

Analytical Method Development and Validation for Quantitative Estimation of Nonoxynol-9 In Dosage Form by RP-HPLC

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Abstract

The aim of the present work was to develop and validate a simple, efficient, economical method for the estimation of Nonoxynol-9 by reverse phase high pressure liquid chromatography. For Nonoxynol-9 Chromatography was performed on Waters Nova-Pak, C18, 3.9mm with mobile phase containing Methanol: water (80:20) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min and eluents were monitored at 280 nm. The retention times of Nonoxynol-9 7.307 min and showed a good linearity in the concentration range of 0.50 to 1.50 mg/mL for Nonoxynol-9, with a correlation coefficient of 0.999. The validation characteristics included Specificity, Linearity, Accuracy, Precision, Robustness and Stability. Validation acceptance criteria were met in all cases. The percent recoveries ranged between 97 – 103 %, RSD < 2%. The method could be successfully used for the analysis of Nonoxynol-9 in Drug product.

INTRODUCTION:

Nonoxynol-9, (2-[2-[2-[2-[2-[2-[2-[2-(4-Nonylphenoxy)ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethoxy]ethanol. Sometimes abbreviated as N-9, is an organic compound that is used as a surfactant. It is a member of the nonoxynol family of non-ionic surfactants. N-9 and related compounds are ingredients in various cleaning and cosmetic products.

It is widely used in contraceptives for its spermicidal properties. As a spermicide, it attacks the acrosomal membranes of the sperm, causing the sperm to be immobilized. Nonoxynol-9 is the active ingredient in most spermicidal creams, jellies, foams, gel, film, and suppositories

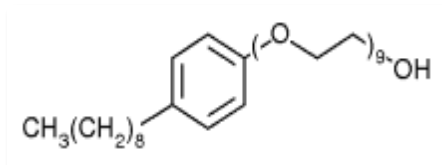


Figure 1: Structure of Nonoxynol-9

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Chemicals used: water, methanol, Nonoxynol-9.

3.1 Nonoxynol-9

3.1.1 Selection of Wavelength for Detection by Scanning in Uv

The working standard solution of Nonoxynol – 9 was scanned in the UV region and spectrum was

recorded. Distilled water was used as the blank. Solutions were scanned on spectrophotometer in the UV range of 200-400nm. It was seen that at 278 nm maximum absorbance was found. In HPLC, proper peak response was observed using 280nm. Hence, 280 nm was selected as the wavelength for estimation in HPLC.

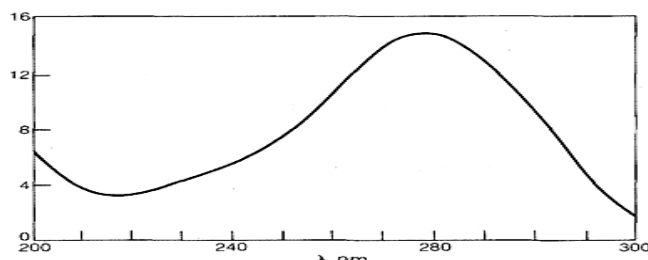


Figure 2: Spectra of Nonoxynol – 9 showing λ max of 280nm

3.1.2 Preparation of Solutions for Estimation of Nonoxynol-9

Standard Preparation of Nonoxynol: Accurately Weigh 100 mg Nonoxynol – 9 in to 100 mL Volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with Mobile Phase. Mix Well. Filter a portion of the Standard through 0.45 μ Nylon filter discarding the first 3 mL of Filtrate.

Sample Solution preparation:

- Weigh the sponges and determine the average weight of sponge.
- Cut the sponges in to small pieces approximately 10-20 mm across.

- Weigh an amount of sponge equivalent to one sponge, about 7grams.

Extraction procedure:

- Cut the sponges in to small pieces approximately 10-20 mm across.
- Extract the material with mobile phase by compressing and releasing the sponge for approximately 2 min.
- Repeat the process by using 20 ml of mobile phase three times.
- Transfer above extract in to 100ml volumetric flask and make up volume by using Mobile phase (methanol: water) (80:20).

3.2 Calculations:

Formula for Calculation for Content of Nonoxynol – 9 / SA & BA in Sample:

$$\text{Nonoxynol – 9/ SA \& BA} = \frac{(\text{Area Sample}) \times (\text{STD Wt}) \times (P)}{(\text{Area STD}) \times (100\text{mL})} \times 11.11 \times \text{ASW}$$

ASW = Average Sponge Weight in grams

P = Decimal Purity for the standard

3.3 RESULTS:

Table No: 1 Assay Data of Nonoxynol – 9 / SA & BA in Sample

S.NO	Name of Sample	Area Standard	Sample	Result	Limits	Assay
1	Nonoxynol - 9	2449364	2130719	0.984	1.00 g	98.4%
2	Sorbic acid	309816	283216	0.095	0.1 g	95.4%
3	Benzoic acid	118833	98123	0.077	0.08 g	96.2%

3.3.1 Optimized method:

Chromatographic conditions:

Mobile phase: Methanol: water (80:20)

Maximum wavelength: 280nm

Injection volume: 20 μ l

Run time: 15min

Flow rate: 1.0ml/min

Column: Waters Nova-Pak, C18, 3.9mm

Elution: Isocratic.

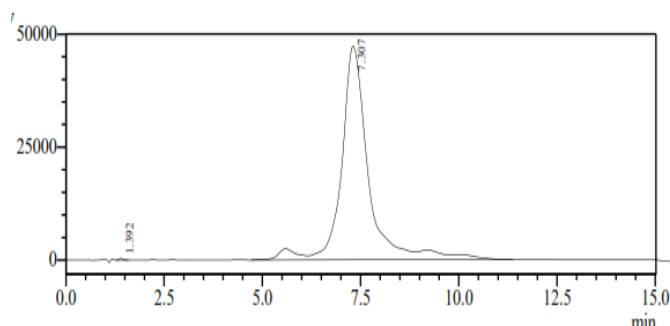


Figure 3: Optimized method Chromatogram

4.1 METHOD VALIDATION:

Validation of an Analytical Procedure is to demonstrate that it is Suitable for its Intended Purpose. The following parameters were evaluated.

4.2 SYSTEM SUITABILITY:

System suitability testing is an integral part of any analytical procedures. The tests are based on the concept that the equipment, electronics, analytical operations, and samples to be analysed constitute an

integral system factor are parameters that are normally used in assessing the column performance. These parameters include column efficiency, resolution, tailing factor, related standard deviation, number of theoretical plates, relative retention time and capacity factor. System Suitability was performed by injecting Blank Followed by six injections of working standards.

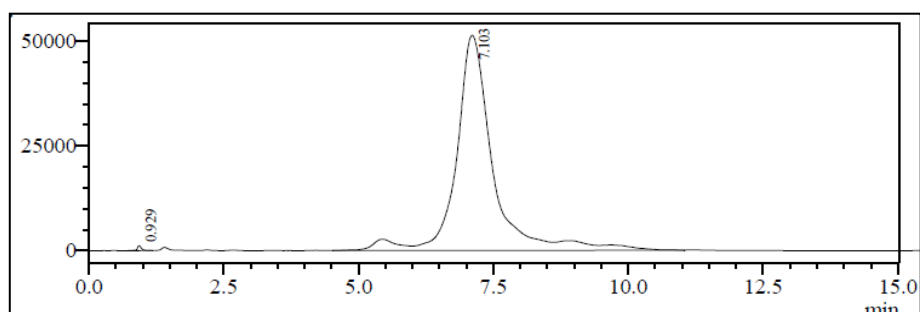


Figure 4: System suitability Chromatogram

Table 2: System suitability Data

S.No.	System Suitability Parameters	Results	Acceptance criteria
1	Tailing factor (T_f)	1.355	NMT 2
3	Theoretical plates(N)	3836	NLT 2000
5	%RSD	0.04	≤ 2

4.1.2 SPECIFICITY:

Specificity is the ability to assess unequivocally the analyte in the presence of components that may be expected to be present such as impurities, degradation products, and excipients. Specificity was performed by injecting the Blank followed by placebo and there should be no chromatogram at the retention time of API. Placebo is defined as the Today Sponge without API (Nonoxynol-9)

4.1.3 LINEARITY:

Linearity of an analytical procedure is its ability to obtain test results, which are directly proportional to the concentration (amount) of analyte in the sample. The linearity of the Nonoxynol-9 peak area responses were determined from 50 % to 150 % of the nominal method concentration, 1mg/mL, by preparing 5 concentrations covering the expected range of the method.

Table 3: Linearity Data

S.NO	Concentration(mg/ml)	Peak Area	Acceptance criteria
1	0.50	1225658	R ² Should not Less than 0.99
2	0.80	1915559	
3	1.00	2448844	
4	1.20	2995708	
5	1.50	3708474	
Correlation coefficient(r ²)		0.999	
Slope (m)		2522824	

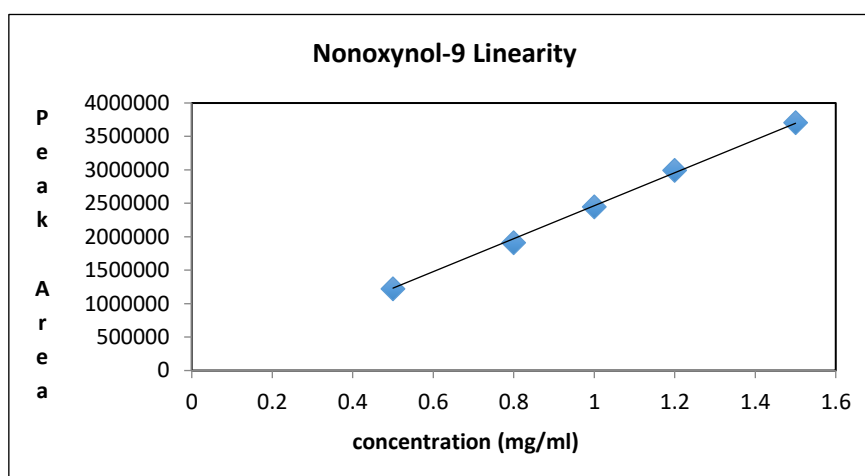


Figure 5: Linearity plot of Nonoxynol-9

4.1.4 ACCURACY:

The accuracy of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement between the value that is accepted either as a conventional true value or as an accepted reference value and the value found. Accuracy is calculated as the percentage of recovery by the assay of the known added amount of the analyte in the sample.

Recovery studies were performed to assess the accuracy of the method, where known amounts of analyte were spiked into Solution and recovered. Three concentrations were prepared covering the range of the method.

Acceptance criteria: The % Recovery for each level should be NLT 96 % and NMT 104 %

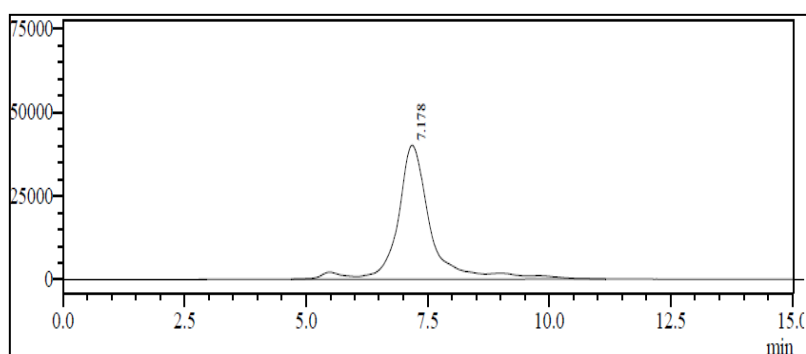


Figure 6: Chromatogram of sample- 80 %

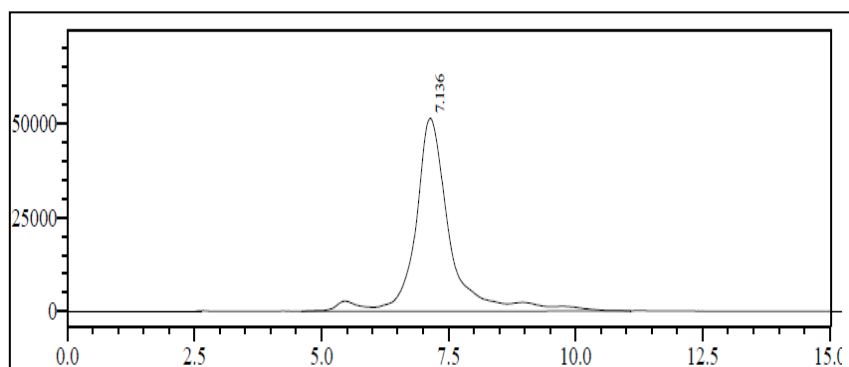


Figure 7: Chromatogram of sample- 100 %

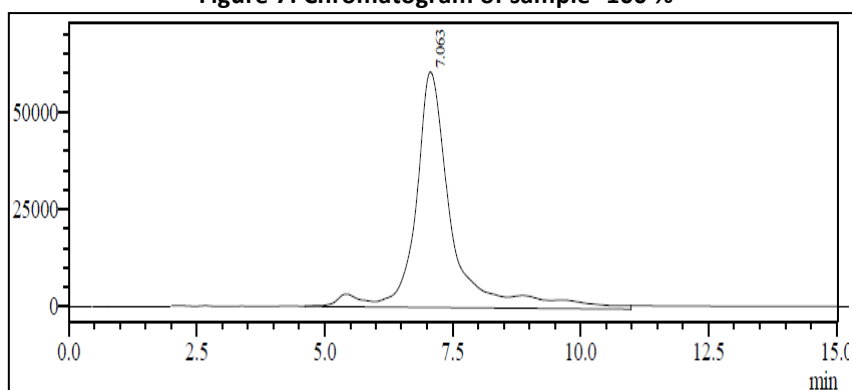


Figure 7: Chromatogram of sample- 120

Table 4: Accuracy Data

S.NO	Sample	Area of Spiked	% Recovery	Mean% Recovery	Acceptance criteria
1	80 %	1912992	102.9	102.9	% Recovery Should be In between 96 – 104 %
2	80 %	1914201	103.0		
3	80 %	1911750	102.8		
4	100 %	2443561	100.4	100.5	
5	100 %	2445200	100.5		
6	100 %	2445397	100.5		
7	120 %	3010992	98.8	98.5	
8	120 %	2999496	98.4		
9	120 %	3000276	98.4		

4.1.5 Repeatability:

Standard Repeatability will be determined by Six multiple injection at 100% of nominal concentration.

Repeatability was calculated by % RSD and it should be less than

Table No: 5 Repeatability Data

S.NO	Sample	Peak Area	Acceptance criteria
1	1	2449003	% RSD ≤ 2
2	2	2447227	
3	3	2448289	
4	4	2447038	
5	5	2448545	
6	6	2444636	
	STDEV	1578.13	
	AVG	2447456.6	
	%RSD	0.06	

4.1.6: Robustness:

It is a measure of its capacity to remain unaffected by small but deliberate variations in procedural parameters listed in the procedure documentation and indication of its suitability during normal usage.

Examples of typical variations in assay, impurities and dissolution method validation by HPLC are

1. Effect of variation in mobile phase composition.
2. Effect of variation in pH of mobile phase.
3. Effect of mobile phase flow rate.
4. Effect of variation in Temperature.

Table 6: Robustness Data

S.No	Parameter	Nonoxynol – 9		
		RT (min)	Asymmetry	Theoretical plate count
1	Standard	7.169	1.373	2732.315
2	Change in organic phase ratio-78%v/v	9.106	1.292	2511.394
3	Change in organic phase ratio-82%v/v	6.656	1.364	2837.121
4	Change in flow rate- 0.8 ml/ min	7.156	1.372	2729.596
5	Change in flow rate- 1.2 ml/ min	6.879	1.361	2736.705

4.1.7 ASSAY:

The following formula used for the calculation of percentage content

$$\text{Assay} = \frac{C_s}{C_t} \times \frac{P_t}{P_s} \times 100$$

Where,

Cs = Concentration of Standard solution

Ct = Concentration of Test solution

Pt = Peak Area of Standard solution

Ps = Peak Area of Test solution

Table 7: Assay Data

S.no	Solution	Conc.	Peak area	Peak area	Assay
1	Standard	1 mg/ml	2433419	2445200	99.58
2	Sample		2443561	2445397	99.86

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