



THE INFLUENCE OF CHEMICAL STRUCTURE IN THE DRUG RELEASE OF TWO MODULATED FLAVANONES FORMULATED IN A NANO SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION

Prenylated flavanones include a diverse class of naturally flavonoids oxygen-containing heterocycles that contain prenyl substituents. Nowadays many studies proved their anti-oxidative, anti-obesity, anti-inflammatory and other various biological effects that could apply in the prevention of various pathologies including cancer [1-3]. Recently, the flavanone (2S)-5,7-dihydroxy-6-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4H-1-Benzopyran-4-one **1** was isolated from a methanol extract obtained from the aerial parts of *E. platycarpa* [4].

PURPOSE

The aim of this study was to evaluate a new topical emulsion that contained the prenyl flavanones (8S)-5-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-8-prenyl-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2H,6H-Benzo[1,2-b:5,4-b']dipyrans-6-one **2**; and (8S)-5-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-8-phenyl-7,8-dihydro-2H,6H-Benzo[1,2-b:5,4-b']dipyrans-6-one **3** (Figure 1) in a nano system formulation (NSF) through *in vitro* drug release.

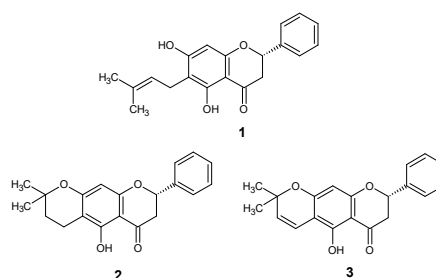


Figura 1. (2S)-5,7-dihydroxy-6-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4H-1-Benzopyran-4-one **1**; (8S)-5-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-8-prenyl-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2H,6H-Benzo[1,2-b:5,4-b']dipyrans-6-one **2**; and (8S)-5-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-8-phenyl-7,8-dihydro-2H,6H-Benzo[1,2-b:5,4-b']dipyrans-6-one **3**.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Nano system formulation

0.5% w/w of **2** and **3**

Labrasol, labrafac, plulrol oleique and propylene glycol



Particle Size

Dynamic Light Scattering.
Zeta-Sizer, Malvern Instruments



Data analyzed by GraphPad Prism software (Weibull model)

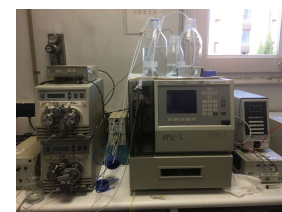
In vitro study

Franz Diffusion Cells: dialysis membrane. Sink conditions. The donor side: 0.3 mL of NSF **2** and NSF **3**. Receptor phase: EtOH:H₂O (70:30). The diffusion area : 2.54 cm². Samples were withdrawn at different time point scheme for 89 h (n = 3).



HPLC

H₂O:AcN (20:80) for **2** and (10:90) for **3** as mobile phase; 1 ml/min flow rate; 300 nm. Column: EC250/4.6 Nucleosil 100-5 mm C18 Macherey-Nagel [5].



RESULTS

The average drop size of the nanostructured formulation of **2** and **3** were 340,6 and 383 nm with PI = 0.2 and 0.4 respectively. The kinetic release model that best describes the amount of (**2** and **3**) load at any time is representing by the function named as Weibull,

$$Q_t = Q_\infty \left[1 - e^{-\left(\frac{t}{t_d}\right)^\beta} \right]$$

Table 1. Weibull parameters for formulation 2 and 3.

	NSF 2	NSF 3
Q (µg)	1714 ± 556.2	48.4 ± 16.1
t _d (h)	83.6 ± 25.5	41.5 ± 33.2

CONCLUSIONS

Although the similar drop size of both nano structured formulation, the kinetic release of the formulation showed a significant difference. While, Q represents the maximum quantity at which release tends; t_d is the time at which 63 % of the initial amount of flavanone tested has dissolved. The flavanone **2** release more than flavanone **3** maybe due to the absence of double bond in **3**. The nano-structured formulation of flavanones **2** and **3** are promising alternatives to administrate modified drug.

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