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## Formulation of Diclofenac Diethylamine Emulgel Evaluation of Various Penetration Enhancers on Percutaneous Absorption of the Drug from Emulgels

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**Abstract:** The purpose of the present study was to prepare diclofenac diethyl amine emulgel with better skin penetration compared to the marketed product in Iran. To achieve such a product, several formulations containing different kinds and amounts of gelling agents, have been prepared. By changing the type and amount of gelling agent, type and ratio of organic phase composition, and solvent amount the best formulation with better stability has been selected. The skin penetration study was carried out using skin penetration study apparatus equipped with Franz cells. The concentration of drug in the receptor phase of Franz cells was determined using UV spectrophotometer and HPLC. To evaluate the effect of type and concentration of skin penetration enhancer agents on the penetration of drug through rat skin, Transcutol, Myrj 52 and Cineol was used with different concentrations. After calculating flux and EF values and comparing the graph of cumulative amount of drug penetrated through the skin, the formulation which had 0.25% Myrj 52 as skin penetration enhancer was selected as the best formulation with higher skin penetration.

**Keywords:** Diclofenac, Emulgel, Skin penetration, Penetration enhancer, Cineol, Transcutol, Myrj

HPLC UV

EF Flux  
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( - Colorcon) K<sub>4</sub>M (HPMC)

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( - Shimadzu UV 160) UV

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( - Starsonic 35) (Franz)

( -Clifton) HPLC

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Memmert-type ) ( - IKA-Werk)

( - Moser) ( - 350u)

Corning) pH

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( Sigma-Aldrich) F127

F127

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F127

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F127

% w/w

(HPMC K4M)

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K15M	HPMC (%)	HPMC (w/w)		PG	Organic Phase	Diclofenac Diethyl amine	Code
		HPMC (%)K4M	HPMC (%)K4M				
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F6
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F9
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F10
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F11
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F13
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F14
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F15
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F16
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F17
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F18

Silicone	Pluronic F127	F127		Organic Phase	(w/w)		Formulation
		Carbopol 934	PG		Diclofenac	Diethylamine	
-	-						F19
-	-						F20
-	-						F21
-	-						F22
-	-						F23
-	-						F24
-		-					F25
-		-					F26
-		-					F27
-		-					F28
-		-					F29
-		-					F30
-		-					F31
-		-					F32
-		-					F33

Cineol	Myrj 52	Transcutol	Silicone	Pluronic F127	PG	(w/w)		Code
						Organic phase	Diclofenac Diethylamine	
-	-	/		/				F34
-	-	/		/				F35
-	-							F36
-	-							F37
-	/	-		/				F38
-	/	-		/				F39
-		-						F40
-		-						F41
/	-	-		/				F42
/	-	-		/				F43
-	-	-						F44
-	-	-						F45

°C (F1-F18) %

% %

F127 (F25-F30)

( ) (F19-F24)

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F25, F28, F31,

F32, F33

F1-F6

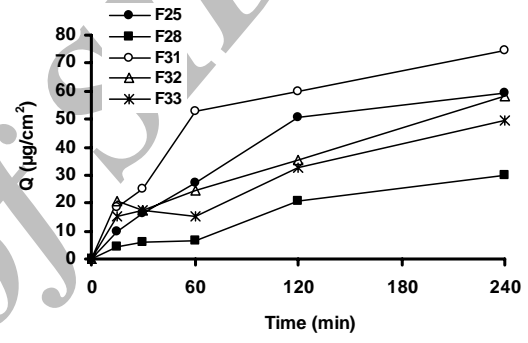
F25-F30 % HPMC

$\text{cm}^3$  / (pH=7.4) UV F31  
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 (Transcutol) (Cineol)  
 ( )  
 UV (pH= / ) ) F45 F37, F41  
 ( %  
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(Lag time)

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(Burst transportation)

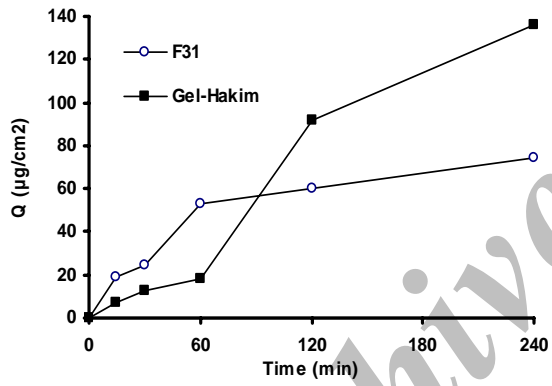
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F25 F31  
 F31



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HPMC

carbopol 934

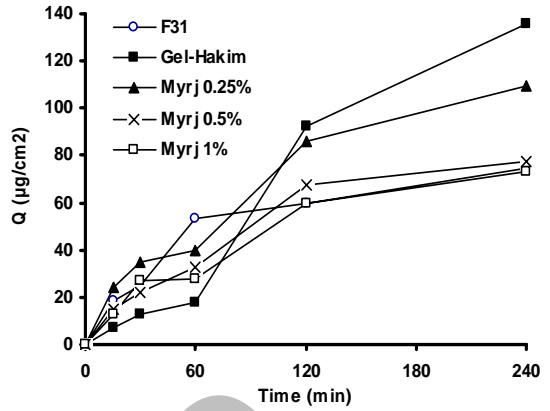
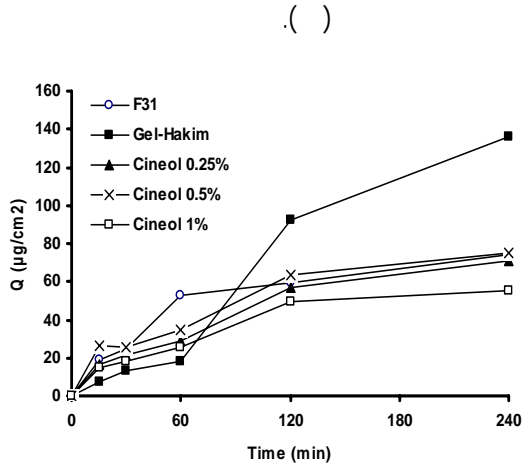
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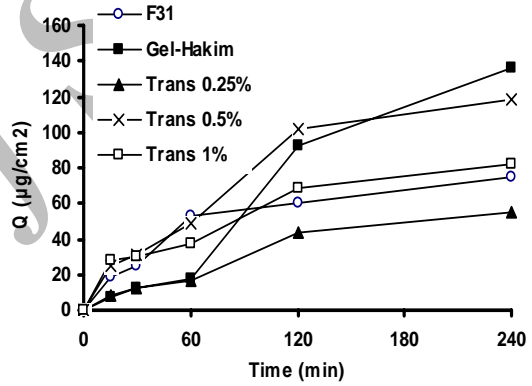
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(UV

Formulation	Flux ( $\mu\text{gcm}^{-2}\text{min}^{-1}$ )	Formulation	Flux ( $\mu\text{gcm}^{-2}\text{min}^{-1}$ )
F31	/	F31+Transqutol 0.25%	/
Gel Hakim	/	F31+Transqutol 0.5%	/
F31+Myrj 0.25%	/	F31+Transqutol 1%	/
F31+Myrj 0.5%	/	F31+Cineol 0.25%	/
F31+Myrj 1%	/	F31+Cineol 0.5%	/
		F31+Cineol 1%	/

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( UV

EF

Formulation	EF	Formulation	EF
F31	/	F31+Transqutol 0.25%	/
F31+Myrj	/	F31+Transqutol 0.5%	/
F31+Myrj 0.5%	/	F31+Transqutol 1%	/
F31+Myrj 1%	/	F31+Cineol 0.25%	/
		F31+Cineol 0.5%	/
		F31+Cineol 1%	/

( HPLC

EF

Formulation	Flux ( $\mu\text{gcm}^{-2}\text{min}^{-1}$ )	EF
F31	/	/
Gel Hakim	/	/
F31+Myrj 0.25%	/	/
F31+Transqutol 0.5%	/	/

UV

HPLC

UV

HPLC

( % / )

EF

HPLC

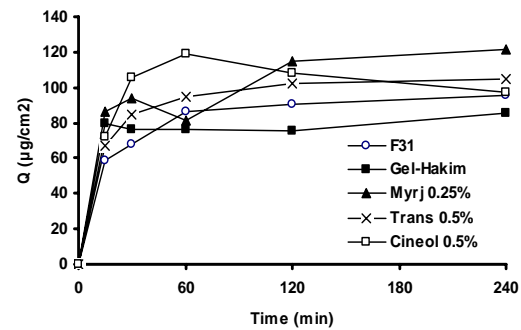
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