

Veterinary Drug Analysis in Animal Origin Food and Feed and Their Relevant Products: A Modern Multi-Class, Multi-Residue Method Using UHPLC-MS/MS

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Introduction

Veterinary drugs are a complex group of different chemical classes and therapeutic agents. They are used within animal husbandry to treat and prevent disease and ensure animal health and growth. Residues of such drugs in animal edible tissues are not desirable because they could pose a potential threat to consumer health and promote antibiotic resistant bacteria strains. Therefore, these substances are strictly regulated and monitored in food products to ensure food safety and prevent the unnecessary exposure of consumers to veterinary drugs. For that purpose multi-class, multi-residue methods are becoming increasingly popular in regulatory monitoring programs globally because of their extended analytical scope and laboratory efficiency.

Modern Multi-Class, Multi-Residue Method Using LC-MS

Benefits

- ▶ Cost-effective
- ▶ Time-effective
- ▶ Selective detection of individual analytes
- ▶ Improved sensitivity for low LODs/LOQs
- ▶ Identification/confirmation

Challenges

- ▶ A large spectrum of drug classes
- ▶ Parent drugs and metabolites
- ▶ Different physical/chemical properties
 - Hydrophilic to hydrophobic
 - Acidic, neutral and basic
 - Stability
 - Interaction with matrix components
- ▶ Compromise between analyte scope and performance characteristics
- ▶ Matrix effects and potential interference from co-extracts

Analytes in Positive Mode (~150) Divided into 9 Groups

Group (# of Analytes)	Veterinary Drug Classes
Mix A (22)	Anthelmintics
Mix B (20)	Antibiotics - Beta-lactams (cephalosporins and penicillins)
Mix C (13)	Antibiotics - Macrolides and lincosamides
Mix D (23)	Antibiotics - Quinolones and others
Mix E (24)	Antibiotics - Sulfonamides
Mix F (9)	Antibiotics - Tetracyclines
Mix G (22)	Beta-agonists, coccidiostats and antimicrobial growth promoters
Mix H (12)	Tranquilizers, dyes and pesticide
Mix I (4)	Antibiotics - Other

LC-MS/MS Analysis

UHPLC: Agilent Fast LC 1290
 Column: Agilent C18 Zorbax Eclipse Plus, 2.1x100 mm, 1.8 μm
 Column Oven Temperature: 40°C
 Injection Volume: 5 μL
 Flow Rate: 0.5 mL/min
 Mobile Phase A: 0.1% Formic Acid in Water
 Mobile Phase B: 0.1% Formic Acid in Methanol
 Gradient:

Time (min)	%A	%B
0	98	2
0.75	98	2
7.0	60	40
11.0	0	100
13.0	0	100
13.1	98	2
17.0	98	2

Mass Spectrometer: Agilent Triple Quadrupole MS/MS 6495A
 MS Acquisition: Dynamic MRM
 Up to 10 MRMs per analyte were optimized, from which 3 MRMs were chosen for quantitation and identification
 Cycle Time: 600 ms
 Ion Source Type: AJS ESI+
 Collision Energy: Optimized for individual MRM
 Cell Accelerator Voltage: Optimized for individual MRM

Sample Preparation General Procedure

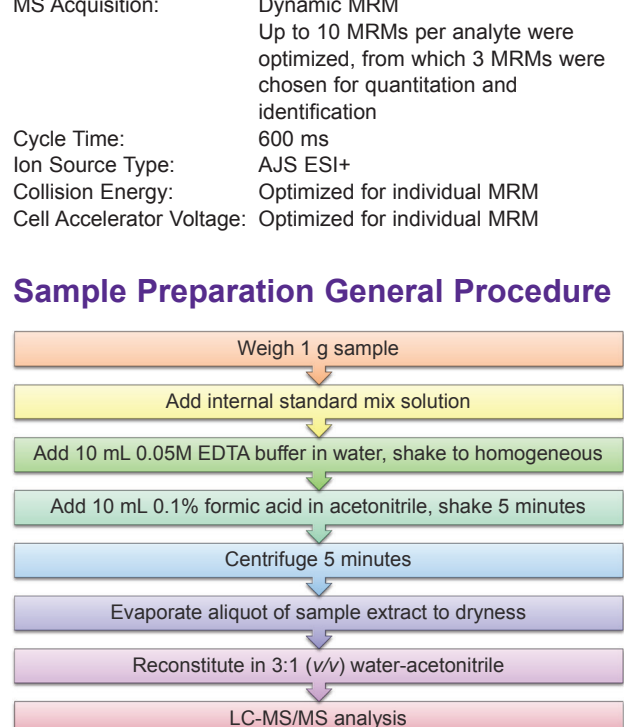


Table 1. Accuracy (corrected spike recovery, CR in %) and Precision (% CV) at 0.5, 50, 100, (n = 5 from one day), 1, 5, 10 ng/g (n = 10 from two days) in Infant Formula Powder

Fortified Level on Sample	Class/Compound Name	LOQ ng/g	0.5 ng/g		1.0 ng/g		5.0 ng/g		10 ng/g		50 ng/g		100 ng/g	
			CR	CV	CR	CV	CR	CV	CR	CV	CR	CV	CR	CV
Anthelmintics														
2	Albendazole	-	-	111	20.2	98.7	14.2	101	9.3	97.0	7.9	102	10.1	15.1
5	Albendazole amino	96.5	13.3	102	15.7	101	7.4	97.6	7.1	92.2	10.9	104	11.8	
1	Albendazole sulfone	102	18.8	105	9.9	95.1	5.9	99.0	5.4	94.9	4.1	103	5.4	
1	Albendazole sulfoxide	108	11.6	104	14.2	98.1	7.1	97.1	8.2	90.6	8.8	105	15.4	
1	Albendazole-2-aminosulfone	99.8	5.9	101	6.4	102	4.2	97.3	8.2	96.2	7.5	102	11.2	
1	Cambendazole	106	7.6	103	9.4	99.1	6.2	98.7	8.5	88.6	3.2	106	10.1	
1	Febantel	95.7	1.9	117	11.9	92.4	9.5	95.6	6.7	87.3	4.2	108	7.8	
1	Fenbendazole	120	26.6	89.7	15.1	99.4	12.3	103	7.6	94.0	19.0	103	10.1	
1	Fenbendazole sulfoxide	102	8.1	103	11.3	100	9.8	97.2	8.2	97.7	11.1	102	11.7	
1	Fenbendazole sulfone	99.6	10.3	105	9.5	97.0	9.0	99.0	8.2	94.5	3.6	103	7.6	
1	Flubendazole	112	13.7	107	17.0	88.7	14.6	99.3	20.7	92.9	10.6	105	12.6	
1	Flubendazole-amine	104	6.8	102	12.3	100	9.9	97.2	4.1	91.6	9.8	105	6.9	
1	Levamisole	96.0	12.9	101	9.7	103	11.1	97.2	9.7	96.0	12.8	102	13.2	
1	Mebendazole	105	17.9	97.8	17.4	104	13.4	95.3	10.9	93.0	7.0	104	14.3	
1	Mebendazole-5-hydroxy	100	9.4	103	9.6	100	8.0	97.1	8.2	101	3.7	100	8.9	
5	Mebendazole-amine	-	-	107	8.5	102	9.5	97.5	7.4	94.3	2.4	104	13.8	
1	Oxibendazole	103	2.2	99.3	8.6	101	8.9	98.2	9.4	97.9	6.7	101	9.8	
1	Thiabendazole	105	25.5	100	12.3	101	11.2	98.9	8.7	101	13.6	99.5	10.7	
1	Thiabendazole-5-hydroxy	104	11.9	95.1	12.6	99.1	7.0	103	9.0	102	10.9	98.6	5.1	
1	Triclabendazole	108	4.0	97.5	10.1	99.3	10.3	101	3.3	102	5.0	99.2	15.7	
5	Triclabendazole-sulfone	94.8	9.7	95.9	12.0	104	5.4	103	9.7	94.8	6.2	102	14.4	
5	Triclabendazole-sulfoxide	110	27.3	98.1	23.3	96.5	7.4	97.8	15.6	97.9	3.9	102	12.5	
Beta Lactams														
10	Cefadroxil	-	-	-	-	102	38.0	83.2	17.7	102	7.6	104	13.3	
10	Cefazolin	-	-	-	-	113	24.0	92.5	17.1	98.4	7.0	101	15.9	
10	Cefepime	-	-	-	-	94.0	15.2	109	11.5	97.0	7.0	101	11.6	
10	Cefquinome	-	-	-	-	96.0	29.7	88.6	19.2	106	10.8	104	8.4	
4	Ceftiofur	82.7	30.0	114	14.1	94.9	7.6	97.0	8.2	94.9	4.9	103	7.5	
10	DCCD	-	-	-	-	109	15.6	96.5	22.7	98.8	8.7	103	9.4	
100	Desferrioxime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97.8	12.8	
10	Cefacetil	-	-	-	-	101	14.2	104	12.5	103	5.1	101	5.1	
5	Cephalexin	-	-	128	26.6	97.7	21.0	88.6	18.2	95.1	8.1	105	5.9	
10	Cephalonium	-	-	-	-	110	19.0	96.3	8.4	91.9	4.8	104	9.5	
10	Cephapirin	-	-	-	-	110	10.5	91.6	7.7	98.8	7.3	102	9.5	
5	Desacetyl Cephapirin	-	-	-	-	80.4	23.1	105	18.5	103	8.2	96.7	6.6	
4	Amoxicillin	-	-	112	23.4	105	7.2	97.8	6.4	90.3	3.6	105	7.4	
4	Ampicillin	-	-	107	22.5	102	11.5	95.7	8.0	98.0	10.0	102	9.0	
50	Cloxacillin	-	-	-	-	107	20.5	101	17.4	100	16.8	101	15.6	
50	Dicloxacillin	-	-	-	-	122	29.6	90.6	42.2	100	21.4	103	15.6	
5	Nafcillin	-	-	-	-	106	21.1	95.8	12.4	96.8	7.3	102	2.0	
10	Oxacillin	-	-	-	-	113	64.8	102	11.3	103	26.0	101	26.0	
4	Penicillin G	-	-	-	-	122	24.1	105	26.9	105	13.7	95.4	13.9	
10	Penicillin V	-	-	-	-	89.8	33.0	94.2	16.2	103	10.2	102	10.2	
Macrolides and Lincosamides														
10	Clarithromycin	106	25.6	110	25.6	90.0	14.3	96.1	13.9	102	9.6	100	8.5	
1	Clindamycin	-	-	113	14.2	96.6	13.8	96.8	6.8	94.2	13.7	104	13.9	
5	Desmethyl	-	-	113	24.6	96.4	15.1	96.7	9.3	87.9	4.8	107	11.1	
50	Erythromycin A	-	-	-	-	109	13.9	111	15.1	99.3	14.7	101	14.7	
10	Josamycin	-	-	-	-	97.1	19.7	106	10.1	96.3	13.4	101	15.1	
1	Lincomycin	99.3	5.0	104	10.7	103	12.9	98.1	3.5	90.5	10.2	105	7.8	
5	Oleandomycin	116	16.2	101	17.5	96.7	5.6	99.2	8.5	87.8	10.5	107	9.2	
5	Roxithromycin	101	33.7	108	20.8	92.3	21.3	102	12.5	99.3	20.2	101	7.4	
1	Spiramycin I	101	13.3	104	15.4	98.6	11.7	97.2	5.6	94.1	4.8	104	6.4	
10	Tilmicosin	-	-	114	23.7	97.9	9.4	97.4	7.4	94.6	9.4	103	14.1	
100	Tulathromycin A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72.6	24.5	105	18.2	
50	Tylosin A	-	-	-	-	105	31.9	94.7	17.4	90.3	16.3	106	12.9	
Quinolones														
5	Cinoxacin	99.8	27.6	102	14.3	101	8.0	97.3	8.7	95.5	10.9	103	8.5	
1	Ciprofloxacin	104	18.4	101	15.8	96.7	11.3	97.3	12.7	100	18.0	101	4.6	
5	Danofloxacin	96.8	7.7	114	13.4	96.9	14.1	94.7	7.9	95.6	15.0	103	12.4	
1	Enoxacin	113	24.7	99.3	19.4	100	11.1	94.2	10.6	101	9.8	101	13.9	
5	Enoxacin	-	-	122	19.2	89.5	16.9	96.0	9.7	91.5	16.6	106	8.4	
1	Enrofloxacin	111	9.6	95.9	16.8	101	8.9	101	11.7	94.1	11.8	103	6.7	
1	Flumequine	89.5	13.1	102	9.7	113	10.1	91.1	9.5	92.9	5.6	104	14.7	
1	Levofloxacin	105	7.4	98.3	12.0	100	9.7	100	8.4	96.8	10.4	102	8.4	
1	Lomefloxacin	-	-	104	18.7	94.5	13.7	96.9	11.1	99.7	5.9	101	9.9	
1	Marbofloxacin	110	10.9	98.2	11.2	96.3	13.6	103	7.4	92.8	9.2	103	8.3	
1	Nalidixic Acid	101	15.2	98.9	12.5	102	15.7	97.1	17.7	93.6	11.2	103	17.4	
1	Norfloxacin	106	11.6	107	20.4	97.1	13.3	92.8	9.8	98.9	4.1	102	15.4	
1	Ofloxacin	104	8.6	98.6	12.3	99.5	9.6	100	8.8	96.8	10.4	102	8.4	
1	Oxolinic Acid	98.5	9.0	102	7.9	98.3	7.1	100	7.3	97.0	4.1	101	13.5	
5	Sarrafloxacin	96.8	4.4	114	11.1	95.9	6.1	94.9	11.5	92.2	6.4	105	21.1	
5	Sparfloxacin	-	-	106	24.9	92.8	13.6	103	7.0	96.8	7.6	102	8.0	
Sulfonamides														
5	Sulfabenzamide	112	27.6	106	22.1	96.5	15.6	96.3	12.9	98.6	5.7	102	15.1	
1	Sulfacetamide	103	25.1	93.9	12.8	108	10.9	94.6	13.9	98.0	10.6	101	11.5	
5	Sulfachloropyridazine	-	-	-	-	101	13.6	98.3	18.2	101	19.8	100	14.0	
5	Sulfadiazine	-	-	-	-	118	6.5	98.5	8.1	104	11.2	97.1	15.7	
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