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## Preparation and characterization of Efavirenz nanosuspension for solubility and dissolution rate enhancement

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The aim of this study was preparation, optimization and characterization of Efavirenz nanosuspension for dissolution velocity and saturation solubility enhancement to reduce dose amount for pediatric patient. Drug excipient compatibility was checked by FTIR, DSC and XRD studies which supported the drug excipient compatibility. Nano suspension was prepared by using Nanoprecipitation (solvent anti solvent method) using PVPK30 (stearic stabilizer) and sodium lauryl sulphate (electrostatic stabilizer). SEM images for optimized batch exhibited smooth surface. *In vitro* dissolution studies showed release of 75.27%, 39.61% and 23.07% from nanosuspension, micronized powder and physical mixture (drug, PVP K-30 and SLS) respectively in 60 minutes indicating enhancement of the dissolution rate in efavirenz nanosuspension. The saturation solubility studies with lyophilized nanosuspension (LNS), micronized powder and physical mixture was found to be  $256\pm0.5\,\mu\text{g/ml}$ ,  $31.60\pm0.9\,\mu\text{g/ml}$  and  $17.39\pm0.98\,\mu\text{g/ml}$  respectively in 24 hours indicating improvement in saturation solubility. The study demonstrates that efavirenz nanosuspension can help to improve the dissolution rate and saturation solubility, which can help to reduce dose of drug in pediatric patients.

## **Biography**

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