

Formulation and Evaluation of Ranitidine Hydrochloride Fast Dissolving Tablets Using Fenugreek Seeds Mucilage

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Abstract : The aim of the present research work was to formulate fast dissolving tablets of ranitidine HCl by direct compression method and to evaluate *fenugreek* seeds mucilage as a natural superdisintegrating agent. The fast dissolving tablets were prepared by using *fenugreek* seed mucilage powder, croscopovidone, croscarmellose sodium, sodium starch glycolate as superdisintegrants (2 and 4% w/w) and microcrystalline cellulose (34 and 36% w/w) as a directly compressible vehicle. All the prepared tablets were evaluated for hardness, friability, drug content uniformity, weight variation, disintegrating time, wetting time and *in vitro* drug release studies. All the prepared fast dissolving tablets formulations were within the Pharmacopoeial standards limits. Based on *in vitro* drug release studies (>90 % within 30 min), the two formulations were tested for the short term stability (40 °C/75% RH for 3 months) and drug excipient interaction (IR spectroscopy). From all the prepared formulations, the formulation FR8 prepared with 6% w/w *fenugreek* seeds mucilage and 34% w/w of MCC was optimised as the best formulation (>90 % within 30 min) compared to conventional commercial tablets formulation (>75 % within 30 min). There is no significant on drug content and *in vitro* drug release ($p < 0.05$) (Accelerated stability studies).

Keywords : Ranitidine HCl, *fenugreek* seeds mucilage, croscarmellose sodium, microcrystalline cellulose, fast dissolving tablets.

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