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CODEN (USA):IJPTIL**RECENT ADVANCEMENTS AND NOVEL APPROACH THROUGH NASAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS- A REVIEW****Jigyasa Vindru, D. V. Gowda\*, Anuj Gupta, Ashish**

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**ABSTRACT**

Mucosal delivery shows various benefits over other routes of drug administration. The present review outlines the different research works which has been done to safely deliver the drug through nasal cavity by various carriers like nanoparticles, microparticles, microemulsion etc. Nanoparticles show very promising results and prove to be very effective in drug delivery. Particle engineering plays important role in developing inhalable formulations which helps to develop the area of nasal drug delivery. This provide a lot of scope in research like targeting brain by using nasal drug delivery to effectively cross the BBB with undergoing degradation or in cancer therapy, vaccine delivery, systemic delivery in case of pain.

**Keywords:** - Nasal drug delivery, Nanoparticles, Inhalation, Microparticles, Microemulsion.

**INTRODUCTION**

Drug delivery through mucous membrane provides various alternatives to deliver the drug for systemic effect. Nasal route also considered as promising route for delivery of different drugs. It can be used to deliver both local and systemic effects like allergic or non-allergic rhinitis and other pulmonary diseases as it offers a highly vascularized epithelium which offers

large surface area [1]. Delivery of drug through nasal route was recognized by ayurveda, in ayurvedic system it is known as “nasaya karma”. This nasaya karma has been practiced for thousands of years which provide a new lease of life [6]. The attainability of drug delivery by nasal route has received much attention from scientist because nasal delivery shows several benefits over oral route like poor bioavailability, slow absorption, drug degradation, avoids first pass metabolism [2]. It has been documented that nasal administration of steroids and hormones shows more absorption as compare to oral route so prove the potential of nasal delivery. Drugs

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with large molecules are poor candidates for the nasal drug delivery they show poor bioavailability [3]. On the other hand drug with small molecules show promising results. There are various types of delivery system that come into existence like nasal spray, nasal drops, nasal gels, nasal powder, liposomes, and nanoparticles. Drug can be delivered through nose by using inhalers. There are various types of inhalers that are used like nebulizers, pressurized metered dose inhaler, and dry powder inhalers. Drugs in liquid nasal sprays can be very well absorbed and liquid sprays are relatively simple and cost-effective but they have tendency to run down the esophagus which cause bad taste. Absorption of polar or large drugs are also difficult through liquid spray but use of dry powder formulations provide various advantages like better deposition and longer residence time in nasal cavity. This also improves stability and absorption. Spray drying is a technique to produce a formulation with unique particle size. It is method of producing dry powder from a liquid or slurry by the use of hot air. This method provide a consistent particle size which help to develop effective nasal preparation. But this process is not useful in case of thermal liable drugs. Spray dried powder are used to deliver the drug through various target sites but there are various challenges especially toxicity. Nasal drug delivery show various potential including the

ability to target drugs across blood brain barrier. [1,2]

### **NASAL CAVITY- Anatomy and physiology**

Nasal cavity is complex the basic function of the nose are heat and humidification of air before reaching the lungs. It performs functions like olfaction, filtration of inhaled particles and mucociliary clearance. The nasal cavity is divided into two halves by the nasal septum and extends posteriorly to the nasopharynx, while the most anterior part of the nasal cavity, the nasal vestibule, opens to the face through the nostril. The atrium is an intermediate region between the vestibule respiratory regions. The respiratory region, the nasal conchae or turbinates, which occupies the major part of the nasal cavity, possesses lateral walls dividing it into 3 sections: the superior, middle and inferior nasal turbinates. These folds provide the nasal cavity with a very high surface area compared to its small volume. [3]

In nasal vestibule the epithelial cells are stratified, squamous and keratinized with sebaceous gland. By its nature vestibule shows resistance to dehydration and limit permeation of substances. The atrium is a transitional epithelial region with stratified, squamous cells anteriorly. Pseudo- stratified columnar cells with microvilli posteriorly. Pseudo stratified columnar epithelial cell interspersed with goblet cells, seromucus ducts, the openings of sub-epithelial seromucus

glands cover the respiratory region (the turbinates).[16] Furthermore, many of these cells possess actively beating cilia with microvilli. Each ciliated cell contains about 100 cilia, while both ciliated and non-ciliated cells possess about 300 microvilli each.

The narrow anterior triangular dynamic segment of the nasal anatomy called the nasal valve is the primary flow-limiting segment, and extends anterior and posterior to the head of the inferior turbinate approximately 2–3 cm from the nostril opening . This narrow triangular-shaped slit acts as a dynamic valve to modify the rate and direction of the airflow during respiration. Anatomical studies describe the static valve dimensions as 0.3–0.4 cm<sup>2</sup>. [18]

Specifically, particles larger than 3–10µm are efficiently filtered out and trapped by the mucus blanket. The nose also acts as an efficient “gas mask” removing more than 99 % of water-soluble, tissue-damaging gas like sulfur dioxide. Infective agents are presented to the abundant nasal immune system both in the mucous blanket, in the mucosa, and in the adjacent organized lymphatic structures making the nose attractive for vaccine delivery with potential for a longstanding combination of systemic and mucosal immune responses. [26, 3]

Nasal vasculature is richly supplied with blood. The cavity has relatively large surface area because of presence of nearly 400 microvilli.

The total nasal secretion is about nearly 15ml per day in normal physiological condition [35]. These all factors provide large and rapid permeability of drug. [5]

## **RECENT APPROACHES IN NASAL FORMULATION**

### **NANOPARTICLES**

Today nanotechnology has been developing very fast; there are varieties of nanoparticles that are constructed as a drug delivery system. Nanoparticles show various advantages like improving the solubility, improving efficiency, protecting drug from enzymes [10]. This is because of small size, because of the tight junction of the mucosal membrane only smallest nanoparticles penetrate through the nasal mucosa [6]. Various types of nanoparticles have been generated like nanoparticles including liposomes, dendrimers, and polymer nanoparticles [10,31]. Nanoparticles which are larger than 20nm cross the mucosal membrane by endocytosis, carrier mediated or receptor mediated transport. In route nanoparticles forms droplets or aggregate which work by causing deposition in lungs based on their dimension. Particle size of nanoparticles greatly affect the retention time of nanoparticles in lungs [25]. There are various methods for the preparation of nanoparticles-

- a. Emulsion cross- linking
- b. Coacervation / precipitation
- c. Spray drying

- d. Emulsion- droplet coalescence method
- e. Ionic gelatin
- f. Reverse micellar method
- g. Sieving method

### **Lipid Based Nanoparticles**

These are the nano- carriers of submicron size consisting of monolayer of phospholipids with a hydrophobic centre. These carriers are able to deliver both hydrophilic and hydrophobic drugs, lipophilic drugs are incorporated into the lipid core and amphiphilic nature of some lipids helps to incorporate hydrophilic drugs. Solid nanoparticles show a great potential in local as well as systemic delivery of drug. These carriers are used in delivery of insulin without any stability issues and shows prolonged therapeutic effect. These lipid carriers can be formed by same lipids that form cell membrane this approach limits the toxicity and causes easy penetration [25, 36]. This also helps to target the blood brain barrier because of its lipophilic nature. These are various factors which should be keep in mind while going for solid-lipid nanoparticles –

- Solubility of drug in lipid
- Miscibility of drugs in lipid
- Physical and chemical structure of solid lipid matrix
- Lipid polymorphism

SLN increases the drug stability and enhances the bioavailability of drug [35, 36, 40].

### **Inhalable Nanoparticulate Powders**

There are various parameters that affect the formulation like particle size, size distribution, particle morphology, surface morphology, electrical charge density, hygroscopicity. Patient related factor like breathing pattern and disease state. Nanoparticles within the size range of 200nm are effective in mucous preparation. Dry powder chitosan nanospheres show promising result in nasal drug delivery because of the nano size of chitosan which adheres very well to mucous [31]. Spray drying is considered as one of the important technique to prepare nanoparticles for inhalation; this is easy process through which liquid droplets convert into the powder. Sham et al invented this technique to formulate the nanoparticles into the carrier for nasal delivery [52]. DPI's provide various advantages like higher dose can be deliver, provide chemical stability as compare to liquids [8,1].

It is very difficult to maintain the particles in dry state; any type moisture can cause aggregation of particles which effect the formulation. There are various techniques to reduce the particle size in the minimal range, improve dispersibility, sustained release. Such techniques are:

1. Surface modification to protect nanoparticle from deterioration.

2. Preparation of large hollow particles for deep lung deposition.
3. Encapsulation of nanoparticles within microparticles to prevent aggregation.
4. Preparation of effervescent particles for the improvement of dispersion.[33, 31, 32]

There are various advantages offers by powder drugs like delivery of poor water soluble drugs and protein-peptide drugs. There are very less choices for non-respirable carriers in DPI formulations. Carriers approved by FDA –

- Lactose
- Mannitol
- Glucose
- Erthritol
- Sorbitol
- Dextrose etc.

DPIs have good encapsulating ability, no hand- inhalation coordination, and long term stability, improved tolerability, easy to use and non- invasive [8, 12].

### COLLOIDAL DISPERSIONS

It is a type of colloidal system for the drug delivery. It is a heterogeneous system consisting of dispersed phase which can be solid or liquid drug dispersed into dispersion medium. This is a suitable method for the water insoluble drug by formation of aerosols which is formed by dispersion of hydrophobic drug in water by sonication [19]. These aerosols can be

administered into lungs by inhalation. Colloidal dispersion is a process that is cheaper and faster as compare to all other techniques. It is important that size range colloidal dispersion should be in range of 40- 60 $\mu$ . If particle size is very small less than 10 $\mu$ ; this particle size can be carried out by the air streams into the bronchial region whereas larger particles remain deposited in the nose [19, 52, 23].

### MICROPARTICLES

Microparticles are the drug delivery system that are in the range of 1-10 $\mu$ m [17] and is used to prolong the drug delivery, to improve the bioavailability, enhance the stability and to target the drug at specific site. These are prepared by using polymer with different coat- drug ratio by using different methods like:

- a. Single/ double emulsion solvent evaporation
- b. Spray drying
- c. Ionotropic gelatin
- d. Coacervation
- e. Air suspension and polymerization[16]

There are various natural or synthetic polymers that are used in formation of nanoparticles such as poly (lactic-co-glycolic) acid, chitosan, poly (lactic) acid. Properties of polymeric microparticles like morphology, particle size, porosity easily meet the requirement for nasal delivery. [17]

Microparticles are generally used because they do not form aggregates under force and deposit deep inside the lungs. There are various examples through which improved activity of drugs are monitored; insulin and corticosteroids are formed by entrapping within microparticles. Insulin microparticles show prolonged residence time for 6-48 hours compared to free insulin [27,28].

### **MICROEMULSION**

These preparations are spontaneous formations which are also called as miscellar emulsion. Particle size range varies between 1nm- 100nm in diameter. Microemulsions are optically isotropic and composed of oil, water and surfactant. They can be water in oil or oil in water; they show thermodynamic stability, elegant appearance and good penetration through the membrane [7, 33].

There are various advantages offered by microemulsion-

- a. Shows rapid absorption
- b. Onset of action is fast.
- c. It avoids first pass metabolism.
- d. It reduces the risk of over dosing.
- e. It is a non-invasive process.
- f. Self medication is possible.
- g. Improved patient compliance.

There are various drugs which are used as API in microemulsion like clonazepam, zolmitriptan, sumatriptan, ziprasidone and carbamazepine etc.

Carbamazepine loaded microemulsion and mucoadhesive microemulsion were prepared for intranasal drug delivery. Vyas et al observed that there is rapid and large transfer of drug occurs in rat brain following intranasal administration of mucoadhesive microemulsion of drugs like zolmitriptan and sumatriptan. Mukesh et al study shows that risperidone was effectively delivered to the brain through mucoadhesive emulsion of risperidone by intranasal route [11, 30, 29].

### **LIPOSOMES**

Liposomes are artificially prepared spherical vesicles composed of lamellar phase lipid bilayer. It consists of aqueous compartment where drug can be kept [52]. Membrane of liposomes can easily dissolve hydrophobic chemicals so they can be used to deliver both hydrophilic and hydrophobic molecules. To deliver the drug to the site of action lipid bilayer membrane of liposomes fuses with the other bilayer such as cell membrane and cause the delivery of drug from liposome [42]. Liposomes are very useful as carrier in nasal drug delivery because of its nature, they consist of biogenic phospholipids, biocompatible and non-immunogenic [43]. Liposomes show promising results in case of nasal drug delivery of various drug molecules; proteins and peptides can be delivered through nasal passage by using liposomes. Firstly it provides protecting effect on proteins they have ability to cause mucosal

disruption. Positively charged liposomes have capability to increase the residence time of drug in negatively charged surface [50]. Liposomes were investigated for nasal delivery of insulin. Many drugs can be given through nasal route which are degraded by GI tract; for example salmon calcitonin which is widely used because of its tolerance and affectivity. But as other peptides salmon calcitonin is also degraded by the enzymes present in GI tract because of its bioavailability gets reduced through oral route. So it can be delivered by nasal route using liposomes as carrier [44].

#### **Liposomes in vaccine delivery-**

Liposomes offer various advantages in delivery of vaccines like it provide protection to antigen during transit and increase facilitation of antigen uptake by M cells. As liposomes are biocompatible and biodegradable, easy to prepare, characterize hence these are prove to be very effective in immune response antigen [46].

#### **CONCLUSION**

The intranasal route is an interesting alternative route for drug administration with enormous advantages such as muco-adhesion, increase in residence time of drug, inhibition of enzymatic degradation and enhanced penetration of drug. All these advantages provide lots of potential for administration several drugs like vaccines, anti-cancer drugs and drugs which act on CNS. Although there are various challenges also which

are related with understanding of anatomy and physiology of nasal cavity which are not widely understood that limits the potential and efficacy of nasal drug delivery system. With these understandings this route provides various future opportunities for research and development of new system.

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**Table 1: Advantages and Limitation of Nasal Delivery**

Advantages	Limitation
a. Avoids degradation of drug in GIT.	Volume of dose restricted to 25-200 $\mu$ l.
b. Avoids first pass metabolism.	Compounds with high molecular weight cannot be delivered.
c. Shows better absorption.	Large interspecies variability is observed.
d. Shows higher bioavailability in lower doses of drug.	Mucocilliary clearance affects the permeability of drug.
e. Non-invasive route.	Irritation of nasal mucosa.
f. Self medication possible.	Enzymatic barrier to permeability of drug.
g. No complex formulation required.	Adversely affected by pathological condition.

**Table 2: Drug made into nanoformulation as dry powder inhalers**

DRUG	CLASS	CONDITION	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION
Vancomycin	Antibiotic	Infection	DPI
Clarithromycin	Antibiotic	Infection	DPI
Cyclosporine A	Immunosuppressant	Lung transplant	DPI
Doxorubicin	Anticancer agent	Lung cancer	DPI
Ofloxacin	Antimicrobial	Infection	DPI
Budesonide	Glucocorticoid	Asthma and COPD	DPI

**Table 3: Patents in nasal drug delivery**

Publication Number	Publication Type	Application Number	Publication Date	Filing Date	Inventors
US20010055569 A1	Application	US 09/841,228	Dec 27/2001	Apr 24/2001	Stanley Davis, Lisbeth Illum
US6241969 B1	Grant	US 09/105,838	Jun 5/2001	Jun 26/1998	Zahir Saidi, Boris Klyaschitsky
US5690954	Grant	US 08/412,094	Nov 25/ 1997	Mar 28/1995	Lisbeth Illum
US5874064A	Grant	US 08/739,308	Feb 23/1999	Oct 29/1996	David Edwards