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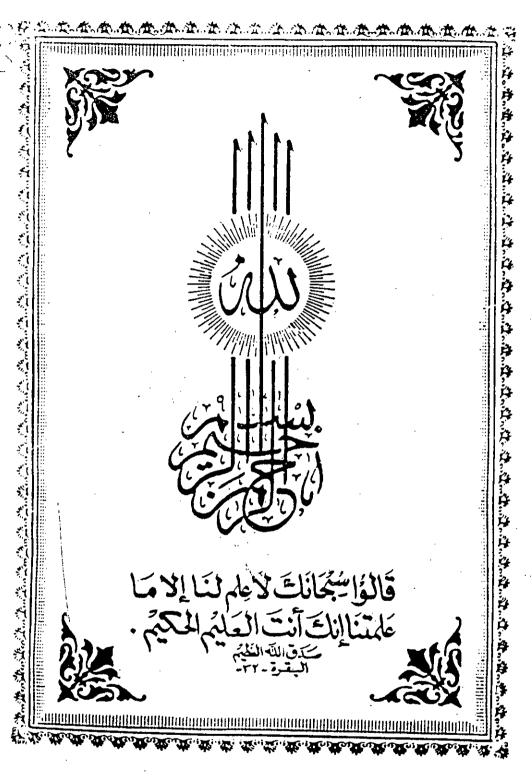
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ABSTRACT

Diprophylline is a methylxanthines drug used in the treatment of bronchial asthma. The drug has proven therapeutic efficacy, tolerability and safety. The short plasma half-life, ~2 hours, following oral dosing necessitates a three-time a day administration of the drug to maintain peak and trough concentrations within the therapeutic range. Patient compliance is known to be fairly poor with such frequent dosing regimen. Therefore, it was considered desirable to develop controlled-release preparations of diprophylline. Accordingly, the work in this thesis is divided into four chapters, namely, preparation and evaluation of diprophylline microcapsules, preparation and evaluation of sustained release diprophylline tablets and capsules, preparation and evaluation of sustained release diprophylline suppositories and finally bioavailability study of diprophylline from its selected formulations.

Chapter I: Preparation and Evaluation of Diprophylline Microcapsules .

The work in this chapter included the preparation of diprophylline microcapsules using coacervation phase separation by non-solvent technique. Three different polymers, namely cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and Eudragit RS100 were used at 1:0.25, 1:0.5,and 1:1 core: coat ratios. The phase separation and subsequent deposition of the polymer solution was achieved by drop wise addition of the coating polymer solution (4%w/v) to the drug suspended in a dispersion medium consisting of 85 g liquid paraffin and containing 0.6 % w/v magnesium stearate. Rigidization of the deposited polymer was achieved by drop wise addition of 30 ml of n- hexane. The prepared microcapsules were

evaluated for their morphology by examination under an optical microscope, mean particle diameters as well as the diameter distribution percentiles using laser diffraction particle size analyzer, yield and drug loading efficiency. An accurately weighed samples of the microcapsules of size ranged from 315-500 µm containing 400 mg of diprophylline were subjected to in-vitro release studies using USP dissolution tester apparatus type I. The kinetic analysis of drug release were determined using the linear regression according to: zero order, first order and also according to simplified Higushi diffusion model. The best-chosen formula of diprophylline microcapsules was shelf stored for 6 and 12 months. Release study has been conducted to study the effect of aging.

On evaluation of the prepared microcapsules, the following was noticed:

- 1. Cellulose acetate butyrate microcapsules were irregular at the lower ratio of the polymer and became spherical at the higher ratios. Eudragit RS100 microcapsules were characterized being spherical, discrete and free flowing in all the ratios of the polymer tested. Meanwhile ethylcellulose microcapsules were irregular in shape, discrete and free flowing in all the ratios of the polymer tested.
- 2. The increase in the polymer amount decreased the mean particle size, the yield of the microcapsules as well as the drug loading efficiency.
- 3. The in-vitro diprophylline release rate retardation was dependent on the type of polymer, as well as core:coat ratio. The percentage amount of drug released from the microcapsules decreased on increasing the polymer amount. The release profiles of drug from its microcapsules is shown to be divided into two distinct phases: An initial curved stage and a terminal linear one in which the drug