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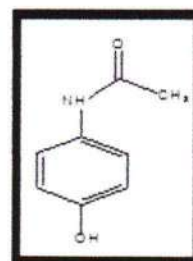


Fig. 1: chemical structure of Paracetamol

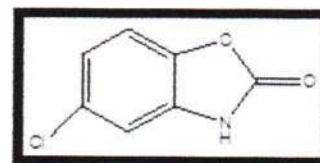


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KEY WORDS: Spectroscopy, Area under curve, Methanol, Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO), Finasteride, validation.

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Finasteride chemically is 17β-(N-tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-aza-5α-androst-1-en-3-one (Figure. 1). It is white in colour and crystalline powder. The molecular weight of Finasteride is 372.6g/mol and molecular formula is C₂₃H₃₆N₂O₂.^[1] It is competitive inhibitor of enzyme 5α-reductase which converts testosterone responsible for androgen action in tissues including prostate gland and hair follicles. Finasteride is antiandrogenic drug and also found effectively in male baldness. It is effective orally, metabolized in liver and excreted in urine faeces.^[2] Literature survey revealed UV, HPLC and UPLC analytical methods for its estimation.^[3-17] The validation of the proposed method was carried out by ICH guidelines.^[18]

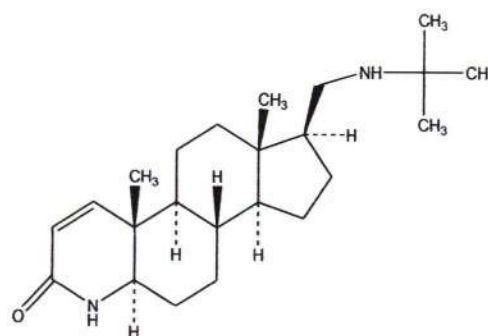


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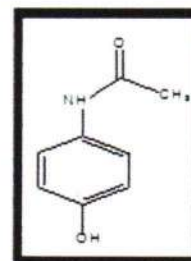


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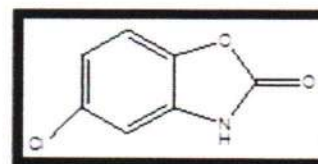


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Abstract

Background: Currency is a public support tool for exchange of commodity and services. It's prevalent practice for acquiring bread to broast and bath to bed has connected all human being together irrespective of race and occupation. Currency notes along with their denomination values also carry pathogens if contaminated and will act as an agent for infection transference. Therefore the objective of this cross-sectional study was to assess the load microbial pathogens of paper currency collected in selected public places of Al-Kharj, Saudi Arabia.

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Comparative *in-vivo* Evaluation of Anti-Cancer Drugs Loaded Nanospheres

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: objective of present research was to formulate and evaluate nanospheres of selected anticancer drugs, viz., Capecitabine (CPN), Tamoxifen (TAM) and Doxorubicin (DXO). The adverse effects associated with anticancer drugs which include are bone-marrow depression, cardio toxicity, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting, stomatitis and dermatitis. **Materials and Methods:** Drug loaded nanospheres of polycaprolactone-chitosan in various drug: polymer ratios, cross linked with Tripolyphosphate were prepared by double emulsion solvent evaporation and solvent diffusion methods. Male white New Zealand Rabbits (weighing about 2500 gm) were selected as the animal model. The rabbits selected for the study had no medication for two weeks prior to the study. **Results and Discussion:** The parameters like AUC(0-24) of DXO nanospheres 2362.0 ng.h/mL, whereas DXO pure drug was 1956.5 ng.h/mL. AUC (0-24) of TAM nanospheres 5646.00 ng.h/mL. Whereas TAM unadulterated medication was 4786.30 ng.h/mL. AUC (0-24) of CPN nanospheres 4927.40 ng.h/mL. Whereas CPN pure drug was 4027.5 ng.h/mL. **Conclusion:** *In vivo* results showed a significant increase in the bioavailability of drugs from DXO6, CPN6 and TAM6 nanospheres when compared to those of the standard drugs. This enhanced bioavailability could be helpful in reducing the dose of DXO, CPN and TAM and also reduce their toxicities. This enhanced bioavailability could be helpful in reducing the dose and also reduce the toxicities of the selected drugs.

Key words: Doxorubicin, Tamoxifen, Capecitabine, Nanospheres, *in vivo* studies.

INTRODUCTION

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KEYWORDS: Emulgel, Gelling agents, Topical drug delivery, Skin diseases.

INTRODUCTION^[1,2,8]

Topical drug administration is simplest and easiest route of localized drug delivery anywhere in the body by routes as ophthalmic, rectal, vaginal and skin. These are applied as wide spectrum of preparations in case of both cosmetic and dermatological, to the healthy diseased skin. The formulations are available in different forms like from solid through semisolid to liquid. Drugs are administered topically for their action at the site of application or for systemic effects Drug absorption is enhanced through the skin if the drug substance is in solution, if it has a favorable lipid/water partition coefficient and if it is a non electrolyte. Mostly, pharmaceutical preparations applied to the skin are expected to serve some local action and are formulated to provide prolonged local contact with minimal systemic drug absorption. Drugs applied to the skin for their local action include antiseptics, antifungal agent, skin emollients and protectants. Topical drug administration is a localized drug delivery system anywhere in the body through ophthalmic, rectal, vaginal and skin as topical



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Enhancement in Iron Absorption on Intake of Chemometrically Optimized Ratio of Probiotic Strain *Lactobacillus plantarum* 299v with Iron Supplement Pearl Millet

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Abstract

This research article aims to establish the intake ratio of probiotic *Lactobacillus plantarum* 299v with iron supplement pearl millet by central composite design of response surface methodology so as to enhance iron absorption. In anemic rat models, the food intake pattern, body weight, hemoglobin content, and hematocrit values were found to be significantly increased on treatment with pearl millet:probiotic; however, incorporation of probiotics at lower dose (0.5 g) was significantly ($p < 0.05$) effective in enhancing iron absorption, and further increment in probiotic doses (1.0 g) did not produce significant increase in hemoglobin and hematocrit values as evidenced by the experimental findings.

Keywords Probiotic · Iron absorption · Pearl millet · Anemia · Central composite design

Introduction

Iron, an essential micronutrient, is a redox metal that switches between the ferrous and ferric, the two oxidation states. It plays a very vital role in different physiological processes, viz., oxidative metabolism, oxygen transport, and cellular proliferation and participates in cell signaling processes [1]. Among the two major dietary irons, non-heme iron can be obtained both from plant and animal sources, and heme iron from the animal source. Non-heme iron is less well absorbed than the heme iron. Iron balance in the body is regulated by absorption, and there is not definitive mechanism for iron excretion; and if proper iron supplementation is not provided, the daily iron needs of the body are met by the breakdown of the circulating red blood cells [2]. The body losses iron either through the skin, urinary tract, respiratory airways, intestine, or menstrual blood loss. Anemia, mostly nutritional anemia with far reaching consequences, is a matter of public health

concern [1]. Dietary iron fortification is an effective method for iron compensation [3]. Components like proteins, calcium, and plant secondary metabolites (polyphenols and the phytates) inhibit the iron absorption, whereas ascorbic acid promotes iron absorption.

Polyphenols, phenolic compounds, and tannins are widely distributed in food items like tea, coffee, blueberry, raspberries, apples, and walnuts. All polyphenols can inhibit non-heme iron absorption to a variable extent, and iron absorption inhibiting capacities of tea polyphenolics and catechins like epigallocatechin-3-gallate often range high from 60 to 90%. Phytates that are found in soy proteins, fibers, lentils, peas, cereals, walnuts, almonds, and sesame have the capacity to decrease non-heme iron bioavailability by 50 to 65%. Animal proteins from milk and egg also reduce iron absorption. Calcium affects negatively on both heme and non-heme iron bioavailability [2]. Literature mining reports the effect of probiotic mix on heme and non-heme iron bioavailability in humans; probiotic *Lactobacillus plantarum* 299v (Lp299v) increases non-heme iron absorption [4–6]. However, still scientific evidence is lacking to establish the causal relationship between Lp299v consumption and increase in absorption of non-heme iron [7]. This research article aims to establish the probiotic Lp299v to pearl millet (rich source of iron supplement) combination intake ratio by chemometric tools and study the potentiality of the combination ratio in enhancement of iron absorption in an evidence-based manner.

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INTRODUCTION

Sparfloxacin (SFN) is a third generation fluoroquinolone antibiotic used in bacterial infections. It is chemically (cis) - 5-amino-1-cyclopropyl-7-[(3, 5-dimethyl piperazin-1-yl) -6, 8-difluoro- 1, 4-dihydro 4-oxo-quinoline- 3-carboxylic acid (Merk index, 2001). Dexamethasone sodium phosphate (DSP) is a highly selective glucocorticoid which is widely used in ocular inflammatory diseases. Its chemical name is 9- fluoro-11b, 17, 21-trihydroxy-16α- methylpregna-1, 4- diene-3, 20-dione 21-(dihydrogen phosphate) disodium salt (The Indian Pharmacopeia commission, 2007). Dexamethasone in combination with sparfloxacin is used in several anti-infective eye preparations to treat acute and sub acute conjunctivitis, keratitis and corneal ulcers caused by susceptible strains of the following aerobic gram positive and negative bacteria such as *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *S. pneumonia* and *Haemophilus influenza* (Vyas *et al.*, 2002).

In the literature, methods were described for the individual estimation of fluoroquinolones and dexamethasone in aqueous samples and biological fluids by liquid chromatography (Chen *et al.*, 2008; Hyung *et al.*, 1995) liquid chromatography-fluorescence detection (Joana *et al.*, 2011). A few methods were also given for the simultaneous determination of Dexamethasone and sparfloxacin with other drugs such as Chlorthalidone (Iqbal *et al.*, 2006), ciprofloxacin (Rele and Warkar, 2010) ofloxacin (Tang *et al.*, 2002) and some H₂ receptor antagonists (Najma *et al.*, 2011). But simultaneous determination of SFN and DSP has not been reported in the literature. So an attempt was made to develop a HPLC

method for the estimation of these drugs available as eye drops.

The purpose of the present study was to develop a simple, sensitive and economical HPLC method for determination of SFN and DSP in bulk and pharmaceutical formulations simultaneously. The developed method has been validated (The United States Pharmacopeia Convention, 1995; Validation of Analytical Procedures Q2 B, 2003) to determine its suitability for its intended use by parameters such as specificity, linearity, limit of detection and quantification, precision, accuracy by recovery studies and system suitability. The validated method was applied to the commercially available pharmaceutical formulations containing both the drugs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

DSP and SFN were obtained as gift samples from Ajanta Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mumbai. HPLC grade acetonitrile was purchased from SD fine chemicals, India. Triple distilled water was used during the study. The pharmaceutical formulations containing 3mg/ml of SFN and 1mg/ml DSP was purchased from local market.

Instrumentation

A high performance liquid chromatograph (Shimadzu-10 AT VP) equipped with two pumps (Model-10AT VP) and Shimadzu UV-Visible detector (SPD-10AT VP), ultrasonic bath (Spincotech Pvt. Ltd., India).

Chromatographic conditions

For chromatographic analysis, a Chromosil C₁₈ column (250 mmx4.6 mm i.d, 5μ particle size) was used.

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Formulation and Evaluation of Maltose-Leucine-Tetanus Toxoid Dry Powder Inhalation for Pulmonary Delivery

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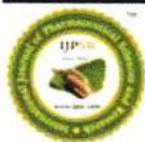
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Abstract: Tetanus toxoid vaccination is primarily used for tetanus prevention. The conventional vaccine for tetanus toxoid is characterised by the limitations of pain, sterility issues, and cold storage. Hence, a pulmonary administered tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccine was fabricated to overcome the limitations of conventional intramuscular vaccines. The goal of this study was to make a dry powder of tetanus toxoid that could be inhaled using maltose and leucine as a vaccine carrier. Additionally, TT dry powder inhalation (DPI) was intended to confer antigenicity and stability. Maltose, leucine and tetanus toxoid were homogenised and centrifuged to obtain the particles of Maltose-leucine-tetanus toxoid (MLTT). Particle size analysis, FTIR, encapsulation efficiency, flocculation, in vitro vaccine release tests, and flow characteristics were all performed on the produced particles. MLTT powder combination remained stable during the process and after storage. FTIR analysis, showed no chemical interactions. The homogenization method produced a powder with the geometrical particle size of the DPI formulation, in the range between 95.6 ± 5.7 nm and 1081.1 ± 10.8 nm which was believed to be appropriate for inhalation. Whereas -27 ± 0.6 mV and 0.496 ± 0.013 were found to be the zeta potential and polydispersity index, respectively. The formation of flocculation of tetanus toxoid with antitoxin as at 20 min confirms the antigenicity of the same. TT was released immediately with $83.2 \pm 4.9\%$ within 2 h following the diffusion mechanism. The findings revealed the powder blend's potential as a dry powder inhalation for delivering TT.

Keywords: Tetanus toxoid, Maltose, Leucine, Dry powder inhalation, Pulmonary administration, Mucosal vaccine.

1 INTRODUCTION

Tetanus is a life-threatening illness that causes convulsions (seizures) and severe muscle spasms, which can lead to spinal fractures. Tetanus causes death in 30% to 40% of the cases. Tetanus vaccine is recommended for infants aged between 6 and 8 weeks of age and older, as well as for children and adults during minor cuts and surgeries. Additionally, a series of three to four shots is prescribed during maternal care to protect the mother and the neonate. Owing to the short term immunity induced by TT vaccine, immunization for every 10 years is recommended. As can be seen, the implementation of vaccination programmes has been shown to be effective in disease control [2]. Despite the advantages of intramuscular tetanus toxoid vaccination, it has drawbacks such as sterility, discomfort, cold chain storage, and mucosal immunity induction. Mucosal linings are exposed to a wide range of microorganisms and are equipped with innate immune components to prevent microbial penetration [4-9]. Mucosal vaccinations, which are known for their non-invasive approach, are available on the market. Oral, nasal, sublingual, vaginal, and pulmonary vaccine administration routes have all been examined and reported for conferring mucosal and systemic immunity [10-13]. Local mucosal immune responses are becoming more widely recognised as it is important for disease prevention [14]. Vaccines delivered by mucosal ports induced greater mucosal immune response, but vaccines administered via injection are observed to be poor inducers of mucosal immunity and thus less effective against infection invading at mucosal surfaces. [14]. Nonetheless, antigen injection has played a large role in clinical vaccination development, and the



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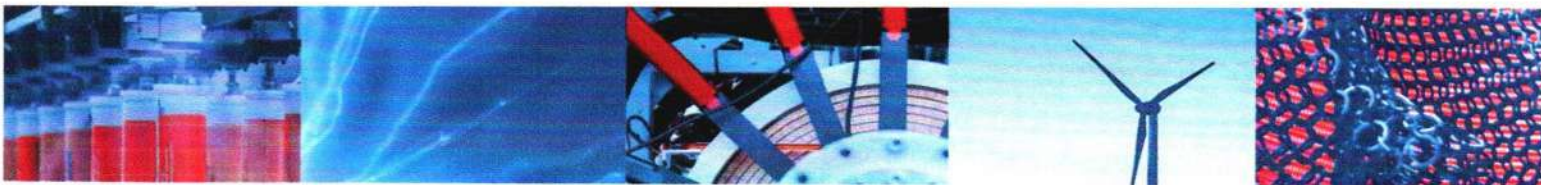
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Research Article



Development of a standardized combined plant extract containing nutraceutical formulation ameliorating metabolic syndrome components

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Abstract

Plant bioactives have a great role in combating multifactorial disease conditions like metabolic syndrome (MetS). This research work aims to develop a standardized plant extract combination and formulate it to tablets with nutraceutical potentials. The extract was prepared from the bark powder of *Ficus religiosa*, seed powder of *Syzigium cumini* and leaf powder of *Ocimum basilicum* chemometrically optimized in the ratio of 1.15:1.15:1.68 (Ashwattha: Jamun: Basil or FR: SC: OB). It is enriched in screened and pharmacologically active plant secondary metabolites. The tablets were prepared by direct compression using single-punch tablet machines. The nutraceutical tablets passed all the prescribed quality control tests with a justified pharmacokinetic profile. Results of animal experimentations have shown the hypoglycemic, hypolipidemic effect and antihypertensive effect of the nutraceutical tablets in relevant animal models. Thus, the nutraceutical formulation that showed effectivity in combating MetS can be opted as an adjunct therapy.

Keywords Metabolic syndrome · Standardized plant extract · Hypoglycemic · Hypolipidemic · Antihypertensive · Nutraceutical formulation · Adjunct therapy

1 Introduction

Metabolic syndrome (MetS) is a very heterogeneous complex syndrome with a cluster of events such as glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, abdominal obesity, arteriogenic dyslipidemia and hypertension. It is also known by the names of 'Syndrome X', 'insulin resistance syndrome', 'Reaven's syndrome', 'metabolic cardiovascular syndrome' [1]. Metabolic syndrome is associated with cardio/cerebrovascular and metabolic risks. This non-communicable disease (NCD) though started in the western world has now become a global health problem. This syndrome triggers the spread of other diseases viz. Type 2 diabetes, coronary diseases, stroke and other disabilities [2]. In spite of life style interventions

(dietary changes, increased physical activity, etc.), many patients with MetS require pharmacological treatment. Sibutramine, Orlistat, metformin, glitazones, rimobant, calcium antagonists, beta blockers, thiazide diuretics and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors are one of the several options but not without side effects [1, 3]. Herbal medicine and the nutraceutical products developed from them with its versatile combinations of pharmacologically active plant secondary metabolites are being used in treatment of several ailments in an evidence based manner. Despite immense potency, lack of proper dosage form, perfect dosimetry, organoleptic unacceptability in crude form, storage, preservation and shelf life issues, the rationale use of herbal medicine gets hindered in many circumstances [4]. Just as

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Turmeric black tea as a multimodal theronostic dietary adjuvant aiding neuroprotection and ameliorating hypertension

Abstract

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Abbreviations: ACE, angiotensin converting enzyme; CCBs, calcium channel blockers; AD, Alzheimer's Disease; TBT, turmeric black tea; RSM, Response Surface methodology; ANOV, analysis of variance; BT, black tea decoction; ESI, electrospray ionization; OECD, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; ALT, alanine Aminotransferase; AST, aspartate Aminotransferase; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; ROS, Reactive oxygen species; HHL, hippuryl L, histidyl, L, leucine

Introduction

The growing complexities of the diseases is a real challenge to the medical fraternity; thence the treatment strategies have also undergone a radical change and promotes multi-target therapeutic entities, poly therapy, nutraceuticals and food combinatorics, herbo-synthetic combinations as adjuvant therapy to achieve better therapeutic outcomes.¹⁻³ Hypertension, is a big concern worldwide affecting different levels of socio-economic classes and is the root cause of stroke, cardiovascular disorders, diabetes etc. Excessive stress, sedentary lifestyle, food habits, physical inactivity are other contributing factors. Though several beta blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, calcium channel blockers (CCBs) are available in the market but are associated with side effects.^{4,5} Alzheimer's Disease (AD), is a progressive worrisome neurodegenerative disorder with devastating complications and till yet with available therapeutic options total curative outcomes has not yet been achieved.^{6,7} Epidemiological research evidences has shown that hypertension and dementia are interlinked; sustained hypertension worsens AD conditions by accelerating β -amyloid aggregation, oxidative stress and inflammatory responses; ultimately there is extensive neuronal loss and impairment of neuronal transmission. Patients suffer from cognitive decline.⁸⁻¹⁰ Multifaceted health benefits of tea is already on limelight and black tea apart from being a very refreshing beverage specially due to its astringency, its multimodal pharmacology has shown it to be a functional beverage.¹¹ Researches

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Material and methods

Chemicals

All chemicals and reagents used for the experimentation were all of analytical grade and were purchased either from Merck (India) and Sigma Aldrich. LC-MS grade chemicals were used for LC-MS studies.

Plant material

Fresh tea leaves (TV 25 variety, *Voucher specimen*: IITKGP/HB/2018/T1) used for producing black tea were obtained from the tea garden of IIT Kharagpur and good quality turmeric rhizomes (*Voucher specimen*: IITKGP/HB/2018/T2) from the medicinal garden of Agriculture and food engineering department of IIT Kharagpur.

Maintenance and care of animals

After obtaining permission from the animal ethical committee (Registration No: 1722/RO/ERe/S/13/CPCSEA, Approval No: ARTI/CPCSEA/2015/ARTI 09); animals were purchased from local vendors and healthy, adult male wistar rats weighing 180–200g were used for

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Abstract

Plant bioactives have a great role in combating multifactorial disease conditions like metabolic syndrome (MetS). This research work aims to develop a standardized plant extract combination and formulate it to tablets with nutraceutical potentials. The extract was prepared from the bark powder of *Ficus religiosa*, seed powder of *Syzgium cumini* and leaf powder of *Ocimum basilicum* chemometrically optimized in the ratio of 1.15:1.15:1.68 (Ashwattha: Jamun: Basil or FR: SC: OB). It is enriched in screened and pharmacologically active plant secondary metabolites. The tablets were prepared by direct compression using single-punch tablet machines. The nutraceutical tablets passed all the prescribed quality control tests with a justified pharmacokinetic profile. Results of animal experimentations have shown the hypoglycemic, hypolipidemic effect and antihypertensive effect of the nutraceutical tablets in relevant animal models. Thus, the nutraceutical formulation that showed effectivity in combating MetS can be opted as an adjunct therapy.

Keywords Metabolic syndrome · Standardized plant extract · Hypoglycemic · Hypolipidemic · Antihypertensive · Nutraceutical formulation · Adjunct therapy

1 Introduction

Metabolic syndrome (MetS) is a very heterogeneous complex syndrome with a cluster of events such as glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, abdominal obesity, arterogenic dyslipidemia and hypertension. It is also known by the names of 'Syndrome X', 'insulin resistance syndrome', 'Reaven's syndrome', 'metabolic cardiovascular syndrome' [1]. Metabolic syndrome is associated with cardio/cerebrovascular and metabolic risks. This non-communicable disease (NCD) though started in the western world has now become a global health problem. This syndrome triggers the spread of other diseases viz. Type 2 diabetes, coronary diseases, stroke and other disabilities [2]. In spite of life style interventions

(dietary changes, increased physical activity, etc.), many patients with MetS require pharmacological treatment. Sibutramine, Orlistat, metformin, glitazones, rimobant, calcium antagonists, beta blockers, thiazide diuretics and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors are one of the several options but not without side effects [1, 3]. Herbal medicine and the nutraceutical products developed from them with its versatile combinations of pharmacologically active plant secondary metabolites are being used in treatment of several ailments in an evidence based manner. Despite immense potency, lack of proper dosage form, perfect dosimetry, organoleptic unacceptability in crude form, storage, preservation and shelf life issues, the rationale use of herbal medicine gets hindered in many circumstances [4]. Just as

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Turmeric black tea as a multimodal theronostic dietary adjuvant aiding neuroprotection and ameliorating hypertension

Abstract

This study reports the multifunctional potentiality of turmeric black tea (TBT) in alleviating hypertension in salt induced hypertensive animal model and aiding neuroprotection in colchicines induced Alzheimer rat models. TBT prepared basing on the desirability function of central composite design with 3.11g of black tea and 1.46g of ground turmeric exhibited optimal pharmacologic response and organoleptic acceptability. No signs of mortality were observed till 10g/kg b.w. or any hepato-renal adversities with 5000mg/kg doses. LCMS analysis of TBT showed the presence of several tea catechins, theaflavins, gallic acids and curcuminoids. Incorporation of turmeric in black tea aided in value addition as evidenced by *in vitro* and *in vivo* experimental results and has not affected the chemoprofile of black tea studied by FTIR. The multipotency of TBT is attributed due to presence of the variant pharmacologically active molecules.

Keywords: turmeric black tea, hypertension, neuroprotection, desirability function, multifunctional, organoleptic acceptability

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Abbreviations: ACE, angiotensin converting enzyme; CCBs, calcium channel blockers; AD, Alzheimer's Disease; TBT, turmeric black tea; RSM, Response Surface methodology; ANOV, analysis of variance; BT, black tea decoction; ESI, electrospray ionization; OECD, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; ALT, alanine Aminotransferase; AST, aspartate Aminotransferase; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; ROS, Reactive oxygen species; HHL, hippuryl L, histidyl, L, leucine

Introduction

The growing complexities of the diseases is a real challenge to the medical fraternity; thence the treatment strategies have also undergone a radical change and promotes multi-target therapeutic entities, poly therapy, nutraceuticals and food combinatorics, herbo-synthetic combinations as adjuvant therapy to achieve better therapeutic outcomes.¹⁻³ Hypertension, is a big concern worldwide affecting different levels of socio-economic classes and is the root cause of stroke, cardiovascular disorders, diabetes etc. Excessive stress, sedentary lifestyle, food habits, physical inactivity are other contributing factors. Though several beta blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, calcium channel blockers (CCBs) are available in the market but are associated with side effects.^{4,5} Alzheimer's Disease (AD), is a progressive worrisome neurodegenerative disorder with devastating complications and till yet with available therapeutic options total curative outcomes has not yet been achieved.^{6,7} Epidemiological research evidences has shown that hypertension and dementia are interlinked; sustained hypertension worsens AD conditions by accelerating β -amyloid aggregation, oxidative stress and inflammatory responses; ultimately there is extensive neuronal loss and impairment of neuronal transmission. Patients suffer from cognitive decline.⁸⁻¹⁰ Multifaceted health benefits of tea is already on limelight and black tea apart from being a very refreshing beverage specially due to its astringency, its multimodal pharmacology has shown it to be a functional beverage.¹¹ Researches

with functional beverage aim to achieve for value additive synergistic potentials and thus several tea diversification products have captured the global nutraceutical market.¹² Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*), a golden yellow color cooking spice and preservative is specially preferred in Indian subcontinent, hence also called "Indian saffron" is recognized for its versatile applications and health effects.¹³ The effectivity of any natural therapeutic entity may it be phytoedicine or phytonutraceuticals are due to the wide array of pharmacologically active molecules present in them that serve as a combinatorial library each exerting its own potential.¹⁴ This research article reports chemometrics guided optimization of TBT for optimal pharmacologic effect and organoleptic acceptability and the ameliorative effect of turmeric black tea (TBT) in hypertension and aiding neuroprotection.

Material and methods

Chemicals

All chemicals and reagents used for the experimentation were all of analytical grade and were purchased either from Merck (India) and Sigma Aldrich. LC-MS grade chemicals were used for LC-MS studies.

Plant material

Fresh tea leaves (TV 25 variety, *Voucher specimen*: IITKGP/ HB/2018/T1) used for producing black tea were obtained from the tea garden of IIT Kharagpur and good quality turmeric rhizomes (*Voucher specimen*: IITKGP/HB/2018/T2) from the medicinal garden of Agriculture and food engineering department of IIT Kharagpur.

Maintenance and care of animals

After obtaining permission from the animal ethical committee (Registration No: 1722/RO/ER/S/13/CPCSEA, Approval No: ARTI/ CPCSEA/2015/ARTI 09); animals were purchased from local vendors and healthy, adult male wistar rats weighing 180–200g were used for

DEVISE AND EVALUATION OF CURCUMIN LOADED PERIODONTAL FILMS USING HPMC E15, HPMC E5 AND PVP K30

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ABSTRACT

In present study periodontal films of curcumin were devised and evaluated for faster on set of action using hydrophilic polymers, HPMC E5, HPMC E 15 and PVP K90. Periodontal films were prepared by employing solvent casting method. Propylene glycol was selected as permeation enhancer and plasticizer. Formulations were prepared with the varying concentrations polymers ranging from F1-F12, and all the formulations were evaluated for various physical parameters such as physical appearance, weight variation, thickness, folding endurance, tensile strength, drug content, moisture uptake, moisture content and all the results were found to be were found to be with in the required limits. In vitro drug release studies were conducted by modified method using SS disc with caynoacrylate adhesive. Among all the 12 formulations F6 which contains HPMC E5 350mg shown 94.2% cumulative drug release within 30 min as compared to those those of other HPMC E5, HPMC E15 and poly vinyl pyrrolidine-K90. Formulations of HPMC E 15 showed more retarded drug release pattern.

KEY WORDS: *Periodontal films, Local drug delivery, Curcumin, HPMC E15, HPMC E5, PVP K90, HPMC E 15.*

INTRODUCTION

Periodontal disease is an infection that involves the inflammatory process and the immune response. The presence of periodontal pathogens such as *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Prevotella intermedia* and *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* are responsible for periodontal destruction. Periodontitis refers to acute and chronic disorder of the soft tissues surrounding the teeth which eventually leads to loss of supporting bone.¹ There is an unmet medical need for new products to confront the high percentage of people with periodontal diseases. Retention of the drug dose at the point of application would facilitate long-term release and more effective treatments.² Apart from scaling and root planing, systemic antibiotic therapy is employed in treating periodontitis.³ Systemic antimicrobials such as adjuncts to mechanical therapy have had a positive effect on clinical as well as microbiological parameters.⁴ But the impact of this approach is reduced by the fact that the antibiotic is normally difficult to maintain in therapeutic concentrations at the site over the course of the treatment period. Due to these negative effects, the use of local drug delivery devices containing antibiotics may be explored. These devices can maintain extremely high local concentrations of drug for one month. Several implantable devices like fibers, films⁵ and gels were studied. Various biodegradable polymers such as poly (glycolidecold-lactide), polyester poly (capralactone), glycerol mono-oleate, crosslinked atelo-collagen, hydroxypropylcellulose, chitosan^{6,7} and alginates were employed as drug carriers. In our earlier studies cross linked sodium alginate^{8,9,10} and chitosan were successfully employed as rate retarding polymer for periodontal films for controlled release of drugs. Curcumin is a hydrophobic polyphenolic compound derived from the rhizomes of *Curcuma longa*, shows wide spectrum of antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties against a number of periodontal pathogens and hence selected for site-specific delivery in the treatment of periodontitis.¹¹ Clinical applications of Curcumin as oral gel, prevention of plaque and gingivitis, mouthwash, subgingival irrigant, treating periodontal diseases are reported.^{12,13,14,15} As dietary spices, curcumin has been consumed for centuries up to 100 mg/day.¹⁶ Curcumin loaded films of gelatin,¹⁷ ethyl cellulose, HPMC K4M, and Eudragit are formulated and Clinical studies on curcumin-PLGA nanoparticles.¹⁸ mucoadhesive films¹⁹ and oral curcumin gel were

Research Article

Formulation and *In Vitro* Evaluation of Simvastatin Insitu Periodontal Gels

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Abstract

Objective of the study: The aim of the present study is to prepare and evaluate biodegradable *in situ* gels of simvastatin for treatment of periodontal diseases. In the present research work is focused to formulate periodontal injectable *in situ* gels containing bone regenerating agent simvastatin, using biodegradable polymer.

Methodology: Appropriate amounts of polymer and solvent were weighed into 5 ml glass vials with proper airtight polypropylene caps. After initial mixing of the contents, vials were placed aside with occasional shaking overnight at room temperature to completely dissolve the polymer. Weigh accurately finely powdered drugs and add to above solution, close the lid and shake well and keep aside with occasional shaking and store in refrigerator at 8°C. The resulting solutions can be directly injected into subgingival pockets. The studies are further done to evaluate the prepared *in situ* gels for various pre-formulation studies, physicochemical characterization, drug content, *in vitro* drug release studies and stability studies.

Conclusion: Periodontal diseases are the conditions that affect the supporting structure of teeth leading to the formation of pocket due to which tooth loss occurs, for which site specific injectable drug delivery systems are gaining importance.

Based on physicochemical characteristics, the *in situ* gel formulation of simvastatin (F3) was optimized. It was concluded that *in situ* gel delivery system is a novel approach that can be developed for the treatment of Periodontitis. The present research showed that the optimized *in situ* gel formulations are more promising for successful delivery of simvastatin and to treat bone regeneration.

Keywords: Simvastatin; Periodontitis; *In situ* gel

Introduction

Periodontitis can be classified based on disease activity (chronic or aggressive), etiology (specific bacterial, fungal or viral infection), by response to treatment (responsive or refractory), by site (localized or generalized). Chronic Periodontitis, formerly known as "adult periodontitis" or "chronic adult periodontitis" is the most prevalent form of periodontitis. It is generally considered to be a slowly progressing disease. However, in the presence of systemic or environmental factors that may modify the host response to

disease progression may become more aggressive as shown in Figure 1 [1].

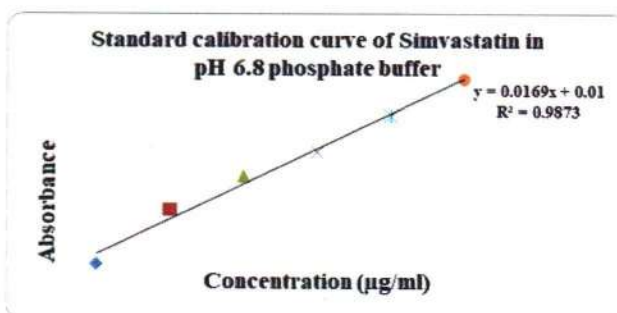


Figure 1: Standard calibration graph of SVS.

Methods

Gels

A gel is a solid or semisolid system of at least two constituents, consisting of condense mass enclosing and interpenetrated by a liquid. When the coherent liquid is matrix and is rich in liquid, the product is often called a jelly and when the liquid is removed leaving only the framework, the gel is known as xero gels. In a typical polar gel, a natural or synthetic polymer builds a three dimensional matrix throughout a hydrophilic liquid [2].

***In situ* gel:** The *in situ* gelling systems consist of polymer that exhibit sol-to-gel phase transitions due to change in specific physicochemical parameters in the environment [3].

Advantages of *in situ* system

1. These systems reduce toxic effects on the healthy tissue and reach sites that are conventionally inaccessible due to the presence of various barriers.



An Update on Therapeutic Repurposing Strategies for COVID-19

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ABSTRACT: The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, well known as COVID-19 has become the current health distress to the entire world. In the pandemic scenario the research on the rapid development of new drug molecules is highly risky and tedious process. The current COVID-19 emergency demands an urgent development of possible strategies to protect people at high risk of infection and hence the drug repurposing became an emerging approach to fight COVID-19. This review summarizes an update on various therapeutic strategies with special attention on repurposing of drugs to fight against SARS-CoV-2 worldwide. The investigation of existing drugs for new therapeutic purposes is one line of scientific research followed to develop safe and effective COVID-19 treatments. Broad-spectrum antiviral agents (BSAAs) that have been believed to be safe through testing on early phase clinical trials have been hyped as good drug repurposing candidates. Broad-spectrum antiviral drugs such as Ribavirin, Umifenovir were advised for COVID-19 treatment. Some antibiotics may be repurposed as COVID-19 treatments such as teicoplanin, oritavancin, dalbavancin, monensin and azithromycin. Ivermectin an antiparasitic is recently repurposed. Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, having immunomodulating effect on humans, have been shown to have antiviral activity at starting and post-entry stages of the SARS-CoV-2 infection. There is a need for global health emergency to call for a courageous, global response at the political and governmental levels. Therefore, the regulatory agencies must act swiftly to lessen any financial obstacles involving private companies and update guidelines for drug licenses by repurposing if necessary. © 2020 iGlobal Research and Publishing Foundation. All rights reserved.

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INTRODUCTION

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, well known as COVID-19 has become the current health distress to the entire world. Initially appeared in Wuhan, Hubei, China around December 2019, it had spread to almost 210 countries due to its high contagious nature.[1] Preventive measures remain the only way to stop the person to person transmissions until any successful method of treatment or vaccine is developed. In the pandemic scenario the research on the rapid development of new drug molecules is highly risky and tedious process.

The genetically varied *Orthocoronavirinae* (coronavirus, CoV) family occurs in many avian and mammalian species. Phylogenetically, CoVs are divided into four genera: α (group 1), β (group 2), γ (group 3) and δ (group 4). Three new human CoV have emerged in the past two decades; in the year 2002 severe acute respiratory syndrome CoV (SARS-CoV), in 2012 Middle East respiratory syndrome CoV (MERS-CoV), and now in December 2019 SARS-CoV-2.[2-4] All human CoV are expected to have emerged firstly as zoonoses[5]. The current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic referred to as COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease 2019), has resulted in over 2,630,000 infections and over 184,000 deaths in 213

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY: THE FUTURE IS HERE

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ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human behavior in relation to the processes of intelligence involved in problem solving. Such mechanisms include human cognitive science reading, observation, preparation, interpretation, reasoning, correction, speech recognition, linguistics, and other sources. AI simplifies tasks by making machines learn from past experiences, mapping efforts and actions to results, identifying errors, correcting them, adjusting to new and random input values, and effortlessly performing human-like tasks through in-depth scenario analysis. AI simplifies work by analyzing, filtering, sorting, predicting, scoping, and determining large data volumes to follow the best implementation procedures for producing an optimal solution. The major pharmaceutical industry applications of AI as on 2019 are; Discovery and development of new drugs; AI is helping big pharma create cures for complex and rare diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson, Drug-Adherence and Dosage; Using AI to make sense of clinical data and to produce better analytics; Finding more reliable patients faster for clinical trials; Introducing automated robot pharmacies to fill prescriptions and dispensing; and marketing, logistics and supply chain. AI is the future of pharma but the technology is available now. Artificial Intelligence can cut costs down, create new, effective treatments and above all else, help save lives. So biotech companies should start making use of the advantages of AI at the earliest. The industry therefore has a lot to gain from embracing solutions to AI and machine learning. It can be used to create a strong, sustainable pipeline of new medicines to good effect. Using the power of modern supercomputers and machine learning would make it possible for us to produce medicines faster and at reduced costs. This article reviews exhaustively the present status and future prospects of Artificial Intelligence in pharmaceutical sciences with specific attention to pharmaceutical industry. The literature has been collected from Pubmed, Google Scholar and commercial websites related to this field. More emphasis has been given to commercial application of AI in pharmaceutical industry in future. In conclusion, the future lies in cooperation between humans and machines, and alongside technological advances, human clinical experts will need to adapt, learn and grow. Although potential experts will have to be both medical and technology experts, it is evolution of medicine, not extinction.

KEYWORDS: *Artificial Intelligence, AI, Machine learning, Deep learning, Neural networks, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharma Industry, Startups, Drug discovery*

INTRODUCTION

To meet the needs of society and clinicians in the 21st century, the current drug discovery process needs to shift drastically. In particular, artificial intelligence and machine learning offer the pharmaceutical industry a real opportunity to do R & D differently, so that it can operate more efficiently and significantly improve the early stages of drug development success.¹ Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of the human behavior with regard to intelligence processes involved in problem-solving. Such mechanisms include human cognitive science reading, observation, preparation, interpretation, reasoning, correction, speech recognition, linguistics, and other sources. AI simplifies tasks by making machines learn from past experiences, mapping efforts and actions to results, identifying errors, correcting them, adjusting to new and

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A REVIEW ON: 3D PRINTING IN PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract

The 3D PRINTING technology has paid attention towards medical devices industry and pharmaceutical industry due to its applications on various platforms in health care industry. 3D printing is using computer- aided design to plan fast prototyping. The technology allows easy process drug combinations that are required and tailored dosing. It becomes one of the most new and beneficial tools serving as a technology of good manufacturing of developed dosage forms, tissue engineering and disease modeling. It is a valuable strategy to overcome some challenges of conventional pharmaceutical processes. The recent introduction of the first FDA approved 3D-printed drug has fulfilled interest in 3D printing technology, which is set for revolutionize the healthcare. Since the use, the rapid prototyping (RP) technology has evolved to such an extent that it is currently being used in a wide range of applications including in tissue engineering, dentistry, construction, automotive and aerospace.

Keywords: 3D printing, Novel drug delivery, personalized medicine.

1. INTRODUCTION

3D printing plays an important role in multiple active ingredient dosage forms, where the formulation can be a single blend or a multi-layer printed tablets having a sustained release properties. This reduces the frequency and number of dosage form units consumed by the patient on a daily routine. 3D printing technology has a great potential in an individualized dosage form concept i.e the polypill concept^[1] This brings about the possibility of all the

drugs required for the therapy into a single dosage form unit. Three-dimensional printing is a technology which uses computer aided drafting technology to produce three dimensional objects by layering material onto a substrate.

3DP can be used throughout the drug development process, starting from preclinical development and clinical trials, to the medical care. When compared to the manufacturing process of conventional pharmaceutical product, it

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Recent advances in antiretroviral therapy for HIV/AIDS

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Abstract

Acquired Immune Deficient Syndrome (AIDS) is a deathly human viral infectious disease caused by Human Immune Deficient Virus (HIV) infection. Started as Mono therapy using treatment of HIV, then multiple drugs in schedule given where patients had to eat up 11-16 tablets per day. To apply test and treat policy assisted by WHO, supply of cost effective antiretroviral drugs regularly and newer drugs get approved and challenge for developing countries. Hence we tried reviewing upcoming new molecules which showed potential to be good drugs in various phases of clinical trial. AIDS. First disease killer in US was AIDS in 1993. After one decade hard work, antiviral drug cocktails-high active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) have been invented for almost all HIV infection treatments. HAART medications regularly need to take HIV/AIDS patients and even life-long. Future trends are highlighted.

Keywords: Newer Antiretroviral drugs, HIV, US FDA approved ARV drugs, HAART, antiviral therapy.

Introduction

AIDS is a deadly human disease caused by HIV infections. Due o lack of effective therapeutics at that time, almost every AIDS patient losses his/her life before mid-1990s. HIV/AIDS was once the 1st disease killer in US (1993). Primary treatment using HIV/AIDS patients was chemicals or vaccines. Before the invention of high active antiretroviral therapy (HAART, cocktail therapy), the therapeutic responses of HIV/AIDS patients were very limited. Almost every AIDS patient losses his/her life before mid

1990s-all of the AIDS patients died within 2 years after AIDS episode emergence. At that time, it looks like a capital punishment when a patient infects with HIV.

HIV infected person becomes a easy target for opportunistic infections and diseases. T-helper cell (CD4) multiplies this virus and gradually depletes them. The Two main types are HIV-1 and HIV-2. HIV-1 is the most common type found worldwide And HIV-2 is found mainly in Western Africa, with some cases in India and Europe [1].

HYDROTROPIC SOLUBILIZATION TECHNOLOGY AN ECOFRIENDLY ANALYSIS TO IMPROVE SOLUBILITY, DISSOLUTION AND BIOAVAILABILITY OF VARIOUS POORLY WATER SOLUBLE ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

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ABSTRACT

Solubility is one of the most essential parameter to achieve desired concentration of drug in the systemic circulation for pharmacological response to be shown. Drug efficacy can be severely limited by poor aqueous solubility of various drugs. Several drugs also show side effects due to their poor aqueous solubility. There are various techniques are used to enhance the aqueous solubility of poorly water-soluble drugs and hydrotropic solubilisation technique is one of them. A hydrotrope is one of the compound that solubilizes hydrophobic compounds in aqueous solution. Various antiviral drugs belongs to class iv in biopharmaceutics classification system (BCS). The major problem of this drug having poor solubility in biological fluid which

result in poor bioavailability after oral administration. Hydrotropic solubilization technique is the best approach to increase the water solubility of poorly water-soluble drugs and overcome problem-related with organic solvents. This review investigates the characteristic of hydrotrophy and hydrotropic agents and their different advance toward the pharmaceutical analysis. This review also provides the future prospective concerned with the green pharmaceutical analysis.

KEYWORDS: hydrotrophy, Ecofriendly analysis, solubility, antiviral drugs.

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Formulation, Characterization and *In Vitro* Evaluation of Lamivudine Microspheres

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ABSTRACT:

Lamivudine is an antiretroviral drug, specifically a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor. It is used to treat HIV. Retroviruses use the genetic material in the body's cells to produce more viruses which can infect other cells. Adverse effect of Lamivudine headache, fever, chills, and muscle aches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, insomnia, restlessness, and rash. The main objective of this research work was to prepare hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose microspheres loaded with Lamivudine and in vitro release study. In the present study, emulsification heat stabilization method is used in the preparation microspheres. Microspheres were spherical shape and smooth surface. Infrared spectra showed identical peaks of the drug and polymer. Drug entrapment efficiency was determined by uv-spectrophotometry at 254 nm. In vitro release studies were performed by using shaking flask method about drug was released in 10hrs. It is concluded that hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and microspheres of Lamivudine can be prepared by emulsification heat stabilization in vitro release data is satisfactory.

KEYWORDS: Lamivudine, Microspheres, HPMC, Emulsification heat stabilization, *In vitro* studies.

INTRODUCTION:

A well planned controlled drug delivery system can defeat some of the harms of conventional therapy and enhance of a given drug. To obtain maximum therapeutic efficacy, it becomes essential to carry the agent to target tissue in the most favorable amount in the right period of time there by causing modest toxicity and minimal side effects. These are various approaches in delivering a beneficial substance to the target site in a sustained controlled release fashion.

The approach facilitates the correct delivery of small quantity of the effective drugs, reduced drugs concentration at the site other than the target site and the defense of the liable compound before and after the administration and prior to appearance at the site of action. One such approach is using microspheres as carries of drugs^[1]. Microspheres are defined a "monolithic sphere or remedial agent distributed throughout the matrix either as a molecular dispersion of particular dispersion of particles" they can also defined as a structure made up of continuous phase of one or more miscible polymers in which drug particles are dispersed at the molecular or macroscopic level^[2-3]. Microspheres are characteristically free flowing powders consisting of proteins or synthetic polymers having a particle size ranging from 1-1000 μm ^[4]. Lamivudine (2',3'-dideoxy-3'-thiacytidine) is an antiretroviral medicine used to avoid and treat HIV/AIDS and used to treat perpetual hepatitis B. It is of the nucleoside simple opposite transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI) class^[5]. It can hinder both sorts (1 and 2) of HIV reverse transcriptase

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Design, characterization and *In vitro* evaluation of polymeric nanoparticles containing decitabine

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Abstract

The point of this investigation is to figure the Decitabine stacked nanoparticles Guar gum and PEG for anticancer treatment, so as to improve the bioavailability and to diminish the portion recurrence. Plans of Decitabine stacked nanoparticles were set up by Nano precipitation strategy. Fourier transmission infrared spectroscopy considers demonstrated no compound association among medication and polymer. Scanning electron microscope instrument indicated nanoparticles having a discrete circular structure without conglomeration the normal molecule size was discovered 141 ± 132 nm. % yield was appeared in the middle of 54.29 ± 0.02 to 61.42 ± 0.02 and Entrapment effectiveness was appeared in the middle of 48.32 ± 0.02 to 74.62 ± 0.02 . The zeta potential was seen as -4.2 mV. *In vitro* discharge examines were performed by utilizing Franz diffusion cell apparatus. The FN9 detailing indicated sedate arrival of 94.16% for a time of 12hrs.

Keywords: Decetabine, nano precipitation, FTIR, franz diffusion, Zeta potential

1. Introduction

Leukaemia is a clonal illness of hematopoietic immature microorganisms, and it is a harmful tumour that truly undermines human lives [1]. Intense myeloid leukaemia (AML) is a typical sort of leukaemia that happens in the two kids and grown-ups. It is portrayed by a quickly detonating populace of unusual white platelets that aggregate and lead to diminished creation of typical platelets. Nano scale plan has huge low molecule size that may prompt sensational changes in the pharmacokinetics of medications with poor solvency or porousness issues. As an outcome, Nano definition permits progressively detached dissemination and infiltration of medication around 15-250 times more prominent than that of miniaturized scale particles through the natural films [2]. The accomplishment of oral chemotherapy can significantly change the clinical act of chemotherapy and fundamentally improve the personal satisfaction of the disease patients. The oral course is by a wide margin the most favoured course because of higher patient consistence, simplicity of organization, less expensive expenses, and so forth [3]. Leukaemia speaks to a lot of harmful illnesses described by an anomalous collection of platelets, commonly WBCs (white platelets). Based on the movement of the illness and hematopoietic heredities included, leukaemia's arranged as intense versus incessant and myeloid versus lymphoid [4]. Scientists have been attempting to improve the conveyance of decitabine on various frameworks, for example, Nano gels [5], nanostructured lipid bearers [6, 7], liposomes [8] and designed erythrocyte (Erythrocyte-Magneto-Hem agglutinin Virosomes, EMHVs) tranquilize conveyance framework [9]. At all occasions, the significant undertakings for analysts are to improve the capture of the medication in the conveyance framework and to upgrade the bioavailability. Here, the Nano particulate conveyance frameworks expect to improve the dependability of medication, its length of helpful activity, and bioavailability, while limiting its debasement, digestion and cell efflux [10, 11]. Decitabine (DEC) or 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine, is a particular cytosine simple with a property to repress DNMTs. It synthetically turns around quality quieting of tumour silencer qualities, and has become an energizing methodology for disease treatment [12]. It's endorsed by the US FDA for use as a immunotherapeutic operator against haematological malignancies [13]. It has effectively demonstrated remedial activity in patients with myelodysplastic disorder (MDS) in clinical preliminaries at higher stages. DEC is likewise dynamic in both intense and constant leukaemia's too [14].

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The goal of this examination was to plan and assess solid dispersion of Telmisartan to build dissolvability and for improvement of bioavailability. The solid dispersion were set up by physical blend strategy utilizing PEG 20000, PEG 6000, HPMC E15, HPC LH21, β -Cyclodextrin as a bearer in different proportions. Improved solid dispersion was assessed for % CDR and Time for CDR, FTIR, and in vitro tranquilize discharge study. The outcomes indicated that among the different groups containing the polymer being utilized in the examination, F8 plan containing critical improvement in solvency and disintegration profile of the medication.

KEYWORDS: Telmisartan, Solid dispersion, Physical Mixture method, Invitro studies.**INTRODUCTION**

The oral course of prescription association is the course of choice for the formulators and continues telling the zone of drug movement progresses. Regardless, anyway notable, this course isn't liberated from imperatives of ingestion and bioavailability in the milieu of gastrointestinal tract. At whatever point an estimation shape is coordinated orally, sedate in the portion outline is released and separates in the including gastrointestinal fluid to outline an answer.^[1] This technique is dissolvability limited. When the medicine is in the course of action outline, it goes over the movies of the phones covering the gastro-Intestinal tract. This method is permeability confined. By then onwards the medicine is acclimatized into major scattering. To lay it out simply, the oral digestion and therefore bioavailability of drug is constrained by the level of prescription dissolvability and vulnerability. Medication



An Update on Therapeutic Repurposing Strategies for COVID-19

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ABSTRACT: The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, well known as COVID-19 has become the current health distress to the entire world. In the pandemic scenario the research on the rapid development of new drug molecules is highly risky and tedious process. The current COVID-19 emergency demands an urgent development of possible strategies to protect people at high risk of infection and hence the drug repurposing became an emerging approach to fight COVID-19. This review summarizes an update on various therapeutic strategies with special attention on repurposing of drugs to fight against SARS-CoV-2 worldwide. The investigation of existing drugs for new therapeutic purposes is one line of scientific research followed to develop safe and effective COVID-19 treatments. Broad-spectrum antiviral agents (BSAAs) that have been believed to be safe through testing on early phase clinical trials have been hyped as good drug repurposing candidates. Broad-spectrum antiviral drugs such as Ribavirin, Umifenovir were advised for COVID-19 treatment. Some antibiotics may be repurposed as COVID-19 treatments such as teicoplanin, oritavancin, dalbavancin, monensin and azithromycin. Ivermectin an antiparasitic is recently repurposed. Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, having immunomodulating effect on humans, have been shown to have antiviral activity at starting and post-entry stages of the SARS-CoV-2 infection. There is a need for global health emergency to call for a courageous, global response at the political and governmental levels. Therefore, the regulatory agencies must act swiftly to lessen any financial obstacles involving private companies and update guidelines for drug licenses by repurposing if necessary. © 2020 iGlobal Research and Publishing Foundation. All rights reserved.

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INTRODUCTION

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, well known as COVID-19 has become the current health distress to the entire world. Initially appeared in Wuhan, Hubei, China around December 2019, it had spread to almost 210 countries due to its high contagious nature.[1] Preventive measures remain the only way to stop the person to person transmissions until any successful method of treatment or vaccine is developed. In the pandemic scenario the research on the rapid development of new drug molecules is highly risky and tedious process.

The genetically varied *Orthocoronavirinae* (coronavirus, CoV) family occurs in many avian and mammalian species. Phylogenetically, CoVs are divided into four genera: α (group 1), β (group 2), γ (group 3) and δ (group 4). Three new human CoV have emerged in the past two decades; in the year 2002 severe acute respiratory syndrome CoV (SARS-CoV), in 2012 Middle East respiratory syndrome CoV (MERS-CoV), and now in December 2019 SARS-CoV-2.[2-4] All human CoV are expected to have emerged firstly as zoonoses[5]. The current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic referred to as COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease 2019), has resulted in over 2,630,000 infections and over 184,000 deaths in 213

Research Article

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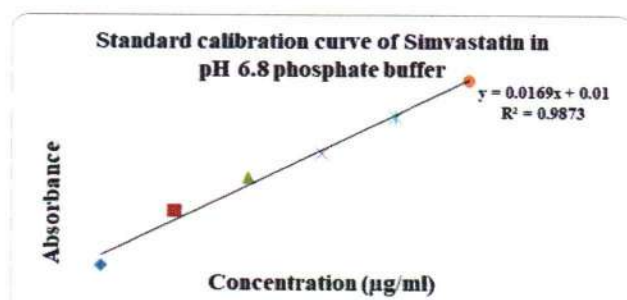


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KEYWORDS: Diltiazem, Matrix tablets, HPMC, EC, Dry granulation, *Invitro* studies.**1. INTRODUCTION**

Present days novel medication conveyance frameworks are critical for transportation of the medicine to the human body. Presently the customary frameworks are recuperated by the novel medication conveyance frameworks.^[1-2] In present day pharmaceutical innovation the continued and controlled medication exchange frameworks are the more celebrated frameworks. Presentation of framework measurements structure as supported release (SR)

Design and Evaluation of Press Coated Formulation of Aceclofenac and Comparison with Marketed Preparations.

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Abstract

The primary objective of the studies is to investigate whether compression coating could be used to produce tablets providing maximum drug plasma concentration 6 to 8 hours after an evening dose taken at approximately 22:00. Fast Dispersible core tablets containing Aceclofenac were prepared using superdisintegrants like Ac-Di-Sol, Crospovidone and Sodium starch glycolate through wet granulation method and evaluated for various parameters. Prepared press coated tablets were characterized for physical parameters, drug content, lag time, in vitro drug release characteristics. Aceclofenac formulation tablets of batch F4 containing combination Methocel K4M and Methocel K100M showed desired lag time along with drug release as compare to other formulations. The Comparative dissolution study of optimized formulation containing Aceclofenac was carried with marketed preparations also showed good results.

Keywords: Press coated Tablets, lag time, Aceclofenac.

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Experimental design optimization of RP-HPLC method for simultaneous estimation of metsulfuron-methyl, chlorantraniliprole and chlorimuron-ethyl residues in stems of *Oryza sativa*

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Abstract

Background: The study aims to develop a chemometrics optimized D-optimal mixture design approach assisted RP-HPLC method for the determination of pesticide residues of metsulfuron-methyl, chlorantraniliprole, and chlorimuron-ethyl in the stems of *Oryza sativa*. Chromatographic separation was achieved on a C18 column using a mobile phase consisting of a pH 3.5 phosphate buffer and acetonitrile in the ratio 85:15.

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Background

Pesticides and herbicides are used to destroy the insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants in modern agricultural practices to enhance the yield and upgrade the quality of the agricultural crops. Nearly 30% of the food production is lost in third world countries due to insects, pests, plant pathogens, weeds, rodents, birds during storage. However, the unregulated and

indiscriminate application of pesticides has raised serious concerns regarding environmental pollution and human health issues [1–6]. The pesticides ought to be checked for viability, natural, and toxicological tests to get enrolled by the government for legitimate use in determining applications. Sustained accumulation of pesticides in agrarian items is a matter of grave concern for its far-reaching adverse health consequences [2–4]. *Oryza sativa* is the most widely consumed cereal grain as a staple food for a large part of the world's human population, especially in Asia.

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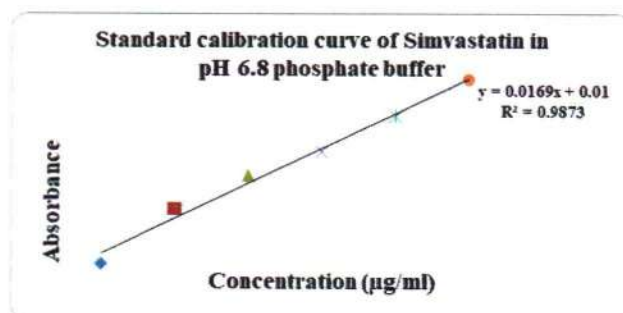


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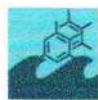
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Article

Development and Characterization of Calcium-Alginate Beads of Apigenin: In Vitro Antitumor, Antibacterial, and Antioxidant Activities

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Abstract: The objective of this work was to develop sustained-release Ca-alginate beads of apigenin using sodium alginate, a natural polysaccharide. Six batches were prepared by applying the ionotropic gelation technique, wherein calcium chloride was used as a crosslinking agent. The beads were evaluated for particle size, drug loading, percentage yield, and in vitro drug release. Particle size was found to decrease, and drug entrapment efficiency was enhanced with an increase in the polymer concentration. The dissolution study showed sustained drug release from the apigenin-loaded alginate beads with an increase in the polymer proportion. Based on the dissolution profiles, BD6 formulation was optimized and characterized for FTIR, DSC, XRD, and SEM, results of which indicated successful development of apigenin-loaded Ca alginate beads. MTT assay demonstrated a potential anticancer effect against the breast cancer MCF-7 cell lines. The antimicrobial activity exhibited effective inhibition in the bacterial and fungal growth rate. The DPPH measurement revealed that the formulation had substantial antioxidant activity, with EC50 value slightly lowered compared to pure apigenin. A stability study demonstrated that the BD6 was stable with similar (f2) drug release profiles in harsh condition. In conclusion, alginate-based beads could be used for sustaining the drug release of poorly water-soluble apigenin while also improving in vitro antitumor, antimicrobial, and antioxidant activity.



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1. Introduction

Marine-based polysaccharides originate from ocean life plants, sea animals, or marine bacteria. Marine polycarbohydrates—agar, alginic acid, chitin, chitosan, cellulose, glucan, including long-chain polymeric carbohydrates and low-molecular-weight carbohydrates—are isolated from fungi, algae, and organisms [1]. Marine-derived polymers have anti-cancer, antioxidant, antimicrobial, anticoagulant, and anti-inflammatory bioactivities [2,3]. A natural hydrophilic polysaccharide-alginic acid, also called algin, with metals such as sodium, calcium, and its salts, are known as alginates. Sodium alginate (sodium 3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxyoxane-2-carboxylate) is extracted from the cell wall of brown seaweed and it appears as yellowish fibrous or granular powder jelly bodies [4]. The biosynthesis of alginate is materialized by D-fructose-6-phosphate precursor, followed by epimerization of d-mannuronic residues, catalyzed by mannuronan C-5-epimerases. Sodium alginate (SAG) is viscous, has non-Newtonian consistency in water, is insoluble with ether and ethanol,

Review Article

Precision medicine: Recent progress in cancer therapy

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Screening of *Manilkara zapota* (L) P. Royen stem bark ethanolic extract for in vitro α -glucosidase inhibition, preliminary antidiabetic effects, and improvement of diabetes and its complications in alloxan-induced diabetes in Wistar rats

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Abstract

Background: A perusal of the literature suggested that *Manilkara zapota* (L.) P. Royen stem bark (MZSB) is enriched with several bioactive phytoconstituents but had not been yet screened for its in vitro and in vivo antidiabetic potentials. Thus, the present study aimed to investigate the effects of 70% ethanolic extract of *Manilkara zapota* (L) P. Royen stem bark (EMZSB) in DPPH- and H_2O_2 -scavenging assay, in vitro α -glucosidase inhibition assay, ameliorating diabetes and its complications in alloxan-induced diabetes in Wistar rats.

Results: With a maximum extractive yield of 9.16% w/w, EMZSB has shown the presence of various phytochemicals like flavonoids, phenolic compounds, tannins, anthraquinone glycosides, steroids, terpenoids, and alkaloids. EMZSB has elucidated a considerable in vitro free radical scavenging potential by DPPH and H_2O_2 assays when compared with absolute ethanolic extract of *Manilkara zapota* (L) P. Royen stem bark (AEMZSB), while ascorbic acid was taken as the standard. Further, EMZSB demonstrated high in vitro α -glucosidase enzyme inhibition potential ($IC_{50} = 119.79 \pm 1.52 \mu\text{g/mL}$) than AEMZSB ($IC_{50} = 129.92 \pm 2.29 \mu\text{g/mL}$) with a significant difference ($p < 0.01$), when acarbose was taken as reference inhibitor ($IC_{50} = 86.43 \pm 1.26 \mu\text{g/mL}$). During acute toxicity studies EMZSB was safe up to 2000 mg kg^{-1} doses while, found causing moribund status followed by mortality in mice at 3000 mg kg^{-1} and above doses. A preliminary antidiabetic study with EMZSB- 250 mg kg^{-1} in normal rats showed no sign of hypoglycemia; however, a dose-dependent antihyperglycemic effects were observed in oral glucose tolerance test in glucose-loaded rats. In vivo assessment with EMZSB- 250 mg kg^{-1} in alloxan-induced rats demonstrated significant blood glucose-lowering effects with perfection in serum lipid profile, body weight enhancement, cardiovascular risk indices, nephroprotective effects, augmentation in liver glycogen content, and histopathological evidence of normal architecture of kidneys with no marks for nephritis.

Conclusions: EMZSB-250 showed significant antidiabetic effects and ameliorated diabetic complications by improving glycemic control and accompanying biochemical alteration.

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Purpose

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Methods

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High-performance polyether ether ketone (PEEK) thermoplastic is considered to be one of the most desirable materials for its intended biomedical implications, including oral implantology, prosthodontics, dental implants, and orthopaedics. Therefore, the processing of PEEK through material extrusion (ME) as a 3D printing process has been preferred due to its affordability, better process parameters, and mass customization. In the present study, attempts have been made to study the effects of various input process parameters of an in-house modified ME system on tensile strength, surface finish, and bioactivity. Underlining the scientific importance of input process parameters of ME, including nozzle temperature (Nt), printing speed (Ps), layer thickness (Lt), and build-platform temperature (Bt), their effects on the aforementioned characteristics of 3D printed PEEK specimens have been studied through employing Taguchi's statistical analysis. The in-vitro cell viability test has been performed using Sprague–Dawley rat bone marrow-derived cells for 21 days. In addition to this, Scanning electron microscopic analysis has also been performed at various stages of this experimental study for supporting micro-characterization. This study indicated that the selected input process parameters strongly influence the tensile strength and surface finish of the as-printed

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Development and validation of UV spectroscopic method for simultaneous estimation of dapagliflozin and saxagliptin in synthetic mixture

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ABSTRACT

Aim


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Experimental and Results

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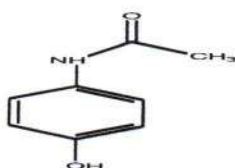
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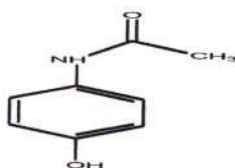
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Abstract: Simple and reliable second derivative spectrophotometric method was developed and validated for simultaneous estimation of Minoxidil and Finasteride in bulk and Pharmaceutical formulation. The quantitative determination of second derivative were carried out using second derivative values measured at 228 nm 236 nm for Minoxidil and Finasteride respectively. The solution of standard and sample were prepared in DMSO: Methanol (1:9 v/v) and Potassium Phosphate buffer (PH7.2) respectively. The calibration graphs constructed at their wavelengths of determination were linear in concentration range of 15-65 µg/ml and 0.5-2.5 µg/ml for Minoxidil and Finasteride respectively. The developed second derivative spectrophotometric method validated according to ICH guideline.

Keywords: Minoxidil, Finasteride, Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO), Methanol, Potassium Phosphate buffer (PH 7.2).

I. INTRODUCTION

Minoxidil (MINO) chemically is 2,4-diamino-6-piperidinopyrimidine-3-oxide (Figure 1) is act by relaxing arteriolar smooth muscle with little effect on venous capacitance. It increased rennin release and proximal tubular Na^+ reabsorbing and water retention. Minoxidil also increase hair growth by acting on alteration of androgenic effect on genetically programmed hair follicles and direct stimulation of resting hair follicles.

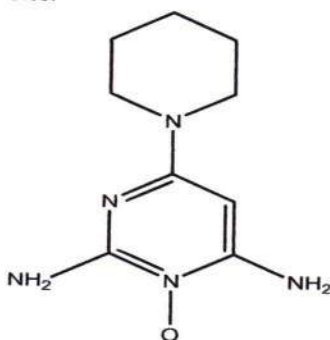


Figure 1: Chemical structure of Minoxidil

Finasteride (FNS) chemically is 17β-(N-tert-butyl carbamoyl)-4-aza-5α-androst-1-en-3-one (Figure.1). It is competitive inhibitor of enzyme 5α-reductase which converts testosterone responsible for androgen action in tissues including prostate gland and hair follicles. Finasteride is antiandrogenic drug and also found effectively in male baldness. It is effective orally, metabolized in liver and excreted in urine faeces.

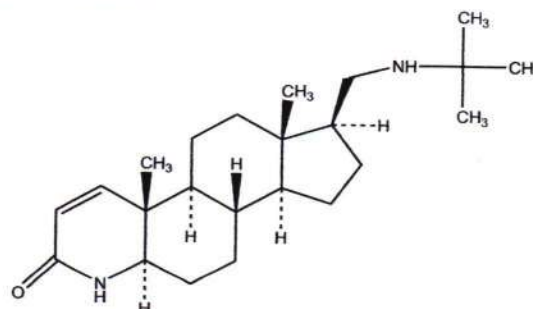


Figure 2: Chemical structure of Finasteride

Literature survey revealed UV, HPLC and UPLC analytical methods for Minoxidil and Finasteride estimation.



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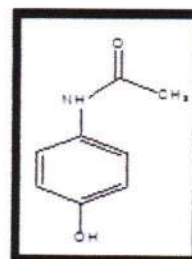


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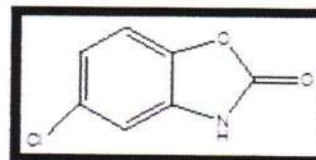


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MATERIALS AND METHODS

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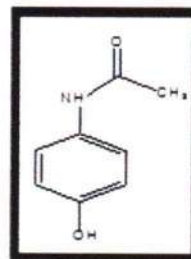


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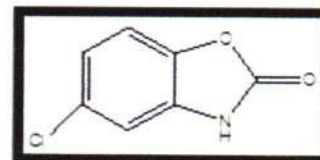


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Stability Indicating Validated Dissolution Method for Determination of Propranolol and Hydralazine by Simultaneous equation method and Q-Analysis method.

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Abstract : The aim of this work was development and validation of a dissolution method for Propranolol and Hydralazine(Carbetazine Tablets). The dissolution established conditions were 900 mL of 0.1M HCl (pH 1.0) as dissolution medium, using a paddle apparatus at a stirring rate of 50 rpm. The drug release was evaluated by UV spectrophotometric method the area of solution were recorded at 288.20nm and 259.20nm for Propranolol and Hydralazine respectively for Simultaneous equation method and at 288.20nm (PRP) and 236.00nm (Isobestic point) for Q-Analysis method. Ahead of the results it can be concluded that the method developed consists in an efficient alternative for assays of dissolution for tablets.

Key Words : Dissolution, Spectroscopy, Simultaneous equation method, Q-Analysis method, Stability, alidation.

Introduction

Propranolol hydrochloride (PRP) chemically is (RS)-1-[(1-methylethyl) amino]-3-(naphthalene-1-yloxy) propan-2-ol hydrochloride ^[1] and chemical structure of PRP is given in the fig. 1.

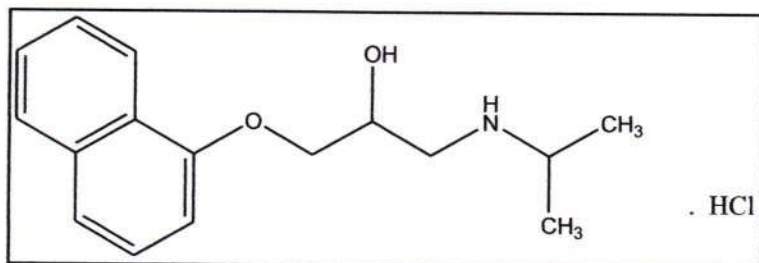
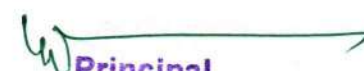


Figure 1: Propranolol

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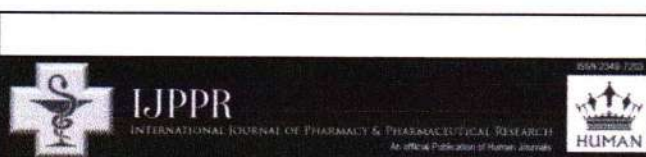
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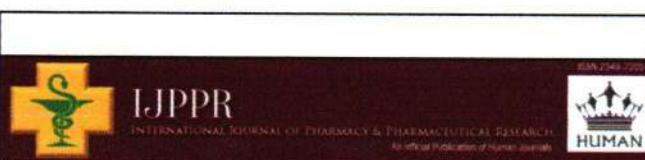
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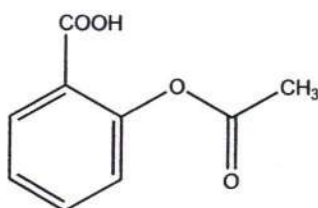


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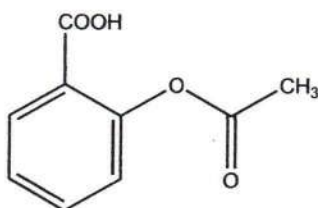


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Keywords: *In vitro* release, Stability, Dissolution study of methyldopa and Hydrochlorothiazide, Spectrophotometry, Area under curve method, Validation.

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ABSTRACT:

A simple, accurate and precise Area Under Curve spectrophotometric method was developed for determination of Finasteride in pharmaceutical dosage form. This method involves the calculation of integrated value of absorbance with respect to the wave-length between two selected wavelengths. The area selected between 210-220 nm for the determination of Finasteride. The drug follows Beer-Lambert's law over the concentration range of 2-10 µg/ml for Finasteride. The % estimation of the drug 99.546% representing the accuracy of the method. The recovery of Finasteride found near to 99.68. The validation of the proposed method was carried out for its accuracy, precision, limit of detection and limit of quantitation according to ICH guidelines. The proposed methods can be successfully applied in routine work for the determination of Finasteride in its pharmaceutical dosage form.

KEY WORDS: Spectroscopy, Area under curve, Methanol, Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO), Finasteride, validation.

INTRODUCTION:

Finasteride chemically is 17β-(N-tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-aza-5α-androst-1-en-3-one (Figure. 1). It is white in colour and crystalline powder. The molecular weight of Finasteride is 372.6g/mol and molecular formula is C₂₃H₃₆N₂O₂.^[1] It is competitive inhibitor of enzyme 5α-reductase which converts testosterone responsible for androgen action in tissues including prostate gland and hair follicles. Finasteride is antiandrogenic drug and also found effectively in male baldness. It is effective orally, metabolized in liver and excreted in urine faeces.^[2] Literature survey revealed UV, HPLC and UPLC analytical methods for its estimation.^[3-17] The validation of the proposed method was carried out by ICH guidelines.^[18]

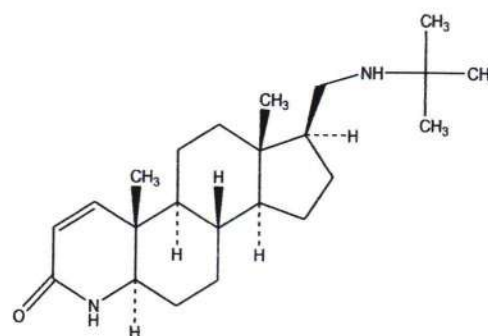


Figure 1: Chemical structure of Finasteride

MATERIAL AND METHODS:

Chemical:

A standard sample of Finasteride was obtained as gift from Cipla Ltd. Mumbai, Maharashtra. FINAST 5mg tablet was

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