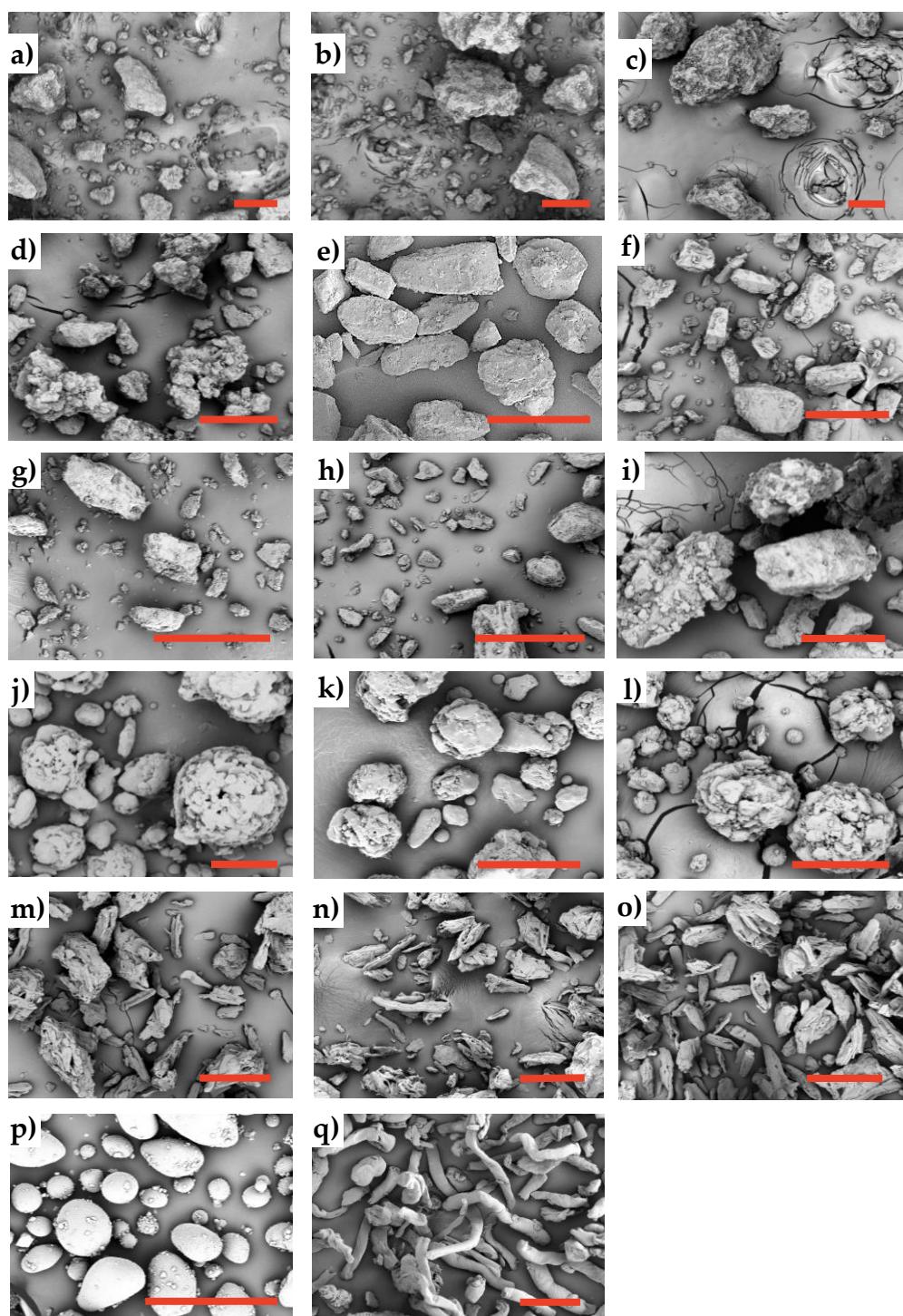


Supplementary Materials: Impact of Powder Properties on the Rheological Behavior of Excipients

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Supplementary Figure S1. Scanning electron micrographs of the excipients used in this study: a) Lactopress® anhydrous, b) SuperTab® 21AN, c) SuperTab® 22AN, d) SuperTab® 24AN, e) Pharmatose® 80M, f) Pharmatose® 150M, g) Pharmatose® 200M, h) Pharmatose® 450M, i) SuperTab® 30GR, j) SuperTab® 11SD, k) SuperTab® 14SD, l) SuperTab® 50ODT, m) Pharmacel® 101, n) Pharmacel® 102, o) Pharmacel® sMCC90, p) Primojel®, q) Primellose®. The scale bars represent 100 μ m.



Supplementary Table S1: Physical properties for the set of excipients that is used in this study, being total moisture content by Karl-Fisher titration (KF), free moisture content by Loss On Drying (LOD), specific surface area (SSA), tapped density (TD), initial charge density (q_0), final charge density (q_f), tribo-charging density variation (Δq), true density (TrD), yield pressure at 0.01 mm/s (PyS), yield pressure at 300 mm/s (PyF) and strain rate sensitivity (SRS) .

| Grade | KF (%w/w) | LOD (%w/w) | SSA (g/m ²) | TD (g/mL) | q_0 (nC/g) | q_f (nC/g) | Δq (nC/g) | TrD (g/mL) | PyS (MPa) | PyF (MPa) | SRS (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Lactopress® anhydrous | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.89 | -0.6 | -3.6 | -3.0 | 1.57 | 236 | 229 | 3 |
| SuperTab® 21AN | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.92 | -0.2 | -2.6 | -2.3 | 1.58 | 208 | 194 | 7 |
| SuperTab® 22AN | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.80 | -0.2 | -2.6 | -2.3 | 1.58 | 208 | 194 | 7 |
| SuperTab® 24AN | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.68 | 0.0 | -3.8 | -3.8 | 1.54 | 166 | 155 | 7 |
| Pharmatose® 80M | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.94 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.2 | 1.54 | 171 | 172 | -1 |
| Pharmatose® 150M | 4.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.98 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 1.53 | 185 | 175 | 6 |
| Pharmatose® 200M | 4.9 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.97 | -1.5 | -4.0 | -2.5 | 1.54 | 189 | 186 | 2 |
| Pharmatose® 450M | 5.0 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.79 | -1.2 | -3.6 | -2.4 | 1.54 | 194 | 173 | 12 |
| SuperTab® 30GR | 4.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.78 | -0.4 | -4.1 | -3.7 | 1.53 | 192 | 175 | 10 |
| SuperTab® 11SD | 5.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.75 | -0.1 | -3.9 | -3.7 | 1.54 | 170 | 154 | 11 |
| SuperTab® 14SD | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.72 | -0.8 | -1.4 | -0.6 | 1.53 | 184 | 165 | 11 |
| SuperTab® 50ODT | 4.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.83 | -0.4 | -3.3 | -2.8 | 1.54 | 161 | 149 | 8 |
| Pharmacel® 101 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 0.50 | -0.5 | -2.6 | -2.1 | 1.54 | 81 | 79 | 2 |
| Pharmacel® 102 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 0.49 | -0.4 | -3.5 | -3.2 | 1.55 | 80 | 78 | 3 |
| Pharmacel® sMCC90 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 0.50 | -0.1 | -2.1 | -2.1 | 1.56 | 100 | 85 | 17 |
| Primojel® | 9.3 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 0.96 | -0.3 | -5.1 | -4.8 | 1.52 | 145 | 98 | 48 |
| Primellose® | 9.3 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 0.74 | 0.2 | -4.5 | -4.7 | 1.53 | 158 | 121 | 31 |

Supplementary Table S2: Particle size distribution of the blends of different amounts of fines (Pharmatose® 450M) and coarse lactose (Pharmatose® 80M).

| Amount of fines | x10 (μm) | x50 (μm) | x90 (μm) | Span |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| 0%fines | 49 | 238 | 374 | 1.37 |
| 5%fines | 29 | 231 | 370 | 1.48 |
| 10%fines | 20 | 223 | 365 | 1.55 |
| 15%fines | 15 | 214 | 363 | 1.63 |
| 20%fines | 12 | 202 | 360 | 1.72 |
| 25%fines | 10 | 189 | 357 | 1.83 |
| 30%fines | 8.7 | 173 | 353 | 1.99 |
| 35%fines | 7.6 | 150 | 349 | 2.27 |
| 40%fines | 6.7 | 109 | 344 | 3.09 |
| 60%fines | 4.7 | 38 | 311 | 8.07 |
| 80%fines | 3.7 | 27 | 238 | 8.84 |
| 100%fines | 3.1 | 21 | 52 | 2.37 |