

## Preparation of a simple phospholipids-based nano carrier for intravenous drug delivery

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**Background and Aims:** In recent years, significant efforts have been devoted to using the potentials of nanotechnology in drug delivery, since it offers the possibility of site-specific and/or time-controlled delivery of small or large molecular weight drugs and other bioactive agents. Phospholipids offer many advantages for preparation of drug delivery carrier owing to their remarkable biocompatibility as well as biodegradability and amphiphilic nature. The aim of this study was to prepare a novel phospholipid-based carrier for drug delivery purposes.

**Methods:** Preparation of phospholipids-based nanocarrier was performed involving an organic phase (ethanol) and an aqueous phase (water). The optimum conditions of phospholipids-based nanocarrier generation were determined in this method in terms of the smallest final particle size.

**Results:** Regarding the results of optimization of several parameters it was shown that some parameters are mostly effective in the preparation process. In this experiment the z-average of particle size of the optimized phospholipids-based nanocarrier was about  $120 \pm 10$  nm with good reproducibility and narrow size distribution with a PDI < 0.2.

**Conclusions:** At last, this method was optimized for preparation with considerably less experimental effort, greater precision, and facilitated system modeling.

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