

## ACQUITY™ UPLC™ I-Class/Xevo™ TQ-S micro IVD System: Analytical Performance for an Organic Acid

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### Abstract

This document describes a test of the analytical performance of the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System for the analysis of methylmalonic acid (MMA) in serum.

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### Introduction

The Waters™ ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro

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IVD System enables the quantification of organic compounds in human biological liquid matrices.



*Figure 1. The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class System and Xevo TQ-S micro Mass Spectrometer.*

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## Experimental

The ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System was controlled by MassLynx™ IVD (v4.2) and the data processed using the TargetLynx™ Application Manager. Calibrators were prepared by spiking commercially available material in 1% (w/v) bovine serum albumin (BSA) in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), and quality controls (QCs) in both plasma and serum. Samples were processed using the following conditions:

### Sample Preparation Conditions

A 100-μL sample and internal standard were added to an Ostro™ protein precipitation and phospholipid removal plate. Samples were precipitated with 1% formic acid in acetonitrile, mixed in-well and then eluted into a collection plate, evaporated, and reconstituted prior to analysis.

## LC Conditions

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Column:         | ACQUITY UPLC CSH™ C<br>18,<br>1.7 µm, 2.1 mm × 100<br>mm, with in-line filter                            |
| Mobile phase A: | Water with 0.2% formic<br>acid   |
| Mobile phase B: | Acetonitrile with 0.2%<br>formic acid  |
| Flow rate:      | 0.45 mL/min  |
| Gradient:       | 1% B over 0.3 minutes,<br>1–20% B over<br>one minute, 20% over<br>0.2 minutes, 95% B over<br>0.5 minutes |

## MS Conditions

|                   |                                    |
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| Resolution:       | MS1 (0.75 FWHM), MS2<br>(0.75FWHM) |
| Acquisition mode: | MRM                                |
| Polarity:         | ESI-                               |

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## Results and Discussion

Performance characteristics of MMA using the Waters

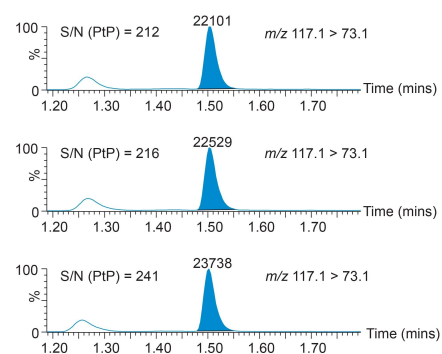
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ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD system is shown in Table 1.

Analytical sensitivity of the system for analyzing extracted MMA serum samples is illustrated in Figure 1.

| Compound | Range (nmol/L) | LLOQ (nmol/L) | %RSD at LLOQ | Total precision | Repeatability | Mean bias |
|----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| MMA      | 21-1270        | 21            | 11.1%        | ≤6.3%           | ≤5.5%         | -0.8%     |

*Table 1. Performance characteristics of MMA. 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 plasma and serum QCs. performed over five occasions ( $n=25$ ). Mean bias determined through Bland-Altman comparison of calculated concentrations to an independent LC-MS/MS method for MMA. (Note: To convert SI units to conventional mass units, divide by 8.47 for MMA (nmol/L to ng/mL). )*



*Figure 2. Chromatogram to show S/N (PtP) of extracted MMA control samples at 264 nmol/L using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System.*

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## Conclusion

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System has demonstrated the capability to deliver analytically sensitive and selective performance with excellent precision and accuracy for the analysis of methylmalonic acid.

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