1. Development and validation of an LC-MS/MS method for the quantification of ammoxetine in rat plasma



Fig. 1 MS/MS spectrum of [M+H]⁺ ion of ammoxetine (*m/z* 292, A) and L-phencynonate (IS) (*m/z* 358, B)



Fig.2 Chromatograms of rat plasma

(A) a blank rat plasma, (B) a blank rat plasma spiked with ammoxetine (100 ng/mL) and internal standard (50 ng/mL), (C) a rat plasma sample obtained 2h after oral administration of a 20 mg/kg dose of ammoxetine; (I) ammoxetine (II) internal standard



Fig.3 The standard curve of ammoxetine in rat plasma (n=5) with a linear range of 2–1000 ng/mL and a limit of quantification of 2 ng/mL

| Added | Intra-day precision and accuracy (n=5) | | | Inter-day precision and accuracy (n=15) | | |
|----------|--|-------------------|-------|---|----------------|-------|
| /(ng/mL) | Found/ (ng/mL) | Accuracy/% | RSD/% | Found/ (ng/mL) | Accuracy/% | RSD/% |
| 5 | 4.92 ± 0.50 | 98.48±9.95 | 10.10 | 4.99±0.58 | 99.8±11.53 | 11.54 |
| 100 | 103.86±6.94 | 103.86 ± 6.94 | 6.68 | 98.97±6.61 | 98.97±6.61 | 6.67 |
| 800 | 849.17±51.87 | 106.15 ± 6.48 | 6.11 | 815.96±64.26 | 102 ± 8.03 | 7.88 |

Tab.1 Precision and accuracy of the assay method for ammoxetine in rat plasma

Tab.2 Extraction recoveries and matrix effects of ammoxetine in rat plasma (mean±SD, n=5)

| Added /(ng/mL) | Extraction recovery (%) | Matrix effect (%) |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 | 95.61±6.05 | 98.05±3.22 |
| 100 | 102.52±1.88 | 101.83±8.69 |
| 800 | 95.92±5.48 | 93.65±4.80 |

Tab.3 Stability of ammoxetine in rat plasma (mean±SD, n=3)

| Addad/(ma/mat) | Measured (%) | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Added/(ng/mL) | Room temperature for 4h | -30°C for 15d | In auto-sampler for 24h | | | |
| 5 | 94.00±6.00 | 106.00±2.00 | 114.00 ± 10.00 | | | |
| 100 | 108.90 ± 7.40 | 105.90±8.30 | 111.20±5.90 | | | |
| 800 | 114.33±0.73 | 111.74±2.73 | 106.49±0.78 | | | |

2. Development and validation of an LC-MS/MS method for the quantification of ammoxetine in beagle dog plasma



Fig.4 Chromatograms of dog plasma

(A) a blank dog plasma, (B) a blank dog plasma spiked with ammoxetine (100 ng/mL) and internal standard (50 ng/mL), (C) a dog plasma sample obtained 1h after oral administration of a 2 mg/kg dose of ammoxetine; (I) ammoxetine (II) internal standard



Fig.5 The standard curve of ammoxetine in dog plasma (n=5) with a linear range of 2–1500 ng/mL and a limit of quantification of 2 ng/mL

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|----------|--|-------------------|-------|---|--------------------|-------|
| Added | Antra-day precision and accuracy (n=5) | | | Inter-day precision and accuracy (n=15) | | |
| /(ng/mL) | Found/ (ng/mL) | Accuracy/% | RSD/% | Found/ (ng/mL) | Accuracy/% | RSD/% |
| 5 | 5.19±0.33 | 103.80±6.55 | 6.31 | 5.14±0.50 | 99.6±11.78 | 9.63 |
| 100 | 104.41±9.30 | 104.41 ± 9.30 | 8.91 | 105.65±7.29 | 101.70±7.39 | 6.90 |
| 1200 | 1196.93±107.11 | 99.74±8.93 | 8.95 | 1197.88±100.83 | 102.85 ± 12.45 | 8.42 |

Tab.4 Precision and accuracy of the assay method for ammoxetine in dog plasma

Tab.5 Extraction recoveries and matrix effects of ammoxetine in dog plasma (mean±SD, n=5)

| Added /(ng/mL) | Extraction recovery (%) | Matrix effect (%) |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 | 100.13±7.23 | 98.10±10.62 |
| 100 | 100.97±4.84 | 94.98±5.82 |
| 1200 | 97.10±3.26 | 93.92±2.04 |

Tab.6 Stability of ammoxetine in dog plasma (mean±SD, n=5)

| | 5 61 | · · · |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| Found (ng/mL) | Standing Time | Accuracy/% |
| | 0d (-30°C) | 91.60±7.22 |
| | 15d (-30°C) | 97.58±13.78 |
| 5 | 25d (-30°C) | 97.61±9.77 |
| 5 | Room temperature for 4h | 99.00±11.24 |
| | Repeated freezing and thawing for 3 times | 96.59±4.01 |
| | In auto-sampler for 24h | 96.64±4.72 |
| | 0d (-30°C) | 100.10±1.62 |
| | 15d (-30°C) | 98.63±4.19 |
| 100 | 25d (-30°C) | 101.68±6.57 |
| 100 | Room temperature for 4h | 101.87±8.27 |
| | Repeated freezing and thawing for 3 times | 98.25±6.55 |
| | In auto-sampler for 24h | 99.51±7.50 |
| | 0d (-30°C) | 92.06±3.06 |
| | 15d (-30°C) | 92.48±4.64 |
| 1200 | 25d (-30°C) | 93.96±3.46 |
| 1200 | Room temperature for 4h | 93.89±4.32 |
| | Repeated freezing and thawing for 3 times | 92.01±6.32 |
| | In auto-sampler for 24h | 92.32±4.25 |

3. Development and validation of LC-MS/MS methods for the quantification of ammoxetine in rat tissues, urine, feces, and bile



Fig.6 Chromatograms of liver homogenate of rat

(A) a blank liver homogenate of rat, (B) a blank liver homogenate of rat spiked with ammoxetine (10 ng/mL) and internal standard (50 ng/mL), (C) a liver homogenate sample of rat obtained 24h after oral administration of a 20 mg/kg dose of ammoxetine; (I) ammoxetine (II) internal standard

| Sample | Regression equation | r^2 | Linear range (ng/mL) | Limit of quantification (ng/mL) |
|-----------|--|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Blood | $Y = -5.736e - 4 + 4.13e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9945 | 2–1500 | 2 |
| Heart | $Y = -1.56e - 4 + 2.80e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9981 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Liver | $Y = -2.87e - 4 + 2.52e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9986 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Spleen | $Y = -4.548e - 4 + 2.80e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9955 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Lung | $Y = -1.74e - 4 + 2.36e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9969 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Kidney | $Y = -1.76e - 4 + 3.32e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9979 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Brain | $Y = 6.49e-5+2.01e-4 \times X$ | 0.9982 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Intestine | $Y = 5.50e-5+3.49e-4 \times X$ | 0.9943 | 2–1500 | 2 |
| Stomach | $Y = -3.16e - 4 + 2.28e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9934 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Testis | $Y = -4.83e - 4 + 3.54e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9976 | 2–1500 | 2 |
| Fat | $Y = -4.55e - 4 + 4.36e - 4 \times X$ | 0.9948 | 2-1500 | 2 |
| Muscle | $Y = -2.90e-4+2.90e-4 \times X$ | 0.9993 | 2–1500 | 2 |

Tab.7 The standard curve of ammoxetine in rat plasma and tissue homogenates

Tab.8 The standard curve of ammoxetine in urine, feces and bile

| Sample | Regression equation | r^2 | Linear range (ng/mL) | Limit of quantification (ng/mL) |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Urine | $Y = 0.011860 + 0.008805 \times X$ | 0.9921 | 2-1000 | 2 |
| Feces | $Y = 0.029786 + 0.006446 \times X$ | 0.9979 | 2-1000 | 2 |
| Bile | $Y = -0.006326 + 0.005752 \times X$ | 0.9969 | 2-1000 | 2 |

| т. | | Extraction recov | eries (%) | Matrix effect | Matrix effects (%) | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Tissue | Added (ng/mL) | Mean±SD | RSD | Mean±SD | RSD | |
| | 5 | 110.58±14.58 | 13.19 | 84.02±9.45 | 11.25 | |
| Heart | 100 | 97.81±5.18 | 5.30 | 97.91±6.52 | 6.66 | |
| | 1000 | 98.91±2.50 | 2.53 | 98.70±1.24 | 1.26 | |
| | 5 | 109.93±18.53 | 16.86 | 103.10±20.374 | 19.76 | |
| Liver | 100 | 97.58±4.94 | 5.06 | 102.68±4.49 | 4.37 | |
| | 1000 | 94.96±3.81 | 4.01 | 93.87±1.44 | 1.53 | |
| | 5 | 123.73±11.39 | 9.21 | 73.76±13.84 | 18.76 | |
| Spleen | 100 | 101.59±6.92 | 6.81 | 104.16 ± 7.01 | 6.73 | |
| | 1000 | 91.79±1.77 | 1.93 | 95.62±3.43 | 3.59 | |
| | 5 | 100.01±12.61 | 12.61 | 95.97±5.77 | 6.01 | |
| Lung | 100 | 94.75±7.60 | 8.02 | 103.65±5.97 | 5.76 | |
| | 1000 | 93.84±1.26 | 1.34 | 100.27±3.75 | 3.74 | |
| | 5 | 92.35±6.56 | 7.10 | 149.02±17.99 | 12.07 | |
| Kidney | 100 | 99.60±5.80 | 5.82 | 100.32±4.40 | 4.39 | |
| | 1000 | 98.71±3.01 | 3.05 | 96.20±3.75 | 3.90 | |
| | 5 | 114.23±17.13 | 14.99 | 90.68±5.40 | 5.96 | |
| Brain | 100 | 97.71±6.36 | 6.51 | 100.33±9.27 | 9.24 | |
| | 1000 | 102.90±5.21 | 5.06 | 95.32±4.18 | 4.39 | |
| | 5 | 88.34±8.13 | 9.20 | 90.95±12.69 | 13.95 | |
| Intestine | 100 | 102.96±7.30 | 7.09 | 100.33±3.01 | 3.00 | |
| | 1000 | 97.97±5.23 | 5.34 | 98.35±4.12 | 4.19 | |
| | 5 | 98.97±11.45 | 11.57 | 131.77±25.79 | 19.57 | |
| Stomach | 100 | 94.50±5.03 | 5.32 | 106.15±11.07 | 10.43 | |
| | 1000 | 93.59±3.17 | 3.39 | 106.54±2.49 | 2.34 | |
| | 5 | 99.10±16.57 | 16.72 | 87.87±6.54 | 7.44 | |
| Testis | 100 | 102.59 ± 4.52 | 4.41 | 100.81±6.39 | 6.34 | |
| | 1000 | 98.77±4.20 | 4.25 | 102.71 ± 5.99 | 5.83 | |
| | 5 | 93.44±10.08 | 10.79 | 208.15±8.67 | 4.17 | |
| Fat | 100 | 105.06 ± 5.49 | 5.23 | 110.51 ± 7.98 | 7.22 | |
| | 1000 | 89.21±11.50 | 12.89 | 92.21±2.66 | 2.88 | |
| | 5 | 99.25±13.83 | 13.93 | 89.23±9.29 | 10.41 | |
| Muscle | 100 | 93.98±5.18 | 5.51 | 91.73±13.24 | 14.43 | |
| | 1000 | 94.08±4.02 | 4.27 | 103.10 ± 3.54 | 3.43 | |

Tab.9 Extraction recoveries and matrix effects of ammoxetine in different tissue homogenates of rat (n=5)

| Samula | Added (ng/mL) | Extraction recovery | | Matrix effect | |
|--------|---------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Sample | | Mean±SD | RSD (%) | Mean±SD | RSD (%) |
| | 5 | 86.22±1.60 | 1.85 | 98.33±19.33 | 19.65 |
| Urine | 100 | 92.04±3.24 | 3.48 | 88.43±2.80 | 3.17 |
| | 800 | 94.99±4.71 | 4.96 | 100.14 ± 6.44 | 6.43 |
| | 5 | 109.13±19.11 | 17.51 | 101.31±7.32 | 7.22 |
| Feces | 100 | 110.30±7.49 | 6.79 | 90.69±11.23 | 12.39 |
| | 800 | 98.51±5.66 | 5.74 | 98.52±8.04 | 8.16 |
| | 5 | 87.48±12.84 | 14.68 | 43.25±8.30 | 19.19 |
| Bile | 100 | 103.49±10.29 | 9.94 | 49.31±1.15 | 2.34 |
| | 800 | 106.26±10.35 | 9.74 | 48.36±3.38 | 6.98 |

Tab.10 Extraction recoveries and matrix effects of ammoxetine in urine, feces and bile (n=3)

4. Development of an LC-MS/MS method for quantifying each metabolite of a CYP-specific substrate in a CYP inhibition experiment.

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|------------------------|---|--------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Analyte | Regression equation | r | Linear range | Limit of quantification |
| Analyte | Regression equation | 7 | (ng/mL) | (ng/mL) |
| 4-Hydroxytolbutamide | $Y = 1.72e^{+003} + 3.6e^{+003} \times X$ | 0.9988 | 0.25–500 | 0.25 |
| 4-Hydroxymephenytoin | $Y = 29.3 + 144 \times X$ | 0.9992 | 0.25-500 | 0.25 |
| Acetaminophen | $Y = 0.459 + 1.03 \times X$ | 0.9900 | 0.1–200 | 0.1 |
| Hydroxybupropion | $Y = 0.131 + 0.942 \times X$ | 0.9921 | 0.15-300 | 0.15 |
| 6-hydroxychlorzoxazone | $Y = 577 + 579 \times X$ | 0.9934 | 0.15-300 | 0.15 |
| 1'-hydroxymidazolam | $Y = 0.148 + 0.162 \times X$ | 0.9934 | 0.025–50 | 0.025 |
| 6β-hydroxytestosterone | $Y = 0.0146 + 0.0813 \times X$ | 0.9912 | 0.2–400 | 0.2 |
| Dextrorphan | $Y = 0.12 + 1.64 \times X$ | 0.9947 | 0.025–50 | 0.025 |
| 7-hydroxycoumarin | $Y = 986 + 2.26e^{+003} \times X$ | 0.9931 | 0.025-50 | 0.025 |
| Desethylamodiaquine | $Y = 0.599 + 2.37 \times X$ | 0.9950 | 0.025-50 | 0.025 |

Tab.11 The standard curve of each metabolite of a CYP-specific substrate