

## A REVIEW ON FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF MICROSPHERES

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### **ABSTRACT**

Microspheres (MS), which are emulsion cells or solid particles distribute in a continued phase, have been used in various industries such as cosmetics, food and pharmaceuticals, etc. The several applications involved in microspheres are in ophthalmic Drug delivery, Oral drug delivery, Genetic drug delivery, Buccal drug delivery, Gastrointestinal drug delivery, Transdermal drug delivery, Targeting by applying micro-particulate carriers. The disadvantages of microspheres are reproducibility rate is less. The various techniques used in the preparation of microspheres spray drying, solvent evaporation method single emulsion technique, double emulsion technique, phase coacervation techniques, spray congealing and spray drying method, solvent(liquid-liquid) extraction method. Microsphere

is modify using a variety of techniques which are changes in their performance and volume from management as compared to the standard management form. The different types of microspheres are bio adhesive microspheres, magnetic microspheres, floating microspheres, active radio microspheres species. Microsphere is extensively used in new drug delivery systems. One of the novel drug delivery techniques is microspheres in which the alternative treatment is more effective than standard or single unit dosage forms that are released immediately.

**KEYWORDS:** Microspheres, application, types of microspheres, methods of preparation, Evaluations.

## INTRODUCTION

Microspheres are tiny spherical particles, with diameters 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ . Microsphere play a significant role to upgrade bioavailability of conventional drugs with decreased side effects.<sup>[1]</sup> The list of microspheres repair strategies offers a broad range of opportunities to drug control features and to improve the effectiveness of a particular drug. They are free flowing particles that merging polymers and proteins to make this possible to decay naturally.

### There are two types of microspheres<sup>[2]</sup>

- 1) The microcapsule-ensnare substance is apparently surrounded by a well-defined capsule wall
- 2) A micrometrics object is distributed throughout the matrix.

Controlled drug delivery system overcome the problems of conventional therapy and enhanced therapeutic efficacy of given drug to obtain maximum therapeutic efficacy it becomes necessary to deliver the agent.<sup>[3]</sup> Microspheres are used to develop a new drug delivery system to remove drug control. Microsphere is usually free-flowing powders consisting of naturally occurring proteins or polymers that are naturally impermeable and in a complete earth with a molecular size less than 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .<sup>[4]</sup>

The microsphere has a substance located centrally within particles, where it is closed inside a unique polymeric membrane. The motive of these review is to integrate different types of microspheres, different preparation methods, their use and different parameters to test their performance. Microsphere, due to its high surface area and low particle size significantly increases the rate of absorption and bio availability.<sup>[5]</sup> They are also useful in providing sustained or controlled release and delivery of site- specific drug. In the future by combining various other startgies the microspheres will find a central location improved Drug delivery, especially for diagnosis, disease cell division, targeted and effective delivery of Vivo. Recent updates explain how to configure microspheres, how to test and their latest performance, how to test and their latest applications and also current research on microspheres.

**Properties of microspheres<sup>[6-7-8]</sup>**

IDEAL PROPERTIES	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
1. Ability to incorporate a reasonable high concentration of the drug	Decreasing size contributes to increasing the surface area and can increase the Strength of dissolving substances.	Changes in the formulation's release
2. Stability of correction after integration with clinically acceptable shelf life	Dose and risk decreases	Changes in discharge Rate from one Dosage to the next.
3. Release of an active reagent with good control over a wide range of time	Medication use that is effective can increase bioavailability and reduced the occurrence of severity of adverse effects	These types of doses should not be broken or chewed
4. Controlled particle size and dispersion in wet vehicle by injection	Improved the stability of treatment arrangement	May produce toxic effects
5. Exposure to chemical reactions	Decreased dosing frequency with improve the patient compliance	Reproducibility rate is low

**APPLICATIONS OF MICROSPHERES IN DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM.**Application for a drug in the drug delivery system<sup>[9-14]</sup>

SR. No	Name OF Drugs	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Microsphere used in ophthalmic Drug delivery	1. Amikacin 2. Betaxolol 3. Carteolol	1. Increased accurate dosing. To overcome the side effects of Pulsed dosing produced by conventional system.  2. To provide sustained and controlled drug Delivery.  3. To Increment the optical bioavailability of drug by Enlarging the corneal contact time. This can be Achieved by effective adherence to corneal surface.	1. The physiological Restriction is the limited permeability of cornea resulting into low absorption of ophthalmic drug  2. major portion of the administered dose drains into the lacrimal duct and thus can cause unwanted systemic side effects  3. The rapid elimination of The drug through the eye blinking and tear flow result in a brief period of the therapeutic effect resulting in a frequent dosing regimen
2. Microspheres used in Oral drug delivery	Cephalosporins Macrolides	1. Cephalosporins are a class of antibiotics used to treat a variety of bacterial infections 2. They are useful in treating respiratory, skin, soft tissue,	Stomach discomfort  Abdominal symptoms are largely the result

		sexually transmitted, H. pylori and atypical 3. mycobacterial infections.	of macrolides being motilin agonist causing an increased risk of gastrointestinal upset and side effects.
3. Microsphere used in Genetic delivery	1. Diclofenac	excellent drug carriers for microparticulate systems	diarrhea, constipation
4. microspheres used in nasal drug delivery systems	1. Ciprofloxacin	It's used to treat bacterial infections, such as: chest infections	Ciprofloxacin can cause serious side effects, including tendon problems, damage to your nerves (which may be permanent), serious mood or behaviour changes (after just one dose), or low blood sugar
5. microsphere used in Intrauterine and local drug delivery	1. Levonorgestrel	used to treat many menstrual related symptoms and disorders.	Drawback of LNG-IUD-20 are more difficult insertion due to the broad diameter; oligomenorrhea, amenorrhea and improper bleeding; hormonal complications such as Nausea, headache, Acne and breast tension; and risk of functional ovarian cysts.
6. Microspheres used in Buccal drug delivery.	1. Chitosan. 2. Genipin.	1. Chitosan is used to treat obesity, high cholesterol, and Crohn's disease. 2. Genipin has been used as a treatment for cholestasis and hepatitis in traditional Chinese medicine	Nausea Diarrhea, constipation
7. Microspheres used in Delivery of Transdermal Drugs	1. Estradiol, 2. Fentanyl,	1. It is used by women to help reduce symptoms of menopause 2. Fentanyl has several potential advantages for out-of-hospital analgesia, including rapid onset, short duration, and less histamine release.	1. Increase the risk of cancer of the breast/ ovaries, stroke, dementia, and serious blood clots. 2. Fentanyl may cause severe bronchospasm and is contraindicated in asthma.
8. Microspheres used in Delivery of drugs through the vagina	1. metronidazole (Flagyl), 2. clindamycin	1. It is used to treat infections of the reproductive system, gastrointestinal (GI) tract, skin, heart, bone, joint, lung, blood 3. It is used to treat certain types of bacterial infections, including infections of the lung, Blood, skin, female reproductive organs, and internal organ	1 Dizziness, headache diarrhea, nausea, stomach pain, loss of appetite, constipation, changes in taste. 2. rash, hepatotoxicity and diarrhea.

**TYPES OF MICROSPHERES<sup>[15]</sup>**

1. Bioadhesive microspheres
2. The magnetic microspheres
3. Radiant microspheres.
4. Floating microspheres
5. Polymeric microspheres

**1. Bio adhesive microspheres**

Adhesion is term as, the adhesion of a drug to the lining by attaching soluble polymers to water. Adhesion of drugs delivery device to the mucosal membrane such as Nasal, buccal, Ocular etc. can be termed as bio-adhesion. This type of microspheres reflects the long shelf life in the application area and leads to close contact with the absorption area and the most productive therapeutic action.<sup>[16]</sup>

**2. Magnetic microspheres**

This type of delivery system is essential that puts the drug in its place in the disease site<sup>[17]</sup>. Magnetic conveyor accept magnetic responses in the magnetic field from compounds used by the magnetic microsphere in the current chitosan, dextran etc. The different types are therapeutic magnetic microsphere and diagnostic microspheres. This large amount of free flowing drug can be replaced by a small amount of targeted drug. Magnetic carriers receive magnetic responses in the magnetic field that result from the compound microsphere in the magnetic field of dextran, chitosan etc.

**3. Radiant microspheres**

Radio immobilization therapy microspheres with a size of 10-30 nm are larger than the capillaries and are inserted into the first capillary bed when combined. They are injected into arteries that leading to the tumor, Thus all these conditions radioactive microspheres convey high levels of radiation to the attentive region without damaging the normal tissue. The microsphere for radio emissions measuring 10-30 nm is larger than vessels. Different types of radioactive microspheres such as  $\alpha$  producers,  $\beta$  producers and  $\gamma$  producers.

**4. Floating microspheres**

In floating drug delivery systems the congestion is lower than the gastric fluid so it remains buoyant in the stomach without disturbing gastric emptying rate for a long time<sup>[18]</sup>. The drug is released gradually to the desired dose, and the system is found to float in the contents of

the stomach and increase the gastric residence of the stomach and rises the fluctuations in plasma concentrations. In the floating process the drug is very low and there is fluid in the stomach so it stays full in the stomach without disturbing the level of diarrhea. In addition it also decreases the chances of dose dumping and striking. In another aspect it has a long-term therapeutic impact and thus reduces dose frequency.

## **5. Polymeric microspheres**

The polymeric microspheres can be classified in different types as follows:

### **A. Biodegradable polymeric microspheres**

These polymers last longer when they come in contact with the mucous film due to the high degree of elasticity of the surface area, the results get the development of the gel. Biodegradable microspheres can be prepared from certain synthetics and natural polymers<sup>[19]</sup>. An important requirement of such polymers is that degeneration products should be risk free because such products end up entering circulation or causing tissue implantation. Long-term toxicological variability of degradation products is important in determining the clinical suitability of such carriers.

### **B. Synthetic polymeric microspheres**

Synthetic polymeric microspheres are extensively applied in clinical practice, in addition to being used as a embolic particles mass agent, fillers, drug delivery vehicles etc.<sup>[20]</sup> and proved to be secure and biocompatible, But the major drawback of these kind of microspheres, is that they often migrate to the injection site and exceed to potential injury, embolism and clear organ damage.

## **PREPARATION METHODS OF MICROSPHERES**

1. Spray Drying.
2. Solvent fluctuations (evaporation)
3. Single emulsion method
4. Double emulsion method.
5. The process of classifying coacervation categories
6. Spray drying and spray thick.
7. Solvent release

**1. Spray Drying:** Spray drying along with spray congealing are two procedure that are used to removed solvent. Evaporation is the basic method of spray drying

**Three steps involved in spray drying**

- a) Atomization: The conversion of a liquid server into fine droplets.
- b) Mixing: Involves the passage of hot gas flows with flammable droplets leading to evaporation of the liquid and leaving the particles to dry.
- c) Dry: Dry powder is separated from the gas stream and collected.<sup>[21]</sup>

In this process the polymer begins to dissolve in a suitable flexible organic solvent such as dichloromethane, acetone, etc. The solid state drug is then dispersed in a polymer solution under high-speed homogenization. This decomposition into an atom in hot air, this creates small droplets or fine mist, in which the solvent evaporates rapidly leading to the formation of microspheres. The maximum size is 1-100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Microparticles is distinct by hot air using a cyclone separator, while solvent remnants are separated by vacuum Drying. This procedure is very useful for various penicillin injections and also operational feasibility is one of the processes benefits.

**2. Solvent evaporation method<sup>[22]</sup>**

Emulsion formation between polymer solution and continuous water-soluble phase (o / w) and as well as non-aqueous phase (w / o). Bogataj et al. (2000) produced the microsphere by using liquid paraffin / acetone as solvents by evaporation. The drug solution (acetone) was dissolved in a solution of chitosan and the combination was emulsified in liquid paraffin and diluted. The suspension of microspheres filtered, cleansed, and dried. Magnesium stearate has also been added to prevent coagulation as a preventive agent. Results have shown that the normal particle size decreases with the rising number of magnesium stearate utilizes for microsphere adjustment . Lim et al. (2000) investigated comparisons of mucoadhesive hyaluronic acid microspheres, chitosan glutamate and a mixture of these two soluble solvent as well as hyaluronic acid and gelatin microcapsule for complex coacervation. The solvent evaporation technique is operate to repair small particles, which involves the removal of the biological phase by the removal of a natural solvent. This method involves organic water solvents such as propanol. Organic phase is eliminate by drain. This process reduces the durability time for the microspheres. One process variation involves the direct addition of a drug or protein to an organic polymer solution. The degree of solvent removal by water temperature, emulsion volume ratio in water and solubility profile polymer.



### 3. Single emulsion method<sup>[23]</sup>

There are several proteins and carbohydrates, which are prepared in this way. When natural polymers dissolve in a liquid environment and are then dispersed in the oil phase i.e. non-aqueous. In first step, In next step The cross linking is done by two ways:

(a) Heat bonding: by adding dispersion to hot oil, but not suitable for thermolabile treatments. Citric acid, as a cross-linking agent, is added to 30 mL of chitosan acetic acid solution (2.5% wt / vol) which maintains a constant molar ratio between chitosan and citric acid ( $6.90 \times 10^{-3}$  mol chitosan: 1 mol citric acid). The chitosan cross-linker suspension was chill up to 0 ° C and then immersed in corn oil in 25ml and stored at 0 ° C, stirring for 2 minutes. This emulsion was added in corn oil in 175 ml and stored at 120 ° C, and the bonding was made in a glass jar with efficient thrilling (1000 rpm) for 40 minutes. The resulting microspheres are filtered, clean with diethyl ether, and dried.

(b) Chemical cross linking agents: by using agents namely formaldehyde, diacid chloride, glutaraldehyde etc. Chitosan mixture (in acetic acid) in addition to Liquid Paraffin containing w / o formation of w / o emulsion. The Metformin hydrochloride microsphere is prepared using a 25% glutaraldehyde solution as a cross-linking agent. 2.5% chitosan solution (w / v) in liquid acetic acid was prepared. This dispersed phase was introduced in 1:1 ratio in continuous phase (125ml) made up of light and heavy liquid paraffin, 0.5% (wt / vol) Span 85 for the formation of (w / o) emulsion. (3-blade propeller) Stirrer was used to keep the movement going at 2000rpm, after 15,30,45 and 60 minutes A drop-by-drop solution of the predicted amount (2.5 mL each) of aqueous glutaraldehyde (25% v / v) was added. stirring was continued for 2.5 hours after which the sticky liquid paraffin and glutaraldehyde were removed by filtration under vacuum and washing, first with petroleum ether (60 ° C - 80 ° C) and then with distilled water. Microspheres are then suspended in vacuum desiccators.

### 4. Double emulsion method<sup>[23]</sup>

It is a composite emulsion i.e. W / O / W prepares by pouring the main w / o emulsion into a liquid poly vinyl alcohol solution. This w / o / w emulsion puts a steady shake for 30 minutes. Gradually add water to the emulsion for 30 minutes. collect Microcapsules by filtering and drying under a vacuum. It is best suited for water-soluble drugs, peptides, proteins and vaccines. Natural and synthetic polymer can use this method. The protein aqueous solution is dissolved in the continuous phase of organic lipophilic. The double emulsion is a new method in which a drug is dissolved in an aqueous solution, and then incorporated continuously into the melted lipid. The main emulsion is strengthened by adding



a stabilizer dispersed in a liquid phase containing a hydrophilic emulsifier, stirring and filtering come next. The water-in-oil-in-water (w / o / w) double emulsion technique is designed to blend hydrophilic compounds, to improve the loading of microspheres and to reduce their exposure to organic solvents during pregnancy production process and thus, reducing any bioactivity losses.

### 5. Phase separation coacervation techniques<sup>[24]</sup>

Microspheres are classified according to the classification of coacervation phase using non-aqueous solvents and solvents such as the nonsolvent additive and the release of solvent with a release rate that delays cellulose polymers. SEM has revealed that microspheres are found in circles, flowing freely and with holes. The simple separation of a small molecule solution into two indivisible liquids. In this process, the polymer is melted to form a solution. This process is designed for the reservoir type system.

e.g. encapsulate solvents in water i.e. peptides, proteins etc. The goal of coacervation reduces the melting of polymer in the biological phase that has an impact on the creation of an opulent polymer phase called coacervates.

### 6. Spray drying and spray congealing

Spray Congealing, also known as Spray Chilling or Spray Cooling is a fast and continuous process of dissolving soluble feeds, made up of a cool gas atom, which produces a solid final particle. Spray thickening, also known as spray cooling, is a free melting process that converts soluble into well-defined circular particles. The hot gas transports the particle to the storm, which separates the final particles from the gas. The spray stopping process is also helpful in preparing the chitosan microsphere 1999 He et.al. in unique approach cimetidine and famotidine were linked to microspheres generated by suspension of multi emulsion(o/w/o,or w / o / w) using formaldehyde as cross linking agent. They found that the extraction of the drug in microspheres by this new method was crucially improved compared to that prepared by o / w emulsion method. He combined a live solution of the drug with two polymers, cellulose acetate butyrate and PCL which are generated from a (1:1) mixture of dichloromethane and chloroform. The ready to use solution was sprayed with a pipe in the spray dryer area under different test conditions. Solid microspheres are collected in the lower storage area of the fuel tank. Spray drying is one of the most broadly used methods of microencapsulation, as it provides rapid evaporation and maintains low temperatures in the

particles. Prior to spray suspension, the wall materials were mixed with a composite consisting of composite components using deep homogenization.

### 7. liquid -liquid (solvent) extraction<sup>[24]</sup>

The organic phase is withdraw by extraction of organic solvent in this process of Microparticles production. Isopropanol can be used as water mixed with organic solvents. Organic phase is removed by water extraction. Hardening time of microspheres can be decreased by this method. one variation involves a direct a one addition of drug or protein to an organic polymer solution. solvent removal rate in extraction methods depends on the water temperature, the emulsion volume ratio to water the polymer's soluble profile (i) dissolution or dispersion of bioactive substance is usually in an organic solvent that contains a matrix forming material structure property (ii) emulsification of this organic phase in a second continuous(frequently aqueous) phase.

### Evaluation techniques<sup>[25-26-27]</sup>

#### 1. Particle size

The most commonly used methods is traditional light microscopy (LM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) are used to visualize Microparticles. Both can be used to identify the shape and external structure of microparticles.

Sizes found in different bead making techniques:

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Emulsion Polymerization.	0.01-1 µm
Dispersion Polymerization	0.5-10 µm
Polymerization suspension	50-500 µm
Sedimentation Polymerization	mm sizes

#### 2. Surface morphology

The E-3 batches surface morphology was studied using an electron microscope (SEM) scanner (Model: JEOL JSM - 6360) with a maximum voltage of 10 kV.

**3. Percentage of yield:** Microspheres prepared at the end of the process Are measured and% yield is calculated using the following calculation.

$$\% \text{ Crop} = (\text{Active Crop} / \text{Theory Crop}) \times 100.$$

#### 4. Isoelectric Point

Micro-electrophoresis is a technique for determining the isoelectric points by measuring the electrophoretic flow of microspheres at which isoelectric point can be decisive.

#### 5. Capture Efficiency

% Drug Loading = (Drug weight in microspheres / Weight of microspheres) × 100.

% Entrapment Efficiency = (% Drug uploads / % Theoretical uploads) × 100.

#### 6. Release Courses

- Rowing paddle machines
- Dialysis method

#### 7. Communication angle

Determine the wet material of the micro particulate carrier.

#### 8. Effective drug use

Drug efficacy can be calculated using the below formula

$$\% \text{ Entrapment} = (\text{Original Content} / \text{Theory Content}) \times 100.$$

#### 9. Indication of inflammation

The following formula is used to calculate the incidence of inflammation.

Indication of inflammation = (Bulk of inflamed microspheres: weight of dry microspheres / Bulk of dried microspheres) × 100.

#### 10. Scatter equipment

Rotating elements, paddles and, baskets have been employed to have been employed to analyze in vitro output patterns using common USP or BP devices. The dispersion method used in the study ranged from 100-500 ml and the rotation speed was from 50-100 rpm.

#### 11. In vivo methods

Methods for examine the in filtration of the inflexible mucosa include techniques that take advantage of the biological response of an organism to a place or system as well as those that involve precise local measurement of the uptake or accumulation of input.

## CONCLUSION

This review mainly emphasis on the microspheres. It is observed that as compared to other novel drug delivery system. The concept of microsphere drug delivery systems offers certain advantages over the conventional drug delivery systems including sustained and controlled Drug delivery. Aside from that microspheres provide medication delivery to a variety of systems including the ocular, oral, intranasal and IV route . Microspheres have better choice for drug delivery, particularly in disease d cell sorting, diagnostic of gene, targeted and effective in vivo delivery. So in future microspheres will have an important role to play in the advancement of medicinal field.

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