A detailed review on methods, evaluation and limitations of Pastillation process

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ABSTRACT

This article introduces a brand new technique known as "Pastillation," which, for the first time in the history of the pharmaceutical industry, may be utilized to produce lipid-based oral multiparticulate controlled release dosage forms. This multiparticulate system is able to keep the drug release constant for a period of twenty-four hours, it has very good flow qualities, and it is extremely uniform in terms of size, weight, and drug content. This process of pastille formation is opted on either small scale or large scale in which various processes are discussed. The fact that the chemical industry already has well-established large-scale equipment for pastillation is likely the most significant advantage that this technique offers. Because of this, the application of this one-of-a-kind dosage form has the potential to throw open a new door in the sector of the pharmaceutical industry that deals with the delivery of medications.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Latin word pastilles, referring to a lump of meal or flour and is derived from the word pains, which means bread, is the origin of both the word pastry and the word pastille. Pastilles implies a lump of meal or flour. The first form of a pastille was a pill-shaped lump of herbs that had been crushed and then burned to unleash the medicinal properties of the plants. This early form of a pastille was known as a "paste." A pastille is a sort of sweet or medicinal pill that is created of a thick liquid that has been solidified. Pastilles can be used for medicinal or culinary purposes [1]. It is meant to be consumed by giving it a light chew and letting it dissolve in the tongue before swallowing it. A medical lozenge that can be dissolved in the mouth like candy is called a troche, which is also another name for a pastille (Figure 1). Pastilles are sometimes referred to as troches in some circles [2, 3].

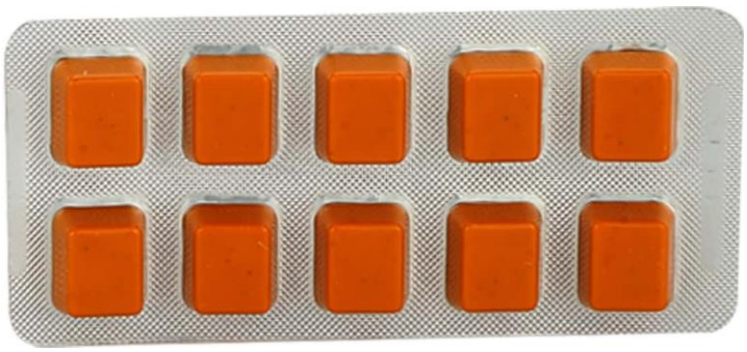

Figure 1: Pastille

1.1 PRINCIPLE OF PASTILLES

The continuous conversion of molten product into homogeneous, dust-free, spherical granules that are perfect for bagging, transportation, and bulk material handling can be accomplished with the help of a process called pastillation, which is both efficient and cost-effective. The diameter of the pastilles ranges from 1 to 25 millimetres, and their viscosities range from 5 to 30,000 mpas [23, 24].

In order to manufacture pastilles, first a viscous liquid is poured into a mold that has been either sugared, powdered, or waxed, and then the liquid is allowed to set and dry out. Finally, the pastilles are removed from the mold. Chewing releases, the compounds that are included in the dry liquid in a regulated manner, which enables them to dissolve in the mouth and be absorbed by the mucous membrane of the oral cavity or the gastro intestinal tract, respectively. Pastilles are commonly manufactured from a blend of starch and gum Arabic [17, 25, 26]. This combination emulsifies the chemical and binds it in a hydro colloidal matrix. This is necessary because these active substances have a tendency to be oily.

Additionally, the starch and gum both work to slow down the rate at which the pastilles dissolve and to limit the amount of the active ingredient that is released all at once [14, 27, 28].

1.2 CHARACTERISTICS REQUIRED FOR PASTILLES

- A high impact and abrasion resistance, a uniform size, and a low level of friability.
- A pleasant quality of flow.
- Low moisture content
- Consistent qualities across the course of time.
- Quality that is always present.
- Excellent bulk density as well as angle of repose.

1.3 ADVANTAGES OF PASTILLES

- Pastilles have a longer retention duration in the oral cavity than other dosage forms, which results in increased bioavailability. They also lower the amount of gastrointestinal discomfort and circumvent the first pass metabolism.
- This dosage form is adaptable for use in both local and systemic therapies, and a diverse array of active ingredients can be integrated into the formulation of these products.
- An increase in bioavailability can be achieved, which can then be employed to achieve a local as well as a systemic effect through the buccal mucosa.
- Individuals who have trouble swallowing can benefit from it because it improves patient compliance and can be given to those individuals.
- Simple to produce and to keep on hand. [8, 15, 32].

1.4 PASTILLATION PROCESS:

The crystallization and deformation of droplets on a cooled substrate are investigated in order to obtain the appropriate dimensions and contours of the final product and to accurately forecast the amount of crystallization time that will be necessary. As an illustration, a bisacodyl melt will be used. The process of crystallization starts as soon as the distortion is complete. Various experimental variables are used to investigate a rule regarding the contact angle of a droplet when it is placed on a substrate. The increase in the surface's degree of roughness produces a corresponding rise in the static contact angle. The spreading and rebounding of drops are a phenomenon that is noticed and utilized in discussions regarding the process of deformation. Increasing the Reynolds number results in an increase in it [26, 29, 39].

1.5 METHOD OF PASTILLATION

1.5.1 APPROACH ON A SMALL-SCALE METHOD

1.5.1.1 Fabrication technique

In-house research and development resulted in the creation of a device suitable for usage in a laboratory setting. The apparatus included a glass syringe with a plunger made of stainless steel, metallic hypodermic needles, a metallic plate, a heating coil, and a 1.5-amp transformer. Insulation was provided by a substantial coating of ceramic clay that was applied over the top of the heating coil before it was wrapped around the exterior of an open-ended ceramic tube. After that, the coil was attached to the transformer, and only after that was it wired up to the power source. After that, the hypodermic needle that was attached to the syringe was placed into the ceramic tube. The burette folder was used to arrange the assembly accurately over the metal plate. The metal platter was cooled with the help of ice cubes stored in a tray put underneath it [14, 26, 33].

The lipid/PEG melt was heated to between 140 and 150 degrees Celsius while the medication and any other required excipients were added. The combination was then agitated by hand until a clear miscible mixture was obtained. In this way, the medicine is guaranteed to permeate the matrix uniformly. Pastilles were made by pouring the mixture into a warmed syringe and letting it fall drop by drop (the pressure was controlled by the syringe's plunger) onto a cool plate. A metal scraper with a sharp tip was used to release the pastilles from the mold once they had hardened. The ingredients were then placed into size '0' capsules by hand [20, 31, 34].

The various settings and controls

- Needle size
- The distance between the tip of the needle and the surface of the plate is referred to as the falling height.
- plate temperature as well as product temperature
- The angle of contact
- Several positive aspects of the Fabrication method

Advantage:

- Simple to carry out even in a modest-sized laboratory.
- Need minimum equipment
- Processing of a product that has an exceptionally low viscosity
- It has a low melting point as a product [14, 22, 35].

1.5.1.2 ROLLOSIZER MI:

The rotoform MI (mini), which offers all of the advantages of the regular rotoform system but on a smaller scale, is particularly suited for use in laboratory testing operations to define the quality, production rates, and other important parameters of goods that are still in the development stages.

The capacity of the system is determined by the product that is being processed and can be as high as 20 kg/h. It is possible to successfully handle products with viscosities ranging from 10 to 5000 mPas.

The many benefits of using Rotoform MI (mini)

- Maximum system versatility
- Rotoform pastilles of the highest possible quality
- Control of the system that is both simple and accurate to use.

1.5.2 APPROACH ON A LARGE-SCALE METHOD

1.5.2.1 The ZN classification system:

The ZN system forms drops by moving the needle up and down inside the nozzle, following the principle of drop formation. The size of the pastilles is determined mostly by the needle and nozzle diameter, the volume of liquid in the tub, and the number of needle strokes [3, 18, 36].

Advantages of Zn System

- A solution with a low cost for capacities ranging from low to medium.
- Processing of a product that has an exceptionally low viscosity.
- Heating capabilities provided by electricity.
- There is housing that is airtight available.
- Temperatures for feeding can reach up to 400 degrees.

1.5.2.2 THE GS SYSTEM

The technique was developed for products with a medium to high level of viscosity. In contrast to the ZN system, this one uses a cylinder and piston configuration instead of needles to measure pressure. The motion of the cylinder and piston in an upward and downward direction enables the liquid product to be deposited on the conveyor belt in the shape of uniform pastilles.

The benefits of using the GS system

- A solution with a low cost for medium capacity.

- Processing of a product that has an exceptionally low viscosity.
- Electricity's capacity for producing heat
- There is housing that is airtight available.
- Temperatures for feeding can reach up to 400 degrees.

1.5.2.3 ROLLOMAT

When compared to other rotating pastillators, the Rollomat system was capable of covering the broadest range of viscosities. The Rollomat rotary depositor works on the same premise that a gear pump does when it comes to its operation. The product is fed through the plug-in lance and onto the spinning pressing roll, where it is compressed between the outer cylinder and the inner pressing roll at the specified rate. An inner larger hollow cylinder serves as the central component of this arrangement [11, 17, 26, 37].

The teeth of the hollow cylinder are engaged by a pressing roll. Every time the hollow cylinder's teeth interact with the pressing roll's teeth; the product is pushed through the nozzle and onto the cooling belt. The Rollomat has a heated product scraper that scrubs the exterior of the cylinder so it is spotless when it is delivered to its final destination.

Benefits of Utilizing a Rollomat

- Perfect for processing materials that have a higher melting point.
- Bring down the temperature of operation.
- A diverse set of applications for the product.

1.5.2.4 ROLLOSIZER

When it comes to achieving high capacities on one unit with low viscosity product, the rotating pastillation process rollosizer is a complementary addition to our other pastillation systems. This rollosizer is our most recent invention and was designed to complement our other pastillation systems. The KEISER-Rollosizer was developed using some of the many useful features of the KEISER-Rollomat, that somewhat has been widely used effectively for many years in a wide range of applications [28, 31, 38].

Basic to the drop-forming principle is a static heated cylinder with an internal product channel and tubes for the heating liquid. By way of a perforated cylinder and a customized product distribution bar, the product is moved from the conveyor to the cooling belt. When

the holes in the product distribution bar and the holes in the rotating cylinder line up, the pastilles are formed [14, 27, 38].

The Benefits of Using a Rollosizer

- Direct solidification from the melt, so avoiding the subsequent crushing, breaking, or grinding operation, which would incur additional costs for both energy and equipment.
- Pastilles characterized by an extremely consistent shape and a stable consistency for dust-free manufacture.
- Pastilles that are easy to handle and blend, as well as store and process further, because they flow freely.
- A higher bulk density as well as superior batter packing capabilities compared to thick flakes.

1.5.3 PASTILLATION EVALUATION:

1.5.3.1 The determination of the excipient

- The sort of dosage form that was going to be designed for the immediate release formulation played a role in the selection of the excipients.
- Because of its solubility in water, polyethylene glycol (PEG) was chosen to serve as the matrix formed in the controlled release formulation. In the batches with controlled release, it has been utilized both as a performer and a medication release rate modulator.
- Because of its hydrophobic character, lipid was chosen to serve as the matrix base despite the fact that stearic acid was a solid.
- In some of the batches, colloidal silicon dioxide was added in order to increase the viscosity of the molten material.

1.5.3.2 The influence that operating factors have on contact angle

The contact angle of a pastille is a measurement that is used to analyze the spreading of a drop of molten material on the surface of a plate before it is hardened. This analysis is performed in order to determine how well the drop adheres to the plate. This study analyzed the link that exists between the contact angle and a number of operational variables. These variables included the size of the needle, the distance that the needle was from the plate, and the temperature of the plate.

1.5.3.3 Needle size

If the size was reduced below the range described above, it would be difficult for the melt to pass through the needle. On the other hand, if the size was increased beyond this range, pastilles with a larger size would be formed, and these would not fit within the capsule.

1.5.3.4 Getting lower and lower

The height of the needle was used to lessen the extent to which the drop spread out before becoming instantaneously solidified as a result of the drop's heat being transferred to the cool plate. For the production of pastilles with higher contact angles, a dropping height of less than 1.5 centimetres would be desirable; however, further decreases or increases in dropping height would not be practicable [22, 26, 38, 43].

1.5.3.5 Plate's current temperature

When the temperature of the plate is low, there is an abrupt cooling of the drop, which prevents the drop from spreading on the plate. As a result, the pastilles are generated quickly with a high contact angle. At greater levels, the high temperature, it takes some time for the drop to cool down and become solid, which allows for enough time for the drop to fall before its spreading is halted by the solidification. In order to generate pastilles with a high contact angle, it is imperative that the temperature be kept at 4 degrees Celsius.

1.5.3.6 The consistency of the drug's composition

The values for drug content uniformity demonstrate that the drug is distributed in an even manner throughout the matrix. In addition to this, it provides evidence that the medicine does not degrade in any way, despite being subjected to high temperatures during the manufacturing process; as a result, it is characterized as being thermally stable.

1.5.3.7 Research on the effects of drugs

Studies on the solubility of the medication that were carried out in our lab show that the chosen dissolve medium should be kept in a sink state. During the manufacturing process of the pastilles, two distinct kinds of matrix forming agents were utilized. The very hydrophilic nature of PEG-based pastilles enables them to display an instantaneous drug release within forty-five minutes.

1.5.3.8 Impact of the amount of medicine taken

The amount of medicine in the system has a direct correlation to the rate at which it is released. The amount of lipid that is available to control the release of the medication decreases as the ratio of lipid to drug increases. This results in a quicker rate of drug release from the matrix.

1.5.3.9 Storage Recommendation:

These preparations need to be kept in a cool, dark place, away from sources of heat, and out of the reach of youngsters. They need to be shielded from conditions of excessive humidity. Depending on the amount of space available, either room temperature or a chilled temperature may be stated.

Application In Society and Industry:

- Reduce the amount of time, resources, and money needed for the procedure.
- Improve the product's acceptance in the industrial sector and its ability to scale.

- Patients could potentially benefit from the decreased costs, which would be to their advantage.
- Patients are more likely to comply with treatment if it is safe, effective, and takes fewer doses.

1.5.4 Limitation of the Pastillation Technology

This method is particularly useful for transporting substances that have a low melting point, dissolve at normal temperature, and are able to re-solidify into their original form. Examples of such substances include lipids, waxes, and macrogols [17, 24, 45].

In addition, in view of the fact that the manufacturing process includes the application of heat for the purpose of melting the excipient, the medicine that is going to be incorporated should not be degraded in the course of processing; more specifically, it needs to be thermo stable within the temperature range that will be used for processing in order for it to be successfully incorporated [13, 17, 28, 31, 46].

2. CONCLUSION

The process of pastillation is the approach that results in the lowest overall cost since it enables the continuous manufacture of solid dosage forms without sacrificing product quality. This makes it the method of choice. The results of the study led to the discovery that led to the conclusion that both the newly developed dosage form as well as the newly developed release retardant could be considered cost effective. This conclusion was arrived at as a direct result of the findings that were uncovered throughout the course of the investigation. This

verdict is a direct result of the findings that were revealed while the inquiry was being conducted, and it was arrived at as a direct consequence of those findings.

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