

## IMPORTANCE OF NANOCARRIERS AND PROBIOTICS IN THE TREATMENT OF ULCERATIVE COLITIS

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### ABSTRACT

Ulcerative colitis (UC) is an inflammatory chronic disease primarily affecting the colonic mucosa; the extent and severity of colon involvement are variable. Ulcerative colitis is identified by mucus diarrhea, tenesmus, bowel distension, and anemia. 5-aminosalicylic acid drugs, steroids, and immune suppressants are used for the therapy of ulcerative colitis. The main challenges in the management of the disease are drug-related side-effects and local targeting. To overcome these challenges probiotics and micro and Nanoparticulate system are auspicious approaches to overcome drug-related adverse side effects and local targeting. Upon ingestion, the probiotics can result in beneficial health effects. Probiotics and micro and nanoparticulate approaches for suitable targeting and overcome the drug-associated side effect. Probiotics are mainly used as gut modulators but are also nowadays explored for their use in ulcerative colitis. The current therapeutic goals are to achieve clinical remission along with mucosal healing, avoidance of complications such as side effects of the drug and to improve the quality of life. The use of probiotics to increase the health of the intestine and used to block or manage intestinal disorders. They may prevent the induction of inflammatory reactions. Probiotics must be inspected for efficacy in the prevention and management of a wide spectrum of gastrointestinal diseases, like antibiotic-associated diarrhea. Micro and Nanoparticulate drug delivery system has been achieving huge importance for targeting of the drug to colon locally at a controlled and sustained rate.

**Keywords:** Inflammatory chronic disease, Probiotics, Micro and Nanoparticulate

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### INTRODUCTION

IBD is a disease of the gastrointestinal tract and it is identified by unrestricted inflammation caused by unsuitable and constant activation of the mucosal immune system. Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease are the different types of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which are very common, with associated significant morbidity and mortality [1,2]. While the main reasons are mostly undetermined of the pathogenesis of IBD but the factors related to the environment and genetic vulnerability are found to be associated with it [3]. Ulcerative colitis is chronic inflammatory disorders found in the intestinal tract that causes the life-threatening issue and have an increasing occurrence worldwide [4]. The small intestine and large intestine or colon are the major areas involved in the IBD, which are manifested by the persistent inflammation in certain areas of the mucosa [5]. It is determined by intermittent rectal bleeding, diarrhoea, rectal urgency, and tenesmus [6]. Molodecky *et al.* (2010) studied In Western Europe, Asia, and North America; this disease has an annual occurrence of approximately 24.3 per 100,000 populations every year, 6.3 per 100,000 per year, and 19.2 per 100,000 populations every year, respectively. IBD is becoming a world disorder because of its increasing occurrence and prevalence of it concerning time. There is a very lower occurrence in Africa, South America, and Asia [7]. It has been predicted that more than 1 million individuals suffered from IBD in the US, out of which 100,000 are children. IBD is in 5th rank amid the most common gastrointestinal disorder.

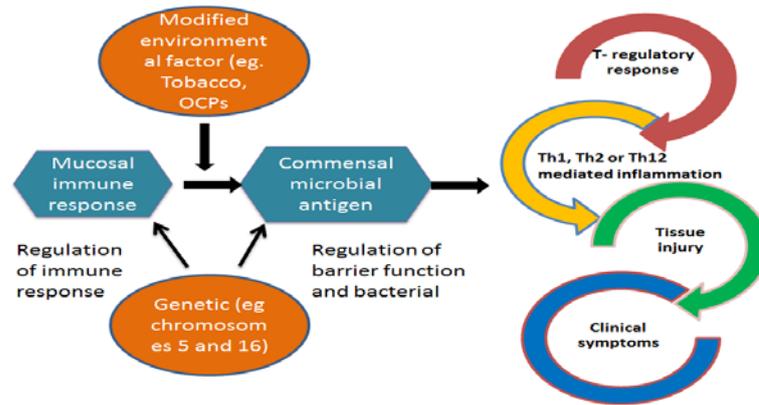
### Epidemiology

The occurrence and prevalence of ulcerative colitis have been expanding over time worldwide. Ulcerative colitis is mainly related to recurrent attacks with complete remission of symptoms. Kim *et al.* (2017) studied show the increased incidence of the disease is more (three to six-fold more) in Jewish and it is more common in Caucasians than in black. In Western Europe occurrence of approximately 6 to 8 cases per 100,000 populations and the USA, and an estimated occurrence of about 70 to 150 per 100,000

populations. Within Europe, it seems a variance in ulcerative colitis incidence; with the eastern countries have low incidence than in western and in northern countries. The possibility of progression of ulcerative colitis in children of an immigrant from low-occurrence to high-occurrence state is the same as non-immigrants. In the world, IBD is becoming a big problem because of its increasing occurrence and widespread of its concern for time. The incidence in Africa, Asia, and South America is very low [8,9]. In the United States, it has been predicted that 100,000 children are affected by IBD in the US out of 1 million people.

### Etiology of ulcerative colitis

The precise cause of ulcerative colitis is not known, but some factors that are related to the disease, including family history, use of oral contraceptives, genetic, Gut/environmental, psychosomatic, autoimmune, epidemiological are responsible. An autoimmune condition stimulated by colonic bacteria resulting in inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract is possibly called Ulcerative colitis. Family history is there in around 25-40% of children; the people about to with concerning an individual with Chrons disease are 17-35 times more likely to develop ulcerative colitis than the general population. A combination of factors, including abnormal mucosal immune responses, intestinal epithelial dysfunction, and defects of host interactions with intestinal microbes, can contribute to CD [10]. Environmental factors consist of immune interactions, bacterial infections, and epithelial barrier functions. Epidemiological studies consist of nutritional behavior, smoking habits, ingestion of drugs, hormonal conditions, variations resulting from different climates, and changes due to social conditions. Hygiene theory suggests that the decline in enteric infections in developed countries has caused insufficient progress of the dictatorial processes that mucosal immune responses are bound [11]. The inflammatory factors can be investigated through different cell signal pathways, inflammatory mediators such as tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), Interleukin-6, Interleukin-1, Interleukin-4, Interleukin-12, Interleukin-11 and Interleukin-4, and Eicosanoids profiles [12].

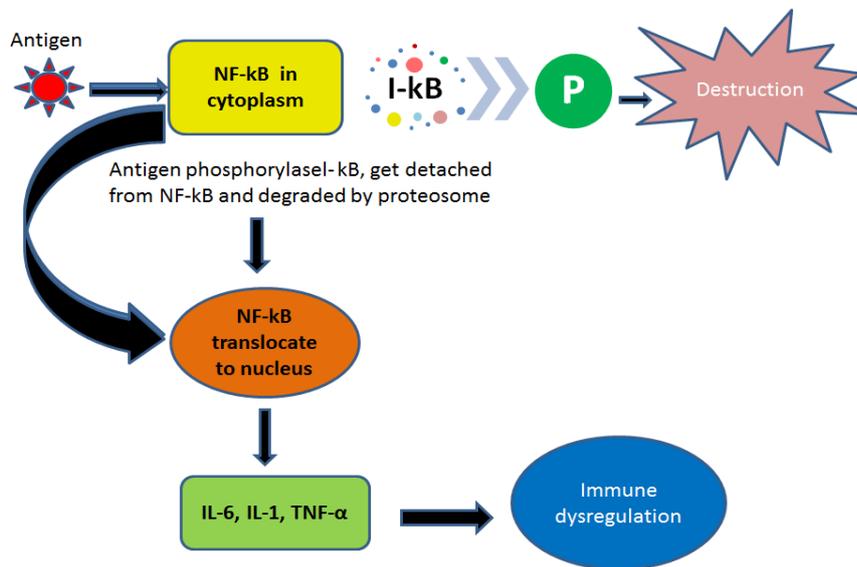


**Fig.1: Etiologic factors in IBD**

Fig. 1[13] shows the etiologic factors in IBD. Chronic inflammation resulted from the production of reactive oxygen species produces dysplasia, which can turn into CAC, i.e., colitis-associated colorectal cancer, which is a critical type of ulcerative colitis. Therefore, with ulcerative colitis, the high possibility of colon cancer in patients is there[14]. The mucosal layer of the colon is the region where the inflammation is confined. The rectum is always involved, with inflammation expanded proximally in a confluent fashion. In opposition, the CD is not limited to a restricted region and can be found in any part of GIT, and the inflammation can be asymmetrical, transmural, and segmented[15].

**Pathophysiology of ulcerative colitis**

Pathogenesis of ulcerative colitis remains unknown, in current years several some many findings conclusion point to an over incentive or insufficient regulation of the mucosal immune system as a crucial pathophysiologic pathway, and then particular emphasis can be given to the analyses of immunologic reactions or mucosal inflammation. Several factors of ulcerative colitis that result in primary immunological disorders or there are doesn't appropriate pathological immunological reactions to an environment e. g. commensal intestinal microorganisms. The first main cause is the deregulation of the immune system, which results in uncontrolled immune responses to usual microflora.



**Fig.2: Mechanism of UC via the NF-κB mechanism**

In maximum (i.e. 95%) cases, deregulations of the immune system extend directly from the rectum in a continuous pattern involving part or every part of the colon. A second cause is the epithelial cell abnormalities and alters in the content of gut microflora that facilitates an unusual mucosal immune response[16]. A third cause is reduced gene expression i.e., alteration of the gene that is CARD15/NOD2[17]. Ulcerative colitis is a chronic condition that contains large intestine and colon, where the entire organ or a portion of the gastrointestinal is affected by inflammation. Ulcerative Colitis is the inflammatory bowel disease which continual inflammation and ulceration which extend from the rectum towards the caecum and is normally related to extra IL-13 producing where, Crohn's disease is related to the abundant production of IL-12/IL-23 and IFN-γ/IL-17, it usually involves part

of ileum and colon where discontinuous ulceration and inflammation including granulomas occurs [18]. Fig. 2[19] shows the mechanism of UC by NF-κB mechanism. Unusually increased intestinal permeability is one of the factors that caused ulcerative colitis and that will result in disease continuation, which can be reported by some authors. Thus breaking down the barrier function of epithelial wall conduct to increase the permeability of mucosa for luminal antigens, bacteria or microorganisms, and loss of water and electrolytes by activating the inflammatory process. Due to breakage of the barrier from the epithelium, water, and various electrolytes have been lost. Incorporation of this, the lost polarity of damaged intestinal cells that results in apical expression of the transferrin receptor protein, whose appearance is mainly increased on apical

and basolateral sites of enterocytes in the inflamed mucosa of IBD patients.

**Signs and symptoms of ulcerative colitis**

The main symptoms of ulcerative colitis (UC) include pain, discomfort and diarrhea with blood (table 1). Fever and weight loss occurs sometimes. Extraintestinal symptoms can be an initial expression or can occur subsequently in the duration of the illness.

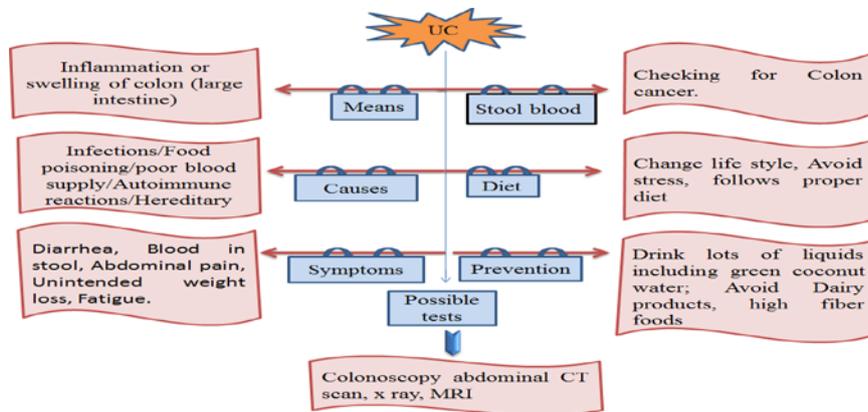
In proctitis, occasionally, obstipation can be the initial symptom. Weight loss, tachycardia, rectal bleeding, and bowel inflation are significant symptoms. Ulcerative colitis is divided into various classes i.e., distal, extensive, ulcerative proctitis. Meier *et al.* (2011) have studied which briefly explains that ulcerative colitis is given in fig. 3 [20]. Around eighty percent of the patients suffer from proctitis, and extensive colitis is found in 20% of patients.

**Table 1: Initial symptoms of ulcerative colitis**

S. No.	Symptoms	% frequency	Referances
1.	Diarrhoea	96.4 %	[20]
2.	Blood in stool	89.3 %	[20]
3.	Pain	81.3 %	[20]
4.	Generally unwell	40.2 %	[20]
5.	Arthralgia	27.7 %	[20]
6.	Fever	20.5 %	[20]
7.	Weight Loss	38.4 %	[20]
8.	Fever	20.5 %	[20]
9.	Skin Changes	20.5 %	[20]
10.	Loss of appetite	15.2 %	[20]
11.	Ophthalmopathies	7.1 %	[20]
12.	Nausea	6.3 %	[20]

However, proximal extension results late in around 50% of patients with proctosigmoiditis, and in other patients, the opposite occurs. A

change in the area of the disorder should arise new symptoms. The duration of the disease can change.



**Fig.3: A schematic diagram for ulcerative colitis**

**Table 2: Drugs used in the treatment of ulcerative colitis**

Drug type	Drug name	Available routes	Efficacy	Induction dose	Maintenance dose	Adverse events	Reference s
5-Amino Salicylate	Mesalamine Balsalazide Sulfasalazine	Oral Rectal	Induction and maintenance	Mesalamine: 2-4.8g(oral) Mesalamine: 4g(enema) Mesalamine: 1g(suppository) Balsalazide: 6.75g Sulfasalazine: 2-4 g	Mesalamine: 1.6-2.4 g Mesalamine: 4 g (enema) Mesalamine: 1g (suppository) Balsalazide: 6.75g Sulfasalazine: 2-4 g	Headache, nausea, diarrhea, interstitial nephritis, leukopenia, and hepatitis	[22,23]
Corticosteroids	Prednisone Budesonide Methylprednisolone	Oral Rectal IV	Induction only	Prednisone: 40-60 mg Budesonide: 9 mg Methylprednisolone: 40-60 mg daily		delirium, cataracts, glaucoma, striae, delayed wound healing, adrenal insufficiency	[22,23]
Thiopurines	Azathioprine Mercaptopurine	Oral	Induction and maintenance	Azathioprine: 2-2.5 g/kg Mercaptopurine: 1-1.5 g/kg	Azathioprine: 2-2.5 g/kg Mercaptopurine: 1-1.5 g/kg	Nausea, vomiting, hepatitis, bone marrow suppression, pancreatitis,	[22,23]
Anti-TNF	Infliximab Adalimumab Golimumab	IV Subcutaneous	Induction and maintenance	Infliximab: 5 mg/kg weeks 0, 2, and 6 Adalimumab: 160 mg week 0, 80 mg week 2	Infliximab: 5 mg/kg every 8 w Adalimumab: 40 mg every 2 w Golimumab: 100 mg every 4 w	Infusion/injection site reaction, infection, melanoma, reactivation of latent TB and hepatitis B,	[22,23]

Golimumab: 200 mg  
week 0, 100 mg week 2

### Drugs used in the management of ulcerative colitis

Ulcerative colitis relies on the extremity of the disease, its subtype, patient preference. Most frequently used drugs for its cure and management are an anti-inflammatory agent which mostly includes 5-aminosalicylates like olsalazine, mesalazine, and balsalazide, which can treat slightly to average attacks and can sustain remission in UC and immunosuppressive agents which includes azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, cyclosporine, tacrolimus calcineurin inhibitors. Other categories of drugs include Corticosteroids, like prednisolone and anti-TNF- $\alpha$ -antibodies for ordinary to acute or serious conditions of IBD [21]. Table 2 shows the different drugs used in the treatment of ulcerative colitis.

#### Aminosalicylates

Sulfasalazine is the first-class drug of antibiotics. For the management of ulcerative colitis Oral 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) is taken. Mesalamine (5-ASA) is usually absorbed from the upper region of the intestine; particular delivery of drugs into the colon may be a more acceptable method of drug delivery with fewer side effects and more potency. Due to side effects in those with sulfa allergy and nausea, newer forms of 5-ASAs were created specific for its activity on the GI tract. The mechanism of action of 5-Amino salicylates includes the stimulation of class of nuclear receptors, which mainly include cell proliferation and inflammation. It helps in decreasing the production of chemoattractant leukotriene and slows down the cellular release of interleukin-1 and 2[24]. Wang *et al.* (2016) have studied 5-ASA Common side effects like flatulence, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, headache, dyspepsia, nasopharyngitis[25]. Management of mesalamine using a combination of rectal and oral provides complete relief of distal UC than rectal or oral therapy alone[26].

#### Corticosteroids

These drugs act via glucocorticoid receptor in the cell nucleus and immune response modulates but due to the steroidal nature of these drugs, they can improve corticoid resistance and corticoid dependency, which their maximum applicability in UC[27]. These drugs are used for mild to common conditions of UC. But in the acute type of IBD and for patients who do not show any effect to corticosteroids, Immunosuppressive drugs like azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, etc. are the next line of drugs and play an important part in the treatment IBD. But the safety profile of this treatment is still an issue [28].

#### Thiopurines

The thiopurines, 6-MP and AZA have been said to sustain remission in both CD and UC. AZA is the prodrug to 6-MP as it is metabolized to 6-MP. Both drugs are thiopurine analogs that work through 6-thioguanine nucleotide (6-TGN), which is the active metabolite, which in turn stops the synthesis of DNA and RNA and also the apoptosis of T-cell [29,30]. AZA/6MP inhibits purine synthesis and ultimately DNA and RNA synthesis. They also stop T- and B-lymphocyte multiplication. However, the precise mode of action at UC is not known. They can be used to cause and retain remission in UC with effectiveness rates of 60–70%. They can reduce the dose or stop steroids in patients who have better with steroids and chronic active disease not completely controlled with steroids[31].

#### Anti-tumor necrosis factor therapy

Infliximab is a chimeric monoclonal antibody that is used against tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) and also used in the management of autoimmune diseases. For patients with average-to-acute UC who are intolerant of mesalazine (5-ASA) products and immune modulators, infliximab is used for remission induction. UC patients failed mesalazine and immune modulators therapy, then Infliximab can be used for management of remission in UC patients. The use of infliximab in ulcerative colitis patients whose therapy is based on steroids is unclear. Infliximab can be used in acute steroid-resistant in ulcerative colitis patients who are unwilling to undergo surgery. The cases of hepatosplenic lymphoma have been described

in younger patients on infliximab who were on related immune-suppressive agents [32,33].

#### Challenges in the maintenance and treatment of ulcerative colitis

Many drugs are available for the therapy of ulcerative colitis. i.e. 5-aminosalicylic acid, oral or systemic corticosteroids, immune modulator, etc. but these drugs are associated with many serious side effects after long-term use or have a certain disadvantage or not suitable for the use in some patients. Reduction of drug-related side-effects is the main challenge of therapy in ulcerative colitis. i.e. (weight loss, rectal bleeding, anemia, tachycardia, and bowel distension by drug delivery to the colon which is site-specific[34]. Kim *et al.* (2006) have studied to design a delivery system, which delivers the maximum amount of drug to the specific site at the right period time in the body that increases efficacy, compliance is a great [35]. There are numbers of agents taken for the therapy of ulcerative colitis diseases but they show adverse effects like diarrhoea, peptic ulcers, nephron and hepatotoxicity, vomiting, glaucoma, Cushing's syndrome, etc. [36-38]. To target the drugs, particularly to the colonic part of GIT is the main challenge[39]. Synthetic drugs have various drawbacks and for this reason, safe and efficacious drug treatment for the UC is the problem. The damage to skeletal and growth development is because of the absence of balanced nutrition is another problem for children with IBD. To solve these difficulties, proper nutrition and appropriate anti-inflammatory therapy are the best options.

#### Role of microparticles and nanocarrier in ulcerative colitis

Microparticles and Nanocarrier systems are used for the targeted type of drug delivery for the management of ulcerative colitis. Microparticles are suitable for a wide variety of drug delivery applications, and they offer many advantages.

- Their small particle size offers improved reproducibility in the drug release mechanism.
- They offer improved control over the release rate of the drug.
- A microparticle offers immediate, modified, delayed, pulsed, sustained, and extended-release.
- They allow the preparation of dosage forms for colon delivery through the use of coatings designed.
- Their reduced particle size gives them the potential to improve bioavailability.

The major motive of this delivery system is to target the high concentration of active ingredients to the site in the inflamed intestinal tissues to enhance the therapeutic efficacy and minimizing the side effects[40]. Micro and Nanoparticle systems provide a selective drug targeting to the specific site with almost the needed efficacious drug dose and side effects[41]. So the formation of a novel site-specific drug delivery system that will increase the drug release in the inflamed tissues without causing any harm to normal tissues and then decrease the side effects of the drug is needed.

The major step in this direction is preparing pharmaceutical dosage forms with reduced sizes, which will enhance the time of their residence in the colonic part. The most common characteristic of IBD is diarrhea that causes the streaming of the dosage form (rapid transit of large dosage forms). By decreasing the size of dosage forms (e. g. pellets) the enhancement in the retention time can be done. Further, the decrease in size to micrometer range will help to reduce the streaming effect (and thereby increase the residence time) and also helps in enhancing the bio-distribution of drug molecule[42,43]. Lately, many innovative ideas have been explored for the management of IBD. The main motive behind the development of these targeted drug delivery systems was to reach site-specific transport of active moieties to the inflamed tissue. These drug carrier systems not only prevent degradation of active moieties against various physiological changes happening during IBD but also increase the therapeutic effectiveness and lessen the incidence of systemic adverse drug reactions. Research and development in the treatment of IBD are observing steady-state

progress in terms of the development of upgraded and smart drug delivery systems, and highly effective therapeutic agents. One can say that the idea of attaining effective and site-specific targeting for the treatment of IBD will soon be able to knock the doors of reality.

#### Mechanism of uptake of nanocarriers/microcarriers

The mechanism of uptake of nanocarriers/microcarriers for site-specific drug delivery is depending upon the full information of the mechanism of disease and drug. In some studies, it has been stated that for ulcerative colitis treatment, microparticles range should be 10–300  $\mu\text{m}$  to target specifically to the inflamed region of the colon. Carrier selection is very important for a particular drug i.e. either hydrophilic or lipophilic and also depends on the disordered situations as well as on the physicochemical nature of the drug. The

optimal particle size should be between 4 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$  for improved localization and increased residence time of the drug at the site of inflammation [44-46]. To attain high localization in Payer's patches, intestinal lymphoid tissue, and lamina propria, there is the need to overcome such barrier/layer. In the case of UC, as the disease severity increases, the protective mucus layer starts becoming thinner. This pathophysiology of the mucus layer increases the mucosal permeability and helps in the proper location at its inflamed sites. Size-dependent translocation of MP and NP across colonocytes in the healthy GI tract contains fig. 4 Lamprecht *et al.* (2001) shows that the mechanism of nanocarriers in ulcerative colitis that nanocarriers system systems to target the inflamed mucosa are a promising strategy in ulcerative colitis treatment [46].

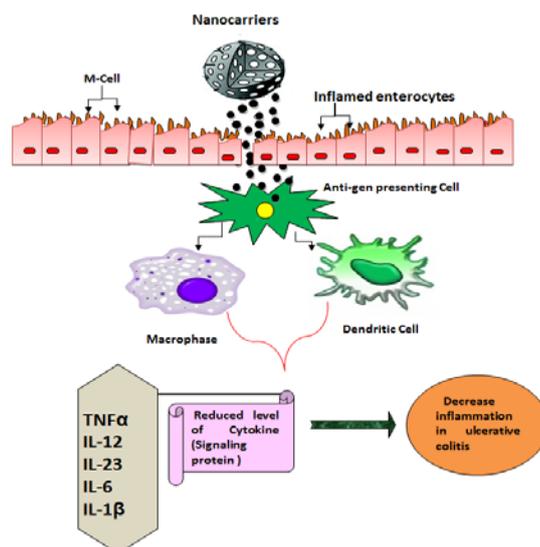


Fig.4: Show the mechanism of nanocarriers uptake in ulcerative colitis

Reducing the particle size of drug delivery systems is believed to increase colonic residence time but can also provide additional benefits for IBD therapy, such as a selective accumulation in inflamed tissues. Nanocarriers are taken up by an increased number of immune-related

cells in active inflammation and to suppress inflammation via multiple pathways, like inhibiting the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines (i.e., TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$  or IL-8). In some earlier studies, the different carriers system used in ulcerative colitis is shown in table 3.

Table 3: Different carrier system used in ulcerative colitis

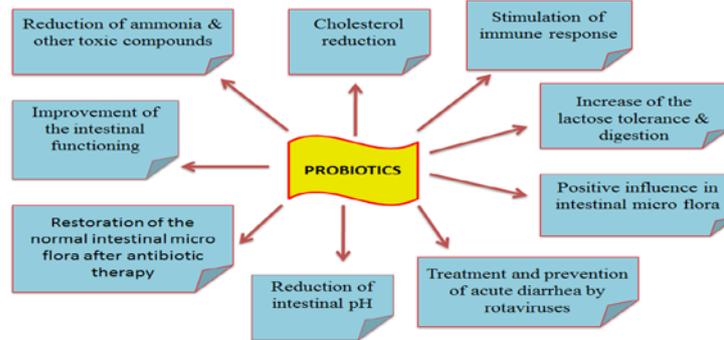
Drug	System used	Inference	Reference
5-Aminosalicylic acid	Alginate blend microspheres	No Systemic toxicity was observed and great potential application in inflammatory bowel disease.	[48]
	Microparticles	Increase therapeutic efficiency, mucoadhesive and controlled release.	[49]
	Chitosan-ca-alginate microparticles	5-ASA loaded microparticles have the potential for intensive mucoadhesion and controlled colon-specific delivery	[50]
	N-succinyl-chitosan microparticles	Drug targeting, biocompatible, low toxicity.	[51]
Cyclosporine	Polymeric nanocarriers	Minimizing systemic exposure and associated adverse effect.	[52]
	Lipid nanoparticles	Enhancing efficacy and reducing the risk of nephrotoxicity and decrease renal damage.	[53]
	Eudragit S 100 solid nanomatrix	Improved nephrotoxicity and increase bioavailability.	[54]
Prednisolone	Conjugate microspheres	Eudragit-coated Ch-SP-MS were considered potentially suitable for <i>in vivo</i> or practical application as a specific delivery system of PD to IBD sites	[55]
	Silica microparticles	Increase bioavailability by sustaining the drug release and enhancing drug permeability.	[56]
	Microspheres	Reduce toxicity, Ch-SP-MS/Eul reduced significantly the thymic atrophy caused by PD.	[57]
Budesonide	Chitosan coated ca-alginate microparticles	Eudragit coating has successfully sustained the release of BDS in the upper GIT (pH 2.0 and 6.8) while providing the potential for efficient release of BDS in the colon (pH 7.4).	[58]
Vancomycin	Microparticles	Site-specific and controlled delivery and reduce toxicity.	[59]
	Chitosan-based micro and nanoparticles	Micro and nanoparticles improve the release in the colon	[60]
Glucocorticoster	Collagen microparticles	The drug was not influenced by the pH of the release medium. Binding to the	[61]

oids particles did not affect the stability of hydrocortisone. Collagenmicroparticles can be successfully used as a carrier system for lipophilic steroids.

**Role of probiotics in the treatment of ulcerative colitis**

Probiotics are 'live microorganisms which when given in sufficient quantity, are beneficial to the host. Probiotics are microorganisms that we take into our bodies to support our health. Commonly, they're strains of bacteria that can help improve our digestion. The health benefits of Probiotics are shown in fig. 5 [61]. Probiotics are that rare supplement from which almost everyone can benefit. Probiotics assist with a lot of health concerns, such as healthy digestion, healthy metabolism, and even increased weight loss. A poor diet, too much stress, and a lifetime of antibiotics have likely disposed of the majority of the good bacteria. The identification of

the microbial environment and cytokine expression as key components of intestinal mucositis, probiotics represents a promising therapeutic option. When probiotics are administered in sufficient numbers, they can provide beneficial physiologic or therapeutic activities. Bacteria can be derived from various sources, such as cultured food and normal human microbiota, but must certain criteria included complete identification at genus, species, and strain level; antimicrobial substances; safety for consumption; may apply probiotic properties is impressive. Some are listed in table 4. For nutrition, the strains categorized as lactic acid bacteria are of importance, and out of them, are of genera *Lactococcus* and *Bifidobacterium*.



**Fig.5: Health benefits of probiotic**

**Table 4: Microorganisms commonly used as probiotics**

Lactobacilli	Bifidobacteria	Others	References
<i>L. Casei</i> Shirota	<i>B. longum</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Nissle	[62]
<i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	<i>B. bifidum</i>	<i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i>	
<i>L. johnsonii</i>	<i>B. infantis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	
<i>L. acidophilus</i>	<i>B. lactis</i>	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	
<i>L. gasseri</i>	<i>B. breve</i>	<i>Propionibacteria</i>	
<i>L. reuteri</i>	<i>B. animalis</i>		
<i>L. casei</i>	<i>B. adolescentis</i>		
<i>L. fermentum</i>			
<i>L. crispatus</i>			

*Lactobacilli* are Gram-positive, non-spore-forming, and non-flagellated rods or coccobacilli, aerotolerant, fastidious, acid-tolerant, and strictly fermentative[63]. The different probiotic strain has a different ability, even within the same species, it is different. Different strains of the same species are always distinct and may have different areas of attachment (site-specific), specific immunological effects, and activity on a healthy vs. an inflamed mucosal milieu may be different from each other. The research on probiotic today aims at the characterization of microbiota in each individual, analyzing the species constitution as well as the number of different bacteria in the intestine. The objective is to learn to comprehend host-microbe interactions inside the gut, microbe-microbe interactions inside the microbiota, and the joint health effects of these interactions. The aim is to study the

microbiota in the nutritional management of gut-related problems and as an origin of new microbes for future probiotic bacteriotherapy applications. This will finally include organisms notably isolated to provide site-specific actions in disorders like IBD[64].

Probiotics alter the function of the mucosal immune system making it more anti-inflammatory and less pro-inflammatory; especially, probiotics can inspire dendritic cells to make them less responsive and less reactive to bacteria within the lumen. Probiotics increase the production of mucus and the patient will finally have a thicker layer, which saves the invasive bacteria. Probiotics supplements may lower the side effect of individual drugs. Different protective actions of probiotics show in table 5.

**Table 5: Protective action of probiotics**

Microflora	Action of microflora	Reference
<i>Bifidobacteria species</i>	Reduced incidence of neonatal necrotizing enterocolitis	[66]
<i>Lactobacillus strains</i>	Balancing intestinal microflora, treatment of viral diarrhoea	[67]
	Improved mucosal immune function, mucin secretion, and prevention of disease. Lactose digestion improved decreased diarrhoea and symptoms of intolerance in lactose intolerant individuals, children with diarrhea, and in individuals with short-bowel syndrome.	
<i>Lactobacillus Acidophilus</i>	Significant decrease of diarrhoea in patients receiving pelvic irradiation.	[68,69]
<i>Lactobacillus Plantarum</i>	Lowered serum cholesterol levels. Reduced incidence of diarrhoea in daycare centers when administered to only half of the children. Especially effective in reducing inflammation in inflammatory bowel; enterocolitis in rats, small bowel bacterial overgrowth in children, pouchitis. Reduced pain and constipation of irritable bowel syndrome.	[70-72]
<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i>	Enhanced cellular immunity in healthy adults in controlled trials.	[73]

<i>Escherichia coli</i> Nissle 1917 (EcN) <i>Streptococcus</i>	Anti-inflammatory effect and prevent relapse. The Strain of <i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i> has also reduced the risks of AAD (antibiotics-associated diarrhea).	[74,75] [76]
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### Probiotics and ulcerative colitis

*Escherichia coli* Nissle 1917 and *Saccharomyces boulardii* were used as probiotics. Probiotics have living microorganisms that provide health benefits to the host. *Escherichia coli* Nissle 1917 established therapy with mesalazine in patients with ulcerative colitis. It was seen that the probiotic drug *E. coli* Nissle 1917 shows the effectiveness and was declared to be safe to maintain remission and was equal to mesalazine in patients with ulcerative colitis. The efficacy of probiotic therapy further tells about the pathogenetic importance of the enteric flora [76].

Fábrega *et al.* (2017) have shown the Intestinal Anti-inflammatory Effects from *Escherichia coli* Nissle 1917 in DSS-Experimental Colitis was studied in Mice. Oral administration of *E. coli* Nissle 1917 OMVs (5 µg/day) significantly reduced DSS-induced weight loss and ameliorated clinical symptoms and histological scores. This study showed that EcN OMVs can mediate the anti-inflammatory and barrier protection effects previously reported for this probiotic in experimental colitis [77].

Naidoo *et al.* (2011) Studies have shown the significance of intestinal bacterial flora in the pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease. It has therefore proposed that altering the bacterial flora with probiotics will reduce the inflammatory process and stop the relapses in ulcerative colitis (UC) [78].

Pronio *et al.* (2008) studies that show that the period, VSL#3-treated patients showed a notable loss in PDAI score and a major enhancement in the percentage of mucosal CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>high</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup>LAP<sup>+</sup> cells compared with baseline values. Different samples were taken at different points a significant reduction in IL-1 mRNA expression was seen, and a major enhancement in Foxp3 mRNA expression [79].

Zocco *et al.* (2006) were studied aminosalicylates are the mainstay of therapy to prevent relapse of quiescent ulcerative colitis. The rationale for using probiotics is based on the evidence implicating intestinal bacteria in the pathogenesis of this disorder. *Lactobacillus GG* looks to be effective and safe for maintaining remission in patients with ulcerative colitis, and it could represent a good therapeutic option for preventing relapse in this group of patients [80].

Loren *et al.* (2017) investigated the therapeutic benefits of *Lactobacillus Plantarum* (CECT7484, CECT7485) and *Pediococcus Acidilactici* (CECT7483) in a murine model of colitis. Result suggests that the selected probiotic group significantly reduces colitis severity compared to untreated controls [81]. Wang *et al.* (2015) has studied the main mechanisms have not been completely explained; the antioxidant activity of probiotics seems to play an important role in reducing inflammation. Several studies have reported that probiotics particularly *Lactobacillus* species, exhibit strong antioxidant activity [82]. Chauhan *et al.* (2010) have recently, *Lactobacillus fermentum* has been studied for use as a supplement in the management of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Reinforcing the effects of *L. Fermentum* in inflammation, Chauhan and coworkers assessed its antioxidative efficacy in a colitis mouse model. Results proposed that the selected strain of *Lactobacillus* exhibits significant antioxidant activity. Also besides, probiotics seem to upregulate the level of antioxidant enzymes [83].

### CONCLUSION

The current therapeutic goals are to achieve clinical remission along with mucosal healing, avoidance of complications such as side effects of the drug and to improve the quality of life. The use of probiotics to increase the health of the intestine and used to block or manage intestinal disorders. They may prevent the induction of inflammatory reactions. Probiotics must be inspected for efficacy in the prevention and management of a wide spectrum of gastrointestinal diseases, like antibiotic-associated diarrhea. There are many benefits to probiotics over conventional therapy, including various things like low cost, the fact that probiotics are improbable to enhance the incidence of antibiotic resistance, and the multiple

methods by which probiotics stop pathogens, therefore limiting the chances for the development of resistance against the probiotic. At present, no microencapsulated probiotic cells exist in the market. Thus, the search is increasing on new delivery strategies that can provide therapeutic benefits to colitis suffered patients. It has been concluded from the above study that micro and nanoparticulate carrier and probiotics system appears to be the most promising approach by specifically accumulating in the inflamed intestinal region.

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