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The quality of drugs governs by modern analytical tools. The pharmaceutical industry is based around innovation. But rigid regulatory system is unfavorable to innovation. Process Analytical Technology (PAT) emerged as a solution to this.

US FDA has introduced PAT for robust and efficient manufacturing in pharmaceutical industry. PAT includes chemical, physical, microbiological, mathematical and risk analysis conducted in an integrated manner. Multivariate tools are used in PAT for design, data acquisition and analysis.

With the help of advanced instrumentation, PAT is not only managing to have better manufacturing but also reduces the time, efforts and cost of the process.

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KEYWORDS: PAT, Process Analytical Technology, Process analyzers, multivariate methodology, Process control tools

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KEYWORDS: Cyclooxygenases, Prostaglandins, cancer, angiogenesis and over expression.

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KEYWORDS: Flavonoid, Grape seed extract, Oligomeric Proanthocyanidins, Polyphenols,

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KEYWORDS: Isotachopheresis, Electrophoresis, Separation Technique

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KEYWORDS: Education, Professionals, Pharmacy

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KEYWORDS: Buccal delivery, Transmucosal delivery, Controlled release, Patient compliance.

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KEYWORDS: Multi-layered, sandwiched, compression coated sustained release, extended release, zero-order release.

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KEYWORDS: Natural AEDs, Herbal anticonvulsants.

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KEYWORDS: Rifabutin, Eudragit, Emulsion solvent diffusion

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KEYWORDS: Solid lipid nanoparticles (SLNs) • Methotrexate (MTx) • Particle size analysis • Entrapment efficiency • In vitro release study

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sham-operated control Group (I) ($n = 6$), Smoking group, exposed for 60 minutes every day in an inhalation chamber (10 liters) for the two week (14 days) Group (II) ($n = 6$). After sacrifice animals lung were removed and mitochondria were isolated. Mitochondrial antioxidant marker enzymes viz. Reduced Glutathione, Superoxide Dismutase and Catalase were measured and pathological changes were measured by histopathology. Smoking group was showed the depletion of anti-oxidant enzymes and severe degeneration of lung cells as compared to sham operated control rats.

KEYWORDS: Cigarette smoking, Mitochondria, Antioxidant Enzymes

- **Simultaneous RP-HPLC Method for Estimation of Metformin Hydrochloride and Fenofibrate in Synthetic Mixture**

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KEYWORDS: Metformin hydrochloride (MET), Fenofibrate (FNB), RP-HPLC

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KEYWORDS: Solvents, Water Vapour Transmission, Drug diffusion and Permeability Coefficient.

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KEYWORDS: Paracetamol, Reverse phase-High performance liquid chromatography, Validation.

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KEYWORDS: colon specific drug delivery, biodegradable gums, matrix tablet, and inflammatory bowel diseases

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KEYWORDS: Diclofenac sodium, Niosomes, Ocular delivery and Non-ionic surfactant vesicles.

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KEYWORDS: Surface lipids, *Pongamia pinnata*, Antibacterial activity, Antifungal activity.

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KEYWORDS: *Leucaena latisiliqua*, suspending agents, sedimentation volume, Rheology, particle size.

- **Simultaneous Spectrophotometric Estimation of Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide in Tablet Formulations**

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KEYWORDS: Valsartan, Hydrochlorothiazide, Vierodt's method.

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KEYWORDS: Clopidogrel bisulphite, Bromothymol Blue, Orange II, Metanil yellow, Ultraviolet-Visible double beam spectrophotometer.

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KEYWORDS: Diltiazem hydrochloride, Tablets, Spectrophotometric method.

- **Development, In vitro Evaluation and Method selection for Preparation of Mucoadhesive Microcapsule for Oral delivery of Famotidine**
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KEYWORDS: Swelling index, sphericity, ionotropic gelation, mucoadhesion.

- **Phyto-Physico Chemical Investigation, Anti-inflammatory and Antimicrobial Activities of *Polianthes tuberosa* Linn**
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KEYWORDS: *Polianthes tuberosa*, Anti microbial, Anti inflammatory, Phyto chemical investigation

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KEYWORDS: Absorbance correction method, first derivative spectrophotometry, multi wavelength spectrophotometry, montelukast sodium, levocetirizine hydrochloride.

- **A Validated High Performance Thin Layer Chromatographic Method for Simultaneous Estimation of Nebivolol Hydrochloride and Valsartan in Pharmaceutical Dosage Form**

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KEYWORDS: Ramipril, Valsartan, RP-HPLC, Validation.

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The effect of a mixture of super disintegrants on the disintegration time and in vitro drug release rate was studied. In this study, an attempt had been made to prepare rapid disintegrating tablets of the drug using different super disintegrants following wet granulation method. The sodium starch glycolate, cross carmellose sodium and pregelatinized starch (Starch 1500®) were used in different concentration according to the simplex lattice design as

the super disintegrants. The tablets were evaluated for diameter, thickness, hardness, friability, weight variation, wetting time, percentage of water absorption, disintegration time and in vitro dissolution studies. The disintegration time of all formulation showed less than 75 seconds. The formulation F4 showed low disintegration time that is 14 seconds and the percentage drug release was 97.33 within 10 minutes. The tablets containing equal quantity of Starch 1500[®] and cross carmellose sodium showed lowest disintegration time than other formulation containing Starch 1500[®], cross carmellose sodium and sodium starch glycolate in various proportions shown in Table-1.

KEYWORDS: Tramadol hydrochloride, Simplex lattice design, Super disintegrants, Spray drying.

- **Design and Characterization of Extended Release Ranolazine Matrix Tablet**

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The objective of present investigation was to develop a extended release matrix tablet for Ranolazine in the treatment of chronic angina pectoris using wet granulation technology. HPMC E 15, EC, HPMC phthalate and different Eudragit grades form release layer. All lubricated formulation was compressed using 16.5 × 8mm oval shaped punches. Compressed tablets were evaluated for uniformity of weight, content of active ingredients, friability, hardness, thickness, invitro dissolution using paddle in 0.1 N HCl at 50 rpm for 24 hrs study. All the formulation showed compliance with pharmacopoeial standards. The batch number (F8) showed extended release of drug according to USP limits. Selected formulation (F8) was subjected to stability studies for three months at 40⁰c ± 2⁰c and 75% RH and showed stability with respect to release pattern. The kinetic treatment showed that lease of drug follows diffusion release and Higuchi model. The result of current study clearly indicate, a promising potential of Ranolazine extended release 500 mg tablets as an alternative to conventional dosage form.

KEYWORDS: Extended release, matrix tablet, ranolazine, and Angina pectoris.

- **Preparation and In vitro Evaluation of Buccoadhesive Tablets of Carvedilol Using Dried Mucilage Powder of Aegle marmelose**

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KEYWORDS: Mucilage, Carvedilol, first pass effect, buccoadhesive, swelling, Higuchi model.

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nm. the method was validated in terms of linearity, accuracy, precision and specificity. The linearity was observed in the range of 480-1440 ng. The Kutkin content of 246.90 µg per 100mg was observed in the sample. The average percentage recovery value of 98.55% was obtained. The proposed method being precise and sensitive can be used for detection, monitoring and quantification of Kutkin in *Picrorrhiza kurroa*.

KEYWORDS: Validation., *Picrorrhiza kurroa*, Kutkin, HPTLC

- **Development of Colon Targeted Delivery of Ketoprofen Using Natural Gums as Carrier**
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KEYWORDS: Colon targeted, Ketoprofen, Guar gum, Locust bean gum.

- **Preliminary Phytochemical Screening, Antimicrobial activity and Nutritional Analysis of Methanol Extract of *Asparagus racemosus* (Willd) Roots**
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KEYWORDS: *Asparagus racemosus*, antibacterial, antifungal, Minimum inhibitory concentration, nutritional analysis.

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KEYWORDS: Ciprofloxacin, Difference Spectroscopy, Validation.

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KEYWORDS: actinomycetes, agarose gel, dna, anti bacterial, anti biotic.

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KEYWORDS: Pavonia zeylanica, AEPZ, alloxan, hypoglycemic.

- **Preparation of Acyclovir Loaded Non ionic Surfactant Vesicles (Niosomes) Using Reverse Phase Evaporation Technique**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to prepare acyclovir (AC) niosomes in a trial to improve its poor and variable oral bioavailability. According to the Biopharmaceutical Classification System (BSC) acyclovir was categorized as a class III drug due to its high solubility and low permeability. Hollow and acyclovir-loaded niosomes were formulated by using reverse phase evaporation technique and evaluated for their morphological characteristics, entrapment efficiency as well as *in-vitro* drug release profile by using membrane of Kukkutandatwak (Shell of Hen's Egg). The non ionic surfactant vesicles were prepared with the lipid mixture consisted of cholesterol and tween 80, in the molar ratio of 7:4, 7:6, and 7:7 respectively. The percentage entrapment efficiency was found to be 14.6%, 17.79%, 27.50% of AC used in the preparation. Most of the niosomes was found to be unilamellar spherical in shape. *In-vitro* drug release profile data revealed that higher concentration of cholesterol is responsible for higher drug entrapment efficiency but same time prolonged the drug release from the niosomes due to stabilization of the niosomes. Thus niosomal formulation could be a promising drug delivery system for acyclovir with improved bioavailability.

KEYWORDS: Acyclovir Nano-niosomes, Reverse phase evaporation, tween 80

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KEYWORDS: Neutralization technique, Recrystallized agglomerates, Surfactant, Hydrophilic polymers, physicochemical properties.

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KEYWORDS: Venlafaxine hydrochloride; Once daily; Chitosan; Triple layer tablet

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was constructed to study the effect of the amount of HPMC and sodium bicarbonate on the drug release profile from the formulations. The formulations were evaluated for floating lag time, floating duration time and in vitro drug release studies. The optimized formulation showed sufficiently sustained drug release and remained buoyant on the surface of medium for more than 10 hours. It was observed that the increase of floating agent concentration displayed a common phenomenon that the drug release rate and extent were increased in all cases. As the concentration of HPMC increases in the formulation the release rate was found to be decreased. Accelerated stability studies were performed as per ICH guidelines at temperature of 40 ± 2 °C and humidity 75 ± 5 %RH for a period of 3 months. The results indicated that these formulations remained stable. It can be concluded that floating drug delivery system of Cefpodoxime proxetil can be successfully formulated as an approach to increase gastric residence time and thereby improve its bioavailability.

KEYWORDS: Cefpodoxime proxetil, floating, gastro retentive, HPMC.

• **Phytochemical Screening of Crude Bark extracts of *Tecoma stans* Linn. (Bignoniaceae).**

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KEYWORDS: *Tecoma stans* Linn. Bark, Physico-chemical, Fluorescence, phytochemical.

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Ulcerative colitis is a disease of the intestine, explicitly the large intestine or colon that includes characteristic ulcers, or open sores, in the colon. For eradication of Ulcerative colitis, there are various methods among that delivery of drug to colon is one of them. Colon specific delivery can achieve by using polymer, which will release the drug at specific pH, or by enzyme depended system, which will break the bond between drugs and polymer. Present study was slanting to explore the utility of coating technology for colonic targeting of single unit tablet systems. Mesalamine USP Tablets were prepared using synthetic polymer as binders and methoxy polymer as release retardant. Different polymer such as Eudragit E100 and S100 used to get desired release of drug to colon for specific time. Core tablet were coated in singular percentage as 5%, 7.5% and 10%. Similarly core tablet were coated using triple coating using release retardant. The coated tablets were tested *in-vitro* for their suitability as colon specific drug delivery systems in different pH 1.2, 6.0 and 7.2. Drug release was delayed as on going on increasing the concentration of coating polymer. Triplicate coating gave 0.61% at pH 1.2, 0.49% at pH 6.0 and 87.28% at pH 7.2 from 75 mg tablet. Drug content was determined by UPLC and it was found 98.33% of drug was present in a tablet. The statistical analysis of the parameters of dissolution data obtained before and after storage for 3 month at 25°C/60%RH and 40°C/75%RH as per ICH guidelines showed no significant changes indicating the two dissolution profile were similar.

KEYWORDS: Ulcerative colitis, Mesalamine, Eudragit E100, Eudragit S100.

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KEYWORDS: Chloro acetyl derivative, 2-Azetidinone, Antimicrobial activity, Anti convulsant activity, Anti inflammatory activity.

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KEYWORDS: Synthesis, Pyrimidines, Anti-inflammatory activity.

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Besides acting as platforms for sustained release dosage forms, bioadhesive polymers can themselves exert some control over the rate and amount of drug release and thus contribute to the therapeutic efficacy of bioadhesive drug delivery system. The buccal route has been particularly popular among medical staff and patients alike. The mucosa is relatively permeable with a rich blood supply. The oral transmucosal drug delivery bypasses liver and avoids pre-systemic elimination in the GI tract and liver. The buccal mucoadhesive film using losartan potassium as drug and HPMC K (15M), Eudragit RS 100, Eudragit RL 100, SCMC and ethyl cellulose as polymer has prepared. The prepared buccal film from various batches was subjected to evaluation test. The bioadhesive strength of formulation F7 was higher (i.e.12.10 gm), due to higher concentration of SCMC among all the formulation SCMC having higher mucoadhesive property and less in F8 (i.e.7.48gm). The force required to break the film strip is more in formulation F1 containing HPMC 4:0 ratio, because of good cross-linking with drug molecules. The maximum drug release was shown by formulation F7 due to higher concentration of SCMC compared to other formulation it having higher drug release values due to swelling property. The lower drug release was shown by formulation F8 (73.97%) due to ethyl cellulose which is water insoluble. It was concluded that, HPMC and SCMC in equal concentration has good bioadhesive properties and released drug in sustained manner, hence best polymer for buccal drug delivery system.

KEYWORDS: Buccal film, Bioadhesive, Tensile strength and Sustained release

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KEYWORDS: Antioxidant, Cisplatin, Free radicals, Green tea, Testicular toxicity.

- **Antiparkinsonian Effect of Cassia tora on Oxotremorine Induced Parkinson Methodology**

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KEYWORDS: Parkinson's disease, oxotremorine, tremor, procyclidine.

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KEYWORDS: Chalcones, flavones, antibacterial activity, seed germination of wheat.

- **Studies on Antibacterial, Anthelmintic and Larvicidal Efficacy of Pothos Scandens L**

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KEYWORDS: *Pothos scandens*, Agar well diffusion, Larvicidal activity, Anthelmintic activity

- **Central Nervous System (CNS) Depressant and Analgesic Activity of Methanolic Extract of Drypetes roxburghii Wall in Experimental Animal Model**

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KEYWORDS: *Drypetes roxburghii* Wall, Soxhlet extraction, Analgesic activity, CNS depressant activity

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KEYWORDS: *Memecylon umbellatum*, inflammation, analgesic activity, anti-inflammatory, carrageenan.

- **Effect of Concentration of Gellan Gum and Calcium Chloride Solution on Entrapment Efficiency and Drug Release from Calcium Gellan Beads.**

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KEYWORDS: Calcium-gellan beads, Deacetylated gellan gum, Ionotropic gelation.

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A novel, colon-targeted delivery system, which uses lactulose, was investigated in this study. Lactulose is not absorbed in the upper GI tract, but degraded to organic acids by enterobacteria in the lower gastrointestinal tract,

especially the colon. A CODESTM consists of three components: a core containing lactulose and the drug, an inner acid-soluble material layer, and an outer layer of an enterosoluble material. A CODESTM containing Tinidazole shown protections against pH 1.2 and pH 6.8 upto six hour study. Formulation shown release at pH 5.0. The results of this study show that lactulose can act as a trigger for drug release in the colon, utilizing the action of enterobacteria.

KEYWORDS: Oral drug delivery; Colon targeting; Lactulose; Tinidazole.

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In this study, the anti-inflammatory effects of 200 and 400 mg/kg body weight of methanol and hydro-alcoholic extracts obtained from aerial parts of *Flemingia strobilifera*, the so-called MEFS and HAFS were investigated in Swiss albino mice respectively. The effects of MEFS and HAFS on the acute and sub acute phases of inflammation were studied in carrageenan induced paw oedema and cotton pellet-induced granuloma methods, respectively. In acute and sub acute phases of inflammation, amongst the two extracts selected for study the HAFS showed maximum inhibition of 37.06, 41.17 % (P < 0.01) at the dose of 400 mg/kg respectively. The results suggest that HAFS possess potent anti-inflammatory activity.

KEYWORDS: Anti-inflammatory activity, Fabaceae, *Flemingia strobilifera*, Kusrunt, Wild hops.

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KEYWORDS: *Pithecellobium dulce*, anti-inflammatory activity, carrageenan –induced paw edema

- **Formulation and Evaluation of Diuretic Herbal Liquid Syrup from *Hemidesmus Indicus***
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Plant medicines are traditionally used for the treatment of some renal diseases and also have been reported to show significant diuretic activity. In the present study powder of *Hemidusmus indicus* root was extracted with distilled water to get aqueous extract. During development of syrup, several combinations of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerin, methyl paraben, propyl paraben and distilled water were tried. The formulation was checked for its stability and consistency. Depending upon the results of evaluation, the formula had been finalized for liquid syrup preparation. Among different compositions, good consistency was obtained using sucrose, sorbitol, glycerin, methyl paraben, propyl paraben in the ratio 30:10:2.2:0.07:0.03. Also, better acceptability was obtained by incorporation of mint flavor (0.2%). The specific gravity of syrup was found to be 1.06068 g/ml. The refractive index and viscosity was found to be 1.339 and 2.4216cp. The pH was found to be 5.62. The single drug preparation can be used for diuretic activity for elderly patients *since* oral route for single drug preparation is one of the simplest and claimed to be safest.

KEYWORDS: Hemidusmus indicus, herbal syrup, diuretic, Asclepiadaceae.

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KEYWORDS: Metformin hydrochloride, spectrophotometric, Assay, Recovery.

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KEYWORDS: Polyherbal formulation, Gas chromatography, Bhunimbadi Kwath.

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KEYWORDS: Simvastatin, UV, λ_{max}

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fumarate. The result of estimation in marketed formulations were found to be 97.44 ± 0.3286 and 96.68 ± 0.07854 . The proposed method was applied successfully for the determination of Quetiapine fumarate in tablets with average recovery of 98.83 ± 0.2738 and 98.98 ± 0.3535 . The method was then validated statistically as per ICH guidelines, which yielded good results concerning range, linearity, precision and accuracy.

KEYWORDS: Quetiapine fumarate, Bromo cresol green, Spectrophotometry.

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The purpose of this research was to formulate matrices of Ambroxol hydrochloride with natural gums like Xanthan gum and κ - Carrageenan gum and their combinations in different ratios to develop a sustained release dosage form. Various parameters were evaluated such as their physical tests like hardness, thickness, friability. A comparative study was done on the release from various gum matrices. The matrix swelling was studied in pH 6.8 phosphate buffer. Xanthan gum, κ -Carrageenan and guar gum retarded the drug's release when used individually. It can thus be concluded from the studies that natural gums can be effectively used for oral sustained release dosage form.

KEYWORDS: sustained release, gums, swelling, matrices.

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