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DESIGNING INNOVATIVE TOPICAL OCULAR NANOFIBROUS DOSAGE FOR LOCAL DRUG OF DRUGS USING NANOTECHNOLOGY APPROACH

A major challenge emanating in the design of topical ophthalmic preparations is their short precorneal residence time. Retention of a drug delivery system in the front of the eye is thus desirable. Due to advances in nanotechnological field, nanofibrous patch based retentive system has been proposed and developed that can preferably be delivered in a solid ultrathin patch and ultimately remain attached to the corneal/non corneal tissue owing to their inherent characteristics. Present invention relates to nano-ocular patch, particular nanofibers for the delivery of therapeutic entities via posterior and anterior ocular route. Nano-patch of present invention provides comfortable and controlled delivery of encapsulated therapeutics constantly over a period of several days. Nanofibers can be used for ocular drug delivery carrier for the treatment of eye infections. Moreover, the formulation is capable of maintaining drug release at the site of administration. Positive Biocompatibility and toxicity studies have also demonstrated the potential and utility of nanofibrous ocular insert.

Outcomes of developed technology has been already patented (204/DEL/2014, 16/2014) and technology was transferred to Oniosomes Healthcare @ 5 Lacs (Rs.) + 3 % Royalty in association with NRDC, New Delhi. Pharmacokinetics studies proved the efficacy and safety of this nanopatch in the treatment of glaucoma. Now, company is trying to perform clinical efficacy and safety of this technology in human before mass commercialization of aforesaid technology (Project was funded from BIRAC). My two M. Pharm. student (supervisor) and one as co-guidance have completed their work on project on ocular delivery of using nanofibers as carrier systems. Further, more than 20 publications have been published in peer reviewed international journals in the field of nanofibers.

Furthermore, our team successfully delivered insulin via sublingual administration using composite nanofibers. The developed formulation exhibited pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics performance comparable to its marketed counterparts (intra peritoneal insulin). The patented technology was transferred to National Research Development Corporation, New Delhi, India. Some of the companies are touch with NRDC and are keen on the transfer of developed technology.

We are extensively indulges in the exploration of nanofiber technology pertaining to enhance permeability, solubility, drug loading, and drug release. We strongly believe that scientific outcomes of above study further supporting utility of nanofiber for ophthalmic drug delivery.

- Selection of solvent and polymer combination is crucial to achieve high drug loading efficacy.
- In general drug solubility is increased in nanofibers apart from the physiological aspect of nanofibers. Judicious selection of polymer and solvent seems to inevitable to achieve higher solubility of water insoluble drugs.
- Nanofiber exhibit excellent mucoadhesive properties make it particularly suitable for transmucosal drug delivery through various mucosal sites.
- Antimicrobial studies have conducted for various drugs clearly demonstrated higher efficacy against plain drug could be related to its ability to increased drug solubility and controlled release mechanism.
- Nanofiber exhibit sufficient tensile strength makes it suitable to withstand wear and tear experienced during packaging and transport.

The next step in the process is the design of formulation protocol for thermodynamically unstable biomolecules. We have also made significant augmentation in understanding, methods, application and theory of electrospun nanofibers for drug delivery applications. Our group is also exploring nanofibers for the topical delivery of pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals in the treatment of buccal cancer, cervical cancer, mouth ulcer and eye problems.

1. INDIAN PATENT (Granted)

Title: A process for preparing medicated nano patch from nanofibre and its composition

Application No. 204/DEL/2014

Patent No. 311049 (Dated 09/04/2019)

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Summary of the invention:

Present invention relates to medicated nano-patch prepared by nano-fibres comprising of biodegradable and non-biodegradable polymer for treating topical, intra-ocular and periocular pathological conditions of the eye. Nano-patch of present invention provides comfortable and controlled delivery of encapsulated therapeutics constantly over a period of several months. The nano-patches are formed of a composition comprising of biodegradable or non-

biodegradable polymer, a therapeutic active component and optionally, a plasticizer, and optional additive (s). The present invention relates to polymeric nano sized structures called nano-patch for delivery of therapeutic entities via ocular route. More particularly, the polymeric nanosized structures i.e. nanopatches prepared from nanofibres which are prepared from composition comprising of mucoadhesive polymer or polymeric composites to pass on a therapeutic active compound, thereby assuring a considerable permanence time in the area of application providing a controlled release of the therapeutic active compound.

The present invention basically relates to polymeric nano sized structures called nano-patch for delivery of therapeutic entities via ocular route. More particularly, the polymeric nanosized structures i.e. nanopatches prepared from nanofibres which are prepared from composition comprising of mucoadhesive polymer or polymeric composites to pass on a therapeutic active compound, thereby assuring a considerable permanence time in the area of application providing a controlled release of the therapeutic active compound.

Claims:

WE CLAIM

1. Polymeric nano-fiber based patches for ocular delivery prepared from a composition comprising a polymer ranging from 5% to 15% (w/w) ; drug plasticizers from 0.01% (w/w) to 5% (w/w) , penetration enhancer, buffer system and tonicity reagent.
2. The nano patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is poly vinyl alcohol having an average molecular weight in the range from about ranging from 9000 g/mol to 124,000 g/mol.
3. The nano patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is sodium alginate of average molecular weight in the range from about ranging from 10000 g/mol to 600,000 g/mol.
4. The nano patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is selected from group consisting of biodegradable and non-biodegradable polymers consisting of agarose, chitosan, gelatin, Hyaluronic acid various gums (guar, hakea, xanthan, gellan, carragenan, pectin, and sodium alginate) Synthetic Cellulose derivatives, copolymer of acrylic acid, PEG, poly(alkylcyanoacrylate) and blends and copolymers thereof.
5. The nano patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises an additional therapeutically active agent selected from the group consisting of antibacterial antibiotic agent, synthetic antibacterial agent, antifungal antibiotic agent, synthetic antifungal agent,

antineoplastic agent, steroidal anti-inflammatory agent, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent, anti-allergic agent, glaucoma-treating agent, antiviral agent and anti-mycotic agent.

6. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises an additional antibiotics selected from a group aminoglycosides or a combination thereof.

7. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a polymer selected from the group of nondegradable polymers consisting of nylon, polyurethane, polycarbonate, polyacrylonitrile, polyethyleneoxide, polyaniline, polyvinyl carbazole, polystyrene and poly(vinyl phenol) and the group of biodegradable polymers consisting of polyhydroxyacids, poly(caprolactone, polyanhydrides, polyhydroxyalkanoates, polyurethanes, collagen, alginate, chitosan, and hyaluronic acid, blends and copolymers thereof.

8. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprising of plasticizers, preferably low volatile substances with average molecular weights between 200 and 400 such as diesters derived from dicarboxylic acids (e.g. sebacic acid, azelaic acid) or from ethylene glycol and propylene glycol, citric acid (tributylcitrate, triethylcitrate) or glycerol (triacetin, tributyrin) and a mixture thereof, in a range of 0.1 to 3 % w/w of total composition.

9. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprising penetration enhancer selected from the group consisting of β -cyclodextrin, sodium lauryl sulphate, sodium glycocholate, sodium deoxycholate, sodium laurate, glyceryl monolaurate peppermint oil, spearmint oil, menthol, pepper oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon oil, ginger oil, fennel oil, and dill oil, hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, lauric acid, palmitic acid, benzoic acid, poly(alkylene oxide), a polyvinyl alcohol, and a polycarboxylic acid

polymer and a mixture thereof in a range of 0.5 – 10 % wt by weight of total composition.

10. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a buffer system selected from the group consisting of borate buffers, phosphate buffers, citrate buffers, and combinations and mixtures thereof.

11. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises of tonicity agents selected from the group consisting of dextrose, NaCl, KCl, ZnCl₂, CaCl₂, and MgCl₂.

12. The nanopatch as claimed in claim 1 wherein nanopatch has a length of from 1 mm to 30 mm, a width of from 1 mm to 30 mm and a thickness of from 0.001 mm to 2 mm.

13. Method of preparing nanopatch from nano-fibres forming polymers comprises: - electrospinning a solution comprising of polymer and active therapeutic component or with a carrier and pharmaceutically acceptable additives -cross-linking, phase separation, melt fibrillation, gas jet, melts blower or nano litrography.

14. The method of producing nano-fibres as claimed in 13 wherein the solution for electrospinning has a viscosity ranging from 200 – 1000 cps and a surface tension ranging from 43.5 – 46.5 mN/m.

15. The method of producing nano-fibres as claim 13, wherein the composition has a pH ranging from 5 to 8.5.

16. The method of producing nano-fibres as claim 13, wherein nano-fibers are produced by electrospinning a solution comprising of a polymer and active therapeutic agent.

2. Development and characterization of nano-fiber patch for the treatment of glaucoma, T Garg, B Malik, G Rath, AK Goyal, European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences 2014, 53, 10-16

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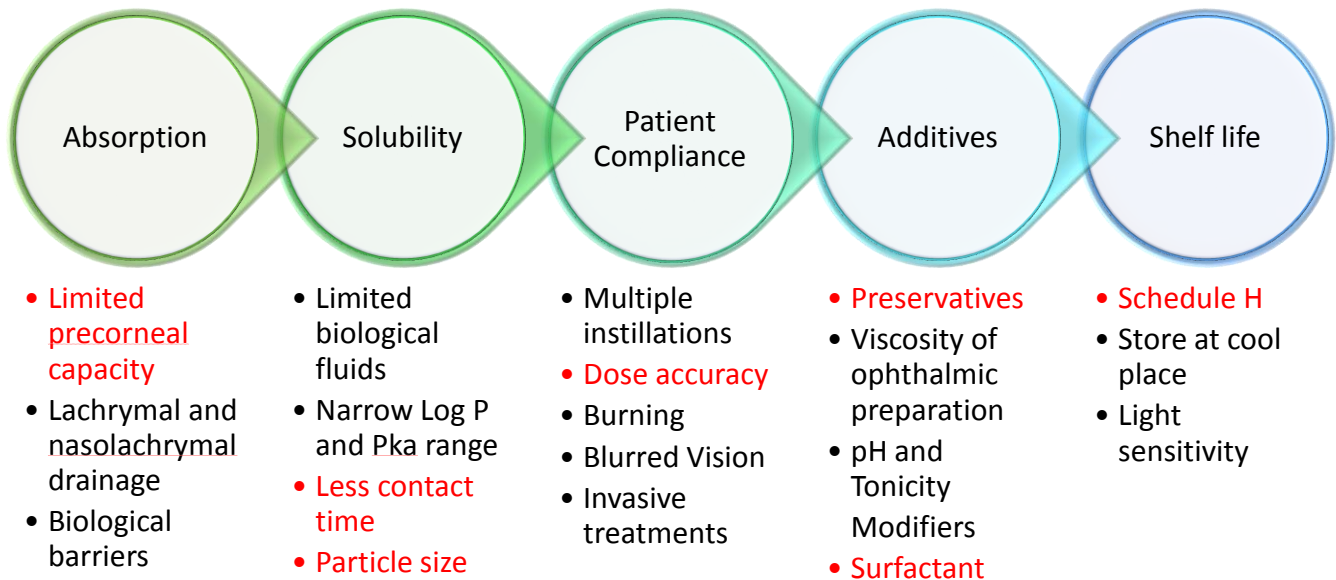
In the present work polymeric nano-fiber patches was developed for the effective treatment of glaucoma using timolol maleate and dorzolamide hydrochloride as model drugs. The nano-fibers were prepared by electrospinning technique and were characterized on the basis of fiber diameter, morphology, entrapment efficiency, mucoadhesive strength, and drug release behavior, etc. Final formulations were inserted in the cul-de-sac of glaucoma induced rabbits and the efficacy of the formulation was evaluated. The results clearly indicated the potential of the developed formulation for occur drug delivery. There was a significant fall in the intraocular pressure compared to commercial eye drops.



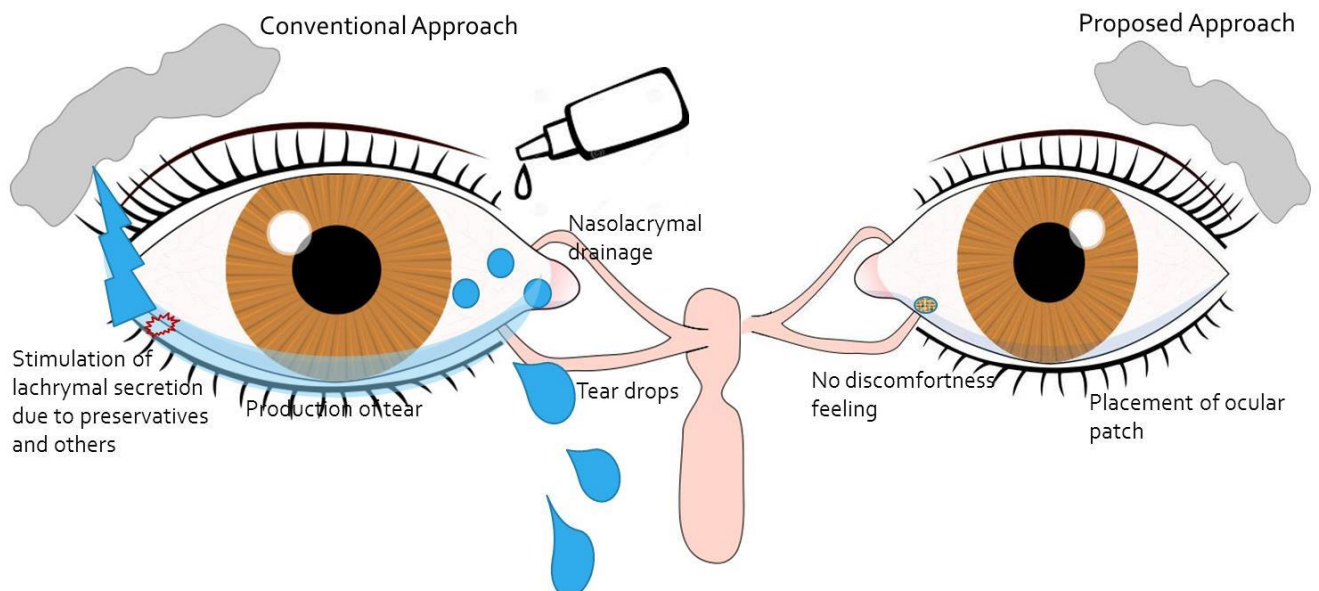
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MAJOR CHALLENGES

The eye is the most accessible organ for the delivery of drugs directly at the site without introducing it into the systemic circulation. Topical medications remain the cornerstone of treatment for ocular diseases including infections, uveitis diseases, ocular hypertension and glaucoma, among other. However treatment of ocular diseases poses number of unique challenges

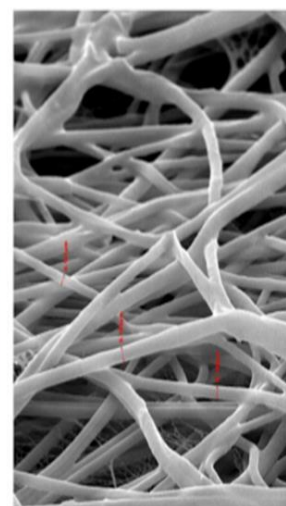
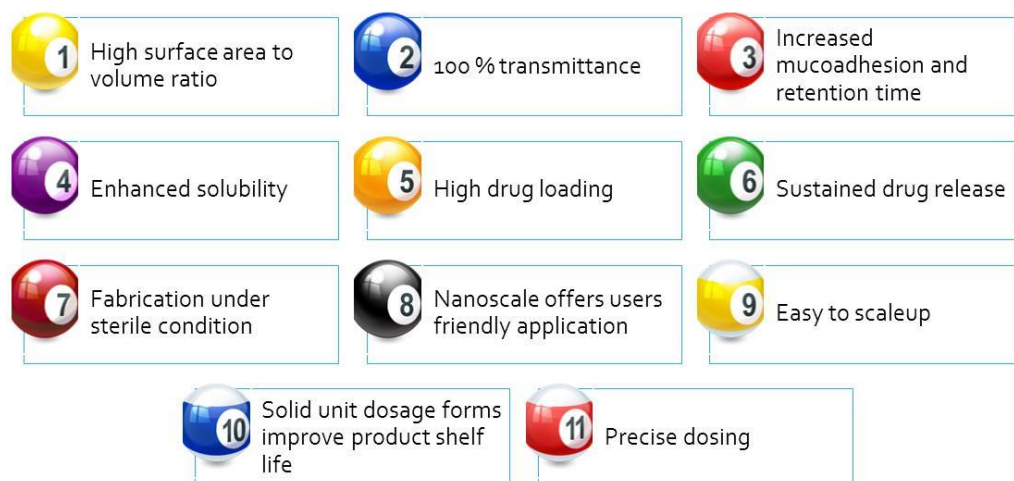


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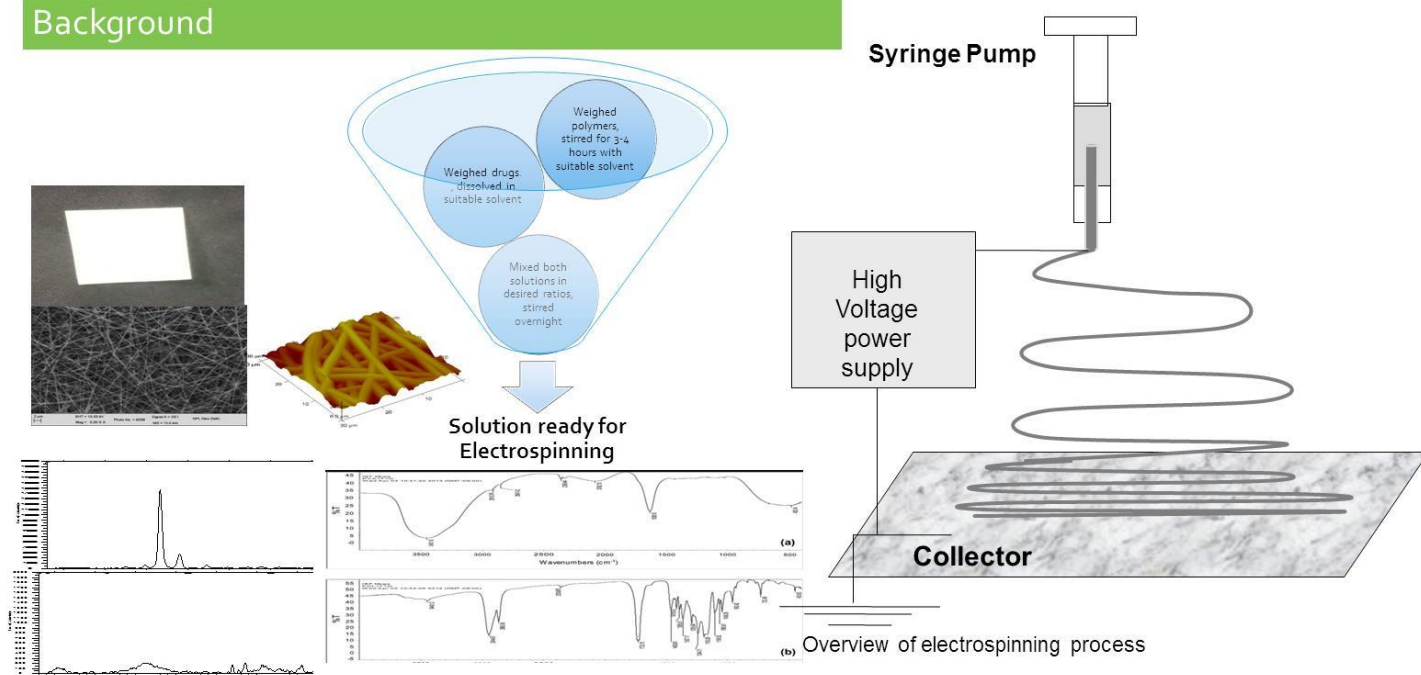


WHY NANOFIBER OCULAR PATCH?

Nano-fibrous ocular patch may be described as single, sterile, thin, and multilayered, drug impregnated, solid unit dosage form designed for application in eye. The drug is either encapsulated or entrapped in the Nano-fibrous patch which have advantages as they increases the residence of the drug in the eye so a sustained release dosage form would be formulated. Both kind of polymers (Biodegradable and non-biodegradable) may be selected as per need.



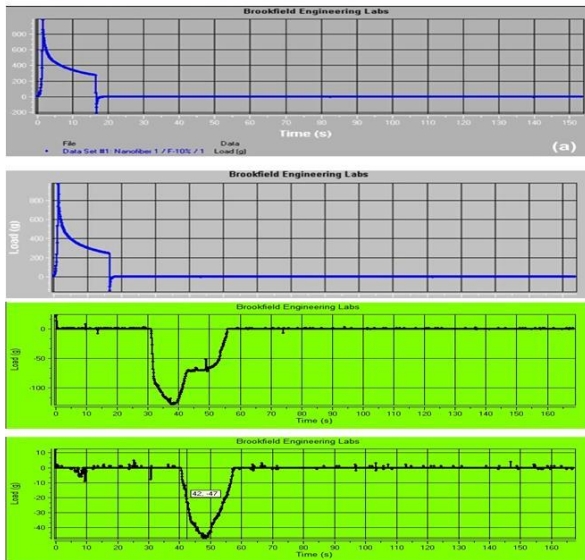
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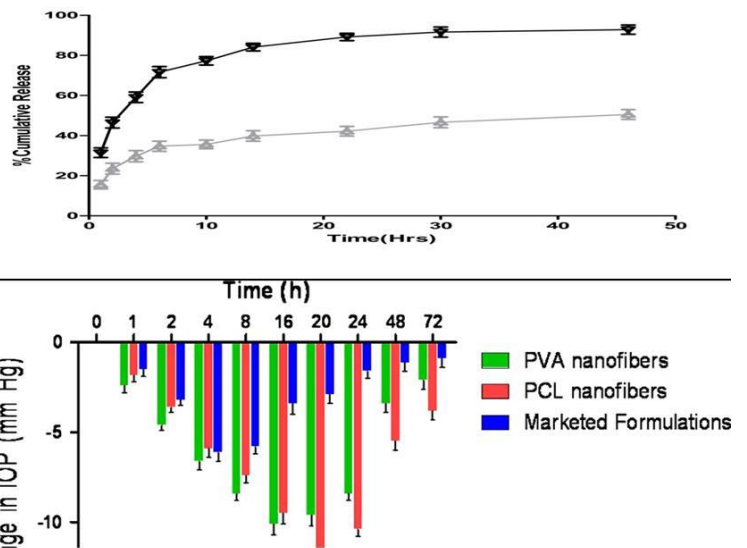
Highlights: Morphological studies confirms the nonwoven, uniform fibers. Fibers diameter found to be decreased after the addition of drugs

Highlights: Chemical and thermal analysis confirms the presence of drug and indicated the drug was present in amorphous state in the nanofiber

Background



Highlights: Lower fiber diameter of drug loaded nanofibers ensures higher fiber density per unit area leads high mucoadhesive strength and tensile strength



Highlights: Results indicated an initial burst release was followed by sustained drug release behaviour. Nano-fiber formulation showed the significant reduction in IOP for the prolonged time period

Information regarding IPR

Patent application filed covering nanofiber patch for ocular delivery of therapeutics. Since the technology is first time ever used for ocular drug delivery. Therefore it has immense potential to explore the drug delivery application of nanofibers using different route of drug administration.

Patent

- "Topical Non-fibrous ocular implants"
- Application No. 204/DEL/2014, Pub. No. 16/2014

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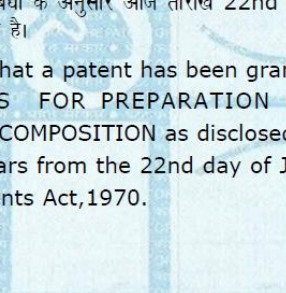

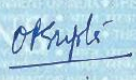
- Marketing potential is evident by response from Alcon Novartis, Lakeforest, CA, USA; International Eye Scientific Committee, Texas, USA; NRDC, Govt. of India and international consultant InnoCentive Inc., Onisomes Healthcare, Chandigarh

Competitors technology

- Currently no product on the proposed carrier is available for the treatment of glaucoma. However The ring, called Helios, is a silicone ring loaded with the bimatoprost was shown to reduce eye pressure during six-month trials, suggesting a more reliable treatment that is easier for patients to use and doctors to monitor



More than 20 publications have been published in peer reviewed international journals in the field of nanofibers. In addition to this, Some of the hospital and research center have also consented for clinical trials of one of our nanofibrous product.

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