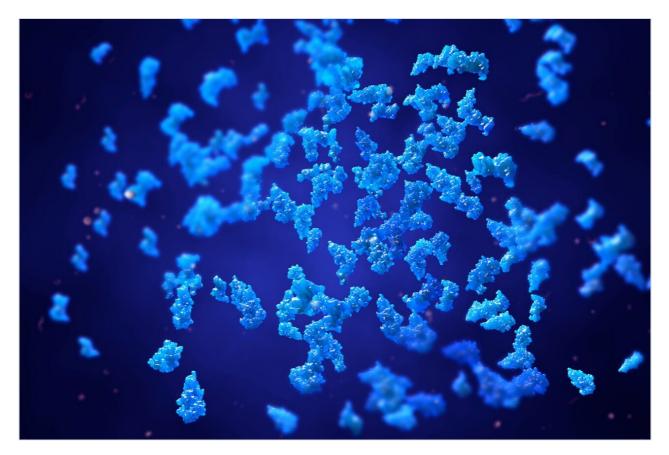
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# Determination of Protein Binding by UPLC-MS/MS

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Abstract

In this application note, plasma protein binding was determined which helps in characterizing a drug's behavior and proper dosing in the discovery process.

#### Benefits

Using ProfileLynx and QuanOptimize Application Managers provided:

- · Automated MS method development and data acquisition
- · Single approach for data processing and report generation from multiple assays
- · Complete automated analysis, processing, and reporting
- · Increased laboratory throughput

#### Introduction

Plasma protein binding (PPB) can significantly affect the therapeutic action of a drug. PPB determines the extent and duration of action, as only unbound drug is thought to be available for passive diffusion to extravascular or tissue sites where therapeutic effects occur.

Since data show an increasing importance of PPB in characterizing a drug's behavior and proper dosing, PPB measurement needs to be made as early as possible in the discovery process. In vivo dose levels can be estimated from the determined fraction of unbound drug (fu); a drug that demonstrates high plasma protein binding indicates that an increase in dose might be necessary.

The classical method used to measure the level of protein binding is equilibrium dialysis. In equilibrium dialysis, a dialysis membrane with small pores allows molecules to diffuse through it. Once equilibrium has been reached, one can measure the amount of free analyte in the donor and receptor samples, and then determine the amount of bound analyte.

This process is laborious and time-consuming with the need to perform additional analytical steps, including radiolabeling. Given the detection speed and sensitivity of UPLC-MS/MS, the ACQUITY TQD System (Figure 1), used with specialized software, ProfileLynx and QuanOptimize Application Managers, is the ideal choice for analysis of PPB.



Figure 1. ACQUITY TQD System.

## Experimental

A set of 22 commercially available drug compounds were randomly chosen to demonstrate the ProfileLynx Application Manager.

Rat samples were prepared at 5  $\mu$ M in rat plasma. 500  $\mu$ L of each sample was placed into the donor wells of the RED Device Inserts (Pierce) in the base plate. 750  $\mu$ L of dialysis buffer was placed in each receptor well. The plate was gently shaken for 4 hours at 37 °C. 100  $\mu$ L of plasma and 100  $\mu$ L of phosphate buffer saline were added to each well of a 2 mL 96-well plate. For each compound, 100  $\mu$ L of incubated donor and 100  $\mu$ L of incubated to each well to separate wells. 700  $\mu$ L of 90:10 acetonitrile/water was added to each well. The plate was shaken for 30 minutes, and then centrifuged for 20 minutes at 3000 RPM. The same process was repeated for human plasma.

These samples were analyzed by UPLC-MS/MS. The QuanOptimize Application Manager was used to automate the optimization of the MS multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) conditions for each compound.

#### LC Conditions

LC system:	ACQUITY TQD System
Column:	ACQUITY UPLC BEH C <sub>18</sub> Column 2.1 x 50 mm,

	1.7 μm
Column temp.:	40 °C
Flow rate:	600 μL/min
Mobile phase A:	0.1% Formic acid in water
Mobile phase B:	0.1% Formic acid in acetonitrile
Gradient:	5 to 95% B/1.3 min

### MS Conditions

MS system:	TQ Detector
Ionization mode:	ESI positive
Capillary voltage:	3200 V
Source temp.:	150 °C
Desolvation temp.:	450 °C
Desolvation gas:	900 L/hr
Cone gas flow:	50 L/hr
Inter-scan delay:	20 ms
Inter-channel delay:	5 ms
Dwell:	200 ms
Acquisition range:	100 to 1000 <i>m/z</i>

### **Results and Discussion**

Protein binding is calculated from the amount of a compound bound to protein substrate in a well, and is determined from the start and finish concentrations in a specified plate or plates. This is achieved by determining the ratio of the peak area of the analyte (receptor plate) to the peak area of the standard (donor plate). Compounds are designated as a standard or an analyte in the SampleType column. The standard and analyte are linked in the sample list with the Compound A column.

In the ProfileLynx browser, PPB is reported as a ratio of the peak area of the standard. Any PPB values outside of a specified minimum and maximum range were automatically flagged. For this experiment, the minimum was set at 50 and the maximum at 100. The interactive browser also allowed for the editing of peak integration. Peak assignments were easily changed and peak integrations were quickly optimized. Results were then exported in a format amenable to the corporate database.

The example in Figure 2 demonstrates how protein binding results are displayed for Verapamil. The result column labeled PB(WELL) contains the fraction of free (unbound) compound. The percent of the bound compound is calculated by (1-PB(WELL))\* 100%. The results for the entire set of compounds indicate a lower protein binding for compounds in human plasma than for the same compounds in rat plasma. Overall, the protein binding results are highly reproducible from injection to injection.

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Figure 2. ProfileLynx browser showing protein binding results for Verapamil.

Table 1 lists the average experimental values for protein binding of the sample compounds in rat plasma, and the literature values for protein binding of these compounds (www.DrugBank.ca). Experimental values agree closely for the majority of the compounds analyzed, particularly for compounds with a high degree of binding.

Compound	% Bound (exp)	% Bound (lit)
Alprenolol	92.0%	80 to 90%
Amitriptyline	92.3%	≥ 90%
Betaxolol	42.2%	50%
Caffeine	6.4%	25 to 36%
Colchicine	31.4%	30 to 50%
Diltiazem	88.5%	70 to 80%
Doxepin	90.4%	High
Lidocaine	65.1%	60 to 80%
Loperamide	96.6%	97%
Metoprolol	21.9%	12%
Nephazoline	30.2%	
Nortriptyline	98.7%	High
Oxprenolol	78.9%	_
Oxybutynin	98.2%	91 to 93%
Pindolol	68.3%	40%
Propranolol	93.6%	> 90%
Sotalol	4.8%	None
Sulfadimethoxine	97.0%	_
Timolol	36.7%	~ 10%
Tolazamide	80.0%	_
Verapamil	92.2%	90%
Zolpidem	77.9%	92.50%

Table 1. Protein binding results in rat plasma.

Table 2 lists the average experimental values for protein binding of the sample compounds in human plasma

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