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Immediate Release Drug Delivery System (Tablets): A Review

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ABSTRACT: Tablets are the most frequent dosage form in use today because to their ease of self-administration, compactness, and simple production; in many circumstances, quick beginning of action is required rather than conventional therapy. Immediate release dosage forms have arisen as an alternate oral administration form to overcome these shortcomings. Immediate drug release dosage forms disintegrate quickly after delivery and dissolve at a faster pace. The use of superdisintegrants such as Cross linked Polyvinylpyrrolidone or crospovidone is a common strategy in development tablets (Polyplasdone), carboxymethylcellulose (Croscarmellose), sodium starch glycolate (Primogel, Explotab), etc. After administration in the stomach, these superdisintegrants cause the tablet to disintegrate instantly. In this discipline, patients have been treated with instant release liquid dosage forms and parenteral dosage forms. Suspensions using common dispersion agents like hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, AOT (dioctylsulfosuccinate), and others are frequently used in liquid dosage forms. if there is an immediate release A wide range of medicines, such as neuroleptics, cardiovascular medications, analgesics, antihistamines, and other treatments, are generally considered appropriate for this dose form. As a drug's patent life expires, it's customary for pharmaceutical companies to design a new and superior dosage form. A replacement dosage form allows a producer to increase market exclusivity while providing a more convenient dosage form or dosing regimen to its patient base

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I. INTRODUCTION:

Novel drug delivery systems are being created in this study and research to increase markets/indications, extend product life cycles, and generate opportunities. Because of its ease of consumption, pain avoidance, variety, and most importantly, patient compliance, oral administration is the most prevalent route for systemic effects. Because these solid formulations do not require sterile conditions, they are less expensive to produce. Tablets are the solid dose type of choice because of patient compliance, high-precision dosing, and production efficiency. Many patients, particularly those in therapeutic situations, require a rapid commencement of effect, necessitating the prompt release of medication. It is believed that half of the population suffers from this problem, which results in a high rate of ineffective treatment.

Immediate release pills crumble quickly and dissolve quickly, allowing the medication to be released.

An adequate pharmaceutically approved diluent or carrier could also be used to facilitate immediate release, as long as the diluent or carrier does not significantly slow down drug release and/or absorption. This phrase does not include formulations that have been adjusted to provide for "modified," "controlled," "sustained," "prolonged," "extended," or "delayed" drug release. The delivery (or presentation) of medicine from the formulation to the alimentary canal, bodily tissues, and/or circulation is referred to as release. The discharge from the alimentary canal occurs under pH levels ranging from 1 to 3, with a focus on, or near, pH=1. A formulation as described above comprising a compound of formula (I), or an acid addition salt thereof, in crystalline form, releases drug under a variety of pH values, according to one aspect of the invention.

Thus, formulations of the invention may release a minimum of 70% (preferably 80%) of the active ingredient within 4 hours, such as within 3 hours, preferably 2 hours, more preferably 1.5 hours, and particularly within an hour (such as within 30 minutes) following administration.

Pharmacokinetics: Absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion are all studied. Because medication concentration reaches therapeutic levels

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after absorption and consequently induces pharmacological activity, the rate and extent of absorption are critical. Disintegration is delayed in traditional dosage forms, resulting in rapid dissolution. Many factors influence medication distribution, including tissue permeability, perfusion rate, drug binding to tissue, disease state, drug interaction, and so on.

The rate of drug clearance from the body or the site of action, i.e. biotransformation, determines the duration and intensity of effect. The biotransformation of drugs by oxidation, reduction, and hydrolysis is slowed by a decrease in liver volume and regional blood flow to the liver. Because renal clearance slows, the half-life of medicines excreted by the kidneys increases.

Pharmacodynamic:

- Drug reception interaction is hampered in the elderly as well as in young adults due to abnormal organ development.
- Antihypertensive drugs like prazosin can cause a decrease in the body's ability to respond to reflexive stimuli, flow, and postura hypotension.
- CVS sensitivity to -adrenergic agonist and antagonist decreased.
- Immunity is a smaller factor that is taken into account when antibiotics are given.
- Changed medication response—elderly people have a lower theophylline bronchodilator effect and are more sensitive to barbiturates.
- Concomitant illnesses are common in the elderly, which must be taken into account when multiple pharmacological therapy is administered.

Problems with Existing Oral Dosage Form:

- Patients with tremors may have trouble swallowing powders and liquids. Physical impediments and adherence to an oesophagus in dysphasia might lead to gastrointestinal ulcers.
- Swallowing solid dosage forms such as tablets and capsules causes problems for young adults with deficient muscular and systema nervosum development, as well as senior patients with dysphasia.
- Because liquid medicines (suspension and emulsion) are packaged in multidose containers, maintaining homogeneity in the content of each dosage may be problematic.
- Because buccal and sublingual formulation may irritate the oral mucosa, patients declined to take them.
- The cost of the items is the most important aspect, as parenteral formulations are the most expensive and cause the greatest agony**.**

Desired Criteria for Immediate Release Drug Delivery System:

Immediate release dosage form should-

- Solid dosage should dissolve or disintegrate within the stomach in a short amount of time.
- It should be suitable with taste masking in the case of liquid dose forms.
- Be portable without being fragile.
- Have a pleasant mouthfeel.
- After oral administration, it should leave little or no residue in the mouth.
- Have a low sensitivity to environmental factors such as humidity and temperature.
- Be produced at a minimal cost utilising standard processing and packaging equipment.
- Rapid dissolving and absorption of the medicine, resulting in a quick commencement of action.

Merits of Immediate Release Drug Delivery System

- Enhanced compliance/convenience
- Increased stability and bioavailability
- Suitable for controlled/sustained release actives
- Allows for a lot of medication loading.
- The ability to provide the benefits of liquid medication in the form of a solid formulation.
- Adaptable and compatible with current processing and packaging equipment
- Affordability
- The pharmaceutical composition's solubility has been improved;
- Disintegration and dissolution times for instant release oral dose formulations have been shortened;

Other Excipients: In instant release dosage forms, excipients balance the characteristics of the actives. To prevent contact with the actives, this necessitates a thorough understanding of the chemistry of those excipients. Another challenge that formulators must solve is determining the value of certain substances. Excipients play a critical role in the formulation of fast-melting tablets. When integrated into the mix, these

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inactive food-grade chemicals offer the desired organoleptic qualities and commercial efficacy. Excipients are generic and can be used with a wide range of actives, with the exception of thosethatrequireamaskingagent.

Bulking Materials:
Bulking materials play an important role in the development of fast-melting tablets. Diluent, filler, and price reducing functions are all provided by the fabric. Bulking agents improve the textural qualities of the composition, which improves disintegration in the mouth. Additionally, increasing bulk lowers the concentration of the active within the composition. Sugar-based bulking agents such as mannitol, polydextrose, lactitol, DCL (direct compressible lactose), and starch hydrolystate should be used in this delivery system for better aqueous solubility and sensory perception. Mannitol, in particular, has a high aqueous solubility and a keen sense of smell. Mannitol, in particular, has a high aqueous solubility and a keen sense of smell. Bulking agents are used in amounts ranging from ten percent to ninety percent of the final composition's weight.

Emulsifying Agents: Emulsifying agents are crucial excipients in the formulation of instant release tablets because they help with rapid disintegration and drug release. Incorporating emulsifying agents also aids in the stabilisation of immiscible mixtures and increases bioavailability. Alkyl sulphates, propanediol esters, lecithin, sucrose esters, and other emulsifiers are recommended for fast-tablet formulation. These compounds are usually used in the final composition in amounts ranging from 0.05 percent to around 15% by weight.

Lubricants: Although not required excipients, lubricants can help make these tablets more appealing once they dissolve in the mouth. Lubricants help the medication transport mechanism from the mouth to the stomach by removing grittiness.

Flavors and sweeteners: Flavours and taste masking agents make products more edible and appealing to patients. The use of those components helps to mask some of the active compounds' harshness and unpleasant flavours. Flavors, both natural and artificial, are frequently used to improve the organoleptic quality of fast-melting tablets. Sweeteners such as sugar, dextrose, and fructose, as well as non-nutritive sweeteners such as aspartame, sodium saccharin, sugar alcohols, and sucralose, are available to formulators. Sweeteners offer a nice taste as well as bulk to the mix.

Super Disintegrants: Super Disintegrants are a type of disintegrant that has the ability to A disintegrant is an excipient that is added to a tablet or capsule formulation to aid in the disintegration of the compacted mass when it is placed in a fluid environment. Can be used at lesser concentrations.

Advantages:
- More effective intragranularly
- Less effect on compressibility and flowability

Example of Few Super disintegrants are:

1. **Sodium Starch Glycolate** (Explotab, primogel) was used at a concentration of 2–8%, with 4% being the best.

Activation Mechanism: Swelling that is both rapid and extensive, with little gelling. Microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel, celex) was used at a concentration of 2-15 percent of the tablet's weight. Additionally, water wicking

2. **Cross-linked Povidone or crospovidone** (Kollidone) at a concentration of 2–5% of the tablet's weight. Water is completely insoluble in this substance.

Mechanism Of Action : Water wicking, swelling, and possibly some deformation recovery are the mechanisms of action. In water, it quickly disperses and swells, but it does not gel, even after prolonged exposure. When compared to other disintegrants, this one has the highest risk of edoema. Other disintegrants have a lower area-to-volume ratio.

3. **Hydroxyl propyl cellulose with low substituents**.which is insoluble in water. In water, it expands quickly. Swelling is most prominent in grades LH-11 and LH-21. Certain grades can also have certain binding qualities while still being disintegration-resistant. Concentration that is suggested 1% to 5%

4. **Cross linked carboxy methyl cellulose sodium** (Ac-Di-sol) **Croscarmellose Sodium Mechanism of Action:** The fibrous structure allows for wicking and swelling with minimum gelling. 1-3 percent direct compression, 2-4 percent wet granulation are effective concentrations.

Conventional Technique utilized in the Preparation of Immediate Release Tablets:

1. Tablet molding technique
2. Direct compression technique

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3. Wet granulation technique
4. Mass extrusion technique
5. By solid dispersions

1. **Tablet Molding:** Water-soluble chemicals are employed in this technology to ensure that tablets disintegrate and dissolve quickly. The powder mixture is moistened with a hydro alcoholic solvent and moulded into a tablet with a lower compression pressure than traditional tablets. After that, the solvent is removed by air drying. The porous structure of moulded tablets aids in dissolving. Mechanical strength and poor flavour masking properties are two issues that are frequently faced. The mechanical strength of a tablet can be improved by using binding agents such as sucrose, acacia, or poly vinyl pyrrolidone. in order to overcome the taste masking attribute Van Scoik created a lactose-based tablet triturate form with discrete particles created by spray congealing a molten mixture of hydrogenated vegetable oil, bicarbonate of soda, lecithin, polyethylene glycol, and active ingredient into a molten mixture of hydrogenated vegetable oil, bicarbonate of soda, lecithin, polyethylene glycol, and active ingredient.

2. **Direct Compression Method:** In this method, tablets are compressed straight from a medication and excipients mixture with no prior treatment. Pretreatment as wet granulation is unnecessary because the mixture to be squeezed must have appropriate flow characteristics and cohere struggling ew medications are directly crushed into acceptable-quality tablets. The type of disintegrant and its proportion are critical. Particle size distribution, contact angle, pore size distribution, tablet hardness, and water absorption capacity are among the key aspects to consider. The disintegration is determined by one or more of these elements. At the industrial level, the disintegrant addition process is both cost-effective and simple to execute.

3. **Wet Granulation Method:** Wet granulation is a method of lightly agglomerating powder mixtures using a liquid binder.. the amount of liquid must be carefully regulated, since overwetting will make the granules too hard, while underwetting would make them too soft and friable. Aqueous solutions have the advantage of being less toxic than solvent-based systems, but they may not be appropriate for medicines that are hydrolyzed.

Procedure:

1. Weigh and combine the active component and excipients.
2. Prepare the wet granulate by carefully combining the powder blend with the liquid binder–adhesive. Aqueous cornstarch preparations, natural gums like acacia, and cellulose derivatives like methyl cellulose, gelatin, and povidone are examples of binders/adhesives.
3. Making pellets or granules by screening the moist bulk through a net.
4. The granulation is dried. Typically, a normal tray dryer or fluid-bed dryer is employed.
5. After the granules have dried, they are passed through a smaller screen than the one used for the moist mass to produce homogenous granules.

Low shear wet granulation procedures use extremely basic mixing equipment and can take a long time to achieve uniform mixing. High shear wet granulation techniques make use of equipment that quickly combines powder and liquid, speeding up the manufacturing process. Fluid bed granulation is a multi-step wet granulation technique that involves pre-heating, granulating, and drying powders in the same vessel. It's employed because it provides for precise granulation control.

4. **Mass-Extrusion:** A solvent mixture of water-soluble polyethylene glycol and methanol is used to soften the active blend. following extrusion of softened mass by an extruder or syringe to shape a cylinder of the product into even segments using a hot blade The dried cylinder can also be used to coat bitter medicine pellets in order to hide their taste.

5. **By solid dispersions:** When converting solid amorphous dispersions into immediate release solid dosage forms for oral administration to a usage environment such as an animal's alimentary canal or a person's, it's common to want to maximise the amount of dispersion contained within the dosage form. This reduces the size of the solid dosage form needed to achieve the desired dose. Depending on the drug dose, a solid amorphous dispersion

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with a minimum of 30 wt%, preferably a minimum of wt%, and even more preferably a minimum of 50 wt% or more of the solid dosage form is generally sought. Such large drug loadings in a solid dosage form reduce the size of the dosage form, making it easier for the patient to swallow and increasing patient compliance. The rapid release dosage forms with a solid dispersion that improves the solubility of a "low-solubility medicament," which could be either "substantially water-insoluble," or "substantially water-soluble." This indicates that the drug has a minimum aqueous solubility of 0.01 mg/mL at physiologically relevant pH (e.g., pH 1-8), is "sparingly water-soluble," that is, has an aqueous solubility of 1 to 2 mg/mL, or has low to moderate aqueous-solubility, with an aqueous-solubility of 1 mg/mL to as high as about 20 to 40 mg/mL

Solid dispersions of a drug and at least one concentration-enhancing polymer are used in the fabrication of the high loading immediate release dosage types of this invention. The concentration-enhancing polymer is present in sufficient amounts within the dispersions used in this invention to improve the concentration of the drug in a use environment when compared to an impact composition. At the very least, the dispersions used in this invention improve concentration when compared to a crystalline drug-only impact. As a result, when the dispersion is introduced to a usage environment, the concentration-enhancing polymer is present in sufficient amounts to give increased drug concentration compared to an impact containing the same amount of crystalline drug but no concentration-enhancing polymer.

Evaluation of powder blend: The prepared blend is evaluated by following tests..

1. Angle of repose
2. Bulk density
3. Tapped density
4. Hauser's ratio
5. Carr's index

1. **Angle of repose:** The fixed funnel method was used to determine the angle of repose. The fixed funnel method involves placing a funnel with its tip at a specific height (2 cm) above the paper on a flat surface. The granules or tablet mixture was gently poured through the funnel until the conical pile's apex just touched the funnel's tip. As a result, where r is the radius of the conical pile's bottom. The following equation was used to compute the angle of repose.

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(h/r)$$

Here h = Height of pile, r = Radius of pile, θ = Angle of repose

2. **Bulk density:** The bulk density is determined by pouring a weighed amount of tablet blend into a graduated container and measuring the peak. The ratio of the mass of the tablet blend to the bulk volume is known as bulk density.

$$\text{Bulk Density} = \frac{\text{Weight of the powder(m)}}{\text{Volume of packing(v)}}$$

here; m = weight of powder or granules (gm.) v = Bulk Volume (cm.3)

3. **Tapped Density:** The tapped density of a tablet blend is the ratio of its mass to its tapped volume. The amount of tablet combination poured in the graduate is precisely weighed, and the height is measured. The cylinder was then permitted to 100tap on a hard surface under its own weight. The tapping was kept going till there was no more change in height**.**

$$\text{Tapped density} = \frac{\text{Weight of the powder}}{\text{Tapped volume}}$$

4. **Hausner's Ratio:** The ratio of tapped density to bulk density is used to calculate Hausner's ratio, which reveals the flow qualities of powder. The given formula determines Hausner's ratio**.**

$$\text{Hausner's ratio} = \frac{\text{Tapped density}}{\text{Bulk density}}$$

5. **Carr's Index (Compressibility Index):**Compressibility refers to a powder's ability to shrink in volume by using bulk density and tapped density to calculate the share compressibility of the powder, which is expressed as the Carr compressibility index. It's linked to relative flow in a roundabout way. The above formula determines Carr's compressibility index.

$$\text{compressibility index} = \frac{\text{Tapped density-bulk density}}{\text{Tapped density}} \times 100$$

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EVALUATION OF TABLETS:

These tests are as following:-

1. Appearance
2. Thickness
3. Hardness
4. Weight variation
5. Friability
6. Disintegration
7. Uniformity of dispersion
8. Wetting Time
9. Water absorption ratio
10. Drug content
11. In vitro Dissolution
12. Stability studies

1. **Appearance:** The visual identity of a tablet is determined by its overall appearance, which includes elegance, shape, colour, and surface textures. All of these factors are necessary for consumer approval.
2. **Thickness:** Vernier callipers were used to determine the thickness of the tablets. A total of 10 tablets were chosen at random for thickness measurements, which were expressed in Mean SD and mm.
3. **Tablet hardness:** The hardness of a tablet indicates its resistance to capping, abrasion, or fracture during storage, transportation, and handling before to use. Measuring the force necessary to break the pill in half is a test. Monsanto's hardness tester determined the hardness of 10 tablets (at random) from the entire tablet batch. Hardness is measured in kilogrammes per square centimetre.
4. **Weight Variation:** The weight variation test is used to ensure that the weight of pills in a batch is consistent. The average was obtained using the weight of 20 tablets chosen at random from the entire batch. Individual pill weights were also precisely determined, allowing the weight variation to be estimated**.**
5. **Friability:**Friability refers to the weight loss of a tablet within the container as a result of tiny particles being removed from the surface during transit or handling. The friability of the tablets was determined using the Roche friabilator. Take a sample of whole tablets weighing about 6.5 g for tablets with a mean weight of less than 0.65 g, and a sample of 10 whole tablets for tablets with a mean weight of more than 0.65 g. For 100 cycles, the Roche friabilator is rotated at 25rpm for 4 minutes. The tablets were cleaned and weighed once more. The formula was used to compute the percentage of weight reduction

$$\text{Percentage friability} = \frac{\text{Initial weight- final weight}}{\text{Initial Weight}} \times 100$$

6. **Disintegration test:** The USP device for preventing disintegration was a set of six glass tubes that were "3 long, open at the top, and held against a 10" screen at the basket rack assembly's rock bottom end. One tablet is placed in each tube, poisoning the basket rack in a 1 litre beaker of water at 37°C, ensuring that the tablets remain below the surface of the liquid during their upward movement and sink no closer than 2.5cm from the beaker's rock bottom.
7. **Uniformity of dispersion:** Two tablets were gently swirled for two minutes in 100ml water. The dispersion was 22 meshes skilled. If no residue remained on the screen, the tablets were regarded to have passed the test.
8. **Tablet Wetting Time:** A simple approach was used to determine the tablet wetting time. During a petridish containing a 0.2 percent w/v solution of amaranth, five circular tissue papers with a diameter of 10cm were inserted (10ml). One tablet was carefully placed on the tissue's surface. The time it took for the amaranth water soluble dye on the side of the tablets to develop blue hue was recorded as the wetting time.
9. **Water Absorption Ratio:** In a small petridish holding 6ml of water, a small piece of tissue folded twice was inserted. On the paper, a tablet was placed. After that, the wetted pill was weighed. The water absorption ratio, R, was calculated using the formula below.

$$R = \frac{Wa - W}{Wb} \times 100$$

Here, R = Water absorption ratio, Wb = Weight of tablet before water absorption,
Wa = Weight of tablet after water absorption

10. **Drug Content:**10 pills were ground, and 100 mg of drug equivalent powder was dissolved in 0.1N HCl or an appropriate media buffer. That media increased the volume of the answer to 100ml. The solution was filtered and diluted 100 times before being spectrophotometrically examined and a computation was run to determine the drug amount in one tablet.

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11. **In vitro drug release studies:** In vitro drug release experiments in pH 6.8 phosphate buffer or 0.1N HCl for half an hour are performed on the instant release tablets to determine the formulation's ability to provide rapid drug delivery. Drug release tests were carried out in a dissolution test equipment with a volume of 900ml of dissolution media kept at 370.20°C. The tablets are either retained in the cylindrical basket or placed directly in the medium with the paddle and rotated at 100 rpm. 5ml of the dissolution medium sample was taken at intervals of 5, 10, 15, and 30 minutes, and 5ml of fresh medium was supplied at intervals of 5, 10, 15, and 30 minutes. The samples were filtered, and one millilitre of the filtrate was taken and diluted to ten millilitres. These samples were spectrophotometrically evaluated, and additional calculations were performed to encourage drug release. The drug released data was plotted and evaluated with zero order (cumulative abortifacient released vs time), first order (cumulative abortifacient released vs time), and third order (cumulative abortifacient released vs time) (Log percent Remained Vs time). The dissolution kinetic parameters in vitro, as well as the dissolution rate constants, correlation coefficient, and dissolution efficiency, were computed.
12. **Stability study:** Stability is described as a drug's or dosage form's ability to stay within its physical, chemical, therapeutic, and toxicological requirements during a given container. During storage, medication disintegration or degradation happens due to chemical changes in the active components or product instability, lowering the drug's concentration within the dosage form . A neighbourhood for product characterisation and another area to examine the merchandise stability during storage must be included in the dosage form's stability research. Formulations are assessed for their appearance, potential weight gain in drug content thickness, flatness, folding endurance, lastingness, moisture content and moisture uptake, and in-vitro release studies by exposing dosage forms to a variety of temperature and humidity conditions for a set period of time. According to the stability analysis, the formulation is rather stable under various storage circumstances.

II. CONCLUSION:

This is a new enhanced oral product that has emerged in this market segment and may be used for a wide range of therapeutic agents. Approximately one-third of patients require rapid medication therapeutic action, resulting in poor adherence to conventional drug therapy and diminished overall therapy effectiveness. The rapid release pharmaceutical form has been designed as a replacement dose format that combines the benefits of simple dosing and convenience of dosing. These pills have been created to release medications at a faster rate. Because of the limitations of current technologies, as mentioned above, There is an unmet demand for improved manufacturing procedures for instant release pharmaceutical forms that are mechanically strong, allow for easy handling and packing, and have production costs that are comparable to those of traditional tablets. To meet these medical needs, formulators have worked hard to create an entirely new type of tablet dosage form for oral administration, one that dissolves and disintegrates quickly with improved solubility. Increased income is generated by extending market exclusivity, which may be offered by an instant release dosage form, while simultaneously targeting underserved and under-treated patient populations.

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