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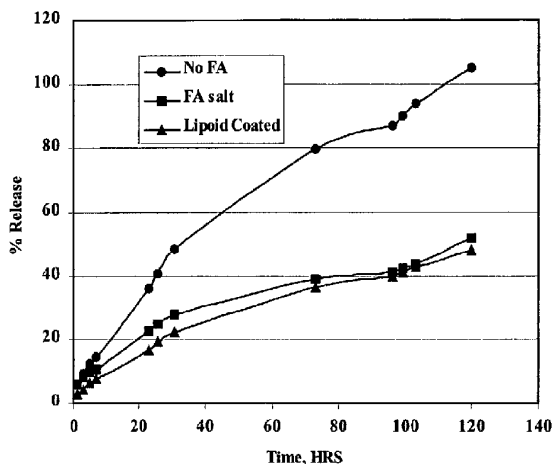
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(54) Title: INJECTABLE COMPOSITIONS FOR THE CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND

Fig.1. Controlled Release of Oxytetracycline in DMSO



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides compositions and methods for extending the release times and lowering the toxicity of pharmacologically active compounds. The compounds comprise a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent combined together to form an injectable composition. The lipophilic counterion may be a saturated or unsaturated C₈-C₂₂ fatty acid, and preferably may be a saturated or unsaturated C₁₀-C₁₈ fatty acid. When injected into a mammal, at least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the active compound over time. Thus, the composition forms a slowly releasing drug depot of the active compound in the mammal. Therefore, the present invention enables one to provide a controlled dose administration of the active compound for a periods of up to 15 days or even longer. Many

compounds can be administered according to the present invention including, but not limited to, filomicosin, oxytetracycline, metoprolol, fluoxetine, roxithromycin, and turbinazine.



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INJECTABLE COMPOSITIONS FOR THE CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND

Field of the Invention

5 [0001] The present invention relates to methods and compositions for extending
the release times and decreasing the toxicity of pharmacologically active compounds.

Background of the Invention

10 [0002] The following discussion of the background of the invention is merely
provided to aid the reader in understanding the invention and is not admitted to describe
or constitute prior art to the present invention.

15 [0003] It is often desirable to extend the release time of an injected drug to
increase its duration of action, or to reduce its toxic effects. Formulations that are readily
soluble in the body are usually absorbed rapidly and provide a sudden burst of available
drug as opposed to a more desirable and gradual release of the pharmacologically active
product. A variety of attempts have been made to provide controlled and extended
release pharmaceutical compounds, but have not succeeded in overcoming all of the
problems associated the technology, such as achieving an extended release time,
maximum stability and efficacy, reduced toxicity, maximum reproducibility in
20 preparation, and the elimination of unwanted physical, biochemical, or toxicological
effects introduced by undesirable matrix materials.

25 [0004] Oxytetracycline is a widely used and useful antibiotic for treating various
infections in mammals. In particular it is used for treating and preventing respiratory
infections in domestic animals. There are significant costs associated with repeated
administrations through conventional means.

[0005] Tilmicosin is a macrolide antibiotic with two tertiary amines. It has a long tissue half-life and is effective against a broad range of bacteria and is used to treat respiratory diseases in cattle. At elevated levels tilmicosin is cardiotoxic and its use in sensitive species such as cats, goats, pigs and horses has been avoided almost entirely due to safety reasons. The commercial product, Micotil® (Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, IN), is a solution of the di-phosphate salt and is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,574,020. This formulation is effective in cattle, but the antibiotic is released rapidly and results in toxicity in many species, including dogs and cats.

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Summary of the Invention

[0006] Application Serial No. 60/343,625, filed October 19, 2001 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, including all charts and drawings.

[0007] The present invention provides compositions and methods for extending the release times and lowering the toxicity of pharmacologically active compounds. The compounds comprise a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent combined together to form an injectable composition. The lipophilic counterion may be a saturated or unsaturated C₈-C₂₂ fatty acid, and preferably may be a saturated or unsaturated C₁₀-C₁₈ fatty acid. When injected into a mammal, at least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the active compound over time. Thus, the composition forms a slowly releasing drug depot of the active compound in the mammal. Therefore, the present invention enables one to provide a controlled dose administration of the active compound for a periods of up to 15 days or even longer. In preferred embodiments, the pharmacologically active compound may be tilmicosin, an antibiotic such as oxytetracycline or doxycycline, or fluoxetine, roxithromycin, turbinafine, or metoprolol,

and the lipophilic counterion may be decanoic acid, lauric acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, or myristic acid. In preferred embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is N-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP). In another embodiment, the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is propylene glycol (e.g., at about 10%) in glycerol formal, with or without stabilizers.

[0008] The present invention also provides novel methods of administering compositions and formulations of the present invention to mammals. The methods provide compositions of active compounds that, if presented in presently available forms, may result in toxicity to the treated mammal. Thus, the formulations and methods of the present invention enable one to administer compounds that previously have not been able to be widely used in particular species due to safety considerations. The methods also enable one to extend the release times of compounds and provide a controlled dose of active compound to the treated patient. The methods of the present invention enable one to administer the pharmacologically active compound to the treated mammal in a pharmaceutically effective amount for 4-15 days, including any specific number of days up to and including 15 days, or even more. The precise time will depend on several variables that may be manipulated to optimize the present invention for a particular pharmacologically active compound or application. Preferably the compound is present in the treated tissue 4-5 days after injection; and more preferably the compound is present in the treated tissue in a pharmaceutically effective amount 6 days, or even 7 days after injection. In other embodiments, it may also be desirable to manipulate variables so as to extend release times even further than 15 days.

[0009] In one aspect, the present invention provides compositions for administration of pharmacologically active compounds. The compositions may comprise a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion

and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent, combined together under conditions to form an injectable composition. The composition may precipitate and release the pharmacologically active compound over time when injected into the mammal. In various embodiments, the composition of the present invention may

5 comprise a wide variety of pharmacologically active compounds such as tilmicosin, oxytetracycline, doxycycline, metoprolol, sulfamethazine, trimethoprim, neomycin, streptomycin, gentamycin, dibucaine, bupivacaine, benzocaine, tetracaine, acepromazine, itraconazole, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, aminoglycosides, or any pharmacologically active compound with appropriate solubility and chemical functionalities. The lipophilic

10 counterion may be a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid of any specific number of carbons between 8 and 22, preferably a C₈-C₁₈ fatty acid, and more preferably a C₁₀-C₁₈ fatty acid, such as lauric acid, linoleic acid, decanoic acid, and myristic acid. Other lipophilic counterions may also be used, for example dicarboxylic acids, such as sebacic acid, polymeric acids, such as lipophilic poly-carboxylic acids, and aromatic acids, such as

15 benzoic acid. The pharmaceutically acceptable carrier may be an organic solvent. In preferred embodiments, the solvent may be pyrrolidone, N-methyl pyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerol formal, isosorbide dimethyl ether, ethanol, dimethyl sulfoxide, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, triacetin, or any combination of these, or another solvent found to have similar acceptable properties such as being non-toxic and

20 soluble in water.

[0010] In another embodiment the compositions of the invention are a salt of a pharmacologically active compound with a polycarboxylic acid counterion and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent, combined together under conditions to form an injectable composition that precipitates when injected into water at room

25 temperature or precipitates in physiological ("in vivo") environments. The composition

releases the active compound over time when injected into a mammal. By

“polycarboxylic acid” is meant a molecule containing at least two carboxyl groups. In preferred embodiments the polycarboxylic acid is polyaspartic acid, polyacrylic acid, sebacic acid, polysebacic acid, polybenzoic acid, or combinations thereof. By “poly” is

5 meant two or more.

[0011] In one embodiment, the pharmacologically active compound may be oxytetracycline, the lipophilic counterion may be lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent may be propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, glycerol formal, or an appropriate combination of these. In another embodiment the pharmacologically active
10 compound may be tilimicosin, the lipophilic counterion may be lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent may be propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, glycerol formal, or an appropriate combination of these. In still another embodiment, the compositions may precipitate and release the active compound over time when introduced or injected into an aqueous environment. The compositions may also form a
15 drug depot in the mammal when injected, which releases the compound over time.

[0012] In another aspect, the present invention provides methods of administering a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal. The methods may comprise preparing a composition of a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion, and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent,
20 combined together under conditions to form an injectable formulation, and injecting the composition into the mammal. At least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the pharmacologically active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

[0013] In another aspect, the present invention provides methods of extending the
25 release time of a pharmacologically active compound administered to a mammal. The

methods may comprise preparing a formulation of a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion, and a pharmaceutically acceptable water soluble solvent, combined together under conditions to form an injectable formulation, and injecting the composition into the mammal, at least a portion of the composition

5 precipitating and releasing the pharmacologically active compound over time after injection into the mammal, thereby extending the release time of the compound. The invention may therefore provide a controlled dosage of active compound to the treated mammal.

[0014] In yet another aspect, the present invention provides methods of

10 manufacturing an injectable formulation for the administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal. The methods may comprise forming a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion, providing water soluble pharmaceutically acceptable solvent, combining the salt and the solvent under conditions to form an injectable formulation, wherein at least a portion of the

15 formulation precipitates and releases the pharmacologically active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

[0015] In another aspect the present invention provides compositions for the administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal. The compositions contain a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion and

20 a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent, combined together to form an injectable composition. At least a portion of the pharmaceutically active compound with lipophilic counterion dissolved in the solvent precipitates in vivo and releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

[0016] The present invention therefore offers important advantages over

25 formulations previously available. The present invention allows for the controlled

release of pharmacologically active compounds to reduce toxicity, particularly in small animals such as dogs and cats. It also offers the advantage of being able to administer compounds to domestic animals in an efficient manner, thereby requiring a smaller investment in time and resources than is available with previous modes of drug administration. The pharmacologically active compound is available in a stable, injectable, formulation that precipitates when injected and slowly releases the active compound over an extended period of time.

[0017] The summary of the invention described above is not limiting and other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments, as well as from the claims.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a graphical illustration showing that oxytetracycline prepared according to the present invention is released into saline at a rate slower than that of the free drug. The solvent is DMSO, and the lipophilic counterion is lauric acid.

Figure 2 is a graphical illustration showing that metoprolol prepared according to the present invention is released into saline at a rate slower than that of the free drug. Fatty acid and solvent are lauric acid and N-methylpyrrolidone.

Figure 3 is a graphical depiction illustrating that the rate of release of the pharmacologically active compound (tilmicosin) is affected by the chain length of the fatty acid selected. Solvent: N-methyl pyrrolidone; lipophilic counterion: decanoic acid and lauric acid.

Figure 4 is a graphical depiction illustrating the solvent effect on in vitro release kinetics in tilmicosin. Lipophilic counterion: di(decanoic) acid; tilmicosin at 100 mg/ml in the formulation. Abbreviations are as follows: PEG = polyethylene glycol, THFA =

tetrahydro-furfuryl alcohol, DMA = dimethyl acetamide, ISO-DME = isosorbide dimethyl ether, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, NMP = N-methyl pyrrolidone.

Figure 5 is a graphical depiction illustrating that the rate of release of the pharmacologically active compound (tilmicosin) is a function of the concentration of fatty acid salt. Lipophilic counterion: decanoic acid.

Figure 6 is a graphical depiction illustrating the *in vitro* release kinetics of fluoxetine:lauric acid fatty acid salt formulation.

Figure 7 is a graphical depiction of the pharmacokinetics of fluoxetine hydrochloride (HCl) and fluoxetine:lauric acid fatty acid salt (FAS) in cats.

Figure 8 is a semilog plot of tilimicosin concentration in cat lung tissue over 21 days. Eight male and eight female cats were used and dosed with 10 mg/kg of body weight for all tissue types.

Figure 9 is a semilog plot of tilimicosin concentration in cat kidney tissue over 21 days. Eight male and eight female cats were used and dosed with 10 mg/kg of body weight for all tissue types.

Figure 10 is a semilog plot of tilimicosin concentration in cat liver tissue over 21 days. Eight male and eight female cats were used and dosed with 10 mg/kg of body weight for all tissue types.

Detailed Description of the Invention

[0018] The compositions of the present invention may be prepared using salts of pharmacologically active compounds with basic functionalities. These can be made using a variety of lipophilic acids, saturated or unsaturated fatty acids, cholic acids, phosphatidic acids, dicarboxylic acids such as sebacic acid or any acid that, when combined with the pharmacologically active compound, renders the resulting salt

insoluble in water, but soluble in a water soluble solvent. By "salt" is meant two compounds that are not covalently linked but are chemically bound through ionic attractions. By "water miscible" is meant that the solvent is capable of mixing in any ratio in water without separation of two phases. By "water soluble" is meant that the solvent has some significant level of solubility in aqueous solutions, e.g., triacetin is considered a water soluble solvent since it is soluble in water at a ratio of about 1:14. By a "lipophilic counterion" is meant an ionic form of a fat soluble molecule. The lipophilic counterion may preferably be a fatty acid, but may also be another fat soluble molecule. The counterion has at least one charge opposite to that of a chemical group on an opposing salt member, thereby causing an ionic attraction between the two molecules. By "injectable formulation" or "injectable composition" is meant a formulation or composition that can be drawn into a syringe and injected subcutaneously, intraperitoneally, or intra-muscularly into a mammal without causing adverse effects due to the presence of solid materials in the composition. Solid materials include, but are not limited to, crystals, a gummy mass, and a gel. By "pharmacologically active compound" is meant a chemical compound that causes a pharmacological effect in the treated mammal. For example, the effect may be to destroy or prevent growth of bacteria or parasites, reduce inflammation, or another pharmaceutical and measurable effect in the treated mammal.

[0019] By the verb "precipitate" is meant that the compound forms a precipitate, or solid. A precipitate is an insoluble solid formed in solution at room temperature in vitro or in a physiological (in vivo) environment. The precipitate can take many forms such as, for example, a solid, a crystal, a gummy mass, or a gel. By "pharmaceutically effective amount" is meant an amount that exerts a measurable and medically significant effect on the treated mammal, resulting in progress towards curing or preventing the

subject disease, or alleviating or preventing the condition that was the reason for treatment. A "pharmaceutically acceptable solvent" is a liquid that dissolves a salt of the pharmacologically active compound and a lipophilic counterion, and that is suitable for use with humans and/or animals without undue adverse side effects (such as toxicity, irritation, and allergic response) commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio.

[0020] The compositions of the present invention offer several advantages. The compositions are injectable compositions that contain high concentrations of the active compound. In preferred embodiments, the pharmacologically active compound may be loaded into the composition in the range of 10%-60% (w/v). But the person of ordinary skill in the art will realize this range may be varied widely, depending on the solubility or insolubility of the pharmacologically active compound, the lipophilic counterion selected, the solvent selected, the injectability of the final product, and any other relevant needs of the particular application. Active compound may also be loaded as low as 10%, or 5%, or even 1% and still provide a useful effect. Similarly, active compound may be loaded at 70%, or even higher as needs require. No exotic excipients or carriers are required. The compositions are easily filtered, thereby simplifying the manufacturing process. It is believed that the exclusion of water from the formulation should impart greater stability to the formulations, and inhibit the growth of microorganisms. The processes for preparing the compositions, as described herein, are simple, and administration according to the present invention should result in milder reactions at the injection site due to the neutralization of the pharmacologically active compound.

[0021] The present invention provides the ability to modulate the release rate and release time of the pharmacologically active compound. The release rate may be modulated by varying the lipophilicity and molecular weight of the counter-ion used to make the salt. For example, lauric acid salts of tilimicosin are usually released more

slowly than decanoate salts. In addition, higher concentrations of the salt in the formulation usually yield slower release rates. The decanoate salt of tilimicosin is released more slowly from a 60% tilimicosin-fatty acid salt formulation than from a 30% tilimicosin-fatty acid salt formulation. Similarly, as explained herein, other variables

5 such as selection of lipophilic counterion, solvent selection, salt concentration, and others may be manipulated to lengthen or shorten the release time of the active compound to the desired point. Generally, it may be desirable for salts to be based on the molar ratio of charged groups. But one may also successfully create insoluble salts by utilizing a hemi-salt or by otherwise varying from a 1:1 ratio. The pharmaceutically

10 acceptable solvent may be a water miscible or water soluble solvent, and preferably may be a water miscible solvent. Mixtures of water soluble and/or water miscible solvents may also be utilized. The person of ordinary skill in the art will realize that various water soluble solvents may be mixed to optimize the result for a particular application. For example, a mixture of polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal

15 may be mixed in various ratios to provide an optimal solvent. In some embodiments, mixing in approximately even amounts may provide a suitable solvent.

[0022] In other embodiments, formulations of the invention containing a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion can be combined with the unsalted form of the active, in order to provide a greater initial dose of active

20 compound.

[0023] Without wanting to be bound by any particular theory, injectable compositions may be obtained when a salt is formed of a pharmacologically active agent with a lipophilic counterion, and combined with a parenteral organic solvent. It is believed that when this formulation is injected into a mammal, the solvent may diffuse

25 away from the injection site as aqueous body fluids diffuse towards the site, resulting in

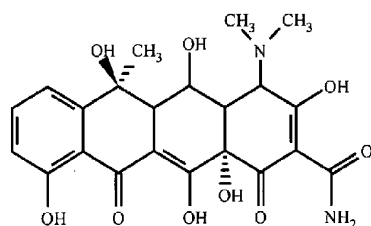
the precipitation of the pharmacologically active compound in the treated mammal. The precipitate may take many forms, for example, a solid, crystals, a gummy mass, or a gel. There will thus exist a concentration of the active compound that is released in a pharmaceutically effective amount over a desired period of time. The precipitate may act
5 as a drug depot in the mammal resulting in the release of the compound over a period of time. Release times may be obtained of at least 3 days, at least 4 days, at least 5 days, at least 6 days at least 7 days, or any specific number of days up to and including at least 15 days, or even longer, as desired. By "drug depot" is meant a concentration or precipitation of pharmacologically active compound within the body of the treated
10 mammal that releases a pharmaceutically effective amount of the active compound over time.

[0024] It was shown that the fatty acid chain length, the particular combinations of fatty acids, the percent pharmacologically active compound: lipophilic counterion salt in the formulation, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent selected all influence the
15 release kinetics of the pharmacologically active compound. Thus, the release kinetics of the pharmacologically active compound may be conveniently and easily managed by manipulating these and other variables. It was also found that the formulations were stable to being sterilized by autoclave. The person of ordinary skill in the art will realize that the present invention may be applied to many pharmacologically active compounds
20 that have an appropriate solubility and chemical functionality. Thus, it is contemplated that the present invention may be applicable to a wide variety of pharmacologically active compounds, such as drugs, medications, nutrients, or other desirable compounds for administration to a mammal.

[0025] The person of ordinary skill in the art will realize that some modifications
25 to the methods presented herein may be desirable based on the particular characteristics

of the pharmacologically active compound involved. The following non-limiting examples present further applications of the present invention and are provided by way of example only.

5 **Example 1: Oxytetracycline**



[0026] Oxytetracycline has one tertiary amine group, and the hydrochloride salt
 10 of oxytetracycline is readily soluble in water. We have found that adding one mole of fatty acids to one mole of oxytetracycline creates a salt that has lower solubility in water but is more soluble than the starting oxytetracycline in N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP). When water is added to the NMP formulation, the salt precipitates.

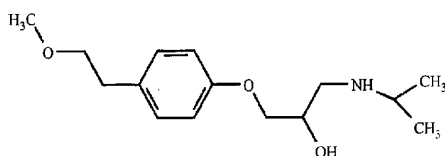
[0027] The *in vitro* rate of release of oxytetracycline may be determined by
 15 sealing the formulation in a dialysis bag (Pierce, Rockford, IL), placing it in a reservoir of saline solution, and measuring the amount of drug in the saline as a function of time. The formulation of the present invention was compared with existing oxytetracycline formulations. Fig. 1 shows that the oxytetracycline formulation of the present invention is released into the saline at a rate substantially slower than that of the free drug.

20 [0028] An oxytetracycline composition according to the present invention was prepared by adding 0.464 grams of oxytetracycline and 0.203 grams of lauric acid to 3

ml of NMP. The mixture was stirred for 60 minutes, resulting in a clear solution. 1 ml of this solution was sealed in a dialysis bag, and the bag was suspended in 150 ml of phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.4. Aliquots were removed at various intervals and oxytetracycline concentration was determined by spectrophotometry. The results in Figure 1 show that oxytetracycline continued to diffuse out of the bag for more than 120 hours, at which point only about 50% of the oxytetracycline present had been released.

Example 2: Metoprolol

[0029] Metoprolol is an antihypertensive, antianginal and antiarrhythmic drug, of the following structure:



[0030] Its succinate and tartarate salts are available commercially under several trade names. Both these salts as well as the base form of the drug are highly soluble in water. The base form of the metoprolol was prepared from commercially available tartarate salt by standard procedure. When the amine group of metoprolol is neutralized with lauric acid, the resulting salt is poorly soluble in water, but readily soluble in pharmaceutically-acceptable non-aqueous solvents. A metoprolol composition according to the present invention were prepared by adding 0.3224 grams of metoprolol base and 0.2661 grams of lauric acid to 2.415 ml of NMP. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, resulting in a clear solution. One ml of this solution was sealed in a dialysis bag, and the bag was suspended in 150 ml of phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.4. Aliquots were removed at various intervals and metoprolol concentration was

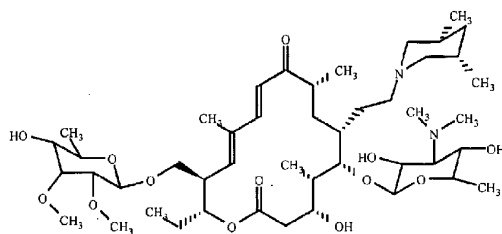
determined by spectrophotometry. The results in Figure 2 show that metoprolol continued to diffuse out of the bag for more than 48 hours while the control solution of metoprolol base (prepared by dissolving 150 mg in 1.124 ml of NMP) is diffused off rapidly.

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Example 2A: Tilmicosin

[0031] Tilmicosin is an antibiotic in the macrolide class with the following structure:

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[0032] It is effective against a broad range of bacteria, and is used for the treatment of respiratory diseases in cattle. The basic form is moderately soluble in aqueous solutions, while the chloride and phosphate salts are highly soluble. At elevated levels, tilmicosin is cardiotoxic, and therefore is not administered intravenously. For safety reasons, its use has been avoided almost entirely in sensitive species such as cats, goats, pigs, and horses.

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[0033] When the two amine groups of tilmicosin are neutralized with any of several fatty acids (such as, for example, decanoic C₁₀, lauric C₁₂, myristic C₁₄, palmitic C₁₆, stearic C₁₈, Oleic C₁₈, elaidic C₁₈, linoleic C₁₈, and erucic C₂₂), the resulting salt is poorly soluble in water, but readily soluble in pharmaceutically-acceptable non-aqueous

solvents. When the formulation of the salt is sealed in a dialysis cassette and place in saline, the tilmicodin salt precipitates, and tilmicodin is slowly released from the bag. The rate of release is a function of the chain length of the fatty acid (Fig. 3), the solvent (Fig. 4) and the tilmicodin-fatty acid salt concentration (Fig. 5).

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Example 3 – Tilmicodin salts in vitro

[0034] 10 grams (0.0115 moles) of tilmicodin and 0.0253 moles of various carboxylic acids (such as, for example, decanoic, lauric, linoleic, or myristic acids, in individual assays) were taken in a flask and made up to a final volume of 100 ml with N-methyl-pyrrolidone and stirred for 60 minutes to obtain a clear solution. One ml aliquots of these solutions were sealed in dialysis bags, and the bags were suspended in flasks containing 150 ml of phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.4. The salt was observed to precipitate in the bag within about 1 hour. Aliquots of saline were removed at various intervals and tilmicodin was determined by HPLC. The results with decanoic acid (C-10) and lauric acid (C-12) salts in Figure 3 show that tilmicodin continued to diffuse out of the bag for more than 120 hours. Longer chain length acids caused a slower release of tilmicodin. Micotil® (Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, IN), a phosphate salt of tilmicodin, is readily soluble and rapidly diffuses from the bag.

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Example 4 – Tilmicodin-di(decanoic acid) in various solvents

[0035] Solutions of tilmicodin di(decanoic acid) salt were prepared in several water-miscible solvents, combining 10 grams (0.0115 moles) of tilmicodin and 0.0253 moles of decanoic acid in various solvents to a final volume of 100 ml. The in vitro release rates were measured using the dialysis method of Example 1. The results in

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Figure 4 show that the release rate varies with the solvent, but that all of the solvents yield a slower release rate than that observed with the phosphate salt (Micotil (R)) shown in Figure 3.

5 **Example 5 – Tilmicosin release concentration effect**

[0036] Solutions of tilmicosin di(decanoic acid) salt were prepared by combining 30 grams (0.0345 moles) or 60 grams (0.0690 moles) of tilmicosin with 2 equivalents of decanoic acid in NMP to a final volume of 100 ml. The *in vitro* release rates were measured using the dialysis method of Example 1, and the data in Figure 5 show that
10 higher starting concentrations result in a slower release rate.

Example 6 - Tilmicosin *in vivo*

[0037] Formulations of tilmicosin didecanoate, dilaurate, and dimyristate were formulated at 100 mg/ml in N-methyl pyrrolidone and subcutaneously injected into cats
15 in the back of the neck at a dosage of 45 or 75 mg/kg of body weight. Previous data indicates that a dosage of 25 mg/kg of the phosphate salt of tilmicosin is fatal to cats. The cats showed hypothermia and lethargy after injection, indicative of the bioavailability of the drug. The toxicity was found to be substantially less in formulations with fatty acid chain lengths greater than C₁₀, consistent with the slower
20 release of drug from these formulations. All of the cats survived and were behaving normally 3 days after the injection. The results are summarized in the following Table 1.

Table 1: Blood levels of Tilmicosin at Specific Time Intervals

[0038] 100 mg/ml of a formulation of a salt of tilmicosin with decanoic acid,
25 lauric acid, or myristic acid in N-methyl pyrrolidone were injected into 9 healthy adult

cats at the dosages indicated. The resulting concentrations in blood cells and plasma for each individual cat at 6 hours and 2 days are shown in Table 1.

Cat No.	Fatty Acid	Dosage	6 hrs Blood cells (µg/ml)	6 hrs Plasma (µg/ml)	Day 2 Blood cells (µg/ml)	Day 2 Plasma (µg/ml)
1	C-12	45 mg/kg	5.8	11.3	0.9	0.5
2	C-12	75 mg/kg	5.5	18.0	1.5	1.5
3	C-12	75 mg/kg	2.5	9.9	0.9	1.0
4	C-14	45 mg/kg	2.4	7.5	0.9	1.1
5	C-14	75 mg/kg	6.7	11.6	9.1	4.6
6	C-14	75 mg/kg	3.5	6.1	1.5	0.7
7	C-10	45 mg/kg	3.7	15.9		
8	C-10	75 mg/kg	4.2	18.4		
9	C-10	45 mg/kg	3.3	9.1		

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[0039] Tilimicosin salts were also studied in tissue. A tilimicosin:dilauroic fatty acid salt in 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal at 100 mg/ml was administered subcutaneously at 10 mg/kg dose and the biodistribution in cats was determined.

[0040] The methods described here were developed for the determination and quantification of tilimicosin in various animal tissues and serum, particularly feline liver, kidney and lung tissue and serum. The person of ordinary skill in the art will realize that many variations of the methods described here are possible without departing from the invention.

[0041] The kidney, liver and lung tissue samples were collected 2, 3, 4, 7, 14, and 21 days after injecting the animals with tilimicosin formulation at 10 mg/kg of body weight. The results are presented in Figures 8, 9 & 10. It was found that kidney is the marker tissue in cats while the liver is the marker in cows and pigs. The levels in kidney were consistently higher than in liver with C_{max} (kidney: 13.8 mcg/gm; Liver: 7.3

mcg/gm) reached around 48 hours in both tissues. The C_{max} for lung was found to be 7.5 mcg/gm and was observed around 48 hours after injecting the dose. Detectable levels of tilmicosin persisted in tissues through day 21 of the study.

[0042] A drug extraction efficiency of ~98% was obtained at a concentration of 1 mcg/gm of tissue. The limit of detection for tilmicosin in various feline tissues was determined to be 0.032 mcg/gm. For feline serum, a drug extraction efficiency of 95% was obtained over a concentration range of 0.15 to 6 mcg/ml after fortification. The limit of detection was determined to be 0.16 mcg/ml with linearity extending from 0.15 to 6 mcg/ml.

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Preparation of Tissue Samples

[0043] Tissue samples were prepared by mincing with scissors or a scalpel on a paper towel. 10 ml of methanol was added to each tube and the samples homogenized separately for 10 to 15 minutes. Samples were sonicated on ice for one minute and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 30 minutes at 4 C. The methanol extract was decanted into fresh centrifuge tubes and the tissue samples resuspend in the tubes with 10 mL of methanol and 5.0 mL of 100 mM phosphate. The tubes were vortexed and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 30 minutes at 4 C. The extract was decanted into fresh centrifuge tubes and centrifuged at 5000 rpms for 10 minute at 4 C. The methanol extract was added to 70 mL of water in a flask and swirled in the flask to mix.

[0044] Each pool of extracts was loaded to a solid phase extraction C₁₈ Sep-Pak Plus® (SPE) cartridge (Waters, Milford, MA) using a vacuum manifold or hydrostatic pump to draw the pools through the cartridges. Once sample were completely loaded, each SPE cartridge was washed with 10 mL of water, and then with 10 mL of 25% acetonitrile / water at a flow rate of less than 5 mL / minute. The SPE cartridges were

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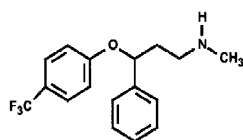
disconnected from the apparatus and dried completely under high vacuum (26 in. Hg) in a vacuum desiccation jar for 10 minutes.

[0045] Analyte was eluted from the SPE cartridges with 5% acetic acid/methanol. Only the first 2.0 mL of eluate was collected. The volumetric flasks were inverted and mixed, and stored overnight at 4 C.

[0046] The sample eluates were filtered through a 0.22 um PVDF filter, and analyzed by HPLC on a SphereClone® 5 um phenyl column (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA).

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Example 7 - Fluoxetine:



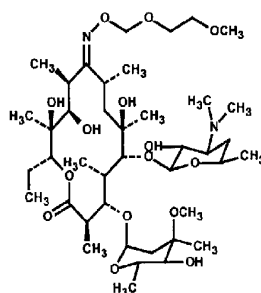
[0047] Fluoxetine is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor and is extensively used to treat psychological disorders such as obsessive-compulsive disorder in humans. It is shown that fluoxetine is effective for treating aggressive behavior and separation anxiety in dogs and urine spraying behavior in cats. Fluoxetine is formulated at 100 and 150 mg/ml as a lauric acid salt in 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal in 1:1 drug to fatty acid ratio. *In vitro* release kinetics were studied for both formulations at 100 mg/mL concentration using the dialysis technique described in Example 1, and the results presented in Fig 6. Fluoxetine base in 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal at 100 mg/ml is used as a control in the experiment. While the fluoxetine base formulation is released for about 160 hrs, the 1:1 (drug:LA) lauric acid salt formulation was released for 700 hrs.

[0048] The fatty acid salt formulation with 1:1.1 fluoxetine to lauric acid ratio at 150 mg/mL concentration was injected sub cutaneous into cats at 20 and 30 mg/kg. At the same time two cats were dosed at 1 mg/kg/day orally for 28 days. Serum samples were collected through day 42 and analyzed for fluoxetine by HPLC using 35% acetonitrile in phosphate buffer, pH 2.7 on a C₁₈ column. The results suggest that a single sub cutaneous injection of fatty acid salt formulation provide drug concentrations comparable to daily oral dose through 42 days (Fig. 7).

[0049] The fluoxetine was also formulated as linoleic acid salt in 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal, yielding a clear solution. This formulation was also found to precipitate in water.

Example 8 - Roxithromycin:

[0050] Roxithromycin is an antibiotic in the macrolide class with the following



15 structure:

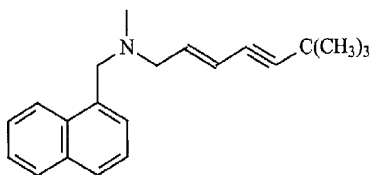
[0051] It is effective against a broad range of bacteria, and is used for the treatment of respiratory diseases in cattle. The amine group of roxithromycin was neutralized with linoleic acid in 10% propylene in glycerol formal, resulting in a clear

solution at 200 mg/ml. As in the case of tilmicosin, the salt precipitated when the solution was spiked in water.

Example 9 – Turbinafine

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[0052] Turbinafine is an antifungal and the structure is as shown below:



[0053] Turbinafine is a specific inhibitor of squaline epoxidase, a key enzyme in
10 fungal ergosterol biosynthesis. The amine group of turbinafine was neutralized with
linoleic acid in 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal, resulting in a clear solution at
150 mg/ml. The resulting salt was highly insoluble in water, and precipitated when
spiked into water.

15 [0054] While the invention has been described and exemplified in sufficient
detail for those skilled in this art to make and use it, various alternatives, modifications,
and improvements should be apparent without departing from the spirit and scope of the
invention.

[0055] One skilled in the art readily appreciates that the present invention is well
20 adapted to carry out the objects and obtain the ends and advantages mentioned, as well as
those inherent therein. Modifications therein and other uses will occur to those skilled in
the art. These modifications are encompassed within the spirit of the invention and are
defined by the scope of the claims.

[0056] It will be readily apparent to a person skilled in the art that varying substitutions and modifications may be made to the invention disclosed herein without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

[0057] All patents and publications mentioned in the specification are indicative of the levels of those of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains.

[0058] The invention illustratively described herein suitably may be practiced in the absence of any element or elements, limitation or limitations which is not specifically disclosed herein. The terms and expressions which have been employed are used as terms of description and not of limitation, and there is no intention that in the use of such terms and expressions of excluding any equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof, but it is recognized that various modifications are possible within the scope of the invention claimed. Thus, it should be understood that although the present invention has been specifically disclosed by preferred embodiments and optional features, modification and variation of the concepts herein disclosed may be resorted to by those skilled in the art, and that such modifications and variations are considered to be within the scope of this invention as defined by the appended claims.

[0059] In addition, where features or aspects of the invention are described in terms of Markush groups, those skilled in the art will recognize that the invention is also thereby described in terms of any individual member or subgroup of members of the Markush group. For example, if X is described as selected from the group consisting of bromine, chlorine, and iodine, claims for X being bromine and claims for X being bromine and chlorine are fully described.

[0060] Other embodiments are set forth within the following claims.

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A composition for administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, comprising:
a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion;
5 and
a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;
combined together to form an injectable composition that precipitates when injected into water; and
wherein the composition releases the active compound over time when injected
10 into the mammal.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the lipophilic counterion is a polycarboxylic acid.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent comprises 10% propylene glycol in glycerol formal with or without stabilizers.
- 15 4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is oxytetracycline, the lipophilic counterion is lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmacologically active
20 compound is tilmicosin, the lipophilic counterion is lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal.
6. A composition for administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, comprising:
25 a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion;
and
a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;
combined together to form an injectable composition; and
wherein at least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the active
30 compound over time when injected into an aqueous environment.
7. The composition of claim 1 or 6 wherein the lipophilic counterion is a C₁₀-C₂₂ saturated or un-saturated fatty acid.
8. The composition of claim 1 or 6 wherein the lipophilic counterion is a C₁₀-C₁₈ saturated or unsaturated fatty acid.

9. The composition of claim 8 wherein the fatty acid selected from the group consisting of: lauric acid, decanoic acid, myristic acid, oleic acid and linoleic acid.

10. The composition of claim 1 or 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or a combination of:
5 pyrrolidone, N-methyl pyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerol formal, isosorbide dimethyl ether, ethanol, dimethyl sulfoxide, and tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol.

11. The composition of claim 1 or 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is triacetin.

10 12. The composition of claim 6 wherein the lipophilic counterion is sebacic acid.

13. A composition for administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, comprising:

15 a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion;
and

a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;
combined together to form an injectable composition; and
wherein at least a portion of the pharmaceutically active compound and lipophilic counterion dissolves in the solvent and precipitates in vivo.

20 14. A composition for administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, comprising:

a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a polycarboxylic acid counterion; and

25 a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;
combined together to form an injectable composition that precipitates when injected into water; and

wherein the composition releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

30 15. The composition of any one of claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is a water miscible solvent.

16. The composition of any one of claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is an antibiotic.

35 17. The composition of claim 16 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is tilmicosin, oxytetracycline, doxycycline, fluoxetine, roxithromycin, terbinafine or metoprolol.

18. The composition of any one of claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is selected from the group consisting of: trimethoprim, neomycin, streptomycin, gentamycin, dibucaine, bupivacaine, benzocaine, tetracaine, acepromazine, itraconazole, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, and aminoglycosides.

5 19. The composition of claim 2 or 14 wherein the polycarboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of: sebacic acid, polysebacic acid, polyaspartic acid, polyacrylic acid, and polybenzoic acid.

20. A method of administering a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal comprising:

10 preparing a composition comprising:

a salt of the pharmacologically active compound and a lipophilic counterion; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;

combined together to form an injectable formulation; and

injecting the composition into the mammal;

15 wherein at least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

21. The method according to claim 20 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is an antibiotic.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of: trimethoprim, neomycin, streptomycin, gentamycin, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, and aminoglycosides.

23. The method of claim 20 wherein the lipophilic counterion is a fatty acid.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein the fatty acid is a C₁₀-C₂₂ fatty acid.

25 25. The method of claim 23 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of: lauric acid, decanoic acid, myristic acid, oleic acid and linoleic acid.

26. A method of extending the release time of a pharmacologically active compound administered to a mammal comprising,

preparing a formulation comprising,

a salt of the pharmacologically active compound and a lipophilic counterion; and

30 a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;

combined together to form an injectable formulation; and

injecting the formulation into the mammal;

35 wherein at least a portion of the formulation precipitates and releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal, thereby extending the release time of the pharmacologically active compound.

27. A method of manufacturing an injectable formulation for the administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal comprising, providing a salt of the pharmacologically active compound with a lipophilic counterion;

5 providing a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent;
combining the salt and the solvent to form an injectable formulation;
wherein at least a portion of the formulation precipitates and releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

10 28. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is a water miscible solvent.

29. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is an antibiotic.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the antibiotic is tilmicosin, tetracycline, or doxycycline.

15 31. The method of claim 26 or 27 wherein the lipophilic counterion is a C₁₀-C₁₈ fatty acid.

32. The method of claim 30 or 31 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of: lauric acid, decanoic acid, and myristic acid.

20 33. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the lipophilic counterion is sebacic acid.

34. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of: pyrrolidone, N-methyl pyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerol formal, isosorbide dimethyl ether, ethanol, dimethyl sulfoxide, and tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol.

25 35. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is triacetin.

36. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is oxytetracycline, the lipophilic counterion is lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of
30 one or more of polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal.

37. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmacologically active compound is tilmicosin, the lipophilic counterion is decanoic acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of polyethylene, glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal.

38. The method of any one of claims 20, 26 and 27 wherein the pharmacologically acceptable compound is tilmicosin, the lipophilic counterion is lauric acid, and the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and glycerol formal.

5 39. A composition for administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, said composition substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

40. A method of administering a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

10 41. A method of extending the release time of a pharmacologically active compound administered to a mammal, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

42. A method of manufacturing an injectable formulation for the administration of a pharmacologically active compound to a mammal, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

43. An injectable formulation made by the method of any one of claims 27 to 30 and 42.

20 44. Use of a salt of a pharmacologically active compound and a lipophilic counterion in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disease in a mammal, wherein said medicament comprises a composition in an injectable formulation;

wherein at least a portion of the composition precipitates and releases the active compound over time when injected into the mammal.

25 45. Use of a salt of a pharmacologically active compound and a lipophilic counterion in the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of disease in a mammal, wherein said medicament comprises a composition in an injectable formulation;

wherein at least a portion of the formulation precipitates and releases the active compound over time when injected into a mammal, thereby extending the release time of the pharmacologically active compound.

30 46. The use according to claim 44 or 45 where the pharmacologically active compound is created from the group consisting of tilmicosin, oxytetracycline, doxycycline, fluoxetine, roxithromycin, terbinafine or metoprolol, trimethoprim, neomycin, streptomycin, gentamycin, dibucaine, bupivacaine, benzocaine, tetracaine, acepromazine, itraconazole, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, and aminoglycosides, antidiabetics.

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47. The use according to any one of claims 44 to 46, wherein the lipophilic counterion is selected from the group consisting of a polycarboxylic acid, a C₁₀-C₂₂ saturated or unsaturated fatty acid, a C₁₀-C₁₈ saturated or unsaturated fatty acid.

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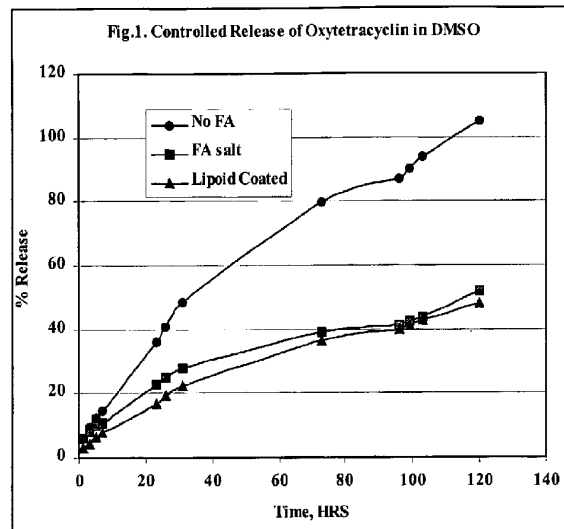


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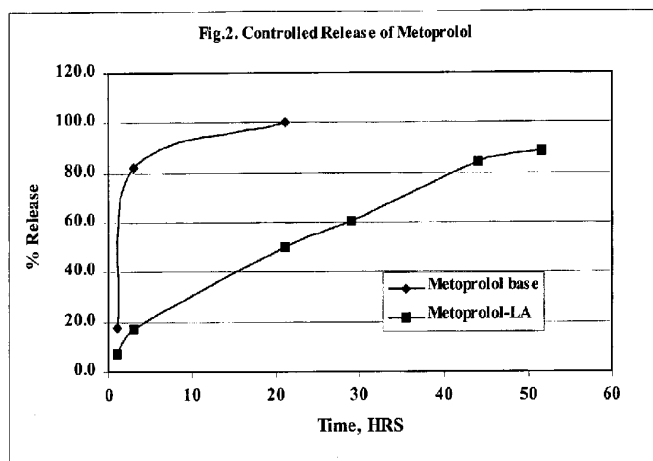


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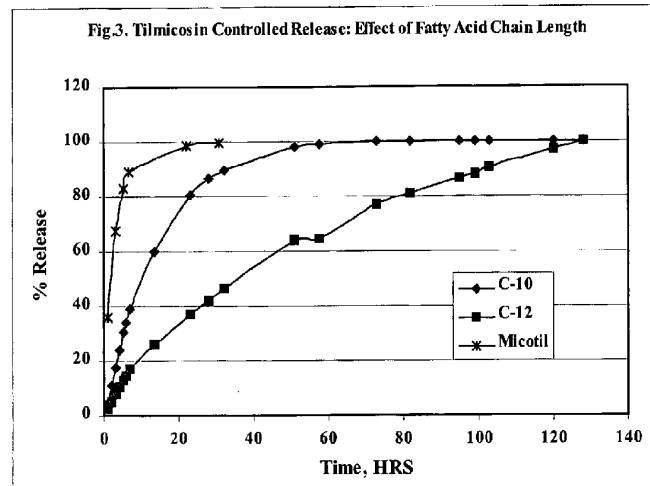


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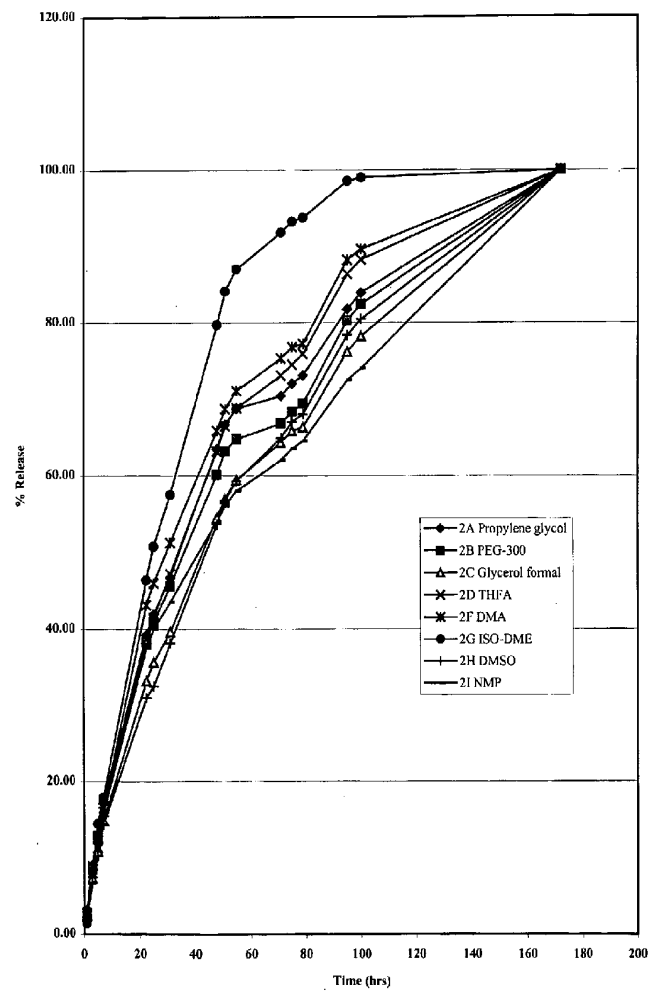
Fig. 4. Solvent Effect on *In vitro* Release Kinetics of Tilimicosin

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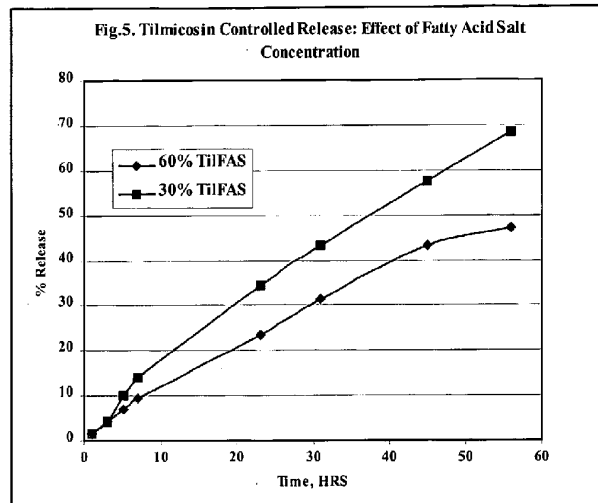


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In Vitro Release Kinetics of Fluoxetine FAS Formulation

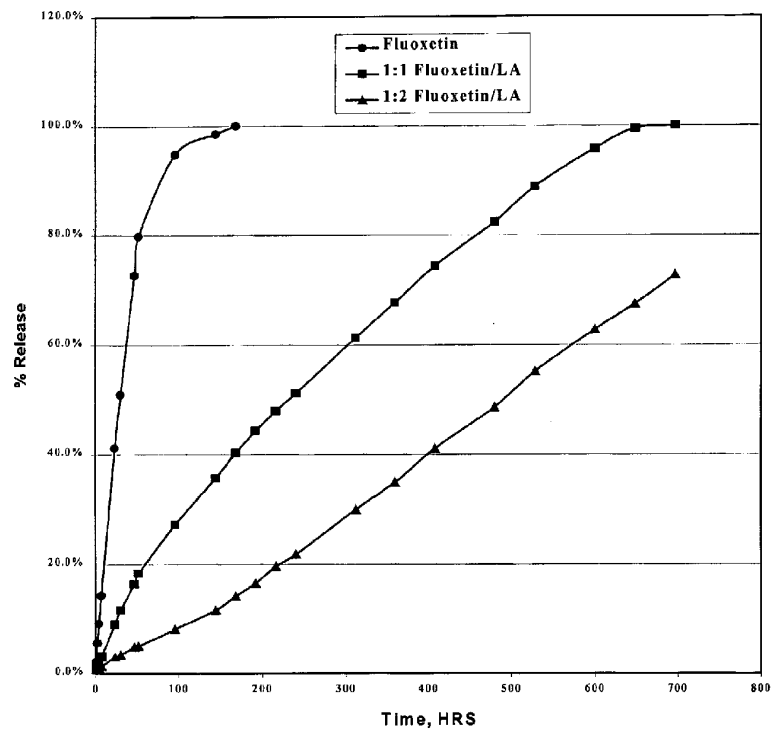


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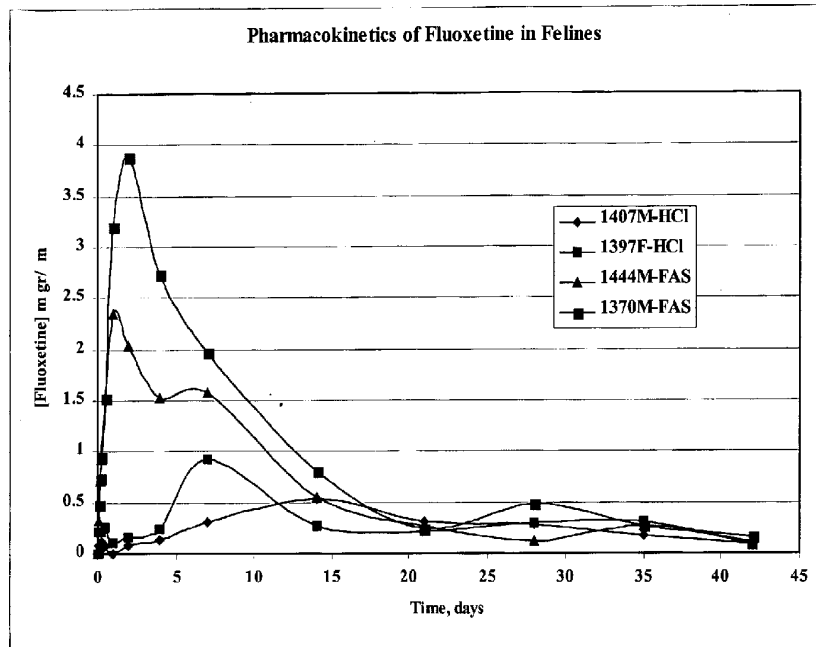


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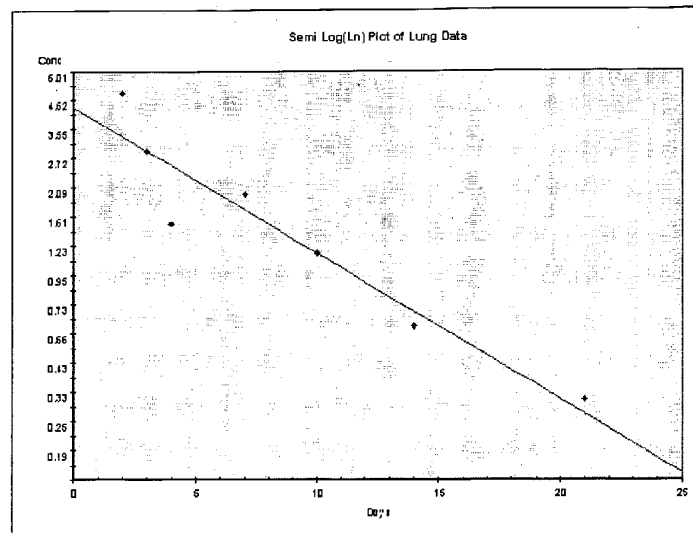


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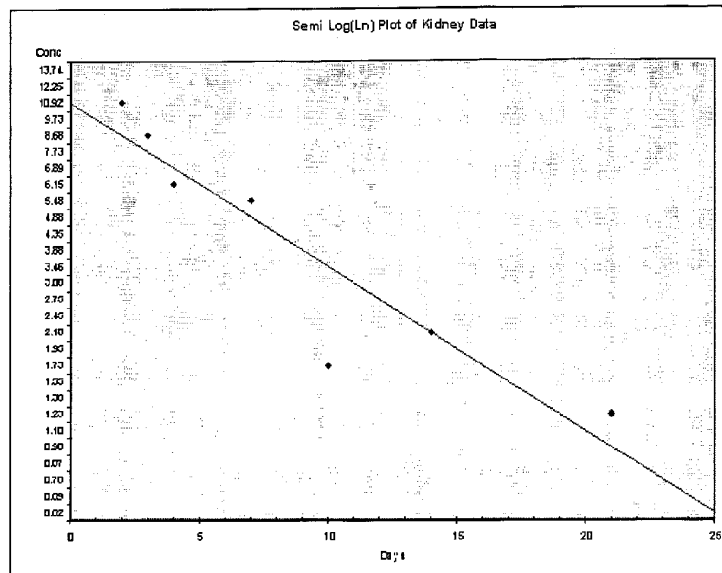


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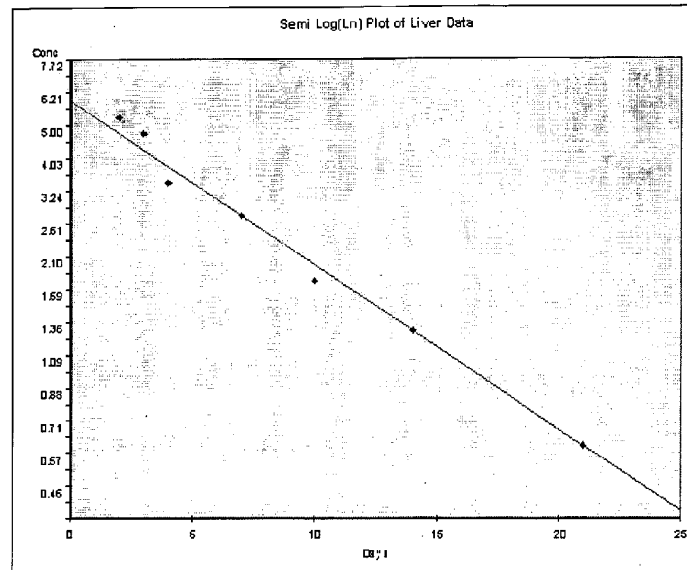


FIGURE 10