

# In-Vitro Release and Antibacterial Activity Evaluation of Luteolin Gel-Based Formulation

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## INTRODUCTION

Luteolin (LUT) is a yellow crystalline flavonoid that existed naturally with potential anticancer, anti-allergic anti-inflammatory and antibacterial effects that excreted by multiple actions. It's insoluble in water with lipophilic nature that makes it ideal for topical delivery. Additionally, topical gel formulation provides a suitable delivery system of luteolin because it is an elegant non-greasy formulation.

## OBJECTIVES

- Determine the antibacterial effect against MRSA strains (ATCC 3345, ATCC 4745, ATCC 35501) and *S. aureus* (ATCC 25923).
- Formulation of LUT topical hydrophilic gel and the optimized formula.
- Studying the effects of different types and concentrations of penetration enhancers on the release of the LUT using 3<sup>3</sup> Box-Behnken design.

## METHODS

### Antibacterial activity

Agar well diffusion method

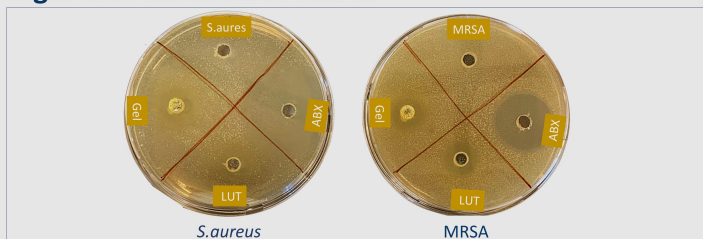
### Gel preparation

- LUT gel was prepared by using carbopol 943 (1%). The effect of different types and concentrations of penetration enhancers on LUT release.
- The effect of 3 independent parameters including: propylene glycol (PG, 0-5%); Oleic acid (OA, 0-4%); Tween 80 (0-5%) was studied using 3<sup>3</sup> box Behnken design.
- The impact of these factors was studied by characterizing the:

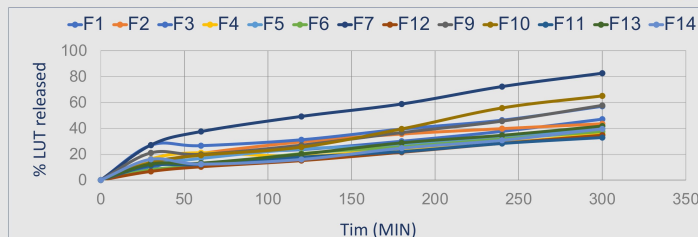


## RESULTS

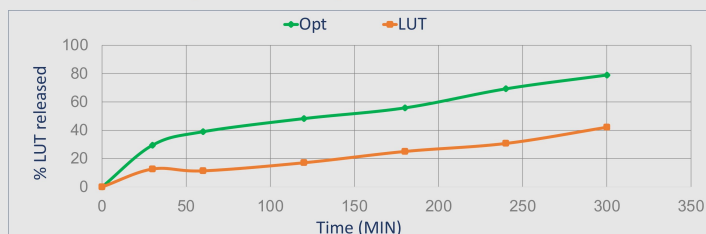
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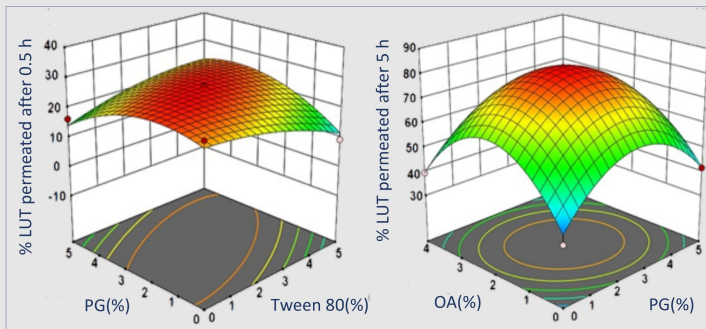
- Dissolution profile of different formulations of LUT gel :



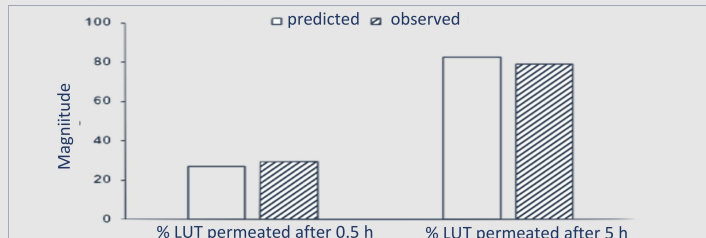
- Dissolution profile of optimized formula :



- 3D response figures :



- Comparison of predicted vs observed results :



- ANOVA Analysis effect of the 3 independent factors :

Source	p-value	
	% Released after 0.5 h	% Released after 5 h
A-PG	0.6285	0.6613
B-OA	0.6390	0.3025
C-Tween 80	0.5099	0.0218
AB	0.1726	0.3476
AC	0.0143	0.0140
BC	0.8469	0.0088
A <sup>2</sup>	0.0085	0.0003
B <sup>2</sup>	0.0007	0.0001
C <sup>2</sup>	0.1417	0.0021

## CONCLUSION

Formulation of LUT as gel could be a promising and effective dosage form for treatment of skin infections caused by MRSA and *S. aureus* strains as well as wound healing.

## REFERENCES

