

Unit - I Solubility of Drugs

Solubility :- Solubility is the property of solid, liquid or gaseous chemical substances called solute to dissolve in a solid, liquid or gaseous solvent to form homogeneous solⁿ of the solute in the solvent.

* Solubility of a compound depends on.

- ↳ Physical, chemical properties of the solvent and solute
- ↳ Temperature, pressure and pH of solution.

⇒ An unsaturated solution is one

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contains dissolved solute in concentration less than → required for saturation at certain temp.

⇒ A ~~sp~~ supersaturated solution is one

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contains more concentration of solute in dissolved state than

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normally be dissolved at a defined temperature

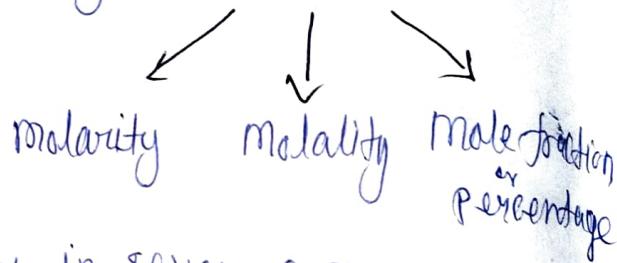
Solubility Expression

⇒ The United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) describes

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the solubility of drugs as parts of solvent required for one part solute

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⇒ Solubility is also quantitatively expressed as



⇒ USP describes solubility in seven groups.

⇒ The European pharmacopoeia is in group.

⇒ In the scientific and pharmaceutical field solubility can be expressed in following terms:-

(i) % W/W :- the number of grams of solute dissolved in 100 gm of solution.

(ii) % V/V :- the number of ml of solute dissolved in 100 ml of solution.

(iii) % W/V :- the number of grams of solute dissolved in 100 ml of solution.

⇒ Molarity :- the number of moles of solute dissolved (or gram molecular weight) in 1 litre of solution.

⇒ Molality :- the number of moles of solute dissolved in 1000g or 1kg. of solvent.

⇒ Normality :- the number of gram equivalent weight of solute dissolved in per litre of solution.

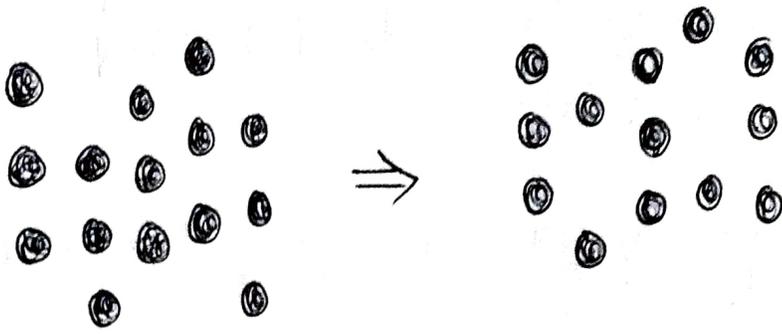
→ Mole fraction: the ratio of the number of moles of solute to the total number of moles of solute and solvent.

Definition verses Parts of solvent required for one part of solute

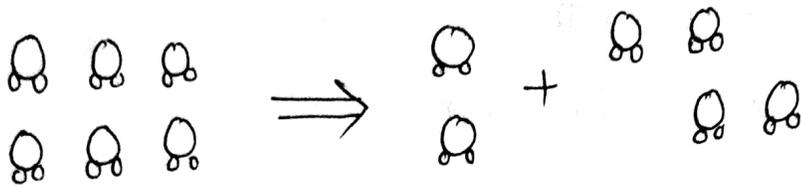
Definition	Parts of solvent required for one part of solute
1. Very soluble	$\rightarrow < 1$ parts
2. Freely Soluble	$\rightarrow 1 - 10$ parts
3. Soluble	$\rightarrow 10 - 30$ parts
4. Sparingly soluble	$\rightarrow 30 - 100$ parts
5. Slightly Soluble	$\rightarrow 100 - 1,000$ parts
6. Very slightly Soluble	$\rightarrow 1,000 - 10,000$ parts
7. Insoluble	$\rightarrow > 10,000$ parts

Mechanism of Solute - Solvent Interaction

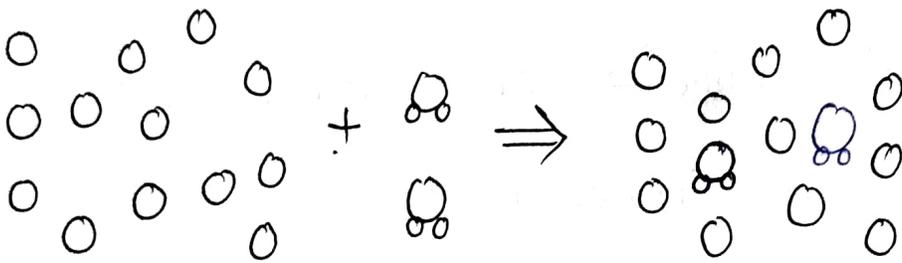
In the general process of solubilization involves the breaking of inter-ionic or inter-molecular bonds in the solute, the separation of the molecules of the solvent to provide space in the solvent for the solute interaction b/w the solvent and the solute molecules or ions.



Step-1: Holes open in the solvent



Step-2: Molecules of solid break away from the bulk.



Step 3: The freed solid molecule is integrated into the hole in the solvent

Fig: Solubility mechanism

⇒ In generally, the solubility of solute in a solvent may be considered by the solute-solute, solvent-solvent and solvent-solute interaction.

⇒ Adhesive force: attraction b/w unlike molecule.
e.g. solute-solvent molecules

⇒ Cohesive force :- attraction b/w like molecules.
e.g. - solute - solute molecules
- solvent - solvent molecules.

⇒ when, Adhesive force $>$ Cohesive force

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then, the solubility of solute in a solvent or miscibility of liquid in some other liquid is generally enhanced.

⇒ Polar solvents dissolve \Rightarrow polar solutes,

Non-polar solvents dissolve \Rightarrow non-polar solutes.

⇒ Semipolar solvents such as acetone and alcohol act as intermediate solvents.

⇒ The insolubility of a nature is due to stable crystalline arrangement and low intermolecular forces b/w solvent and solute.

Ideal Solubility Parameters

⇒ The solubility parameter is a

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numerical value that indicates

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relative solvency behaviour of specific solvent.

⇒ It is derived from \rightarrow cohesive energy density of the solvent.

where,

C = Cohesive energy

ΔH = Heat of vaporisation

R = gas constant

T = temperature

V_m = molar volume.

⇒ In 1936, Joel H. Hildebrand proposed the square root of the cohesive energy as a numerical value indicate the solvency behaviour of a specific solvent

⇒ The quantity represented by the symbol ' δ '.

$$\delta = \sqrt{C} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta H - RT}{V_m}}$$

The term Hildebrand is adopted for solubility parameter units.

② Hansen Solubility Parameter :-

⇒ The most popular three component system

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developed by Charles M. Hansen in 1966.

⇒ Hansen parameter divided the total Hildebrand value into three parts

- ① Dispersion force component
- ② A hydrogen bonding component
- ③ A polar component

$$\delta_t^2 = \delta_d^2 + \delta_p^2 + \delta_h^2$$

where,

S_d^2 = Total Hansen parameter

S_d^1 = Dispersion component

S_d^2 = Polar component

S_h^2 = Hydrogen bonding component.

Solvation

⇒ Solvation is the process of surrounding solute particles with solvent particles to form a solution.

⇒ Solvation in water is called = hydration.

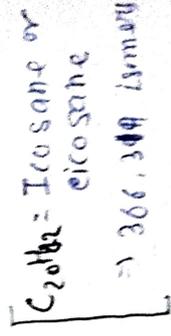
⇒ Unit of solvation is mol/sec.

⇒ In general like to like attracts do like applies to solvation.

i) Polar solute solvated by polar solvent not non-polar solvent.



ii) Non-polar solute solvated by non-polar solvent not by polar solvent.



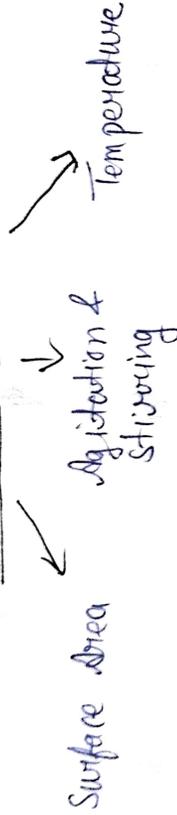
iii) Soap molecules have

↳ polar part \rightarrow polar H_2O

↳ non-polar part \rightarrow non-polar such as grease

⑨ This ~~properties~~ combination of properties means soapy water is an excellent mixture in which to for example wash dirty dishes after a meal.

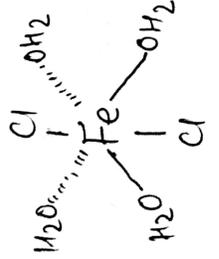
Factors Affecting Solvation



Solvation number :-

The number of solvent molecules bound to a solute species.

e.g. for $\text{FeCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ ^{below} the solvation number is 4.

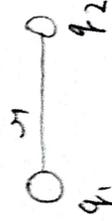


Association :- It is a chemical reaction whereby ions of opposite electrical charge together in solution to form a distinct chemical entity.

> It is joining or addition of ions.

> It is well explained by Coulomb's law -

$$F = k_e \frac{q_1 \times q_2}{r^2}$$



where -

$F \equiv$ force

$K_e =$ Coulomb's constant

q_1 and $q_2 =$ charged particles

$r =$ distance

Factors Affecting Association



⇒ Quantitative Approaches to the factors influencing solubility of drugs.

The solubility depends on the physical form of the solid, the nature and composition of solvent medium as well as temperature and pressure of system.

⇒ Solubility of most solid → significantly affected by temperature.

from Equation -

$$\log K_s = -\frac{\Delta H}{2.3 RT} + J$$

where,

$\log K_s =$ Saturation Solubility

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$\Delta H =$ Heat of vaporisation

$R =$ Gas constant

$J =$ is a constant

$T =$ Temperature

from the above equation \rightarrow Solubility of solid depends on temperature

\Rightarrow Effect of particle size, shape and surface Area :-

The size of the solid particle influence the solubility because as a particle becomes smaller, the surface area to volume ratio increases \Rightarrow The large surface area allows a greater interaction with the solvent.

\Rightarrow Pressure :- For gaseous solutes, an increase in pressure increases solubility and a decrease in pressure decrease the solubility.

\Rightarrow For solid and liquid solutes, changes in pressure have practically no effect on solubility.

\Rightarrow Temperature :- Temp. will affect solubility. If the solution process absorbs energy then the solubility will be increased as the temp. increased \Rightarrow If the solution process release energy then the solubility will decrease with increasing temperature.

⇒ Generally, an increase in the temperature of ⁽¹²⁾ the solution ~~will~~ increases the solubility of a solid solute.

⇒ A few solid solutes are less soluble in warm solutions. For all gases, solubility decreases as the temperature of the solution increase.

⇒ Nature of the Solute and Solvent :-

While only 1 gm of lead(II) chloride can be dissolved in 100 gms of water at room temperature, 200 gms of zinc chloride can be dissolved. The great difference in the solubilities of these two substances is the result of differences in their nature.

⇒ Molecular Size :-

Molecular size will affect the solubility.
⇒ The larger the molecule or the higher its molecular weight, the less soluble in the substance.

⇒ Large molecules are more difficult to surround with solvent molecules in order to solvate the substance.

⇒ Polarity :- Polarity of the solute and solvent molecules will affect the solubility.

Polar dissolves polar & non-polar dissolves non-polar.

Diffusion Principles in Biological System (3)

Drug molecules pass through living membranes ~~show~~ the property of ~~mus~~ either by passive transport or active transport.

⇒ The active passive transport involves a simple diffusion process from a region of higher concentration to a region of low concentration as seen during drug transport in the gastrointestinal tract.

→ The concentration gradient is the difference in the conc. of the drug across the membrane is the driving force for passive transport.

⇒ In active transport, drug molecules are carried across the membrane by an enzyme ~~or~~ or biological carrier.

→ Active transport can also occur against concentration gradient, i.e. from a region of low conc. to that of high concentration. The net movement of the drug is however towards blood.

The rate of drug transport is influenced by:

- i) The physicochemical properties of the drug.
- ii) The nature of the membrane.
- iii) The concentration of drug across the membrane.

According to Henderson Hasselbalch equation for weak acid and bases.

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

For a weak acid, $pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]}$

For weak base, $[HA] = \text{Conc. of non-ionized weak acid}$

$[A^-] = \text{Conc. of the conjugate base}$

$pK_a = \text{dissociation exponent for weak acid}$

$[B] = \text{Conc. of weak base}$

$[BH^+] = \text{Conc. of its conjugate acid}$

For the weak base = $pK_a = pK_b - pK_w$

\Rightarrow Equal amounts of ionized and unionized forms of a drug are present when $pH = pK_a$

\Rightarrow Diffusion in biological system can be studied under the following heads:

- 1) Gastrointestinal absorption of drugs
- 2) Percutaneous absorption
- 3) Buccal absorption, and
- 4) Uterine diffusion.

15 ① Gastrointestinal absorption of drugs

Passive and carrier mediated transport are two means by which drugs cross the living membrane.

⇒ Passive transport of drug involves simple diffusion facilitated by drug concentration differences on both the sides of membrane.
e.g. In case of intestinal absorption, the drug moves from a high concentration region to a low concentration region via passive transport. (in systemic circulation)

⇒ Carrier-mediated transport of drug is classified into active transport and facilitated diffusion. In case of active transport, the drug moves from a low concentration region to a high concentration region by the "pumping action" of these biological transport systems.

⇒ In case of facilitated diffusion, carrier proteins cannot transport drugs or nutrients against the concentration gradient.

② Percutaneous absorption:-

Percutaneous absorption of drug indicates its passage through the skin. This drug absorption phenomenon involves.

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- i) Dissolution of drug in its vehicle,
- ii) Diffusion of solubilised drug (solute) from the vehicle to the skin surface, and
- iii) Penetration of drug through the skin layers (mainly the stratum corneum).

③ Buccal Absorption :-

Beckett and Moffat used various organic acids and bases as drug models to study drug penetration into the lipid membrane of human mouths.

=> In co-ordination with the pH-partition hypothesis, absorption was related to the compound's pK_a and its lipid-water partition coefficient.

④ Uterine Diffusion :-

Contraceptive drug (e.g. progesterone) and other therapeutic drugs are delivered into the uterus in microgram amount via diffusion-controlled system.

Thus, maintaining an autonomic and continuous supply of

medication to the patient, or long-term protection from pregnancy.

Solubility of Gas in Liquid

⇒ Pharmaceutical solutions which contains gases dissolved in a liquid are
eg. ↓

- ⇒ Effervescent preparations containing dissolved CO_2 .
- ⇒ ammonia water.
- ⇒ Hydrogen chloride water.

⇒ Pharmaceutical aerosols → containing nitrogen or CO_2 as propellant.

⇒ Solubility of gas in liquid represents the concentration of dissolved gas in liquid when it is in equilibrium with

Some of the pure gas above the solution.

Factors Affecting Solubility of Gases in liquid

Pressure
(Solubility ↑ with ↑ P)

Temperature
(Solubility ↓ with ↑ temperature)

Electrolytes
(Solubility ↓ with addition of electrolytes)

Chemical Reactions
(Chemical & bio gas solubility generally ↑ solubility)

(i) Effect of Pressure :-

The effect of pressure on the solubility of the gas is given by Henry's law which states that in a dilute solution the mass of gas which dissolves in a given volume of liquid at a constant temp. is directly proportional to the partial pressure of the gas.

According to Henry's law, $C = \sigma P$

where,

- C = conc. of the dissolved gas in gram per litre of solvent
- P = Partial pressure in mm of Hg.
- σ = Proportionality constant and is referred to as the solubility coefficient.

⇒ The solubility of gases generally increases with increase in pressure and on the release of pressure, the solubility decreases and gases escape.

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(iii) Effect of Electrolytes and Non-electrolytes :- (19)

Solubility of a gas in a solvent is generally reduced by the addition of electrolytes such as sodium chloride or non-electrolytes such as sugar. This is referred as salting out.

(iv) Effect of Chemical Reaction :-

Henry's law generally applies to gases that are only slightly soluble in solvent and that do not react in any way with the solvent.

⇒ Chemical reaction, if any, between a gas and a solvent greatly increases the solubility of the gas in the solvent.

Solubility of Liquid in Liquid

When both solute and solvent is in liquid form.

Factors :

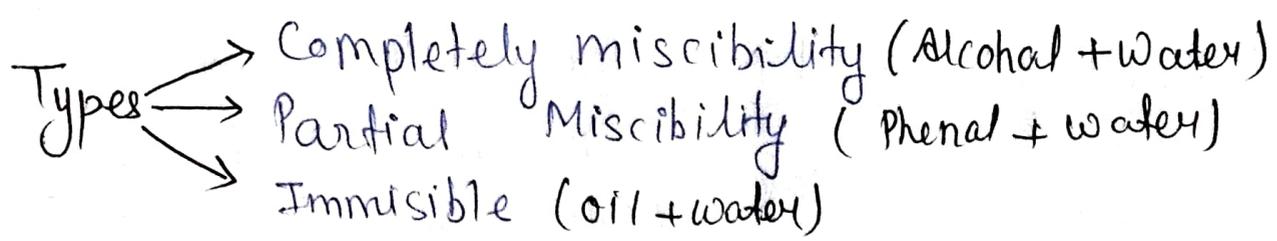
(i) Nature → "Like dissolve like" method.

(ii) Temperature → $T \propto$ Solubility

(iii) Pressure → $P \propto$ Solubility

(iv) Surface Area → S.A \propto Solubility

⇒ Binary Solution :- When we mixed solute in to two solvent mixture then the solution formed is called binary solution.



① Complete Miscibility :-

when the solute and solvent are very similar then they dissolves completely.
 ⇒ Alcohol dissolves in water because of hydrogen bonding.

② Partial miscibility :-

when two liquid are mixed, there is formation of two different layer of liquid.
 ⇒ when water or other and phenol are mixed, two liquid layers are formed each containing some of the other liquid in the dissolved state.
 Ex. phenol + water.

⇒ Ideal & Real Solution :-

Ideal Solⁿ :- The solution which obey Raoult's law over the whole range of composition at all temperature.

Real or non-ideal Solⁿ :- which does not follow Raoult's law or which solution that are showing deviation are called real solutions.

⇒ The deviation may be negative leading to increased solubility because of hydrogen bonding b/w the polar components.

⇒ If the deviation is positive it leads to a decreased

solubility because of the association of the molecules of one of the components to form dimers or polymers of high order.

Raoult's Law

According to the Raoult's law:-

"at a definite temperature the partial pressure (P_A) of a component (A) in a liquid mixture is equal to vapour pressure in the pure state (P_A°) multiplied by the mole fraction of the component (X_A) in the solution."

It is expressed as

$$P_A = P_A^\circ X_A$$

Critical Solution Temperature

When two partially miscible liquid are mixed and shaken together, we get two solutions of different composition. For example, phenol and water, we get two layers, upper layer is a solution of water in phenol and the lower layer is a solution of phenol in water. At a fixed temperature, the composition of each solution is fixed and both solutions are in equilibrium.

⇒ Above a particular temperature, such solutions are completely miscible in all proportions. Such temperature is known as critical solution temp. or consolute temp.

⇒ As in this case, the mutual solubility increase with temp, hence it is also known as upper consolute temperature.

Applications of CST :-

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- This method is useful to separate the liquid by the addition of third substances. This technique is used for the extraction of drugs in the analysis.
- Useful in determination of percent composition of added substances.
- The purity of substance can be determined by CST.
ex. Phenol.

Distribution law

- What is Distribution law? - (Nernst's Distribution Law)
 - * When a solute is added to two immiscible liquids (in both of which solute is soluble)
 - ↓
the solute distribute itself b/w the two liquid in such a way
 - ↓
that ratio of its concentration in two liquid phases is constant at a given temp.

→ Explanation :-

- If a solute X distributed itself b/w two immiscible solvents A and B at constant temp. and X is in same molecular condition in both solvents, then

$$\frac{\text{Concentration of X in A}}{\text{Concentration of X in B}} = K_{D0}$$

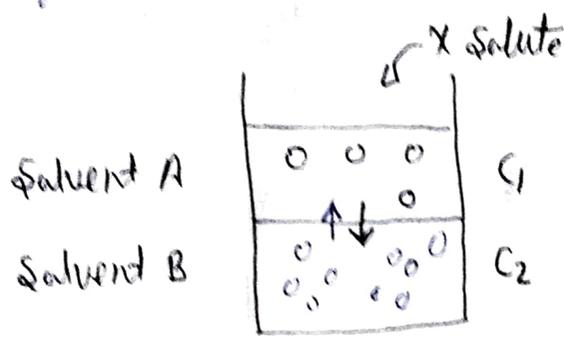
- If C_1 is concentration of solute in solvent A and C_2 is concentration of solute in solvent B

It can be expressed as

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = K_D$$

where K_D or simply K is called \rightarrow Distribution Coefficient 'or'
 \rightarrow Partition Coefficient 'or'
 \rightarrow Distribution ratio

This is an equilibrium law -



When the distribution of solute X reached dynamic equilibrium -

The rate (R_1) at which molecules of X pass from solvent A to B is proportional to its conc. C_1 in A.

$$R_1 \propto C_1$$

$$R_1 = K_1 C_1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where, K_1 is a constant

The rate (R_2) at which molecules of X pass from solvent B to A is proportional to its concentration C_2 in B.

$$R_2 \propto C_2$$

$$R_2 = K_2 C_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

where, K_2 is a constant

⇒ Since at Equilibrium.

$$R_1 = R_2$$

$$K_1 C_1 = K_2 C_2$$

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = \frac{K_2}{K_1} = K_D$$

$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = K_D$ → Nernst's Distribution Law equation.

Limitations of Distribution Law :-

1. Temperature :- Temp. is kept constant throughout the experiment.
2. Same molecular state :- Solute must be in same molecular state in both solvent.
3. Equilibrium Concentration :- The concentration of the solute are noted after the equilibrium has been established.
4. Dilute solution :- The conc. of solute must be low in two solvents.
5. Non-miscibility of solvents :- Solvents should be non-miscible so that can be separated or they should only slightly soluble in each other.

Applications of Distribution Law:-

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① Solvent Extraction:-

⇒ Distribution law is used for separation of organic substances from aqueous solutions.

⇒ A aqueous solution ⇒ shaken with an immiscible organic solvent such as ether or benzene.
(in separating funnel)

etheral layer separates by distillation
⇓
Organic substance passes into etheral layer

⇓
Organic substance is left behind.

② Partition Chromatography:-

⇒ A paste of mixture is applied at top of the column of silica soaked in water

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immiscible solvent (hexane) is allowed to flow down the column

⇓
Each component of mixture partitioned b/w stationary liquid phase water and mobile liquid phase hexane.

③ Release of Drug from Dosage forms:-

The study the release of drug from gels, ointments, creams, partition coefficient important phenomenon and it is obtained by from distribution law.

④ Determination of

④ Passage of drug through membrane:-

A biological membrane are lipoidal in nature, the rate of drug transfer for passive absorbed drug is directly related to lipophilicity of molecule.

⑤ Determination of Solubility:-

⇒ Suppose the solubility of iodine in benzene is to be determined

⇓
iodine is shaken with water and benzene.

⇓
at equilibrium iodine in benzene (C_b) and water (C_w)

So,

$$\frac{C_b}{C_w} = K_d$$

$$\frac{S_b}{S_w} = K_d$$

Where,

S_b = Solubility in benzene

S_w = Solubility in water