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(57) Abstract :
The present invention relates to the preparation and evaluation of lornoxicam loaded alginate-okra gum or ethyl cellulose microspheres. The microspheres were prepared by using sodium alginate with natural polymer and synthetic polymers in different ratios by Ca2+ induced ionic-gelation cross-linking. The formulations were optimized on the basis of drug release. The formulated microspheres were characterized for particle size, percentage drug entrapment efficiency, micromeritic properties, percentage swelling index and in-vitro drug release study. The microspheres exhibited good flow properties and also showed high percentage drug entrapment efficiency. In-vitro drug release data obtained were fitted to various release kinetic models to access the suitable mechanism of drug release. In conclusion, drug release over a period of time could be achieved from these prepared microspheres, and potentially used for intestinal drug delivery.

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