



ISSN: 2454-9940



**INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF APPLIED
SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT**

E-Mail :
editor.ijasem@gmail.com
editor@ijasem.org

www.ijasem.org

Strategies for masking unappealing flavors: A systematic evaluation

SK. BASHEER, DR. V. NARENDRA, SK. AMMAJI

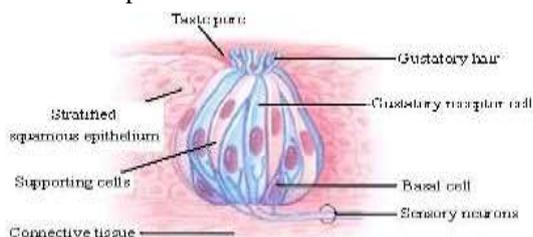
ABSTRACT

To increase patient compliance, the bitter taste of a medicine is sometimes covered up using a procedure called flavor masking. Although taste masking occurs with all medications, it is more common with drugs given to children and the elderly. By decreasing the drug's affinity with taste receptors, taste masking is enhanced. The bitter or unpleasant taste may be masked by adding polymer, amino acid, sweetening agent, and flavoring agent, or by eliminating the group responsible for the taste. Many methods have been devised to hide the unpleasant aftertaste of medications in an effort to combat this issue. These methods improve the bioavailability and efficacy of the medicinal dosage form, in addition to covering up the unpleasant flavor. Sugars, flavors, sweeteners, lipoproteins, taste bud numbing, granulation, adsorbates, coating the drug, microencapsulation, multiple emulsion, viscosity modifier, vesicles, liposomes, prodrug and salt formation, inclusion and molecular complexes, solid dispersion, and Ion Exchange Resins (IERS) are all methods that have been tried by formulators. This article provides a comprehensive overview of the many flavor masking technologies now available, broken down by dose form and discussing some unique approaches to assessing the effectiveness of these techniques.

Keywords: Taste, Taste masking, Taste masking techniques, Taste evaluation, E-tongue

I. INTRODUCTION

Health care professionals have a significant challenge in the oral delivery of bitter medications with an acceptable degree of palatability, particularly in young patients [1]. The term "taste masking" refers to the process by which an unpleasant flavor is diminished in one's



perception. The development of a universal inhibitor of all bitter tasting compounds that does not influence other taste modalities like sweetness or saltiness would be the perfect method to minimize or suppress bitterness [2]. To increase

patient acceptance and compliance, active pharmaceutical ingredients/drugs may be masked or made to taste less unpleasant by taste-masking procedures. The largest challenge for some patient populations, including children and the elderly, is taking medicines by mouth if they have a bitter or unpleasant taste.

(Fig.1:AnatomyandPhysiologyoftastebud)

Significant advancements have been achieved in the last several years in the domain of taste-masking by using untried methods and approaches including microencapsulation and hot-melt extrusion. An essential factor in raising patient compliance is making medications taste better [3].

TASTE COVERING TECHNOLOGIES 1.1

An unpleasant flavor may be "masked" if the consumer does not notice it. Many different physical and chemical methods are employed to disguise flavors and prevent the taste buds from registering the presence of medicines. To mask the drug's unpleasant flavor, two methods are often used. It is common practice for formulation technology to include taste-masking procedures. In a nutshell, they have to get along with one another. Coated particles, for instance, should be robust enough to survive the tablet compression process used to make the final dose form (tablets). Organoleptic approaches, polymer coating, hot-melt extrusion, microencapsulation, complexation, and spray-drying are only some of the most prevalent industrial techniques/methods utilized for taste-masking.

1. By making the medication less soluble in the saliva's pH (5.6 to 6.8).

To modify the drug's affinity and nature for binding to the taste receptor, 2.

The following characteristics are desirable in both the procedure and formulation of a taste-masking method.

1) Use the fewest possible pieces of processing equipment.

2) Use the least amount of expensive and readily

1.3. ORGANOLAPTIC APPROACHES

This is the quickest and most hassle-free way to cover up unpleasant flavors. Low- to moderately bitter actives may have their disagreeable taste disguised by mixing with sweeteners (sucralose, aspartame) and flavoring (orange, mint). The mouthfeel may be enhanced by adding effervescent substances such as sodium bicarbonate or citric acid. Some preparations may have a bitterness blocking ingredient to cover up any unpleasant aftertaste. It's possible that adenosine monophosphate, lipoproteins, and phospholipids all serve as bitter blockers. These chemicals inhibit bitterness by competing with the bitter active for binding to G-protein coupled receptors on the tongue (receptor sites that perceive bitter). When

accessible excipients necessary to successfully disguise flavor.

Thirdly, there was no decrease in the drug's bioavailability.

4) Lowest possible production prices.

5) It may be performed at ambient temperature.

6) Insist on using excipients with a wide margin of safety.

7) Quick and simple to make [4, 5]

1.2. COATING MATERIAL

Eudragits, a man-made polymer

Prolamines (Zein), Gelatin, and Proteins

Zeolites

The number of coating layers, the coating solvent system, and the coating substance all play roles in the categorization. Coating materials may be chosen from a wide variety of substances, including hydrophobic polymers, lipids, sweeteners, and hydrophilic polymers. In order to improve taste masking efficacy, particularly for very bitter medications, multilayer coating has been employed to counteract the difficulties posed by coating flaws. First, a smooth and uniform spacing layer was applied to the core materials; this layer acts as a barrier between the taste receptors and the bitter core materials, and it also reduces the likelihood of coating flaws occurring during the application of the second layer [6].

making pioglitazone hydrochloride orally disintegrating tablets, it was discovered that bitterness may be masked by adding sodium chloride to the formulation.

1.1. POLYMERCOATING

Direct coating, which uses a composition that is insoluble in saliva, is the simplest method. This creates a physical barrier around the drug particles. Either repelling or attracting water. Various lipids, polymers, and coatings may be made from sweeteners, either alone or in combination, to create a single or many layers. Polymer coat levels

ranging from 10% to 40%, depending on the drug bitterness, have been successfully employed for taste-masking using methacrylic acid and methacrylic ester copolymers (Eudragit E-100, RL 30D, RS 30D, L30D-55, and NE 30D) [8, 9]. The fluid bed method is often used. Recently, solvent-free alternatives have been utilized, including the application of molten lipids [glycerylpalmitostearate (Precirol® ATO-5, Gattefosse, France) and glycerol behenate (Compritol® 888-ATO, Gattefosse, France)] to the surface of drug particles. [7,8]

EXTRUSION OF HOT MELT 1.2

Advantages of the hot-melt extrusion (HME) method for masking flavors include the elimination of organic solvents, simplified processing stages, continuous operation, and the ability to scale up to large quantities [9]. The bitter active is combined with other dry substances for the aim of flavor masking. An extruder takes the material from a hopper and moves it down a conveyor where it is combined and melted. The components are heated while being vigorously mixed in order to produce the flavor-masked extrudates. Once an appropriate dosage form has been developed, the extrudate may be processed or micronized to produce taste-masked granules or particles. The characteristics of the twin screw extruder make it a popular choice among manufacturers because of its rapid transit time, material feed, high shear kneading, and little risk of overheating.

1.3. MICROENCAPSULATION

Taste-masking provides an additional field of use for microencapsulation, a technique with a long history in the pharmaceutical business. Microencapsulation, in theory, offers the chance to enclose the bitter active, preventing it from making contact with taste receptors. One such well-known method is microcaps, which uses coacervation/phase separation to create various polymeric membranes that are then encapsulated. Three immiscible phases are formed, the coat is created, and finally the coat is deposited as the last step in the process. By dispersing the core particles in a polymer solution, the three immiscible phases may be formed. Then, a phase separation may be prompted by altering the polymer solution's temperature, altering the pH, adding a salt or non-solvent, or generating polymer-polymer interaction. The polymer coat is deposited on the core material while the mixture is continuously stirred. Thermal, crosslinking, or desolvation processes are subsequently used to isolate the polymer-coated core particles from the liquid phase.

causing the coat to become stiff [10]. Combining microcaps with Advatab compressed ODT is a common practice.

1.4. COMPLEXATION

In order to hide the bitter taste of medications, cyclodextrins are often formed into inclusion complexes with the drug molecule. Cyclodextrins are special cyclic oligosaccharides with a hydrophobic interior and hydrophilic outside. They are composed of at least six D-(+)-glucopyranose units joined by alpha-(1,4)-glucosidic linkages. Drug characteristics, processes, equilibrium kinetics, excipients in formulation, and the intended dosage form and delivery mechanism all have a role in the development of inclusion complexes and determine the sort of complex that is formed. Cyclodextrins hide flavors by binding to taste bud proteins or blocking bitter drug molecules from reaching taste receptors.

To produce taste-masking through complexation, ion exchange resins are a viable alternative to cyclodextrins [11]. High molecular weight polymers containing both cationic and anionic functional groups are known as ion exchange resins. To make the complex that masks the medication's taste, the resin is suspended in a solvent containing the drug. Drug-resinate refers to the drug-resin combination that forms and masks the drug's flavor by keeping it from coming into direct contact with taste buds. The medication is released for absorption once the resin has exchanged with the counter ion in the gastrointestinal system after intake. Ion exchange resins based on methacrylic acid-divinylbenzene polymer and styrene-divinylbenzene polymer are commercially available and may be used for taste-masking.

SPRAY DRYING, PART I.5

Spray-drying is an alternative method of flavor masking since it uses a physical barrier layer. Spray drying occurs after the polymer and bitter medicine have been dissolved or dispersed in a suitable solvent. Normal procedure

Firstly, the feed is atomized into a spray, next the spray and air come into contact (mixing and inflow), and finally the dried product is separated from the air. The procedure allows for the use of both water and organic solvents. Granules or beads

encapsulating the medicine in a flavorless substance are common components of the dried product. Careful polymer selection and process design are needed to allow for taste-masking, since the quantity of polymer coat may occasionally delay the drug release. Whether the polymer is "coated" on the surface or distributed depends on the formulation and processing. Providing a co-dispersion is crucial for effective taste-masking. Spray drying has several benefits, including (a) a shorter processing time due to its one-step nature, (b) the potential to be scaled up, and (c) a broad diversity in the choice of solvent and polymerate.

Masked Flavors, Sweeteners, and Amino Acids

In the case of pediatric formulations, chewable tablets, and liquid formulations, this method is the primary and easiest strategy of flavor masking. However, this strategy does not work well for medications that are both very bitter and highly water soluble. As a general rule, artificial sweeteners and flavors are employed in

combination with other taste-masking methods to increase the effectiveness of these methods. Its fiery flavor and mild anesthetic properties make it a popular addition to a wide variety of dishes. Clove's ability to cover unpleasant flavors is bolstered by the addition of honey vanilla or fake vanilla flavor. If fizz is needed, ingredients like calcium carbonate, citric acid, or sodium bicarbonate may be thrown into the mix. Acetaminophen, aspirin, ketoprofen, H2-blockers, and many more may all have their unpleasant flavors disguised by this mixture [12]. An anethole, eucalyptol (which gives cooling, vapor effect), and methyl salicylate (which suppresses bitterness) mixture may be used to cover up the disagreeable taste of thymol, giving the impression of a more pleasant flavor [13]. Syrups of ibuprofen and pyridoxine HCl have been developed to hide the drug's harsh taste using ingredients such sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium saccharin, refined sugar, and flavoring [14].

Table1: Tastemaskingwithflavors,sweetenersandaminoacid

Sl.No.	Drug(s)/ActiveAgent(s)	TypeofFormulation	TasteMasking Agent(s)
1	Eucalyptusoil	Mouthwashes	Fenchone, borneolorisoborneol
2	Aspirin	Medicatedfloss	Sodiumphenolate
3	Thymol	-Anethole,	eucalyptol
4	andmethylsalicylate	Ibuprofen	SyrupSodiumcitrate
	dihydrate,Saccharine&	refinedSugar	

TASTE COVERING WITH A LIPOPHILE VEHICLE (1.2)

Potential flavor enhancers include oils, surfactants, polyalcohols, and lipids since they improve mouth viscosity and coat taste buds. tastemaskingagents. The flavor of guaifenesin is enhanced when it is melted granulated with carnauba wax and magnesium aluminum silicate [15]. Granulating cimetidine with glyceryl monostearate enhances its flavor [16]. Gelatin coating and a combination of partly hydrogenated soybean oil and glyceryl monostearate enhance the flavor of the seizure medication gabapentin (acyclic amino acid). Isoprothiolane's flavor may be concealed by

adding 80 degrees Celsius' worth of hydrogenated oil to the mixture. , then dried with a spray gun. Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose coats the grains that arise. To create a tablet with a more tolerable aftertaste, acetaminophen granules are coated with molten stearyl stearate, combined with other tablet excipients, and then chewed. Carbetapentane citrate, diphenhydramine HCl, acetaminophen, and Noscapine HCl syrup without the bitter aftertaste may be made using polyglycerine fatty acid ester, glycerin, and chained triglycerides.

Table2:Taste maskingwithlipophilicvehicle [17]

S.No	Drug(s)/activeagent(s)	Technique/formulation	Tastemaskingagent
1	Guaifenesin	Meltgranulation	Carnauba waxandMagnesiumaluminiumsilicate
2	Cimetidine	Granulation	Glycerylmonostearate
3	Gabapentin	Coating	Gelatin and mixture of partially hydrogenated soyabeen&GlycerylMonostearate
4	Isoprothiolane	Spraydryingandcoating	HydrogenatedoilandHPMC
5	Acetaminophen	Spraying/tablet	MoltenstearylStearate
6	Acetaminophen,	syrup	poly fatty acid ester, glycerine& chaineddiphenhydramine,carbetapentane citratetryglyceridesand noscapine HCl

1.2. TASTE MASKING WITH BYCOATING WITH HYDROPHILIC VEHICLE

This is the most practical and convenient way to produce flavor masking. The coating prevents the drug particles from coming into contact with the taste buds by acting as a physical barrier. Coating chewable pills is an effective method of disguising their flavor while maintaining sufficient absorption. Powders, chewable pills, and liquid suspensions have all employed a specialized process called micro emulsion technology to hide off-putting flavors.

1.3. CARBOHYDRATES

Carbohydrate coatings may be used to hide the drug's flavor when taken orally. When pinaverium bromide, a spasmolytic, is combined with an organoleptically acceptable polymer coating made from a blend of cellulose or shellac and a second filmforming polymer soluble at pH less than 5 [18], the bitter taste of the medicine is completely eliminated. Coating a propantheline bromide formulation on low substituted spherical hydroxypropyl cellulose and then coating it with ethylcellulose helps to disguise the drug's disagreeable taste while still allowing for quick absorption of its anti-ulcerative effects. The pharmacological core of crystalline ibuprofen is encased in a methacrylic acid copolymer (Eudragit) covering that gives chewable flavor-masked characteristics [19], which has been shown to be effective in disguising the ibuprofen's bitter taste.

PROTEIN, GELATIN, AND PROLAMINES, PART 1.4

Among the prolamines are zein, gliadin, and hordein. Antibiotics, vitamins, dietary fibers, analgesics, enzymes, and hormones have all had their unpleasant tastes concealed by prolamine coatings. The masked flavor remains effective even after extended storage. The coating of prolamine has no influence on the rapid absorption of the active ingredient, and it also

effectively masks the taste of the bitter medicine. The release of the active ingredient from the encapsulated particle may be controlled using zein or gliadin in conjunction with a plasticizer, and the disagreeable taste of the coated active substance could be hidden [20]. Eudragit S-100, talc, and silica were used to coat granules containing cetraxate hydrochloride, maize starch, and Macrogol-6000 in order to hide their unpleasant taste [21, 22].

When used orally, the D2-dopamine receptor antagonist remoxipride is well tolerated and absorbed entirely. Remoxipride's highly bitter flavor makes it unsuitable for oral administration. Therefore, the medicine was formulated into a tasty oral solution utilizing microencapsulation, which allows for 100% bioavailability but a 3-hour absorption delay. Absorption was delayed by just 1.6 hours when taken as a capsule and by only one hour when taken as 0.5% sodium lauryl sulfate in water.

1.5. ZEOLITE

Generally, the composition of bactericidal feeds for livestock has a harsh flavor, and

may cause animals to avoid eating while being treated [23]. Tiamulin fumarate, the active ingredient, may be dissolved in methanol, supported on mordenite-type zeolite or starch, dried, and then further premixed with the supports to create sustained-release formulations with an improved flavor.

bitterness-free, time-release granules. Mycoplasma, Staphylococcus, and Corynebacterium are all more susceptible to the bactericidal effects of the resultant formulation. The following table illustrates how polymer coating may hide the taste of medications.

Table 3: Taste masking by coating with polymer

S.No	Drug(s)/active agent(s)	Technique	Polymer(s) used
1	Pinaverium bromide	Coating	Cellulose or shellac
2	Propantheline bromide	Coating	L-HPC, EC
3	Ibuprofen	Air-suspension coating	Eudragit
4	Tripolidine HCl	Dispersion coating	HPMC
5	Dimenhydrinate	–	Eudragit or CMC or starch
6	Cefaneldaloxate HCl	Granulation and coating	PVP, EC, HPMC, Trisodium citrate
7	Enoxacin	Granulation and coating	HPC, HPMC, EC
8	Sparfloxacin	Granulation and coating	L-HPC, EC, HMC/EC, HPMC, titanium dioxide and sucrose fatty acid ester mixture

Note: HPMC: Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose; HEC: Hydroxyethyl cellulose; HPC: Hydroxypropyl cellulose; L-HPC: Low substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose; CMC: Carboxymethyl cellulose; PVP: Polyvinylpyrrolidone; EC: Ethyl cellulose; MCC: Microcrystalline cellulose; PEG: Polyethylene glycol

II. TASTE MASKING BY ION EXCHANGE RESINS

Ion-exchange resins (IERS) are high molecular weight polymers with cationic and anionic functional groups. The most frequently employed polymeric network is a copolymer of styrene and divinylbenzene. Ion-exchange resins are used in drug formulations to stabilize sensitive components, sustain release of the drug, disintegrate tablets, and mask taste. Drugs can be bound to the resin by either repeated exposure of the resin to the drug in a chromatographic column or by prolonged contact of resin with the drug solution. Drugs are attached to the oppositely charged resin substrate, forming insoluble adsorbates or resonates through weak ionic bonding

so that dissociation of the drug-resin complex does not occur under the salivary within the gastrointestinal tract (GIT). Drug molecules attached to the resin are released by exchanging with appropriately charged ions in the GIT, followed by diffusion of free drug molecule out of the resins.

Ion exchange resins can be classified into four major groups:

- . Strong acid cation-exchange resin.
- . Weak acid cation-exchange resin.
- . Strong base anion-exchange resin.
- . Weak base anion-exchange resin.

Strong acid cation resins (sulfonated styrene divinylbenzene copolymer product) function throughout the entire pH range and can be used for masking the taste of basic drugs. Weak acid cation exchange resins function at pH values above 6.0. Similarly, strong base anion-exchange resins function throughout the entire range and can be used for masking the taste of acidic drugs, while the weak base anion exchange resins function well below pH 7.0.

Table 4: Taste masking with complexing agent & Ion exchange resins

S.No	Drug	Resin/complexing agent
1	Carbetapentane citrate	Cyclodextrin
2	Ibuprofen	Hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin
3	Gymnemasylvestre β-cyclodextrin	
4	Chlorpheniramine maleate	Indion CRP244, indion CRP254
5	Diphenhydramine HCl	Indion CRP244, indion CRP254
6	Buflomedil	Amberlite IRP69
7	Orbifloxacin	Amberlite IRP69
8	Chloroquine phosphate	Indion 234

III. RECENT APPROACHES IN DEVELOPMENT OF TASTE MASKING

To hide the antibiotic clarithromycin's unpleasant flavor, Yajima invented a spray-congealing process. In this case, we went with a combination of glyceryl monostearate and aminoalkyl methacrylate copolymer E (AMCE). Optimized formulation (CAM: GM: AMCE, 3:6:1) greatly increased palatability and flavor in comparison to traditionally coated granules. Micromeritics properties of the clarithromycin wax matrix revealed that the rate of congealing of melt droplets was the primary factor in covering up the drug's bitter flavor, and a later study by Yajima, Umeki, and Itai evaluated the effects of operating conditions in the spray-congealing process on taste masking release. Ishikawa et al. made and tested tablets with granules that had been compressed to disguise their bitter flavor. Magnesium stearate, hydroxypropyl cellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, and Eudragit E-100 were utilized as

excipients with the model medicines pirenzepine HCl and oxybutynin HCl. The data demonstrated that both oxybutynin and pirenzepine were rapidly released in vitro at a pH of 1.2. Within 20 seconds, the pills were completely dissolved in the participants' saliva, and there was no complaint of a bitter aftertaste.

In order to determine whether or not sweet chemicals mask bitter ones, Tozaki et al. created a multichannel taste sensor system. Bitter drugs like quinine and sweeteners like sucrose were utilized. The findings demonstrated that the bitterness of quinine could be reduced by sucrose and that this reduction could be evaluated using the multichannel technique.

In order to figure out how to make the oral liquid medicinal dose form taste good, Salazar de Saavedra and Saavedra Cuadra created a sensory response model. The analgesic acetaminophen

served as the prototype medication. Acetaminophen has a harsh taste, however it may be masked by using a combination of sweeteners and an essence.

Researchers Pearnchob, Siepman, and Bodmeier looked into the possibility of using shellac to create extended-release matrix tablets with moisture-protective and taste-masking coatings. Shellac was compared to hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC) in terms of its ability to prevent moisture absorption and disguise flavors. Regardless of the relative humidity in storage, acetylsalicylic acid was more stable in tablets coated with shellac than in HPMC-coated systems. In order to get the same amount of medication release, consequently lower shellac coating levels were

protection. Acetaminophen pills have a disagreeable taste, but shellac coats may help.

To hide the unpleasant aftertaste of an orally administered medicinal active component, Carbo et al. created a coating compound. The coating is made up of polyvinyl acetate, dimethacrylic acid, a neutral methacrylic acid ester (Eudragit E100), and dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate. The coating composition may also include an alkaline modifier, such triethanol amine, to improve drug release.

For rapid oral delivery, Meneaud, Al-ghazawi, and Elder created a water-dispersible Paroxetine formulation. It is a dispersible powder that combines paroxetine, a water-soluble dispersion agent (polyvinyl pyrrolidone/calcium carbonate/sodium starch glycolate), and a taste-masking agent (Eudragit L30D55/byclodextrin/lecithin/Polacrillin K).

For oral administration, Yu and Roche created pharmaceutical liquid formulations of Levofloxacin that concealed its bitter taste. The liquid composition makes use of a "reverse enteric coating," which is soluble in the stomach's acidic pH (often between 1 and 4), but comparatively insoluble in the mouth's nonacidic pH (usually between 4.5 and 5.5). The coatings enclose the active substance, hiding any unpleasant flavor, and allowing for faster medication absorption and elimination from the body, both of which are desired in liquid dosage forms.

SCOPE OF FLAVOR COVERING IN THE FUTURE

Children and pediatricians have a significant challenge with medication bitterness. This method is particularly helpful for masking the harsh taste of medications by resin complex, which children cannot give themselves. The medications produce an insoluble complex with the resin, and the complex form is more appealing to youngsters of

varying ages. Different formulations of the complex all result in equal rates of drug release. This method will be quite helpful in the future for covering up the flavor of many unpleasant medications. Suspension, microemulsion, and solid dispersion forms of medications including Ofloxacin Hydrochloride, dicyclamine, hydrochloride, ciprofloxacin hydrochloride, and chloramphenicol make them more tolerable and easier to take. Newer polymers of varying grades may find their way into the mix in the not-so-distant future. To improve the flavor, flavoring might be added to the recipe. Many diseases are best treated with bitter medications, but they must be formulated differently when administered to youngsters. The flavor of pediatric formulations may be masked using eudragit grade polymer, resin complex. SEM and TEM are useful for determining particle shape and size.

nanoparticles are small in both size and the potential for future usage in developing better agreement dosage forms. Various dose formulations facilitate the absorption of nanoparticles. Improved patient effectiveness and acceptability motivate the development of nano suspensions and emulsions. In order to improve medication design and masking for the market, pharmacists need patients' consent before dispensing the medicine. In the next years, the industry and public will see a greater need for bitter medicine masking.

IV. CONCLUSION

The ability to hide the bitter taste of medications has greatly enhanced the standard of care for sick people, particularly young ones. In the pharmaceutical industry, the demand for taste masking has prompted the study and development of several innovative approaches and methods. Each medicine has unique needs, and the methods listed above may or may not be applicable. Finding a universal inhibitor of all bitter-tasting compounds that does not influence other taste modalities like sweetness would be the ultimate way to reducing or inhibiting bitterness. However, no one compound has yet been identified that can completely mask harsh flavors. Similar studies have been conducted for quite some time. The physical and chemical qualities of the medication component and the intended dose form have a significant impact on the choice of technology. Improved patient acceptance and compliance, particularly among pediatric and geriatric groups, and better portability have been made possible by recent developments in taste-masking technology used by the pharmaceutical industry. More and more businesses are relying on taste-masking specialists to supplement their oral dosing offerings. Phosphatidic acid and beta-lactoglobulin-based lipoproteins. Other sensory assessments of oral dosage

forms of bitter medications with taste inhibitors, as well as the multichannel taste sensor for detecting suppression of bitterness by sweet substances, are

REFERENCES

[1].

Pharmaceutical flavor masking: a comprehensive research. Ahir, Ahire, Bankar, Gayakwad, and Pawar. *Pharma Science Monitors*. volume 3:issue 3 (2012), pages 68-82.

[2]. Article by S. Harmik, S. Yasmin, and R.K. Kharand on techniques for hiding unpleasant flavors in dental treatment.

drugs: cutting-edge research and development *Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy* 2004;30(5):429-448.

Technology that disguises flavors is a novel approach to improving patients' adherence to treatment. D. N. Mishra, S.K. Singh, S. Verma, and S.K. Kumar contributed to this article. The 2(2) issue of the international journal *Drug Delivery Technology*.

[3]. Several people helped with this: Sharma, Kumar, Singh, Singh, and M. S. Rathore. Taste-masking techniques in medications are discussed as a novel method of improving the organoleptic features of pharmacological active compounds in *International Research Journal of Pharmacy*, 3(4), 2012, 108-116.

[4]. Asteriasquering using ion exchange resin: a review (A. M. Suthar, *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 1(2), 6-11.

P.R. Joseph's study on the use of an electronic tongue—a taste sensor instrument—during formulation development is referenced in *International Journal of Pharmaceutics* 367 (2009):65-72.

[5]. *International Journal of Research in Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences*, volume 3, issue 2 (May 2012), pages 510-524; V. Vummaneni and D. Nagpal, "Taste-masking technologies: An overview and recent updates."

[6]. K. Lehamann, H.U. Petereit, and D. Dreher, "Fast disintegrating controlled release tablets from coated particles," *Drugs Made in Germany* 37(2) (1994):53-60 (Reference 8).

[7]. The use of hot-melt extrusion in the pharmaceutical industry: part I, drug development and industrial pharmacy 33(9), 2007: 909-926 C. Martin, J.W. McGinity, S.K. Battu, F. Zhang, M.A. Repka, S. Thumma, and S.B. Upadhye.

[8]. The definitive resource on the theory and practice of industrial pharmacy, now in its third edition, is the work of A. Lieberman, J.A. Kanig, and L. Lachman. For example:

recommended for future uses. Dosage forms that are more appealing to the general public might benefit from this.

PA;1986;420. Philadelphia.

[9] developed rapid dissolving tablets with extended release by using a variety of polymer-coated ion-exchange resin complexes.

[10] E. Pandya, B. Harish, Callahan, and P. Thomas To mask the taste of something unpleasant. U.S. Patent Application #5,837,286; Issued in 2000.

[11] Explored how to cover up the flavor of Thymol. Canadian Patent Application No. CA2228456, filed in 1997.

[12] G.A. Depalmo, Oral Composition including Ibuprofen (14). European Patent Application EP0560207 (1993).

[13]. Preparation of Medicament Adsorbates, R.F. Mozada

[14]. European Patent Application No. EP0219458, Year 1987.

[15] Medicinal Cimetidine preparations. As Osterwald et al. United States Patent No. 5,057,319 issued on January 5, 1991.

[16]. In particular, A technique for administering cyclic amino acids that improves taste, texture, and compressibility by T.L. Chau and S.R. Cherukuri. European patent application (EP0458751) submitted in 1991.

[17]. Galenical form, by J. Block, A. Cassiere, and M.O. Christen (1998), was published in Germany. Offen DE3900811 was made available to the public in 1990.

[18]. Toyoshima, K., Yamada, H., Tozaki, K., Toko, W., & S. Tozaki *Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences* 87:552-554, Multi-channel taste sensor for detecting sweetness-induced bitterness reduction.

Chemical and Pharmaceutical Development 26(1) (2000):55-60

[19] Use of a sensory response model in the creation of a liquid medicinal dosage form for oral administration, D. S. M. Salazar and C.I. Saavedra.

Medicinal applications of shellac include coverings that prevent moisture absorption and conceal flavors, as well as an extended-release matrix (N. Pearnchob, J. Siepmann, and R. Bodmeier; ref. 30).

pharmaceutical research and development tablet form 29(8):925-938 2003.

[20]. Flavor-masking coating ingredients: Corbo, Desai, Patell, and Patelland, M.D. R. Warrick. U.S. Patent 6,551,617, issued in

- 2003.
- [21]. D.Yu and E. Roche, Flavored liquids were used to mask the pharmaceutical taste of their products. US 6,586,012, 2003.
 - [22]. Kurihara, Kaoru, and Kasturagi, Yukio. Extremely acrid in test tubes. 365(6443):214–215 (1993) Science, Nature.
 - [23]. Researchers S. Tozaki, K. Toko, K. Wada, H. Yamada, and K. Toyoshima found that sweet compounds may disguise bitter ones when they used a multi-channel taste sensor. The results appeared in the 1998 issue of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (87:552-555).