

## HPLC techniques for quantifying glimepiride in pharmaceutical preparations and human samples: A review

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### Abstract:

Type 2 diabetes has become a global epidemic impacting approximately 190 million individuals globally with an expected increase to over 300 million by 2025. The influence of diabetes on individual health, healthcare, and society as a whole is significant and ongoing. Due to the significance of this oral hypoglycemic agent in managing type 2 diabetes, it works by stimulating insulin secretions from beta cells in the pancreas and is also known to enhance peripheral insulin sensitivity and thus reduce insulin resistance. Glimepiride is an antidiabetic drug that features both hydrophilic and hydrophobic functional groups in its molecular composition. Glimepiride has a strong ability to contaminate water bodies. Being a drug that pollutes the environment, there is an urgent need for this. A review of analytical work reported in the literature on pharmaceutical preparations and human samples using various techniques such as spectrophotometry, electrochemical techniques, capillary electrophoresis, and HPLC.

**Keywords:** Antidiabetic drug, Glimepiride, HPLC, and pharmaceutical preparations.

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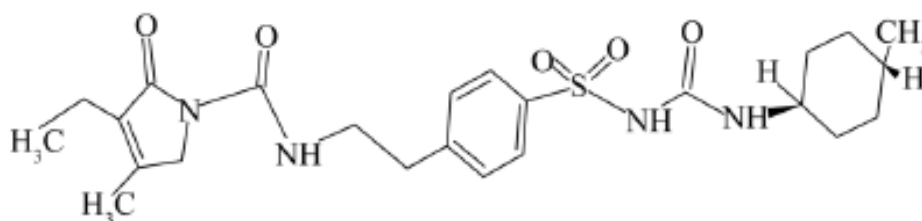
حوالي 190 مليون شخص حول العالم يعانون من مرض السكري من النوع الثاني وهناك توقعات بان تحدث زيادة في الاصابات لتصل الى اكثر من 300 مليون شخص بحلول عام 2025 . تأثير مرض السكري على صحة الأفراد، والرعاية الصحية، والمجتمع بشكل عام يظل بارزاً ومستمرًا. جليمبيريد هو دواء مضاد لمرض السكري يتميز بوجود مجموعات وظيفية محبة وكارهه للماء في تركيبته الجزيئية. نظرًا لأهمية هذا العامل المخفض لسكر الدم عن طريق الفم في إدارة مرض السكري من النوع الثاني، فإنه يعمل عن طريق تحفيز إفراز الأنسولين من خلايا بيتا في البنكرياس، ومن المعروف أيضًا أنه يعزز حساسية الأنسولين في الأنسجة المحيطية وبالتالي يقلل من مقاومة الأنسولين. يتمتع الجليمبيريد بقدرة قوية على التلوث للمياه الجوفية، وبوصفه دواءً يسبب تلويثًا للبيئة، هناك حاجة ملحة لمعالجة هذه المسألة. يتضمن هذا البحث استعراض للدراسات المذكورة بالادبيات حول تقدير دواء الجليمبيريد في المستحضرات الصيدلانية وعينات بشرية باستخدام تقنيات متنوعة مثل تقنية الطيف الضوئي والتقنيات الكهروكيميائية والترحيل الكهربائي وكروماتوغرافيا السائل عالي الاداء.

**الكلمات المفتاحية :** دواء مضاد لمرض السكر، جليمبيريد، كروماتوغرافيا السائل عالي الاداء، المستحضرات الصيدلانية .

### Introduction:

Glimepiride (GLM) is its scientific name 3-ethyl-4-methyl-N-(4-(N-((4-methylcyclohexyl) carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)phenethyl)-2-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxamide[1]. The molecular formula for this drug is  $C_{24}H_{34}N_4O_5S$ , with a molecular weight of (490.62g/mol) [2] GLM is not related to insulin (Insulin Independent) and it is from the second generation of a group of sulphonylureas, and one of its advantages is that it leads to lowering the amount of sugar in the blood more effectively than the old drugs, which are considered from the first generation, such as Tolbutamide and Chlorpropamide. This drug helps to secrete insulin from the cells of the pancreas and helps to transport sugar in the blood into the tissues of the body. The use of this medicine must be combined with a diet. GLM has a long duration of drug efficacy, which extends to 24 hours, so it is taken once a day [3]. GLM is a white crystalline powder with a bitter taste [4]. The percentage of elements is C = 58.76%, H = 6.99%, O=16.30%, N=11.42%, and S = 6.53% [5] .It dissolves in alcohol at 25 °C and is slightly soluble in water. And a melting point

of 207 C °. The maximum absorption wavelength is (229-260) nm [6] This medicine is available in the form of different pharmaceutical preparations. This drug has side effects, including severe skin rash, itching, redness, irritation, pale skin, fever, general weakness, and numbness. Or feeling tingling, difficulty breathing, dizziness, headache, fatigue, vomiting, stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea, enhanced sensitivity of the skin to sunlight, mild itching [7, 8] This drug has interactions that may cause a reaction similar to disulfiram (facial redness, headache, shortness of breath), as well as androgens, methyldopa, magnesium salts, chloramphenicol, fluconazole, antihistamines, sulfonamides, nicotinic acid, minotiazine, rifamycin, estrogen, isoniazid. These drugs cause high blood sugar and thus reduce the control of sugar. Fluconazole, fluvastatin, flavoxamine, and ketoconazole may increase the levels of glimepiride in the blood and increase the risk of hypoglycaemia [9,10] The structure of glimepiride is shown in **Figure 1**.



**Figure 1. Chemical structures of glimepiride**

The drug GLM was determined by various methods, including ultraviolet spectroscopy, where the scientist Altinoz and his group [11] were able to analyze the drug GLM using the spectrophotometry of the derivative. The second is for ultraviolet rays, where quantitative spectrophotometry was conducted in dimethyl in the wavelength from 245nm to 290 nm, where it appeared at (236.3-268.2) nm, respectively. Dhaneshwar and his group [12] validated the HPTLC technique was employed for the determination of atorvastatin and GLM in pharmaceuticals and preparations, namely: A new, simple, and accurate method for the simultaneous determination of drugs for both ATV and GML in tablet form, where the drug was carried out on precoated aluminum plates utilizing silica as a stationary phase and an eluent consisting of H<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH and ammonium sulfate in proportions (4:1:1) respectively.

GLM was quantified by the micellar electrokinetic chromatography (MEKC) technique [13]. A method based on switching the polarity of the reverse electrode was used to determine Serum antihyperglycemic drugs after ACN protein precipitation. The detection limit is (3.1  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ), (%Recovery(%rec) = 93%). GLM was determined by LC-ESI-MS-MS [14] to analyze human plasma samples for drug applications. The evidence obtained has a glimepiride retention time of 1.65 min and a concentration range of (5-1000 ng.ml<sup>-1</sup>). GLM was determined in pharmaceutical preparations by the square wave Voltammetric Method [15]. Where the cyclic voltammetry technique was employed to investigate the electrochemical behaviour of GLM. The peak current detected was positively related to the concentration of GLM. Evidence obtained at a linearity in the range (0.25-7.81  $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$ ). The accuracy of the suggested

technique was confirmed by the %rec of  $100.95 \pm 0.61\%$  with  $RSD = 1.4\%$  at the concentration level is  $4.89 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ .

Maurer and his group [16] presented a rapid and reliable examination and determination in addition to the accurate and sensitive quantitative measurement of oral antidiabetics GLM by the technique of APCI-LC-MS In plasma allowing determination of overdose, evidence obtained ( $LOD = 0.01\text{mg/l}$ ) and ( $LOQ=0.1\text{mg/l}$ ).

GLM was determined using liquid-liquid extraction (LLE) [17] Where it proved to be a sensitive and specific method for the drug at a linear concentration ( $2 - 500 \text{ ng ml}^{-1}$ ).

Determination of GLM using HPLC based analytical methods offers lower time requirements, less use of organic solvents, and better separation and determination of GLM, which are presented in (Table 1).

**Table 1: HPLC methods for determining GLM in human samples and pharmaceutical preparations.**

Column	Mobile phase	Detection	Statistical data analysis	Application	Ref.
C18	0.05 M $\text{HClO}_4$ : ACN (60: 40 v/v)	UV $\lambda$ :350 nm	6-1000 $\text{ng ml}^{-1}$ $t_r = 3.5 \text{ min}$ $LOD = 5 \text{ ng ml}^{-1}$	human serum and urine	[18]
C8	ACN: $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ (pH 3.0; 0.02M) (20:80, v/v)	UV-DAD $\lambda$ :235 nm and mass spectrometry	Fragment ions 376.2455 (376.0967)	Bulk drug substance	[19]
C18	ACN:0.005 mol/ $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ (60:40)	ESI-MS-MS	0.1-200 $\text{ng ml}^{-1}$ $LOQ = 5 \text{ ng ml}^{-1}$ $\%RSD = 0.50-5.8$ $\%Rec = 79.8$	Human plasma	[20]
Lichro-sorb®	ACN: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ (550:450:0.6 v/v)	UV $\lambda$ :350 nm	15-120 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ $LOD = 4 \text{ ng/ } \mu\text{g}$ $LOQ = 10 \text{ ng/ } \mu\text{g}$ $\%RSD = 0.521$ $\%Rec = 99.34$	Pharmaceutical formulations	[21]
C18	$\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ buffer (0.02 mol) ACN: MeOH (40:35:25 v/v)	ESI-MS-MS	5-500 $\text{ng/mL}$ $r^2 = 0.9998$ $LLOQ = 5.0 \text{ ng/ml}$ $\% \text{ precision} = 7.96$ $\% \text{ Accuracy} = 100.58$	Human plasma	[22]

Column	Mobile phase	Detection	Statistical data analysis	Applica-tion	Ref.
Hypersil ODS	HCOOH 0.05M: ACN (28:72 v/v)	ESI-MS-MS	0.50-1000 ng/mL $r^2 = 0.998$ LOD = 0.16 ng/mL LLOQ = 0.75 ng/mL %RSD= 10.37	Human plasma	[23]
Hypurity C18	ACN :1 g/L HCOOH in H <sub>2</sub> O (50:50 v/v)	ESI-MS-MS	15.6-1000 µg/mL $r^2 = 0.990$ LOD = 0.98 µg/mL LOQ = 15.6 µg/mL	Human plasma	[24]
Peerless Basic C18	MeOH and H <sub>2</sub> O Including 0.5% HCOOH) 80:20 v/v	ESI-MS-MS	10-1500 ng/mL $t_r = 4.5$ min $r^2 = 0.99$ LLOQ = 2.50 ng/mL % Accuracy= 92.81 %Recovery = 93	Human plasma	[25]
Capcell Pak MF Ph-1	ACN: 0.01 mol/L PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (20:80, v/v) Includ- ing 0.04% of Et3N	UV $\lambda$ :228 nm	10-400 ng/mL $t_r = 4.5$ min $r^2 = 0.9997$ LOQ = 10 ng/mL % precision= 15 % Accuracy=99	Human plasma	[26]
C18	ACN: H2O Includ- ing 1% Et3N (pH was adjusted to 5.6 with H <sub>3</sub> PO4) (55:45 v/v)	UV $\lambda$ :230 nm	1-1600 ng/mL $t_r = 9.8$ min $r^2 = 0.998$ LOD = 0.75 ng/mL LLOQ = 1 ng/mL % Accuracy= 105 %Recovery = 96	Human plasma	[27]
C18	ACN: 2% HCOOH pH 3.5 (80:20 v/v)	UV $\lambda$ :228 nm	20-140 ng/mL %RSD= 0.62 %Recovery = 100.20	Tablets	[28]
phenomenex RP-18	ACN: PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (65: 35)	UV $\lambda$ :228 nm	0.25-25 µg/mL $t_r = 8.7$ min $r^2 = 0.9991$ LOD = 0.058 µg/mL LOQ = 0.20 µg/mL	Tablets	[29]

Column	Mobile phase	Detection	Statistical data analysis	Application	Ref.
C18	ACN: PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (48:52, v/v)	UV λ: 228 nm	20-300 µg/mL r <sup>2</sup> = 0.999 %RSD = 0.297 %Recovery = 102.678	Bulk drug substance	[30]
Cosmosil C18	0.01 mol (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (pH 6.95): ACN: MeOH (45:35:20 v/v)	UV λ: 228 nm	0.10-10.00 µg/mL t <sub>r</sub> = 5.6 min r <sup>2</sup> = 0.9999 LOQ = 0.02 µg/mL %RSD = 0.6 % Accuracy = 99.7	Tablets	[31]
Agilent Zorbax XDB C18	aqueous buffer: ACN (68:32 v/v)	UV λ: 228 nm	0.1-0.6 µg/mL t <sub>r</sub> = 8.1 min LOD = 0.007 µg/mL LOQ = 0.022 µg/mL %RSD = 1.16	Tablets	[32]
Waters Symmetry	H <sub>2</sub> O and THF (75:25 v/v)	UV λ: 228 nm	600-6000 mg/mL t <sub>r</sub> = 0.6 min r <sup>2</sup> = 0.998 LOD = 200 mg/mL LOQ = 600 mg/mL %RSD = 0.6	Bulk drug substance	[33]
Phenomenex Luna C8	PO <sub>4</sub> buffer: ACN: THF (73:18:09, v/v/v)	UV λ: 228 nm	600-6000 µg/mL t <sub>r</sub> = 41 min r <sup>2</sup> = 0.999 LOD = 0.02 µg/mL LOQ = 0.04 µg/mL %RSD = 1.13 % Accuracy = 110	Bulk drug substance	[34]
Inertsil-ODS-3 (C-18)	composed of MeOH:PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (75:25 v/v)	UV- DAD λ: 258 nm	1-10 µg/mL t <sub>r</sub> = 10 min r <sup>2</sup> = 0.999 %RSD = 0.64 %Rec = 100.2	Tablets	[35]
Alltima C18	MeOH:PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (70:30, v/v)	UV λ: 230 nm	1-100 µg/mL r <sup>2</sup> = 0.99992 LOD = 0.26 µg/mL LOQ = 0.88 µg/mL %RSD = 0.20 % Accuracy = 100.40	Tablets and dietary	[36]



Column	Mobile phase	Detection	Statistical data analysis	Application	Ref.
GraceSmart RP-18	35% A (90% H <sub>2</sub> O: 0.1% HCOOH:10% ACN) and 65% B (90% ACN: 10% H <sub>2</sub> O)	UV detection at 210 nm	10-90 µg/mL $r^2 = 0.99$ LOD = 27 ng/µg %Recovery = 91.0 % Accuracy= 98.6	Dietary supplements and tablets	[37]
Alltima HP C18	ACN: 10 mM NH <sub>4</sub> OAc (pH 3.0) 60:40( v/v)	LC-MS/MS	4.98-494.2 ng/mL $r^2 = 0.99$ LLOQ =4.97 ng/mL % Accuracy= 99.28	Human plasma	[38]
C18	0.001M NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> : 10% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> : ACN	UV λ:228 nm	40-140 µg/mL $t_r = 9.3$ min $r^2 = 0.998$ LOD = 0.354 µg/mL LOQ = 1.18 µg/mL %RSD= 0.21 % Accuracy= 99.96	Bulk and Tablet Dosage Form	[39]
octadesyl silane (ODS) column	ACN, 0.2 M PO <sub>4</sub> buffer (pH 7.4) (40:60 v/v)	PDA λ:228 nm	0.2-2 µg/mL $t_r = 3.54$ min $r^2 = 0.999$ LOD = 0.38 µg/mL LOQ = 1.17 µg/mL %RSD= 0.127 %Rec = 99.87	pharmaceutical formulations and in vitro dissolution studies.	[40]
Kine-tex C18 fused-core	ACN: K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> 10 mM pH 3.0 (60:40v/v)	UV λ: 230 nm	0.1-1.0 µg/mL $t_r = 1.8$ min $r^2 = 0.9957$ LLOQ =5.1 µg/mL %RSD= 3.25	Human plasma	[41]
HILIC Waters Spherisorb S5NH2	40% ACN:60% aqueous CH <sub>3</sub> COO buffer (5.0 mM) at pH 6.3 (40:60v/v)	UV λ:228 nm	50 µg/mL-6mg/L $t_r = 5$ min $r^2 = 0.999$ LOD = 15 µg/mL %RSD= 0.84 %Rec = 99.87	pharmaceutical formulations	[42]

RSD: Relative Standard Deviation;  
LOD: Limit of Detection; LOQ: Limit of Quantitation; LLOQ: Lower Limit of Quantification; DAD : diode array detector; PDA: photo diode array ,perchloric acid:  $\text{HClO}_4$  ; ammonium acetate:  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ ; glacial acetic acid:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  ; formic acid:  $\text{HCOOH}$  ; phosphate:  $\text{PO}_4$  ; triethylamine:  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  ; orthophosphoric acid:  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  ; triammonium citrate:  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$  ; tetrahydrofuran :THF ; monobasic sodium phosphate:  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$  ; potassium phosphate:  $\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4$  ; acetate :  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  , Methanol ; MeOH.

### Conclusion:

The analysis of glimepiride should be straightforward, fast, and cost-effective. glimepiride in pharmaceutical formulations by HPLC with UV detection showed to be an adequate technique due to this technique offering accurate results at a lower cost compared to more complex detection methods. Moreover, the developed methods enabled the concentration of the glimepiride drugs in the sample matrix without the need for an additional step.

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