

# Fabrication of Polymeric Microparticles by Electrospray: The Impact of Experimental Parameters

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**Table S1.** Summary, type of electrospray methodology and specification of parameters used.

Methodology	System Parameters	Reference
EHDA	Chamber; D = 55 mm, 70 mm, 110 mm; ID = 0.39 mm; OD = 0.72 mm.	[1]
CES	Tubing: DI = 2mm e DE = 3mm; CFR = variation 0.20 a 1,00 mL/h; OD = 0.72 mm; SFR = variation de 4.0 e 5.0 mL/h; V = variation 8.0 a 15 kV.	[2]
ES	GS; V = 18 kV e 20 kV; D = 30 cm; CB = solution of CaCl <sub>2</sub> ; FR = 1 mL/h; NG = 20 (ID = 0,9 mm). Negative electrode attached to needle.	[3]
Multi-ES	The volume fraction of polymer varied with or without rhodamine; OD = 210 µm or 500 µm; M: stainless steel; OBS: Electrospray multiplexed, uses a micro-fabricated MES device consisting of a silicon nozzle chip and a puller.	[4]
ES with mobile mask.	FR = 0.5 mL/h; NG = 24; PS = 5 mL.	[5]
ES	The polymer concentration, the voltage, the collection distance and the feed rate were adjusted in different parameters; RH = 32%; T = 22 °C.	[6]
ES	Chamber; D = 15 cm; Teflon capillary; ID = 0,6 mm; FR = 5 mL/h; M – Metal; SP; Syringe = 2.5 mL; T = 20°C or 40°C; TC = Aluminum plate; V = 30 kV.	[7]
ES is assisted by floating electrodes.	D = 15 cm; FR – 0.5 mL/h; M: metallic; TC - interdigitated microelectrodes; V- Direct current (DC) 20 kV.	[8]

ES	C = 7 cm; FR = 0.1 e 0.3 mL/h; M: stainless steel; NG: 20 (908 $\mu$ m OD, 603 $\mu$ m ID); SP; T = stainless steel ground plate (7.6 x 7.6 cm <sup>2</sup> ); V = 4.5 kV.	[9]
ES	FR = 0.50 mL/h; ID = 0.55 mm; M: stainless steel; OD = 0.80 mm; PC = different proportions % w/V; SP; Silicone Tube; V = 15 kV;	[10]
ES	D = 30 cm; CB = Solution of CaCl <sub>2</sub> ; FR = 1 mL/h; GS; NG - 20 (ID 0,9 mm); V = 18 kV.	[11]
ES	Chamber; FR = variation 40 a 200 $\mu$ L/h; M: stainless steel; OD - 210 $\mu$ m ou 500 $\mu$ m; The distance between the ring electrode (charged at 10 kV) and the collector was fixed at 12 cm with extractor, ring electrode and corona.	[12]
ES	D = 15 ou 25 cm; FR - 0,5 mL/h a 3 mL/h; GS 1 mL; MC: stainless steel; NG - 26 a 21 G; RH - 34% to 49%; SP; T - 23 to 24 °C; TC- standard aluminum sheets (20 x 20 cm <sup>2</sup> ) washed with 70% ethanol; V = 10 kV.	[13]
ES	D = 20 cm; FR = 0.2 e 4 mL.h <sup>-1</sup> ; steel needle with inner diameter of ID - 0.2, 0.5, 1 or 1.7 mm; PS; SP; V = 15 a 25 kV	[14]
CES	Coaxial needle; D = 10 cm; CB = double distilled water (dd-H <sub>2</sub> O) or ammonium acetate buffer; CFR = 0.48 mL/h; CR; ID = 210 $\mu$ m e OD = 600 $\mu$ m; M: stainless steel; PS; SFR = 2.8 mL/h; V = 3 a 4 kV.	[15]
CES	V = 23 kV; Coaxial Needle; IN: ID = 330 e OD = 630 $\mu$ m; CFR = 1.0; SFR = 0.5 ml/h; EN: ID = 1.0 e OD = 2.5 $\mu$ m; D = 5.5 cm.	[16]
ES	D = 100 mm; FR = 900 $\mu$ L/h; ID = 0.88 mm; OD = 1.27 mm; PC = variation 1% a 4% (w/v); SP; TC = aluminum foil; V = + 15 kV; Perpendicular - horizontal	[17]
ES	D = 100 mm; FR = 600 to 1500 $\mu$ L/h; SP; T = environment; TC = aluminum foil; V = +10 kV	[18]
ES	D = 25 cm; FR = 1.0 mL/h; ID = 0.25 mm; PS; RH = 50 $\pm$ 5%; 5 mL syringe; T = 25 $\pm$ 2 °C; TC = aluminum plate; V = 16 kV.	[19]
CES	Epoxy coated concentric spray head (EP); D = 20 cm.; CFR = 0.4, 0.7 e 1,0 mL/h; horizontal Two SP; RH = 52% $\pm$ 6%; SFR = 1.0 mL/h; T = 22 °C $\pm$ 3°C; TC = metal wrapped by aluminum foil; V = 20 kV.	[20]
ES	D = 10 cm; CB = aqueous solution of sodium tripolyphosphate (TPP) as a coagulant, 400 rpm stirring; FR = 5 mL/h; NG = 26 G; V = 23 kV.	[21]
ES ring	52 variations of conditions involving solvent, flow rate, collector distance and Needle Gauge (G); CR - located 6 mm above the tip of the needle; Syringe to Needle Solution Hose; RH = 40%; SP; Syringe de 5 mL; T = 25 °C.	[22]
ES	D = Distance nozzle and manifold - adjustable; ID = 0.4 mm; MC = stainless steel; Syringe de 5 ml; TC = aluminum foil; V = 5 kV; horizontal.	[23]
ES portátil	D = 6 cm; CB = CaCl <sub>2</sub> 0.102 M grounded; FR = 2 mL/h; PC = Alginate 2% (w/V); D = 20 cm; FR = 0.6 mL/h; PC = PLGA 2.5% (w/V); TC = Flat stainless steel catcher covered with aluminum foil.	[24]
ES	D = 15 cm; FR = 0.8 mL/h; SP; TC = standard aluminum sheets (15 x 15 cm <sup>2</sup> ) washed with 70% ethanol; V = 10 kV. (horizontal)	[25]
ES	D = 13 cm; CB = EtOH/PVA e EtOH, MeOH EtOH/OA, EtOH/DiW (50/50) EtOH/PS80, DiW (5, 22, 40°C); FR = 0.5 mL/h; NG - 23G (OD = 0.64 mm); V = 11 kV	[26]

ES and CES	5 mL glass syringe; 20G blunt point needle (The needle has the following dimensions: 51 mm length, 0.91 mm OD, and 0.60 mm ID); stainless steel (SS) collection plate; D = 10 cm; Collector - V = -2 kV; Needle - V = +10 and 11 kV; Outer Phase – FR = 0.85 mL/hr; Inner Phase - FR = 0.02 mL/hr;	[27]
CES	D = 17 cm; CFR = 0.3, 0.5 mL/h; PC = Nuclear layer (3%, 4%, 5%); RH = 30 ± 5 %, no rapid flow of air; SFR = 1 mL/h; T = 25 ± 5°C; V = 11.06 kV	[28]
CES with flow and air on the outer needle.	Coaxial Needle; Internal needle – NG -17 G; External needle - NG = 12 G; D = 20 cm; FR = 0.05 e 0.1 mL/min; Air pressure at 28 psi; SP; TC = Copper sheet; Substrate of porous carbon nanofibers.; Aluminum foil; V = 20 kV.	[29]
ES	syringe (1 mL); 1 mL h <sup>-1</sup> ; 20 kV; 0.62 mm inner diameter flat-ended metallic needle; D = 15 cm; RH 50% and 25°C	[30]
CES	D = 10 cm; PC = 4% w/v PLGA; FR = 12 µL/min; twin syringe pump; two high voltage DC power supplies; Positive voltage V = 10 kV, and negative voltage V = 8 kV. The TC = aluminum plate; The coaxial needle consists of an IN (ID = 0.26 mm; OD = 0.51 mm) and an ON (ID = 0.84 mm; OD = 1.27 mm);	[31]
CES	D = 5.0 cm; EN: ID e OD = 1.0 e 2.5 mm; IN: ID e OD = 330 e 630 µm, respectively; FR = 0.2 mL/h; SP; TC = Stainless steel dish containing disodium hydrogen phosphate solution; V = 23 kV.	[32]
CES	D = 5.0 cm; EN: ID e OD = 1.0 e 2.5 mm; IN: ID e OD = 330 e 630 µm, respectively; FR = 0.2 mL/h; SP; TC = Stainless steel dish containing disodium hydrogen phosphate solution; V = 23 kV.	[32]
CES	D = 5.0 cm; CFR e SFR = 0.2 mL/h; EN: ID = 1.0 mm; IN: ID = 140, 270 e 400 µm; TC = Stainless steel dish containing disodium hydrogen phosphate solution; V = 23 kV.	[33]
ES	D = 10 cm; FR = 0.7 e 1.4 mL/h; OD = 1.2 mm; PC = solutions of 5% by weight and 10% by weight of PVP/water; PS = plastic 20 mL inkjet syringe quarter-inch silicone tubing; SP; T = entre 21 e 24°C; TC = plate; V = 19, 22.7, 21 e 27 KV; WR = 1 cm diameter approximately 1 mm above the nozzle tip.	[34]
TES	Metallic ground ring electrode (diameter ~5 cm) located 5 cm below; MC – Stainless steel; EN: OD = 1.60 and ID = 1.07; IN: OD = 2.85 and ID = 2.26; CN: OD = 0.50 and ID = 0.31; Syringes connected to silicone tubes; SP = 3 units; V = 10 kV; FR = 10, 2.5 e 1.6 mL/h for the outer, middle and inner layers; PC = 10 % (w/v) de PCL	[35]
CES	D = 10 cm; GS; SFR = 0.5 mL/h; SP; V = +2.5 KV (needle); V = -8.0 KV (collector)	[36]
ES ring	liquid bath phase = 1 wt %, 2.5 wt %, 5 wt %, 7.5 wt %, or 10 wt % calcium chloride dihydrate; V = 5 kV; metallic ring; FR = 0,1 mL h <sup>-1</sup> ; borosilicate glass capillary (1 mm OD e 0,25 mm ID) at the tip coupled a micropipette puller com diameter of 50 µm (±5 µm)	[37]
ES	PC = 1 wt%, 3 wt%, 5 wt%, 10 wt%, 14 wt%, 15 wt%, 16 wt%, 17 wt%, and 18 wt%; MW = 14.8 kg/mol, 24.2 kg/mol, 52.7 kg/mol and 125.6 kg/mol; FR = 0.6 mL/h, 9 mL/h; V = 11 kV, 13 kV and 15 kV.	[38]
ES	PC = chitosan/PEG proportions (wt/wt) (90/10, 80/20, 70/30, 60/40); collector cylinder of 785 cm <sup>2</sup> covered by aluminum foil; drum rotation of 140 rpm, wash speed of 20 mm s <sup>-1</sup> ;FR = 6 ml h <sup>-1</sup> ; scan speed of 40 mm s <sup>-1</sup> under 25 kV voltage and 8 cm of needle-collector distance.	[39]

ES	V = 8 kV, nozzle: ID = 500 $\mu$ m, D = 8 cm; CB= 2% (w/v) CaCl <sub>2</sub> was prepared in distilled water; header tank height = 20 cm	[40]
ES and CES	Eudragit solutions of 1.0% w/w and 2.0% w/w; 10 ml airtight syringes; needles of inner diameter 0.6 mm and 1.52 mm and outer diameter of 0.9 mm and 2.03 mm, respectively; Collector distance 250 mm; 6 $\mu$ l min <sup>-1</sup> and 12 $\mu$ l min <sup>-1</sup> for the inner and outer solution, respectively; 14 kV a 19 kV; room temperature 21 $\pm$ 1 $^{\circ}$ C and relative humidity of 40–60%	[41]
ES	PC= (2%–8% w/v); FR = (0.1–1 ml/hr); V = (10–20 kV); D = (5–15 cm); plastic syringe needle with a diameter of 0.8 mm; C =aluminum plate of 10 cm $\times$ 10 cm	[42]

Siglas: The electrohydrodynamic atomization = EHDA; Electropray = ES; Electropray Coaxial = CES; Electropray tri-coaxial = TE; Polymer concentration = PC; Molecular weight = MW; Flow Rate = FR; core flow rate = CFR; shell flow rate = SFR; voltage = V; solvent type = ST; needle gauge = NG; collecting distance = D, collecting bath = CB; Internal diameter of the needle or capillary = ID; Outer diameter of needle or capillary = OD; External needle = EN, Internal needle = IN, Central needle = CN, Temperature = T, Relative humidity = RH; Distance from needle tip to ring = DNR, Wire Ring = WR; Copper ring = CR, Syringe pump = SP; Plastic syringe = PS; Glass syringe = GS; Type of collector = TC; Material collector = MC; Ethanol = EtOH; poly(vinyl alcohol) = PVA; Methanol = MeOH; Distilled water = DiW; oleic acid = OA; polysorbate 80 = PS80;

**Table 2.** Solvents and polymers used.

Polymer	Solvent and surfactant	Reference
Poly lactide glycolide (PLGA), ethyl acetate copolymer (EVAC) and polycaprolactone (PCL) were used to make particles.	Dichloromethane (DCM) and acetonitrile (ACN) were used as organic solvent.	[1]
Poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) (PLGA 75:25, Mw = 90,000–126,000)	Acetonitrile	[2]
Sodium alginate powder (medium viscosity 20–4000 cps, low viscosity 250 cps)	Water	[3]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) (40 000–75 000 molecular weight, lactide/glycolide = 50:50, Sigma–Aldrich); pluronic F127 (Sigma–Aldrich)	dichloromethane (DCM) (Fisher Chemical, Waltham, MA); N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) (Fisher Chemical, Waltham, MA)	[5]
PLGA (IV 0.55–0.75, Mw = 53.8 kDa, Lactel Absorbable Polymers, Durect Corporation)	2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (TFE, Reagent Plus grade, purity $\geq$ 99%, Sigma–Aldrich)	[4]
Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA, Mw = 110,000 g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF)	[6]
Pluronic F127 (PL).	1-propanol	[7]
Polycaprolactone (PCL) (Sigma-Aldrich, Mn = 60 000)	Acetone	[8]
Poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA); polymer acetalated dextran (Ac-DEX)	Dichloromethane (DCM)	[9]
Poly (D,L-lactic-co-glycolide) PLGA (85:15), Mw = 50,000–75,000) was also obtained from Sigma–Aldrich.	Methylene chloride or dichloromethane (DCM)	[10]
Low viscosity sodium alginate derived from brown algae (ALV, 250 cps)	Water	[11]
Chitosan (TM <sub>65</sub> CM <sub>50</sub> CS)		
Polycaprolactone (Mn = 84 kDa, PDI 1.53); Poly(ethylene glycol) Mn = 6 kDa and Mn = 35 kDa	Dichloromethane (DCM); Chloroform	[13]

polyvinyl alcohol (PVA)	Water	[15]
poly ( $\beta$ -aminoesters) (PBAE)	HCL; Acetate	[16]
Poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF)	Tetrahydrofuran (THF); N,N-dimethyl formamide (DMF)	[14]
PNIPAAm (N-isopropylacrylamide (NIPAAm) + 2,2'-Azo bis(2-methylpropionitrile) (AIBN))	Chloroform; Ethanol	[19]
polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) K30 (molecular weight 58,000)	N, N-dimethylacetamide (DMAc); anhydrous ethanol	[20]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA, molecular weight – 10 kDa)	Dichloromethane	[17]
Eudragit® RS PO (ERS, Mw = 32 kDa)	Dichloromethane	[18]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) (50:50 weight ratio between the lactic and glycolic monomers)	2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol (TFE); dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO); acetonitrile (ACN)	[12]
pCA-chitosan; pCA-HT-chitosan	Lactic acid	[21]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) copolymer (LA/GA: 50/50, Resomer RG503H, Mw = 36 KDa and Resomer RG502H, Mw = 12 KDa)	Dimethylformamide (DMF); tetrahydrofuran (THF)	[22]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA 75:25, Mw 66-107 kD, Sigma-Aldrich); Alginate (sodium alginate, 100-300 cP, Sigma-Aldrich)	1,1,1,3,3,3- hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP, Apollo Scientific Ltd., Cheshire, UK); deionised water	[24]
Poly(L-lactide) (PLA)	Chloroform; Surfactante triethyl benzyl ammonium chloride (TEBAC, C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>22</sub> CIN)	[23]
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA); Poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) with Mn = 35 kDa	Chloroform, dichloromethane (DCM)	[25]
PLGA copolymer (LA/GA: 50/50, Resomer RG504H, Mw= 46 KDa) was purchased from Evonik Industries AG (Essen, Germany); Poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA) Mw=130 KDa was bought from Sigma-Aldrich (USA)	Chloroform; methylene chloride; Acetonitrile;	
Acetalated Dextran (Ace - DEX)	Dimethylformamide (DMF); Tetrahydrofuran (THF);	[26]
poly disulfide polyether urethane (PEU)	Methanol; Ethanol; Polysorbat 80 (Tween 80)	
polyethylene glycol (PEG)	Ethanol/ethyl acetate/n-butanol; Polysorbat 80 (Tween 80)	[27]
Graphene oxide (GO)	Trifluoroethanol (TFE, 99,9%)	[28]
Poly(ethylene glycol) monomethyl ether (mPEG, Mn = 2000 Da and 5000 Da), d,l-lactide (PDLA) and $\epsilon$ -caprolactone	In water suspension	[29]
poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) (MW = 10000–20000)	Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	[30]
2-methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC) (MPC) - MPC polymer (Lipidure®-CM) and amine-modified MPC polymer (Lipidure®-NH01)	Acetonitrile	[31]
2-methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC) (MPC) - MPC polymer (Lipidure®-CM) and amine-modified MPC polymer (Lipidure®-NH01)	Triethylamine/acetate buffer (pH 8, 0.1 M); Ethanol	[32]
Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)	Triethylamine/acetate buffer (pH 8, 0.1 M); Ethanol	[33]
Poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) (PCL) (Mw = 4.5 $\times$ 103 g/mol)	Water	[34]
Acetalated Dextran (Ace-DEX)	Glacial acetic acid (HAc)	[35]
	Ethyl acetate:n-butanol:ethanol	[36]

Alginate sodium salt (Sigma–Aldrich Corp., St. Louis, MO, USA)	Deionized (DI) water	[37]
chitosan (MW: 120.106 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ; degree of deacetylation 85%), PEG (MW 20.000 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) and hyaluronic acid 800.000 g mol <sup>-1</sup>	2% acetic acid in double distilled water (v/v)	[39]
Alginate (MW ~ 120 k Da, guluronic to mannuronic ratio of 1.7:1) (polissacarideo); chitosan [viscosity average molecular weight MW <sub>v</sub> ~ 50–190 kDa, degree of deacetylation (DD): 75–85%] and chitosan (MW <sub>v</sub> ~ 310–375 kDa, DD < 75%)	Tistilled water, acetic acid	[40]
Eudragit L100-55 (MW = 320 000 g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Isopropanol	[41]
Wheat gluten	Acetic acid, ethanol	[42]

**Table 3.** Charges used in the microparticles and the treatment or objective.

Charge	Treatment / objective	Reference
Bovine serum albumin (BSA) and lysozyme	Encapsulate bovine serum albumin (BSA) and lysozyme	[2]
BSA (Albumin Fraction V from bovine serum, 69 000 Da)	Charging potential	[3]
Insulin encapsulation	Selected as a peptide template	[7]
Encapsulation of resiquimod	Treatment of <i>Leishmania donovani</i>	[9]
Encapsulation of 90% of simvastatin	Drug release and application in bone tissue engineering	[10]
Albumin from chicken egg white (ovalbumin [OVA], Grade V, MW = 44 kDa)	Antigen model to induce immune responses in mice after oral vaccination	[11]
Metronidazole (MTZ)	Gastric treatment caused by <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	[18]
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Ketoprofen (KET)	Drug Release	[19]
Acyclovir (ACY)	Low water soluble model drug	[20]
Piperine (PIP)	Reduce gastrointestinal irritation (microparticle loaded with PIP)	[21]
Rifampin	Model drug	[23]
Recombinant vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), Recombinant human bone morphogenetic protein-7 (BMP-7)	Bone tissue	[25]
Recombinant protective antigen (rPA)	<i>Bacillus Anthracis</i>	[27]
Loaded with doxorubicin (DOX)	Efficiency and release	[28]
Graphene oxide (GO)	Battery electrodes	[29]
Doxorubicin (DOX)	An anticancer drug used to demonstrate the approach to the application of encapsulation and delivery of hydrophilic drug	[30]
Artemether	Produce artemether-loaded PLGA-MPs for enhanced bioavailability in malarial therapy.	[31]
Yeast <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Kyokai No. 7	Encapsulation and culture of living cells in vesicles	[33]
Dextran and BSA encapsulation	Release study	[32]

Murabutide, ovalbumina_(OVA)	As an adjuvant model or antigen, respectively.	[36]
They used 0.945 µm diameter Sera-Mag carboxylate-modified magnetic speed-beads. BT-474 breast cancer cells; BT-474 breast cancer cells	For generation and magnetic microparticles and another for cellular encapsulation model	[37]
Caffeine	Hydrophilic model compound to evaluate the efficiency of microparticle encapsulation	[40]
Prednisolone	Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease)	[41]

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