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Solid Dispersion: A Novel Technique to Enhancement of Solubility

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Abstract: ***Solid dispersion was proposed as an effective method to improve the dissolution rate and bioavailability of various hydrophobic drugs. This article reviews solid dispersion preparation techniques and summarizes some recent technological advances. Different types of solid dispersions are characterized by molecular arrangement. Some of the opsserational aspects to consider when preparing solid dispersions, such as carrier selection and physicochemical characterization techniques, are also discussed, along with insights into the molecular structure of drugs in solid dispersion. Finally, a deeper reason for the low commercialization of solid waste and new recycling is considered.***

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1. Introduction

Oral delivery method of pharmaceutical drug is the most common and preferred method due to its simplicity and ease of use. From the patient's point of view, swallowing a pharmaceutical form is a convenient and intuitive way to take medicine. As a result, patient compliance and drug therapy are better with oral drugs than with other routes of administration, such as parenteral. Although the oral route of administration is preferred, it can be problematic and ineffective for many drugs for a number of reasons (1) . Low absorption of the drug results in poor bioavailability and can be seen in potential problems with oral administration of a strong agent. Drug absorption from the gastrointestinal (GI) tract can be limited by a variety of factors with the most significant contributors being poor aqueous solubility and/or poor membrane permeability of the drug molecule. When delivering an active agent orally, it must first dissolve in gastric and/or intestinal fluids before it can then permeate the membranes of the GI tract to reach systemic circulation. Therefore, a drug with poor aqueous solubility will typically exhibit dissolution rate limited absorption, and a drug with poor membrane permeability will typically exhibit permeation rate limited absorption (2) . Hence, two areas of pharmaceutical research that focus on improving the oral bioavailability of active agents include: enhancing solubility and dissolution rate of poorly water - soluble drugs and enhancing permeability of poorly permeable drugs. This article focuses on the former, in particular, the use of solid dispersion technologies to improve the dissolution characteristics of poorly water - soluble drugs and in turn their oral bioavailability (3) .

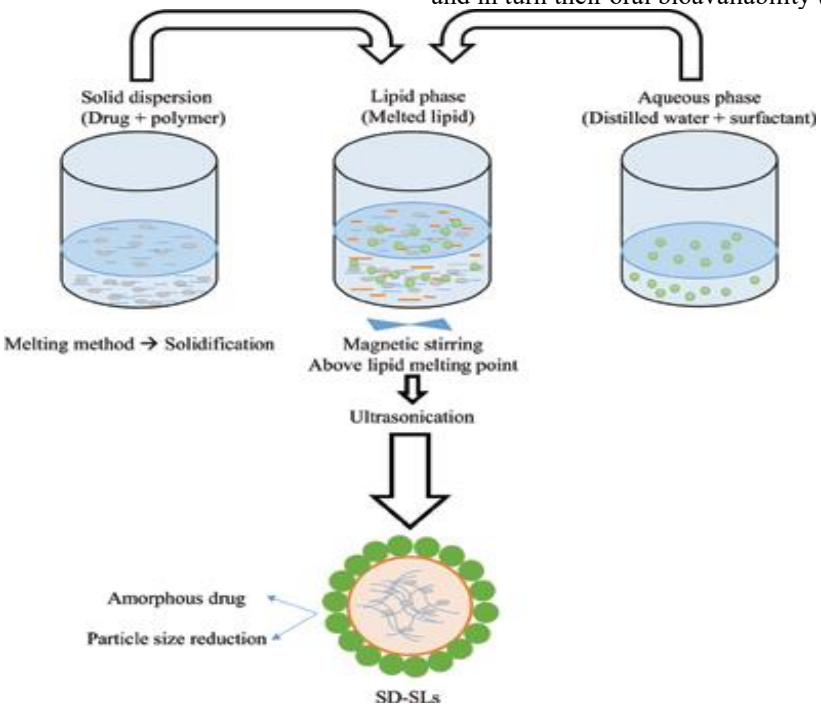

Figure 1: Preparation of Solid Dispersion

Various strong scattering frameworks have been illustrated within the pharmaceutical writing to move forward the disintegration properties of ineffectively water - soluble drugs. Other strategies, such as salt arrangement, complexation with cyclodextrins, solubilization of drugs in solvent (s), and molecule measure diminishment have moreover been utilized to move forward the disintegration properties of ineffectively water - soluble drugs; in any case, there are significant confinements with each of these procedures (4) . On the other hand, detailing of drugs as strong scatterings offers a assortment of handling and excipient choices that permit for adaptability when defining verbal conveyance frameworks for ineffectively water - soluble drugs (5) .

Factor affecting drug absorption (6 - 8)

a) Pharmaceutical factor:
- Drug dissolvability and disintegration rate
- Particle measure and viable surface region
- Polymorphism
- Solvates and hydrates
- Salt shape of medicate
- Ionization state

b) Formulation factor:
- Drug pka and lipophilicity.
- Disintegration time
- Manufacturing variable
- Nature and sort of measurement frame
- Pharmaceutical fixings
- Product age and capacity condition.

c) Patient related factor
- Deterioration time
- Fabricating variable
- Nature and sort of estimation frame
- Pharmaceutical fixings
- Item age and capacity condition.

Solubility (9, 10)
The dissolvability of substance is sum that has passed into arrangement when balance is accomplished between the arrangement and overabundance at a given temperature and weight. The substance to be broken down is called as solute and the dissolving liquid in which the 'solute' is broken down is called 'solvent', which together shape 'solution'.

Table 1: Descriptive term of Solubility

Descriptive term	Part of solvent required per part of solute
Very soluble	Less than 1
Freely soluble	From 1 to 10
Soluble	From 10 to 30
Sparingly soluble	From 30 to 100
Slightly soluble	From 100 to 1000
Very slightly soluble	From 1000 to 10000
Practically insoluble	10000 and over

Biopharmaceutical classification system (BCS) (11)
The BCS was first devised in 1995 by Amidon and his Co - worker. According to the BCS, drug substance can be classified in given table

Table 2: BCS Classification

Class	Permeability	Solubility	Examples
Class I	High	High	Diltiazem, propranolol, metoprolol
Class II	High	Low	Nifedipine, carbamazepine, azelastine, Naproxen
Class III	Low	High	Insulin, metformin, cimetidine
Class IV	Low	Low	Taxol, chlorothiazide, furosemide

Solid Dispersion
Strong scattering is handled in which one or more dynamic fixings in an idle carrier or lattice at strong state are arranged by utilizing distinctive strategies such as the softening (combination), dissolvable dissipation and dissolving such as melting - solvent strategy. In a strong diluent or diluents, the scattering of a medicate or medicate by conventional mechanical blending isn't included in this category (12) .

Advantages of Solid dispersion (13 - 15)

1) Particles with reduced particle size
Atomic scatterings, as strong scatterings, speak to the final state on molecule measure lessening, and after carrier disintegration the medicate is molecularly scattered within the disintegration medium. Strong scatterings apply this rule to sedate discharge by making a blend of a ineffectively water - soluble sedate and exceedingly solvent carriers. A tall surface region is shaped, coming about in an expanded disintegration rate and, thus, moved forward bioavailability.

2) Particle with Improved wettability
A solid commitment to the improvement of medicate solvency is related to the medicate wettability advancement confirmed in strong scatterings. It was watched that indeed carriers without any surface action, such as urea moved forward sedate wettability. Carriers with surface movement, such as cholic corrosive and bile salts. When utilized, can altogether increment the wettability property of medicate. Additionally, carriers can impact the medicate disintegration profile by coordinate disintegration or co - solvent impacts.

3) Particle with higher porosity
In strong scatterings have been found to have a better degree of porosity. The increment in porosity too depends on the carrier properties; for occurrence, strong scatterings containing straight polymers deliver bigger and more permeable particles than those containing reticular polymers and, so, result in a better disintegration rate. The expanded porosity of strong scattering particles too rushes the medicate discharge profile.

4) Drug in amorphous state
Ineffectively water - soluble crystalline drugs, when within the nebulous state tend to have higher solvency. The upgrade of sedate discharge can ordinarily be accomplished utilizing the sedate in its shapeless state, since no vitality is required to break up the precious stone grid amid the disintegration handle. In strong scatterings, drugs are displayed as supersaturated arrangements after framework disintegration, and it is hypothesized that, in the event that drugs accelerate, it is as a metastable polymorphic shape with higher dissolvability than the foremost steady gem shape.

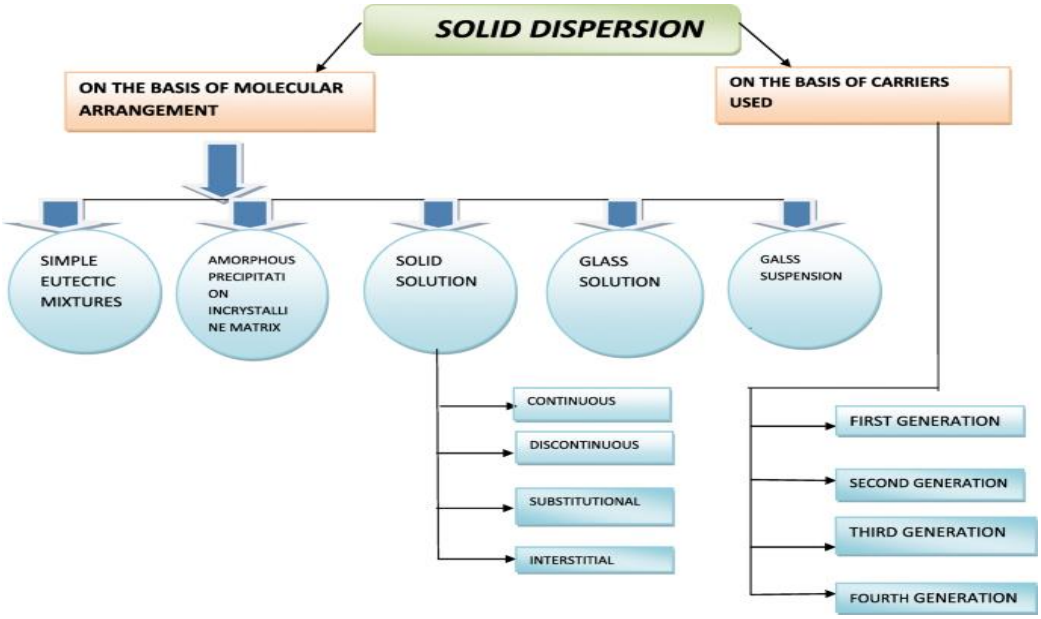

Figure 2: Technique of Solid Dispersion

Classification of Solid Dispersion (16 - 20)

First generation of Solid Dispersion

In to begin with era strong scattering, detailing of eutectic blends or atomic scattering moved forward the rate of medicate discharge which in turn increments the bioavailability of ineffectively water solvent drugs. Impediment related detailing of crystalline strong does not discharge medicate rapidly. Illustration: Crystalline carriers: Urea, Sugars and Natural acids.

Second generation of Solid Dispersion

In moment era we utilize nebulous state of carrier which makes strides sedate discharge; likes completely manufactured Polymers Incorporate Povidone (PVP), Polyethylene glycols (PEG) and polymethacrylates. Characteristic item - based polymers are basically composed by cellulose subsidiaries, such as Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose (HPMC), ethyl cellulose or hydroxypropyl cellulose or starch derivates, like cyclodextrins.

Third generation of Solid Dispersion

In third era, we utilize carrier which have surface action and self - emulsifying property. The surfactants diminish the recrystallization of sedate and in this way make strides the solvency of medicate. Illustration: Surface dynamic self - emulsifying carriers: Poloxamer 408, Tween 80, and Gelucire 44/14.

Types of Solid Dispersion

There are three types of solid dispersion which is as follows,

1) **Binary Solid Dispersion**
   In this type, there are two phases namely drug and polymer.
2) **Ternary Solid Dispersion**
   In this type, there are three phases such as drug, polymer and surfactant. Mostly Polysorbate 80 is used as a surfactant.
3) **Solid Surface Dispersion**
   In this type, drug is deposited on surface of polymer, resulting decreasing the particle size of drug and increased its solubility.

Method of preparation of solid dispersion (21 - 25)

a) Fusion Method

The combination strategy is some of the time alluded to as the dissolve strategy, which is redress as it were when the beginning materials are crystalline. Subsequently, the more common term combination strategy is favoured. the primary strong scattering made for pharmaceutical application were arranged by the combination strategy.

b) Hot Melt Extrusion

Soften expulsion is basically the same as the combination strategy anticipate that seriously blending of the component is actuated by the extruder. when compared to softening in vessel, the item soundness and disintegration are comparable, but dissolve expulsion offers the potential to shape the warmed drug - matrix blend into inserts, ophthalmic embed, or verbal dose shapes. A bit like within the conventional combination prepare, miscibility of sedate and lattice can be a problem. Solubility parameters are examined to anticipate the solid - state miscibility and to choose frameworks appropriate for soften expulsion. Tall shear strengths coming about in tall neighbourhood temperature within the extruder be a issue for warm delicate materials. In any case, compared to the the conventional combination strategy, this procedure offers the plausibility of ceaseless generation, which make it appropriate for large - scale generation. A Moreover, the item is simpler to handle since at the outlet of the extruder the shape can be adjusted to the following handling step without pounding.

c) Solvent Method

The primary step within the dissolvable strategy is the arrangement of a arrangement containing both framework fabric and medicate. The moment step includes evacuation of dissolvable coming about in arrangement of strong scattering. Blending at the atomic level is favoured, since this leads to

ideal disintegration properties. Utilizing the dissolvable method, the pharmaceutical design faces two challenges. The primary challenge is to blend both medicate and network in one solution, which is troublesome when they contrast altogether in extremity. To play down the medicate molecule estimate in strong scattering, the sedate and lattice have to be be scattered within the dissolvable as fine as conceivable ideally sedate and framework fabric are within the broken - down state in one arrangement. The moment challenge within the dissolvable strategy is to anticipate stage division e. g. crystallization of either medicate or lattice, amid expulsion of the dissolvable, drying at the tall temperatures speeds up the method and diminished the time accessible for stage division. On the other hand, at tall temperature the atomic portability of medicate and network remains tall, favouring stage partition.

d) Supercritical Fluid Method

Supercritical liquid strategies are for the most part connected with carbon dioxide, which is utilized as either a dissolvable for medicate and framework or as an anti - solvent. when supercritical is utilized as dissolvable, lattice and sedate are broken down and showered through a spout, into an extension vessel with lower weight and particles are instantly shaped. The adiabatic development of the blend comes about in out - of - control cooling. This strategy is alluded to as 'solvent free'. The strategy is known as quick extension of supercritical arrangement. In any case, the application of this strategy is exceptionally restricted, since the dissolvability in CO 2 is considered ecologically neighbourly, this procedure is alluded to as 'solvent free'. The procedure is known as Fast Extension of Supercritical Arrangement (RESS). Be that as it may, the application of this method is exceptionally constrained, since the dissolvability in CO2 of most pharmaceutical compounds is exceptionally moo. In any case, the application of this procedure is exceptionally constrained, since the dissolvability in CO2 of most pharmaceutical compounds is exceptionally moo and diminishes with expanding extremity. Hence, scaling up this prepare to kilogram - scale will be unreasonable. All other supercritical strategies are precipitation strategies. In spite of the fact that by and large named as solvent - free, all these supercritical liquid strategies utilize natural solvents to break down sedate and network and misuse the moo solvency of pharmaceutical compounds in CO2. In truth, these procedures speak to elective strategies to expel solvents from a arrangement containing regularly a sedate and a polymer. Moneghini and co - workers (2001) detailed their strategy as solvent - free, but they broke up PEG and carbamazepine in acetone. They utilized a method that's called the Gas - Anti - Solvent method (GAS) or Precipitation from Gas Immersed Arrangements (PGSS). The arrangement is brought into contact with compressed CO2. The conditions are chosen so that CO2 is totally miscible with the arrangement beneath supercritical conditions, though medicate and lattice will accelerate upon development of the arrangement. When the volume of the arrangement extends the dissolvable quality (i. e. the capacity to break down the sedate) diminishes. This comes about in precipitation of lattice and medicate. Since this procedure is regularly connected with PEG as network, this strategy comes about in arrangement of a strong scattering with a crystalline lattice.

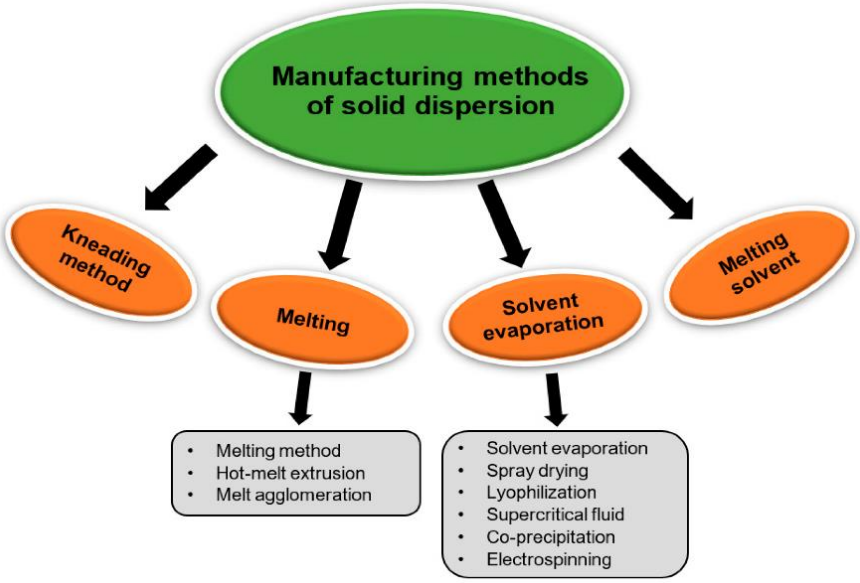

Figure 3: Manufacturing of Solid Dispersion

Characterization of Solid Dispersion (26 - 32)

a) Detection of crystallinity in Solid Dispersion:

A few diverse atomic structures of the sedate within the network can be experienced in strong scatterings. Numerous endeavours have been made to explore the atomic course of action in strong scatterings. Be that as it may, most exertion has been put into separate between nebulous and crystalline fabric. For that reason, numerous procedures are accessible which distinguish the amount of crystalline fabric within the scattering. The sum of nebulous fabric is never measured straightforwardly but is mostly derived from the sum of crystalline fabric within the test. It ought to be famous that through the assessment of crystallinity as strategy to decide the sum of undefined sedate it'll not be uncovered whether the sedate is show as shapeless sedate particles or as molecularly scattered particles.

b) Techniques to detect crystallinity

1) Powder X - ray diffraction can be utilized to subjectively identify fabric with long extend arrange. More honed diffraction crests show more crystalline fabric. As of late created X - ray gear is semiquantitative.
2) Infrared spectroscopy (IR) can be utilized to distinguish the variety within the vitality conveyance of intuitive between medicate and network. Sharp vibrational groups demonstrate crystallinity. Fourier Changed Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) was utilized to precisely distinguish crystallinities extending from 1 to 99% in immaculate fabric. In any case, in strong scatterings as it where subjective discovery was conceivable.
3) Vapor sorption can be utilized to segregate between undefined and crystalline fabric when the hygroscopicity is diverse. This strategy requires precise information on the hygroscopicity of both totally crystalline and totally undefined tests.
4) Isothermal Microcalorimetry measures the crystallization energy of undefined fabric that's warmed over its glass move temperature. Be that as it may, this procedure has a few restrictions. Firstly, this method can as it were be connected on the off chance that the physical solidness is such that as it were amid the measurement crystallization takes put. Furthermore, it needs to be accepted that all nebulous fabric crystallizes. Thirdly, in a twofold blend of two nebulous compounds a refinement between crystallization energies of sedate and framework is troublesome.
5) Disintegration Calorimetry measures the vitality of disintegration, which is subordinate on the crystallinity of the test. Ordinarily, disintegration of crystalline material is endothermic, though disintegration of nebulous fabric is exothermic.
6) Plainly visible strategies that degree mechanical properties that are diverse for nebulous and crystalline fabric can be characteristic for the degree of crystallinity. Thickness estimations and Energetic Mechanical Investigation (DMA) decide the modulus of versatility and consistency and hence influenced by the degree of crystallinity. In any case, too these strategies require information almost the additivity of these properties in personally blended twofold solids.
7) A regularly utilized strategy to identify the sum of crystalline fabric is Differential Checking Calorimetry (DSC). In DSC, tests are warmed with a consistent warming rate and the sum of vitality essential for that's recognized. With DSC the temperatures at which warm occasions happen can be detected. Thermal occasions can be a glass to elastic move, (re) crystallization, dissolving or corruption. Moreover, the dissolving - and (re) crystallization vitality can be evaluated. The softening vitality can be utilized to identify the sum of crystalline fabric. Conceivably, the recrystallization vitality can be utilized to calculate the sum of nebulous fabric given, that all nebulous fabric is changed to the crystalline state. In the event that amid DSC - measurements, undefined fabric crystallizes, data is gotten on the crystallization energy and on the physical stability of the shapeless test. To measure the sum of crystalline fabric, estimations ought to be completed sometime recently crystallization of nebulous fabric has begun. In a few cases, this could be built up applying tall filtering rates.

c) Detection of molecular structure in amorphous Solid Dispersion

The properties of a strong scattering are exceedingly influenced by the consistency of the dispersion of the sedate within the framework. The stability and disintegration conduct may be diverse for strong scatterings that don't contain any crystalline sedate particles, i. e. strong scatterings of sort V and VI or for sort II and III. In any case, not as it were the Information on the physical state (crystalline or undefined) is vital; the conveyance of the medicate as shapeless or crystalline particles or as isolated medicate particles is significant to the properties of the strong scattering as well. In any case, as it were exceptionally few thinks about centre on the separation between shapeless joined particles versus atomic dissemination or homogeneous blends.

1) Confocal Raman Spectroscopy was utilized to degree the homogeneity of the strong blend of ibuprofen in PVP. It was portrayed that a standard deviation in medicate substance littler than 10% was characteristic of homogeneous dispersion. Since of the pixel estimate of 2 µm3, instability remains around the nearness of nano - sized shapeless medicate particles.
2) Utilizing IR or FTIR, the degree of intuitive between sedate and network can be measured. The intuitive are characteristic for the mode of consolidation of the sedate, since independently scattered sedate particles will have more drug - matrix intelligent than when the sedate is show in undefined clusters or other multi - molecule courses of action.
3) Temperature Balanced Differential Scanning Calorimetry (TMDSC) can be utilized to assess the degree of blending of a joined sedate. Due to the tweak, reversible and irreversible occasions can be isolated. For case, glass moves (reversible) are isolated from crystallization or unwinding (irreversible) in undefined materials. Moreover, the esteem of the Tg could be a work of the composition of the homogeneously blended strong scattering. It has been appeared that the affectability of TMDSC is higher than ordinary DSC. Subsequently, this method can be utilized to evaluate the sum of molecularly scattered medicate, and from that the division of sedate that's scattered as partitioned atoms is calculated.

2. Alternative Strategies

a) Spraying on sugar beads using a fluidized bed coating system

The approach includes a fluidized bed coating framework, wherein a drug - carrier arrangement is showered onto the granular surface of excipients or sugar circles to deliver either granules prepared for tableting or drug - coated pellets for embodiment in one step. The strategy has been connected for both controlled - and immediate - release strong scatterings. Itraconazole coated on sugar circle, is made by layering onto sugar dots a arrangement of medicate and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC) in an natural dissolvable of dichloromethane and ethanol. A strong arrangement of sedate in HPMC is delivered upon coating (cosolvent vanishing) and controlled drying of coated globules in a closed Wurster prepare. As this lean film breaks down in water or gastric liquid, the molecularly scattered itraconazole is discharged at supersaturated concentration. HPMC acts as a stabilizer to

hinder recrystallization of the itraconazole. The supersaturated arrangements of itraconazole are adequately steady to permit for assimilation and dissemination.

b) Direct capsule filling

Coordinate filling of difficult gelatine capsules with the fluid liquefy of strong scatterings dodges grinding - induced changes within the crystallinity of the medicate. The filling of difficult gelatine capsules has been attainable in liquid dispersions of Triamterene - PEG 500 employing a Zanasi LZ 64 capsule filling machine. In any case, PEG was not a reasonable carrier for the coordinate capsule - filling strategy as the water - soluble carrier broken down more quickly than the medicate, coming about in drug - rich layers shaped over the surface of dissolving plugs, which avoided advance disintegration of the medicate. A surfactant must be blended with the carrier to dodge arrangement of a drug - rich surface layer (eg, polysorbate 80 with PEG, phosphatidylcholine with PEG). The temperature of the liquid arrangement ought to not surpass ~70o C since it might compromise the hard - gelatine capsule shell.

c) Electrostatic spinning method

This technology used in the polymer industry combines solid solution/dispersion technology with nanotechnology Solid dispersions. This technology is now applied in the pharmaceutical field. In this process, a liquid stream of a drug/polymer solution is subjected to a potential between 5 and 30 kV. When electrical forces overcome the surface tension of the drug/polymer solution at the air interface, fibres of submicron diameters are formed. As the solvent evaporates, the formed fibres can be collected on a screen to give a nonwoven fabric, or they can be collected on a spinning mandril. The fibre diameters depend on surface tension, dielectric constant, feeding rate, and electric field strength. Water - soluble polymers would be useful in the formulation of immediate release dosage forms, and water - insoluble (both biodegradable and non - biodegradable) polymers are useful in controllable dissolution properties. Fabrics generated by water - soluble carriers could be used in oral dosage formulations by direct incorporation of the materials into a capsule. Itraconazole/HPMC nanofibers have been prepared using this technique.

d) Surface active carrier

The surface - active and self - emulsifying carriers for strong scattering of ineffectively water - soluble drugs have been of extraordinary intrigued in later a long time. A surface - active carrier may be best in nearly all cases for the strong scattering of ineffectively water - soluble drugs. Two of the critical surface - active carriers are Gelucire 44/14 and Vitamin E R - alpha - tocopherol polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate (TPGS). Gelucire 44/14has commonly been utilized in strong scattering for the bioavailability improvement of drugs. Gelucire 44/14 could be a blend of glyceryl and PEG 1500 esters of long - chain greasy acids and is official within the European Pharmacopoeia as lauryl macrogol glycerides; the postfixes 44 and 14 in its title allude, separately, to its dissolving point and hydrophilic lipophilic adjust (HLB) value. Vitamin E TPGS National Model (NF) (Eastman, Kingsport, TN) is ready by the esterification of the corrosive gather of d - R tocopherylacid succinate by PEG 1000. The fabric has an HLB esteem of 13 and is miscible with water in all parts. Its dissolving point, however, is generally moo (38o C), and it may require blending with other carriers to extend softening temperatures of definitions.

3. Conclusion

Strong scattering frameworks have been realized as amazingly valuable instrument in progressing the disintegration properties of ineffectively water - soluble drugs. In later a long time, a extraordinary bargain of information has been amassed around strong scattering innovation, but their commercial application is constrained. Different strategies have been attempted as of late to overcome the impediment and make the arrangement for all intents and purposes attainable. The issues included in consolidating into definition of measurement shapes have been steadily settled with the coming of elective techniques. These incorporate strategies like splashing on sugar globules and coordinate capsule filling. In spite of the fact that there are a few obstacles like scale up and fabricating taken a toll to overcome, there lies a extraordinary guarantee that strong scattering innovation will hurry the sedate discharge profile of ineffectively water - soluble drugs.

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