



Preparation and characterization of mefenamic acid loaded Polymeric nanoparticles by solvent evaporation and Ionotropic gelation techniques

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Abstract:

Mefenamic acid is used for the treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, post-operative pain and dysmenorrhoea. It is chemically [2-[(2, 3-dimethylphenyl) amino] benzoic acid], an anthracitic acid derivative, which is a prostaglandin inhibitor. It is water insoluble, bitter drug with good oral bioavailability (but poor physico chemical parameters, aqueous solubility) are responsible for its decreased biological activity. It is available as tablets, capsules and suspensions. Nanoparticles have shown significant advancements in delivery of drugs and biomolecules. The primary objective of this investigation was to develop and characterize polymeric nanoparticles of Mefenamic acid. Mefenamic acid nanoparticles were prepared by solvent evaporation method and ionic gelation technique by changing the polymers and stabilizers.

In solvent evaporation method, Ethyl cellulose (EC) and Eudragit S-100(ED) were used as polymers and tween 80 as stabilizer. For each polymer, five formulations were prepared by varying the concentrations of polymer and drug. All the formulations were characterized for particle size, zeta potential, scanning electron microscopy and FTIR analysis. Among the five formulations of Ethyl cellulose and Eudragit S-100, F3 formulation of EC and ED showed promising results. On comparison, F3 of ED was found to be the best formulation with mean particle diameter of 103.6nm and zeta potential value of -59.5mV. The drug release was sustained till 12hrs following first order with Fickian diffusion.

For ionic gelation technique, Chitosan was used as polymer and Sodium tripolyphosphate as cross linking agent. Five formulations were prepared by varying the concentrations of polymer and drug. The mean particle diameter and zeta potential value of the best formulation (F2) was found to be 194.6nm and -35.3 mV respectively. FTIR studies showed the absence of chemical interaction between Mefenamic acid and polymer and the encapsulation of drug into the nanoparticles. The SEM results



indicated that Mefenamic acid nanoparticles were found to be spherical in shape. The In vitro drug release studies showed that the drug release followed Higuchi pattern with Fickian diffusion. The drug release was sustained till 11hrs following first order rate constant for the best formulation.

Comparative study was performed between the best formulations of both the techniques. Solvent evaporation method was found to be the best technique for the formulation of Mefenamic acid nanoparticles because of the minimum mean particle diameter (103.6nm) and greater stability (59.5 mV).

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