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PURPOSE

The aim of this study was to develop a video-microscopic method to evaluate the effect of a precipitation inhibitor (PI) on supersaturated solutions of the poorly soluble drug tadalafil using a novel small scale setup.

CONCLUSION

• Tadalafil shows a prolonged induction time and a reduced growth rate in presence of HPMC.
• To significantly prolong the induction time and decrease particle growth, 0.01 % w/v HPMC is needed.
• This is a promising tool for evaluating the effect of PI's on induction time and crystallization rate of supersaturated systems of poorly soluble drugs.

METHOD

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RESULTS

Proof of Concept using the commercial software

Segmentation

Improved Image analysis

Top: Induction time for tadalafil in presence of HPMC
Bottom: The area of one well defined particle per well as a function of time, with different HPMC conc., mean ± SD, n=3-24

Top: Induction time for tadalafil in presence of HPMC
Bottom: The total particle area as a function of time, with different HPMC conc., mean ± SD, n=24

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