

Analytical Approaches for The Detection and Evaluation of Antihypertensive Drugs in Pharmaceutical Formulations: A Review

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ABSTRACT

This review explores recent advancements in the development and validation of analytical methods for a wide range of antihypertensive drugs. These methods, including Reverse Phase High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (RP-HPLC), High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC), and UV-spectrophotometry, are critical for ensuring drug quality, efficacy, and safety in pharmaceutical formulations. Key findings from various studies are summarized, demonstrating the use of modern analytical techniques to measure drugs like Torsemide, Aliskiren, Atenolol, Minoxidil, Lisinopril, and others in tablet, bulk, and solution forms. The review highlights specific parameters such as retention times, mobile phases, detection wavelengths, and linearity ranges optimized for these drugs. For example, RP-HPLC was widely used due to its high precision and reproducibility, with retention times ranging from 2 to 10 minutes depending on the drug and formulation. Mobile phases often comprised mixtures of phosphate buffers, methanol, and acetonitrile adjusted to specific pH values for enhanced separation and detection. Validation of these methods followed International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines, ensuring reliability through assessments of accuracy, precision, linearity, and robustness.

Keywords: Analytical method development, RP-HPLC, HPTLC, UV-spectrophotometry, Antihypertensive drugs, Validation, Quality control, ICH guidelines, pharmaceutical formulations, Stability testing.

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INTRODUCTION

Hypertension, commonly known as high blood pressure, remains a major global health concern, contributing to cardiovascular diseases and increasing mortality rates worldwide [1,2]. The development and quality assessment of antihypertensive drugs are crucial for ensuring their efficacy and safety in clinical applications. Pharmaceutical formulations undergo rigorous analytical evaluation to determine drug potency, purity, stability, and bioavailability. This review explores the various analytical approaches employed for the detection and evaluation of antihypertensive drugs, highlighting advancements in chromatographic and spectroscopic techniques. By examining the principles, methodologies, and applications of these techniques, this study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how analytical methods contribute to the effective monitoring of antihypertensive pharmaceuticals, ensuring their therapeutic reliability and regulatory compliance [3].

METHODOLOGY

This review systematically evaluates analytical approaches for the detection and evaluation of antihypertensive drugs in pharmaceutical formulations. The methodology involves an extensive literature survey, data extraction, and synthesis from multiple research papers, emphasizing drug type, analytical method, specifications, mobile phase composition and retention times. Data from selected research papers were extracted and categorized based on drug type, analytical technique, mobile phase composition, retention time, and validation parameters (e.g., accuracy, precision, linearity, and robustness). The extracted information was systematically tabulated to facilitate comparative analysis.

The study critically analyzed the efficiency, sensitivity, and reproducibility of various analytical methods used for detecting antihypertensive drugs.

Analytical Methods

Analytical methods play a vital role in the evaluation and quality assurance of antihypertensive drugs throughout their development and production. The selection of an appropriate analytical approach depends on several key factors, including the chemical nature of the drug, its formulation type, and the specific purpose of the analysis. For instance, the polarity, solubility, and stability of the drug substance influence the type of solvents, detection techniques, and sample preparation steps required. In formulations that contain multiple active ingredients, such as fixed-dose combinations of antihypertensive and diuretics, the analytical method must be capable of simultaneously separating and quantifying each component with high specificity [4]. Sensitivity is another critical factor, particularly in applications such as bioanalytical studies [5], where trace levels of a drug or its metabolites need to be accurately measured in biological fluids. Analytical methods must also be selective enough to distinguish the active drug from its degradation products, impurities, and excipients. Furthermore, all methods must comply with regulatory guidelines and be validated for parameters like accuracy, precision, linearity, robustness, and reproducibility. Ultimately, well-developed and validated analytical methods ensure the safety, efficacy, and quality of antihypertensive drugs and are essential for routine quality control, stability testing, pharmacokinetic evaluation, and regulatory approval.

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is one of the most widely used and reliable analytical techniques for the analysis of antihypertensive drugs in pharmaceutical formulations and biological samples. Its high sensitivity, selectivity, and reproducibility make it suitable for routine quality control, stability studies, and dissolution testing of various antihypertensive agents, including calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, ARBs, and diuretics [6]. HPLC is capable of accurately separating active ingredients from impurities, degradation products, and excipients, which is essential for fixed-dose combination formulations [7-9].

Application

Calcium channel blockers such as amlodipine and nifedipine, HPLC is commonly used to analyze formulations, study degradation behavior, and ensure dosage accuracy, especially given their sensitivity to light and oxidation. Beta-blockers like atenolol and metoprolol, HPLC methods are employed not only for tablet analysis but also for bioanalytical purposes, including plasma level monitoring in pharmacokinetic studies. ACE inhibitors, including enalapril and lisinopril, often undergo forced degradation testing using HPLC to establish stability-indicating methods. These drugs are also frequently analyzed in combination with diuretics, requiring precise separation and quantification [10]. Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs) such as losartan and telmisartan are analyzed using HPLC to detect impurities and confirm active content in fixed-dose combinations. Similarly, diuretics like hydrochlorothiazide are analyzed alongside other antihypertensive in multi-component formulations. Alpha blockers and centrally acting agents, such as prazosin and clonidine respectively, are typically evaluated using HPLC for dosage uniformity and stability, particularly in oral dosage forms.

Advantages

Useful for Fixed-Dose Combinations-Capable of simultaneously analyzing multiple drugs in combination formulations. Stability-Indicating Capability -Detects changes in drug content under stress conditions (e.g., light, heat, humidity). Quantification at Low Concentrations-Enables detection in microgram or nanogram levels (especially with sensitive detectors). Non-Destructive Method- Sample remains intact for further analysis or retesting.

Challenges

Complex Formulations-Fixed-dose combinations (e.g., ARB + diuretic) require careful method development to separate multiple drugs and excipients. Matrix Interference-Biological samples (e.g., plasma, serum) may contain interfering substances that affect accuracy and sensitivity. Sample Preparation - Some drugs need extensive pre-treatment (e.g., filtration, extraction), which adds time and potential for error.

High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC)

HPTLC is an advanced form of Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) that offers enhanced resolution, sensitivity, and reproducibility. It operates on the principle of adsorption chromatography, where components of a mixture migrate at different rates on a pre-coated stationary phase (usually silica gel) under the influence of a mobile phase. The sample components separate due to differences in polarity, solubility, or molecular interactions with the stationary and mobile phases. Once separation is achieved, components are visualized, quantified, and compared using densitometry or scanning [11-13].

Application

High-Performance Thin-Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) is a versatile analytical technique widely employed in the pharmaceutical industry for various cardiovascular medications. It is utilized for quantitative estimation of Calcium Channel Blockers in tablets and capsules, and is suitable for stability-indicating methods under stress conditions. For Beta-Blockers, HPTLC is applied in content uniformity testing and detection of degradation products. In the case of ACE Inhibitors, it is commonly used for assay and degradation profiling. For Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs), HPTLC is employed for assay and impurity profiling in finished dosage forms, enables simultaneous estimation with hydrochlorothiazide in combination tablets, and is applied in stress degradation studies to evaluate formulation stability [14, 15].

Advantages

Suitable for Multi-Drug Formulations-Capable of analyzing fixed-dose combinations (e.g., ARB + Diuretic). Minimal Sample Preparation-Often requires less complex preparation compared to other chromatographic techniques. Ideal for Herbal and Traditional Formulations -Useful in standardizing polyherbal antihypertensive products.

Challenges

Lower Sensitivity - Compared to HPLC/LC-MS-Not ideal for trace-level or bioanalytical studies (e.g., plasma drug levels).

Manual Errors-Results can vary with manual sample application or development if not automated.

Resolution Limitations-May struggle to separate structurally similar compounds in complex matrices.

Limited Detection Techniques-Primarily relies on UV/Vis densitometry; lacks advanced detection like MS [16].

UV-Visible Spectroscopy:

Principle of UV-Visible Spectroscopy

UV-Visible spectroscopy works by shining light through a drug solution and measuring how much of that light is absorbed. When light in the ultraviolet or visible range passes through the sample, certain wavelengths are absorbed by the electrons in the drug molecule, causing those electrons to move to a higher energy level. This absorption depends on the structure of the molecule, especially if it has aromatic rings or double bonds, which are known as chromophores. The amount of light absorbed is directly related to how much of the drug is present in the solution, which is calculated using Beer-Lambert's law [17-19].

Application

Ultraviolet (UV) spectrophotometry serves as a versatile analytical technique for various antihypertensive drug classes. Calcium channel blockers, such as Amlodipine and Nifedipine, are quantified using absorbance measurements at 238-365 nm, particularly for dissolution profile monitoring in quality control testing [20]. Beta-blockers like Atenolol and Propranolol are analyzed using simple UV methods, typically at wavelengths between 225-290 nm, for content uniformity and degradation studies [21]. Diuretics, including Hydrochlorothiazide and Furosemide, are easily detected at approximately 270 nm for tablet assay and dissolution studies. Alpha blockers (e.g., Prazosin) and central-acting drugs (e.g., Clonidine) are estimated using their UV maxima, usually in the range of 240-280 nm, for formulation analysis and degradation profiling [22]. These UV spectrophotometric methods provide efficient and reliable means for quantitative analysis of antihypertensive medications across different drug classes.

Advantages

Spectrophotometry is particularly advantageous for analyzing light-absorbing drugs, especially those containing structural elements such as double bonds or aromatic rings that interact with UV or visible light. This method's versatility extends to multi-drug formulations, allowing for precise simultaneous measurement of different compounds, provided they absorb light at distinct wavelengths. This dual capability makes spectrophotometry a valuable analytical tool in pharmaceutical research and quality control, enabling efficient and accurate quantification of both single-drug and complex multi-drug systems.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The comprehensive review of analytical approaches for the detection and evaluation of antihypertensive drugs in pharmaceutical formulations has provided valuable insights into the effectiveness, reliability, and advancements of various analytical techniques. The extracted information was systematically tabulated to facilitate comparative analysis as you can see in *Table 1*. The gathered data from multiple research papers were systematically categorized, highlighting key parameters such as drug type, analytical method, mobile phase composition, and retention times. The findings demonstrate that Reverse Phase High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (RP-HPLC) remains the most widely employed

technique due to its high sensitivity, precision, and reproducibility in pharmaceutical analysis. High-Performance Thin-Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) has also been shown to offer significant advantages in drug separation and quantification, particularly in quality control applications. Additionally, UV-Spectrophotometry continues to be a simple and cost-effective method for the routine analysis of antihypertensive drugs in bulk and dosage formulations.

This review establishes a strong foundation for researchers and professionals seeking effective analytical techniques for antihypertensive drug evaluation, emphasizing the importance of continual methodological advancements to meet evolving pharmaceutical and regulatory demands.

Table 1: Analytical method validation of various antihypertensive drugs by HPLC method.

Drug	Method	Specification	Mobile phase	Retention time	References
Torsemide	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Column x terra c8 (4.6 x 150 mm, 3.5 mm id), Flow rate 0.8 ml/min The injection 20 µl volume 	40:60% v/v of phosphate buffer and acetonitrile	2.406 min	[23]
	HPTLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 cm × 10 cm aluminium foil HPTLC plates 	Toluene-methanol 8:2 (v/v)		[24]
	RPHPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injection volume 20 µl Flow rate 1.5 ml/min Detection wavelength 288 nm Column dimensions 4.6 mm x 150 mm 	Acetonitrile: phosphate buffer (0.05 M) 70:30 (pH 2.4)		[25]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zorbax c18 (250x4.6mm) Flow rate 1.3 ml/min The injection 20 µl volume Wavelength at 288nm 	Phosphate buffer and methanol (50:50) (v/v)	6.0±0.2min.	[26]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C8 (150 mm × 4.6 mm i.d.), 5 µm Flow rate; 1 ml min⁻¹ The injection 20 µl volume Wavelength at 287nm 	Phosphate buffer pH 4 : acetonitrile (3:2, v/v)	2.2 ± 0.2 min	[27]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luna c column (4.6 mm i.d.) Flow rate of 1 ml/min. The injection 20 µl volume Wavelength at 238nm 	Methanol: acetonitrile: phosphate buffer with pH 3.5 ± 0.1 (60: 20: 20 v/v)	3.2 min	[28]
Aliskiren	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypersil BDS, 250 x 4.6 mm Flow rate was 1.0 ml/min Injection volume was 10 µl 	Ltea-acetonitrile (60: 40)	5.9 min	[29]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phenomenaxlunac18 (ods) column (150 x 4.6 mm i.d., particle 	Phosphate buffer pH 3.0: acetonitrile (60:40, v/v)	5.02 min	[30]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> size 5m) Flow rate 1 ml/ min 			
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C8 column (4.6 x 250 mm, 5 µm) Flow rate 1 ml/min Wavelength: 220 nm Injection volume: 10 µl 	Acetonitrile and phosphate buffer and methanol 45:40:15	3.407 min	[31]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range between 40 and 100 µg ml⁻¹ UV 1601 pc Absorbance 279 nm 			[32]
Atenolol	RPHPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inertsil® (ods-3 250 mm x 4.6 mm 5 µm siloxan) Flow rate 1 ml/min Injection volume 20 µl Wavelength detection 276 nm 	Acetonitrile and water (v:v%).	1.5 min	[33]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Model 1700) with 1 cm matched quartz cuvettes λ_{max} 226nm Linearity range, µg/ml 4.0-48 Correlation coefficient (r²) 0.995 	Distilled water, methanol, ethanol, 0.1 hcl and phosphate buffer		[34]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Column (c18; 5µ, 4.6 x 150 mm) Flow rate 1.0 ml/min λ_{max} 237 nm 	Methanol-acetonitrile buffer (solution of ammonium acetate and sodium pentanesulphonate ratio, 55:10:35 v/v)	1.676 min	[35]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C18 princeton spher (250 × 4.6 mm) Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min Wavelength 270 nm 	Acetonitrile : 50 mm potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate (ph 3.5) in the ratio (50 : 50)	15 min	[36]
Metoprolol	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altima (150 x 4.6 mm, 5µ) Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min Wavelength 225nm Injection volume : 10µl 	Buffer (0.1%opa) and methanol in the ratio of 45:55 v/v	2.249min	[37]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novapack c-18 column a250 mm × 4 mm Injection volume : 10µl Flow rate of 1.0 ml min⁻¹ . Wavelength 254 nm. 	Acetonitrile-water-triethylamine 18:81:1 (v/v)	1.5 min	[38]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C18 column Flow rate of 1.0 ml min⁻¹ Wavelength 274 nm Injection volume 	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate buffer-acetonitrile (70 + 30) mobile phase	6.32 min	[39]

		was 20 l.			
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spherisorb® analytical column (5µm, 4.6 x 250mm) • Flow rate 2.0ml/min • Injection volume : 10µl 	Acn: orthophosphoric acid: water; ph 3.0		[40]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absorbance 222 nm • Concentration range of 2–16 µg/ml • Molar absorptivity of 3.67 x 10⁴ l/mol.cm 	Methanol		[41]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absorption maxima at 222 nm • Concentration range of 5 to 30 µg/m 	Distilled water, phosphate buffer 6.8 and 0.1 n hc		[42]
Minoxidil	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-bridge c18 column (150 mm x 4.6 mm id, 5 µm). • Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min • Wavelength of 280 nm • An injection volume of 10 µl 	Buffer and acetonitrile mixture in a 55:45 (v/v)	6.6 min	[43]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ods c18 column (25 cm x 4.6 mm, 5 µ particle size) • Wavelength 210 nm • Injection volume was 20 µl • Flow rate of 1 ml/min 	0.5 % triethyl amine (tea), ph 6.38 ,ortho phosphoric acid (opa) 70:30 v/v	10.005 min	[44]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absorbance maxima at 280.4nm • Concentration range of 0.1-2.5µg/ml. 	N-butanol as a solvent ,water		[45]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C18 column (250 mm x 4.6 mm i.d., particle size 5 µm, thermohypersil bds) • Flow rate of 1 ml/min • Uv detection at 250 nm • Injection volume 5 µl 	Methanol-phosphate buffer (ph 3.0, 60:40, v/v)	3.640 min	[46]
Lisinopril	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xterra c8 column (150 mm x 4.6 mm; 3.5 µm) • Flow rate of 0.8 ml/min • Injection volume 20 µl 	Phosphate buffer and methanol in the ratio of 35:65v/v	2.298 min	[47]
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absorption maxima 206nm • Concentration range 10-50 µg/ml • Correlation coefficient value (r²) 0.999 			[48]

	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nucleosil (125 x 4.0mm, 5mm) Flow rate 1.0 ml/min Wavelength 215 nm Injection volume 20 µl. 	Buffer (ph 2.0), isopropyl alcohol and triethylamine in the ratio (95: 5: 0.1)	7 min	[49]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Star rp18e 150 mm x 4.6 mm Flow rate 1.1 ml/min Injection volume of 20 µl 	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate buffer (ph 7.3; 20 mm)-methanol (70:30, v/v)	4.8 min	[50]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agilent zorbax bonus-rp column (250 x 4.6 mm, 5µ) Flow rate: 1-ml/min Injection volume: 10 µl Wavelength: 215 nm 	Methanol and trifluoroacetic acid (50:50 v/v)	2.28 min	[51]
Ramipril	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortis c18 (100 mm x 4.6 mm; 2.5 µm particle size). Flow rate 1.0 ml/min. Detection wavelength 270 nm, Injection volume 20 µl 	Methanol and citric acid sodium citrate buffer solution (50:50 v/v) ph 3.0	3.645 min	[52]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inertsil ods c18 column, 5 µ, 250mm x 4.60mm Flow rate of 1.5 ml/min Injection volume 100µl 	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate buffer having ph 2.8 and acetonitrile of 60:40 v/v	10.8min	[53]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyperchom c18 column (250 mm, 4.6 mm i.d., 5 µm) Flow rate of 1.5 ml/min. Wavelength 210 nm. Injection volume was 10.0 µl. 	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (adjusted to ph = 3.4 using orthophosphoric acid): methanol: acetonitrile in the ratio 70:15:15 (v:v:v)	2.522 min	[54]
Hydrochlorothiazide	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun fire c18 column (4.6mm x 50, 5µm) Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min Wavelength at 225nm Injection volume 5µl 	Tri fluoro acetic acid : acetonitrile	3.07 ± 0.05 min	[55]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shim-pack clc-ods column (250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5µ) Wavelength of 254 nm. Flow rate was 1.5 ml/min 	0.025 m phosphoric acid solution: acetonitrile (60:40 v/v, ph 3.0 adjusted with 80% phosphoric acid)	3.748 min	[56]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bds c18 column 250x4.6 mm 5µ 	Acetonitrile and buffer in the ratio	10 min	[57]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flow rate was 1.0 ml/min Wavelength 260 nm Injection volume 20µl 	of 55:45 (v/v).		
	UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration range 10-50 µg/ml Correlation coefficient of 0.9916 Absorption maxima 224-nm. 	Methanol		[58]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C18 column (100 mm 4.6 mm) Wavelength 233 nm Flow rate 0.7 ml/min Injection volume 20µl 	60:40 methanol: water	3.440 min	[59]
	RP HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Younglin, 150mm×4.6mm Flow rate of 0.7 ml / min Injection volume of 20 µl 	Potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate as buffer and buffer: acetonitrile: methanol (30:10:60)	2.1000 min	[60]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C18zorbax (eclipse plus, 4.6 × 250 mm, 5 µm) Injection volume of 20 µ Flow rate of 1ml/min Wavelength 272 nm 	50 : 50 acetonitrile : water,	3.5 min	[61]
Hydralazine	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> µbondapak phenyl column (30 cm x 3.9 mm i.d., 10 µm) Flow rate of 1ml/min Wavelength 295 nm 	Methanol: 2% acetic acid solution (60:40, v/v)	7.4 min	[62]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bds hypersil c18 column (250 ×4.6 mm, 5µ) Flow rate 1.2ml/min Wavelength 270nm Injection volume : 20µl 	Methanol and acetonitrile solvent ratio : 40:60	2.58min	[63]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inertsil ods-3v, 250mm length, 4.6mm Wavelength 230nm. Injection volume is 10 µl Flow rate 1.0 ml/min 	Mobile phase-a: buffer and mobile phase-b: methanol	1.0 min	[64]
Spironolactone	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symmetry c-8 analytical column (150x3.9) mm Injection volume 20µl Flow rate 1 ml/min Wavelength 254nm, 283nm 	Water, tetrahydrofuran (thf), and acetonitrile (acn) in the ratio of 77:21:2 v/v	1.00 min	[65]

	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inertsil c18 (250 x 4.6mm), 5μ column • Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min • Wavelength 236 nm • Injection volume 20 μl. 	Methanol:water (70:30 v/v)	6.69 min	[66]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sge 150 x 4.6 mm ss wakosil ii 5c8rs 5-μm • Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. • Wavelength 254 nm • Injection volume was 20 μl 	Acetonitrile– ammonium acetate buffer (50:50, v/v)	3.328 min	[67]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symmetry® c18 (150 mm x 4.6 mm, 5m) • A flow rate of 1 ml/min. • Injection volume was 40 μl • Wavelength 238 nm 	Methanol:water (60:40, v/v)	9.5 min	[68]
Telmisartan	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symmetry c18 (4.6 x 150 mm, 5 mm) • Flow rate of 1 ml/min. • Wavelength 290 nm • Injection volume was 10 μl 	Buffer 0.01 n kh2po: acetonitrile 45:55% v/v	2.593 min	[69]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C18 column with 250mm x 4.6mm • Wavelength 237nm • Flow rate 0.9 ml/min • Injection volume was 20 μl 	Acetonitrile: ph buffer (80:20v/v)	11.97min	[70]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-18 (phenyl) column (25 cm x 4.6 mm) • Flow rate: 0.8 ml/min • Injection volume: 10μl • Wavelength 296nm 	Acetonitrile: phosphate buffer 90:10 v/v	5.37 min	[71]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromosil c18 (250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μm) • Flow rate was 1.5 ml/min • Wavelength 256 nm • Injection volume 20 μ 	Methanol : 0.1% orthophosphoric acid : acetonitrile 80:05:15 v/v/v	2.7 min	[72]
Propranolol	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-18 column (3.9 mm x 300 mm, particle size 5 μm) • Flow rate, 1 ml/min • Wavelength 214 nm 	Acetonitrile: ph 4.5 phosphate buffer (35:65)	6.6 min	[73]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phenomenex luna c18 column (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μm) • Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min 	Methanol: water in the ratio of 40:60 (0.01%o-phosphoric acid)	2.76 min	[74]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wavelength 293 nm 			
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xterra rp18 (150×4.6 mm, 5 μm) Flow rate 1 ml/min Wavelength 214 nm. Injection volume 10 μl 	50 mm pyrrolidine (ph 11.5) – acetonitrile (50:50, v/v)	2.86 min	[75]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypersil ods c-18 column (250×4.6 mm, i.d., 5 μm particle size) Flow rate 1 ml/min Injection volume 20 μl 	Acetonitrile, methanol, and 0.01 m disodium hydrogen phosphate (ph 3.5) 50:35:15 v/v	6.62±0.003 min	[76]
	RP-UPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquity beh c18 column (30 x 2.1 mm, 1.7μm) Flow rate was 0.3 ml/min Wavelength 230 nm Injection volume 1μl 	Trifluoroacetic acid (0.1%) and acetonitrile in the ratio 80:20 v/v	0.98 min	[77]
Diltiazem	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min Column hiber, 250-4.6 rp-18 column Injection volume of 20 μl Wavelength 230 nm. 	Acetonitrile–methanol–water (30:20:50, v/v, ph 2.59 ± 0.02	2.34 min	[78]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zorbax [c8 (5μ, 4.6 mm×250)] Flow rate of 1.0ml/min. Wavelength 240 nm 	Buffer and acetonitrile in the ratio of (60:40).	4.66 min	[79]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bds c18 (150 mm 4.6 mm, 5.0 mm) Flow rate of 1.0 ml/min Injection volume of 10 ml 	Acn and/or methanol)	0.28 min	[80]
	HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A zorbax sb-c18 (4.6 mm x 250 mm, 5 μm) Flow rate was 0.7 ml/min. Wavelegth 240 nm 	0.2 m ammonium dihydrogen phosphate, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol and triethylamine (55:43:1.7:0.3, v/v)	4 min	[81]
	RP-HPLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C18 column (250 mm ×4.6 mm, 5 μm particle size) Flow rate of 2.0 ml/min Injection volume of 20 μl Wavelegth 240 nm 	Ethanol: phosphoric acidsolution (ph = 2.5) (35 : 65, v/v	5.8 min	[82]

CONCLUSION

The reviewed advancements in analytical methods for antihypertensive drugs highlight the growing importance of precision, robustness, and validation in pharmaceutical quality control. As hypertension remains a major global health concern, ensuring the safety, efficacy, and consistency of antihypertensive formulations is paramount. Modern analytical techniques, including RP-HPLC, HPTLC, and UV-

spectrophotometry, have demonstrated exceptional versatility in the quantitative and qualitative analysis of various pharmaceutical preparations, ranging from finished dosage forms like tablets and capsules to raw bulk materials.

A critical aspect of these analytical methods is their adherence to the rigorous standards established by the International Council for Harmonisation (ICH) guidelines. Compliance with these guidelines guarantees that analytical techniques are not only reliable and reproducible but also suitable for routine application in pharmaceutical industries and regulatory settings. The validation parameters—such as accuracy, precision, specificity, linearity, and robustness play a crucial role in ensuring that antihypertensive drugs meet the required quality standards before reaching consumers.

Despite the significant advancements in analytical methodologies, there is a continuous need for innovation and refinement to address emerging challenges in pharmaceutical analysis. Future research should focus on enhancing analytical efficiency, optimizing separation techniques, and developing eco-friendly methodologies to minimize environmental impact.

This review serves as a comprehensive resource for researchers, analysts, and pharmaceutical professionals committed to ensuring the safety, efficacy, and quality of antihypertensive medications. By leveraging the latest analytical approaches and embracing technological innovations, the pharmaceutical industry can continue to evolve and meet the dynamic demands of modern healthcare, ultimately contributing to improved patient outcomes and global health advancements.

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