



LIPOSOMES

P. Nandhini*, P. Shruthi, B. Vinay Kumar, G. Mounika and B. V. P. Deepthi

Joginpally B R Pharmacy College, Yenkapally, Moinabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.

*Corresponding Author: P. Nandhini

Joginpally B R Pharmacy College, Yenkapally, Moinabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Article Received on 29/11/2021

Article Revised on 19/12/2021

Article Accepted on 09/01/2022

ABSTRACT

Liposomes, circle shaped vesicles including no less than one phospholipid bilayers, were first portrayed during the 60s. Today, they are an amazingly supportive duplication, reagent, and instrument in various sensible disciplines, including math and speculative actual science, biophysics, science, colloid science, natural science, and science. From here on out, liposomes have progressed toward the market. Among a couple of talented new prescription movement systems, liposomes depict a state of the art development to pass on powerful molecules to the site of action, and at this point, a couple of subtleties are in clinical liposomes have been used in a sweeping extent of medication applications. Liposomes are showing explicit assurance as intracellular movement systems for antagonistic to recognize particles, ribosomes, proteins/peptides, and DNA. Liposomes with overhauled drug transport to sickness regions, by limit of long stream home events, are as of now achieving clinical affirmation. The present review discusses types, advantages, disadvantages, preparation techniques, evaluation and applications of liposomes.

KEYWORDS: Liposomes, phospholipids, bilayer, cholesterol.

INTRODUCTION

Liposomes are insignificant artificial vesicles of round shape that can be created utilizing cholesterol and conventional non-dangerous phospholipids. Because of their size and hydrophobic and hydrophilic character (besides biocompatibility), liposomes are promising frameworks for drug development. Liposome properties offset through and through with lipid structure, surface charge, size, and the technique for

planning. Besides, the decision of bilayer parts picks the 'inflexible nature' or 'flawlessness' and the charge of the bilayer. For example, unsaturated phosphatidylcholine species from normal sources (egg or soybean phosphatidylcholine) give basically more defenseless and less predictable bilayers, but the sprinkled phospholipids with long acyl chains (for instance, dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine) structure an unbending, rather impermeable bilayer structure.^[1-3-1]

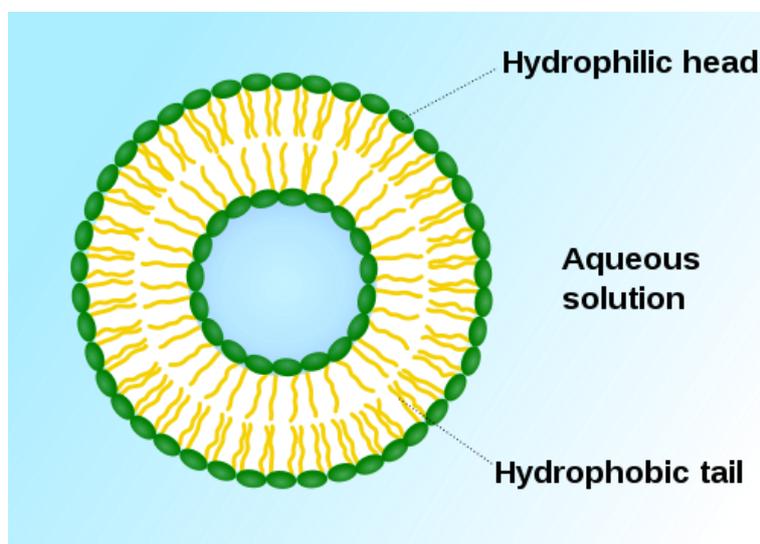


Fig. 1: Structure of liposome.

It has been shown that phospholipids hastily structure shut designs when they are hydrated in fluid arrangements. Such vesicles which have at least one phospholipid bilayer films can move fluid or lipid drugs, contingent upon the idea of those medications. Since lipids are amphipathic (both hydrophobic and hydrophilic) in watery media, their thermodynamic stage properties and self gathering qualities impact ectopically engaged seizure of their hydrophobic segments into circular bilayers. Those layers are alluded to as lamellae.^[4] By and large, liposomes are positive as round vesicles with molecule sizes going from 30 nm to a few micrometers. They comprise of at least one lipid bilayers encompassing fluid units, where the polar head bunches are situated in the pathway of the inside and outside watery stages. Then again, self-accumulation of polar lipids isn't restricted to ordinary bilayer structures which depend on sub-atomic shape, temperature, and ecological and readiness conditions yet may self-collect into different kinds of colloidal particles.^[1,2]

Liposomes are widely utilized as transporters for a considerable length of time in surface level and drug businesses. Moreover, food and cultivating ventures have widely concentrated on the utilization of liposome exemplification to develop conveyance frameworks that can entangle temperamental mixtures (for instance, antimicrobials, cancer prevention agents, flavors and bioactive components) and safeguard their usefulness. Liposomes can trap both hydrophobic and hydrophilic mixtures, keep away from disintegration of the captured mixes, and delivery the ensnared at assigned targets.^[3]

In view of their biocompatibility, biodegradability, low harmfulness, and inclination to trap both hydrophilic and lipophilic medications and work in the vicinity explicit medication conveyance to cancer tissues, liposomes have expanded rate both as an investigational framework and economically as a medication conveyance framework. Many investigations have been directed on liposomes determined to diminish drug poisonousness or potentially focusing on explicit cells.

Liposomal exemplification innovation (LET) is the most current conveyance method utilized by clinical examiners to communicate drugs that go about as therapeutic advertisers to the guaranteed body organs. This type of conveyance framework proposition designated the conveyance of crucial blends to the body. LET is a technique for producing sub-microscopic froths called liposomes, which embody various materials. These 'liposomes' structure an obstruction around their substance, which is impervious to catalysts in the mouth and stomach, antacid arrangements, stomach related juices, bile salts, and gastrointestinal verdure that are created in the human body, just as free revolutionaries. The substance of the liposomes are, in this manner, shielded from oxidation and debasement. This defensive phospholipid safeguard or obstruction stays intact until the substance of the liposome are conveyed to the specific objective organ, organ, or framework where the substance will be used.^[4]

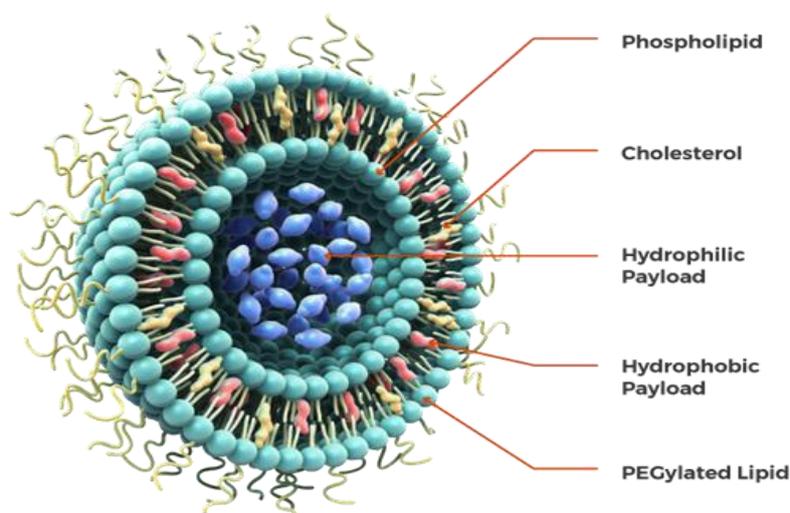


Fig. 2: Structure of a liposome.

Clinical prescription keeps a tremendously expansive scope of medication particles as of now being used, and new medications are added to the rundown consistently. One of the principle points of any fix utilizing drug is to expand the remedial file of the medication while limiting its secondary effects. The clinical helpfulness of most moderate chemotherapeutics is confined either by the inadequacy to convey remedial medication focuses to the

objective delicate tissue or by Spartan and hurtful poisonous incidental effects on ordinary organs and tissues. Various methodologies have been made to defeat these hardships by giving the 'particular' conveyance to the objective region; the ideal arrangement is focus on the medication alone to those cells, tissues, organs that are impacted by the illness. Chosen transporters, for example colloidal particulates and atomic forms, can be

proper for this assurance. Colloidal particulates result from the actual consolidation of the medication into a particulate colloidal framework, for example turn around micelles, baneful, miniature and nano-circles, erythrocytes, and polymers and liposomes. Among these transporters, liposomes have been generally contemplated. Their appeal lies in their piece, which makes them biodegradable and biocompatible. Liposome includes a watery center ensnared by at least one bilayers made out of normal or engineered lipids.^[5]

Classification

The liposome size can differ from tiny (0.025 μm) to huge (2.5 μm) vesicles. Additionally, liposomes might have one or bilayer layers. The vesicle size is an intense boundary in deciding the dissemination half-existence of liposomes, and both size and number of bilayers impact

the proportion of medicine exemplification in the liposomes. Based on their size and number of bilayers, liposomes can likewise be grouped into one of two classes:

- (1) Multilamellar vesicles (MLV)
- (2) Unilamellar vesicles. Unilamellar vesicles can likewise be ordered into two classifications:
 - (1) Huge unilamellar vesicles (LUMLV)
 - (2) Little unilamellar vesicles (SUV)

In unilamellar liposomes, the vesicle has a solitary phospholipid bilayer circle encasing the watery arrangement. In multilamellar liposomes, vesicles have an onion structure. Traditionally, a few unilamellar vesicles will frame within the other with more modest size, making a multilamellar construction of concentric phospholipid circles isolated by layers of water.^[6]

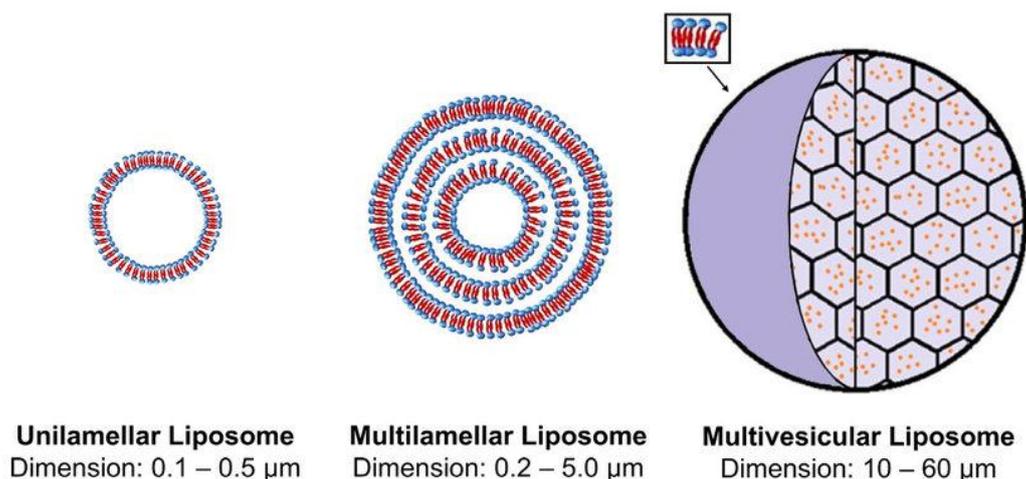


Fig: 3 Types of Liposomes.

Techniques for Liposome Formation

There are numerous methods of planning liposomes as recorded beneath. A portion of the significant techniques have been clarified.

Mechanical Dispersion Method

1. Hydration of lipids in presence of dissolvable
2. Ultra sonication
3. French Pressure cell
4. Dissolvable infusion technique
 - a) Ether infusion technique
 - b) Ethanol infusion
5. Cleanser evacuation Detergent can be eliminated by
 - a) Dialysis
 - b) Coloumn chromatography
 - c) Bio-dabs
6. Invert stage dissipation strategy
7. High strain expulsion
8. Different strategies
 - a) Slow enlarging in Non electrolyte arrangement
 - b) Removal of Chaotropic particle
 - c) Freeze-Thawing

Sonication method

This technique is utilized in the arrangement of SUVs and it includes the ensuing sonication of MLVs ready by the traditional strategy either with a shower type or a test type sonicator under a dormant climate, generally nitrogen or argon. The guideline of sonication includes the utilization of beat, high recurrence sound waves (sonic energy) to unsettle a suspension of the MLVs. Such disturbance of the MLVs produces SUVs with measurement in theScope of 15–50nm. The motivation behind sonication, In this manner, is to create a homogenous scattering of little vesicles with a potential for more prominent tissue entrance. The normally utilized sonicators are of the shower and test tip type. The significant disadvantages. In the readiness of liposomes by sonication.^[7]

There are two sonication technique

a. Bath sonication- The liposome scattering in a chamber is put into a bath sonicator. Controlling the temperature of the lipid scattering is generally simpler in thistechnique, as opposed to sonication by dispersal straightforwardly utilizing the tip. The material

beingsonicated can be ensured in a sterile vessel, dissimilar the test units, or under atmosphere.^[8]

b. Probe Sonification- a sonicator is straightforwardly engaged into the liposome scattering. The energy input into lipid scattering is exceptionally high in this technique. The coupling of energy at the tip brings about local hotness; hence, the vessel should be immersed into a water/ice bath. All through the sonication up to 1 h, over 5% of the lipids can be deesterified. Likewise, with the test sonicator, titanium will off and dirty the solution.^[8]

French Pressure cell: expulsion French strain cell includes the expulsion of MLV through a little opening. A significant component of the French press vesicle technique is that the proteins don't appear to be essentially pompous during the system as they are in sonication. A fascinating remark is that French press vesicle seems to review captured solutes altogether longer than SUVs do, created by sonication or cleanser evacuation. The strategy includes delicate treatment of unsound materials.^[9]

Freeze-Thawing Small unilamellar vesicles are quickly frozen and defrosted gradually. The fleeting sonication scatters collected materials to LUV. The development of unilamellar vesicles is a direct result of the mix of SUV all through the patterns of freezing and thawing out. This sort of association is unequivocally curbed by growing the phospholipid center and by extending the ionic strength of the medium. The encapsulation efficacies from 20% to 30% were procured.^[9]

Solvent Dispersion Method

- (1) Ethanol injection
- (2) Ether injection
- (3) Double emulsion vesicles
- (4) Reverse phase evaporation vesicles
- (5) Stable plurilamellar Vesicles

Ethanol injection:-The ethanol mixture strategy is ethanolic lipid course of action is immediately injected to an enormous excess of preheated refined water or TRIS-HCl support. The joining of the drug in liposomal vesicle depends upon its hydrophilic/hydrophobic individual.

Ether injection :-Infusion, an answer of lipids is broken down in ether or Diethyl ether or methanol combination which is gradually infused in Fluid arrangement of the material to be capsulation. The Progressive evacuation of the natural dissolvable under diminished Pressure prompts the arrangement of liposome.^[10]

Detergent Removal Method

- (1) Detergent (chlorate, Aglycoside) removal from Mixed micelles by
 - Dialysis
 - Column chromatography
 - Dilution

Evaluation of Liposomes

The liposomal formulation and processing for specified purpose are characterized to ensure their predictable in vitro and in vivo performance. The characterization parameters for purpose of evaluation could be classified into three stapes Physical, chemical and biological parameters. Physical Characterization evaluate parameter includes size, shape, Surface, and drug release profile Synthetic portrayal includes concentrates in build up the virtue and power of different Lipophilic constituents. Natural portrayals boundaries are useful in build up the well being and reasonableness of detailing for remedial application.^[11] Some of parameters are

Vesicle shape and lamellarity

The Vesicle shape assessed using electron microscopic techniques. Lamellarity of vesicles is determined by Freeze Fracture Electron Microscopy and liposome size distribution was determined by the photon Correlation spectroscopy.^[11]

Microscopic Techniques Optical Microscopy

The microscopic method includes use the bright field, phase contrast microscope and fluorescent microscope and is useful In evaluating vesicle size of large vesicles.^[11]

CRYO-Transmission Electron Microscopy Techniques (CRYO-TEM)

This technique has been used to elucidate the surface morphology and size of vesicles.^[11]

Diffraction and Scattering Techniques

Laser Light Scattering Photon correlation spectroscopy (PCS):- The analysis of time dependence of intensity fluctuation in scattered laser light due to brownian motion of particles in solution or suspension since small particles diffuse more than large particles, the rate of fluctuation scattered light Intensity varies accordingly. The translational diffusion coefficient (D) can be measured and can be used to determine the mean hydrodynamic radius (RHSS) of particles using the Stoke-Einstein equation using this technique one can measure particles in range of about 3nm.^[12]

Hydrodynamic Techniques

This technique includes gel permeation and ultracentrifuge. Prohibition chromatography on huge unadulterated gels was acquainted with separate SUVs from spiral MLVs. The enormous vesicles of 1-3µmdiameter usually neglect to enter the gel and is held on top of section. A slim layer chromatography framework utilizing agarose beads has been presented as a religious circle, quick method for obtaining a best guess of size appropriation of liposome preparation. Notwithstanding, it was not revealed assuming this strategy was sensitive to a physical blockage of the pores of agar gel as in the conventional column chromatography.^[12]

Zeta Potential Determination

The zeta potential was assessed the determination of electroportability of the 90cpoint. The estimation was acted in three-fold utilizing the 3000 HS zeta-seizer Gear. The example was weakened with appropriate diluents for potential assurance.^[12]

Advantages and Disadvantages of Liposomes

Advantages

1. Liposomes expanded viability and helpful file of medication[actinomycin-D]
2. Liposome expanded steadiness by means of exemplification.
3. Site aversion impact
4. Liposomes are widely utilized as transporters for a considerable length of time in superficial and drug businesses.
5. Liposomes can trap both hydrophobic and hydrophilic mixtures, keep away from disintegration of the captured blends, and delivery the entangled at assigned target

Disadvantages

1. Low solvency
2. Short -Half Life
3. Less corrals
4. Leakage and fusion of encapsulated drug or particles.

Mechanism of Transportation Through Liposomes

Instrument of transportation through liposome

The impediments and advantages of liposome drug transporters lie basically on the connection of liposomes with cells and their predetermination in vivo later organization. In vivo and in vitro investigations of the contacts with cells have shown that the principle connection of liposomes with cells is either straightforward adsorption (by explicit cooperations with cell-surface parts, electrostatic powers, or by obscure fragile hydrophobic) or following endocytosis (by phagocytic cells of the reticuloendothelial system, for example macrophages and neutrophils).^[8]

Combination with the plasma cell film by addition of the lipid bilayer of the liposome into the plasma layer, with concurrent arrival of liposomal content into the cytoplasm, is much uncommon. The fourth conceivable collaboration is the trading of bilayer parts, for example cholesterol, lipids, and film bound atoms with parts of cell layers. It is frequently hard to figure out the thing system is working, and more than one might work simultaneously.^[8]

Targeting of liposomes

Two types of targeting

1. Passive targeting
2. Active targeting

1. Passive targeting - as a mean of passive targeting such typically managed mean of passive targeting, such usually administered liposomes have been shown to be rapidly cleared from the blood stream and taken up by the RES in liver spleen. Thus capacity of the macrophages can be exploited when liposomes are to be targeted to the macrophages. This has been demonstrated by successful delivery of liposomal antimicrobial agents to macrophages.^[10]

Liposomes have now been utilized for focusing of antigens to macrophages as an initial phase in the list of resistance. e.g. In rats the i.v administration of liposomal antigen elicited spleen phagocyte mediated antibody response where as the non liposome associated antigen failed to elicit antibodies.^[10]

2. Active targeting - A pre-essential for targeting on is the targeting on specialists are situated on the liposomal surface with the end goal that the collaboration with the objective i.e., the receptor is organized like a fitting also attachment gadget. The liposome genuinely arranged such that the lipophilic piece of the connector is secured into the layer during the arrangement of the film. The hydrophilic part on the outer layer of the liposome, to which the targeting on specialist ought to be stood firm on in a sterically right situation to attach to the receptor on the cell surface.^[10]

i. Immunoliposomes: These are ordinary or covertness liposomes with joined antibodies or other acknowledgment succession [e.g. Sugar determinants like glycoprotein]. The immune response bound, direct the liposome to explicit antigenic receptors situated on a specific cell. Glycoprotein or Glycolipid cell surface part that assume a part in cell-cell acknowledgment and attachment.^[10]

ii. Magnetic liposomes: Contain attractive iron oxide. These liposomes can be coordinated by an outer vibrating attractive field in their conveyance locales.^[10]

iii. Temperature or hotness delicate liposomes: Made in such a way that their progress temperature is simply above body temperature. Subsequent to arriving at the site, remotely warmed the site to deliver the medication.^[10]

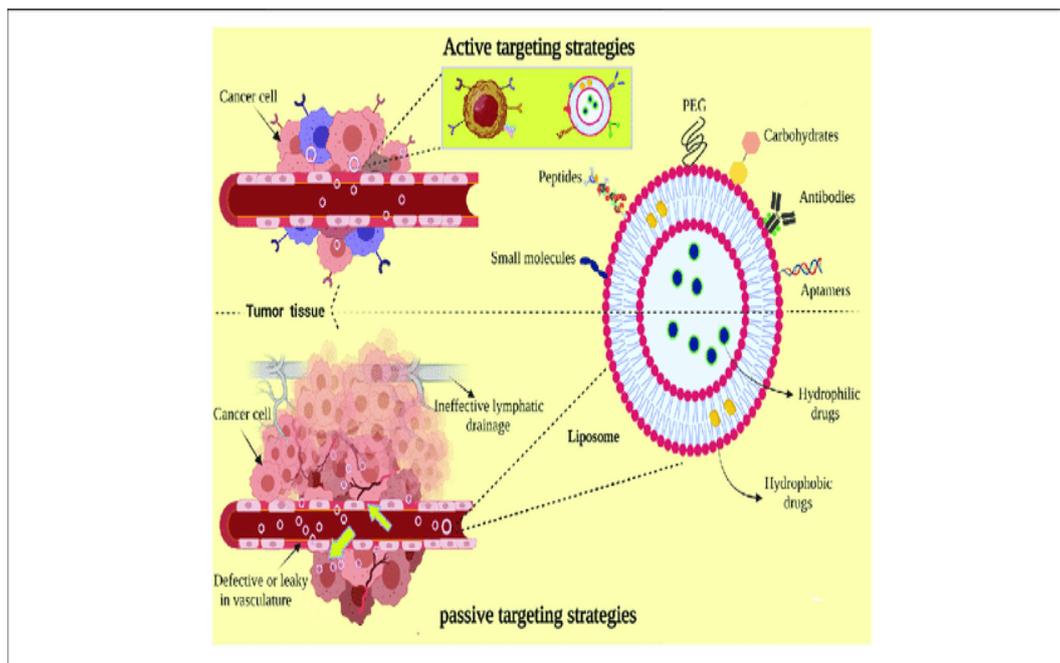


Fig. 4: Targeting of Liposomes.

Liposomes in anticancer therapy

Different assorted liposome meanings of different anticancer experts were shown to be less unsafe than the free drug. Anthracyclines are drugs which stop the improvement of isolating cells by intercalating into the DNA and, along these lines, kill generally rapidly apportioning cells.^[9] These cells are in developments just as in hair, gastrointestinal mucosa, and platelets; appropriately, this class of medicine is very destructive. The most used and inspected is Adriamycin (business name for doxorubicin HCl; Ben Venue Laboratories, Bedford, Ohio). Regardless the recently referenced serious toxic substance levels, its estimations is limited by its extending cardio destructiveness. Different various subtleties were endeavored. Generally speaking, the toxicity was reduced to around half.^[10] These consolidate the two serious and tireless toxin levels since liposome embodiment reduces the transport of the drug iotas towards those tissues^[11]. For a comparable clarification, the capability was overall compromised on account of the diminished bioavailability of the prescription, especially expecting the development was not phagocytic or arranged in the organs of mononuclear phagocytic system. On occasion, for instance, essential lymphoma, the effect of liposome exemplification showed overhauled ampleness in view of the continued with release sway, i.e., longer presence of supportive obsessions in the stream, while in a couple cases, the sequestration of the medicine into tissues of mononuclear phagocytic structure truly reduced its feasibility. Applications in man showed, when in doubt, diminished destructiveness and better tolerability of association with not unreasonably elevating sufficiency. A couple of extraordinary subtleties are in different times of clinical assessments and show mixed results.^[12]

Applications of Liposomes in Medicine and Pharmacology

Utilization of liposomes in medication and pharmacology can be isolated into analytic and restorative uses of liposomes containing different markers utilization as a device, a model, or reagent in the essential investigations of cell connections, acknowledgment cycles, and method of activity of specific substances.^[13]

Tragically, many medications have an extremely limited restorative window, implying that the helpful focus isn't a lot of lower than the poisonous one. In a few cases, the harmfulness can be diminished or the viability can be upgraded by the utilization of a reasonable medication transporter which adjusts the worldly and spatial conveyance of the medication, i.e., its biodistribution and pharmacokinetics. It is obvious from numerous pre-clinical and clinical investigations that medications, for example antitumor medications, distributed liposome show diminished poison levels, while retentive upgraded viability.^[14]

Propels in liposome configuration are prompting new applications for the conveyance of new biotechnology items, for instance antisense oligonucleotides, cloned qualities, and recombinant proteins. An immense writing characterize the practicality of planning wide scope of moderate medications in liposomes, regularly resultant in worked on remedial action as well as diminished harmfulness contrasted and the free medication. In general, changed pharmacokinetics for liposomal medications can prompt further developed medication bioavailability to specific objective cells that live in the course, or all the more conspicuously, to extravascular illness destinations, for instance, cancers. Late upgrades incorporate liposomal plans of all-trans-retinoic

corrosive and daunorubicin, which has gotten food and drug administration assent as a first-line treatment of AIDS-related progressed Kaposi's sarcoma. Recognized models are Vincristine, Doxorubicin, and Amphotericin B.^[15]

- Disease chemotherapy
- Quality treatment
- Liposomes as transporters for antibodies as transporter of medication in oral treatment
- Liposomes for effective applications for pneumonic conveyance
- Against Leishmaniasis
- Lysosomal capacity sickness organic application
- Metal stockpiling infection conveyance of medications

CONCLUSION

Liposomes have been utilized in an expansive scope of drug applications. Liposomes are showing specific guarantee as intracellular conveyance frameworks for hostile to detect particles, ribosomes, proteins/peptides, and DNA. Liposomes with upgraded drug conveyance to illness areas, by capacity of long flow home occasions, are currently accomplishing clinical acknowledgment. Likewise, liposomes advance focusing of specific sick cells inside the infection site. At long last, liposomal drugs display decreased poison levels and hold improved adequacy contrasted and free supplements. The truth will surface eventually which of the above applications and hypotheses will end up being effective. Notwithstanding, in light of the drug applications and accessible items, we can say that liposomes have most certainly settled their situation in present day conveyance frameworks.

REFERENCES

1. A COMPLETE REVIEW ON: LIPOSOMES Kant Shashi*, Kumar Satinder, Prashar Bharat Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manav Bharti University, Solan (H.P) India.
2. Anwekar H, Patel S, Singhai AK. International Journal of Pharmacy & Life Sciences (IJPLS), 2011; 2(7): 945-51.
3. Tapaswi D. Liposomes as a potential drug delivery system: A Review. International Research Journal of Pharmacy, 2013; 4(1): 1-7.
4. Akbarzadeh A, Rezaei-Sadabady R, Davaran S, Joo SW, Zarghami N, Hanifehpour Y, Samiei M, Kouhi M, NejatiKoshki K. Liposome: Classification, Formation, and Applications. Nanoscale Research Letters, 2013; 8(1): 102.
5. Gabizon A: Liposomes as a drug delivery system in cancer therapy. In Drug Carrier Systems. Edited by Roerdink FHD, Kron AM. Chiches.
6. Madhav NS, Ojha MA, Saini A. A platform, 60: 4194-4198.
7. Kersten, G.F.A., Crommelin, D.J.A. Liposomes and ISCOMS as vaccine formulations. Biochim. Biophysics. Acta, 1995; 1241: 117-138.
8. K. Horton. Disertation for degree of Advanced Studies in Chemical Engineering, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, 2003.
9. Jain N.K. Controlled and Novel Drug Delivery. CBS Publisher, 304-326.
10. Remington. The Science and Practice of Pharmacy. Volume I, 21st Edition, B.I Publishers Pvt Ltd, 314-316.
11. Emanuel, N., Kedar, E., Bolotin, E.M., Smorodinsky, N.I., Barenholz, Y., Preparation and characterization of doxorubicin-loaded sterically Stabilized immunoliposomes. Pharm. Res., 1996; 13: 352-359.
12. Feigler, J.H., Kumar, R., Sridhar, C.N., Wheeler, C.J., Tsai, Y.J., Border, R., Ramsey, P., Martin, M., Feigler, P.L., Enhanced gene delivery and Mechanism studies with a novel series of cationic lipid formulations. J. Biol.Chem, 1994; 269: 2550-2561.
13. H.A.H Rongen, A. Bult and W.P van Bennekom. J. Immuno. Methods, 1997; 204: 105-133.
14. New, R.R.C., Preparation of liposomes. In: New, R.R.C.(Ed.), Liposomes: A practical approach, IRL Press, Oxford, 1990; 33-104.
15. Jr. F. Szoka and D. Papahadjopoulos. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1978; 60: 4194-4198.