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# Resolución de consultas

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## Funciones de Centro/Servicio de Información

### INFORMACION PASIVA

- Resolución de las consultas recibidas.
- Elaboración de informes técnicos.
- Realización de búsquedas bibliográficas.




## Resolución de las consultas recibidas



Especialmente aquellas con una orientación asistencial que pueden repercutir en la instauración, modificación o suspensión de un tratamiento farmacológico, identificación de las indicaciones de uso, dosificación, efectos adversos, interacciones, estabilidad, precauciones, contraindicaciones, etc, mejorando por tanto, el cuidado del paciente.

## Proceso de la resolución de consultas

- Identificación del consultante
- Identificación del problema
- Recepción de la consulta
- Urgencia del problema
- Estrategia de búsqueda
- Elaboración de la respuesta
- Seguimiento



## **Recomendaciones para el diseño de una estrategia de búsqueda.**

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- A. Formule la pregunta a responder.
- B. Estructure los componentes clave de la pregunta y defina los términos principales de la búsqueda.
- C. Defina dónde buscar la mejor evidencia para responder a la pregunta.
- D. Utilice los operadores booleanos pertinentes (AND – OR - NOT) y defina la opciones de campo dónde buscar (todo el texto, título, resumen).

## A. Formule la pregunta a responder

### Pregunta clínica:

Si en la terapia intraperitoneal de cáncer de ovario avanzado, paclitaxel y cisplatino se reconstituyen en solución salina normal a 37°C para ser administrados a través de un catéter peritoneal implantable; **¿la solución salina a 0.9% a 37°C puede afectar la estabilidad y en consecuencia la eficacia de estos medicamentos?**



## B. Estructure los componentes clave de la pregunta y defina los términos principales de la búsqueda.

### Estructurar los componentes claves de la pregunta clínica

- PICO es un acrónimo utilizado para identificar cuatro componentes principales de una pregunta clínica bien formulada.



- P** —→ Pacientes o problema (Patient)
- I** —→ Intervención (Intervention)
- C** —→ Comparación (Comparasion)
- O** —→ Resultados (Outcomes)

Componentes claves para precisar la información a buscar.

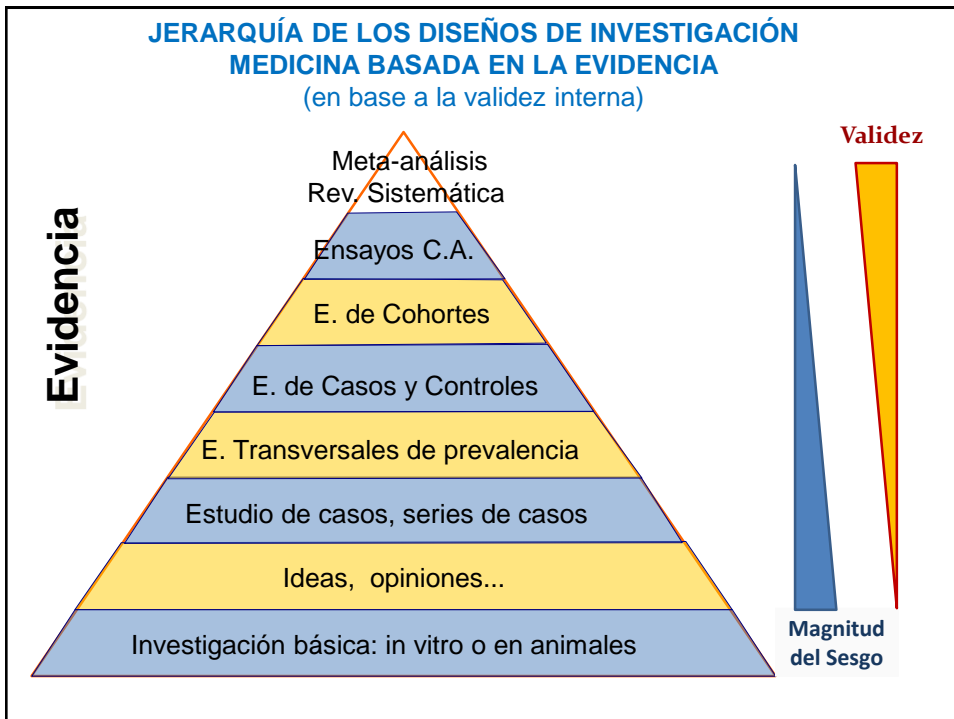
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- P** → cáncer ovario
- I** → paclitaxel, cisplatino, solución salina, quimioterapia intraperitoneal hipertérmica
- C** → -----
- O** → estabilidad, degradación, eficacia

**C. Defina dónde buscar la mejor evidencia para responder a la pregunta.**

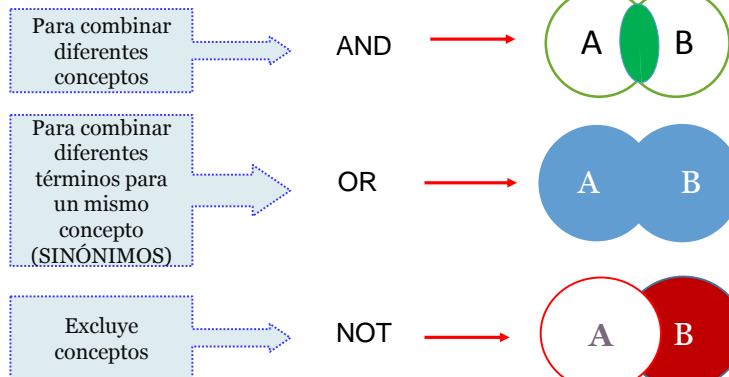
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## C. Utilice los operadores booleanos pertinentes (AND – OR - NOT).

### Operadores booleanos

Utilice los operadores booleanos para combinar diferentes términos.





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### Cisplatin - AHFS 10:00

**Products** — Cisplatin is available as a sterile aqueous injection containing cisplatin 1 mg/mL and sodium chloride 9 mg/mL, with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide to adjust the pH. This aqueous solution is available in 50-mL (50-mg), 100-mL (100-mg), and 200-mL (200-mg) vials. (1-6/04) (4) (29)

**pH** — From 3.9 to 5.0. (1-6/04)

**Osmolality** — The aqueous injection has an osmolality of about 285 mOsm/kg. (4)

**Sodium Content** — Each 10 mg of cisplatin contains 1.54 mEq of sodium. (846) (869)

**Trade Name(s)** — Platinal-AQ

**Administration** — Cisplatin is administered by intravenous infusion with a regimen of hydration (with or without mannitol and/or furosemide) prior to therapy. One regimen consists of 1 to 2 L of fluid given over eight to 12 hours prior to cisplatin administration. In addition, adequate hydration and urinary output must be maintained for 24 hours after therapy. The official labeling recommends diluting the cisplatin dose in 2 L of compatible infusion solution containing mannitol 37.5 g and infusing over six to eight hours. (1-6/04) (4) Other dilutions and rates of administration have been used, including intravenous infusions over periods from 15 to 120 minutes and continuous infusion over one to five days. Intra-arterial infusion and intraperitoneal instillation have been used. (4)

**Stability** — Intact vials of the clear, colorless aqueous injection should be stored between 15 and 25 °C and protected from light; they should not be refrigerated. (1-6/04) (4)

After initial vial entry, the aqueous cisplatin injection in amber vials is stable for 28 days if it is protected from light or for seven days if it is exposed to fluorescent room light. (1-6/04)

Concern has been expressed that storage of cisplatin solutions for several weeks might result in substantial amounts of the toxic mono- and di-aquo species. (1199) However, the solution's chloride content, rather than extended storage time periods, appears to determine the extent of aquated product formation. (See Effect of Chloride Ion below.)

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## An investigation on possible oligomer formation in pharmaceutical formulations of cisplatin

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### Summary

Concern has been raised that the anti-neoplastic agent, cisplatin, when formulated in isotonic sodium chloride solution may degrade to di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-bis(*cis*-diammineplatinum(II)) (4) and tri- $\mu$ -hydroxo-tris(*cis*-diammineplatinum(II)) (5) which have been shown to be therapeutically inactive and highly toxic. The formation of 4 and 5 in pharmaceutical preparations of 1 is therefore of concern and was the subject of this study. Using HPLC procedures developed for the monitoring of *cis*-diamminemonochloromonoquo-platinum(II) (2), *cis*-diamminediaquo-platinum(II) (3) and oligomeric species 4 and 5, the long-term (1 year) stability of cisplatin (1 g/l) was investigated in 0.9% sodium chloride solution. Oligomeric products 4 and 5 were not found at the detection limits of 1 mg/l. The degradation of 2, 3, 4, and 5 in aqueous sodium chloride solutions were also studied; all of these species degraded to cisplatin. Results strongly suggest that 4 and 5 are not formed in formulations in which cisplatin is dissolved in isotonic sodium chloride solution.

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**pH Effects** — The pH of maximum stability is 3.5 to 5.5. Alkaline media should be avoided because of increased hydrolysis. (1379)

In the dark at pH 6.3, cisplatin (Bristol) 1 mg/mL in sodium chloride 0.9% reached the maximum amount of decomposition product permitted in the USP in 34 days. Half of that amount was formed in 96 days at pH 4.3. (1647)

Cisplatin degradation results in ammonia formation, which increases the solution pH. Thus, the initial cisplatin degradation rate may be slow but increases with time. (1647)

**Temperature Effects** — It is recommended that cisplatin not be refrigerated because of the formation of a crystalline precipitate. (1-6/04) (4) (633) (636) (1246) In a study of cisplatin at concentrations of 0.4 to 1 mg/mL in sodium chloride 0.9%, it was found that at 0.6 mg/mL or greater a precipitate formed on refrigeration at 2 to 6 °C. At 1 mg/mL the precipitation was noted in one hour. However, the 0.6-mg/mL solution did not have a precipitate until after 48 hours under refrigeration. The 0.5-mg/mL and lower solutions did not precipitate for up to 72 hours at 2 to 6 °C. In solutions where precipitate did form, redissolution occurred very slowly with warming back to room temperature. (317) Sonication at 40 °C has been used to redissolve the precipitate in about 20 to 30 minutes. (1246) The warming of precipitated cisplatin solutions to effect redissolution is not recommended, however. Solutions containing a precipitate should not be used. (4) (633)

**Freezing Solutions** — If the solution is frozen, it should be thawed at room temperature until the precipitate dissolves. The manufacturer states that this thawing will not adversely affect the chemical or physical stability of the product. (4)


Cisplatin (Bristol) 50 and 200 mg/L in dextrose 5% in sodium chloride 0.45% in PVC bags and admixed with either mannitol 18.75 g/L or magnesium sulfate 1 or 2 g/L is reportedly stable for 30 days when frozen at -15 °C followed by an additional 48 hours at 25 °C. (1088)


**Light Effects** — Although changes in the UV spectra of cisplatin solutions on exposure to intense light have long been recognized (317), their significance was questioned. It was reported that exposure to normal laboratory light for 72 hours had no significant effect on cisplatin's stability by HPLC. (635)

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Solution	Mfr	Mfr	Conc/L	Remarks	Ref C/I
Dextrose 5%	MG, TR <sup>B</sup>	NCI	0.3, 0.6, 0.9 g	Visually compatible with no paclitaxel loss by HPLC over 12 hr at 22 °C	1520 C
Dextrose 5%	MG <sup>B</sup>	NCI	0.6 g	Visually compatible with no paclitaxel loss by HPLC over 25 hr at 22 °C	1520 C
Dextrose 5%	MG, TR <sup>B</sup>	NCI	1.2 g	Visually compatible with no paclitaxel loss by HPLC over 12 hr at 22 °C	1520 C
Dextrose 5%		BR	0.2 to 0.58 g	Fluffy, white precipitate forms occasionally in administration set just distal to pump chamber	1716 I
Dextrose 5%	MG <sup>B</sup>	BR	0.1 and 1 g	Physically compatible with no change in subvisual haze or particle content and stable by HPLC for 3 days at 4, 22, and 32 °C. Small, needlelike crystals form after 3 days	1746 C
Dextrose 5%	MG <sup>B</sup>	BR	0.3 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible and chemically stable for 48 hr at 22 °C	1842 C
Dextrose 5%	BA <sup>d</sup>	FAU	0.3 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible with no change in subvisual haze or particle content and stable by HPLC for 3 days at 25 and 32 °C. Unknown material leached from EVA container by 24 hr	2182 ?
Dextrose 5%	BA <sup>B</sup> , BRN <sup>B</sup> , FRE <sup>B</sup> , MAC <sup>B</sup>	BMS	0.3 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible with less than 5% paclitaxel loss in 72 hr at 37 °C in the dark	2669 C
Dextrose 5%	BRN <sup>B</sup>	BMS	0.4 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible with little paclitaxel loss in 5 days at 23 and 4 °C. Precipitation occurred after that time	2673 C
Dextrose 5%	BA <sup>i</sup>	TE	0.3 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 3 days at 25 °C and 13 days at 5 °C	2708 C
Dextrose 5%	BRN <sup>B</sup>	TE	0.3 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 3 days at 25 °C and 18 days at 5 °C	2708 C
Dextrose 5%	BRN <sup>B</sup>	TE	0.3 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 7 days at 25 °C and 20 days at 5 °C	2708 C
Dextrose 5%	BA <sup>i</sup>	TE	1.2 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 3 days at 25 °C and 10 days at 5 °C	2708 C
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Dextrose 5%	BRN <sup>B</sup>	TE	1.2 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 7 days at 25 °C and 10 days at 5 °C	2708 C
Sodium chloride 0.9%	MG, TR <sup>B</sup>	NCI	0.3, 0.6, 0.9, 1.2 g	Visually compatible with no paclitaxel loss by HPLC over 12 hr at 22 °C	1520 C
Sodium chloride 0.9%	MG <sup>B</sup>	NCI	0.6 and 1.2 g	Visually compatible with no paclitaxel loss by HPLC over 26 hr at 22 °C	1520 C
Sodium chloride 0.9%	MG <sup>B</sup>	BR	0.1 and 1 g	Physically compatible with no change in subvisual haze or particle content and stable by HPLC for 3 days at 4, 22, and 32 °C. Small, needlelike crystals form after 3 days	1746 C
Sodium chloride 0.9%	MG <sup>B</sup>	BR	0.3 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible and chemically stable for 48 hr at 22 °C	1842 C
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Sodium chloride 0.9%	BA <sup>B</sup> , BRN <sup>B</sup> , FRE <sup>B</sup> , MAC <sup>B</sup>	BMS	0.3 and 1.2 g	Physically compatible with less than 5% paclitaxel loss in 72 hr at 37 °C in the dark	2669 C
Sodium chloride 0.9%	BA <sup>i</sup>	TE	0.3 mg/mL	Chemically stable until precipitation. Precipitate found after 3 days at 25 °C and 13 days at 5 °C	2708 C

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#### **Intraperitoneal Therapy**

Sequential administration of IV paclitaxel, intraperitoneal (IP) cisplatin, and IP paclitaxel<sup>†</sup> is used for the treatment of optimally-debulked stage III ovarian cancer.<sup>134</sup> The National Cancer Institute (NCI), in conjunction with oncology groups, has issued a clinical announcement to recommend use of an IV/IP regimen for eligible patients with advanced ovarian cancer because of a substantial survival benefit.<sup>345 346 347</sup> Based on recent clinical trials, strong consideration should be given to use of a regimen containing IP cisplatin (100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and a taxane (either IV only or IV plus IP) following primary surgery for optimally-debulked FIGO stage III ovarian cancer.<sup>347</sup>

In a randomized, phase III trial, patients with stage III ovarian carcinoma or primary peritoneal carcinoma, with no residual mass greater than 1.0 cm following surgery, received either IP therapy or IV therapy.<sup>296</sup> IP therapy consisted of IV paclitaxel 135 mg/m<sup>2</sup> by 24-hour infusion on day 1, followed by IP cisplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 2, and IP paclitaxel 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 8.<sup>296</sup> IV therapy consisted of IV paclitaxel 135 mg/m<sup>2</sup> by 24-hour infusion on day 1 followed by IV cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 2.<sup>296</sup> Treatment was administered in 3-week cycles for 6 cycles.<sup>296</sup>

Patients receiving IP therapy had longer median progression-free survival (24 versus 18 months) and longer median survival (66 versus 50 months) than those receiving IV therapy.<sup>296</sup> Severe or life-threatening (grade 3 or 4) toxicity occurred more frequently in patients receiving the IP regimen, including leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, GI toxicity, neurologic toxicity, infection, fatigue, adverse metabolic effects, and pain.<sup>296</sup> Only 42% of the patients in the IP group completed the assigned 6 cycles of IP therapy, and IP therapy often was discontinued because of catheter-related complications; patients who could not complete the IP regimen received IV therapy for the remaining treatment cycles.<sup>296</sup> Quality of life was worse before cycle 4 and at 3–6 weeks after completion of treatment for patients receiving IP therapy, but quality of life scores were similar for the groups at 1 year after completion of treatment except for the persistence of moderate paresthesias in patients receiving IP therapy.<sup>296 346</sup>

For [intraperitoneal therapy](#), the cisplatin dose was diluted in 2 L of 0.9% sodium chloride solution that was warmed to body temperature and infused through a surgically implanted peritoneal catheter.[296](#) [344](#) Following peritoneal infusion, the patient was asked to roll into a different position every 15 minutes for the next 2 hours to disperse the drug throughout the peritoneal cavity.[344](#) [347](#) The paclitaxel dose was diluted in a liter of saline solution that was warmed to body temperature and infused through the IP catheter, followed by IP infusion of an additional liter of warmed saline solution.[344](#) [347](#)

Catheter-related complications that caused discontinuance of IP therapy included infection and blockage.[344](#) Certain surgical procedures used to achieve optimal cytoreduction of ovarian cancer, such as rectosigmoid or left colon resection, may have contributed to catheter complications.[344](#) Most experts in the administration of IP chemotherapy recommend the use of a single-lumen venous catheter, such as a 9.6 French polyurethane venous access tubing, connected to a semi-permanent subcutaneous single-lumen venous access port.[344](#) [347](#) The IP catheter may be placed at the time of primary surgery as long as contamination of the peritoneal cavity has not occurred.[344](#) Timing of placement of the IP catheter (at the time of primary surgery versus delayed insertion) did not appear to affect tolerance of IP therapy.[344](#) The IP catheter should be removed as soon as IP therapy is completed to avoid catheter-related complications.[344](#) Supportive therapy should include

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**Abstract**


**BACKGROUND:** Hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) is advised as a treatment option for epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) with peritoneal carcinomatosis. This study was designed to define the pharmacokinetics of cisplatin (CDDP) and paclitaxel (PTX) administered together during HIPEC.

**METHODS:** Thirteen women with EOC underwent cytoreductive surgery (CRS) and HIPEC, with CDDP and PTX. Blood, peritoneal perfusate and tissue samples were harvested to determine drug exposure by high-performance liquid chromatography and matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization imaging mass spectrometry (IMS).

**RESULTS:** The mean maximum concentrations of CDDP and PTX in perfusate were, respectively, 24.8±10.4 µg ml<sup>-1</sup> and 69.8±14.3 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>; in plasma were 1.87±0.4 µg ml<sup>-1</sup> and 0.055±0.009 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>. The mean concentrations of CDDP and PTX in peritoneum at the end of HIPEC were 23.3±8.0 µg g<sup>-1</sup> and 30.1±18.3 µg(-1)g(-1), respectively. The penetration of PTX into the peritoneal wall, determined by IMS, was about 0.5 mm. Grade 3-4 surgical complications were recorded in four patients, five patients presented grade 3 and two patients presented grade 4 hematological complications.

**CONCLUSIONS:** HIPEC with CDDP and PTX after CRS is feasible with acceptable morbidity and has a favorable pharmacokinetic profile: high drug concentrations are achieved in peritoneal tissue with low systemic exposure. Larger studies are needed to demonstrate its efficacy in patients with microscopic postsurgical residual tumours in the peritoneal cavity.

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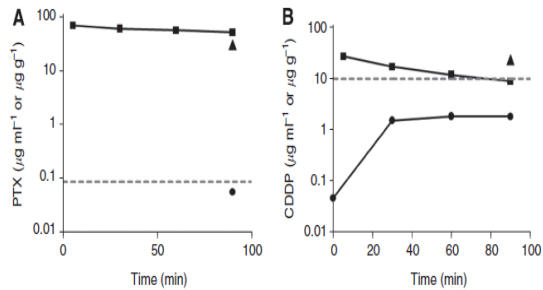


Figure 1. Mean concentrations of PTX (A) and CDDP (B) in plasma (●), perfusate (■) and peritoneal tissue (▲) during HIPEC. The dashed line indicates the lowest cytotoxic concentration of these drugs.

**ELABORACIÓN DE LA RESPUESTA**

Respecto a la consulta: **¿la solución salina a 0,9% a 37°C que se utiliza en la reconstitución de paclitaxel y cisplatino puede afectar la estabilidad y en consecuencia la eficacia de estos medicamentos en pacientes con cáncer de ovario avanzado que reciben quimioterapia intraperitoneal?**, se informa lo siguiente:

En la monografía de paclitaxel del *Drug Information* de la *American Society of Health-System Pharmacists* se reporta que la administración secuencial de paclitaxel IV, intraperitoneal (IP) cisplatino y paclitaxel IP se utiliza para el tratamiento de cáncer de ovario en estadio III con citoreducción óptima. No obstante, se debe tener en cuenta que el uso de paclitaxel y cisplatino en la quimioterapia IP en cáncer de ovario avanzado es un uso "off-label". En los estudios realizados con la terapia IP, la dosis de cisplatino se diluyó en 2 L de solución de cloruro de sodio al 0,9% que se calentó a la temperatura corporal y se infunde a través de un catéter peritoneal implantado quirúrgicamente. Después de la infusión peritoneal, se pide al paciente rodar en una posición diferente cada 15 minutos durante las siguientes 2 horas para dispersar el medicamento por toda la cavidad peritoneal. La dosis de paclitaxel se diluyó en un litro de solución salina que se calentó a la temperatura corporal y se infunde a través del catéter IP, seguido de una infusión IP de un litro adicional de solución salina calentada (1).

En el *Handbook of Injectable Drugs* de la *American Society of Health-System Pharmacists* se menciona que en el estudio realizado por Kristjansson *et al.* se evaluó la estabilidad a largo plazo de cisplatino 1 mg/ml en una solución acuosa que contiene 9 mg/ml de cloruro de sodio y 10 mg/ml de manitol en viales de vidrio, en donde se reportó que después de almacenar la solución a 40 °C durante 10 meses no se observó ningún cambio físico; sin embargo, después de almacenar un año adicional a 5 °C, estas muestras mostraron una pérdida promedio del 15% de cisplatino. Asimismo, no se reportó la presencia de productos de degradación en las muestras almacenadas a 40 °C (2).

En un estudio de cisplatino en concentraciones de 0,4 a 1 mg/mL en cloruro de sodio al 0,9%, se encontró que a partir de las concentraciones de 0,6 mg/ml se formó un precipitado cuando se almacena de 2 a 6 °C. En las soluciones donde se formó el precipitado, la redisolución se dio muy lentamente con el calentamiento a temperatura ambiente. La sonicación a 40 °C se usó para volver a disolver el precipitado en unos 20 a 30 minutos, sin embargo se menciona que no se recomienda el calentamiento de soluciones de cisplatino para efectuar la redisolución de los precipitados (2).

Según el *Handbook of Injectable Drugs* de la *American Society of Health-System Pharmacists* se evaluó la estabilidad de paclitaxel diluido con 5% de dextrosa y cloruro de sodio 0,9% a concentraciones finales de 0,3 y 1,2 mg/ml en cuatro bolsas de poliolefina (Viaflo, Freeflex, Ecoflac y Macoflex N) reportando que paclitaxel es físicamente compatible con la pérdida de menos de 5% en 72 horas a 37 °C en la oscuridad (2).

En el estudio farmacocinético realizado en 13 pacientes por Ansoloni *et al.* se evidencia que la quimioterapia intraperitoneal hipertérmica (de 41 a 43°C) con cisplatino y paclitaxel después de la cirugía citoreductora tiene un perfil farmacocinético favorable alcanzando altas concentraciones de los fármacos en el tejido peritoneal con baja exposición sistémica. Sin embargo, se necesitan estudios más amplios para demostrar su eficacia en pacientes con tumores residuales posquirúrgicos microscópicos en la cavidad peritoneal (3).

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