

**SELF EMULSIFYING DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM: A REVIEW**

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**ABSTRACT**

Self-emulsifying drug delivery systems (SEDDS), which are isotropic mixtures of oils, surfactants, solvents and co-solvents/surfactants, may be used for the design of formulations a good way to improve the oral absorption of enormously lipophilic drug compounds. these structures shape first-rate emulsions (or micro-emulsions) in gastrointestinal tract (GIT) with mild agitation furnished through gastric mobility. Many parameters like surfactant awareness, oil/surfactant ratio, polarity of the emulsion, droplet size and rate plays a critical position in oral absorption of drug from SEEDS. This formulation superior bioavailability due to growth the solubility of drug and minimizes the gastric infection. The reality that almost 40% of the new drug compounds are hydrophobic in nature means that research with SEDDS will continue, and greater drug compounds formulated as SEDDS will attain the pharmaceutical marketplace within the destiny.

**KEYWORDS:** Self-emulsifying drug delivery systems, isotropic, emulsions, bioavailability.**INTRODUCTION<sup>[1]</sup>**

Self emulsifying drug delivery system (SEDDS) is described as isotropic mixture of oil and surfactants or as an alternative one or more hydrophilic solvents and co-solvents. Upon moderate agitation observed by way of dilution in aqueous media which include the gastrointestinal (GI) fluid, those systems can shape great oil in water (o/w) emulsions or micro emulsions. Self micro emulsifying formulations unfold quite simply within the GI tract and the digestive motility of the stomach and the intestine offer the agitation essential for self-emulsification (SEDDS) usually produce emulsion with a droplet length between one hundred and 300 nm even as SMEDDS form obvious micro emulsion with a droplet size of much less than 50 nm. while as compared with emulsions which can be touchy and metastable dispersed bureaucracy, SEDDS and SMEDDS are physically strong formulations which might be clean to fabricate. SMEDDS can be formulated to give sustained launch dosage form with the aid of including polymeric matrix, which isn't ionizable at physiological pH and after ingestion in contact with GI fluid paperwork a gelled polymer making it viable to release the micro emulsified energetic agent in a non-stop and sustained count number through diffusion. Bases of self micro emulsifying system had been formulated the use of medium chain triglyceride oils and non-ionic surfactant which are appropriate for oral ingestion. The lipophilic (poorly water soluble) capsules together with nifedipine, griseofulvin, cyclosporine, digoxin, itrconazole,

carbamazepine, piroxicam, steroids, ibuprofen, diazepam, and lots of others. are formulated in SMEDDS to improve efficacy and safety. It must be mentioned that water-in-oil model of SMEDDS has additionally been investigated. This system may be liquid however also semisolid depending at the excipient's preference. those are traditionally designed for the oral path. those arrangements may be given as smooth or difficult gelatin capsules for smooth management and particular dosage.

**Properties of Sedds<sup>[2]</sup>**

1. They're capable of self-emulsify swiftly in gastrointestinal fluids & underneath the have an effect on of gentle agitation supplied with the aid of peristaltic and other moves of gastro intestinal tract, they shape a first-rate o/w emulsion.
2. They are able to effectively contain drug (hydrophobic or hydrophilic) in the oil surfactant mixture.
3. They may be used for liquid as well as solid dosage bureaucracy.
4. They require lower dose of drug with appreciate to traditional dosage bureaucracy

**Advantages<sup>[3,4]</sup>**

- Brief onset of action
- Discount in the drug dose
- Ease of manufacture & scale-up
- Improvement in oral bioavailability

- Inter-subject and intra-challenge variability and meals outcomes
- Capability to deliver peptides which might be susceptible to enzymatic hydrolysis in gut
- No have an impact on of lipid digestion process
- Accelerated drug loading capability

#### Disadvantage<sup>[4]</sup>

- Traditional dissolution strategies do no longer paintings, because these formulations potentially aredependent on digestion prior to launch of the drug.
- This in vitro version needs further development and validation before its power can be evaluated.
- In addition development may be primarily based on in vitro - in vivo correlations and therefore unique prototype lipid based totally formulations wishes to be evolved and examined in vivo in a appropriate animal model.
- The drawbacks of this system consist of chemical instabilities of drugs and high surfactant concentrations in formulations (about 30-60%) which irritate gut.
- Conventional dissolution methods do not paintings, due to the fact those formulations doubtlessly are depending on digestion previous to release of the drug.
- Formulations containing numerous additives turn out to be more hard to validate.
- High manufacturing prices.
- Low drug incompatibility.
- Drug leakage. So it can allow less drug loading.

#### Composition of Self Emulsifying Drug Delivery System

1. Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API): As, SEDDS are used to boom the solubility of poor water-soluble pills, BCS elegance II pills are favored e.g. itraconazole, nifedipine, diet E, simvastatin, danazol, ketoconazole, mefenamic acid, naproxen, carbamazepine.<sup>[5,6]</sup>
2. Excipients used in SEDDS: Thinking about, pharmaceutical acceptability and the toxicity issues the selection of excipients is definitely vital. So there's a high-quality limit as to which excipients must be used. The self-emulsification process is precise to the awareness and nature of the oil/surfactant ratio, surfactant/co-surfactant ratio and the temperature at which self-emulsification takes place. So, this entire component ought to be considered at some point of choice of excipients in SEDDS.

#### A) Oils

The oil represents one of the most essential excipients inside the SEDDS formula now not most effective due to the fact it is able to solubilize the specified dose of the lipophilic drug or facilitate self emulsification but also and especially because it can increase the fraction of

lipophilic drug transported thru the intestinal lymphatic system, thereby increasing absorption from the GI tract relying at the molecular nature of the triglyceride 28-30. both long and medium chain triglyceride (LCT and MCT) oils with one-of-a-kind levels of saturation have been used for the design of self-emulsifying formulations.<sup>[7,8]</sup>

#### B) Surfactants<sup>[9,10]</sup>

Several compounds displaying surfactant properties may be employed for the layout of self-emulsifying systems, however the choice is restrained as very few surfactants are orally desirable. The most widely encouraged ones being the non-ionic surfactants with a especially high hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB) 12. safety is a prime figuring out element in deciding on a surfactant The four important businesses of surfactants are described as following-

- A) Anionic surfactants
- B) Cationic surfactant
- C) Ampholytic surfactants
- D) Nonionic surfactants

**A) Anionic Surfactants:-** in which the hydrophilic organization includes a negative rate inclusive of carboxyl (RCOO), sulphonate (RSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) or sulphate (ROSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>). Examples: Potassium laurate, sodium lauryl sulphate.

**B) Cationic surfactants:** - where the hydrophilic group consists of a nice charge. instance: quaternary ammonium halide.

**C) Ampholytic surfactants:** (additionally known as zwitterionic surfactants) include each a terrible and a high quality price. example: sulfobetaines.

**D) Nonionic surfactants:** - where the hydrophilic institution carries no fee however derives its water solubility from enormously polar businesses such as hydroxyl or polyoxyethylene. Examples: Sorbitan esters (Spans), poly -sorbates (Tweens).

#### C) Co-Solvents<sup>[11]</sup>

The manufacturing of an greatest SEDDS calls for quite high concentrations (generally more than 30% w/w) of surfactants, consequently the concentration of surfactant may be decreased with the aid of incorporation of co surfactant.function of the co-surfactant collectively with the surfactant is to lower the interfacial tension to a totally small even brief terrible value.At this value the interface might make bigger to shape great dispersed droplets, and ultimately adsorb greater surfactant and surfactant/co-surfactant until their bulk circumstance is depleted sufficient to make interfacial tension high quality once more. however, the use of co-surfactant in self emulsifying systems is not obligatory for many non-ionic surfactants. the choice of surfactant and co-surfactant is vital no longer handiest to the formation of SEDDS, however additionally to solubilization of the drug within the SEDDS.<sup>12</sup>

**Factor Affecting of Sedds<sup>[13,14]</sup>****A) Nature And Dose Of The Drug**

tablets which are administered at very excessive dose are not appropriate for except they exhibit extraordinary solubility in as a minimum one of the additives of SMEDDS, preferably lipophilic segment. the medication which showcase confined solubility in water and lipids (generally with log P values of approximately are maximum tough to supply via SMEDD.

**B) Polarity Of The Lipophilic Phase**

The polarity of the lipid section is one of the factors that govern the drug release from the micro emulsions. The polarity of the droplet is ruled via the HLB, the chain period and diploma of unsaturation of the fatty acid, the molecular weight of micronized for their propensity to inhibit crystallization and, thereby, generate and preserve the supersaturated country for extended term.

**Mechanism Of Sedds**

One of a kind tactics had been said within the literature. No unmarried idea explains all elements of micro emulsion formation. Schulman et al. Considered that the spontaneous formation of micro emulsion droplets was due to the formation of a complicated film at the oil- water interface through the surfactant and co- surfactant. Thermodynamic principle of formation of micro emulsion explains that emulsification happens, when the entropy change that favour dispersion is greater than the power required to increase the floor place of the dispersion and the free electricity ( $\delta g$ ) is terrible. The loose energy in the micro emulsion formation is a direct characteristic of the power required to create a new floor between the two phases and can be defined by the equation:  $\Delta g = \sigma n \pi r^2 \sigma$

Where,  $\delta g$  is the unfastened electricity related to the method (ignoring the free strength of the mixing).  $N$  is the quantity of droplets of radius  $r$  and  $\sigma$  are offers the interfacial strength. With time, the 2 stages of the emulsion tend to split to reduce the interfacial region, and finally, the loose electricity of the device decreases. Consequently, the emulsion on account of aqueous dilution are stabilized by means of conventional emulsifying agents, which paperwork a mono layer across the emulsion droplets, and for this reason, reduce the interfacial energy, in addition to supplying a barrier to prevent coalescence.<sup>[15]</sup>

**Recent Dosage Form Development In Sedds**

1. Dry emulsions
2. Self- emulsifying capsules
3. Self- emulsifying sustained/controlled-release tablets
4. Self- emulsifying sustained/controlled-release pellets
5. Self emulsifying solid dispersions
6. Self emulsifying beads
7. Self emulsifying Sustained release microspheres
8. Self-emulsifying nanoparticles

9. Self-emulsifying suppositories
10. Self emulsifying implants.<sup>[16-17]</sup>

**Drug Properties Suitable For Sedds**

1. Dose should not be so high
2. Drug should be oil soluble
3. High melting point drug is poorly suited to sedds
4. Log P Value should be high.

**Dosage forms of Sedds****Self-emulsifying capsules**

Tablet having traditional liquid self-emulsifying method, upon administration form droplets of micro emulsion spontaneously & then disperse in gastro intestinal tract and yield stepped forward absorption. They but have positive limitations as if irreversible phase separation of microemulsion takes place, then drug absorption decreases. In such cases, to enhance the absorption, sodium dodecyl sulphate is brought to se formulations & tremendous-saturable sedds is formulated by using a small quantity of polymer within the formula to save you drug precipitation by way of generating & retaining supersaturated country in vivo. These formulations include a reduced amount of surfactant & reduce any gastrointestinal side results.<sup>[18]</sup>

**Dry Emulsion**

It is mainly o/w emulsion, transformed into stable through spray drying, the usage of stable provider adsorption or freeze drying method. Dry emulsion can be redispersed in water before use. These are absolutely powders wherein emulsification spontaneously happens in vivo or after publicity to an aqueous solution. Dry emulsion generation no longer most effective avoids the usage of dangerous or toxic organic solvents however effectively gets rid of the stableness troubles (along with segment separation, creaming & infection through micro-organism in the course of storage) related to conventional emulsion. Mct (medium chain triglycerides) are commonly used as oil phase for these formulations. Dry emulsions may be used for further practise of tablets & capsules.

**3. Self-Emulsifying Solid Dispersion**

Stable dispersions had extensively being used to boom the dissolution price and bioavailability of poorly water soluble capsules even though stability is a main subject throughout their manufacturing. Hot-soften granulation is a widely used approach for the coaching of strong dispersion.

**4. Self-Emulsifying Tablets**

Instruction of Self Emulsifying drugs involved adsorption of nanoemulsion on granular materials after which compressed to form pills. The dissolution profile of optimized self-emulsifying tablet confirmed 80-90% drug launch in 45 minutes.

### Solidification techniques for transforming liquid / semisolid sedds to solid sedds

#### Capsule filling with liquid and semisolid self-emulsifying formulations

Capsule filling is the only and the maximum not unusual era for the encapsulation of liquid or semisolid SE formulations for the oral course. In parallel with the advances in capsule generation intending, liquid-Oros generation (Alza business enterprise) has been designed for managed shipping of insoluble drug substances or peptides. This gadget is based on osmotic concepts and is a liquid SE components gadget. It consists of an osmotic layer, which expands after coming into contact with water and pumps the drug formula via an orifice in the difficult or soft pill. A number one consideration in pill filling is the compatibility of the excipients with the tablet shell. The liquid/semisolid lipophilic automobiles well matched with tough pills have been listed via. The benefits of pill filling are simplicity of producing, suitability for low dose especially robust drugs and high drug loading (as much as 50% (w/w) potential.<sup>19</sup>

#### Spray Drying

This approach includes the preparation of a formula by blending lipids, surfactants, drug, strong providers, and solubilization of the aggregate vbefore spray drying. The solubilized liquid method is then atomized into a twig of droplets. The droplets are introduced right into a drying chamber, where the unstable section (e.g. the water contained in an emulsion) evaporates, forming dry debris below managed temperature and airflow situations. Such debris may be similarly prepared into drugs or tablets.

#### Spray Cooling

Spray cooling additionally called spray congealing is a process whereby the molten components is sprayed right into a cooling chamber. Upon touch with the cooling air, the molten droplets congeal and re-crystallize into round strong debris that fall to the lowest of the chamber and ultimately accumulated as fine powder. The great powder can also then be used for development of solid dosage bureaucracy, tablets or direct filling into tough shell pills. Many forms of equipment are available to atomize the liquid mixture and to generate droplets: rotary strain, two-fluid or ultrasonic atomizers.<sup>[19,20]</sup>

#### Adsorption to Solid Carriers

SEDDS can be adsorbed at excessive degrees (up to 70% (w/w)) onto suitable companies. strong vendors may be microporous inorganic materials, excessive surface location colloidal inorganic adsorbent materials, move-related polymers or nanoparticle adsorbents (e.g., silica, silicates, magnesium trisilicate, magnesium hydroxide, talcum, crosopovidone, pass-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and go-connected polymethyl methacrylate). The adsorption approach has been correctly carried out to gentamicin and erythropoietin with caprylocaproyl polyoxylglycerides (Labrasol) formulations that maintained their bioavailability enhancing effect after adsorption on providers.<sup>[21,22]</sup>

### Melt Granulation

Soften granulation or pelletization is a one step-manner permitting the transformation of a powder blend (containing the drug) into granules or spheronized pellets. The method wishes high shear blending in presence of a meltable binder. this is known as “pump-on” approach. Rather, the binder may be blended with the powder mix in its solid or semi-stable country and allowed to melt (in part or completely) through the heat generated from the friction of debris in the course of high shear mixing referred to as “melt-in” process. The melted binder forms liquid bridges with the powder particles that shape into small agglomerates (granules) that can, by using in addition blending beneath managed conditions rework to spheronized pellets.<sup>[23,24]</sup>

### Melt Extrusion/Extrusion Spheronization

It's miles a solvent-loose method that lets in high drug loading (60%) as well as content material uniformity. Making use of extrusion-spheronization, se pellets of diazepam and progesterone and bi-layered cohesive se pellets were prepared.<sup>[25,26]</sup>

### Evaluation<sup>[27,28]</sup>

#### A) Thermodynamic Stability Studies

The bodily balance of a lipid –primarily based system is also vital to its overall performance, which may be adversely laid low with precipitation of the drug in the excipient matrix. similarly, bad formulation physicalstability can cause segment separation of the excipient, affecting now not simplest method overall performance, however visible look as nicely. further, incompatibilities between the formula and the gelatin pills shell can result in brittleness or deformation, behind schedule disintegration, or incomplete release of drug.

#### a) Heating cooling cycle

Six cycles between fridge temperature (40°C) and forty five°C with storage at each temperature of now not much less than 48 hr is studied. the ones formulations, that are stable at these temperatures, are subjected to centrifugation check.

#### b) Centrifugation

Surpassed formulations are centrifuged thaw cycles among 21 °c and +25 °c with storage at temperature for now not less than 48 hr is done at 3500 rpm for 30 min. Those formulations that doesn't display any section separation are taken for the freeze thaw strain test.

**c) Freeze thaw cycle:** 3 freeze for the formulations. The ones formulations exceeded this test showed top stability without a segment separation, creaming, or cracking.

#### B) Dispersibility Test

The performance of self-emulsification of oral nano or micro emulsion is classified using a standard USP XXII dissolution equipment 2. One milliliter of each components turned into delivered to 500 mL of water at 37 ± 0. five 0C. A standard chrome steel dissolution

paddle rotating at 50 rpm furnished mild agitation. The in vitro overall performance of the formulations is visually assessed using the subsequent.

#### Grading system

**Grade A:** hastily forming (within 1 min) nanoemulsion, having a clear or bluish appearance.

**Grade B:** swiftly forming, slightly less clean emulsion, having a bluish white look

**Grade C:** fine milky emulsion that shaped inside 2 min.

**Grade D:** dull, grayish white emulsion having barely oily look that is slow to emulsify (longer than 2 min).

**Grade E:** formula, showing either poor or minimum emulsification with massive oil globules present at the surface.

**Grade A and Grade B** system will stay as nanoemulsion whilst dispersed in GIT. while method falling in Grade C could be endorse for SEDDS formula.

#### C) Turbidimetric Evaluation

Nepheloturbidimetric assessment is done to reveal the boom of emulsification. constant quantity of Selfemulsifying gadget is delivered to fixed amount of appropriate medium (zero.1N hydrochloric acid) underneath non-stop stirring (50 rpm) on magnetic plate at ambient temperature, and the boom in turbidity is measured the use of a turbidimeter. but, because the time required for whole emulsification is simply too brief, it isn't always viable to screen the rate of exchange of turbidity (charge of emulsification).

#### D) Viscosity Determination

The SEDDS device is normally administered in soft gelatin or difficult gelatin drugs. So, it can be easily pourable into tablets and such system must now not too thick to create a hassle. The rheological properties of the micro emulsion are evaluated with the aid of Brookfield viscometer. This viscosities willpower conform whether the system is w/o or o/w. If machine has low viscosity then it's miles o/w kind of the gadget and if excessive viscosities then it are w/o form of the system.

#### E) Droplet Size Analysis Particle Size Measurements

The droplet length of the emulsions is determined with the aid of photon correlation spectroscopy (which analyses the fluctuations in mild scattering due to Brownian movement of the particles) the usage of a Zetasizer capable of degree sizes among 10 and 5000 nm.

#### CONCLUSION

Self-emulsifying drug transport machine can be use for the formulations of medicine compounds with negative aqueous stability. improvement of this technology SEDDS will retain to allow novel applications in drug transport machine. SEDDS were shown to be moderately a success in improving the oral bioavailability of poorly water-soluble and traditional training of SEDDS includes dissolution of medication in oils and their blending with appropriate solubilizing agents.

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