



# An Overview Of Characterizations And Application Of Proniosomal Gel

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**ABSTRACT:** Traditional drug delivery systems are stable vesicle systems in nanotechnology that overcome the disadvantages associated with other vesicle systems. A soluble protocyclic drug carrier coated with nonionic surfactants forms vesicles upon hydration. The system is covered, weak and effective drugs are released with increased bioavailability and reduced side effects. The aim of the study was to develop and evaluate a transdermal gel formulation as a vesicular drug delivery system to increase the stability of the formulation and delivery of the HIV antiviral drug ritonavir. Initial studies focused on formulation parameters influencing formulation performance using nonionic surfactants, followed by evaluation parameters for formulation optimization. In addition, they offer an easy way to produce a variety of hydrophilic and hydrophobic drugs. They can use different technologies to deliver the drug to the desired site of action, thereby controlling its release and reducing side effects.

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**2.INTRODUCTION:** In the dry state, proniosomes are surfactant-based water-soluble carriers. From a technical perspective, liposomes are an attractive drug carrier because they have high drug stability and do not suffer from many of the problems of liposomes, such as high cost and complex purification of phospholipids [1-5]. It has attracted considerable attention from researchers since the early 1980s due to its potential use as a drug carrier and transporter. These regimens offer many advantages in avoiding complications compared with traditional drug delivery methods. The activity of liposomes depends on lipid composition, surface concentration, size and preparation method. Solving liposome-related issues, on Review Article Volume 1 Issue 3 Article ID: 0017 International Journal of Medicine, Pharmaceuticals and Biological Sciences SN: xxxx-xxxx Received: August 26, 2021/December 23 Revision 20: December 20 December 20 December 20: December 20. 2021 Page 2 of 13 Other methods have been used, namely coating the liposome surface with insoluble, biocompatible hydrophilic polymers such as polyethylene glycol. Figure: Structure of proniosomal vesicles

**2.1 Characterization of proniosomal vesicles:** Proniosomal vesicles are tested for the following characterizations

**2.2 Vesicle morphology:** The size of precursor vesicles can be measured non-invasively by dynamic light scattering.

**2.3 Shape and surface:** Morphology Surface morphology is examined by scanning electron microscopy, optical microscopy and transmission electron microscopy in terms of roundness, smoothness and aggregation formation.

**2.4 Scanning electron microscopy:** The proniosome suspension was coated on a carbon double tape of an aluminum tube, the vesicles were additionally coated with gold/palladium, and placed in the vacuum chamber of a scanning electron microscope.

**2.5 Optical microscopy:** Preparation of the precursor involves hydrating it with phosphate buffer at pH 7.4, placing the vesicles obtained from the precursor on a glass slide, and counting the vesicles under a microscope using a hemocytometer, and conducting morphological observations after correctness. dilute. Micrographs of proniosomes were also obtained from the microscope using a digital monocular camera [7]

**3.METHODS FOR PREPARING PRONIOSOMES:** Proniosomal formulations can be prepared using the slurry method. Slow spray method. Enchanted phase separation method. Slurry method: Proniosomes can be prepared from animal solutions of surfactant and cholesterol in suitable solvents. The amount of solution of surfactant and cholesterol per gram

of vehicle and drug must be dissolved in the solvent in a 100 ml round bottom flask containing the vehicle (maltodextrin). The flask should be connected to a spin-flash evaporator to evaporate the solvent at a speed of 50-60 rpm at a temperature of  $45 \pm 20^\circ\text{C}$  and a minimum pressure of 600 mm Hg until the contents are dry. of the container, it will dry. free water. - The results flow. . Slow spray method: A 100 ml round bottom flask containing the correct amount of carrier can be connected to an electronic evaporator. A mixture of surfactant and cholesterol must be prepared and introduced into the bottom groove of the evaporation crackby serially spraying aliquots onto the support surface. The evaporator should be dehumidified and the spinner can be spun in a vacuum water bath at  $65-70^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 – 20 minutes. The separation method of the green part: Weigh accurately the amount of surfactant, carrier (lecithin), cholesterol and drug and place it in a clean, dry, wide-mouthed glass bottle (5ml), solvent is added. The inactive form of liposomes, called proniosomes, must be hydrated to convert to the active form. Transdermal drug delivery methods use a variety of skin absorption strategies. Other types, such as proniosome and niosomes, use surfactants to increase penetration into the skin. It is thought that most drug molecules are transported through intercellular channels. It increases the permeability and permeability of the SC, which increases the penetration of the drug into the SC, Page 6 and the reverse organization of the thick intercellular lipid sheet matrix is disrupted. When proniosomes contact the skin, they hydrate the skin and create a thermodynamic gradient at the interface that increases the diffusion pressure for drug penetration into the SC [17-20]. Proniosome activity involves both skin and systemic absorption, which may occur intradermally, intracellularly, or transdermally (Figure 1). Based on the physical properties, drugs recommended for transdermal delivery should have a molecular weight of less than 600 Da, excellent oil solubility, good partition coefficient, and latent heat of fusion, with a p value of 1-3. If the p-value of the particle is greater than 3, the hydrogen of the particle will trap the particle in the lipid matrix.

**4. Action of Proniosomes:** Proniosomes show their action after they are converted to niosomes on hydration. The hydration may occur either by the skin or by the addition of aqueous solvents. Proniosomes can entrap both hydrophilic as well as lipophilic drugs. Fig: Proniosome conversion to niosome

**5. EVALUATION: Scanning electron microscope:** Attach the proniosome powder to a double-sided carbon tape, place it on an aluminum frame, and remove the excess powder. One drop of liposome dispersion was diluted 10 times with distilled water. Remove the residual dispersion by taking a drop on the corner of the filter paper. After washing the surface twice (water is removed for 3-5 seconds), add a drop of uranyl acetate 2% aqueous solution for 1 second. Remove the remaining solution by piping water on the tip of the filter paper, and dry the sample in open air. Angle of Repose: The angle of repose of the dry proniosome powder was measured by the inversion method. The powder is poured into the funnel to form a cone on the surface, and the angle of repose is calculated by measuring the height and diameter of the base of the cone. The particle size distribution of the liposomes was calculated individually. Absorption capacity: Separate the free drug from the drug encapsulated in the vesicles by centrifugation. When a 1 ml aliquot of vesicles was centrifuged at  $18,000 \times g$ , a solid floating fraction containing vesicles appeared at the top of the tube; the non-liposome solvent fraction remained at the bottom. Drug release from proniosomes: In vitro release determined using diffusion tubes. Put enough noise in the exhaust pipe. Place the reduction tube in a beaker containing  $37^\circ\text{C}$  water. The drug obtained from the sample is evaluated by appropriate analytical methods.

**6. ADVANTAGES OF PRONIOSOMAL GEL:** Liposomes and niosomes are well-known drug/cosmetic delivery systems. However, these delivery systems have been reported to have many drawbacks in terms of preparation, storage, sterilization, etc. Below are the disadvantages of liposomes and niosomes that can be overcome by proniosomes.

1. Liposomes and niosomes are water-dispersed systems, and deterioration due to hydrolysis and oxidation is a problem.
2. Liposomes and niosomes require special storage and handling.
3. Sedimentation, aggregation or fusion on storage is usually seen
4. In liposomes, purity of natural phospholipids is also variable.
5. Difficulty in sterilization, transportation,
6. Distribution, storage uniformity of dose and scale up. Incomplete hydration of the lipid/surfactant film on the walls during hydration process

**7. DISADVANTAGES OF PRONIOSOMAL GEL:**

1. May lead to the destruction of fragile systems.
2. Large volumes of dialysate required.
3. Extremely slow (5 to 24 H).
4. Expensive instrumentation Long centrifugation Time.
5. Gels are expensive if not reused Dilutes the noisome dispersion not suitable for highly viscous formulations.

**8. CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF PRONIOSOMES:** The application of proniosomal technology is widely varied and can be used to treat a number of diseases. The following are the few uses of proniosomes which are either proven or under research.

1. **Anti-Neoplastic Treatment:** Most antineoplastic drugs cause serious side effects. Niosomes can alter the metabolism, prolong the circulation and half-life of drugs, thereby reducing the adverse effects of drugs.
2. **Leishmaniasis:** Leishmaniasis is a disease in which a parasite of the genus *Leishmania* invades the cells of the liver and spleen. Use of proniosome in tests conducted showed that it was possible to administer higher levels of the drug without the triggering of the side effects, and thus allowed greater efficacy in treatment.

**3. Uses In Studying Immune Response:** Proniosomes are used in studying immune response due to their immunological selectivity, low toxicity and greater stability. Niosomes are being used to study the nature of the immune response provoked by antigens. **4. Proniosomes As Carriers For Haemoglobin:** Niosomes can be used as carriers for haemoglobin within the blood. The niosomal vesicle is permeable to oxygen and hence can act as a carrier for hemoglobin in anaemic patients. Allimalkodi S et al/Int. Pharm Tech Res 2013,5(4)17615.

**5. Proniosomes Used In Cardiac Disorders:** Captopril is a proniosome delivery system for the treatment of hypertension, which can effectively deliver the contained drug for a long period of time. The potential of proniosomes as a transdermal drug delivery system for captopril encapsulates the drug in various proniosome gel formulations consisting of different proportions of sorbitan fatty acid ester, cholesterol, and lecithin, prepared by a co-preservation phase separation method. It was researched by . Page 12 **6. Antibacterial Therapy:** Amphotericin-B proniosomes could be stored for 9 months without significant changes in distribution of vesicle size and for 6 months without loss of pharmacological activity. Even though physical stability of the preparation can be increased, a vacuum or nitrogen atmosphere is still required during preparation and storage to prevent oxidation of phospholipids.

**7. Cosmetics Formulation:** Today, most cosmetics on the market use liposomes and liposomes as carriers to deliver active ingredients. Inappropriate organic solvents are used during liposome preparation and residues in the final formulation may harm the skin.

**3.9. CONCLUSION :** Captopril is a dosage system for the treatment of high blood pressure, which can effectively dose the contained medicine for a long time. The potential of proniosomes as a transdermal drug delivery system for captopril encapsulates the drug in various proniosome gel formulations consisting of different proportions of sorbitan fatty acid ester, cholesterol, and lecithin prepared by a costock phase separation method.

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