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[P27-2-1] Evaluation of the ARK Voriconazole II immunoassay on the Abbott Architect analyser

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Background

Therapeutic drug monitoring of voriconazole is necessary to ensure appropriate therapy. Aim: To evaluate the ARK voriconazole II immunoassay on the Architect-C8000 analyser for measuring human plasma voriconazole concentrations.

Methods

The study was performed following CLSI protocol (EP5-A3, EP9-A3, EP17-A2). Within-day imprecision: 20 replicated analyses of three patient samples and of ARK voriconazole low (1 mcg/mL), medium (5 mcg/mL) and high (10 mcg/mL) controls. Between-days imprecision: over a 20-day period using the three controls (low, medium, high) and patient samples; each sample was tested using two reagent lots and two runs per day. Limit of blank (LoB) and limit of detection (LoD): ten replicates of analyte-free sample (zero-calibrator) and low concentration calibrator (0.5 mcg/mL). $LoD = LoB + 1.645 (SD_{low\ concentration\ calibrator})$. Lower limit of quantification (LLOQ): a low concentration plasma sample was diluted with a voriconazole-free sample to ten different concentrations in 5 different analytical runs. Dilution linearity: five high voriconazole concentration plasma patients' pools were serially diluted with calibrator A. Analytical recovery: adding concentrated voriconazole into voriconazole-negative samples. Calibration curve stability tested on days 1, 7, 14 and 21 using the calibrators A-F and controls (low, medium, high) in duplicate, as were patient samples. Therapeutic range: 1-5.5 mcg/mL. Statistical analysis was carried out on SPSS 19.0. Plasma levels obtained with the ARK voriconazole were compared with serum levels generated with the LC-MS/MS from 50 patients ranging from 0.5 to 9 mcg/mL. The concordance between these concentrations was evaluated with the intraclass correlation coefficient (CCI) with a 95% limit of agreement, and graphically with the Bland-Altman method.

Results

Within-assay coefficient of variation (CV) was 5.8% for low (mean: 1.1 mcg/mL), 4.1% for medium (mean: 5.2 mcg/mL) and 6.4% for high control (mean: 9.9 mcg/mL). The respective total CV for the patients' pool was 4.2% (mean: 1.2 mcg/mL), 4.8% (mean: 3.4 mcg/mL) and 5.3% (mean: 6.6 mcg/mL), respectively. Between-days imprecision was 6.2%, 5.7% and 6.5% for low, medium and high controls, respectively. LoB and LoD were 0.005 and 0.03 mcg/mL, respectively. LLOQ was 0.5 mcg/mL. Dilution linearity exhibited a high degree in the range studied (0.5-16 mcg/mL, $r=0.99$). Recovery was 95%. Calibration curve was stable for 3 weeks. CCI was 0.97 (0.94; 0.98) and this concordance was confirmed with the Bland-Altman analysis.

Conclusions

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This study demonstrates that the ARK voriconazole immunoassay adapted to the Architect-C8000 analyser has a very good calibration curve stability, precision, reproducibility, sensitivity, specificity, and a good accuracy with the LC-MS/MS method. Therefore, this technology could be suitable for monitoring voriconazole in routine clinical practice.