TECHNOLOGY OF THE NEW TYPE OF ORAL DOSAGE FORM FOR CHILDREN: GEL TOGETHER (GT™)



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STUDY PURPOSE

- Solution The newly-developed dosage form: GT™ (Gel Together), is an elegant package containing a drug wrapped in an edible film and viscous liquid (jelly) in separate compartments.
- GT was evaluated for package design, in vitro dissolution, and filling precision for pediatric use.





GT: GOOD TASTE & GEL TOGETHER

 GT which is a premix type of drug dosage form containing a drug and jelly in separated compartments

Oral Dosage KIT

Injection Kit





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GT is divided into 3 parts by seals produced with different applied pressure, heat and time levels.

	Easy to open seal	GT is divided into 3 parts by seals which is easily opened by pinching of the fingertips.
	Medicine Part	Medicine is packaged in a pharmaceutically- acceptable medical film keeping the stability until it is taken.
	Gel Part	Jelly pushes the medicine when pressure is applied by fingertips. Helps medicine taken without water with good flavor.
	Cover Part	The cover part keeps the medicine part clean until it goes into the mouth.



HOW TO USE

Caregiver Administration





EVALUATION FOR PACKAGE DESIGN 1) SEAL STRENGTH

The pressure was 70kg maximum vertically, and the package was easily operated by 2kg of pinch power.



[Seal Strength test]

-	0			300 -
Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation	250
15.0	25.0	19.0	2.4	150
15.0	26.0	20.3	3.4	
32.0	42.0	36.2	2.9	100 -
28.0	43.0	36.5	4.6	50 -
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EVALUATION FOR PACKAGE DESIGN 2) INTEGRITY TEST

 Confirmed no leak after leaving for 10 minutes using Ageless seal check by Mitsubishi Gas Chemical





EVALUATION FOR IN VITRO DISSOLUTION









EVALUATION FOR FILLING PRECISION

- Filling accuracy and precision was measured by Automatic Weight Control: accuracy was +/- 5 of target and precision typically less than ±1% CoV.
- Powder filling was weighed on-line from 10mg to 1,500mg and rejects were removed if they did not meet acceptance criteria.





CONCLUSION

- According to "EMEA reflection paper 2006", most solid dosage forms are not preferred by pre-school children, and there are few existing products containing jelly.
- In a preliminary study, it was found that more than 80% of pre-school children (age 2~6) preferred GT for easy administration using flavored jelly. GT has a great potential to deliver drugs to pediatric patients.



