

TEXTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EMULGELS CONTAINING CELLULOSE DERIVATIVES

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Texture profile analysis (TPA) relates the mechanical characteristics of the samples to their sensory characteristics and provides objective insight into texture of the samples (1). By choosing the adequate thickeners, as well as their appropriate concentration, stability, efficiency, applicability and sensory properties of cosmetic emulsions, gels and emulgels are affected (2). Often, the use of a single viscosity modifying agent (thickener) does not provide satisfactory sensory parameters of the respective formulations, which opens possibility for using their combinations (3).

The aim of this study was to examine the textural characteristics of oil-in-water emulgels containing sodium carboxymethylcellulose (NaCMC) as a thickener in a concentration of 1% w/w or a combination of NaCMC (0.5% w/w) with HEC (0.5% w/w) and HPMC (0.5% w/w), respectively. For preparation of the emulgels, beside thickeners, the following ingredients were also used: Caprylic/capric triglycerides, Isopropyl myristate, Olive oil, Propylene glycol, Phenoxyethanol and Ethylhexylglycerin as preservative, and Cetearyl alcohol (and) Coco-glucoside and Myristyl alcohol (and) Myristyl glucoside as emulsifiers. Adhesiveness, cohesiveness and hardness are the textural parameters determined with CT3 Texture Analyzer (1). The textural analysis was performed at the time of preparation, one week and one and three months after preparation of the emulgels. The results obtained showed that creams containing HEC and HPMC in combination with NaCMC had lower values of adhesiveness, given that it can be concluded that the replacement of one part of NaCMC with another thickener led to a decrease of the stickiness of the prepared emulgels. The addition of the second polymer did not affect the cohesiveness of the emulgels, according to the similar values obtained for this parameter. The combination of NaCMC with other polymers caused lower values of emulgel hardness, which explains improved spreadability during rubbing. The obtained values show that the combination of these thickeners in the formulation of emulgels affects their textural characteristics and that by optimizing the ratio of used thickeners, the system structure with more favorable/desired textural and consequently sensory properties, can be formulated.

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TEKSTURNE KARAKTERISTIKE EMULGELOVA SA DERIVATIMA CELULOZE

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Metoda analize profila teksture (TPA) povezuje mehaničke karakteristike uzoraka sa njihovim senzornim osobinama i pruža objektivan uvid u teksturu ispitivanog sistema (1). Izborom odgovarajućih uguščivača, kao i upotrebot u optimalnoj koncentraciji, utiče se na stabilnost, efikasnost, aplikativnost i senzorne osobine kozmetičkih emulzija, gelova i emulgelova (2). Često se upotrebot jednog sredstva za modifikaciju viskoziteta (uguščivanje), ne postižu zadovoljavajući senzorni parametri formulisanog sistema, pa se mogu koristiti njihove kombinacije (3).

Cilj ove studije bio je ispitivanje teksturnih karakteristika ulje-u-vodi emulgelova, koji kao uguščivač sadrže natrijum-karboksimetilcelulozu (NaCMC) u koncentraciji od 1% m/m, odnosno kombinaciju NaCMC (0,5% m/m) sa HEC (0,5% m/m) i HPMC (0,5% m/m). Za izradu emulgelova, pored uguščivača, korišćeni su i sledeći sastojci: kaprilno/kaprinski trigliceridi, izopropil miristat, maslinovo ulje, propilen glikol, fenoksiethanol i etilheksilglicerin kao konzervansi i cetearil alkohol (i) koko-glukozid i miristil alkohol (i) miristil glukozid, kao emulgatori. Teksturni parametri: adhezivnost, kohezivnost i čvrstina određeni su primenom Brookfield-ovog CT3 analizatora teksture (1). Merenja odgovarajućih parametara izvršena su nakon izrade, kao i nedelju dana, mesec dana i tri meseca nakon izrade emulgelova. Rezultati merenja pokazali su da su niže vrednosti adhezivnosti imali kremovi koji sadrže HEC i HPMC u kombinaciji sa NaCMC, iz čega se zaključuje da je zamena jednog dela NaCMC drugim uguščivačem dovodila do smanjenja lepljivosti izrađenih emulgelova. Dodavanje drugog polimera nije uticalo na kohezivnost emulgelova, na šta ukazuju slične vrednosti ovog parametra. Čvrstina emulgelova je niža kod uzoraka koji sadrže kombinaciju NaCMC sa drugim polimerima, što omogućava njihovu lakšu razmazivost prilikom aplikacije. Dobijene vrednosti pokazuju da kombinovanje navedenih uguščivača u formulaciji emulgelova utiče na njihove teksturne karakteristike i da se optimizacijom odnosa korišćenih uguščivača može uticati na formiranje strukture sistema sa povoljnijim/želenim teksturnim, a posledično i senzornim osobinama.

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