

# Sugar coating

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- Sugar coating is the traditional method of coating tablets
- It involves successive application of sucrose based solutions to tablet cores. تحتوي على السكر و مواد إضافيه أخرى
- It is less common nowadays than film coating
- It takes time from hours to few days.
- The increase in tablet weight is 30-50 %
- In general the equipments used in film coating can, with suitable modification, be used for sugar-coating techniques.
- Methods of applying the coating syrup include manually using a ladle or by spraying.

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طرق تطبيق سكر  
Coating



Sugar coated tablets



Film coated tablets

1 Compressed core



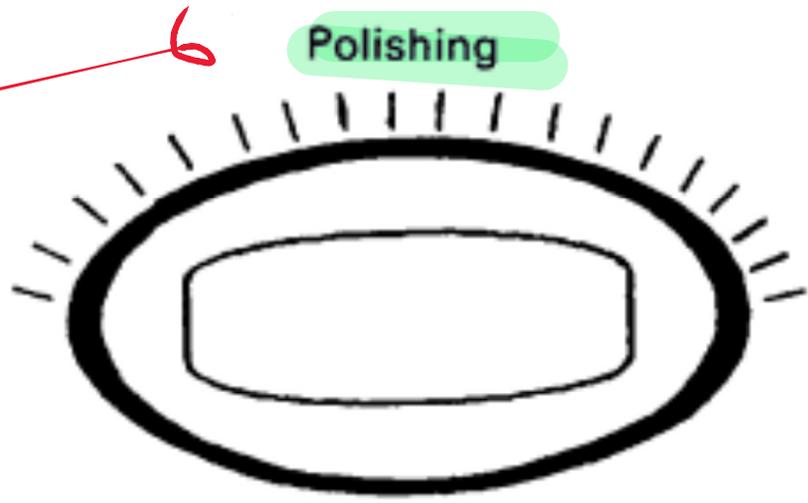
2 Sealing → تكوين هيتة عازلة



3 Subcoating and smoothing هيا العملية بتلغي الحواف



5 Coloured coating



6 Polishing

The stages in sugar coating

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## 1. Sealing of the tablet core

أي شيء يدي ياه يعزل الرطوبه  
بسميه sealing

- A seal coat is applied to prevent moisture penetration into the tablet core (especially needed in pan-ladling processes).
- In spray processes, it is possible to adjust the application of the subcoats and coat so that localized overwetting does not occur and therefore no need for sealing.

بعمليه ال spraying لا نحتاج  
لخطوة ال sealing

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المواد المستخدمة بال sealing

## *Examples of materials used in sealing:*

- Shellac

هي مادة تستخرج من الحشرات

- This is a purified resinous secretion of the insect *Laccifer lacca*.
- It suffers from occasional supply problems and quality variation.
- there are also stability problems associated with increased disintegration and dissolution times on storage. بتعاني من مشكله ال stability إنه مع الوقت بزيد ال disintegration time للحبوب.

- Zein (extracted from corn gluten meal )

- cellulose acetate phthalate

- polyvinyl acetate phthalate

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#في هذه العمليه بنستخدم ال  
sugar syrup

## 2. Subcoating

- The subcoating is applied to round the edges and **build up the tablet size**
- The process is usually performed by applying sticky solution of sugar, gelatin or acacia to the tablet and then adding (dusting) the subcoating powder (bulking agent) such as calcium carbonate or talc to the tablets and then drying
- Subsequent subcoats are applied in the same manner until the tablet edges have been covered and the desired thickness is achieved
- For spray processes, a subcoating suspension containing both binder and the subcoating powder is sprayed intermittently on the tablet bed

في حاله ال spray بضيف ال  
subcoating powder  
syrup

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## 3. Smoothing هلاً بدنا نعمل السطح ناعم

- Tablets will have a rough surface after subcoating.
- The purpose of this step is to remove the imperfections in the tablet surface (rough surface) caused by subcoating process.
- In this step, few sugar syrup coats are applied (the first usually contains some suspended particles and called grossing syrup).

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## 4. Coloring عبارہ عن sugar syrup مضاف إله لون

- In general colors should be added when the tablets become quite smooth.
- Syrup solutions containing the dye are applied until the final size and color are achieved.

بالعاده الطبقة الأخيره المضافه بتكون clear وتعد طبقة حمايه للون

- In the final syruping or finishing step, a few clear coats of syrup may be applied.

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## 5. Polishing

المواد اللي بنستخدمها للتلميع هي مواد شمعيه

- Tablets are moved to the polishing pan and solutions of beeswax or carnauba wax in suitable volatile solvent are applied until the tablets become shiny.

طبعاً هدوله ما بذوبو بالمى وبالتالي بنذوبهم في **volatile solvent** ، وإلهم كمان أدوات خاصه للرش

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## 6. Printing

- It is a common practice to identify all oral solid dosage forms with a manufacturer's logo, product name, dosage strength or other appropriate code.
- For sugar coating such identification can be done only by printing using special edible inks.

في كثير من الشركات بتكون بدها تميز الدوا تبعها حتى تمنع الغش وتساعد المريض إنه يميز الدوا؛ لذلك بطبعوا ع الحبه باستخدام حبر **edible** " قابل للأكل "

# Sugar coating problems

Cracking = تشققات  
Chipping = التهشم  
splitting = انفصال ال  
coat عن ال core

## Cracking, chipping and splitting of coat

- Sugar coatings are inherently brittle.
- Tablet cores that expand cause cracking.
- Expansion may result from:
  - Moisture sorption
  - Stress relaxation of the core
- Addition of small quantity of polymer often helps to improve structure integrity.

تفسير ليه إحنا  
بنضيف  
الجيلاتين !!!

# Sugar coating problems

## Twining التوأمة

- Results from drying after sticking of tablets.

## Non drying coating

- This a result of sugar inversion.

تحول ال sucrose إلى glucose and fructose وهذه التحويلات بتخليه sticky mass وغير قابل للتجفيف

# Sugar coating problems

## Uneven color

### *Causes:*

- Poor distribution of coating liquids.
  - Color migration of water soluble dyes while the coating is dried. بتكون سماكه ال coat كبيره
  - Unevenness of the surface of the subcoat. لما ما عمل smoothing فان عند اضافه اللون رح يصير في سماكات مختلفه
  - Excessive drying between color application can cause erosion of the color layer لو نشفت زياده عن اللزوم بتصير طبقات الحبوب تحتك مع بعضها البعض وبروح جزء من اللون
- **Marbling** may result from rough surface after smoothing so that the thickness of polish layer varies

هي حاله خاصه من ال uneven color بحيث إنها ما بتكون لون موحد والسبب إنه مو عامل smoothing بشكل كافي وبعدها ضفت ال polishing و ال polish صار بسماكات مختلفه

# Sugar coating problems

## Blooming and sweating

نتج عن بقايا رطوبه موجوده  
بال tablet

- This result from residual moisture.
- This moisture can diffuse out and affect the product quality.
- Moderate levels of moisture egress causes the polish to take on a fogged appearance (**Blooming**).
- Higher levels of moisture egress the moisture may appear like beads of perspiration (**Sweating**) which may cause tablets stored in closed containers to stick.

ممکن یخلی sweating  
يلتصقو ببعض tablet

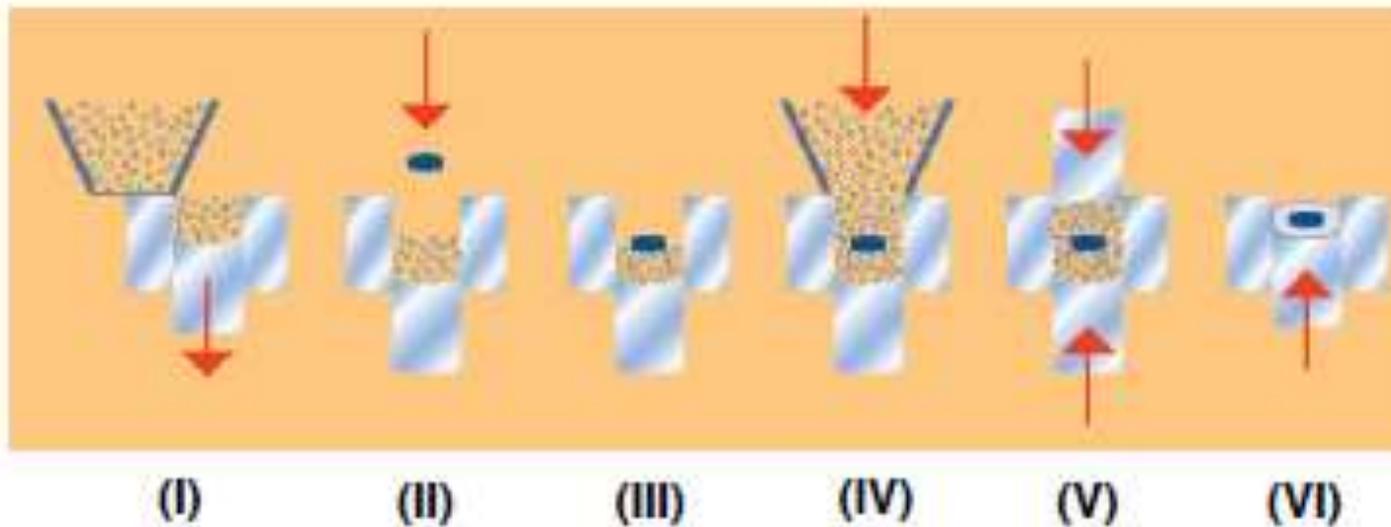
# Press coating

- The technology of **press coating** differs from the film and sugar coating techniques.

الكبس بشتريكو فيه **lower & upper punch**

- Press coating involves the compaction of granular material around already performed core using compressing equipment (**specialized tableting machine**) similar to that used for the core itself.

الفكره هون إنه **lower punch** بنزل لأكثر من مستوى و  
ال **hopper** بنزل ال **tablet** حبه ورا حبه



- I: Prefilling the half amounts of outer coating materials into the die.
- II: Putting the inner core tablet on the powder bed of outer coating materials.
- III. Centering.
- IV: Filling the residual half amounts of outer coating materials.
- V. Compression
- VI. Ejection of press-coated tablet from the die.

# Press coating

- Press coating is used mainly to separate chemically incompatible drugs.
- Two steps of press coating can be used for perfect separation between two ingredients by an inert middle layer.
- There has been increased use of compression coatings for the purpose of modified release products (e.g. Adalat<sup>®</sup> CC).
- The disadvantages of the process arise from the complexities of the mechanism used in the compressing machine.

من سلبياتها إنه بتواجه  
تعقيدات كتيره ومثال عليها إنه  
كيف بنحط الحبه بال center

# Standards for coated tablets

- In general pharmacopeias have similar requirements for coated and uncoated tablets, the difference being that:
  - Film coated tablets must comply with the uniformity of mass test unless otherwise justified and authorized.
  - Disintegration test
    - Immediate release tablets
      - Film coated: 30 min (except for enteric)
      - Other types of coating: 60 min
      - The test may be repeated using 0.1 N HCl in the event that any tablets fail to disintegrate in the presence of water.
    - Enteric coated tablets
      - A challenge test in acidic medium (e.g. 0.1 N HCl for 1.5 - 2 hours) is done, where no disintegration should occur. Then the tablets are transferred to buffered medium where disintegration should occur within 45-60 min