Analysis and Comparison of Different Experimental Methods

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Abstract

These two research articles respectively explore experimental methods in different fields and the differences in their importance and focus in research. Overall, these two research articles emphasize the key role of experimental methods in different research fields. The first study focuses on the pharmaceutical field, revealing the biological activity of excipients and providing important data for drug safety. These two studies together demonstrate the indispensable role of experimental methods in promoting progress in science and engineering. The second study focuses on renewable energy and provides in-depth insights into solar cells' performance and environmental impact.

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Introduction

Experimental methods are critical in research as they determine the study's credibility, effectiveness, and applicability. The different emphasis of different experimental methods leads to differences in research focus and conclusions. The pharmacokinetic effects of the excipients were explored in both articles. This study explored the pharmacokinetic effects of excipients, especially regarding their criticality in prescription drugs and games. The results showed that 25 excipients showed activity in vitro testing, especially in screening for clinically safe targets, with 109 activities found. The fingerprinting of five excipients in cellular models revealed their potential toxicity, two of which may have in vitro targeting in some cases, related to thrombosis and dopamine D3 receptor dissociation constants at 320 and 210 M, respectively. These findings have important implications for re-evaluating the effects and safety of the excipients.

1. The activities of drug inactive ingredients on biological targets. The main content

This article, " The Activities of Drug Inactive Ingredients on Biological Targets," used multiple methods to assess the pharmacokinetics and potential effects of the excipients. First, the article notes that excipients are often seen as inactive ingredients. Still, they play key roles in drugs, including stabilizing drugs, increasing shelf life, and helping to distinguish between different drug formulations. However, the potential activity of these excipients has not been systematically investigated for molecular targets. Studies used a cheminformatics approach to calculate the chemical similarity between excipients and possible targets in medically relevant proteins. The screening revealed possible interactions between some excipients and some biologically relevant molecular targets(Blagden,2018). In addition, 28 toxicity-related targets were tested experimentally, and 19 excipients were found to be active against at least one target. These targets include acetylcholine receptors, organic anion transporters, and others, which are targets related to drug toxicity and drug activity. These findings highlight the potential activity of the excipients and the effect they may have on the overall effect of the drug. Although excipients are generally considered inactive, they may have different effects on specific populations, including affecting the activity of molecular targets, interfering with their function, and effects on cellular function. This study also highlights that the types and use of excipients may affect the activity and side effects of drugs. This text describes the methods used in the study to further assess the activity and potential impact of the excipients. Although these components are often called "inactive," the researchers believe they may generate activity in the body's system, which would be reflected in the individual's health or behavior. This systemic influence depends on multiple factors, including the combined effect of excipients on tissues and their interactions with relevant targets.

To thoroughly investigate the effects of the 12 target active excipients, the BioMAP system, a cell-based system that mimics drug and chemical-triggered effects and toxic effects on multiple tissues (e.g., blood vessels, lungs, skin, and inflamed tissues), was used. This system includes a wide range of cell models for assessing the coverage of excipients for different biological activities, such as colorants, antimicrobials, antioxidants, emulsifiers, and surfactants. Studies focused on those excipients that showed activity in in vitro assays but also included some inactive controls. The results indicate that some excipients are associated with specific biological activities, including inflammation-related and immunomodulatory activities.

For example, some excipients affect inflammation-related markers in cell models, which have similar effects to certain drugs. These studies also revealed the concentration dependence of excipients, possibly different effects at different concentrations.

Together, these approaches used cellular models and BioMAP systems to delight into the activity and potential impact of the excipients. Although some excipients are widely considered inactive, the results suggest they may have multiple effects in vivo, including inflammation, immune regulation, and other biological activities. These findings contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the mechanism of action of excipients and their potential effects on human health.

The second half of the article describes a study that found that many excipients in drugs called "inactive ingredients" have direct activity in vitro, affecting biologically relevant enzymes, receptors, ion channels, and transporters. Studies suggest that these excipients may have effects on key physiological processes, such as neurotransmitter signaling, that are associated with the targets of multiple drugs:

1. Asient activity: Many of the 38 excipients were found to show activity in vitro, with a total of 134 activities observed. These activities range from 15 nM activity against COMT enzymes to the dopamine D3 receptor, phosphodiesterase 3A (PDE 3 A), vesicular monoamine transporter VMAT2, etc.
2. Target activity: Many affected enzymes and receptors play important roles in neurotransmitter signaling, including COMT, phosphodiesterase, VMAT 2 transporters, and dopamine and myophosphoreceptors. These affected targets are often also the targets of multiple therapeutic agents.
3. Asient doses: Although most excipients have limited doses in drugs, the in vivo exposure concentrations of some excipients may be high enough to affect the protein functions identified in the study. This may especially occur when multiple drugs are used simultaneously and contain overlapping excipients.
4. Consignments in diet and cosmetics: Many excipients are found not only in drugs but also in food, beverages, and cosmetics, which may increase the exposure to these excipients.

In conclusion, this study raises the interesting point that many drug excipients considered "inactive" are biologically active in vitro. Although most excipients do not cause systemic problems at compliant doses, in some cases, especially in multiple drugs, these excipients may accumulate in the body with potential effects. Furthermore, excipients in diet and cosmetics may also increase their excipients exposure. These findings may contribute to a better understanding the effects of drugs and excipients in humans.

2. Exploring excipients The experimental content of the middle supermarket

Pharmacological components in drugs usually attract the most attention. Still, the so-called excipients (excipients) occupy the main part of most drugs as excipients act as preservatives for the drug or wrap active ingredients in neat tablets and smooth capsules. Although they are generally considered inactive, a new study suggests that some excipients can bind to biological targets and may have pharmacological effects. This study explored excipients in drugs that are often regarded as inactive ingredients but occupy the bulk of most drugs. Studies have found that some excipients may bind to biological targets and have pharmacological effects. Using computational modeling, enzyme assays, and in vitro testing, over 600 excipients were studied to narrow the scope of their possible interactions with biological pathways. Some excipients show potential biological activity in animal trials, but this does not necessarily mean they are toxic. This may be a potential problem for older adults because they often take multiple drugs simultaneously, including excipients, which may not be able to effectively metabolize or excrete these excipients. The study also showed that about 70% of the excipients appear to be inert and that pharmaceutical manufacturers could consider replacing the excipients that may be problematic. However, reformulating drugs can be a complex and expensive task. Overall, research provides new insights into excipients in drugs and a valuable framework for evaluating and optimizing drug formulations.

In a life cycle analysis assessing the energy consumption, production, carbon footprint, and environmental impact of solar cells, perovskite-based series solar cells outperformed the state-of-the-art commercial silicon cells (Sci. Adv.2020, DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abb0055). An effective method to improve the efficiency of solar cells is to combine two materials with complementary optical absorption characteristics in series cells. Low-cost semiconductor perovskite materials, such as methylamine lead trihalides and methylamine lead perovskites, have been extensively studied, both alone and in tandem battery applications(Miller, Andrew,2015). Most studies have focused on battery power generation efficiency and long-term stability. However, few studies have analyzed the energy needed to manufacture these devices and their environmental impact. Thus, Xueyu Tian and Fengqi You at Cornell University and Cambridge University of Samuel D(Lurie,2017). Stranks' start-to-end analysis

starts with the energy needed for processing and refining the raw materials, studying two styles of series batteries: perovskite and silicon and the other with two perovskite. Among other findings, the team determined that it would take 0.35 years for silicon-free cells to generate the same energy needed to make them, compared with perovskite-silicon 1.44 years for perovskite-silicon cells and 1.52 years for benchmark silicon cells(Davani,2014). Whole-perovskite cells also look promising regarding overall greenhouse gas emissions, which rely on manufacturing methods and treatments. In terms of grams of carbon dioxide equivalent generated per kilowatt-hour, the value of silicon-free cells is 10.7, compared to 24.6. This study shows that perovskite-based series solar cells show potential energy efficiency and environmental protection advantages, which is important for developing clean energy technologies(Behbehani,2018).

3. Evaluation of the different experimental approaches

Both articles involve experimental research on solar cell technology, but their experimental definitions and datasets are different, each with advantages and disadvantages. The following is a detailed analysis of the assessment and comparison and the strengths and weaknesses of this approach.

Article 1:

The title of the article is The Life-cycle analysis compares various solar cells. The experimental goal of this article is to evaluate the performance difference between a series of solar cells made from perovskite (perovskite) materials and commercial silicon solar cells. The authors used life cycle analysis to examine these two batteries' energy consumption, production, carbon footprint, and environmental impact (Vaiva Vasiliauskaite,2018).

Advantages of the experimental evaluation:

1. Comprehensive: One of the advantages of this article is that it uses life cycle analysis and considers multiple factors, including energy efficiency, energy consumption in the manufacturing process, environmental impact, etc. This integrated approach helps to provide a more comprehensive assessment.
2. Environmental concerns: By considering environmental factors, this article helps to highlight the importance of clean energy technologies and the potential of perovskite batteries in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Disadvantages of the experimental assessment:

1. Limitations: The experiment in this article is limited to comparing two different types of solar cells and does not cover other solar cell technologies. This may limit the generalization to the entire solar cell field.
2. Data source: The data in the article rely on models and assumptions, which may introduce uncertainty. The accuracy and replicability of the data will require further validation.

The second article:

The article's title is The Activities of Drug Inactive Ingredients on Biological Targets. The experimental goal of this article is to investigate whether the excipients commonly used in pharmaceuticals are biologically active and what effects they may have on human health. The authors used computational modeling, enzyme determination, and in vitro testing.

Advantages of the experimental evaluation:

1. Diversity of experimental methods: This article uses various experimental methods, including computational modeling, in vitro testing, and enzyme determination, to comprehensively assess the biological activity of excipients. This diversity can provide more comprehensive data.
2. Focus on health: The research subjects of this article are closely related to human health, so it is of high practical significance. It highlights the importance of excipients in the pharmaceutical industry and raises some possible questions.

Disadvantages of the experimental assessment:

1. Data limitations: The experimental data in this article are mainly in vitro experiments and have not been verified in vivo. Thus, it is unclear whether the biological activity of the excipients will manifest in humans.
2. Experimental complexity: Due to various experimental methods, the experiment in this article may be relatively complex and require a lot of time and resources.

Overall, the experimental method of the first article mainly focuses on evaluating solar cell performance and environmental impact. In contrast, the experimental method of the second article focuses on studying the biological activity and potential health effects of drug excipients. Both methods have unique application fields and research objectives and are suitable for different scientific problems and fields. When choosing to use this experimental method, the strengths and weaknesses of research objectives and problems. Life-cycle analysis is suitable to assess the environmental impact of clean energy technologies, while a combination of multiple experimental approaches can be used to study complex biomedical issues. However, the experiments' complexity and the data's accuracy require careful consideration and may require further validation. In conclusion, both methods have promising applications but must be selected case by case.

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