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# **Thermally Reversible In Situ –Gelling Carbamazepine Liquid suppositories**

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# Introduction

- ✚ Carbamazepine is indicated for the control of epilepsy ,Trigeminal neuralgia ,and acute mania.
- ✚ It undergoes extensive hepatic first- pass elimination after oral administration.
- ✚ The rectal administration of CBZ has been reported in human ,using suspensions or suppositories.
- ✚ A rectal dosage form of CBZ is not commercially available , although it is of particular interest when oral administration is impossible .

# Objective

**To examine the potential use of in situ gel formulation for rectal administration of CBZ .**

# Preparation of Liquid Suppositories

<b>Formulations</b>	<b>composition</b>
<b>Poloxamer 407(P407)</b>	20%P407+1%sod.deoxycholate
<b>P407 +carbopol</b>	20%P407+0.5%carbopol+1%sodium deoxycholate
<b>P407+MC+carbopol</b>	20%P407+1%MC+0.5%carbopol+1%sodium deoxycholate
<b>P407+P188+carbopol</b>	20% P407+15%P188+0.5%carbopol +1%sodium deoxycholate
<b>Gelrite</b>	0.3% Gelrite +1%sod. deoxycholate

## **Measurement of Gelation Temperature**

**Gelation temperature was measured using the method reported by Choi et al., 1998 & Miyazaki et al., 1991.**

## **Measurement of Gel Strength**

**Gel strength of the formulated liquid suppositories was determined using the method reported by Choi et al., 1998.**

## **Measurement of In Vitro Bioadhesion**

**In vitro bioadhesion of the prepared gel formulations was examined using the isolated rabbit's ractum.**

## **Measurement of Rheological Properties**

**Brookfield Viscometer**

# Drug Release From Liquid Suppositories

**Apparatus:** USP paddle method.

**Medium:** 900 ml of phosphate buffer at pH 7.4 containing 0.2% Tween80.






**Stirring rate:** 50 rpm.

**Sampling:** one ml aliquots were collected up to 2 h.

**Assay:** spectrophotometrically at 284 nm.



# In Vivo Study

-  For each examined formulation, six New Zealand rabbits are used .
-  Liquid suppositories were administered at a dose of 200 mg CBZ into the rectum 3 cm above the anus .
-  For oral administration, 2 ml suspension containing 200 mg CBZ (particle size <125 um ) was administered.
-  Blood samples were collected from the ear vein.
-  Assay: HPLC assay at 220 nm.

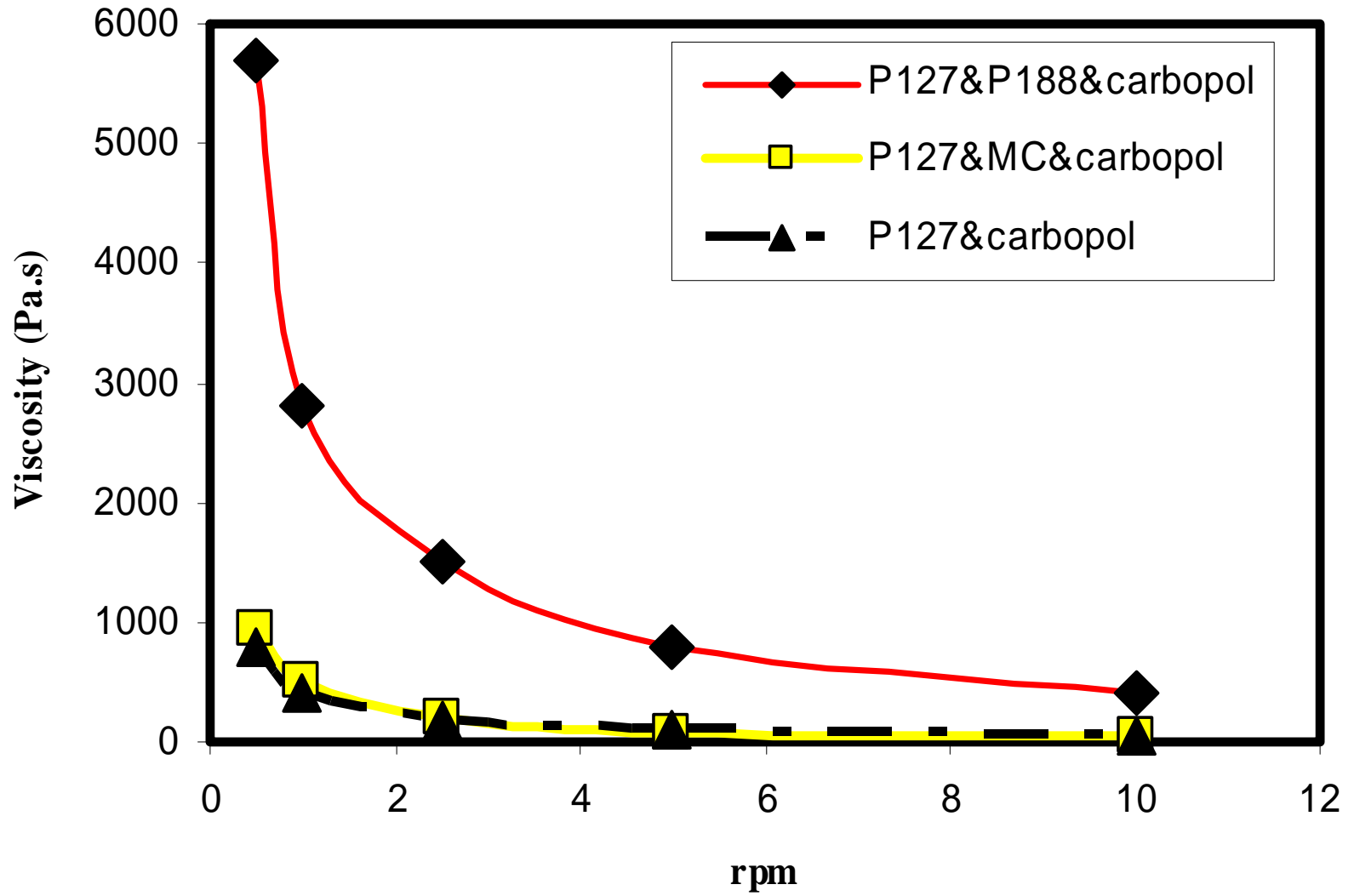
# Pharmacokinetic Analysis

**$C_{\max}$  ( $\mu\text{g}$ ),  $T_{\max}$  (h) ,  $\text{AUC}_{0-7\text{h}}$ , and  $\text{AUC}_{0-\infty}$ , ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{ml}$ ) and the relative bioavailability( $F_{\text{rel}}$ ) were calculated.**

$$F_{\text{rel}} = \{ \text{AUC}_{0-7\text{h}} (\text{tested formula}) / \text{AUC}_{0-7\text{h}} (\text{susp.}) \} \times 100 .$$

# Results and Discussion

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Gelation Temp.± SD (°C)</b>	<b>Gel Strength (g)</b>	<b>Bioadhesive Force (dyne/cm)</b>
<b>P407-P188 Carbopol</b>	<b>30 + 0.4</b>	<b>650+ 15</b>	<b>8820+20</b>
<b>P407-MC carbopol</b>	<b>30+0.3</b>	<b>530+10</b>	<b>16170+50</b>
<b>P407-carbopol</b>	<b>23+0.5</b>	<b>550+8</b>	<b>7350+20</b>

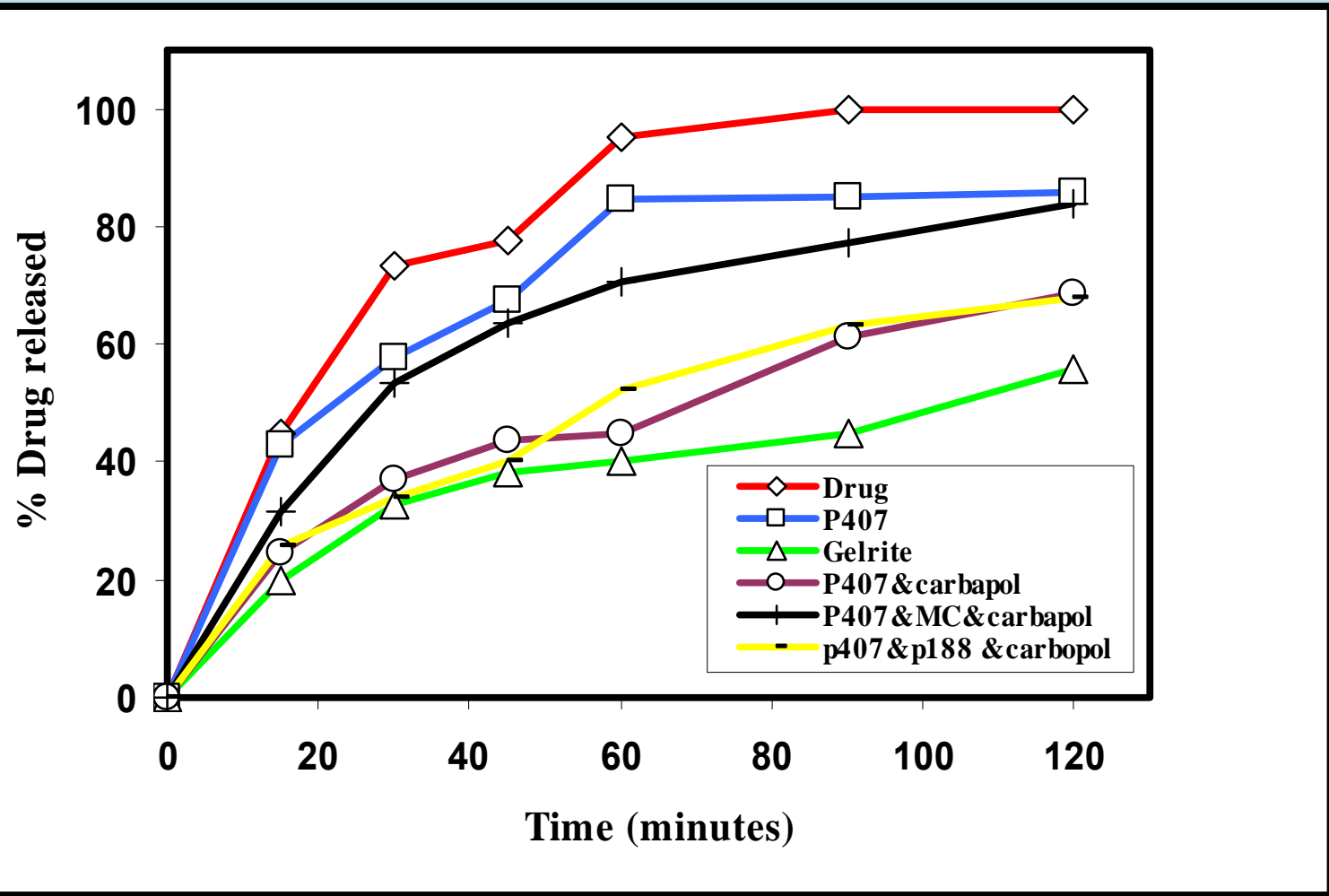


**Rheogram of Various Prepared Formulation**

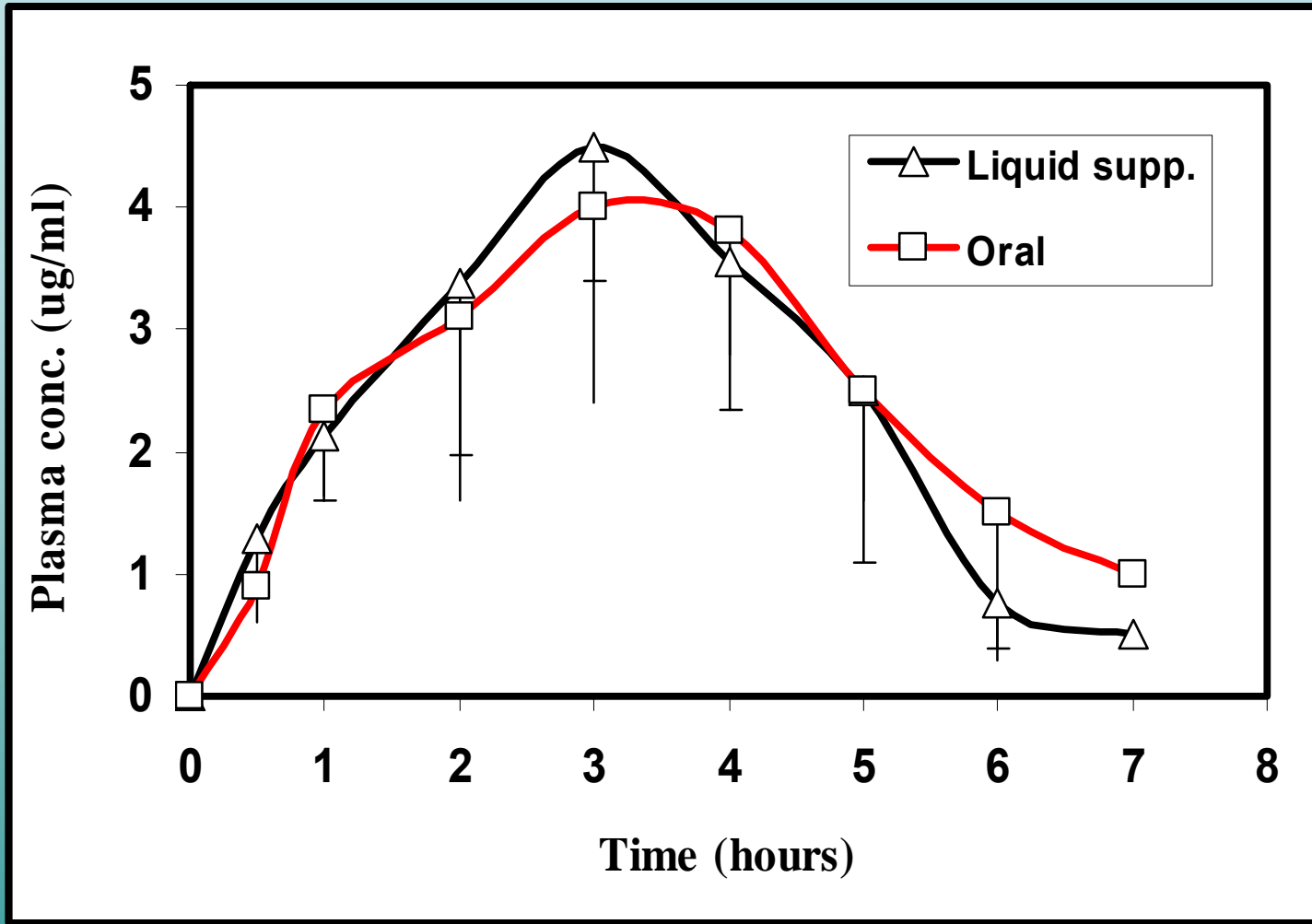
# Release Kinetic Parameters Calculated From Peppas Equation\*

Formulations	K	n
Drug	0.293	0.299
P407	0.173	0.354
Gelrite	0.064	0.451
P407-carbopol	0.067	0.484
P407-P188-carbopol	0.066	0.493
P407-MC-carbopol	0.104	0.454

\* $M_t/M_\alpha = Kt^n$



**Release of Carbamazepine From Various Liquid Suppository Formulations**



**Plasma Concentration-Time Profile of Carbamazepine Liquid Suppository and Oral Suspension**

# Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Carbamazepine Liquid Suppositories and Oral Suspension

Parameter	P407-MC-Carbopol Liquid Suppositories	Oral CBZ Suspension
$AUC_{0-7h}$ ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{ml}$ )	17.2	17.6
$AUC_{0-\alpha}$ ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{ml}$ .)	17.9	18.8
$T_{\max}$ (h)	3.0	3.0
$C_{\max}$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ )	4.5	4.0
$F_{\text{rel}}$ %	97.7	



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