



A LITERATURE REVIEW OF CYCLODEXTRIN INCLUSION COMPLEXES CHARACTERIZATION - PART II: X-RAY DIFFRACTION, INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY AND NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE

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ABSTRACT

Cyclodextrins are cyclic oligosaccharides widely used to form inclusion complexes with poor water soluble drugs, with the aim to improve their solubility. The characterization of these complexes requires several analytical techniques. In a previous review - part I, the analytical techniques used to characterize drug-cyclodextrin complex phase solubility diagram, dissolution and scanning electron microscopy were described. The aim of this review is to detail other analytical tools also used in this characterization as X-ray diffraction, infrared spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance.

Keywords: Cyclodextrin, X-ray diffraction, Infrared spectroscopy, Nuclear magnetic resonance.

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METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND CHARACTERIZING INCLUSION COMPLEXES

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

X-ray diffraction (XRD) determines the crystallographic structure of solids and is one of the best techniques for the characterization of inclusion complexes¹.

Depending on the crystalline form of the guest molecule, characteristic peaks are formed in difratograms. Thus, the complexation is assessed by changes in the peaks of the guest molecule and CD, compared to the complex.

When a difratogram with the characteristics of an amorphous material is obtained, i.e. without well-defined, narrow peaks, it may be indicative of the occurrence of complexation², as illustrated in Figure 1.

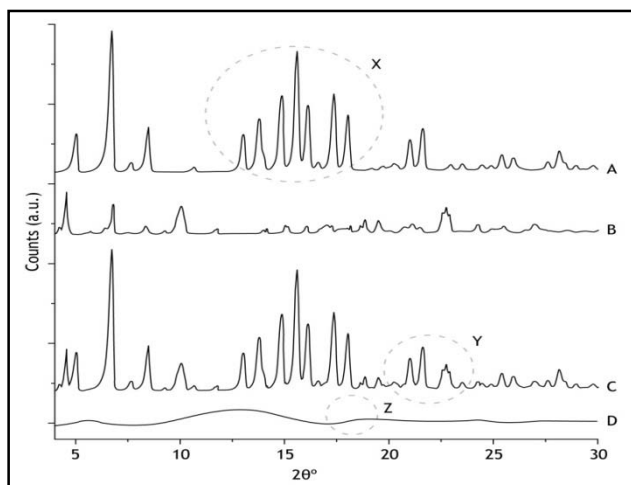


Figure 1: Hypothetical model of analysis by X-ray diffraction of the pure drug (A), CD (B), the physical mixture (C) and the complex (D). X has the well-defined, narrow peaks of a crystalline material, Y has the overlap of the patterns of the drug

and CD, and Z is a region without peaks, characteristic of an amorphous material.

It is also possible to evaluate the formation of inclusion complexes by comparing the size of the characteristic peaks of the guest molecule with the size that appears in the complex. A decrease in the peaks may represent partial complexation, since non-complexed material remains in crystalline form³.

Moreover, the diffraction pattern of the physical mixture is generally the overlap of the guest molecule and CD patterns with peaks of lower intensity; however, when compared to the pattern of the complexes, they present a higher degree of crystallinity⁴.

This degree of crystallinity can be used to quantify the formation of complexes. The relative degree of crystallinity is calculated with the following equation:

$$RDC = I_{sam}/I_{ref}$$

Where I_{sam} represents the height of the peak of the sample and I_{ref} the height of the peak at the same angle in the reference sample. The guest molecule alone is often regarded as the reference sample⁵.

A low RDC value indicates a lower degree of crystallinity, and, in this case, it can also be concluded that the complexation has been more efficient. However, depending on the process employed in obtaining the complexes, an amorphous material is a possibility, which leads to the disappearance of the peaks, even though the complexation of the drug has not occurred^{6,7}.

In addition to changes in the characteristic peaks of the guest molecule, new peaks can be observed when the formation of inclusion complexes occurs, indicating a new solid phase, corresponding to the drug-CD complex⁸.

Recent studies that use XRD to evaluate the formation of inclusion complexes are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Some examples of recent studies that use XRD characterization of inclusion complexes

Guest molecule	CD	Evidence of complexation	Reference
API ^c	HP β CD and HPGCD ^d	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	9
Bicalutamide	β CD	RDC calculation	10
BMDBM ^a	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance	11
Budesonide	γ CD	Peaks disappearance / formation of new solid phase	8
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	β CD and EPI β CD ^e	Peaks reduction	12
Camptothecin	β CDNS ^b	Peaks reduction	13
Candesartan cilexetil	β CD	Peaks disappearance	14
Carvedilol	M β CD	Peaks reduction	15
Cefdinir	β CD and HP β CD	RDC calculation	5
Celecoxib	β CD	Peaks disappearance / formation of new solid phase	16
Danazol	HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	17
Dipyridamole	β CD	Peaks disappearance / formation of new solid phase	18
Enalapril maleate	β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	19
Etodolac	β CD, HP β CD and γ CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	20
Etoricoxib	β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	3
Etoricoxib	HP β CD	RDC calculation	21
Fexofenadine	α CD, β CD, γ CD and HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	22
Finasteride	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance	23
Fluorfenidone	β CD and HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	24
Glimepiride	β CD and HP β CD	RDC calculation	25
Glyburide	β CD and HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	26
Granisetron	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	27
Halofantrine	HP β CD	RDC calculation	28
Ibuprofen	β CD	Peaks reduction / formation of new solid phase	29
Ibuprofen	β CD and derivatives	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	30
Iprodione	β CD	Peaks disappearance / formation of new solid phase	31
Irbesartan	β CD	Peaks disappearance	32
Itraconazole	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	33
Itraconazole, econazole and fluconazole	β CD	Peaks reduction / formation of new solid phase	34
Ketoprofen	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	35
Lamotrigine	β CD	RDC calculation	36
Lovastatin	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	3
Meloxicam	β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance	37
Metformin	Triacetyl- β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	2
Miconazole	β CD	Peaks disappearance	38
Naproxen	HP β CD	Peaks reduction / formation of new solid phase	4
Omeprazole	M β CD	RDC calculation	39
Oridonin	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	40
Oxaprozin	β CD, DM β CD and RM β CD	Amorphous material	41
Oxyphenbutazone	β CD and γ CD	Peaks disappearance / formation of new solid phase	42
Piroxicam	HP β CD	Amorphous material	43
Prednisone	α CD, β CD, HP β CD and γ CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	44
Pyrimethamine	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	45
Ropivacaine	HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	46
Rutin and quercetin	β CD and HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	47
Sericoside	β CD and γ CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	48
Sertaconazole	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	49
Sildenafil	α CD, β CD, γ CD and HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	50
Simvastatin	HP β CD	Peaks reduction or disappearance / amorphous material	51
Sulfadiazine	HP β CD	Peaks disappearance / amorphous material	52
Triclosan	β CD and EPI β CD ^e	Peaks reduction / peaks disappearance / amorphous material	53
Zaleplon	β CD	RDC calculation	54
Zerumbone	HP β CD	Amorphous material / formation of a new solid phase	55

^aBMDBM: Butylmethoxydibenzoylmethane^b β CDNS: β -cyclodextrin nanosponges^cAPI: drug was referred by the authors as API due to reasons of Industrial Property Rights^dHPGCD: Hydroxypropyl-gamma cyclodextrin^eEPI β CD: Epichlorohydrin β -CD

Table 2: Some examples of recent studies employing IR for characterization of inclusion complexes.

Guest molecule	Cyclodextrin	Evidence of complexation	Reference
Aceclofenac	HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	61
Acetazolamide	HP β CD	Reduction of the bands	62
Atenolol	RM β CD	Reduction and shift of the bands	63
Berberine chloride	β CD	Disappearance of the bands	64
Bicalutamide	β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	10
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	β CD and EPI β CD	Reduction of the bands	12
Campthothecin	β CDNS ^a	Disappearance of the bands	13
Carvedilol	M β CD	Disappearance of the bands	15
Cefdinir	β CD and HP β CD	Reduction of the bands	5
Cladribine	HP β CD	Disappearance of the bands	65
Etodolac	β CD, HP β CD and γ CD	Reductions and shift of the bands	20
Etoricoxib	β CD	Reduction of the bands	3
Etoricoxib	HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	21
Flavonols	β CD	Shift of the bands	66
Flurbiprofen	HP β CD	Disappearance of the bands	67
Glyburide	β CD and HP β CD	Shift of the bands	26
Granisetron	HP β CD	Disappearance and change of position of the bands	27
Ibuprofeno	β CD	Reduction of the bands	29
Ibuproxam	β CD and derivatives	Disappearance and shift of the bands	30
Irbesartan	β CD	Shift of the bands	32
Itraconazole, econazole and fluconazole	β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	34
Ketoprofen	EPI β CD and EPICM β CD	Shift of the bands	68
Lamotrigine	β CD	Reduction of the bands	36
Loratadine	Heptakis –DM β CD	Shift of the bands	69
Loratadine	Heptakis –DM β CD	Shift of the bands	70
Lorazepam	HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	71
Lovastatin	HP β CD	Reduction of the bands	3
Metformin	Triacetil- β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	2
Miconazole	β CD	Peaks disappearance	38
Naproxen	HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	4
Nimodipine	HP β CD	Reduction of the bands	56
Omeprazole	β CD and M β CD	Reduction of the bands	39
Oxaprozin	β CD, DM β CD and RM β CD	Shift of the bands	41
Piroxicam	HP β CD	Disappearance of the bands	43
Piroxicam	HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	72
Polypropylene glycol	β CD	Disappearance and reduction of the bands	73
Rutin and quercetin	β CD and HP β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	47
Simvastatin	HP β CD	Reduction of the bands	51
Spirolactone	HP β CD	Disappearance of the bands	74
Trazodone	HP β CD	Disappearance of the bands	75
Triclosan	β CD and EPI β CD	Reduction of the bands	53
Vinpocetin	β CD and SBE β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	6
Zaleplon	β CD	Disappearance and shift of the bands	54
Zerumbone	HP β CD	Shift of the bands	55

^a β CDNS: β -CD nanosponges

Table 3: Some examples of recent studies that use NMR in the characterization of inclusion complexes

Guest molecule	Cyclodextrin	NMR type	Reference
A-007 pro-drug	α CD, β CD e γ CD	HNMR, C13NMR	80
Ascorbic acid	HP β CD	C13NMR	79
Benzocain	β CD	HNMR	77
Bisphenol A	β CD	HNMR	81
Celecoxib	HP β CD	HNMR, C13NMR	82
Celecoxib	β CD	HNMR	16
Cladribine	HP β CD	HNMR	65
Clomipramine	β CD and HP β CD	HNMR, C13NMR	83
Coumestrol	β CD	HNMR	84
Di(8-hydroxyquinolon) magnesium	HP β CD	HNMR	85
Diclofenac	α CD, β CD, γ CD and HP β CD	HNMR	86
Dipyridamole	β CD	HNMR	18
Doxepin	β CD	HNMR	87
Enalapril	β CD	HNMR	88
Enalapril maleate	β CD	C13NMR	19
Etoricoxib	HP β CD	HNMR	21
Finasteride	HP β CD	HNMR	23
Flavonols	β CD	HNMR, C13NMR	66
Fluoxetine	β CD	HNMR	89
Hydroxymethyl-nitrofurazone	HP β CD	HNMR	90
Ibuprofen	β CD, M β CD and HP β CD	HNMR	91
Irbesartan	β CD	HNMR	32
Losartan potassium	HP β CD	HNMR and 2D 1 H- 1 H-ROESY	92
Luteolin	β CD, HP β CD and DM β CD	HNMR	93
Maleic, fumaric e L-tartaricacids	β CD	HNMR	94
Midazolam	β CD	HNMR	95
Nitroindazole	β CD e DM β CD	HNMR	96
N-octyl β -D-glucopyranoside	α CD	HNMR	97
Norfloxacin	M β CD	HNMR	98
Omeprazole	β CD e M β CD	HNMR	76
Oridonin	HP β CD	HNMR	40
Paclitaxel	6-O-CAPRO- β CD	HNMR	99
Phenothiazine	β CD	HNMR	100
Piroxicam	HP β CD	HNMR	43
Pyrimethamine	α CD	HNMR	101
Pyrimethamine	HP β CD	HNMR	45
Quinuclidine	α CD	C13NMR	102
Sildenafil	α CD, β CD, γ CD e HP β CD	HNMR	50
Simvastatin	HP β CD	HNMR	103
Sulfadiazine	HP β CD	HNMR	52
Trazodone	HP β CD	HNMR, C13NMR	75
Triclosan	β CD and EPI β CD ^a	2D 1 H- 1 H-ROESY	53

^aEPI β CD: Epichlorohydrin β -CD

INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

Infrared (IR) spectra analysis can be carried out by comparing the bands representing the guest molecule, CD and the physical mixture with the ones representing the complex. Usually the spectrum of the physical mixture is the superposition of guest molecule and CD spectra, although the bands representing the guest molecule are less evident, due to the latter's lower concentration. When complexation occurs, the peaks can change position, diminish or even disappear², as illustrated in Figure 2.

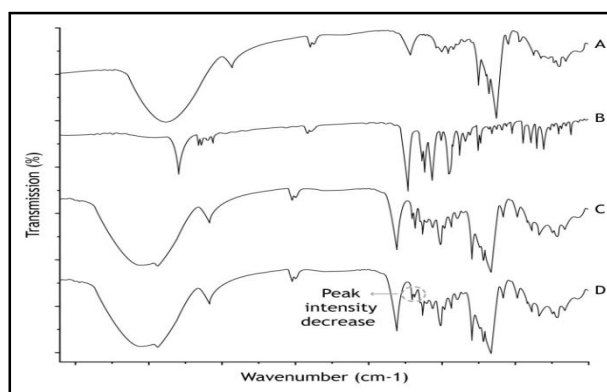


Figure 2: Hypothetical model of analysis by IR spectroscopy of the pure drug (A), CD (B), the physical mixture (C) and the complex (D).

The modification of some of the bands representing the guest molecule is indicative that only part of the molecule has been encapsulated by CD. The portion that has not been complexed is responsible for the presence of any unchanged bands⁵⁶.

However, it is important to emphasize that when complexation occurs, the bands representing CD remain unchanged, and if the guest molecule does not present a very characteristic band, the changes may be imperceptible¹. Some authors report difficulty in interpreting results due to the lack of a band representing the guest molecule that produces noticeable changes^{40,57,58}. There are still other authors who have obtained inconclusive results^{59,60}.

Recent studies employing IR to evaluate the formation of inclusion complexes are presented in Table 2.

NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) is a technique that has been widely employed to determine the formation of inclusion complexes, because it has the advantage of being able to reveal the structure of the complex by identifying the part of the host molecule that is included in the CD cavity¹.

There are six protons in CD that can be used in the analysis of the NMR spectra of hydrogen (HNMR): three located in the outer surface (H1, H2 and H4), two in the cavity (H3 and H5), H3 near the wider exit and H5 near the narrow side. The last proton, H6, is closer to the narrow output of the cavity. The changes that occur in CD are usually in H3 and H5 and sometimes in H6, depending on the depth that the guest molecule enters the CD cavity^{76,77}, as illustrated in Figure 3.

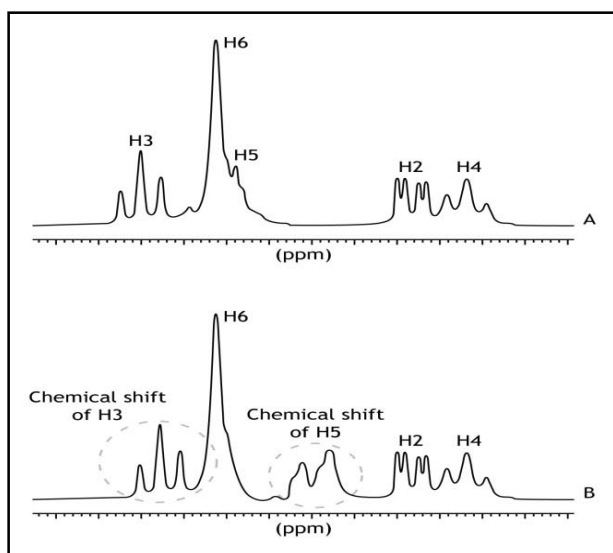


Figure 3: Hypothetical model of analysis by HNMR of CD (A) and inclusion complex (B).

Due to the formation of chemical bonds, when complexation occurs, signal changes take place in CD and guest molecule spectra^{60,78}.

Another technique employed in the characterization of CD complexes is carbon 13 NMR (C13NMR). The results reveal the part of the guest molecule that has been encapsulated by CD, complementing the HRMN information⁷⁹.

Recent studies that use NMR to assess the formation of inclusion complexes are presented in Table 3.

CONCLUSION

A complete characterization of drug-cyclodextrin inclusion complex can be obtained using several analytical techniques as described in a previous review - part I. The analytical tools described in this review can show important details of the molecules whose, in addition with other techniques as phase solubility diagrams, dissolution studies and scanning electron microscopy can generate a more complete characterization of the formed complexes.

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