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Abstract:

The aim of the present study was to develop a novel pH sensitive gelatin methacrylate hydrogel for the controlled delivery of Gentamicin (GS) and Ampicillin (Amp). GS and Amp having synergistic activity is effective in killing multi drug resistant bacteria. The hydrogel was well characterized using FTIR, XRD and SEM techniques. The drug loading and encapsulation efficiency were found to be 85.0 and 77.0% for GS, 79.0 and 88.0 % for Amp, respectively. The *invitro* swelling, degradation and release profiles suggest the pH dependent behaviour of hydrogel. DPPH Assay confirmed the role of 2-amino guanidine in nullifying the side effect of GS and inhibition percentage of DDLHG is found to be 85.0 %. Antimicrobial studies revealed the increased efficiency of the drug combination in killing bacteria.

<u>Keywords:</u> Gentamicin; Combination therapy; Synergism; Polymer drug conjugate; Multi drug resistance; Gelatin methacrylate.

1. Introduction

Hydrogels are hydrophilic three dimensional macromolecular network, which imbibes large amount of water without dissolving due to chemical, physical or both types of crosslinking [1-3]. Considering their characteristic property of swelling in water, hydrophilicity, biocompatibility, biodegradability, in toxicity etc and their ability to respond to the external stimuli like pH, temperature, light, magnetic and electric field, certain chemicals and enzymes, they are usually named as "smart", "intelligent", "stimuli Download English Version:

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