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NEUROPHARMACOLOGICAL SCREENING OF FLAVONOIDS AGAINST MK-801 INDUCED STEREOTYPY AND ANTI ANXIETY ACTIVITY

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ABSTRACT:

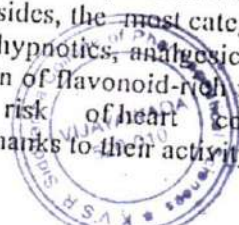
Objective:The effects of Quercetin and Naringin were investigated on stereotypies induced by the N-methyl-D-Aspartate (NMDA)-type glutamate receptors agonist MK-801 (Diazocilpine maleate) and Diazepam induced anxiety in SD rats.

Methods: Glutamate/NMDA receptors are located throughout the brain; Glutamatergic models predict widespread cortical dysfunction with particular involvement of NMDA receptors throughout the brain. Further, NMDA receptors are located on brain circuits that regulate dopamine release, suggesting that dopaminergic deficits in schizophrenia may also be secondary to underlying glutamatergic dysfunction. NMDA receptors are widely distributed throughout cortex. MK801- induced stereotypic behaviour was also measured. **Results and conclusion:**The selective flavonoids Quercetin and Naringin exhibited significant antipsychotic activity in a dose dependent manner comparable to the standard drugs, Haloperidol (0.5mg/kg, i.p.) and Diazepam(10 mg/kg, i.p.) at the dose of 100, 50 and 25 mg/kg for Quercetin; 80; 40 and 20mg/kg for Naringin respect. rely.

KEY WORDS: Quercetin, Naringin, MK-801, Haloperidol, Diazepam

INTRODUCTION

Glutamatergic models are based upon the observation that the psychotomimetic agents such as phencyclidine (PCP) and ketamine induce psychotic symptoms and neurocognitive disturbances similar to those of schizophrenia by blocking neurotransmission at N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA)-type glutamate receptors. Further, NMDA receptors are located on brain circuits that regulate dopamine release, suggesting that dopaminergic deficits in schizophrenia may also be secondary to underlying glutamatergic dysfunction. NMDA receptors are widely distributed throughout cortex. In contrast, dopaminergic innervation is much more circumscribed, with relatively sparse innervations of primary sensory cortex^{1,2}; Schizophrenia has also been shown to be associated with reduced levels of GSH^{3,4,5}; leading to potential dysfunction of NMDA receptors⁶. Second, based upon the observation that NMDA blockade leads to rebound increases in glutamate release that may themselves be pathological⁷it has been proposed that compounds that inhibit presynaptic glutamate release may also be therapeutic⁸. Agents that stimulate NMDA receptor-mediated neurotransmission, together with glycine-site agonists and glycine transport inhibitors, have shown encouraging ends up in presymptomatic studies and are presently undergoing clinical development. Overall, these findings counsel that glutamatergic theories may result in new conceptualizations and treatment approaches that might not be attainable based mostly upon dopaminergic models alone. Anxiety is a common downside that embrace feeling anxious a couple of employment interview, speech, a primary date, are traditional responses to a nerve-racking scenario. Elevated stress hormones (cortisol, adrenaline) will cause or exacerbate anxiety. Like depression, anxiety will be a learned behaviour. There are many diagnostic classes for anxiety disorders. They include: Generalized mental disturbance (GAD), anxiety disorder (anxiety attacks). Flavonoid glycosides, the most category of flavonoids, are shown to exert CNS-mediated activities, significantly as sedative-hypnotics, analgesics or each, still no studies have evaluated these agents in anxiety. apparently, the consumption of flavonoid-rich foods, specially fruits and vegetables, has been epidemiologically related to a reduced risk of heart condition, neurodegenerative illness, cancer and alternative chronic diseases, most likely thanks to their activity as inhibitors of brain activity.



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Effect of naringenin on the pharmacokinetics of metoprolol succinate in rats

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Pterocarpus marsupium Roxburgh heartwood extract/chitosan nanoparticle loaded hydrogel as an innovative wound healing agent in the diabetic rat model

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ABSTRACT

The application of modern nanomedicine to enhance wound healing is growing due to their simplicity for topical organization and fast flexibility with molecules that can boost and reinforce the process of healing even in patients with diabetes. The point of the present investigation was to synthesize effective *“Pterocarpus marsupium* heartwood extract/chitosan nanoparticles (PM-CNPs) loaded hydrogel (PM-CNH) and evaluate its drug release efficiency, *in-vitro* anti-microbial activity and wound healing action in streptozotocin administered diabetic rat models. The prepared PM-CNPs further utilized for the preparation of various chitosan nanoparticle formulations. Hence, prepared hydrogels are characterized for pH, morphology, consistency, and spreadability; thus, PM-CNH-1 is found to be the optimized formulation. *In-vivo* rats treated with PM-CNH-1 displayed significant wound healing and growth of granular tissue and an improvement in collagen deposition. These results indicate the effectiveness of optimized nanocomposites as a potential treatment for curing diabetic wounds.

1. Introduction

The wound healing cycle is a complex and vital controlled series of many well organized biochemical and cellular processes for restoring skin integrity. Throughout the wound healing process, wound develops in three distinct but overlapping stages: infection, proliferation (neovascularization, granulation, re-epithelialization), and maturation (extracellular matrix remodelling [ECM]) [1]. Wound control and wound healing potency of wound tissue deformation may depend heavily on products that are used in wound dressing. The medicinal plants are regarded as the strong and successful treatment for improving wound healing processes dependent on the various active and efficient components like phenolic compounds, essential oils, alkaloids, flavonoids, etc. Diabetic mellitus is a disease considered to be correlated with several defects in the connective tissue. Following diminished biosynthesis and increased degradation of freshly synthesized collagen, the collagen

Abbreviations: PM, *Pterocarpus marsupium*; PM-CNPs, *Pterocarpus marsupium* synthesized chitosan nanoparticles; PM-CNH, *Pterocarpus marsupium* synthesized chitosan nanoparticles loaded hydrogel; PM, *Pterocarpus marsupium* synthesized chitosan nanoparticles; SEM, Scanning Electron Microscopy; TP, Sodium Tripolyphosphate; STZ, Streptozotocin; ZOI, Zone of Inhibition; H&I, Hematoxylin and Eosin staining.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

**Design, Optimization and Evaluation of Telmisartan Chronotherapeutics
press coated tablets Employing as Novel synthetic Disintegrate and as Novel
coated Chronotherapeutic Polymers**

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ABSTRACT:

Starch Glutarate prepared by reacting potato starch with Glutaric acid at elevated temperatures was found to be a white, crystalline powder. Starch glutarate prepared exhibited excellent flow characteristics it was insoluble in water and aqueous fluids of acidic and alkaline buffers. It also exhibited good swelling (70%) in water. It has no gelling property when heated at 100C° in water for 30 min. It is considered as a promising disintegrant in tablet formulations and was evaluated as disintegrant in tablet formulations. Tablets of Telmisartan were prepared by direct compression method employing starch glutarate at 0-10% as novel super disintegrate and were evaluated. In the present research work, 2³ factorial design was used for optimization of level of independent variables (starch glutarate, sodium starch glycolate and croscarmellose sodium) on dependent variables (disintegration time, water absorption, wetting time and percent released in 5 minutes) in the formulations. The optimized formula was further press coated by synthetic controlled time released polymers such as starch acetate, starch succinate in varying ratios. The best formulation was selected based on post-compression parameters and dissolution data was subjected to accelerated stability studies for 3 month. Amongst 5 formulations prepared for coating tablets we are F2CC1 produced convincing results with a maximum cumulative drug release of 99.21% in 8 hr. By virtue of its release pattern and delivering the drug at the right time, right place and in right amounts, the developed delivery system holds good promises of benefiting the patients suffering from hypertension.

KEYWORDS: Starch, glutarate, Disintegrate, Tablets, Telmisartan.

INTRODUCTION:

Chronopharmacotherapy, the drug regime based on circadian rhythm, regulates many body features in human beings, viz., metabolism, physiology, behavior, sleep patterns, hormone production, etc¹. Human beings considerably differ in their biochemical and physiologic popularity over a 24-hour length due to the existence of a number of circadian rhythms². Various ailments like bronchial asthma has been reported to have multiplied airway responsiveness and worsening of lung function measured over a 24-hour cycle will show a characteristic circadian rhythm with the height at some point of the afternoon and the trough in the early hours of the morning Heart fee and blood strain both showcase a strong circadian sample with values for blood pressure,

double product typically peaking in the Early morning period compare with until late afternoon, and then drops off at some point of night (hypertension), gastric acidity was located toward an increase in intragastric acidity in the course of the time duration from the center of the night time to the early dawn, and toward a reduce in intragastric acidity during the early morning rheumatoid arthritis experience more pain in the morning hours show circadian variation that demand time-dependent drug launch for effective drug action, for example, more pain with morning body stiffness, asthma, and coronary heart assault in early hours of the day³. Circadian rhythm disturbances are observed in kids with attention deficit/hyperactivity ailment and sleep onset insomnia.

Optimization Technique:

Optimization technique provide both a depth of understanding and an ability to explore and define ranges for formulation and processing factors with a rational approach to the selection of several experimental and

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In silico docking of endophytic fungi cytoglobosins to bovine coronavirus 3Cl4 receptor.

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ABSTRACT

Madhavi Patiballa VN, Bandarupalli R, Vegesena AG, Madala C, Vegesena AG, Devi Vemuri RS, Devi Nelluri KD., *In silico* docking endophytic fungi cytoglobosins to bovine coronavirus 3Cl4 receptor, *Onl J Vet Res.*, 24(7): 407-412, 2020. Bovine coronavirus infects upper and lower intestine and respiratory tracts in cattle inducing diarrhea and respiratory infections. One hundred secondary metabolites of marine endophytic fungi protein crystal structure were screened for *In silico* docking with bovine coronavirus hemagglutinin-esterase 3Cl4 receptor. We found that cytoglobosins D (8.3Kcal/mol) CID: 46209919 and C (8.2Kcal/mol) had best binding affinity to bovine coronavirus hemagglutinin-esterase 3Cl4 receptor compared with standard Darunavir (-6.6 Kcal/mmol). *In vitro* and *in vivo* tests may support therapeutic use for endophytic fungi CID: 46209919 against bovine coronavirus.

Key-words: *In silico*, protein binding, bovine coronavirus, hemagglutinin-esterase endophytic fungi, cytoglobosins, Darunavir.

INTRODUCTION

Bovine coronavirus *Coronaviridae* family order *Nidovirales* is an important pathogen in neonatal diarrhea in calves but also in winter dysentery in adult cattle² and is similar in spike protein structure to Canine respiratory coronavirus³. The virus is pleomorphic and enveloped by a double layer of long and short projections on the surface and measures 65nm to 210nm⁶. The virus infects epithelial cells in the respiratory tract, intestine, trachea, lungs, and nasal turbinates^{4,5} and can be isolated from lung tissues and nasal secretion of cattle with fatal pneumonia.⁵ In neonatal calves and adult cattle with diarrhea, the virus can cause enteropathies.⁷ Coronavirus proteins are classified as spiked, integral membrane,

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Synthesis of 1,6-Naphthyridine and Its Derivatives: A Systematic Review

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The naturally and synthetically obtained 1,6-naphthyridine derivatives possess a wide range of pharmacological properties. This factor inspired the medicinal chemists and organic chemists to develop new methods for the synthesis of 1,6-

Introduction

Naphthyridines are nitrogen-containing heterocyclic analogues of naphthalenes. It contains a nitrogen atom in each of the benzene rings. Therefore, in the replacement system of nomenclature, naphthyridines are named as diazanaphthalenes. Similarly, in the fused heterocyclic system of nomenclature, it is referred to as pyridopyridines.^[1] Based on the location of the two nitrogen atoms in each benzene ring (other than the bridgehead position), the naphthyridines are classified into different types of naphthyridines are presented in Figure 1.

Naphthyridines-based compounds exhibit a wide range of pharmacological properties. Particularly, 1,6-naphthyridine derivatives, they act as anticancer agents,^[2,3,4,5,6] antiviral,^[7] antiasthmatic,^[8] anticonvulsant,^[9] analgesic,^[10] PDE10A inhibitors,^[11] 5-HT₄ receptor antagonists,^[12] CB₂ antagonists,^[13] etc.

1-methoxy-4,5,9,10-tetrahydropyrido[3,2,1][1,6]

naphthyridine-6(8H)-one (8) is a natural product present in plants of trees belonging to the genus *Sophora*, it exhibits antibacterial activity.^[14] Similarly, aaptamine (9), iso-aaptamine (10), demethyl(oxy)aaptamine (11) and 3-(phenylethylamino)emethyl(oxy)aaptamine (12) are 1,6-naphthyridine-based natural products isolated from the marine sponge *Aaptos aptos*.^[15,16] They possess antineoplastic, α -adrenoreceptor antagonist, and anti-microbial properties.^[15,16] The chemical names and structures of these natural products are given in Figure 2.

Due to owning a wide range of pharmacological properties, 1,6-naphthyridine is considered a privileged scaffold in the field of medicinal chemistry. This factor triggered the medicinal chemists and organic chemists to develop new methods for the facile synthesis of 1,6-naphthyridine derivatives.

2. Synthesis of 1,6-naphthyridine

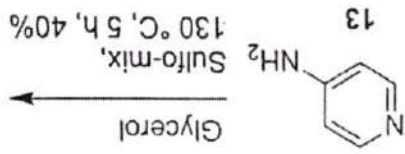
This review aimed to describe the different methods or synthetic routes available for the construction of 1,6-naphthyridine and its derivatives from a wide range of starting materials. Wherever applicable, the product formation described with an appropriate mechanism.

The synthesis of 1,6-naphthyridine from different starting materials is discussed in this section.

2.1. Cyclization

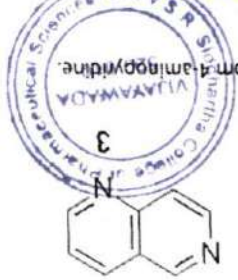
2.1.1. From 4-aminopyridine

Kress and Paudler (1967) adopted Skraup synthesis with a slight modification to prepare 1,6-naphthyridine (3) in a single step from 4-aminopyridine (13) and glycerol in the presence of sulfo mix (a mixture of nitrobenzenesulphonic acids in sulphuric acid) instead of sulphuric acid (Scheme 1).^[17] This reaction condition afforded the 1,6-naphthyridine in moderate yield. A few years later, Hamada and Takeuchi (1971) demonstrated the preparation of 1,6-naphthyridine (3) using sodium *m*-nitrobenzene sulphinate instead of sulfo mix while adopting the Skraup synthesis.^[18] This condition afforded the 1,6-naphthyridine in improved yield (70%) compared to the condition adopted by Kress and Paudler.



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Research Paper

Protective effects of duloxetine against chronic immobilisation stress-induced anxiety, depression, cognitive impairment and neurodegeneration in mice

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Abstract

Objectives This study aimed to evaluate the effect of duloxetine (10 and 20 mg/kg) against chronic immobilisation stress (CIS)-induced anxiety, depression, cognitive impairment and neurodegeneration in mice.
Methods CIS, 2 h/10 days (11:00 AM–1:00 PM) was applied after 30 min of pretreatment with saline, duloxetine 10 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg to the respective groups of animals, except the control group. Animals were examined for physiological (body weight, locomotion and grip strength), psychological (memory impairment, anxiety and depression), neurochemical (GABA and glutamate), biochemical (MDA, catalase, glutathione, superoxide dismutase) and histopathological changes.
Key findings CIS exposure revealed anxiety-like behaviour, depression-like behaviour, motor in-coordination and learning and memory impairment in mice. Besides, CIS induction decreased the antioxidant enzymes (GSH, SOD and catalase), GABA and the viable neuronal cell count, whereas CIS exposure significantly elevated the MDA, AChE activity and glutamate content in the cortex and hippocampus. Pretreatment with duloxetine 10 and 20 mg/kg showed dose-dependent ameliorated effect against the CIS-induced alterations in mice.
Conclusion In conclusion, the results of this study demonstrated the protective effect of duloxetine against neuropsychiatric symptoms, memory impairment caused by CIS-induction through inhibition of oxidative stress, AChE activity and glutamate release.
Keywords: duloxetine; cognitive impairment; reactive oxygen species; neurochemicals; neuroprotection

Introduction

Stress is an uncomfortable emotional experience associated with behavioural, biochemical and physiological changes, leading to disturbance in homeostasis.¹ Usually, it occurs when an individual experiences demands or threats without sufficient resources to meet those demands.² People of all ages and genders can be affected by stress, resulting in physical and psychological disorders. World Health Organization (WHO) reported that stress was one of the top 10 determinants of health disparities.





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The excess of adipose tissue is called obesity, and it is associated with a state of chronic subclinical inflammation. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), in 2016, at least 1.9 billion adults showed obesity or overweight, thus being equivalent to more than 25 percent of the world's population. Obesity has been confessed as an important considering factor in the development of various diseases¹. Obesity is defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation in adipose tissue, that presents a risk to the health of human body. The accumulation of excess fat and dispersion of fat in the body - either around the waist and trunk (abdominal, central or android obesity) or peripherally around the body (gynoid obesity) - have main health complications². The underlying cause of overweight/obesity associated with a number of chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis and some types of cancer³. People leading sedentary life style instead of active life. More calorie diet together with an inactive lifestyle has been noticed as a prospective risk factor for cardio vascular diseases, cancer, diabetes mellitus⁴. The rise in obesity in the past several decades has been dramatic worldwide, particularly in the Western world⁵. Obesity is prevalent in the U.S. population and contributes significantly to morbidity and mortality⁶. The frequency of obesity in the developed world is raising approximately 23% of adult. Canadians 5.5 million people are obese and an additional 36% are overweight⁷. A foresight scientific report used to guide UK government policy, has predicted by 2025, nearly half of men and over a third of women will be obese. Obesity associated risk is also expand in individual with normal weight and BMI (Body mass index) who have more growth of waist circumference of more than 102cm (40 inches) in men and more than 88cm (35 inches) in women poses a significant risk⁸. The rise in obesity is multi factorial. Specific habitat factors are also involved including excess portion size, dietary macronutrient composition and sedentary lifestyle⁹. Obesity is associated with increased risks for type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), hypertension and liver disease¹⁰.

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Keywords—Obesity, Accumulation of fat, Calorie consumption, Energy expenditure, Body mass index.

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Abstract

Bullous pemphigoid is a rare, chronic and a most common blistering disorder, characterized by the appearance of large fluid-filled blisters on the skin. It can be diagnosed based on clinical, immunologic, and histological criteria and is most commonly found in elderly persons. These blisters are often found on areas of the skin in the regions such as – lower abdomen, upper thighs or ampts. It manifests clinically with diffuse eczematous (inflamed or irritated skin), pruritic (unpleasant sensation that desires to scratch), articular-like lesions (reddish flat patches or swellings), eventually with the appearance of tense bullae or blisters typically filled with clear fluid. It is an autoimmune disorder, in which our body produces antibodies to the fibers that connect the outer layer of skin (epidermis) and the next layer of skin (dermis) and finally triggering the inflammation process, which leads to the production of blisters. The major aim of this case report is to present a typical case of this condition, to bring awareness on several treatment options, and to advocate referral to a dermatologist given its potential severity. Multiple treatment opportunities have been found for this condition, including anti-inflammatory medications that reduce antibody formation, and treatments to increase the elimination of antibodies [1].

Keywords: bullous pemphigoid, blistering disorder, autoimmune disorder, diffuse eczematous, pruritic articular lesions, dermatology

Introduction

Bullous pemphigoid is a rare skin disorder, in which there is an appearance of blisters on the skin, and most commonly found in older individuals. Bullous Pemphigoid can be resolved within five years, and it can be goes away on its own in a few months. The major aim of this case report is to highlight the several treatment options, to bring awareness about the disease and to advocate referral to a dermatologist given its potential severity.

Patient information, clinical findings, timeline

A 52 years old female patient was admitted in the hospital with the chief complaints of large and fluid filled blisters all over the body, with weight loss since 5 years.

Diagnostic assessment

The patient is in a conscious and in a coherent state, with lymphocytosis and with afebrile temperature. The patient is diagnosed with the elevated levels of Serum glucose –fasting and Serum Total Iron with abnormal values of 140mg/dl and 24mg/dl respectively, in Biochemical profile. Haematological profile is abnormal with normal to the platelet count. Microbiological record shows that Serum has been taken as a Specimen, in which the C-reactive Protein levels has been elevated with an abnormal value of 371.16mg/L, by immunoturbidimetry method. Anti-Nuclear Antibody (ANA) has performed by ELISA method and value obtained is 0.40, considered as a negative value. Anti-DNA antibody (ELISA) has also conducted, in which the serum has been taken as a specimen, where the test value was obtained as 8IU/ml which is a negative value.

Therapeutic interventions

She was previously diagnosed with the disease i.e. bullous pemphigoid in a farther hospital, at where those doctors prescribed the following medications:

- Inj. Folic acid
- T. Azithral
- B. Plex Forte
- Inj. Hydrocortisone
- Inj. Folinax

But still the condition has been worsening, so the patient admitted in another hospital for management and to control her disease.

Follow-up and outcomes

According to all the Laboratory profiles, mentioned above, the patient has been diagnosed with Bullous Pemphigoid disease and physicians prescribed the following medications in order to control or to prevent the further complications of the disease.

| S.No | Trade Name | Generic Name | R.O.A | Dose | Frequency |
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Olmesartan medoxomil (OLM) is a widely prescribed anti-hypertensive agent with angiotensin II type I receptor antagonistic activity. OLM belongs to P-III class II having a low and variable oral bioavailability (BA) (29%) and its absorption is dissolution rate limited. Recrystallization of OLM from different organic solvents improved its aqueous solubility and thereby *in vitro* dissolution properties. In this investigation, oral BA of Olmesartan (OL) (parent drug molecule of OLM) from recrystallized products of OLM with acetonitrile and methanol (OACN and OMET respectively) solvents were evaluated in male Wistar rats. Also, a rapid, economical and reliable RP-HPLC-PDA method was developed for the estimation of OL in rat plasma samples and validated according to ICH guidelines. Chromatographic separation was achieved on an Agilent eclipse C₁₈ column (150x4.6mm, 5µ) with a mobile phase composition of 10mM ammonium acetate - Acetonitrile (62:38_{v/v}) at a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min. The retention time of OL was found to be 2.3 min and showed good linearity (R²>0.99) in the selected concentration range of 0.2-1.0µg/mL. A 1.8, 1.6 folds increase in C_{max} and a relative BA of 186, 160% were observed with OACN and OMET respectively, when compared to that of untreated OLM. Thus it can be inferred that recrystallization can be easily scalable and economical technique for enhancing the pharmaceutical properties like solubility, dissolution properties and oral BA of poorly water soluble drugs like OLM.

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RP-HPLC METHOD FOR ESTIMATION OF LORNOXICAM IN TABLETS AND IN DISSOLUTION SAMPLES USING MASS SPECTROMETRIC COMPATIBLE BUFFERS

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ABSTRACT

A selective and sensitive reverse phase High Performance Liquid Chromatographic method has been developed and validated for the estimation of lornoxicam in bulk, pharmaceutical dosage forms and in dissolution samples. The analysis was performed isocratically on an Inertsil column (250 × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) using a mass spectrometric compatible mobile phase of 10 mM ammonium acetate: acetonitrile (50:50 V/V) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. The detection wavelength was 290 nm. The retention time was found to be 4.573 min for lornoxicam. The linearity of the method has been satisfied with Beer Lambert's law in the concentration range of 5-25 μg/mL with a correlation coefficient of 0.9988. The mean recoveries assessed for lornoxicam were in the range of 100.39-101.86 %, indicating good accuracy of the method. The limit of detection and limit of quantification were found to be 0.03 and 0.11 μg/mL, respectively. The developed method has been statistically validated in accordance with ICH guidelines and found to be mass spectrometric compatible, simple, precise, and accurate with the prescribed values. Thus, the proposed method was successfully applied for the estimation of lornoxicam in routine quality control analysis of bulk, formulations and in dissolution samples.

Keywords: RP-HPLC, mass spectrometric compatible, lornoxicam, method validation, dissolution samples

INTRODUCTION

Lornoxicam (LXM) is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) of the oxycam class (Fig.1) with analgesic, anti-inflammatory and anti pyretic properties¹. It differs from other oxycam compounds in its potent inhibition of prostaglandin biosynthesis, a property that contributes to the pronounced efficacy of the drug. It is used for the treatment of various types of pain, especially result-

ing from inflammatory diseases of joints, osteoarthritis, surgery, sciatica and other inflammations. Lornoxicam has the solubility in water with pKa of 4.5.

Different analytical methods have been reported in the literature for the determination of LXM individually and in combination with other drugs like paracetamol and tolperisone by LC-MS², HPLC³⁻¹⁰ and stability indicating HPLC. Till date, no publication has been reported with RP-HPLC method with LC-MS compatible buffers in bulk and in *in vitro* dissolution samples.

Hence, the present investigation was aimed to develop a simple, economical and rapid RP-HPLC-PDA method for the estimation of LXM in bulk, pharmaceutical formulations and *in vitro* dissolution sample analysis which would be accurate, precise and sensitive. Also, the method is targeted to develop the LC conditions compatible to MS detection and to validate as per ICH guidelines¹¹.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Pure lornoxicam was supplied by Sun Pharma Gujarat, India and lornoxicam tablets (Lorcam 8mg) were purchased from local pharmacy. All the solvents and reagents are of HPLC grade (Merck, Mumbai).

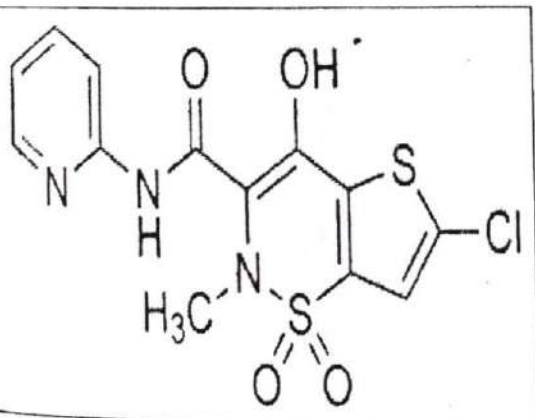


Fig.1: Structure of Lornoxicam

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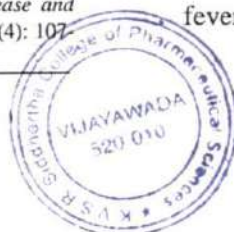
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The objective of the study was to develop self-emulsifying drug delivery system (SEDDS) of a poorly soluble drug Orlistat (ORT) to enhance the bio-availability by increasing its solubility. According to Biopharmaceutical Classification System (BCS), ORT is a class-II molecule, having low solubility and high permeability. The rate and extent of the class-II drug is highly dependent on the performance of the formulated product. In this experiment, solubility of ORT was evaluated in various non-aqueous carriers that include oils, surfactants, and co-surfactants, of which oleic acid, tween 80, isopropyl alcohol has shown greater solubility. Pseudo ternary phase diagrams were constructed to identify the micro-emulsification region. Self-micro emulsifying formulations were prepared using mixtures of oils, surfactants and co-surfactants in various proportions which are clear and were evaluated for micro emulsion properties, droplet size and thermodynamic stability studies. FTIR studies indicate there was no interaction between the drug and excipients. *In-vitro* diffusion and *In-vitro* dissolution studies were done which indicates higher drug release from formulation (F11). Similarly, *Ex-vivo* intestinal absorption studies were also performed on gut sacs and the results showed that absorption of ORT increased from the formulation. Histopathological studies of the rat gut sacs also revealed that there is no damage of cell lining and the formulation is safe. Release kinetics were also done and compared with marketed and pure drug. The results of the study demonstrated the potential use of SEDDS as a means of improving solubility, dissolution and bio-availability.

Key-words: Self-emulsifying drug delivery system, Orlistat, Pseudo ternary phase diagram, Histopathological studies, Ex-vivo studies

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5-HT₃ Receptor Antagonism: A Potential Therapeutic Approach for the Treatment of Depression and other Disorders

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Abstract: Background: Depression or Major depressive disorder (MDD) is a prolonged condition of sadness. MDD is the most common mental disorder that affects more than 264 million people worldwide. According to the monoamine hypothesis, serotonin (5-hydroxy tryptamine, 5-HT), dopamine (DA) and norepinephrine (NE) are the major neurotransmitters (NTs) involved in depression.

Methods: The methodology adopted for writing this review article is essentially based on the secondary literature search through a systematic literature review. This review mainly focussed on the role of 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists (5-HT₃RA) in depression and comorbid disorders like anxiety.

Results: Out of three major NTs mentioned above, serotonin has a predominant role in the pathophysiology of depression. The serotonin type-3 receptors (5-HT₃R) are well renowned to be expressed in the central nervous system (CNS) in regions which have significance in the vomiting reflex, perception of pain, the reward system, cognition, depression and anxiety control. 5-HT₃R are the receptors of serotonergic family that belong to ligand-gated ion channel. 5-HT₃RA inhibit the binding of serotonin to postsynaptic 5-HT₃R and increases its availability to other receptors like 5-HT_{1A}, 1B and 1D as well as 5-HT₂ receptors and produces anti-depressant-like effect. 5-HT₃RA also have an important role in mood and stress disorders. Some of the studies have shown the effectiveness of these agents in stress disorder.

Conclusion: The present article focussed on the role of 5-HT₃R and their antagonists in the treatment of depression and anxiety. Further studies are warranted to prove their efficacy with respect to other standard anti-depressants.

Keywords: Co-morbid, depression, ion channel, serotonin, 5-HT₃ receptors, cognition.

1. INTRODUCTION

According to the latest report from the World Health Organization (WHO), MDD is the most common mental disorder that affects more than 264 million people worldwide [1]. The diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorder-IV (DSM-IV) has given nine symptoms for assessment of depression. Out of these nine symptoms, if any five are present for more than 2 weeks, then the patient is said to be depressed, however, warrants further confirmation [2, 3]. The hormones like estrogen and progesterone may modulate the functioning of 5HT₃R as women are more susceptible to be affected with depression as compared to men [4-6].

According to this monoamine, the hypothesis level of three NTs, namely 5-HT, NE and DA, is decreased in depression [7, 8]. In addition, γ -amino butyric acid (GABA) and glutamate also have an important role in the pathophysiology of depression [9]. Moreover, recent studies also relate depression with alterations in the physiology of the brain, neuronal plasticity and reduced volume of the frontal cortex and the hippocampus [10]. Now, genetic involvement in the development of depression has also been identified. Genes such as SLC6A4 (previously known as SERT), DRDR4, SLC6A4 or 5-HTT and TPH₂ are also found to have a predominant role in the pathological progression of depression [11]. Various important causes of depression have are in (Fig. 1). Moreover, dysregulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA)-axis and increased oxidative stress also has a predominant role in the development of MDD [12, 13]. Imbalance in antioxidant and oxidant enzyme levels in the bra

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A Review on Spinal Muscular Atrophy: Its Cause, Diagnosis and Treatment

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Abstract:

The spinal muscular atrophy is considered as one of the familiar autosomal recessive disorder. Children suffering from spinal muscular atrophy suffer with diminished ability of normal growing processes like crawling, sitting, walking and controlling head movements. Even if SMA becomes severe, it may lead to damage of muscles helpful in breathing and swallowing which life is threatening. It was found that SMA occurs due to improper production of SMN (the survival motor neuron protein). The mutations on SMN1 and SMN2 gene are responsible for the improper production of SMN protein. The deletion of SMN1 gene is regarded as the primary level diagnostic test. Other conformation tests are electromyogram and Multiplex ligation-dependant probe amplification (MLPA) test. Treatment of SMA was done initially by using drugs like Quinazoline derivatives, aminoglycosides and neuroprotective drugs. However, these drugs increased the life span of SMA patients but could not offer relief from the disease. Hence, gene therapy came in to focus and found useful in the treatment of SMA. Currently used 3 forms of gene therapy are Nusinersen (Spinraza), Onasemnogene Aporovector (Zolgensma) and Risdiplam (Evrysdi). Stem cell therapy is used which involves the transplantation of stem cells.

Keywords: Evrysdi, Multiplex ligation-dependant probe amplification, Nusinersen, Risdiplam, Spinal muscular atrophy, Survival motor neuron protein.

1. Introduction:

Spinal muscular atrophy is the disorder that affects neurons and muscles which occurs due to alpha motor neurons degeneration of spinal cord that finally leads to muscle weakness and paralysis¹. Children suffering from spinal muscular atrophy suffer with diminished ability of normal growing processes like crawling, sitting, walking and controlling head movements². Even if SMA becomes severe, it may lead to damage of muscles helpful in breathing and swallowing³.

1.1 Types of SMA:

1.1.1 SMA type 0: It is the rare and severe type of SMA which results in joint deformities and weak muscle tone of babies⁴. Due to weak muscle tone, the affected foetus cannot move freely in the womb itself⁵. The respiratory muscle tone is also very weak in the affected infants⁶. These patients also seem to have congenital heart defects⁷.

1.1.2 SMA type I: It is the most commonly occurring SMA and it is also called as Werdnig-Hoffmann disease. This type of SMA can be identified at birth time or first few months of their life. The affected children have swallowing problems which leads to feeding difficulties further leading to improper growth. The affected child also faces the problem in controlling their head movements and they cannot sit unassisted⁸. They also have bell shaped chest which does not allow their lungs to expand properly which leads to respiratory failure⁹. SMA type I is classified in to 3 groups based on the severity of clinical manifestations. They are i) severe weakness and head control is not possible, ii) weakness occurs after birth within 2 months and head control is not possible iii) severe weakness is seen but head control is possible¹⁰.

1.1.3 SMA type II: It is also referred as Dubowitz disease. This disease develops in children at an age group of 6 to 12 months. At first, children affected with that disease can sit without assistance. At later stages in childhood, the patients require support to sit; these children cannot stand or walk without support. These children have curves in spinal cord which is termed as scoliosis, tremors and respiratory muscle weakness which is life-threatening¹¹. On an average, the lifespan of individuals suffering with this condition is 20-30years.

1.1.4 SMA type III: It is also referred as Kugelberg-Welander disease¹². In this condition, the patients can stand and walk without assistance, but during later stages of life, the patient needs wheel chair assistance¹³. These patients are having normal life expectancy as that of healthy individuals¹⁴.

1.1.5 SMA type IV: it is a rare condition where the patient suffers from mild muscle weakness¹⁵, tremors and mild respiratory problems¹⁶. These patients are having normal life expectancy as that of healthy individuals¹⁷.

Table 1: Types of SMA occurring due to mutations of SMN gene



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ABSTRACT:

Microcephaly is a rare disorder^[01]. We report on 8-year old girl who was being suffering with the Microcephaly was admitted in the hospital with chief complaints and the observed symptoms to admit in the hospital are “Seizures” and “Squint” and not even having a stable vision on any of the particular object. Microcephaly can be caused due to the neurodevelopmental problems which is phenotype in the patients, often genetic causes. Microcephaly can also be defined as lower occipitofrontal than the third percentile or more than two standard deviations below the mean for sex, age and ethnicity. Patients who were being suffering with this disease can have the various neurological manifestations, psychomotor problems, delayed developments, and epilepsy which are frequently shown by the affected patients and also, accompanied by the facial dysmorphism and also affects the major organs present in the body.

Congenital microcephaly is present at birth, whereas postnatal microcephaly occurs later in life^[10]. Genetic abnormalities, syndromes, metabolic disorders, infections, prenatal, perinatal, and postnatal injuries^[7,9] can cause both congenital & postnatal microcephaly^[2].

Neuroimaging with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is often the first diagnostic test in evaluating children with microcephaly. Microcephaly is a lifelong condition with no known cure. The prognosis is usually worse for children who experienced an intrauterine infection. Microcephaly has become much more prevalent in the news and scientific community with the recent emergence of Zika virus as a cause of congenital^[3].

The major aim of this case report is to present a typical case of this condition, to bring awareness on several diagnostic options and little in treatment too, and to advocate referral a neurologist given its potential severity. There were less treatment opportunities have been found for this condition. Medication, diet, speech or counselling tends to help the patient to improve their activeness or responding to the particular work.

Keywords:

Zika virus, Brain development, Microcephaly, Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Congenital microcephaly
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