

FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF FAST DISSOLVING TABLETS BY USING MUSA PARADISIACA

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ABSTRACT:

Diclofenac Sodium is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) widely used as an anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antipyretic agent. However oral bioavailability is poor with only 50% of the dose reaching systemic circulation due to extensive first pass metabolism. The elimination half-life is 2 to 4 hrs. Diclofenac sodium is available as in the form of tablet for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis in patients at high risk of developing NSAID-induced gastric and duodenal ulcers and their complications. The dose of the drug ranges from 50, 75, and 100 mg/day. This dosage form needs an immediate release for fast relief of pain. Hence an attempt has been made for preparation of fast dissolving tablets of, diclofenac sodium with an aim of reducing the drug releasing time and providing faster onset of action to relieve PAIN. This would be advantageous as conventional solid dosage forms are often associated with a faster disintegrating time. The fast dissolving tablets containing banana powder provide quick disintegration of tablets thereby releases the drug immediately

FAST DISSOLVING TABLETS: FDDTs disintegrate and/or dissolve rapidly in the saliva without the need for water. Some tablets are designed to dissolve in saliva remarkably fast, within a few seconds, and are true fast-dissolving tablets. Others contain agents to enhance the rate of tablet disintegration in the oral cavity, and are more appropriately termed fast-disintegrating tablets.

ADVANTAGES OF FDT

- Improved patient compliance
- Rapid onset of action and may offer an improved bioavailability. Patient can easily administer this type of dosage form
- Useful for pediatric, geriatric and psychiatric patients
- Suitable during traveling where water is may not be available Gives accurate dosing as compared to liquids
- Good chemical stability.

PLANT PROFILE:

- BOTANICAL NAME: Musa paradisiaca
- COMMON NAMES : Balbis banana, Mealy banana, Plantain
- EDIBLE PLANT PART: Fruit

- **DISTRIBUTION** : Asia, temperate and tropical regions
- **PROPAGATION** : Seed and Suckers
- **CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS**: Starch, Phenolic acids, Sterols
- **USES** : Edible, Anti microbial act, Ulcer healing activity

PREPARATION OF BANANA POWDER:

Green bananas are purchased from local market and are thoroughly washed under running tap water. Then the bananas made peel out by using sterile knife and cut into small disc. The rolls are dried under hot air oven by maintain temperature at 60 C for 4 hours. After drying the discs are powder in mixture.



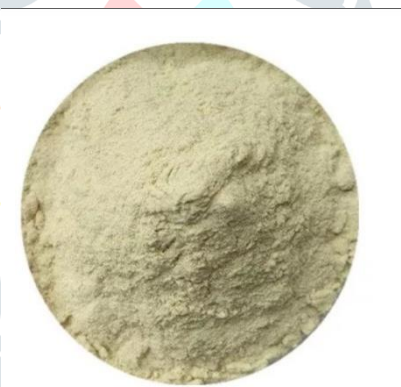
Musa paradisiaca.



Cutting and drying



Grinding.



Musa paradisiaca powder

COMPOSITION OF FORMULATIONS

The fast disintegration tablets are planned to have Diclofenac sodium 50mg drug loading by using banana powder as a super disintegrating agent. The purpose of incorporating banana powder is to favor quick release of drugs. The burst release of drug at the initial stage promotes quick on set of action. The best formulation was developed based on the release rate of the drug.

FORMULATION CODE:

S.NO	INGREDIEN TS	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6
1	Drug	50mg	50mg	50mg	50mg	50mg	50mg
2	Musa paradisiaca	25mg	50mg	75mg	100mg	125mg	150mg

3	Lactose	25mg	25mg	25mg	25mg	25mg	25mg
4	Talc	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
5	Mg . sterate	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

S.NO	INGREDIENTS	F7	F8	F9	F10
1	Drug	50mg	50mg	50mg	50mg
2	SSG	75mg	100mg		
3	MCC			75mg	10mg
4	Lactose	25mg	25mg	25mg	25mg
5	Talc	2%	2%	2%	2%
6	Mg. sterate	2%	2%	2%	2%

PHYSICAL EVALUATION OF POWDER BLEND

ANGLE OF REPOSE:

In order to determine the flow property, the angle of repose was determined. It is the maximum angle that can be obtained between the free standing surface of powder heap and horizontal plain.

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

Where;

h= height

R=radius

θ = angle of repose

ANGLE OF REPOSE	TYPE OF FLOW OF POWDER
<25	Excellent
25-30	Good
30-40	Passable
>40	Very good

Bulk density and tapped density

About 5 gm of powder (W) from each formula was introduced into a 25ml measuring cylinder. The initial volume was noted and then the measuring cylinder was loaded in bulk density apparatus and tapped for 500 times on a flat surface at 2sec interval. The final volume after tapping was noted for calculations. The bulk density and tapped density was calculated by using formulas.

$$\text{Bulk density} = W/V$$

$$\text{Tapped density} = W/V_f$$

Where, W=weight of the powder

V=initial volume

V_f =final volume

COMPRESSIBILITY INDEX (Carr's indices)

Compressibility index is an important measure that can be obtained from the bulk and tapped densities. In theory the less compressible a material the more flowable it is. A material having a value of less than 20 to 30 % is defined as the free flowing material.

Carr's index	Flow
5-15	Excellent
12-16	Good
18-21	Fair to passable
23-35	Poor

33-38	Very poor
>40	Very very poor

HAUSER'S RATIO:

It indicates the flow properties of the powder and it measured by the ratio of tapped density to the bulk density. Hauser's ratio is calculated by using the formula:

Hauser's ratio = tapped density /bulk density

TYPES OF QUALITY CONTROL TEST:**1. OFFICIAL TEST :**

- Weight variation test
- Drug content
- Disintegration time test

2. UN OFFICIAL TEST :

- Thickness
- Hardness
- Friability

OFFICIAL TEST:

WEIGHT VARIATION TEST: Weight variation test is done by weighing 20 tablets individually and calculating the average weights and comparing the individual tablet weights to the average. The value of weight variation test is expressed in percentage the following formula is used;

Weighted variation = $(IW - AW)/AW \times 100\%$

Where;

IW=Individual weight

AW= Average weight

Range of weight	Variation allowed
<130	± 10%
130-324	±7.5%
>324	±5%

INVITRO DISINTEGRATION STUDIES: The invitro disintegration study of diclofenac tablets was performed by USP disintegration apparatus. Fill the beaker with 900 ml of pure distilled water and place the tablet in six sets of basket and if prescribed add a disc. Temperature of immersion fluid should be range between 37±2 c. observe tablet for disintegration after completion note down all the values. Lift up the beaker after completion of all the process.

Categories of tablet	Disintegration time
Uncoated tablets	15
Coated tablets	60
Enteric coated tablets	60
Film coated tablets	30
Effervescent tablet	5
Soluble tablets	3
Dispensable tablets	3

UNOFFICIAL TEST:

HARDNESS: This test is also known as “crushing strength test”. Tablet hardness has been defined as the force required for breaking a tablet in diametric compression test.

Equipment used in this test:

- Monsanto hardness tester
- Pfizer hardness tester
- Strong cobb hardness tester
- Erweka hardness tester

Pfizer hardness tester: The Pfizer tester compresses tablet between a holding anvil and a piston connected to force reading gauge when its plier- like handle and gripped the point where the tablets get breakdown. It is noticed by reading gauge.

FRIABILITY TEST: “FRIABILITY is the phenomenon where the surface of the tablet is damaged or shown a site of damage due to mechanical shock.” The major purpose is to evaluate the ability of the tablets to withstand the breakage during transporting and handling. **Roche friabilator** is most commonly used for determining % friability of the tablet.

%friability can be calculated by using following formula

$$\% \text{ friability} = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_1} \times 100$$

Where, W₁ = weight of tablet before testing

W₂ = weight of tablet after testing

RESULT: Fast dissolving Diclofenac tablets were prepared and evaluated.

PHYSICAL EVALUATION OF POWDER BLEND:

ANGLE OF REPOSE: The angle of repose for all 10 formulations was found to be excellent when compared to standard values

S.No	Formulation code	Angle of repose
1	F1	22°.43'
2	F2	22°.58'
3	F3	23°.52'
4	F4	23°.52'
5	F5	22°.58'
6	F6	22°.43'
7	F7	23°.52'
8	F8	22°.58'
9	F9	23°.52'
10	F10	23°.52'

BULK DENSITY& TAPPED DENSITY:

S.No	Formulation code	BULK DENSITY(g/ml)	TAPPED DENSITY(g/ml)
1	F1	0.5524	0.6478
2	F2	0.5541	0.6484
3	F3	0.5537	0.6458

4	F4	0.5514	0.6487
5	F5	0.5578	0.6452
6	F6	0.5564	0.6458
7	F7	0.5489	0.6423
8	F8	0.5595	0.6489
9	F9	0.5490	0.6578
10	F10	0.5571	0.6548

COMPRESSIBILITY INDEX (Carr's indices):

The Carr's index was found to be within the limit of 5-15, when it is compared with standard values so, the powder blend has excellent flow property.

S.No	Formulation code	Carr's index (%)
1	F1	9.55
2	F2	9.84
3	F3	9.81
4	F4	9.86
5	F5	9.88
6	F6	9.81
7	F7	9.84
8	F8	9.88
9	F9	9.84
10	F10	9.85

Hausner ratio:

The Hausner ratio was found to be excellent when compared to standard values.

S.No	Formulation code	Hausner ratio
1	F1	1.107
2	F2	1.108
3	F3	1.108
4	F4	1.111
5	F5	1.118
6	F6	1.102
7	F7	1.107
8	F8	1.112
9	F9	1.101
10	F10	1.105

“All the pre compression parameters were found to be within the limit so; the powder blend shows good flow property”.

OFFICIAL TEST:

WEIGHT VARIATION TEST:

Not more than 2 tablets are outside the percentage limit and no tablet differ by more than 2 times the percent limit. So, it passes the weight variation test as per USP.

S.NO	FORMULATIONS	WEIGHT VARIATION TEST
1	F1	Pass
2	F2	Pass
3	F3	Pass
4	F4	Pass
5	F5	Pass
6	F6	Pass
7	F7	Pass
8	F8	Pass
9	F9	Pass
10	F10	Pass

DISINTEGRATION TEST:

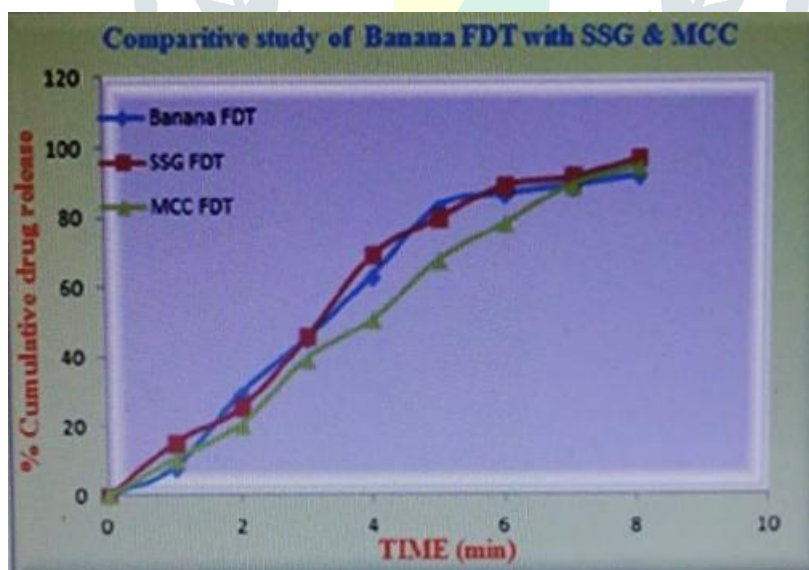
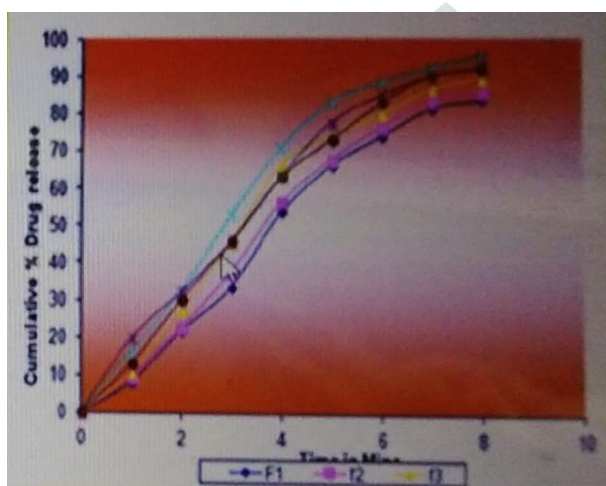
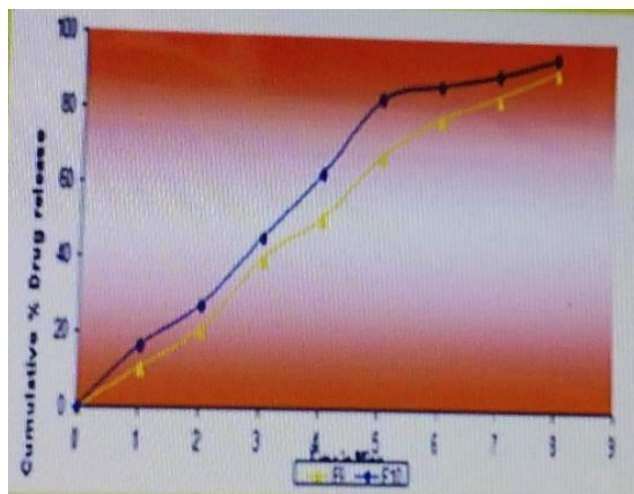
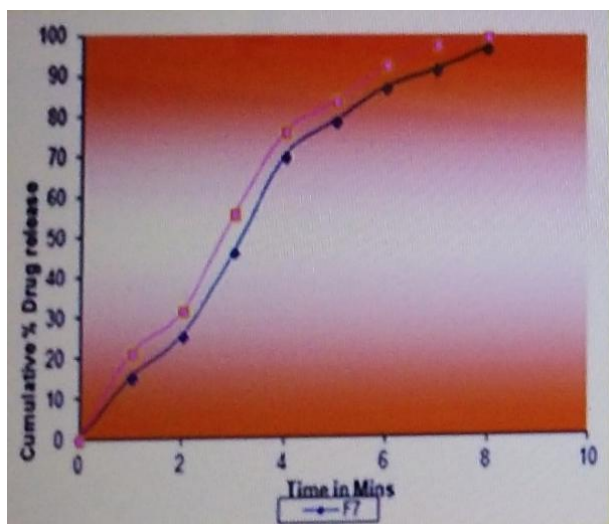
S.NO	FORMULATION	DISINTEGRATION TEST (MIN)
1	F1	08
2	F2	08
3	F3	07
4	F4	06
5	F5	08
6	F6	08
7	F7	06
8	F8	06
9	F9	06
10	F10	05

INVITRO DISINTEGRATION STUDIES:

TIME	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	8.2	9.63	10.58	15.9	19.7	13	15.36	21.3	10.58	16.4
2	21.8	22.8	27.8	32.2	32.2	30.1	25.58	31.5	20.82	27.37
3	33.5	37.6	45.59	52.7	45.58	45.58	46.06	55.6	40.01	45.58
4	53.6	56.3	66.5	70.8	63.23	63.01	70.01	76	51.09	63.26
5	66.2	67.8	74	83.05	77.7	73.1	78.7	83.37	68.27	83.77
6	74	76.5	79.8	88.36	84.9	82.9	87.1	92.7	78.56	87.91
7	81.4	83.6	89.4	92.3	90.09	90.32	91.52	98	84.9	90.91
8	83.7	85.7	89.3	95.37	92.3	92	96.82	99.7	92	95.66

The fast dissolving formulation F4 contain Diclofenac sodium 50 mg and Musa paradisiaca powder 100 mg shows 95.37% of drug release at 8th min and disintegrated at 6th min was selected as best formulation.

Graphical representation:



UN OFFICIAL TEST:

HARDNESS:

S.NO	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10
1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.9	3	3	2.4	2.9

2	2.4	2.5	2.5	3	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
3	2.9	2.9	3	3	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.6
4	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	3	2.9	2.9	2.9	3	2.8
5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	3	3	2.8	2.8	2.8	3

FRIABILITY:

S.NO	FORMULATIONS	FRIABILITY TEST
1	F1	Pass
2	F2	Pass
3	F3	Pass
4	F4	Pass
5	F5	Pass
6	F6	Pass
7	F7	Pass
8	F8	Pass
9	F9	Pass
10	F10	Pass

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Conclusion:

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