



Excipient Quality & Trouble Shooting

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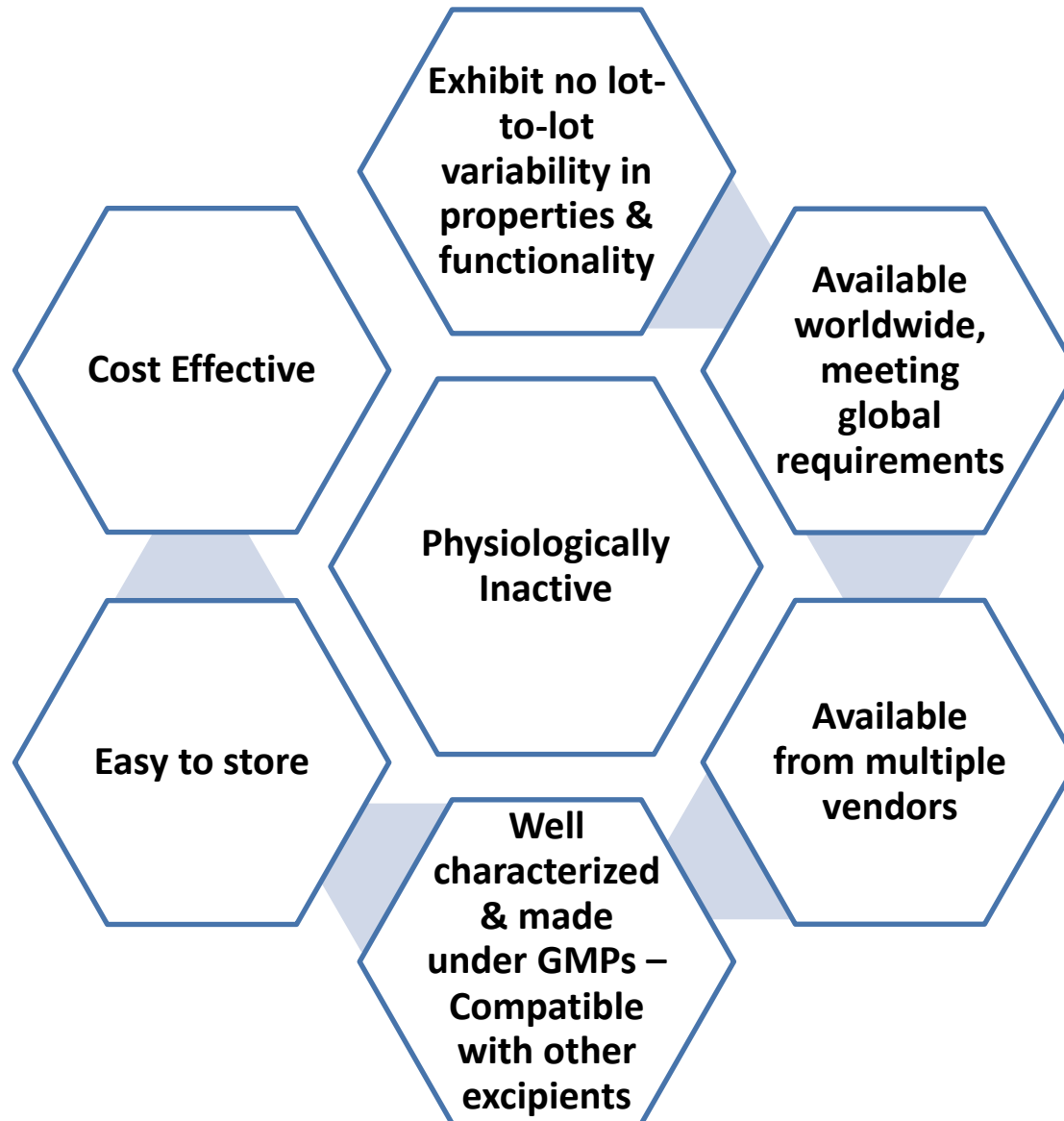
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Definition of Excipient

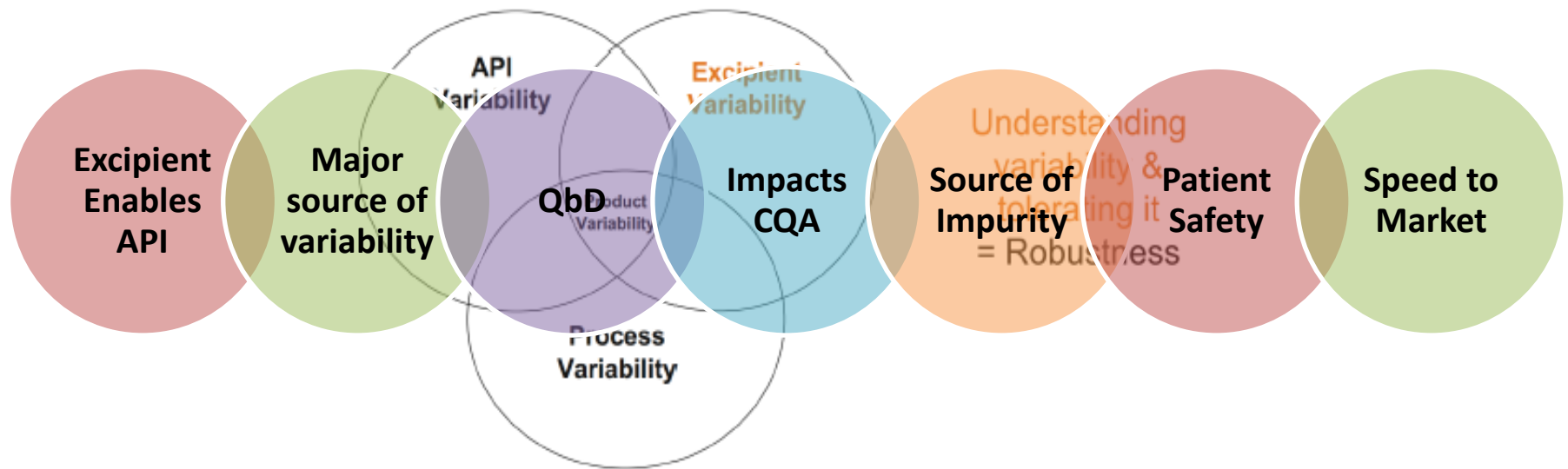


Any substance, other than the active drug that has been appropriately evaluated for safety and is included in a drug delivery system to either aid the processing of drug delivery system during its manufacture, protect, support or enhance stability, bioavailability or patient acceptability, or assist in product identification or enhance any other attribute of the overall safety and effectiveness of the drug delivery system during storage or use.

Excipient Needs



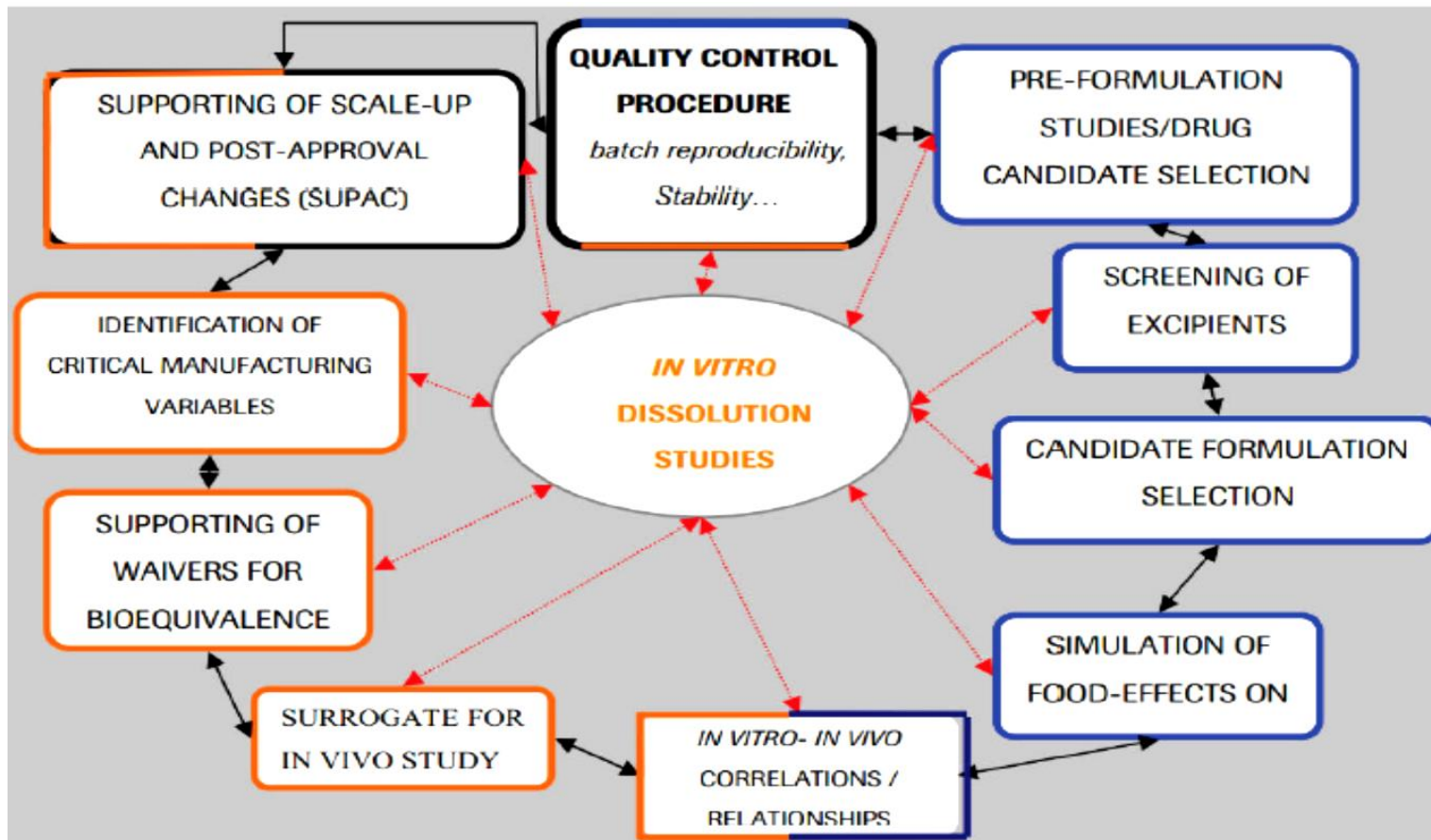
Understanding Excipients



$$\sigma_{\text{Product}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{API}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Excipients}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Process}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Interactions}}^2$$

Ref: C. Moreton

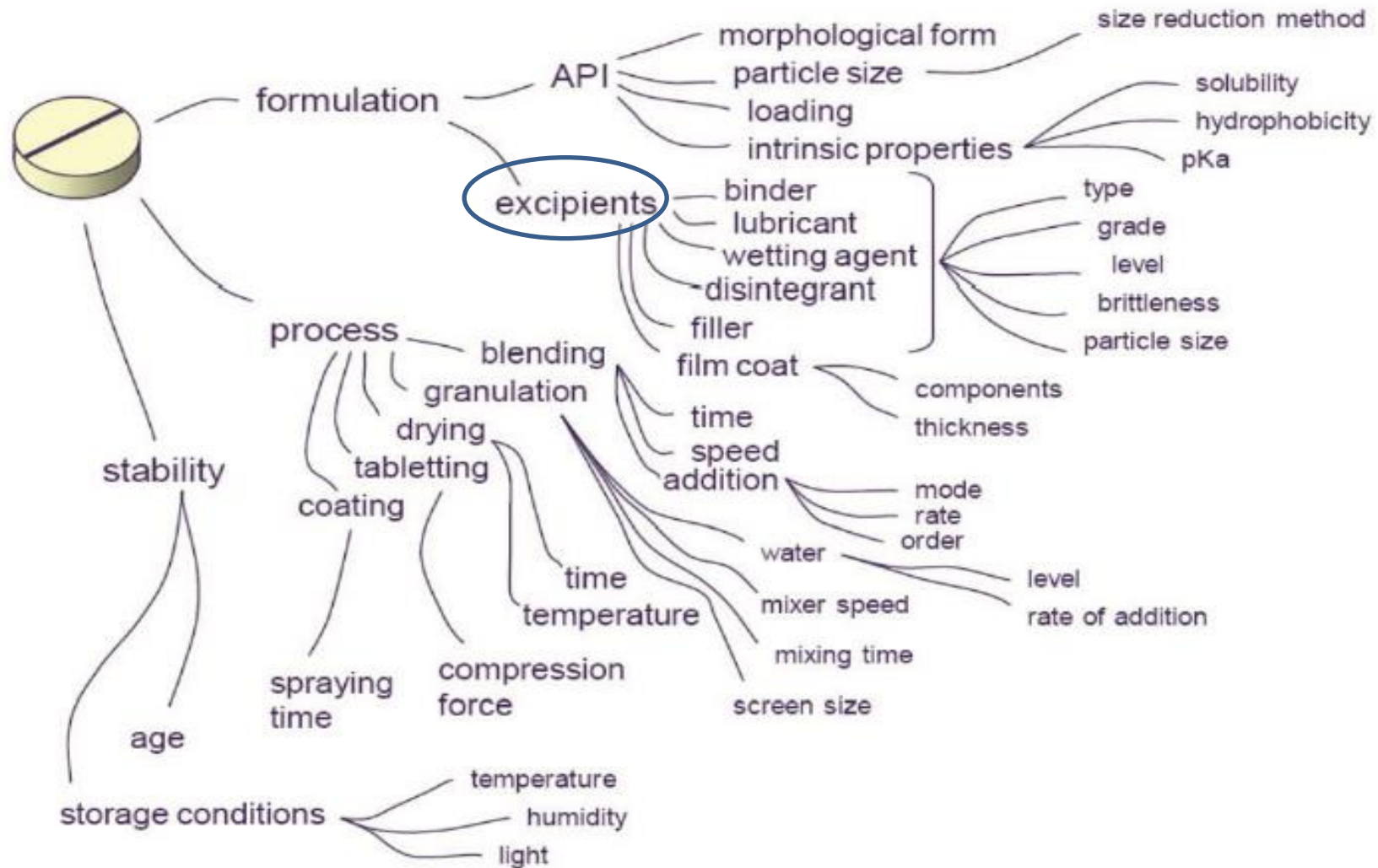
Central role of Dissolution



Ref: Emmanuel Scheubel

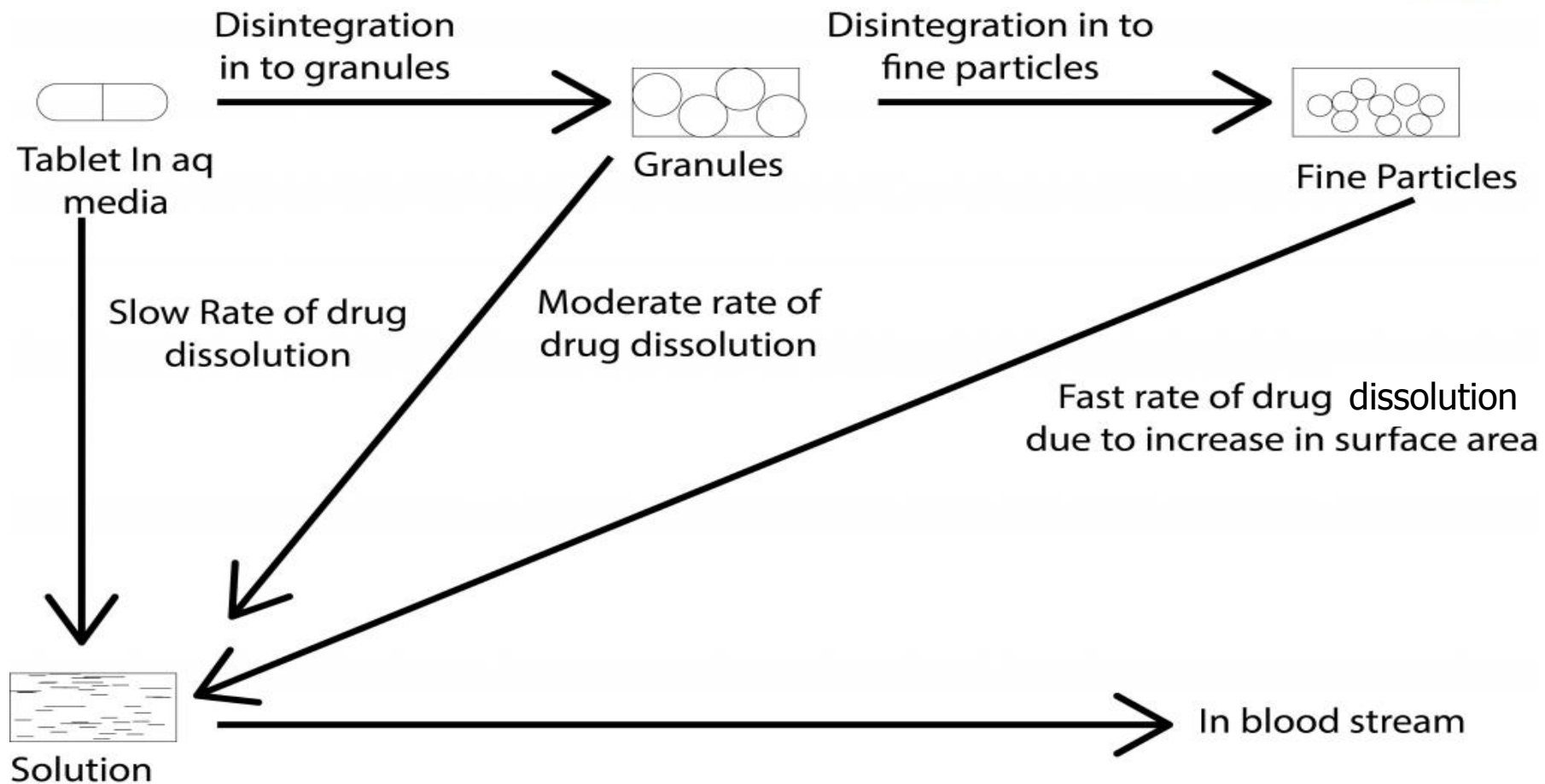
— Early phase of development — Late phase — Market

Factors affecting in-vitro dissolution



Role of Excipients in Dissolution

“Disintegrant”



Schematic representation of tablet disintegration and subsequent drug dissolution

Types of Disintegrants



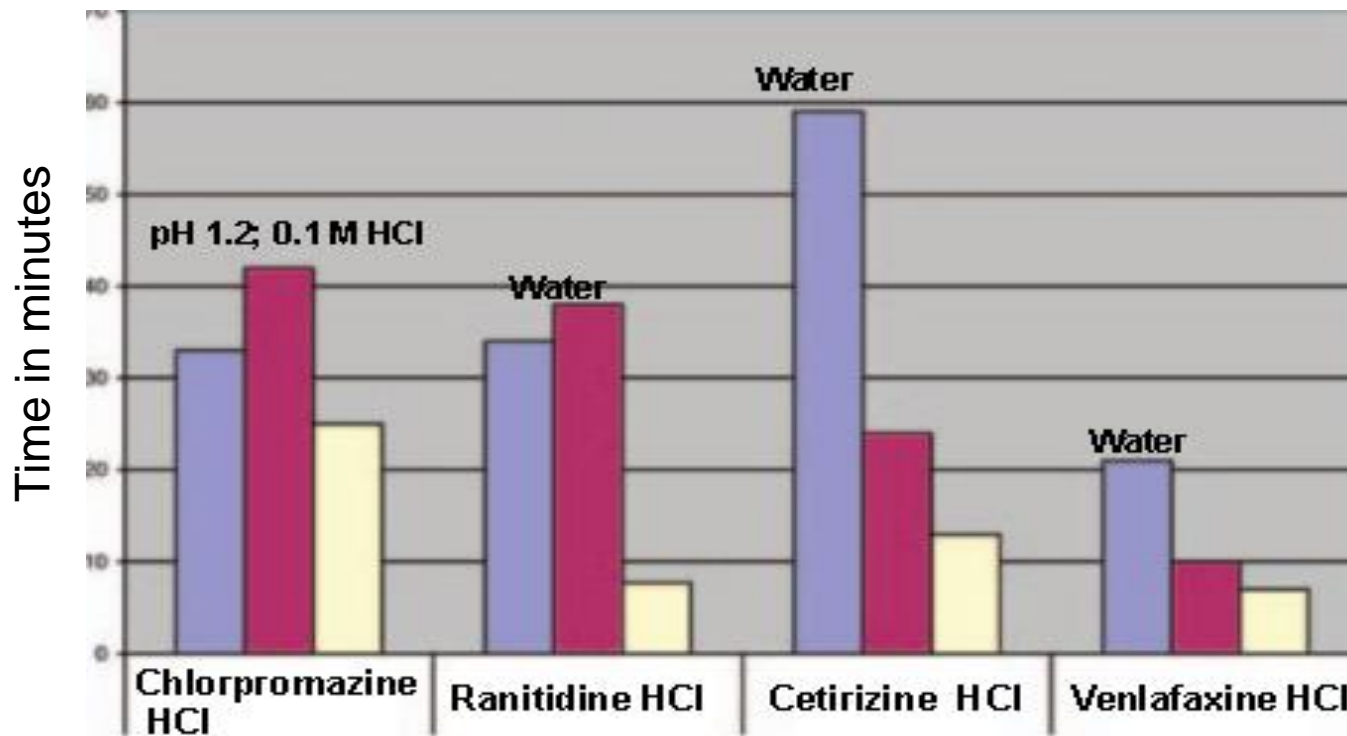
Disintegrants	Mechanism	Effective Concentration
Starch and Modified Starch	Swelling	5-10%
Microcrystalline cellulose	Swelling	10-20%
Croscarmellose Sodium	Wicking and swelling	1.0-4.0%
Sodium Starch Glycollate	Rapid and extensive swelling	4-6 %
Crospovidone	Wicking, swelling and deformation	2.0-4.0 %
Sodium Bicarbonate in combination acid	Effervescent Disintegrant Gas formation	-

Super disintegrants are effective in lower concentrations and offer significant improvements over disintegrants like starch and MCC
eg: Sodium Starch Glycolate, Croscarmellose Sodium, Crospovidone

Effect of Super-disintegrant



T80 of water-soluble cationic drugs



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Active drug	18
Superdisintegrant	2
Magnesium stearate	0.5
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Avicel pH 102	q.s.100

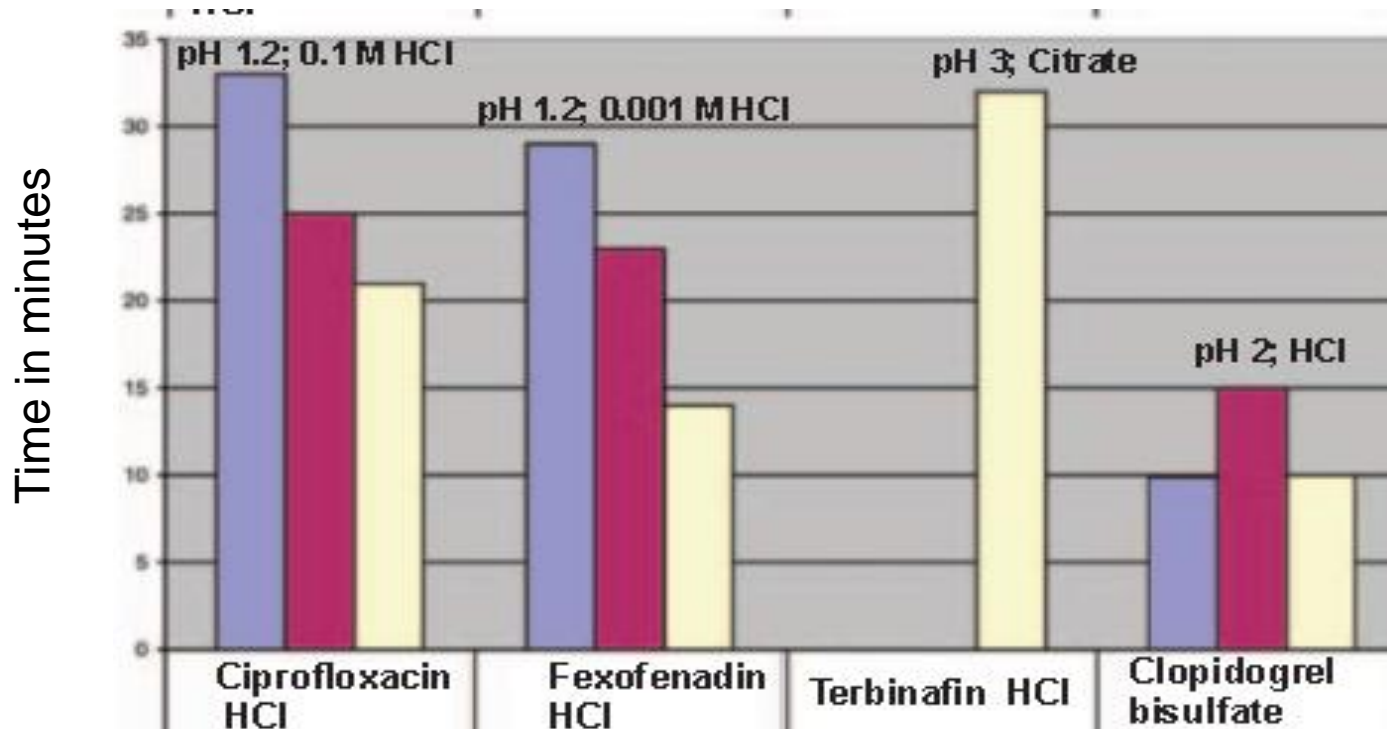
CCS
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Balasubramaniam et al, Disso Tech, May 2008; 18-25



Effect of Super-disintegrant

T80 of poorly soluble cationic drugs.



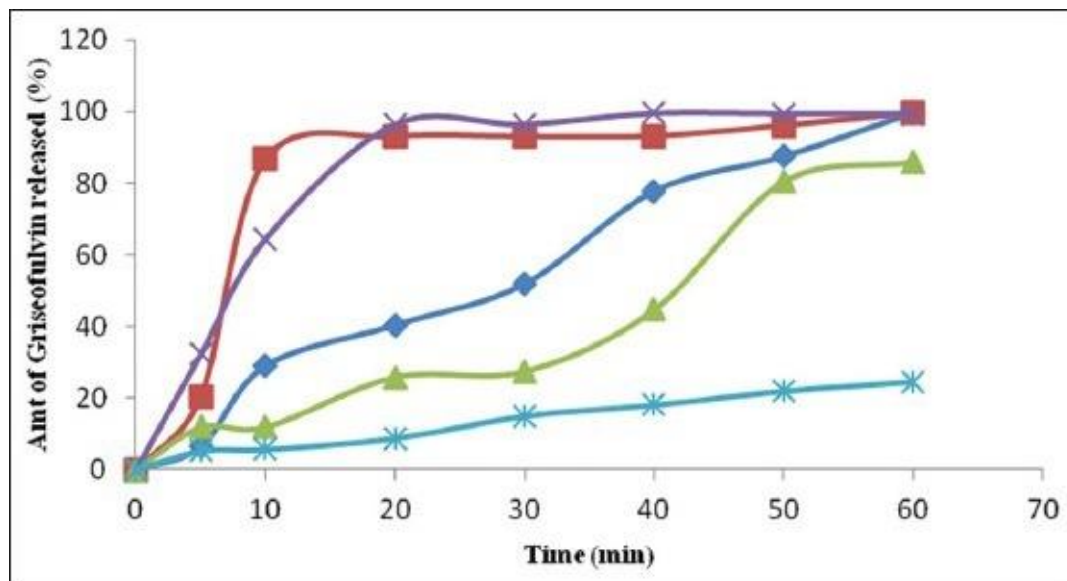
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Role of Excipient in Dissolution

Diluents



FORMULA FOR GRISEOFULVIN TABLETS

Ingredients	Batches			
	I	II	III	IV
Griseofulvin powder (mg)	100	100	100	100
Maize starch (mg)	50	50	50	50
Gelatin (mg)	25	25	25	25
Lactose (mg) q.s to 500mg	320	.	.	.
Sucrose (mg) q.s to 500mg	.	320	.	.
Mannitol (mg) q.s to 500mg	.	.	320	.
Dextrose (mg) q.s to 500mg	.	.	.	320
Magnesium stearate (mg)	5	5	5	5

Four batches of griseofulvin tablets each containing one of the hydrophilic diluents (lactose, sucrose, mannitol and dextrose) were prepared using the wet granulation method and 60 tablets were produced for each batch

Release profiles of griseofulvin from the formulated and commercial Samples lactose (—◆—), sucrose (—■—), mannitol (—▲—) and dextrose (—*—) Fulcin® (—Ж—), a commercially available sample.

Effect of Hydrophilic Diluents on the Release Profile of Griseofulvin from Tablet Formulations
[O. N. C. Umeh](#),* [J. C. Azegeba](#), and [S. I. Ofoefule](#)

Fulcin: MCC, SLS,
 Povidone, starch (corn
 and Potato), Mag stearate

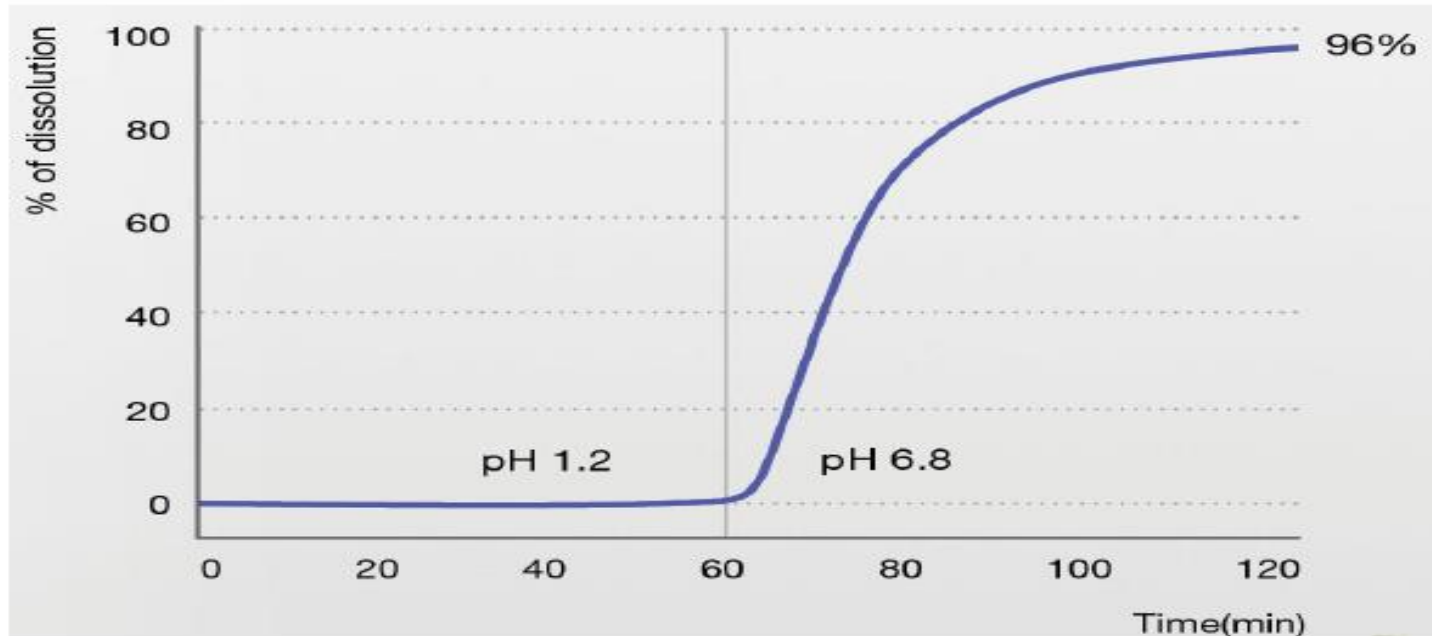
Role of Excipient in Dissolution Polymers in Modified Release



pH dependent solubility

Dissolution Profile of Lansoprazole Tablet

- Sub-coating : HPMC 2906 type 10%
- Enteric coating : HPMC HP-55 15%



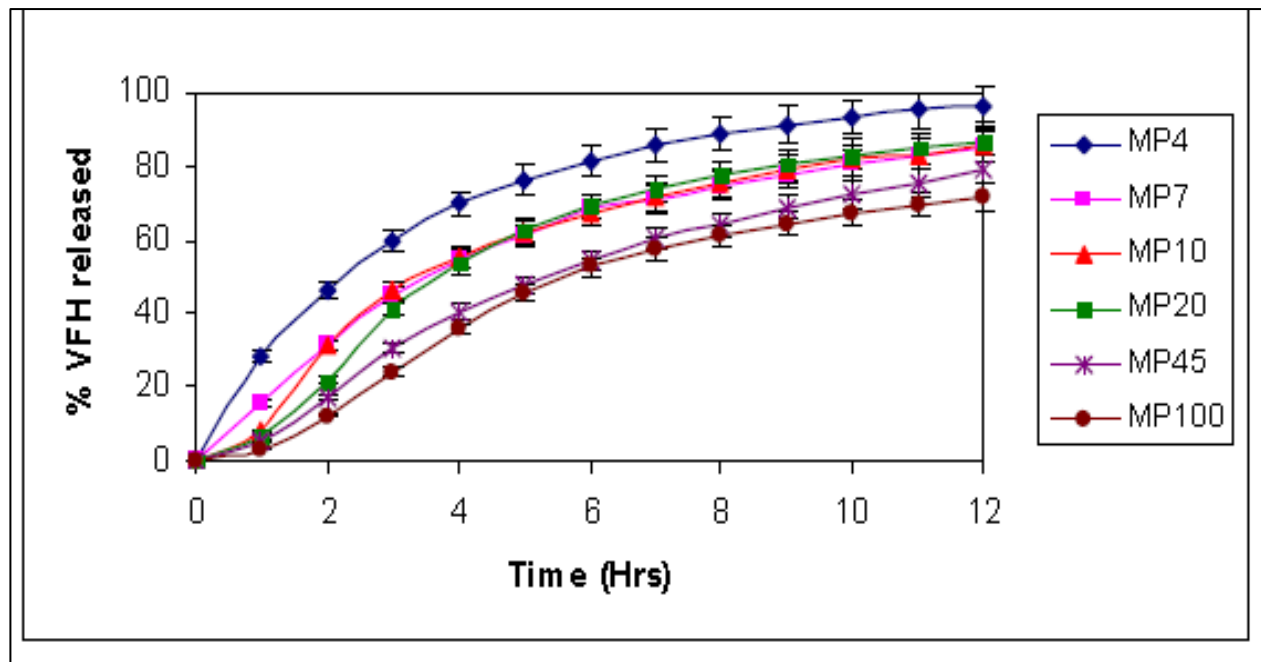
Role of Excipient in Dissolution

Effect of Ethyl Cellulose Viscosity



Venlafexine HCl (VFH) dissolution

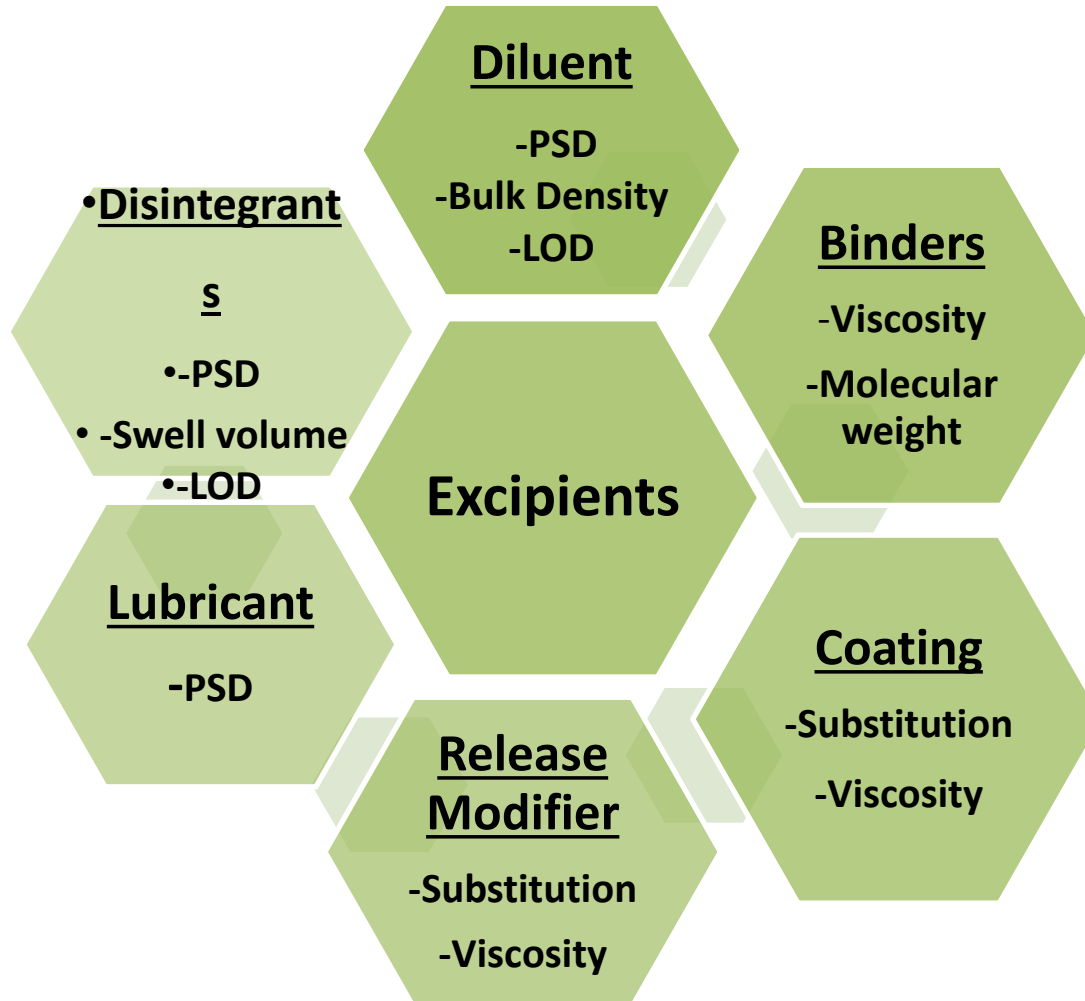
Medium : 900 ml of 0.1N HCl; Apparatus: Paddle, Speed 50 rpm
(10% weight gain)



Note: Ethyl Cellulose from Asha Cellulose was used in this study

Critical Quality Attributes

Functionality Tests are critical Quality attributes for Performance





Case Studies

Case Study- I

Microcrystalline Cellulose- Diluent



Problem: Percentage particles passing through 200 mesh was out of specification (OOS) on the higher limit

- **Investigation**
 - Samples were drawn from different boxes by using sampling thief from various points (top, middle and bottom) and mixed
 - Sieve Analysis was carried out using calibrated sieve
 - Vibratory sieve shaker was used
- **Probable cause**
 - Batch representation
 - Sieves were not calibrated
- **Corrective action**
 - Calibrated Sieve to be used
 - Batch representative Sampling

Case Study II

Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose- Polymer



Problem : Out of specification results for Viscosity of Hypromellose 100,000 cps

- **Root Cause**

- **Solution Preparation**

- Non-uniform solution preparation due to

- Non uniform dispersion in hot water
 - Immediate cooling
 - Heat transfer in high viscosity solution is very slow and the lower, Middle and upper part in solution can be different
 - The swelled part is not visible, which can contribute to higher viscosity

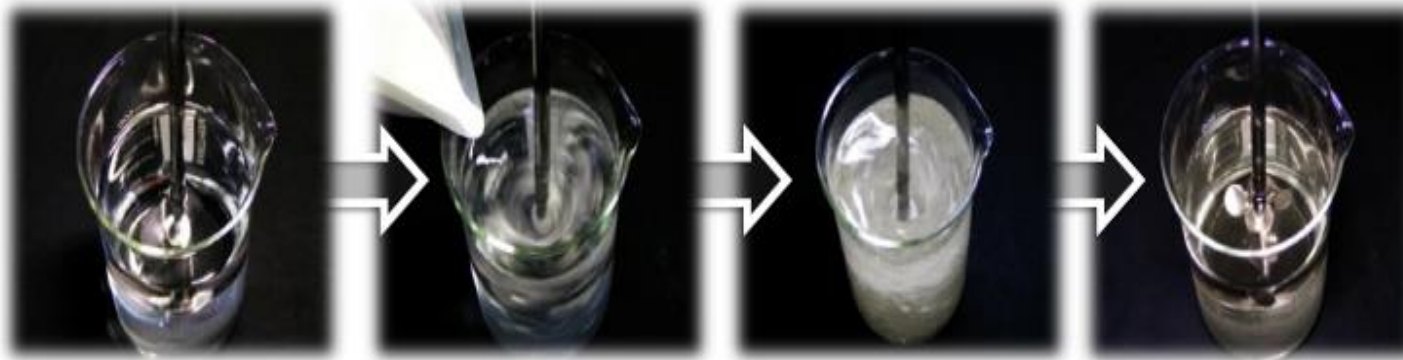
- **Corrective action:**

- **Solution Preparation (on next slide)**

- The dispersed powder should be treated at 20~40 min in ice water
 - After the solution attains 20° C in ice water, transfer it to 20° C bath
 - The viscosity is measured at different positions



Solution Preparation Viscosity



1. Heat water
above 90 ° C

2. Add HPMC
above 90 ° C
under stirring

3. Agitate till
wetting and
uniform
dispersion is
obtained

4. Cool to
20°C
transparent
solution

Case Study III

Super-Disintegrant



Problem: Moisture Content : Out of specification results were obtained for Moisture Content

- **Root cause:**
 - Crospovidone is a highly hygroscopic material
 - Due to hygroscopicity, the sample had picked up moisture due to
 - Improper packing of sample
 - Time gap between sampling and analysis
- **Corrective Action:**
 - Notification on precautions to be taken during handling of Crospovidone for sampling, analysis and manufacturing accompanies the material
 - The label states that the material is hygroscopic in nature

Conclusion

➤ Excipients are inert but play a vital role in formulating a stable product with efficacy and safety

➤ Different grades are available to cater to the specific needs of API

➤ Selection of excipient is critical to have a bioequivalent/ bioavailable drug product

Critical quality attributes are functional tests which differentiate between excipient quality

➤ Analytical Errors in CQA can lead to failure and rejection of the material



Anshul Life Sciences

An Introduction



- Established in 1978.
- Over the years, Anshul from an indenting agency has now become a partner in innovation and value addition to many customers
- Has a strong customer base of over 800
- Has a good track record of being an ethical and reliable company in the Specialty Chemicals, Excipients & Ingredients space.
- Has an application lab of Pharma, Personal care and Food to cater to the needs of customers
- ISO 9001:2015 compliant

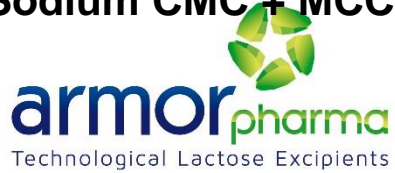
Anshul Product Portfolio



- ❖ Microcrystalline Cellulose
- ❖ Croscarmellose Sodium
- ❖ Sodium CMC + MCC



- ❖ Hypromellose
- ❖ Hypromellose Phthalates



- ❖ Lactoses



- ❖ Povidones
- ❖ Crospovidones
- ❖ Copovidone



- ❖ Saccharins
- ❖ Cyclamates



A subsidiary of Mars, Incorporated



- ❖ Polysorbate 80
- ❖ PEG
- ❖ Poloxamer



Directly Compressible Gum Bases for medicated Chewing Gums



- ❖ Capsudx Cool 3
- ❖ Cool Strips
- ❖ Glowspheres



SHANDONG FUFENG FERMENTATION CO., LTD.

- ❖ Mannitol
- ❖ Corn Starch

- ❖ Xanthan Gum



Techno Food Ingredients

- ❖ Sucralose



ASHA CELLULOSE (I) PVT. LTD.

- ❖ Ethyl Cellulose



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