

ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System: Analytical Performance for an Antifolate Agent

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Introduction

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System enables the quantification of organic compounds in human biological liquid matrices.

This document describes a test of the analytical performance of the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System for the analysis of methotrexate in plasma.



ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System.

Experimental

The ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System was controlled by MassLynx IVD Software (v4.1) and the data processed using the TargetLynx Application Manager. Calibrators and Quality Controls were prepared by spiking commercially available reference material in plasma. The samples were processed using the following conditions:

Sample Preparation Conditions

50 μ L sample was processed with methanol and centrifuged, then subsequently diluted with water prior to analysis.

LC Conditions

Column: ACQUITY UPLC HSS C₁₈ SB 1.8 μ m,

	2.1 mm × 30 mm
Mobile phase A:	2 mM Ammonium acetate + 0.1% formic acid in water
Mobile phase B:	2 mM Ammonium acetate + 0.1% formic acid in methanol
Flow rate:	0.4 mL/min
Gradient:	77% A isocratic for 5 min

MS Conditions

Resolution:	MS1 (0.75 FWHM), MS2 (0.75 FWHM)
Acquisition mode:	MRM
Polarity:	ESI (+)

Results and Discussion

Performance characteristics of methotrexate on the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System are shown in Table 1. Analytical sensitivity of the chromatographic separation is illustrated in Figure 1.

Compound	Range ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	LLOQ ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	%RSD at LLOQ	Total precision	Repeatability	EQA mean bias
Methotrexate	0.025–10	0.0025	15.7	$\leq 5.5\%$	$\leq 4.0\%$	-5.7%

Table 1. Performance characteristics of methotrexate. Range defined by linear fit where $r^2 > 0.99$. LLOQ defined by S/N (PtP) > 10 and $\%RSD \leq 20\%$. $\%RSD$ at LLOQ determined through analytical sensitivity experiments performed over three occasions ($n=30$). Total precision and repeatability of QCs performed over five occasions in plasma ($n=25$). EQA mean bias determined by comparison of obtained values to the gravimetric reference value.

Note: To convert SI units to conventional mass units divide by 2.2005 ($\mu\text{mol/L}$ to $\mu\text{g/mL}$).

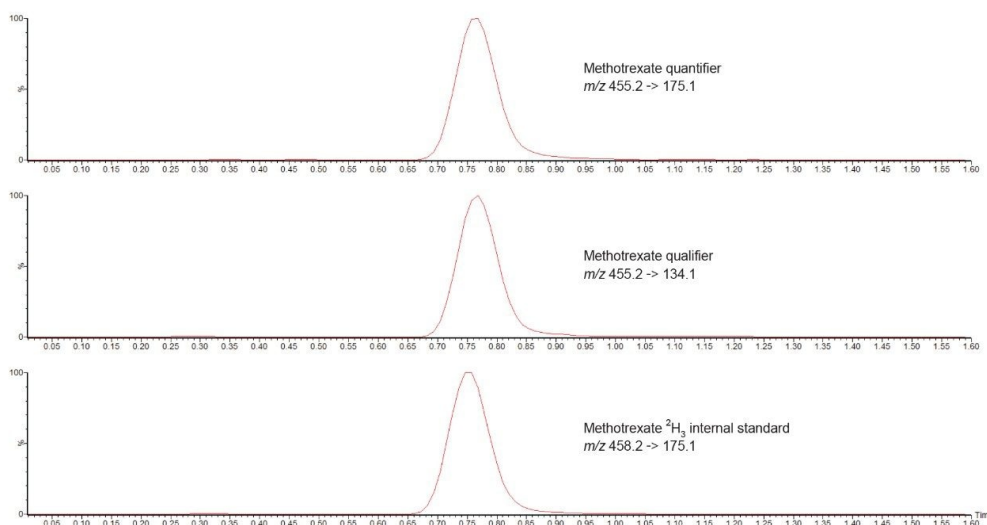


Figure 1. Chromatogram showing the analysis of methotrexate using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System.

Conclusion

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System has demonstrated the capability to deliver an analytically sensitive and precise method for methotrexate in plasma.

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