

### **Stabilization of a ~~piekering~~Pickering emulsion by nanoparticles of Eudragit RSPO and ~~polyepsilon~~pol-epsilon caprolactone: Contact angle measurement and surface tension studies.**

#### *Abstract*

The use of colloidal particles to prepare and stabilize emulsions, known as "Pickering emulsions" ~~" "~~, has aroused growing interest in recent years. Pickering and Ramsden demonstrated at the beginning of the last century the feasibility of surfactant-free emulsions, in ~~the~~ presence ~~These of these~~ emulsions ~~are~~ called "Pickering Emulsions". This concept of emulsions stabilized by solid particles is experiencing renewed interest nowadays given the many advantages it offers: good stability, environmental protection, user safety, ~~and~~ particle varieties.

~~A~~The first part is devoted to the synthesis of Eudragit RSPO and ~~polyepsilon-pol epsilon-~~caprolactone nanoparticles and their characterization. The ~~characterisation~~characterization of the nanoparticles is performed by dynamic light scattering and ~~zetametry~~geometry. The understanding of the interfacial ~~behaviour~~behavior of these nanoparticles and their associated ~~stabilisation~~stabilization mechanisms for emulsions was carried out. The second part of the study investigated the formulation and ~~stabilisation~~stabilization of the emulsion using the washed suspension containing the nanoparticles as the only ~~stabiliser~~stabilizer. The objective of this part is to ~~stabilise~~stabilize and ~~characterise~~characterize the formulated emulsions. Droplet size determination and microscopy were performed using a Zeiss optical microscope. The direction of the formulated emulsions was determined by conductimetry. In conclusion, Pickering emulsions ~~stabilised~~stabilized solely by Eudragit RSPO and ~~Polyepsilon~~Poly-

26 | [epsilon](#) Caprolactone nanoparticles appear to be highly effective innovative drug carriers,  
27 | opening new doors as potential drug delivery systems.

28 | **Keywords:** Pickering Emulsion, Polymer, Contact angle, Eudragit RSPO, [PolyepsilonPoly-](#)  
29 | [epsilon](#) Caprolactone

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### 31 | *Introduction*

32 | The term emulsion has a very wide application and is usually difficult to identify with a  
33 | particular product. Emulsions are metastable mixtures of two immiscible liquids and an  
34 | amphiphilic agent. One of the liquids is dispersed in the other in the form of small spherical  
35 | drops whose size varies according to the conditions from 0.1 to a few tens of  
36 | ~~micrometres~~[micrometers](#). There are different types of emulsions: Water-in-oil emulsions  
37 | where the dispersing phase, also called the external phase or continuous phase, is constituted  
38 | by the oil, and the internal phase or discontinuous phase or dispersed phase is represented by  
39 | the water; Oil-in-water emulsions with the aqueous dispersing phase and the dispersed oily  
40 | phase; Mixed emulsions or multiple emulsions (W/O or O/W/O). The system thus created  
41 | does not correspond to a thermodynamically stable state, the most stable state would be the  
42 | macroscopic separation of the two fluids. Kinetic stability is ensured by the presence of  
43 | amphiphilic molecules, called emulsifiers, adsorbed at the interface between the two phases  
44 | (Cabane and Henon, 2007).

45 | These emulsifiers are most often surfactants. These are molecules with an affinity for both  
46 | water and oil. ~~In fact, they~~[They](#) are made up of a polar hydrophilic head and an apolar  
47 | hydrophobic tail. However, because they are harmful to the environment and the body, their  
48 | use is not without risk.

49 | The use of colloidal particles to prepare and ~~stabilise~~stabilize emulsions, known as 'Pickering  
50 | emulsions', has attracted increasing interest in recent years (Iwashita, 2020; Pickering, 1907).  
51 | These emulsions are called "Pickering emulsions". These emulsions are known in the  
52 | petroleum industry, food industry, and ~~in~~ the design of inks, paints, ~~road~~road and d surfaces.  
53 | Recently, the possibilities of applications of particle-~~stabilised~~stabilized emulsions have been  
54 | considered in the pharmaceutical industry. This type of formulation can be a potential  
55 | encapsulation system for active ingredients, allowing the controlled and targeted release of the  
56 | active from the internal phase (Bago Rodriguez and Binks, 2019; Gonzalez Ortiz et al., 2020;  
57 | Sy et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2017; Zakir Hossain et al., 2021). However, this type of emulsion  
58 | is not yet commercially available. There are many studies on the formulation and  
59 | physicochemical properties of emulsions ~~stabilised~~stabilized by solid particles, but to date  
60 | studies in a biological environment have not been described in the literature.

61 | The control of the adsorption of colloidal particles at the liquid/ liquid interface leads to the  
62 | development of new functionalized. However, the study of the adsorption of colloidal  
63 | particles is very important to better understand their ~~own~~ properties, materials such as  
64 | colloidosomes (Binks, 2017, 2007; Böker et al., 2007) as it can be, for instance, strong and  
65 | irreversible at the oil/water interface. The irreversible adsorption of the particles allows one to  
66 | obtain very stable emulsions (Binks, 2002; Binks and Horozov, 2005). This leads to the  
67 | formation of a dense film, thus creating a barrier around the droplets, giving them high  
68 | resistance to coalescence. The particle adsorption or desorption energy  $DE$  is mainly related  
69 | to their ability to be partially wetted by the two phases of the emulsion (Binks, 2007; Cayre et  
70 | al., 2012; Dickinson, 2010; Hunter et al., 2008). The particle wetting is characterized by the  
71 | contact angle between the aqueous phase, the oil phase, and the solid particles, measured on  
72 | the aqueous phase side, making the contact angle and the particle diameter two crucial  
73 | parameters to determine the interfacial adsorption forces. The well-documented literature in

74 this research area concerns, in most cases, the development of Pickering emulsions and  
75 foams, and their potential use (Crossley et al., 2010; Dinsmore et al., 2002; Duan et al., 2005;  
76 Velev et al., 1996; Wang et al., 2012; Yow and Routh, 2009).

77 The direct effect of the nanoparticles on the interfacial tension, which, is still in discussion, is  
78 the “macroscopic”; the result of their impact on the formulation lies in their capabilities of  
79 Pickering emulsion stabilization. The stabilization is generally higher when they form a dense  
80 “monolayer” around the droplets, while partial coverage does not stabilize the emulsion  
81 effectively because the “bald” plates favor the drainage of the film and  
82 flocculation/coalescence. For this reason, it is acknowledged that better coverage is generally  
83 obtained with smaller particles (Levine et al., 1989).

84 This work is devoted to the preparation and study of Pickering emulsions ~~stabilised~~ stabilized  
85 by a polymer such as poly epsilon-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO. The work is divided into  
86 three parts: first, the synthesis and ~~characterisation~~ characterization of nanoparticles for  
87 emulsion ~~stabilisation~~ stabilization. Then we carried out a formulation study including the  
88 determination of the contact angle and the interfacial tension to better understand the  
89 ~~stabilisation~~ stabilization mechanisms, and finally, the preparation and  
90 ~~characterisation~~ characterization of the emulsions obtained.

## 91 **SECTION ~~EXPERIMENTALE~~ EXPERIMENTAL**

### 92 ***Material and methods***

#### 93 ***1-1 Material***

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95 The equipment used for the synthesis and ~~characterisation~~ characterization of the nanoparticles  
96 is a Malvern Zetasizer and a rotary evaporator. To measure the contact angle, we have  
97 developed an experimental device. This device consists of: an Optical bench, a light source, a

98 | thermostatic tank filled with oil and [a](#) needle with [a](#) rising drop, a syringe filled with the  
99 | aqueous phase, a calibrated telecentric lens, a CCD camera, and a video monitor and [a](#)  
100 | computer. A Wilhelmy blade tensiometer (Dogno Abribat tensiometer) was used in the  
101 | tensiometry study.

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104 ***1-2 Regents***

105 The polymers used for the synthesis of the nanoparticles are poly epsilon--caprolactone  
106 (Sigma Aldrich) and Eudragit RSPO (Rohm ~~germany~~Germany), and the surfactant used is  
107 sodium dodecyl ~~sulphate~~sulfate (SDS) (LABOSI). As ~~an~~ aqueous phase, we used MilliQ  
108 water (Millipore). The organic solvent used for the synthesis was acetone (~~sigma,~~ Sigma  
109 Aldrich). Various other chemicals were used.

110 ***1-3 Methods***

111 ***1-3-1 Synthesis and characterizations of nanoparticles***

112 Synthesis of poly epsilon-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO nanoparticles: The  
113 nanoprecipitation technique, sometimes described as "solvent displacement", allows the  
114 production of nanospheres or nanocapsules. It consists of dissolving the polymer in the  
115 organic solution. The solvent chosen is generally a semi-polar solvent such as acetone or  
116 ethanol, which must be miscible with water in all proportions. This solution is injected, with  
117 moderate stirring, into an aqueous phase, possibly including sodium dodecyl sulphate, in  
118 which the polymer is not soluble. The nanoparticles are then formed instantaneously under the  
119 effect of the diffusion of the acetone ~~towards~~toward the aqueous phase. The polymer,  
120 insoluble in the water-solvent mixture, precipitates in the form of nanospheres. The organic  
121 solvent is then removed by evaporation under reduced pressure.

122 Dynamic light scattering. Size distributions and poly- dispersity indices (PDI) were measured  
123 by dynamic light scattering (DLS) with a NanoZS Malvern apparatus (Malvern, Orsay,  
124 France). The helium/neon laser, 4 mW, was operated at 633 nm, with the ~~seatters~~scattering  
125 angle fixed at 1731 and the temperature maintained at 25 1C. DLS data were analyzed using a  
126 cumulant-based method, and experiments were performed in triplicate.

127 |  $\zeta$  Potential Measurements  $\zeta$  were ~~measured~~measured, with a NanoZS Malvern apparatus  
128 | (Malvern, Orsay, France).  $\zeta$  potentials measurements were performed 1 h after formulation.  
129 | The NanoZS used in this study determined the electrophoretic mobility of the  
130 | ~~particles,particle~~ and then calculated the values of  $-\zeta$  potential using ~~the Henry'steary's~~  
131 | equation under the Smoluchowski approximation. All experiments were performed in  
132 | triplicate.

### 133 | ***1-3-2 Contact angle measurement***

134 | The contact angle measurement reports the ability of a liquid to spread on a surface by  
135 | wettability. The method consists of measuring the angle of the tangent of the profile of a drop  
136 | deposited on the substrate, with the surface of the substrate. It allows the surface energy of the  
137 | liquid or solid to be measured. The measurement of the contact angle gives access to the free  
138 | energy of a surface. It also allows the discrimination of the polar or apolar nature of the  
139 | interactions at the liquid-solid, liquid-liquid, and liquid-gas interface. The hydrophilic or  
140 | hydrophobic nature of a surface can thus be deduced.

141 | To measure the contact angle we have developed an experimental device. This device consists  
142 | of :~~1-Opticalan optical~~ bench, ~~2-Light source,~~ ~~3-Thermostatic tanklight sources,~~ thermostatic  
143 | tanks filled with oil and needle with ~~risingraising~~ drop, ~~4-Syringea syringe~~ filled with the  
144 | aqueous phase, ~~5-Calibratedcalibrated~~ telecentric ~~lens,~~ ~~6-lenses,~~ CCD ~~eamera,~~ ~~7-~~  
145 | Videocameras, a video monitor, and a computer.

146 | For drop formation, we have a system consisting of a micrometric syringe with a volume of 1  
147 | ml, a silicone tube, and a stainless steel flat-tip needle with an external diameter of 0.8 mm  
148 | and an internal diameter of 0.5 mm.

149 | The drop images are acquired by a CCD camera. They are then transmitted to a computer  
150 | equipped with a graphics card and Studio acquisition software. The images are then processed  
151 | with Image J image processing software.

152 | To obtain good image contrast, diffuse lighting is used. The intensity of the lamp is set to its  
153 | minimum. The optimal objective-drop distance  $x$  is about 13 cm; the best compromise  
154 | between magnification and image quality is then obtained. The camera-drop distance  $x'$  is 30  
155 | cm, and the optical fiber-diffuser distance  $x''$  is 22 cm. The diffuser-drop distance affects the  
156 | contrast of the image obtained. The height of the millimetric syringe ~~has no~~ does not influence  
157 | ~~on~~ the results but must be fixed during handling ~~in order~~ to avoid any instability.

158 | The equipment used must be as clean as possible. The acquisition of the image of a drop is  
159 | done using the Studio software and the processing of this image ~~in order~~ to obtain the contact  
160 | angle using the ImageJ software

161 | Before starting the measurements, it must be ensured that the lamp, the camera, and the  
162 | control screen are switched on. ~~In order to~~ To obtain a sharp image of the drop, it is advisable  
163 | to place the camera lens approximately 13 cm from the drop.

164 | Determination of the contact angle: Using Image J software

165 | We use the Image J software to open the images, ~~and~~ and to measure a length or an angle.  
166 | Opening an image: File/Open and choose your image in the appropriate directory.

167 | Measurement of a length: To measure ~~the~~ the length ~~of~~ of an image, you need a standard. So, on  
168 | the same image as what you want to measure, you must have a millimeter ruler or an object  
169 | whose size you know. In the rising drop experiment, a good standard is ~~the~~ the syringe. To  
170 | measure the diameter of the drop, use the same method and note the length in pixels. Then,  
171 | draw a vertical line of the same length in pixels which will allow you to measure the diameter  
172 | ~~is~~ is in the right place. You can permanently draw this line by right-clicking ~~draw/drawing~~ draw/drawing or  
173 | ~~clear~~ clear clearing.

174 | Measuring an angle: To measure an angle, you must use the “Angle tool”. To measure the  
175 | angle between two lines, first, click on the two lines then at the intersection, hold the mouse

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176 click and position it on the other line. The angle (“angle”) is then displayed in the main Image  
177 J window.

### 178 *1-3-3 Tensiometer*

179 Interfacial tension is the free energy per unit area between two liquids (Cabane and Henon,  
180 2007). It is called surface tension when one of the two liquids is gaseous. This interfacial  
181 tension is measured using a tensiometer. Therefore, the main technique used in our study is  
182 the Wilhelmy blade method.

183 In the case of the blade method, the liquid is brought into contact with a platinum blade (Pt),  
184 itself connected to a precision balance. The force (F) necessary to tear the blade is measured  
185 ~~in order~~ to determine the interfacial tension (according to the equation).

$$\gamma = \frac{F}{L \cos\theta}$$

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188  $\gamma$ : surface tension, F: surface tension force, L: length of the platinum plate,  $\theta$ : contact angle A  
189 Wilhelmy plate tensiometer (Dogno Abribat tensiometer) was used during this work. For  
190 interfacial tension measurements, oil was gently added to the surface of the aqueous phase ~~so~~  
191 ~~as~~ to completely immerse the slide. The zero was performed ~~prior to~~ before the measurement  
192 by immersing the Wilhelmy blade in oil.

### 193 *1-3- 4 Formulation and characterizations of emulsion*

194 Macroscopic Examination: The emulsions are left to stand in the dark and at room  
195 temperature in 15 ml conical tubes fitted with lids. This visual inspection highlights certain  
196 phenomena of instability such as sedimentation, flocculation, and coalescence.

197 pH Determination: The determination of the pH of the solutions is based on the measurement  
198 of the potential between two electrodes immersed in a solution rich in H + ions After  
199 calibrating the pH meter with solutions of known pH, the electrode is dipped into a 15 ml  
200 conical tube containing the preparation to be studied. Like conductivity, care should be taken  
201 to immerse the electrodes to the level of the emulsified phase for tubes with sedimentation.  
202 The reading is made a few minutes after the insertion of the electrode.

203 Conductivity Measurement: It is based on the measurement of the electrical resistance of a  
204 solution located between 2 plates covered with platinum black. Depending on the  
205 concentration of ions present, the solution will have a greater or lesser conductivity. The  
206 conductimetry cell is introduced into a 15 ml tube fitted with a screw-on lid containing the  
207 preparation to be studied. In the presence of a conductive preparation, the conductivity meter  
208 displays a value corresponding to the conductivity and expressed in Siemens per meter (S. m-  
209 1). In the case of tubes with sedimentation, immerse the conductive cell to the level of the  
210 emulsified fraction.

211 Droplet Size of Pickering Emulsion: a droplet of emulsion is placed on a slide and then  
212 covered with a coverslip. The slide is placed on the stage of the microscope and the  
213 observation is carried out with the 40X objective. The device is equipped with software that  
214 allows direct photography of the observed image. The image of the droplets obtained  
215 thereafter is correlated by the software which makes it possible to determine the size of the  
216 droplets by delimiting the diameter of each droplet.

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## 218 2- Results

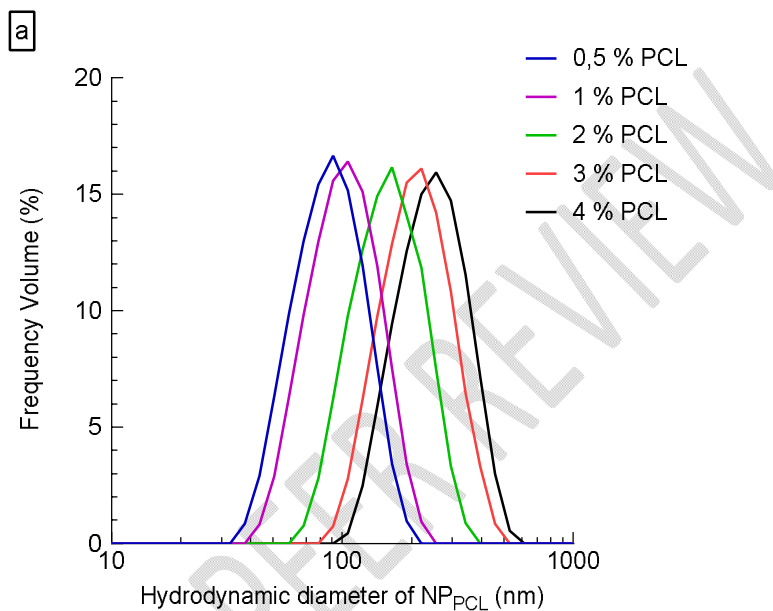
### 219 2-1 Synthesis and characterization of nanoparticles

#### 220 Synthesis of poly epsilon-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO nanoparticles

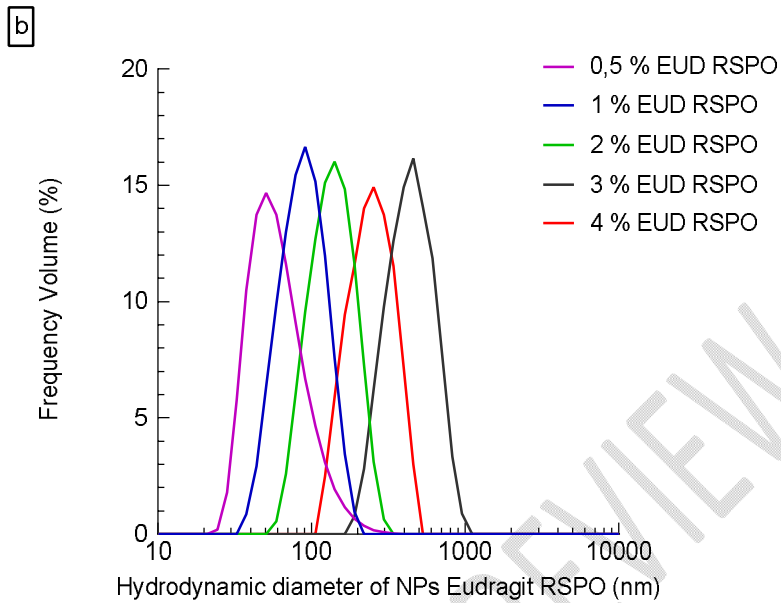
#### 221 Dynamic light scattering. Size distributions and poly- dispersity indices (PDI)

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222 We have developed nanoparticles by nanoprecipitation at different concentrations of polymers  
223 0.5%, 1%, 2%, 3%, and 4% for eudragid RSPO and Poly epsilon-caprolactone. Figure 1  
224 shows the size distribution of the nanoparticles. The size of the nanoparticles obtained varies  
225 from 90 to 300 nanometers with polydispersity indices from 0.1 to 0.3.



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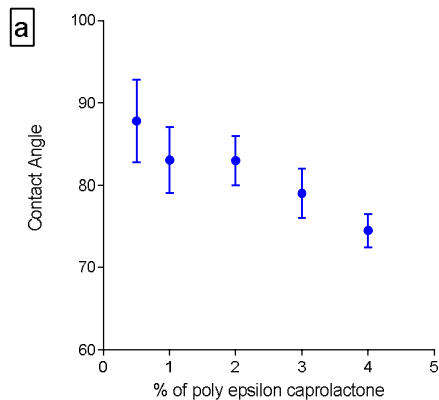
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228 Figure1: hydrodynamic diameter of nanoparticles (a) [polyepsilon-caprolactonpol epsilon-](#)  
 229 [caprolactone](#) (b) Eudragit RSPO

230 Potential Measurements  $\zeta$ : Le Potentiel Zeta déterminé pour le poly epsilon caprolactone  
 231 nous donne des valeurs comprises entre -25 et -30 Mv et pour ceux de l'eudragit RSPO on a  
 232 des valeurs comprises entre +20 et +40Mv.

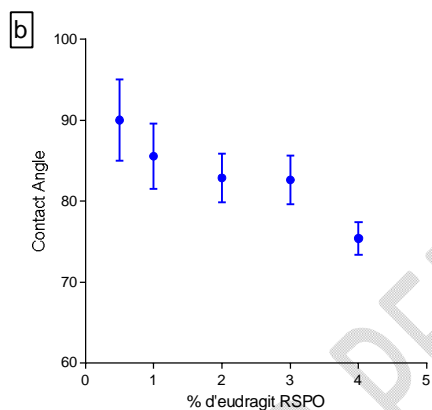
233 *2-2 Contact angle measurement*

234 The following figures show the transformations of the image obtained with the assembly and  
 235 the determination of the liquid-liquid contact angle by the Image J software. The results  
 236 obtained are presented in Figures 2a and 2b.



Tubes	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
% PCL	0,5	1	2	3	4
Contact Angle	87,8	83,05	83,01	79,01	74,48

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Tubes	T'1	T'2	T'3	T'4	T'5
% Eud RSPO	0,5	1	2	3	4
Contact Angle	90	85,55	82,87	82,63	75,38

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238 Figure 2-: Contact angle (°) (a) Polyepsilon Caprolactone, (b) Eudragit RSPO.

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240 2-3 Tensiometer studies

241 The surface tension measurements carried out show a lowering of the tension which is

242 conferred on the activity of the polymers at the water/oil interface. The reference voltage

243 without the nanoparticles being higher than that with the nanoparticles, Figure 3 shows the

244 results of the tensiometric studies:

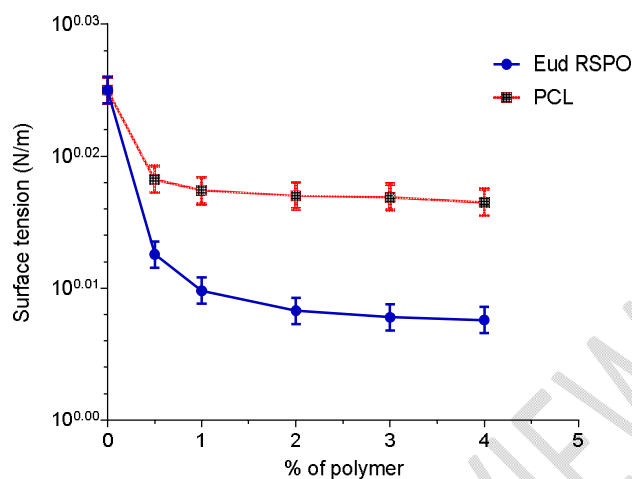


Figure 3: Surface tension as a function of polymer percentage

2-4 Formulation and ~~characterisation~~ characterization of Pickering emulsion

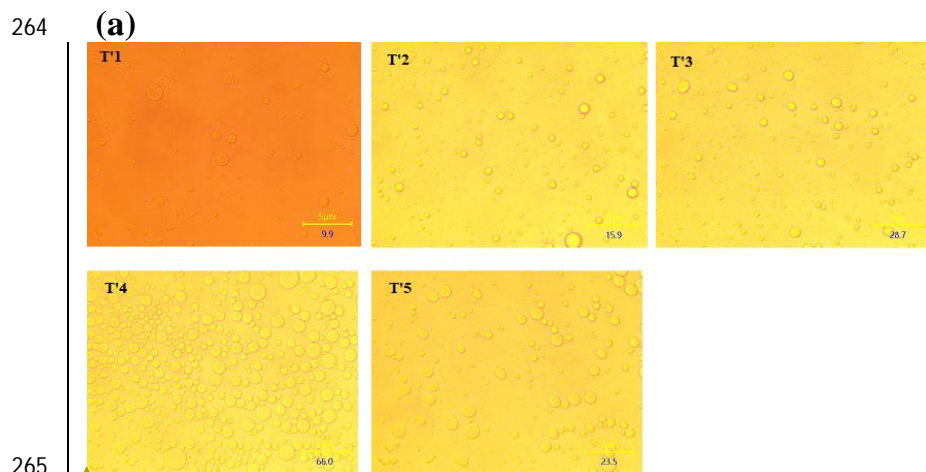
Macroscopic Examination:

In this part, the study consisted in preparing a series of emulsions with the suspensions of nanoparticles prepared (Eudragit RSPO and Poly Epsilon Caprolactone), ~~in order~~ to study their stability. ~~With the exception of~~ Except for the T1 tube, which has become destabilized since the first day after preparation, and the T'1 tube, which has a ~~redispersible~~ dispersible cream by simple shaking, the emulsions obtained have a white color and are stable. All the preparations (~~with the exception of~~ except tube 1 which is not stable and tube 1' which presents a ~~redispersible~~ dispersible creaming by simple shaking), appear macroscopically stable. That is to say that they do not show any destabilization phenomenon visible to the naked eye at the end of the 28 days of storage.

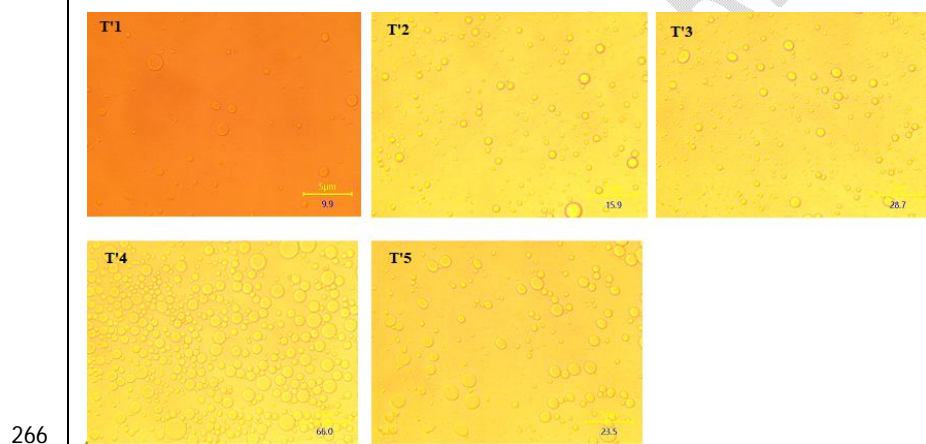
Examen ~~microscopique~~ microscope

The microscopic examination ~~carried out~~ with a ZEISS microscope shows us that these synthesized particles are active at the water/oil interface and ~~are~~ capable of stabilizing emulsions. The size and density of the droplets ~~depends~~ depend on the quantity of polymer

262 used for the synthesis of the nanoparticles. [Figure 3\(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#) show us the  
263 microscopic appearance of emulsion droplets.

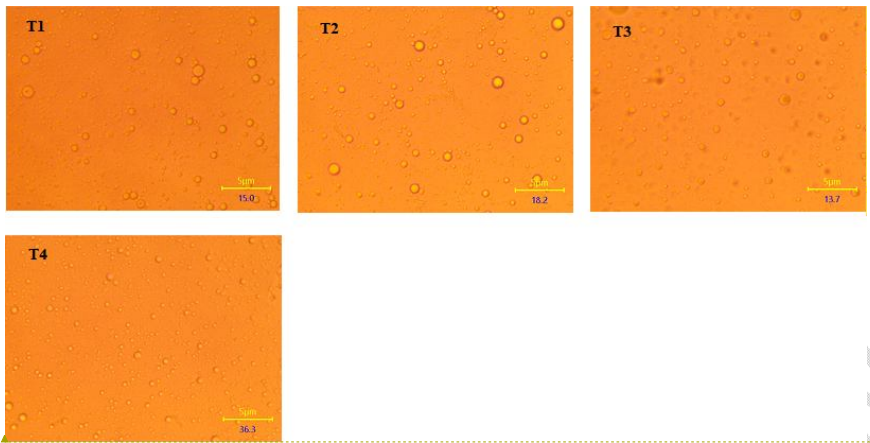


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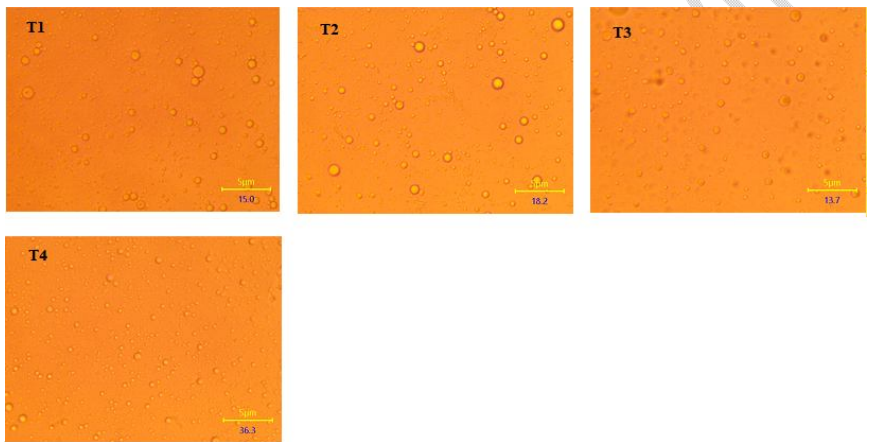
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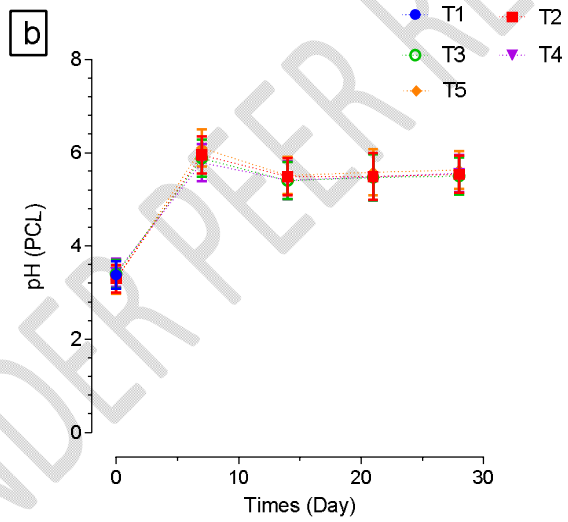
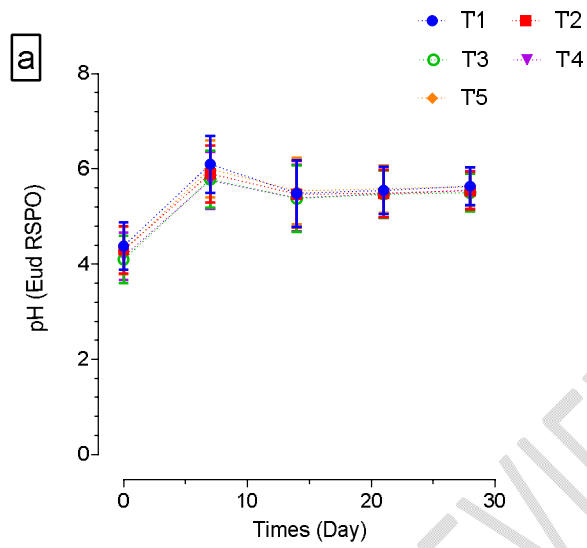
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270 Figure 4:- optical microscopy (a) emulsion stabilized by nanoparticles of Eudragit RSPO, (b)  
 271 emulsion stabilized by nanoparticles of [polyepsilon-pol epsilon-caprolactone](#)

272 *pH Determination:*

273 Les mesures de pH ont été réalisées à J1, J7, J14, J21. Les résultats sont représentés dans les  
 274 figures 5a et 5b ci-dessous.

275 The pH measurements were carried out on D1, D7, D14, [and](#) D21. The results are shown in  
 276 Figures 5a and 5b below.



277 | Figure 5: pH of emulsions, (a) with Eudragit RSPO, (b) with ~~polyepsilon-pol epsilon-~~  
 278 | caprolactone

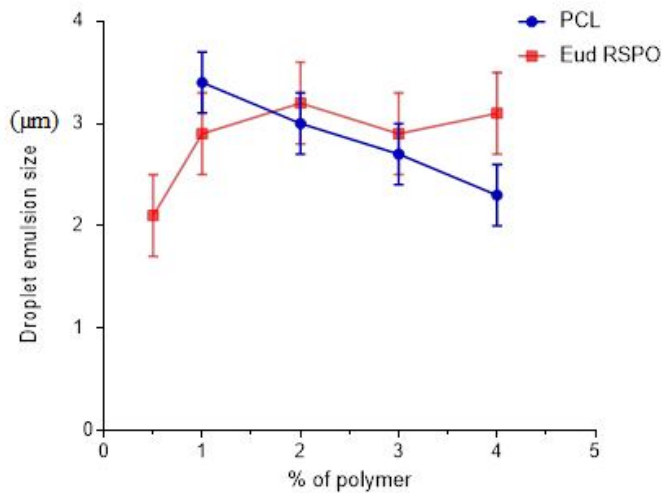
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280 | Conductivity Measurement:

281 | The conductivity measurements were taken on D1, D7, D14, [and](#) D21. The results give  
282 | conductivity values of less than 0.02 mS/cm for all the preparations. The emulsions being  
283 | conductive, then we can confirm the direct direction of the emulsions obtained.

#### 284 | *Droplet Size of Pickering Emulsion:*

285 | The measurement of the size of the droplets carried out on D15 after preparation shows the  
286 | results indicated in figure 6 As the T1 tube was not stable, we did not consider it necessary to  
287 | study the size of its droplets.



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289 | Figure 6: droplet size as a function of polymer percentage

### 290 | 2-3- Discussion

292 | The main results obtained show that polymeric nanoparticles are potential candidates for  
293 | emulsion stabilization. Indeed, the replacement of solid particles [bywith](#) biodegradable  
294 | organic particles is an interesting prospect. This would make it possible to consider other  
295 | routes of application, for example, local injection (oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular). The

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296 | absorption of nanoparticles by intestinal cells is well known (Borm et al., 2006), so ~~it is~~  
297 | ~~necessary to choose~~choosing a type of particle without any possible toxicity ~~is necessary~~.

298 | In our context, which was emulsion stabilization by polymer nanoparticles, we demonstrated  
299 | the possibility of using poly ~~epsilon-epsilon~~-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO nanoparticles  
300 | of size between 90 and 300 nm and having stable emulsions. We prepared the emulsions by  
301 | varying the percentage of polymers to obtain suspensions of particles obtained by  
302 | nanoprecipitation.

303 | The study of the mechanisms of stabilization of emulsions by nanoparticles has become  
304 | essential. There are many studies on the mechanism of stabilization of Pickering emulsions by  
305 | ideally spherical particles and stabilization theories have been developed. In this study, we  
306 | studied the contact angle at the oil-water interface and the influence of nanoparticles on the  
307 | contact angle but also the surface tension between water and oil ~~and~~ to see the influence of  
308 | nanoparticles. The drop in surface tension as a function of the percentage of nanoparticles  
309 | indicates an increase in the stability of the formulated emulsions.

310 | The main results obtained ~~with regard to~~about the physical properties showed that  
311 | macroscopically, all the formulations were stable during the first hours. Immediately  
312 | ~~afterwards~~afterward, the T1 tube destabilized. For the T'1 tube, a ~~redispersible~~re-dispersible  
313 | cream was observed by simple agitation.

314 | However, it should be kept in mind that these physical characteristics perceived with the  
315 | naked eye do not prejudice the stability of the emulsions obtained. Indeed, macroscopic  
316 | observation does not allow to see droplets smaller than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

317 | The determination of the direction of the emulsion was established thanks to ~~the~~ measurement  
318 | of the conductivity. The conductivity of the emulsions (all  $<0.02\text{mS/cm}$ ) therefore confirms  
319 | their O/W nature. Indeed, the value of the conductivity of an emulsion depends on its external

320 phase (Redhead et al., 2001). The results thus obtained throughout the observation period  
321 show that the emulsions did not undergo any phase inversion phenomenon.

322 ~~With regard to~~Regarding the pH measurements, the results obtained indicated an acid  
323 character for all the tubes. This acidity is unfavorable to the stability and preservation of the  
324 emulsions. ~~In fact, the~~The basic nature gives the emulsions better stability. Yang and his  
325 collaborators showed that the adjustment due to high values (9-12) allows a good stabilization  
326 of the emulsion by ~~favoring~~afavouring better adsorption of the particles at the interfaces  
327 (Rouzes et al., 2000). In addition, the pH value of the emulsions influences its conservation  
328 and determines the incompatibilities that there could be with the other components possibly  
329 present (Barbault-Foucher et al., 2002).

330 For all the preparations we used a fixed quantity of oil, the variable parameter being the  
331 percentage of polymer used for the synthesis of the nanoparticles. We find that the size of the  
332 droplets depends on the percentage of polymer used for the synthesis of the nanoparticles. As  
333 for the size of the droplets, it plays an important role in the stability of emulsions and it is one  
334 of the parameters that can modify the sedimentation rate described by Stokes' law (Binks and  
335 Lumsdon, 2000; Hórvölgyi et al., 1996; Kabalnov and Wennerström, 1996; Langevin et al.,  
336 2004), thus a 100-~~micrometer~~micrometer globule rises 10 cm in water in only 3 minutes, while it takes 5  
337 hours and 20 days for globules respectively of 10 micrometers and 1 micrometer.

338 We observed that for all the tubes the average diameters are between 20 and 35 micrometers  
339 For the tubes with the poly epsilon-~~caprolactone~~caprolactone nanoparticles, a reduction in the average size  
340 of the droplets is observed as a function of the percentage of polymer used for the synthesis of  
341 the nanoparticles. Indeed, the most probable hypothesis would be, the increase in the  
342 ~~quantity~~number of particles which would reduce the size of the droplets thus leading to an  
343 increase in the interfacial zone (Langevin et al., 2004).

344 The relationship between the diameter and the [quantitynumber](#) of particles is illustrated by the  
345 following formula.

$$346 \quad D=(6\phi v V)/A$$

347 D is the diameter of the droplets

348 A/V is the interfacial area per unit volume

349  $\phi v$  is the fraction of the dispersed phase

350 However, for emulsions stabilized by eudragit RSPO, this logic is not verified, we have  
351 average sizes ranging from 2.1 to 3.2  $\mu\text{m}$  (T1 (2.1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) T2 (2.9  $\mu\text{m}$ ) T3 (3.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ) T4(2.9 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
352 T5(3.1 $\mu\text{m}$ )).

353 The results made it possible to obtain Pickering emulsions stabilized by nanoparticles of poly  
354 epsilon-~~caprilactone~~-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO.

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### 358 3-4 Conclusion

359 Unlike surfactant molecules which adsorb and desorb continuously, the particles adsorb at the  
360 interfaces under the effect of agitation and irreversibly (the desorption energy of a particle is  
361 of the order of 1500KBT where KB is the Boltzmann constant). We set ourselves the  
362 objective of producing Pickering emulsions stabilized by polymeric nanoparticles of poly  
363 ~~epsilone~~-epsilon-caprolactone and eudragit RSPO.

364 Of all the preparations, only T1 shows a phenomenon of instability and creaming for T'1.

365 Conductive made-up emulsions are therefore of the O/W type. We had to note an acidity for  
366 all the emulsions which is unfavorable for the stability of the latter. Compared to the two

367 batches, we observed that the size of the droplets is controlled by the [quantitynumber](#) of  
368 nanoparticles. Indeed, a high percentage of poly epsilon-~~caprolactone~~-caprolactone decreases the size of

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369 | the emulsion droplets. Also, the increase in the percentage of eudragit RSPO leads to a  
370 | reduction in the size of the droplets from 2%.

371 | We also found that the amount of polymer used influences the value of the contact angle.

372 | Indeed, the increase in the percentage of [the](#) polymer decreases the contact angle of the  
373 | emulsions. Better stability is noted with low surface tension values. The lower the surface  
374 | tension, the more stable the emulsion. This is why emulsions with eudragit RSPO are more  
375 | stable than those with poly epsilon-caprolactone. We can retain that the respect [of](#) various  
376 | physicochemical parameters makes it possible to guarantee [a](#) better stability of the emulsions.

377 | During this work all the emulsions prepared except for T1 are stable and those with eudragit  
378 | RSPO had better stability than emulsions with poly epsilon-caprolactone. ~~For further work~~  
379 | ~~the~~ [The](#) stability can be improved by using a very high-speed stirrer [for further work](#). The  
380 | prospect of a double encapsulation allowing a release in two stages, from nanoparticles and  
381 | droplets, opens up the prospects for significant therapeutic modulation. It would also be  
382 | interesting to study the incorporation of hydrophilic molecules in this type of formulation ~~in~~  
383 | ~~order~~ to determine their mode of encapsulation in these particles and their release  
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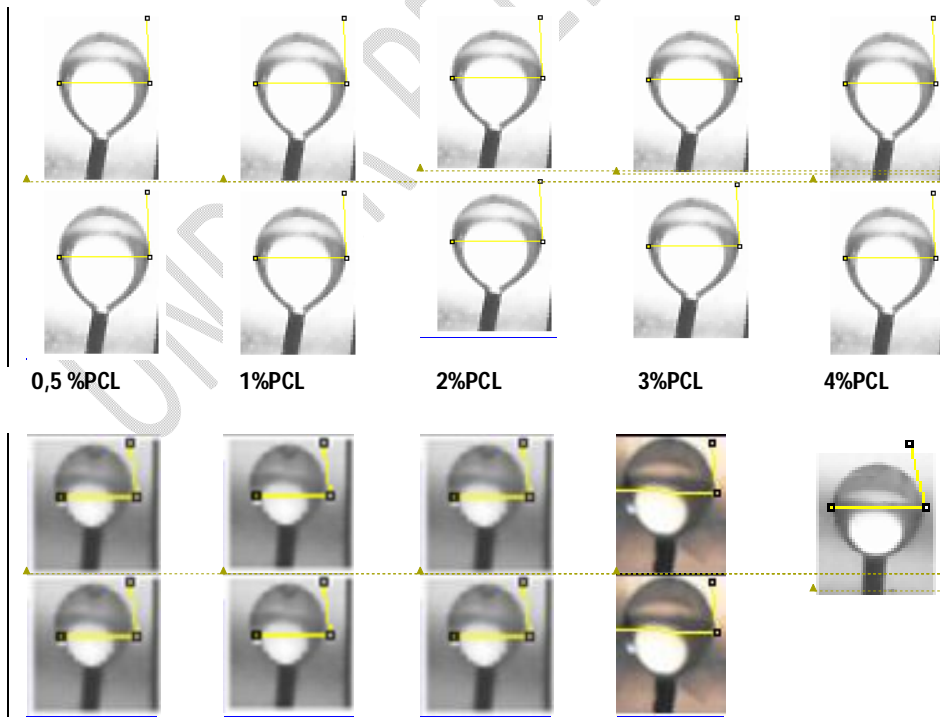
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