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Optimization of Solid Lipid Nanoparticles and Nanostructured Lipid Carriers for Treatment of Hypertension

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Optimization of Solid Lipid Nanoparticles and Nanostructured Lipid Carriers for Treatment of Hypertension: Solid lipid nanoparticles (SLN) and nanostructured lipid carriers (NLC), the second generation of SLN, are sophisticated colloidal drug carrier systems for improving bioavailability of insoluble/low-soluble drugs. They may present various advantages over their colloidal counterparts such as polymeric nanoparticles, liposomes e.t.c. In this study, SLN and NLC of eplerenone, an antihypertensive drug with low oral bioavailability, were aimed to optimize for parenteral application using the high-shear homogenization technique followed by ultrasonication. Particle size distribution and thermal behaviours of the formulations were investigated by dynamic light scattering (DLS) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) methods. Surface morphology of the formulations were investigated by scanning electron microscopy (SEM). Drug payload and drug release profiles of the formulations were determined. SLN and NLC were obtained in a 95-150 nm size range with homogeneous particle size distribution. SEM micrographs were consistent with DLS data indicating spheric nanoparticles. Drug payload of SLN and NLC was between 75 % and 80 %. The formulations displayed sustained drug release. Physically stable formulations were selected after 3 months of storage at various temperature conditions. Stability studies are being continued. The study is being continued with *in vivo* experiments.

As a result, SLN and NLC formulations were attempted to optimize successfully for parenteral application of eplerenone for treatment of hypertension attacks and bring attacks under control. Thus, increasing bioavailability and reducing systemic side effects of the drug will be able to provide. More effective therapy will be able to introduced.

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