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Development and characterization of hydralazine mouth dissolving tablet

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Abstract--- Tablet dosage form is the most popular among all existing conventional dosage forms because of its convenience of selfadministration, compactness and easy manufacturing. Many patients find it difficult to swallow tablets and capsules. The difficulty is experienced in particular by pediatric and geriatric patients, but it also applies to people who are ill on bed and to those active working patients who are busy or traveling, especially those who have no access to water. The drug hydralazine HCl were used. The amount of drug was 35 mg, the different super disintegrates was used to make a suitable mouth dissolving tablet. All the other reagents which is used in analytical grade reagents. In the present study mouth dissolving tablets of hydralazine HCl were designed, prepared and evaluated. These tablets can disintegrate or dissolve rapidly once placed into the oral cavity. The feofenadine was analyzed for its organoleptic, physicochemical and spectral (IR, UV) properties. The obtained hydralazine HCl was concordant with reference specifications. A complex of hydralazine HCl was successfully formulated. The volunteers rated the resinate as tasteless and agreeable complex. The rapid drug dissolution might be due to the easy and fast breakdown of tablet and rapid absorption of drug into the dissolution media.

Keywords---Hydralazine, Resinate, Disintegration, Dissolution.

1. Introduction

Mouth dissolving tablets dosage form is the most popular among all existing conventional dosage forms because of its convenience of self-administration, compactness and easy manufacturing. Many patients find it difficult to swallow tablets and capsules. The difficulty is experienced in particular by pediatric and geriatric patients, but it also applies to people who are ill on bed and to those active working patients who are busy or traveling, especially those who have no access to water. It s a novel dosage form which is placed in mouth and they rapidly dissolves and disintegrated in saliva within a few seconds .it take hardly 15 sec to 3 minutes 5,6

Formulation is especially designed for Dysphasic, geriatric, paediatric, bedridden, during travelling, Psychotic patients, Unable to swallow or refuse to swallow conventional oral formulations ^{1, 2,4}. Among the oral delivery, tablets is the most popular because of convenience of self-administration, compactness and easy manufacturing ³. Sublimation Method has been used to produce MDTs with high porosity by compressing the volatile materials along with other excipients in to tablets.^{7,8}

2. Materials and Methods

The drug hydralazine HCl were used the amount of drug was 35 mg. the different super disintegrates was used to make a suitable mouth dissolving tablet. All the other reagents which is used in analytical grade reagents.

2.1 Formulation methods

| Table no 1 | :- Hv | dralazine | HC1 | Mouth | Dissolv | ring | Tablet | preparation |
|--------------|--------|-------------|------|---------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
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| Ingredients | FDT1 | FDT2 | FDT3 | FDT4 | FDT5 | FDT6 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hydralazine HCl | 35 mg |
| Crospovidone | 3 mg | 4 mg | - | _ | - | - |
| Ac-Di-Sol | _ | - | 3 mg | 4 mg | - | - |
| SSG | - | - | - | - | 3 mg | 4 mg |
| MCC | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Dextrose | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Lactopress | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Talc | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Magnesium Stearate | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Physical properties of pure Hydralazine

Table no. 2: Table of drug (Hydralazine) properties

| S. No. | Properties | Properties reported | Properties observed |
|--------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01 | Color | Yellow | Light Yellow |
| 02 | Odor | Odorless | Odorless |
| 03 | Taste | Bitter | Bitter |
| 04 | Physical State | Crystalline powder | Crystalline powder |
| 05 | Melting Point | 273 °C | 270 °C |

3.2 Determination of solubility

Table no. 3: Solubility determination

| S. no. | Solvents | Solubility observed |
|--------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | Ethanol | Freely soluble |
| 2 | Water | Soluble |
| 3 | 0.1N HCl | Soluble |
| 4 | 0.1N NaOH | Soluble |
| 5 | Methanol | Freely soluble |

3.3 Scanning for Ultraviolet Absorption Maxima (\lambda max)

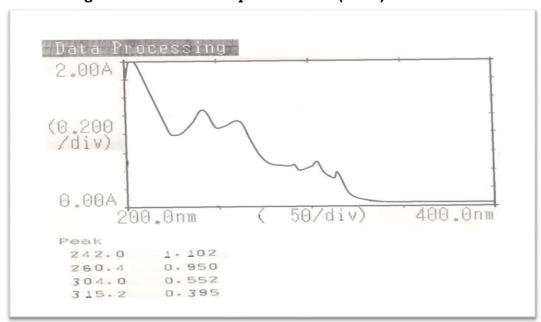


Figure no. 1: Scanning for ultraviolet absorption maxima

3.4 Drug Polymer Interaction Studies

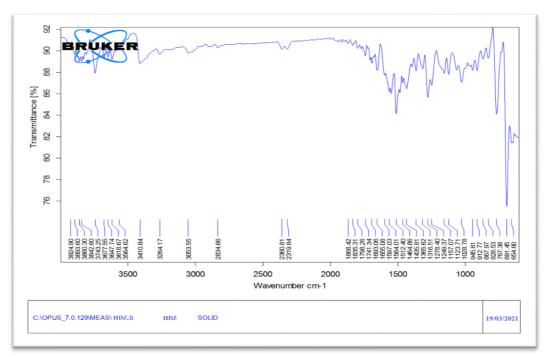


Figure no. 2: FT-IR spectrum of Hydralazine HCl

3.5 Preformulation Study

3.5. 1 Preparation of calibration curve

Table no. 4: Calibration curve data of Hydralazine HCl

| S. No. | Concentration (µg/ml) | Absorbance |
|--------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1. | 0 | 0 |
| 2. | 2 | 0.094 |
| 3. | 4 | 0.184 |
| 4. | 6 | 0.278 |
| 5. | 8 | 0.362 |
| 6. | 10 | 0.452 |

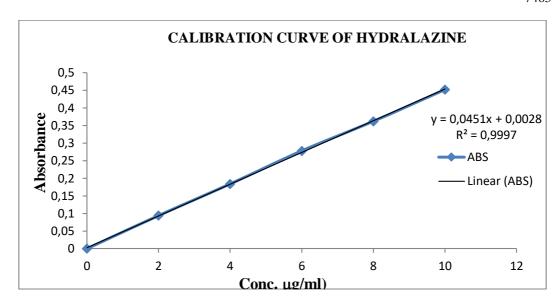


Figure no. 3: Calibration curve of Hydralazine HCl

3.5.2 Drug Polymer Interaction Studies

Table no. 4: Drug-Polymer Interaction Studies

| Mixtures | Physical Change | | | IR Peak |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| | Liquefaction | Clumping | Color Change | |
| Drug | - | - | - | 1637 |
| | | | | 1505 |
| | | | | 1134 |
| Drug + Ac-di-sol | - | - | - | 1636 |
| | | | | 1504 |
| | | | | 1133 |
| Drug+crospovidone | - | - | - | 1637 |
| | | | | 1499 |
| | | | | 1135 |
| Resinate | - | - | - | 1636 |
| | | | | 1505 |
| | | | | 1134 |

3.5.3 Effect of Various Parameters on Drug-Resin Adsorption

Table no. 5: Effect of Concentration of Resin on Drug Loading

| D:R | Absorbance | Drug Percentage |
|-----|------------|-----------------|
| 1:1 | 0.281 | 33.42 |
| 1:2 | 0.203 | 36 |
| 1:3 | 0.176 | 39.98 |
| 1:4 | 0.141 | 40.87 |

3.5.4. Effect of Swelling by Stirring Speed and Time

Table no. 6: Effect of Swelling by Stirring Speed and Time

| Time (min) | 50 rpm | | 100 rpm | |
|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| | Absorbance | %Drug Loading | Absorbance | %Drug Loading |
| 15 | 0.118 | 26.92 | 0.120 | 27.34 |
| 30 | 0.128 | 29.04 | 0.176 | 31.84 |

Table no. 7: Effect of Complexation Time on Drug Loading

| Time (h) | Absorbance | % Drug Loading |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | 0.102 | 23.16 |
| 2 | 0.118 | 26.89 |
| 3 | 0.153 | 34.62 |
| 4 | 0.190 | 43.21 |
| 5 | 0.194 | 43.92 |

Table no. 8: Effect of pH on Drug Loading

| рН | 1 h | | 2 h | | 3 h | | 4 h | |
|-----|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Abs | % Drug | Abs | % Drug | Abs | % Drug | Abs | %Drug |
| | | loading | | loading | | loading | | loading |
| 1.2 | 0.394 | 6.81 | 0.519 | 11.76 | 0.765 | 17.33 | 0.839 | 19 |
| 6.8 | 0.172 | 39.05 | 0.199 | 45.14 | 0.212 | 48.10 | 0.251 | 57 |
| 7.4 | 0.150 | 33.47 | 0.165 | 39.13 | 0.180 | 42.81 | 0.186 | 44.12 |

3.5.5 in-vivo Taste Evaluation

Table no. 9: in-vivo Taste Evaluation

| Volunteer | Taste Evaluation | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | Drug | Granules | Resinate | | |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | | |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | | |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | |

0: no bitterness, 1: threshold bitterness, 2: bitter, 3: moderate bitterness 4: strong bitterness

3.5.6 Physical Evaluation of granules

Table no. 10: Physical Evaluation of Resinate and Granules

| Parameters | Resinate | Granules |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Bulk Density (gm/cm ³) | 0.611 | 0.628 |
| Tapped Density (gm/cm ³) | 0.702 | 0.694 |
| Compressibilty Index (%) | 12.962 | 9.523 |
| Hausners Ratio | 1.148 | 1.105 |
| Angle of Repose | 23.64 | 21.817 |

3.5.7 Determination of in-vitro Drug Release from Resinate

Table no. 11: in-vitro Dissolution of Drug Release in pH 1.2, 6.8, 7.4

| Time (min) | % Drug Relea | % Drug Release from Resinate | | | | |
|------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| | pH 1.2 | pH 6.8 | pH 7.4 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 5 | 12.03 | 9.90 | 2.24 | | | |
| 10 | 21.68 | 18.48 | 5.65 | | | |
| 15 | 30.32 | 24.97 | 8.88 | | | |
| 20 | 40.08 | 31.50 | 11.06 | | | |
| 30 | 49.88 | 43.39 | 12.19 | | | |

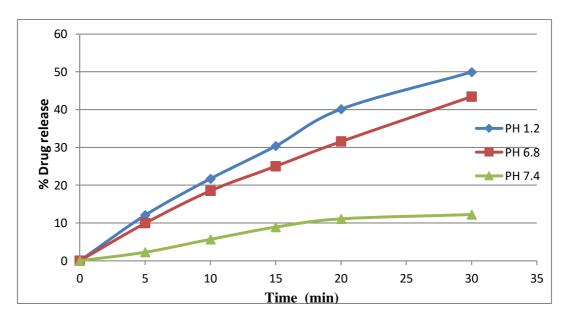


Figure no. 4 in-vitro Dissolution of Drug Release in pH (a) 1.2 •, (b) 7.4 ▲, (c) 6.8 ■

3.6 Characterization of Mouth Dissolving Tablets

| Ingredients | FDT1 | FDT2 | FDT3 | FDT4 | FDT5 | FDT6 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| Thickness(mm) | 2.313± | 2.076± | 2.329± | 2.415± | 2.361± | 2.295± |
| | 0.022 | 0.121 | 0.089 | 0.025 | 0.061 | 0.066 |
| Weight (mg) | 99.133± | 98.466± | 99.4± | 100.833± | 97.233± | 97.733± |
| | 0.665 | 0.737 | 0.264 | 1.450 | 0.602 | 0.321 |
| Hardness (kg/cm³) | 2.713± | 2.913± | 3.043± | 3.003± | 2.800± | 2.990± |
| | 0.156 | 0.200 | 0.150 | 0.090 | 0.191 | 0.101 |
| Friability (%) | 0.823± | 0.64± | 0.536± | 0.626± | 0.653± | 0.856± |
| | 0.051 | 0.05 | 0.030 | 0.045 | 0.081 | 0.041 |
| <i>in-vitro</i> Disintegration | 51.66± | 20.66± | 62.66± | 38.00± | 66.33± | 41.66± |
| time (s) | 2.51 | 2.08 | 2.516 | 3.00 | 3.05 | 1.52 |
| Wetting time (s) | 47.33± | 18.66± | 57.66± | 32.33± | 55.66± | 38.33± |
| | 6.02 | 2.51 | 3.51 | 3.51 | 6.11 | 2.08 |
| <i>in vitro</i> Dispersion | 57.33± | 26.33± | 63.63± | 31.33± | 68.66± | 46.00± |
| Time (s) | 1.52 | 2.08 | 2.08 | 2.51 | 2.08 | 2.64 |

3.6.1 Content Uniformity

Table no. 15: Drug Content in the Mouth Dissolving Tablet of Hydralazine HCl

| Formulations Code | Parameters | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | Drug Content (mg per Tablet) | Drug Content (%) | | |
| FDT1 | 4.86±0.25 | 97.2 | | |
| FDT2 | 4.93±0.35 | 98.7 | | |
| FDT3 | 4.83±0.30 | 96.7 | | |
| FDT4 | 4.96±0.42 | 99.2 | | |
| FDT5 | 4.94±0.25 | 98.8 | | |
| FDT6 | 4.97±0.31 | 99.4 | | |

3.6.2 in-vitro Dissolution Studies

Table no. 16: in-vitro Release Data of Hydralazine HCl Tablet

| Time (min.) | Cumulative Percent Drug Released | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | FDT1 | FDT2 | FDT3 | FDT4 | FDT5 | FDT6 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 1.000 | 74.27 | 77.58 | 68.75 | 70.96 | 57.72 | 61.03 |
| 2.000 | 77.99 | 84.63 | 70.33 | 74.22 | 64.66 | 67.99 |
| 3.000 | 85.04 | 89.51 | 72.98 | 76.89 | 69.43 | 73.88 |
| 4.000 | 92.13 | 95.52 | 80.73 | 85.66 | 73.12 | 78.70 |
| 5.000 | 94.84 | 98.25 | 81.67 | 90.54 | 75.72 | 80.23 |

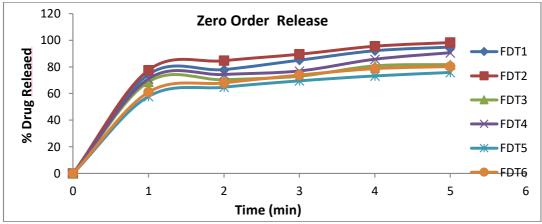


Figure 5 : *in-vitro* Release curve of Hydralazine HCl Tablet-Zero Order Release

3.6.3 Log % Drug Retained Data of Hydralazine HCl Tablet

Table no. 17: in-vitro Log % Drug Retained Data of Hydralazine HCl Tablet

| Time | Log Cum | Log Cumulative Percent Drug Retained | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| (min.) | FDT1 | FDT2 | FDT3 | FDT4 | FDT5 | FDT6 | | |
| 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 1 | 1.410 | 1.350 | 1.494 | 1.462 | 1.626 | 1.590 | | |
| 2 | 1.342 | 1.186 | 1.472 | 1.411 | 1.548 | 1.505 | | |
| 3 | 1.174 | 1.020 | 1.431 | 1.363 | 1.485 | 1.416 | | |
| 4 | 0.895 | 0.651 | 1.284 | 1.156 | 1.429 | 1.328 | | |
| 5 | 0.712 | 0.243 | 1.263 | 0.975 | 1.385 | 1.296 | | |

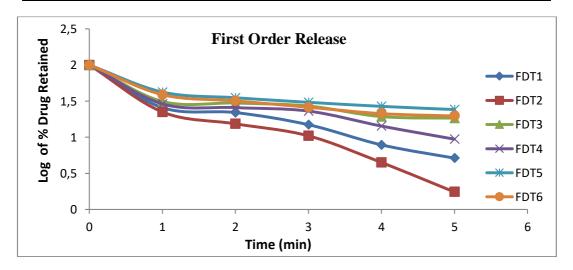


Figure no 6: *in-vitro* Drug Retained Curve of Hydralazine HCl Tablet-First Order Release

4. Conclusion

In the present study mouth dissolving tablets of hydralazine HCl were designed, prepared and evaluated. These tablets can disintegrate or dissolve rapidly once placed into the oral cavity. The feofenadine was analyzed for its organoleptic, physicochemical and spectral (IR, UV) properties. The obtained hydralazine HCl was concordant with reference specifications. A complex of hydralazine HCl was successfully formulated. The volunteers rated the resinate as tasteless and agreeable complex. The disintegration properties of tablet were observed as Crospovidone > Ac-Di-Sol > Sodium starch glycolate. On applying zero order and first order dissolution kinetic treatments, it was found that all the prepared tablets followed first order kinetics.

The drug release was found as

FDT2 >FDT1 >FDT4 >FDT3 >FDT6 >FDT5

The rapid drug dissolution might be due to the easy and fast breakdown of tablet and rapid absorption of drug into the dissolution media.

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