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Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamic evaluation of a nanotechnological topical formulation of lidocaine/prilocaine (nanorap) in healthy volunteers

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Tanorap is a new nanotechnological formulation for topical anesthesia composed of lidocaine (2.5%) and prilocaine (2.5%). The pharmacokinetics of Nanorap was evaluated after topical application of 2 g to healthy volunteers. For this evaluation a new simple, selective and sensitive method for the determination of lidocaine and prilocaine in human plasma was developed. The method was based on high-performance liquid chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS) using ropivacaine as internal standard. The drugs were extracted from plasma by liquid-liquid extraction with ether/hexane (80/20, v/v). The chromatography separation was performed on a Genesis C18 analytical column 4 µm (100 x 2.1 mm i.d.) with a mobile phase of methanol/acetonitrile/water (40/30/30, for lidocaine, and 50/30/20, for prilocaine, v/v/v) + 2 mM of ammonium acetate. The method had a chromatography run time of 5.5 min for lidocaine and 3.3 min for prilocaine and a linear calibration curve over the range 0.05 - 10 ng/mL for both drugs. The lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) was 0.05 ng/ mL for both drugs. The precision and accuracy values of the assays were within $\pm 10\%$. The stability tests indicate no significant degradation under conditions of experiment. The drugs were quantified using a mass spectrometer with an electrospray source in the ESI positive mode (ES+) configured for multiple reaction monitoring (MRM). Mean Cmax for lidocaine was 6.62 ng/ mL. Mean Cmax for prilocaine was 1.72 ng/mL. Median Tmax was 6.5 hours for both drugs. Nanocapsule suspension was evaluated and Nanorap was characterized by cryofracture, showing a mean drug association of 92.5% and 89% for lidocaine and prilocaine, respectively. Nanocapsules had a mean size of 88nm. The pharmacodynamics (PD) of Nanorap was evaluated with the use of a visual analogue scale. The PD study showed that Nanorap has a sufficient analgesic effect (>30% reduction in pain) after 10 minutes of application.

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