

Development and Evaluation of Self Emulsifying Drug Delivery System.

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Abstract: SDEDDS are poly dispersed systems where the dispersed phase contains the droplets of the continuous phase. These double emulsions are of two types: W/O/W types multiple emulsions and O/W/O types multiple emulsions.

Pantoprazole sodium is a new orally effective proton pump inhibitor agent, highly water soluble drug, is formulated into SDEDDS, which enhances permeability of the drug and produce the sustained release. Liquid SDEDDS formulations were prepared using hydrophilic surfactants Tween80, W/O Emulsion, water and subjected to further evaluation parameter. From the prepared liquid SDEDDS Three optimized Pantoprazole sodium SDEDDS formulations 4:6, 5:5 and 6:4 are selected and evaluated the viscosity and microscopic characterization, high loading drug and emulsification time. With future development of this technology, SDEDDSs will continue to enable novel applications in drug delivery and solve problems associated with the delivery of highly soluble drugs.

There exist some fields of SDEDDS to be further exploited, such as studies about human bioavailability and correlation of in vitro/in vivo. That is, SDE implants/suppositories/microspheres have not been as extensively studied as SDE tablets/pellets/capsules. It is also worth pointing out some issues to which much attention should be paid, for example physical aging phenomenon associated with glyceride, oxidation of vegetable oil, and interaction between drugs and excipients. These dosage forms not only improved the bioavailability, drug release but also by converting them to solid form, improved the stability and patient compliance. These formulations may further be scaled up for commercial exploitation.

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I. INTRODUCTION

SDEDDS are poly dispersed systems where the dispersed phase contains the droplets of the continuous phase. These double emulsions are of two types: W/O/W types multiple emulsions and O/W/O types multiple emulsions^[6]. Small water droplets are dispersed in bigger oil droplets and these oil droplets are again dispersed in continuous aqueous phases^[7]. Similarly in O/W/O type multiple emulsions, small oil droplets are dispersed in larger aqueous droplet and these aqueous droplets are again dispersed in continuous oil phase. Their potential pharmaceutical applications include uses such as taste masking, adjuvant vaccines and an immobilization of enzymes, sorbent reservoir of overdose treatments and for enhancement of enteral or dermal absorption^[8]. Multiple emulsions have been formulated as cosmetics, such as skin moisturizer. Prolonged release can also be obtained by means of multiple structures.

These systems have some advantages, such as the protection of the entrapped substances and the incorporation of several actives in the different compartments. Despite their potential usefulness, applications of multiple emulsions have been limited because of thermodynamic instability and their complex structure^[9]. The basic rationale for the use of W/O/W and O/W/O type multiple emulsions as means of prolonged delivery of drugs is that the drug contained in the innermost phase of forced to partition itself through several phases prior to release at the absorption site^[10]. Thus the partition and diffusion coefficient of the drug and the strength of the middle membrane phase, which is a multi-molecular layer of oil, water, and emulsifier molecules at both the interfaces of multiple emulsion system, control the drug release from these systems^[11]. Although multiple emulsions are still infrequently used, their potential applications are numerous and the investigation of these systems is now an active field research, especially in such product areas as pharmaceutical drug delivery systems, cosmetics and foods^[12]. Approaches to improve the bioavailability of BCS Class III drugs are:

- ❖ Permeation enhancers
- ❖ Prodrug

- ❖ Chemical modification
- ❖ Pharmaceutical means
- ❖ Multiple / Double emulsions

Table no. 1: Biopharmaceutical classification system

PARAMETER	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
Aqueous solubility	High	Poor	High	Poor
Permeability	High	High	Poor	Poor
In-vitro in-vivo correlation	Good	Good	Poor	Poor
Absorption rate controlled	Gastric emptying	Dissolution	Permeability	Dissolution & permeability

As per the BCS classification only 34% drugs belong to class I while the remaining 66% drug are class II to IV (17% to class II, 39% to class III and 10% to class IV) ²². Improving solubility of class II drugs can amplify the concentration of dissolved drug in the GI tract and thus boost the bioavailability.

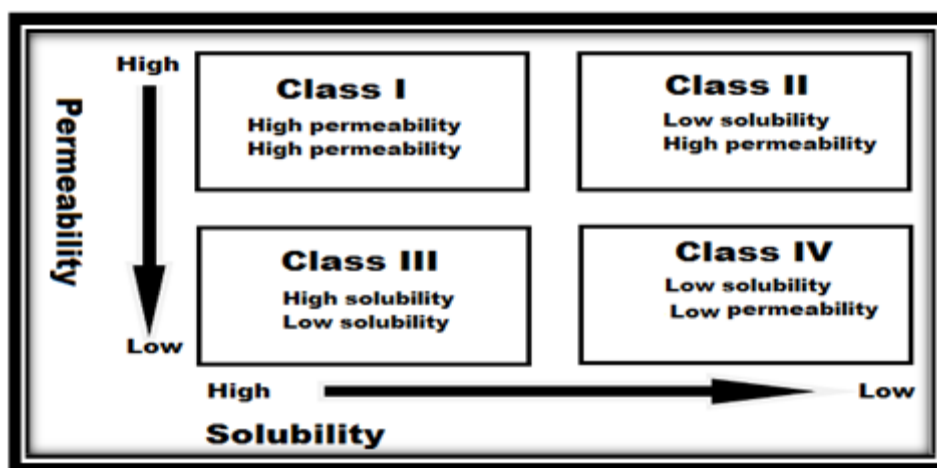


Figure 1: BCS classification of drugs

SEDDS AND SDEDDS:

Water-in-oil-in-water (w/o/w) double emulsions are complex systems consisting of aqueous droplets dispersed within larger oil droplets, which are themselves dispersed in an aqueous continuous phase. The internal aqueous

Droplets are encapsulated by the oil membrane and can serve as a storage chamber for hydrophilic drugs. This structure could protect the drug dissolved in the internal aqueous phase and have shown great promise for enhancing oral bioavailability of low-permeability compounds ^[4]. Many potential hydrophilic drugs, such as protein and peptide drugs, administered orally exhibit low oral bioavailability mainly due to their low intestinal permeability. For this kind of drugs, defined as “high solubility/low permeability class” or biopharmaceutics classification system (BCS) class III, gastrointestinal permeation is the rate-controlling step in the absorption process ^[2]. Many approaches such as absorption enhancers ^(3,25), chemical modification ^[26,27] and pharmaceutical means were used to enhance the oral bioavailability of these drugs. Among these approaches, water-in-oil-in-water (w/o/w) double emulsions show great potential ^(4,5).

However, the industrial application of double emulsions is limited mainly due to their instability against heat, organic solvents and pH changes. Although many efforts have been done, no pharmaceutical double emulsions have overcome the research phase and been marketed ^[28, 29]. Herein, we developed a novel formulation design, self-

double emulsifying drug delivery system (SDEDDS), which are the formulated mixtures of water-in-oil (w/o) emulsions and hydrophilic surfactants. Generally, w/o/w double emulsions are prepared by a modified two-step emulsification method. SDEDDS changed the process of the second emulsification step, which can self-emulsify to w/o/w double emulsions due to the gastrointestinal peristaltic movements in vivo instead of artificial emulsification in vitro. The concept of SEDDS was employed to realize this idea. Self-emulsifying drug delivery systems (SEDDS) are a vital tool with great promise in enhancing the oral bioavailability of poorly water-soluble drugs ^[17,30,31]. As isotropic mixtures of drug, oils and surfactants, these systems rapidly disperse in gastrointestinal

fluids following their oral administration, yielding micro- or Nanoemulsions containing the solubilized drug [32,33,34].

Similar to SEDDS, SDEDDS can spontaneously emulsify in the mixed aqueous gastrointestinal environment. But the formed emulsions are water-in-oil-in-water (w/o/w) double emulsions not o/w emulsions, and drugs are encapsulated in the internal water phase of the double emulsions. Compared to conventional thermodynamically unstable double emulsions,

SDEDDS are stable formulation systems. In addition, SDEDDS can be filled directly into soft or hard gelatin capsule which are easy to administration and storage

COMPOSITION OF SDEDDS:

The self-double emulsifying process is depends on

- ❖ Emulsification equipment
- ❖ Nature of the aqueous phase
- ❖ Nature of the oil phase
- ❖ Volume of dispersed phase
- ❖ Nature and quantity of emulsifying agents
- ❖ Added stabilizing component

MECHANISM OF DRUG RELEASE FROM SDEDDS

After formation of double emulsion from SDEDDS, the drug is released from the internal to external phase through the different layer by various mechanisms. The release rates are affected by factors such as droplet size, pH, phase volume and viscosity etc.^[50]

Diffusion mechanism

This is the most common transport mechanism where unionized hydrophobic drug diffuses through the oil layer in the stable multiple emulsions. Hence, drug transport follows first order kinetics and obeys Fick's law of diffusion.^[51]

Micellar transport

The presence of both lipophilic and hydrophilic surfactants in the oil phase facilitates the formation of water swollen inverse micelle, which acts as carrier for both ionized and unionized drug. Inverse micelles consisting of non-polar part of surfactant lying outside and polar part inside encapsulate hydrophilic drug in core and permeate through the oil membrane because of the outer lipophilic nature.^[52]

Thinning of the oil membrane

Due to difference in the osmotic pressure, the oil membrane become thin, so the water and drug easily can be diffused. This pressure difference also provides force for the traverse of molecule.^[53]

Rupture of oil phase

According to this mechanism, rupturing of oil membrane unites both the aqueous phase and thus drug can be released easily.

Facilitated diffusion (carrier-mediated transport)

This mechanism involves a special molecule (carrier) which combines with drug and makes it compatible to permeate through the oil membrane. These carriers can be incorporated in internal aqueous phase or oil membrane.

Solubilization of internal phase in the oil

It is a prominent transport mechanism. In this, solubilization of minute amounts of internal phase in the membrane phase results in the transport of very small quantities of materials.^[54]

PREPARATION OF SDEDDS:

SDEDDS emulsions are best prepared by re-emulsification of primary emulsion. The following are the method of multiple emulsions: 1. Two Steps Emulsification (Double Emulsification) 2. Phase Inversion Technique (One Step Technique) 3. Membrane Emulsification Technique

Two Steps Emulsification (Double Emulsification) [55, 56]:

Two steps emulsification methods involve re-emulsification of primary W/O or O/W emulsion using a suitable

emulsifier agent. The first step involves, obtaining an ordinary W/O or O/W primary emulsion wherein an appropriate emulsifier system is utilized. In the second step, the freshly prepared W/O or O/W primary emulsion is re-emulsified with an excess of aqueous phase or oil phase. The finally prepared emulsion could be W/O/W or O/W/O respectively.

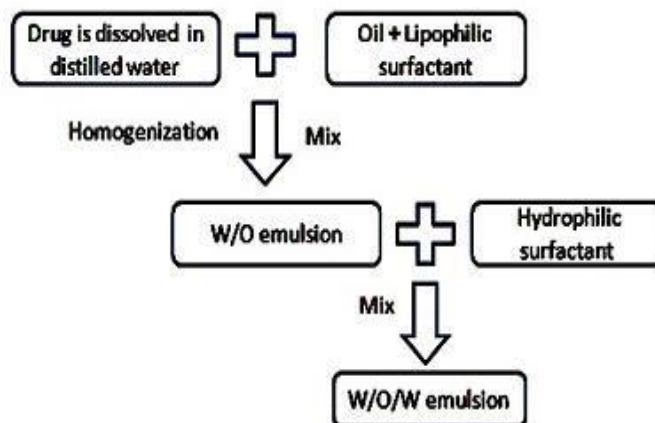


Figure No.2 preparation of SDEDDS

Phase Inversion Technique (One Step Technique)^[57,58]

An increase in volume concentration of dispersed phase may cause an increase in the phase volume ratio, which subsequently leads to the formation of multiple emulsions. The method typically involves the addition of an aqueous phase containing the hydrophilic emulsifier [Tween 80/ sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) or Cetyl trimethyl ammonium salt CTAB] to an oil phase consisting of liquid paraffin and containing lipophilic emulsifier (Span 80). A well-defined volume of oil phase is placed in a vessel at a pin mixer. An aqueous solution of emulsifier is then introduced successively to the oil phase in the vessel at a rate of 5 ml/min, while the pin mixer rotates steadily at 88 rpm at room temperature. When the volume fraction of the aqueous solution of hydrophilic emulsifier exceeds 0.7, the continuous oil phase is substituted by the aqueous phase containing a number of the vesicular globules among the simple oil droplets, leading to phase inversion and formation of W/O/W multiple emulsion.

Membrane Emulsification Technique^[59]

In this method, a W/O emulsion (a dispersed phase) is extruded into an external aqueous phase (a continuous phase) with a constant pressure through a Porous Glass Membrane, which should have controlled and homogenous pores. The particle size of the resulting emulsion can be controlled with proper selection of Porous Glass Membrane as the droplet size depends upon the pore size of the membrane. The relation between membrane pore size and particle size of W/O/W emulsion exhibits good correlation as described by the following equation:

$$Y = 5.03 X + 0.19$$

Where X is the pore size and Y is the mean particle size of the multiple prepared using membrane emulsification technique.

FORMULATION APPROACHES :

Different formulation approaches that have been sought to achieve sustained release, to increase the bioavailability and for protection against biodegradation are as follows:

- **Self-emulsifying Capsules**
- **Self-emulsifying Tablets**
- **Self-emulsifying Pellets**
- **Self-emulsifying Nanoparticles**
- **Self-emulsifying Beads**
- **Self-emulsifying Microsphere**



Figure No 3. Types of solid SEDDS

SOLIDIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR CONVERTING LIQUID /SEMISOLID SEDDS TO S-SEDDS MELT GRANULATION

Melt granulation is a process in which powder agglomeration is obtained through the addition of a binder that melts or softens at relatively low temperatures. As a one-step operation, melt granulation offers several advantages compared with conventional wet granulation, since the liquid addition and the subsequent drying phase are omitted. A wider range of solid and semisolid lipids can be applied as melt table binders. The main parameters that control the granulation process are impeller speed, mixing time, binder particle size, and the viscosity of the binder. A wide range of solid and semisolid lipids can be applied as melt able binders. There into, Gelucire 1, a family of vehicles derived from the mixtures of mono-/di-/triglycerides and polyethylene glycols (PEG) esters of fatty acids, is able to further increase the dissolution rate compared with PEG usually used before, probably owing to its SME property.^[60] Other lipid-based excipients evaluated for melt granulation to create solid SMES include lecithin, partial glycerides, or polysorbates. The melt granulation process was usually used for adsorbing self-emulsifying system (lipids, surfactants and drugs) onto solid neutral carriers mainly silica and magnesium alumina meta silicate^[61-63].

ADSORPTION TO SOLID CARRIERS

Free flowing powders may be obtained from liquid self-micro-emulsifying formulations by adsorption to solid carriers. The adsorption process is simple and just involves addition of the liquid formulation onto carriers by mixing in a blender. The resultant powder may then be filled directly into capsule or alternatively, mixed with suitable excipients before compression into tablets. The major advantage of using this technique is good content uniformity. SEDDS can be adsorbed at higher levels (up to 70% w/w) onto suitable carriers. Solid carrier can be microporous substances, high surface area colloidal inorganic adsorbent substances, cross-linked polymers or nanoparticle adsorbent, for example, silica, silicates, magnesium trisilicate, magnesium hydroxide, talcum, cross povidone cross-linked sodium carboxy methyl cellulose and cross linked polymethyl methacrylate. Cross-linked polymers create a favorable environment to sustain drug dissolution and also assist in slowing down drug reprecipitation. Nanoparticle adsorbents comprise porous silicon dioxide (Sylysia 550), carbon nanotubes, carbon Nano horns, fullerene, charcoal and bamboo charcoal.^[64-67]

EXTRUSION SPHERONIZATION

The extrusion spheronization process is commonly used in the pharmaceutical industry to make uniformly sized pellets. This process requires the following steps: Mix dry active ingredients and excipients to form a homogeneous powder; wet massing with binder; extrusion into spaghetti-like extrudate; spheronization from the extrudate to spheroids uniform size; drying; sifting to achieve the desired size distribution. Applying this technique, self-emulsifying pellets of diazepam and progesterone has been prepared to provide a good *in vitro* drug release (100% within 30 min, T50% at 13 min) and bi-layered cohesive self-emulsifying pellets have also been prepared^[68-69].

MELT EXTRUSION

Melt extrusion is a solvent-free process that allows high drug loading approximately 60%. Extrusion is a procedure of converting a raw material with plastic properties into a product of uniform shape and density, by forcing through a die under controlled temperature, product flow, and pressure conditions. The size of the extrude aperture will determine the approximate size of the resulting spheroids (Pellets)^[70-71].

SPRAY DRYING

This technique involves the preparation of a formulation by mixing lipids, surfactants, drug, solid carriers and solubilization of the mixture before spray drying. The solubilized liquid formulation is then atomized into a spray of droplets. The droplets are introduced into a drying chamber, where the volatile phase evaporates, and forming dry particles under controlled temperature and airflow conditions. Such particles can be further prepared into tablets or capsules^[72-75]. Critical parameters of spray drying includes inlet temperature, outlet temperature, viscosity, solid content, surface tension, feed temperature, volatility of solvent, nozzle material. According to the drying characteristics of the product and powder specification the atomizer, the temperature, the most fitting airflow pattern and the drying chamber design are selected.

7. Experimental work:

7.1. Preformulation Studies of Drug^[94]

Preformulation can be defined as investigation of physical and chemical properties of drug substance alone and when combined with excipients. Preformulation studies are the first step in the rational development of dosage form of a drug substance. The goals of the program therefore are:

- To establish the necessary physicochemical characteristics of a new drug substance.
- To determine its kinetic release rate profile.
- To establish its compatibility with different excipients.

7.1.1 Description

The drug was analyzed for color, odor and taste.

7.1.2 Melting point

Melting point determination of Pantoprazole Sodium was done by open capillary method

7.1.3 Solubility Characteristics

A semi quantitative determination of solubility can be made by adding a solute in small incremental amount to fixed volume of solvents, distilled water, phosphate buffer pH 6.8, buffer pH 1.2, methanol, alcohol, isopropyl alcohol. After each addition, the system is vigorously shaken and examined usually for any undissolved particles.

7.2 Spectroscopy

7.2.1 UV-visible Spectroscopy^[95]

7.2.1.1 Determination of λ max

The UV absorption spectrum of Pantoprazole Sodium was obtained using a UV-visible Spectrophotometer. The spectrum was scanned from 200 nm to 400 nm. A typical spectrum of pantoprazole sodium dissolved in distilled water (Conc. 100 μ g/ml) is shown in fig 4.

7.2.1.2. Standard calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in Phosphate pH 6.8 buffer

i. Preparation of stock solution-

Dissolve 100 mg Pantoprazole Sodium in 100 ml prepared buffer in volumetric flask having conc. 100 μ g/ml

ii. Preparation of working solution-

From stock solution pipette out 2, 4, ... 20 ml. Transfer to 100 ml volumetric flask & make volume up to 100 with buffer to get 2, 4, ... 20 μ g/ml conc. Measure the absorbance at 290 nm using UV-visible spectrophotometer. Plot graph between Conc. vs. Abs. Calculate coefficient of correlation (should be between 0.9–1) & slope.

7.2.2 IR Spectroscopy

The IR spectrum of drug & excipients was obtained in Aligent technologies Cary 630 FT-IR spectrophotometer. FT-IR spectra were recorded in the region of 400–4,000 cm^{-1} . Assign the major absorption bands. Change in absorption bands indicates incompatibility between drug & excipients.

7.3. Solubility studies of drug:

Solubility of pantoprazole sodium in various vehicles water, methanol, chloroform, and oils (MCT, oleic acid, soybean oil, sunflower oil), surfactants (Span 80, Tween 80). An excess amount of pantoprazole sodium

(approximately 500 mg) was added to each cap vial containing 5 ml of the vehicles . After sealing stay for 24 hrs. at room temperature ,the samples were centrifuged at 3000×g for 15 min to remove the undissolved pantoprazole sodium. The supernatant was taken and diluted separately with different solvents like acetone , methanol, chloroform for quantification of pantoprazole sodium by uv spectroscopy. Each value represents the mean±SE (n = 3)

7.4. Experimental LIQUID SDEDDS

7.4.1. Preparation of primary emulsion: (dry gum method):

The primary emulsion is formed from 4 part oil 2 part water and 1 part of emulsifier. 4 part of oil 1 part of emulsifier represent the total amount of final emulsion. In a mortar 1 part of surfactant levigated with 4 part of oil until the proper mixing then the pantoprazole sodium in the 2 part of water added, all at once and the mixture is vigorously and continually triturated until the primary emulsion formed is creamy white and produce a cracking sound as it is triturated (usually 3-4min.)

7.4.2. Construction of Pseudoternary Phase Diagrams

Construction of pseudo-ternary phase diagrams Pseudo-ternary phase diagrams were constructed by using the titration method, with the oil phase being replaced by water in-oil (w/o) emulsion. The w/o emulsions was developed by one step emulsification procedure. Pantoprazol sodium was dissolved in distilled water. Then, the Pantoprazol sodium aqueous solution was added to the oil phase which consisted with MCT, sunflower oil, Span 80 under moderate magnetic stirring. A series of mixtures that consisted with w/o emulsion and aqueous phase were made at certain weight ratios (1:9, 2:8, 3:7, 4:6, 5:5, 6:4, 7:3, 8:2, 9:1). Each mixture was accurately weighed into glass vials and mixed homogeneously under moderate magnetic stirring at room temperature. Tween 80 was then added into each mixture drop-by-drop by a dropper quantitatively. During the titration process, samples were stirred and observed by optical microscopy. At proper concentration of Tween 80, the structure of double emulsions would appear. The concentration of Tween 80 at which double-emulsions formation was obtained by the weight measurements. These values were then used to determine the boundaries of the double emulsion regions, which is corresponding to the selected optimum ratios of combination vehicles for developing Pantoprazol sodium SDEDDS formulations.

Table 2. Ratio of combination vehicles for developing Pantoprazol sodium SDEDDS formulations:

Sr.No	W/O Emulsion (in ml)	Tween 80 (in ml)
1	1:9	2.7
2	2:8	1.25
3	3:7	0.75
4	4:6	0.50
5	5:5	0.25
6	6:4	0.20
7	7:3	0.15
8	8:2	0.10
9	9:1	0.05

7.5. Method of preparation of self double emulsion:

Two methods have been adopted to prepare double emulsions viz: single-step emulsification and two step emulsification processes.

➤ Single-step emulsification process:

In one step emulsification process, hydrophilic surfactant is dissolved in aqueous phase, hydrophobic emulsifier is incorporated in oil phase and both the phases are subjected to strong mechanical agitation. Water in oil emulsion is formed which is converted to w/o/w double emulsion^[97].

Besides this, the other method to produce double emulsions is formation of w/o emulsion using hydrophobic surfactant and a little amount of hydrophilic emulsifier with subsequent heat treatment of the formed emulsion till it gets invert. At specific temperature and HLB emulsifiers, w/o/w emulsion can be formed. However, these accidental preparations are not reproducible, as their production results in the mutual incidence of catastrophic and transitional inversion of the phases. Hence these systems are referred as transitory or temporary systems. Contrasting the usage of normal small molecule, combination of surfactants is widely used^[98].

➤ **Two-step emulsification process:** Both the hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfactants are used to produce the multiple emulsions in this process. Initially, *w/o* type emulsion was developed by one-step technique and then the prepared *w/o* emulsions were added to hydrophilic surfactant (tween 80) under continuous stirring until multiple emulsions are obtained^[99]. Pantoprazole sodium having low permeability was formulated as SDEDDS to address the low bioavailability issues along with sunflower oil, span 80, tween 80. The pantoprazole sodium SDEDDS exhibited good absorption.

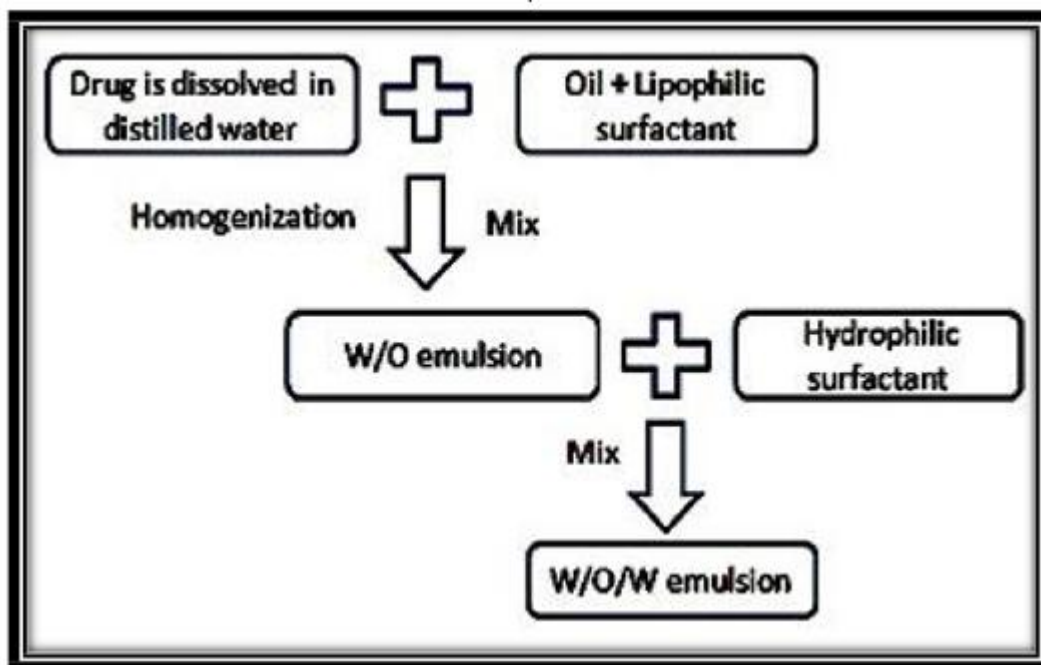


Figure 4: Scheme of double emulsion preparation Table 3. Ratio of preparation of self double emulsion

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Formulation	Ratio	Drug	W/O Emulsion (in ml)	Water (in ml)	Surfactant (in ml)
B1	1:9	2125 mg	4	35.15	10.90
B2	2:8	2000 mg	8.88	35.55	5.33
B3	3:7	1700 mg	13.95	32.55	3.48
B4	4:6	1523 mg	19.04	28.57	2.38
B5	5:5	1950 mg	24.39	24.39	1.19
B6	6:4	2205 mg	29.41	19.60	0.98
B7	7:3	2000 mg	34.48	14.77	0.70
B8	8:2	2000 mg	39.6	9.9	0.49
B9	9:1	2000 mg	44.77	4.97	0.24

7.5.1. Stability Study.

The stability studies were carried out on these all formulations B1 to B9. The formulation was stored at $40 \pm 20^\circ\text{C}/75 \pm 5\% \text{RH}$ for one month (30 days). After 30 days, samples were withdrawn and evaluated for VISCOSITY, phase separation, globule size.

Table 4. Stability study of SDEDDS

Formulation	Ratio	Stability
B1	1:9	Unstable
B2	2:8	Unstable
B3	3:7	Unstable
B4	4:6	Stable
B5	5:5	Stable
B6	6:4	Stable
B7	7:3	Unstable
B8	8:2	Unstable
B9	9:1	Unstable

7.6. PREPARATION OF SOLID SDEDDS^[100-104]

The acceptability of prepared liquid SDEDDS was enhanced by solidification of the liquid SDEDDS into S- SDEDDS by adsorption method. An advantage of the adsorption technique is uniformity of content and high drug loading is possible compared to other techniques. The S-SEDDS offers better stability on long storage and advantages of a solid dosage form (e.g. low production cost, convenience of process control, high stability, reproducibility and better patient compliance).

The ideal solid adsorbent for preparation of S-SDEDDS should have high adsorption capacity, which could hold a larger liquid^{SDEDDS[91]} and facilitate the preparation of capsule²⁸. From the prepared liquid SDEDDS three formulations 4:6 and 5:5, 6:4 are selected for the preparation of solid SDEDDS based on the percent transmittance and emulsification time. The optimized liquid SDEDDS formulation was transformed into free flowing granules using various porous carriers like Aerosil 200 as adsorbent, which have high surface area, can hold high amount of liquid on it. Adsorption efficiency of any carrier is dependent on its porosity, surface area and hydrogen bonding capacity^[129]

Aerosil 200 powders were dry and free flowing. The liquid SDEDDS formulation was poured onto the porous carriers placed in a small stainless steel bowl, mixed, and wet granulation was performed with hand to obtain the homogeneous mass. It was passed through sieve (Sieve No.30) to achieve the uniformly free flowing self emulsifying granules (SEGs). These granules are feel in hard gelatine shell having no "00".

The Porous carriers are characterized by stable uniform porous structures, high surface areas, tunable pore sizes with narrow distributions, and well-defined surface properties, thus allowing them to adsorb and release the drugs in a more reproducible and predictable manner. Aerosil 200 has the mean particle size of 12nm.

Table 5: formulation of solid SEDDS

Sr No	Absorbnt	Wt of absorbant	Quantity of liquid SDEDDS
1	Aerosil 200	5 gm	20 ml

EVALUATION OF SDEDDS

Viscosity analysis

The viscosity of SDEDDS formulation is an important parameter as it relates to emulsion stability and clinical

performance.^[44] The rheological measurements of the formulation are performed with a programmable rheometer (Brookfield viscometer). Samples are transferred to the instrument and allowed to equilibrate to 25±1 °C for 10 min prior to the measurement. The apparent viscosity is measured over a shear rate. Viscosities of each formulation are to be measured at different shear rates and the mean constant shear viscosity is determined from the data obtained.

Microscopic tests:

The optical microscopy methods are used to analyze and confirm the multiple characters of double emulsions such as type of emulsion, size distribution of droplets etc.

Emulsion droplet size analysis

The droplet size distribution of double emulsions influences the rheology, stability, color and test. These are generally measured by optical microscope using eye piece and stage micrometer. SDEDDS are mixed with distilled water (200 ml) and stirred with mild agitation (75 rpm) on a magnetic stirrer for 5min at room temperature, forming the double emulsions. The particle size distribution of the double emulsions is determined after presentation. And the absorbance values of the emulsion droplets are recalculated. The results are reported as the volume average Micrometer.^[13]

Self-emulsification time

The self-emulsification time is determined by using USP type II dissolution apparatus at 50 rpm, where 0.5gm of SDEDDS formulation is introduced into 250 ml of suitable media (0.1N HCl or 0.5% SLS solution) and the time for emulsification at room temperature is recorded as self-emulsification time for the formulation.^[14]

Drug content estimation

Prepared three formulation SDEDDS containing drug equivalent to one dose (10mg) was added in 10 mL volumetric flask containing water and mixed it well. The extracted solution was suitably diluted and analysed for drug content using UV-spectrophotometer at 290 nm.

Micrometrics Properties of pantoprazole sodium S-SDEDDS ^[109-110]

Determination of Bulk Density, Bulkiness

The bulk density of pantoprazole sodium was determined by the three tap method. 30g of pantoprazole sodium powder was carefully introduced into a 100 ml graduated cylinder. The cylinder was dropped onto a hard wood surface 3 times from a height of 1 inch at an interval of 2 seconds. The bulk density was obtained by dividing the weight of the sample by volume of the sample contained in the cylinder. Reciprocal of bulk density or the specific bulk volume gave the bulkiness.

$$\text{Bulk Density} = \frac{\text{Weight of sample (g)}}{\text{Volume of sample (cm}^3\text{)}}$$

Tapped Density

The tapped density was obtained by dividing the mass of powder by the tapped volume in cm³. The sample of about 30gm of powder is carefully introduced into a 100 ml graduated cylinder. The cylinder was dropped at 2 second intervals onto a hard wood surface 100 times from a height of 1 inch. The tapped density of each formulation was then obtained by dividing the weight of sample in grams by the final tapped volume in cm³ of the sample contained in the cylinder. It was calculated by using equation given below: All the estimations were done in triplicate and average are reported in table

Carr's Index

$$\text{Tapped Density} = \frac{\text{Weight of sample (g)}}{\text{Volume of sample (cm}^3\text{)}}$$

The percent compressibility index (I) of the pantoprazole sodium was calculated using following formula and the results are given in Table 12.

$$\text{Carr's index \%} = \frac{\text{Bulk Density} - \text{Tapped Density}}{\text{Tapped Density}} \times 100$$

Table 6. Relationship between % compressibility & flow ability

% Compressibility	Flowability
5 – 15	Excellent
12 – 16	Good
18 – 21	Fair to Passable
23 – 35	Poor
33 – 38	Very poor
> 40	Extremely Poor

Hausner ratio

Hausner’s ratio is an indirect index of ease of powder flow. Lower Hausner’s ratio (<1.25) indicates better flow properties than higher ones (>1.25).⁵³ Tapped density and bulk density were measured and the Hausner’s ratio was calculated using formula,

$$\text{Hausner's ratio} = \frac{\text{Bulk Density} \times 1000}{\text{Tapped Density} \times 1000}$$

Table 7. Hausner’s ratio and compressibility index as an indication of powder flow properties

Sr. No.	Hausner’s Ratio	Flow Character	Compressibility Index
1	1.00-1.11	Excellent	<10
2	1.12-1.18	Good	10-15
3	1.19-1.25	Fair	16-20
4	1.26-1.34	Passable	21-25
5	1.35-1.45	Poor	26-31
6	1.46-1.59	Very poor	32-37

Angle of repose

Angle of repose is the angle of inclination, formed to the flat surface by the powder when it is allowed to flow under gravitational force from a fixed height. Samples having angle of repose less than 30°, indicates free flow properties. Angle of repose was measured by fix height funnel method using formula,

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{h}{r} \right)$$

Where,

θ = angle of repose, h = height of the pile, r = radius of the pile The data presented here is for triplicate determinations.

Table 8. Relationship between angle of repose (θ) and flow ability

Angle of Repose (θ)	Flow ability
< 20	Excellent
20 – 30	Good
30 – 34	Passable
> 40	Very poor

Evaluation of Capsules containing S-SDED DS Weight variation test for capsules:

20 capsules are taken at random and weighed. Their average weight is calculated, then each capsule is weighed individually and their weight noted. If this requirement is not met, then the weight of the contents for each individual capsule is determined and compared with the average weight of the contents. The contents from the shells can be removed just by emptying or with the help of small brush. From soft gelatin capsules the contents are removed by squeezing the shells which has been carefully cut. The remainder contents are removed by washing with a suitable solvent. After drying the shells, they are weighed and the content weights of the individual capsules are calculated. The requirements are met if ^[107] not more than 2 of the differences are greater than 10 % of the average net content and ^[108] in no case the difference is greater than 25 %.

Content uniformity test: This test is applicable to all capsules which are meant for oral administration. For this test a sample of the contents is assayed as described in individual monographs and the values calculated which must comply with the prescribed standards.

In-vitro drug release

The in-vitro dissolution studies are carried out to assess drug release from the formulation.^[2] Release profiles from formulation filled in capsules are performed using the USP type I basket apparatus with 900 ml of suitable dissolution media, 50 RPM at 37±0.5 °C. Samples (1 ml) are withdrawn at specified interval of time, filtered using a whatmann filter paper and subsequently analyzed by either UV . Three replicate analyses are carried out for each formulation, and data are used to calculate cumulative drug release profile.

Accelerated Stability Studies^[105-106]

In any rationale design and evaluation of dosage forms for drugs, the stability of the active component must be major criteria in determining their acceptance or rejection. The reasons for stability studies are

- There may be chemical degradation of the active drug leading to a substantial lowering the quantity of the therapeutic agent in the dosage form.
- Although chemical degradation of the active drug may not be extensive, a toxic product may be formed in the decomposition process.
- Instability of a drug product can lead to a decrease in its bioavailability. This can lead to a substantial lowering in the therapeutic efficiency of the dosage form.

During the stability studies the product is exposed to normal conditions of temperature and humidity. However the studies will take a long time and hence it would be convenient to carry out the accelerated stability studies where the product is stored under extreme conditions of temperature. In the present study, stability studies were carried out on optimized formulation. The capsules were stored at 40 ± 20 °C / 75 ± 5 % RH for duration of one month. After interval of thirty days formulation B4, B5 and B6 was withdrawn and tested for physical parameter such as drug content and in-vitro drug release studies.

Result & Discussion Preformulation Studies Description & melting point

Table 9. Description & melting point of Pantoprazole Sodium

Sr No.	Test	Observation
1	Color	White to off white amorphous
2	Odor	Odorless
3	Taste	Characteristics
4	Melting Point	139–140 °C

Solubility Characteristics

Table 10. Solubility of Pantoprazole Sodium in different solvents

Sr No	Solvents	Quantity of Dissolved at 25 °C (mg/ml)
1	Water	More 1000
2	Methanol	More than 2000
3	Ethanol	More than 1000
4	Acetone	270
5	Chloroform	0.022
6	Dichloromethane	0.018
7	Diethyl Ether	0.001

Aqueous solutions of Pantoprazole Sodium are basic. The pH of a 1.0 % w/v aqueous solution falls in the range of 9.5 to 10.0. Solubility is low at neutral pH & increases with increasing pH.

Spectroscopic Study Determination of λ max

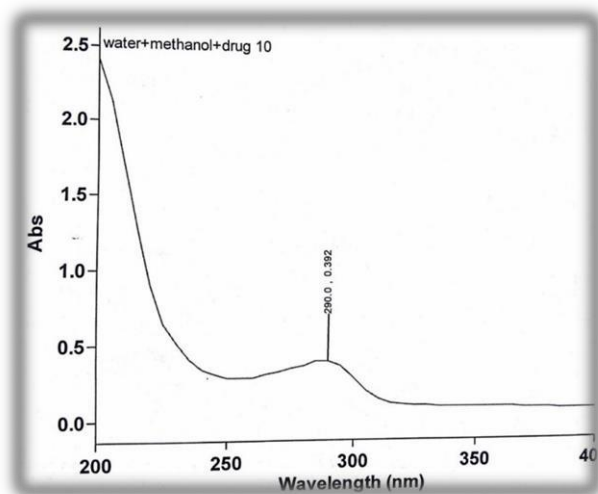


Fig. 5 λ max of Pantoprazole Sodium in water

In Spectroscopic method the maximum absorbance of Pantoprazol Sodium was observed at 290 nm.

Standard calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in water

Table 11. Standard calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in water

Sr No.	Concentration	Absorbance
1	2	0.1145
2	4	0.1790
3	6	0.2652
4	8	0.3526
5	10	0.4373
6	12	0.5389

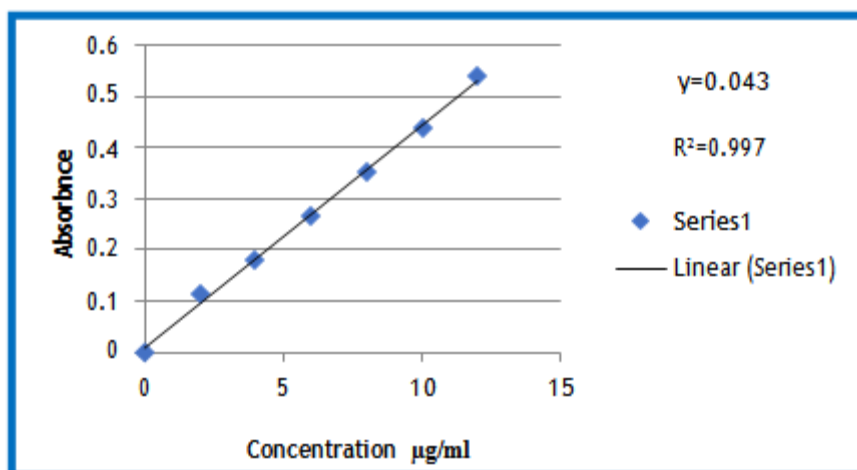


Figure No.6 Calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in water.

Standard calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in Phosphate pH 6.8 buffer

Table 12: Standard calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in Phosphate pH 6.8 buffer

Sr. No.	Concentration (µg/ml)	Mean absorbance at 290nm
0	0	0
1	2	0.0324
2	4	0.0604
3	6	0.0905
4	8	0.1201
5	10	0.1471
6	12	0.1774
7	14	0.2052
8	16	0.2400

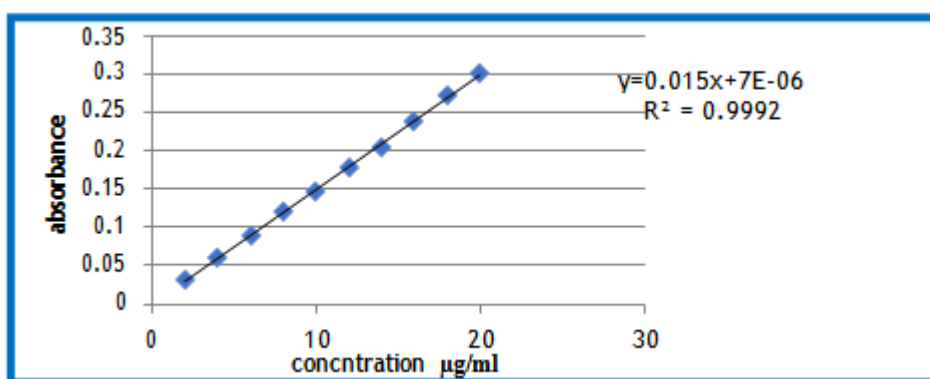


Figure No.7 calibration curve of Pantoprazole Sodium in Phosphate pH 6.8 buffer

Pantoprazole Sodium obeys Beer’s Lambert’s law in the concentration range of 0–20 µg/ml at 290 nm against pH 1.2 & 6.8 buffer.

Ternary phase diagram;

Pseudo-ternary phase diagram was constructed to identify the self-double- emulsifying regions for the selected vehicle (w/o primary emulsion and Tween 80). As shown in figure area under curve represents the double emulsion region. It is important to determine this area in order to ensure successful conversation of pantoprazole sodium SDEDDS to double emulsion by dilution with distilled water. Combined with surfactant , different ratios of w/o emulsion to surfactant (from 1:9 to 9:1) could spontaneously form water-in-oil-in-water (w/o/w) double emulsions to develop a SDEDDS formulation.

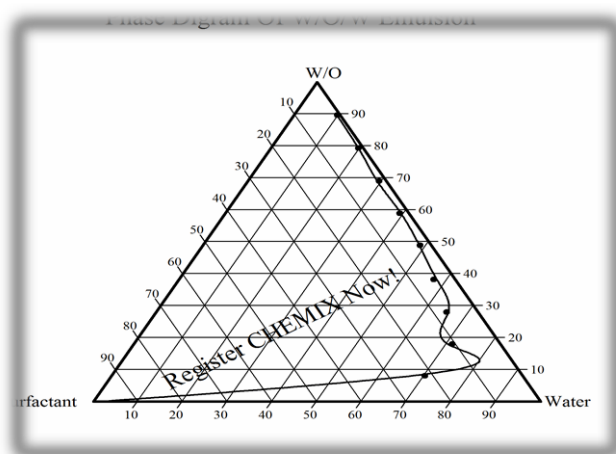


Figure No. 8 Phase Diagram of W/O Emulsion and Surfactant ratio

Selection of optimized batches:

Various ratios of water/ oil emulsion and surfactant are selected and for enhancing the low permeability, the three batches those gives low permeation and that ratio will be suitable for the SDEDDS and enhance the permeability of pantoprazole sodium. From the table no. 7 are selected the three batches i.e B4.B5 and B6 that gives more stability, viscosity and because of this parameters this batches are optimized batch.

IR Spectroscopy

Table No.13 Assignments for the IR absorption bands of drug

Materials	Energy (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment
Pantoprazole sodium	3015.83	C-H aromatic stretching
	2944, 2846	C-H aliphatic stretching
	1589	C=N stretching
	1072.47	S=O stretching
	1039.68	CF 2 stretching
	805.32, 1039	C-O of -OCH 3
	822.68	C-C stretching
	805.32 1492.97, 1465, 1451.50, 1428.35	C=C stretching in aromatic ring
	1361.80, 1382.98	C-H bending of CH 2,CH 3

IR spectra of pantoprazole sodium:

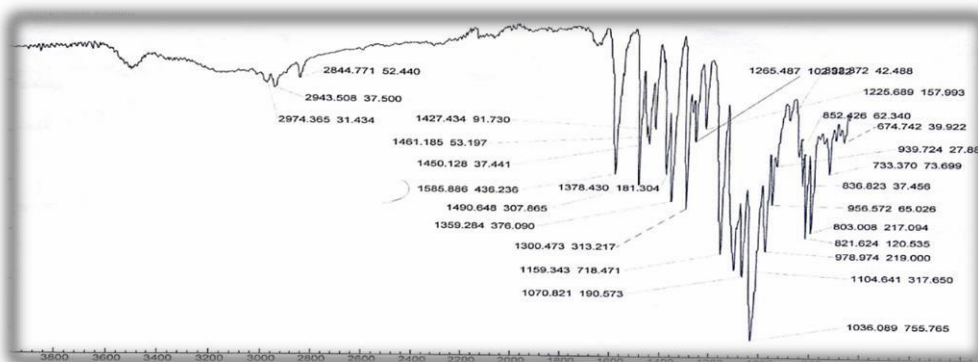


Figure No.9 IR spectra of pantoprazole sodium

Compatibility Studies between Drug and tween 80

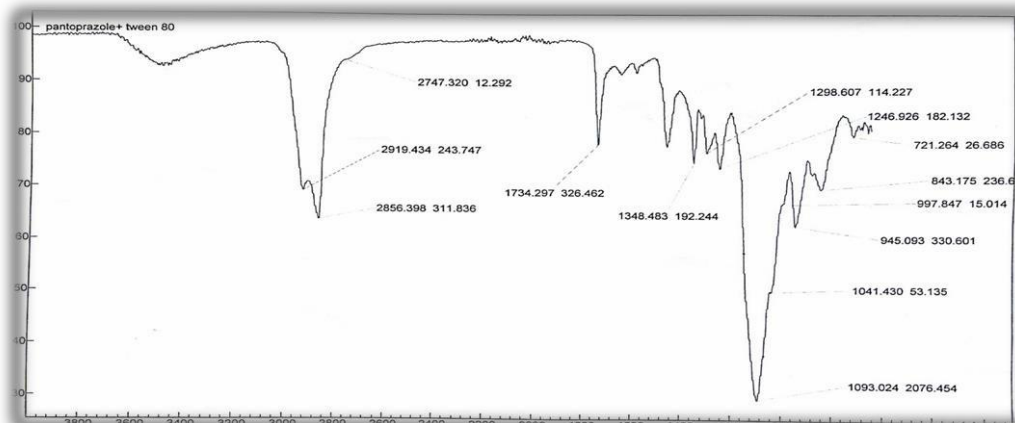


Figure No.10 IR spectra of pantoprazole sodium + tween 80

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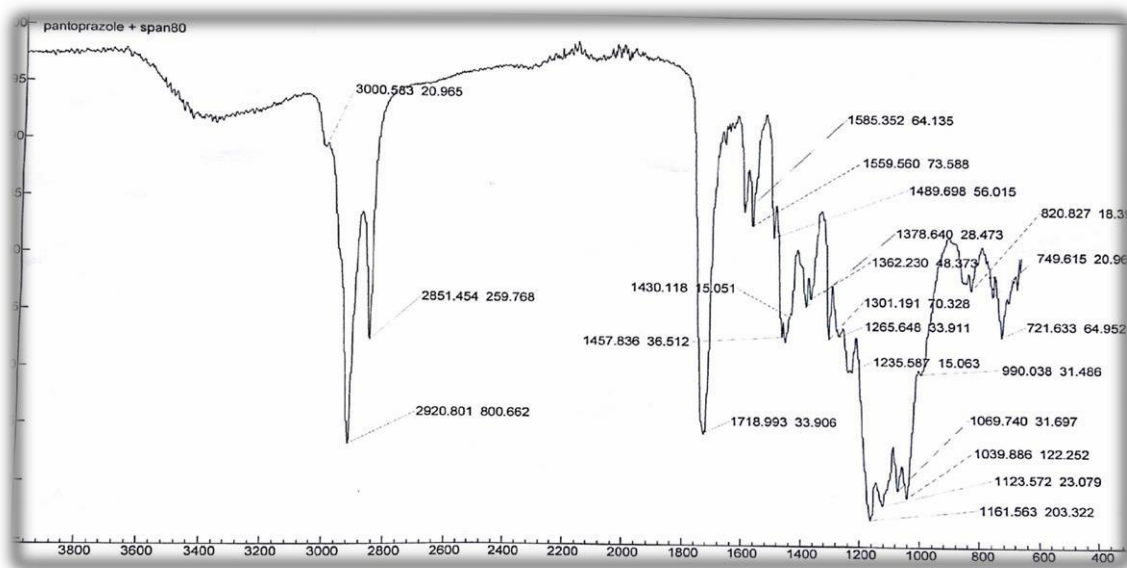


Figure No.11 IR spectra of pantoprazole sodium and span 80

Compatibility Studies between Drug and sunflower oil:

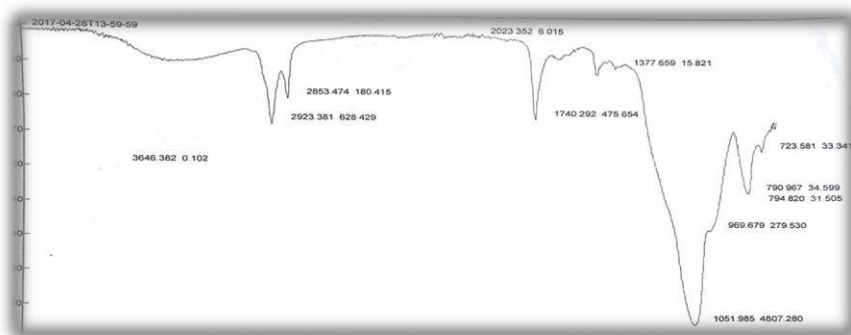


Figure No.12 IR spectra of pantoprazole sodium and sunflower oil

Compatibility Studies of formulation B5

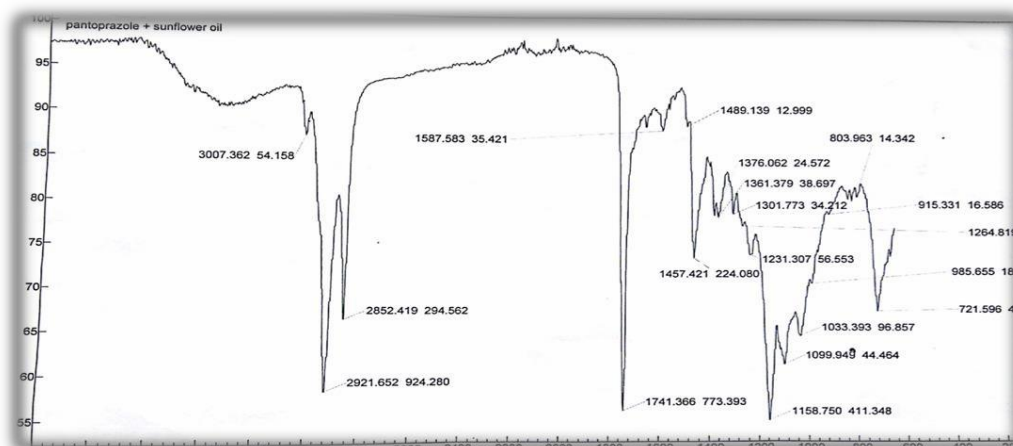


Figure No.13 IR spectra of formulation B5

There was no alteration and no interaction was observed between excipients and drug in combination. All the characteristic peaks of Pantoprazole Sodium were present in combination, thus indicating compatibility between drug and excipients and finally confirm that there was no chemical modification of drug has been taken place.

Solubility of Pantoprazol sodium in different oil, surfactant.

Table .14 Solubility of Pantoprazol in diff. solvent

Sr. No.	Oils	Solubility (mg/ml)
1	Oleic acid	463±0.62
2	Sunflower oil	25.19±0.90
3	Soyabean oil	34.46±0.73
4	Span-80	12.25±1.16
5	Tween-80	23.57±0.54

***All the values are represents as Mean ± S. D. (n=3)**

The comparative solubility studies of the drug in various oils, surfactants are reported in table. 27. As portrayed from the table among the oils Sunflower oil (25.19±0.90mg/mL), among these surfactants tween 80 (23.57±0.54mg/mL), Span-80(12.25±1.16mg/ml) showed lowest solubility for Pantoprazol Sodium. Hence, they were selected for phase titration studies for construction of pseudoternary phasediagrams.

Viscosity of pantoprazol sodium self double emulsion:

The rheological graph states that the flow of viscosity shows non-Newtonian behavior of fluids whose viscosity decreases under shear strain. It is sometimes considered synonymous for pseudoplastic behaviour, and is usually defined as excluding time-dependent effects, such as thixotropy. Thixotropy is a time-dependent shear thinning property. Certain gels or fluids that are thick, or viscous, under static conditions will flow (become thin, less viscous) over time when shaken, agitated, sheared or otherwise stressed (time dependent viscosity).

Table 15. viscosity self-double emulsion

Batch	Viscosity
B 4	182.75
B5	232.25
B 6	280.75

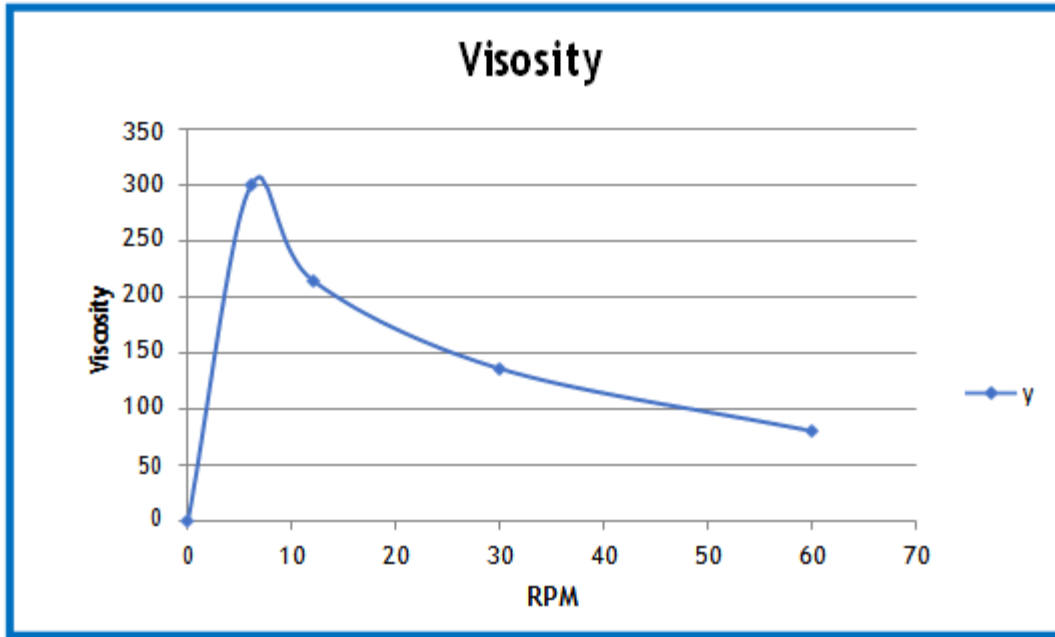


Fig. 14. Viscosity of B4 formulation of SDEDDS

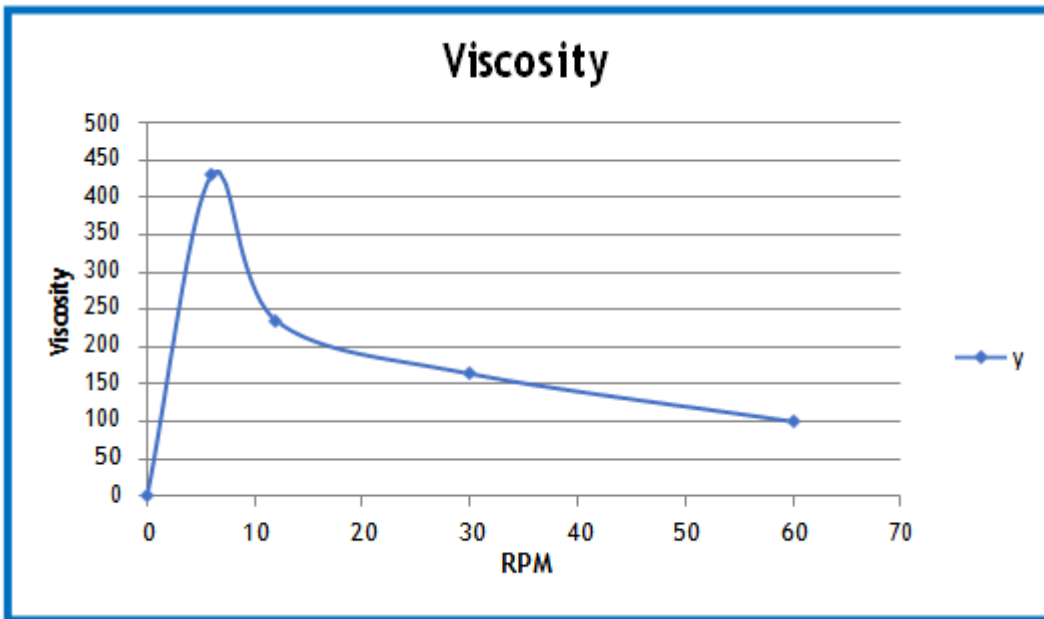


Fig.. 15. Viscosity of B5 formulation of SDEDDS

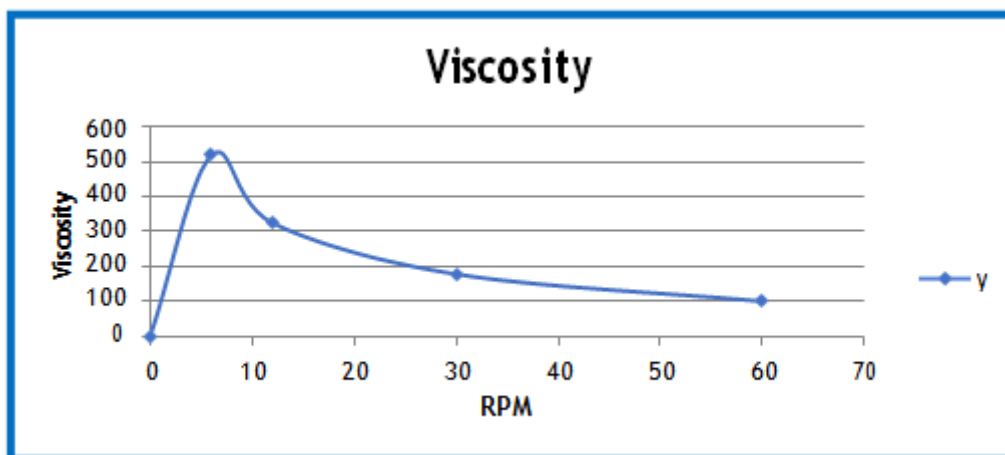


Fig.. 16. Viscosity of B6 formulation of SDEDDS

Emulsification Time

Emulsification time is an important index for the assessment of the efficiency of emulsion formation. SDEDDS should disperse completely and rapidly when subjected to aqueous dilution under mild agitation. Emulsification time of the optimized SDEDDS formulations is shown in Table 20. All the formulations were emulsified within 05 seconds.

Table 16. Emulsification time

Sr. No.	Ratio	Emulsification time (In 0.1 N HCL)
1	6:4 with loaded drug	3 sec
2	5:5 with loaded drug	5sec
3	6:4with loaded drug	4sec

Globule size analysis

The results of globule size of the formulations were found to be 1.530 ± 2.34 , 3.491 ± 10.58 and $4.580 \pm 3.24 \mu\text{m}$ respectively. Increase in globule size was result of high drug conc. 44.1 mg/ml in SDEDDS system. The effect of drug incorporation in SDEDDS was found to be influenced by the drug-system physicochemical properties.

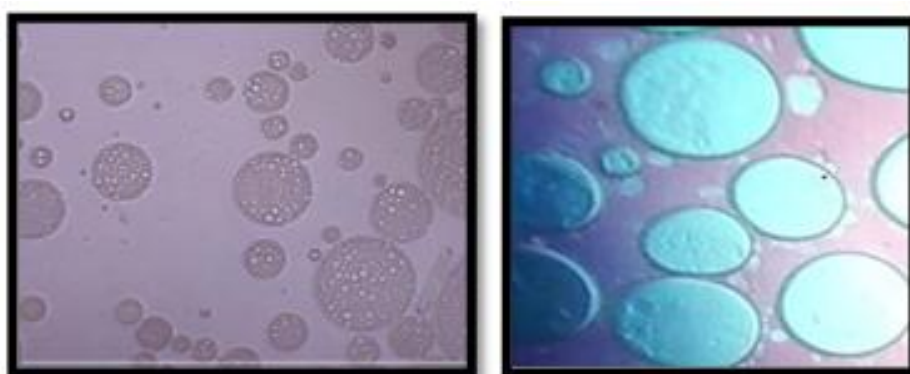


Figure 17: Image of globule size

Micromeritic properties

Table No.17: Micromeritic characterization of prepared Drug Loaded Solid SDEDDS powder.

Formulation Batch	Bulk density gm/cm ³ mean ± SD	Tapped density gm/cm ³ mean ± SD	Carr's index (%) Mean ± SD	Hausner's ratio Mean ± SD	Angle of Repose (°) Mean ± SD
B4	0.5045± 0.0132	0.5789±0.0016	12.85±1.733	1.14±0.025	18.23±0.396
B5	0.4988±0.0051	0.5932±0.0040	15.91±1.03	1.18±0.014	21.45±0.59
B6	0.4678±0.0096	0.5508±0.0035	15.06±1.961	1.17±0.024	21.70±3.063

➤ **Angle of repose:**

The results of angle of repose of all the formulations were found to be in range of 18.23 ± 0.396 to 21.70 ± 3.63 indicating good flowproperty.

➤ **Bulk density:**

It has been stated that the bulk density values less than 1.2g/cm² indicate good packing and values greater than 1.5g/cm² indicate poor packing. The loose bulk density and tapped bulk density values for all the formulation varied in range of 0.4678±0.009g/cm³ to 0.5045± 0.013g/cm³ and 0.5508±0.0035g/cm³ to 0.5932±0.004g/cm³ respectively. The values obtained lies within the acceptable range.

➤ **Compressibility index:**

The percent compressibility of solid SDEEDS powder was determined by Carr's compressibility index, the results shown in table no.21. The percent compressibility for all formulation lies within the range of 12.85±1.733% to 15.91±1.03% indicates good flowproperty.

➤ **Weight variation test:**

In weight variation test, the Pharmacopoeial limit for percent of deviation for capsules weighing from 250mg or more is not more than 10%. The average percent deviation of all tablets was found to be within the limit and hence all formulation passes the weight variation test.

Table 18: Standard physical tests for capsules containing S-SDEDDS

Formulation	Weight variation ± S.D	Drug content (%)
B4	360 ± 0.36	98.76 ± 0.12
B5	329.5 ± 0.29	99.68 ± 0.32
B6	374 ± 0.26	99.21 ± 0.31

* All the values represent mean ± standard deviation (n=3)

➤ **Content uniformity:** The drug content was found to be uniform among all formulation and ranged from 98.76% to 99.21%.

In-vitro dissolution study

Table No.19: *In-vitro* dissolution data of B4, B5 and B6 formulation

Time (Hrs)	Cumulative percent drug release		
	B4	B5	B6
0	0	0	0
1	4.07	10.28	17.60
2	8.45	15.75	20.14
3	21.5	18.32	23.78
4	50.57	39.53	31.39
5	55.5	43.60	49.82
6	72.61	55.60	66.85
7	91.42	68.03	76.21
8	93.00	96.21	90.96

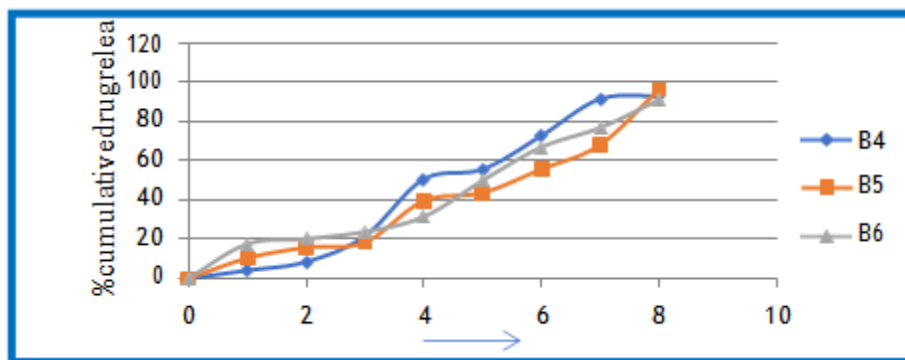


Figure.18: In-vitro dissolution profile of B4, B5, B6 formulation

In vitro drug release studies were performed for solid SDEDDS capsule B4, B5 and B6 pure Pantoprazolesodium powder, using standard conditions in phosphate buffer pH 6.8. It was observed that solid SDEDDS capsule of B4, B5 and B6 showed in profile in figure 17. maximum drug release is 93 ± 0.32 , 96.21 ± 0.12 and 90.96 ± 0.40 upto 8 hrs. For increase the release rate of drug prepared SDEDDS.

Accelerated stability study

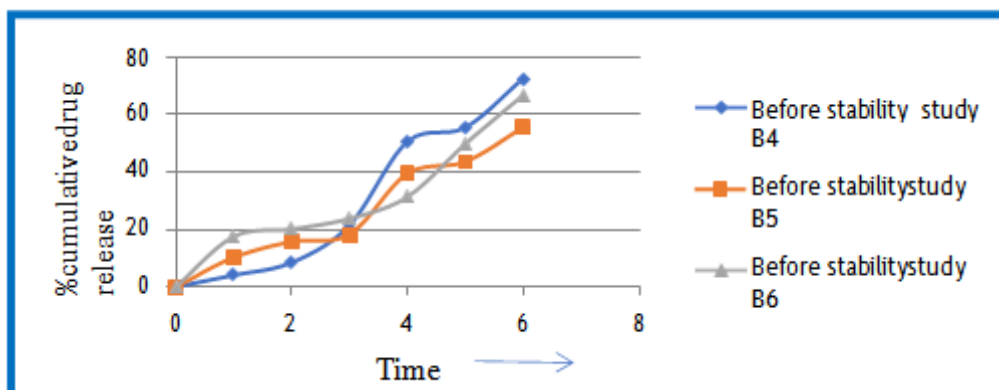
The stability studies were carried out on optimized formulation B4, B5, and B6. The formulation was stored at $40 \pm 20^\circ\text{C}/75 \pm 5\% \text{RH}$ for one month (30 days). After 30 days, samples were withdrawn and evaluated for drug content and in-vitro drug release studies.

Table No.20: Drug Content Study of B4 , B5 And B6 Formulations Before And After Stability Study

Parameters	Before stability study			After stability study		
	B4	B5	B6	B4	B5	B6
Drug content	98.76%	99.68%	99.2%	98.70%	99.50%	99.01%

Table No.21: Cumulative percent drug released of optimized formulation B4, B5, B6 before and after stability study

Time (mins)	Before stability study			After stability study		
	B4	B5	B6	B4	B5	B6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	4.07	10.28	17.60	3.98	10.21	17.56
2	8.45	15.75	20.14	8.40	15.73	20.00
3	21.5	18.32	23.78	20.88	18.29	23.76
4	50.57	39.53	31.39	50.54	39.50	31.34
5	55.5	43.60	49.82	55.34	43.58	49.78
6	72.61	55.60	66.85	72.56	55.57	66.82



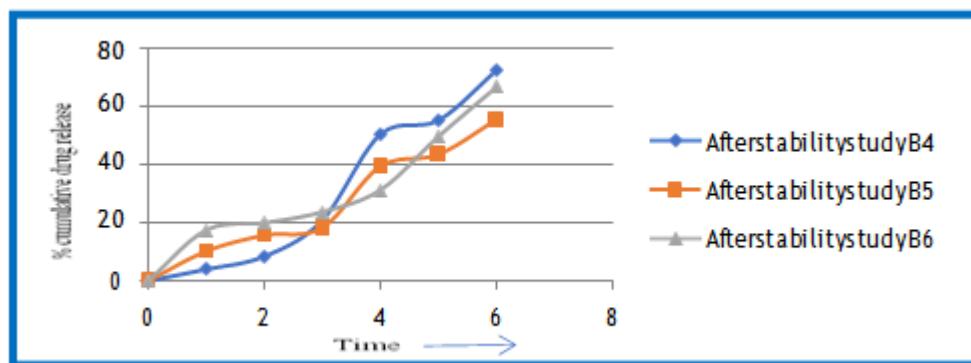


Figure.19 Dissolution profile of formulations B4, B5,B6 before and after stability study

II. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

SDEDDS are poly dispersed systems where the dispersed phase contains the droplets of the continuous phase. These double emulsions are of two types: W/O/W type multiple emulsions and O/W/O type multiple emulsions. Self-double emulsifying drug delivery system is a promising approach for the formulation of drug compounds with high aqueous solubility. The oral delivery of hydrophilic drugs can be made possible by SDEDDSs, which have been shown to substantially improve oral bioavailability and its permeability. With future development of this technology, SDEDDSs will continue to enable novel applications in drug delivery and solve problems associated with the delivery of highly soluble drugs.

The present study aims towards formulation and evaluation of solid self-double emulsifying drug delivery system such as capsules solid dosage form which can provide sustained release of the model drug.

Pantoprazole sodium is a new orally effective proton pump inhibitor agent, highly water soluble drug, is formulated into SDEDDS, which enhances permeability of the drug and produce the sustained release.

The preformulation study of Pantoprazole sodium was performed. The standard curve of Pantoprazole sodium was done in water, methanol & phosphate buffer. The curves show linearity and follows Beer Lambert's law. FT-IR spectrum study reveals that there is no interaction between physical mixture of drug and liquid excipients. λ_{max} of Pantoprazole sodium was found to be 290 nm.

Firstly determine the solubility of pantoprazole sodium in different oils such as oleic acid, soybean oil and sunflower oil. From these solubility results the less solubility of pantoprazole sodium in sunflower oil, then prepared primary emulsion of MCT oil such as sunflower oil, lipophilic surfactant span 80 and water, in absence of drug for construction of pseudoternary phase diagram.

The pseudoternary phase diagrams were constructed in the absence of drug to identify the region of self double emulsifying and to optimize the conc. of W/O emulsion, water, and surfactant in the SDEDDS formulations by titration method.

Liquid SDEDDS formulations were prepared using hydrophilic surfactants Tween 80, W/O Emulsion, water and subjected to further evaluation parameter. From the prepared liquid SDEDDS Three optimized Pantoprazole sodium SDEDDS formulations 4:6, 5:5 and 6:4 are selected and evaluated the viscosity and microscopic characterization, high loading drug and emulsification time.

The optimized liquid SDEDDS formulation was transformed into free flowing granules using various porous carriers by adsorption technique like Aerosil 200, as absorbents, which have high surface area, can hold high amount of liquid on it.

From the solid state characterizations of SDEDDS this suggests that Pantoprazole sodium converted from liquid to crystalline state during the preparation of solid SDEDDS using aerosil 200.

From the FTIR study it is concluded that the drug is compatible with the formulation components. The S-SDEDDS Granules were evaluated for various parameters. The flow characteristics of the granules were assessed by determining their bulk & tapped density, angle of repose, Hausner's ratio & Carr's Index which were lies within acceptable range. S-SDEDDS powder/granules are filled in the hard gelatin capsules, and further evaluated % drug content and *in-vitro* drug release studies.

All the formulations comply with the general pharmacopoeial requirement of not more than 10% weight variation. The content uniformity of all formulations found to be in between 98.76 to 99.21%.

In-vitro drug release studies of that Pantoprazole sodium S-SDEDDS capsules B4, B5 & B6 and pure drug were carried out using USP type I Dissolution Testing Apparatus in 900 ml Phosphate buffer pH 6.8

Final formulation B4, B5 and B6 were subjected to accelerated stability study. The drug content and dissolution behaviour of prepared formulations remain unchanged during storage.

Hence it can be concluded that solid SDEDDS is a useful technique, to enhance the Permeability and

bioavailability of that Pantoprazole sodium. the different lipophilic emulsifier span 20, span 40, span 60, span 80 on the basis of stability of primary emulsion the span 80 was used. Effect of different hydrophilic emulsifiers tween20,tween40,tween60,tween80ontheperformanceofSDEDDSselecttween80. Thus,thespecificstudy objectives envisaged are achieved, namely formulation, evaluation of self Double emulsifying formulation containing highly water soluble drug for improvement of permeability. These dosage forms not only improved the bioavailability, drug release but also by converting them to solid form, improved the stability and patient compliance. These formulations may further be scaled up for commercial exploitation. Aerosil 200 was showed better granules/powder because of its high specific surface area and oil adsorbing capacity, loading efficiency of SDEDDS.

III. FUTURE SCOPE

Withfuturedevelopmentofthistechnology,SDEDDSwillcontinuetoenablenovelapplicationsindrugdelivery and solve problems associated with the delivery of highly soluble drugs. Numerous studies have confirmed that SDEDDS substantially improved permeability, absorption and bioavailabilityofhighlywater soluble drugs. As improvements or alternatives of conventional liquid SDEDDS, S- SDEDDS are superior in reducing production cost, simplifying industrial manufacture, and improving stability as well as patient compliance. Most importantly, S- SDEDDS are very flexible to develop various solid dosage forms for oral and parenteral administration. Moreover, GI instability is avoidable. There is still a long way to go, however, before more solid SE dosage forms appear on the market but there is no marketed product of SDEDDS. Therefore, here is scope to prepare a stable S- SDEDDS and bring it to the market. There exist some fields of SDEDDS to be further exploited, such as studies about human bioavailability and correlation of in vitro/in vivo. That is, SDE implants/suppositories/microspheres have not been as extensively studied as SDE tablets/pellets/capsules. It is also worth pointing out some issues to which much attention should be paid, for example physical aging phenomenon associated with glyceride, oxidation of vegetable oil, and interaction between drugs and excipients.

Selection of suitable excipients is the main hurdle of developing SDEDDS. Thus, these aspects should represent the major future working directions for S- SDEDDS. Thus major breakthroughs are still required for proper development of SDEDDS.

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