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A REVIEW ON THE ROLE OF 3D PRINTING IN PHARMACY

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ABSTRACT:

The introduction of 3D printing technology in the pharmaceutical industry has opened new horizons in the research and development of printed materials and devices. The main benefits of 3D printing technology lie in the production of small batches of medicines, each with tailored dosages, shapes, sizes, and release characteristics. The pharmaceutical industry is moving ahead at a rapid pace. Modern technology has enabled the development of novel dosage forms for targeted therapy. However, the fabrication of novel dosage forms at industrial scale is limited and the industry still runs on conventional drug delivery systems, especially modified tablets. The manufacture of medicines in this way may finally lead to the concept of medicines becoming a reality. This chapter provides an overview of how 3D printed technology has exit personalized ended from initial unit operations to developed final products.

Introduction:

New ideas in the field of drugs are always being design, improved material understanding, manufacturing technology, and procedures that guarantee excellent quality of dosage styles. Active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) contain a variety of physicochemical and biopharmaceutical features that need to be taken into account and researched via each in the process of being developed[1]. Additional materials must be Additionally studied in order to produce the optimal dosage form the development of patient-centred drug products has received a lot of attention over the past ten years. It had direction. On cutting-edge technology methods and innovative dosage formulations. Increasing demand for

customised gadgets along with an increase in the greatest advancements in personalised medicine are driven by technological innovation, as evidenced, for example, by the creation of small series of tailored dosages and prosthetics created to order satisfy the patients' anatomical requirements. Three-dimensional printing (**3DP**), among the many breakthroughs introduced to the pharmaceutical and biomedical markets, is thought to be the most revolutionary and potent[2]. This method is regarded as a flexible one. A tool for accurate gadget manufacture. It functions as a technology for creating novel dosage forms, engineering tissues and organs, and simulating diseases. Three-dimensional printing is one of the fields of technology, art, and science that is now

advancing the fastest. Increases the applications' scope.

The International Standard Organization provided a definition of "three-dimensional printing" (ISO) described as: "Fabrication of items through the deposition of a material utilising a print head, nozzle, or other printer technology." In This methodology is one of the methods of additive manufacturing, as opposed to the more popular subtractive and formative manufacturing methodologies[3]. In additive manufacturing (AM), materials are assembled layer by layer to create items from data from 3D models. Rapid prototyping (RP) is the term for the use of AM in practise. Its benefits include the ease with which a product can be modified at a designed time and at a designed cost. Level, the potential production of tiny items, individualised product lines, or impossibly complex architectures using subtractive methods Since 2012, the use of 3D printing in research and engineering has increased. The quantity of academic papers from 59 in 2012 to 1573 in 2017 that were listed in the Web of Science Core Collection and had the terms "B3D printing" or "B3D printed" in the title. In addition, these works received 12,411 citations throughout the same time span, up from 209 at the beginning. No results are returned when the search results are limited to the pharmacy/pharmacology category in 2012, but 77 entries were identified up until 2017, indicating a significant interest in 3DP methods in pharmaceutical sciences. The most recent advancements and successes in the fields of pharmaceutical and biological research are the focus of this review. from the works of literature that have been released in the previous three years[4].

The innovative methods used in the creation of solid dose Though transdermal medication administration and biological applications are also concentrated, forms for customised therapy are given special attention. Implants, surgical models, bioprinter materials, and bio robotics are also highlighted as examples of additive manufacturing techniques[5].

A specific attempt is made to highlight the progress of bioprinting as the concurrent development of additive manufacturing utilised in pharmaceutical technology and bioprinting is discussed and compared. Although there are not many regulations accessible at this time due to the pharmaceutical uses of additive manufacturing still being in the early stages of development and implementation, the key challenges

that the FDA introduced in 2017 are discussed.

HISTORY

The concept of 3DP has developed since Pierre A. L. Giraud first outlined the technique in the early 1970s of the 20th centuries. Application of powdered material followed by solidification of each layer under the influence of a high intensity laser. In this instance, melting materials like plastics or metals might possibly be utilised to prepare objects. early 1980s in the following is the name of the patent: BA moulding procedure for producing a three-dimensional object in layers, in his description of a Carl Deckard created the technique of "selective laser sintering," which uses a laser to solidify a powdery bed of sand that has been bound by various compounds (SLS). Chuck Hull's first commercially successful invention was stereolithography (SLA). This technique was based on the UV light-induced photopolymerization of liquid resin. Towards the end of the 1980s, Scott Crump submitted a fused Deposition modelling (FDM) is a method for creating objects using thermoplastic material. the 1990s Three-dimensional printing processes, developed by MIT scientist Emanuel Sachs and colleagues, are based on combining the chosen powder regions by binding material[5,6]. The presents the most significant developments in 3D printing for pharmaceutical and biological applications.

HOW IT WORKS

During the nearly 40 years of 3DP history, numerous various technologies were created and advanced in line with progress. The three main techniques are extrusion, liquid solidification, and powder solidification. During the nearly 40 years of 3DP history, numerous various technologies were created and advanced in line with progress. The three main techniques are extrusion, liquid solidification, and powder solidification. Each 3D printer operates in a unique manner[7]. Mode requires enough material to solidify, followed by the creation of the object. Despite the variety of 3DP techniques, the process of preparing a 3D-printed object involves numerous steps: using computer-aided design software to create 3D objects and optimising their shape in accordance with printer specifications, the export of 3D models to a widely used and printer-friendly file format, such as STL, which only After importing the file into the programme and creating the layers that will be printed,

3D geometry is created in the form of each vertex position data or OBJ in which additional information about polygonal faces or colour texture are coded. The printed layer's height essentially determines the quality of the 3D model. The time spent printing the product, the materials used, and the subsequent application (or) Of the material layers devoted to the particular printing technique. The progression of 3D printed objects is depicted in the use of 3D printing techniques is becoming more prevalent in pharmaceutical and medical applications due to the possibility of quickly creating custom items that can be used in individualised counselling or treatment. It introduces integration of 3D printing technology into the pharmaceutical industry specifically targets the creation of patient-centered dose shapes determined by structural design. The study is still in its infancy. rection with the potential to produce the medication with tailored release systems for delivery in freeform geometries. Because the most common and predominant method of administration is still through the mouth, extensive research is done on oral dosage formulations. Additionally, other studies are concentrating on dose formulations for top- ictal administration. the products created via 3D printing Using various 3D printing techniques, illustrate the growing interest in Drug design.

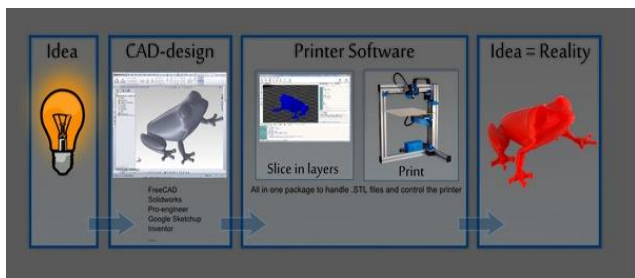


Figure- Vision of 3D printing

It will Rise from Powder. Based on the concept described in, the first 3DP approach utilised in the formulation of pharmaceutical dosage forms "Three-dimensional printing techniques" patent. Similar to desktop inkjet, the printing process operates in a similar manner. Drop on Solid Deposition, often known as DOS or Power Bed Jetting, is a printing technique[8]. Ink spray from the print head causes the ink to bind. The free powder layer beneath the unbound powder particles acts as a support material to stop overhanging or porous structures from collapsing.

Each stage of the formation of the object is lowered, a free powder layer is deposited using a roller or a powder jetting system, and the operation is continued the initial printers featured commercially available print heads that were thermal or piezoelectric and provided the bonding agent. Ink or other materials can be dissolved or distributed with active medicinal ingredients and/or mod- erasing agents. Dispersed throughout the powder bed[9].

This method was chosen because it can apply excipients that are frequently used in traditional formulation methods, such as wet granulation, and it is similar to such processes. pharmaceutical technology, particularly formulations for solid dosage forms One benefit of this approach is the ability to precisely place the drug dose or alter the excipients within the powdery bed to produce many compartments with various compositions or modes of action. The characteristics of the powder and ink have an impact on the product quality attributes. Particle size, powder bed flowability, cohesive force between particles, and a component of the printer, or powder wettability, all have a significant impact on layer height[10].

More intricate and precise manufacture of structures with slight mass and dosage fluctuations is achieved by using lower layer heights and subsequent layer applications. The solvents, APIs, or modifying excipients used in the ink might alter the viscosity, droplet size, and affect the effectiveness of binds powder. Process variables including printing speed, droplet volume, and distance from the powder bed are crucial for the creation of a product and can affect how well the powder bonds, particularly between layers in the Z axis. They might have a negative impact on the print lets' mechanical strength. Following printing, other actions including drying, removing any remaining solvents, and unbound powder removal should be done Various solids were prepared using the DOS approach. Methods like implants containing levofloxacin, rifampicin, or rifampicin and isoniazid, among others displaying a changed or irregular API release. The modified-release chlorpheniramine and acetaminophen tablets Additionally, tablets with linear release characteristics were created.

The DOS technique is appropriate for quickly preparing tablet that disintegrates and has a porous structure. The progression in this area have resulted in

Areecia Pharmaceuticals' commercialization of Zip Dose® technology and the creation of the first 3D-printed medical device. Pritam®, a medication that the FDA approved in 2015[12]. The Oro dispersible pills that fall apart in a matter of seconds are Levetiracetam, an antiepileptic medication, is present in an aqueous solution. High doses of APIs typically result when using or dispersible tablets. Technical issues with quality control and production. Utilizing 3DP techniques made it possible to prepare tablets that dissolve quickly and contain up to 1000 mg. The usage of Sritam® as an example demonstrated the viability of DOS in the mass production of very porous ODTs. However, it can be difficult to prepare multicomponent updated lease tables on a big manufacturing scale with enough repeatability of quality features in light of Compared to ODT, these tablets have a denser structure[13]. The dissolving profile of APIs may be affected by variations in porosity caused by variances in ache- Sion between layers. Higher binder applications result in longer drying times and increases the chance of only partially removing any remaining solvent powder can also be solidified by using a high-energy beam. The fundamental building blocks of selective laser melting (SLM) or selective laser sintering (SLS) are comparable to-dos approach. By using a levelling device, powdered bed is moved from one compartment to another, forming layers.by laser beam melting the polymeric or metallic powdery bed or sintering (heating just below melting point) In this procedure, the high energy beam is typically produced by a laser and the applied power varies according to the qualities of the powder. While a 5 W laser is enough for melting polyamide, a 1 kW laser is needed to melt metal. In order to print, the powder bed must be heated. temperature appropriate for the process settings in the printer chamber. After printing, the created objects are covered in powder, and to reduce tension, the bed should progressively cool down. These stages take a lot of time and are dependent on the printer chamber[14].

Examples of 3D-printed medications created using various 3D printing techniques are method of manufacturing Powder solidification, effect reference, and dosage form of the API Drop upon a sturdy implant Powdered isoniazid. Tablets Captopril Powders: Maltodextrin and Maltitol Ink: Polyvinylpyrrolidone and Water rapid tablet

dispersion Selective laser sintering of tablets that are odourless Copolymer of paracetamol, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, vinylpyrrolidone, and vinyl acetate Easily dissolved pills with quick medication release Tablets for Stereolithography and Liquid Solidification Paracetamol 4-Aminosalicylic \Saci Diphenyl(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)phosphine oxide, Poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate, and Poly(ethylene glycol) 300Coordinated release Dental SG resin, Xylitol, Mannitol, and Trehalose Microneedles Insulin Skin administration of insulin Ropinirole HCl Irakere 2959 Drop on Drop Tablets Poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate Mechanism for Ficken diffusion API release White beeswax Ficken diffusion (10 tablets) Fenofibrate API release Ropinirole HCl Irakere 2959 Drop on Drop Tablets Poly (ethylene glycol) diacrylate Mechanism for Fiskian diffusion API release Fenofibrate tablets, white beeswax, a Fiskian diffusion API release mechanism, and techniques based on extrusionOrodispersible film modelling via fused deposition Polyvinyl alcohol with aripiprazole rapid breakdown and disintegration Theophylline tablets made of hydroxypropyl cellulose,Crospovidone, sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose, and triacetin instant release At-room-temperature extrusion Tablets that float Dipyrindamole Microcrystalline cellulose, Lactose, Polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulosegastrofloating, sustained-release dose formulates-compart- \smentntabletNifedypine, \captopril, \sGlipizidMicrocrystalline cellulose, Sodium starch glycolate, Croscarmellose sodium, D-mannitol, Polyethylene glycol 6000, Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, volume. Regarding the Kolli don® VA 64 printletsdemonstrated quick dissolution properties (over 90% after 5 min) and a quick disintegration time of 4 sass technology is a potentially effective way to produce porous, rapidly disintegrating, and modified release dosage. Shapes without a binding substance Decomposition of APIs could especially when a high-energy laser is used. when preparing a thicker shape. the production concerns and stability Time seems to be one of the biggest obstacles in SLS application. Porosity of the print lets is influenced by sintering speed, and Multiplying laser beams, such in 3D metal sintering printers, can improve the efficiency of the printing process[15].

CHANGING FROM LIQUID TO SOLID

The concept of making objects by solidifying liquid is analogous to the process for solidifying powder. Spraying of Ink creates droplets that are then placed on thin layers and cured by high energy light or cooling air. Drop on drop (DOD) or Poly jet technique needs to use extra material to support overhang geometries because there isn't a powdery bed present. During printing, the print platform bed is lowered and the print head travels along the X and Y axes. after each layer of the material has been deposited, along the Z axis by the layer height. Different This technique's technical innovations made it possible to print in full colour on multiple materials. The characteristics of the spraying material influence both the printed product's quality and the curing process[16]. The first resources Wax was employed in these processes. Modified release dosage forms were employed in pharmaceutical technology. Formulation, and currently found use in 3DP technology.

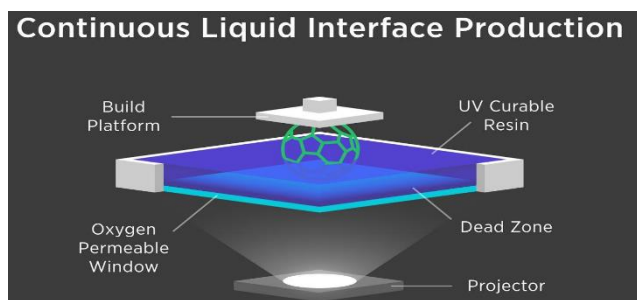


Figure:- changing from liquid to solid

To prevent quick solidification, molten wax was sprayed over the construction platform in the heated chamber. By using 3D material jetting of molten wax to create matrix tablets containing beeswax and fenofibrate, Koula et al. discovered the impact of custom geometries (honeycomb architecture with varied infill ratios) on the dissolution profile. The geometry of the honeycomb's cell size and the wettability of the substance was discovered to influence the dissolution profile from constant weight pills[16,17].

As honeycomb surface and diameter rose, so did the amount of released medicine. in the case of honeycomb channels of a medium size. Honeycomb's tiniest dimensions, the medium for disintegration can penetrate them. Was insufficient, and the surface of the broadest honeycomb on the tablets was smaller

than the middle-sized structure, which led to Drug dissolution decreased in both situations.

This occurrence when combined with a variety of materials, can enable the manufacturing of customised medications. geometry. In this process, photosensitive polymers may also be utilised, and UV light is used to solidify the layers. To Analyse the potential for using photopolymer resin in 3D printing of medications, including tablets with ropinirole HCl and polyethyleneIrgacure 2959 was created as a photo initiator using PEGDA (polyethylene glycol) diacrylate) and a low concentration of oxygen, which can stop the healing processes. Tablets with a 14 mg mass and dimensions of 5.02 mm in diameter and 0.72 mm in height took approximately 4 minutes to print on average-sensitive material was crosslinked, resulting in the creation of Amorphous ropinirole HCl solid dispersion showing sustained release of API from tablet for up to 6 hours. The post-process removal of unbounded polymer and photo initiator is a crucial step in this technique. toxicology of the ingredients should be taken into account while using this procedure for medication formulation[17,18]. These initial efforts the fabrication of prolonged release dosage forms is appropriate for the investigated matrix materials, according to DOD technique applicability in the drug formulation sector. A difficult procedure of adapting a variety of polymers should be assessed. The addition of hydrophilic polymers or a change in the composition of the wax matrix could have an impact. Large effect on behaviour of dissolution. Possibility of API breakdown in the event of UV-based solidification and stability issues need to be considered. toxicity testing and removal from the dosage form, as well as post-processing When using this procedure in the formulation of drugs, the effects of unbounded monomer and photo initiator should also be taken into account. In stereolithography, photosensitive liquid polymers are also employed. The item is constructed by the successive layers solidifying together. resin when exposed to high-energy light, such as a UV laser beam or projector light (digital light projector - DLP). Scanner mirror-guided laser precisely Draw's layers of the thing on the construction platform using photopolymer cross-linking. In DLP technology, the projector shows the overall image. Layer. The photopolymer-immersed build platform that the printed object is attached to and the layer tracing on the outside of the resin. Platform then falls

by a distance equivalent to the thickness of one layer, and sweeper follows. Surface recoats the object. Inverted SLA uses a resin tank with a transparent bottom and a non-stick coating as the light source. Platform for construction is lowered from above of the object layer is cemented out to a distance equal to the height of the layer. Next, the object is elevated while the tank bottom is cleaned by the sweeper.

EXTRUSION-BASED METHODS:

Basics Extrusion of semisolids and hot melt extrusion (HME). This technical approach is based on the increasing accessibility of small-scale and reasonably priced equipment. Extrusion of semisolid, or semi-molten materials (gels, pastes) at room temperature or higher, and extrusion of molten thermoplastic rod-shape material, are essentially two types of printing method that can be distinguished (filament). The material is spread out on the build platform in successive layers in both modes after being extruded from the nozzle[20]. The print head's distance from the build plate and the nozzle orifice diameter both contribute to the defined dimension of the printed route. The quality of the printed product is influenced by these two factors as well as print speed. When the print head or print platform moves along the Z axis at a distance equal to the layer height, another layer is applied. The technological solution of 3D printers depends on the printing medium.

FILAMENT: THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE

Extrusion of molten thermoplastic material serves as the foundation for fused deposition modelling. measurements of the filaments in the Standard commercially available print heads are used with a range of 1.75 mm and 2.85-3 mm. Common filaments a reconstructed of thermoplastic polymers like poly (lactic acid), poly (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene), high impact polystyrene (HIPS), and polyethylene terephthalate glycol-modified nylon, (PET-G). Some are offered for sale commercially. Despite being made from medical-grade polymers like PLA and PVA, high-quality filaments, the prepared filaments There are currently no commercially available APIs made from pharmaceutical grade polymers. The heat stability of the impregnated API must be taken into consideration when preparing drug-loaded filaments. In the FDM process, the filament is pushed towards the heat end under the guidance of gears. It melts and

is pushed. by unmeted filament, via the nozzle aperture. The nozzle orifice's diameter, which ranges from 0.2 to 0.4 mm, affects the printed object's resolution. Although the final results might vary according on the printed material and printer settings, typically the printed path width is equal to the orifice diameter and the path height is half of its width. Layer height determines how the pathways are grouped into an object whose resolution.

The number of outlines that make up the exterior wall of the printed object are related to its mechanical properties. The ratio and kind of the item and infill parameters (such as rectilinear or honeycomb)[21]. The characteristics of high-quality filaments, such as uniform size, elasticity, stiffness, and homogeneity the development of printed dosage forms utilising the FDM technology places a high priority on drug distribution. Although today's primary source of high-quality API-containing filaments is HME, the early applications of the FDM process were based uncommercially accessible, ready-to-use filaments for 3D printers. The filaments were infused with model medicines using in a volatile API solvent solution, the filament swells and then dries. This process made it possible to create the first 3D-printed dosage form using FDM. However, the amount of medication in the filaments made in this manner varied from 0.063 to 0.3% for. The manufacture of larger dose forms was restricted by the presence of 1.9% for methanolic soaking solutions and ethanolic solution sin the formulation [22]. This issue's most straightforward resolution was a re-extrusion of commercially supplied, milled, or shredder- iced filament with APIs. This procedure is intended to produce filaments that are appropriate for 3DP and have a greater drug content. This approach was employed by Li Q. et al. for creating a PVA-based filament with 5% glipizide. The creation of dosage form formulation calls for pharmaceutical grade excipients of the highest quality procedure used in extrusion. Excipients that are suitable for extrusion should exhibit proper glass characteristics. Matrix-forming ability, good rheological qualities, and transition temperature (T_g), which is lower than drug decomposition temperature. Consequently, the raw materials' ability to be printed demands a thorough comprehension of the printing process, taking into consideration changes in physical and chemical properties during its decision. Because filaments are bent and compressed between the

feeding gear and driving gear during the printing process, filaments with sufficient mechanical properties should be produced as a result of the HME process. The gears can damage very brittle filaments, but they can also damage filaments that are overly soft moved away by the feeding apparatus. Different polymers were investigated by Zhang et al., including HPC, HPMC, EC, Sol plus®, and Eudragit® L100 and their combination as filament formers in the HME process [23]. The mechanical integrity was evaluated using the 3-point bend test. data gathered for commercially available PLA was compared to the generated filaments' characteristics and results. Extrusion-based approaches, filaments. This method makes it possible to identify boundaries identifies the parameters and printed filaments the characteristics of the raw ingredients used to make filaments selection of appropriate HME-based matrices is necessary because this has a significant impact on the printability of the images. For better printability, various matrix polymers, plasticizers, and fillers were utilised, and lubricants were primarily used to lessen friction between the walls of the printing extruder and the filament. Using a multicomponent formulation, it is possible to create filaments with a high drug load and good mechanical characteristics. Using HPMCAS and the addition of, Goyanes et al. produced filaments with 50% paracetamol. Magnesium stearate and methylparaben as lubricants.

SHAPE MATTERS

The medication dissolving rate is also influenced by the form of the printlets. Goyanes et al. offered paracetamol tablets in various forms with constant surfaces [24]. The formulations with pyramid shapes had the fastest dissolving rates. Has the highest surface area to volume ratio, whereas cylindrical or spherical geometries have the lowest ratio. Were distinguished by having the slowest dissolving ratio. It was also suggested to modify the tablet's design by including the extra channels to hasten the dissolution of hydrochlorothiazide. channels that are square in shape and have a diameter During the designing phase, were embedded at intervals of 0.2 to 1.0 mm. The dissolving data showed that the drug release was essentially accelerated by a channel of size 0.6 mm, which satisfies the pharmacopoeia criteria for instant release products Arafat and colleagues suggested a different creative tablet technique. Tablets were made up of 9

bridging pieces spaced apart. The disintegration and dissolution time was impacted by the various block and gap sizes [25]. The intended strategy is Application of an intriguing substitute for disintegrants to speed up tablet disintegration.

TWO MINDS ARE SUPERIOR TO ONE

In a dual head extrusion method, the print head is fitted with two independent stepper motors and heating chambers, enabling the use of two materials with various melting points. Okwuona The delayed release tablets were made by et al. (51) with a PVP polymer core that was theophylline-loaded and printed by a single extruder, and an outside complimentary Eudragit® L shell. By using the second printing extruder, thicknesses were pre-prepared, increasing from 0.17 to 0.87 mm. The thickness of the shell that was 0.52 mm necessary to ensure adequate core protection in the acidic medium. Twin layer modified release tablets can also be created using a dual head solution. Li et al 's concept for a Duo Tablet-dosage device shape constructed with an exterior and interior compartment. The tablet's interior and outside were printed using glipizide-loaded PVA filament that contained Different API ratios—4.8 and 2.2%—are used. Modifications of drug release characteristics were discovered in the dissolution studies in contrast to the pills printed with a single placebo-measurement. This strategy might be a potential strategy for controlled preparing a medication delivery system. Another dosage form, the dual-compartmental dosage unit (duo), a two-compartment tube printed with insoluble PLA, was also manufactured using a dual head printer. The printing process for the tube's first compartment was halted while the tube was manually filled with rifampicin filaments laced with isoniazid. The printing process was resumed after pausing. manually load the filament with the other medicament when the second compartment was finished. At the conclusion of the printing, a sealing PVA cap was printed on one side of the tube [26].

USING SEMISOLIDS TO EXTRUDE

If you use the extrusion technique to print semisolid or semi-molten materials (gels, pastes) at room temperature or above, in contrast to FDM, some adjustments have been made to print head construction [26, 27]. Through which the bulk is ejected orifice

using a syringe plunger, screw, or compressed air pressure. Although this approach makes it possible to create dosage forms with a large drug content, it also necessitates a drying phase. Alter the integrity of the product. Tablets of immediate release paracetamol containing 80% of the active ingredient were created using pharmaceutical-grade excipients that adhere to pharmacopoeia standards. Standards. The redesigned release systems were also ready. In order to extend the gastric residence period, Li Q et al. created gastro-floating tablets that contain dipyridamole. investigation of in vitro buoyancy found that formulations with 30 and 50% infilling rates floated for up to 12 hours. Polypill can be prepared as a multi-active solid dosage form using a multi-syringe printing technique. Including three or five APIs that were issued with various kinetic characteristics.

THERAPY CENTRED ON THE PATIENT

3D printing techniques offer a wide range of uses in medical, including the use of numerous materials, to create spatial systems for tissue engineering and for the preparation of dose forms such tablets, capsules, implants, or dispersible films by a pharmacy. as before as previously said, tablets are the dosage forms that are created the most. Although they can be produced in a variety of geometries, only a small number of dosages for each API are offered on an industrial basis. The notion of more customised medications been created for many years, but its significance has never been higher than it is right now.

The necessity of development individualised medication through patients' prudent drug UseNet-erogenous character of diseases is the source of difficulty in determining the appropriate dosage, which is a topic of intense discussion. Intervention in therapy. The treatment Some of the justifications for changing the dosage form and dose of the active ingredient, particularly for specific age groups, are therapeutic failures or restrictions on therapeutic effects. The right dose forms must be chosen while taking into account not only physicochemical characteristics but also target demographic and treated condition [28]. The Due to the unique requirements and characteristics of each patient group, it is highly advised that pharmaceutical products be developed for the paediatric and geriatric populations. Due to It is

usual practise in many countries to divide pills into two or even four parts due to the dose flexibility and difference in swallowing.

Health services. The literature has documented the issues with scored tablets. Uneven breaking and a loss of bulk after division could ultimately result in Under- or overdosing. Consequently, the use of three-dimensional printing as person- centred treatment evolved, may prove to be quite helpful. By adjusting the amount and dosage form, such as using or dispersible pills instead of conventional tablets for active or noncompliant patients, 3D printing enables personalised medicine to be tailored to the patient's body weight and lifestyle. The scalability of the designed items makes it simple to create medications in various doses; as a result, the dose may be controlled by carefully calculating the material consumption during scaling at the design stage of the printed product. This manufacturing technique appears to be very helpful in the creation of orphan medications designed for select patient populations. Comparatively inexpensive manufacturing costs for dosage formulations with One of the biggest advantages of short series is the ability to use different doses. A pharmaceutical product. Unprecedented potential is provided by 3D printing for pharmaceutical or industrial scale development and preparation of tailored medicines [28,29].

Use of 3D Printers In Community Pharmacies And Hospitals

The use of 3D printers in community pharmacies and hospitals would take pharmaceutical compounding to a whole new level. The quantity of medicines supplied, their shape, colour, and taste, as well as the dose of the active ingredient, are particularly crucial when treating juvenile patients. Additionally, some 3D printing techniques, such as fused deposition modelling, where APIs are Without any additional processing, such as film coating, taste masking is possible when introduced into polymer matrix. Containing good repeatability, precision, content uniformity, and quick API dissolution, Scouters et al. manufactured taste-masked dosage forms in the form of Star mix® Haribo jelly beans with indomethacin using this 3D printing technique. Patient acceptance is influenced by the tablet's size and form, particularly in terms of swallowing issues.[30] Not only because of swallowing issues, but also because of manipulation

issues, tablet shape is very important to senior people. Goyanes et al. looked into impact of various tablet shapes, including sphere, torus, disc, capsule, and tilted diamond shape, on patients' moods over time of the swallowing capacity with care. The doughnut-shaped, or torus, pills were discovered to be the simplest to swallow. Due to their resemblance to traditional dose forms, tablets with a typical shape were also considered acceptable. In the same team's earlier research indicated that these form differences only marginally affect the dissolving behaviour, hence there must to be flexibility in selecting the geometry for different patients.

It was covered in the FDM section of this article how geometry and internal structure affect the qualities of printed dosage forms. The ability to produce tablets with more than one active ingredient is provided by 3D printing and is defined by distinct characteristics and disintegration profiles. Therefore, it may lead to a decline through creating sophisticated medications, of the number of consumed products.

Applying chosen soluble or non-soluble excipients, as well as defining the desired geometry and internal structure of the printed dosage forms, allows for more exact control over dissolving behaviour when employing 3D printing technology. Although it could be employed in hospital pharmacies, this possibility should only be taken advantage of by healthcare experts because it necessitates knowledge of the pharmacokinetics of the active ingredient and the patient's health. Although solid oral dose forms have received the most research attention, a transdermal drug delivery system was also made using 3D printing. Using fluorescein, Luzuriaga et al. printed microneedles[31].

FROM PATIENT HOME TO PRODUCTION SCALE

Although additive manufacturing techniques are still relatively new to society and the idea that patients will print their own medical devices is still rather futuristic, the 3D printing of medications in-patient facilities is heavily debated in scholarly communities. Having access to medications at one's own home is somewhat remote. The biggest barrier to putting this into practise is the safety and quality of the drugs are a concern for the patients. Patients or those providing them with medical care must receive detailed instruction on how

to operate a printer and spot potential quality problems with self-printed medications. However, this strategy may be advantageous for the Patients participated more actively in their care, which was proven to be therapeutically advantageous[32]. On the other side, it might also result in some downsides such as losing control over unfavourable effects when creating polypills with multiple active ingredients in a single drug. As was previously indicated, 3D printing may be rather easily incorporated into the pharmacy's pharmaceutical compounding process. It appears that fused deposition modelling has the due to its proximity, high-quality API-loaded documentation, database with items to print, and medically-educated Staff members, such as pharmacists, are able to print the final dosage form with a de-fined architecture and active substance dose[27,28].

The Manufacturing API-loaded filaments is not a significant barrier for the pharmaceutical business because hot melt extrusion, the fundamental technique for preparing filaments, is well-established in the sector. Inkjet printable filaments have so far been acquired from a variety of pharmaceutical grade polymers, such as methacrylic acid and derivatives of *cellulose poly (ethylene oxide), poly (vinyl alcohol), and poly (ethylene glycol)-vinyl alcohol graft copolymers, as well as poly (vinyl caprolactam)-poly (vinyl acetate) (vinyl acetate) Ethylene vinyl acetate, poly (ethylene glycols), poly (ethylene glycol graft copolymer, and others*. One benefit of this 3D printing technology the ability to create crystalline filaments that incorporate API and can become disordered during the immediate 3D printing. Due to the 3D printing technique's mechanism, which usually relies on melting API, this method can solve the problem of amorphous pharmaceuticals' instability that frequently arises during the procedure. with polymer or quick solvent evaporation from a drug solution. The pharmaceutical business is still a long way from adopting 3D printing as a mainstream manufacturing technique. Mostly as a result of a shortage of ready-made production machinery. However, the first has established trends[30]. A 3D-printed medicine manufacture technique created and patented by Paricia® Pharmaceuticals. The creation of tablets is accomplished using this industrial-scale pharmaceutical printing process through multiple cycles of layer-building by a single feeding, liquid-applying mechanism on a conveyor. However, this is

not the only option; another method that might be used is the employment of multiple print heads, and in the event that stringent appropriate powder bed bonding powder feeding zones to the tablet's number of layers on a moving platform. A single nozzle is utilised in typical 3D printers to print the entire object[31]. The effectiveness of such a method is quite low given that one tablet is frequently printed for longer than one minute. In this approach, the printed object must be removed before the printing may be done again. Because subsequent print heads can be fixed higher by layer height, printing on a conveyor is quicker and doesn't require adjusting the nozzle in the Z axis. Without inventing equipment specifically for pharmaceutical applications, 3D printing will remain in the research stage and not get to the pharmacotherapy, that much is certain. Tanfield and others. outlines the qualities that the ideal pharmaceutical 3D printer should have and stresses that only the collaborative work of 3D printers should be considered. The perfect 3D printer can be created by manufacturers, scientists, excipient suppliers, and pharmaceutical authorities.

LETTER OF LAW

The use of three-dimensional printing is expanding quickly. It is distinguished by having a great potential from a pharmaceutical perspective. Even if it is still in the early stages of Taking everything into account, there have been numerous attempts to scale up this technology, and 3DP has proven to be a successful technique, particularly in personalised medicine. Nevertheless, thorough to make the 3DP approaches industrially practicable for dosage form formulation, more study is still required. Currently, only There is only one FDA-approved product available. The printable goods must adhere to the existing production and quality-control requirements for medical devices and products. The advantages and limitations of 3D printing technology are both demonstrated by recent studies. Consequently, due to the abundance of the elements influencing the effectiveness of computationally developed dosage The necessary regulatory criteria are highly preferred due to the forms and safety of their use[32].

Currently, there are none Legitimate guidelines for design, manufacturing, and quality control considerations. There is a dire requirement to create some rules for this specific category of manufacturing

techniques. Technical Considerations, a Food and Drug Administration advice document released in December 2017, the number of recommendations for additively manufactured medical devices takes into account the key components of software and hardware specifications, quality assurance practises, and process validation processes. While other techniques, such as the drop-on-drop method and fused deposition modelling, do not leave residues[33]. It appears that each and every printing processes require unique regulations. It must be emphasised that there are still no laws for pharmaceuticals. Which frequently have more stringent criteria than those for medical equipment. Each of the concerns for devices stated should be medications are also taken into account. Additionally, the presence of API necessitates the consideration of several additional factors. Taking into account potential incompatibilities active ingredient steadiness throughout the print process, etc. Due to the fact that the fused deposition modelling approach uses high-resolution both times, at a greater temperature during printing and at the filament extrusion step[34].

BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

Since the invention of 3D printing in the 1980s, the impact of additive manufacturing on the biomedical profession has significantly increased. Early 80'. It is because the process allows for the fabrication of specially designed materials with unique architecture and functionality. It became a potent tool for Using biomedical engineering, implants can be manufactured according to the anatomy of each patient. Phantoms for medical planning, education, and illness models. Additionally, additive manufacturing takes cues from nature on how intelligent materials and gadgets form[35].

MODELS FOR SURGICAL PLANNING AND TRAINING, PHANTOMS

Medical phantoms continue to be in high demand as tools for numerous diseases' diagnosis and therapy. While For decades, image-driven surgery has been employed extensively, thither demand to render digital images has increased.



Figure- 3d models for surgical planning and training

The application of additive manufacturing of models allows for more precise diagnosis, better assessment, and evaluation of the problematic alterations as well as the examination of organ anatomy specific to a patient. Preoperative planning substantially raises the information that goes beyond specific organ attributes decreases complications and patient mortality[36]. Therefore, it is thought that education and surgical planning are two of the most important technology of 3D printing has been studied Manufacturing of liver models is one instance of using 3D-printed medical models. The increasing need for the demand for using healthy livers increased due to transplants and the scarcity of cadaveric livers. Donors. The safety of both the donor and the recipient can be increased by knowing the anatomy of the biliary tract and circulatory system before surgery.[36]

These paediatric models, which illustrate intricate anatomical concepts like the double-outlet right ventricle, malalignment-type ventricular septal abnormalities, and the range of heterotaxia syndromes, are extremely valuable educational Tools The use of 3D-printed models that faithfully replicate the anatomy and sizes of aorta vessels makes the treatment of aortic illnesses easier. production of phantoms in additive achieved success introduced in patients with cardiac tumours or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, when the size of the lesion is the primary factor determining whether to perform partial or complete surgical removal. Both a heart transplant and resection. This technique was used to completely remove the right ventricular muscle. The use of 3D models is thought to facilitate quick comprehension of anatomical cardiac abnormalities, especially complicated atrioventricular connections that are crisscrossed are examples of this the growing population of people experiencing degenerative Diseases were another issue that additive manufacturing attempted to solve. Marks and colleagues displayed a 3D-printed brain Several stages

of Alzheimer's disease can be used as educational material to help students learn how degenerative diseases progress. Alterations in the hippocampus and cerebral cortex. brain scans by MRI of 5 patients in various clinical categories were photographed and printed from segmented 3D models. Each model's printing took anything between 15 and 20 hours. The authors came to the conclusion that their models could only be utilised for educational purposes and not for diagnosis, hence far assume parameters need to be validated.

BIO ROBOTICS

Hybrid gadgets influenced by biology Being able to simulate different biological processes has recently received a lot of interest. The biorobots are formed on artificial scaffold made of. From hydrogels or polymer elastomers that hold soft biological stuff like proteins, live cells, or Tissues. They can conduct several sorts of movement, such as walking or swimming, and can interact with their surroundings since they are more flexible than typical robots. Rotating devices within such robots that are typically linked to the transformation of chemical energy from hydrolysis to work are the most motivational. Actuators made of cells are often grown on thin, flexible substrates[37]. Using mammalian cardiac and skeletal models, it is demonstrated that cell contraction results in film deflection and actuation. muscular tissue highlighting the benefits of 3D (bio)printing tissues, the biorobots' organs are in hot demand since they function as little mechanical tools with tissue regeneration capability drug administration. They could aid in understanding the loco-Williams' description of the microbes' driving force and colleagues. They developed the long flagellar swimmer. Short head and tail made of polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)cardiomyocyte-cultured filament[40].

Furthermore, the approach may be used for various things, according to the authors. Het- or optogenetic muscle cells are examples of homotypic cell types.erotypic cell types, including fibroblasts and turtle cardiomyocytes sensing-based intelligent systems, in addition to neurons and muscle cell swimming. Other examples rely on cardiomyocyte seeding on the creation and PDMS membrane of little sphere heart due to a pump's ability to regulate the

flow inside a microchannel to a diaphragm's pulsatile action.[39,41] Despite the fact that cell survival and motility are still a problem, various suggestions to improve such aspects have been presented thus far. Enhancing the contrast is one of them. The cells' traction force by utilising anisotropic alignment, in-the use of electrical stimulation to regulate the rate of manufacturing or contracting for the production of stimuli-responsive robots the use of light-sensitive cells[39, 42].

SUMMARY

The 3D printing of drug delivery systems and medical devices serves as an attractive tool to produce customized product. Since few years the concept of 3D-printed drug formulation Patient-centric medicine swiftly developed and was aimed at enhancing therapy. the initial medicine approved by the fad Research on oral, or mucosal materials produced by 3D printing technology developed incredibly quickly.as well as topical dose types. This interesting innovation provides formulation flexibility, which is challenging to attain using traditional technical methods. Additional production provides for highly precise API-excipient ratio preparation of various dosage forms in a completely novel way compared to conventional pharmaceutical manufacture. Additionally, 3D printing offers the chance to Make medication formulations, multidrug devices, and multifunctional drug delivery systems for individualised therapy with accelerated release characteristics. Future research should therefore should give priority to developing individualised dose forms for children and older adults. pharmacological formulations that are dose- and dimension-specific can achieve the intended therapeutic effect. A growing number of drug development studies demonstrate this technology's indisputable advantages, but its full potential will only be realised if achieved by developing novel dosage formulations on a large-scale industrial level.

The use of additive manufacturing in a clinic shortens the duration of medical procedures, lowers their cost, and raises surgical success rates. Additionally, new surgical techniques may be developed as a result, particularly those that are dangerous and infrequently performed. Additionally, 3D printing of extremely realistic Organ training models can facilitate operations, speed up healing, and reduce

intraoperative problems. Biomaterials can be created using living cells for generating vascularized tissues for transplantation, drug testing, disease simulation, and cancer research. The creation of biorobots expands the potential for the creation of sensors that rely on cellular physiological changes or even a synthetic immune system. Despite its many benefits, additive manufacturing still faces a number of obstacles in terms of sanitation, device performance, control of design parameters, and biocompatibility of printed materials. Moreover, because printed materials are brittle, it takes careful planning to create complicated manufactured structures, especially those that are cell-based. However, the use of 3D printing has brought about numerous advantages for patients and the healthcare system as a whole. A realistic production process for customised items can be established with the necessary research.

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