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QUALITY ASSURANCE IN TABLET FORMATION

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- **ABSTRACT**

This project outlines a comprehensive quality assurance framework for tablet and capsule manufacturing, focusing on the critical aspects of raw material scrutiny, vendor qualification, and approval processes. Rigorous testing, thorough inspections, and meticulous documentation are emphasized to ensure the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical products.For raw materials, a structured approach is proposed, involving specification establishment, vendor qualification, incoming material inspection, sampling and testing, documentation review, risk assessment, approval decisions, traceability, record-keeping, and continuous monitoring. These processes aim to maintain consistency, integrity, and compliance throughout the manufacturing stagIn parallel, the quality assurance of packaging materials is addressed, covering specification definition, vendor qualification, incoming material inspection, print quality and information verification, barrier properties testing, compatibility testing, seal integrity, regulatory compliance, documentation review, traceability, and record-keeping. These measures are vital to guarantee the integrity, safety, and compliance of the final product. The project extends its focus to the entire manufacturing process, detailing the updates required in Batch Manufacturing Records (BMR), Master Formula Records (MFR), and Batch Packaging Records. Thorough documentation of batch details, raw materials, processing steps, in-process testing, environmental conditions, packaging details, and quality control checks is essential to maintain product quality and compliance.A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing is presented, encompassing clear objectives, scope, responsibilities, document

control, definitions, materials and equipment specifications, procedures, batch record review, training, documentation and record-keeping practices, audits and inspections, corrective and preventive actions (CAPA), change control, review and approval processes, references, attachments, distribution, and a detailed review process. Equipment qualification, including design, installation, operational, and performance aspects, is crucial for ensuring that manufacturing equipment meets specified requirements and regulatory standards. The project provides guidelines for documentation, regulatory compliance, Validation Master Plan (VMP), change control, and requalification.Specific focus is given to the qualification of the compression machine, with parameters such as compression force, tablet weight, and hardness under scrutiny. Calibration processes for various machines involved in tablet manufacturing, including B.T machine, hardness tester, friabilator, leak test apparatus, and dissolution test apparatus, are outlined to ensure precision and compliance. Additionally, processes such as punching, polishing, and tray dryer qualification with temperature mapping are discussed, emphasizing the importance of accurate tablet formation, surface finishing, and consistent drying conditions. The coating machine's role in tablet manufacturing is highlighted, addressing uniform coating thickness, defect inspection, and adherence to predetermined standards. The qualification of the Air Handling Unit (AHU) is crucial for maintaining controlled and clean air environments, involving performance verification and regulatory compliance.

- **INTRODUCTION**

Production, contributing to the overall quality and compliance of tablet manufacturing processes. In conclusion, effective quality assurance in tablet manufacturing encompasses various stages, from raw material scrutiny to final product checks. The project involves establishing stringent processes for raw material approval, vendor qualification, and specification definition. It emphasizes the importance of maintaining detailed records, conducting continuous monitoring, and implementing robust traceability systems. The focus extends to packaging material quality assurance, outlining steps such as vendor qualification, incoming material inspection, and barrier properties testing.

The Batch Manufacturing Record (BMR) and Master Formula Record (MFR) updating are crucial elements, ensuring comprehensive documentation of the tablet production process. The Batch Packaging Record section details the steps for ensuring the quality of packaging materials and the final product. It emphasizes the importance of operator training, deviation

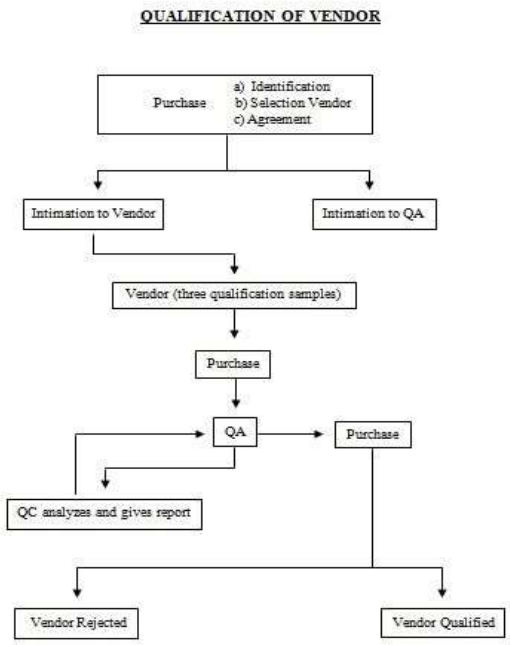
handling, and final product checks before batch release.The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Quality Assurance in Tablet Manufacturing provides a structured framework, covering responsibilities, document control, and procedures. It emphasizes the need for training, audits, and corrective actions, ensuring adherence to regulatory standards. The Equipment Qualification section introduces the critical processes of Design Qualification (DQ), Installation Qualification (IQ), Operational Qualification (OQ), and Performance Qualification (PQ). It stresses the significance of thorough documentation, regulatory compliance, and periodic requalification Compression machine qualification and calibration processes for various equipment, including the BT machine, hardness tester, friabilator, leak test apparatus, and dissolution test apparatus, are highlighted. These processes are vital for ensuring accurate and consistent tablet production. The section on Punching, Polishing, and Replacing emphasizes quality assurance in the tablet manufacturing process, addressing accuracy in dosage, tablet surface refinement, and defect handling. Tray Dryer Qualification and Temperature Mapping are crucial aspects of quality assurance, ensuring uniform drying conditions for tablets. The Coating Machine section underscores the importance of maintaining coating quality for tablet appearance and active ingredient protection. The AHU Qualification and Area Qualification sections focus on maintaining controlled air environments and ensuring that manufacturing areas meet predefined standards and regulatory requirements, contributing to the overall quality of tablet production.

- Raw material - In the quality assurance of tablets and capsules, raw materials are scrutinized for factors like purity, potency, and uniformity. Thorough testing ensures that ingredients meet predetermined specifications, contributing to the safety and efficacy of the final pharmaceutical product.

- Vendor Qualifcation To ensure raw material quality, consider implementing a vendor qualification process. Assess suppliers based on industry standards, certifications, and past performance. Regular audits can help maintain quality assurance.

Raw material approval - In quality assurance, the approved process for raw materials typically involves thorough testing and inspection to ensure they meet specified quality standards before being used in production. This helps maintain consistency and product integrity.

1. Specification Establishment: Clearly define specifications for each raw material, outlining quality criteria such as purity, potency, and physical characteristics.
2. Qualification: Verify that raw material suppliers meet necessary qualifications, including certifications, compliance with regulatory standards, and a history of consistent quality.
3. Incoming Material Inspection: Upon receipt of raw materials, conduct thorough inspections to ensure they meet established specifications. This may include visual checks, testing, and documentation review.
4. Sampling and Testing: Extract representative samples from raw material batches for in-depth testing. Common tests include identity verification, assay testing, microbial analysis, and other relevant quality assessments.
5. Documentation Review: Ensure that all required documentation, such as certificates of analysis from suppliers, is complete and accurate.
6. Risk Assessment: Evaluate potential risks associated with each raw material, considering factors like supplier reliability, historical performance, and the criticality of the material in the manufacturing process.
7. Approval Decision: Based on the results of inspections and tests, make an informed decision on whether to approve or reject the raw material. Approved materials can proceed to the manufacturing stage.
8. Traceability: Establish and maintain a robust traceability system to track the use of approved raw materials throughout the manufacturing process.
9. Record Keeping: Maintain detailed records of the raw material approval process, including test results, approvals, and any deviations from standard procedures.
10. Continuous Monitoring: Implement ongoing monitoring processes to ensure the continued quality and compliance of raw materials over time.



- Packaging material - In tablet formation, the quality assurance of packaging materials is crucial to ensure the integrity, safety, and compliance of the final product. Key aspects of the quality assurance process for packaging materials include

1. Specification Definition: Clearly outline specifications for packaging materials, covering aspects like material composition, dimensions, printing quality, and barrier properties.
2. Vendor Qualification: Verify that packaging material suppliers meet required qualifications, certifications, and standards. A reliable supplier contributes to consistent quality.
3. Incoming Material Inspection: Thoroughly inspect packaging materials upon receipt to ensure they meet specified requirements. This may involve visual checks, dimensional measurements, and other relevant tests.
4. Print Quality and Information Verification: If applicable, verify the accuracy and legibility of printed information on packaging materials, including dosage instructions, expiration dates, and product identification.
5. Barrier Properties Testing: Assess the barrier properties of packaging materials to ensure they provide adequate protection against factors like moisture, light, and oxygen, which can affect the stability of the tablets.
6. Compatibility Testing: Evaluate the compatibility of packaging materials with the tablet formulation to prevent interactions that could impact product quality.

7. Seal Integrity: Confirm the integrity of seals and closures to prevent contamination and maintain the stability of the tablets throughout their shelf life.
8. Regulatory Compliance: Ensure that packaging materials comply with relevant regulatory requirements and standards, such as those set by health authorities.
9. Documentation Review: Verify that all necessary documentation, including certificates of compliance from suppliers, is complete and accurate.
10. Traceability: Implement a traceability system to track the use of approved packaging materials throughout the manufacturing process.
11. Record Keeping: Maintain detailed records of the packaging material quality assurance process, including inspections, tests, and approvals.

- **BMR (Batch Manufacturing Record) Updating**

1. Batch Details: Include specific details such as batch number, date of manufacture, and manufacturing personnel involved.
2. Raw Materials: Document the exact quantities and details of all raw materials used in the tablet production.
3. Processing Steps: Outline each step of the manufacturing process, specifying parameters, equipment used, and any deviations from standard procedures.
4. In-Process Testing: Record results of in-process tests conducted during tablet production.
5. Environmental Conditions: Note environmental factors like temperature and humidity during the manufacturing process.
6. Packaging Details: Include information about packaging materials used and packaging procedures.
7. Quality Control Checks: Document results of quality control checks performed during and after manufacturing.

- **MFR (Master Formula Record) Updating**

1. Formulation Details: Specify the composition of the tablet, including the quantities of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and excipients.
2. Manufacturing Instructions: Provide detailed instructions for each manufacturing step, including equipment specifications, mixing times, and compression parameters.
3. Quality Standards: Outline the quality standards and specifications that the final tablets must meet.

4. Critical Process Parameters: Identify and document critical parameters that can affect the quality of the tablets.
5. Reference to Analytical Methods: Include references to analytical methods used for testing raw materials and finished products.
6. Regulatory Compliance: Ensure that the MFR aligns with regulatory requirements and industry standards.

- **Batch packaging Record**

1. Batch Information: Details such as batch number, date of packaging, and any unique identifiers associated with the batch.
2. Packaging Instructions: Clear and detailed instructions outlining the packaging process, including equipment setup, packaging materials used, and any specific procedures to follow.
3. Verification of Components: Ensure that the correct packaging materials, including labels, inserts, and outer packaging, are used for the batch.
4. Machine Settings: Document the settings and configurations of packaging equipment to ensure consistency and compliance with specifications.
5. In-Process Checks: Specify checkpoints during the packaging process where operators perform visual inspections, measurements, or other checks to verify the quality of the packaging.
6. Quality Control Tests: Record the results of any quality control tests conducted during the packaging process, such as weight checks, barcode verification, or seal integrity tests.
7. Environmental Conditions: Monitor and document environmental conditions, such as temperature and humidity, which may impact the quality of the packaged tablets.
8. Operator Signatures and Training Records: Capture the signatures of operators involved in the packaging process and ensure that they are adequately trained for their roles.
9. Deviation Handling: If any deviations from standard procedures occur, document them along with the corrective and preventive actions taken to address the deviations.
10. Final Product Checks: Conduct final checks on the packaged tablets to ensure they meet all specified quality criteria before distribution.
11. Batch Release: The quality assurance team reviews the batch packaging record and approves the release of the batch for distribution if all requirements are met.

- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Quality Assurance in Tablet Manufacturing**

1. Title

Quality Assurance Procedures for Tablet Manufacturing.

2. Purpose

Clearly state the purpose of the SOP, emphasizing its role in ensuring the quality and compliance of tablet manufacturing processes.

3. Scope

Define the boundaries of the SOP, specifying the tablet manufacturing processes and areas covered.

4. Responsibilities

Clearly outline the responsibilities of individuals involved in the quality assurance process, including roles such as QA personnel, production operators, and management.

5. Document Control

Specify the version control, document approval, and revision history procedures. Clarify who has the authority to approve revisions.

6. Definitions

Include definitions of key terms and acronyms used in the SOP to ensure clarity and consistenc.

7. Materials and Equipment

Detail the specifications and requirements for raw materials, equipment, and facilities used in tablet manufacturing.

8. Procedures

Provide step-by-step procedures for quality assurance activities during tablet manufacturing. This may include

Incoming material inspection.

In-process quality checks.

Final product inspection and testing.

Handling of deviations and non-conformities.

Calibration and maintenance of equipment.

9. Batch Record Review

Outline the process for reviewing and approving batch records, ensuring they align with quality standards and regulatory requirements.

10. Training

Define the training requirements for personnel involved in quality assurance activities, including initial and ongoing training.

11. Documentation and Record Keeping

Specify the documentation and record-keeping practices, including the retention period for records.

12. Audits and Inspections

Describe the procedures for conducting internal audits and handling external inspections, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

13. Corrective and Preventive Actions (CAPA)

Detail the process for identifying, documenting, and implementing corrective and preventive actions to address quality issues.

14. Change Control

Define the process for managing changes to procedures, equipment, or processes, ensuring proper evaluation and approval.

15. Review and Approval

Outline the review and approval process for this SOP, specifying who is responsible for reviewing and approving the document.

16. References

Include references to relevant regulations, guidelines, and internal documents that support the procedures outlined in the SOP.

17. Attachments

Attach any relevant forms, checklists, or templates used in quality assurance processes.

18. Distribution

Clearly define who receives and has access to the SOP, ensuring it reaches the appropriate personnel.

Review Process

Initiation

Identify the need for a new SOP or a revision.

Drafting

Develop the initial draft of the SOP, involving subject matter experts.

Review

Circulate the draft to relevant stakeholders for review, including QA personnel, production staff, and management.

Revisions

Incorporate feedback and make necessary revisions to the SOP.

Approval

Obtain approval from designated personnel.

Implementation

Communicate the finalized SOP to all relevant parties.

- **Equipment Qualification**

1. Design Qualification (DQ)

Objective

Ensure that the equipment is designed in accordance with the intended use and meets the specified requirements.

Activities

Review and verify equipment design specifications.

Confirm that design specifications comply with regulatory and industry standards.

Document any discrepancies and ensure they are addressed befo.

2. Installation Qualification (IQ)

Objective

Verify that the equipment is installed correctly and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

Activities

Confirm that the equipment is received and installed as per the manufacturer's guidelines.

Verify that all components and accessories are present and installed correctly.

Check that utilities (power, water, air, etc.) are connected as required.

Document and address any deviations from the installation procedures.

3. Operational Qualification (OQ)

Objective

Ensure that the equipment operates within its specified limits and is capable of performing its intended functions.

Activities

Conduct tests to verify that the equipment functions as intended under normal operating conditions.

Verify instrument calibration and accuracy.

Test safety features and alarms.

Document and address any deviations from expected performance.

4. Performance Qualification (PQ)

Objective

Demonstrate that the equipment consistently produces results that meet predetermined specifications and requirements.

Activities

Conduct tests using the equipment under simulated or actual production conditions.

Verify that the equipment consistently meets performance criteria.

Establish and document acceptance criteria for the equipment's performance.

Address any deviations and make adjustments as necessary.

General Considerations

Documentation

Keep thorough documentation at each stage of the qualification process, including protocols, test results, and any deviations.

Regulatory Compliance

Ensure that the qualification process aligns with relevant regulatory requirements and industry standards.

Validation Master Plan (VMP)

Develop and follow a Validation Master Plan that outlines the overall strategy for equipment qualification.

Change Control

Implement a robust change control system to manage any modifications to the equipment post-qualification.

Requalification

Establish a schedule for periodic requalification to ensure continued compliance over time.

- Compression machine Qualification

In tablet manufacturing quality assurance, compression machine qualification is a crucial process. It involves verifying and documenting that the tablet compression machine operates within specified standards and regulatory requirements. This includes ensuring dosage accuracy, tablet uniformity, and overall machine performance. The qualification process typically includes testing parameters such as compression force, tablet weight, and hardness. By conducting compression machine qualification, quality assurance aims to guarantee the reliability and consistency of the tablet manufacturing process, adhering to industry standards and ensuring the production of high-quality tablets.

- **Machine Callibration**

A] B.T Machine

Calibrating the BT (tablet) machine is critical for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process involves adjusting and verifying the accuracy of the machine's parameters to ensure precise tablet production. Calibration of the BT machine includes checking factors such as tablet weight, hardness, and dimensions.

By conducting regular calibration of the BT machine, quality assurance aims to maintain consistency in tablet characteristics, adhere to dosage specifications, and comply with regulatory standards. Documented calibration procedures, adherence to schedules, and thorough testing contribute to the overall effectiveness of quality assurance in tablet production.

B] Hardness Tester

Calibrating the hardness tester is crucial for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process involves verifying and adjusting the hardness tester to ensure accurate and consistent measurements of tablet hardness. Regular calibration helps maintain the reliability of hardness testing, a critical parameter for assessing tablet quality and performance.

Quality assurance in tablet production relies on properly calibrated hardness testers to ensure that tablets meet the required hardness specifications. Documented calibration procedures, adherence to calibration schedules, and meticulous testing contribute to the overall effectiveness of quality assurance in tablet manufacturing.

C] Friabilator

Calibrating the friability tester, also known as a friabilator, is essential for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process involves adjusting and verifying the accuracy of the machine to ensure consistent and reliable measurements of tablet friability. Regular calibration helps maintain the reliability of friability testing, a critical parameter for assessing the tablet's resistance to abrasion.

Quality assurance in tablet production relies on properly calibrated friability testers to ensure that tablets meet the required specifications. Documented calibration procedures, adherence to calibration schedules, and meticulous testing contribute to the overall effectiveness of quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process helps guarantee the consistency and quality of the tablets produced.

D] Leak Test Apparatus

Calibrating the leak test apparatus is crucial for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process involves adjusting and verifying the accuracy of the machine to ensure it reliably detects and measures any leaks in tablet packaging. Regular calibration helps maintain the reliability of leak testing, a critical parameter for assessing the integrity of tablet packaging.

Quality assurance in tablet production relies on properly calibrated leak test apparatus to ensure that tablets are adequately sealed and meet the required specifications. Documented calibration procedures, adherence to calibration schedules, and meticulous testing contribute to the overall effectiveness of quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process helps guarantee the quality and safety of the packaged tablets.

E] Dissolution Test Apparatus

Calibrating the dissolution test apparatus is essential for quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process involves adjusting and verifying the accuracy of the apparatus to ensure consistent and reliable measurements of the dissolution profile of tablets. Regular calibration helps maintain the reliability of dissolution testing, a critical parameter for assessing how quickly tablets release their active ingredients.

Quality assurance in tablet production relies on properly calibrated dissolution test apparatus to ensure that tablets meet the required specifications for drug release. Documented calibration procedures, adherence to calibration schedules, and meticulous testing contribute to the overall effectiveness of quality assurance in tablet manufacturing. This process ensures the consistency and performance of tablets in terms of their dissolution characteristics.

- **Punching Polishing And Replacing**

In tablet manufacturing, punching refers to the compression process to form tablets, polishing involves refining the tablet surface for a smooth finish, and replacing is not a standard term. Quality assurance in tablet production ensures accurate punching for dosage, quality polishing, and addresses any deviations or defects, maintaining the overall quality and compliance of the tablets with regulatory standards.

- **Tray Dryer – Qualification And Temperature Mapping**

In tablet manufacturing quality assurance, tray dryer qualification involves temperature mapping. This process assesses and ensures uniform temperature distribution within the tray dryer. It helps verify that the tablets undergo consistent drying conditions, crucial for maintaining the desired quality attributes. Temperature mapping in tray dryer qualification is a critical aspect of quality assurance to adhere to regulatory standards and ensure reliable tablet productionCoating Machine.

- **Coating Machine**

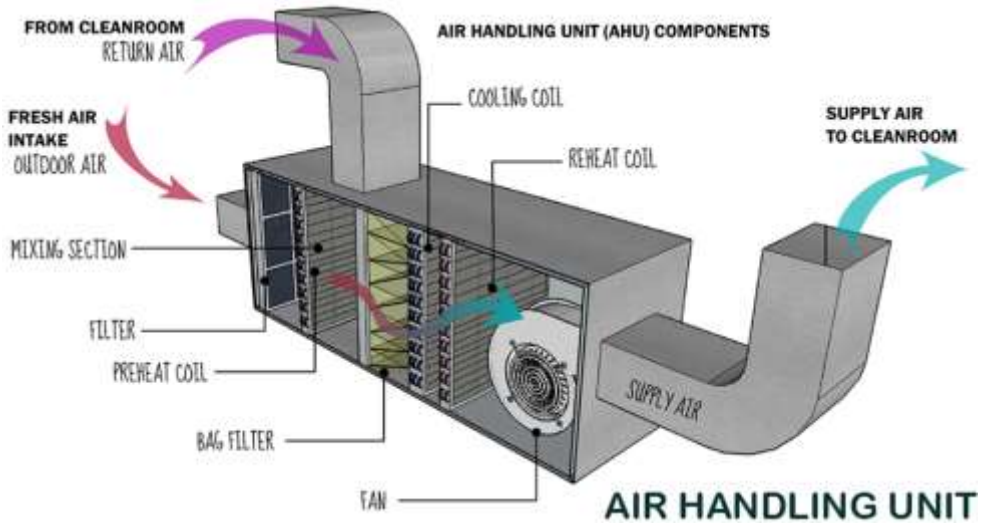
The coating machine is integral to tablet manufacturing, specifically for applying coatings to tablets. In quality assurance, its application involves ensuring uniform coating thickness, inspecting for defects, and verifying that the coating process aligns with predetermined standards. Quality assurance measures in coating machines help maintain the tablets' appearance, protect active ingredients, and ensure consistency in the coating process. Regular monitoring, testing, and adherence to quality control protocols are essential for upholding the overall quality of coated tablets.

- **AHU Qualificaton**

In tablet manufacturing, the AHU (Air Handling Unit) plays a crucial role in maintaining controlled and clean air environments. Qualification of AHU in quality assurance involves verifying its performance and compliance with regulatory standards. This includes ensuring proper air filtration, temperature control, and humidity levels within the manufacturing facility. Regular checks, calibration, and documentation are part of the quality assurance process to guarantee that the AHU functions effectively, providing the necessary environmental conditions for tablet production in accordance with quality standards.

Area Qalification

Area validation in tablet manufacturing quality assurance refers to the process of confirming that a specific manufacturing area meets predefined standards and regulatory requirements. This includes ensuring proper environmental conditions, cleanliness, and adherence to good manufacturing practices (GMP). The validation process involves thorough testing, documentation, and verification to guarantee that the designated area maintains the necessary conditions for tablet production, contributing to overall product quality and compliance with industry regulations.



CONCLUSION

The project provides a holistic quality assurance framework, covering raw materials, packaging, manufacturing processes, equipment, and documentation, with a strong emphasis on regulatory compliance, meticulous testing, and continuous monitoring to ensure the production of high-quality pharmaceutical tablet.

RESULT

The result of the described project is a comprehensive and systematic quality assurance framework for tablet manufacturing. It encompasses rigorous processes for evaluating and ensuring the quality of raw materials, packaging materials, equipment, and various stages of the manufacturing process. Key outcomes include.

Raw Material Quality Assurance

Thorough scrutiny of raw materials for purity, potency, and uniformity.Vendor qualification processes to assess suppliers based on standards and past performance.Detailed specifications, inspections, and testing to ensure raw materials meet quality standards.Risk assessment, approval decisions, and implementation of a robust traceability system.

Packaging Material Quality Assurance

Clearly defined specifications for packaging materials.Vendor qualification to ensure reliable suppliers.Rigorous inspection of incoming packaging materials.Testing for barrier properties and compatibility with tablet formulation.Assurance of seal integrity and compliance with regulatory standards.

Batch Manufacturing Record (BMR) and Master Formula Record (MFR)

Comprehensive documentation of batch details, raw materials, processing steps, and quality control checks. Updates to MFR with formulation details, manufacturing instructions, and quality standards. Ensuring regulatory compliance in MFR.

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Quality Assurance

Clearly defined procedures for various quality assurance activities. Documentation and record-keeping practices. Guidelines for audits, inspections, and corrective/preventive actions. Ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

Equipment Qualification

Rigorous qualification stages, including Design Qualification (DQ), Installation Qualification (IQ), Operational Qualification (OQ), and Performance Qualification (PQ). Thorough documentation, regulatory compliance, and adherence to a Validation Master Plan.

Compression Machine Qualification and Calibration

Verification and documentation of tablet compression machine performance. Calibration of various machines, including BT machine, hardness tester, friabilator, leak test apparatus, and dissolution test apparatus.

Punching, Polishing, and Replacing

Quality assurance measures to ensure accurate punching, quality polishing, and addressing deviations or defects in tablet production.

Tray Dryer Qualification and Temperature Mapping

Qualification involving temperature mapping to ensure uniform temperature distribution within the tray dryer.

Coating Machine Quality Assurance

Application of uniform coating thickness, defect inspection, and adherence to predetermined standards. Regular monitoring, testing, and adherence to quality control protocols.

Area qualification: Validation processes to confirm that manufacturing areas meet predefined standards.

Thorough testing, documentation, and verification to maintain necessary conditions for tablet production.

The overall result is a robust quality assurance system that ensures the safety, efficacy, and compliance of tablet manufacturing processes with regulatory standards and industry best practices.

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