

## Modification of Starch with Allopurinol and Ampicilline as Sulfonamide Derivatives

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### Abstract

The available hydroxyl groups on the starch chains potentially exhibit reactivity specific for alcohols which were modified with chlorosulfonic acid at zero°C to yield starch sulfonic acid P<sub>1</sub>, then substitution of P<sub>1</sub> to its corresponding drug derivatives such as with allopurinole or ampicilline P<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>3</sub> respectively. The new prepared starch derivatives were characterized by FT.IR and UV. Spectroscopy. The physical properties were studied. Thermal analyses were recorded and swelling % were studied, Controlled drug release were measured at different pH values at 37°C. Intrinsic viscosities were measured using Ostwald viscometer at 30°C. This technique through which stomach drug targeting can be achieved as timed released system.

### Introduction

Starch is mainly composed of two homopolymers of D-glucose[1]: amylose, a mostly linear  $\alpha$ -D(1,4)-glucan and branched amylopectin, having the same backbone structure as amylose but with many  $\alpha$ -1,6-linked branch chains two secondary hydroxyl groups at C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> of each glucose residue, as well as one primary hydroxyl group at C-6 when it is not linked[2]. Various physical or chemical modifications of starch such as blending, derivation and graft copolymerization have been investigated to improve the properties of starch [3]. Starch and Chitosan are abundant naturally according polysaccharide.

Both of them are cheap, renewable, nontoxic and biodegradable [4]. Starch is a natural polymer which possesses many unique properties and some shortcomings simultaneously [5]. Choice of the initiator is one of the main controlling factors in the graft yield and graft reaction efficiency percent [6, 8]. Many researchers have studied the graft polymerization on starch with vinyl monomers initiated by ceric salts [9,10]. In the work, the modification of starch as natural polymer with some drugs could attach through sulfonamide group which could be hydrolyzed for controlled drug release in different pH values, and to minimize the side effect of the substituted drug.

### Experimental

#### Materials and Instruments

Allopurinol and ampicilline were obtained from College of Pharmacy, Starch was purchased from BDH.

All chemical materials were used without further purification.

U.V spectra were recorded by a Shimadzu UV-vis-60.

Shimadzu FT-IR8000 series Fourier transform infra red Spectrophotometer (Japan).

Thermo gravimetric analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu. 60 instrument (Japan), it was heated at 10°C min<sup>-1</sup> in air (normal).

#### Sulfonation of Starch P<sub>1</sub>

(3g, 0.019mole) of starch was solubilized into 10ml of anhydrous DMF. The mixture was introduced in a round bottomed flask equipped with condenser and dropping funnel which contained excess of chlorosulfonic acid (1.5ml, 0.06mole) was added dropwise with vigorously stirred at 0°C about 1day. The reaction mixture was heated at 40°C for 1hr. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum; A brown precipitate was formed, washed with ether and dried. It is easily soluble in water or ethanol.

#### Substitution of sulfonated starch P<sub>2</sub>,P<sub>3</sub>

1mole ratio of sulfonated starch with 1mole of the suitable drug such as allopurinol or ampicilline were solubilized in DMF, the

mixture was stirred and heated at 40°C for 30mins. The solvent was evaporated and the modified polymer was collected (11), washed with ether and dried. Table 1 lists the physical properties of P<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>3</sub>.

**Table (1)**  
**Physical properties of P<sub>1</sub>-P<sub>3</sub> starch -O- SO<sub>2</sub>-X.**

Starch No.	X	S.P. <sup>o</sup> C	$\mu$ in dl/g	Color	Yield %
P <sub>1</sub>	-OH	200-210	0.21	Brown	70
P <sub>2</sub>	O-Allopurinone	148-155	0.23	Deep brown	45
P <sub>3</sub>	O-Ampicillin	241-249	0.22	Gray	48

S.P= Softening point,  
 $\mu$ in dl/g =Intrinsic viscosity.

### Thermal Analysis

Thermal analysis was performed using a TGA instruments Q10 at different scanning calorimeter equipped a RCS accessory under nitrogen atmosphere. The standard procedure is applied (11,12): the sample (about 5mg) was heated at 300°C for

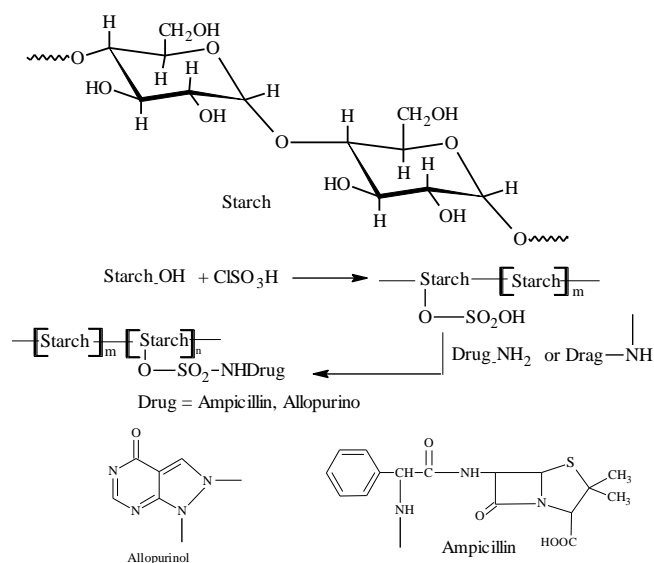
5min in order to eliminate the influence of thermal history and the effect of heat treatment on the crystalline structure of the materials then cooled down to 50°C and then reheated to 300°C to record the melting temperature. Quantitative analysis correspond to the amount of pendant sulfonic groups incorporated into starch was performed by a titration method as follows: 0.1g of modified polymer was put in 10ml of ethanol was directly titrated to a phenolphthalein end point using sodium hydroxide (0.05M) in methanol. The mole percentage of the sulfonated starch, and without modification was also titrated as a blank value.

### In vitro controlled drug release study:

100 mg of P<sub>2</sub> or P<sub>3</sub> drug polymers were placed in 100ml of buffer solution with pH 1.1 or 7.4 at 37°C. 3ml of solution was tested using UV. Spectrophotometry at suitable  $\lambda_{max}$  the measurements of UV. Spectra were recorded continuously for every day. The controlled drug release was included weight% of drug release respect to time as shown in Fig.(1).

### Results and Discussion

To improve the controlled drug release to sustained drug system, the drug was bonded with sulfonated starch as illustrated below:



In this work the starch was used as natural polymer because it is totally biodegradable in a wide variety of environments. It can be hydrolyzed into glucose by microorganisms or enzymes and metabolized into carbon dioxide and water [13].

Starch sulfonamide drug can be utilized as carriers for selective and sustained delivery of drug as pharmaceutical agent. The delivery of drug at a sustained rate, targeted delivery of drugs at specific sites to minimize toxicity and enhanced selectivity for certain antitumor agents. The prepared drug starch polymers P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> with remaining some of -SO<sub>3</sub>H groups through the chains as pendant groups (14). These prepared polymers P<sub>2</sub> & P<sub>3</sub> could be hydrolyzed through chemical sulfonamide with gradually release at acidic medium is higher than basic medium as shown in Fig.(1) and as explained in the following mechanism:

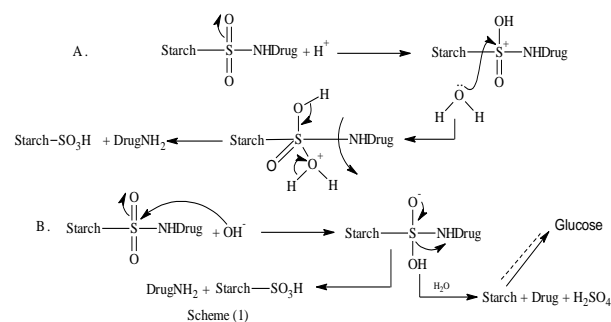


Fig.(1) shows controlled drug release and according to UV. Spectra in acidic and basic medium are as shown in Fig.(2) at  $\lambda_{\max}=350\text{nm}$  of starch ampicillin sulfonamide in pH1.1.

This prepared natural drug polymers were appeared as good thermally stable polymers with softening point at  $148\text{-}155^\circ\text{C}$  of  $P_2$  and at  $241\text{-}249^\circ\text{C}$  of  $P_3$ . The high swelling % of the two polymers  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  in water due to their solubility, which attributed to remained  $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  groups with 25% which was calculated by titration. FT.IR spectrum of  $P_3$ , Fig.(4) shows the absorption of OH -Starch at  $3450\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $3200\text{cm}^{-1}$  of NH sulfonamide, The C-H aromatic of ampicilline was observed at  $3049\text{cm}^{-1}$  and C-H aliphatic was observed at  $2965\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the C=O of  $\beta$ -lactame of ampicilline was revealed at  $1734\text{cm}^{-1}$  and C=O amide at  $1685\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the  $\text{SO}_2$  asymmetric and symmetric

absorption was appeared at  $1370\text{-}1170\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the absorption at  $1119\text{cm}^{-1}$  is due to C-O stretching of ether-starch. The broad band was observed of  $3500\text{-}2950\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to OH carboxylic acid of ampicilline.

Fig.(5) FT.IR of  $P_2$  allopurinol starch sulfonamide shows the absorption at  $3444\text{cm}^{-1}$  of OH and at  $3216\text{cm}^{-1}$  of NH sulfonamide and  $3135\text{cm}^{-1}$  of NH of the drug CH-unsaturated at  $3076\text{cm}^{-1}$  and CH aliphatic at  $2910\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and for C=O group at  $1735\text{cm}^{-1}$  and for C=C at  $1645\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the asymmetrical and symmetrical  $\text{SO}_2$  absorptions were revealed at  $1370\text{-}1180\text{cm}^{-1}$ . We concluded from these results that the prepared drug starch sulfonamide polymers could release at sustained rate in acidic medium in stomach site with more selectivity action, which could be used as coating with pH sensitive polymer, coating with biodegradable polymers as starch derivatives.

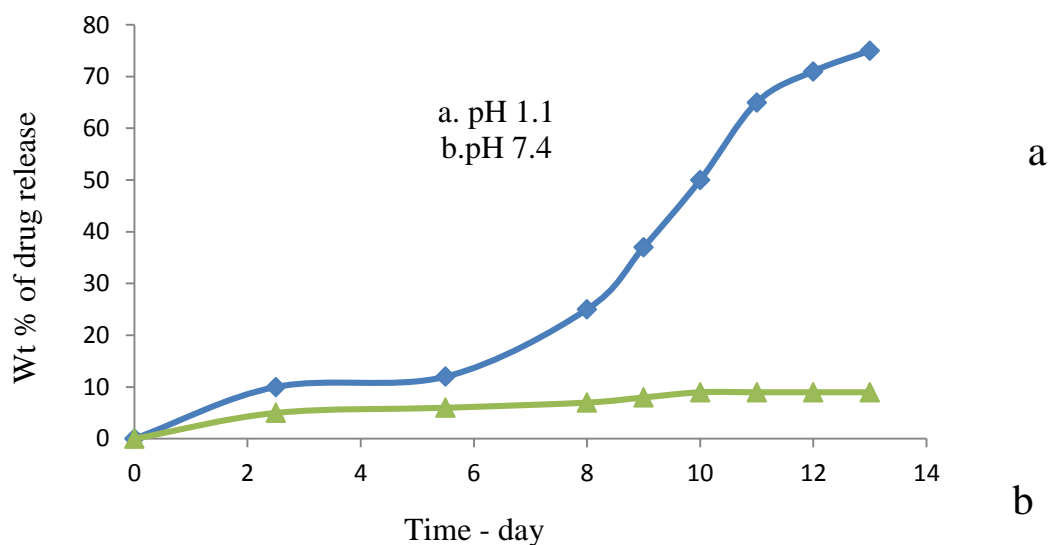
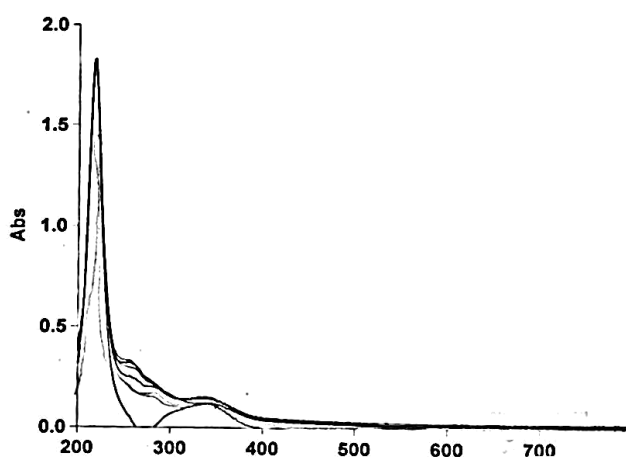
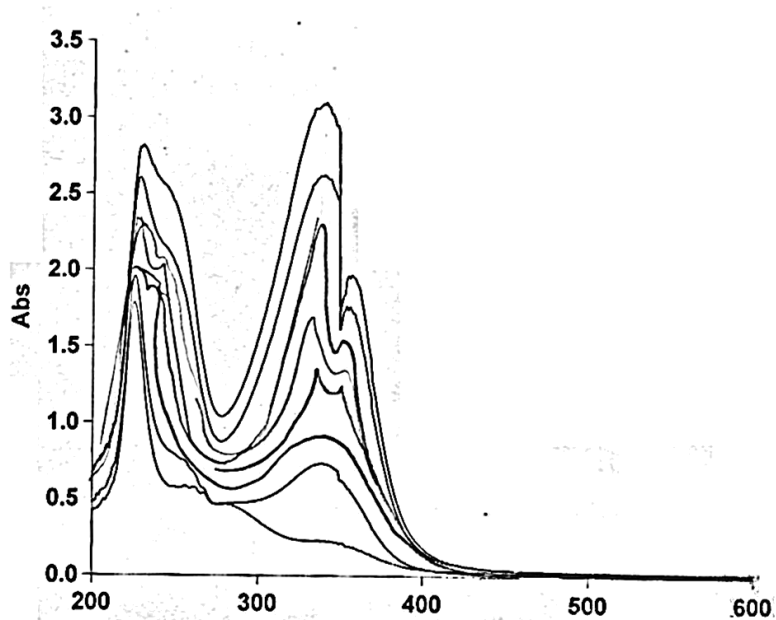


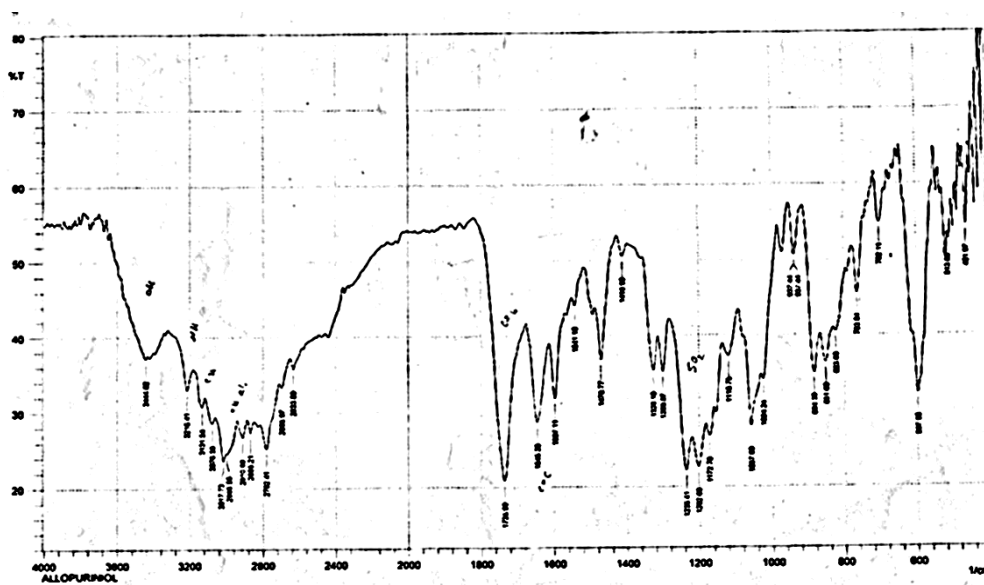
Fig.(1) Controlled drug release at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  of  $P_2$ .



*Fig.(2) Uv spectra of Starch Ampicilin sulfonamide at pH 7.4.*



*Fig.(3) Uv spectra of controlled drug release at 37°C of P2 at pH1.1.*



*Fig.(4) FTIR of ampicillin with starch sulfonate P2.*

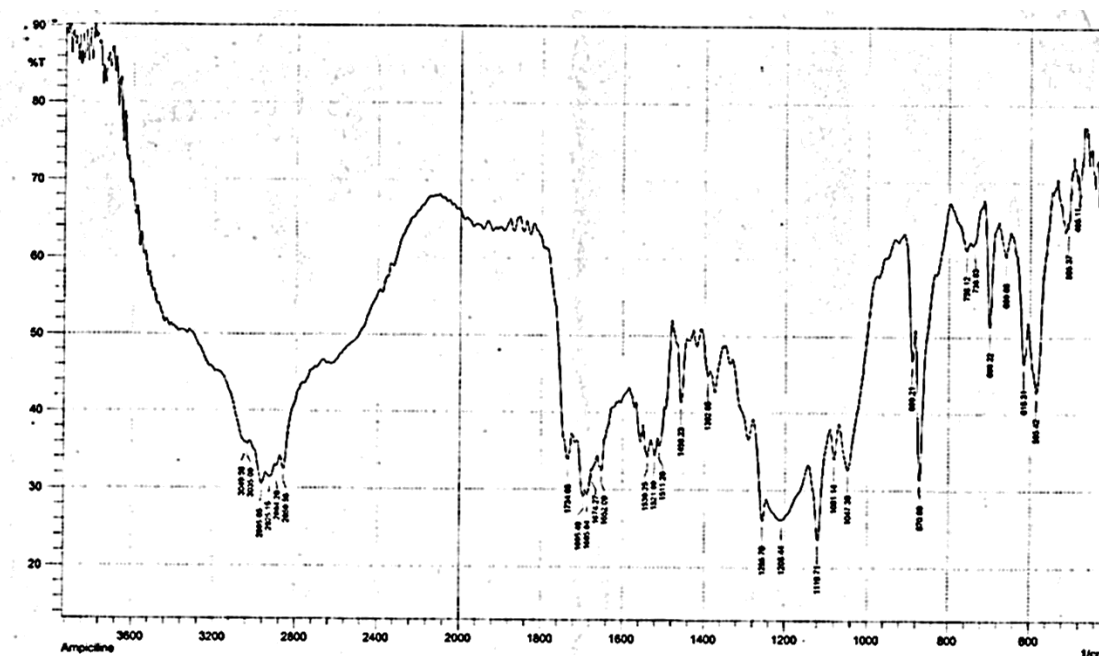


Fig.(5) FTIR of Allopurinol with starch sulfonate P3.

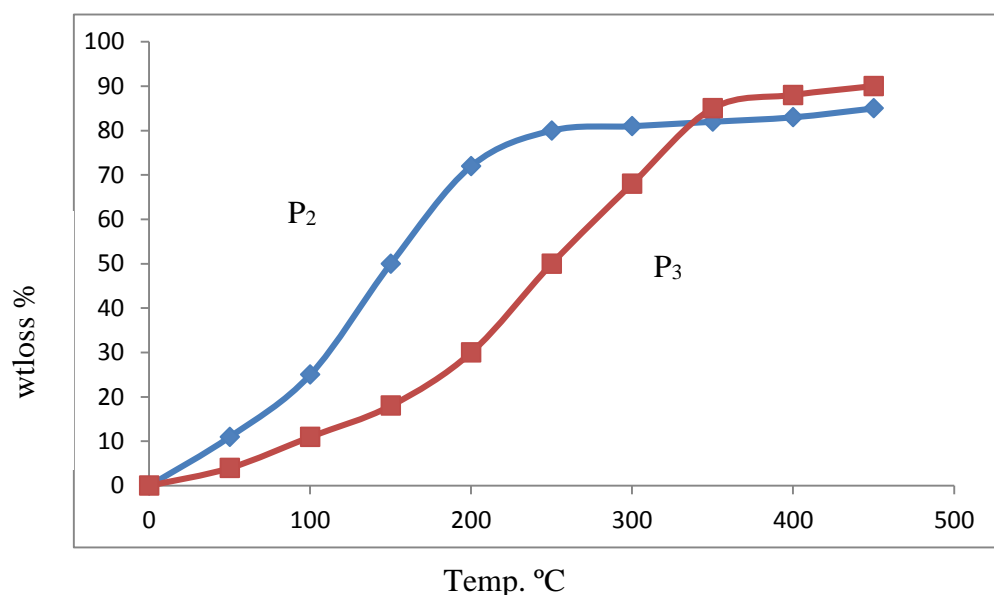


Fig.(6) Thermal analysis of prepared P2& P3.

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## الخلاصة

ان وجود مجاميع الهيدروكسيل على سلاسل النشا من المتوقع ان تكون فعالة كمجاميع كحولية حيث حُورت مع حامض الكلوروسلفونك بدرجة صفر درجة مئوية الى النشا المسلفن (P<sub>1</sub>). ثم عوض (P<sub>1</sub>) الى المشتق الدوائي المقابل مع الالوبيورينول او الامبيسيلين مثل البوليميرين (P<sub>2</sub>,P<sub>3</sub>). شُخصت البوليميرات المحورة بواسطة مطياف الاشعة تحت الحمراء والاشعة فوق البنفسجية. دُرست الصفات الفيزيائية وأجريت التحاليل الحرارية، وحسبت النسب المئوية للانتفاخ. وقيست سرع التحرر الدوائي المحكم بدوال حامضية مختلفة بدرجة ٣٧°م. قيسست اللزوجة الجوهرية باستعمال جهاز اللزوجة الاوستوالد بدرجة ٣٠°م. هذا التحوير للنشا يهدف الى نظام التحرر الدوائي في المعدة كوسط قاعدي.

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