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# Solid self-microemulsifying nutraceutical delivery system for hesperidin using quality by design: assessment of biopharmaceutical attributes and shelf-life

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### **Abstract**

**Aim:** The present study endeavours to develop a solid self-microemulsifying nutraceutical drug delivery system for hesperidin (HES) using quality by design (QbD) to improve its biopharmaceutical attributes.

**Methods:** A 3<sup>2</sup> full factorial design was employed to study the influence of factors on selected responses. Risk assessment was performed by portraying Ishikawa fishbone diagram and failure mode effect analysis (FMEA). The *in vivo* antidiabetic study was carried on induced diabetic rats.

**Results:** The optimised liquid SMEDDS-HES (OF) formulation showed emulsification time ( $Y_1$ ) = 102.5  $\pm$  2.52 s, globule size ( $Y_2$ ) = 225.2  $\pm$  3.40 nm, polydispersity index ( $Y_3$ ) = 0.294  $\pm$  0.62, and zeta potential ( $Y_4$ ) = -25.4  $\pm$  1.74 mV, respectively. The solid SMEDDS-HES (SOF-7) formulation was characterised by FTIR, PXRD, DSC, and SEM. The shelf life of SOF-7 was found to be 32.88 months. The heamatological and histopathological data of diabetic rats showed prominent antidiabetic activity.

**Conclusions:** The optimised formulation showed improved dissolution, desired stability, and promising antidiabetic activity.

**Keywords:** Hesperidin; failure mode effect analysis; quality by design; risk assessment; self-microemulsifying drug delivery system; shelf life.

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