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## **Natural Excipients: A Review**

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The use of natural excipients to deliver the bioactive agents has been hampered by the synthetic materials. However advantages offered by these natural excipients are their being non-toxic, less expensive and freely available. The performance of the excipients partly determines the quality of the medicines. The traditional concept of the excipients as any component other than the active substance has undergone a substantial evolution from an inert and cheap vehicle to an essential constituent of the formulation. Earlier used natural excipients are Carrageenan, Thaumatin, lard, Shilajit, Aerosil, Myrobalan, Storax, etc. Excipients are any component other than the active substance(s) intentionally added to formulation of a dosage form. This article gives an overview of natural excipients which are used in conventional dosage forms, because they are less expensive, non-toxic effect and freely available or improving the quality of medicines.