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40 QUESTIONS
WITH DETAILED EXPLANATION



SUBJECT -

PHARMACEUTICS

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- ✓ **Pharmaceutical suspension** may be defined as a dispersion in which insoluble solids (drugs) are suspended in a liquid medium .
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- ✓ Particle size ranges from 0.5 to 5 micron.

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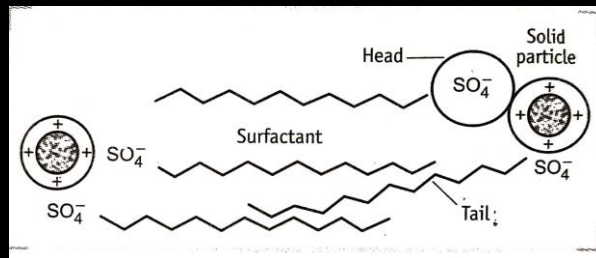
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Surfactants

- ✓ Surfactant aid in dispersion by reducing the interfacial tension between the solid particles and the vehicle.
- ✓ Examples:- sodium lauryl sulfate di-octyl sulfosuccinate, non-ionic surfactants such as tweens also assumes partial negative charge in aqueous dispersion and form a network-like structure between particles.



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Stokes Diameter

- It describes the diameter of an equivalent sphere undergoing sedimentation at the same rate as the asymmetric particles.
- The rate of settling of particles in a suspension or emulsion may be obtained by Stokes law. The equation is rearranged to get the Stokes diameter of a particle.

$$d_{st} = \sqrt{\frac{18\eta_0 h}{(\rho_s - \rho_0)gt}}$$

Where,

$h = d$ distance of fall in time, (t) m

$n = \eta_0$ viscosity of the medium, Pa.s

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Flocculation Equilibrium

- The sedimentation volume can have values ranging from less than 1 to greater than 1.
- F is normally less than 1, and in this case, the ultimate volume of sediment is smaller than the original volume of suspension, in which $F = 0.5$.
- If the volume of sediment in a flocculated suspension equals the original volume of suspension, then $F = 1$.
- Such a product is said to be in “flocculation equilibrium” and shows no clear supernatant on standing. It is therefore pharmaceutically acceptable.

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Theory of Sedimentation

- ✓ The rate of sedimentation of particles can be expressed by the stokes law, using this equation

$$\text{Rate of sedimentation} = \frac{d^2(p_1 - p_2)g}{18\eta}$$

Where,

d= diameter of the particles , cm (m)

P1= density of the dispersed phase , g/cm³ (kg/m³)

P2= density of the dispersion medium , g/cm³(kg/m³)

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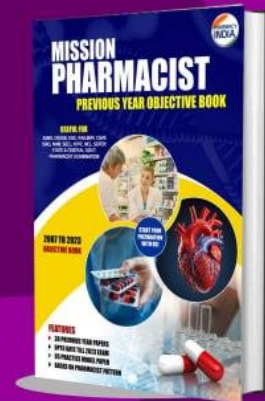
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Characteristics of an Ideal Suspension

- ✓ Solid particles should be of such size that they do **settle rapidly**.
- ✓ If sediment is formed, it should **not form a hard cake** at the bottom of container.
- ✓ If sedimentation occurs it should be easily **redispersable on shaking**.
- ✓ Viscosity of the suspension should be such that the product **can be easily poured from the bottle**.
- ✓ Suspension for topical use **should spread when applied and leave a film** of medicament at the site of application.
- ✓ Suspension for oral use should have an **acceptable taste** .

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- ✓ Magmas are aqueous suspensions of insoluble inorganic drugs. They differ from gels in that the suspended particles are larger.
- ✓ Magmas are thick and viscous, and so there is no necessity of suspending agents except for Dihydroxyaluminum Aminoacetate Magma which contains suspending agents in addition to suitable preservatives and flavoring agents.
- ✓ Magmas may be prepared by:
 - ✓ (1) Simple Hydration
 - ✓ (2) Chemical Reactions

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- **Flocs are loosely bound clusters having the open type of structures.**
- **Aggregates are strongly bound particles and more difficult to redisperse.**

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- **Several cellulose ethers have the ability to increase viscosity of aqueous systems in which they are dispersed. They include:**
 - **Methylcellulose (Semi-synthetic)**
 - **Hydroxyethylcellulose (Semi-synthetic)**
 - **Sodium carboxymethylcellulose (Semi-synthetic)**
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 - **Hypromellose (Semi-synthetic)**

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Sedimentation Volume

It is defined as

$$F = \frac{V_u}{V_o}$$

V_u = ultimate volume of sediment

V_o = initial volume of the suspension

- ✓ F is denoted as sedimentation volume. it is a dimensionless number.
- ✓ If sedimentation volume measured in measuring cylinder then the equation can be written as H_u/H_o where H represents height of sediment.
- ✓ F can assume a value of one when there is no sedimentation which is a desirable property of an ideal suspension
- ✓ F value is between these limits 0 to 1. higher the sedimentation volume better the physical stability.
- ✓ Sedimentation volume method is used as one of the common basic quality control tools because it is simple and easy to estimate.

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Redispersibility

- ✓ Evaluation of the redispersibility of a sediment is also important as per the definition of physical stability.
- ✓ Mechanical shaker device which simulates the human arm motion can be used to achieve reproducible results under controlled conditions . These type of methods act as a rough indicator for the rapid screening of suspensions for their stability.
- ✓ Time required or number of revolutions are noted shorter the time at lower the number of revolutions the greater or faster the redispersibility.

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Physical Stability

- ✓ In a suspension, the suspended solids may grow in size during storage. This phenomenon is known as crystal growth. The following are the mechanism
 1. Ostwald ripening
 2. Temperature changes
 3. Polymorphic transformation

Polymorphic transformation

- Change in the atomic structure of a mineral (but not in its chemical composition) to produce a different form.
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Hixson Crowell Cube root Law

- ✓ Hixson and Crowell's cubic root law of dissolution for change in surface area on dissolution due to decrease in particle and decrease in surface area.

$$W_0^{1/3} - W^{1/3} = k_2 t$$

W_0 = original mass of drug

W = mass of drug remaining to dissolve at time t

k_2 = dissolution rate constant



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Milk of magnesia

- ✓ Magnesium hydroxide is an inorganic compound with the chemical formula $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$.
- ✓ It occurs in nature as the mineral brucite.
- ✓ It is a white solid with low solubility in water.
- ✓ Magnesium hydroxide is a common component of antacids, such as milk of magnesia.

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- ✓ Calamine, Zinc oxide, Precipitated sulphur, Hydrocortisone, Triamcinolone acetonide (for external use).

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Factors Influencing Particle Settling



- ✓ Ideal characteristics of suspensions have highlighted the need to prevent the settling of particles.
- ✓ The study of theories relating to sedimentation provides information regarding factors that affect the settling of solids.
- ✓ Particle shape
- ✓ Theory of Brownian movement
- ✓ Theory of sedimentation
 - ✓ Particle size
 - ✓ Viscosity of medium
 - ✓ Density of the medium

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- ✓ The term "deflocculant" denotes a substance which, when added to scattered particles in suspension, causes a reduction in apparent viscosity.
- ✓ Deflocculants are substances which prevent flocculation by increasing zeta potential and therefore the repulsive forces between particles.
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- ✓ A maximum sedimentation volume is obtained when zeta potential approaches zero, which can happen when a stable suspension flocculates.
- ✓ Zeta potential is the electrical potential at the slipping plane, which is the interface between a mobile fluid and fluid that's attached to a surface.
- ✓ It's caused by the net electrical charge within the region bounded by the slipping plane, and also depends on the location of that plane.

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Gold Number

- ✓ It is a measure of the protective ability of hydrophilic colloids.
- ✓ It is defined as the number of milligrams of hydrophilic colloid which when added to → 10ml of red gold sol → prevents the change in colour → from red to violet → on the addition of 1ml of 10% solution of sodium chloride.
- ✓ Lower the gold number higher the protective ability of the colloid.

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Ostwald Ripening



- ✓ In a polydisperse suspension small particles are more soluble in the medium than the large particles.
- ✓ As a drug conc decrease around the smaller particles more and more drug goes into the solution.
- ✓ On the other hand as the drug increases the around the larger particles , the drug in solution crystallize on the larger particles i.e crystal growth. Thus, the smaller particles become still smaller and larger particles become still larger. This phenomena is know as Ostwald ripening.



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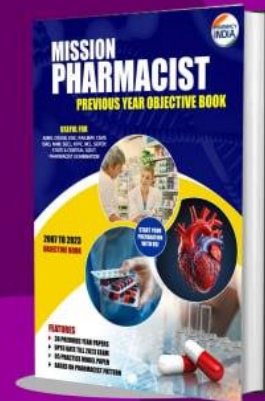
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- ❖ **Antioxidants**- Propyl gallate, Ascorbic acid, Tocopherol etc are used to prevent from oxidation.
- ❖ **Preservatives** – Prevent the growth of microorganism. E.g. Benzoic acid, Ethyl paraben, Chloroform Water, Chlorocresol & Phenoxyethanol.
- ❖ **Flavouring agent**

Taste	Flavours
Bitter	Wild cheery, walnut, chocolate, Mint, Anise
Salty	Peach, Butterscotch, vanilla, wintergreen mint, Apicort
Sour	Liquorice, root bear, citrus flavors or Raspberry
Excessively sweet	Vanilla, fruit and berry

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SPECIAL TYPES OF EMULSION



MULTIPLE EMULSION

o/w/o
o/w emulsion in oil

w/o/w
w/o emulsion in water

- Size of globules – 0.1 -100 μm (Generally)
- The internal phase in monodisperse system (All particles having the same size) should not be more than 74% of total volume of system.
- Also called as liquid membrane systems.
- Suitable for dosage formulation of olive oil, vitamin A and water. **[GATE-03]**

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- It is the concentration of globules at the top or bottom of emulsion.
- Rate of creaming is determined by Stoke's equation
- ✓ **Prevented by**
 - Reducing particle size by homogenization.
 - Increasing viscosity by adding thickening agent.
 - Reducing the difference in densities.

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Glyceryl monostearate (pure)	3.8
Sorbitan monooleate (Span 80)	4.3
Sorbitan monostearate (Span 60)	4.7
Glyceryl monostearate (self emulsifying)	5.5
Gum acacia	8.0
Sorbitan monolaurate (Span 20)	8.6
Triethanolamine oleate	12.0
Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate (Tween 80)	15.0
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Potassium oleate	20.0
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Wedge theory

- According to this theory, monovalent soaps like sodium stearate gives o/w type emulsion and divalent soaps like calcium stearate gives w/o type emulsion.
- This was explained by the successful accommodation of the soap molecules at the interface and subsequent possible orientation of the soap molecules to give the type of emulsion.

Limitations

- This theory could not explain the formation of type of emulsion.
- The calcium stearate will not obey this theory, it will ionize and will not exist as a wedge.

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d. Breaking or Cracking

- Complete separation of oil and aqueous phase, irreversible.
- When ammonium chloride is gradually and slowly mixed into emulsion containing ammonium oleate, emulsion gets Cracked.



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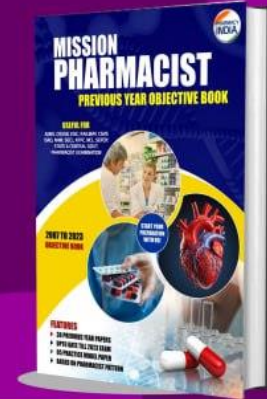
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