

Formulation development and evaluation of antidiabetic oral in-situ gel: A research

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Abstract

The present research was focused to improve and develop the formulation to release the drug syzygium cumini leaves as well as other natural drugs like aloe vera, turmeric, fenugreek seed powder. The in-situ gel formulations were used to improve or enhance the patient compliance. HPMC50cps, carbopol 934 is used in this as a polymer. The concentration of the polymer is very important for drug release, so the drug release varied from the concentration of polymers. Carbopol, HPMC, HPMC50CPS used in various combination forms. The viscosities of the preparation or our samples were measured by Brookfield viscometer. The drug-polymer interactions were evaluated by using UV spectroscopy. Syzygium cumini leaves is an oral antidiabetic agent used in treating a diabetes mellitus.

The plant is rich in compounds containing anthocyanins, glucosid glycoside, ellagic acid, isoquercetin, kamperol and myricetin etc. It has less side effects and promotes the health and healing of patients.

Keywords: syzygium cumini leaves, Turmeric, Fenugreek seed powder, and Aloe vera. HPMC50cps, carbopol 980, simple mixing method, oral in-situ gel, controlled release drug delivery system, etc.

Introduction

Controlled drug delivery system is the system which delivers the fixed rate for locally or systematically for specific time.^[1] Oral CRDDS is a system which includes the delivery of drug at accountable and duplicatable kinetics for a determined period throughout the span of GIT.^[3] An ideal oral drug delivery system should relentlessly convey a measurable and reproducible amount of drug to the target site over a prolonged period.

In-situ Gels

The term in-situ is a Latin word which means "In position". In-situ gels are the drug delivery system that are initially in solution form before administration into the body, but when administered it undergoes gelation in situ, forming the gel.^[4]

Advantages

- They increase contact time,
- Improve local bioavailability,
- Patient compliance and comfort,
- Reduces dosing frequency,
- Reduces dose concentration, Production is less complex and thus lowers the investment and manufacturing cost.

Diabetes Mellitus

Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic diseases in which a person has high blood sugar over a prolonged period of time. It is either because the body does not produce enough insulin or because cells do not respond to the insulin that is produced.^[7]

This high blood sugar shows symptoms such as polyuria (frequent urination), polydipsia (increased thirst) and polyphagia (increased hunger).^[7] There are three main types of diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes: results from the body's failure to produce insulin, and therefore the person requires to inject insulin.

(Referred as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or juvenile diabetes.)

Type 2 diabetes: results from insulin resistance, a condition in which cells fail to use insulin properly, sometimes combined with an absolute insulin deficiency. (Referred as non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes.)* Gestational diabetes: is when pregnant women, who have never had diabetes before, have a high blood glucose level during pregnancy. It may precede development of type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Introduction of Drug

1. Syzygium cumini leaves



Fig 1



Fig 2

Biological source

Syzygium cumini is a big tree home grown from Indian supercontinent, but widely cultivated in many countries in Africa, Asia, and South America. It is popular in India known as jamun in India, black plum in Europe, jambolan in Spanish-spoken countries and other names in other countries.

Family: Myrtaceae**Phytochemical constituents**

It contains various secondary metabolites *viz.*, flavonoids, phenolic acids, tannins, and terpenes have been reported in different parts of *S. cumini*. For instance, leaves of this plant contain high levels of flavonoids, especially quercetin, myricetin, myricitrin, kaempferol, and their glucoside derivatives, in addition to simple phenols like ellagic acid, ferulic acid, chlorogenic acid, and gallic acid. The essential oil of leaves is prevalent in terpenes such as α -pinene, β -pinene, α -limonene, α -cadinol, pinocarvone, pinocarveol. The seeds are the most useful part of the plant, it contains high in hexahydroxy diphenic (HDDP) acid-derived hydrolysable tannins, terpenes like α -terpineol, eugenol etc.

Use of *syzygium cumini*

The leaves of the *syzygium cumini* contain a number of chemical constituents that are used to have antihyperglycemic, antihyperlipidemic, and antioxidant properties and thus are beneficial against these maladies.

The bark is pungent, sweet, digestive, styptic to the bowels, anthelmintic and used for the treatment of sore throat, bronchitis, asthma, thirst, dysentery and ulcers. It acts as a good blood purifier.

Side effects of *syzygium cumini*

Diarrhea. Gas (flatulence). Skin ulcers, when applied to the skin. used as gargle but it causes sore throat.

2. Aloe vera

Fig 3

Biological source

The Aloe vera has the synonym is Kumari, Aloe etc. It is obtained from the dried juice of leaves of Aloe vera, Aloe barbadensis, Aloe ferox,

Family: Liliaceae**Phytochemical constituents**

Fig 4

Aloe vera leaves contain chemical constituents Barbaloin, aloe-Emodin, such as lignans, phytosterols, polyphenols, anthraquinone C-glycosides, anthrones, and other anthraquinone derivatives, such as emodin and various lectins.

Use of Aloe vera

Aloe is used topically (applied to the skin) and orally. Used as purgative, laxative, antidiabetic. Topical use of aloe is promoted for acne, lichen planus, oral submucous fibrosis, burning mouth syndrome, burns, and radiation-induced skin toxicity.

Side effects of Aloe vera

Aloe taken orally might be not safe and is likely not safe in high doses. Taking few grams or in few quantity in a day of aloe latex for several days can cause acute kidney failure and can be fatal. Aloe extract might also cause cancer. Other side effects include abdominal cramps and diarrhea.

3. Turmeric

Fig 5

Biological source

Turmeric consists of dried as well as fresh rhizomes of plant known as *curcuma longa* Linn.

Family: zingiberaceae**Phytochemical constituents**

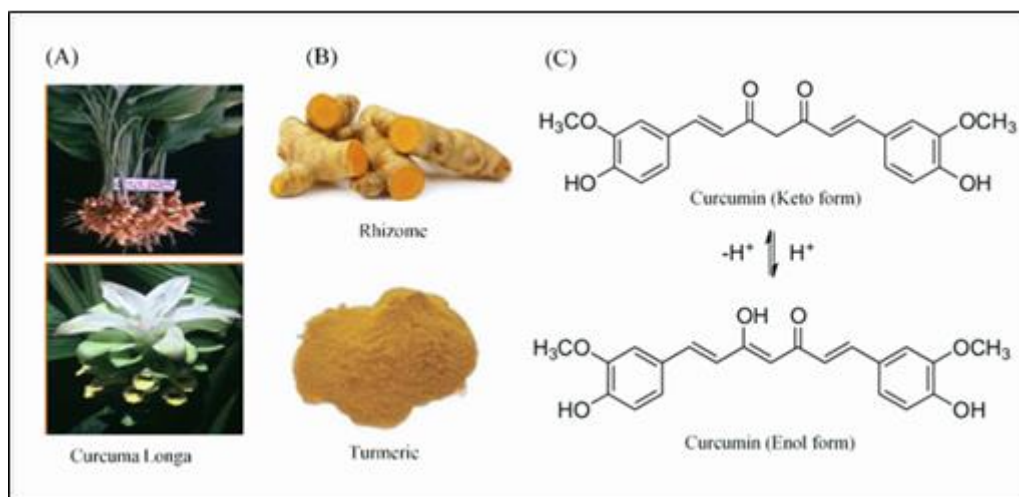


Fig 6

Turmeric contains volatile oil, resin, zingiberaceous starch grains and yellow substances known as curcuminoids. The main component of curcuminoids is known as curcumin and other chemical constituents are Tumerone, zingiberene, caprylic acid etc.

Use of Turmeric

Turmeric is used as an antiseptic, expectorant, a condiment or spice, and colouring agent, especially for ointment and Creams. chemically used to detect the boric acid. Antidiabetic. etc

Material and methods

Profiles of materials used

Jamun leaves were obtained from the plant of Syzygium cumini family Myrtaceae. It is a world-wide medicinal plant. It contains kamperol, myricetin, myricetin, quercetin and their glycosides. We also use polymers like Carbopol 934, HPMC 50cps and aloe vera. Aloe vera also acts as preservatives.

Methodology

Preparation of oral In situ gel

Simple mixing method

Different formulations were prepared by using Syzygium cumini leaves and other natural drugs. For many experiments, in this, we make a polymeric solution by dispensing required polymers then the quantity of drug powder mixed into polymeric solution and properly mixed by magnetic stir until uniform solution obtained. 2 mg of turmeric and other natural drug powder was solubilized in deionised water with continuous stirring until uniform solution obtained. To the polymer solution, drug solution was added. and the above prepared solution 6.8 pH buffer was added. there we can observe solution to gel transformation. The formulation prepared were shown in

Table 1

Drug name	Amount of drugs in mg	Carbopol	HPMC 50cps	Solvent
Syzygium cumini	6 gm	0.5 gm	0.25 gm	10 ml
Aloe	25 gm	0.5 gm	0.25 gm	10 ml
Turmeric	5 gm	0.5 gm	0.25 gm	10 ml

Evaluation parameters

1. Physical appearance

All the formulations which were prepared were evaluated for clearness by visual inspection against a black and white background.

2. PH

The pH of prepared formulations was determined using a calibrated pH meter at room temperature. The measurement is carried out in triplicate and average values are taken.

3. Gelation time

The gelation time is the time taken by solution to get converted into gel in appropriate conditions and was determined by adding the polymeric solution containing the drug into the 6.8 pH buffer, it was observed for seconds the solution transformed into a gel when it comes in contact with the buffer. As the formulation came in contact with 6.8 pH buffer, it interchanged from solution to gel and the time was noted properly.

4. Rheological behaviour

The viscosities of the different formulations were determined by use of Brookfield viscometer. The samples were sheared at a rate of 100 rpm using spindle no 64 at room temperature. Viscosity estimation for each sample was performed in three steps, and average was selected.

5. Swelling index

10 ml formulation was prepared and weighed properly (W1). It was reserved in a beaker and 10 ml of 6.8 pH phosphate buffer was added. The beaker was kept aside for 24 hrs. The weight of swollen matrix gel (W2) was found and swelling index was calculated by following formulae: Swelling Index = $(W2 - W1) / W1 \times 100$ Where, W1 = initial weight of gel (100 mg), W2 = weight of bloated matrix after 24 hrs.

6. Mucoadhesive strength

A modified balance was used for measuring the *ex vivo* mucoadhesive strength. Fresh sheep intestinal mucosa was obtained from a local slaughterhouse (Small intestine mucosa was used as model membrane since the intestine provides flat and uniform surface, and used within 2 hours of slaughter. The mucosal membrane was isolated by removing underlying fat and loose tissues. The membrane

was washed several times with distilled water and then with phosphate buffer 6.8 solutions. The sheep intestinal mucosa was cut into different parts and washed with phosphate buffer pH 6.8. A piece of intestinal mucosa was tied to a glass vial; the vial was tightly fitted into a glass beaker filled with phosphate buffer pH 6.8 so that it just touched the mucosal surface. The formulated gel stuck to the lower side of a glass stopper. Both sides of the balance were made equal before examining, by keeping a 5g weight on the right-hand pan. A weight of 5g was taken off from the right-hand pan, including the gel over the mucosa. The balance was kept in this position for 2 minutes contact time; a force was applied to the left pan of balance by adding water dropwise to the beaker till of gel achieved. The mucoadhesive strength shows the amount of water added minus the weight of the preload, and the mucoadhesive force was calculated from the following equation: Mucoadhesive Force = mucoadhesive strength x 0.0098 mucoadhesive strength determination.

Determination of Absorption Maximum (Amax)

UV spectrum of syzygium cumini. UV-Scan Spectrum Performed at Range 200.00 to 350.00 nm showed maximum absorbance at 270nm wave-length. The calibration curve of syzygium cumini by plotting concentration against absorbance results in a straight line, and Better peak response and less placebo interference were observed at 264 nm. Therefore, wavelength of 264 nm, it was preferred to estimate the drug.

Results and discussion

Parameters	Result
Colour	Green
Odour	Sweet, Aromatic
PH	4.7-5.2
Physical appearance	Clear appearance
Rheology study	192-1083pa.s
Mucoadhesive strength	13.34-20.84(g)
Swelling index	Greater
Gelation time	30-60sec
Absorption maximum	264

Conclusion

The aim of the study was to formulate develop and evaluate antidiabetic oral In-situ Gel. Diabetes is the most common disorder; for the management of diabetes many anti-diabetic drugs are available in the market in solid dosage forms. But some are convenient or some are not convenient. So Many natural drug formulation is an oral anti-diabetic agent, which is used in treating of type – II diabetes mellitus. The biological half-life of of preparation was a maximum 3 h and is eliminated rapidly. The optimized formulation Thereby, the 2% concentration of syzygium cumini and other drugs like Alovera, Turmeric along with HPMC c50 and Carbopol-934 had shown an extended period of drug release for above 12 hours. The *in-vivo* drug release studies and x-ray studies also confirmed that the optimised formulation showing extended bioavailability as above 12 h. Hence it is concluding that the main objective of the study to increase its bioavailability of Formulation as a convenient dosage form in the treatment of diabetes mellitus had been achieved.

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