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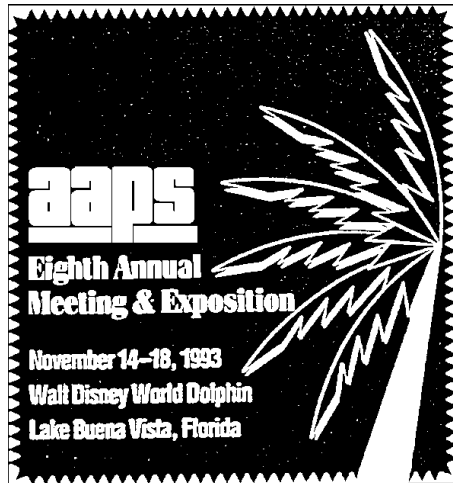
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EFFECT OF MATRIX CHARACTERISTICS ON THE IN VITRO RELEASE OF CALCITONIN FROM PLGA MICROSPHERES. S.Calis, R.Jeyanthi, R.C.Mehta, P.P.DeLuca. College of Pharmacy, University of Kentucky. Lexington KY 40536-0082

Matrix characteristics play a critical role in the in vitro and in vivo release of drugs from polymeric microspheres. Size, surface area and internal structure are some of the matrix characteristics which can be altered by manipulating the microsphere preparation process. Salmon Calcitonin (sCT), a bioactive peptide, has been found to exhibit strong interaction with poly(D,L-lactide-co-glycolide) (PLGA) polymer and microspheres, which can also play a vital role in its release properties. This paper discusses the effect of matrix characteristics on the in vitro release behavior of sCT from PLGA microspheres prepared by an aqueous emulsification-solvent removal technique. The effects of release medium, temperature and replacement of medium on sCT release from PLGA microspheres were evaluated, it was observed that the released sCT was re-adsorbed onto the microsphere matrix in 0.01M phosphate buffer, pH 7.4 within 24 hours at 25 ± 1 °C. However, the initial percentage of release (20-60% in 20 min.) and the time of reabsorption (3-8 hours) depended on the internal structure of microspheres. Release was also found to be rapid and complete with no reabsorption in the presence of a surfactant. To simulate in vivo conditions, sCT release was studied in rabbit serum at 37 ± 1 °C. Direct assay of sCT released in serum was not practical due to degradation and binding to serum proteins. Residual analysis of sCT, in microspheres of different matrix structures, upon exposure to serum showed that the initial release up to 72 hours varied between 25-90%. It was also found that ^{60}Co -irradiated PLGA microspheres showed a dose-dependent increase in release of sCT (50-70% in 72 hours) in serum. In both cases, the altered extractability of sCT could be either due to the altered matrix characteristics or due to the change in peptide-polymer interaction.