Ludipress® and Ludipress LCE
The quickest route to direct tableting.
Thiebaut Wenzler and his colleagues at our direct tableting unit prefer to take the quickest route when creating high-quality products that enable you to streamline your manufacturing operations. That is why we have created Ludipress – a granulate that means quicker, easier, and more cost-effective tableting. With Ludipress, you save precious time on developing, analyzing and blending. You simply add your active ingredient, a lubricant, and compress your tablets. It is that easy.

Ludipress is suitable for low-dosage active ingredients; Ludipress LCE is ideal for lozenges, chewables, effervescent tablets and modified-release formulations. Both products are based on extensive research and development, aimed at creating excipients that enable faster, more efficient manufacturing – while delivering perfect results every time.

Read on to discover how direct tableting with Ludipress can help you make substantial time and cost savings.
Ludipress for low-dosage active ingredients

What makes Ludipress so effective?

93%¹ Lactose + 3.5% Kollidon® 30 + Kollidon CL

Ludipress is created by a sophisticated production process. It is a unique three-in-one system, combining the strengths of three excipients: lactose as carrier and filler, binding agent Kollidon 30, and Kollidon CL – one of the best disintegrants on the market.

Together, they form a granulate with excellent flowability, low hygroscopicity, plus outstanding binding power. This enables you to quickly and easily create homogeneous mixtures with your active ingredient, and to directly compress high-quality tablets.

¹ All figures given in this document are approximate. Exact product specifications available on request.
How direct compression with Ludipress saves you time and money.

Cut development time.
With Ludipress, you can minimize the development effort associated with a new tablet. All components comply with the leading pharmacopoeias – giving you guaranteed quality from the very outset.

Reduced process steps.
You no longer have to weigh individual components, and blend them yourself. Ludipress forms homogenous mixtures with the active ingredient with ease and speed.

Simply add your active ingredient to Ludipress – its excellent flowability means quick and uniform distribution. Add your lubricant, and compress your tablets. It is as easy as that.

The ideal mixture.
Ludipress is greater than the sum of its individual parts: It is a formulated blend of excipients, creating a high-quality, ready-to-use granulate.

A simple manufacturing procedure:
Ludipress – excellent tablets every time.

Ludipress is a granulate that supports direct-compression tableting, making your life much easier. And giving you peace of mind: because you know you can be sure of great results, each and every time.

Ludipress yields tablets of low friability, even with low compression forces, and irrespective of tableting speed. Kollidon® CL, one of the most effective disintegrants around, means tablets start to disintegrate within moments – despite superb hardness.

**Ludipress yields exceptionally high-quality tablets:**
The following examples show how tablets based on Ludipress perform in hardness tests.

![Figure 1: The hardness of tablets produced on a state-of-the-art rotary press is not influenced by the press’s operating speed. This is illustrated by the results gained with a Glibenclamid formulation.](image1)

![Figure 2: The unique composition of Ludipress yields tablets with excellent hardness and compression properties.](image2)
**Ultra-fast disintegration.**
Kollidon® CL (crosphitol) is a powerful disintegrant, ensuring tablets manufactured with Ludipress dissolve within seconds, despite excellent hardness.

**Fast release of active ingredients.**
Although manufactured by direct compression, the tablets demonstrate exceptionally low friability.

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Ludipress – enabling efficient direct tableting.

Save time, effort, and money:
When you choose Ludipress, you reap the benefits of:
- A three-in-one system comprising filler, binder and disintegrant
- Very low hygroscopicity and excellent flowability
- Support for quick and easy tablet compression
- Tablet hardness is not affected by press speed
- Accelerated product development and process validation
- Storage of only one product, not three separate components
- Reduced costs – for storage, production and analysis

And produce outstanding tablets – with:
- Rapid disintegration in spite of ideal hardness
- Low friability
- Fast active ingredient release
Ludipress LCE without disintegrant.

**Ludipress LCE composition.**

96.5% Lactose + 3.5% Kollidon® 30

The result: a granulate comprising carrier and filler as well as a tried and tested Povidone binder, with superior binding power.

**What Ludipress LCE means for you:**

- less effort, lower costs, and higher quality for lozenges, chewables, effervescent tablets and modified release formulations.

Because Ludipress LCE is completely water-soluble, it enables direct compression of the majority of tablets that do not require a disintegrant.

Like Ludipress, Ludipress LCE is a granulate that forms a homogenous mixture with the active ingredient – saving you development and analysis costs, and enabling you to quickly achieve the perfect formulation.

When disintegrant Kollidon CL is admixed, Ludipress LCE is also suitable for all other kinds of tablets.

When combined with an additional dry binder in the shape of Kollidon VA 64, Ludipress LCE can also be employed for high-dosage formulations.

**Ludipress LCE – enabling efficient direct tablet manufacturing.**

**What Ludipress LCE can do for you.**

Ludipress LCE streamlines the production process, reducing complexity and effort like no other direct-tableting excipient.

- Completely water-soluble
- Excellent flowability
- Outstanding binding power
- Ideal particle size distribution
- Produces tablets of exceptional hardness
- Accelerates product development
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☐ Sample of Ludipress 0.5 kg
☐ Technical Information on Ludipress LCE
☐ Sample of Ludipress LCE 0.5 kg
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☐ Technical Information on the Kollidon® product(s) _______________________
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- **Kollidon SR** – matrix sustained release polymer.
- **Ludiflash®** – for fast-disintegrating oral dosage forms.
- **Ludipress® grades** – direct tableting aids for faster product development and rapid processing.
- **Lutrol® grades** – range of PEGs (Lutrol E) and poloxamers (Lutrol F).
- **Soluphor® P** – 2-pyrrolidone.
- **Cremophor® grades and Solutol® HS 15** – range of ethoxylated emulsifiers and solubilizers suitable for topical, oral and parenteral formulations.

### Selected Active Ingredients
- Aminophyllin
- Benoxinate (Oxybuprocaine) HCl
- Benzonate
- Bethanechol Chloride
- Bupivacaine Base and HCl
- Caffeine
- Carticaine (Articaine) HCl
- Cathin
- Dexamethasone
- Diphenhydramine
- Dopamine
- Ephedrine
- Ibuprofen
- Isotretinoin
- Methylphenidate HCl
- Oxycodone Base and HCl
- Oxymetazoline
- Pseudoephedrine
- PVP-Iodine
- Ribavirin
- Tetracaine Base and HCl
- Theophylline
- Tretinoin
- Tricaine Methanesulfonate
- Selegiline
- Vitamins
- Xylometazoline

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