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# FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF ATENOLOL ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLETS

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# ABSTRACT

Orodispersible dosage forms are used for accurate dosing, enhanced bioavailability, rapid action, patient compliance, easy of administration, enhanced palatability. The aim of the experiment is to formulate metaprolol tartrate oral disintegrating tablets using different superdisintigrants like (Sodium starch glycolate (SSG), Croscarmellose sodium (CCS), Crospovidone (CP), Low-subsitituated hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC). 12 formulations of tablets were prepared using direct compression method and the formulated tablets were subjected to different physicochemical evaluation tests like hardness, weight variation, disintegration, thickness, drug content uniformity, water

absorption ration, wetting time and In vitro dissolution. From the results of drug release and disintegration time formulation F9 containing, crosspovidine 5% as superdisintegrant was selected as the optimized formula for the formulation of disintegration tablets of metaprolol tartrate.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

- To prepare and evaluate different formulations (12) of Atenololoral disintegrating tablets by using different super-disintegrants (Sodium starch glycolate (SSG), Croscarmellose sodium (CCS), Crospovidone (CP), Low-subsitituated hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC).
- From these formulations optimized formulation is selected based on release characteristics and it is compared with normal conventional tablet.

#### **Rationale of work**

- To disintegrate tablets in mouth with in 1 minute.
- To improve patient compliance.

#### Plan of work

- To identify the physicochemical interaction between drug and carrier by Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR).
- Evaluation tests for the Precompression blend.
- To formulate Atenololoral disintegrating tablets.
- Preparation of orally disintegrating tablets by direct compression method using different superdisintegrants like sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose sodium, crospovidone, L-HPC at different concentrations.
- Evaluation of prepared oral disintegrating tablets.
- Selection of the best formulation of tablets based on the *invitro disintegration time and invitro dissolution* studies and comparing with marketed product.

#### **METHODS**

#### **Constrution of standard graph of Atenolol**

pH 6.8 phosphate buffer in a 100 ml volumetric flask (1000µg/ml)dissolve100 mg of Atenolol.

10ml of this solution was taken and made up to 100ml with pH 6.8 phosphate buffer which gives  $100\mu$ g/ml concentration (stock solution). 10ml of above stock solution was taken and made up to 100 ml with pH 6.8 phosphate buffer which gives  $10\mu$ g/ml concentration (stock solution).

From this stock solutions concentrations of 2,4,6,8,10,12,14, 16,18,20,22,24 and 26  $\mu$ g/ml in pH 6.8 phosphate buffer were prepared. The absorbance of the diluted solutions was measured at 275 nm and a standard plot was drawn using the data obtained.

Ingredients (mg)	<b>F1</b>	F2	<b>F3</b>	<b>F4</b>	F5	<b>F6</b>	F7	<b>F8</b>
Drug	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Sodium starch glycolate(SSG)	4.5	6	7.5	-	-	-	-	-
Croscarmellose Sodium(CCS)	-	-	-	4.5	6	7.5	-	-
Crospovidone(CP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	6
L-HPC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCC-102	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Talc	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sodium stearyl fumerate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

#### **Preparation of Atenolol tablets**

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Pearlitol SD-200	84.5	83	81.5	84.5	83	81.5	84.5	83
Aspartame	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total weight	150mg							

Ingredients(mg)	<b>F9</b>	F10	F11	F12
Drug	25	25	25	25
Sodium starch glycolate(SSG)	-	-	-	-
Croscarmellose Sodium (CCS)	-	-	-	-
Crospovidone(CP)	7.5	-	-	-
L-HPC	-	4.5	6	7.5
Mcc-102	30	30	30	30
Talc	2	2	2	2
Sodium steryl fumerate	1	1	1	1
Pearlitol SD-200	81.5	84.5	83	81.5
Aspartame	3	3	3	3
Total weight	150mg	150mg	150mg	150mg

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# Standard graph of Metoprolol tartarate in 6.8 pH buffer

Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance	0,9	standa	rd graph of	metopro	ol tartara	ate	
0	0	0.8					>	
2	0.071	0.7					1	
4	0.139	0.6					γ = 0.030x	908
6	0.2	e 0,0					n - 0	
8	0.25	9 0.5 -						
10	0.32	10 0.4			*			
12	0.38	×						
14	0.42	0.5						
16	0.48	0.2	*					
18	0.542	0.1	1					
20	0.62		*					
22	0.664	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
24	0.739			concentratio	on(µg/ml)			
26	0.8							

# FTIR of Metoprolol tartarate drug and optimized formulation





SI No.	IR spectrum	Peak area	Functional	Stretching/
		( <b>cm</b> <sup>-1</sup> )	groups	Deformation
1	Metoprolol Tartarate	1374.04	N-H (3° Amine)	Stretching Vibration
		1698.22	СООН	Stretching Vibration
		1542.16	C-0	Stretch
2	F9	1374.41	N-H (3° Amine)	Stretching Vibration
	(Drug + crospovidone +	1698.48	СООН	Stretching Vibration
	Other excipients)	1541.62	C-0	Stretch

# **Evaluation of Pre-compression Blend**

Formulation	Angle of	<b>Bulk Density</b>	Tapped	Compressibility	Hausner's
rormulation	Repose ± SD	$\pm$ SD	Density ± SD	Index ± SD	Ratio ± SD
F1	25.8±0.04	$0.52 \pm 0.01$	$0.62 \pm 0.04$	16±0.35	$1.19 \pm 0.09$
F2	24.9±05	0.53±0.23	$0.61 \pm 0.08$	13±0.11	$1.15 \pm 0.03$
F3	24±0.09	0.53±0.2	$0.64 \pm 0.09$	17±0.11	$1.20\pm0.06$
F4	23.8±0.14	0.50±0.13	$0.63 \pm .09$	20±0.51	$1.26 \pm 0.03$
F5	$24.2 \pm 0.08$	0.54±0.12	$0.65 \pm 0.07$	16±0.11	$1.20 \pm 0.07$
F6	$24.4 \pm 0.07$	0.52±0.13	$0.63 \pm 0.08$	17±0.33	$1.21 \pm 0.4$
F7	25.5±0.04	0.51±0.1	$0.62 \pm 0.08$	17±0.52	$1.21 \pm 0.08$
F8	$24.9 \pm 0.08$	0.53±0.13	$0.63 \pm 0.08$	15±0.31	$1.18\pm0.2$
F9	$26.5 \pm 0.05$	$0.52 \pm 0.34$	$0.65 \pm 0.08$	18±0.11	$1.25 \pm 0.03$
F10	$23.7 \pm 0.03$	0.51±0.3	$0.62 \pm 0.03$	17±0.17	$1.21 \pm 0.05$
F11	25.5±0.02	0.55±0.13	$0.65 \pm 0.8$	15±0.19	$1.14 \pm 0.03$
F12	$24.8\pm0.04$	$0.52 \pm 0.32$	$0.62 \pm 0.05$	16.6±0.10	$1.19 \pm 0.02$

# **Evaluation of Prepared Metoprolol tartarate Oral Disintegrating Tablets**

Formulation	Hardness	Thickness	Friability	Weight	Drug
Formulation	$(Kg/cm^{2}) \pm SD$	$(\mathbf{mm}) \pm \mathbf{SD}$		Variation ± SD	Content ± SD
F1	2.2±0.1	3.1±0.01	0.63	151.6±0.5	95.6±1.25
F2	2.2±0.1	$3.2 \pm 0.08$	.2±0.08 0.69 149.66±0.08		102.2±2.99
F3	2.3±0.1	3.2±0.02	0.72	152.38±0.5	96.36±1.33
F4	2.2±0.1	3.0±0.03	0.81	152±0.5	99.83±1.40
F5	2.3±0.1	3.2±0.04	0.87	149±1.0	99.6±3.10
F6	$2.4{\pm}0.2$	3.2±0.09	0.89	151±1.0	98.80±1.63
F7	2.3±0.1	3.0±0.03	0.90	150±1.5	98.8±1.49

F8	2.4±0.1	3.2±0.01	0.95	152±0.5	100.6±2.66
F9	2.3±0.1	3.1±0.07	0.76	151±0.8	100.1±1.77
F10	2.3±0.2	3.1±0.03	0.87	148±0.9	99.9±1.21
F11	2.3±0.1	3.2±0.03	0.75	150±1.5	102.5±1.15
F12	2.3±0.1	3.0±0.04	0.81	150±0.7	100.5±0.96

# **Evaluation of Prepared Metoprolol tartarate Oral Disintegrating Tablets**

Formulation	Wetting Time	Water Absorption	In vitro Disintegration
Formulation	$(sec) \pm SD$	Ratio (WAR) ± SD	Time (sec) ± SD
F1	43.63±0.058	70±2.7	29.71±1.5
F2	36.61±0.058	90.33±2.2	28.43±0.5
F3	32.91±0.06	107.33±0.01	26.23±0.5
F4	36.66±0.02	82.2±0.03	32.98±0.47
F5	34.83±0.058	92±0.01	28.95±0.6
F6	32.88±0.76	107±0.02	22.70±0.6
F7	41.46±0.57	100±0.01	24.83±0.6
F8	45.30±0.57	105±0.01	23.2±0.6
F9	23.60±0.57	115±0.01	20±0.7
F10	45.91±0.57	85±0.05	27.48±0.6
F11	42.36±1.02	97±0.02	25.63±0.6
F12	40.33±0.50	110±0.01	24.71±0.6

*In vitro* Drug Release Studies of Prepared Tablets at Different Concentrations of SSG and CCS

Time (min)	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	38.56±1.1	53.8±1.20	49.08±2.58	32.97±2.15	26.54±1.72	46.46±2.58
4	63.6±0.60	64.8±0.69	53.07±0.86	58.4±1.72	41.6±1.72	55.59±0.86
6	73.2±1.64	76.81±0.6	84.56±1.29	60.16±2.58	68.51±3.01	81.38±1.29
8	80.4±1.59	85.2±1.29	91.03±0.86	76.16±0.43	74.38±1.29	89.69±0.86
10	$85.2{\pm}1.61$	92.4±1.39	94.80±3.01	82.38±0.43	82.38±2.15	93.99±3.01
15	89.9±1.59	97.5±0.86	95±2.58	90.38±0.43	92.29±0.86	98.29±2.58

In vitro Drug Release Studies of Prepared Tablets at Different Concentrations of CP

## and L-HPC

Time (min)	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	Marketed
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	23.8±2.15	45.8±1.72	52.46±2.58	42.8±2.15	38.8±1.72	29±2.58	10.56±1.2
4	56.2±1.72	49.2±1.72	65.59±0.86	50.7±1.72	58±1.72	53.07±0.8	33±2.5
6	73.79±2.58	63.61±3.0	85.8±1.29	63±2.58	74±3.01	60.5±1.29	39±1.6
8	77.9±0.43	76.8±1.29	95.9±0.86	70.56±0.43	86±1.29	$69.2 \pm 0.86$	$46.9 \pm 1.8$
10	92.48±0.43	$80.48 \pm 2.1$	96.0±3.01	90.12±0.43	92.4±2.15	96.09±3.0	53.5±1.3
15	97.48±0.43	96±0.86	99.7±2.58	93.72±0.43	94.99±0.8	97.29±2.5	62.2±1.9



Comparison of optimised formula and conventional tablet

## CONCLUSION

- IR-spectroscopic studies indicate that there are no drug exipients interactions.
- Tablets prepared by direct compression method were without any chipping, capping and sticking.
- The percentage friability was less than 1 % in all the cases.
- Weight variation was less than ±7.5%, the results suggesting the tablets prepared were uniform in weight
- *In vitro* Disintegration time was in the range of 20±0.7 sec to 32.98±0.6 sec
- Increased concentration of super disintegrants increases water absorption ratio and decreases wetting time.
- In vitro drug release studies showed that, the best formulation (F9) containing Crospovidone 5% released 99.7±2.5% of drug within 15 min, which is more when compared with normal conventional Metoprolol Tartarate (25mg),the drug release in 15min is only 62.2%.
- Finally optimized formulation(F9) was better than conventional formulation, so it is suggested that it is better to go Atenololdrug as oral disintegrating tablet than normal conventional tablet i.e because of better release, with less disintegration time and convenience of usage.

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