DRUG RELEASE METHODOLOGIES FOR NANOMEDICINES ADDRESSING CHALLENGES







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NANOMEDICINES







ADVANTAGE - NANOMEDICINE

- ✓ TARGETTED DELIVERY
- **✓ ENHANCED EFFICACY**
- ✓ DECREASED SYSTEMIC TOXICITY







Nanosystems and Need for *in vitro* Dissolution testing

Nanosystems are promising

Unavailability of standardized in vitro dissolution method



Urgent Need to develop Standardized Testing Methods



OFFICIAL USP DISSOLUTION APPARATUS



Type VII

Type II





DISSOLUTION METHODS FOR NANOMEDICINES



DISSOLUTION METHODS

□ Sample & Separation methods

Membrane Diffusion (Dialysis Sac) methods

 Others (Micro dialysis, Dynamic dissolution & 2 stage reverse dialysis)







MODIFIED OFFICIAL APPARATUSES

Constant Volume



Continuous Flow Methods





SAMPLE & SEPERATION METHODS

- NP directly added in medium & separation techniques applied
- Drug content in supernatant or filtrate is analyzed



Key parameters : Sample separation technique Agitation conditions



SAMPLE & SEPARATION METHODS

Pressure Ultrafiltration

- Completely separate Nanoparticles from release media within 5 min
- Prevent Clogging of filter pores



Syringe Filtration

 Use of Syringe filters with smaller pore size (0.1 to 0.02 µm) has been used





DISADVANTAGES OF SAMPLE & SEPARATION METHODS

Difficulty in separation of NP from media though high external energy applied

Long-time & High speed can result in destabilization of system (e.g. Nanoemulsion & Liposome)

Drug release continues during separation process, which can lead to erroneous results



DYNAMIC DISSOLUTION ADVANCED SAMPLE AND SEPARATE METHOD



Utilize ion- or drug-selective electrodes to monitor the dissolution/release profiles of electroactive drugs Not suitable for non-electroactive drugs



DIALYSIS METHODS

FIXED VOLUME



MEMBRANE DIFFUSION METHODS (DIALYSIS BAG)

Nanosystems separated from the release medium through dialysis membranes that are permeable to the free drug but impermeable to the nanosystems





DEVELOPMENTS IN DISSOLUTION METHOD





ROTATING DIALYSIS CELL FOR PARENTERAL DEPOT FORMLATIONS





ADAPTATION OF DIALYSIS AND USP TYPE I



BASKET MODIFIED INTO A DIALYSIS CELL



ADAPTATION OF DIALYSIS AND USP TYPE I & II (Phamatest)



Pharma Test offers the "dispersion releaser"
High sensitivity for fluctuations in release rate
Works well for compounds with poor, moderate and good solubility



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SCHEMATIC



KEY PARAMETERS INFLUENCING DRUG RELEASE IN DIALYSIS METHODS





ADAPTATION OF DIALYSIS AND CONTINUOUS FLOW CELL



rubber seals
 glass lid
 release medium outlet
 release medium inlet
 release device

A a flask containing fresh release medium B a peristaltic pump C the proposed release device

D a sampling flask



ADAPTATION OF DIALYSIS AND CONTINUOUS FLOW CELL FOR NLC

Conventional Dialysis bag method with Proposed flow apparatus





DISADVANTAGES OF DIALYSIS METHODS





CONTINUOUS FLOW THROUGH CELL TYPE IV

- This method has been widely used to investigate drug release from microspheres
- But Nanoparticulate systems have very small particle size (<100nm), challenging to test their release in USP IV.
- CHALLENGE: •NP clog the filter leading to slow flow rates and high pressure buildup in the system
- •Pass through filters, thus resulting in erroneous data.

SOLUTION: novel Dialysis Adaptor is introduced in USP type IV







CONTINUOUS FLOW THROUGH CELL TYPE IV





CONTINUOUS FLOW THROUGH CELL TYPE IV - DIALYSIS CELL





✓ High Discriminative power
 ✓ Avoided Filter clogging
 ✓ Avoided violation of sink conditions
 ✓ Avoided lack of agitation



CASE STUDIES

USP APPARATUS IV WITH DIALYSIS CELL



INORGANIC NANOPARTICLES OF SALMON CALCITONIN USP IV



- 98 % of SCT high molecular weight drug (MW ~3000) in 1 hr indicates dialysis membrane not rate limiting
- Sustained release seen with SCT NPs



BUPARVAQUONE SLN USP TYPE I vs IV

Parameters	USP IV	USP I
Volume of media(5%sls)	100ml	500ml
Speed	120rpm	100rpm
Flow rate	6ml/min	-
Sample volume	1ml	5ml
Aliquot volume	1ml	5ml





USP I – LOWER DRUG RELEASE DUE TO ABSENCE OF SINK CONDITION USP IV – COMPLETE RELEASE AND LOWER STANDARD DEVIATIONS



AMPHOTERICIN B NANOSYSTEM USP TYPE IV- LIPOMER vs SLN

Volume of Media-100mL Flow rate-6mL/min



Sample volume-1mL Aliquot volume-1mL



- SLN 23.50±3.22% AmB release after 24h
- Lipomer 39.98±5.74 % AmB release after 24h
- SLN 26.26±2.70% AmB release after 24h
- Lipomer 41.38±0.45% AmB release after 24h

DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN TWO NANOSYSTEMS OBSERVED



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

• USP IV WITH DIALYSIS CELL APPEARS PROMISING

 USP II MODIFIED APPARATUS ALTHOUGH PROMISING COULD LACK SINK CONDITION FOR POORLY SOLUBLE DRUGS



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

- SYSTEMS THAT ADDRESS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF NANOSYSTEMS
 - No release in circulation
 - Release prediction at site of delivery
- COST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES MAY BE EXPLORED



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