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Synergistic effect of lipid nanoparticles in Brain Tumors: Enhancing antitumor efficacy

Abstract:

The treatment of brain tumors requires innovative therapeutic approaches that enhance efficacy while minimizing adverse effects. In this context, this study aimed to develop lipid nanoparticles (NPs) capable of co-encapsulating antitumor compounds to potentiate therapeutic activity against glioblastoma. The NPs were prepared by hot emulsification followed by sonication and optimized using the Box–Behnken experimental design. The final formulation was evaluated for cytotoxicity in U87MG glioblastoma cells, comparing free and encapsulated forms of the drugs, both individually and in combination. The *in vitro* study demonstrated that the nanocarrier containing antitumor compounds exhibited high cytotoxic activity, indicating a synergistic effect between the chemotherapeutic agent and the natural product. Additionally, a higher cellular uptake was observed for the encapsulated drugs compared to their free forms, suggesting improved internalization and intracellular action. The combined nanoformulation showed a more pronounced antitumor effect, with synergy confirmed through combination index analysis and isobologram construction. These results indicate that lipid nanoparticle encapsulation enhances drug activity, reduces the concentration required to achieve therapeutic effects, and represents a promising strategy for brain tumor treatment, with potential for improved clinical efficacy and reduced systemic toxicity.

Biography

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