



The Effect of Polymer Blends on the In Vitro Release/Degradation and Pharmacokinetics of Moxidectin-loaded PLGA Microspheres

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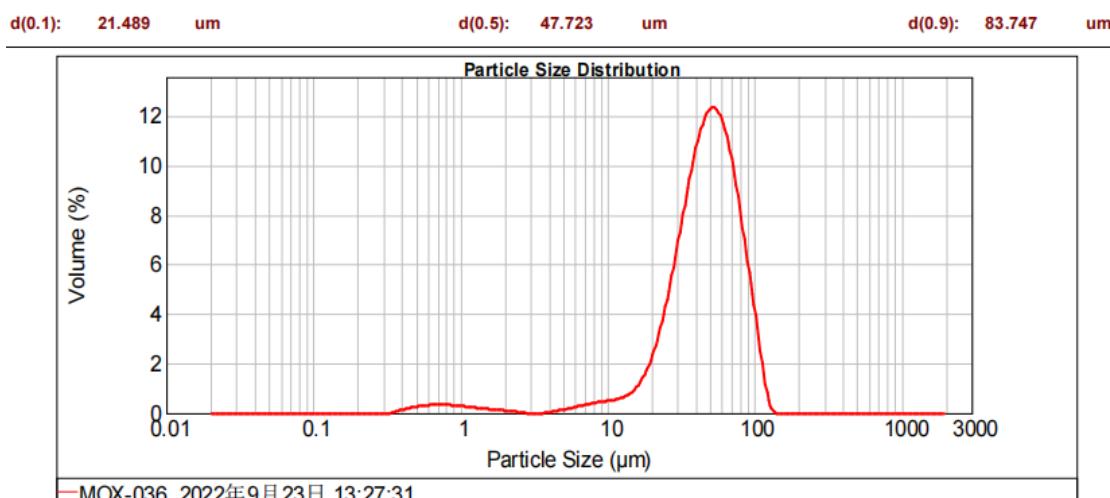


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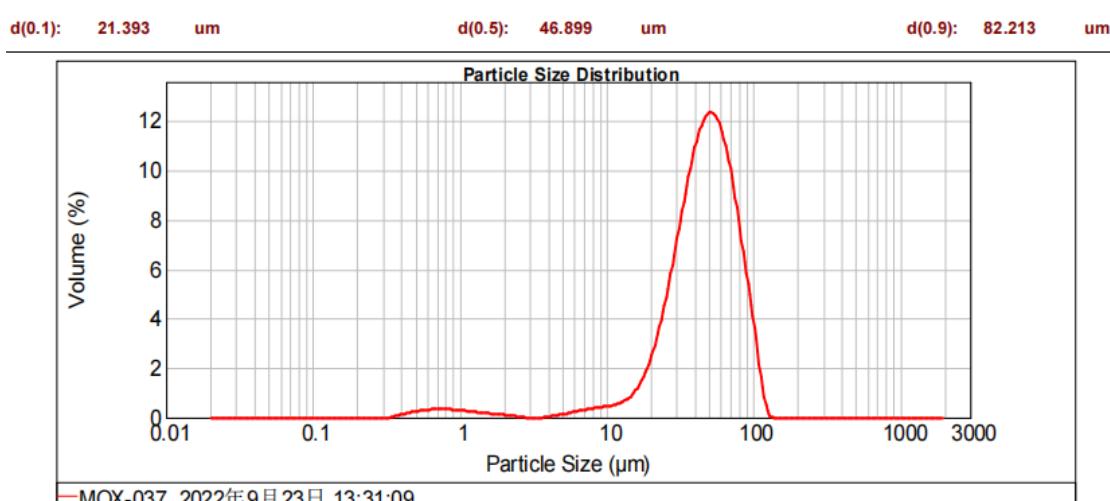


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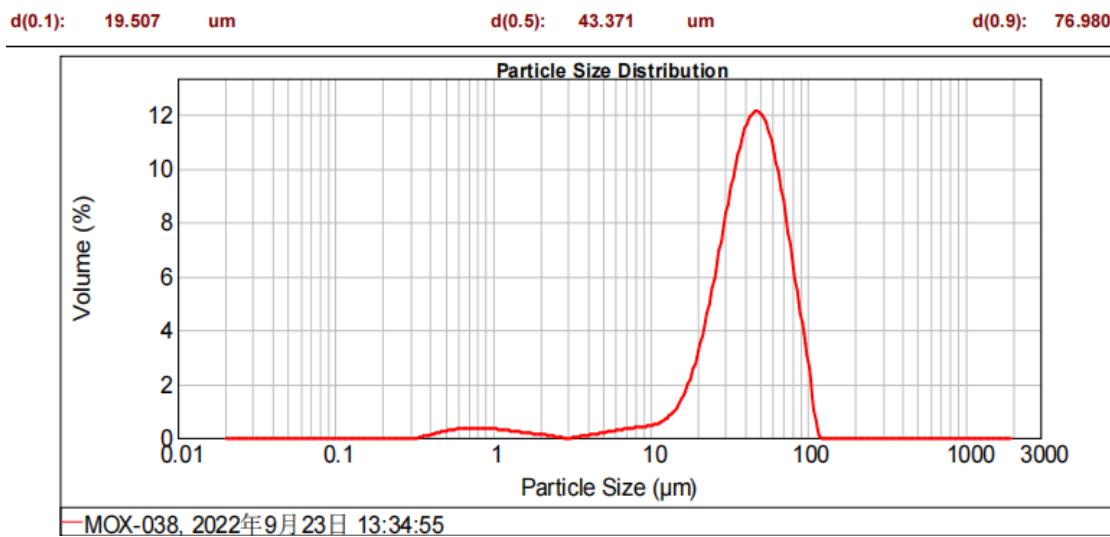


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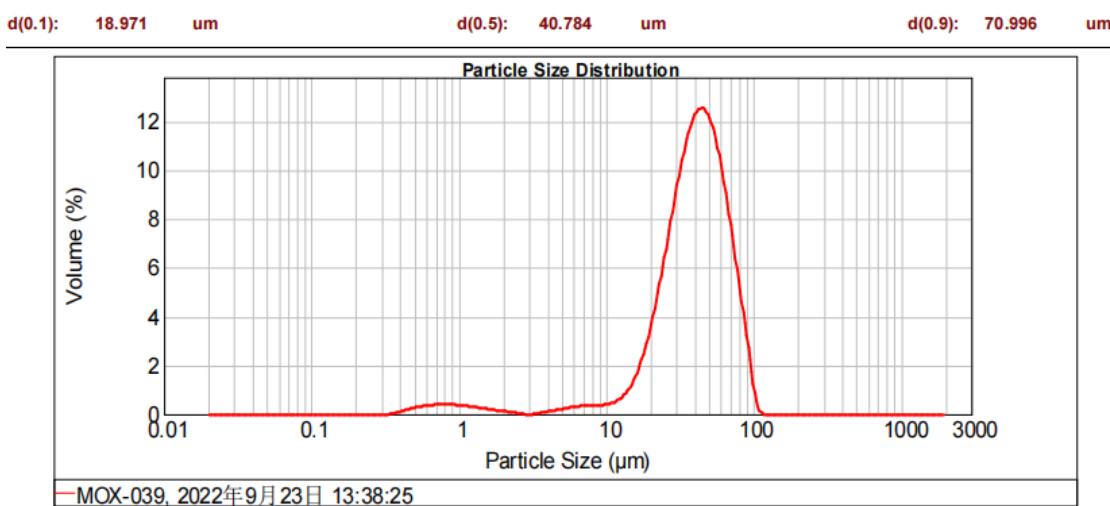


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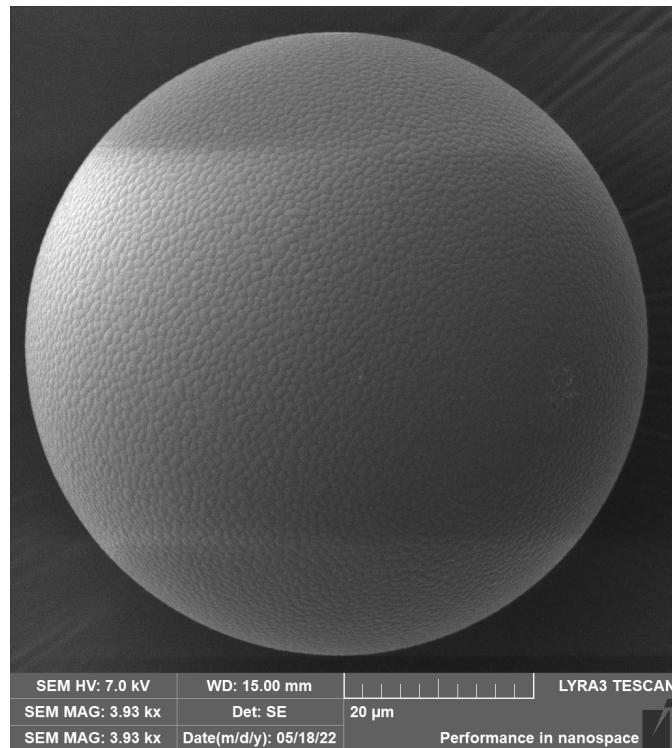


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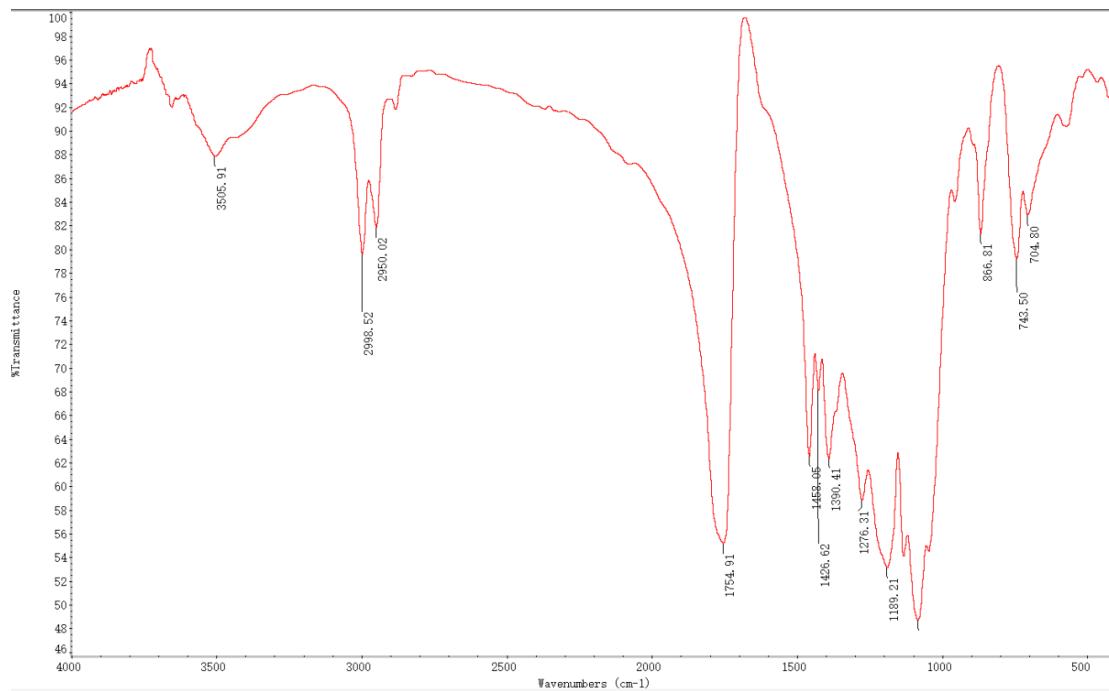


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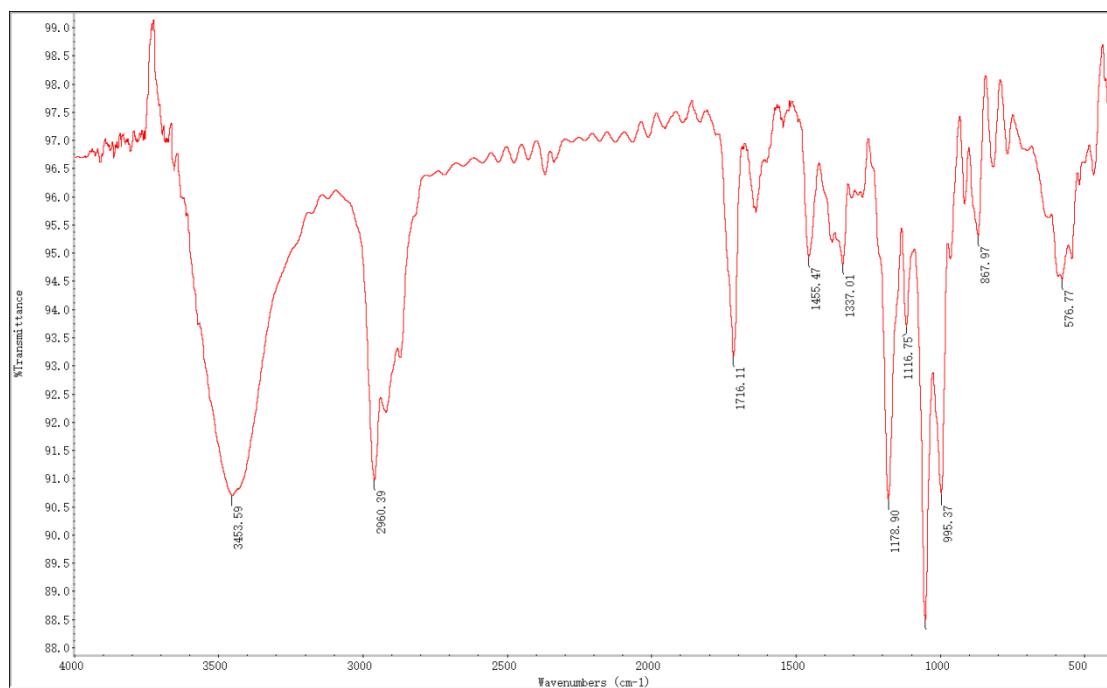


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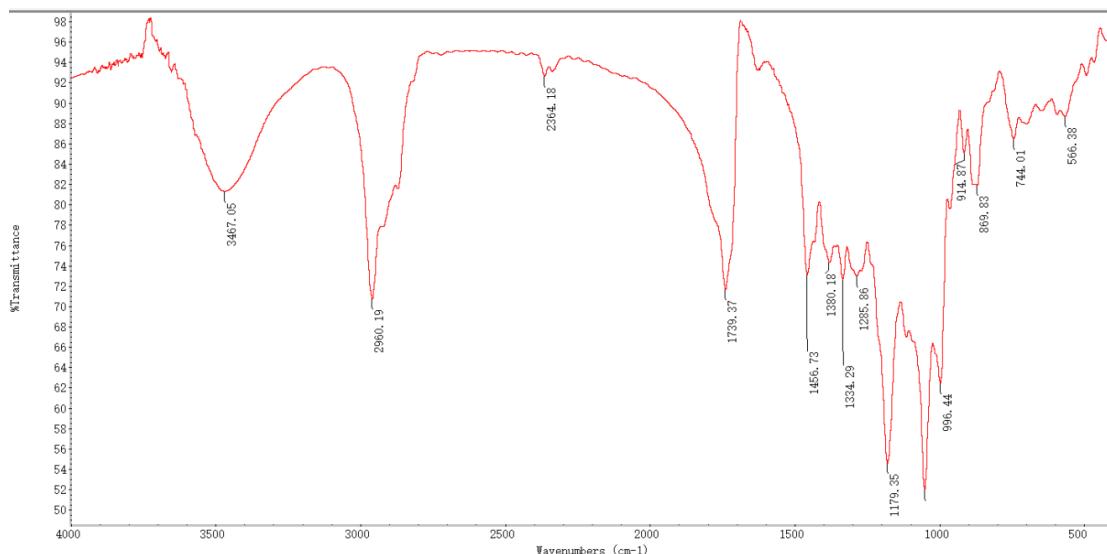


Figure S3. Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectra of moxidectin loaded microspheres.

Table S1. *In vitro* release values of MOX-MS at 37 °C (n = 3).

| Time (d) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0.021 | 5.297 ± 0.289 | 5.273 ± 0.514 | 4.857 ± 0.0893 | 4.267 ± 0.560 |
| 0.083 | 5.369 ± 0.300 | 5.299 ± 0.663 | 4.961 ± 0.0799 | 4.233 ± 0.572 |
| 0.167 | 5.459 ± 0.332 | 5.429 ± 0.401 | 5.089 ± 0.0876 | 4.230 ± 0.474 |
| 0.333 | 5.559 ± 0.329 | 5.595 ± 0.763 | 5.163 ± 0.101 | 4.636 ± 0.267 |
| 0.500 | 5.775 ± 0.131 | 5.788 ± 0.575 | 5.393 ± 0.288 | 4.485 ± 0.544 |
| 1 | 5.915 ± 0.964 | 5.916 ± 0.578 | 5.554 ± 0.366 | 4.637 ± 0.469 |
| 3 | 5.862 ± 0.534 | 5.847 ± 0.300 | 5.805 ± 0.517 | 4.646 ± 0.543 |
| 7 | 5.544 ± 0.300 | 5.601 ± 0.549 | 5.762 ± 0.333 | 4.503 ± 0.465 |
| 14 | 5.761 ± 0.299 | 5.663 ± 0.695 | 5.832 ± 0.280 | 4.654 ± 0.414 |
| 28 | 5.760 ± 0.362 | 5.605 ± 0.804 | 5.712 ± 0.370 | 5.073 ± 0.331 |

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| 49 | 4.909 ± 0.208 | 4.821 ± 0.554 | 5.114 ± 0.340 | 4.846 ± 0.407 |
| 63 | 4.659 ± 0.281 | 4.571 ± 0.618 | 5.358 ± 0.304 | 12.316 ± 1.112 |
| 70 | 4.591 ± 0.210 | 4.679 ± 0.462 | 5.572 ± 0.380 | 26.324 ± 2.967 |
| 77 | 4.820 ± 0.231 | 4.695 ± 0.433 | 9.868 ± 0.847 | 41.191 ± 1.285 |
| 108 | 8.253 ± 0.309 | 15.169 ± 0.047 | 54.362 ± 2.641 | 91.833 ± 5.890 |
| 144 | 10.138 ± 0.316 | 65.135 ± 2.878 | 91.769 ± 4.396 | 91.327 ± 5.177 |
| 164 | 21.737 ± 0.138 | 79.723 ± 4.703 | 90.499 ± 4.801 | 91.591 ± 3.886 |
| 180 | 59.840 ± 2.185 | 92.015 ± 4.202 | 90.205 ± 6.426 | 90.076 ± 3.592 |
| 194 | 81.789 ± 4.611 | 91.431 ± 2.331 | 89.175 ± 6.204 | 88.365 ± 3.373 |
| 220 | 91.987 ± 5.144 | 91.761 ± 3.318 | 88.166 ± 4.476 | 87.108 ± 3.222 |
| 238 | 91.989 ± 4.960 | 90.981 ± 1.649 | 88.000 ± 3.710 | 87.021 ± 2.190 |

Table S2. The accelerated *in vitro* release values of MOX-MS at 50 °C (n = 3).

| Time (d) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0.042 | 5.427 ± 0.181 | 4.935 ± 0.095 | 4.876 ± 0.430 | 4.232 ± 0.381 |
| 0.167 | 5.822 ± 0.261 | 5.499 ± 0.198 | 5.652 ± 0.213 | 5.054 ± 0.426 |
| 0.333 | 6.517 ± 0.477 | 6.097 ± 0.209 | 6.547 ± 0.347 | 6.019 ± 0.367 |
| 1 | 7.356 ± 0.561 | 6.792 ± 0.384 | 8.112 ± 0.221 | 8.087 ± 0.859 |
| 3 | 9.764 ± 0.536 | 10.153 ± 0.349 | 12.215 ± 0.370 | 13.303 ± 1.240 |
| 5 | 11.593 ± 0.630 | 12.066 ± 0.672 | 15.186 ± 0.754 | 16.369 ± 1.201 |
| 7 | 13.468 ± 0.776 | 14.260 ± 0.572 | 17.373 ± 0.935 | 18.509 ± 1.143 |
| 10 | 15.851 ± 0.851 | 16.648 ± 0.251 | 21.103 ± 0.786 | 23.475 ± 1.505 |
| 14 | 20.297 ± 0.730 | 21.994 ± 0.726 | 37.457 ± 1.040 | 69.418 ± 6.652 |
| 18 | 28.268 ± 0.935 | 41.492 ± 2.680 | 88.791 ± 1.424 | 91.176 ± 5.241 |
| 22 | 70.709 ± 1.903 | 88.725 ± 8.838 | 95.848 ± 2.195 | 94.583 ± 5.537 |
| 24 | 92.791 ± 6.176 | 98.594 ± 0.702 | 95.827 ± 3.431 | 94.822 ± 5.022 |
| 28 | 100.900 ± 3.237 | 96.310 ± 0.354 | 94.811 ± 4.035 | 93.748 ± 5.480 |
| 35 | 102.133 ± 3.338 | 95.909 ± 0.830 | 94.544 ± 4.268 | 92.927 ± 5.062 |

Table S3. The accelerated *in vitro* release values of MOX-MS at 60 °C (n = 3).

| Time (d) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 0.042 | 5.508 ± 0.242 | 5.684 ± 0.434 | 5.239 ± 0.316 | 5.244 ± 0.104 |
| 0.167 | 7.600 ± 0.336 | 8.431 ± 0.810 | 8.655 ± 0.921 | 8.819 ± 0.421 |
| 0.333 | 8.815 ± 1.322 | 10.838 ± 2.410 | 11.184 ± 0.932 | 11.257 ± 1.190 |
| 1 | 15.410 ± 2.937 | 18.308 ± 5.133 | 16.890 ± 2.141 | 17.584 ± 2.639 |
| 2 | 20.975 ± 1.290 | 22.276 ± 4.221 | 21.879 ± 3.041 | 21.733 ± 2.289 |
| 3 | 26.644 ± 2.432 | 25.869 ± 4.955 | 25.293 ± 2.381 | 24.846 ± 3.826 |
| 5 | 35.394 ± 3.062 | 35.002 ± 7.188 | 33.671 ± 2.390 | 34.440 ± 4.312 |
| 7 | 47.619 ± 3.936 | 47.128 ± 10.095 | 53.481 ± 8.172 | 48.266 ± 5.266 |
| 10 | 67.127 ± 3.108 | 68.477 ± 9.020 | 76.872 ± 0.709 | 63.102 ± 11.623 |
| 14 | 94.138 ± 1.354 | 94.248 ± 5.743 | 91.907 ± 1.110 | 82.524 ± 3.169 |
| 18 | 93.636 ± 1.459 | 96.515 ± 3.625 | 89.082 ± 2.035 | 90.143 ± 6.401 |

Table S4. Mass changes of MOX-MS in the *in vitro* degradation process (n = 3).

| Time (w) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0.0417 | 99.60 ± 2.40 | 99.00 ± 1.55 | 98.66 ± 2.81 | 98.32 ± 6.74 |
| 1 | 98.07 ± 0.93 | 96.84 ± 1.78 | 98.36 ± 2.52 | 99.87 ± 7.90 |
| 2 | 96.13 ± 3.59 | 94.62 ± 2.72 | 95.30 ± 0.10 | 96.82 ± 2.59 |
| 4 | 96.54 ± 1.98 | 94.20 ± 2.70 | 87.99 ± 2.50 | 95.38 ± 0.07 |
| 6 | 96.34 ± 4.08 | 92.99 ± 2.60 | 87.56 ± 2.36 | 90.87 ± 0.19 |

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| 8 | 97.65 ± 4.07 | 92.84 ± 5.38 | 82.93 ± 2.49 | 84.54 ± 3.30 |
| 12 | 93.30 ± 5.28 | 90.52 ± 4.27 | 80.52 ± 6.65 | 78.74 ± 7.36 |
| 16 | 88.46 ± 4.45 | 84.87 ± 2.81 | 75.72 ± 2.06 | 49.44 ± 3.31 |
| 20 | 86.52 ± 3.37 | 82.47 ± 1.28 | 49.80 ± 1.86 | 42.24 ± 4.78 |
| 24 | 78.36 ± 2.20 | 61.33 ± 1.69 | 34.05 ± 5.63 | 17.67 ± 7.87 |

Table S4. Polymer Mw changes of MOX-MS in the *in vitro* degradation process (n = 3).

| Time (w) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0 | 100 ± 0 | 100 ± 0 | 100 ± 0 | 100 ± 0 |
| 1 | 101.65 ± 0.12 | 97.25 ± 0.32 | 98.03 ± 1.55 | 97.67 ± 0.11 |
| 4 | 95.56 ± 0.27 | 94.24 ± 0.26 | 88.62 ± 0.56 | 84.39 ± 2.37 |
| 8 | 89.16 ± 1.31 | 82.50 ± 0.41 | 63.56 ± 1.63 | 40.24 ± 2.56 |
| 12 | 81.10 ± 0.11 | 49.96 ± 0.20 | 32.51 ± 1.00 | 12.89 ± 2.31 |
| 16 | 58.93 ± 0.55 | 37.12 ± 2.17 | 11.27 ± 0.38 | 1.87 ± 1.04 |
| 20 | 50.01 ± 2.56 | 25.74 ± 3.66 | 3.84 ± 0.70 | / |
| 24 | 10.78 ± 3.63 | 11.19 ± 1.93 | / | / |

Table S4. pH changes of release medium in the *in vitro* degradation process (n = 3).

| Time (w) | F1 ± SD (%) | F2 ± SD (%) | F3 ± SD (%) | F4 ± SD (%) |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0 | 7.60 ± 0.02 | 7.60 ± 0.02 | 7.60 ± 0.02 | 7.80 ± 0.02 |
| 1 | 7.59 ± 0.01 | 7.67 ± 0.02 | 7.57 ± 0.02 | 7.80 ± 0.01 |
| 2 | 7.58 ± 0.02 | 7.62 ± 0.05 | 7.55 ± 0.03 | 7.61 ± 0.06 |
| 4 | 7.46 ± 0.01 | 7.53 ± 0.01 | 7.31 ± 0.03 | 6.94 ± 0.06 |
| 6 | 7.33 ± 0.01 | 7.41 ± 0.02 | 7.15 ± 0.02 | 6.58 ± 0.01 |
| 8 | 7.23 ± 0.02 | 7.30 ± 0.05 | 6.82 ± 0.03 | 5.92 ± 0.06 |
| 12 | 7.17 ± 0.01 | 7.20 ± 0.01 | 6.54 ± 0.03 | 5.33 ± 0.06 |
| 16 | 7.17 ± 0.01 | 7.10 ± 0.02 | 5.34 ± 0.02 | 4.72 ± 0.01 |
| 20 | 7.14 ± 0.02 | 6.38 ± 0.05 | 5.04 ± 0.03 | 4.57 ± 0.06 |
| 24 | 6.93 ± 0.01 | 5.50 ± 0.01 | 4.63 ± 0.03 | 4.45 ± 0.06 |

Table S5. Plasma concentration values of moxidectin after a single subcutaneous injection of MOX-MS or moxidectin solution (1 mg/kg) (n = 6).

| Time (d) | F1 ± SD (ng/mL) | F2 ± SD (ng/mL) | F3 ± SD (ng/mL) | F4 ± SD (ng/mL) | Solution ± SD (ng/mL) |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 0.04 | 24.163 ± 4.482 | 24.474 ± 2.981 | 19.715 ± 2.647 | 16.414 ± 3.227 | 595.653 ± 92.640 |
| 0.08 | 33.025 ± 6.509 | 39.313 ± 6.000 | 20.021 ± 2.810 | 16.986 ± 3.544 | 368.847 ± 158.290 |
| 0.17 | 37.923 ± 3.022 | 44.982 ± 6.59 | 21.377 ± 2.349 | 26.052 ± 2.506 | 238.571 ± 72.282 |
| 0.25 | 44.488 ± 2.984 | 21.371 ± 2.821 | 22.773 ± 4.562 | 16.549 ± 3.217 | 147.684 ± 46.478 |
| 0.33 | 23.786 ± 9.16 | 25.640 ± 4.747 | 25.927 ± 7.387 | 16.556 ± 1.294 | 117.951 ± 50.889 |
| 0.5 | 10.77 ± 3.358 | 14.780 ± 2.128 | 25.475 ± 3.318 | 18.357 ± 4.742 | 85.620 ± 41.119 |
| 1 | 12.137 ± 0.92 | 11.070 ± 1.462 | 21.992 ± 2.352 | 13.247 ± 4.372 | 55.379 ± 26.923 |
| 2 | 9.951 ± 2.302 | 9.771 ± 3.068 | 20.382 ± 3.578 | 9.327 ± 2.059 | 21.365 ± 13.002 |
| 3 | 5.03 ± 0.949 | 6.67 ± 1.215 | 6.964 ± 1.915 | 6.033 ± 2.503 | 18.747 ± 19.052 |
| 5 | 10.624 ± 4.277 | 5.246 ± 0.592 | 12.701 ± 1.509 | 12.141 ± 3.672 | 14.983 ± 9.767 |
| 7 | 2.462 ± 0.951 | 2.258 ± 0.349 | 8.627 ± 2.896 | 11.764 ± 11.806 | 13.247 ± 10.952 |
| 9 | 3.386 ± 1.669 | 10.135 ± 4.420 | 7.015 ± 2.556 | 5.198 ± 2.994 | 10.122 ± 7.084 |
| 12 | 6.56 ± 0.634 | 13.214 ± 6.48 | 7.193 ± 1.512 | 6.558 ± 0.695 | 7.127 ± 6.826 |
| 15 | 9.641 ± 3.992 | 15.828 ± 0.908 | 11.006 ± 3.705 | 8.352 ± 6.37 | 5.106 ± 4.874 |
| 20 | 7.539 ± 0.504 | 9.349 ± 1.185 | 14.103 ± 3.792 | 4.237 ± 2.741 | 5.489 ± 3.795 |
| 25 | 2.331 ± 0.388 | 11.09 ± 1.134 | 11.877 ± 3.361 | 4.561 ± 1.065 | 3.102 ± 1.989 |
| 30 | 0.848 ± 0.577 | 12.127 ± 4.605 | 12.447 ± 4.746 | 5.479 ± 2.731 | 0.899 ± 1.040 |

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| 35 | 8.173 ± 1.064 | 7.366 ± 0.395 | 9.882 ± 1.295 | 11.16 ± 5.282 | 1.731 ± 0.729 |
| 40 | 6.565 ± 3.469 | 6.030 ± 2.978 | 10.12 ± 1.714 | 7.193 ± 1.663 | 2.341 ± 2.484 |
| 45 | 3.451 ± 1.308 | 5.761 ± 1.007 | 10.800 ± 1.387 | 5.700 ± 4.664 | 1.059 ± 0.506 |
| 50 | 6.121 ± 0.920 | 3.255 ± 2.538 | 7.667 ± 1.600 | 4.543 ± 0.591 | 0.347 ± 0.497 |
| 55 | 3.132 ± 0.735 | 4.836 ± 1.738 | 6.233 ± 3.745 | 6.125 ± 2.245 | 1.470 ± 1.132 |
| 60 | 2.000 ± 1.409 | 2.909 ± 1.351 | 3.256 ± 1.745 | 2.908 ± 1.979 | 0.739 ± 0.593 |