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Arvind K Bansal, Ph.D. is currently Professor and Head, department of Pharmaceutics at the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), SAS Nagar, Punjab, India. Dr. Bansal is leading a group of about 14 post-graduate and doctorate students, in various areas of Pharmaceutics like pre-formulation profiling, solid state characterization, improvement of aqueous solubility, enhancement of oral bioavailability and compaction physics. Dr. Bansal holds a masters (1988) and doctorate degree (1993) in Pharmacy from the University of Delhi. Dr. Bansal served in the pharmaceutical industry as a research scientist in major Indian pharmaceutical companies – JK Pharmaceuticals (now called Regent Drugs after being acquired by Teva Pharmaceuticals, Israel) and Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited.

At JK Pharmaceuticals Dr. Bansal conceptualized, evolved formulation strategies, developed and transferred the technology to production shop floor of products belonging to dry powder injection, suspension for reconstitution, immediate release and delayed release tablets, oral liquid suspension and capsules.

At Ranbaxy Labs Limited, in addition to these activities Dr. Bansal was actively engaged in business, regulatory and legislative decision making process for timely launch of generics products in the domestic and international market. He also conceptualized and established a pharmaceutical research group focusing on pre-formulation and formulation development of New Chemical Entities (NCEs) leading to filing of two INDs. The activities of his group included characterization of physico-chemical (solid state pharmaceutics, aqueous solubility, pH solubility profiling, pH stability profiling, solid state stability, compatibility studies) and physico-technical (flow properties, hygroscopicity, and compaction studies) properties of the NCE, early formulation development, process development, fabrication of clinical trials batches and support to chemical and biology groups.

At NIPER (2000-till date) Dr. Bansal has developed expertise in characterization and stabilization of the amorphous form, polymorphism, pseudo-polymorphism, particle engineering, molecular understanding of compaction physics, solute behavior during lyophilization, formulation development of cocrystal based drug product, screening of salt forms, nanocrystalline solid dispersion and improvement of oral bioavailability. His group works with the mission statement - 'developing science based industrially viable pharmaceutical technologies' and works closely with pharmaceutical industry to create opportunities for commercial exploitation of the products. His group has successfully executed more than 550 sponsored projects from Indian and overseas pharmaceutical companies, in the area of pre-formulation and formulation development. Dr. Bansal's lab has developed platform technologies to improve delivery of 'difficult-to-deliver' drug molecules in the areas of amorphous solid dispersions, barrier coated amorphous particles, nano crystalline solid dispersions and SNEDDS. His group has recently patented novel bottom-up spray drying based technology for generation of nanocrystalline solid dispersions under the name of NanoCrySP™.

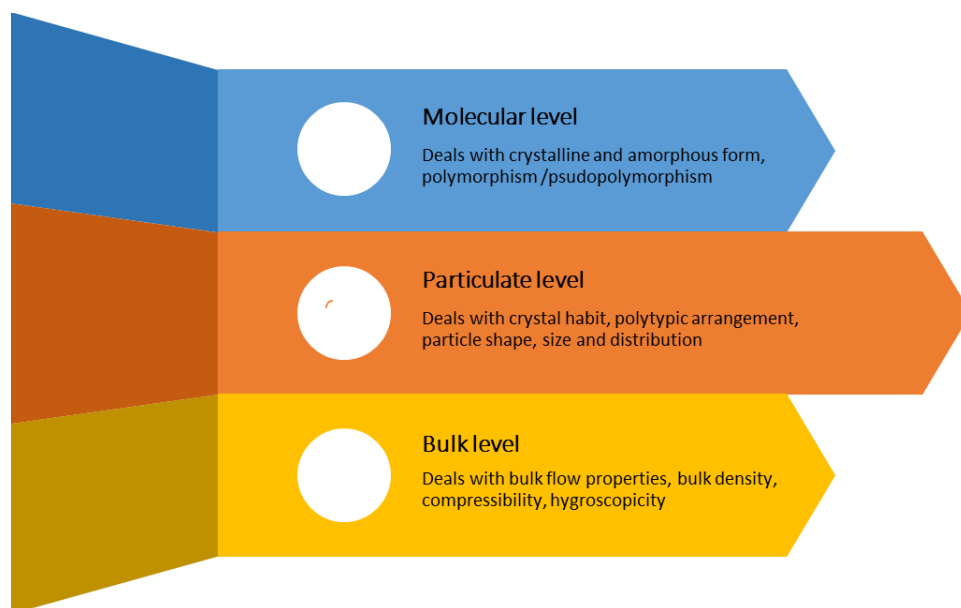
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

✓ Teaching activities

- Developed and successfully implemented industry relevant academic courses.
- Developed a vibrant research group focusing on research in the area of Solid State Pharmaceutics, pre-formulation and Drug Delivery.
- Created strategic ties with numerous pharmaceutical companies, for carrying out collaborative projects.
- Engaged in teaching of post-graduate classes of Solid State Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Product Development, Pharmaceutical Production Technology, Formulation Industry and Scale up Techniques, and a Ph.D. level course on Role of Solid State Properties in Drug Delivery.

✓ Research Activities

- Emphasis of research activity is on solid state properties. Solid state properties can be subdivided at three levels that is molecular properties, particulate properties and bulk properties



Amorphous systems

Research has been conducted to develop a fundamental understanding of amorphous phases of pharmaceuticals. Thus, he has evaluated the molecular relaxation behavior and isothermal crystallization in the supercooled state. He has investigated the effect of different states of sorbed water on the behavior of amorphous celecoxib. In addition, the effect of humidity on the alpha-relaxations of low-density polyethylene was evaluated using dielectric spectroscopy. His studies also proposed the use

of enthalpy relaxation studies to screen stabilizers for amorphous solid dispersions. Dr. Bansal has developed a novel ex-situ super-saturation technique to determine the glass transition temperature in freeze-concentrates temperature. He also investigated the effect of counter-ions on the glass transition temperature (T_g) during lyophilization of ganciclovir salt forms. Drug-polymer miscibility is vital to physical stability of amorphous solid dispersions. It governs the molecular mobility of amorphous drug dispersed in a polymeric carrier. In one of studies, we have demonstrated the impact of D-P miscibility on molecular mobility and phase behavior of dipyridamole amorphous solid dispersions with different polymers. Impact of the aforementioned parameters on the physical stability of amorphous solid dispersion was also established.

Phase behavior of drugs during freeze concentration in the lyophilization process Lyophilization is an important tool for formulation development and the processing of heat-labile pharmaceuticals. Dr. Bansal's group has carried out research to understand the behavior of solid forms during freeze concentration. Phase behavior of gemcitabine hydrochloride (GHCl) during freezing in presence of different buffering agents has been evaluated. The differential effect of buffering agents were explained by crystallization tendency of GHCl and unfrozen water content (UWC). He has also highlighted importance of the impact of unfrozen water in governing the crystallization behavior of solutes in multi-component frozen systems. Lyophilization was also used to generate the nanocrystalline solid dispersion of active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Molecular understanding of compaction behavior of pharmaceutical solids

Dr. Bansal's group has worked extensively in the area of the compaction behavior of pharmaceuticals. They investigated the effect of the molecular and particle level material properties, and process parameters on the compaction properties of pharmaceutical powders. His group has explored effect of various properties (i.e. crystal packing density, bonding strength, slip planes) on compaction behavior using polymorphs of different APIs, including clopidogrel bisulfate, indomethacin and ranitidine hydrochloride. The role of size enlargement and hardening of granules during dry compaction was investigated. Additional studies on the compaction behavior of a eutectic mixture and drug particles coated with ultrafine particles have provided practical information on compaction behavior.

Crystal habit and biopharmaceutical performance of BCS class II drugs

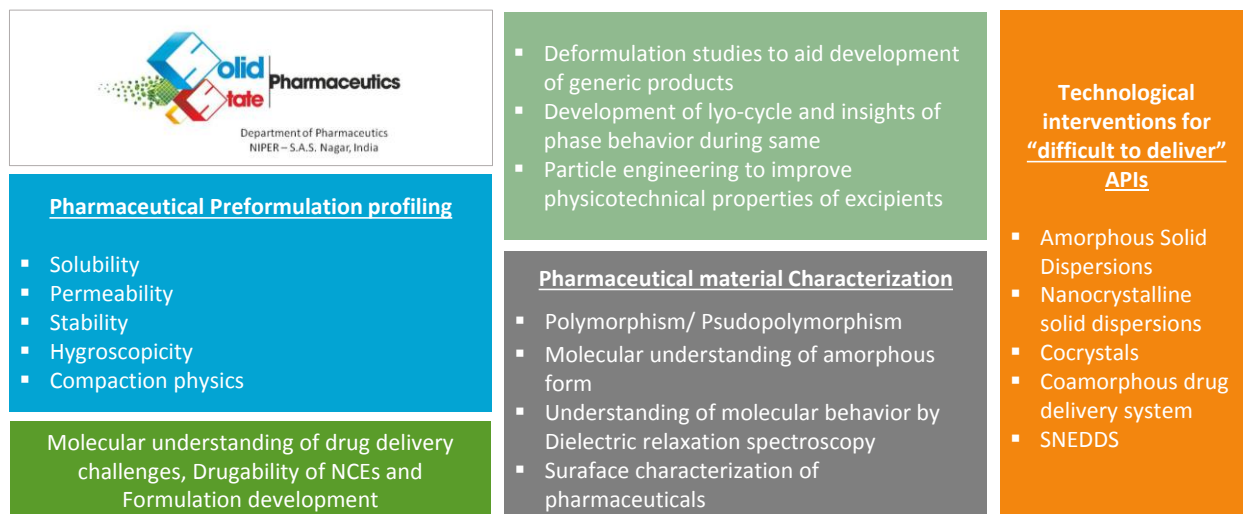
Dr. Bansal's research has provided novel and interesting insights into the effect of crystal habit on intrinsic dissolution, solubility and bioavailability of BCS class II drugs. The effect of crystal habit on compaction behavior was also demonstrated. They established a molecule-centered approach towards crystal habit modification of a BCS class II drug, celecoxib (CEL), and its effect on solubility, dissolution

behavior, oral bioavailability, and overall pharmaceutical product performance. This study has also provided a mechanistic understanding of a differential-surface molecular environment, contributed by the differential exposure of crystalline facets and its impact on pharmaceutical product performance. This work mandates considering crystal habit as a ‘critical material attribute’ in the QbD of oral solid dosage forms of BCS class II drugs.

Excipient variability and its impact on the performance of amorphous solid dispersions

Excipients are integral part of pharmaceutical dosage form. In the case of amorphous solid dispersions, nature and composition of polymeric excipients govern overall physical stability of the system. On the other hand, variability in physical characteristics of these polymers can have significant impact on the physical stability and resultant biopharmaceutical performance of drug. The variability has been identified as ‘lot-to-lot’ and ‘batch-to-batch’ for functional excipients like polymer for amorphous solid dispersions. We have demonstrated in our study the impact of variability in critical material attributes like true density and porosity on drug-polymer miscibility and crystallization in amorphous solid dispersions prepared using celecoxib and PVP K30.

The following figure captures the research areas functional in lab



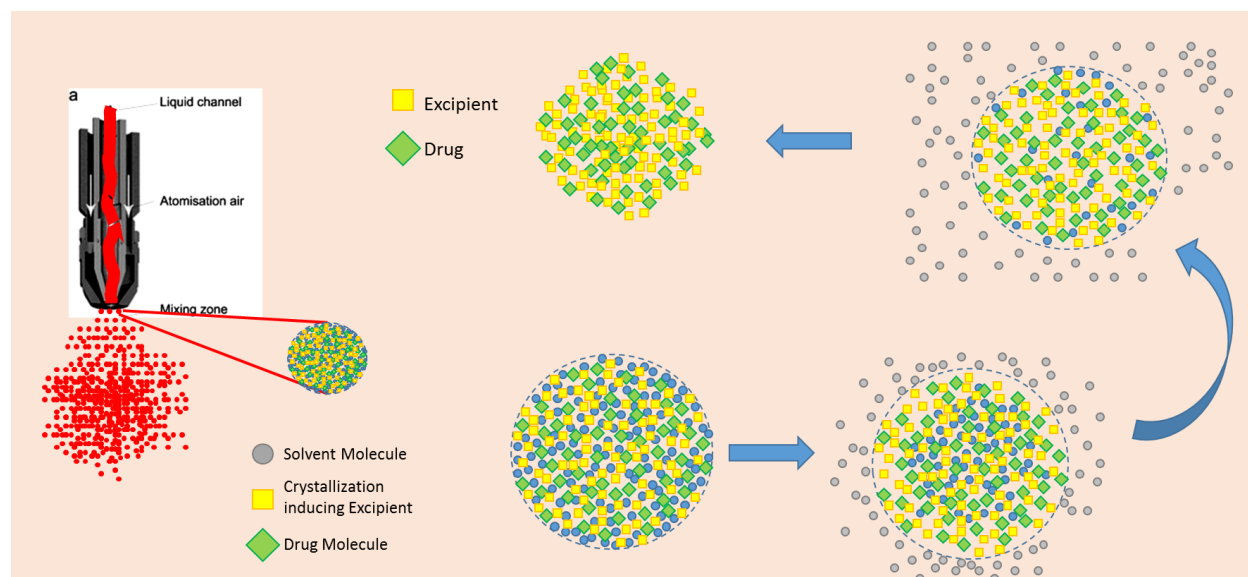
TECHNOLOGIES TRANSFERRED

Zinc Dispersible tablets

WHO & UNICEF have recommended use of zinc supplements in addition of ORS based dehydration therapy for management diarrhoea in children. Zinc supplements were added in the list of essential medicines provided by WHO in 2005. Estimate children mortality due to diarrhoea in India in the year 2004 was about 5,35,000. WHO recommends administration of zinc in the form of taste masked dispersible tablet of 20 mg strength. The technology for the same is challenging because of the bitter metallic after taste of zinc and intellectual property protection already taken by international companies. Dr. Bansal's group at NIPER took up this challenge & developed patented technology for manufacturing of zinc sulphate taste masked dispersible tablets. This technology was transferred to Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

NanoCrySP™

Dr. Bansal's group has developed a novel 'bottoms-up' platform technology for the generation of nanocrystalline solid dispersions. They have demonstrated the biopharmaceutical benefits of this



technology. Their group has also established the contribution of molecular mobility, heterogeneous nucleation, and the effect of excipients on nucleation and crystal growth, in the formation of nanocrystalline solid dispersions.

Development of herbal formulation for cough relief (KAFGON™)

A blend of traditional wisdom and modern science led to the herbal formulation KAFGON™. The product consisted of five indigenous herbs Vach, Kulanjan, Bavchi, Kaali Mirch and Pippli. The product

has proven activity against respiratory tract infective microbes and has been used for chronic to acute cough, bronchitis, whooping cough and smoker's cough. This invention was awarded support under TePP program, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Florfenicol solution

Florfenicol is a broad spectrum antibacterial active against wide variety of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria isolated from domestic animals. It is indicated in the pneumonia and other respiratory infections in cattle (often referred as Bovine Respiratory Disease, BRD). Then marketed products of the florfenicol were included in the fish feed or swine feed and dispensed as a concentrated solution ranging from 2-2.5% w/v. We formulated co-solvent based solution of florfenicol with drug loading as high as 30% w/v. Physical stability was proven by freeze thaw cycling and dilution tests were performed to ensure 1 litre of final solution with only 1 mL of the generated formulation. The formulation was launched by the industry partner in veterinary segment.

A combination product of florfenicol and tilmicosin phosphate

Tilmicosin phosphate is an antibacterial agent which could potentially be used along with florfenicol (application is as discussed in section 11.4) to take care of wide variety of gram-positive and gram-negative infections in animal. We developed a combination product of timlocosin phosphate and florfenicol which could effectively control bacterial infections in animals. A single co-solvent system was screened, wherein 10% and 8.3% of florfenicol and tilmicosin phosphate, respectively, were incorporated to get the final formulation stable at accelerated temperatures when packed in HDPE containers. The formulation was found to have the potential to be diluted up to 1000 times in water without precipitation. The formulation was also launched by the industry partner in veterinary segment.

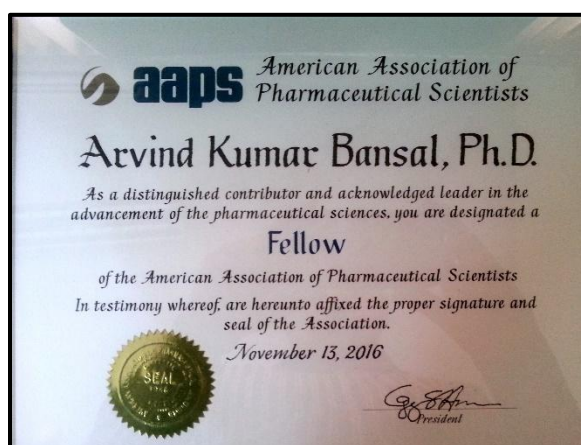
Gamma oryzanol capsules

Gamma oryzanol has clinically useful applications in hypercholesterolemia and exhibits action similar to synthetic lipid lowering agents. We developed formulation of Gamma Oryzanol for "direct filling" into capsules. The detailed preformulation studies revealed that the material was highly hydrophobic and demonstrated batch-to-batch variability in density and flow. The extreme fluffiness, low tapped density and poor flow properties led to softening and sticking of material during compaction. Hence, high-density and flow enhancing excipients were used to improve density and flow of material for direct

filling into capsules. Later, extensive efforts were dedicated towards development of dissolution media as an in-vitro tool for ensuring final product quality.

AWARDS AND HONORS

1. Appointed as a member of Technical Committee to assist the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, December 2020.
2. Appointed as a member of **Screening Committee for according recognition of In-house R&D units of Industries and Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations (SIROs) under Industrial Research and Development Promotion Programme (IRDPP) of Department of Science and Industrial Research (DSIR)**, as representative on behalf of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, August 2020.
3. Awarded for the Best Innovative Development of Solid Dosage Form at the **6th Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) -ACG Scitech Innovation Award- 2018**.
4. Paper entitled "**Challenges in Translational Development of Pharmaceutical Cocrystals**", in the February 2017 Issue of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (JPharmSci), was selected by the journal's Editorial Team to be displayed under Features on the journal's new website <http://www.jpharmsci.org>.
5. Appointed as a member of '**Editorial Advisory Board**' of Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (JPharmSci) on January 1, 2017 for a period of three years.
6. Appointed member of the **Molecular Pharmaceutics - Editorial Advisory Board** in January 2017.
7. November 2016, awarded the prestigious **Fellow of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS)**.
8. **Guest Editor**, Special issue on Nanocrystals of 'Pharmaceutics', a journal published by MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute), Basel, Switzerland [March 2015]
9. **Guest Editor**, Special issue on nanotechnology of Journal of Excipients and Food Chemicals [December 2014]
10. **Editorial Board Member of "Pharmaceutics"**, a journal published by MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute), Basel, Switzerland.



11. Appointed as Editorial Board Member of "Journal of Excipients and Food Chemicals", an open access journal published from USA, with affiliation to International Pharmaceutical Excipients Council (IPEC).

12. Appointed as Editorial Board Member of "Recent Patents on Drug Delivery & Formulation", a Journal published by Bentham Science Publishers Ltd.

13. AAiPS Distinguished Educator and Researcher Award for the Year 2008

This award is given to a faculty member from a recognized Indian Pharmacy education and research center. The mission of American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) is to provide a forum for discussion, continuing education, and exchange of ideas on advances in pharmaceutical sciences and technology.

14. Appointed as Editorial Board Member of International Journal of Biosciences and Technology

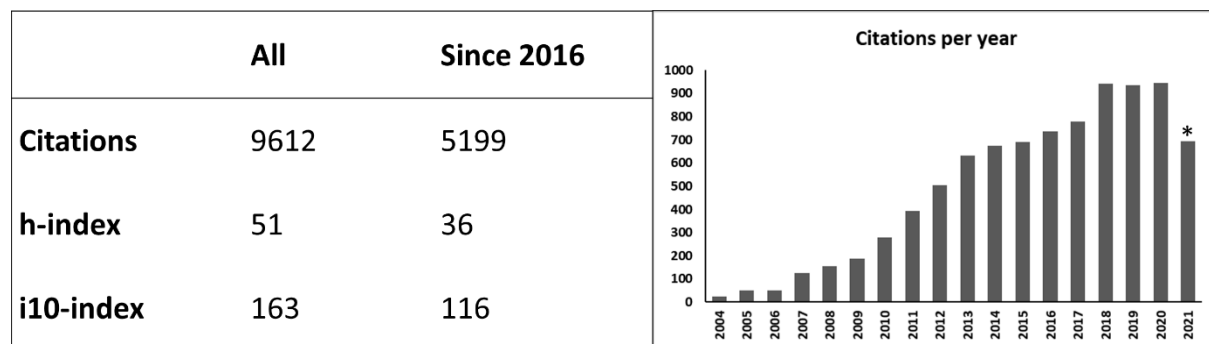
15. Innocentive Award, in the area of formulation development for 3 times (April 2005, May 2006, May 2007)

Innocentive (www.innocentive.com) is a web-based community, managed by a sister concern of Eli Lilly, USA and facilitates pharmaceutical scientists to address challenges faced by chemical and pharmaceutical companies, from around the globe.

16. OPPI (Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) Scientist Award 2006

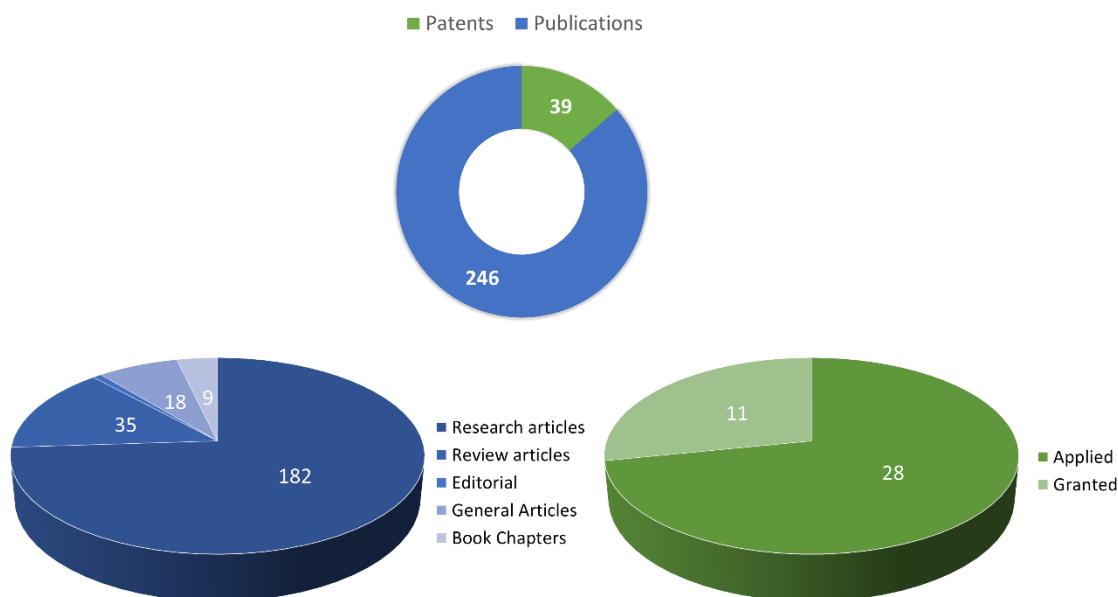
This award was conferred in September 2006, for outstanding contribution in the area of Pharmaceuticals. The OPPI, established in 1965, is a premier organization of research based pharmaceutical manufacturers in India.

OVERVIEW OF PUBLICATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL INTERACTIONS



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An Overview of publications and patents



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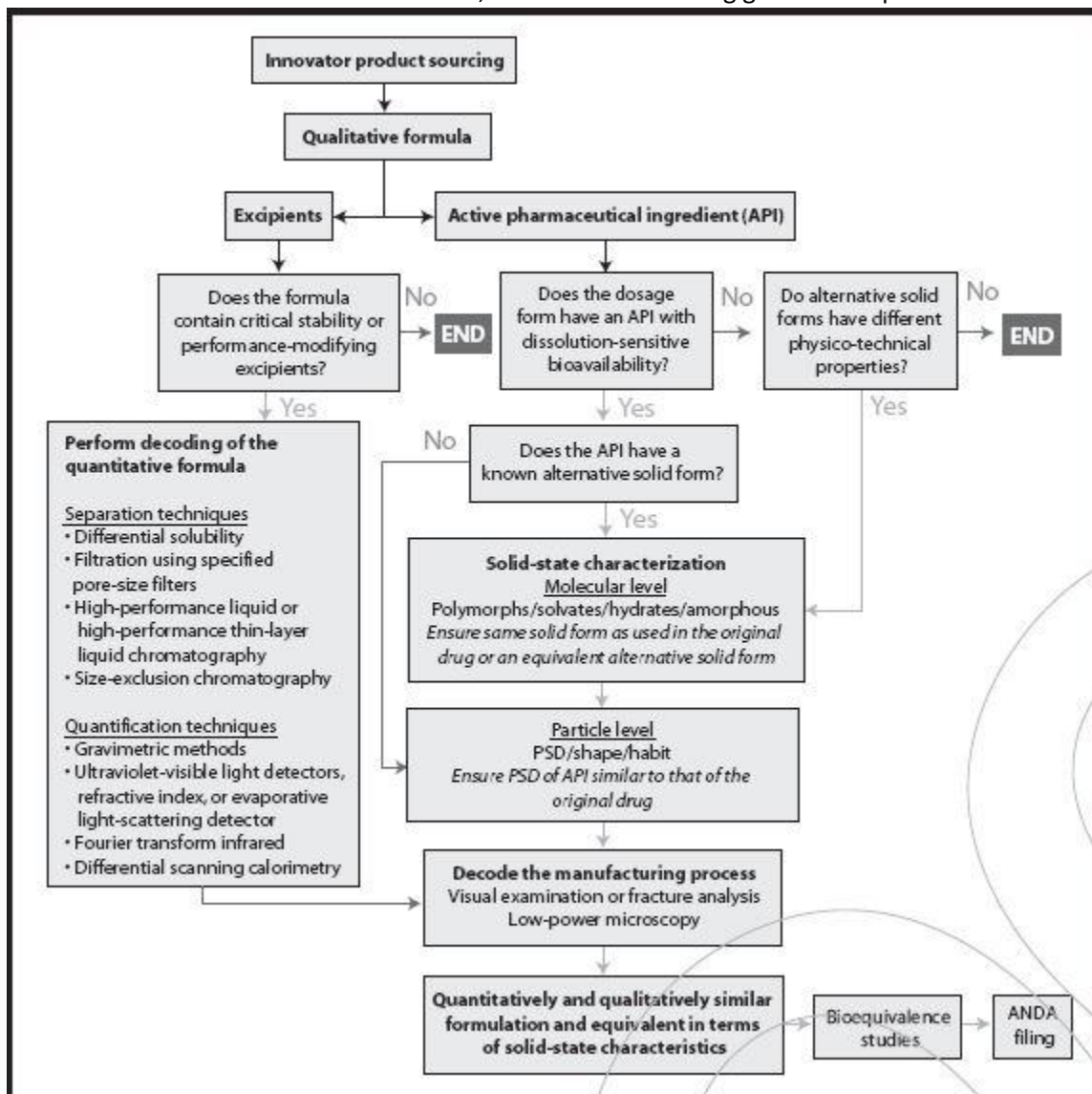
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INTERACTION WITH THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Globalization of Indian pharmaceutical industry has introduced new scientific, regulatory and intellectual property challenges in the area of drug discovery and development. The industry expects academic institution to respond to their emerging needs in research and development. Realizing this, our laboratory has established strong ties with the Indian pharmaceutical industry. Our research activities are broadly divided into pre-formulation profiling and development of Drug Delivery Systems. Pre-formulation activities include solubility, permeability, stability, compaction physics and compatibility studies. Our laboratory has developed expertise in material characterization including salt form selection, polymorph studies, surface characterization and crystal engineering. Based on the pre-

formulation profile suitable interventions for improvement of aqueous solubility and permeability are applied.

Indian pharmaceutical companies have made their strong presence globally in the generic market. We have significantly contributed to the development of generic formulations by proposing a decision tree for reverse engineering of the innovator products. We have expanded the concept of “sameness” of the generic formulations to the concept of “sameness of formulation”. This leads to accelerated development of generic formulations and also improves probability of development of a generic formulation (Bansal A K, Koradia V. **The role of reverse engineering in the development of generic formulations.** Pharmaceutical Technology 2005:29(8), 50-55). To this effect we have performed characterization of over innovator formulations, for numerous leading generic companies of India.



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We have collaborated with numerous overseas and Indian pharmaceutical companies (a selected list is given below) on sponsored projects.

Medochemie Limited, Cyprus; Reckitt Benckiser, USA; JM Pharma, LLC, USA; DSM Anti-Infectives, Netherlands; United Laboratories, Philippines; Montajat Veterinary Pharmaceutical, Saudi Arabia; Sandoz Private Limited; Ranbaxy Research Labs; Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; Nicholas Piramal; Zydus Cadila Limited; Dabur India Limited; Panacea Biotech; Strides Arcolab; Jubilant Organosys; Natco Pharma; Alpha Drugs, Famy Care Limited; Alkem Labs; Promed Exports Private Limited; UCB Limited; Lupin Labs; Aurobindo Pharma; Macleods; Orchid Pharma; Ind-Swift Labs; Torrent Pharmaceuticals; Lupin Limited; Getz Pharma Research

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<p>Dr. Sarasvat Patel (2010)</p> <p>Compaction behavior of pharmaceutical solids in mono and multi component systems</p>	<p>Dr. Monu Kumari* (2010)</p> <p>Effect of preservatives on the stability of lysozyme</p>	<p>Dr. Aeshna Amin (2010)</p> <p>Interactions of antimicrobial preservatives with Form-Fill-Seal packs and ophthalmic excipients</p>	<p>Dr. Vibha Puri (2011)</p> <p>Pharmaceutical product development of amorphous celecoxib solid dispersions</p>

<p>Dr. Lokesh Kumar (2012)</p> <p>Impact of salt formation on the biopharmaceutical properties of prazosin and solid form behavior during lyophilization of indomethacin and ganciclovir</p>	<p>Dr. Pawar Yogesh B. (2012)</p> <p>Nanocrystalline solid dispersions of curcumin</p>	<p>Dr. Kailas Khomane (2014)</p> <p>Structure, property and process relationship of compaction behavior of pharmaceutical powders</p>	<p>Dr. Ram Jee Sharma* (2015)</p> <p>Studies on Eugenia Jambolana derived anthocyanins-and anthocyanidins-enriched extracts : standardization, biological evaluation and formulation development</p>
<p>Dr. Bhushan Munjal (2015)</p> <p>Effect of processing and formulation variables on the solid form behavior of API(s) during lyophilization</p>	<p>Dr. Shete Ganesh Bhaskarrao (2016)</p> <p>Development and evaluation of nanocrystalline solid dispersions of antioxidants</p>	<p>Dr. Sameer R Modi (2016)</p> <p>Impact of differential surface anisotropy of crystal habits on pharmaceutical performance of celecoxib: a bcs class ii drug</p>	<p>Dr. Bapurao Tarate (2016)</p> <p>Enhancement of oral bioavailability of coenzyme Q10 using eutectic based self emulsifying drug delivery system</p>
<p>Dr. Poonam Singh Thakur (2019)</p> <p>Development and Evaluation of nanocrystalline solid dispersion for Fenofibrate using NanoCrySP™ Technology based on spray drying</p>	<p>Dr. Sneha Sheokand (2019)</p> <p>Development of Nanocrystalline Solid Dispersion of hesperetin and its oral formulation, with enhanced oral bioavailability for prevention of breast cancer</p>	<p>Dr. Sandeep Zode (2019)</p> <p>Lyophilized Nanocrystalline Solid Dispersion of aspirin for parenteral administration</p>	<p>Dr. Jagadish Sharma (2019)</p> <p>Influence of Drug-Polymer Miscibility on Designing of Amorphous Solid Dispersion of Dipydamole</p>
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143 masters' students have graduated till 2020

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAB

1. Ms. Ankita Ramnani won (International block) at IV International Interuniversity GxP summit 2020, held online) for presenting a Case study

2. Ms. Sanika Jadav was awarded with Best Presentation award for second Russian Interuniversity GxP Summit. (2008)
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4. Mr. Kailash Khomane was awarded with Lee foundation award for best poster and best abstract in 6th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) conference at National University of Singapore, Singapore. (2013)
5. Mr. Sameer R Modi was awarded with Lee foundation award for best abstract in 6th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) conference at National University of Singapore, Singapore. (2013)
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