

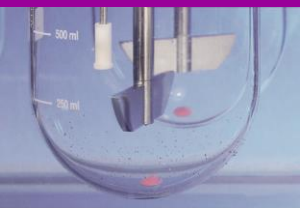


# Interpolymer complexes as carriers for gastrointestinal drug delivery: challengers and problems

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# Interpolymer complexes – a new class carriers for drugs delivery

Recent progress in the polymer chemistry combined with modern pharmaceutical science revealed a new class of carriers, interpolymer complexes (IPCs), the unique physicochemical properties of which present broad possibilities for using them to create innovative drugs forms



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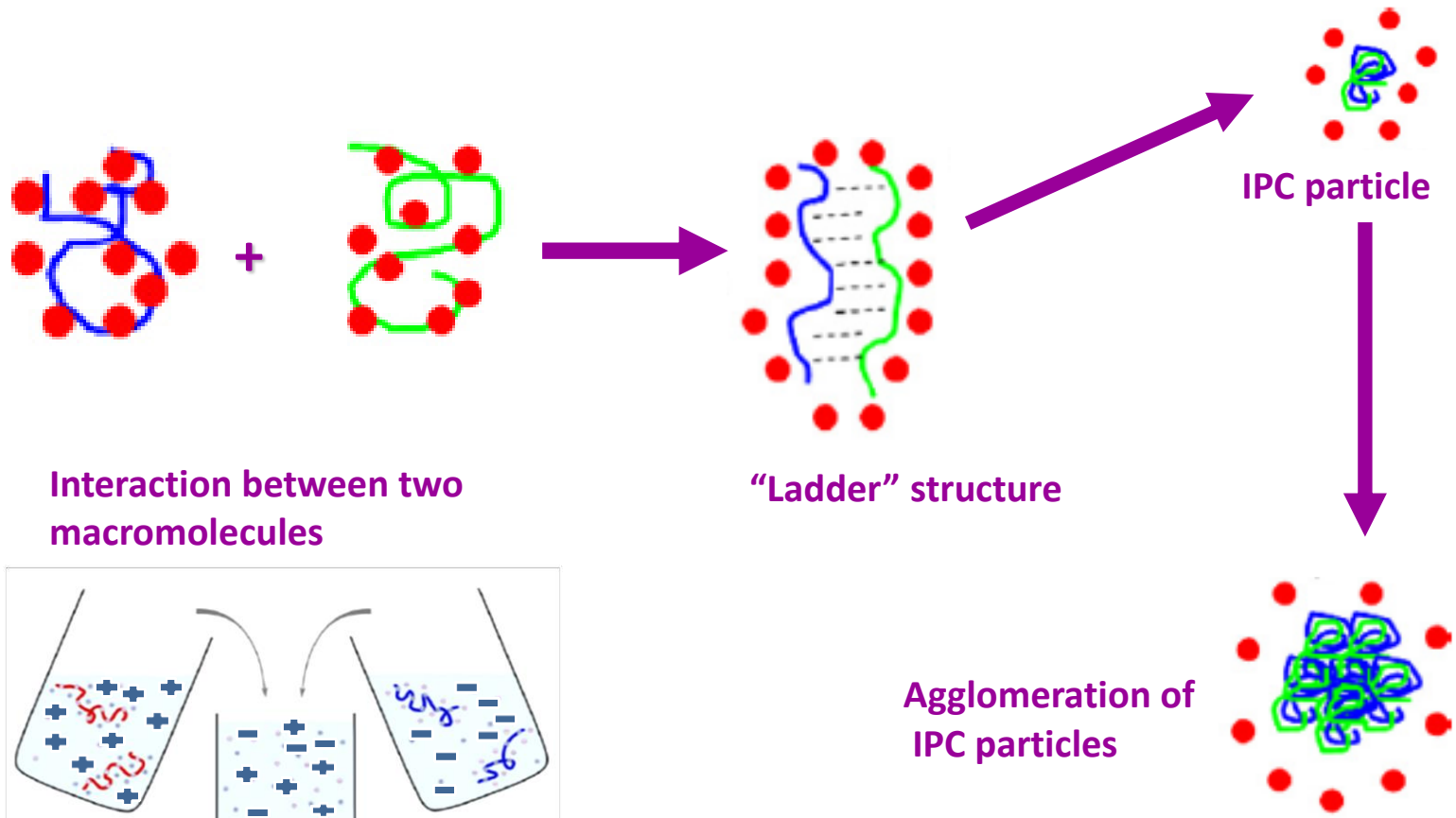
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**Kemenova V.A.**, Mustafin (Moustafine) R.I., Alekseev K.V., Scorodinskaya A.M., **Zezin A.B.**, Tenchova A.I., **Kabanov V.A.**, Application of interpolymer complexes in pharmacy. *Pharmaciya*, 60 (1), 67-72 (1991) [in Russian].





# Schematic representation of IPC formation



\* V.V. Khutoryanskiy *Int. J. Pharm.* (2007).

# The first results of using interpolymer complexes for oral matrix drug delivery purposes



**Prof. T. Nagai**  
(Japan)

T. Takahashi, K. Takayama, Y. Machida, T. Nagai, Characteristics of polyion complexes of chitosan with sodium alginate and sodium polyacrylate, *Int. J. Pharm.* 61 (1990) 35–41.

K. Takayama, M. Hirata, Y. Machida, T. Masada, T. Sannan, T. Nagai, Effect of interpolymer complex formation on bioadhesive property and drug release phenomenon of compressed tablet consisting of chitosan and sodium hyaluronate, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* 38 (1990) 1993–1997.

K. Saton, K. Takayama, Y. Machida, Y. Suzuki, T. Nagai, Disintegration and dissolution characteristics of compressed tablets consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose and carboxyvinyl polymer, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* 37 (6) (1989) 1642–1644.





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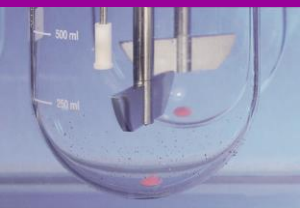
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# Why pharmaceutically acceptable polymers?

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## EUDRAGITs – pharmaceutically acceptable copolymers (pharma polymers)

The unpredictable toxicity of novel synthetic homo-(block)-(co)polymers limits their practical application as independent carriers of biologically active compounds. The problem can be solved by finding polymer carriers that regulate the duration and location of drug action and comply with medical and pharmaceutical requirements.





# Pharmaceutical Poly(meth)acrylates

## Global Acceptance by international registration authorities



X = monograph (X) = draft submitted ( ) = planed

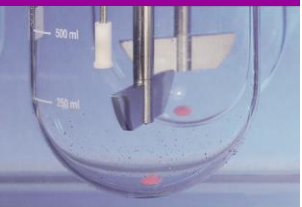
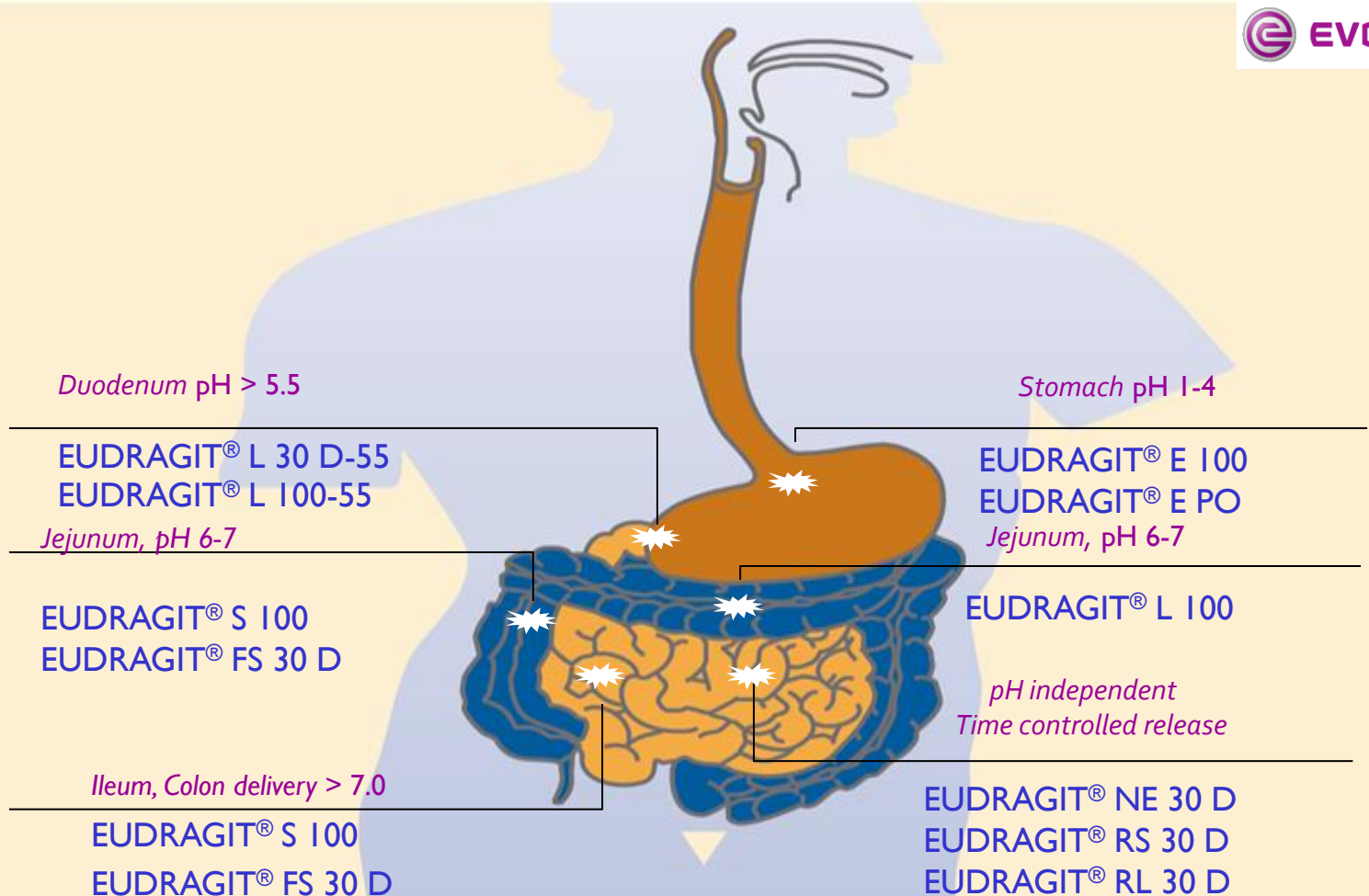
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# EUDRAGIT® types and their functions





# Classification of the tailoring release profiles (Colorcon®)

[www.colorcon.com/formulation/app/tailoring-release-profiles](http://www.colorcon.com/formulation/app/tailoring-release-profiles)



Delayed



Ascending



Enteric



Intestinal



First Order



Modified Enteric



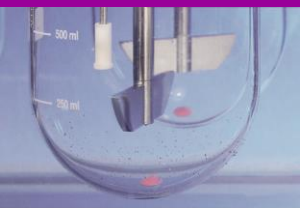
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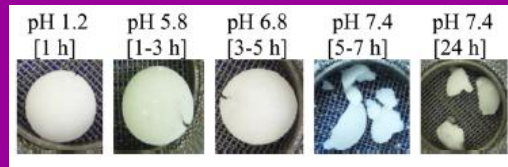


Zero Order





# The problems of using EUDRAGIT® copolymers in matrix drug delivery



Due to copolymer structure and pH-dependent solubility Eudragit® grades has some difficulties in their using in matrix drug delivery systems (DDS):


- gastro-resistant polyanions (L100-55, L100, S100, FS) are leads to disintegrating of the matrix tablets within stomach region;
- gastro-soluble polycations (E100, EPO) are dissolving in stomach region;
- physical mixtures of polyanion and polycation grades due copolymer structure are also have ability to disintegrate in mimicking gastro-intestinal tract (GIT) conditions.





# The first attempt to study a combination of two oppositely charged EUDRAGIT® RS/L100 types



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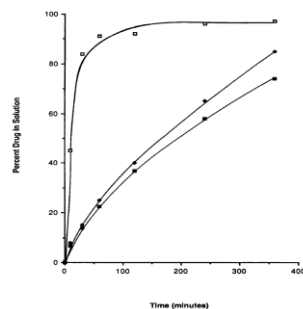


FIGURE 2.  
Influence of resin type on the dissolution properties of theophylline (300 mg) from tablets in 900 ml of acidic medium (see Experimental for details). Key: ○: Eudragit L100; ●: Eudragit RSPM; ■: Eudragit RSPM/L100 combination.

DRUG DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY, 13(8), 1409-1427 (1987)

## CONTROLLED-RELEASE THEOPHYLLINE TABLET FORMULATIONS CONTAINING ACRYLIC RESINS, II. COMBINATION RESIN FORMULATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

Theophylline tablet formulations containing a combination of cationic and anionic acrylic resins were prepared and evaluated. Equal amounts of Eudragit RSPM (cationic resin) and Eudragit L100 (anionic resin) were included at the 15% level (total polymer content) into the tablet formulations. Pressure-hardness profiles with theophylline-resin compacts (4:1) demonstrated that compacts containing the RSPM resin were the most compressible. The dissolution profiles for theophylline in acidic media showed slower release rates from tablets containing the combined resins than from those containing each of the single resins. It was proposed that this decrease in drug release rate was a result of a solid state interaction between the oppositely charged polymers.

**J.W. McGinity, C.G. Cameron, G.W. Cuff, *Drug Dev. Ind. Pharm.*, 9(1&2), 57 (1983).**  
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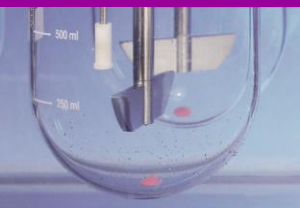


# IPECs prepared from the pharmaceutically acceptable polymers

The polymer—polymer complexes are prepared from copolymers that have been widely used in pharmacy for decades.

- The behavior of the copolymers *in vivo* has been thoroughly studied. Their safety has been proven clinically. This enables delivery systems to be created without the risk of increasing the toxicity, which can be reduced even more by combining synthetic (co)polymers. It should be noted that such compositional synergism changes in principle the regulation of their individual properties.

Moustafine R.I. Role of intermacromolecular interactions between pharmaceutically acceptable polymers in application of the oral drug delivery systems (mini-review) *Russ. J. Gen. Chem.*, (2014).

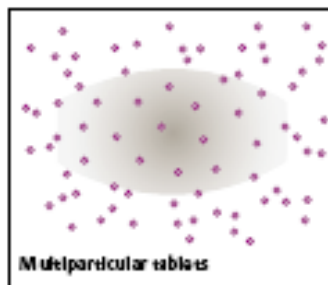
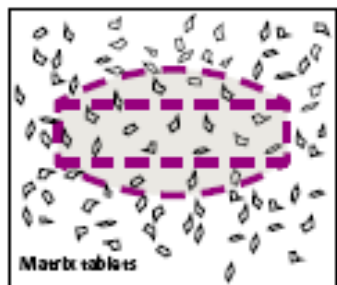




# INTERPOLYMER COMBINATIONS OF CHEMICALLY COMPLEMENTARY POLYMERS – AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ORAL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS DEVELOPING

## Originally existing matrix systems:

1. **EUDRACOL®** - EUDRAGIT® RL /EUDRAGIT® FS (**pellets**);
2. **CODES™** - EUDRAGIT® E100 /EUDRAGIT® L100 (**tablet**)



## Developing matrix systems:

1. EUDRAGIT® E100(EPO) RL/ EUDRAGIT® L100-55, L100, S100, FS;
2. EUDRAGIT® E100(EPO), RL /Sodium Alginate/ pectin;
3. EUDRAGIT® E100(EPO) /CARBOPOL®'s;
4. EUDRAGIT® L100-55, L100 / chitosan

Mustafin (Moustafine) R.I., INTERPOLYMER COMBINATIONS OF CHEMICALLY COMPLEMENTARY GRADES OF EUDRAGIT COPOLYMERS: A NEW DIRECTION IN THE DESIGN OF PERORAL SOLID DOSAGE FORMS OF DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS WITH CONTROLLED RELEASE (REVIEW)

Pharm. Chem. J., 45(5) 285 – 295 (2011).

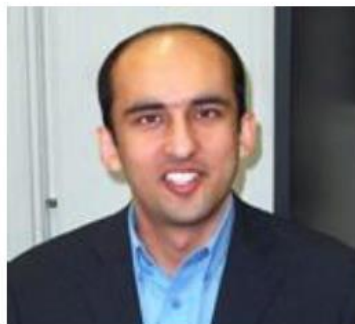




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IPCs based on oppositely charged EUDRAGIT copolymers for developing colon-targeting DDS



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**“It’s a Dirty Job, but  
Somebody Has to  
Do It”**



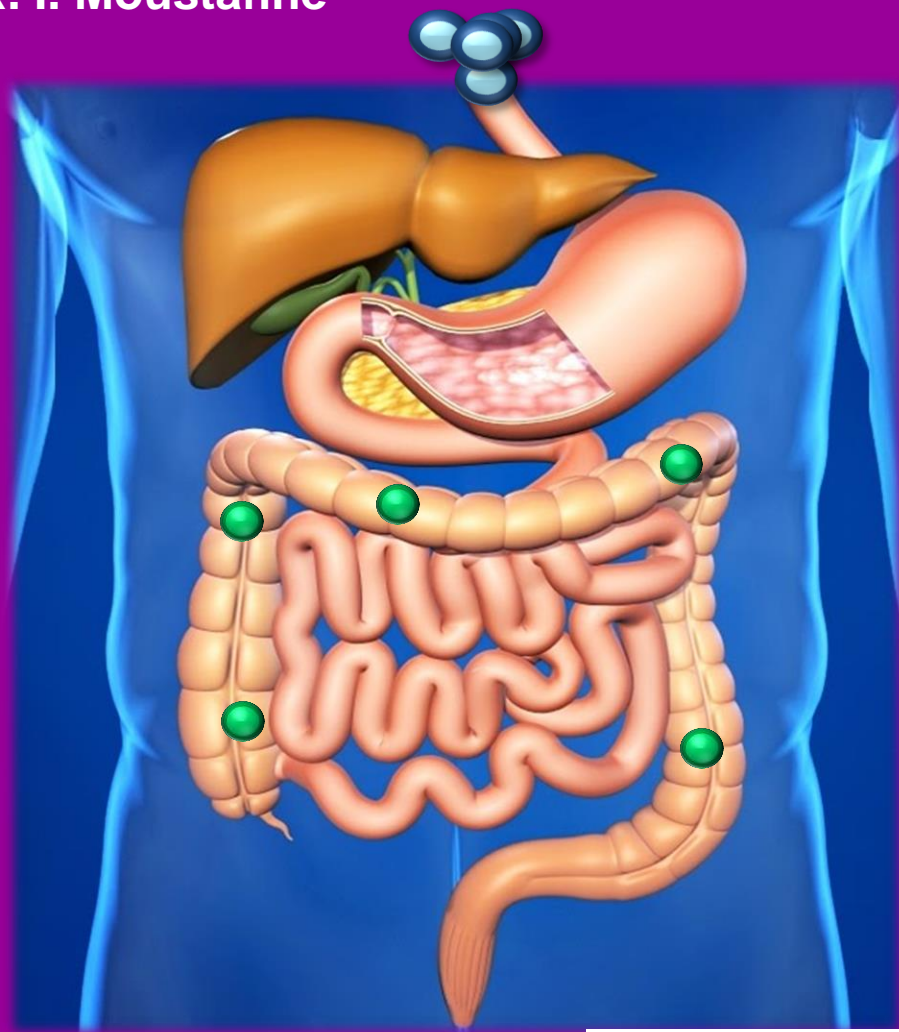
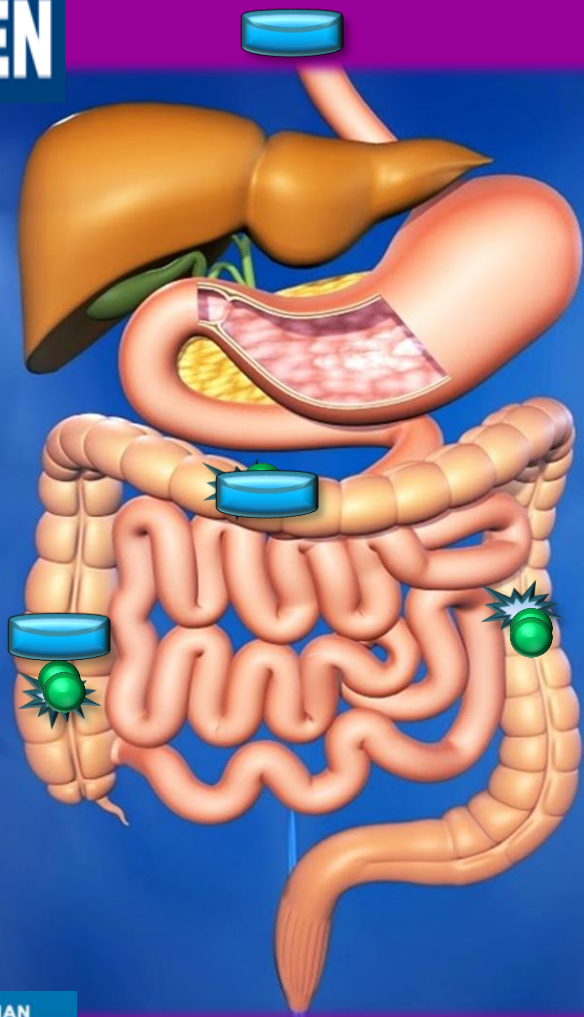




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# THE MATRIX TABLETS (LEFT) & MICROCAPSULE (RIGHT), WITH THE AIM OF TARGETED DRUG DELIVERY TO THE COLON

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Dr. R. I. Moustafine

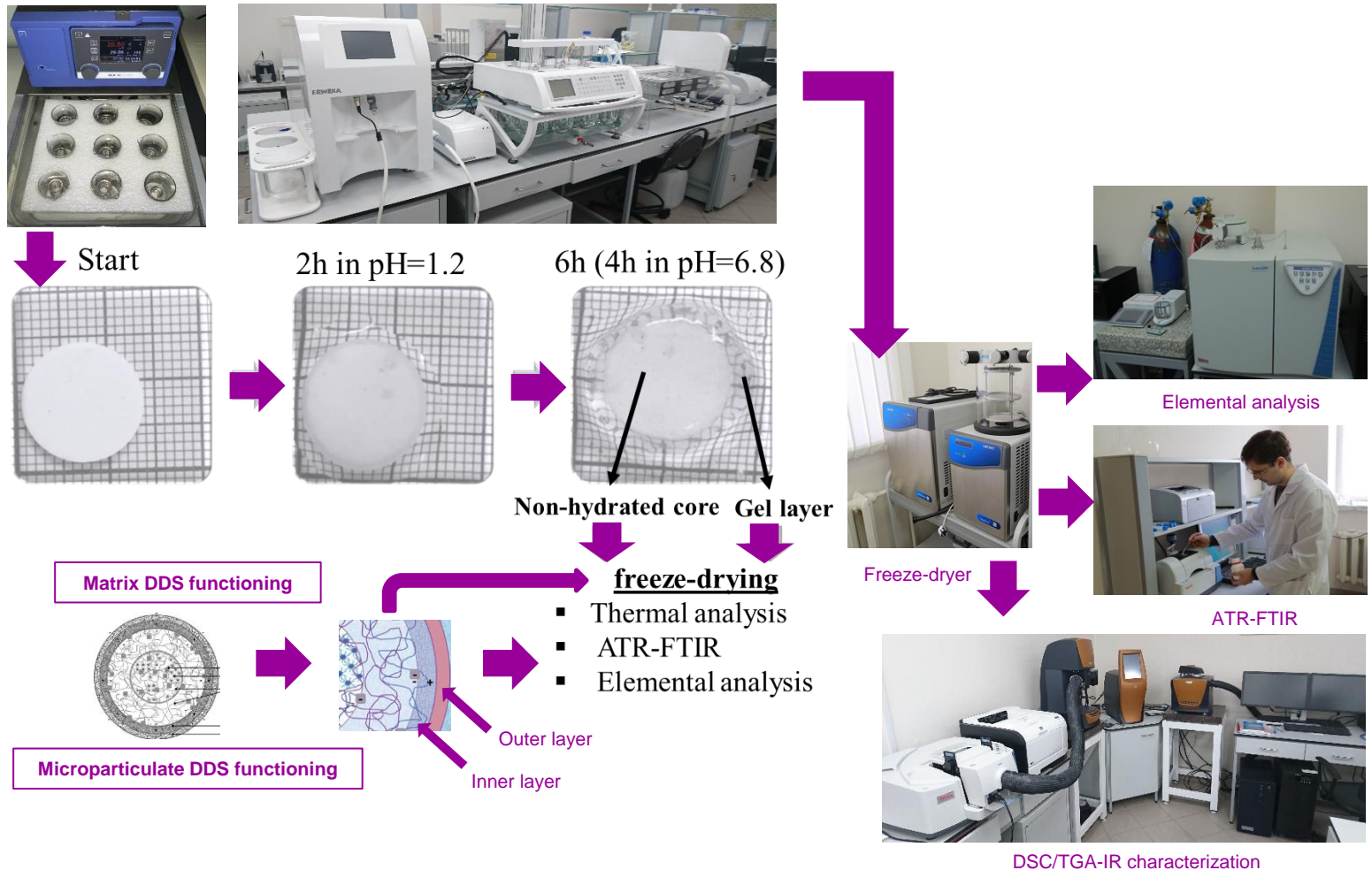






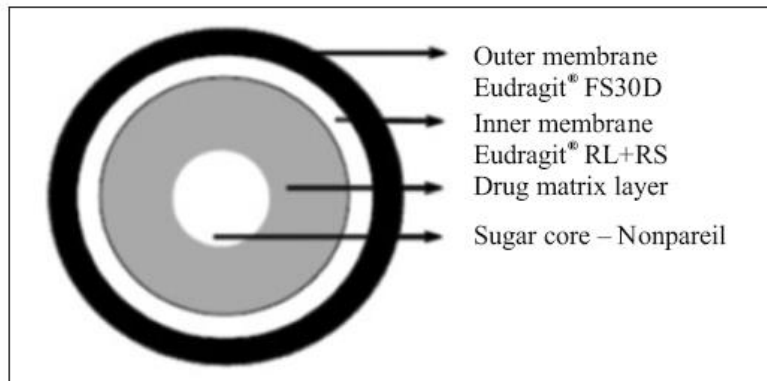
# FUNCTIONING:

## Microparticulate or matrix oral DDS

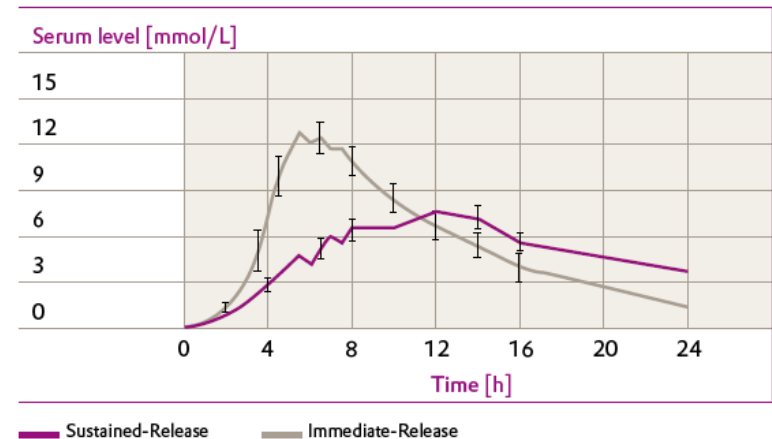
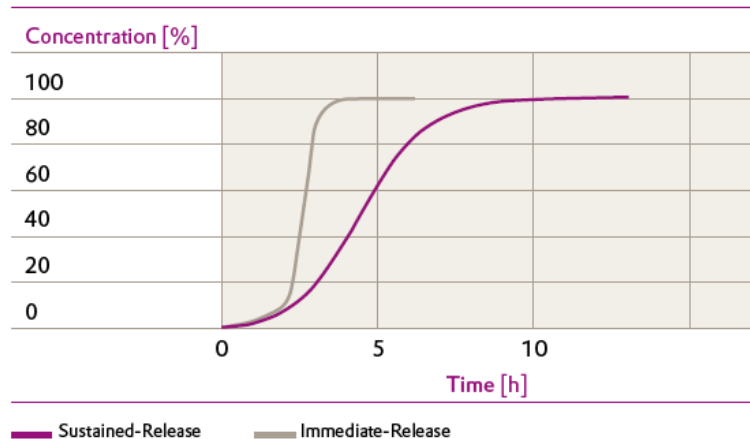




# FUNCTIONING: Principle of action of colon-targeting oral drug delivery system - EUDRACOL®



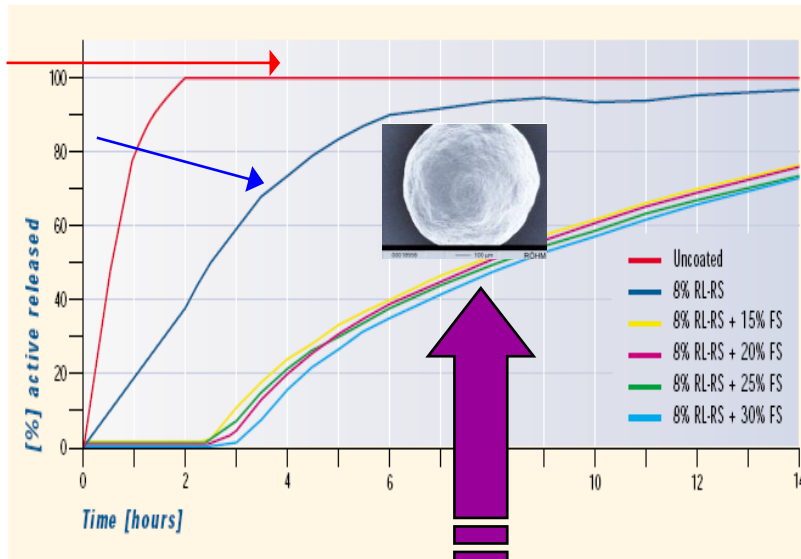
The developed construction fabricated and registered by **Evonik Pharma GmbH** under the name **EUDRACOL®** is today one of the first commercial product on the market in which the principle of interpolymer interaction of countercharged **Eudragit®** copolymers for targeted drug delivery is used.



V.K. Gupta, T.E. Beckert, and J.C. Price, *Int. J. Pharm.*, 213, 83 – 91 (2001).

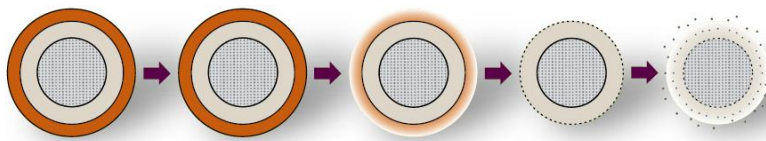


# FUNCTIONING: Comparison of the release profiles of 5-ASA from the pellets, coated by different films within EUDRACOL® system



**Figure 3.** Release profiles of 5-ASA from pellets with a dual-layer coating and from pellets carrying only a single (the inner) coating, in comparison with uncoated 5-ASA cores. Dissolution conditions: pH 1.2 during the first two hours; then pH 7.0 (phosphate buffer to USP).

Testing of the system using the release of 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) showed that the release profiles were characterized by an unexpected slowing of the drug release rate. The researchers took into account the opposite charges of the used copolymers and hypothesized that there may have been macromolecular interactions of reactive groups on portions of the polymer chains located at the boundary of each layer.



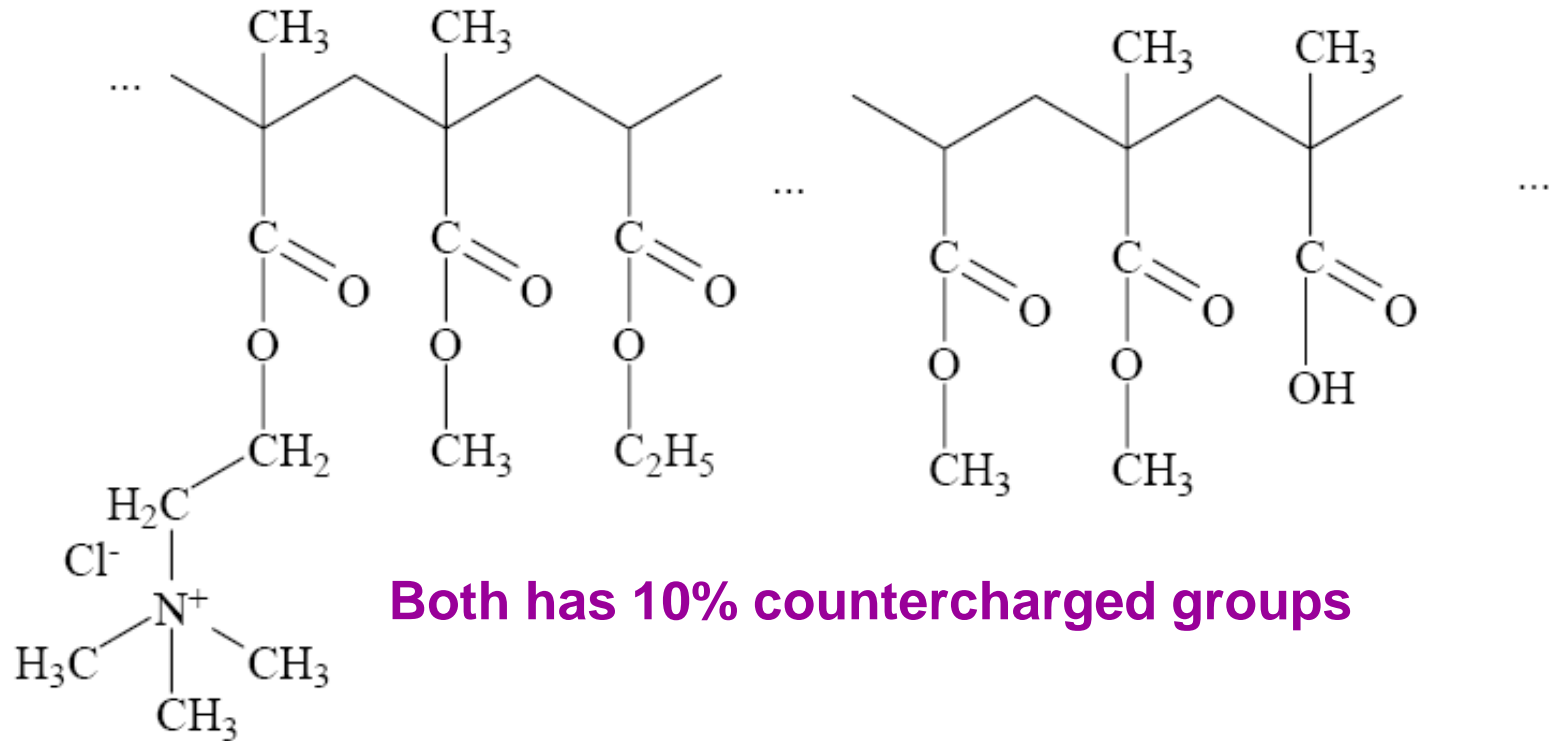
V.K. Gupta, T.E. Beckert, N.J. Deusch, et al., Investigation of potential ionic interactions between anionic and cationic polymethacrylates of multiple coatings of novel colonic delivery system.

*Drug Dev. Ind. Pharm.*, 28(2), 207 – 215 (2002).



# FUNCTIONING:

Structural monomer units fragments of Eudragit® copolymers used in EUDRACOL® system

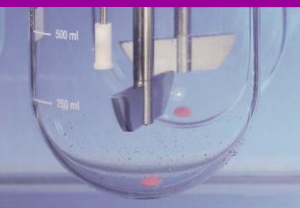


## EUDRAGIT® RL (inner layer)

Poly(ethylacrylate-co-methylmethacrylate-co-trimethylammonium ethylmethacrylate chloride)  
1:2:0.2; MW 150 kDa; **with high permeability**

## EUDRAGIT® FS (outer layer)

Poly(methacrylate-co-methylmethacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1  
MW 220 kDa; **Soluble at pH > 7.2**

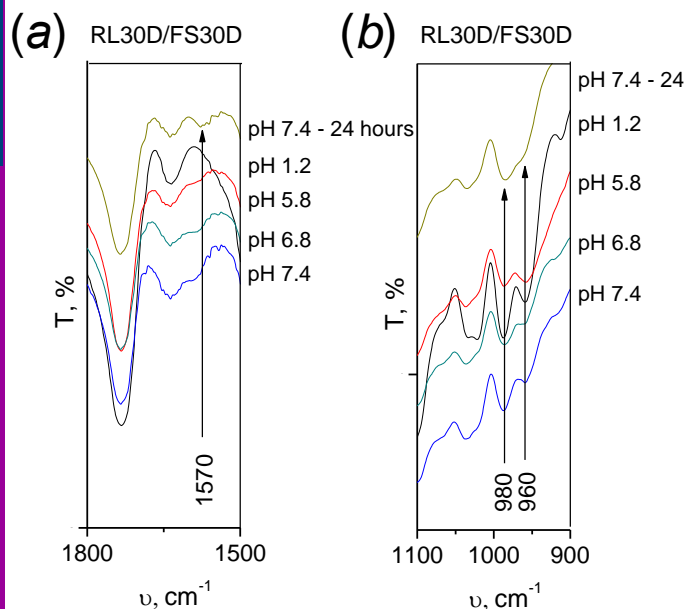


# FUNCTIONING: Investigation of the interaction between countercharged EUDRAGIT® copolymers in double-layer films

(presented in 8<sup>th</sup> PBP (APV/APGI) World Meeting, Istanbul, 2012)



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FTIR spectra of tested matrices made up from RL30D/FS30D bilayer systems during GI transit conditions in the range of: 1800 – 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (a), 1100 – 900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (b).

Sample name	Tested conditions	T <sub>g</sub> (°C)
RL30D	Milled dried film made up from the dispersion	71.5
FS30D	Milled dried film made up from the dispersion	35.3
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled double-layer dried film (until swelling)	48.8
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled dried compressed matrices made up from milled double-layer dried film (after 1h swelling at pH 1.2)	44.1
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled dried compressed matrices made up from milled double-layer dried film (after 2h swelling at pH 5.8)	43.0
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled dried compressed matrices made up from milled double-layer dried film (after 2h swelling at pH 6.8)	42.5
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled dried compressed matrices made up from milled double-layer dried film (after 2h swelling at pH 7.4)	39.6
FS30D/RL 30D 1:1 w/w	Milled dried compressed matrices made up from milled double-layer dried film (after 24h swelling at pH 7.4)	52.1

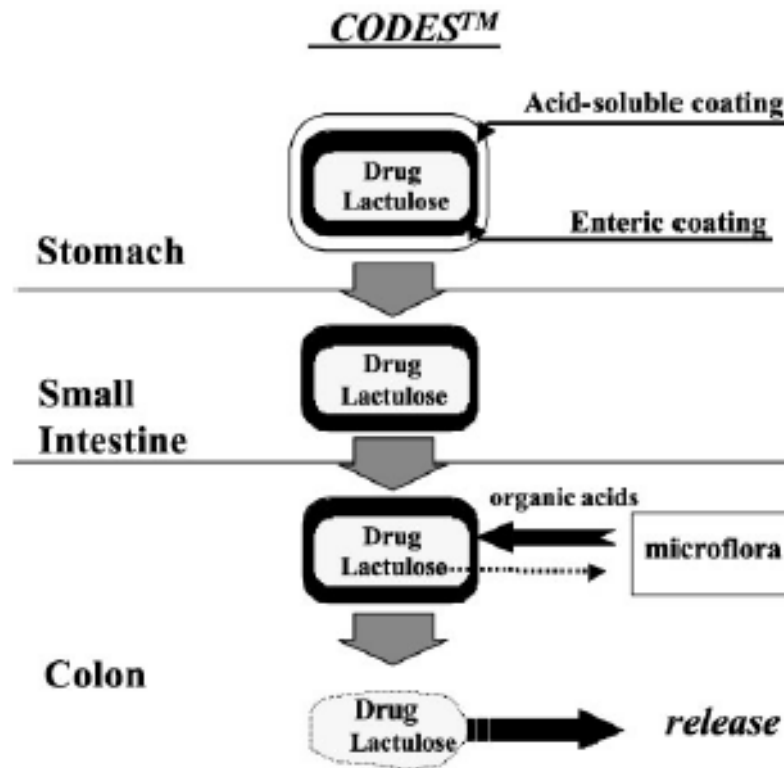






# FUNCTIONING:

## Principle of the action of colon-targeting oral drug delivery system - **CODES™**



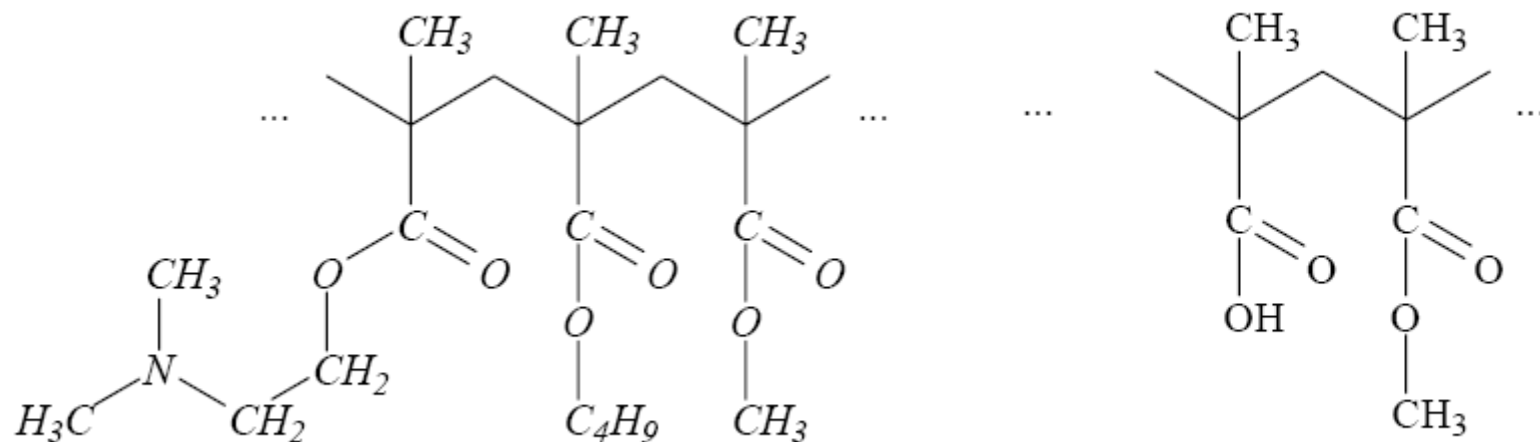
A very successful oral DDS - **CODES™** that provided targeted delivery to the colon was prepared by coating bilayer films based on **Eudragit E100** and **L100** types copolymers on the tablet core containing the drug (mesalazine etc.) and the synthetic disaccharide lactulose.

M. Katsuma, S. Watanabe, S. Takemura, et al., *J. Pharm. Sci.*, 93(5), 1287 – 1299 (2004).



# FUNCTIONING:

Structural monomer units fragments of Eudragit® copolymers used in **CODES™** system



**25% and 50% countercharged groups respectively**

## EUDRAGIT® E100 (inner layer)

Poly(butyl acrylate-co-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-methacrylate -co- methylmethacrylate)  
1:2:1; MW 150 kDa; **Soluble at pH < 5.0**

## EUDRAGIT® L100 (outer layer)

Poly(methylmethacrylate-co-methacrylic acid)  
1:1; MW 135 kDa; **Soluble at pH > 6.0**







# DEVELOPMENT:

## Nanosized, microparticulate or matrix oral DDS





# DEVELOPMENT:

## Investigation of the Eudragit® E100/L100 system as a potential carrier for oral DDS

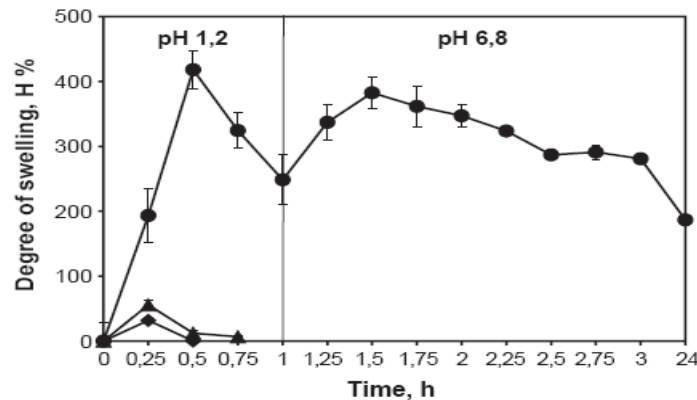
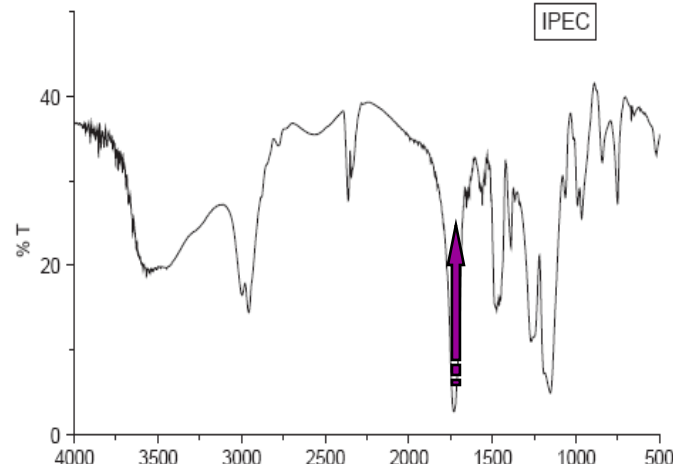


Fig. 6. Degree of swelling of IPEC (●), physical mixture of EE and EL (1:1) (▲) and pure EE (◆).

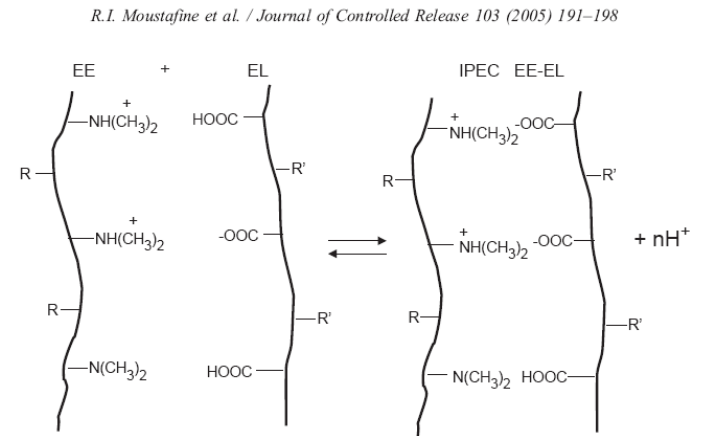


Fig. 5. Scheme of the interpolymer reaction between EE and EL at pH 6.0. R and R' are non-ionized monomer units.

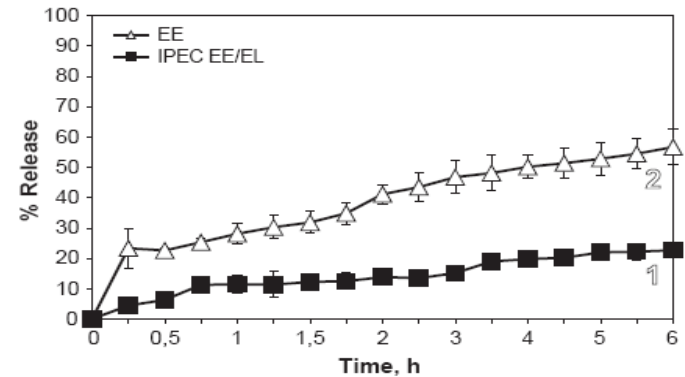


Fig. 7. Release of ibuprofen from matrix tablets prepared from pure EE or IPEC. Error bars indicate standard deviations ( $n=3$ ).

# DEVELOPMENT: Investigation of the EUDRAGIT® E100/L100-55 system as a potential carriers for drugs delivery to the different intestinal regions (partly presented in 5<sup>th</sup> PBP (APV/APGI) World Meeting, Geneva, 2006)



R.I. Moustafine et al. / European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics 63 (2006) 26–36

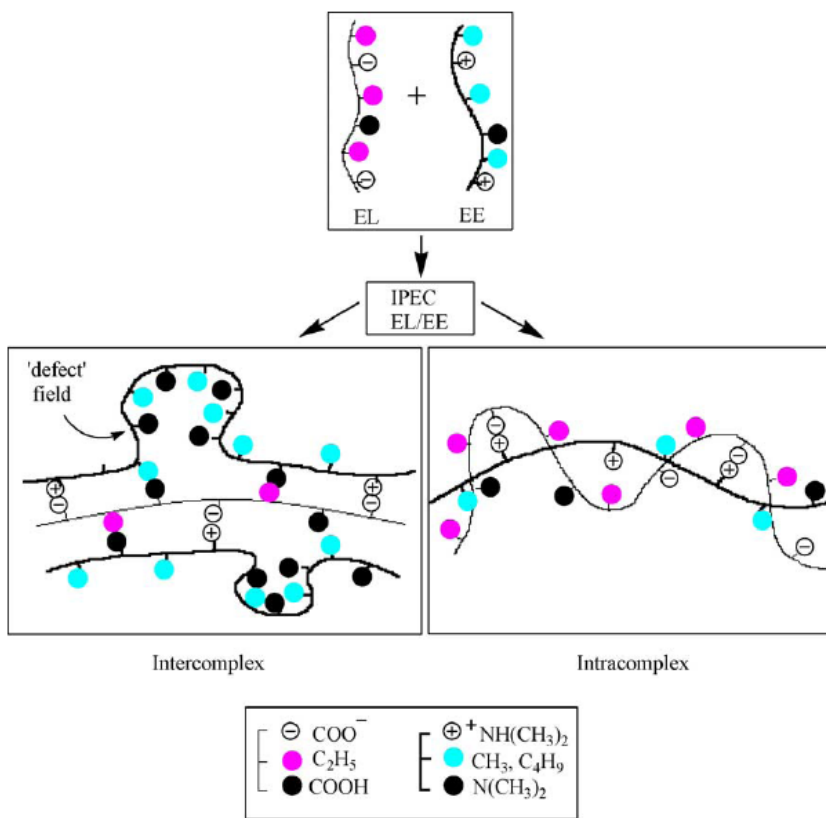


Fig. 6. Schematic representation of the ionic interactions between EL and EE.

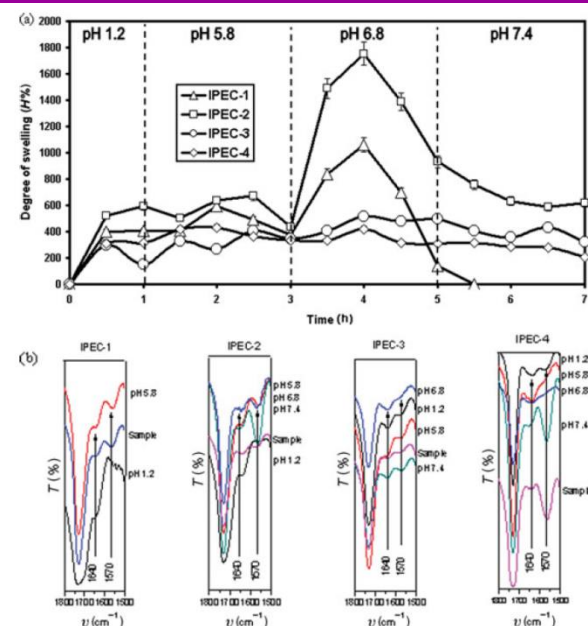
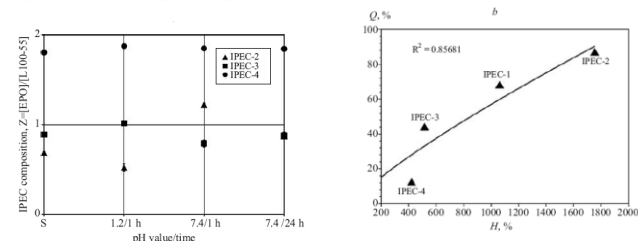


Figure 4. (a) Degree of swelling of interpolyelectrolyte complexes (IPECs) EPO/L100-55 with different composition in gastrointestinal conditions ( $n = 3$ ;  $\pm$ SD); (b) FTIR spectra of poly-complex matrices during swelling test.



R.I. Moustafine, I.M. Zaharov, V.A. Kamenova, *Eur.J.Pharm.Biopharm.*, 63(1), 26 – 36 (2006).  
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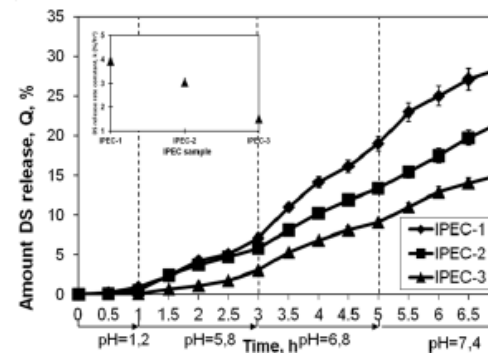
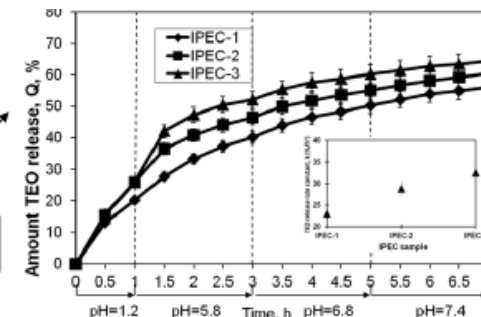
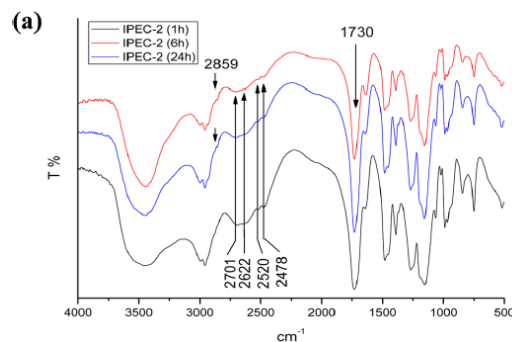
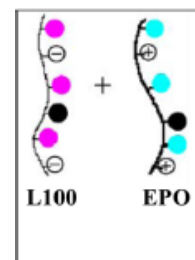
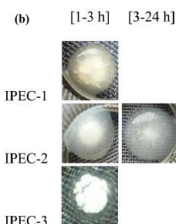
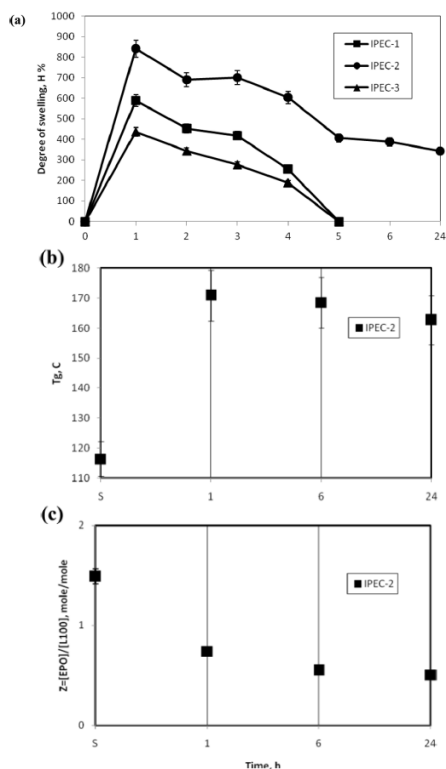


# DEVELOPMENT: colon-specific DDS based on EUDRAGIT® EPO/L100 copolymers

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Dr. Sitenkova  
(Bukhovets) A.V.



Moustafine R.I., Bukhovets A.V., Sitenkov A.Y. et al. Eudragit E PO as a Complementary Material for Designing Oral Drug Delivery Systems with Controlled Release Properties: Comparative Evaluation of New Interpolyelectrolyte Complexes with Countercharged Eudragit L100 Copolymers // *Mol. Pharm.*, **10** 2630–2641(2013).



# DEVELOPMENT: Comparative *in vitro/in vivo* assessment of polycomplex colon-targeting DDS based on EUDRAGIT® EPO/S100 (presented in 38<sup>th</sup> CRS Annual Meeting, Maryland, U.S.A., 2011)



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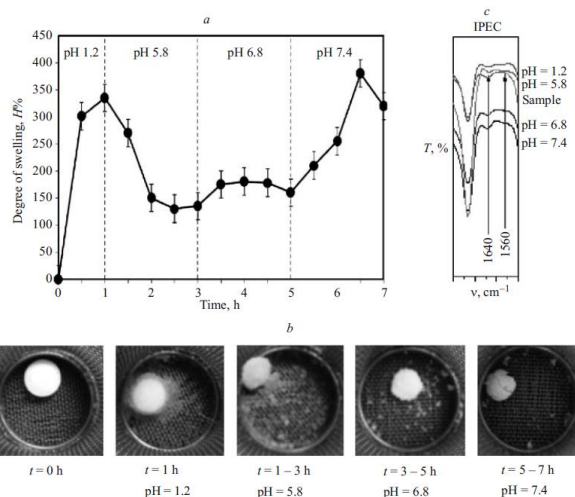


Fig. 7. Swelling profile (a), monitoring of changes of external appearance (b), and structural transformations (c) during swelling of polycomplex matrices obtained from IPEC EPO/S100,  $Z = 1.26$ , under conditions imitating passage through the GI tract.

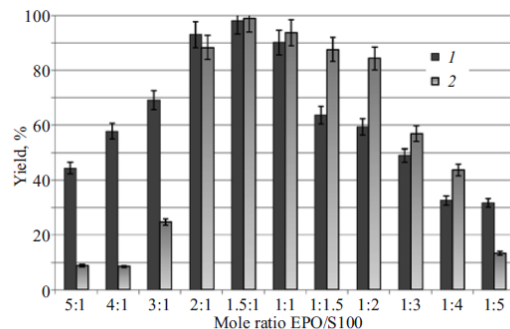


Fig. 2. Gravimetric analysis of precipitates of IPEC EPO/S100 at various mole ratios and orders of mixing copolymer solutions: EPO/S100 (1) and S100/EPO (2).

In our case DS release from the polycomplex matrices has "intestinal" type of release profiles.

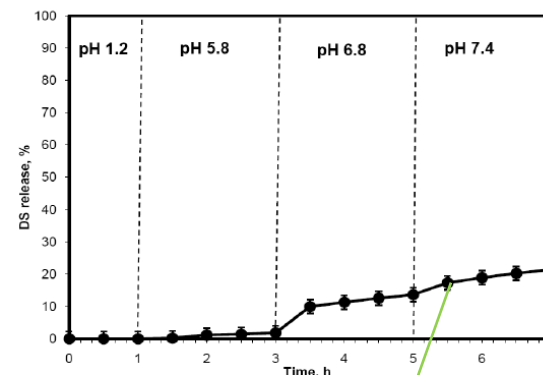
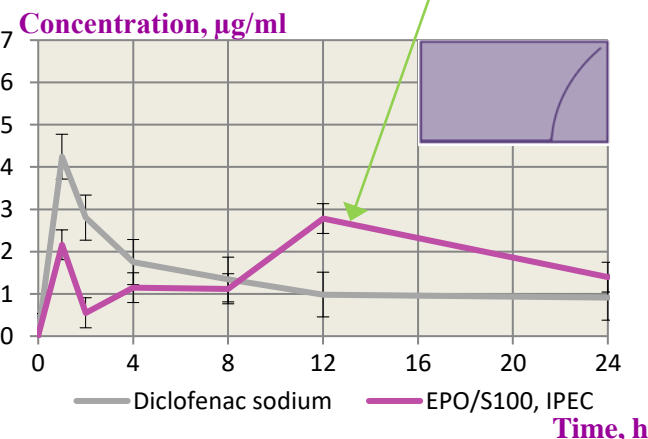


Fig. 2. Release of DS in gastrointestinal conditions from matrices made up of IPEC EPO/S100 ( $n=3 \pm SD$ ).





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## Pharma Polymers News

### Pharma Polymers Belongs to Evonik, the Creative Industrial Group for Chemicals, Energy and Real Estate

A new industrial group joined Germany's corporate landscape on September 12, Evonik Industries. The creative company based in Essen is one of the global leaders for specialty chemicals, an expert for power generation from coal and renewable energies, and also one of the large private housing construction enterprises in Germany. Evonik Industries has now replaced the former RAG Beteiligungs-AG after a four-year restructuring period. The previous corporate brand Degussa no longer exists, but the Chemicals Business Area remains intact. More information on Evonik can be found at [www.evonik.de](http://www.evonik.de) and [www.evonik.com](http://www.evonik.com).

The distilling of Evonik Industries was the highlight of the company's strategic re-alignment and also the last step prior to entering the capital market in the first half of 2008. Apart from the new name and logo, the new brand features the corporate color deep purple. Evonik's strengths - creativity, specialization, self-renewal and reliability - are also the values represented by Pharma Polymers on the global market.

#### What has changed, what will remain the same?

Both our agreements and your contacts remain the same under our new name Evonik Röhm GmbH in Germany and Evonik Degussa outside Germany. Our appearance has changed, and this concerns both our business stationery and publications like the Pharma Polymers News.

We at Pharma Polymers are proud to continue developing and marketing EUDRAGIT® products and drug delivery technologies worldwide as part of Evonik Industries. Under the Evonik umbrella brand, our team remains at your disposal also in the future to support you with all your challenges.



Jonas Ide  
Product Manager EUDRAGIT®

#### Dear Readers:

This is the first issue of Pharma Polymers News in the new corporate design of the Evonik group brand. Since we joined the Chemicals Business Area of Evonik Industries on September 12, we are devoting our cover story to the creative industrial group for chemicals, energy and real estate.

This new issue of Pharma Polymers News is appearing just in time for the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists from November 11-15 in San Diego, USA. At the AAPS, we will be present at booth no. 1309. Our researchers from the USA, Germany and India are presenting technical posters concerning EUDRAGIT® and drug delivery technologies. You can read the abstracts on Page 2 of this newsletter, and there you will also find the links to the complete posters.

On September 17 we inaugurated the new extension to our research center in India. We took this occasion to present the focal points of the work performed by the 30-odd staff members there, and to report on the opening ceremony. Turn to page 3 of this PPN for further details.

Our potpourri of news on page 4 mainly tells you about staff changes and events in the first half of 2008. The events calendar has also been given a facelift and rounds off the news letter in the corporate design of Evonik.

Since rely yours,

Jonas Ide  
Product Manager EUDRAGIT®

## News on EUDRAGIT® and Drug Delivery Technologies at the AAPS

November 11 - 15  
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### Analytical Characterization of (Meth)acrylate Copolymer Complexes

The purpose was to characterize the interactions between cationic (EUDRAGIT® E PO) and anionic (EUDRAGIT® L 100-55, EUDRAGIT® L 100, EUDRAGIT® S 100, Preparation 4155 F) (meth)acrylate copolymers in organic systems. Analytical methods like GC/MS, IR, NMR, DSC and TGA analyses proved, as compared with the physical mixture, the formation of a complex that is stable up to approx. 150°C, with  $T_g$  values between those of the pure polymers.

### Formation of Precipitates Prepared by Combining Differently Charged (Meth)acrylate Copolymers

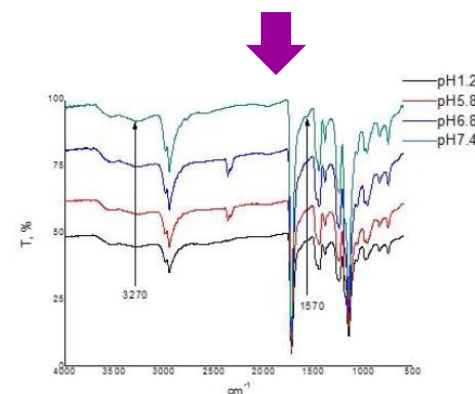
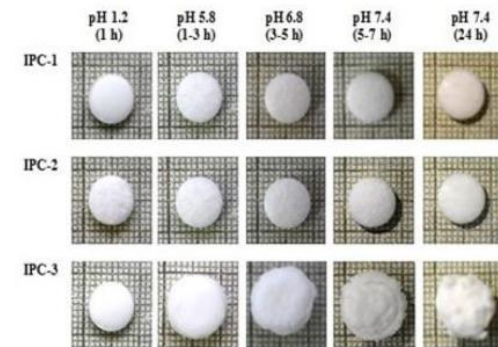
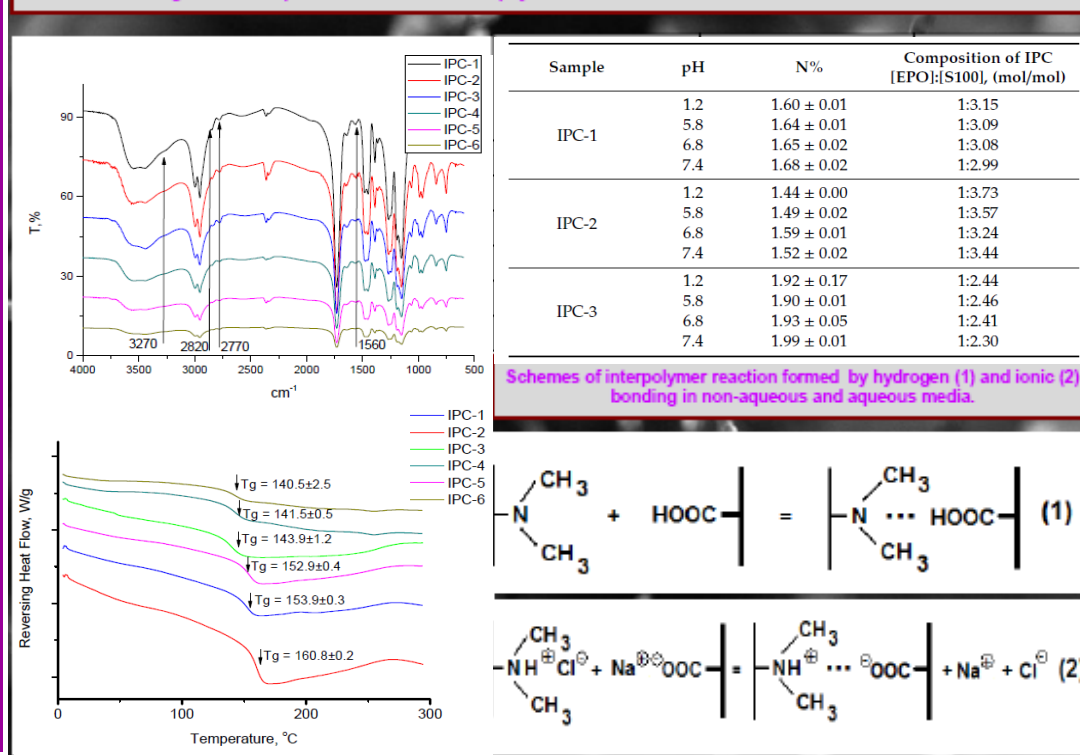
The interaction of cationic (EUDRAGIT® E PO) and anionic (EUDRAGIT® L 100-55, EUDRAGIT® L 100, EUDRAGIT® S 100, Preparation 4155 F) (meth)acrylate copolymers in organic solutions leads to the formation of precipitates. Their amount depends on the polymer ratios, order of addition, concentration and percentage of active groups.

# DEVELOPMENT: Characterization of (meth)acrylate copolymer complexes, prepared in organic solutions

(presented in AAPS World Meeting, Chicago, U.S.A., 2012)



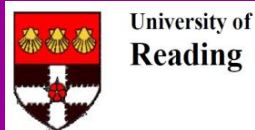
Figure 2: FTIR spectra and MTDSC data of physical mixture and IPCs obtained in different solvents



A.V. Bukhovets, N. Fotaki, V. V. Khutoryansky R.I. Moustafine, Interpolymer Complexes of Eudragit® Copolymers as Novel Carriers for Colon-Specific Drug Delivery. *Polymers*, 12(7), 1459 (2020).



# DEVELOPMENT: Dissolution testing for IPC matrices based on Eudragit®EPO and Eudragit® S100 copolymers prepared in organic solutions (presented in AAPS World Meetings, Orlando, U.S.A., 2015)



Dr. Sitenkova  
(Bukhovets) A.V.

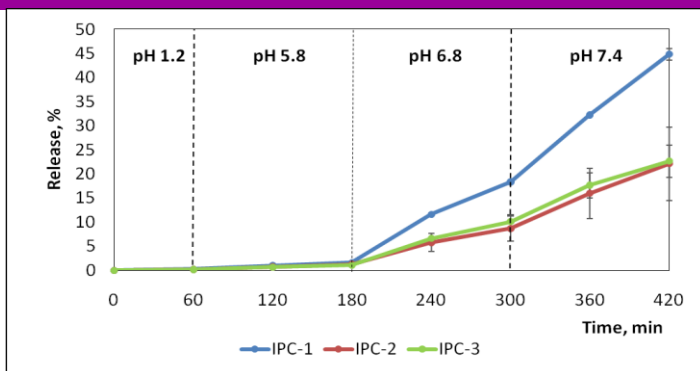


Fig. 1. Release profiles of IND from IPCs in buffer solutions (Flow through cell apparatus)

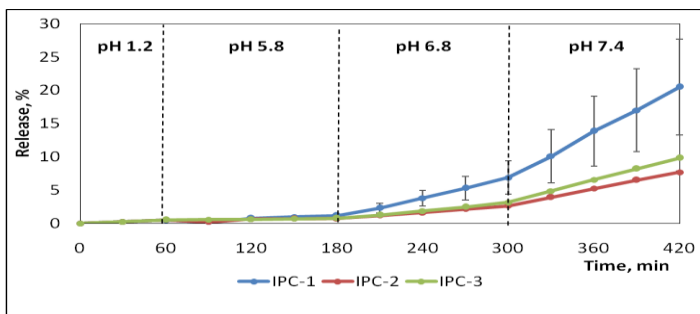


Fig. 3. Release profiles of IND from IPCs in buffer solutions (BIO-DIS Reciprocating Cylinder Apparatus)

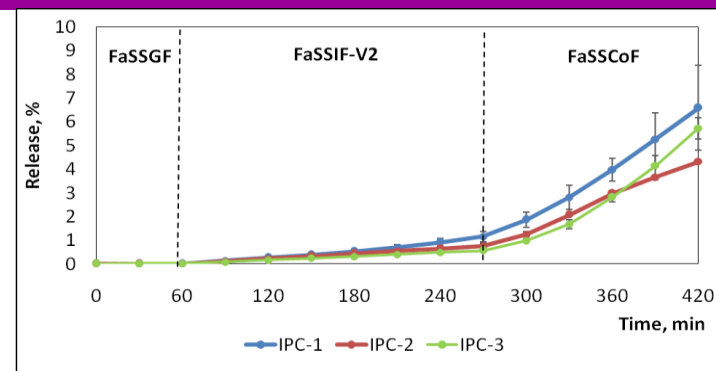


Fig. 2. Release profiles of IND from IPCs in biorelevant media (Flow trough cell apparatus)

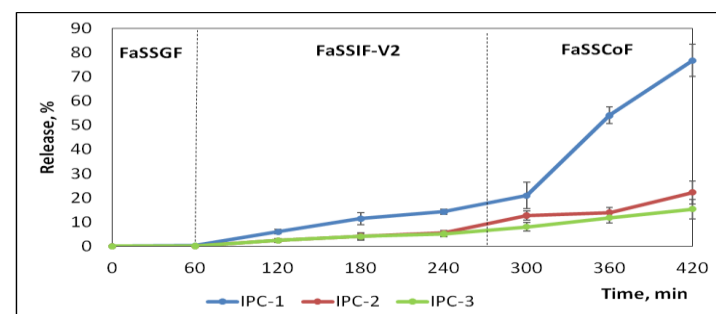
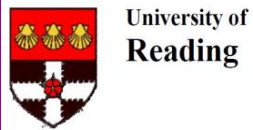


Fig. 4. Release profiles of IND from IPCs in biorelevant media (BIO-DIS Reciprocating Cylinder Apparatus)

Sitenkova (Bukhovets) A.V., Fotaki N., Khutoryanskiy V.V., Moustafine R.I. *Polymers*, 12(7), 1459 (2020).

Sitenkova (Bukhovets) A.V., Sitenkov A.Y., Moustafine R.I. *Polym. Adv. Tech.* 32,2761–2769 (2021).

# DEVELOPMENT: Characterization of (meth)acrylate copolymer complexes, prepared in organic solutions



Dr. Sitenkova  
(Bukhovets) A.V.

The use of organic solvents for preparing interpolymer complexes based on Eudragits® not only leads to the new pharmaceutical materials with unique physicochemical properties, but also made their application more technologically relevant.

Dissolution of Eudragits® in organic solvents was a straightforward process that did not require any further adjustments and resulted in solutions with greater concentrations.

The preparation of aqueous solutions of Eudragits® was more complicated as it required adjustment of pH.

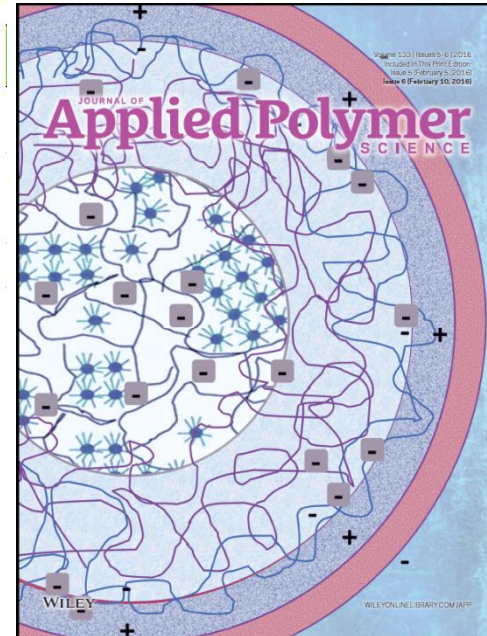
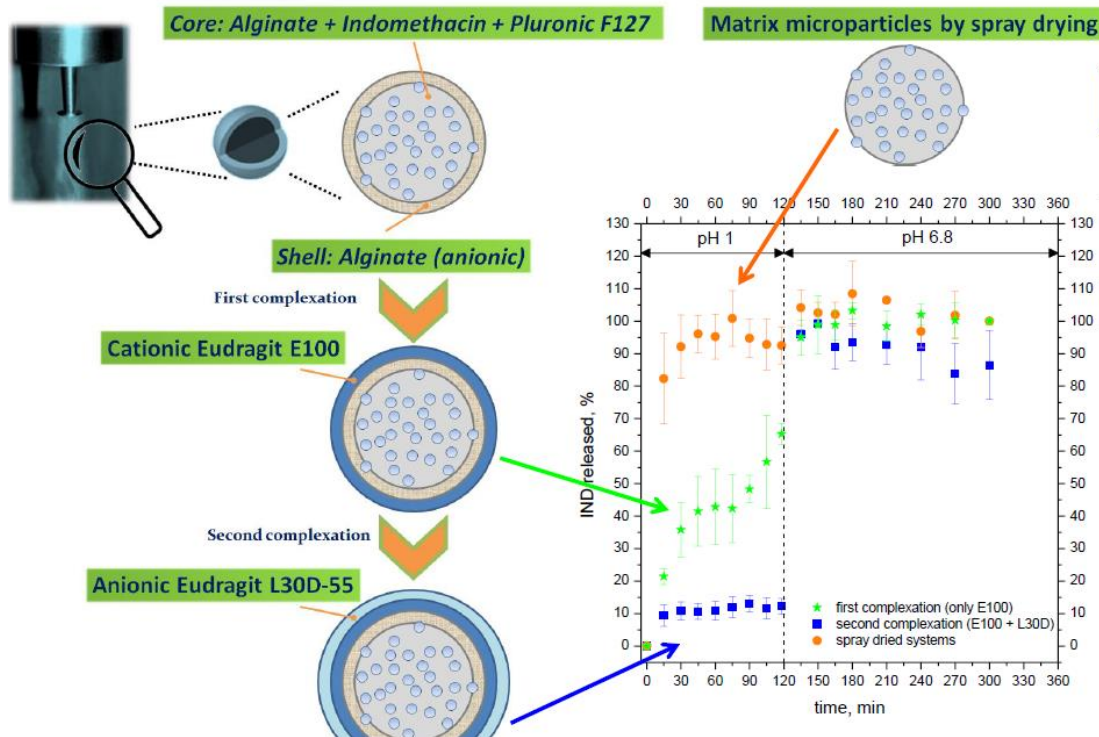
R.I. Moustafine, A.V. Bukhovets (Sitenkova), A.Y. Sitenkov, I.I. Semina, "Interpolymer carrier for oral systems of controlled delivery of APIs", **Patent (RU)** №2725879 (26.07.2018; 7.07.2020).

# DEVELOPMENT: Enteric shell-core microparticles production by coupling ultrasonic atomization and polyelectrolyte complexation

(presented in 42<sup>ed</sup> CRS Annual Meeting, Edinburg, Scotland, 2015)



Dr. Sitenkov A.Y.



**WILEY:** This publication is featured as a cover image of the journal issue!

Dalomoro A., A.Y. Sitenkov, Lamberti G., Barba A.A., Moustafine R.I. *J. Appl. Polym. Sci.*, 133 (6), 1–9 (2016).



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# DEVELOPMENT: Hydrophilic drug (5-fluorouracil) encapsulation in shell-core microcarriers by two stage polyelectrolyte complexation method

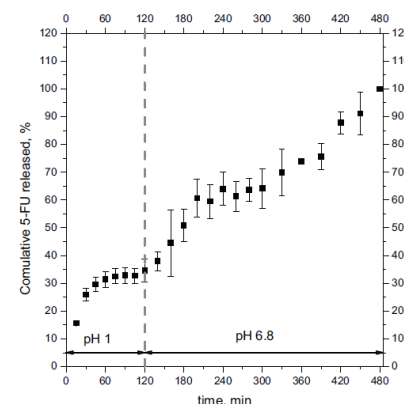
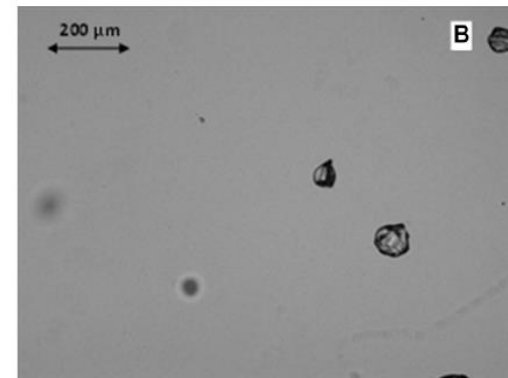
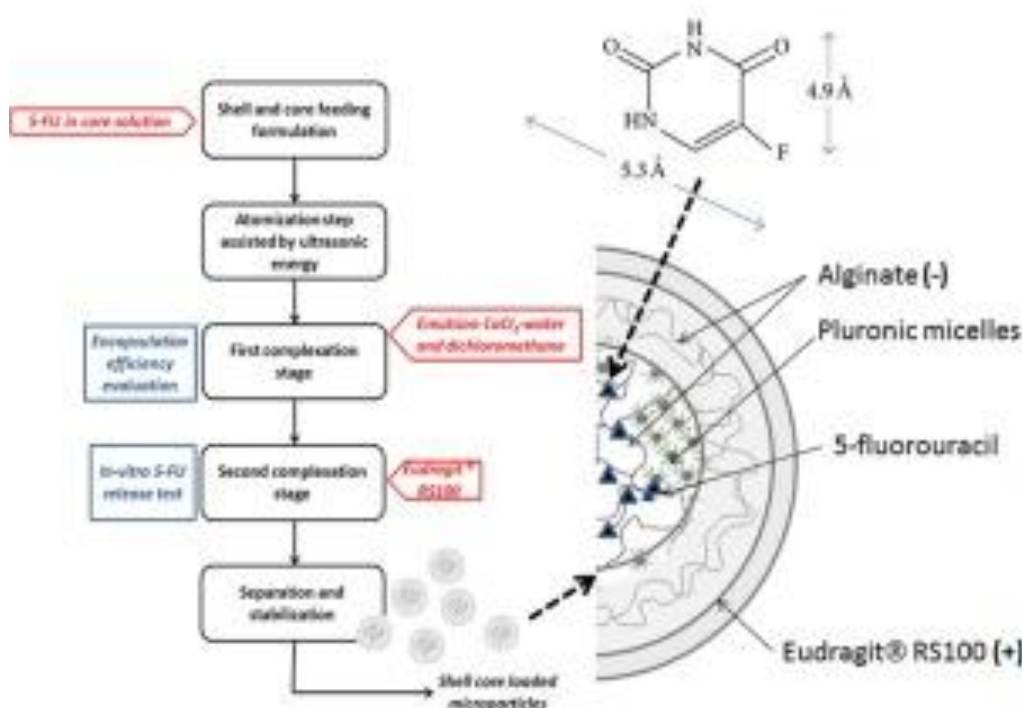


Fig. 7. Percentage of 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) released from tablets made of 5-FU loaded shell-core microparticles.

Dalomoro A., A.Y. Sitenkov, Cascone S., Lamberti G., Barba A.A., Moustafine R.I. *Int. J. Pharm.*, 518, 50–58 (2017).





# Development of microcarriers by hot-melt extrusion (HME) method based on Eudragit® E PO/L100-55(L100) binary systems for IND colon-specific oral drug delivery (presented in RTAC-2016, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 2016)



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Nasibullin S.F.

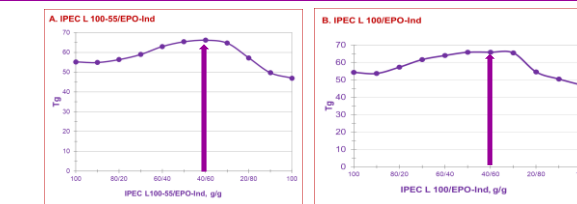
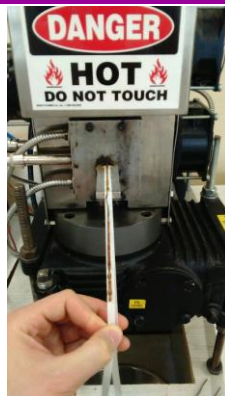
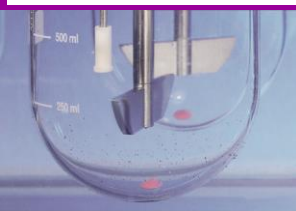


Figure 1a. Tg temperature versus Ind/IPEC ratio based on L100 (A) and L100-55 (B).

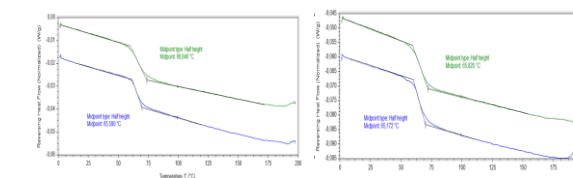


Figure 1b. Thermograms of IPEC extrudates: (EPO/L100)-Ind (A), (EPO/L100-55)-Ind (B) and samples obtained by simulating HME conditions on mDSC.

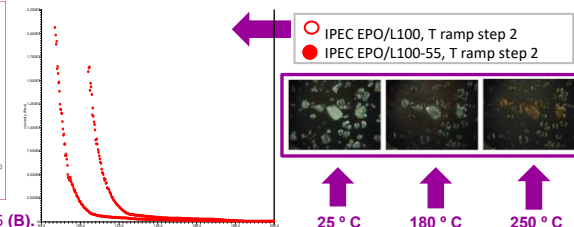


Figure 3. Melt viscosities and photomicrographic images of IPECs at different temperatures based on L100 (A) and L100-55 (B).

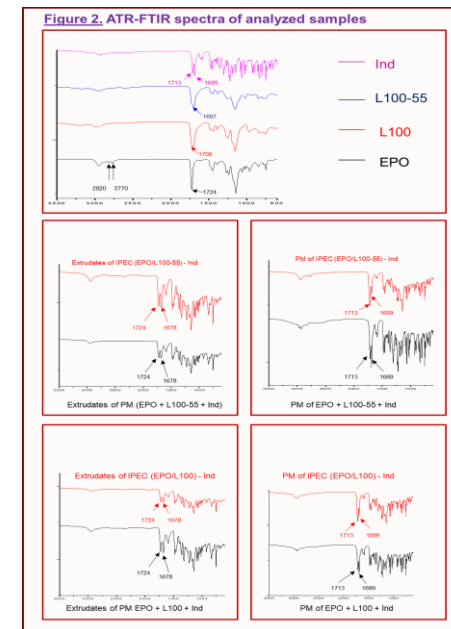
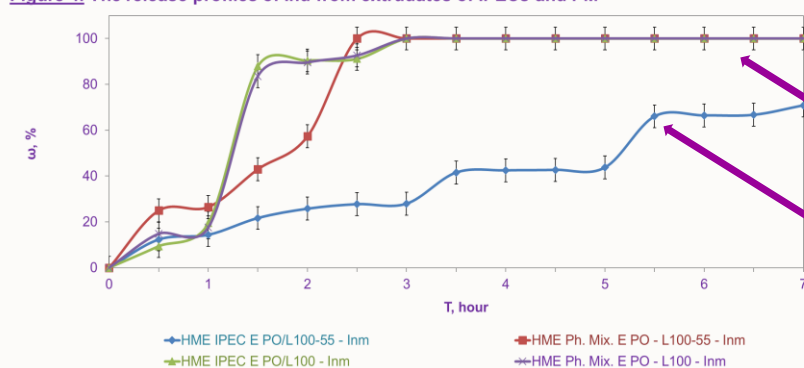


Figure 4. The release profiles of Ind from extrudates of IPECs and PM

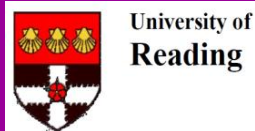


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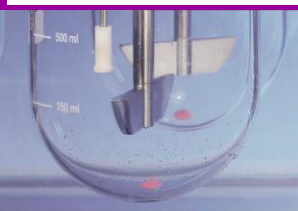
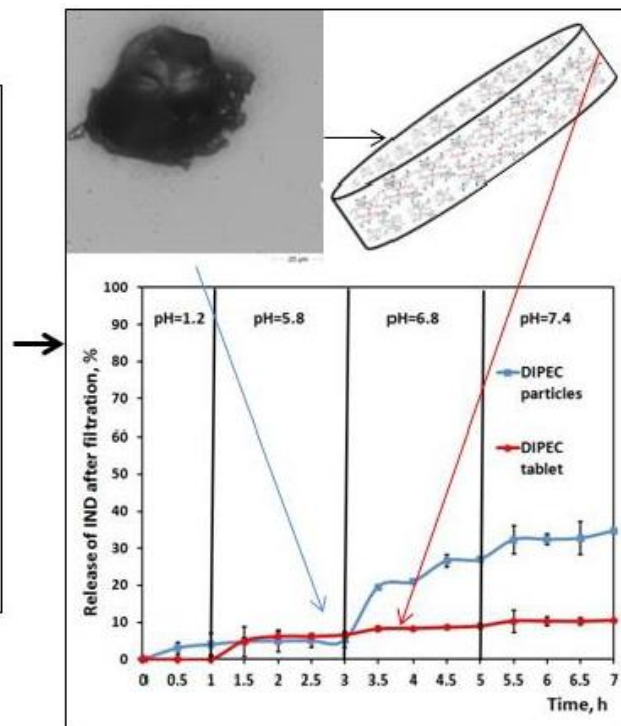
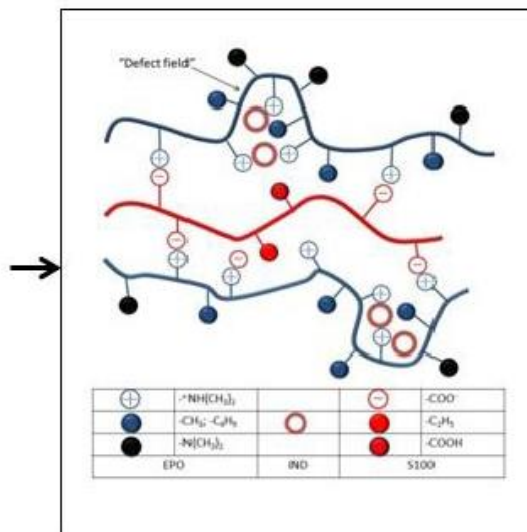
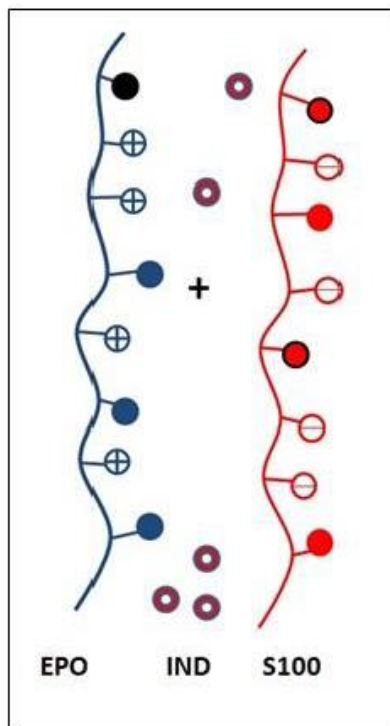


# DEVELOPMENT: Indomethacin-containing interpolyelectrolyte complexes based on Eudragit®EPO and Eudragit® S100 copolymers as a novel microparticulate or matrix oral DDS

(presented in AAPS World Meeting, Orlando, USA, 2015)



Dr. Sitenkov A.Y.



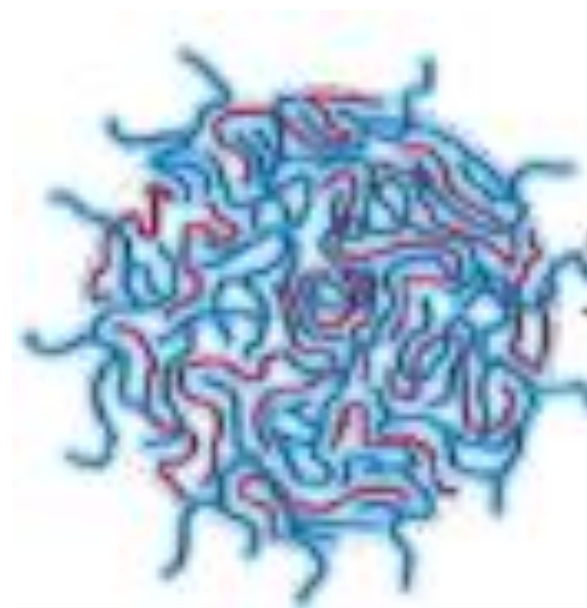
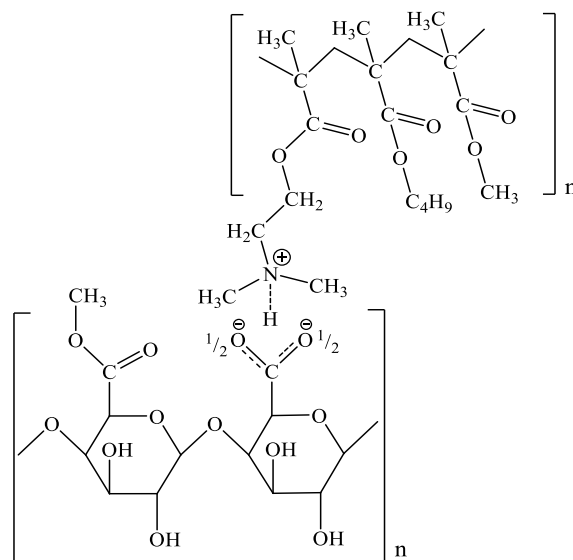
R.I. Moustafine, A.Y. Sitenkov, A.V. Bukhovets, S.F. Nasibullin, B. Appeltans, T.Kabanova, V. Khutoryanskiy, G. Van den Mooter, *Int. J. Pharm.*, 524, 123–131 (2017).



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## IPCs based on EUDRAGIT copolymers and oppositely charged polymers for developing colon-targeting DDS







# Investigation of interaction between **EUDRAGIT® L100(S100)** and **Chitosan** as basis for design colon-specific DDS

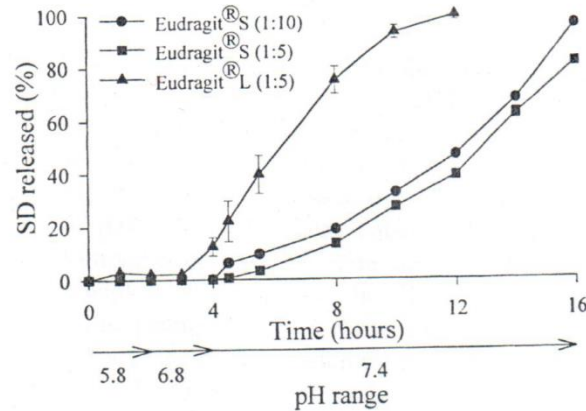


Fig. 4. Effect of the coating polymer and the core-to-coat ratio on the in vitro release of SD (data shown are the mean  $\pm$  standard deviations,  $n=3$ ).

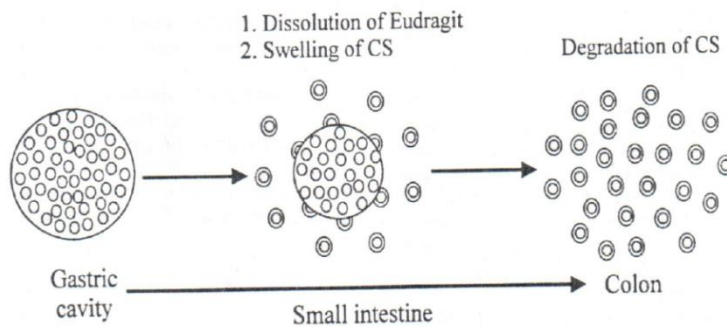
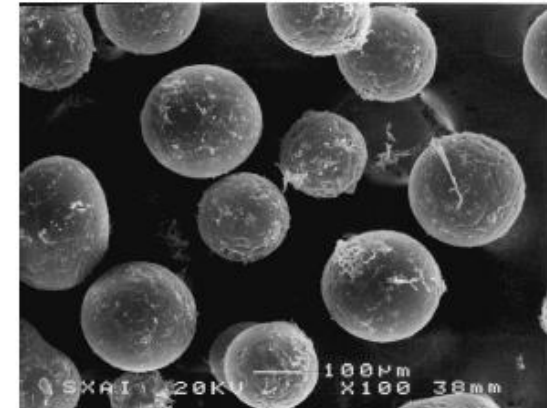
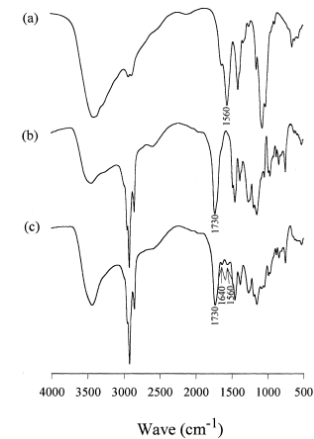


Fig. 6. Scheme of the possible mechanism of drug release



M.L. Lorenzo-Lamoza, C. Remuñán-Lopez, J.L. Vila-Jato and M.J. Alonso, *J. Control. Release*, 52 109 – 118 (1998).

# Comparative evaluation of carriers based on Eudragit® L100(L100-55) and chitosan as polycomplex matrix DDS

(presented in 9<sup>th</sup> Eur. Sym. Control. Drug Del., Noordwijk aan Zee, 2006)



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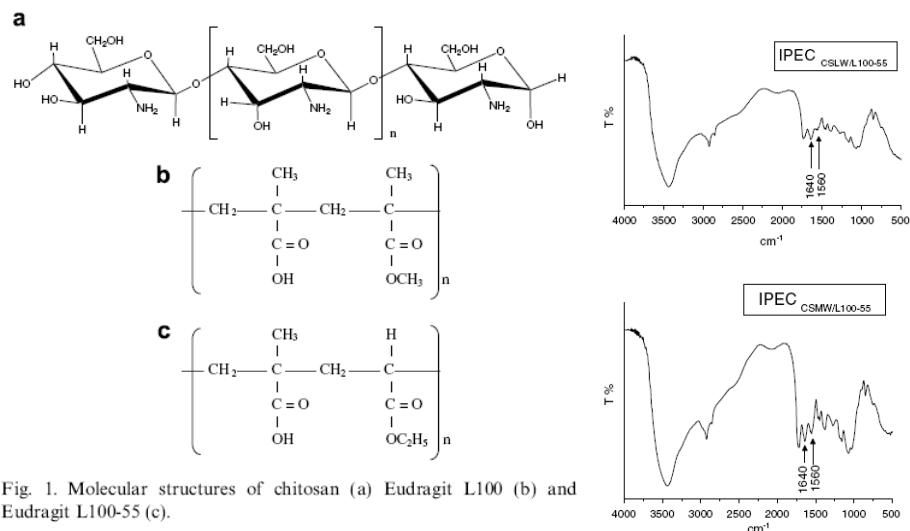


Fig. 1. Molecular structures of chitosan (a) Eudragit L100 (b) and Eudragit L100-55 (c).

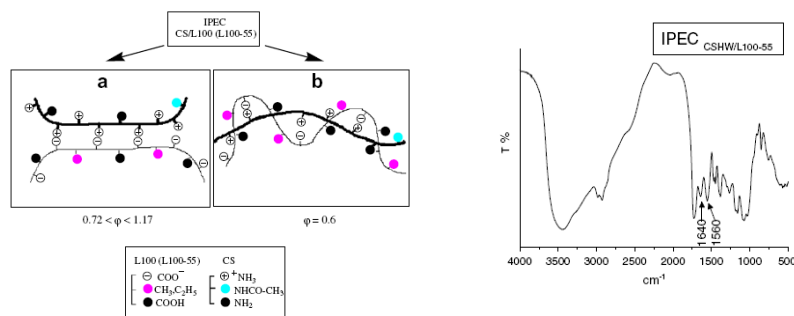


Fig. 2. Schematic representation of the ionic interactions between CS and L100 or L100-55.

Table 1  
Characteristic composition of IPEC CS/L100, detecting by elementary analysis

Type of CS	Experimental value (mean, n = 2) (%)		Calculated value (%)		IPEC composition	
	C	N	C	N	$\phi$	Molar ratio (CS)/[L100]
CS <sub>LW</sub>	49.21	4.37	49.25	4.36	1.17	1/0.85
CS <sub>MW</sub>	43.64	3.68	43.64	3.64	0.89	1/1.13
CS <sub>NW</sub>	44.26	3.60	44.25	3.59	0.82	1/1.22

Table 2  
Characteristic composition of IPEC CS/L100-55, detecting by elementary analysis

Type of CS	Experimental value (mean, n = 2) (%)		Calculated value (%)		IPEC composition	
	C	N	C	N	$\phi$	Molar ratio (CS)/[L100-55]
CS <sub>LW</sub>	47.14	2.95	47.12	2.96	0.60	1/1.69
CS <sub>MW</sub>	45.12	3.35	45.11	3.34	0.72	1/1.38
CS <sub>NW</sub>	45.34	3.54	45.36	3.53	0.79	1/1.26

## Reviewer comments:

**Reviewer #3:** This is an interesting combination of natural and synthetic polymers to create interpolyelectrolyte excipients for controlled release. Publication is recommended.

R.I. Moustafine, E.B. Margulis, L.F. Sibgatullina, et al., *Eur. J. Pharm. Biopharm.*, 70(1), 215 – 225 (2008).



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# Comparative evaluation of carriers based on Eudragit® EPO and Sodium Alginate for colon-specific DDS (presented in 34<sup>th</sup> CRS Annual Meeting, Long Beach, U.S.A., 2007)

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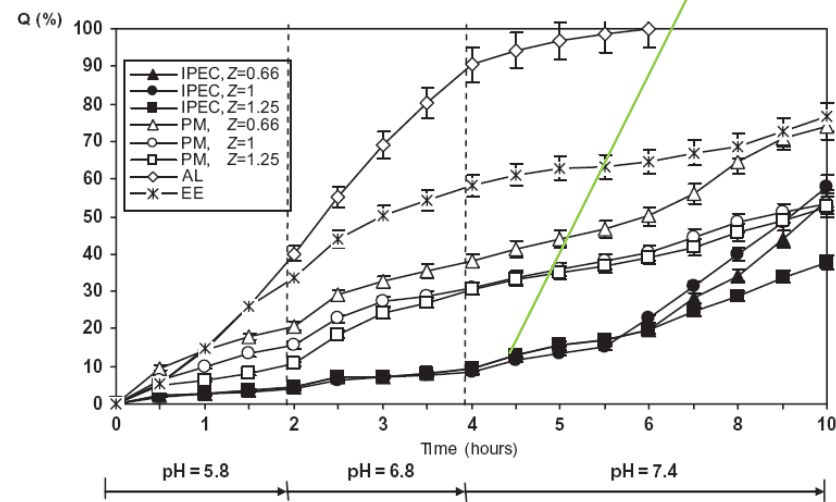
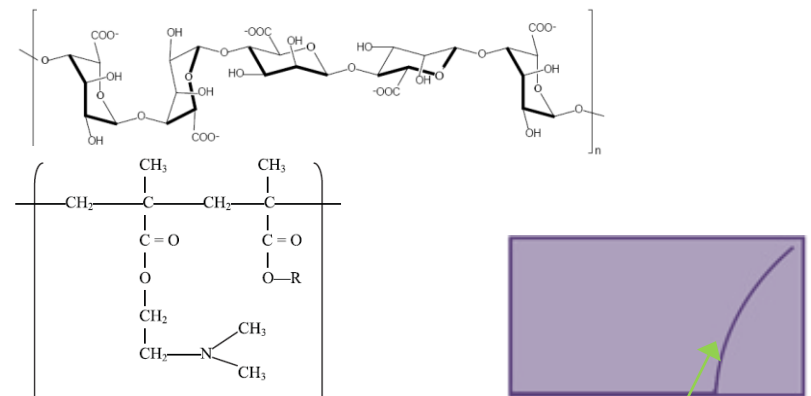
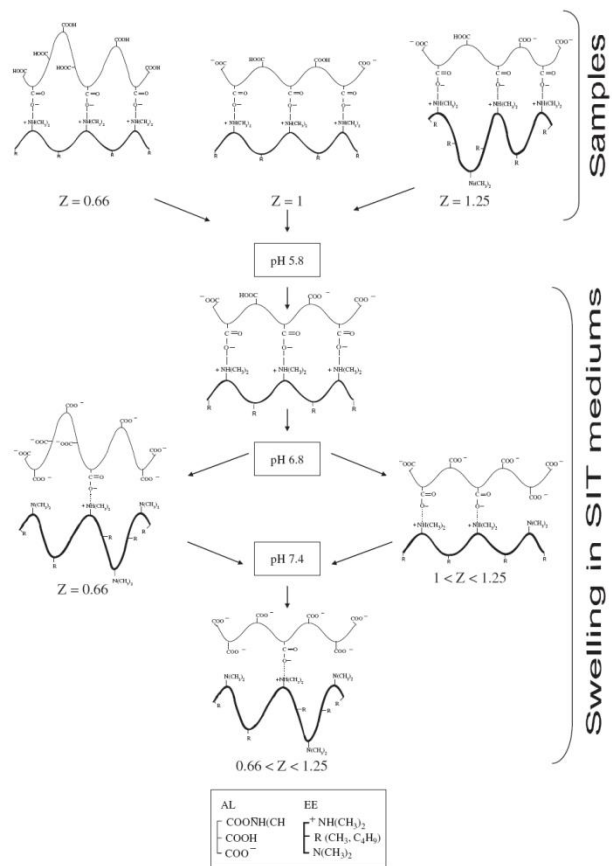


Figure 6. Schematic representation of the IPEC structures that were formed by ionic interactions between EE and AL at different pH v tested mediums.

R.I. Moustafine, A.R. Salachova, E.S. Frolova, et al., *Drug Dev. Ind. Pharm.*, 35(12) 1439 – 1451 (2009).

R.I. Moustafine, V.A. Kemenova, G. Van den Mooter, *Int. J. Pharm.*, 294, 113–120 (2005).



# A novel matrix polycomplex carrier based on EUDRAGIT® EPO/ Pectin system for oral drugs delivery

(presented in AAPS World Meetings, Chicago, Orlando, U.S.A., 2012, 2015)

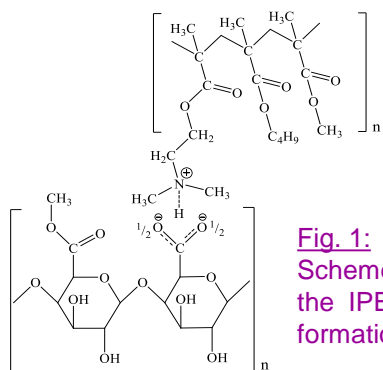
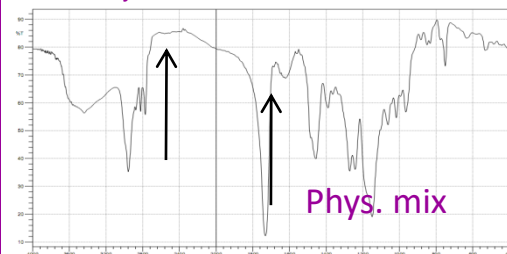
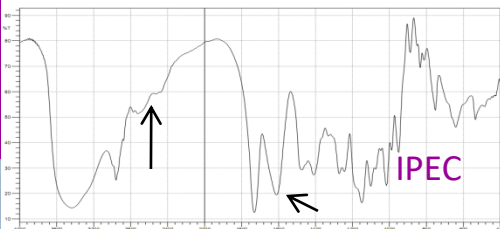


Fig. 1:  
Scheme of  
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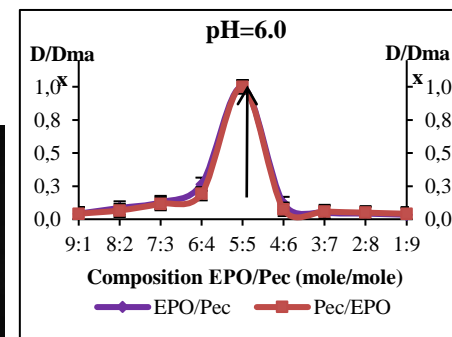
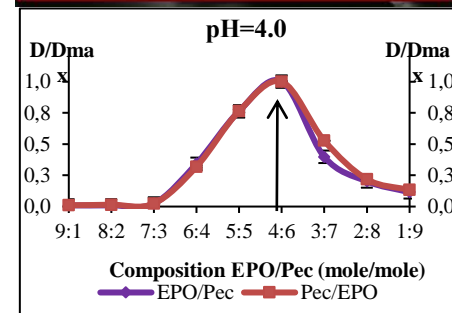
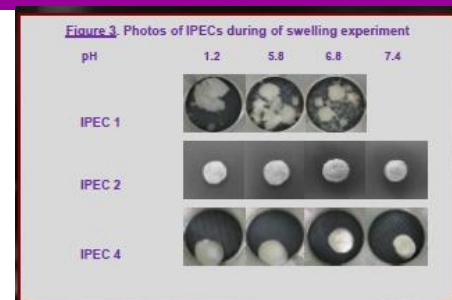
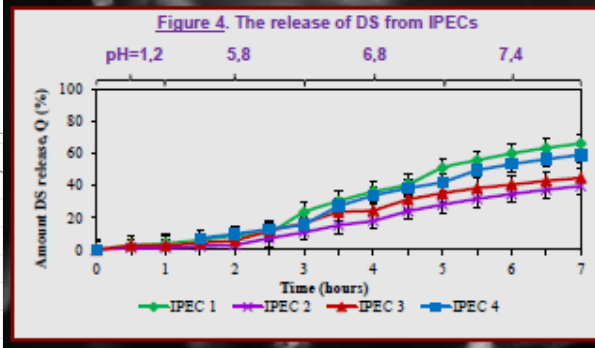
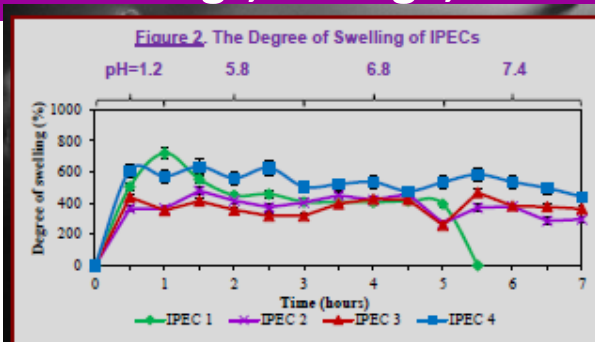
Fig. 3: . FT-IR spectra of phys. mix  
and synthesized I PECs



Phys. mix



IPEC



**Table 1. Characteristics of IPEC E PO / Pectin Systems**

polycomplex type	IPEC composition	
	Z = [E PO] / [Pectin]	E PO : Pectin (mol/mol)
IPEC 1	0.575	1 : 1.74
IPEC 2	0.709	1 : 1.41
IPEC 3	0.738	1 : 1.35
IPEC 4	1.399	1 : 0.71



PhD student  
Nasibullin S.F.

Moustafine R.I., Nasibullin Sh.F., et al., In preparation for publication.

# Design of polycomplex matrix system (PMS) based on Eudragit® EPO/Carbopols for colon targeting

(presented in 38<sup>th</sup> CRS Annual Meeting, Maryland, U.S.A., 2011)

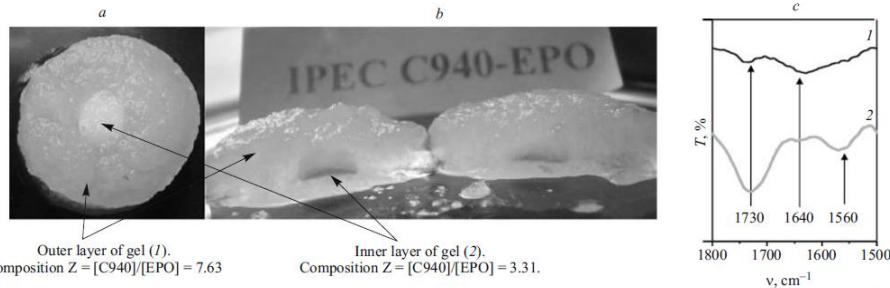


Fig. 2. Elemental analysis (a, b) and IR spectra (c) of the outer (1) and inner (2) layers of the polycomplex matrix after treatment with media simulating passage through the GIT.

**TABLE 1. Main Pharmacokinetic Parameters of the Polycomplex Matrix System Compared with Voltaren® Retard**

Pharmacokinetic parameter	PMS	Voltaren® retard
$C_{max}$ , $\mu\text{g/mL}$	3.378	2.327
$t_{max}$ , h	8	1
$AUC_{0-\tau}$ , $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$	47.47	19.392
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ , $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$	57.402	39.207
$AUMC_{0-\tau}$ , $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$	462, 432	212.566
$AUMC_{0-\infty}$ , $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$	820.391	1128.55
$MRT$ , h	14.292	34.21
$C_{max}/AUC_{0-\infty}$ absorption coefficient	0.059	0.059

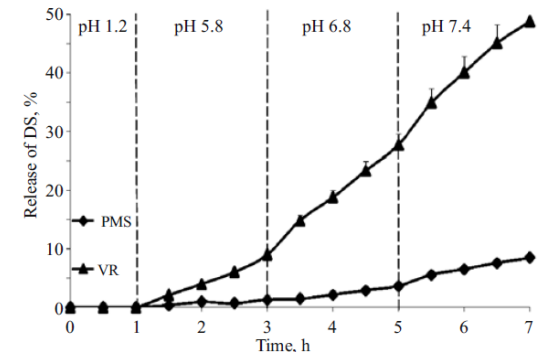


Fig. 1. Release profiles of diclofenac sodium (DS) from the polycomplex matrix system (PMS) and Voltaren® retard (VR) tablets under conditions imitating movement through the GI tract.

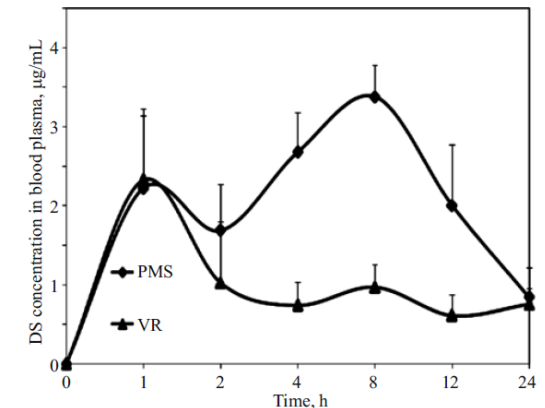


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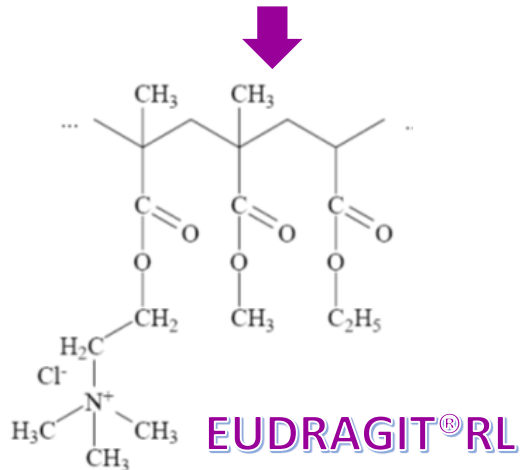


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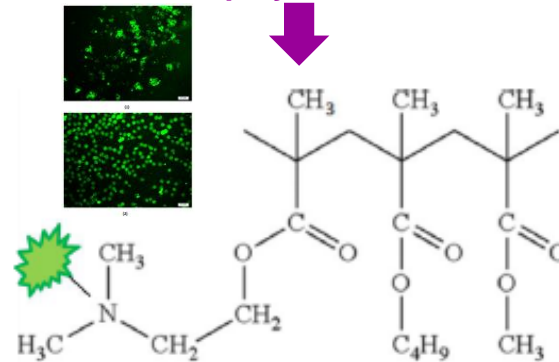
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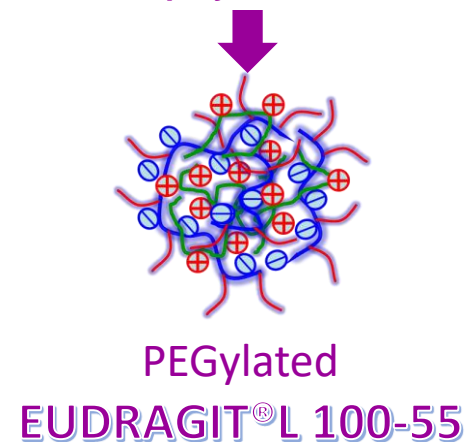
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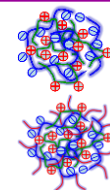


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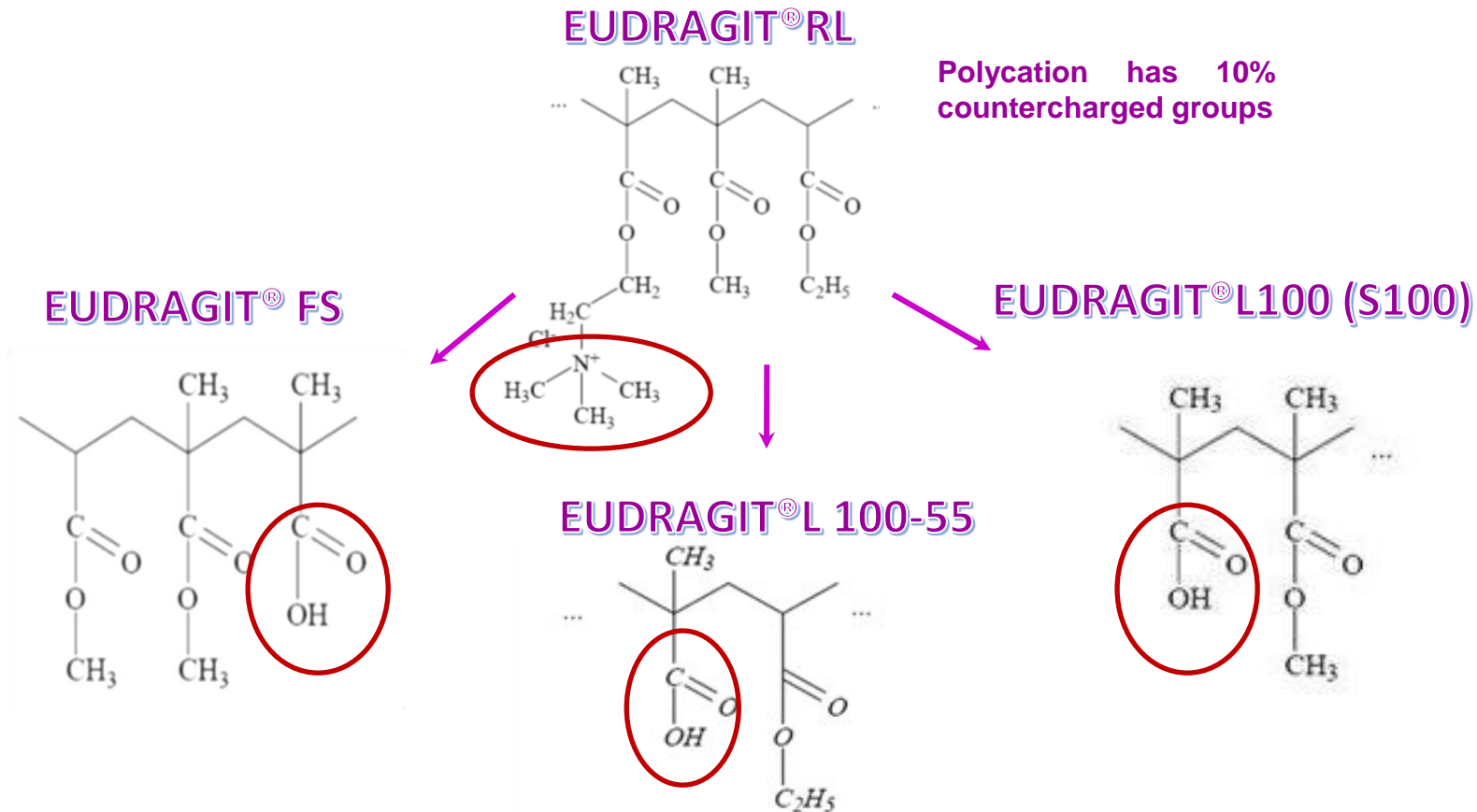
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# Characterization of a new interpolyelectrolyte complexes between Eudragit® RL and countercharged Eudragit® polyanions (presented in CESPT-2016, Belgrade, Serbia, 2016)



Polyanions with 10% (FS), 30% (S100) and 50% (L100, L100-55) countercharged groups

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# IND release studies of the matrices prepared from the blends by two USP methods (III, IV) in GIT mimicking conditions

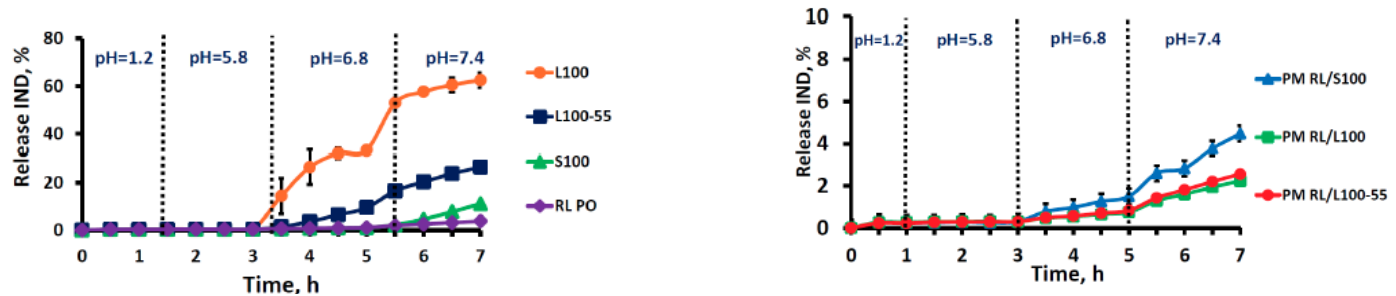


Figure 10. IND release profiles in GIT mimicking conditions from tablets based on: (a) individual copolymers and (b) physical mixtures – PM by using USP IV method ( $n = 3$ ;  $\pm$ SD).

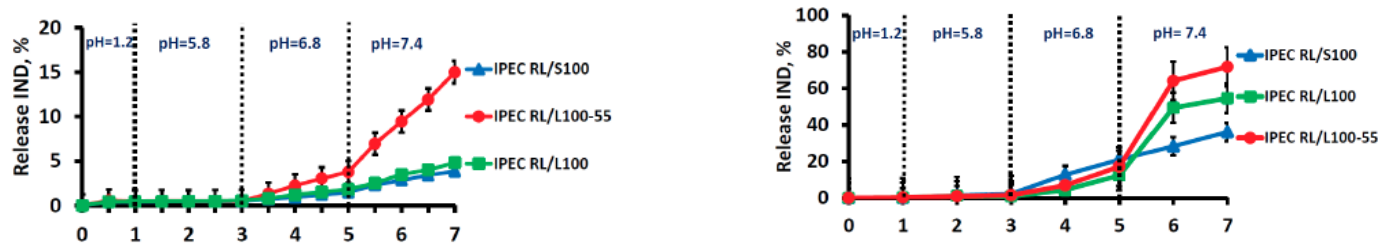
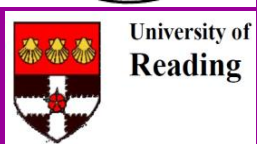


Figure 11. IND release profiles in GIT mimicking conditions from tablets based on IPECs by using (a) USP IV and (b) USP III methods ( $n = 3$ ;  $\pm$ SD).



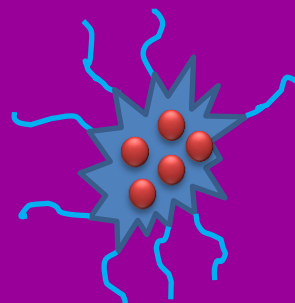
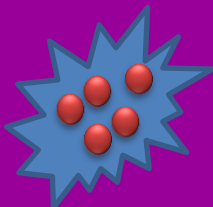


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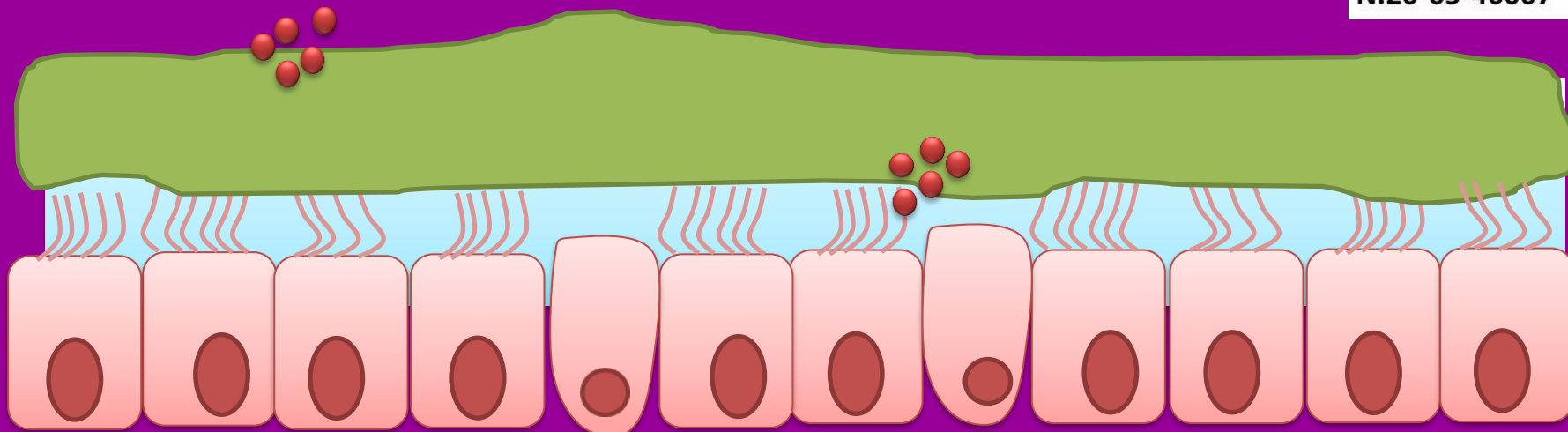


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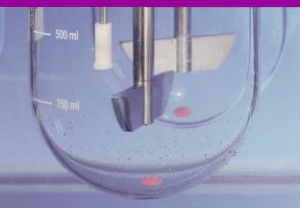
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# CONCLUSIONS

- Combining grades of oppositely charged Eudragit® copolymers give a lot of possibilities for simply regulation of the dissolution profiles of different drugs (APIs) in desirable direction.
- This study demonstrates the potential of IPECs based on Eudragit® copolymers for the successful formulation into oral drug delivery to site-specific gastrointestinal tract regions, including colon.
- Chemically modified Eudragit® copolymers and IPECs with its participation, demonstrates the potential to be used in nasal transmucosal APIs delivery to the brain.





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