



## Characteristics And Evaluation of Nanocapsule

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### ABSTRACT :

In a vesicular system known as a nanocapsule, the medicine is contained within a cavity made up of an inner liquid core encased in a polymeric membrane. The science of tiny is known as nanotechnology. Nano is derived from "Nano," a Greek term that signifies "dwarf size." Numerous benefits and drawbacks of nanocapsules. Two different types of polymers can be used in the production of nanocapsules. 1) Pure polymers 2) Artificial polymers. Nanocapsules can be created using a variety of techniques, such as : a) nanoprecipitation method b) polymerization method c) Emulsion-diffusion method d) Emulsion polymerization method e) Polymer coating method f) Layer by layer method g) Solvent displacement method. Applications in the field of biological sciences are numerous forms of nanocapsules with extraordinarily high repeatability. Agrochemicals, genetic engineering, cosmetics, deodorants, waste water treatment, adhesive component applications, targeted drug delivery in tumors, nanocapsule bandages to treat infections, radiotherapy, and as liposomal nanocapsules in food science and agriculture are just a few possible applications. The targeted distribution of bioactive compounds using a nanocapsule presents a number of research obstacles as well as prospects for the development of novel, improved therapeutics in the future.

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### INTRODUCTION

#### Drug Delivery Systems:

A drug delivery system (DDS) is a technology that controls the release of a drug into the body, improving its safety and effectiveness. DDS can include the method of delivery, such as a pill or injection, or the way the drug is packaged, such as in a nanoparticle or micelle.

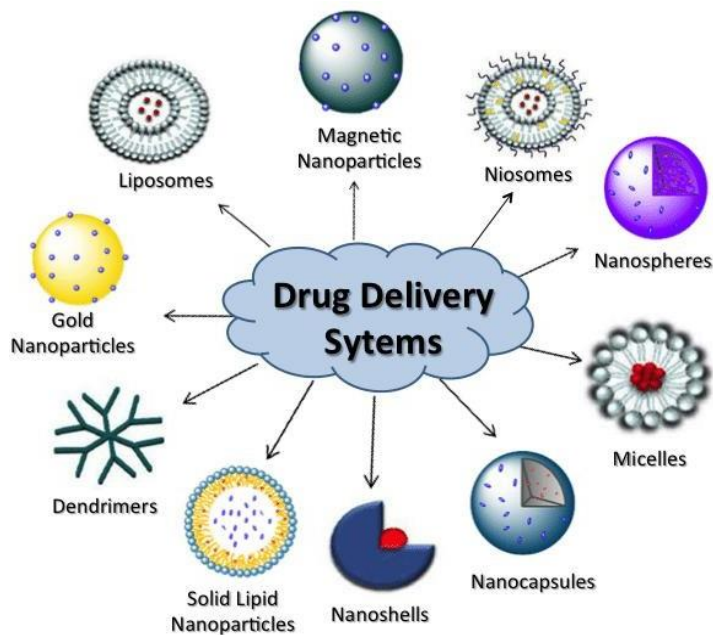


Fig. Drug Delivery Systems

## **Types of Drug Delivery Systems:**

### **Transdermal delivery systems**

A transdermal drug delivery system (TDDS), also known as a patch, is a technique that delivers drugs into the body through the skin. The drug is applied to the skin as a gel, solution, or patch. The drug then passes through the skin's layers and into the bloodstream. Medications are introduced through the skin using patches.

### **Buccal drug delivery**

A buccal drug delivery system is a method for administering drugs through the buccal mucosa, the mucous membrane lining of the inside of the cheek. This method can be used to deliver drugs for local or systemic effects. Drugs are absorbed through the buccal mucosa, bypassing the gastrointestinal route.

### **Nanocarriers**

Nanocarriers are nanomaterials that transport drugs and other substances to specific sites in the body. Nanocarriers are nano-sized materials, typically between 5 and 200 nanometers in diameter, that are used to transport drugs to a target tissue. Particles that encapsulate or carry a substance, and can be used to administer medication via multiple routes.

### **Intranasal drug delivery**

Drugs are delivered through the nose, which has a large mucosal surface area for rapid absorption.

In drug delivery has several advantages, including:

**n-invasive:** It's a simple and non-invasive way to deliver drugs

**Rapid onset:** Drugs can take effect quickly

**Avoids blood-brain barrier:** Drugs can bypass the blood-brain barrier (BBB) and directly access the CNS

**Avoids first-pass metabolism:** Drugs can avoid first-pass metabolism

### **Polymer drug delivery systems**

Drugs are covalently incorporated into a polymer backbone. A polymer drug delivery system is a device or formulation that releases a therapeutic substance into the body in a controlled manner. Polymers are large molecules that can be natural or synthetic, and biodegradable or non-biodegradable. They are used in drug delivery systems to:

Control the rate, time, and place of drug release Improve drug stability

Deliver drugs to specific sites in the body

Polymers are used in a wide range of pharmaceutical applications, including:

tablets, capsules, injectables, implants, transdermal drug delivery systems, and topical formulations.

### **Microbial drug delivery**

Commensal microbes are genetically modified to produce medications for chronic diseases. Microbial drug delivery is a method of administering drugs that uses genetically modified microbes to produce medications.

### **Nanoparticles**

Particles that protect their cargo from enzymatic degradation and can target specific immune cells.

A nanoparticle is a microscopic particle with a diameter between 1 and 100 nanometers, or one-billionth of a meter. Nanoparticles are made of organic or inorganic materials and can be solid, colloidal, nanocapsules, or nanospheres.

Nanoparticles are of interest because of their unique size and large surface-to-volume ratio. They have many applications, including:

**Medicine:** Nanoparticles can be used to carry drugs, antibodies, imaging agents, or other substances to certain parts of the body.

**Biomedical sciences:** Metallic nanoparticles are used in biomedical sciences and engineering.

**Cosmetics and sunscreen:** Nanoparticles are used in cosmetics and sunscreen.

**Solar cells:** Nanoparticles are used in coatings for solar cells.

**Water treatment:** Nanoparticles are used in materials for water treatment.

Nanoparticles can enter the body through the skin, lungs, or intestinal tract, and may cause adverse biological reactions.

### ***Self-microemulsifying drug-delivery system***

A microemulsion is achieved by the intrinsic property of the drug formulation.

A self-microemulsifying drug delivery system (SMEDDS) is a drug delivery system that uses a mixture of oils, surfactants, and a drug to create a fine oil-in-water emulsion when diluted with an aqueous phase. SMEDDS are used to deliver hydrophobic drugs orally.

Here are some characteristics of SMEDDS:

#### ***Formation***

When mixed with an aqueous phase, the components of an SMEDDS spontaneously form a microemulsion. This is due to the intrinsic properties of the drug formulation, rather than mechanical mixing.

#### ***Benefits***

SMEDDS can improve oral bioavailability, reduce variability, and are easy to manufacture.

#### ***Preparation***

SMEDDS are usually prepared as a liquid solution or encapsulated in soft gelatin capsules.

#### ***Components***

SMEDDS are made up of a drug, oils, surfactants, and a co-surfactant or solubilizer.

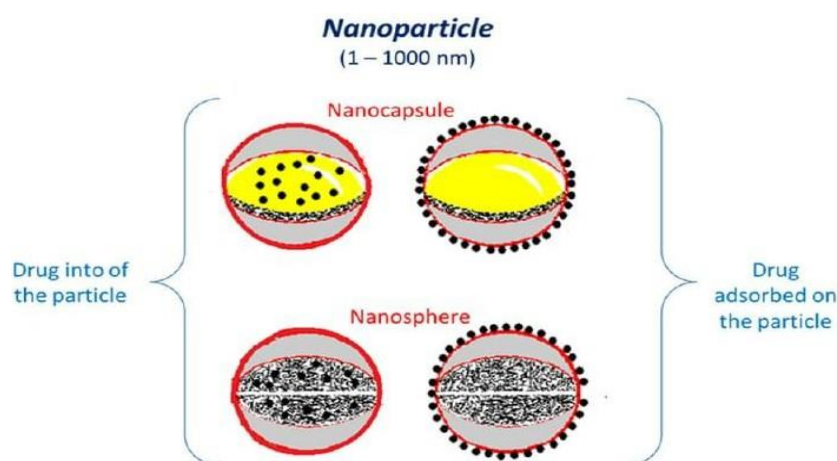
#### ***Surfactants***

Nonionic surfactants are often preferred over ionic surfactants because they are less toxic.

SMEDDS are particularly useful for increasing the absorption of lipophilic drugs, such as anticancer drugs and P-gp inhibitors.

### ***Sustained release drug delivery system***

Drugs are slowly released over an extended period of time.



**Fig. Nanoparticle**

The word "nano" in Greek, which means "extremely little," is the origin of the term "nanotechnology." It includes advancements in nanotechnology, typically between 0.1 and 100 nm. Engineered technologies called nanoparticle drug delivery systems use nanoparticles to deliver therapeutic agents to specific locations with controlled releases.

Some of nanoparticles' key benefits include their high surface area to volume ratio, geometric and chemical tunability, and their ability to communicate with bio molecules in order to speed absorption across the cell membrane. In addition, the surface area has a high affinity for medicines and small molecules, such as ligands or antibodies, for targeted delivery and controlled release.

A family of materials, both organic and inorganic, is referred to as nanoparticles. Each material's individually customizable characteristics allow for the selected design of each for a particular application, such as: a) Blood brain barrier (BBB) crossing in brain a) Improving targeted intracellular delivery to make sure the therapies go to the right cell structure. b) Disorders and diseases. c) Improving targeted intracellular delivery to make sure the therapies go to the right cell structure. d) Combining treatment and diagnosis. Biomedical, pharmacological, electrical, and molecular diagnostic disciplines have all seen significant applications for nanomaterials. The medicine is contained within a cavity made up of an inner liquid core encircled by a polymeric membrane in nano capsules, which are vesicular system.

The study of tiny particles is called nanotechnology. An component can be put into a hollow, spherical nanoparticle with a diameter of less than 200 nm, known as a nanocapsule. Both polar and nonpolar solvents may be used to fill them.

Due to their clearly defined core and shell, nanocapsules can vary from other nanoparticles, whereas the latter do not. Hollow polymer nano structures are another name for Nanocapsules when they are formed of polymers. Technology for microencapsulating material existed for a while, mainly for use involving the elimination of oxidation, the control of release of nutraceuticals, and the minimizing of hygroscopic and chemical interaction.

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## LITERATURE REVIEW

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### 7. Kimberly AD et al (2004):

Emulsion polymerization method The pre-emulsion preparation technique is illustrated by the M-6 Nanocapsule

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## APPLICATION OF NANOCAPSULES

### a) Nanocapsules as smart drugs

A smart medicine made of nanocapsules that only bind to certain cells and have particular chemical receptors can be employed. The medicine is "smart" because of the receptor, which enables it to target cancer or other diseases. For pharmaceutical applications, nanoencapsulation methods have several benefits, including: Greater effectiveness and safety longer site-specific dose retention, quicker absorption of the drug's active components, enhanced bioavailability, and larger dosage loading with lower dose quantities.

### b) Distribution of drugs using nanocapsules

The surface of nanocapsules, which are millimeter-sized particles, can be coated with an antibody to help guide blood flow to a generated tumor. The capsules instantly explode when they reach the tumor, releasing their medicinal contents. There are minute gold particles in the range of 6 nm, or 6 millionths of a millimeter, on the surface of the polymer, which stick across and are specific to the laser light and lead the capsules to capsules can be seen when near infrared light hits the gold spots and they melt instantly without harming the content.

### c) Agriculture and Food science

The liposome is a spherical bilayer vesicle made of polar lipids dispersed in hydrophilic fluids. By shielding the most reactive and sensitive molecules right up until release, they are particularly effective drug delivery systems. Liposomal entrapment has enabled the stabilization of therapeutic materials that have been encapsulated against a variety of biological and chemical changes, such as chemical and enzymatic modifications also include adjustments to cushioning against extreme pH, temperature, and ionic strength levels.

### d) Peptide as well as protein distribution by oral route

Peptides and proteins are administered orally in the form of nanocapsules, especially biodegradable ones. Due to these compounds' typical bioavailability, however, the discovery of appropriate carriers continues to be difficult. The digestive system's epithelial walls restrict molecules by causing the break down of digestive enzymes. The effect has been seen in diabetic rats after oral delivery using the encapsulation approach, which protects the bioactive molecules from enzymatic and hydrolytic destruction, such as the loaded insulin nanoparticles.

### e) Bioimaging and Diagnosis

The visualization of biological samples both in vivo and in vitro can be done by employing a range of molecular imaging methods, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), optical imaging (OI), and positron emission tomography (PET), ultrasound imaging (USI), and others. The recent advancement of luminous and magnetic nanoparticles is what is driving the improvement of biomedical imaging technology. Magnetic and luminous nanoparticles for MRI and optical imaging, respectively, have both been employed extensively.

### f) Self-healing materials using nanocapsules

Damages in polymer coating materials, adhesives, microelectronics, and structural composites can last for longer periods of time. Polymer microcapsules containing the healing agent have been used to create the novel self-healing technique. Additionally, is strong enough, has along shelf life, and binds to the host material quite well. With the development of miniaturized tools and the potential to manufacture and take nanometer-sized things, nanocapsules with functionalized surface surfaces and walls have gained popularity for use in the advancement of technology and medical research.

## CHARACTERISATION OF NANOCAPSULES

Particle size- Particle size and size distribution in nanocapsule systems are crucial because they affect the in vivo distribution, bioavailability, toxicity, and targeting of nanoparticulate systems. It frequently has an impact on the stability of nanoparticulate systems as well as the capacity for drug loading and release. Particle size affects the way the dose is released and how long the pharmacological impact lasts. Greater surface area of smaller particles enables the quick medication release of the majority of therapeutic substances adhering to or near the surface. Larger particles, on the other hand, with huge core surfaces, progressively disseminate the therapeutic ingredients. The size of the particles can also affect how quickly a polymer degrades. To determine the particle size, dynamic light scattering or photon correlation spectroscopy are used.

- Fluorescence quenching- The location of nanocapsules with an aqueous core containing oligonucleotides is commonly determined by fluorescence quenching.
- Surface properties of the nanocapsules- Following the formulation of nanocapsules with their biodegradable copolymers of hydrophilic instance, in vitro analysis of the rate of poly (D, L-lactide-co-glycolide) (PLGA) polymer degradation showed that the rate increased as the particles increased gments such as poly-ethylene glycol (PEG), polyethylene oxide (PEO), poly-oxamer, poly-xamine, and poly-sorba, (a) the surface of the nanocapsules are coated with the addition of hydrophilic polymers and/or hydrophilic surfactants, and (b) then a nocsapsule formulation is carried out to lessen opsonization and prolong (Tween 80). Zeta potential of the nanocapsule is an efficient way to characterize charge on its surface.

## PREPARATION METHOD

Nanoprecipitation method The interfacial deposition technique, also known as solvent displacement or nanoprecipitation, was created and initially used by Fessi's group. The Marangoni effect is the underlying theory behind this fabrication technique. When oil phase is gradually added to aqueous phase while being stirred moderately in the nanoprecipitation process, nanoparticles are produced in the colloidal suspension (Fig. 1). It has the benefit of being quick and simple to operate because NP formation occurs instantly and only requires one step. The major fabrication process variables including the rate of organic phase injection, the rate of aqueous phase agitation, and the ratio of the oil phase to the aqueous phase all have a significant impact on the nanoprecipitation method. Because there is no shearing tension, very narrow distributions of particle sizes can be synthesized. Although occasionally utilized to include hydrophilic medicines, this technique is primarily used to entrap hydrophobic pharmaceuticals.

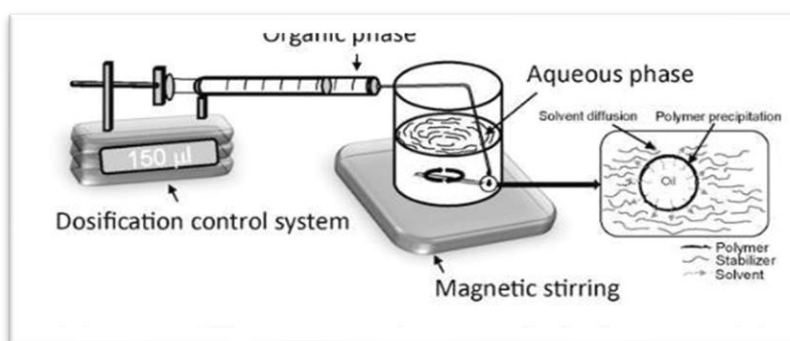


Fig. 1: Schematic diagram of nano precipitation method

Excellent encapsulation efficiencies, the absence of homogenization, high batch to batch reproducibility, simplicity of scaling up, and restricted size distribution are only a few of the advantages of ESD. Due to the ease with which drug-loaded nanoparticles can be created using the ESD method, drugs that are either water hating or water loving have applications in both electronics and medicine. Many other nanoparticles, such as, doxorubicin-loaded PLGA nanoparticles, coumarin-loaded PLA nanoparticles, meso tetraporphyrin-loaded PLGA (p-THPP) nanoparticles, plasmid DNA-loaded PLA nanoparticles, and indocyanine, can also be employed for arrange of purposes

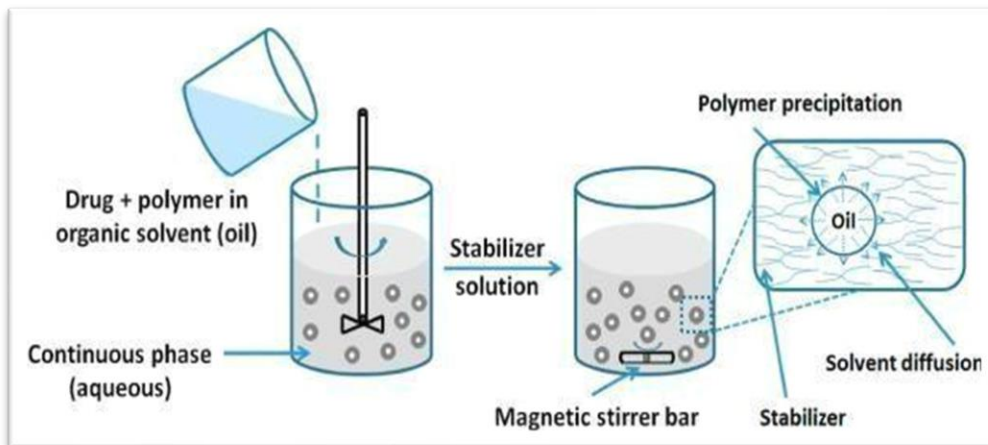


Fig. 2: Schematic diagram of solvent diffusion method.

- Emulsion polymerization method The pre-emulsion preparation technique is illustrated by the M-6 Nanocapsule (32). Blending two components produced the pre Emulsion – 1) Styrene, divinyl benzene, 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile, and 40 g of Desmondur BL3175A were all presenting Part I. 2) Sodium dodecylsulfate (1.71g), igepalCO-887(1.63g), and water(220g)were the components of Part II. During a 10-minute period, parts I and II were magnetically combined in separate containers.
- The ingredients were then mechanically agitated for 30 minutes at 1,800 rpm while Part II was added to Part I. The resulting pre-emulsion was chilled to 5°C before being sonicated with a Misonix sonicator3000 (until a particles size of 250 nm was attained). Jackson et al. (1991) transported the pre-emulsion to a three-neck round bottom flask with a mechanical stirrer, reflux condenser, and a nitrogen inlet, where it was degassed for 30 minutes.
- The temperature was increased to 70 °C and maintained there for 8 hours in order to finish the polymerization. Chemical vapor deposition and electron irradiation deposition are further preparation techniques for nanocapsules. Charge transfer, organic reagent assisted technique, solution-liquid-solid method, laser vaporization-condensation, vaporization condensation-condensation-condensation and catalytic vapor-liquid-solid growth.
- Layer by layer method The layer-by-layer assembly method (Fig.3) developed by Sukhorukov et al for colloidal particle synthesis can be used to synthesize vesicular particles known as polyelectrolyte capsules with clearly defined chemical and structural features. In conclusion, polyelectrolyte adsorption at super saturating mass polyelectrolyte concentrations results in the formation of nanocapsules by permanent electrostatic interaction. This method needs a colloidal templates onto which a layer of polymerise adsorbed either by incubation in the polymer solution, followed by rinsing, or by decreasing the solubility of the polymer by adding drops of a miscible solvent one at a time. By repeating this procedure with a secondary polymer, several polymer layers are gradually and successively formed. Polycations utilized in the layer-by-layer technique include, chitosan, gelatin B, polylysine, poly (allylamine), poly (ethyleneimine), a mini dextran, and protamine sulfate. The following poly anions are utilized Sodium alginate, poly (acrylic acid), dextran sulfate, carboxy methylcellulose, hyaluronic acid, gelatin A, chondroitin, and heparin. Poly (styrene sulfonate) (PSS) is also used.

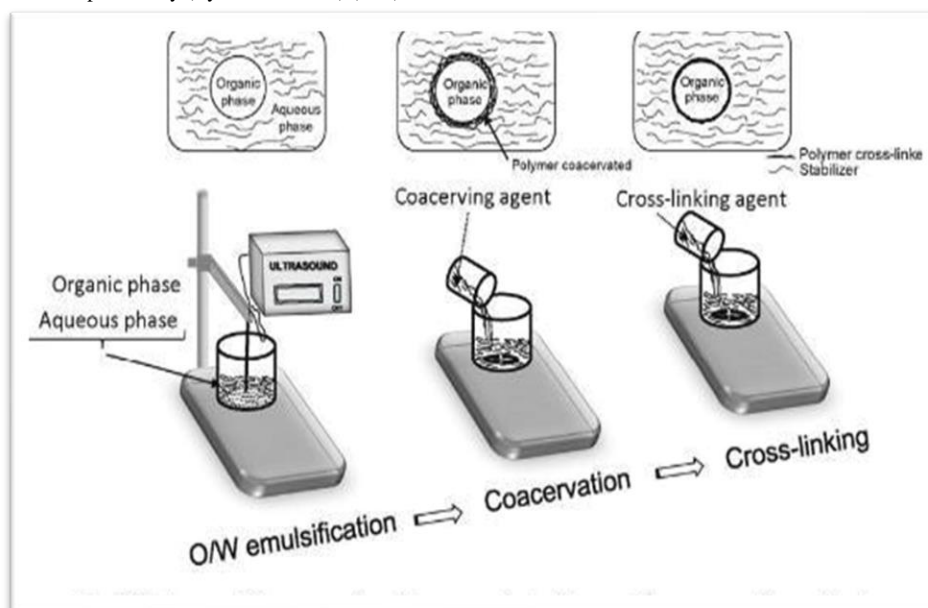


Fig. 3: Schematic diagram of layer by layer method.

Salting out A water miscible solvent is isolated from an aqueous solution using the salting out approach (Fig.4), which is an adaptation of the emulsification solvent diffusion technique. The medicine and polymer are first dissolved in a solvent like acetone, and then they emulsify into an aqueous gel with salting-out agents like electrolytes like magnesium chloride and calcium chloride in it. Because the solvent and salting out agent are both removed during cross-flow filtering, the type of salting out agent used will decide how important the strategy is. This is because it has a major impact on the drugs capacity to be properly encapsulated.

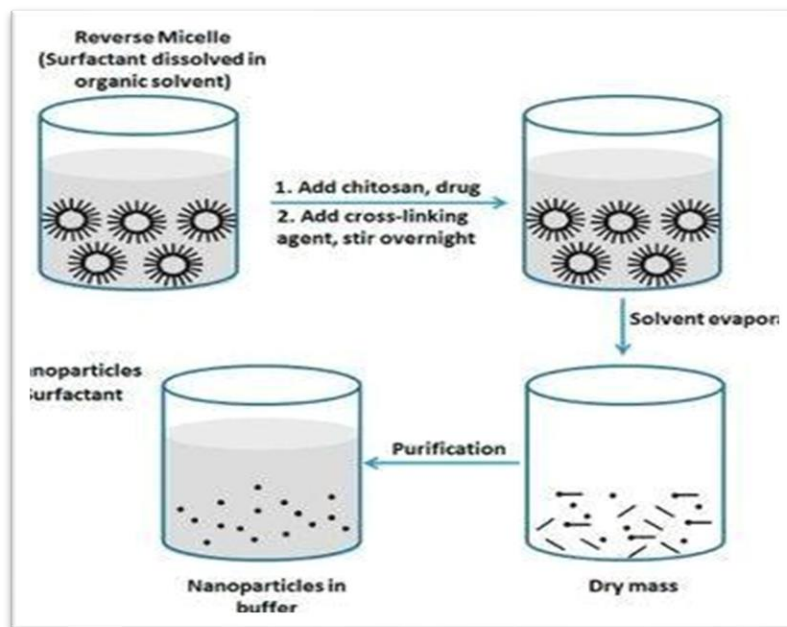


Fig. 4: Schematic diagram of salting out.

## EVALUATION STUDIES

### a) In vitro drug release

USP type I dissolution equipment was used to conducting vitro dissolution investigations. In 100 ml of buffer, the study was performed (pH 3.0). The dissolving liquid was added to the nanocapsule suspension in a dialysis membrane and kept inert by a thermostat at 37.50°C. A constant 100 rpm stirring rate was used. Five milliliters of the sample were taken at predefined intervals and analyzed spectrophotometrically for drug release. The dissolution jar received 5 ml of new dissolution medium after each withdrawal.

### b) Determination of drug content

The amount of drug present was ascertained by combining 1 ml of the ready-made nanocapsules with 20 ml of nitrile. Next, the appropriate amount of sample was run through a UV Spectrophotometer at 232 nm. Each sample's absorbance was calculated, and the results were compared to the standard.

### c) Scanning electron microscopy

The structure's self-similar properties are supported by the architecture of the hierarchical branching aggregates, defined by nanocapsules, which may include a flocs structure, tiny clusters, enormous clusters, and huge branches stepwise at various scales. It is unique in that it uses a Philips XL-30 scanning electron microscope (SEM) to show the distinctive shape of tiny clusters at high magnification. The flocculent structure of the clusters is created by the adhesion of tiny particles. A small SEM image reveals the coral-like morphology with hierarchical branching traits along the axial and longitudinal axes.

### d) Differential scanning calorimetry

DSC analysis is applied including both sealed samples and uncovered samples (those without a lid) (pan capped possessing a small hole in the center). Observations indicate that the thermal behavior of both methods is similar.

### e) Transmission electron microscopy

When experimental rats are given oral administration of insulin-loaded nanocapsules and are then used in trials conducted including both vivo and in vitro, the movement of these nanocapsules over the epithelium can be measured using transmission electron microscopy. According to TEM findings, biodegradable nanocapsules are absorbed in the intestine and then carry insulin across the mucosa of the epithelium.

### f) Determination of the Ph of nanocapsule

Formulation of nanocapsules at room temperature, pH was determined using a digital pH meter. The pH range for nanocapsule dispersion is 3.0-7.5.

## CONCLUSION

Nanocapsules make a methodological contribution to the advancement of formulation techniques, particularly nanoprecipitation and emulsion polymerization. A different option is to release them as mono disperse entities with distinct biological, electronic, optic, and electromagnetic capabilities. Delivery systems for drugs are restricted to meet the complexity of the application since they are created to produce contents in reaction to a specific

bimolecular provoking action mechanism. A wide range of agricultural inputs, waste water management systems, genetic manipulation, cosmetics, cleansers, and sticky components can all be made with nanocapsules. Additionally, they are employed to encapsulate latex particles, oils, enzymes, catalysts, adhesives, and adhesive catalysts. They can therefore be used to deliver active pharmaceutical components (APIs). Manufacturers will soon provide brand-new, effective medicine delivery systems.

## SUMMARY

The nanocapsules is an ultrafine particle is less than 1  $\mu$ m diameter with a polymeric surface coating. The nanocapsules consist of an oily core that incorporates drug substances and a polymeric exterior coating layer. Nanocapsules can deliver drugs through tissue space to the lymph node.

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