

# Development of dual drugs with coated microneedles

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## Abstract

The world is being affected by several diseases that are treated with injected medicine using hypodermic needles. Needles have become the most widely used medical device, with an estimated 16 million injections administered worldwide [1]. Hypodermic injections cause different side effects like pain, irritation, swelling, and redness of the skin. To increase patients' acceptance, it has been investigated that a smaller needle diameter and insertion force reduces the pain considerably. Using this criterion, the coated microneedles have been developed to minimize pain and achieve greater patient confidence. One of the most important parts is to know how much concentration or drug is in the microneedles to supply these into the skin.

This research will demonstrate the law of conservation of matter with the coating solution made from two different drugs in the microneedles. Where the micro-precision method will be used to coat the drug on the microneedles. In addition, with the fluorescence spectrophotometer instrument, the amount of sulforhodamine B (A) and vitamin B2 (B) in the coating solution will be measured.

## Objectives

- Another alternative for the administration of drugs that we produce, using microneedles and maintaining the law of conservation of mass, efficiency, efficacy, and quality without altering the standards of stability and concentration of the product.
- Helps the company's goals to contribute to the patients to have administration options to reduce different side effects like pain, irritation, swelling, and redness of the skin while maintaining the quality and efficiency of the product.

## Methodology



Standard

Curve

Coating

Solution

Micro

Precision dip

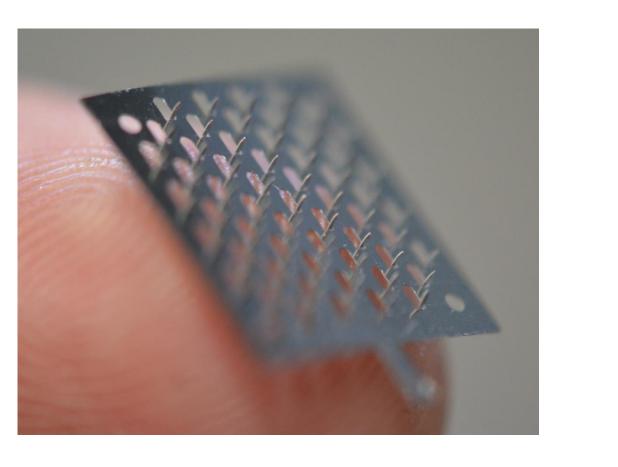
coating

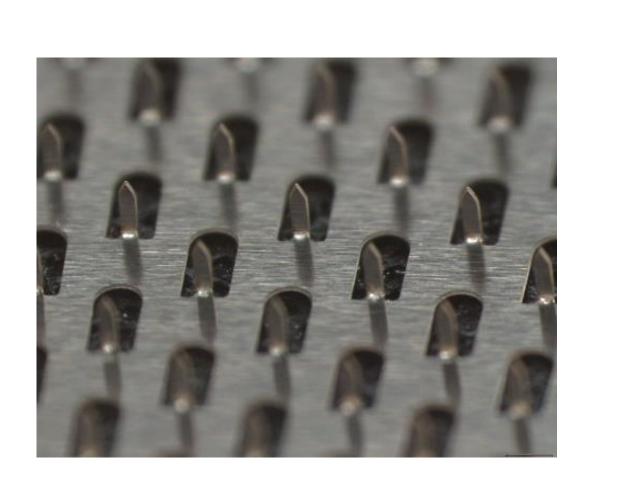
Fluorescence

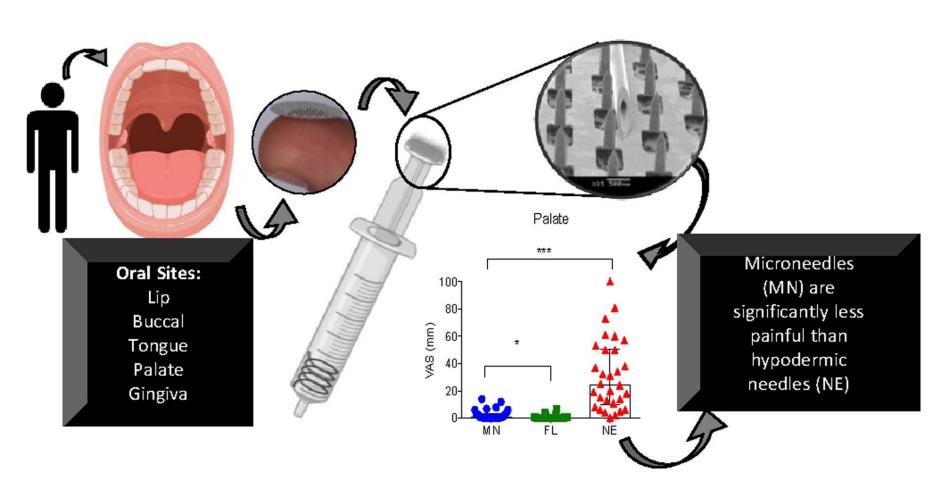
Spectrophotometer

- Has to be in 90 degree angle with the metal surface.
- Each patch contains 57 microneedles made with stainless steel.
- Two standard curves are made to determine the amount of coating found in the microneedles.
- A 1 mg/mL stock solution was made from five solutions with different concentration.
- The coating solution was composed of 1% (w/v) carboxymethylcellulose sodium salt and 0.5% (w/v) Lutrol F-68 NF.
- Solution A is sulforhodamineB and solution B is vitamin B2.
- The amount of drug was transferred into the microneedles
- The amount of layer by layer in the microneedles was five.
- The equipment measure the absorbance of each substance.
- Wavelength was determine by the emission and excitation

## Microneedle Fabrication

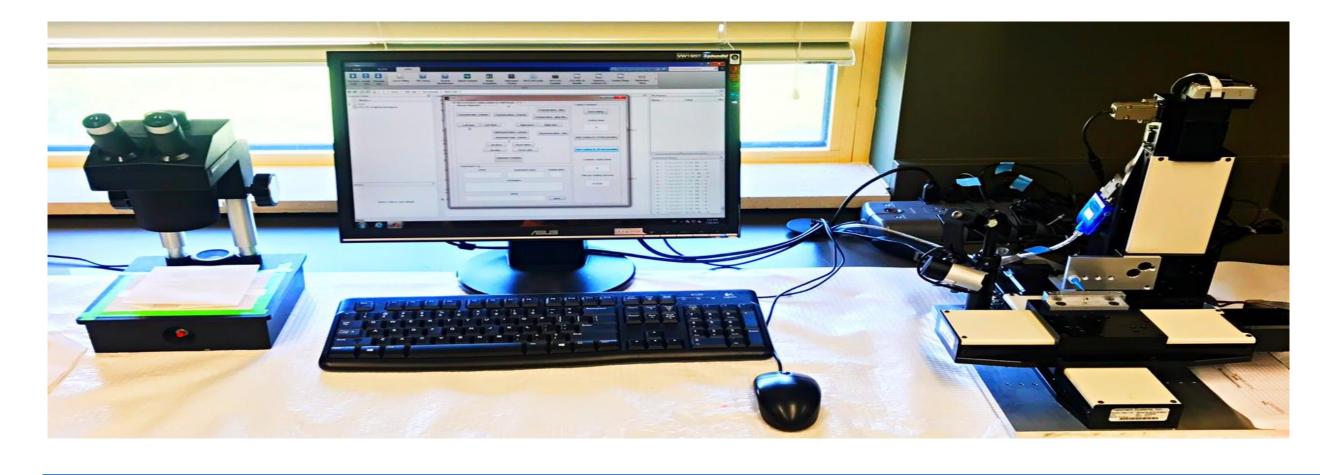


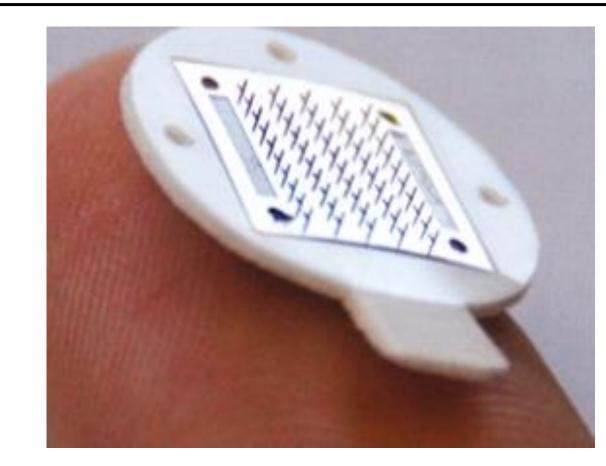




## **Experimental Setup and Method**

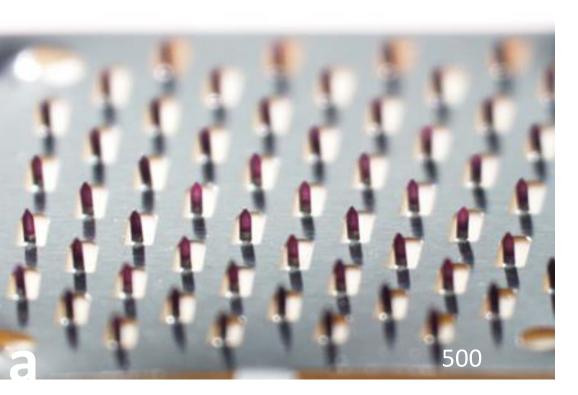
Sulforhodamine B (ng/mL)	Vitamin B2 (ng/mL)
90	50
70	150
60	200
30	350

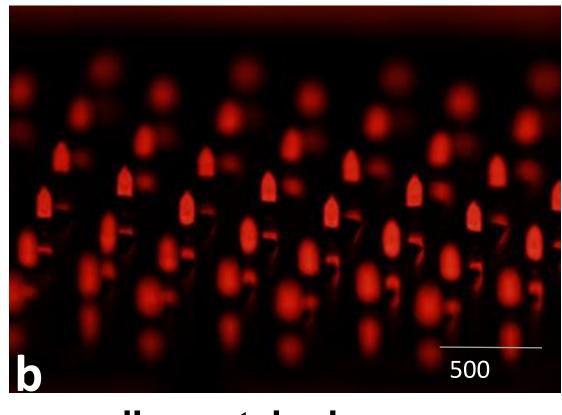


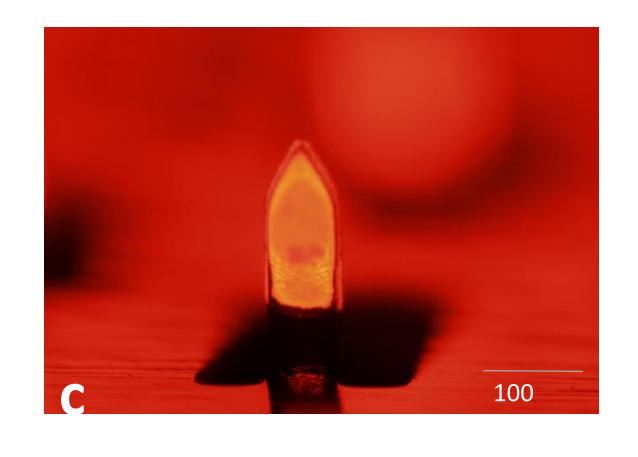


#### **Results and Discussion**

(i) SulforhodamineB coating on 2-dimensionless microneedles patched

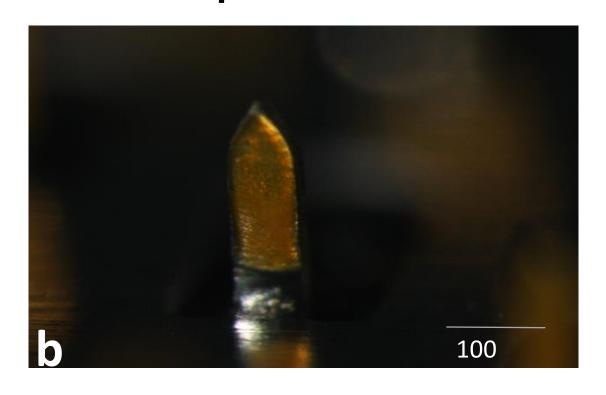


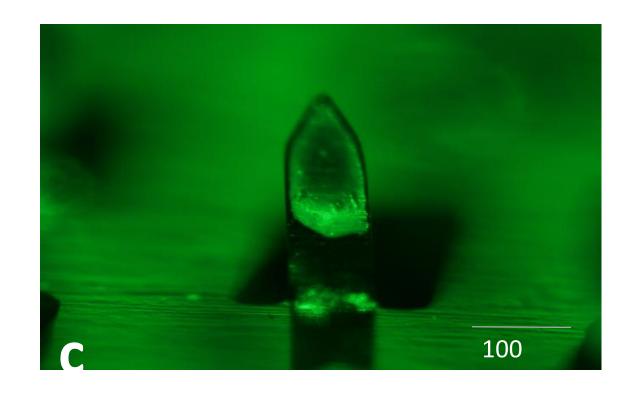






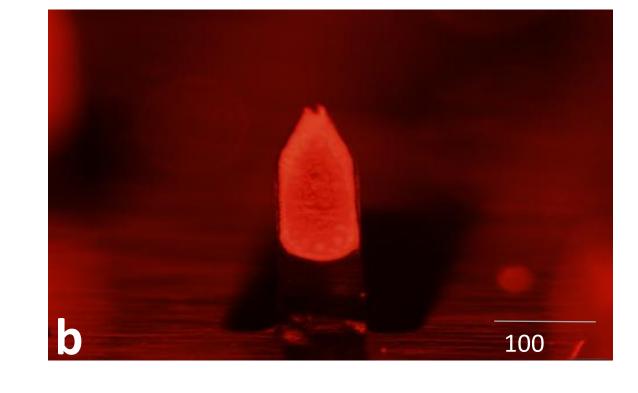


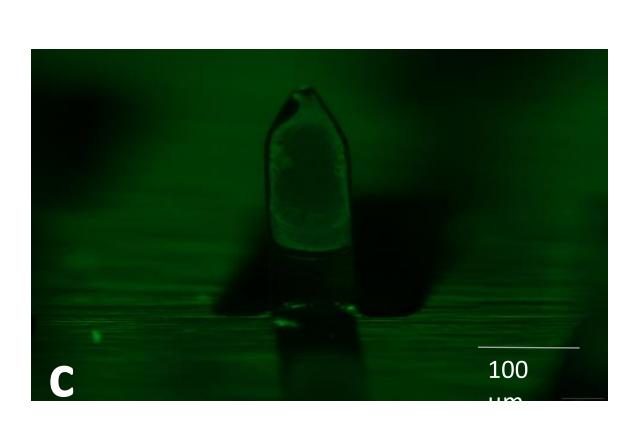


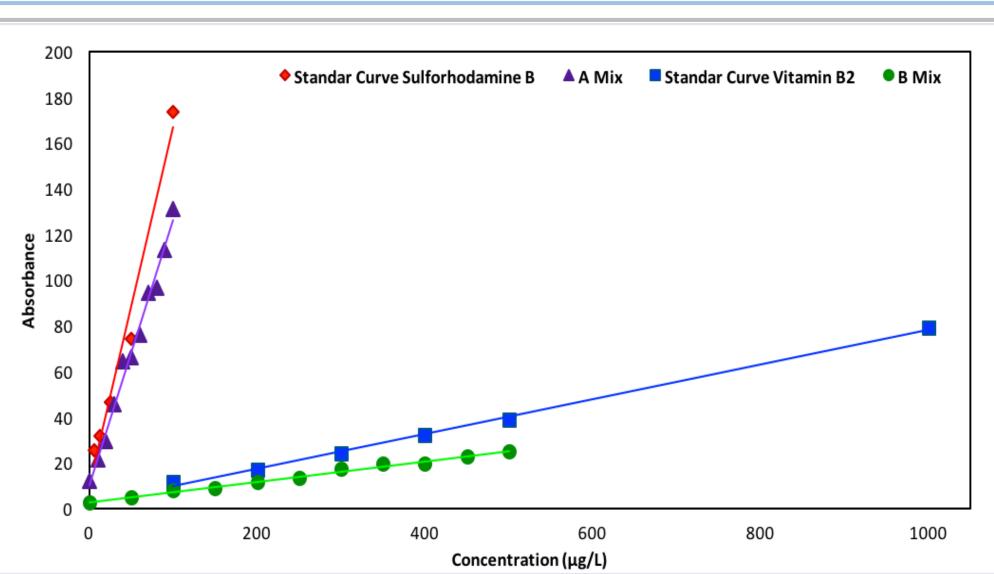


(iii) SulforhodamineB and Vitamin B2 coating on 2- dimensionless microneedles patched









Theorical Ratio (A/B)	Experimental Ratio (A/B)
1.8	1.856
0.466	0.578
0.3	0.336
0.085	0.0868

The following results were obtained from methodology execution:

- It is observed that the drugs of sulforhodamine B and vitamin B2 when they are in their pure state and with high concentration, the absorbance tends to become greater.
- When mixing A and B the absorbance decreases proportionally with the concentration of each substance.
- As the coating solution was used in different concentrations, it was identified that the absorbance varied but the mass ratio remained the same.

#### Conclusions

- In a world with high incidence of diseases, where patients require regularly medication it is important to ensure the effectiveness of the drug.
- Being the concentration a determinant factor for the microneedle treatment effectiveness, the value were maintained for the coating solution and pure substances subjects of study.
- The investigation results demonstrated the law of conservation of matter using absorbance as the main indicator through experimentation.

## **Future Works**

For future work, larger molecules will be investigated to observe the mass conservation behavior. Experiments will be performed with sulforhodamine DNA and proteins to administer the drugs to different animals in the mucosal area and to calculate the mass transfer.

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