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Floating Drug Delivery System an Aid to Enhance Dissolution Profile of Gastric

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Abstract

With the GRDDS, the dose shape remains controllably in the stomach after oral administration, so that the medication may be continually delivered to its absorption receptors in the intestinal tract. The medicine is delivering in a controlled and extended way. Gastro-retentive dose in the stomach area may last for another few hours and substantially lengthen the gastric residence period of the medicines. While the bulk density in the system for the supply of floating medicines (FDDS) exceeds the gastric fluids, it remains for an extended duration in the stomach without altering the rate of decomposition. The medication distributes gradually as the system floats on the stomach juice. As a consequence, stomach residency takes longer and plasma concentrations are well monitored. The therapy of peptic ulcer illness might be beneficial for local activity in the upper portion of the intestine, i.e., a longer stomach residency. In addition, medicines rapidly absorbed in the GI tract will increase bioavailability through delayed stomach release. The regulated gastric retention of solid dose forms can also be accomplished by the simultaneous administration of pharmacological agents, or by sedimentation, flotation processes, muco-adhesion, expansion, changed shape systems, by delaying the stomach emptying.

Keywords: Gastro-retentive drug delivery system, Floating drug delivery system, Muco-adhesion, Bioavailability.

INTRODUCTION

Whereas drug delivery has advanced enormously, oral administration has garnered greater emphasis and success, as gastrointestinal physiology allows more dose form versatility than other approaches. The use of gastro-retentive systems is the oral technique for prolonged medication release. The goal is to increase the delivery duration of drugs in the gastric region¹. For medical compounds with poor solubility and weak intestinal resistance, fluid drug delivery systems (FDDS) for the stomach retaining of the drug have been created. The premise for FDDS is to reduce the density of the dose form to have it float on them. FDDS are low-density hydraulically operated systems with adequate boosting to float above the stomach content and remain in the stomach flourishing for a longer amount of time without influencing the gastric vacuum rate. The remaining system is Evacuated with the medication release from the stomach. This leads to increased gastric dwell duration and management of variations in plasma medicinal products. The idea of flourishing preparation provides a simple and practical technique for increasing stomach residence duration for the dose and long-term release of medicines². In order to achieve better therapeutic effectiveness of the medication substance in some conditions, it is desired to extend the stomach retention of an administered system. Medication which are less accessible and destroyed by alkaline pH exhibit greater

absorption in the proximal portion of the gastrointestinal tract have prolonged gastric retention. Moreover, prolonged gastric retention and thus various advantages, including enhanced bioavailability and therapeutic efficiency with decrease of dosage frequency, are offered for the continuous supply of medicines to the belly and proximal small gut in the treatment of some ulcers³. Gastro-retentive dosage forms (GRDF) are intended to be retained and released in the gut for an extended duration of time and therefore enable the medication to be continuously and prolongedly input into the upper section of the gastrointestinal tract (GI). In recent decades, this technique has attracted considerable attention because of its potentials to improve oral delivery of several essential medicines, which are likely to substantially increase the oral bioavailability and/or therapeutic result of prolonged retention in the upper GI tract⁴.

Part of the proximal developed by fundus in the stomach. The body is the reservoir for ungrouted materials, and the antrum is the primary location for the mixing of gestures and serves as a stomach emptying pump by action pushing^{5,6}. In both the fasting and fed phases, gastric emptying takes place. In fasting conditions, the inner digestive myoelectric migrating cycle (MMC) is split into four phases and is held in a 2–3-hour period⁷.

- ❖ Phase I (base phase) with frequent contractions lasting between 40 and 60 minutes.
- ❖ Phase II (pre-burst phase) takes 40 to 60 minutes with sporadic activity and contraction potential.
- ❖ Phase III (starting phase) takes between 4 and 6 minutes. It contains strong and regular short-term contractions. Because of this wave, all the non-digested material is drawn down into the small Drum from the stomach. The housekeeping wave is also known.
- ❖ Phase IV lasts between 0 and 5 minutes, occurs respectively phase III and phase I in two consecutive cycles.

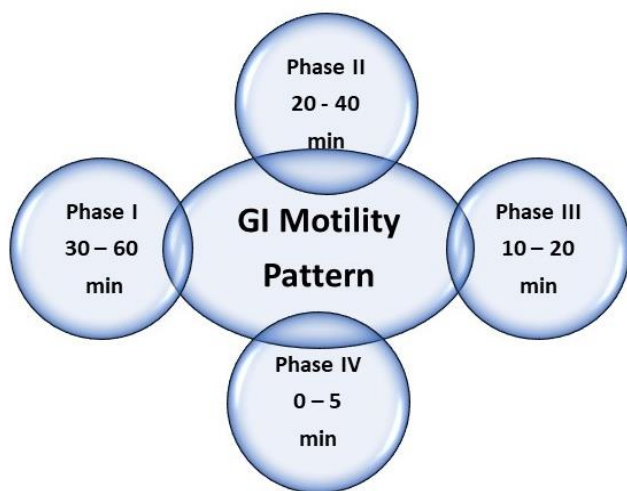


Figure 1: GIT motility model

The rate of contractions differs between fasting and one in the gastric phase when a combination meal is consumed. This is also coined as the regularity of intestinal motility and involves continuous contractions in fasting condition Phase II. These contractions reduce the proportion of the suspended nutrient particles (to below 1 mm) to the pylorus. During MMC's feedstock start, the stomach emptying rate is slowed^{8,9}.

PRINCIPLE TYPES OF GASTRIC RETENTION SYSTEMS

The gastro-retention systems are intended for extended time to be kept within the stomach to release the active components of the drugs and allow the medication to enter the upper section of the gastrointestinal tract on a continuous and prolonged basis. Over recent decades, this technique has received huge attention because of its potential to improve the oral administration of several essential medicines, which are able to improve their oral bioavailability and/or therapeutic effect with longer retention in the upper GI tract.

Ideal candidates for the delivery of gastro-retention medicines:

- ❖ A drug that acts in the stomach locally.
- ❖ Medications that are mostly taken in the stomach.
- ❖ Medicines those are not very soluble in alkaline ph.
- ❖ Medicines that are quickly absorbed by the GI tract.
- ❖ Medications in the intestines that deteriorate.

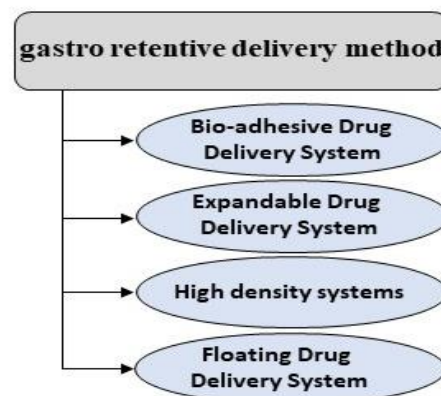


Figure 2: Categorized as following gastro retentive delivery method.

1. **Bio-adhesive systems:** As a feeding device in the lumen, bio-adhesive devices are utilized to improve pharmaceutical absorption on site. In this technique, we employ bio-adhesive polymers that can fix on the epithelial membrane of the stomach¹⁰. Bio-adhesive systems attach to gastric or mucous epithelial cells and increase stomach retention by enhancing the closeness and durability of contact between the GRDDS system and biological membrane. Perhaps one among the prosperous except that polycarbophil, Carbopol, lectins, chitosan, gliadin, alginate etc. have been frequently employed in those systems. The capacity to maintain a drug's adherence to the mucous layer offers a longer period of residence at a certain organ location and therefore improves or systemic jolt on the local activity.

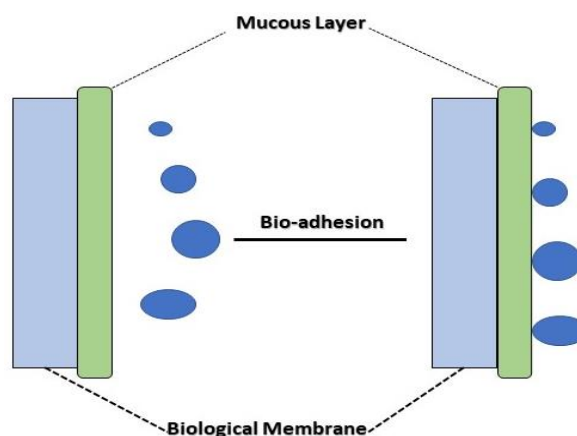


Figure 3: Bio-adhesive mechanism of drug molecule on mucous layer

2. **Expandable systems:** Extensile gastric retentive systems are readily ingested, and owing to swelling or developing processes, the stomach retention duration is much higher¹¹. When the stomach is evacuated after release, its proportions are decreased. A merger of significant dimensions and high dose stiffness increases gastro-retentiveness to endure peristalsis and mechanical stomach contractility. The in vivo absorption effects were enhanced by narrow absorption window medicines in these systems. This system's expansion mechanism swells in a way that impedes the pylorus from exiting. The dose form is therefore kept for a long time in the stomach. These can be referred to as "plug-type system" since they tend to remain lodged on the pyloric sphincter when the diameter in their enlarged condition exceeds around 12-18mm. The recipe is designed to store the medication in a stomach cavity and to regulate it.

For several hours, even in the fed condition, such polymer matrices persist in the stomach cavity.

3. High density systems: This technique comprises the creation of dose shapes with densities which must exceed the usual stomach content density (~ 1,004 gm/cm). This sort of formulations is created by covering the medicine in a hefty core or 3mixed with inert ingredients. Barium sulphate, iron powder, zinc oxide and titanium oxide etc. are the inert materials. Material density up to 1,5-2,4 gm/cm rises. For a considerable extension of 3gastric residency period, a density of over 32.5gm/cm seems essential¹².

4. Floating drug delivery system: Floating systems are moderate systems that hover over the intestinal fluid and exist in the stomach for a considerable length of time¹³. The medication is slowly released from the system when the gastric content is released and the rest of the system is

removed from the stomach at the correct rate after the drug is administered. As a consequence, stomach retention is improved and the variations in plasma drug concentration are better controlled⁹. The medication is released slowly at the required concentration in the circulation as the system floats in stomach content. The debris from the stomach is therefore cleansed. These findings will result in GRT increase and improved flux management at concentrations of plasma drugs. However, the floating style minimum level (F) requires also that floats on the surface of meals provide a dependable dose form for the stomach content that is minimal to acquire a right to retain the concept of flooding¹⁴. It is also beneficial for local medicines such as antibiotics for *Helicobacter pylori* for proximal gastrointestinal (GI) treatments for a peptic ulcer¹⁵ and for medications difficult to dislocate or not durable in gastrointestinal secretions¹⁶.

Table 1: Elucidation of merits and the downsides of floating drug delivery system

S.No	Merits	Downsides
1.	In comparison with non-GRDF CR polymer formulation, the bio-availability of various medicines (such as riboflavin and levodopa) CR-GRDF is considerably improved ¹⁷ .	The main drawback of a floating system is that gastric juices have to float without a sink in adequate amounts. The utilization of bio adhesive polymers that attach readily to stomach mucosa can, however, circumvent this restriction ²¹ .
2.	Simple and traditional formulation procedure.	Not appropriate for GIT solutions or stability issues ²² .
3.	In the treatment of reflux problems (GERD) [30].	The medications that are unsustainable in the acidic gastric environment are not worthy choice for integration in the systems ²² .
4.	The FDDS is beneficial for medications with stomach absorption such as antacids and ferrous salts ¹⁸ .	Up an entire water glass should be offered to the dose form (200-250 ml) ²³ .
5.	FDDS minimises variation of medication concentration over a threshold level and promotes pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic benefits ¹⁹ .	These methods offer no substantial benefits compared to typical drug-dose forms absorbed via the gastrointestinal tract ²³ .
6.	A floating dose form is generally recognised, especially with medicines that have limited absorption sites in the upper gut ²⁰ .	Two medicines like nifedipine that are well distributed throughout the GIT and undergo first-pass metabolism may not be optimal ²⁴ .
7.	Easier patient compliance administration.	Medicines that are irritating to stomach mucosa are either not desirable or are not appropriate.

Criteria for selecting drug applicants for the system of floating medicines:^{25,26,27}

- Medicines with limited window absorption in GIT (e.g. L-DOPA, paminobenzoic acid, furosemide, riboflavin).
- Drugs that are effective regionally in the stomach (e.g. misoprostol, antacids).
- Drugs in the intestine or colonic environment that are unstable (e.g. captopril, ranitidine HCl, metronidazole).
- Medicines which trouble typical colonic bacteria (e.g. antibiotics used for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori*, such as tetracycline, clarithromycin, amoxicillin).
- Medicines with low high pH dissolution. (e.g. diazepam, chlordiazepoxide, verapamil).

FLOATING SYSTEMS MECHANISM:

Floating drug delivery devices (FDDS) have a relative density lower than stomach juices and are therefore suspended in the digestive system for longer periods of time without impacting the the pace of digestion. During floating on the stomach contents, the medication is freed at the recommended intervals from the system. The residual

system is emptied of the stomach once the medication is released. The GRT is improved and variations in plasma medication concentrations are better controlled. However, a minimum amount of floating force (F) is necessary in inclusion to the minimal gastric content needed to assure that the floating force is properly maintained in the dose forms on the meal's surface. A new apparatus for determining the resulting weight was published in the literature for the appraisal of floating force kinetics. So to retain the submerged item, the device continually measures the force corresponding to F (depending on time). If F is on the upper positive side, the item floats better. This device serves to optimise the stability and endurance of the floating forces produced by FDDS, to avoid unpredictable fluctuations in intra-gastric buoyancy³⁵.

$$F = F \text{ buoyancy} - F \text{ gravity} = (D_f - D_s) gV$$

Where, F= total vertical force,

D_f = fluid density,

D_s = object density,

V = volume and

g = acceleration due to gravity.

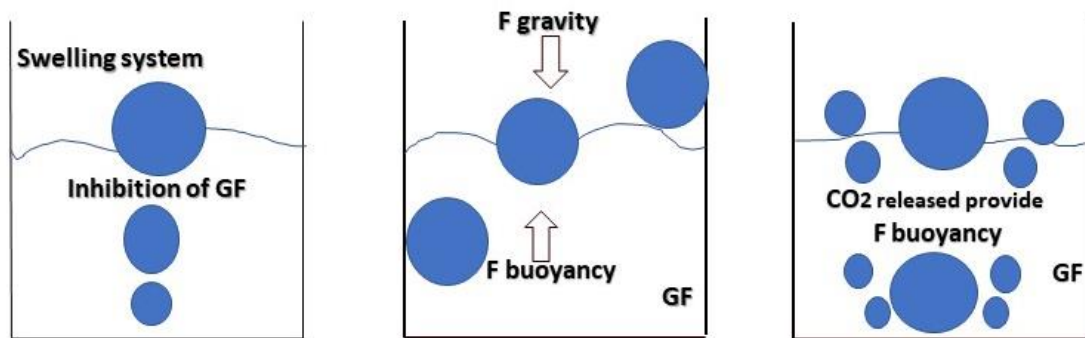


Figure 4: Mechanism of floating drug delivery system

Table 2: Relative comparison between conventional and gastro-retentive drug delivery system

S.No	Relative Parameters	Conventional Drug Delivery System	Gastro Retentive Drug Delivery System	Ref.
1.	Toxicity	High toxicity concern.	Very little toxicity concern.	28
2.	Low solubility and high pH drugs	Not suited for supply in the small intestine area with narrow absorption windows.	Suitable for supply in the small intestine area with narrow absorption windows.	29
3.	Compliance with the patient	Low	Enhanced	28
4.	Drugs that operate in the belly regionally	Not very beneficial for GIT-fast-absorbing medicines.	Very beneficial to medicines in the stomach locally.	29
5.	Dose dumping	No dosage risk dumping.	Chance to dump.	28

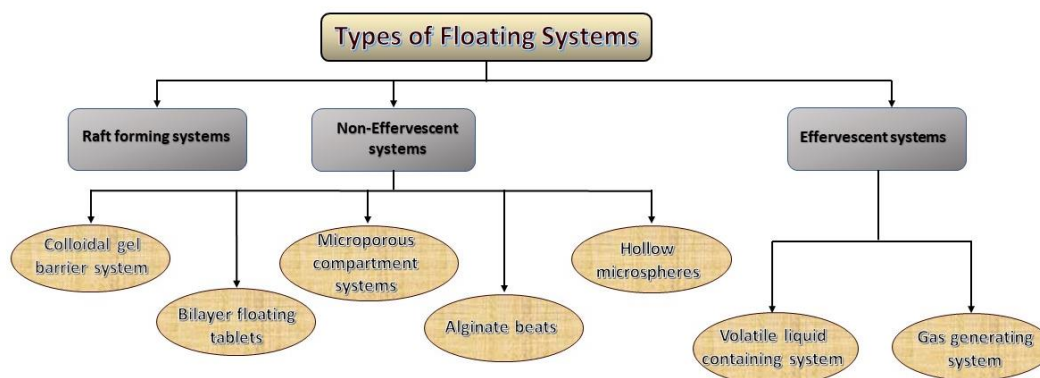


Figure 5: Floating system classification³¹

A. Non-Effervescent Systems: These are single-unit forms of hydrophilic polymers, with more than one gel-forming aspects. Although the most frequent kind is hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethyl-agar, carrageen and alginic acid are also employed. Alternatively, hydroxypropyl-methylcelluloses (HPMC) are most prevalent in usage. The polymer is generally added to the medicine given in a capsule of gelatin. The capsule disintegrates quickly in stomach fluid; the surface polymers create a floated mass via hydration and swelling^{32,33}. The evolution of the hydrated barrier on the surface monitors medication release. Consistent surface erosion permits the passage of water into the interior layers, and preserves surface hydration and flooding³⁴.

Different forms of Non-effervescent Systems are explored below.

1. Bilayer floating tablet: The floating tablet of the two-layer Bilayer has an instant release tablet which releases the initial dosage of the system and the continuous discharge stratum accumulate gastric fluid to the surface, retains the bulk density and remains hovering in the gut⁶.

2. Colloidal gel barrier system: This method extends the stomach retention period and optimizes the quantity of medicines which arrive at the absorption site. It comprises drugs that contain gel-forming hydrocolloids, to keep their stomach content booming. This system includes hydrocolloid cellulose type gel-forming polymers such as hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), polysaccharides and polymers forming matrix, such as polycarbophils, plastics and polyacrylates. Hydrocolloid hydrates in the course of providing an environmental gel colloid barrier when it is in touch with the gastro-intestinal (GI)^{36,37}.

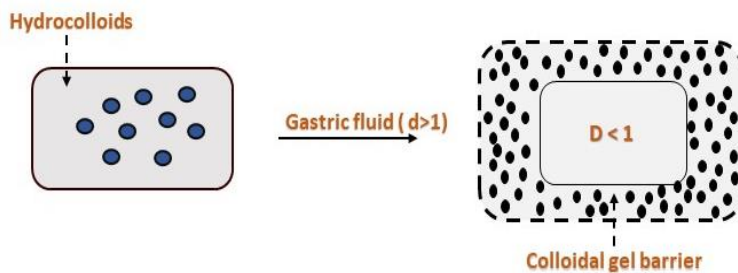


Figure 6: Colloidal gel barrier system

3. Microporous compartment systems: A microporous portion features a bundled medication reservoir on the upper and base of the wall. The drug container on the outer wall is totally screened to dissolve the

insoluble medicines in the stomach. The entangled ones are used to float the system on the fluids of the stomach into the fluid orifice, which dissolves the medicines to be metabolized into the bowel³⁸.

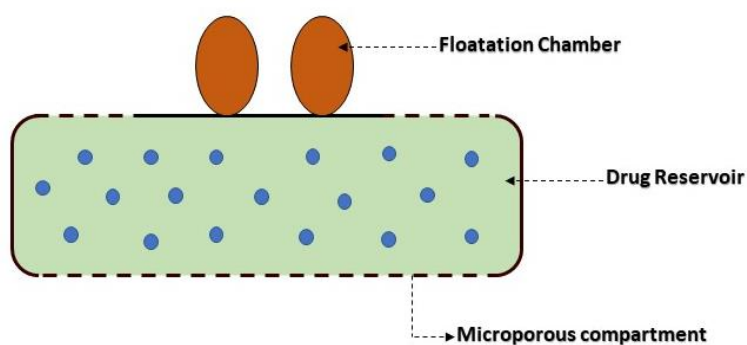


Figure 7: Microporous compartment system.

4. Hollow microspheres: Hollow microballoons used by emulsion solvent diffusion technique, are microballoons that use medicine on the polymer's exterior shell. Solution of ethanol: aqueous dichloromethane and enteric PVA solution at a 400°C turning temperature. By vaporising dichloromethane, the resultant gas stage is distributed into polymer gout, producing an internal hollow in a polymeric microsphere, with the pharmaceutical being an internal cavity on the polymer's microsphere. The microballs float on

the top of acidic dissolving medium which maintain a surfactant longer than 12 hours (in vitro)³⁵.

5. Alginate beads: The floating multi-unit dose forms consist of freezing alginate calcium. Calcium alginate can be precipitated with round beads with 2.5 mm diameter, which is soluble in calcium chloride solution, which can form a pore system that can strengthen its ability to float over 12 hours and be longer³⁹.

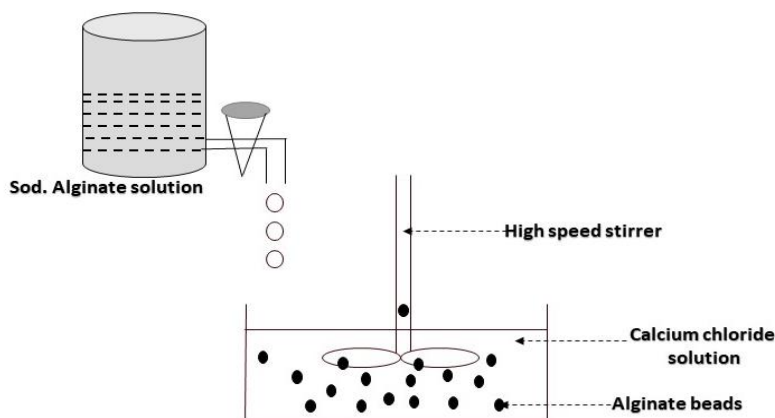


Figure 8: Schematic representation for alginate bead preparation.

B. Raft Systems: Involve alginate gels in raft forming systems. These have a carbonate element that bubbles in the gel when reacted with stomach acid and allows it to float. The raft process convoluted in the formation comprises the creation, with each part of the fluid swells, of a constant layer called a raft, of viscous cohesion gel in interaction with stomach contents. Due to the low volume density creating CO₂ production, this raft floats with stomach juices. The antacids and medicines supplied for gastrointestinal infection and illnesses have been given great attention in these systems^{40,41}.

C. Effervescent System: Preparation is intended for the production of carbon dioxide gas in an effervescent system. Carbonates, gas production and other organic acids are one of them. The formulation design aims at reducing the density system that can float in the stomach juice¹³. In the

case of one layered tablet, the free CO₂ gas can be mixed quickly in the tablet matrix⁹.

1. Volatile liquid containing systems: This is a floating system that is osmotically regulated and consists of a void deformable unit in convertible, collapsed shape. Home would be linked to its deformation unit and split into a first and second chamber by a moving unit that is impermeable and sensitive to pressure. The first chamber normally holds an active drug, while the second chamber is used for the production of a gas by vaporization of a volatile fluid such cyclopentane or ether, which allows the drug reservoir to float. With the assistance of an eroding plugs that enabled the vapor to evade, the unit is removed from the gastrointestinal^{36,37}. The ethyl cellulose covering is water-permeable, releasing CO₂ from it⁴².

POLYMERS USED FOR FLOATING DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM

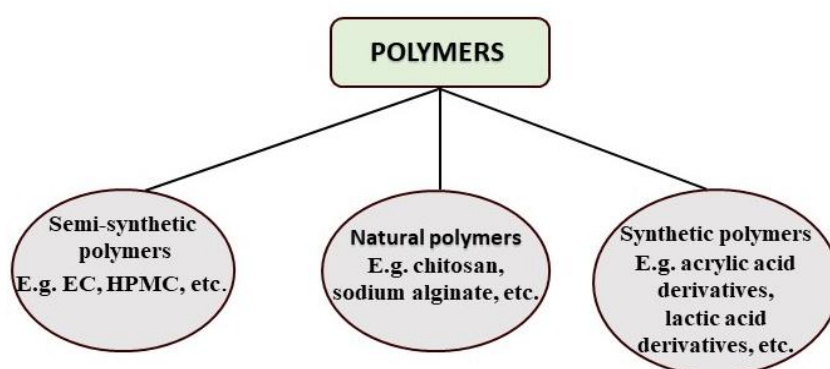


Figure 9: Classification of polymers used on the basis of origin

Some of them are described as below.

1. Chitosan: Chitosan is a bio-poly amino-saccharide, which is synthesized by alkaline chitin deacetylation. The deacetylation grade and molecular weight of chitosan are available in various grade levels, and the solubility may also be modulated from modestly acidic medium to watery⁴³. The proportion of deacetylation influences essentially the polymer characteristics of dispersion, hydrophobicity and the potential to interact with polyanions electrostatically by altering the number of amino groups protonatable^{44,45}. In 0.5-8% concentration, chitosan is utilized in production of the microsphere. Acetic acid is utilized primarily as a carrier for the composition preparation at a concentration of 0.5-3 percent. Dichloromethane and ethanol are also used in some situations in 1:1 ratio^{46,47,48,49}.

2. Sodium Alginate: Alginate is a natural abundant component obtained by brown algae and bacteria in the soil⁵⁰. The ionotropic gelation technique is used to produce alginate beads. Beads with a diameter of about 2.5mm may be produced, which causes a precipitation of calcium alginate by adding sodium alginate solution in aqueous calcium chloride solutions. The beads are then frozen into liquid nitrogen, separated and freeze at -40°C for 24 hours, which produces a porous structure that is capable of maintaining a floating force of 12 hours. The sodium alginate is used to manufacture beads with 1-6 percent concentration^{51,52,53,54}. The alginate gel particles are pH-sensitive, that is, they remain unaltered in water or in acid, but quickly swell to a size higher than the original size in phosphate buffers of pH 7.0. These alginate properties may be of value in medicines which are acid-sensitive as they

may be protected against gastric jus attacks and may release xerogels into the gut at desired rates⁵⁵.

3. Ethyl-cellulose And Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose: A long-chain polymer of b-anhydro-glucosic units combining with acetal linkage is ethyl-cellulose (ethyl ether of the cellulose). The primary hydrophilic vehicle utilized in the manufacturing of oral controlled drug delivery system is hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose (semi-synthetic polymer). It is member of the hydrophilic polymer's family^{56,57}. HPMCs such as K4M, K100M, K15M, etc. are utilized in the management of floating microspheres and tablet compounds^{58,59}. Ethyl-cellulose is amongst the most often accessed polymers for microsphere preparation. It is also utilized for improved outcomes at concentrations of up to 20%⁵⁹.

4. Acrylic Acid Derivatives: The main derivatives utilized in the production of floating microsphere are Eudragit and Carbopol. Eudragit is an acrylic and methacrylic acid precursor. There are different degrees of Eudragit used to prepare floating microspheres. For the production of floating microspheres, Eudragit RL, E, and RS grades is utilized. RL 100 and RS 100 are granular in these grades and commonly utilized compared to any other plastic, which is pH-independent, mucoadhesive, swelling polymer^{60,61}. Carbopol is a variant of acrylic acid that is used for floating foodstuffs because of its high mucoadhesive and swelling characteristics. The floating tablets made with Carbopol and other polymers minimize the floating lag time and also offer a better outcome with Eudragit^{62,63}.

METHOD OF PREPARATION:

1. Solvent evaporation method: Employing solvent diffusion and evaporation techniques, a hollow inner core was produced with the floating multi-particulate dose. After the polymer is immersed into a solvent, it is dissolved into the organic polymer solution. The drug solution is later homogenized into an aqueous medium of PVA to produce O/W emulsion. The organic solvent is then evaporated or continually stirred as the temperature rises. The withdrawal of a solvent leads polymer to seize the gout contact with the oil in water (O/W), creating a hollow chamber and enabling it to float. Among the polymers that are being used in the improvement of these floating systems include cellulose acetate, polyvinyl acetate, chitosan, acrylate, Eudragit, Methicillin, polyacrylate, polycarbonate, Carbo-polite, polyethylene oxide and agar. The polymer and drug regulation rate were disintegrated by methylene chloride. In the organic phase that was produced the polypropylene powder was then distributed. In the aqueous phase of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), the resulting suspension was then emulsified. Until being dried in a desiccator with enough silica gel, the macro-particles were tamed and washed with

cold water; all of these are uneven in form and size and have a porous structure⁶⁵.

2. Emulsion solvent diffusion method: A new technique of diffusion of emulsion solvents is being implemented with micro-balloons (hollow microspheres) in their external polymer shell. A polymer and medicament mixture are injected into an aqueous polymer solution in ethanol methylene chloride (vinyl alcohol). Enclosed methylene chloride evaporates and the microparticles create interior voids⁶⁴.

3. Ionotropic Gelation Method: In the vicinity of counter-ionic polyelectrolytes, the inclination to cross link promotes ionotropic gelation, which leads to beads production. Since usage of Chitosan, Alginates, CMC and gellan gum for drug encapsulation, this method of gelation has been frequently used to bead preparations. These anions build mesh-like structures by coupling them with versatile cations and engage gelation mostly by combining them with anion chunks. Hydrogel beads are created if the drug-loaded polymer solution is dropped into a versatile cationic aqueous phase⁶⁵.

Table 3: Factors affecting gastric residence time of the floating drug delivery system

Factors	Parameters	Intutions	Ref.
Formulation factor	Size	During the digestion process, little pills are quickly evacuated from the stomach compared to big tablets.	66
	Density	Density tablets about 1.0 g/ml were observed to be even more efficacious (typically regarded lower in density than the stomach contents).	
	Shape	In vivo for its stomach retention potential six various types of forms, such as ring tetrahedron, slurry, pellet, disc, etc., were screened. The tetrahedron form (2 cm in length), each leg (3.6 cm in diameter), was about 100% retained at 24 h in this investigation.	67
Idiosyncratic factors	Gender	average ambulatory GRT in males (3.4 h) below old age and women (4.6 h) independent of height, body weight and terrain.	68
	Age	Elderly individuals, particularly those beyond 70, are much longer; they float ³⁹ . Medicine administered also has an impact on illness conditions such as diabetes or Crohn's disease, etc.	69
Food factors	State of Fed or Unfed	During starvation conditions, GI motility is characterized by periods that occur every 1.5 to 2 hours with high motor activity and/or the MMC.	70
	Meal's nature	Injection of undigested polymers or salts of triglycerides can alter the motility pattern of the gut and therefore reduce the gastric drainage frequency and delay the rate of drug release.	71
	Caloric and frequency of eating	Floating with a meal heavy in proteins and lipids might be enhanced by four to 10 hours. When consecutive meals are provided compared to a single meal because of the low frequency of MMC, floating can be increased by almost 400 minutes.	

FDDS PHARMACOKINETICS AND PHARMACODYNAMICS

Pharmacokinetic Aspects

❖ **Significantly enhanced Bioavailability:** With the exception of several bioavailability reasons, FDDS has examined the excellence of bioavailability for some medicines with narrow therapeutic window attributable only to the poor GI uptake. The medicines evaluated with a restricted absorption window, FDDS, showed that the molecule might be more bioavailable at a particular location. In compared with the intake of traditional formulation, the bioavailability of hovering Riboflavin and Levodopa control release (CR) systems is boosted.

❖ **Enhanced first-pass biotransformation:** Similarly, the pre-systemic metabolism of the tested chemical has enhanced the reason for FDDS substantially when supplied sustainedly in the metabolic enzymes (P450 cytochrome, in particular CYP3A4) rather than with bolus input, in the active transport companies with limited capacity activity.

❖ **Decreased dosing frequency:** The varied investigations show that medicines with relatively brief, biologically-living biological halves, a sluggish input from continuously releasing and controlled floating pharmacokinetics flip-flop system ensured at decreased dosage frequency have been seen. This characteristic is

linked to better patient conformity and enhances treatment.

- ❖ **Targeted treatment in the upper GIT for local conditions:** For local treatment in the stomach and small intestine, lengthy and continuous use of medication from the floating systems into the gut can be beneficial.

Pharmacodynamic aspects

- ❖ **Reduced drug concentration fluctuations:** Continuing intake of the drug following controlled release of the Gastro-retentive dosage form (CRGRDF) generates blood concentration in a smaller range in comparison to instant release dosage forms. Fluctuations in drug effects are therefore reduced and concentration can be prevented dependent on maximal dosages. For medications with a low therapeutic index, this is particularly imperative⁷².

- ❖ **Minimized colon adverse event:** In the scenario of a gastro-retentive shape on the gastric in the FDDS the persistence of drug reduces the number of medications reaching the colon. Unwanted drug activity in the colon can therefore be averted. This pharmacodynamic feature offers the justification for floating formulations of beta-lactam antibiotics which are exclusively absorbed by the small intestine and which cause the growth of bacteria in the colon⁷³.

- ❖ **Reduced body counteractivity:** The pharmaceutical reaction, which interferes with natural physiological processes, in many circumstances causes a rebound activity of the body, which reduces drug activity. Low drug intake into the body, as in FDDS, reduces counter-activity and increases drug efficiency.

Table 4: Evaluation of floating drug delivery system

S.No	Evaluating Parameters	Elucidation	Ref.
1.	Hardness of Floating tablets.	Twenty tablets should be engaged for hardness measurement by the Monsanto-type hardness test uniformly sampled in each package of compositions.	74
2.	Dimensions of the tablet.	The length of FDDS tablets is assessed using a Vernier calibrated caliper in the form of a calibration of traditional comprises, as depict in the official compendium. Three tablets are randomly selected from each recipe and independently analyzed thickness.	
3.	Determining the consistency of medication content.	How much drug is in the formation is the fraction of the drug contents. The boundaries of acceptable monographs should not be exceeded. The content of the medicine is evaluated by HPLC, NIRS, HPTLC and ICPAES	75
4.	Swelling index	An in vitro measurement device was designed to assess the true floating capacity of floating dose forms according to time. It works by measuring the force corresponding to the force F needed to keep the item in the fluid completely immersed. This force determines the resulting weight and may be used to quantify floating or non-floating properties of the item.	76
5.	Density of Tablet	The density of the tablets is regarded to be a significant floating tablet characteristic. The pill will only float if its density is smaller than gastric fluid (1.004).	77
6.	Quantity of medicines	Five tabs have been considered and pulverized for each group. Powder equivalent to 100 mg of the medicine was measured, transferred to a beaker glass, adding 0.01 N HCl, and agitated for 5 minutes and added 0.01 N HCl, which generated up to 100 ml, then strained through the filter paper, Whatman, for a 15-minute period. In the conclusion, a mixture was suitably diluted and then monitored using a UV-Visible spectrophotometer spectrophotometer by 203 nanometers.	78
7.	Analyses of in vitro dissolution	Using USP Dissolution Assays Apparatus 2 the drug release of hydrochloride from floating tablets is evaluated (paddle method). The dissolving test was performed with 900 ml 0.1 N HCl for 12 hours. The solvent sample (5 ml) was replaced every hour from the dissolving device and a fresh dissolution medium was employed. A 0.45 µm membrane filter filter filtering was applied and the sample was diluted at a concentration of 0.1 N HCl for 12 h. This solution has been quantified at 310 nm by its transmitter or absorption.	79
8.	X-Ray method	X-Ray has become a fairly popular assessment criteria for floating dosage forms today's world. It helps to determine dose forms in the GIT and predicts and correlates gastric emptying time and formulation passage through the Gastrointestinal. The inclusion in a solid dose form of a radio-opaque material allows for the detection of radiation.	80
9.	Gastroscopy	It is composed of a fiberoptical and video system, a peroral endoscopy. Gastroscopy is advised for visual inspections of the FDDS impact of lengthy stomach stays. Otherwise, FDDS may be extracted from the stomach for further assessment.	81,82
10.	Ultrasonography	Ultrasound waves with a wide range of acoustic resistances on each other allow for the image of some abdominal organs. Most DFs are not interconnected with a physiological environment with significant acoustic discrepancies. Ultrasound is therefore not employed for the FDDS examination on a routine basis. The characterization comprised evaluating the intragastric site of the hydrogels, gel penetration of the solvent and FDDS linkages during the period of peristalsis.	83

CONCLUSION

Drug absorption is a very varied operation in the gut, and prolonged stomach retention of the dose form prolonged the permeation period. FDDS provides a possible gastro retention strategy. The objective is to increase bioavailability in the area of the gastrointestinal system with a small absorption window. By lengthening GI time, the solubility of medicinal products less soluble at high pH and reducing the waste of medicines is improved, thereby reducing plasma levels. While some challenges to produce extended gastric retention still need to be developed, a great number of firms focus on the commercialization of this method.

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