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#### (57) Abstract :

The present invention relates to the formulation and evaluation of abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres using sodium alginate with carbopol 934, chitosan and mucilages isolated from bhendi. The orifice ionic gelation technique was used for preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate. The prepared batches of microspheres were evaluated for particle size, particle shape, surface morphology, FTIR study, encapsulation efficiency, swelling ratio, in vitro wash off test and in vitro drug release. The release rates were studied by using dissolution software PCP Disso V3. The optimized formulation showed controlled drug release at the end of desired period with maximum microencapsulation efficiency and excellent mucoadhesive property.

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#### TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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The following specification particularly describes the invention and the manner in which it is to be performed

#### **FIELD OF INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a formulation and evaluation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate by Orifice ionic gelation method.

#### 5 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Oral drug delivery systems have advance from immediate release to site specific delivery over a period of time. Oral drug delivery is the most acceptable and liked better technique of administering therapeutic substances for their systemic effects. The oral medication is generally considered as the first avenue investigated in the discovery and development of new drug entities and pharmaceutical formulations, mainly because of patient satisfaction, easy in administration, and inexpensive in manufacturing.

Novel drug delivery system (NDDS) can precisely limit the release rate or target drugs to a specific body site have had an maximum impact on the healthcare field. 15 Microspheres constitute an important part of these particulate drug delivery systems by virtue of their smallest size and efficient loading characteristics. However, the success of these NDDS is limited due to their low residence time at the site of absorption. It would, therefore, be advantageous to have means for providing an intimate contact of the novel drug delivery systems with absorbing membranes. Coupling mucoadhesion characteristics to microspheres and developing novel delivery systems as mucoadhesive microspheres.

Mucoadhesive drug delivery systems (MDDS) are one of the novel drug delivery system, which utilize the property of bioadhesion of polymers that become adhesive on hydration. MDDS can be utilized for targeting a drug to a particular region of the body for controlled period of duration. Bioadhesion is an interfacial phenomenon in which two materials, at least one of which is biological, are held together by means of interfacial forces. The attachment could be between an

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artificial material and biological substrate such as adhesion between a polymer and biological membrane. Mucoadhesive materials have been investigated and identified. These are generally hydrophilic macromolecules which contain maximum hydrogen bond forming groups (Ex- hydroxyl and carboxyl groups) and will hydrate and swell when placed in contact with aqueous. In many cases these materials require wetting to become adhesive.

Mucoadhesive microspheres can be tailored to adhere any mucosal tissue including those found in eye, nasal cavity, urinary and gastrointestinal tract, thus offering the feasibility of localized as well as systemic controlled release of drugs.

The following prior art is being reported:

EP3334419: The present invention describes a fixed dose oral formulation of a triple HIV antiviral combination of abacavir (notably abacavir sulphate), lamivudine and efavirenz, useful in the treatment of HIV infections. The described formulations combine a number of valuable use attributes, including reduction of mouth burning effect caused by efavirenz as well as for providing of palatable formulations for high drug loaded system that is important for a triple fixed dose combination, without however to the detriment of dissolution 20 properties for each active ingredient. The present invention is differ from this as it involves the mucoadhesive microsphere preparation of abacavir sulphate.

CN109142723 : The invention provides an HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) human antibody and HIV antigen rapid test card, comprising a bottom plate, a sample pad, a nitrocellulose membrane, a water-absorbing pad and a fluorescent microsphere pad, wherein the fluorescent microsphere pad adsorbs type I HIV antigen-marked fluorescent microspheres, type II HIV antigenmarked fluorescent microspheres, p24 antibody-marked fluorescent microspheres and quality control protein-marked fluorescent microspheres; the nitrocellulose membrane sequentially adsorbs type I HIV antigens, II type HIV antigens, p24 antibodies and antibodies against quality control proteins. In

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addition, the invention also provides a preparation method of the card herein, application of the card herein in the rapid test of HIV human antibodies and antigens, and the like.

#### 5 **OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION**

Some of the objects of the present disclosure, which at least one embodiment herein satisfies, are as follows.

It is an object of the present disclosure to ameliorate one or more problems of the prior art or to at least provide a useful alternative

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An object of the present disclosure is to provide a formulation and evaluation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate.

Another object of the present disclosure is orifice ionic gelation technique was used for preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate.

Still another object of the present disclosure is application of mucilage isolated from bhendi as natural polymer.

20 Another object of the present disclosure is to reduce the dosing frequency of the drug.

Still another object of the present disclosure is the prepared formulation is novel and safer and releases the drug for prolonged period of time.

Other objects and advantages of the present disclosure will be more apparent from the following description, which is not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following presents a simplified summary of the invention in order to provide a basic understanding of some aspects of the invention. This summary is not an extensive overview of the present invention. It is not intended to identify the key/critical elements of the invention or to delineate the scope of the invention. Its sole purpose is to present some concept of the invention in a simplified form as a prelude to a more detailed description of the invention presented later.

The present invention is generally directed to the formulation and evaluation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate by Orifice ionic gelation method.

An embodiment of the present invention is to formulate and evaluate abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres using sodium alginate with carbopol 934, chitosan and mucilage's isolated from bhendi. Wherein the orifice ionic gelation technique was used for preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate, totally 5 batches of formulations viz., B-1 to B-5 were prepared

An embodiment of the present invention is prepared microspheres were evaluated for particle size, particle shape, surface morphology, FTIR study, encapsulation efficiency, swelling ratio, *in vitro* wash off test and *in vitro* drug release. The release rates were studied by using dissolution software PCP Disso V3.

Another embodiment of the invention is results revealed that by the usage of mucilage isolated from bhendi which could helpful for the controlled release of abacavir sulphate over the period of 12 hrs.

Another embodiment of the invention is the *In vitro drug* release of B-1 formulation indicate the best fit model was found to be korsemeyer peppas with 'n' value was 0.6998 suggests the release mechanism was non-fickanian

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(Anomalous transport) i.e. drug released by erosion followed by diffusion mechanism and the B-1 formulation showed controlled drug release at the end of desired period with maximum microencapsulation efficiency and excellent mucoadhesive property.

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#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1: Comparative FTIR spectra of abacavir sulphate, sodium alginate, carbopol 934, chitosan, bhendi mucilage B-1 to B-5 mucoadhesive microspheres.

10 Figure 2: Particle size analysis of abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres.

Figure 3: Digital photographs of B-1 to B-5 mucoadhesive microspheres and SEM photographs of B-1 formulation.

15 Figure 4: Swelling ratio of B-1to B-5 mucoadhesive microspheres formulations.

Figure 5: *In vitro* wash off test for B-1 to B-5 mucoadhesive microspheres formulations.

20 Figure 6: Comparative *In vitro* drug release for B-1 to B-5 formulations.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The following description is of exemplary embodiments only and is not intended to limit the scope, applicability or configuration of the invention in any way. Rather, the following description provides a convenient illustration for implementing exemplary embodiments of the invention. Various changes to the described embodiments may be made in the function and arrangement of the elements described without departing from the scope of the invention.

#### **BIOLOGICAL SOURCES**

Bhendi was purchased from local market, Raichur, Karnataka.

immune system caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Abacavir sulphate is a nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor. It performs by lowering the growth of HIV. Abacavir sulphate has short half life of about 1.54  $\pm$ 0.63 hour and hence, required multiple administration doses. To decrease the dosing frequency of drug, it's necessary to revising a newer and safer formulation which release drug to the body for complete and prolonged duration.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a degenerative disease of the

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#### **EXAMPLE 1: Preparation of bhendi mucilage**

The mucilage from the selected parts of the plants was isolated by conventional method. The 50g of dried bhendi powder was soaked in 150 ml distilled water for 24 hrs in a RB flask. Further, it was boiled for 1 hrs under reflux with occasional stirring and kept aside for 2 hrs for the release of mucilage into distilled water. The material was filtered through a muslin bag and hot distilled water (25 ml) was added through the sides of the marc and squeezed well in order to remove the mucilage completely. Concentrate the aqueous filtrate to  $1/3^{rd}$  of its volume then to this added equal volume of ethanol to precipitate the mucilage. The obtained 20 precipitate is kept in a refrigerator for overnight for effective settling. After complete settling of the precipitate it was filtered and dried the residue at 37° C. The obtained dried powder was subjected for identification test to confirm its identity.

#### 25 **EXAMPLE 2:** Preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres by Orifice ionic gelation method

Sodium alginate and mucoadhesive polymer carbopol 934 and chitosan were dissolved in purified water (10ml) separately. Then both the solutions were mixed to form homogeneous polymer solution. The drug was added to the polymer solution and mixed thoroughly with help of mortar and pestle to form viscous dispersion. The resulting dispersion was added drop wise into 10% w/v calcium

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chloride solution (100ml) through a syringe with needle no 24 with continuous stirring at 500 rpm. The added droplets were retained in the calcium chloride solution for 15 minutes to produce spherical rigid microspheres. The microspheres were collected by decantation and the product thus separated was washed repeatedly with distilled water and dried at 45<sup>o</sup> C for 12 hrs and stored in desiccators. Similarly, mucoadhesive microspheres prepared by dissolving required quantity of sodium alginate and mucoadhesive polymer mucilage isolated from the natural source in distilled water. Then drug is added to polymeric solution and mixed thoroughly with help of mortar and pestle to get viscous dispersion. Then follow the procedure as mentioned above. The various formula is listed in table 1.

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Batches	Abacavir sulphate (mg)	Sodium alginate (mg)	Carbopol 934 (mg)	Chitosan (mg)	Bhendi (mg)
B-1	500	500	500		
B-2	500	500		500	
B-3	500	500			500
B-4	500	500	250		250
B-5	500	500		250	250

Table 1: Formula for abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres.

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#### **EXAMPLE 3:** Production yield

The dried microspheres of each batch are weighed separately and percentage yield is calculated by using following equation.

% Yield = 
$$\frac{Practical weight}{Theoretical weight} \times 100$$

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The production yield of all the batches were shown in table.2. The production yields were in the range of  $95.30 \pm 0.730$  to  $97.47 \pm 0.78$  for B-1 to B-5

formulations. The production yield was manageable with little loss of drug during the formulation stage. The method found to be reproducible

#### **EXAMPLE 4: Estimation of drug content**

5 50 mg of mucoadhesive microspheres were weighed and powdered. This was dissolved or extracted in methanol in 100 ml volumetric flask and made up to volume. The solution was shaken occasionally for 1hrs and filtered. From this 1ml of solution was diluted up to 100 ml with pH 7.2 phosphate buffer solution in 100 ml volumetric flask. The drug content was analyzed by measuring absorbance in a
10 UV spectrophotometer at 217 nm using pH 7.2 phosphate buffer as a blank. The studies were carried out in triplicate.

The percentage drug content of all the batches were shown in table.2. The percentage drug content were in the range of  $91.54 \pm 0.069$  to  $98.25 \pm 0.661$  for B-1 to B-5 formulations with low SD value indicating uniform distribution of drug within the various batches of microspheres prepared with a negligible loss during the formulation stage.

#### **EXAMPLE 5 : Encapsulation efficiency**

20 100 mg of mucoadhesive microspheres were accurately weighed. They were powdered and extracted with 100 ml of methanol. Further it was serially diluted with pH 7.2 phosphate buffer solution. The resulting solution was analyzed for abacavir sulphate drug content by measuring absorbance in a UV spectrophotometer at 217 nm using pH 7.2 phosphate buffer as a blank. The studies were carried out in triplicate. Encapsulation efficiency (%) was calculated using the formula.

# $Encapsulation \ efficiency = \frac{Actual \ drug \ content}{Theoretical \ drug \ content} \times 100$

The percentage encapsulation efficiency of all the batches were shown in table.2. The percentage encapsulation efficiency were found in the range  $75.44 \pm 0.370$  to

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 $91.99 \pm 0.267$  for B-1 to B-5 formulations found within the specified limits. The mucoadhesive microspheres prepared with synthetic polymer carbopol 934 and natural polymer chitosan and mucilage isolated from bhendi. Chitosan showed higher drug encapsulation efficiency than the mucilages isolated from natural source bhendi. This could be attributed due to formation of larger microspheres with synthetic polymer than the natural polymers, thus entrapping more amount of drug table 2

Batches	Percentage of production yield	Percentage of drug content	Percentage of encapsulation efficiency
B-1	$97.47 \pm 0.728$	98.26±0.661	85.51±0.085
B-2	$95.30 \pm 0.730$	91.54±0.069	91.99±0.267
B-3	$95.40 \pm 0.980$	96.08±0.144	75.44±0.370
B-4	96.58 ± 0.856	97.84±0.288	79.25±0.259
B-5	97.47 ± 0.783	95.92±0.260	85.18±0.295

 Table 2: Evaluation data of abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres.

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#### **EXAMPLE 6; FTIR studies**

The FTIR spectra of pure drug abacavir sulphate, polymers viz., sodium alginate, carbopol 934, chitosan, mucilage isolated from *hibiscus esculantus L* and compatibility between pure drug and polymers measured at 4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 500 cm<sup>-1</sup> using BRUKER-FTIR spectrophotometer. Small amount of finely ground solid samples under the study were added to 100 times of its weight of KBr and

compressed using hydraulic press to get a thin transparent pellet. These pellets are transferred to FTIR instrument to determine the spectra.

The characteristic abacavir sulphate FTIR bands are -OH stretching at 3351.68 cm<sup>-1</sup>, -NH stretching at 3103.85 cm<sup>-1</sup>, -NH bending at 1663.00 cm<sup>-1</sup> and -C-N 5 stretching at 1344.00 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The characteristics FTIR stretching bands of B-1 to B-5 were shifting towards lower/higher wavelength and few were superimposed with that of abacavir sulphate indicate the no interaction or minor at molecular level suggest the polymers added were compatible with the drug. Figure 1shows 10 the Comparative FTIR spectra of abacavir sulphate, sodium alginate, carbopol 934, chitosan, bhendi mucilage

#### **EXAMPLE 7:** Size analysis of microspheres

The microspheres were analyzed for its size and distribution by sieving method. 15 Different sizes in a batch are separated by sieving using a range 16/22, 22/44 of standard sieves and the quantity retained on different sieves were weighed. Studies were carried out in triplicate. The average sizes of the microspheres were calculated by using the equation.

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{Avg}} = \frac{\sum \mathbf{Xifi}}{\mathbf{fi}}$$

20 Where.

X<sub>i</sub>- is the mean size of the range

**F**<sub>i</sub>-is the percent material retained on the smaller sieve in the size range.

The microspheres were distributed for B-1 to B-5 in the range of 787.27 to 800.17µm formulations found within the specified sizes (figure 2). The size of microspheres is depending upon concentration of sodium alginate and polymers used in the formulation.

**EXAMPLE 8: Scanning electron microscopy** 

The particle size, shape and surface morphology of microspheres were examined 30 by scanning electron microscopy (SEM). Microspheres were fixed on aluminium

studs and coated with gold using a sputter coater SC 502, under vacuum [0.1 mm Hg]. The microspheres were then analyzed by SEM. The scanning electron microscopy reveals that the microspheres were spherical, discrete with smooth to rough texture which were shown in figure 3.

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#### **EXAMPLE 9: Swelling studies by weight method**

A known weight (50mg) of microspheres were placed in basket assembly of dissolution apparatus rotated at 500 rpm in 500 ml of pH 7.2 phosphate buffer solution maintained at  $37 \pm 0.5^{\circ}$  C and allowed to swell for the required period of time. The microspheres were periodically removed, blotted with filter paper and their changes in weights were measured during the swelling until equilibrium was attained. Finally, the weight of the swollen microspheres was recorded after a period of 6 hrs, and the swelling ratio (SR) was then calculated from the formula.

#### **Swelling ratio**

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## (Mass of swollen microspheres – Mass of dried microspheres) Mass of dried microspheres

The swelling depends upon the polymer concentration, ionic strength as well presence of water. The swelling ratio of all the batches were shown in figure 4. The swelling ratio was found in the range of 1.8 to 2.0 for B-1 to B-5 formulations at the end of 6 hrs

#### EXAMPLE 10: In vitro wash off test

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The mucoadhesive property of microspheres was evaluated by an *in vitro* adhesion testing method known as wash off method. Freshly excised piece of intestinal mucosa (2 x 2 cm) from sheep were mounted onto glass slides (3 x 1 inch) with cyanoacrylate glue. Two glass slides were connected with a suitable support, about 50 microspheres were spread on to each wet rinsed tissue specimen and immediately thereafter the support was hung onto the arm of a USP tablet disintegrating test machine. When the disintegrating test machine was operated, the tissue specimen was given slowly, regular up and down moment in the test

fluid (500ml pH 7.2 phosphate buffer) maintained at 37° C. At the end of 30 min, 1 hrs and hourly intervals upto 6 hrs, the number of microspheres adhering to tissue were counted.

5 The percentage of microspheres retained on everted intestinal mucosa after 6 h was found in the range of 62 % to 66 % for B-1 to B-5 formulations. The results of all the batches were shown in figure 5. The *in vitro* wash off test results suggests that in all formulations the mucoadhesive property increases/decreases due to the presence of sodium alginate and mucoadhesive polymers. The results 10 clearly showed better mucoadhesive property in mucoadhesive microspheres prepared with mucilage isolated from natural source when compared to synthetic polymers.

#### **EXAMPLE 11: Dissolution studies**

- 15 In vitro drug release studies were carried out for abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres using USP type I apparatus (basket). In each case mucoadhesive microspheres equivalent to 100 mg of abacavir sulphate, filled in hard gelatin capsules were used for estimation. Initially the dissolution is carried out in 900 ml of 0.1N HCl for 4 hrs, replace the dissolution medium with pH 6.8 buffer solution 20 and continue the dissolution studies for 6 hrs and then replace the dissolution medium with pH 7.2 buffer solution and continue the dissolution studies for 12 hrs at 60 RPM and temperature is  $37 \pm 0.5^{\circ}$  C maintained throughout the dissolution period. A sample of 5 ml was withdrawn at different intervals of time and transfers same with fresh fluid to maintain the sink condition. The drug 25 release at different time intervals was measured at 217 nm using a double beam UV spectrophotometer. The in vitro dissolution data of oral mucoadhesive microspheres were tabulated and computed by using dissolution software viz., PCP DISSO V 3.0.
- 30 The *in vitro* drug release rate from all the formulations were shown in table 3 and figure 6. The *in vitro* drug release rate from all the formulations was found to be

optimum. Among all formulations B-1 formulation showed controlled and better release with respect to the time when compared to remaining all formulations. The dissolution profiles suggest there is significant difference in the release rate of all these formulations. Further dissolution data were subjected for model fitting by using dissolution software PCP Disso V3. The results of model fitting dissolution software were shown in table 4.

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Cumulative percentage drug release* ± SD						
Time (h)	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5	
0.25	5.02 ±0.37	4.34 ±0.18	7.98±0.21	6.06±0.12	4.78±0.14	
0.5	8.09 ±0.07	9.44 ±0.18	11.56±0.21	12.50±0.18	9.44±0.14	
0.75	11.57 ±0.24	14.47 ±0.14	15.55±0.27	17.79±0.25	15.37±0.07	
1	13.94 ±0.30	18.63 ±0.07	17.60±0.25	23.49±0.25	19.99±0.12	
1.5	20.27 ±0.27	22.30 ±0.24	20.35±0.12	27.04±0.20	23.44±0.07	
2	23.58 ±0.07	26.64 ±0.12	24.25±0.12	31.32±0.20	27.43±0.13	
2.5	31.10 ±0.24	30.14 ±0.18	29.62±0.18	34.85±0.12	30.94±0.07	
3	34.07 ±0.20	33.40 ±0.18	34.41±0.12	39.22±0.07	35.38±0.07	
3.5	37.24 ±0.96	37.58 ±0.07	39.34±0.46	44.57±0.24	37.73±0.13	
4	38.35 ±0.20	41.65 ±0.30	42.78±0.46	48.64±0.07	41.16±0.13	
4.5	40.13 ±0.17	44.13 ±0.23	47.15±0.40	52.70±0.66	46.09±0.07	
5	42.56 ±0.13	48.07 ±0.07	49.84±0.45	55.47±0.52	49.35±0.17	
5.5	45.96 ±0.11	51.60 ±0.28	53.81±0.47	59.32±0.28	54.17±0.06	
6	48.29 ±0.28	56.41 ±0.06	56.53±0.23	63.64±0.26	58.64±0.06	
7	56.99 ±0.45	64.07 ±0.06	64.09±0.61	70.93±0.23	66.69±0.06	
8	61.31 ±0.55	69.08 ±0.06	70.48±0.40	74.58±0.17	71.02±0.13	
9	65.23 ±0.35	73.21 ±0.13	75.21±0.33	79.37±0.35	76.49±0.06	
10	67.26 ±0.33	76.35 ±0.06	80.52±0.33	82.69±0.55	81.60±0.25	
11	71.56 ±0.44	81.53 ±0.12	84.07±0.32	87.44±0.12	86.21±0.19	

#### Table 3: *In vitro* dissolution profile for B-1 to B-5 formulations.

12	75.77 ±0.12	85.25 ±0.37	87.09±0.11	93.80±0.34	90.01±0.16
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Table 4: Model fitting values for B-1 to B-5 formulations.

Batch Code	Zero order	1 <sup>st</sup> order	Matrix	Hix. Crow	Peppas	n	Best fit model
<b>B-1</b>	0.9393	0.9956	0.9847	0.9871	0.9966	0.6998	Peppas
<b>B-2</b>	0.9519	0.9948	0.9815	0.9962	0.9933	0.7146	Hix Crow
<b>B-3</b>	0.9548	0.9927	0.9803	0.9976	0.9968	0.6433	Hix Crow
<b>B-4</b>	0.9226	0.9800	0.9907	0.9928	0.9933	0.6537	Peppas
B-5	0.9578	0.9855	0.9789	0.9968	0.9937	0.7108	Hix Crow

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The formulation B-1 best fit model were found to be korsemeyer peppas with exponent `n` value was found to be 0.6998. From the kinetic studies reveals that the best fit model was found to be korsemayer peppas exponential n<0.5 and n>1.0 indicate the release mechanism was non-fickanian (Anomalous transport) i.e. drug released by erosion followed by diffusion mechanism

10 While considerable emphasis has been placed herein on the specific features of the preferred embodiment, it will be appreciated that many additional features can be added and that many changes can be made in the preferred embodiment without departing from the principles of the disclosure. These and other changes in the preferred embodiment of the disclosure will be apparent to those skilled in 15 the art from the disclosure herein, whereby it is to be distinctly understood that the foregoing descriptive matter is to be interpreted merely as illustrative of the disclosure and not as a limitation. We Claim,

- 1. A method of preparation of mucoadhesive microsphere of Abacavir sulphate comprising of:
- i. preparation of bhendi mucilage; and
- ii. preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres.
  - 2. The method of preparation of bhendi mucilage as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method comprising of:
- i. soaking of 50 g of dried bhendi powder in 150 ml of distilled water;
- ii. boiling the contents for 1hr under reflux;
- iii. keeping it aside for 2hrs;
- iv. filtering the contents through a muslin bag;
- v. precipitating the contents with the help of ethanol from the concentrated aqueous filtrate;
- vi. refrigerating the precipitate for overnight; and
- vii. finally, precipitate was filtered followed by drying the residue at 37C.
  - 3. The method of preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres claimed in claim 1, wherein the amounts comprising of:
    - i. abacavir sulphate is 500 mg;
    - ii. sodium alginate is 500 mg;
    - iii. carbopol 934 is 250 to 500 mg;
    - iv. chitosan is 250 to 500 mg; and
    - v. bhendi mucilage is 250 to 500 mg.

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#### ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to the formulation and evaluation of abacavir sulphate mucoadhesive microspheres using sodium alginate with carbopol 934, chitosan and mucilages isolated from bhendi. The orifice ionic gelation technique was used for preparation of mucoadhesive microspheres of abacavir sulphate. The prepared batches of microspheres were evaluated for particle size, particle shape, surface morphology, FTIR study, encapsulation efficiency, swelling ratio, in vitro wash off test and in vitro drug release. The release rates were studied by using dissolution software PCP Disso V3. The optimized formulation showed controlled drug release at the end of desired period with maximum microencapsulation efficiency and excellent mucoadhesive property.

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