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Carfilzomib in Heparinized Human Plasma

(Sensitivity: 400 pg/mL)

BMPK has validated a highly sensitive liquid chromatographic tandem mass spectrometric assay (LC-MS/MS) for the analysis of carfilzomib in sodium heparinized human plasma. Carfilzomib is a tetrapeptide epoxyketone proteasome inhibitor that irreversibly and selectively binds to N-terminal threonine-containing active sites of the 20S proteasome, the proteolytic core particle of the 26S proteasome. Carfilzomib (Kyprolis[™], Amgen) was initially approved by the FDA in 2012 and is indicated for use as a single agent or in combination with dexamethasone, or lenalidomide plus dexamethasone, for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, who have received one or more lines of therapy (1). The validated method has been used to support an ongoing Roswell Park clinical trial entitled "Phase I/II Study of Carfilzomib plus Rituximab plus Ifosfamide plus Carboplatin plus Etoposide (C-R-ICE) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)".

Specifications and Validation Performance

Matrix (Anticoagulant): Human Plasma (Sodium Heparin)

Required Volume: 100 µL

Preparation Procedure: Protein Precipitation

HPLC Column: C18

Mobile Phase: Acetonitrile with NH4 Formate / Formic Acid

Flow Rate: 600 µL/min

Detection Type: Tandem Mass Spectral (MS/MS)

Calibration Ranges: 0.400 - 1,000 ng/mL

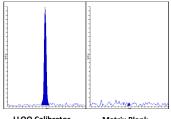
Calibrator Accuracy: 100% (97.8 - 101%; n=5)

Calibrator Precision: 2.23% CV (0.942 - 3.97%; n=5)

QC Concentrations: 1.20, 30.0 and 750 ng/mL QC Accuracy: 104% (102 - 106%; n=18)

QC Precision: 3.11% CV (2.47 - 3.70%; n=18)

Carfilzomib $C_{40}H_{57}N_5O_7$ MW: 719.922



LLOQ Calibrator Matrix Blank S/N = 32.1

Human Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Carfilzomib^{1,2}

Recommended Dosing

20/27, 20/56 mg/m² twice weekly or 20/70 mg/m² once weekly administered as an intravenous infusion over 10-30 minutes

Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD)

20/56 mg/m² twice weekly

Mechanism of Action

Irreversibly binds to 20S proteasome; anti-proliferative and proapoptotic activity in vitro in solid and hematologic tumors

Active Metabolites

None

Metabolism

Rapidly metabolized by peptidase and epoxide hydrolysis; ~25% of dose excreted in urine as metabolites in 24 hours

Plasma Protein Binding

97% in humans over the range of 0.40 to 4.0 μ M

Maximum Plasma Concentration (C_{max})

Dose-dependent increase in C_{max} and AUC_{inf} at doses between 20 and 70 mg/m 2 administered as a 30 min infusion

Plasma Terminal Half-Life (t_{1/2})

0.4 - 1.2 hours

¹Kyprolis Package Insert, 09/2018 and ²Carfilzomib, Investigator's Brochure, 13 October 2016.

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