

A Review On: Chitosan Nanoparticles

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Abstract- Chitosan is a biodegradable, biocompatible polymer regarded as safe for human nutritional use and approved for wound dressing applications. Chitosan has been used as a carrier in polymeric nanoparticles for drug delivery through various routes of administration. Chitosan has chemical functional groups that can be modified to achieve specific goals, making it a polymer with a huge range of potential applications. Chitosan is added to an aqueous acidic solution. Chitosan is a biodegradable natural polymer with many advantages such as nontoxicity, biocompatibility, and biodegradability. It can be applied in various fields, especially in medicine as well as in farming sector, food industry. As a delivery carrier, chitosan nanoparticles has great ability and cannot be compared with other polymers.

Keywords- Chitosan nanoparticles, polymers, drug delivery system.

I. INTRODUCTION

Chitosan nanoparticles length are between 10 – 1000nm. Chitosan NPs can be used as filler fabric for biodegradable plastic matrixes which are in want of development in phrases of mechanical and barrier residences². Nanotechnology described as layout characterization, manufacturing and programs of structures, gadgets and structures through controlling form and length at nanometer scale. It is likewise known as as 'tiny technology'⁴. NPs are used to supply biomolecules consisting of proteins, peptides, enzymes, genes, vaccines similarly to small molecule drugs thru flexible shipping routes like intranasal, oral, vaginal, buccal and pulmonary⁴. Chitosan nanoparticles are biocompatible, biodegradable, cationic and comparatively non-poisonous in nature⁶. Nanotechnology is the rising technology that offers with nm scale and nanoparticles one of the constructing blocks in nanotechnology⁷. Chitosan has attracted interest due to its biological residences and powerful makes use of withinside the clinical field, meals industries, and agricultural sector¹. Chitosan has been used to prepare nanoparticles (NPs) through manner of itself or to decorate exceptional polymeric NPs residences. CS NPs loaded with unique drugs were prepared and that they proved to decorate the absorption of those entrepreneurs from special routes consisting of nasal, gastrointestinal and transdermal routes¹⁰. Nanosized materials might additionally have multiplied or unexpected homes as compared to the bottom fabric they stem

from. Inorganic and herbal NPs were researched intensely, and numerous coaching routes (top-down, crosslinking, microbial) and viable fields of use (electronics, textile, and medicine) were identified. Although it is correct to element out that their effect on nature and the human body have been questioned. Polysaccharide-primarily based totally NPs, are rather acknowledged to be environmentally-benign, a awesome deal lots much less related to concerns over toxicity, biodegradability, and physiological stability¹¹.



II. PREPARATION OF CHITOSAN NANOPARTICLES

Chitosan NPs have been first characterised through Ohya et al., (1994) for the Circulatory transport of 5-fluorouracil, a chemotherapy medication. After this, researchers have studied chitosan NPs significantly and advanced exceptional strategies considering numerous elements consisting of size, stability, drug loading capacity, and retention time. The simple techniques used to shape chitosan NPs revolve round emulsification, precipitation, ionic or covalent crosslinking, or combos thereof. [2] suggests the systems of chitin and chitosan. Chitosan is identified as a linear binary heteropolysaccharide composed of b-1,4-connected glucosamine with numerous stages of N-acetylation of glucosamine residues. It is ready from chitin through alkaline N- deacetylation the use of conc. sodium hydroxide (NaOH)

5. Emulsification Solvent Diffusion Method

This approach is primarily based totally at the partial miscibility of an natural solvent with water. An o/w emulsion is received upon injection an natural segment into chitosan answer containing a stabilizing agent (i.e. poloxamer) below mechanical stirring, observed with the aid of using excessive strain homogenization Size variety of 300–500 nm can be done with this approach³. The emulsion is then diluted with a big quantity of water to conquer natural solvent miscibility in water. Polymer precipitation happens because of the diffusion of natural solvent into water, main to the formation of nanoparticles. This approach is appropriate for hydrophobic drug confirmed excessive percent of drug entrapment. The essential drawbacks of this and the excessive shear forces used for the duration of nanoparticle preparation³.

6. Emulsion Based Solvent Evaporation Method

This technique is a mild amendment of the above technique however avoids excessive shear forces. Particle length of underneath three hundred nm may be executed with this technique. An emulsion is ready through including natural solvent to an answer of chitosan with surfactant accompanied through ultrasonication. The emulsion shaped is then delivered to a surfactant answer and allowed to stir till the natural solvent is evaporated, forming nanoparticles. The NP are then washed and centrifuged more than one instances to take away extra surfactant accompanied, through lyophilization to obtain freeze-dried nanoparticles preparation⁵.

IV. PROPERTIES OF CHITOSAN NANOPARTICLES

1. Anionic drug delivery properties

When a way of drug discharge can't be performed with the aid of using the use of a easy drug dissolution procedure which includes diffusion, membrane layer cope with together with erosion in addition to osmotic structures, retardation mediated with the aid of using ionic relationships is frequently used. The latter method may be finished with reference to cationic pills with the aid of using the use of anionic polymeric excipients which includes polyacrylates, alginate, orcarboxymethylcellulose salt. However, in anionic drug transport structures, chitosan is the onselection. Chitosan became used as a medicine issuer matrix to analyze medicinelaunch gadgets for the anionic medicine naproxen. It became observed that the interactionsamong chitosan and the healing agent became greater evident, and solid complexes also can be fashioned from which this medication may be produced, truely spanning a greater prolonged length counted on an ionic cross-linking. For example, the transport structures

of enoxaparin/chitosan nanoparticulate supplied greater solid complexes and ended in notably progressed drug uptake. Some anionic polymeric excipients which includes carrageenan, pectin, alginate, and polyacrylates may be homogenized with chitosan, main to high-density, pretty solid complexes. However, a comparable end result may be performed with the aid of usinghomogenizingchitosan with an opportunity to multivalent anionic and inorganicpolymer anions which includes sulfate or tripolyphosphate¹.

2. Physicochemical properties

CS is insoluble in each natural solvents and water. It can, however, be simplydissolved in vulnerable acidic solutions, because of the presence of its aminogroups. The solubility and acid-base conduct is at once depending on the DD characteristics, described because the glucosamine/N-acetyl glucosamine ratio.¹⁴ Water-soluble chitosan derivatives may be acquired with the aid of using the creation of everlasting fine fees withinside the polymer chains, ensuing in a cationic polyelectrolyte, impartial of the pH of the aqueous medium. According to Xie et al. (2002),¹⁵ at impartial pH, the diploma of protonation of NH₂ may be very low, soNH₃⁺ repulsion is vulnerable. Solubilization takes place with the aid of using protonation of the –NH₂ at the C-2 function of the D-glucosamine repeated unit at pH decrease than 6.2 (the pK_a of CS); hence the polysaccharide is transformed to a polyelectrolyte in acidic media. Sixteen A soluble CS product is acquired whilst the DD reaches 60-85 % or higher.¹⁷ The fine rate of the amine group (NH₃⁺) at decrease pH values than the pK_a¹⁰.

3. Permeation Enhancement

Chitosan being definitely charged, interacts with the mucus membrane and opens the tight junctions among the cells (through decreasing the transepithelial electric resistance) selling passage via the mucosal cells and improving drug permeation. This is useful for hydrophilic and excessive molecular weight compounds like proteins and peptides. Modified chitosan like thiolated and trimethyl chitosan display progressed permeation enhancement impact than chitosan. Trimethylchitosan famous excessive water solubility and is biodegradable, biocompatible and greater bioadhesive then chitosan, which makes it an appealing NP carrier. It takes place because of redistribution of F-actin of cytoskeleton, as determined for permeation of insulin withinside the intestinal mucosal cellular line Caco-2. Trimethylchitosan loaded resveratrol confirmed excessive permeation and better mobile uptake because of excessive floor high quality price at the trimethyl chitosan NPs¹².

V. APPLICATIONS OF CHITOSAN NANOPARTICLES

1. Wastewater treatment

The loss of a cost-efficient, sustainable, and powerful sorbent as opportunity for the broadly used activated carbon has stimulated the take a look at of bio-primarily based totally alternatives. Chitosan consists of practical amino and hydroxyl groups, which makes those NPs exciting for the elimination of a variety of pollution which includes heavy metals, pesticides, and dyes. Besides, NPs can also additionally show off better capability than conventionally used micro-sized sorbents because of their better floor location. The packages and particle residences of chitosan NPs in wastewater remedy are proven. Unlike packages in different fields, ultrafine nanoparticles which are smaller than a hundred nm are favored for wastewater remedy, which ends up in a better floor location that could soak up greater pollution. Chitosan nanoparticle derivatives with elevated electrostatic and magnetic residences have normally been counseled for wastewater remedy. Amination is achieved with the aid of using grafting e.g. ethylenediamine, hexanediamine, or diethylenetriamine of which the NH₂ group(s) are accountable for the electrostatic interactions with the pollution. When used along with magnetic residences, chitosan NPs had been carried out to enhance heavy steel and unsafe dye elimination².

2. Antiviral Vaccines

Chitosan NPs-primarily based totally vaccines are introduced thru mucosal and systemic routes and are specially beneficial in mucosal transport due to the fact they sell absorption and mucosal immune reaction and in systemic management chitosan acts as an adjuvant. Chitosan is broadly used as a vaccine nanocarrier due to the fact that it's far blanketed from enzymatic degradation withinside the mucosal tissue and allows antigen uptake via way of means of mucosal lymphoid tissue thus, DNA mucosal vaccines are broadly explored. It additionally demonstrates a capability for exciting humoral and cell immunity responses. An attempt become made to expand a vaccine for leishmaniasis the usage of chitosan NPs containing entire leishmania lysate antigen (WLL) and soluble leishmania antigens (SLA). The goal of thisobserve become to conquer the problem of low efficacy because of the dearth of a appropriate adjuvant. The observe however, did now no longer display anyenormous distinction withinside the interest of the NPs components with admire to induction of natural Th1-kind immune reaction and did now no longer fetch the preferred outcome. Nevertheless, in any other observe performed via way of means of Fernando et al. indicated that the evolved IBV vaccine (containing BR-I genotype stress encapsulated in chitosan NPs (IBV-CS)

become a appropriate candidate to set off marked IFN γ gene expression and manufacturing of IgA and IgG anti-IBV antibodies throughout avian infectious bronchitis virus (IBV)¹².

3. Crop protection

CS also can be used often as a herbal seed remedy and plant increase enhancer, considering the fact that it's miles taken into consideration an ecologically pleasant biopesticide substance that enhances the innate capacity of vegetation to shield themselves in opposition to fungal infections. Seventy nine CS packages in vegetation and vegetation are regulated through the EPA and USDA National Organic Program, which regulates its use on licensed farms and vegetation as the use of natural manufacturing system⁸⁰. EPA-approved, biodegradable CS merchandise are allowed to be used exterior and interior on vegetation and vegetation each grown commercially or domestic grown. Eightyone CS has avoided several pre- and post- harvest sicknesses on numerous horticultural commodities. Microscopic observations imply that CS had an instantaneous impact at the morphology of CS-dealt with microorganisms reflecting its fungistatic or fungicidal potential. In addition to an instantaneous antimicrobial activity, different research have strongly cautioned that CS induces a chain of host protection reactions associated with the enzymatic sports of the host organism. fifty seven The foliar utility of CS in pepper vegetation reduced transpiration and decreased water use through 26-43 %, at the same time as keeping biomass manufacturing and yield⁹.

4. Other applications

Studies have shown that chitosan NPs and their derivatives can bring innovative solutions and new approaches to various scientific fields. Although the progress and use are not as widespread and advanced as in medicine and agriculture, studies have also been carried out in cosmetics, food technology, and dentistry³.

Chitosan NPs have been suggested as carriers of active ingredients that are used for skin and hair care. The use of chitosan NPs to deliver minoxidil sulfate (hair growth agent for which concerns consist of side effects) ensured a sustained release without dermal exposure. Nanoencapsulation of retinol led to protection against degradation, and complexation of retinol in succinic-chitosan NPs increased the antioxidant activity compared to pure retinol⁷.

A pioneering study was carried out by del Carpio-Perochena et al., who used chitosan NPs in root canal treatment instead of EDTA. These researchers showed that the

antibacterial and chelating ability of chitosan NPs makes them a proper nanomaterial for dental applications. Furthermore, Atta et al., investigated amidated chitosan NPs that may be used for corrosion protection of steel¹⁴.

Chitosan NPs have also been considered as a filler material in e.g. pectin based edible films to improve the mechanical strength and barrier properties. Moreover, there are some studies on the antimicrobial activity of chitosan NPs and their potential use in (edible) food packaging¹⁵.

Classification of Nanoparticles in Dentistry

The NPs can be classified under three main categories as follows.

On the basis of origin, NPs can be classified as

- a. Natural
- b. Artificial

On the basis of dimension

- a. Zero-dimensional or nanostructures such as NPs
- b. One-dimensional or nanorods and
- c. Two-dimensional or thin films

On the basis of structural configuration

- a. Carbon-based NPs
- b. Metal NP
- c. Dendrimers
- d. Composites⁶

Limitations of chitosan Chitosan

Haslow solubility in impartial and alkaline pH. Its mucoadhesion and permeation enhancer homes are most powerful withinside the duodenal area, which may be modulated with chitosan derivatives. The toxicological profile of chitosan derivatives continues to be below investigation. Chitosan has proven very little toxicity in animal fashions and there had been no reviews of primary destructive consequences in wholesome human volunteers however scientific information are lacking. Even though chitosan is accredited in nutritional use, wound dressing programs and cartilage formulations, as of this writing there isn't always but a chitosan-primarily based totally drug system accredited for mass marketing. Issues concerning scale up of fabrication techniques; will probably be knowledgeable through that of different polymeric formulations⁶.

VI. CONCLUSION

Nanocarriers have advanced to be appealing structures to supply capsules in a range of numerous sicknesses with unique emphasis on most cancers because of their stronger permeation and retention attributes. These nanocarriers provide the benefits of progressed drug solubility, better loading capability and performance of drug payloads together with managed drug launch. Inorganic and natural nanocarriers were extensively suggested for growing structures with particular benefits, but the main issue lies in controlling the particle length to sub one hundred nm variety with chemical functionalization techniques used to confer higher drug loading and launch kinetics including to the boom in particle length. Additionally, the inorganic steel NPs are related to low biocompatibility and biodegradability regardless of supplying high loading capability. Organic polymeric NPs, specifically chitosan-primarily based totally structures confer appropriate attributes of biodegradability, biocompatibility, permeation enhancement, mucoadhesiveness, antimicrobial, antifungal interest together with extraordinarily useful efflux inhibitor property. Chitosan is suggested for use for readorning NPs via crosslinking and confers high quality zeta ability providing higher manipulate of the physicochemical properties, modifications in protein corona formation and stronger cell uptake ensuing in progressed drug efficacy. Its use as an adjuvant has spread out new vistas in immunotherapy, specifically withinside the area of most cancers. It's ability as a theranostic is extensively studied and suggested with the aid of using many studies groups throughout the globe. Due to its versatility for utility as a theranostic and drug transport car in most cancers therapy, it's miles immensely studied in multi-level drug transport structures. These structures integrate the dexterity and capacity to diagnose, photograph and deal with on the identical time. Though there's an pressing want to study its facet outcomes and toxicity, withinside the close to future, there's a big untapped and emerging ability of chitosan NPs as multi-level transport structures in biomedical and pharmaceutical fields.

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