Bioanalytics, Metabolomics and Pharmacokinetics Shared Resource (BMPK)

Paclitaxel in Heparinized Human Plasma

(Sensitivity: 2.00 ng/mL)

BMPK has validated a highly sensitive liquid chromatographic tandem mass spectral assay (LC-MS/MS) for the analysis of paclitaxel (TAXOL®) and its active metabolite, 6α -hydroxyl paclitaxel in heparinized plasma. Paclitaxel is a novel anti-microtubule agent that prevents microtubule disassembly and reorganization into a network essential for mitotic cellular function.¹ Currently, paclitaxel is approved alone or in combination with other chemotherapeutic agents for a variety of disease types. The validated method has been used to support a clinical trial conducted at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center entitled "Phase I Study of Ceritinib (LDK378), a Novel ALK Inhibitor, in Combination with Gemcitabine-Based Chemotherapy in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors".

Specifications and Validation Performance

Matrix (Anticoagulant): Human Plasma (Sodium Heparin)

Required Volume: 100 μL

Preparation Procedure: Liquid/Liquid Extraction

HPLC Column: C1

Mobile Phase: Acetonitrile/Methanol with Acetic Acid

Flow Rate: 400 µL/min

Detection Type: Tandem Mass Spectral (MS/MS)

Calibration Ranges: 2.00 - 1,000 ng/mL for Pac and OH-Pac

Calibrator Accuracy: 100% (97.5 - 104%; n=5) for Pac

100% (96.3 - 105%; n=5) for OH-Pac

Calibrator Precision: 2.55% CV (0.924 - 4.69%; n=5) for Pac

2.95% CV (1.17 - 4.78%; n=5) for OH-Pac

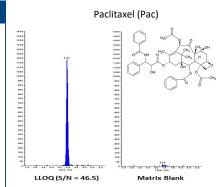
QC Concentrations: 6.00, 75.0, 750 ng/mL for Pac and OH-Pac

QC Accuracy: 102% (99.6 - 105%; n=18) for Pac

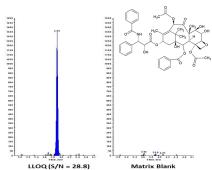
101% (99.4 - 105%; n=18) for OH-Pac

QC Precision: 4.12% CV (2.77 - 5.12%; n=18) for Pac

3.42% CV (2.50 - 3.88%; n=18) for OH-Pac



 6α -Hydroxy Paclitaxel (OH-Pac)



Human Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Paclitaxel¹

Recommended Dose 100 - 175 mg/m² IV infusion over 1-3 hours every 2-3 weeks. Dosing is adjusted

45 - 50 mg/m²/week depending on the disease and combination treatment.

Active Metabolite 6α-Hydroxy paclitaxel

Metabolism CYP2C8 and CY

Drug Interactions

CYP2C8 and CYP3A4 lead to three hydroxylated metabolites

Caution should be exercised when paclitaxel is concomitantly administered with known substrates or inhibitors of CYP2C8 and CYP3A4.

Plasma Protein Binding 89 - 98% (over the concentration range of 0.1 - 50 µg/mL)

BMPK offers a wide range of bioanalytical and PK/PD modeling services to assist investigators in their basic research, preclinical, and clinical study objectives. For information on services and pricing, contact Joshua Prey, MS, Research Project Administrator, at (716) 845-3313 or

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¹Paclitaxel Patient Information, Mylan Institutional LLC, Revised 12/2018.