Ethosomes: A Review on Alternative Carriers in Transdermal Drug Delivery

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Abstract- Ethosomes, are innovative lipid-based nanocarriers, revolutionize transdermal drug delivery. Comprising phospholipids, ethanol, and water, ethosomes possess a unique structure that enhances permeability through the skin's barrier. Ethanol disrupts the stratum corneum, facilitating efficient drug absorption. This composition allows ethosomes to outperform traditional liposomes, delivering both hydrophilic and lipophilic drugs effectively. Customizable in size, ethosomes optimize drug encapsulation and penetration. Their flexibility ensures superior skin contact, promoting enhanced drug absorption and bioavailability. Ethosomes mitigate systemic side effects, making them a promising platform for delivering various drugs, from analgesics to cosmetic ingredients. Overall, ethosomes stand out as a versatile and efficient means to advance transdermal drug delivery, holding immense potential in improving therapeutic outcomes.

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Introduction
The skin, a vast and easily reachable organ, serves a crucial role as a barrier, preventing the loss of internal substances like water and guarding against the entry of external xenobiotic materials such as chemicals and drugs. The stratum corneum plays a key role in the skin's barrier function and serves as the primary obstacle to percutaneous absorption. Various methods, including the exploration of chemical and physical enhancers like iontophoresis and sonophoresis, have been studied to enhance the permeation of drugs through the skin. [1] [2] Dermal drug delivery is employed in the treatment of diverse skin conditions, offering the advantage of concentrating high drug levels precisely at the targeted site, thereby minimizing systemic side effects. Transdermal drug delivery systems present an alternative method for introducing drugs into the systemic circulation. The primary objective of transdermal drug delivery systems is to traverse the stratum corneum. Numerous methods have been employed to enhance the penetration rate of drugs. The increasing significance of transdermal drug delivery system lies in its non-invasive approach to drug administration. [3] [4] The oral drug delivery system has successfully addressed several limitations, including drug degradation by enzymes, irritation of the gastrointestinal mucosa, and the first-pass metabolism effect. Additionally, the discomfort associated with parenteral administration has led to a preference for transdermal routes by patients. Consequently, research focuses on the ethosome carrier moiety for transdermal drug delivery systems.

Vesicular Systems in Drug Delivery:
1. Liposomes: Microscopic water-containing vesicles resembling the skin's phospholipid bilayer. Composed of phospholipid chains from sources like soya or egg yolk, along with cholesterol. Effective in delivering medication to the skin's top layer, but direct absorption remains a challenge. [5]
3. Transferosomes: Also known as ultra-deformable vesicles due to greater elasticity. Composed of phospholipids and various surfactants, providing flexibility. Efficient in transdermal and topical drug delivery, with enhanced flux compared to normal transferosomes. [7]
5. Pharmacosomes:
Colloidal dispersion of drug covalently bound to lipids, presenting ultra-fine vesicular, micellar, or hexagonal aggregate forms. Self-assembled nanoparticle system allowing higher drug loading and enhanced bioavailability.

6. **Virosomes:**
Spherical, unilamellar vesicles incorporating virus-derived proteins. Contain viral surface glycoproteins, enabling fusion with target cells for drug transfer. Size ranges from 120-180 nanometers. [9]

7. **Colloidosomes:**
Hollow shelled microcapsules with versatile applications. Consist of coagulated or fused particles at the emulsion droplets' interface. Membrane offers control over permeability, ensuring selective and timed drug release. [5]

8. **Aquasomes:**
Three-layered self-assembled nanoparticle system with a ceramic carbon nanocrystalline core coated with glassy cellobiose. Facilitates specific targeting and molecular shielding. [10]

9. **Cubosomes:**
Experimental systems used for herbal medicine delivery. Enhanced permeation compared to suspension forms, particularly beneficial for conditions like atopic dermatitis. [11]

10. **Ethosomes:**
Ethosomes are utilized to deliver drugs through the transdermal route, a crucial method in drug administration. [5] Ethosomes are pliable lipid vesicles primarily composed of phospholipids, with a relatively high concentration of alcohol (20-45%) and water. Originally developed by Touitou and colleagues in 1997, these carriers exhibit notable characteristics associated with their capacity to permeate human skin thoroughly, attributed to their high deformability. The physicochemical attributes of ethosomes make phospholipids the key vesicle-forming component in the ethosomal system. Various phospholipids, such as phosphatidylcholine and phosphatidylethanolamine, are utilized at concentrations ranging from 0.5% to 10%. [6] There is a widespread consensus that conventional liposomes are generally ineffective as carriers for transdermal drug delivery. This is because they tend to stay within the upper layer of the stratum corneum without deep penetration. Only specifically engineered vesicles have demonstrated the ability to facilitate transdermal delivery. Ethanol, recognized as an efficient permeation enhancer, was initially thought to be incompatible with vesicles due to its interdigitation effect on lipid bilayers. Consequently, liposome formulations typically contain relatively low concentrations of ethanol at present. [7]

![Figure 1. Different types of liposomes in drug delivery systems.](image)

**Major types of ethosomes based on composition:**

1) **Classical Ethosomes:**
Modified from classical liposomes, classical ethosomes contain a high alcohol content (45% w/w). They exhibit enhanced entrapment efficiency and a higher negative zeta potential compared to traditional ethosomes. With a molecular weight ranging from 130.07 Da to 24 kDa, classical ethosomes offer greater stability and increased permeation.

2) **Binary Ethosomes:**
Introduced by Zhou et al., binary ethosomes are named for the addition of another alcohol, such as propylene glycol (PG) or isopropyl alcohol (IPA), to enhance their properties. This addition contributes to their ideal characteristics.

3) **Transethosomes:**
Developed as a new generation of vesicular systems by Song et al. in 2012, transethosomes share similarities with classical preparations but include an extra component, often an edge activator (usually a surfactant) and/or penetration enhancer. This innovative delivery system combines the favorable features of classical ethosomes with the elasticity and deformability of transferosomes in a single formulation known as transethosomes. These vesicles exhibit superior characteristics compared to classical ethosomes and can effectively entrap drugs with molecular weights ranging from 130.077 Da to 200-235 kDa. [8]

**Table 1: Overview of Ethosome Formulations**

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**Methods of Preparation of Ethosomes:**

The existing literature presents a multitude of strategies for the preparation of ethosomes, with several commonly employed methods highlighted below:

1. **Hot Method:**
   In this approach, the drug is dissolved in a combination of ethyl alcohol and propylene glycol. Subsequently, the resulting mixture is introduced into a phospholipid dispersion in water at 40°C. After mixing for 5 minutes, the preparation undergoes sonication at 4°C for three cycles, each lasting 5 minutes with a 5-minute interval between cycles, utilizing a Probe Sonicator. The formulation is further homogenized through three cycles at 15,000 psi pressure using an air mass homogenizer. This method aims to produce Nano-sized ethosomes. [9]

2. **Cold Method:**
   In this technique, phospholipids, the drug, and other lipid components are dissolved in ethanol within a covered vessel at room temperature through vigorous stirring with a mixer. Simultaneously, propylene glycol or another polyol is introduced during the stirring process. The resulting mixture is then heated to 30°C in a water bath. Separately, water is also heated to 30°C in another vessel, and this warmed water is gradually added to the mixture. The combined solution is stirred for 5 minutes in a covered vessel. To achieve the desired vesicle size of the ethosomes, probe sonication or extrusion methods are employed. The final formulation is stored under refrigeration. [10]

3. **Injection Method:**
   In this method, ethosomes are formulated by utilizing varying concentrations of lecithin, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, and propylene glycol. The process involves dissolving phospholipids and the drug in a mixture of ethanol and propylene glycol. The resulting solution is heated to 30°C on a thermoregulated magnetic stirrer. Double-distilled water is then slowly added to the solution in a fine stream at a rate of 200µl/min, while maintaining a constant mixing speed of 700 rpm in a closed vessel. The temperature is carefully maintained at 30°C throughout the experiment. Mixing is continued for 5 minutes, and the prepared ethosomes are stored at 4°C. Subsequently, the ethosomes undergo sonication at 4°C using a probe sonicator in three cycles of 5 minutes each, with a 5-minute rest between cycles. This method aims to produce stable and well-sized ethosomes suitable for storage under refrigeration. [11]

**Advantages of Ethosomal Drug Delivery:**

1. **Delivery of Large Molecules:**
   Ethosomal drug delivery facilitates the administration of large molecules, including peptides and proteins, expanding its application to a broad range of therapeutic agents.

2. **Non-Toxic Formulation:**
   Ethosomal formulations are composed of non-toxic raw materials, ensuring the safety of the formulation for pharmaceutical, veterinary, and cosmetic applications.

3. **Enhanced Permeation:**
   Ethosomes enable enhanced drug permeation through the skin, making them particularly valuable for transdermal drug delivery.
4. **Versatility Across Industries:**
Ethosomal drug delivery systems find wide applications in pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicine, and cosmetics, showcasing their versatility across different fields.

5. **High Patient Compliance:**
Administered in semisolid forms such as gels or creams, ethosomal drugs exhibit high patient compliance due to ease of application and comfort.

6. **Simplicity in Drug Delivery:**
Ethosomal drug delivery offers a straightforward method in comparison to more complex techniques like iontophoresis and phonophoresis.

7. **Passive and Non-Invasive:**
The ethosomal system operates passively and is non-invasive, contributing to patient comfort. Additionally, its immediate readiness allows for prompt commercialization. [12][13]

**Disadvantages of Ethosomal Drug Delivery:**

1. **Molecular Weight Dependency:**
The efficacy of the ethosomal system is contingent on the molecular weight of the loaded agents, limiting its suitability for transdermal delivery to substances within a specific molecular weight range.

2. **Limited for Large Drug Doses:**
Ethosomal systems may not be suitable for delivering large drug doses, imposing restrictions on the quantity of drug that can be effectively administered.

3. **Inappropriateness for Oral Delivery:**
The high alcoholic content in ethosomes makes them unsuitable for oral delivery, restricting their application to alternative routes.

4. **Skin Adhesion Variability:**
Adhesion to the skin may vary based on individual skin types, potentially affecting the uniformity of application.

5. **Potential for Irritation:**
The formulation content of ethosomes could induce irritation or discomfort upon application, posing a challenge in terms of user tolerance and acceptance. [14]

**Methods for Characterization of Ethosomes:**

1. **Visualization:**

2. **Vesicle Size and Zeta Potential:**

3. **Entrapment Efficiency:**
Ultracentrifugation Technique: Quantifies the entrapment efficiency of drugs within ethosomes. [16]

4. **Differential Scanning Colorimetry:**
Determines the transition temperature of vesicular lipid systems, providing insights into their thermal properties. [17]

5. **Surface Tension Activity Measurement:**
Ring Method (Du Nouy Ring Tensiometer): Measures the surface tension activity of drugs in aqueous solutions. [10]

6. **Vesicle Stability:**
Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS): Monitors mean vesicle size over time for assessing stability. [12]

7. **Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM):**
Observes structural changes in vesicles.

8. **Drug Content:**
Modified High Performance Liquid Chromatographic Method: Quantifies the drug content within ethosomes, ensuring accurate dosage information. [18]

9. **Penetration and Permeation Studies:**
Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy (CLSM): Visualizes the depth of penetration from ethosomes, aiding in understanding their skin permeation characteristics. [15]

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Table 2: Evaluation Parameters and Instrument/Methods Used in Ethosomes [3]
Effects of materials used on ethosomal system properties:

1. **Ethanol:**
   Ethanol serves as an exceptional penetration enhancer in ethosomal formulations. Studies have consistently employed concentrations ranging from 10% to 50%. Research indicates that an increase in ethanol concentration influences vesicular size. Typically, an elevated ethanol concentration leads to a reduction in vesicle size, up to a certain optimal limit. Beyond this threshold, further increases may result in a slight upturn in vesicle size, coupled with a substantial reduction in entrapment efficiency. The decrease in vesicular size is attributed to the interpenetration of ethanol hydrocarbon chains, causing a thinning of the vesicular membrane. However, excessively high ethanol content may lead to undesired outcomes, such as vesicle solubilization, hindering the achievement of an ideal drug delivery process. Moreover, ethanol impacts the net charge on the system, influencing surface charge or zeta potential. This surface charge contributes to steric stability, impeding a negative charge to the system. Bendas and Tadros observed a significant 44.6% reduction in vesicle size compared to classical liposomes when utilizing a 40% ethanol concentration in ethosomal preparations. [8] Ethanol's penetration-enhancing efficacy is attributed to the negative charge it confers upon vesicles, influencing various characteristics, including stability and interactions with permeable membranes. The charged surface of ethosomes plays a crucial role in preventing the clumping together of vesicles, primarily through electrostatic repulsion. According to Dayan and Touitou, the negative charge of empty ethosomes escalates with rising ethanol concentration. This phenomenon underscores the importance of ethanol not only as a penetration enhancer but also as a modulator of the overall charge and stability of the ethosomal system. The electrostatic repulsion between charged ethosomes contributes to their individual dispersal, preventing aggregation and maintaining their structural integrity. [14]

2. **Phospholipids:**
   The quantity and type of phospholipids significantly influence ethosomal properties. Commonly used lecithins, like soya and egg phosphatidylcholine, can cause variations in vesicular size, zeta potential, stability, and penetration power. Prasanthi Lakshmi et al found that different phospholipids impact ethosomal size and entrapment efficiency. Shen observed that higher phospholipid content enhances vesicular stability within the optimal range of 0.5% to 5%. Increasing phospholipid concentration initially slightly increases size and improves entrapment efficiency, but these effects plateau beyond a certain point. Phospholipids play a crucial role in determining ethosomal characteristics. [16]

3. **Propylene Glycol:**
   In binary ethosomes, the inclusion of propylene glycol led to a significant reduction in particle size, notably decreasing from 103.7±0.9 nm to 76.3±0.5 nm with the use of 0% to 20% v/v of propylene glycol. Multiple studies recognize propylene glycol for its ability to enhance drug stability and distribution, often resulting in higher entrapment efficiency.
The effectiveness of drug permeation is influenced by the relative ratios of ethanol and propylene glycol. For instance, in the case of terbinafine hydrochloride, a higher skin deposition was observed with a 7:3 ratio. Propylene glycol contributes to increased stability by enhancing viscosity and preventing hydrolysis. Notably, binary ethosomes with propylene glycol exhibit higher stability compared to classical ethosomes when stored at 40°C. This underscores the role of propylene glycol in improving the overall stability and performance of ethosomal formulations. [8]

Additional Components in Ethosomal Systems:
The advancement to transethosomes necessitates the inclusion of various ingredients in the ethosomal formulation to enhance properties and augment the penetration efficacy of entrapped agents. Commonly added edge activators include Tween 80, oleic acid, and various bile salts.

1. **Tween 80:**
   Employed at concentrations ranging from 10% to 50% of total phospholipid content, Tween 80 exhibits the potential to reduce vesicular size, enhance system stability, and improve skin permeation in ethosomal systems. Its effects are primarily associated with solubilization and preventing vesicle fusion. [14]

2. **Oleic Acid:**
   Incorporation of oleic acid into transethosomes influences vesicular size, elasticity, zeta potential, and skin permeability by enhancing stratum corneum fluidity. Studies reveal that oleic acid leads to more elastic vesicles with smaller size, higher entrapment efficiency, increased skin permeation, and deposition of loaded agents, along with an enhancement in negative zeta potential. [16]

3. **Bile Salts:**
   Widely used as permeation enhancers, bile salts, such as sodium deoxycholate, can be incorporated into transethosomes. Sodium deoxycholate, for example, significantly increases both entrapment efficiency and vesicular size due to electrostatic repulsion between bilayers, increasing interbilayer distance. Sodium cholate and sodium taurocholate enhance vesicular system stability by improving negative zeta potential. [8]

4. **Other Ingredients:**
   Various studies introduce additional ingredients to transethosomes, such as sodium stearate, dicetyl phosphate, and stearylamine, contributing to the complexity and tailored properties of the ethosomal system. [8] [16]

**Ethosomal dosage forms:**
The predominant focus in published research has centered on investigating ethosomal systems during their initial suspension. Despite the considerable alcohol content in ethosomal suspensions, there are advantages to further incorporating the system into a suitable vehicle for dermal or transdermal delivery [16]. These benefits encompass the prevention of ethanol evaporation, prolonging the skin's exposure to the drug, enhancing therapeutic efficacy, ensuring the stability and extended shelf life of the final administration form, and promoting patient compliance. Novel pharmaceutical compositions utilizing ethosomal systems have been developed across diverse vehicles, such as ethosomal gels, transdermal patches, and creams. [17]

1. **Ethosomal Gels:**
   Gel serves as a frequently employed dosage form for encapsulating the ethosomal system, typically formulated with gel-forming agents like Carbopol or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose. [14] Ethosomal gels undergo evaluation based on parameters such as pH, viscosity, spreadability, and extrudability. [16] These polymers contribute essential viscosity and bioadhesive properties, demonstrating compatibility with ethosomal systems. Researchers have explored the efficacy of drug penetration and release from ethosomal gels, comparing them to conventional or commercially available gels and creams. [17]

   One research objective emphasizes the significant clinical potential of ethosomal nanocarrier systems for transdermal delivery of complex molecular protein drugs, particularly showcasing promising applications in the design of ethosomal gels for various transdermal delivery drugs (including Chinese medicine, vaccines, and interleukins). [14] The investigation included a well-designed brucine-based ethosomal formulation using a response surface approach, incorporated into an HPMC gel foundation. The resulting BRU-loaded ethosomal gel exhibited favorable nanoscale vesicular size, robust physical properties, high encapsulation efficiency, and optimal flux. In vitro studies demonstrated a notable impact on the release of brucine when incorporated into the ethosomal gel. [16] [18] [17]

   In vivo studies on mice with chemically induced skin cancer revealed a significant response to topical treatment with metformin ethosomal gel. [19] Another research initiative explored ethosomal gel containing itracnazole, demonstrating enhanced transdermal flow, reduced lag time, excellent entrapment efficiency, and minimal skin irritation risk. [20] The ethosomal formulation of the drug exhibited faster and more thorough elimination of cytotoxic cells, resulting in a longer half-life and more potent cytotoxic action compared to free drugs when incorporated into ethosomal gels. [16] [18]
2. **Ethosomal Patch:**
Manufacturing and assessing ethosomal patches present greater challenges compared to ethosomal gels due to the necessity for molds. In vitro and in vivo evaluations were conducted to assess the transdermal delivery capabilities of Testoderm's ethosomal patches in comparison to non-ethosomal patches containing testosterone, both having identical dimensions and pharmaceutical compositions. [16] [21] The ethosomal patch demonstrated a sevenfold increase in drug deposition on the skin, proving to be seven times more potent than the Testoderm patch. [17] Ethosomal patches, facilitating ethosome administration under occlusive conditions, offer distinct advantages over ethosomal gels and creams in terms of enhanced penetration. [14] [18]

A novel investigation explored a transcutaneous immunization delivery method using electro-spraying microspheres carrying ethanol-mannosylated polyethyleneimine onto an electrospun SF-PVA nanofibrous patch. [20] The composite patches effectively facilitated transcutaneous medication administration, particularly in combination with an anti-programmed death-1 monoclonal antibody, resulting in a synergistic antitumor effect by enhancing the infiltration of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. [21] [19]

Another study investigated the synergic effect of 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) ethosomes with microwave energy. In vitro and in vivo results indicated enhanced 5-FU retention in the skin following ethosomal application with microwave energy, albeit with a reduced transdermal penetration flux compared to single ethosomal administration. [14] The combination of microwave pre-treatment and ethosomal delivery exhibited a significant reduction in the viability of human melanoma cells. [16] [18]

The preparation and evaluation of ethosomal patches were found to be more intricate than for ethosomal gels, involving molds in their preparation. Limited literature reported ethosomal patch formulations for various drugs, such as testosterone, artesunate, febrifugine, ligustrazine, valsartan, tizanidine hydrochloride, and insulin, utilizing different polymers and plasticizers. [18] [22] [21]

In vivo studies on testosterone ethosomal patches and Testoderm, conducted in rabbits, demonstrated a significantly higher area under the concentration–time curve for ethosomal patches compared to Testoderm, emphasizing the potential advantages of ethosomal patches over gels and creams, particularly in occlusive conditions. [19] Ethosomes, as demonstrated in various studies, exhibit the ability to enhance dermal drug delivery under both occlusive and nonocclusive conditions. [18]

3. **Ethosomal Cream:**
Only two studies have reported the formulation of ethosomal creams, both involving the integration of Curcuma longa extract-loaded ethosomal systems into a cream base for photoprotective and antiwrinkle purposes. These studies demonstrated promising results when applied to human volunteers. [16]

Across the referenced studies, the incorporation of ethosomal systems into various vehicles, such as gels, patches, and creams, has consistently shown improvements in skin permeation for the delivered drug or agent. Among these vehicles, gels are considered the most suitable for ethosomal systems, while ethosomal creams may be preferred for cosmetic preparations. Notably, ethosomal formulations exhibited enhanced transdermal flux, reduced lag time, superior penetration, and enhanced efficacy compared to liposomal formulations and marketed creams containing the same drug, particularly against candidal species. [21] [19]

The cumulative findings suggest that incorporating ethosomal systems into appropriate delivery methods, such as gels, patches, and creams, enhances the skin penetration of the delivered medication or agent. Gels are identified as particularly well-suited vehicles for ethosomal systems, whereas creams may be more favorable for cosmetic applications. [17]

In a related development, research focused on naringin-loaded ethosomes has proposed formulations that harness the antioxidant potential of naringin to absorb free radicals. [18] These ethosomes were subsequently included in sunscreen lotions containing zinc oxide (ZnO) and titanium dioxide (TiO2) to ensure optimal skin penetration and retention, further highlighting the versatility and potential applications of ethosomal formulations in skincare products. [20]

**Application of Ethosomes as Carrier System:**
Ethosomes, as advanced carrier systems, exhibit significant potential in various applications for transdermal and topical drug delivery. Several key areas where ethosomes prove beneficial include:

1. **Pilosebaceous Targeting:**
Ethosomal formulations, such as minoxidil for baldness treatment, show enhanced accumulation in pilosebaceous units. This targeting strategy is valuable for addressing follicle-related disorders like acne or alopecia, indicating improved clinical efficacy. [16]

2. **Transdermal Delivery Enhancement:**
Ethosomes enhance drug permeability through the skin's stratum corneum barrier. Particularly useful for drugs with poor skin permeation, low oral bioavailability, susceptibility to first-pass metabolism, and transdermal root infection suppression. [14]

3. **HIV Drug Delivery:**
Ethosomal formulations of antiretroviral drugs like zidovudine and Lamivudine provide sustained release, crucial for maintaining anti-AIDS effects in prolonged therapy. Ethosomes also improve the therapeutic efficiency of acyclovir, an antiviral drug used in herpes labials treatment, by increasing transdermal influx. [8]

4. **Delivery of Problematic Drug Molecules:**
Ethosomal preparations address challenges in delivering large biogenic molecules, including peptides, proteins, and insulin. Overcoming the limitations of conventional transdermal formulations, ethosomal delivery enhances permeation and therapeutic efficacy. [17]

5. **Future Prospects:**
Ethosomes represent a groundbreaking area in vesicular research for transdermal drug delivery. Ongoing research is poised to provide better control over in vivo drug release, optimizing therapy under physician guidance. Ethosomes offer a non-invasive delivery option for small, medium, and large-sized drug molecules, showing promise in clinical studies such as acyclovir-ethosomal formulation. Easy preparation of multiplier quantities further supports the conclusion that ethosomal formulations hold significant potential for effective dermal/transdermal delivery of bioactive agents. [11]

**Discussion and Conclusion:**
The Ethosomal Transdermal Drug Delivery System holds great promise as an effective and versatile approach to improve drug delivery through the skin. The discussed advancements in formulation strategies and applications highlight the potential of ethosomes in overcoming traditional limitations of transdermal drug delivery. Despite the challenges and safety concerns, ongoing research and technological innovations are expected to further refine and optimize the Ethosomal system, making it a valuable tool in the development of novel and efficient transdermal drug delivery solutions. As the field continues to evolve, it is anticipated that Ethosomal Transdermal Drug Delivery will play a crucial role in enhancing therapeutic outcomes and patient experiences. In addition, safety considerations and potential challenges associated with Ethosomal Transdermal Drug Delivery are addressed. The impact of ethanol concentration on skin irritation, stability of formulations, and long-term effects are crucial factors discussed in the context of ensuring patient safety.

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