

## Formulation and Development of Cyclosporine Microsponges Loaded Topical Drug Delivery System by Using Quality by Design

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### ABSTRACT

#### Objective:

The Presented research work was aimed to formulate microsponges loaded topical gel of poorly water-soluble drug Cyclosporin A with purpose of increasing residence time into skin, to avoid systemic side effects, to reduce particle size, increase surface area with increasing permeation of drug, to reduce dose and dose frequency & increases better in-vitro release/diffusion performance than conventional dosage forms.

#### Experimental Work:

Preformulation studies, FTIR, DSC was carried out for identification of drug & to check interaction between drug & excipients. Microsponges were prepared by Qausi emulsion diffusion method & this microsponges incorporated into gel using polyethylene glycol, triethanolamine, water, methyl paraben, propylparaben in different concentrations.  $3^2$  full factorial design employed to study the effect of independent variables, Prepared formulation is evaluated for their physical parameters Viscosity, pH, Spreadability, In-vitro release kinetic, Ex-vivo permeation study, Skin irritation study, stability analysis. The release kinetic models are used to determine the diffusion pattern of the drug from the microsponges loaded gel.

#### Results & Discussion

The primary identification of drug showed that the drug is pure. IR spectra of Cyclosporin A revealed that function group of cyclosporin A present in the sample shows their stretching in the standard range. Thus, present sample was confirmed as Apremilast with high purity grade. DSC study showed that drug is compatible with the polymers. The results of  $3^2$  full factorial design shown that the Drug: polymer & Stirring Speed significantly affected on dependent variables. From whole experimental work, we get results that formulation We get results of various evaluation of optimized Batch like pH was  $6.93 \pm 0.024$ , Spreadability was  $10.39 \pm 0.85$ , viscosity was  $9260 \pm 0.76$ , % Drug content was

$92.25 \pm 0.24$ . In-vitro diffusion study, Ex-vivo permeation study and In-vitro release kinetic study shows good result of optimized batch. Skin irritation study results shows that there was no irritation of skin. Stability study of optimized batch shows good result there were no degradation of gel.

#### Conclusion

Microsponge containing Cyclosporine A will be ready by a semi emulsion dispersion technique utilizing Eudragit RS100 utilizing QbD approach. All the were oppressed for % yield, % Entrapment productivity, % drug content, examining electron microscopy, FTIR ghostly investigations, and Ex vivo drug discharge studies,

The microsponges which gave better physical, morphological and % embodiment in both of the polymers were chosen for joining into the Topical gel definitions. Different Topical gel plans with Cyclosporine A in free structure and in microsponges conveyance framework were figured out and the in-vitro discharge studies were completed.

**Keywords:** Microsponges, cyclosporin A, Qausi emulsion diffusion method,  $3^2$  factorial designs.

### I. INTRODUCTION

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The IR otherworldly investigation recommended similarity between the medication and definition added substance. The medication exists in unique structure and accessible for the organic activity.

The disintegration boundaries were contemplated by involving disintegration programming PCP DISSO V.3 for microsponges details which demonstrated expansion in drug focus, drug discharge was diminished.

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By thinking about every one of the aftereffects of Check Point Analysis the Microsponges details and further continue for effective gel definitions and Characterization of same. It shows that the arrival of medication from Microsponges consolidated into the Topical gel, follow Higuchi (framework) dispersion model. No progressions found after security investigation for a time of 1 months.

From the review it very well may be reasoned that it is feasible to plan an effective polymeric Microsponges definition for Cyclosporine A might build viability and patient consistence which are of prime significance. Nonetheless, Ex vivo tests are fundamental to lay out the genuine helpfulness of these Microsponges.

## II. MATERIALS & METHODOLOGY

### Materials

cyclosporin A was a gift sample from Balaji Pharmaceuticals, Surat. Eudragit RS100, Ethyl Cellulose, Eudragit RL 100 were obtained from Sulab, Vadodara, India. Ethanol, Methanol, Acetone, Dichloromethane were obtained from Chem Think Lab, Ankleshwar, India. Polyvinyl Alcohol, Tween 80 were obtained from Chem Dyes Co., Rajkot, India. Carbopol 934p was obtained from ACS Chemicals, Ahmedabad, India.

### Methodology

Gelling Agent was soaked in water for 2 h and then dispersed by agitation at approximately 600 rpm with the aid of magnetic stirrer to get a smooth dispersion. The dispersion was allowed to stand for 15 min to expel entrained air. To it the aqueous solution of triethanolamine (2% v/v) was added with slow agitation for adjusting pH to 6.5–7.5. At this stage permeation enhancers and microsponges containing drug were incorporated into the gel base. Prepared gels were packed in wide mouth glass jar covered with screw capped plastic lid after covering the mouth with aluminum foil and were kept in dark and cool place until use.

### Physical evaluation:

It will be evaluate Organoleptic property, Occlusiveness and wash ability of gel.

### Measurement of pH of Gel:

The pH will be checked by a digital pH meter of formulated gel.

### Viscosity study of Gel:

50 gm of arranged gel will be kept in 50 mL beaker and shaft Groove will dipped at specific RPM in Brookfield Viscometer. This was completed multiple times and recorded observation will considered as mean of viscosity.

### Spreadability of Gel:

An accurately weighed quantity of 1 g of gel will be pushed among two slides and left as such for about 5 minutes. Diameters of speed circles was measure in cm and were taken as comparative values for spreadability when no further spreading. The readings attained are mean of three determinations.

### Homogeneity and Grittiness

The consistency of prepared gel will be determined by pressing between the thumb and the index finger. Minor quantity gel is wiped on skin of back of hand to check the homogeneity and grittiness.

### Drug Content:

1 gm of each gel formulation will be determined in 20 mL of alcohol in volumetric flask with 30 min mixing. At long last, it was diluted and separated. Further dilution was made up to 10 mL alcohol and again 1 mL was removed from above and diluted to 10 mL alcohol. The absorbance was estimated at 215 nm in UV.

### In-vitro diffusion Studies

In-vitro dissemination study will be performed utilizing Design glass cylinder (open at the two ends). Weighed 1 gm of gel was moved in 20 mL Phosphate buffer in 250 mL volumetric flask with mixing for 30 mins. The volume were made up to 100 mL and filter. 1 mL of above solution was diluted to 10 mL with Phosphate buffer and further 1 mL of the above solution were diluted to 10 mL with Phosphate buffer. The absorbance of the solution was estimated spectrophotometrically at 407 nm.

### Flux and Permeability co-efficient:

The Flux (mgcm<sup>-2</sup>hr<sup>-1</sup>) of Cyclosporine A will be determined from the incline of the plot of the cumulative amount of Cyclosporine A permeated per cm<sup>2</sup> of skin at at steady state against

the time using linear regression analysis. The steady state permeability co-efficient ( $K_p$ ) of the drug through rat epidermis was calculated by using the following equation.

$$K_p = J / C$$

Where, J = the flux

C = the concentration of Cyclosporine A in the gel.

### III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

#### Preliminary Selection of Drug: Polymer Ratio

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Batch	Drug: Polymer Ratio	Volume of Inner Phase (ml)	Volume of Outer (ml)	Surfactant Conc. (mg)	Stirring Speed (R.P.M.)	Stirring Time (Mins)
1	1:1	20	30	100	1500	75
2	1:2	20	30	100	1500	75
3	1:3	20	30	100	1500	75
4	1:4	20	30	100	1500	75
5	1:1	20	30	100	1500	75
6	1:2	20	30	100	1500	75
7	1:3	20	30	100	1500	75
8	1:4	20	30	100	1500	75

#### Results of Effect of Drug: Polymer Ratio on Batch

#### Effect of Drug: Polymer Ratio on Batch 1-8

Batch	Yield(%) (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Loading Efficiency (%)(Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	DrugContent (%) (Mean ± S.D.)(n=3)
1	83.33±1.3	90.6±1.2	88.6±1.35
2	<b>94±0.9</b>	<b>95.2±1.05</b>	<b>94.7±1.04</b>
3	92.5±1.2	94.3±1.15	92.8±0.84
4	91.66±0.85	92.1±0.9	92.3±0.73
5	76.73±1.2	84.7±1.1	89.4±0.5
6	88.5±1.35	87.2±1.25	93.9±1.2
7	86.7±1.15	88.9±1.15	92.6±1.29
8	83.66±1.05	92.7±1.03	91.7±1.12

**Effect of Drug: Polymer Ratio:**

The minimum concentration had found to be 1:2 of drug: polymer ratio because at this concentration, the microspongess showed good physical characteristic like proper shape, size, porosity, particle size distribution and

did not collapse even after removal from the solvent and subsequent drying. The Loading efficiency and % yield gradually improved with an increase in Drug: Polymer ratio. Hence, Batch 2(EU) has been selected as an optimized batch.

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Batch	Drug: Polymer Ratio	Volume of Inner Phase (ml)	Volume of Outer (ml)	Surfactant Conc. (mg)	Stirring Speed (R.P.M.)	Stirring Time (Mins)
9	1:2	10	30	100	1500	75

10	1:2	20	30	100	1500	75
11	1:2	30	30	100	1500	75

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Batch	Yield (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Loading Efficiency (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Drug Content (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)
9	91.8±1.2	95.8±1.15	89.3±1.3
<b>10</b>	<b>94.4±0.5</b>	<b>97.2±0.9</b>	<b>94.9±1.15</b>
11	92.1±1.35	96.4±1.2	91.4±1.05

**Effect of Internal Phase Volume:**

When the amount of inner phase was gradually increasing, % loading efficiency and drug content increased. Hence, Batch 10 have been selected as a optimized batch.

**Selection of Surfactant Conc. (mg):**

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Batch	Drug: Polymer Ratio	Volume of Inner Phase (ml)	Volume of Outer (ml)	Surfactant Conc. (mg)	Stirring Speed (R.P.M.)	Stirring Time (Mins)
12	1:2	20	30	100	1500	75
13	1:2	20	30	200	1500	75
14	1:2	20	30	300	1500	75

**Results of Effects of Surfactant Conc. on Batch**

**Effect of Surfactant Conc. on Batches 12-14**

Batch	Yield (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Loading Efficiency (%) (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Drug Content (%) (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)
12	93.3±1.26	96.1±1.15	95.9±1.26
13	91.9±2.14	90.6±1.46	93.7±1.56
14	91.5±1.46	91.8±1.42	92.5±1.54

**Effect of surfactant conc. (PVA):**

Microsponges did not form in the absence of surfactant. When concentration of PVA was higher it affects the drug content and % yield. Increase the

PVA concentration that time decrease in drug content, % yield & loading efficiency. Hence, Batch 12 have been selected as optimized batch.

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Batch	Drug: Polymer Ratio	Volume of Inner Phase (ml)	Volume of Outer (ml)	Surfactant Conc. (mg)	Stirring Speed (R.P.M.)	Stirring Time (Mins)
15	1:2	20	30	100	500	75
16	1:2	20	30	100	1000	75
17	1:2	20	30	100	1500	75

**Results of Effects of Stirring Speed on Batch**

**Effects of Stirring Speed on Batches**

Batch	Yield (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Loading Efficiency (%) (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Drug Content (%) (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)
15	91.6±1.2	90.9±1.15	93.4±0.73

16	92.8±1.08	93.4±1.03	93.9±1.2
<b>17</b>	<b>93.5±0.85</b>	<b>97.7±0.5</b>	<b>95.3±1.29</b>

**Effect of stirring speed:**

It was observed that increasing the stirring speed from 500, 1000 and 1500 RPM increased the % yield, drug content and loading efficiency. Hence, Batch 17 have been selected as an optimized batch.

**Selection of Stirring Time (Min)**

Batch	Drug: Polymer Ratio	Volume of Inner Phase (ml)	Volume of Outer (ml)	Surfactant Conc. (mg)	Stirring Speed (R.P.M.)	Stirring Time (Mins)
18	1:2	20	30	100	1500	60
<b>19</b>	<b>1:2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>75</b>
20	1:2	20	30	100	1500	90

**Results of Effects of Stirring Time on Batch**  
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Batch	Yield (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Loading Efficiency (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Drug Content (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)
18	92.1±1.3	96.8±1.14	95.4±0.8
<b>19</b>	<b>94.2±1.05</b>	<b>97.2±1.35</b>	<b>96.3±1.15</b>
20	91.5±0.74	94.5±1.25	93.1±1.2

**Effects of Stirring Time:**

It was observed that gradually increasing the stirring time from 60, 75 and 90 Mins increased the % yield, drug content and loading efficiency. Hence, Batch 19 have been selected as an optimized batch.

**Risk Assessment of Critical Quality Attributes from Preliminary Trial Batches to Develop QbD Approach:**

The critical quality attributes are

categorized in high, medium and low risk parameters based on knowledge space to check influence of formulation and process parameters. Usually, high risk parameters are considered important for Design of Experiments as they are having more effect than others and need to be in accepted multivariate ranges. The Critical parameters and critical quality attributes (CQAs) for selection of optimum formulation are shown in table.

**Risk assessment to identify variable affecting Drug product quality**

Drug Product CQAs	Drug:Polymer Ratio	Stirring Speed
Yield (%)	Medium	Medium
% Drug Content	High	Low
Loading Efficiency (%)	Medium	Medium
% Cumulative Drug release	High	Medium

**Development of Cyclosporine A loaded microsphere by using 3<sup>2</sup> factorial design approach**

**3<sup>2</sup> factorial Design Batches**

Independent variables			
Independent variables	Low (-1)	Medium (0)	High (+1)
Drug: polymer (X1)	1:1	1:2	1:3
Stirring speed (RPM) X2	500	1000	1500
Dependent variables			
Y1- Yield (%)			
Y2-% Drug Content			
Y3-% Cumulative Drug release in Hours			

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3 <sup>2</sup> = Batches		
Batches	Drug:polymer (X1)	Stirring Speed (RPM) (X2)
1	-1	-1
2	-1	0
3	-1	+1
4	0	-1
5	0	0
6	0	+1



7	+1	-1
8	+1	0
9	+1	+1

**Compositions of factorial batches in Decoded form**  
**CompositionsoffactorialbatchesinDecodedform**

**3<sup>2</sup> = Batches**

Batches	Drug:polymer(X1)	Stirring Speed(RPM)(X2)
1	1:1	500
2	1:1	1000
3	1:1	1500
4	1:2	500
5	1:2	1000
6	1:2	1500
7	1:3	500
8	1:3	1000
9	1:3	1500

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Batch	Yield (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	Drug Content (%) (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)	% CDR inHours (Mean ± S.D.) (n= 3)
1	91.6±1.2	92.4±0.73	85.22±1.22
2	92.8±1.08	93.65±1.2	86.05±1.25
3	93.5±0.85	93.9±1.03	87.21±1.11
4	93.4±1.04	94.2±1.5	89.07±1.89

5	94.7±1.1	94.7±0.5	89.41±1.36
6	95±0.9	95.7±1.04	91.17±1.74
7	92.66±1.15	94.5±1.35	90.86±1.69
8	91.3±0.5	94±0.9	90.52±1.21
9	89.6±1.29	93.7±1.3	89.79±1.70

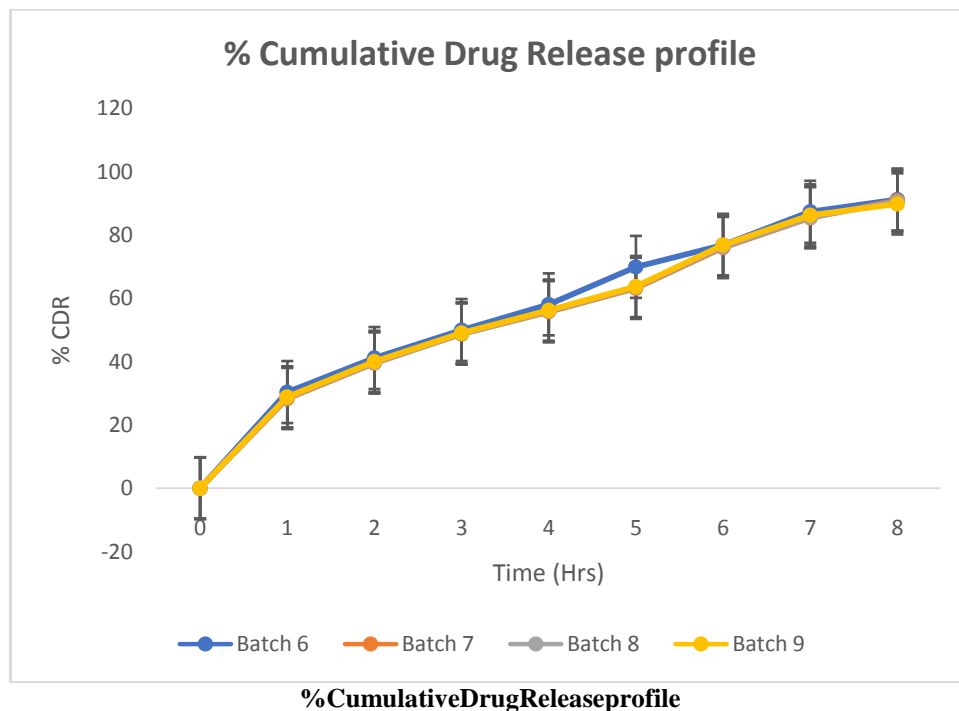
**% Cumulative Drug Release Study**

**% Cumulative Drug Release Profile**

Time	Batch 1 (Mean ±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 2 (Mean ±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 3 (Mean ±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 4 (Mean ±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 5 (Mean ±S.D.) (n= 3)
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	26.60±1.65	24.64±1.73	26.36±1.53	27.49±1.06	27.83±1.36
2	33.88±1.54	35.25±1.35	36.85±1.23	37.27±1.54	38.16±1.52
3	45.86±1.25	46.33±1.69	46.73±1.92	47.90±1.63	48.34±1.92
4	52.80±1.91	54.06±1.56	54.46±1.68	54.79±1.97	55.28±1.63
5	57.85±1.54	59.91±1.87	60.02±1.72	60.63±1.55	61.33±1.80
6	68.75±1.47	69.50±1.90	72.18±1.30	74.82±1.84	75.49±1.32
7	79.01±1.05	81.95±1.11	83.62±1.64	84.29±1.26	85.09±1.79
8	88.17±1.74	90.86±1.69	92.52±1.21	91.79±1.70	92.17±1.74

**% Cumulative Drug Release profile**

Time	Batch 6 (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 7 (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 8 (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)	Batch 9 (Mean±S.D.) (n= 3)
0	0	0	0	0
1	30.36±1.25	28.33±1.72	28.62±1.78	28.85±1.31
2	41.11±1.64	39.54±1.45	39.78±1.09	40.06±1.39
3	49.96±1.78	48.69±1.22	48.90±1.59	49.01±1.90
4	58.06±1.32	55.73±1.68	55.96±1.57	56.23±1.22
5	69.89±1.20	63.13±1.49	63.52±1.60	63.68±1.89
6	76.85±1.67	76.01±1.63	76.36±1.32	76.88±1.48
7	87.29±1.79	85.41±1.11	85.67±1.73	86.30±1.67
8	91.17±1.74	90.86±1.69	90.52±1.21	89.79±1.70



#### IV. STATISTIC ANALYSIS

Design expert version 10 was used for statistical analysis and to produced first order polynomial equations. From preliminary results, 3<sup>2</sup> full factorial design was utilized in which two factors were evaluated, separately at three levels and possible nine combinations were formulated. Three level factorial studies were carried out using two different variables. In first factorial design, Drug:Polymer Ratio (X1) and Stirring Speed (X2) was taken as independent variables while % Yield (Y1), % Drug Content (Y2) and % Cumulative Drug Release (Y3) was selected as dependent variables for both factori

al designs.

#### Effect on % Yield (Y1) surface response study:

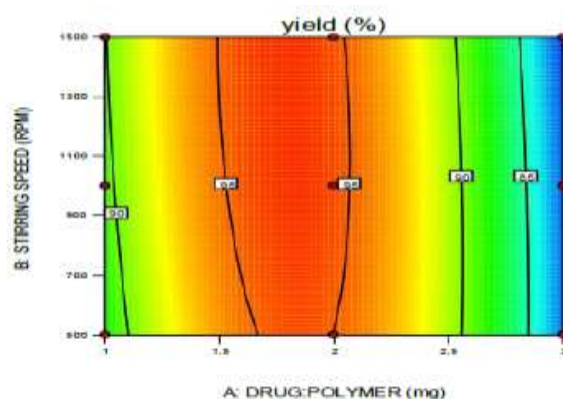
Negative value of a indicates decrease in % Yield. Positive value of coefficient B indicates increase in % Yield. It indicates linearity of surface response and contour plots show in figure. Full model was found significant for two independent variables and detailed ANOVA, Response surface counter plot and 3D plots areas follows:

$$\text{Yield} = +95.32 - 3.99 * A + 0.12 * B - 0.62 * AB - 9.93 * A^2 - 0.22 * B^2$$

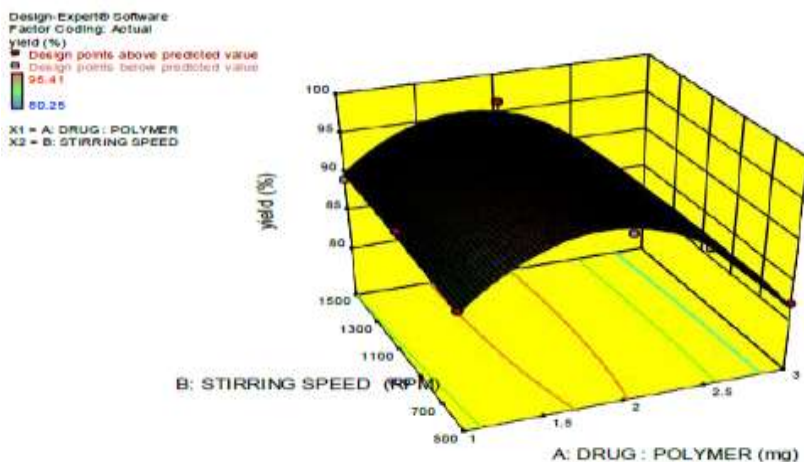
Table 5. 1 ANOVA TABLE for Response surface Y1

Analysis of variance table [Partial sum of squares - Type III]						
	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F Value	p-value	
Source					Prob > F	
Model	294.45	5	58.89	50.07	0.0043	significant
A-DRUG: POLYMER	95.52	1	95.52	81.22	0.0029	
B-STIRRING SPEED	0.089	1	0.089	0.076	0.8013	
AB	1.53	1	1.53	1.30	0.3375	
A <sup>2</sup>	197.21	1	197.52	167.68	0.0010	
B <sup>2</sup>	0.10	1	0.10	0.086	0.7883	
Residual	3.53	3	1.18			
Cor Total	297.97	8				

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 Factor Coding: Actual  
 yield (%)  
 Design Points  
 95.41  
 90.25  
 X1 - A: DRUG:POLYMER  
 X2 - B: STIRRING SPEED



Response surface plot DRUG:POLYMER(mg) and Stirring Speed (RPM) on % Yield (Y1)



3D surface plot DRUG:POLYMER(mg) and Stirring Speed (RPM) on % Yield (Y1)

**Effect on % Drug Content (Y2) Surface response study:**

Positive value for coefficient of B Stirring Speed in equation indicates increase in % Drug Content. Positive value of coefficient of A

indicates in % Drug Content. It indicates linearity of surface response and counter plot.

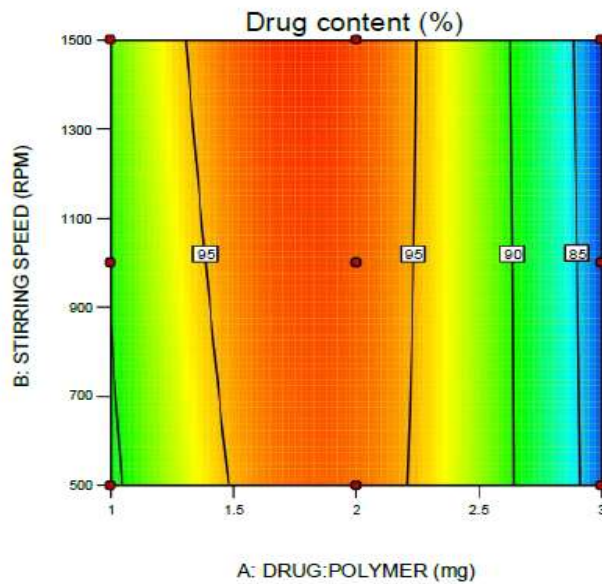
$$\text{Drug content} = +96.42 - 3.77 * A + 0.31 * B - 0.68 * AB - 9.91 * A^2 - 0.038 * B^2$$

**ANOVA TABLE for Response surface Y2**

Analysis of variance table [Partial sum of squares - Type III]						
	Sum of		Mean	F	p-value	
Source	Squares	df	Square	Value	Prob > F	
Model	283.96	5	58.89	50.47	0.0043	significant
A- DRUG: POLYMER	85.20	1	95.52	75.41	0.0032	
B-STIRRING SPEED	0.57	1	0.089	0.51	0.5279	
AB	1.84	1	1.53	1.63	0.2914	
A <sup>2</sup>	196.35	1	197.52	174.48	0.0009	
B <sup>2</sup>	2.939E-003	1	2.939E-003	2.612E-003	0.9625	
Residual	3.83	3	1.13			

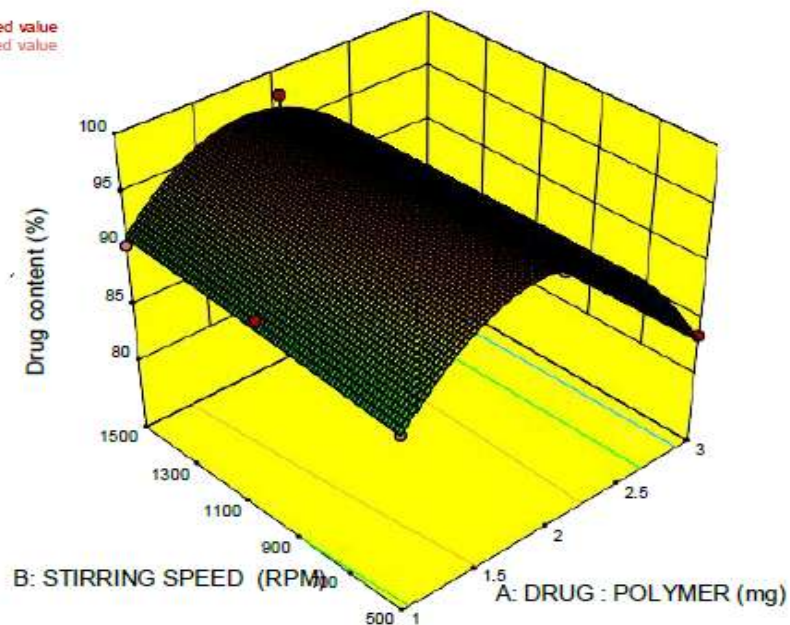
CorTotal	287.34	8				
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Design-Expert® Software  
 Factor Coding: Actual  
 Drug content (%)  
 Design Points  
 97.78  
 82.01  
 X1 = A: DRUG:POLYMER  
 X2 = B: STIRRING SPEED



Responsesurfaceplot DRUG:POLYMER(mg)andStiringSpeed(RPM) on%DrugContent(Y2)

Design-Expert® Software  
 Factor Coding: Actual  
 Drug content (%)  
 Design points above predicted value  
 Design points below predicted value  
 97.78  
 82.01  
 X1 = A: DRUG : POLYMER  
 X2 = B: STIRRING SPEED



3Dsurfaceplot DRUG:POLYMER(mg)andStiringSpeed(RPM) on%DrugContent(Y2)

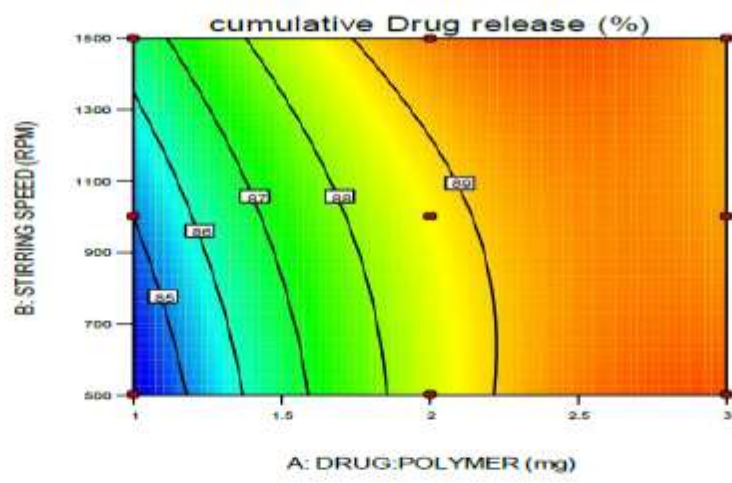
**Effect on % Cumulative Drug release (Y3)**  
**Surface response study:**  
 Positive value for coefficient of B stirring speed in equation indicates increase in % CDR. Positive value of coefficient of A indicates in %

CDR. It indicates linearity of surface response and counterplot.  
 $\%CDR = +88.73 + 2.12 * A + 0.50 * B - 0.77 * AB - 1.61 * A^2 + 0.23 * B^2$

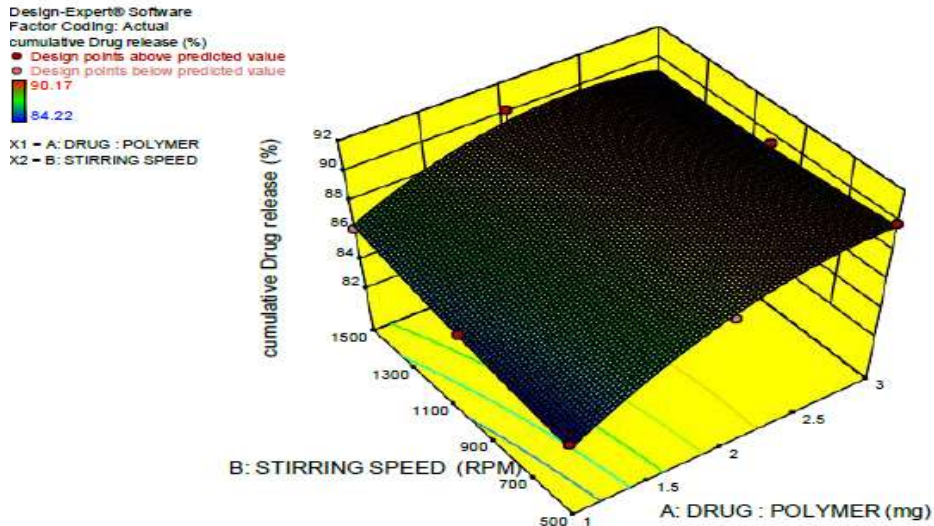
**ANOVA TABLE for Response surface Y3**

Analysis of variance table [Partial sum of squares - Type III]						
	Sum of		Mean	F	p-value	
Source	Squares	df	Square	Value	Prob > F	
Model	35.98	5	7.20	18.40	0.0185	significant
A-DRUG: POLYMER	26.84	1	26.84	68.62	0.0037	
B-STIRRING SPEED	1.52	1	1.52	3.89	0.1432	
AB	2.34	1	2.34	5.99	0.0920	
A <sup>2</sup>	5.17	1	5.17	13.23	0.0358	
B <sup>2</sup>	0.10	1	0.10	0.26	0.6436	
Residual	1.17	3	0.39			
Cor Total	37.15	8				

Design-Expert® Software  
 Factor Coding: Actual  
 cumulative Drug release (%)  
 ■ Design Points:  
 90.17  
 84.22  
 X1 = A: DRUG:POLYMER  
 X2 = B: STIRRING SPEED



**Response surface plot DRUG:POLYMER(mg) and Stirring Speed(RPM) on % Cumulative Drug Release**

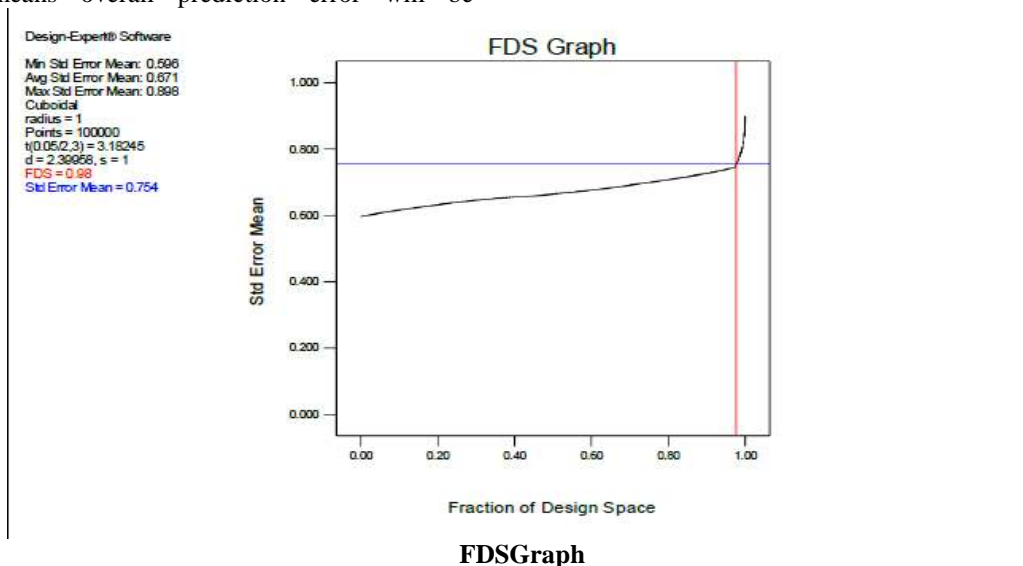


**3D surface plot DRUG: POLYMER (mg) and Stirring Speed (RPM) on %CumulativeDrugRelease(Y3)**

**Establishing design space and control strategy**

FDS curve shows what percentage fraction of design space has a given prediction error or lower. A good design will have a flatter and curve than a poor design as shown in figure 5.30. Flatter means overall prediction error will be constant. Lower means overall prediction error will be

smaller. FDS should be least 0.8 or 80% forexploration, and 100% for robustness testing. FDS was 0.98 or 98% which indicating robust standard error of prediction related to prediction interval around a prediction response at a given pair of factor level.



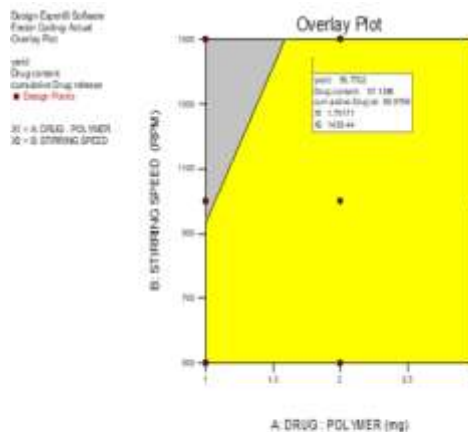
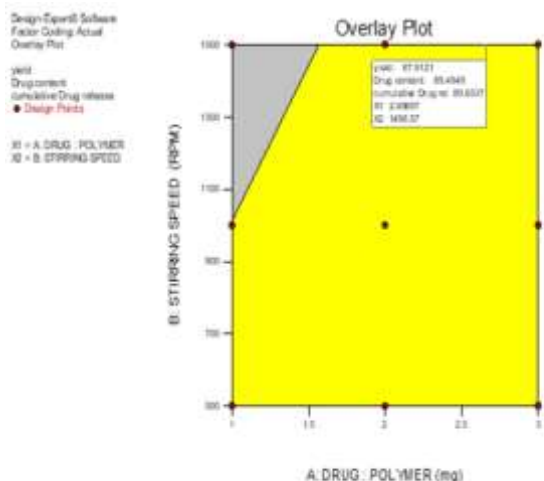
**Validation:**

From polynomial equation generated for response, intensive grid and integrated dexamine was performed over experiment field using design Expert software 10. During independent variable characterization study, impact of parameter DRUG:POLYMER (mg) and

Stirring Speed (RPM) were assessed. Criteria consideration of response % Yield (Y1), % Drug Content and % Cumulative Drug release (Y2) is between 1-8 hrs and 84-90% respectively. Design space shown in figure 5.31 and 5.32 also called as overly plot which is



shaded region with yellow color indicates that region of successful operating ranges.



**Overlay Plot**

**Check point analysis of validation batches:**

Batch 10 & 11 formulation was made for check point analysis and predicted experimental values compared.

**Validation of Batch: Predicted Response**

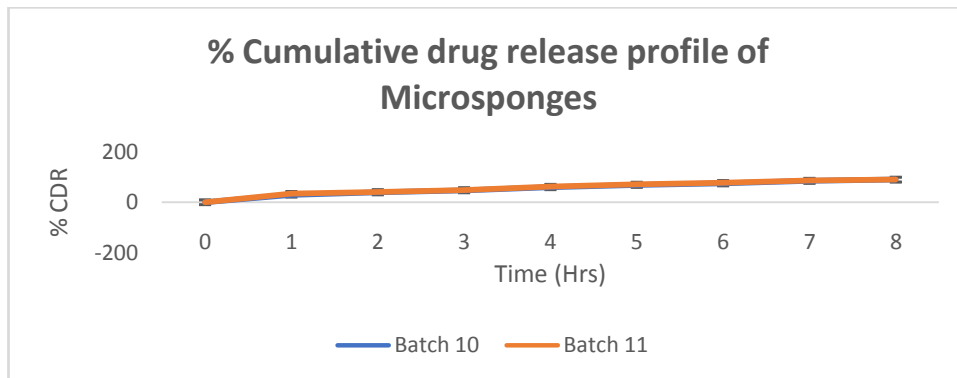
Batch	Drug: Polymer ratio (X1)	Stirring Speed (X2)	% Yield (Y1)	% Drug content (Y2)	% Cumulative Drug release (Y3)
10	1:2.6	1498	87.91	89.49	89.65
11	1:1.7	1438	95.77	97.13	88.13

**Validation of Batch: Actual Response**

Batch	Drug: Polymer ratio (X1)	Stirring Speed (X2)	% Yield (Y1)	% Drug content (Y2)	% Cumulative Drug release (Y3)
10	1:2.6	1496	86.05	88.65	88.70
11	1:1.7	1436	95.84	97.85	89.28

**% Cumulative drug release profile:**  
**% Cumulative drug release profile of Microsponges**

Time	Batch 10 (Mean±S.D.) (n=3)	Batch 11 (Mean±S.D.) (n=3)
0	0	0
1	29.54±1.38	33.84±1.45
2	38.61±1.97	41.16±1.67
3	46.77±1.77	48.92±1.83
4	59.13±0.86	62.09±1.34
5	68.35±1.43	70.61±1.62
6	74.12±1.73	77.33±1.18
7	84.26±1.14	85.97±0.90
8	89.70±1.49	90.28±0.97



**Figure 5. 1 Release profile**

**Formulation of final optimized batch 11**  
**Formulation of final optimized batch**

Ingredients	Batch 11
Drug: Polymerratio [Cyclosporine A: Eudragit RS100]	1:1.7
Volume of Inner phase (ml) [methanol: DCM]	20
Volume of Outer phase (ml) [water]	30
Surfactant [PVA] Conc. (mg)	100
Stirring Speed (R.P.M)	1438
Stirring Time (min)	75

### Selection of Optimized formulation

11 was selected as validated optimized batch and further consider for loading into gel which was having of % yield 94.84%, Drug content 96.85% & %CDR 89.28% with desirability factor of 1.

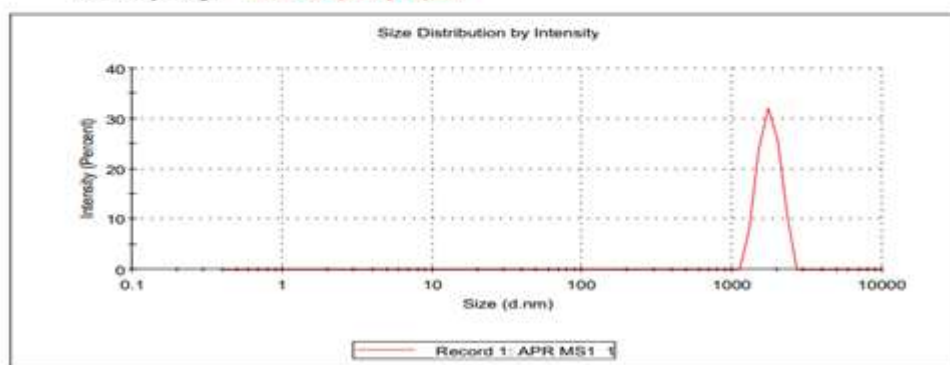
### Analysis of Optimized formulation

#### Particle size analysis of Optimized batch 11

##### Results

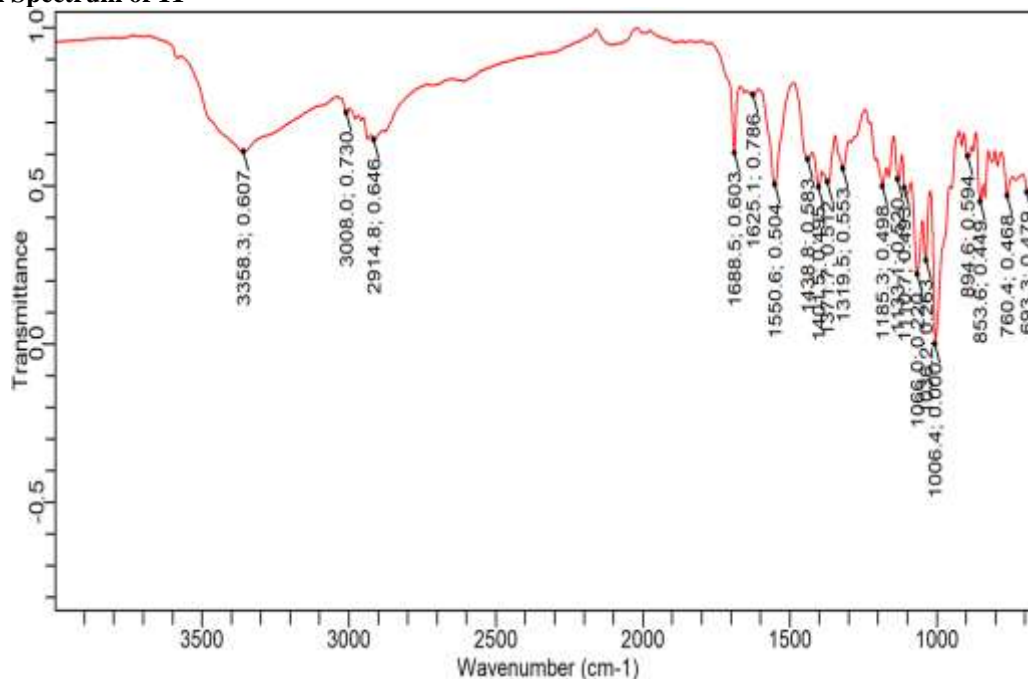
	Size (d.nm):	% Intensity:	St Dev (d.n...)
Z-Average (d.nm): 1847	Peak 1: 1761	100.0	286.3
Pdi: 0.100	Peak 2: 0.000	0.0	0.000
Intercept: 0.845	Peak 3: 0.000	0.0	0.000

Result quality : Refer to quality report



Particle size of Optimized batch 11

#### FTIR Spectrum of 11



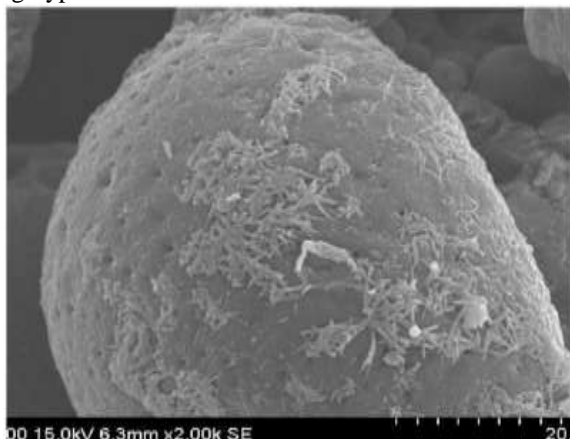
FTIR Spectrum of Optimized batch 11

#### Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) of Optimized batch 11

From SEM studies it was found that sample had porous and spherical nature.

Drug loaded Microsponge showed that Microsponge containing drug was bulging. This showed that Drug had been incorporated inside the Microsponges. Microsponges of ERS100 was

highly porous.



SEM of optimized Microsponge Batch 11

**Dose Calculation of Cyclosporine A Microsponges for topical gel**

As per taken patent reference Cyclosporine A Topical Formulation Contain 0.5% of Cyclosporine A drug.

$$0.5\% \text{ Cyclosporine A topical} = \frac{0.5}{100} = 0.005 \text{ gm}$$

$$1 \text{ gm Cyclosporine A contain} = 1000 \text{ mg}$$

$$0.005 \text{ gm Cyclosporine A contain} = (?)$$

$$0.005 * 1000 / 1 = 5 \text{ mg Cyclosporine}$$

Are required in 1 gm of gel.

$$1 \text{ gm gel required } 5 \text{ mg drug So, } 20 \text{ gm required} = (?)$$

$$20 * 5 / 1 = 100 \text{ mg Cyclosporine}$$

Are required in 20 gm of gel.

**Preparation and characterization of Cyclosporine A Microsponges loaded gel<sup>[38]</sup>**

Gel forming polymer was soaked in water for 2 hours and then dispersed by agitation approximately 600 rpm with the aid of magnetic stirrer to get a smooth dispersion. The dispersion was allowed to stand for 15 min to expel entrained air. To this aqueous solution of triethanolamine (2% v/v) was added with slow agitation. At this stage microsponges and permeation enhancers were incorporated in to the prepared base assolution.

**Preliminary trial batches**

Ingredient	CG1	CG2	CG3
HPMC (gm)	1	1.5	2
Polyethyleneglycol (gm)	5	5	5
Methylparaben (gm)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Propylparaben (gm)	0.05	0.05	0.05
Triethanolamine (ml)	0.25	0.25	0.25
Water (ml)	100	100	100

**Evaluation of HPMC gel base**

Evaluation HPMC gel base

Batchcode	Colour	Odour	pH (mean ± S.D.)(n=3)	Viscosityspindleno:62(mean± S.D.)(n=3)	Spreadability(gm.cm/sec)(mean±S.D.)(n=3)
CG1	Colorless	Odourless	6.82±0.024	8084±0.68	10.42±1.27
CG2	Colorless	Odourless	<b>6.93±0.024</b>	<b>9260±0.76</b>	<b>10.39±0.85</b>
CG3	Colorless	Odourless	6.88±0.018	9422±0.62	9.56±1.90

**FormulationofCyclosporine Amicrospongeloadedtopicalgel**  
**FormulationofCyclosporine Amicrospongeloadedtopicalgel**

Ingredients	OptimizedGel
Batch 11 (mg)	100
HPMC (gm)	1.5
Polyethyleneglycol(gm)	5
Methylparaben (gm)	0.1
Propylparaben(gm)	0.05
Triethanolamine(ml)	0.25
Water(ml)	100

**Characterization of Cyclosporine A micro sponge loaded topical gel**  
**CharacterizationofOptimizedCAMSG**

Parameter	OptimizedCAMSG
Dose	100mg
Strength	20gm
Clarity	Clear
Odour	odourless
pH (mean±S.D.)(n=3)	6.93±0.024
Spreadability(mean±S.D.)(n=3)	10.39±0.85
Viscosity(mean ±S.D.)(n=3)	9260±0.76
%Drugcontent(mean±S.D.)(n=3)	92.25±0.24

From these data we have found that Cyclosporine Amicrosponge topical gel prepared from Eudragit RS 100 having greater drug content and Spreadability mostly CAMSG containing APR-ER100 Microsponge. Table shows data for drug content, Spreadability, clarity, pH of various Cyclosporine A Topical Gel.

**In-vitro Diffusion studies**

**Table 5. 2 Data of In-Vitro Diffusion Studies**

Time	%CDR (Mean±S.D.) (n=3)
0	0
1	32.15±1.36
2	40.80±1.79
3	48.50±1.32
4	60.80±1.80
5	70.42±1.63
6	77.15±1.92
7	86.96±1.52
8	93.42±1.68

**J-flux & permeability Co-efficient**

**Table 5. 3 J-flux & permeability Co-efficient**

Time(hrs)	Flux J (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> /hr)	Permeability co-efficient (Kp)
0	0	0
1	0.163772124	0.002183628
2	0.045670354	0.000608938
3	0.039723451	0.000529646
4	0.072477876	0.000966372
5	0.218156028	0.002908747
6	0.236312057	0.003150827
7	0.254751773	0.00339669
8	0.133333333	0.001777778

**In-vitro Release Kinetic study**

**Table 5. 4 Data of In-vitro release kinetic study**

Model	Parameter	Optimized CAMSG
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<b>ZeroOrder</b>	R2	0.9378
	Slop	10.126
	Intercept	15.297
<b>Firstorder</b>	R2	0.977
	Slop	-0.1145
	Intercept	2.0107
<b>Higuchi model</b>	R2	0.9912
	Slop	0.0312
	Intercept	0.0688
<b>HixonCrowell</b>	R2	0.9883
	Slop	0.2872
	Intercept	0.1144
<b>Korsmeyer</b>	R2	0.9742
<b>Peppas</b>	Slop	0.5124
	Intercept	1.479

By plotting values forKorsmeyer peppas model,near straightlines with parallepositive slopes were obtained indicating that, best fit model for formulations wasKorsmeyermodel.

### Stabilityanalysis

**Table 5. 5 DataofStabilityanalysis**

Parameter	OptimizedCyclosporine AMicrospongesloadedGel			
	Roomtemperature			
	0day	10days	20days	30days
Clarity	clear	Clear	clear	Clear
Odour	odourless	Odourless	odourless	odourless
pH	6.93±0.024	6.90±0.018	6.92±0.024	6.90±0.019
Spreadability	10.39±0.85	10.39±0.76	10.38±0.71	10.36±0.73
Viscosity	9260±0.76	9257±0.75	9258±0.72	9260±0.79
%Drugcontent	92.25±0.24	91.25±0.21	92.24±0.25	92.24±0.23

### V. CONCLUSION

Microsponge containing Cyclosporine A will be ready by a semi emulsion dispersion

technique utilizing Eudragit RS100 utilizing QbD approach. All the were oppressed for % yield, % Entrapment productivity, % drug content,

examining electron microscopy, FTIR ghostly investigations, and Ex vivo drug discharge studies,

The IR otherworldly investigation recommended similarity between the medication and definition added substance. The medication exists in unique structure and accessible for the organic activity.

The disintegration boundaries were contemplated by involving disintegration programming PCP DISSO V.3 for microsponges details which demonstrated expansion in drug focus, drug discharge was diminished.

The microsponges which gave better physical, morphological and % embodiment in both of the polymers were chosen for joining into the Topical gel definitions. Different Topical gel plans with Cyclosporine A in free structure and in microsponges conveyance framework were figured out and the in-vitro discharge studies were completed.

By thinking about every one of the aftereffects of Check Point Analysis the Microsponges details and further continue for effective gel definitions and Characterization of same. It shows that the arrival of medication from Microsponges consolidated into the Topical gel, follow Higuchi (framework) dispersion model. No progressions found after security investigation for a time of 1 months.

From the review it very well may be reasoned that it is feasible to plan an effective polymeric Microsponges definition for Cyclosporine A might build viability and patient consistence which are of prime significance. Nonetheless, Ex vivo tests are fundamental to lay out the genuine helpfulness of these Microsponges.

#### Expected Outcomes:

Cyclosporine A stacked Microsponges based skin drug conveyance framework might be decrease incidental effects with decrease of portion by conveying drug at dermal site. The medication delivery can alter and warehouse drug inside the scalp through diminishing transdermal entrance into circulatory framework by MDS innovation. Subsequently, this examination work might be helpful to form Cyclosporine A Microsponges utilizing QbD approach which can be maximize viability decrease endlessly portion recurrence and henceforth increment patient Compliance.

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