis.

#### Sample preparation:

The plasma samples were treated with the protein precipitating agent for the analysis of PRQ. To each 200 µl spiked plasma with PRQ (different concentration) and diazepam (fixed concentration) were taken in 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tubes. Simultaneously a blank plasma (200 µl) and diazepam were also taken in a 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tube. Different protein precipitating agents were used such as ammonia sulphate, 15% trichloro acetic acid, 10% sodium tungstate in water, 5-sulphosalicylic acid, zinc sulphate in methanol, different ratio of organic solvents (acetone, acetonitrile, methanol) and the different percentages of perchloric acid in water. Lastly, it was found that 8.25% of perchloric acid gave a clear chromatogram without any interference with PRQ and diazepam. Perchloric acid was used as a protein precipitating agent to precipitate proteins to carried out this study. To each 200 µl of the plasma spiked sample was mixed with 45 µl of 8.25% perchloric acid for 30 s. The samples were centrifuged at 12 000 rpm for 15 min. This gave a clear supernatant liquid at the top in comparison to above-mentioned protein precipitating agents. The 20 µl of clear supernatant liquid was transferred in Hamilton syringe injected through the Rheodyne injector to HPLC column for analysis.

### Validation of the developed method:

The proposed method was validated as per the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) guidelines.

The developed method was validated by estimating the different parameters such as linearity, precision, accuracy, recovery, quantification and limit stability. Coefficients of variation and relative errors should be less than 15%. This limit was acceptable for the quantification method. These values were established at 20%, as recommended in the literature<sup>[16-18]</sup>.

#### Linearity:

The linearity was examined in the concentration range of 1000, 750, 500, 250, 100, 75, 50 and 5 ng/ ml for PRQ at a fixed concentration of IS 500 ng/ ml. The calibration curve plotted and evaluated by its coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ).

Linearity can be defined as an analytical method with a definite range and the result obtained is directly proportional to the concentration. That data were obtained from the analytes present in the sample. The calibration curve was plotted from the peak area ratio of PRQ to IS versus concentration of PRQ. In the X-axis concentration of PRQ was taken and on the Y-axis as the peak area ratio of PRQ to IS. The replicate analysis was done by taking all eight different concentration levels (therefore n=8) the linear relationship was obtained by using the method of least square. The coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ) for PRQ in plasma was found to be 0.999 as shown in fig. 1A.

#### Accuracy:

Accuracy was determined by replication analysis. Five sets of plasma samples were spiked with four different concentration levels of PRQ (5, 500, 750 1000 ng/ml) with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). Finally, the comparison was made a difference between the plasma spiked value (theoretical value) to that of actually found value.

#### **Precision:**

The precision of the method was based on with-inday repeatability and day-to-day reproducibility. It was determined by the replicate analysis. Five sets of plasma spiked with four different concentration level of PRQ (5, 500, 750 and 1000 ng/ml) with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). The day-today variation reproducibility of this above method was validated using the same concentration range of plasma as described above. A single determination of each concentration was made in three different days. Relative standard deviation (RSD) was calculated from the ratio of standard deviation (SD) to the mean expressed in percentage.

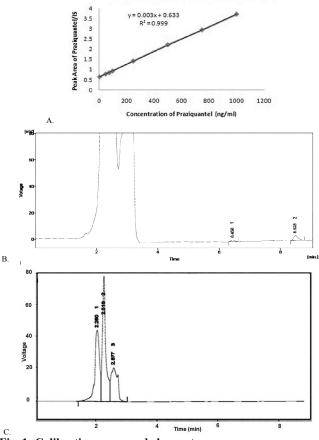
#### **Recovery:**

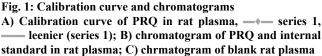
For an analytical recovery of sample preparation procedure was to estimate the peak height obtained from the sample (plasma). Here sample is PRQ and diazepam was taken as an internal standard. Samples were first prepared in methanol solution, and it was diluted by an equivalent amount of PRQ and IS in plasma. The analysis was carried out in triplicate at the concentration range of 5 to 1000 ng/ml for PRQ at a fixed concentration of 500 ng/ml for IS.

#### Selectivity:

Selectivity is a method to verify by checking for the interferences of various drugs and their metabolites in the same categories.

As PRQ is an antihelminthic drug, therefore we have verified checked with different antihelminthic drugs such as albendazole, albendazole sulphoxide (active metabolite of albendazole), including the commonly used antibiotics such as ampicillin, penicillin after subjecting them to sample preparation because PRQ is given in filariasis geohelminths in combination with albendazole-ivermectin geohelminths.





## Limit of quantification (LOQ):

LOQ is an assay procedure to estimate the lowest concentration of PRQ (spiked plasma sample), which will give raise a peak height thrice the baseline noise at a sensitivity of 0.005 AUFS (absorbance unit full scale) in a 200  $\mu$ l of the sample.

## Stability:

PRQ stability was estimated from the spiked plasma samples having a concentration of 5, 1000, 5000 ng/ml with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). It was stored, and analysis carried for three times for each concentration i.e. triplicate analysis. Spiked plasma samples of different concentration were stored at  $-20^{\circ}$ freezer (Sanyo, Japan) for 6 mo. Periodically the three concentrations were measured for 1, 2, 4 and 6 mo, consiquitevely. The technique for freeze-thaw stability was performed for all the three different concentration of the plasma samples were frozen at  $-20^{\circ}$  for 24 h at room temperature (25°). When thawed completed, the spiked plasma samples were transferred back to the original freezer again refrozen for 24 h. The above process was repeated for three cycles.

## Quality control (QC):

QC samples for PRQ were made up in plasma by diluting the stock solution. It was separated previously during the preparation of the calibration curve, at the concentrations range of 5, 500, 1000, 5000 ng/ml along with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). Samples were stored frozen at a temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$  before the use of each analytical run. Depending upon the results of the QC samples provided gives an indication towards the accepting or rejecting the run. At least two of the four QC samples should be within  $\pm 20\%$  of their respective nominal value. Other than that two of the four QC samples may be outside the  $\pm 20\%$  of their respective nominal value, but it should not be at the same concentration.

### **Robustness:**

Robustness of PRQ by the proposed method as carried out by the slight variation in flow rate, pH, and mobile phase ratio. The percentage recovery and RSD were noted for PRQ.

## Application of the method to biological samples:

This method was then applied for the pharmacokinetic study of PRQ in twelve healthy albino rats (weighing 150-250 g) followed by a single oral dose of 40 mg/kg

body weight. Blood samples (1.5 ml) from a vein were collected into heparinized-coated micro centrifuge plastic tubes (2 ml) from retro orbital plexus of albino rats at different time intervals: 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6, 18, 23, 27, 30 and 48 h of dosing.

Blood was collected from the retro-orbital plexus immediately and it was centrifuged at 15 000 rpm for 15 min. The plasma was collected carefully. The supernatant plasma layer was separated and stored at  $-20^{\circ}$  until analysed. The plasma samples were analysed for PRQ concentration in rat plasma at different time intervals. Sample preparation was carried out by using 8.25% of perchloric acid to precipitate plasma protein. Graph was plotted between time versus observed plasma concentration, which gave area under curve (AUC) calculated by using the linear trapezoidal rule. The maximum observed PRQ concentration ( $C_{max}$ ), the time at which  $C_{max}$  was observed ( $T_{max}$ ) were reported directly from graph.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

A high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was used to investigate and optimize the separation of PRQ from IS. The retention time of PRQ was 6.4 min using a stationary phase (Enable C18 reversed-phase column). The UV detection was set at 225 nm. And the mobile phase using acetonitrile and distilled water in the ratio of 60:40 (v/v) was chosen as an appropriate elution solvent as it resulted in effective separation of PRQ and diazepam (IS). The retention time was 6.4 and 8.5 min, respectively. All the chromatograms showed a good baseline with effective separation. Chromatogram of PRQ (1000 ng/ml) and diazepam (500 ng/ml, IS) was shown in (fig. 1B).

Sample preparation process used in this above study involved protein precipitation of the sample, i.e., perchloric acid (8.25%) of 45  $\mu$ l was used to precipitate the proteins from plasma. This process of precipitating the protein was found to be the most optimal conditions because less time-consuming at the same time it is economical for sample preparation, which resulted in a clean chromatogram.

The spiked plasma samples were analysed and calibrated for a concentration range of 5-1000 ng/ml for PRQ with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). The calibration curve gave a linear relationship between correlation coefficients ( $r^2$ ) of 0.9989 with Eqn., Y=0.003x+0.633 where the slope was 0.003 and intercept was 0.633 for PRQ.

The linearity was tested in the concentration range of 1000, 750, 500, 250, 100, 75, 50 and 5 ng/ml for PRQ with a fixed concentration of diazepam (500 ng/ml). The calibration curve was plotted and evaluated by its correlation coefficient ( $r^2$ ). The coefficient of correlation was found to be 0.998. Results suggested a strong linear relationship between the variables, which is summarized in Table 1.

Inter-day and intra-day precision were measured regarding %RSD. The %RSD of PRQ was found to be 11.76%, which was well inside the limit according to

TABLE 1: SPECTRAL AND STATISTICAL DATA FOR DETERMINATION OF PRQ BY PROPOSED HPLC METHOD

Parameters	Value
Absorption maxima, $\lambda_{max}$ (nm)	217 nm
Linearity range (ngml <sup>-1</sup> )	5-1000
Coefficient of determination (r <sup>2</sup> )	0.999
Correlation coefficient (r)	0.9994
Regression equation (Y <sup>a</sup> )	Y=0.003x+0.633
Slope (b)	0.003
Intercept (a)	0.633
LOD (ngml <sup>-1</sup> )	1.515
LOQ (ngml <sup>-1</sup> )	5

LOD: Limit of detection; LOQ: limit of quantitation

guideline given by CDER for bio-analytical method validation. The result of the precision showed that the above-proposed method is highly precise. Little variation of PRQ assays was found to be below 15% (according to CDER guidelines). The intra-day, interday assay for PRQ was within the concentration range 5-1000 ng/ml (5, 500, 750 and 1000 ng/ml). The results were summarized in Table 2.

Accuracy study was performed according to the CDER guidelines for PRQ, which was found to be 100.97 to 109.40%. The results were summarized in Table 3. The results clearly indicate that there was no interference of endogenous plasma components. Inter-day as well as intra-day concentration range was within 5-1000 ng/ml along with a fixed concentration of diazepam 500 ng/ml.

Mean recoveries from the PRQ spiked plasma samples within the concentration range of 5-1000 ng/ml were found to be more than 90%. The result for the recovery of PRQ from PRQ spiked plasma sample was nearly 100%. This result clearly indicates that there was a lack of interference from the sample preparation procedure.

Selectivity of the chromatographic separation was done to check that weather is there any interferences of endogenous peaks in plasma, which is illustrated in the (fig. 1C and fig. 2). The chromatograms for blank

TABLE 2: INTER-DAY (N=5) AND INTRA-DAY (N=5) PRECISION (%RSD) MEASURED FOR QC POINTS FOR PRQ IN PLASMA

	тс	Day	y 1	Day	y 2	Day	/ 3	Intra	-day
Plasma	ng/ml	EC	%RSD	EC	%RSD	EC	%RSD	EC	%RSD
1	1000	1028.81	3.83	991.91	3.00	1022.02	1.10	1021.48	1.13
2	750	757.19	0.53	747.80	0.43	768.45	0.87	760.31	0.91
3	500	510.81	2.22	516.4	6.15	524.55	3.65	525.63	3.02
4	5	5.11	6.88	4.80	9.14	5.12	11.76	5.15	3.65

TC denotes theoretical concentration and EC denotes experimental concentration

## TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF INTER-DAY (N=5) AND INTRA-DAY (N=5) PRECISION AND ACCURACY OF THE METHOD IN RAT PLASMA

Nominal concentration (ng/ml)	Mean concentration found <sup>a</sup> (ng/ml)	SD	Precision (%RSD)	Mean accuracy <sup>b</sup> (%)				
	Inter-day (n=5)							
1000	1014.25	26.83	2.64	101.425				
750	757.81	4.66	0.61	101.041				
500	517.25	20.77	4.01	103.45				
5	5.015	0.46	9.26	100.3				
	Intra-day (n=5)							
1000	1021.48	11.6	1.13	102.148				
750	760.31	6.94	0.91	101.375				
500	525.63	15.9	3.02	105.126				
5	5.15	0.18	3.65	103				

<sup>a</sup>Average of three and six determinations at three concentration levels for inter-day and intra-day respectively

plasma spiked plasma with PRQ (1000 ng/ml) and diazepam (500 ng/ml) with retention time of 6.4 and 8.5 min.

In specificity, we found that there was no interference or overlapping of peaks due to endogenous plasma components. Due to presence of plasma endogenous plasma components, which gave peaks within 2-4 min only, which is given in (fig. 2). After the 4 min, there was no significant interference of blank plasma that affected the response of PRQ and diazepam.

The LOQ for PRQ in rat plasma was found to be 5 ng using 200  $\mu$ l plasma given in (fig. 3). PRQ spiked plasma samples having concentrations of 5, 750 and 1000 ng/ml were found to be stable enough at a temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$ . Freezer for a minimum period of 6 mo and noticed no significant decomposition of the drug.

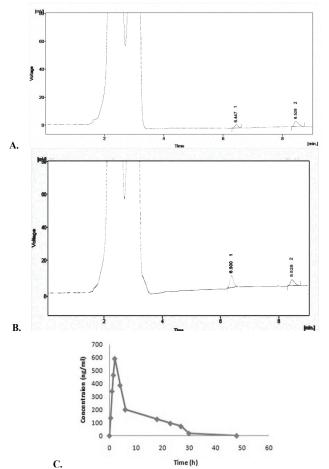
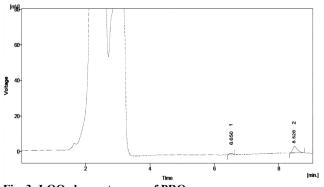


Fig. 2: Chromatograms and Plasma concentration vs. time profile of PRO

A) Chromatogram of standard solution of PRQ (1000 ng/ ml) and diazepam (500 ng/ml) with retention time 6.4 and 8.5 min; B) chromatogram of rat plasma after 2 h of oral administration of PRQ (40 mg/kg body weight) with retention times of 6.4 min; C) plasma concentration vs. time profile of PRQ in healthy rats following a single oral dose of 40 mg/kg body weight PRQ, — + — series 1





Long time storage of the PRQ spiked plasma samples for six months. This PRQ spiked plasma samples do not affect the LOQ of the analytes. Mean deviation (%) was measured for three different concentrations for (1, 2, 4 and 6 mo), which varied between 4.30 to 8.00% for PRQ as given in Table 4. Freezing thawing for PRQ spiked plasma for three successive cycles did not affect the measured concentrations. The mean deviation was found to be within 0.28 to 3.60 for PRQ as shown in Table 4, from the theoretical value.

Validation was conducted by three analysts in the spiked plasma analysis. In each analysis were included with standard curve QC specimens. Different nominal concentration was taken 5, 500, 750 and 1000 ng/ml of PRQ spiked plasma analysed from the beginning till the end of the analytical run. All the above results were within the acceptable limit ( $\pm 20\%$  of their respective nominal values).

System suitability test is an important parameter for the chromatographic system. This system suitability test gives the data for theoretical plates, height equivalent to the theoretical plate (HETP) and resolution, which is very much important useful in the chromatographic system to pass the minimum limit<sup>[19]</sup>.

A system suitability test was performed according to USP. The test was on the chromatograms obtained from standard test solutions to check above mentioned parameters. The results were obtained from the six replicate injections of standard solutions were summarized in Table 5.

Robustness of the method was studied by deliberate variations of the analytical parameters such as variation in flow rate (1.1 ml/min and 0.9 ml/min). The results were given in Table 6. The above developed method was then applied to quantify PRQ concentration albino rats by the pharmacokinetic study, which was carried out on three groups each containing 12 Wistar

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Time period (months)	ncentration						
a. Long term stability	Added (ng/ml)	Assay 1	Assay 2	Assay 3	Mean	SD	%DEV <sup>a</sup>
							8.6
							3.93
1	5	5.23	5.39	5.67	5.43	0.22	1.6
I	J	5.25	0.39	5.07	5.45	0.22	1.73
							2.15
							1.19
	500	518.67	527.75	512.563	519.66	7.64	-0.93
	1000	1016.35	1014.32	1017.36	1016.01	1.54	
2	5	5.11	5.09	5.06	5.08	0.02	-0.95
	500	508.813	510.938	512.563	510.77	1.88	
	1000	1011.67	1014.56	1009.68	1011.97	2.45	0.77
4	5	4.96	5.01	4.89	4.95	0.06	
	500	496.5	499.813	489.37	495.22	5.33	-3.86
	1000	1016.25	1005.67	1001.32	1007.74	7.67	
6	5	4.87	4.76	4.79	4.8	0.05	-4.49
	500	488.967	478.258	465.358	477.52	11.82	
	1000	988.37	980.58	985.37	984.77	3.92	-1.52
		b. Freeze a	nd thaw stal	oility			
	5	5.21	5.32	5.31	5.28	0.06	5.6
	500	500.24	501.37	504.22	501.94	2.05	0.38
	1000	1024.11	1019.32	1011.38	1018.27	6.42	1.82

<sup>a</sup>Average of three and six determinations at three concentration levels for inter-day and intra-day respectively, <sup>b</sup>all the mean accuracies were calculated against their nominal concentrations

#### TABLE 5: SYSTEM SUITABILITY PARAMETERS

Parameters	Praziquantel
Retention time, Rt (min)	6.4
Capacity factor (k)	3.07
Separation factor ( $\alpha$ )	1.42
Theoretical plates (USP)	4096
HETP (mm)	0.061
Resolution (Rs)	3.48

albino rats. HPLC chromatogram of rat plasma after 2 h of oral drug administration (suspension) of PRQ (40 mg/kg body weight) with the retention time of 6.4 given in fig. 2. Plasma concentration versus time profiles of PRQ presented in (fig. 2). Different pharmacokinetic parameters were studied and carried out, which were summarized in Table 7. The  $T_{max}$ ,  $C_{max}$  were calculated by a single oral dose of 40 mg/kg body weight of PRQ was conducted on three different groups.

The current method has resulted in promising accuracy, selectivity, sensitivity and less time-consuming actions for the quantitative determination of PRQ in rat plasma than previously reported methods. Moreover, the main advantage of this developed method was the sample preparation step using 8.25% of perchloric acid, which in turns resulted in a clear chromatogram. In addition

TABLE 6: RO	BUSTNESS	DATA OF	THE RP-	-HPLC
METHOD AT	DIFFERENT	FLOW RA	TES	

Flow rate (1.1 ml/min)						
Conc. (ng/ml)	Actual Calc. found (ng/ml)	Statistica	l analysis			
1000	1015.25	1014.607	Mean			
1000	1011.21	3.125065	SD			
1000	1017.36	0.308008	%RSD			
500	518.36	513.61	Mean			
500	509.11	4.630065	SD			
500	513.36	0.901475	%RSD			
5	5.07	4.973333	Mean			
5	4.96	0.090738	SD			
5	4.89	1.824485	%RSD			
	Flow rate (0	.9 ml/min)				
Conc. (ng/ml)	Actual Calc.	Statistical				
	found (ng/ml)	analysis				
1000	1018.11	1015.437	Mean			
1000	1012.87	2.621628	SD			
1000	1015.33	0.258177	%RSD			
500	504.6	507.94	Mean			
500	507.99	3.315283	SD			
500	511.23	0.652692	%RSD			
5	5.01	5.02	Mean			
5	5.09	0.065574	SD			
5	4.96	1.306263	%RSD			

# TABLE 7: PHARMACOKINETIC PARAMETERS OF PRQ AFTER A SINGLE ORAL DOSE OF 40 mg/kg

Pharmacokinetic parameters	Obtained value		
Time required for maximum plasma	2		
concentration, T <sub>max</sub> (h)	Z		
Maximum plasma concentration, C <sub>max</sub>	F70 4		
(ng/ml)	570.4		
Plasma half-life, T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	2.2		
Area under curve at 30 h, AUC <sub><math>(0\rightarrow 30) (ng</math></sub>	4007 49		
h/ml)	4007.48		
Area under curve at infinite time,	404.9.04		
AUC <sub>(0→∞)</sub> (ng h/ml)	4018.94		
Area under momentum curve at 30 h,	20224 7		
$AUMC_{(0\rightarrow 30)}$ (ng·h <sup>2</sup> /ml)	29231.7		
Mean residence time, MRT (h)	7.29		

to this the sample preparation is easy simple (protein precipitation) does not need any evaporation technique, which will not increase the cost of the method.

Inter-day and intra-day precision of PRQ gave a %RSD below 9.00%, which was under the range followed by guideline given by CDER<sup>[18]</sup>. The pharmacokinetic study clearly indicated that LOQ 5 ng/ml without any interference of endogenous plasma peaks, which serves as an imperative predecessor for further future research.

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