

## NANOPARTICULATE SYSTEMS FOR INTRAORAL DRUG DELIVERY

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### Abstract

**Context:** Intraoral drug delivery as mucosal delivery pathway provides a huge platform in the pharmaceutical field.

**Objective:** Combining mucoadhesiveness and controlled release of thio-poly acrylic acid as advanced excipient for buccal drug delivery.

**Materials and methods:** Mediated by carbodiimide cysteine was covalently attached to poly acrylic acid. This thiomers was assessed with regard to cytotoxicity, stability, mucoadhesion, and rheology as well as release behavior of Lidocaine.

**Results:** Stability assays of thio-poly acrylic acid was complying with United States Pharmacopeia (USP) requirements. Mucoadhesion assay such as tensile (TWA), bioadhesion, rotating cylinder revealed as this thiomers was superior in comparison to non-thiolated poly acrylic acid with 7.61-fold, 2.8-fold, 5.61-fold improvement, respectively without any toxic effect. Lidocaine release showed 1.98-fold more controlled release over 3 h in comparison to unmodified poly acrylic acid.

**Conclusion:** Taken the findings in consideration, thio-poly acrylic acid provides excellent stability, controlled release and superior mucoadhesive features. The prolonged residence time of thio-poly acrylic acid represents a pillar in the buccal drug delivery.

**Keywords:** Intraoral delivery, mucoadhesiveness, mucus, nanoparticles, polymer

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