

Comprehensive Characterization and Comparative Assessment of Carvedilol Solid Dispersions: Insights into Enhanced Bioavailability and Stability Profiles

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Abstract: Carvedilol, a non-selective beta-adrenergic antagonist, poses a challenge in achieving optimal bioavailability due to its poor aqueous solubility. This study aimed to enhance the solubility and dissolution rate of carvedilol through the formulation and evaluation of solid dispersions. Various solid dispersion formulations were prepared using different carriers and methods, including solvent evaporation, fusion, and spray-drying techniques. The prepared formulations were systematically characterized using Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to investigate drug-carrier interactions, solid-state changes, and morphological characteristics. Evaluation of the formulated solid dispersions involved *in vitro* dissolution studies, solubility enhancement assays, and stability assessments. Dissolution profiles revealed significantly improved drug release rates for the solid dispersion formulations compared to the pure drug. The solubility of carvedilol was notably enhanced in the solid dispersion systems, indicating improved drug dissolution behavior. Stability studies demonstrated the robustness of selected formulations against environmental factors over an extended period. Moreover, pharmacokinetic studies conducted in animal models showcased enhanced bioavailability of carvedilol from the optimized solid dispersion formulation compared to the conventional drug formulation. This comprehensive investigation provides valuable insights into the development of carvedilol solid dispersions, elucidating the influence of formulation variables on drug solubility, dissolution, stability, and ultimately, bioavailability enhancement. The findings underscore the potential of solid dispersion technology as a promising strategy to overcome the solubility challenges associated with carvedilol, paving the way for improved therapeutic efficacy and patient compliance.

Keywords: Carvedilol, Solid Dispersion, Solubility Enhancement, Dissolution Rate, Bioavailability, Formulation, Characterization, Pharmacokinetics.

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