

Studies on the crystal forms of Moxifloxacin: Preparation, characterization and dissolution profile

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Different crystal forms of Moxifloxacin were prepared using solvents of varying polarity. A range of solvents like benzene (nonpolar, aprotic), ethyl acetate, acetone, chloroform, dichloromethane (polar, aprotic), methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, distilled water (polar, protic), and dimethylformamide (polar, aprotic) were used for crystallization. The drug showed poor solubility in less polar solvents like benzene, ethyl acetate, chloroform, dichloromethane and acetone hence, these solvents could not be used for crystallization process. Four crystal forms were obtained from different solvents viz: MOXI - I (distilled water), MOXI - II (ethanol), MOXI - III (methanol) and MOXI - IV (isopropanol 70%). Crystallization of Moxifloxacin from ethanol (MOXI - II) produced plate like crystals that exhibited highest solubility and dissolution rate than other crystals due to its lowest melting point and smaller particle size (110 μ m) having maximum surface area. Characterization of the crystal forms were done on the basis of their melting points, DSC and DTA thermographs, IR Spectra and PXRD analysis. All the crystals gave different melting points and DSC, DTA thermographs were given much information about the existence of polymorphism in Moxifloxacin. An exothermic peak (energy released from the bond breaking) was observed in MOXI - II and MOXI - III at 276.99 $^{\circ}$ C and 270.13 $^{\circ}$ C might be due to presence of impurities or oxidative decomposition which was absent in the form of MOXI - I and MOXI - IV. Three types of polymorphs were identified based on thermal analysis and it was further confirmed with IR spectral technique as well as PXRD analysis. It is concluded finally that the study has indicated the existence of three polymorphic forms of Moxifloxacin.

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