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Pharmaceutical suspension containing both immediate/sustained release omeprazole loaded carbopol nanospheres: Preparation and *in vitro* characterization

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Background and Methods: A dual (immediate/sustained-release) oral omeprazole suspension was prepared as a innovative dosage form to eliminate *Helicobacter pylori*. Carbopol®-loaded omeprazole nanospheres might bind with the mucosal membrane after delivery to the stomach and could increase the efficacy of the treatment, providing both an instant and a sustained action.

Objective: The aim of our study was to develop omeprazole nanospheres using a nano spray-dryer technique and to explore such features as their drug content, product yield, particle size, in vitro drug release, surface characteristics and stability. The nanospheres had a particle size range of 400-805 nm after optimizing the preparation method using a central composite design. The drug content and percentage yield was 88.8%±0.4% and 95.6%±0.4%, respectively. The in vitro release profile of the omeprazole nanospheres was reliable with a Peppas release pattern, and the release after one hour was 16%, while for the original drug, omeprazole, under the same experimental conditions, 91% was released in the first 0.5 hours.

Conclusion: The nanospheres used in this study assisted controlled release of omeprazole over an extended period of time for up to 12 hours and the preparation was stable for 12 months.

Biography

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