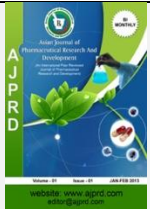


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Comparative Study of Natural and Synthetic Superdisintegrants in Orodispersible Metformin Tablet

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The main objective of this study is comparative study of natural and synthetic superdisintegrants in orodispersible Metformin tablet by using direct compression method and wet granulation method.

Method: Orodispersible Metformin tablet were prepared by wet granulation method and direct compression method by using different synthetic and natural superdisintegrants. Orodispersible tablets (ODTs) have received more interest in the pharmaceutical industry for their easy to use and self medication. ODTs overcome the problem of dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing) in the all group age of patients and advantage particularly for the paediatric and geriatric patients. Metformin hydrochloride (HCl) is an orally administered antihyperglycemic agent, used in the management of non-insulin dependent (type-2) diabetes mellitus. Metformin orodispersible tablet is prepared by using two methods i.e. direct compression method and wet granulation method. Both methods are applied to prepare Orodispersible Metformin tablet. Orodispersible tablet of Metformin was prepared by using superdisintegrants from both natural and synthetic origin. In natural superdisintegrants we used the mucilage of *Fenugreek* and *Lepidium sativum*. In synthetic superdisintegrants we used croscopovidone and sodium starch glycolate.

Conclusion: In direct compression and wet granulation method final blend and granules were evaluated the flow properties like bulk density, tapped density, compressibility index, hausner's ratio and angle of repose. The values of precompression parameter evaluated were found to be within the prescribed limit and indicated good flow properties. The data obtained from the post compression methods was studied. Other parameters such as wetting time, water absorption ratio were also evaluated. The formulation (F5) containing 10% croscopovidone prepared by wet granulation method was found the optimize formulation.

Keywords: Metformin HCl, Orodispersible tablets, Superdisintegrants, Direct compression, and Wet granulation.

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INTRODUCTION

Orally disintegrating tablets (ODTs) are solid single unit dosage forms that are designed to be placed in the mouth, allowed to disperse or dissolve in the saliva, and then swallowed without the aid of additional water. Orally disintegrating tablets must disperse or dissolve in the mouth quickly, within seconds¹. During the past decade, the orodispersible technology, which makes tablets dissolve or disintegrate or disperse in the mouth without water intake, has drawn a great deal of attention. The time of disintegration of fast disintegrating tablets is mainly considered to be less than one minute. The fast dissolving solid dosage form turns into a soft paste or liquid form which makes swallowing easier,

and thus it is free of risk of choking. In recent years, a variety of improved techniques for delivering drugs have been developed with the aim of enhancing bioavailability, convenience of patient and patient compliance².

Orodispersible tablet of Metformin was preparing by using superdisintegrants from both natural and synthetic origin. In natural superdisintegrants we used the mucilage of *Fenugreek* and *Lepidium sativum*. In synthetic superdisintegrants we used croscopovidone and sodium starch glycolate. The disintegration time for ODTs generally ranges from several seconds to about a minute. Orodispersible tablets are also known as fast dissolving tablet, mouth dissolving tablets, rapimelt, and porous tablets³.

The European Pharmacopoeia describes fast-disintegrating tablets or 'orodispersible' tablets as 'uncoated tablets intended to be placed in the mouth where they disperse rapidly before being swallowed', and as tablets which should disintegrate within 3 min⁴.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Metformin hydrochloride and microcrystalline cellulose were gift sample by Logos pharma. Crospovidone and sodium starch glycolate a gift sample of Torrent pharmaceuticals. *Fenugreek* mucilage and *Lepidium sativum* mucilage extracted from its seed purchase from local market of Kanpur. Magnesium stearate, lactose, talc, PVP K-30, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, sodium hydroxide, chloroform, acetone and ethanol were provided by Institution.

Isolation of *Lepidium sativum* mucilage

The *Lepidium sativum* seeds were purchased from local market of Kanpur. About 100 g of seeds were soaked in 1000 ml distilled water and 5 ml of chloroform for 24 h⁵. Then the swell seeds are taken in 1000 ml beaker and set an assembly of lab stirrer and metal blades are moving rapidly and isolate the white mucilaginous mass. Add equal volume of acetone in 1:1. White supernatant coagulated mass isolated after precipitation by acetone was separated through muslin fabric. Precipitated mucilage was then spread on glass slab and dried at room

temperature and then dried at temperature not more than 40 to 45°C till it was completely dried. Mucilage obtained was converted into powder by size reduction process and obtained powder was sieved using 60 number sieves and stored in an airtight container.

Isolation of *Fenugreek* mucilage

Fenugreek seeds were purchased local market of Kanpur. Seeds were absorbed in water for 48 h and afterward boiled for 1 h for complete arrival of mucilage into the water. The material was separated by squash in a muslin fabric to evacuate marc. A similar volume of acetone was added to the filtrate to encourage the mucilage. The mucilage was isolated and dried in a oven at a temperature under 60°C, powdered material go through 60 number sieves, weighed and put away in desiccators until additionally utilize⁶.

Preparation of tablet

Direct compression:

All the weighed quantities of ingredients (except talc and magnesium stearate) were passed through 60 number sieves and mixed thoroughly in geometrical proportions and co-grounded for 15 min. Finally, talc and magnesium stearate were added and mixed for 5 min⁷. Final blend was compressed by using rotary tablet compression machine of 10 stations. The compression force was adjusted to give tablet hardness in range of 2–4 kg/cm²⁸.

Table 1: Formulation table of orally disintegrating Metformin tablet (direct compression method).

S. No	Ingredients name (mg)	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8
	Superdisintegrant %	7.5 %				10 %			
1.	Metformin Hcl	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
2.	Crospovidone	37.5	--	--	--	50	--	--	--
3.	S.S.G.	--	37.5	--	--	--	50	--	--
4.	<i>Lepidium sativum</i> mucilage	--	--	37.5	--	--	--	50	--
5.	<i>Fenugreek</i> mucilage	--	--	--	37.5	--	--	--	50
6.	Lactose	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
7.	Mannitol	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
8.	Magnesium stearate	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
9.	Talc	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10.	M.C.C. 102	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5
Total weight		500	500	500	500	512.5	512.5	512.5	512.5

Wet granulation Method:

All the weighed quantities of ingredients were passed through a 60 number sieve prior to mixing. Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) solution of PVK K-30(10% w/v) was used

as a binder to prepare granules⁹. The prepared granules were compressed into tablets by rotary tablet compression machine of 10 stations. Prepare 8 batches of formulations (F1-F8) and prepare 50 tablets in each formulation.

Table 2: Formulation table of orally disintegrating Metformin tablet (wet granulation method).

S. No	Ingredients Name (mg)	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8
Superdisintegrant %		7.5 %				10 %			
1.	Metformin HCL	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
2.	Crospovidone	37.5		--	--	50	--	--	--
3.	S.S.G.	--	37.5	--	--	--	50	--	--
4.	<i>Lepidium sativum</i> Mucilage	--	--	37.5	--	--	--	50	--
5.	<i>Fenugreek</i> Mucilage	--	--	--	37.5	--	--	--	50
6.	Lactose	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
7.	Mannitol	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
8.	PVP K-30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
9.	Magnesium Stearate	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
10.	Talc	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11.	M.C.C. 102	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5
Total Weight		500	500	500	500	512.5	512.5	512.5	512.5

EVALUATION PARAMETERS

Drug Identification test:

UV Spectrophotometric Study

The (λ_{\max}) was determined by preparing the phosphate buffer (pH 6.8) solution of 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and further the sample was scanned at the range of 400-200 nm. It was observed that the maximum absorbance was seen at 232 nm, (using Systronics double beam UV-visible

spectrophotometer) which was regarded as the (λ_{\max}) of the drug Metformin Hcl¹⁰⁻¹¹.

FTIR spectrophotometric study

FTIR spectra of pure drug and polymers and physical mixtures were obtained using FTIR spectrophotometer (Perkin Elmer UK) and identify the presence of organic functional groups. The spectrum was recorded in the wavelength region of 4000 to 650 cm^{-1} .

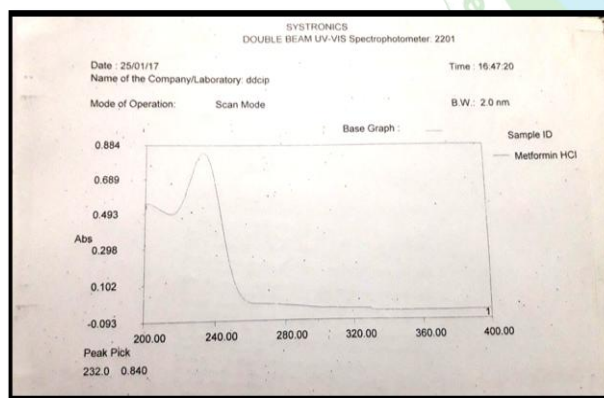


Figure 1: Graph of λ_{\max} scan for the drug at 232.0 nm in phosphate buffer pH 6.8.

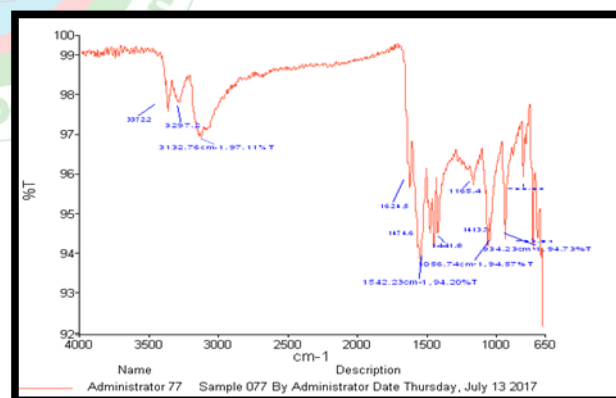


Figure 2: FT-IR spectra of pure drug Metformin Hcl

Table 3: Interpretation of IR peaks of pure drug Metformin Hcl.¹²

S. No	Functional group	Range (cm^{-1})	Observed frequency (cm^{-1})
1.	N-H Stretching	3500-3100	3372.2 - 3132.76
2.	C-N Stretching	1350-1000	1165.4
3.	C=N Stretching	1690-1640	1624.5

ANALYTICAL METHODS

Preparation of pH 6.8 phosphate buffer

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate, 0.2 M: Dissolve 27.218 g potassium dihydrogen phosphate in water and dilute with water to 1000 ml. Sodium hydroxide, 0.2 M: Dissolve 8 g of sodium hydroxide in water and dilute with water to 1000 ml.

Place 50.0 ml of 0.2M potassium hydrogen phosphate in a 200 ml volumetric flask, add the 22.4 ml of 0.2M sodium hydroxide and then add water to volume up to 200ml¹³.

Preparation of calibration curve

Calibration curve of Metformin HCl was prepared by the stock solution of 100 mg drug in 100ml of phosphate buffer pH 6.8 in 1 ml of solution contains 1 mg drug. That is 1000 µg/ml. Kept for one hour for complete the reaction then filtered with whatmann filter paper. Finally from the stock solution take 1 ml solution and volume make up to 100ml with the phosphate buffer, 10µg/ml stock solution II was prepared from which further dilution were prepared of 2µg/ml-10µg/ml and absorbance was taken for each dilution from the UV similarly calibration curve was prepared and absorbance was measured at 232 nm. The graph was then plotted and the correlation coefficient and equation of line was obtained from the data obtained from calibration.

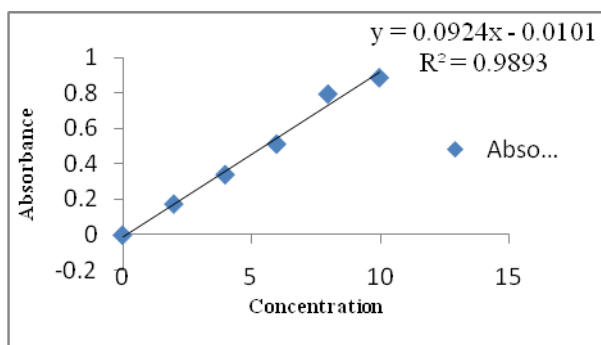


Figure 3: Calibration curve of Metformin HCl in phosphate buffer pH 6.8

PRECOMPRESSION PARAMETERS:-

Organoleptic property:

Appearance (colour): white

Odour: characteristic

Taste: sweetish

Angle of repose: The diameter of the powder cone was measured and the angle of repose was calculated using the following equation.

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

Where 'h' is the height and 'r' is the radius of the powder cone¹⁴.

Density: The bulk density (BD) and tapped density (TD) were determined and calculated using the following formulas.

Bulk density = Weight of powder / Bulk volume

Tapped Density = Weight of powder / Tapped volume

Compressibility: The compressibility index of was determined by Carr's compressibility index.

$$\text{Carr's Index \%} = \frac{\text{TD} - \text{BD}}{\text{TD}} \times 100$$

Where 'TD' is the tapped density and 'BD' is the bulk density.

Hausner's ratio: Hausner's ratio was determined as the ratio between the tapped density to that bulk density. It is calculated by the formula:

$$\text{Hausner's Ratio} = \text{TD} / \text{BD}$$

Where TD= tapped density and BD= bulk density.

Post compression parameters

Tablet thickness: Thickness and diameter of tablets were important for uniformity of tablet size. Thickness and diameter was measured using vernier calliper¹⁵.

Weight variation: Twenty tablets were weighed collectively and individually. Average weight was calculated and based on the obtained weights % weight variation was calculated using the formula,

$$\% \text{ Weight variation} = \frac{\text{Average weight} - \text{Individual weight}}{\text{Average weight}} \times 100$$

Friability:

The friability of tablets was determined by digital friability test apparatus Roche friabilator in which tablet were subjected to the combined effect of abrasions and shock in a plastic chamber revolving at 25rpm and dropping the tablets at a height of 6 inches in each revolution. Pre weighed sample of twenty tablets were transferred in the friabilator and allowed to rotate for 100 revolutions (4 min). Later the tablets were dedusted and the tablets were reweighed.

Percentage friability is given by the formula;

$$\% F = \frac{\text{Weight of tablet before test} - \text{Weight of tablet after test}}{\text{Weight of tablet before test}} \times 100$$

Limits: According to B.P.I.P = Percentage of friability should be not more than 0.8% - 1.0%

According to U.S.P = Percentage of friability should be not more than 4%.

Hardness (crushing strength): The resistance of tablets to shipping or breakage under conditions of storage, transportation and handling before usage depends on its hardness. The hardness of tablet of each formulation was measured by Monsanto hardness tester. The hardness was measured in kg/cm²¹⁶.

Wetting time and water absorption ratio: To determine the wetting time of ODTs, a piece of tissue paper was taken and it was folded twice and placed in culture dish (d=6.5 cm) containing about 6 ml of purified water. An ODT was placed on tissue paper. The time required for complete wetting was measured. To determine the water absorption ratio, the wetted tablets were transferred to a tissue paper and wiped off any excess water and weighed immediately. The water absorption ratio was calculated by following formula given as Eq:

$$R = \frac{W_a - W_b}{W_a} \times 100$$

Where, Wb is the weight of tablet before study

Wa is the weight of tablet after study¹⁷

Drug content: Weigh and powder 20 tablets. Weigh accurately a quantity of the powder containing about 0.1 g of Metformin Hydrochloride, shake with 70 ml of water for 15 min, dilute to 100.0 ml with water and filter. Dilute 10.0 ml of the filtrate to 100.0 ml with water. Further dilute 10.0 ml to 100.0 ml with water and measure the

absorbance of the resulting solution at the maximum at about 232nm. Calculate the content of Metformin hydrochloride at given specific absorbance¹⁸.

In-vitro Disintegration test

Disintegration test is a method to evaluate the rate of disintegration of tablets. It is also defined as break down of solid dosage form into smaller particles when it is disintegrated. Place 1 tablet in each of the 6 tubes and added a disc to each tube. Maintain the temperature of the disintegration media at $37 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ as specified in the monographs. At the end of time limit specified, left the basket from fluid and observe the tablets. If 1 or 2 tablets fail to disintegrate completely repeat the test on 12 additional tablets. Not less than 16 out of 18 tablets tested disintegrate completely.

In-vitro Dissolution study

The in-vitro dissolution study of Metformin hydrochloride orodispersible tablet was performed USP dissolution testing apparatus type II with a paddle stirrer. The speed of rotation of paddle was set at 50 rpm. Dissolution study was performed using 900 ml of phosphate buffer pH 6.8 maintained at a temperature of $37 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$. At different time intervals, 5ml of the samples were withdrawn and replaced with 5ml of drug-free dissolution medium or phosphate buffer pH 6.8 at maintained temperature of $37 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$. The samples withdrawn were analyzed, for drug release and release kinetics, spectrophotometrically using UV spectrophotometer (after suitable dilutions).¹⁹

In-vitro Drug release kinetics: In order to find out the mechanism of drug release, the *in-vitro* dissolution data were applied to various kinetics models. The best fit with

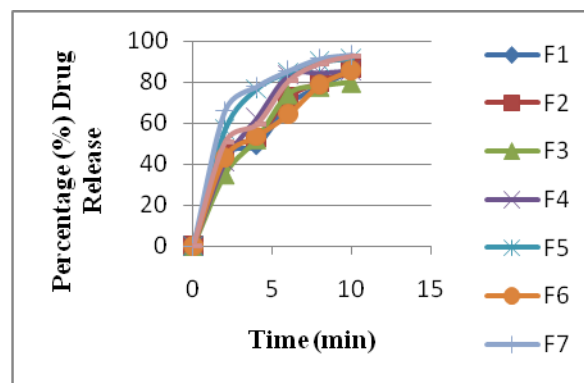


Figure 4: In-vitro release of orodispersible Metformin tablet formulation F1-F8 (direct compression method)

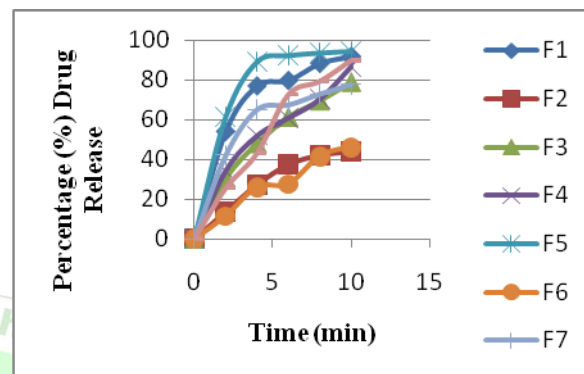


Figure 5: In-vitro release of orodispersible Metformin tablet formulation F1-F8 (wet granulation method)

highest regression coefficient values (R^2) predicted by Higuchi model then other models. The release patterns follow the Higuchi model.

Evaluation of powder blend and granules

Table 9: Precompression parameters of Metformin orodispersible powder blend (direct compression method).

Batch No.	Angle of repose ($^\circ$) \pm SD	Bulk density (gm/ml) \pm SD	Tapped density (gm/ml) \pm SD	Carr's index (%) \pm SD	Hausner's ratio (HR) \pm SD	Flow
F1	32.61 \pm 0.40	0.420 \pm 0.001	0.673 \pm 0.010	28.67 \pm 0.12	1.40 \pm 0.002	Poor
F2	37.91 \pm 1.07	0.422 \pm 0.002	0.526 \pm 0.002	19.77 \pm 0.16	1.24 \pm 0.003	Fair
F3	37.01 \pm 1.65	0.536 \pm 0.007	0.749 \pm 0.003	28.43 \pm 0.50	1.39 \pm 0.005	Poor
F4	37.37 \pm 1.16	0.567 \pm 0.003	0.667 \pm 0.007	14.35 \pm 0.69	1.16 \pm 0.003	Fair
F5	37.56 \pm 1.02	0.532 \pm 0.008	0.706 \pm 0.004	24.64 \pm 0.38	1.32 \pm 0.002	Poor
F6	36.83 \pm 0.58	0.628 \pm 0.006	0.750 \pm 0.005	16.26 \pm 0.47	1.19 \pm 0.005	Good
F7	37.34 \pm 0.51	0.570 \pm 0.003	0.726 \pm 0.006	21.48 \pm 0.31	1.27 \pm 0.008	Fair
F8	35.29 \pm 0.44	0.636 \pm 0.005	0.778 \pm 0.008	18.25 \pm 0.32	1.22 \pm 0.002	Fair

Table10: Precompression parameters of Metformin orodispersible powder blend (wet granulation method)

Batch No.	Angle of repose ($^\circ$) \pm SD	Bulk density (gm/ml) \pm SD	Tapped density (gm/ml) \pm SD	Carr's index (%) \pm SD	Hausner's ratio (HR) \pm SD	Flow
F1	28.22 \pm 0.88	0.592 \pm 0.002	0.691 \pm 0.006	14.32 \pm 0.22	1.16 \pm 0.004	Excellent
F2	29.72 \pm 0.53	0.570 \pm 0.004	0.676 \pm 0.007	16.68 \pm 0.35	1.18 \pm 0.005	Good
F3	27.18 \pm 0.80	0.597 \pm 0.003	0.708 \pm 0.005	15.67 \pm 0.44	1.18 \pm 0.008	Good
F4	28.37 \pm 1.12	0.568 \pm 0.007	0.705 \pm 0.003	19.43 \pm 0.56	1.24 \pm 0.007	Fair
F5	28.78 \pm 0.52	0.605 \pm 0.001	0.716 \pm 0.007	15.50 \pm 0.75	1.18 \pm 0.004	Good
F6	27.62 \pm 0.96	0.581 \pm 0.002	0.669 \pm 0.010	13.15 \pm 0.33	1.15 \pm 0.006	Good
F7	27.93 \pm 1.02	0.567 \pm 0.004	0.732 \pm 0.004	23.54 \pm 0.47	1.29 \pm 0.003	Poor
F8	29.77 \pm 1.06	0.567 \pm 0.003	0.731 \pm 0.008	21.20 \pm 0.58	1.26 \pm 0.008	Fair

Evaluation of prepared orodispersible Metformin Hcl tablet

Table 11: Post compression properties of orodispersible Metformin tablet (direct compression method)

Batch No.	Diameter (mm)	Hardness (kg/cm ²) ± S.D	Thickness (mm) ± S.D	Friability (%) ± S.D	Drug Content (%)
F1	10.5	2.2±0.60	6.4±0.033	10.25±0.08	96.7
F2	10.5	2.35±0.50	5.96±0.029	1.97±0.02	93.1
F3	10.5	2.80±0.47	6.6±0.025	0.94±0.04	95.6
F4	10.5	2.75±0.35	5.76±0.032	1.13±0.05	90.8
F5	10.5	2.90±0.36	6.6±0.025	0.89±0.02	95.6
F6	10.5	2.95±0.30	5.93±0.035	0.88±0.05	91.6
F7	10.5	3.20±0.44	6.5±0.032	0.86±0.03	92.4
F8	10.5	3.00±0.40	5.8±0.023	0.49±0.04	90.5

Table12: Post compression properties of Orodispersible Metformin tablet (wet granulation method)

Batch No.	Diameter (mm)	Hardness (kg/cm ²) ± S.D	Thickness (mm) ± S.D	Friability (%) ± S.D	Drug content (%)
F1	10.5	3.00±0.40	5.73±0.019	0.75±0.07	93.5
F2	10.5	3.20±0.62	6.13±0.026	0.74±0.09	91.2
F3	10.5	3.40±0.46	6.06±0.019	0.39±0.04	94.6
F4	10.5	3.30±0.62	6.1±0.016	0.84±0.10	94.8
F5	10.5	3.20±0.35	5.76±0.026	0.59±0.05	96.6
F6	10.5	3.40±0.44	6.16±0.021	0.74±0.02	89.8
F7	10.5	5.00±0.80	6.09±0.014	0.59±0.06	93.5
F8	10.5	4.60±0.55	6.13±0.038	0.54±0.03	90.5

Table13: Post compression properties of orodispersible Metformin tablet (direct compression method).

Batch No.	Weight variation (mg) ± S.D	Wetting time (sec)± S.D	Disintegration time (sec) ± S.D	Water absorption ratio (%)
F1	496.6±0.37	22±1.16	44±1.03	43.32
F2	502.8±0.95	34±1.40	56±1.04	49.78
F3	503.7±0.85	30±1.18	90±1.16	56.74
F4	498.3±0.44	46±1.20	150±1.62	53.82
F5	517.8±0.98	20±1.03	85±1.04	51.26
F6	508.4±0.75	36±0.75	55±1.40	50.68
F7	516.6±0.65	26±0.70	42±0.75	58.78
F8	509.9±0.78	45±1.28	145±1.56	55.65

Table14: Post compression properties of Orodispersible Metformin tablet (wet granulation method)

Batch No.	Weight variation (mg) ± S.D	Wetting time (sec)± S.D	Disintegration time (sec) ± S.D	Water absorption ratio (%)
F1	504.8±1.25	27±1.20	26±1.16	59.27
F2	492.6±0.93	40±1.35	65±1.50	45.68
F3	506.5±0.78	36±0.90	52±0.85	53.40
F4	502.9±0.45	55±1.50	160±2.15	44.56
F5	512.8±0.85	26±1.15	20±0.75	62.59
F6	518.5±0.95	38±1.12	68±1.70	48.15
F7	510.2±0.68	33±0.85	49±1.04	56.25
F8	518.3±0.35	52±1.16	158±1.04	47.33

STABILITY STUDIES (accelerated stability study)

Stability studies were done according to ICH guideline to assess the drug and formulation stability. Stability studies are done to predict the shelf life of the formulation by accelerating the rate of decomposition by increasing the storage temperature and appropriate relative humidity. This is called as accelerated stability study. In general

case the formulations were subjected to stability study at $40\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $75\pm 5\%$ RH for 6 months. At the accelerated storage condition, a minimum of three sampling time points e.g. 1, 3 and 6 months, from a 6 month study is recommended²⁰. The samples were evaluated for physical change, hardness, friability, drug content and percentage drug release during the stability studies²¹.

Table15: Stability study of optimized formulation of Metformin ODTs (direct compression method) F7.

Time (Months) / At $40\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $75\pm 5\%$ RH	Appearance	Hardness (kg/cm^2) \pm S.D	Drug content (%)	Friability (%) \pm S.D	Disintegration time(sec) \pm S.D
1 Month	No Change	3.20 ± 0.44	92.4	0.86 ± 0.05	41 ± 0.65
3 Month	No Change	3.10 ± 0.44	92.0	0.84 ± 0.03	42 ± 0.75
6 Month	No Change	3.00 ± 0.44	91.0	0.85 ± 0.04	42 ± 0.75

Table16: Stability study of optimized formulation of Metformin ODTs (wet granulation method) F5

Time (Months) / At $40\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $75\pm 5\%$ RH	Appearance	Hardness (kg/cm^2) \pm S.D	Drug content (%)	Friability (%) \pm S.D	Disintegration time (sec) \pm S.D
1 Month	No Change	3.20 ± 0.35	96.6	0.57 ± 0.07	20 ± 0.75
3 Month	No Change	3.15 ± 0.35	96.6	0.59 ± 0.05	20 ± 0.75
6 Month	No Change	3.15 ± 0.35	96.0	0.58 ± 0.04	21 ± 0.85

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Metformin orodispersible formulation were prepared by direct compression method (F1-F8) and wet granulation method (F1-F8), in each method eight formulation batch is designed, using higher and lower level of superdisintegrants and employing natural and synthetic superdisintegrants. Sodium starch glycolate, crospovidone, *Lepidium sativum* mucilage and *Fenugreek* mucilage were used as superdisintegrants. For each designed formulation, blend of drug and excipients were prepared and evaluate for precompression parameters. The λ_{max} of Metformin drug was found to be 232nm in phosphate buffer pH 6.8. The values of precompression parameters evaluated were found to be within the prescribed limits and indicated good flow properties. The percentage drug content of all the tablets were found in the range of 89.8% to 96.6%, which was in the acceptable limit. In each method there was one optimizing formulation in direct compression method F7 and one optimize formulation in wet granulation method F5.

The optimize formulation of direct compression method F7 hardness of the tablet was found to be $3.20 \text{ kg}/\text{cm}^2$ and friability value were less than 1%. The percentage of drug released for formulation F7 showed better drug release of 93.49%, containing 10% of *Lepidium sativum* mucilage (natural superdisintegrant), among all the eight

formulations, confirming it to be the optimize formulation in direct compression method. The optimize formulation of wet granulation method F5 hardness of the tablet was found to be $3.20 \text{ kg}/\text{cm}^2$ and friability value were less than 1%. The percentage of drug released for formulation F5 showed better drug release of 94.45%, containing 10% of crospovidone (synthetic superdisintegrant), among all the eight formulations, confirming it to be the optimize formulation in wet granulation method.

The both optimize formulation of each method compared by stability study (accelerated stability study). The F5 formulation of wet granulation method showed better result.

CONCLUSION

In direct compression and wet granulation final blend and granules were evaluated the flow properties like bulk density, tapped density, compressibility index, hausner's ratio and angle of repose. The values of precompression parameter evaluated were found to be within the prescribed limit and indicated good flow properties. The data obtained from the post compression methods was studied. Other parameters such as wetting time, water absorption ratio were also evaluated. The formulation (F5) containing 10% crospovidone prepared by wet granulation method was found the optimize formulation.

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