

ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System: Analytical Performance for Androgens, Progestogens and Glucocorticoids

INTRODUCTION

The Waters ACQUITY™ UPLC™ I-Class/Xevo™ TQ-S micro 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 TQ-S micro IVD System for the analysis of testosterone, androstenedione, 17-hydroxyprogesterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, cortisol, 11-deoxycortisol, and 21-deoxycortisol in serum.

EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

The ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro 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 stripped serum and the samples were processed using the following conditions:

Sample preparation conditions

100 µL sample was precipitated with methanol, diluted with water, and centrifuged. Samples were loaded on Oasis™ PRiME HLB µElution plates, washed, and eluted prior to analysis.

LC conditions

Column:	ACQUITY UPLC HSS T3 (IVD) 1.8 µm, 2.1 × 50 mm
Pre-column:	VanGuard™ HSS T3 1.8 µm, 2.1 × 5 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:	0.6 mL/min
Gradient:	45% B over one minute, 45–65% B over 2.5 minutes, 98% B for 0.5 minutes

MS conditions

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



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Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System.

RESULTS

Analytical selectivity of the chromatographic separation is illustrated in Figure 1. Performance characteristics of the steroid hormones on the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System are shown in Table 1.

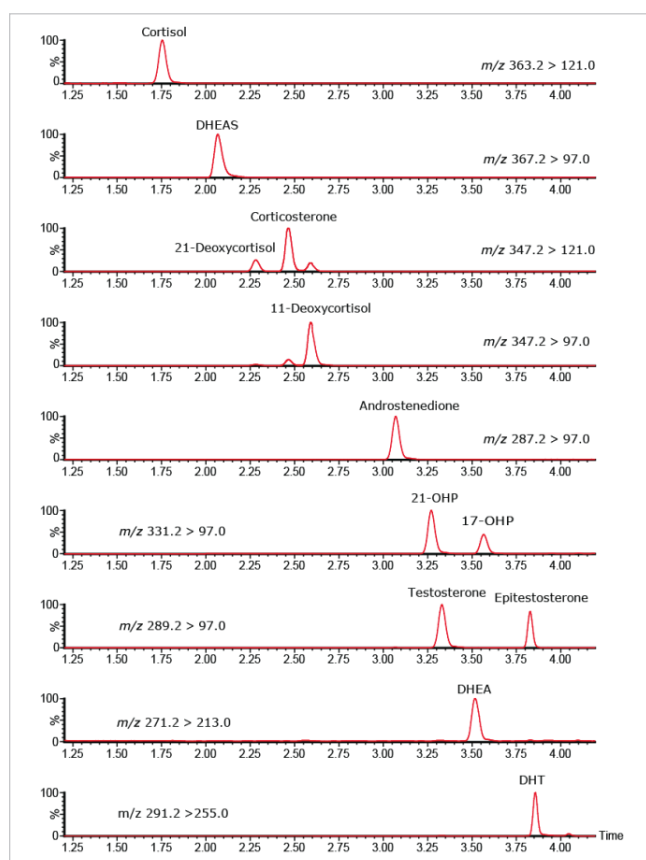


Figure 1. Chromatographic selectivity of a range of steroids using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System.

Compound	Range (nmol/L)	LLOQ (nmol)	%RSD at LLOQ	Total precision	Repeatability	EQA mean bias
Testosterone	0.1–69	0.10	4.9%	≤6.3%	≤3.2%	-0.1%
Androstenedione	0.09–349	0.09	9.1%	≤6.0%	≤4.0%	-5.1%
17-OHP	0.19–757	0.19	8.2%	≤5.3%	≤3.4%	5.2%
DHEAS	65–43000	65	4.0%	≤7.6%	≤3.9%	-5.8%
Cortisol	0.69–1380	0.69	13.2%	≤7.3%	≤7.3%	1.0%
11-Deoxycortisol	0.72–144	0.72	14.1%	≤5.7%	≤3.5%	-
21-Deoxycortisol	0.72–144	0.72	9.9%	≤6.9%	≤5.2%	-

Table 1. Performance characteristics of the analytes evaluated. Range defined by linear fit where $r^2 > 0.99$. LLOQ defined by S/N (PtP) > 10 and %RSD $< 20\%$. %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 stripped serum ($n=25$). EQA mean bias determined through Altman-Bland comparison of calculated concentrations to EQA mass spectrometry mean values.

Note: To convert SI units to conventional mass units divide by 3.470 for testosterone (nmol/L to ng/mL), 3.494 for androstenedione (nmol/L to ng/mL), 3.028 for 17-OHP (nmol/L to ng/mL), 2.716 for DHEAS (nmol/L to ng/mL), 2.761 for cortisol (nmol/L to ng/mL), and 2.889 for 11-deoxycortisol and 21-deoxycortisol (nmol/L to ng/mL).

CONCLUSIONS

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQ-S micro IVD System has demonstrated the capability to deliver analytically sensitive, selective performance with excellent precision and accuracy for testosterone, androstenedione, 17-hydroxyprogesterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, cortisol, 11-deoxycortisol, and 21-deoxycortisol in serum.

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