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## Eudragit: Versatile Polymer for Controlled Drug Delivery

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#### Abstract

Poly (meth) acrylates are known worldwide in the industry under the trade name Eudragit. These polymers allow the active ingredients in solid dosage form to perform during the passage of the human body. The flexibility to combine the different polymers enables to achieve the desired drug release profile by releasing the drug at the right place and at the right time over a desired period of time. Other important functions are protection from external environments like pH , moisture or taste/odor masking to increase patient compliance. The range of product portfolio provides full flexibility for targeted drug release profiles by offering best performance for enteric, protective or sustained-release properties.


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## INTRODUCTION:

Polymers are widely used as film formers to coat solid pharmaceutical dosage forms whereas cellulose derivatives are mainly employed for unspecific film-coatings. Poly (meth) acrylates predominate in applications for functional pharmaceutical coatings. Furthermore, they are applied as matrix formers in all common granulation techniques as well as in direct compression. Eudragit is trademark of Rohm GmbH \& Co. KG. Darmstadt in Germany, first marketed in 1950s. Eudragit prepared by the polymerization of acrylic and methacrylic acids or their esters, e.g., butyl ester or dimethylaminoethyl ester (1). The eudragit acrylic polymers have a long history of use, the individual types and grades being introduced in the following chronological order:

Table 1: Year of introduction and Eudragit Grade

| Year of <br> introduction | Eudragit Grade |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1954 | Eudragit L 12.5 \& S 12.5 |
| 1959 | Eudragit E 12.5 |
| 1961 | Eudragit E 100 |
| 1968 | Eudragit RL 100 \& RS 100 |


| 1972 | Eudragit NE 30D, RSPO, <br> RLPO \& L 30D-55 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1977 | Eudragit L 100 |
| 1983 | Eudragit NE 40 D |
| 1985 | Eudragit L 100-55 |
| 1986 | Eudragit E PO \& FS30D |
| 1999 |  |

## TYPES OF EUDRAGIT POLYMERS

## 1. Soluble Poly (meth) acrylates

These polymers with acidic or alkaline groups enable pH -dependent release of the active ingredient. They are soluble in digestive fluids by salt formation. Examples are- Eudragit L, S, FS and E polymers. The main application is simple taste masking through gastric resistance to control drug release in all sections of the intestine (2).

## 2. Insoluble Poly (meth) acrylates

These are insoluble but permeable in digestive fluids. Some of the examples areEudragit RL and RS polymers with alkaline and Eudragit NE polymers with neutral groups enable controlled time release of the active ingredient by pH -independent swelling.

Mainly these polymers are used as rate controlling agents in delayed and sustained release dosage forms (2).

Table 1: Different grades of Eudragit in oral dosage formulation.

| Types of Formulation | Region of GIT | pH | Eudragit granules |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enteric Formulation | Duodenum | $\mathrm{pH}>5.5$ | Eudragit L 30 D-55 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit L 100-55 |
|  | Ileum, Colon | $\mathrm{pH}>7.0$ | Eudragit S 100 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit S 12.5 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit FS 30 D |
|  | Jejunum | pH 6-7 | Eudragit L 100 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit L 12.5 |
| Protective Formulation | Stomach | pH 1-5 | Eudragit E 100 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit E 12.5 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit E PO |
| Sustained-release <br> Formulation | Time Controlled release | pH <br> Independent | Eudragit RL 30 D |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RL PO |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RL 100 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RL 12.5 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RS 30 D |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RS PO |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RS 100 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit RS 12.5 |
|  |  |  | Eudragit NE 30 D |
|  |  |  | Eudragit NE 40 D |
|  |  |  | Eudragit NM 30 D |

PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF EUDRAGITS: ${ }^{(2)(3)(4)}$

## 1. Molar mass/molar mass <br> distribution:

Molar mass distributions are calculated by calibrating polymers of known molar mass. In methacrylate chemistry, calibrated polymethyl poly (meth) acrylates (PMMA) are most commonly used.
Table 2: Weight average molar masses of EUDRAGIT® grades in relation to PMMA standard

| EUDRAGIT® grade | Mw [g/mole] |
| :---: | :---: |
| EUDRAGIT® S 100 | $\sim 123000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® L 100 | $\sim 123000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® L 100-55 | $\sim 278000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® FS 30 D | $\sim 283000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® NM 30 D | $\sim 600000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® NE 30 D | $\sim 800000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® E 100 | $\sim 47000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RL 100 | $\sim 31000$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RS 100 | $\sim 30000$ |

## 2. Glass transition temperature:

The glass transition temperature is an important factor for describing the physical properties of polymers. On a macroscopic
level, it describes the solidification of an anisotropic polymer melt. When a polymer is heated from the glassy state, it passes beyond the viscoelastic range to a viscous flow. Initially, this leads to molecular movement in the side chains, followed by movement in the main chains and polymer chain sliding, which is connected with a change in specific heat. One standard method for determining the glass transition temperature is differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), in which the change in temperature is measured as a function of the heating rate against a reference. It is not possible to determine values for EUDRAGIT® S 100 and L 100, because of the overlapping with the damage of the functional groups at temperatures of more than $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Table 3: Glass transition temperatures of EUDRAGIT® grades
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline \text { EUDRAGIT® grade } & \begin{array}{c}\mathbf{T g}, \mathbf{m} \\ {\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right]}\end{array} \\ \hline \text { EUDRAGIT® E } 100 / \mathrm{E} \mathrm{PO} & \sim 48 \\ \hline \text { EUDRAGIT® L 100-55/ } \\ \text { L 30 D-55 }\end{array}\right] \sim 110$.

The glass transition temperature has farreaching consequences, e.g., for film formation, melt processing and storage of finished pharmaceutical dosage forms. Plasticizers, solvents or residual solvents (including water) that act as plasticizers usually cause a reduction in glass transition temperature, which is specifically exploited in application formulations. Most common plasticizer for EUDRAGIT® polymers is triethyl citrate (TEC).

## 3. Minimum film forming temperature:

To be able to form a film, the polymer chains must be mobile. Films are usually formed from a solution or dispersion, but may also be obtained from polymer melt by spreading out or film extrusion processes. The film-forming mechanism of a solution is fundamentally different to that of dispersion. Film formation of a solution takes place through evaporation of the solvent, So that the polymer chains move closer and closer until they enter into contact. The plasticizing effect of the solvent is usually sufficient to obtain the required elasticity for film formation without cracking. In some cases, additional plasticizers can be added to influence the properties of the resulting film. Aqueous dispersions contain polymer latex particles rather than individual dissolved polymer molecules. Upon evaporation of the
water, only the individual particles move closer, without interpenetration. Only when the particles collide and given adequate elasticity of the polymer spheres, the particles coalesce due to their surface tension, giving rise to the formation of a homogenous film. The temperature at which film formation takes place is the minimum film-forming temperature (MFT/ MFFT) that is characteristic of the dispersion. Naturally, this can be influenced by adding plasticizers.
Table 4: MFT/MFFT values of EUDRAGIT® dispersions

| EUDRAGIT® dispersion | MFT <br> $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| EUDRAGIT® L 30 D-55 | $\sim 25$ |
| EUDRAGIT® FS 30 D | $\sim 14$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RL 30 D | $\sim 40$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RS 30 D | $\sim 45$ |
| EUDRAGIT® NE 30 D | $\sim 5$ |
| EUDRAGIT® NM 30 D | $\sim 5$ |

It is important to know or adjust the minimum film-forming temperature of coating formulations because; this makes it possible to establish the temperatures for coating processes. As a rule, the product temperature should be at least 10 or better $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above the minimum film-forming temperature. In practice, this often means
that the MFT has to be reduced by adding plasticizers. The choice of plasticizer depends on its effectiveness and influence on the permeability of the resulting polymer films. An example for the influence of hydrophilic and hydrophobic Plasticizers on the minimum film-forming temperature of EUDRAGIT® L 30 D-55. It shows why triethylcitrate (TEC) is recommended as an effective plasticizer for use of this EUDRAGIT® grade.

## 4. Particle size of dispersions:

The size of the dispersed particles plays an important role in the coalescence process for film formation. There are many different modern methods for determining the particle sizes of dispersions. The most common are laser scanning methods, but these deviate from each other due to different geometric setups and calculation algorithms and thus prevent direct comparison. The mean particle diameters of EUDRAGIT® ${ }^{\circledR}$ dispersions are around 100 nm and can be made visible by scanning electron microscopy of dried dispersions.
5. Water vapor transmission rate

The water vapor transmission rate of polymer films may have a decisive influence on the storage stability of moisture-sensitive actives and their formulations. To achieve controlled improvement, it is very useful to
determine and understand the water vapor transmission rate.

Table 5: Water vapor permeability rates of EUDRAGIT® films

| EUDRAGIT® <br> grade | Water vapor <br> permeability <br> rate $[\mathbf{g} / \mathbf{m 2} \cdot \mathbf{d}]$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| EUDRAGIT® E <br> 10(organic) | $\sim 350$ |
| EUDRAGIT® E PO <br> (stearic acid <br> formulation) | $\sim 100$ |
| EUDRAGIT® L 100 / <br> S 100 (redispersed) | $\sim 150$ |
| EUDRAGIT® L 30 <br> D-55 (10\%TEC) | $\sim 100$ |
| EUDRAGIT® FS <br> $30 D ~(3 \% ~ T E C) . ~$ | $\sim 100$ |
| EUDRAGIT® <br> NE30D | $\sim 300$ |
| EUDRAGIT® <br> NM30D | $\sim 300$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RS <br> 100 (organic) | $\sim 250$ |
| EUDRAGIT® RL <br> 100 (organic) | $\sim 450$ |

Comparison of these values with the value for hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC) of $900 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{m} 2 \cdot d$ illustrates the superiority of poly (meth) acrylates for this application field. The water vapor transmission rates can
be influenced via the choice of further excipients in the film coating formulations. The WVTR of EUDRAGIT® E 100 is reduced in the stearic acid containing formulation with EUDRAGIT® E PO to much lower values than in an organic application of the pure polymer (see Table 5).

## 6. Elongation at break:

Film coatings of adequate flexibility are the prerequisite for the compressibility of coated particles and also for preventing film damage when tablets are dropped. The elastic properties can be described by various physical methods such as the modulus of elasticity. This can readily be illustrated by the elongation at break of test specimens made from sections of fully formed films. It allows statements to be made on the failure of polymer films under tensile stress. Plasticizers simultaneously reduce the glass transition temperature and increase the elasticity. Another elegant way to increase elongation at break is to mix highly elastic and compatible polymers, as shown in the example below of a mixture of EUDRAGIT® L ${ }^{\circledR} \quad 30$ D-55 and EUDRAGIT® NE 30 D. Such mixtures obviate the need for large quantities of plasticizers.
7. Thermal stability:

In past years, melt extrusion has become increasingly important in the development of solid pharmaceutical dosage forms. Being poly (meth)acrylates, all EUDRAGIT® grades are thermoplastic polymers and therefore in principle suitable for such applications. The thermal integrity is a factor that is just as important as the active ingredients that are to be compounded with the polymers. The thermal stability levels as a function of temperature and time can be examined via thermo gravimetric determination and if necessary, it can be identified by combination with mass spectroscopy. Tests such as these have shown that depolymerization reactions occur at temperatures higher than $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Even at lower temperatures there was damage to the functional groups on the side chains. The maximum temperatures $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\max }\right)$ in the following illustration were calculated for a time of 4.5 minutes (an average dwell time in an extrusion process) and with damage to $1 \%$ of the functional groups. These values also indicate that for many EUDRAGIT® ${ }^{\circledR}$ grades it makes sense to use plasticizers for melt applications, although the actives to be incorporated frequently provide the extrusion mixture with enough of a plasticizing effect.

## Drug Release Mechanism:

$>$ Dissolution controlled dosage forms can be divided into reservoir and matrix system. Reservoir principle is given by a controlled release formulation comprising 400 mg 5ASA within an acrylic resin coat, eudragit $S^{(5)}$.
> Mechanism of drug release from pellets coated with polymer eudragit E30D was governed by diffusion through water-filled pores in the film coat ${ }^{(6)}$.
$>$ The release of propranolol HCL from a monolithic matrix (Eudragit NE 30 D) by a combination of diffusion through the polymer and pores or channels ${ }^{(7)}$.
$>$ A desirable release profile of diphenhydramine was achieved by incorporating Eudragit $L$ in a carnauba wax matrix. The drug release from these polymerwaxmatrices is described by a combination diffusion/erosion mechanism (8).
$>$ Eudragit RSPO release the carbamazepine drug by complex mixture of diffusion and erosion mechanism (9).
$>$ Eudragit RS 30 D-coated theophylline beads proved ion
exchange to be the responsible mechanism of controlling polymer permeability as a function of anionic species and concentration ${ }^{(10)}$.

## Enteric formulations ${ }^{(11),(12)}$

## Gastro resistance and GI Targeting

To protect the active ingredient from the gastric fluid and to improve drug effectiveness- Eudragit L and S polymers are preferred choice of coating polymers. They enable targeting specific areas of the intestine. Pharma Polymers offers a broad product portfolio of anionic Eudragit grades which dissolve at rising pH values. In addition, the different grades can be combined with each other, making it possible to adjust the dissolution pH , and thus to achieve the required GI targeting for the drug. Targeted drug release in the colon is required for local treatment of intestinal disorders such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or intestinal cancer. It is also required for drugs that are poorly soluble in the upper gastrointestinal tract. Moreover, the gastro résistance of the coating ensures that the oral dosage form is patient compliance. The preferred coating is EUDRAGIT FS 30 D, which combines release in the colon with the following technical advantages:
$\checkmark$ aqueous processing
$\checkmark$ highly flexible coatings

| $\checkmark$ suitable for | multi |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| particulate |  | tablet |

EUDRAGIT ${ }^{\circledR}$ offers valuable advantages for enteric coatings such as:

- PH-dependent drug release
- Protection of actives sensitive to gastric fluid
- Protection of gastric mucosa from aggressive actives
- Increase in drug effectiveness
- Good storage stability
- GI and colon targeting


## Protective Formulations:

Moisture Protection and Odor/Taste

## Masking

The active ingredient needs to protect from moisture or light to increase patient compliance. Eudragit E polymers help to seal sensitive actives and increase patient compliance by masking tastes and odors. Even thin layers of Eudragit provide the desired effect, making it an extremely economical application.

## Sustained-release formulations:

## Time-controlled drug release

When drug release is needed over a specific period of time or one would like to benefit from the advantages of multi particulate or matrix formulations, Eudragit polymers can help to achieve desired release profile. Drug
delivery can be controlled throughout the entire gastro intestinal tract to increase therapeutic effect and patient compliance. Different polymer combinations of Eudragit RL and RS grades as shown in Table 4 allow custom tailored release profiles to achieve the desired drug delivery performance. Eudragit NE and NM grades are neutral ester dispersions which do not require addition of plasticizer.

## Formulation methods for time controlled drug release

## 1. Matrix formulation

Eudragit serves as a matrix within which the active ingredient is embedded. The matrix structure is obtained by direct compression, granulation, or melt extrusion. Eudragit NM 30 D is particularly suitable for granulation processes in the manufacture of matrix tablets.

## 2. Multiparticulate formulations

Eudragit is employed as a coating material, usually for the coating of pellets or particles that are filled into capsules or compressed into tablets. These pellets or particles act as diffusion cells in the digestive tract and release a constant drug quantity per unit of time (multi-unit dosage forms).
Benefit from EUDRAGIT ${ }^{\circledR}$ coatings with sustained release:
$\checkmark$ Time-controlled release of active $\quad \checkmark$ Higher patient compliance due to ingredients
reduced number of doses to be taken
$\checkmark$ Therapeutically customized release profiles

Table 6: Various Eudragit Polymers, availability and dissolution Properties

| Polymer | Availability | Dissolution Properties |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EUDRAGIT® RL 100 | Granules | Insoluble <br> High permeability pH -independent swelling |
| EUDRAGIT® RL PO | Powder |  |
| EUDRAGIT® RL 30 D | 30\% Aqueous Dispersion |  |
| EUDRAGIT® RL 12,5 | 12,5\% Organic Solution |  |
| EUDRAGIT® RS 100 | Granules | Insoluble <br> Low permeability pH -independent swelling |
| EUDRAGIT® RS PO | Powder |  |
| EUDRAGIT® RS 30 D | 30\% Aqueous Dispersion |  |
| EUDRAGIT® RS 12,5 | 12,5\% Organic Solution |  |
| EUDRAGIT® NE 30 D | 30\% Aqueous Dispersion | Insoluble, low permeability, pH -independent swelling No plasticizer required Highly flexible |
| EUDRAGIT® NE 40 D | 40\% Aqueous Dispersion |  |
| EUDRAGIT® NM 30 D | 30\% Aqueous Dispersion |  |

## Applications of Eudragit polymers:

## Colonic drug delivery:

For colonic drug delivery , anionic Eudragits like eudragit S and FS have been widely used. These are soluble above pH 7 . Colonic drug delivery is a approach for the treatment of diseases like ulcerative colitis, crohn's disease and irritable bowel syndrome.
F.J.O Varum et. al. developed a concept of a novel double coating system, based on enteric polymers, which release drug in the ileo-colonic region. Prednisolone tablets were coated with a double coated with a double coating formulation by applying an inner layer composed of EUDRAGIT S neutralized to pH 8.0 and a buffer salt ( $10 \% \mathrm{KH} 2 \mathrm{PO} 4$ ), which was over coated with
layer of standard EUDRAGIT S organic solution. ${ }^{(13)}$
A.Akhgari et. al. evaluated the effect of two factors (ratio of Eudragit S100 to Eudragit L100 and the coating level)on indomethacin release from pellets in order to optimize coating formulation for colonic delivery. It was shown that coating formulation consisted of Eudragit S100 to Eudragit L100 in $4: 1$ ratio at $20 \%$ coating level has potential for colonic delivery of indomethacin loaded pellets. ${ }^{(14)}$

## Transdermal Drug Delivery:

Chandak AR et. al. developed a matrix-type transdermal formulation of pentazocine using mixed polymeric grades of Eudragit RL/RS. The matrix transdermal films of pentazocine were evaluated for physical parameters and in vitro dissolution characteristic using Cygnus' sandwich patch holder. Irrespective of the grades of Eudragit polymer used, the thickness and weight per patch were similar. In vitro dissolution study revealed that, with an increase in the proportion of Eudragit RS (slightly permeable) type polymer, dissolution halflife ( $\mathrm{t}(50 \%)$ ) increases and dissolution rate constant value decreases. ${ }^{(15)}$
S.Amin et. al. designed the polymeric patches of metaclopromide with rate controlling polymers like Eudragit RS100 to

Eudragit RL100 using DMSO as penetration enhancer. The final optimized film composition of Eudragit RL100: Eudragit RS100: PEG 4000: DMSO in 7:5:5:10 ratio was found to have best physicochemical properties and in vitro performance and was free from skin irritation. ${ }^{(16)}$

## Vaginal Drug Delivery:

Yoo JW et. al. developed a drug delivery via vaginal epithelium has suffered from lack of stability due to acidic and enzymatic environments. The biocompatible pH sensitive nanoparticles composed of Eudragit S-100 (ES) were developed to protect loaded compounds from being degraded under the rigorous vaginal conditions and achieve their therapeutically effective concentrations in the mucosal epithelium. ES nanoparticles containing a model compound (sodium fluorescein ( FNa ) or nile red (NR)) were prepared by the modified quasi-emulsion solvent diffusion method. Loading efficiencies were found to be $26 \%$ and $71 \%$ for a hydrophilic and a hydrophobic compound, respectively. ${ }^{(17)}$

## Vaccine Delivery

Microcapsules using the copolymer of methacrylic acid (Eudragit L100) were formulated for oral delivery of vaccines against the enteral/parenteral nematode parasite Trichinella spiralis. Antigenic
preparations from first stage larvae (L1) of T. spiralis were microencapsulated in Eudragit L100. The microcapsules prepared by the spray drying method were resistant to acid pH , although the antigen was rapidly released under neutral and basic environmental conditions. The native protein conformation and biological activity was preserved in the microcapsules, as assessed by SDS-PAGE and ELISA. When administered to NIH mice, the antigen loaded microcapsules protected against infection by T . spiralis at both the intestinal and muscular levels, the worm burden diminishing by 45.58 and $53.33 \%$, respectively. Furthermore, following administration of the micro particles an increase of the serum IgG1 response, a marker for the Th2 type response, was evident. These results indicate that microcapsules formulated with anionic biocompatible polymers such as Eudragit may be useful for oral vaccination against nematode infections. ${ }^{(18)}$

## Gene Delivery

Deepti Jain et .al. investigated whether Eudragit S100 microspheres have the potential to serve as an oral carrier for peptide drugs like insulin. Microspheres were prepared using water-in oil-in water emulsion solvent evaporation technique with
polysorbate 20 as a dispersing agent in the internal aqueous phase and polyvinyl alcohol (PVA)/polyvinyl pyrrolidone as a stabilizer in the external aqueous phase. The release of drug from microspheres followed Higuchi kinetics. Oral administration of PVA stabilized microspheres in normal albino rabbits (equivalent to 6.6 IU insulin $/ \mathrm{kg}$ of animal weight) demonstrated a $24 \%$ reduction in blood glucose level, with maximum plasma glucose reduction of $76 \pm 3.0 \%$ in 2 hours and effect continuing up to 6 hours. The area under the percentage glucose reduction-time curve was $93.75 \%$. Thus, our results indicate that Eudragit S100 microspheres on oral administration can protect insulin from proteolytic degradation in the gastrointestinal tract and produce hypoglycemic effect. ${ }^{(19)}$

## Ophthalmic Drug Delivery:

A major challenge in ocular therapeutics is the improvement of ocular drug bioavailability. As indicated before, conventional aqueous solutions topically applied to the eye have the inherent disadvantage that most of the instilled drug is lost within the first $15-30 \mathrm{~s}$ after instillation, due to reflex tearing and drainage via the nasolacrimal duct. Hence, many of the efforts at improving ocular drug delivery the incorporation of viscosity
building agents such as polyvinyl alcohol and methyl cellulose. ${ }^{(20)}$ Eudragit nanoparticles in ocular drug delivery ${ }^{(21)}$
Table 7: Polymer Loaded drug/ gene/ protein Comments

| Polymer | Loaded drug/ <br> gene/ protein | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Eudragit <br> RS 100, <br> RL 100 | Ibuprofen <br> Flurbiprofen <br> Cloricromene <br> Diclofenac <br> diethyl <br> ammonium <br> Piroxicam <br> Methylpredniso <br> lone | Drug level <br> was improved <br> in the aqueous <br> humor after <br> application of <br> the drug- <br> loaded <br> nanosuspensi <br> ons which <br> did not show <br> toxicity in <br> ocular tissues. <br> Improved the <br> stability of <br> cloricrome in <br> ophthalmic <br> formulations <br> and its drug <br> availability at <br> the ocular |
|  |  | level. <br> Excellent <br> encapsulation <br> efficiency. |

## Gastrointestinal Drug Delivery:

The need for gastroretentive dosage forms has led to extensive efforts in both academia and industry towards the development of such drug delivery systems. These efforts resulted in gastroretentive dosage forms that
were designed, in large part, based on the following approaches,Low density form of the dosage form that causes buoyancy in gastric fluid, High density dosage form that is retained in the bottom of the stomach, Bioadhesion to stomach mucosa, Slowed motility of the gastrointestinal tract by concomitant administration of drugs or pharmaceutical excipients, Expansion by swelling or unfolding to a large size which limits emptying of the dosage form through the pyloric sphincter . All these techniques we can achieved with different grades of eudragit. ${ }^{(22)}$

Kale et. al. found that the microspheres of eudragit S100 float continuously in the acidic solution and successfully release drug in a predetermined rate. ${ }^{(22)}$

Gloria et.al. formulated bioadhesive two layers controlled release tablets with combination of Carrageenan 934 and Eudragit RL PO in 1:1 ratio. The drug release was $96.3 \%$ in phosphate buffer pH $7.4 ; 59.1 \%$ in 0.1 N HCl and $46.4 \%$ in distilled water. ${ }^{(23)}$

## Intestinal Drug Delivery:

Sustained intestine delivery of drugs was developed that could bypass the stomach and release the loaded drug for long periods into the intestine by coating of eudragit polymer. Eudragit L \& Eudragit S are two
forms of commercially available enteric acrylic resins. Both of them produce films resistant to gastric fluid. Eudragit L \& S are soluble in intestinal fluid at $\mathrm{pH} 6 \& 7$ respectively. Eudragit L is available as an organic solution (Isopropanol), solid or aqueous dispersion. Eudragit S is available only as an organic solution (Isopropanol) and solid.

Rahman et. al. prepared sodium para aminosalicylate Pellets were coated with Eudragit L 30 D-55 using fluidized bed processor and evaluated for in vitro dissolution behavior in 0.1 N HCl for two hours and then media was changed to phosphate buffer pH 6.8. A $60 \% \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{w}$ coating level of Eudragit L30 D 55 has produced the most acceptable results against the gastric attack. ${ }^{(24)}$
Table 8: Medications containing
Eudragits:

| Drug | Trade name | Eudrag <br> it type |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carvedilol | COREG <br> controlled <br> release tablets | Eudragit <br> L |
| Aspirin | ENPRIN 75 <br> mg gastro <br> resistant <br> tablets | Eudragit <br> L $100-$ <br> 55 |
| Mesalamine | ASACOL <br> delayed release <br> tablets | Eudragit <br> S |


| Nifidipine | ADANIF 30 <br> mg tablets | Eudragit <br> E |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Benzafibrate | BEZALIP <br> 400 mg tablets | Eudragit <br> NE |
| Budesonide | BUDENOFAL <br> K 3mg gastro <br> resistant <br> capsules | Eudragit <br> RL |
| Bromphenirami <br> ne maleate | BROMAX ER <br> tablets | Eudragit <br> RS |

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