

# Molecular Interactions between APIs and Enteric Polymeric Excipients in Solid Dispersion: Insights from Molecular Simulations and Experiments

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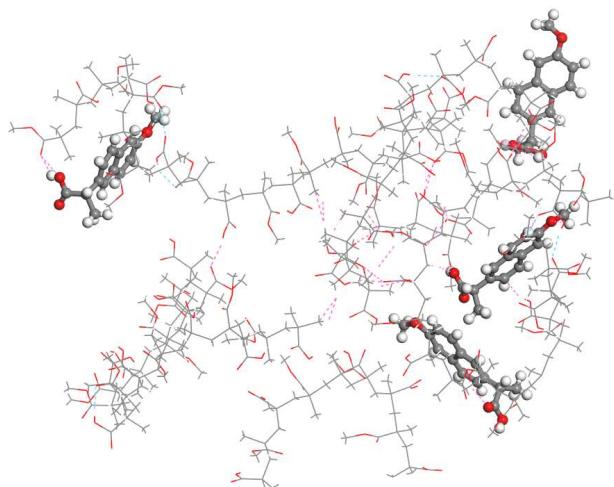
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**Table S1.** Solubilities, melting points, and degradation temperatures of the API and polymers.

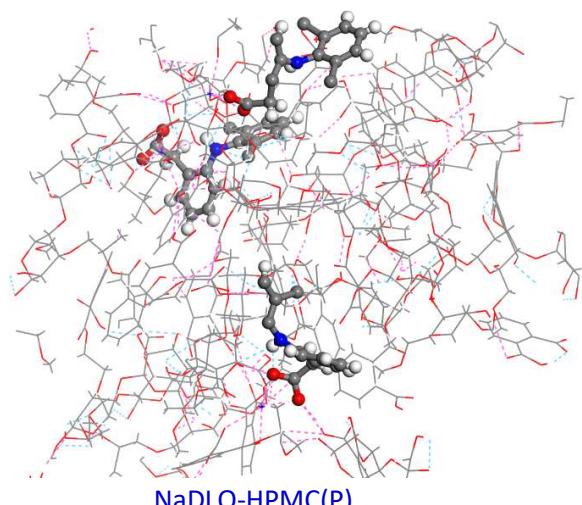
Drug	MW (Da)	Solubility	Melting point/Tg (°C)	Degradation temp (°C)
Diclofenac Sodium	318.13	Soluble in water	285	285
Naproxen	230.25	Practically insoluble at pH below 4	155	196
Dimethyl fumarate	144.12	Soluble in water	102	Not reported
Omeprazole	345.4	Very slightly soluble in water	156	156
HPMC-P 55	35000	Soluble above pH 5.5	143	199
HPMC-AS (LF)	16000	Soluble above pH 5.5	122	204
Eudragit L100-55	135000	Soluble above pH 5.5	120	170

**Table S2.** Number of Hydrogen-bonds between polymer excipients and APIs.

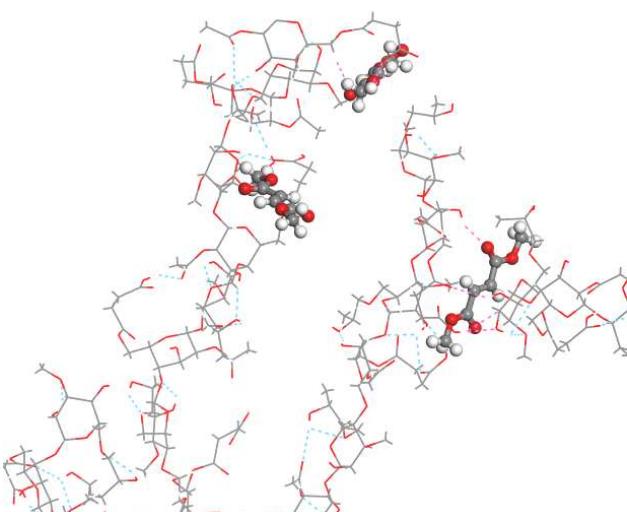
Polymer excipients	Drug APIs			
	Naproxen	Diclofenac sodium	Dimethyl fumarate	Omeprazole
HPMC(P)	0.73	1.37	0.36	1.29
HPMC(AS)	0.86	1.84	0.62	1.50
Eudragit L100	1.07	1.61	0.93	1.78



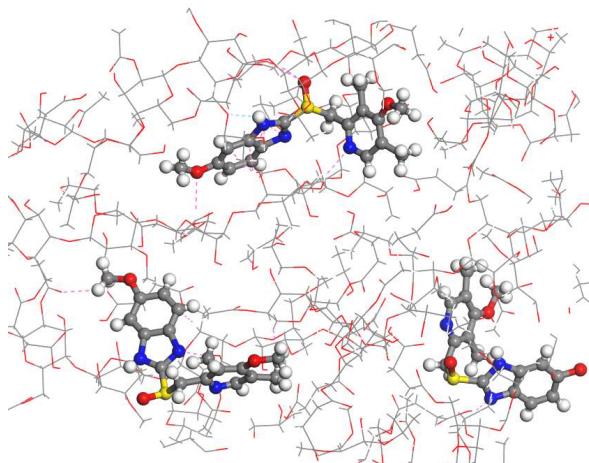
NPX-Eudragit L100



NaDLO-HPMC(P)

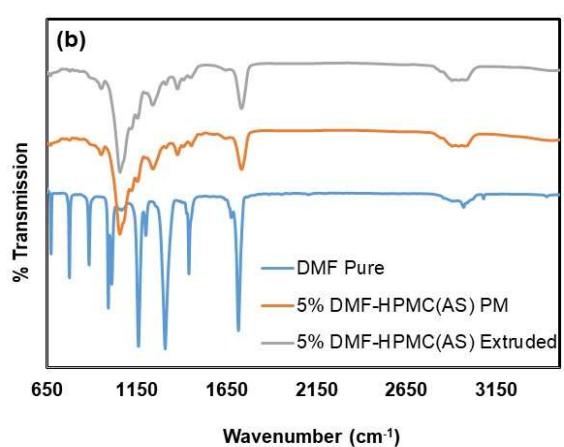
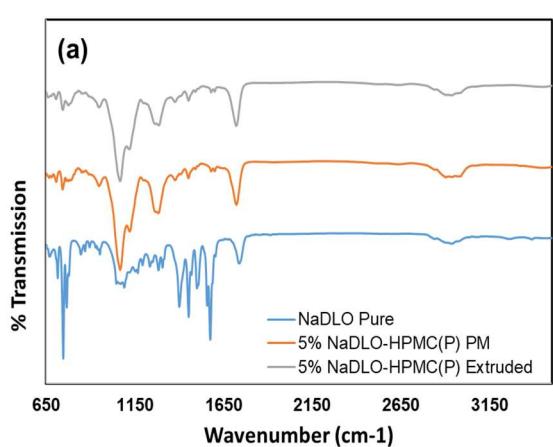


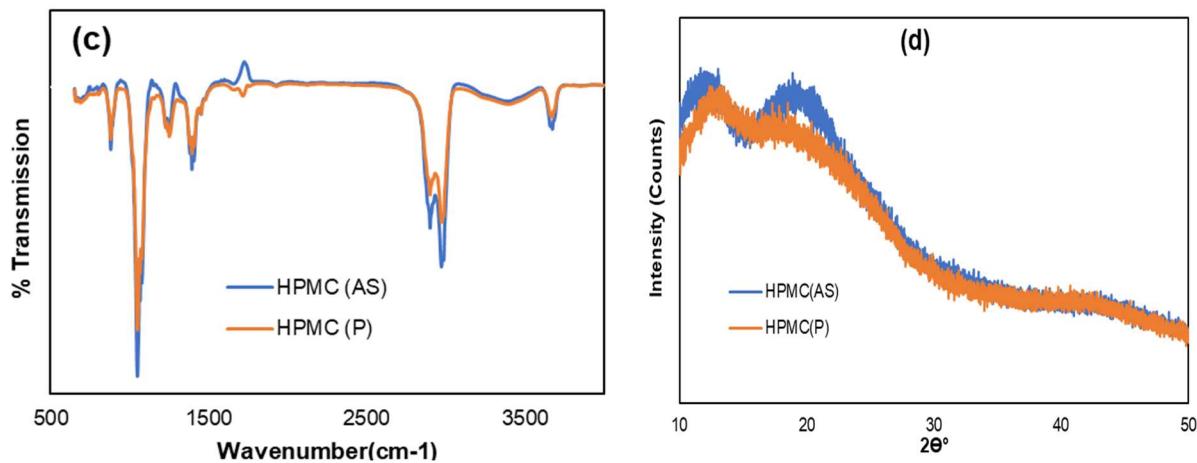
DMF-HPMC(AS)



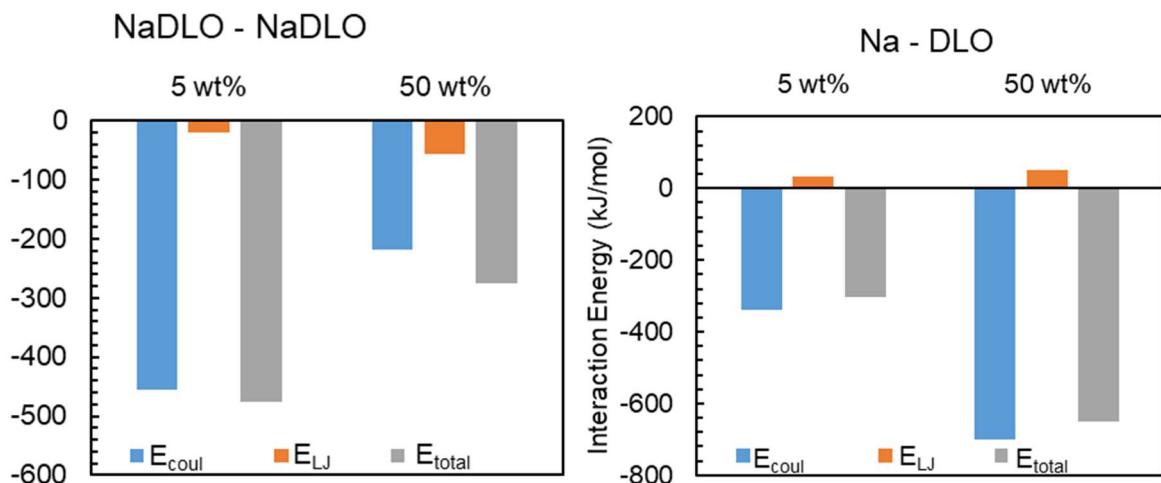
OPZ-HPMC(AS)

**Fig. S1.** Part of the final snapshots from MD simulations corresponding to the best API-polymer pairs.

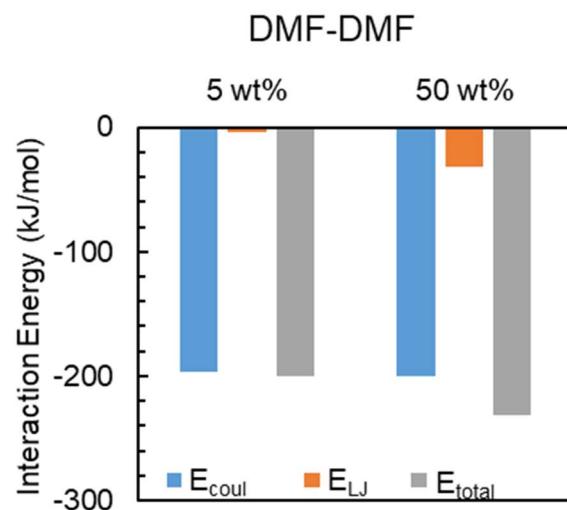




**Fig. S2.** FTIR spectra of at 5% w/w API loading in (a) NaDLO–HPMC(P) physical mixture and extruded, (b) DMF– HPMC(AS) physical mixture and extruded, (c) FTIR and (d) PXRD of pure polymers.



**Fig. S3.** Interaction energies between: NaDLO and NaDLO, and Na<sup>+</sup> and DLO at 5 and 50 wt% NaDLO.



**Fig. S4.** Interaction energies between DMF and DMF at 5 and 50 wt% DMF.