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Ordered Mesoporous Silicas for Drug Delivery in Dermatological Applications

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OMSs FOR DRUG DELIVERY







time

Products for topical applications on epidermis or mucosa allowing constant therapeutic concentration of the Active Principle Ingredient (API) during controlled time (from hours to days) on the application site, so reducing the number of applications.

POSSIBLE TOPICAL APPLICATIONS

dermatitis, eczema, psoriasis (corticosteroids, NSAIDs)

• Mucosites: 30-40% of chemio-radio therapy patients (antimicrobials, antifungals, antivirals).

• WOUNDS, SORES, BURNS (ANTIBIOTICS, ANESTHETICS)

- low vascularization (poor effectiveness) of systemic antibiotics)
- infection, also related to the medication, is an important issue
 - higher efficacy



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WHY AMORPHOUS SILICA?



- Amorphous silica particles are widely used in cosmetics.
- Colloidal silica in spray is a source of silicon for the epidermis.



• Silicon is reported to have beneficial effects on the skin: plastic, trophic, antioxidant.

Seaborn CD, Nielsen FH, "Silicon deprivation decrease collagen formation in wounds and bone, and ornithine transaminase enzyme activity in liver." *Biol. Trace Elem. Res.* 2002; 89 (3): 251-61.

Salycilic Acid release from MCM-41 in water

The release may be described as a drug DISSOLUTION by the Noyes-Whitney equation



Noyes-Whitney Equation

(M. Gibaldi et al. *J. Pharm. Sci.* **1967**, *56*, 1238 N.V. Mulye et al. *Drug. Dev. Ind. Pharm.* **1995**, *10*, 2599)

 $\frac{dC_t}{dt} = \frac{k_d (A_t)}{V} (C_s - C_t)$

 $\boldsymbol{C_t}$ is the salycilic acid concentration at time \boldsymbol{t}

- **C**_s is the salycilic acid solubility (2.0 mg/ml @ 20°C)
- V is the liquid diffusion volume (10 ml in the present test)
- **k**_d is the dissolution rate constant (0.067 cm/h)

 $k_d = D / h$

D: diffusion coefficient; h: diffusion layer thickness (I_{pores}) $D = D_{water} \frac{(1 - a_{f}r)^{2}(1 - 2.1(a_{f}r) + 2.09(a_{f}r)^{3} - 0.95(a_{f}r)^{5})}{\tau}$

Renkin and Curry, Membrane transport in Biology, Springer-Verlag 1979

A is the accessible surface to diffusion: surface separating the internal mesopore volume and the external solution volume





Assuming all particles having the **same diamater** (400 nm) and the **radial disposition of mesopores**

A can be calculated as V_{mes}/I_{pores}

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CREAMS OR **OINTMENTS** FOR **PROLONGED** DRUG RELEASE AT **CONSTANT CONCENTRATION**

Active Principle Ingredient (API)
Liquid A – API soluble
Liquid B – API unsoluble



B. Onida and R. Mortera, *Eudermic compositions*, WO 2012/007906 A2







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Time -----

DRUG-OMS reservoir

Minimum effective level

Dose







CONCLUSIONS

- Ordered Mesoporous Silica particles are excellent host for drug molecules in topical applications, acting as a reservoir in drug delivery.
- In contact with a saturated solution of desired therapeutic concentration, they allow to mantein a constant concentration for a controlled time.
- Creams, ointments or gels contanining DRUG-OMS can be formulated in order to achieve a sustained release of the drug to epidermis or mucosa, so reducing the number of applications.
- The amount of amikacin sulphate absorbed by reconstituted epidermis increases in presence of the DRUG-OMS reservoir.





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