

## A Review on Formulation and Evaluation of Combination of Lansoprazole and Itopride Tablet

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**ABSTRACT:** Lansoprazole is potent proton pump inhibitor and Itopride, a novel prokinetic agent is unique and different from the available prokinetics because of its dual mode of action and lack of significant drug interaction potential. Itopride is a newly developed prokinetic agent, which enhances gastric motility through both anticholinergic and anti-acetylcholinesterase actions. Cisapride and Metoclopramide have been reported to have a modest prokinetic effect. The main side effects of Metoclopramide are extrapyramidal such as dystonic reactions.<sup>[16]</sup>

Cisapride has the potential to cause QT prolongation on ECG, thus predisposing to cardiac arrhythmias and its use has been restricted by the USFDA. Mosapride too belongs to the same group and although its side effects are not well documented, it has drug interaction potentials similar to that observed with Cisapride and. Thus, a prokinetic drug like Itopride, by virtue of its efficacy and tolerability could be considered as a drug of first choice.

Itopride is used in the treatment of gastrointestinal symptoms caused by reduced gastrointestinal motility, like feeling of gastric fullness, upper abdominal pain, anorexia, heartburn, nausea and vomiting, non-ulcer dyspepsia or chronic gastritis.

Itopride hydrochloride, a novel prokinetic agent is best candidate for GERD. Central Composite design has been used to optimize the concentration of different components in the formulation of sustained release tablet. In this design, 2 factors were evaluated by using combination of different concentrations of polymer.

**Keyword:** Lansoprazole, Itopride, Metoclopramide, Prokinetic effect, Abdominal pain, Heart burn, Polymer.

### I. INTRODUCTION:

Oral route is the most preferred route for administration of drugs. Tablets are the most popular oral

formulations available in the market and preferred by both patients and physicians alike. In long-term therapy for the treatment of chronic disease conditions,

conventional formulations are required to be administered in multiple doses, and therefore have several disadvantages.

Sustained release tablet formulations are much desirable and preferred for such therapy because they offer better patient compliance, maintain uniform drug levels, reduce dose and side effects, and increase safety margin for high-

potency drugs. Oral drug delivery continues to rise in popularity as formulations scientists look for ways to control drug release and improve patient convenience. However, developing oral sustained release tablets for water-soluble drugs with constant release rate has always been a challenge to the pharmaceutical technologist. Most of these water-soluble drugs if not formulated properly, may readily release the drug at a fast rate and produce a toxic concentration of drug on oral administration.

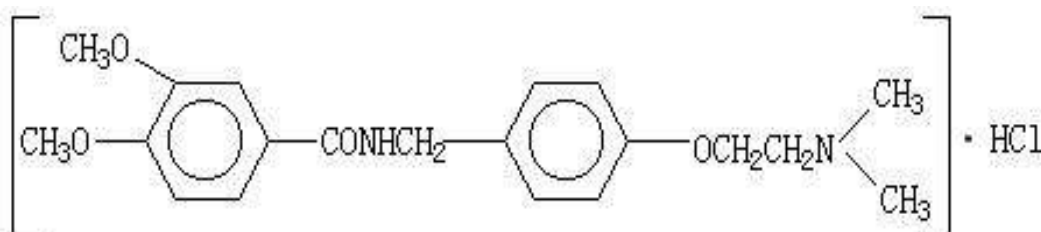
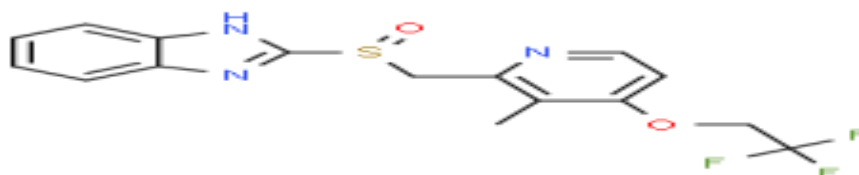
Hence, it is a challenging task to formulate a suitable tablet dosage form for prolonged delivery of highly water-soluble

drugs. The most commonly used method of modulating drug release is to include it in a matrix system.

At pH values from 2 to 13, HPMC is relatively stable and the Symmetrix formulation of any drug prepared using HPMC can show pH independent drug release if the drug has pH independent drug solubility. A number of reports appear in the literature on the utility of Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose in the design of oral controlled release tablets.

It is very suitable to use as a retardant material in Symmetrix tablets, as it is nontoxic and easy to handle. Matrix tablets prepared using HPMC in contact with a aqueous fluid get hydrated to form a viscous gel layer through which drug will be released by diffusion and/or by erosion of the matrix.

**PROFILES  
DRUGREVIEW**



**LANSOPRAZOLE and ITOPRIDE:**

Lansoprazole is novel proton pump inhibitor and Itopride HCl is a novel prokinetic agent. It is used in the treatment of gastrointestinal symptoms caused by reduced gastrointestinal motility, like feeling of gastric fullness, upper abdominal pain, anorexia, heartburn, nausea and vomiting; non-ulcer dyspepsia or chronic gastritis.

**DESCRIPTION AND PROFILE:**

**Nomenclature:**

The chemical name of lansoprazole is 1H-Benzimidazole, 2-[[[3-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-2-pyridinyl]methyl]sulfinyl] The chemical abstract name of itopride is N-[P-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethoxy)benzyl]veratramine hydrochloride.

**Standards:**

Lansoprazole and Itopride contains not less than 98.0 percent and not more than 102 percent of

**Preparation: [59]**

The process of preparing itopride hydrochloride which comprises reacting 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde with 2-dimethylaminoethyl chloride in the presence of a weak organic base to obtain 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)benzaldehyde. Reacting 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)benzaldehyde with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in an acidic environment to obtain 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)-Benz

aldoxime hydrochloride. Reacting 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)-Benz aldoxime hydrochloride in the presence of reducing agent to 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)-benzylamine. Reacting 4-(2-dimethylaminoethoxy)-benzylamine with veratrin acid chloride in the presence of a tertiary amine to obtain itopride & salifying itopride with hydrochloric acid to obtain itopride hydrochloride.

**Molecular Formula:**

[C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>].HCl

**Structural formula:**

349.9

**Description:**

A white to off-white crystalline powder.

**Melting point:**

191 to 195 Celsius degrees.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in water, methanol and sparingly soluble in acetic acid.

**pH:**

3.5 to 5.5.

**Ultraviolet spectrum:**

UV spectrum of itopride is observed at a wavelength of 257 nm with a concentration of 50 µg/ml in 0.1N HCl.

**Infrared Spectrum:**

The infrared absorption spectrum of the finely ground sample in KBr dispersion

compressed into discs should exhibit maxima only at the same wavelength as that of a similar preparation of working standard.

Lansoprazole and Itopride shows principal peaks at wavenumber  $3282.22\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $3228.46\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $3035.07\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2943.19\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1650.14\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1581.14\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (KBr disc).

#### Loss on drying:

Not more than 0.5% w/w.

#### Dosage and administration:

The usual daily dose of adults is lansoprazole 30mg and 150mg of itopride hydrochloride orally in three divided doses before meals. The dose may be reduced if required, depending on the patient's age and symptoms at the direction of the physician.

This product should not be used for long term when no improvement of gastrointestinal symptoms is observed. A single oral dose of itopride was administered to the healthy adult on an empty stomach that is before meals.

#### Mechanism:

Lansoprazole is to reduce excess of acid by inhibiting proton pump. Itopride activates the gastrointestinal motility through synergism of its dopamine  $D_2$ -receptor antagonistic action and its acetylcholinesterase-inhibitory action. In addition to these actions, itopride has an antiemetic action, which is based on its dopamine  $D_2$ -receptor antagonistic action. Acetylcholine and dopamine play an important role in the maintenance of gastrointestinal motility. Dopamine  $D_2$ -receptors are present on the cholinergic neurons in the gastrointestinal tract. On binding with these receptors, dopamine suppresses the release of acetylcholine (ACh) from parasympathetic nerve endings. By virtue of its action on the gastrointestinal tract, dopamine

lowers the lower esophageal sphincter pressure and thus facilitates gastro-oesophageal reflux and thereby inhibits gastric motility.

The enzyme, acetylcholinesterase (AChE) hydrolyses the released ACh and inactivates it. This also inhibits gastric motility.

In the presence of large amounts of dopamine, ACh release is suppressed and gastric motility is reduced. As a consequence, various digestive disorders like non-ulcer dyspepsia, GERD associated with delayed gastric emptying occur.

Itopride has a dual mode of action. It inhibits dopamine  $D_2$ -receptors at the parasympathetic nerve endings and thereby increases the release of acetylcholine. It decreases the metabolism of acetylcholine by inhibiting the enzyme acetylcholinesterase (AChE).

By maintaining higher acetylcholine levels, itopride increases the esophageal and gastrointestinal peristalsis, increases the lower esophageal sphincter pressure, stimulates

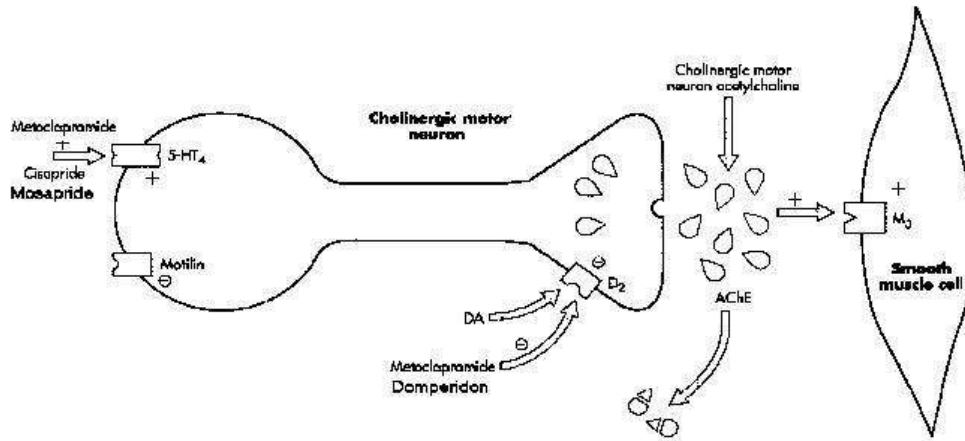
gastric motility, accelerates gastric emptying and improves gastro-duodenal coordination.

This mode of action of lansoprazole is to reduce excess of acid by inhibiting proton pump and itopride, which involves both the anti-acetylcholinesterase activity and dopamine  $D_2$  antagonism, is unique for the drug and is essentially different from the mechanism of action of the prokinetic drugs.

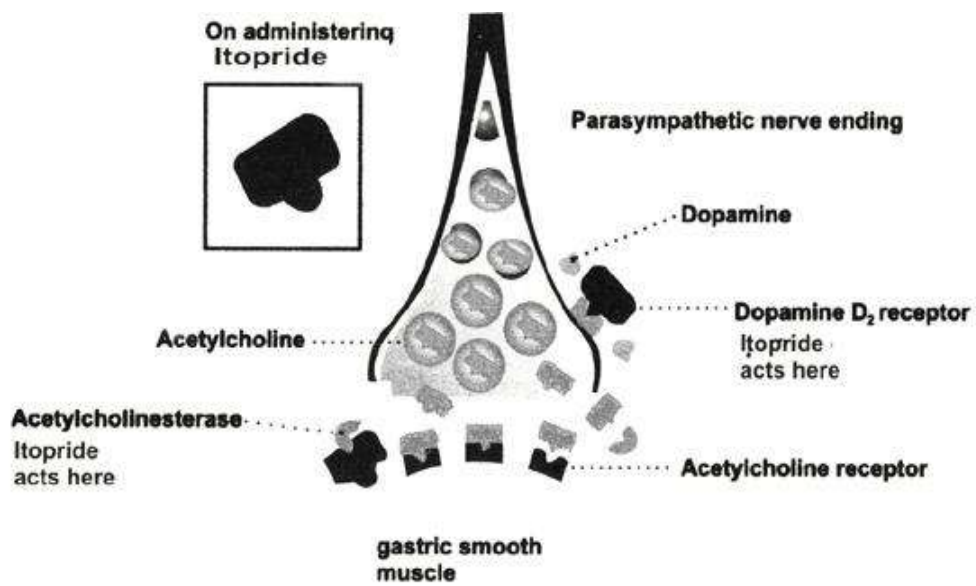
By virtue of its dopamine  $D_2$ -receptor antagonistic action on the chemoreceptor trigger zone (CTZ), itopride also exerts anti-emetic action. In contrast to other prokinetic drugs such as meta

chlorpropamide, itopride does not readily cross the blood brain barrier (BBB) and therefore is devoid of extrapyramidal side effects such as dystonic effects.

**Mechanism of Action of Itopride**



**Mode of action of Itopride**



**II. RESULTS & CONCLUSION**

**Compatibility studies of Itopride and excipients**

Sl.No	Excipients	Drug/excipients ratio	Physical description initial	30 <sup>0</sup> C ± 2 <sup>0</sup> C / 60% ± 5% RH	
				1st Month IR study	3rd Month IR study

1.	<b>lansoprazole, itopride</b>	--	White crystalline powder	*	*
2.	<b>Tamarind seed polysaccharide</b>	--	Slight brown amorphous powder	*	*
3.	<b>Locustbeangum</b>	--	White amorphous powder	*	*
4.	<b>HPMC</b>	--	White amorphous powder	*	*
5.	<b>Carbopol</b>	--	White amorphous powder	*	*
6.	<b>Ethylcellulose</b>	--	White amorphous powder	*	*

In this study combination of enteric coated lansoprazole and sustained release matrix tablet of Itopride was prepared by wet granulation technique using natural and synthetic polymers like Carbopol 934, tamarind polysaccharide, karayagum, locustbeangum, ethylcellulose, HPMCK 100, were used as retardant. It was found that increase in the concentration in polymeric ratio decreases the drug release.

All the tablet formulations showed acceptable pharmacotechnical properties like hardness, friability, thickness, weight variation, drug content uniformity etc. and complied within in-house specifications for tested parameters. The release of Itopride from matrix containing lactose, microcrystalline cellulose and starch 1500 as diluents. The drug release rate was found in order of lactose > microcrystalline cellulose > starch 1500. Tablet matrices having drug-polymer ratio of 1:1 tamarind polysaccharide and, HPMCK 100 gave better drug release rate over a period of 12 hours. Thus, formulation F-18 was found to be the most promising formulation on the basis of acceptable tablet properties and in-vitro drug release.

The kinetic treatment of selected optimized formulations show that the regression coefficient for zero-order kinetics were found to be higher when compared with those of the first-order kinetics, indicating that drug release from all the fo-

rmulations followed zero-order kinetics and the 'n' value lies between 0.481-0.763 (Korsmeyer-Peppas model) demonstrating that the mechanism controlling the drug release was Anomalous (non-Fickian) diffusion.

Therefore, the results of the kinetic study obtained permit us to conclude that an orally sustained Itopride matrix tablet deliver the drug through a complex mixture of diffusion, swelling and erosion.

Stability studies were conducted for the optimized formulations as per ICH guidelines for a period of 90 days which revealed the stability of the formulations. The results suggest that the developed sustained-release tablets of Itopride could perform better than conventional dosage forms, leading to improve efficacy and better patient compliance. Lansoprazole is novel proton pump inhibitor and Itopride hydrochloride, a novel prokinetic agent is best candidate for Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Itopride 50 mg is given thrice in a day given.

By developing the sustained release formulation of Itopride hydrochloride, the frequency of drug administration can be reduced to once a day and one can obtain good therapeutic response. The prepared formulation is usually taken on an empty stomach about an hour before meals and efficient to overcome Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) for 24 hr.

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