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Preparation of chelidonium highly loaded poly(lactide-co-glycolide)-based nanoparticles using a single emulsion method: Cytotoxic effect on MDA-MB-231 cell line

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Introduction: Chelidonium, a bio-active component of *Chelidonium majus*, has been investigated for its anti-proliferative effects on various cancer cell lines with multidrug resistance (MDR). Although the results are auspicious, its poor water solubility and low bioavailability are the main limitations for clinical applications. This study aimed to develop poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) nanoparticles loaded with chelidonium, in order to enhance its bioavailability for oral administration and improve the therapeutic index. **Methods:** Herein, we encapsulated chelidonium in PLGA nanoparticles using a single emulsion solvent evaporation method. Nanoparticles were characterized in terms of size, surface charge and morphology, encapsulation efficiency, drug loading, and in vitro drug release profile. The anti-cancer efficacy of chelidonium-loaded nanoparticles and free chelidonium was evaluated in MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells. **Results:** The physicochemical characteristics showed spherical particles in nanometer size range (263 ± 19.6 nm), with negative surface charge (-20.67 ± 2.48 mV), high encapsulation efficiency ($76.53 \pm 3.61\%$), and drug loading ($22.47 \pm 0.09\%$), as well as drug release amount of $60.27 \pm 5.68\%$ up to 10 days. Furthermore, chelidonium-loaded nanoformulations were found to improve anti-cancer potential, compared with untrapped chelidonium. **Conclusion:** This in vitro study showed that the encapsulation of chelidonium, as a potent herbal drug, in a polymeric matrix enhances its bioavailability. This offers an efficient vehicle for targeted drug delivery in cancer treatment.

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