Brain targeting potential of carbamazepine SNEEDS

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The delivery of novel drug delivery systems to epileptic brain would be an attractive strategy [1]. Carbamazepine (CBZ) SNEEDS was developed using medium chain triglycerides, polysorbate 80, lecithin and ascorbyl palmitate. Ternary phase diagrams were constructed to identify the self nano-emulsified region. The SNEEDS were subjected to visual observation, size and zeta potential, scanning electron microscopic studies, Fourier transformed infrared spectroscopy, pharmacokinetics and brain distribution studies analyzed by HPLC. It was found that oil to surfactant ratio had an impact on the physical characteristics of the nano-emulsion formed. The brain levels of CBZ from optimized SNEEDS (108±1.2 nm -25.6±3.5 mv) were significantly high at all time points when compared to solution. The initial levels of CBZ from SNEEDS was 8.023mcg/ml thereafter the levels were consistently high till 8 hrs and the initial levels of CBZ from plain solution was 3.62mcg/ml followed by a gradual decline till 4hrs evidently showing that the clearance of CBZ from SNEEDS was reduced. The brain targeting index of SNEEDS and solution were 3 and 2 respectively. The brain enhancement factor value was found to be 22.29 at 15 mins revealing a very rapid penetration of CBZ into brain.

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