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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition in a unit dosage form for peroral administration in a human or lower animal, having a gastrointestinal tract comprising a small intestine and a colon with a lumen therethrough having an inlet to the colon from the small intestine, comprising: a. a safe and effective amount of a therapeutically active agent incorporated into or coated on the surface of a dosage form selected from the group consisting of a spherical substrate, an elliptical substrate, a hard capsule, or a compressed tablet, with a maximum diameter of about 3mm to about 10 mm; and b. an anteric polymer coating material; wherein the dosage form has a smooth surface free from edges or sharp curves; the elliptical substrate and the hard capsule have a ratio of the long to short diameters of no greater than about 1.5; the therapeutically active agent is released at a point near the inlet to, or within the colon; the enteric polymer coating material begins to dissolve in an aqueous media at a pH between about 5 to about 6.3; and the enteric polymer coating material has a coating thickness of at least about 250 μm.