

## SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENTS FROM THE GROUP OF POLYOXYETHYLATED GLYCEROL ESTERS OF FATTY ACIDS. PART III. SURFACE ACTIVITY AND SOLUBILIZING PROPERTIES OF THE PRODUCTS OF OXYETHYLATION OF LARD (ADEPS SUILLUS, F.P. VIII) IN THE EQUILIBRIUM SYSTEM IN RELATION TO LIPOPHILIC THERAPEUTIC AGENTS (CLASS II AND III OF BCS)

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**Abstract:** Research was conducted into the solubilization processes of diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen in equilibrium conditions in the environment of aqueous solutions of oxyethylated lard's fractions (Adeps suillus, Polish Pharmacopoeia VIII). The determined thermodynamic ( $cmc$ ,  $\Delta G_m^0$ ) and hydrodynamic ( $R_0$ ,  $R_{obs}$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $M_n$ ) parameters characterizing the micelle of the solubilizer and the adduct demonstrate that lipophilic therapeutic agents are adsorbed in a palisade structure of the micelle due to a topologically created so-called “lipophilic adsorption pocket”. This shows that the hydrophilicity of the micelle and the adsorption layer decreases at the phase boundary, which is confirmed by the calculated values of coefficients  $A_m$  and  $r_A$ . The results obtained indicate the possibility of making use of the class of non-ionic surfactants which are not xenobiotics for the modification of the profile of solid oral dosage forms with lipophilic therapeutic agents from the II class of Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS).

**Keywords:** Surface activity, micellar solubilization, products of oxyethylation, lard, diclofenac, naproxen, ketoprofen, ibuprofen

Modern technology of drug forms applied on skin, cosmetics and solid oral dosage forms of preparations (tablets, capsules, implants) searches for new classes of excipients which would not be xenobiotics in relation to the human enzymatic system (1-5).

After fragmentary biodegradation on the surface of the skin or after biotransformation in the alimentary canal, fatty acids (6), vitamins (7-9) and sterols (10) compatible with sebum or nourishment are also expected to appear. They would also perform the function of promoters of mass exchange at the phase boundary (11).

The conducted chromatographic analysis (HPLC and GC) of the products of catalytic oxyethylation of lard's fractions (6), and above all

the research on the structural level of hydrophilic-lipophilic balance as well as the viscosity of their aqueous solutions (12, 13), served as a basis for pre-formulation research on surface activity and the process of equilibrium micellar solubilization of lipophilic therapeutic agents (14).

Making use of the results of research conducted so far on the process of equilibrium solubilization of selected classes of lipophilic therapeutic agents of BCS class II and IV by aqueous solutions of the products of oxyethylation of lanolin (15), fatty acid methyl esters of rape-seed oil (16), cholesterol (17), cholic acid (18) and ursodeoxycholic acid (19), comparative experimental research was conducted on surface activity and micellar solubilization of lipophilic therapeutic agents and rutin (rutoside)

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(20) by the products of oxyethylation of lard's triglycerides fractions (6, 12).

The results of the research will serve as a basis for the modification of selected absorption and cosmetic bases with a possibility of creating model preparations applied on skin in the form of emulsive ointment preparations and cosmetics.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Materials

Diclofenac, 2-(2,6-dichloranilino) phenyl-acetic acid, SIGMA, Germany, D 6899; ibuprofen,  $\alpha$ -methyl-4-(2-methylpropyl)phenylacetic acid, (ibuprofen powder USP/Eph), Malinckrodt Chemical, Lot. B14188; ketoprofen, 3-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -methyl-2-naphthaleneacetic acid, SIGMA, USP Grade.

Some physicochemical and thermodynamic values of selected non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and analgesic drugs associated with their solubility in water (21) were juxtaposed in Table 1.

Basic values characterizing the products of catalytic oxyethylation of lard's fractions were included in publications (6, 12). Fractions with the declared content of  $n_{TE} = 40$  and high solubility in water were selected for research on the process of equilibrium solubilization of lipophilic therapeutic agents (6, 12).

### Surface activity of aqueous solutions of the products of oxyethylation of lard's triglycerides

The numerical value of the surface tension coefficient -  $\gamma^{25}$ , was determined in accordance with the Polish Standard (PN/ISO) by means of the stalagmometric method (22). It served as a basis to estimate the critical micellar concentration (cmc) for the

solubilizer and its adducts with lipophilic therapeutic agents on the basis of the following equation:

$$\gamma^{25} = f(c, \log c; g \times 100 \text{ cm}^3) \text{ (Table 1)}$$

The line equations at  $p = 0.05$  and  $r^2 \geq 0.9980$  were used to describe the relationship between the coefficient of surface tension -  $\gamma^{25}$  and  $\log c$  within the range of low concentrations ( $y_1 = a_1 \times \log c + b_1$ ) and higher concentrations ( $y_2 = a_2 \times \log c + b_2$ ) - (Fig. 1), which were juxtaposed in Table 2.

Both lines intersect at the identity point of solubilizer and its adduct's concentration range, which corresponds with the critical micellar concentration (cmc) and it is calculated on the basis of the following equation:

$$\log cmc = b_2 - b_1/a_1 - a_2$$

The numerical values of cmc (mol/dm<sup>3</sup>) enabled also calculation of the thermodynamic potential for micelle formation ( $\Delta G_m^0$ ) on the basis of the equation:

$$\Delta G_m^0 = 2.303 RT \times \log cmc$$

of a complex system - solubilizer and its adducts with lipophilic therapeutic agents.

The numerical value of a decrease of the surface tension coefficient -  $\gamma_{cmc}^{25}$  in the critical area was used to estimate the surface occupied by lyophilic segments of the solubilizer and the adduct -  $A_m$  at the phase boundary (water/air) on the basis of the surface state equation (23):

$$f \times A_m = k \times T,$$

where:  $f = \gamma_{H_2O}^{25} - \gamma_{cmc}^{25}$ .

The results obtained in the course of research are presented in Table 3.

### Solubilization of lipophilic therapeutic agents

By means of the spectrophotometric method, in analogy to publications (15, 18, 19), the amount of the surfactant: diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and

Table 1. Practical solubility  $S_{(prac.)}(25)$ , experimental  $S_{(exp.)}(25)$  and theoretical  $S_w(25)$  of NSAIDs in water, the calculated melting entropy  $\Delta H_{f(1)}$  and the mole fraction of the ideal solubility  $\log x_f$  for their structures.

Therapeutic agent	$T_m$ °K*	$S_w$ mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	$S_{(exp.)}$ mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	$S_{(prac.)}$ mg/dm <sup>3</sup>	logP**	$\Delta S_{f(1)}$	$\Delta H_{f(1)}$	$-\log x_f^{(1)}$
Diclofenac	557.15	4.47	0.82	19.39	3.9	8.9235	4971.73	2.590
Ibuprofen	349.15	68.40	49.00	55.33	3.6	2.4832	867.03	0.510
Ketoprofen	367.15	21.30	51.00	129.21	3.2	3.1198	1145.46	0.690
Naproxen	426.15	51.00	15.9	63.83	2.8	5.0505	2152.28	1.280
Acetylsalicylic acid	408.15	$1.46 \times 10^3$	$4.6 \times 10^3$	-	1.4	4.4801	1828.58	1.100
Salicylic acid	431.15	$1.13 \times 10^3$	$2.24 \times 10^3$	-	-	5.2066	2244.86	1.330

\*  $T_m$  °K =  $273.15 + t$  °C, \*\* logP – partition coefficient logarithm

Table 2. Physicochemical values characterizing surface activity of the products of oxyethylation of lard's triglycerides fractions and their micellar adducts with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs [NSAIDI].

Oxyethylation product Therapeutic agent	Approximation equation $\gamma^s = f(\log c)$	$y_1 = a_1x + b_1$	$y_2 = a_2x + b_2$	log cmc	cmc $\times 100\text{cm}^3$ g $\times 100\text{cm}^3$	$\gamma_{cmc}^{25}$ mJ $\times \text{m}^{-2}$	$\Delta G_m^0$ kJ $\text{dm}^{-3}$	$A_m \times 10^{-19}\text{m}^2$	$r^* \lambda_1 \times \text{Å}$
1. Frisol 37R $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -8.6117x + 44.206$	$y_2 = -3.0736x + 47.606$	-0.613	0.2432	5.9116	-18.4304	49.50	1.8311	2.4185
	$y_1 = -12.009x + 34.105$	$y_2 = -3.3656x + 41.104$	-0.8096	0.1550	3.7677	-19.5473	44.47	1.5017	2.1869
	$y_1 = -17.279x + 22.071$	$y_2 = -3.8348x + 34.979$	-0.9227	0.1114	2.7078	-20.3662	38.70	1.2368	1.9846
	$y_1 = -11.792x + 36.224$	$y_2 = -3.4465x + 43.099$	-0.8238	0.1501	3.6486	-19.6269	46.54	1.6180	2.2699
	$y_1 = -9.8986x + 39.836$	$y_2 = -3.8487x + 43.652$	-0.6313	0.2337	5.6807	-18.5292	45.49	1.5539	2.2245
2. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -8.1698x + 51.839$	$y_2 = -3.6370x + 54.227$	-0.5268	0.2973	9.9397	-17.1421	55.88	2.5567	2.8534
	$y_1 = -16.3640x + 23.744$	$y_2 = -2.2371x + 39.745$	-1.1326	0.07367	2.4630	-20.6012	41.80	1.3639	2.0841
	$y_1 = -17.0101x + 22.365$	$y_2 = -2.6200x + 36.484$	-0.9812	0.1044	3.4904	-19.7368	39.43	1.2646	2.0068
	$y_1 = -11.0540x + 40.071$	$y_2 = -3.4218x + 45.610$	-0.7257	0.1881	6.2888	-18.2771	47.59	1.6877	2.3183
	$y_1 = -10.8330x + 38.374$	$y_2 = -4.2830x + 43.737$	-0.8188	0.1517	5.0718	-18.8103	46.50	1.6155	2.2682
3. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 20$	$y_1 = -10.6210x + 51.812$	$y_2 = -2.4292x + 54.812$	-0.3021	0.4988	55.18				
	$y_1 = -15.8060x + 40.273$	$y_2 = -6.0126x + 50.072$	-1.0006	0.09987	4.4199	-19.1516	53.30	2.2024	2.6483
	$y_1 = -13.2650x + 32.542$	$y_2 = -3.3664x + 41.109$	-0.8655	0.1363	6.0319	-18.3805	44.46	1.4957	2.1825
	$y_1 = -16.1960x + 25.058$	$y_2 = -4.4540x + 34.544$	-0.8078	0.1556	6.8860	-18.0521	39.43	1.2646	2.0068
	$y_1 = -14.5120x + 28.963$	$y_2 = -2.2018x + 40.450$	-0.9331	0.1166	5.1601	-18.7675	42.65	1.5057	2.1879
4. Friolehina FL6 $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -12.7710x + 34.231$	$y_2 = -3.6896x + 43.238$	0.9919	0.1018	4.5051	-19.1041	46.44	1.6465	2.2898
	$y_1 = -11.3690x + 46.710$	$y_2 = -6.7895x + 49.625$	0.6365	0.2309	8.1615	-17.6308	65.329	2.2025	2.6484
	$y_1 = -14.2439x + 30.174$	$y_2 = -3.3655x + 41.104$	-0.9931	0.1016	3.5912	-19.6662	44.46	1.4957	2.1825
	$y_1 = -16.0660x + 25.649$	$y_2 = -3.7255x + 34.694$	-0.7329	0.1849	6.5355	-18.1816	36.08	1.1466	2.0068
	$y_1 = -14.3710x + 29.958$	$y_2 = -2.2989x + 41.245$	-0.9349	0.1162	4.0928	-19.3421	43.54	1.4474	2.1469
5. Friolehina FL12i $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -13.2110x + 31.472$	$y_2 = -3.5159x + 41.923$	-1.0779	0.08356	2.9431	-20.159	45.43	1.5504	2.2220
	$y_1 = -11.3690x + 46.710$	$y_2 = -6.7895x + 49.625$	0.6365	0.2309	8.1615	-17.6308	65.329	2.2025	2.6484
	$y_1 = -14.2439x + 30.174$	$y_2 = -3.3655x + 41.104$	-0.9931	0.1016	3.5912	-19.6662	44.46	1.4957	2.1825
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	$y_1 = -14.3710x + 29.958$	$y_2 = -2.2989x + 41.245$	-0.9349	0.1162	4.0928	-19.3421	43.54	1.4474	2.1469
6. Friolehina FL12N $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -12.7710x + 34.231$	$y_2 = -3.6896x + 43.238$	0.9919	0.1018	4.5051	-19.1041	46.44	1.6465	2.2898
	$y_1 = -11.3690x + 46.710$	$y_2 = -6.7895x + 49.625$	0.6365	0.2309	8.1615	-17.6308	65.329	2.2025	2.6484
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	$y_1 = -14.3710x + 29.958$	$y_2 = -2.2989x + 41.245$	-0.9349	0.1162	4.0928	-19.3421	43.54	1.4474	2.1469
7. Curoil $\times n_{TE} = 40$	$y_1 = -12.7710x + 34.231$	$y_2 = -3.6896x + 43.238$	0.9919	0.1018	4.5051	-19.1041	46.44	1.6465	2.2898
	$y_1 = -11.3690x + 46.710$	$y_2 = -6.7895x + 49.625$	0.6365	0.2309	8.1615	-17.6308	65.329	2.2025	2.6484
	$y_1 = -14.2439x + 30.174$	$y_2 = -3.3655x + 41.104$	-0.9931	0.1016	3.5912	-19.6662	44.46	1.4957	2.1825
	$y_1 = -16.0660x + 25.649$	$y_2 = -3.7255x + 34.694$	-0.7329	0.1849	6.5355	-18.1816	36.08	1.1466	2.0068
	$y_1 = -14.3710x + 29.958$	$y_2 = -2.2989x + 41.245$	-0.9349	0.1162	4.0928	-19.3421	43.54	1.4474	2.1469

Table 3. Basic viscosity values characterizing the process of micellar solubilization by oxyethylated lard's fractions at  $n_{TE} = 40$  in equilibrium system.

Solubilizer	Therapeutic agent	GLL [η]	$M_h$	$n_s$ *	$R_o \times 10^7$ cm	$R_{obs.} \times 10^8$ cm	$\Omega \times 10^{30}$ cm <sup>3</sup>	$c_s$ mg dm <sup>-3</sup>	$K_n^m$
$n_s \cdot = \frac{M_h - M_{ce, solub.}}{295.11}$									
1. Friolehina FL6 $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.101813	2513.58	2.62	4.2085	3.4362	1.6995	117.0956	5.0389	
2. Friolehina FL 12i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.189333	7021.07	17.89	7.2886	5.9510	8.8283	118.6844	5.1209	
3. Friolehina FL 12N $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.11681	2929.93	3.95	4.5679	3.7295	2.1731	244.2008	11.5941	
4. Frisol 37R $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.105614	2671.11	3.15	4.3475	3.5496	1.8735	125.0397	5.4486	
5. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.098506	2380.11	2.15	4.0874	3.3876	1.5571	134.5726	5.9403	
6. Curtoil $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Diclofenac	0.103533	2580.55	2.85	4.2716	3.4876	1.7771	296.6317	14.2981	
$n_s \cdot = \frac{M_h - M_{ce, solub.}}{206.3}$									
1. Friolehina FL6 $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.241138	10478.72	42.35	9.0287	7.3717	16.7811	3042.8015	53.9937	
2. Friolehina FL 12i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.257767	11701.96	48.28	9.5778	7.8201	20.0324	3081.7120	54.6969	
3. Friolehina FL 12N $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.270672	12687.72	52.94	10.0011	8.1656	22.8073	3859.9220	68.7618	
4. Frisol 37R $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.373193	21593.74	96.23	6.1686	10.8509	53.5191	3354.0856	59.6196	
5. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.309748	15861.57	68.43	11.2691	9.2009	32.6288	3431.9066	61.0261	
6. Curtoil $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ibuprofen	0.218134	8876.00	34.59	8.2619	6.7457	12.8584	3782.1011	67.3553	
$n_s \cdot = \frac{M_h - M_{ce, solub.}}{254.3}$									
1. Friolehina FL6 $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.102719	2550.98	3.18	5.2438	3.4633	1.7402	687.6574	4.3220	
2. Friolehina FL 12i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.130523	3792.76	8.07	5.2438	4.2815	3.2876	675.0629	4.2245	
3. Friolehina FL 12N $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.145734	4552.14	10.96	5.7813	4.7203	4.4058	648.2997	4.0174	
4. Frisol 37R $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.150378	4794.80	12.01	5.9441	4.8532	4.7882	890.6028	5.8926	
5. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.131167	3823.76	8.18	5.2667	4.3001	3.3309	951.9911	6.3677	
6. Curtoil $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Ketoprofen	0.118721	3241.94	5.91	4.8218	3.9369	2.5561	712.8463	4.5169	
$n_s \cdot = \frac{M_h - M_{ce, solub.}}{230.3}$									
1. Friolehina FL6 $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.124591	3511.65	7.69	5.0323	4.1088	2.9056	365.8559	4.7317	
2. Friolehina FL 12i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.144681	4497.78	11.97	5.7443	4.6901	4.3219	355.3648	4.5673	
3. Friolehina FL 12N $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.122105	3396.37	7.08	4.9433	4.0361	2.7542	335.3356	4.2535	
4. Frisol 37R $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.146479	4590.71	12.37	5.8075	4.7416	4.4658	446.9241	6.0017	
5. Frisol 50i $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.149507	4748.91	13.05	5.9136	4.8283	4.7152	454.5541	6.1213	
6. Curtoil $\times n_{TE} = 40 +$ Naproxen	0.150295	4790.43	13.25	5.9412	4.8508	4.7815	436.4329	5.8374	

naproxen, solubilized in equilibrium conditions in aqueous solutions was determined.

Approximation equations describing the relationship between the concentration -  $c_{\text{exp}}$  and the measured value of absorbance - A for tested lipophilic therapeutic agents – included in publications (15, 18, 19) after transformation to the form –  $c_s = A - a/b$  made it possible to calculate the amount of the solubilized agent.

The obtained results served as a basis for calculation of the numerical value of the micellar partition coefficient -  $K_W^m$  (Table 3).

#### Viscosity of aqueous solutions of the product of oxyethylation of lard's triglycerides and their adducts after equilibrium micellar solubilization

The limiting viscosity number GLL,  $[\eta]$  of aqueous solutions of solubilizers and their adducts after equilibrium micellar solubilization was determined according to the Polish Standard by means of an Ubbelohde's viscosimeter (24).

The value served as a basis, as in publications (16-19), for calculating some viscosity values:  $M_n$ ,  $R_o$ ,  $R_{\text{obs}}$ ,  $\Omega$  and the solubilization indexes -  $n_s$ .

#### DISCUSSION

The research results presented in Table 2 indicate that in aqueous micellar solutions of Frisol 37R  $\times n_{TE} = 40$ , Frisol 50i  $\times n_{TE} = 40$ , Friolehina FL12i  $\times n_{TE} = 40$  and Friolehina FL12N  $\times n_{TE} = 40$ , the thermodynamic potential for the adduct's micelle formation -  $\Delta G_m^0(\text{add.})$  is lower by 2-3 kJ in relation to the solubilizer's  $\Delta G_m^0$ .

This experimental fact supports the increase of thermodynamic stability of the adduct with lipophilic therapeutic agents (II class of BCS) in relation to the solubilizer's micelle:

$$\Delta G_m^0(\text{add.}) < \Delta G_m^0(\text{solubilizer's micelle}).$$

However, in the case of the Curtiol's\*  $n_{TE} = 40$  and Friolehina's FL6\*  $n_{TE} = 40$  micelles, the thermodynamic stability of the micelle of the adduct with diclofenac, ketoprofen, ibuprofen and naproxen is

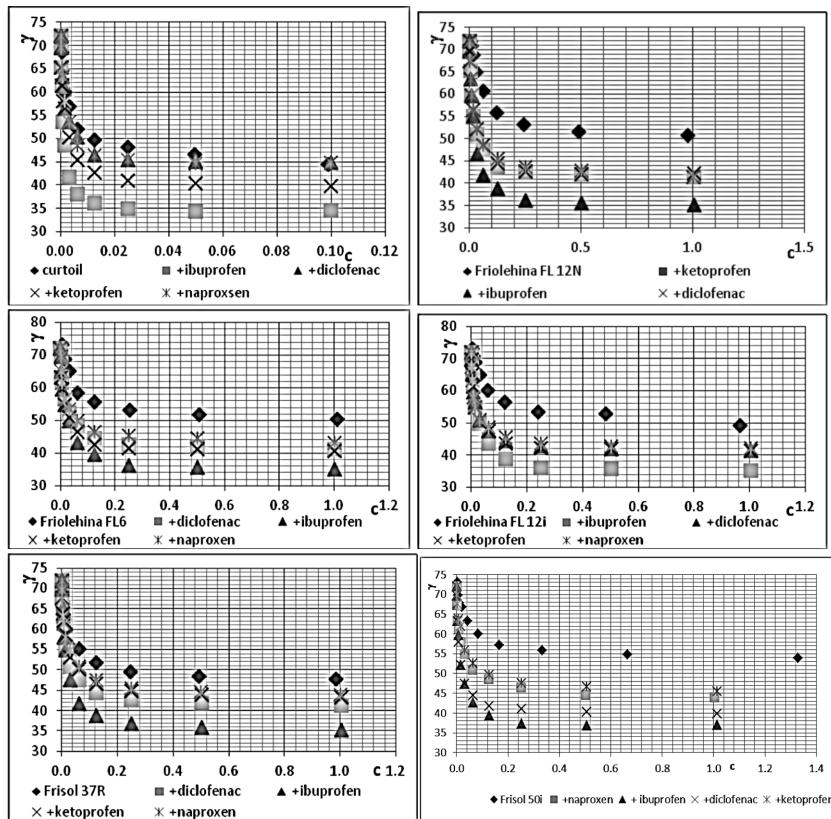


Figure 1 The relationship between the coefficient of surface tension  $\gamma^s$  [mN/m] and the concentration [mg/100 mL] of solubilizers ( $n_{TE} = 40$ ) and their micellar adducts with diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen

considerably diverse;  $\Delta G_m^0$  (add.) >  $\Delta G_m^0$  (solubilizer's micelle). The exception in those systems is the ibuprofen adduct with the Curtoli's micelle  $\times n_{TE} = 40$ .

In addition, on the basis of the research results included in Table 3, it should be stated that after equilibrium solubilization of NSAIDs the calculated effective volume of the adduct is basically higher (while maintaining the order of magnitude) than the effective volume of the solubilizer's micelle:  $\Omega(\text{add.}) > \Omega(\text{solub.})$ .

In this situation, regardless of the process mechanisms (including its complexity), it appears that the adsorption in a topological niche of the micelle of lyophilic therapeutic agent molecules (II class of BCS) results in the increase of the adduct's hydrophilicity. It is reflected in the regression of the numerical value of  $A_m$  coefficient (while maintaining the order of magnitude) (Fig. 2).

In order to define the preferences of the NSAIDs' structure for a topological space and the

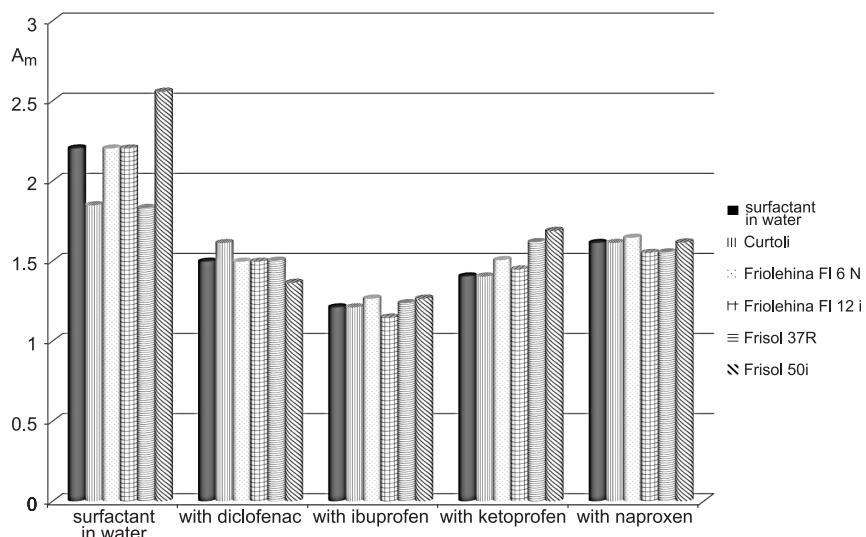


Figure 2. Calculated  $A_m$  values for micellar solubilizers ( $n_{TE} = 40$ ) and their adducts with diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen

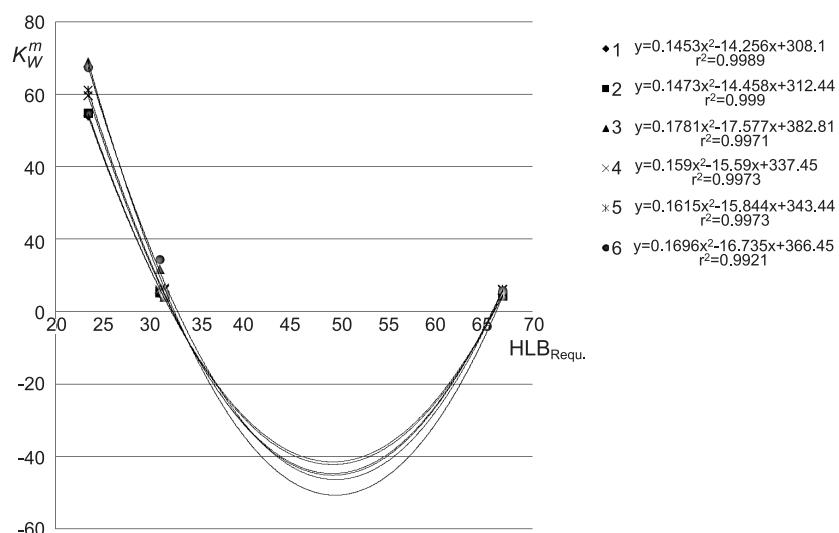
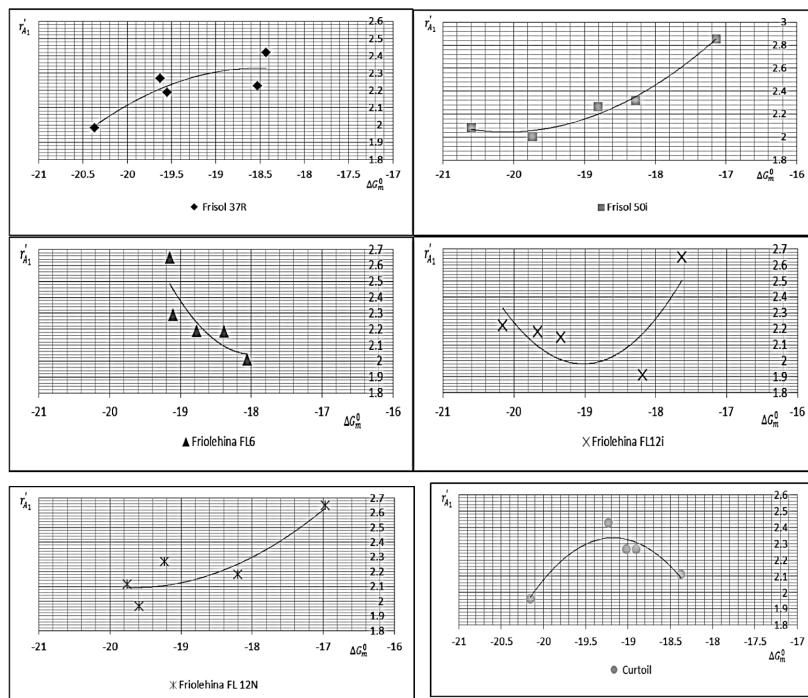
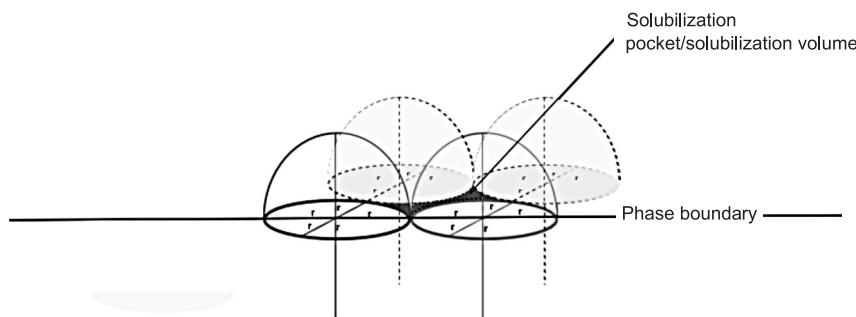


Figure 3. The relationship between the partition coefficient  $K_w^m$  and the soluble value of  $HLB_{req.}$

Figure 4. Relationship between  $r'_{A_1}$  and  $\Delta G_m^0$ Figure 5. Model of solubilizing space of the products of oxyethylation of lard's fractions at  $n_{TE} = 40$  at the phase boundary

adsorption layers of the solubilizer's micelle, the course of dependence between  $K_W^m$  (micellar, soluble partition coefficient) and  $HLB_{Requ.}$ :  $K_W^m = f(HLB_{Requ.})$  was investigated on the basis of the data juxtaposed in Tables 3, 4 and Figure 3.

Taking into account the small number of the class ( $n = 4$ ), the course of dependence between  $K_W^m(y)$  and  $HLB_{Requ.}(x)$  for the process of equilibrium solubilization in the environment of non-ionic surfac-

tants – fig. 3, was drawn as a trend line and at  $p = 0.05$ ,  $r^2 \geq 0.9920$  described with quadratic polynomial equations of the type:  $y = cx^2 - bx + a$  for:

- (1) Aqueous solution of Friolehina FL6  $n_{TE} = 40$   

$$y = 0.145x^2 - 14.256x + 308.10$$
- (2) Aqueous solution of Friolehina FL12i  $n_{TE} = 40$   

$$y = 0.147x^2 - 14.458x + 312.44$$
- (3) Aqueous solution of Friolehina FL12  $n_{TE} = 40$   

$$y = 0.178x^2 - 17.577x + 382.81$$

- (4) Aqueous solution of Curtiol  $n_{TE} = 40$   
 $y = 0.159x^2 - 15.590x + 337.45$
- (5) Aqueous solution of Frisol R37R  $n_{TE} = 40$   
 $y = 0.161x^2 - 15.844x + 343.44$
- (6) Aqueous solution of Frisol 50i  $n_{TE} = 40$   
 $y = 0.169x^2 - 16.735x + 366.45$

The course of the above dependences shows that the solubilizing preferences of the surfactant's micelle result not only from the type of fatty acids (particularly those with double bonds  $-HC=CH-$  (cis/trans isomerism)) in a triglyceride's molecule, but they are also the consequence of the thermodynamic value of  $HLB_{Req}$  of a therapeutic agent.

The ideal surface state equation (23) in an application version  $-f(\pi)A_1 = kT$  enables calculation of the  $A_1$  value i.e., the mean surface per one surfactant's molecule at the phase boundary.

Simultaneously, at low surface pressure values, the surfactant's – solubilizer's molecule – behaves as two-dimensional ideal gas at the phase boundary. Thus, the  $A_1$  value enables estimating from the relationship  $A_1 = \pi r^2; r'_{A_1} \cdot \sqrt{A/\pi}$  - the mean radius of the topological volume occupied by lipophilic fragment of a surfactant's molecule ("fishing float rule" – uplift over the phase boundary), which determines efficiency of the solubilization process (an increase of the actual solubility). Calculated numerical values of  $r'_{A_1}$  are presented in Table 2.

This situation through the investigation of the relationship between ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and for the micelle of the solubilizer's adduct with diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen enables estimating (Fig. 4) the solubilization mechanism including application durability of the adduct.

The course of the above dependence at  $p = 0.05$  was described with quadratic polynomial equations of the type  $y = cx^2 + bx + c$  for:

- (7) Micellar solution of Frisol 37R  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.7521$  ( $r = 0.8672$ )

$$y = -0.0984x^2 - 3.6451x - 3.4360$$

- (8) Micellar solution of Frisol 50i  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.9801$  ( $r = 0.9900$ )

$$y = 0.0920x^2 + 3.6982x + 39.2240$$

- (9) Micellar solution of Friolehina FL6  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.7160$  ( $r = 0.8461$ )

$$y = 0.3294x^2 + 11.8550x + 108.6800$$

- (10) Micellar solution of Friolehina FL12i  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.5527$  ( $r = 0.7430$ )

$$y = 0.2718x^2 + 10.3390 + 100.3200$$

- (11) Micellar solution of Friolehina FL12N  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.8180$  ( $r = 0.9040$ )

$$y = 0.0741x^2 + 2.9140x + 30.7560$$

- (12) Micellar solution of Curtiol  $n_{TE} = 40$  at  $r^2 = 0.8836$  ( $r = 0.9400$ )

$$y = -0.37988x^2 - 14.5660x - 137.3300$$

From the course of the above relationships it appears that in the environment of micellar solutions of Frisol 37R  $n_{TE} = 40$ , Frisol 50i  $n_{TE} = 40$  and Friolehina FL12i  $n_{TE} = 40$  with the increase of the stability of a micellar adduct  $\Delta G_m^0$  (of the adduct)  $< \Delta G_m^0(H_2O)$  the numerical value decreases. However, in the environment of the micellar solution of Friolehina FL6  $n_{TE} = 40$ , a case in which  $\Delta G_m^0$  (of the adduct)  $> \Delta G_m^0(H_2O)$  is noted with the regression of  $r'_{A_1}$  value, analogical as in the solubilization process mentioned above

For micellar solutions of Friolehina FL12,  $n_{TE} = 40$  and Curtiol  $n_{TE} = 40$  an asymptotically regressive character of the changes between  $r'_{A_1}$  and  $\Delta G_m^0$  was noted.

Supplementing the above with the analysis of hydrodynamic parameters of the solubilizer's micelle and its micellar adduct with diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen ( $R_0$ ,  $R_{Obs.}$ ,  $\Omega$  and  $M_\eta$ ) it should be emphasized – despite the complexity of the problem – that essentially in the environment of all tested oxyethylated derivatives, the regularity  $R_0$ ,  $R_{Obs.}, \Omega$  (of the adduct)  $> R_0$ ,  $R_{Obs.}, \Omega$  (of the solubilizer) is observed.

Concluding the research results and calculations, it can be stated that the effective micellar solubilization of lipophilic therapeutic agents from the II class of BCS is accompanied with the increase of hydrodynamic parameters (Table 3) together with the increase of hydrophilic structure of the micelle, which is observed as the  $A_1$  and  $r'_{A_1}$  numerical value decrease.

This situation is influenced by the content of unsaturated fatty acids in a molecule of oxyethylated triglyceride (cis-trans isomerism) which was determined as the numerical value of an iodine number  $L(I_2)$  (12).

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The products of oxyethylation of lard's fractions with the declared content of oxyethylated segments –  $n_{TE} = 40$  turned out to be selective solubilizers in relation to lipophilic therapeutic agents from the II class of BCS: diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen. Ibuprofen is solubilized by the micellar solution of a surfactant in the most effective way, which is confirmed by the numerical value of the micellar partition coefficient  $K_W^m$ . In the quantitative approach, the solubilization process of diclofenac, ketoprofen and naproxen also enables the preformulation research on forming model solid dosage forms with modified pharmaceutical availability.

2. The estimation of a trend line between  $K_w^m$  and the thermodynamic value of HLB<sub>req</sub> enables identification of the relationship between the level of HLB balance of the structure of the lipophilic therapeutic agent (diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen), as well as properties of the structure of the solubilizers' micelle, which influences quantitative preferences in solubility progression. The results of the preformulation research indicate the possibility of using the products of oxyethylated lard's fractions at  $n_{TE} = 40$  for creating a solid oral dosage form of the drug with ibuprofen (because of high  $K_w^m$  values) with an expected pharmaceutical availability profile.

3. Hydrodynamic parameters of the micelle of the surfactant and the adduct with diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen, as well as calculated  $A_m$  and  $r_{A_1}'$  coefficients together with the equation of ideal surface state indicate that the adsorption of a therapeutic agent takes place in a palisade layer of the micelle – Fig. 5 at the increase of  $R_0$ ,  $R_{obs}$ ,  $\Omega$  values of the micelle and with simultaneous decrease of its lipophilicity. However, it has an individual reference to its thermodynamic stability –  $\Delta G_m^0$ .

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