

**Title: ~~Development~~ Developing a Gum Base Formulation for Nystatin, a New Drug Delivery Approach for Treatment of Oral Candidiasis.**

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Abstract:

The purpose of this work is to develop a new formulation of nystatin using chewing gum as a drug delivery system to optimize the drug release rate in ~~relation-order~~ to improve the desired efficacy in the site of action for ~~treatment-treating of~~ patients with oral candidiasis. Medical chewing gum is a pleasant and highly convenient method of administration for almost all groups of patients. Nystatin is an antifungal drug with very low solubility in water. When the drug ~~is~~ formulated alone in chewing gum, its release rate was very low. To increase its aqueous solubility and release rate from the ~~chewing-gum~~, polyethylene glycol 4000 and 400 were used as solubilizing agents. Nystatin formulations were prepared as a solid dispersion with PEG-4000 and simple dispersion with PEG-400 and incorporated into the chewing gum. The results of the solubility studies with shake-flask method ~~showed indicated~~ that the apparent solubility of nystatin increased significantly up to 4.3 mg/ml and 2.6 mg/ml with PEG-4000 and PEG-400 ~~respectively in-in~~ phosphate buffer, pH: 6.8, ~~respectively~~. In vitro dissolution studies were performed by a mastication device, ~~and demonstrating demonstrated-that~~ the nystatin-PEG4000 solid dispersion formulation through the chewing gum had extended and complete release rate. The ~~obtained results of obtained our study showed here suggested~~ that the nystatin chewing gum was more efficacious than the commercial nystatin suspension, and the optimized formulation had ~~also~~ good stability.

**Keywords:** nystatin, chewing gum, PEG-4000, apparent solubility, solid dispersion, dissolution profile, oral candidiasis.

