

Application Note

# ACQUITY™ UPLC™ I-Class/Xevo™ TQD IVD System: Analytical Performance for Antidepressant Drugs

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## Abstract

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System enables the quantification of organic compounds in human biological liquid matrices.

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This document describes a test of the analytical performance of the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System for the analysis of citalopram, desmethylfluoxetine, duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, O-desmethylvenlafaxine, mirtazapine, sertraline, trazodone, and venlafaxine in plasma.

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## Experimental

The ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System was controlled by MassLynx™ Software (v4.2) and the data processed using the TargetLynx™ XS Application Manager. Calibrators and Quality Controls were prepared by spiking commercially available reference material in plasma and the samples were processed using the following conditions:

### Sample Preparation Conditions

A 50 µL sample was processed with acetonitrile and centrifuged, then subsequently diluted with water prior to analysis.

### LC Conditions

Column:	XSelect™ Premier HSS T3, 2.5 µm, 2.1 mm x 100 mm
Mobile phase A:	2 mM ammonium acetate in water
Mobile phase B:	2 mM ammonium acetate in methanol
Flow rate:	0.4 mL/min / 0.6 mL/min
Gradient:	40% A initial, hold until 1.70 minutes, then ramp gradient 6 until 20% A at 4.00 minutes, at 4.01 minutes switch to 100% B at a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min until 4.50 minutes, finally return to 40% A

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at 0.4 mL/min from 4.50 until 5.0 minutes.

## MS Conditions

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

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## Results and Discussion

Chromatographic selectivity of a range of antidepressants using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System is illustrated in Figure 1. Performance characteristics of the antidepressant drugs are shown in Table 1.

Compound	Calibration range* (ng/mL)	LLOQ (ng/mL)	Linear range ng/mL	Total precision	Repeatability
Citalopram	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤7.2%	≤2.6%
Desmethylfluoxetine	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤7.6%	≤3.2%
Duloxetine	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤6.7%	≤3.4%
Fluoxetine	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤6.5%	≤2.3%
Fluvoxamine	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤7.3%	≤2.6%
O-Desmethylvenlafaxine	10–1000	5	7.7–1300	≤5.9%	≤2.4%
Mirtazapine	5–500	5	3.83–650	≤10.0%	≤5.5%
Sertraline	10–1000	5	7.7–1300	≤9.1%	≤3.3%
Trazodone	30–3000	15	23–3900	≤5.8%	≤2.4%
Venlafaxine	10–1000	7.5	7.7–1300	≤6.7%	≤2.3%

Table 1. Performance characteristics of the analytes evaluated. \*Calibration Range was defined by linear fit where  $r^2 > 0.995$  for O-Desmethylvenlafaxine and duloxetine; for all other analytes a quadratic fit was used. LLOQ defined by  $S/N (PtP) > 10$  with  $\%RSD \leq 20\%$  and  $\leq 15\%$  bias (with the exception of fluoxetine, for which bias was 17.6%).  $\%RSD$  at LLOQ determined through analytical sensitivity experiments performed over five occasions ( $n=50$ ). Total precision and repeatability of QCs performed over five occasions in plasma ( $n=25$ ).

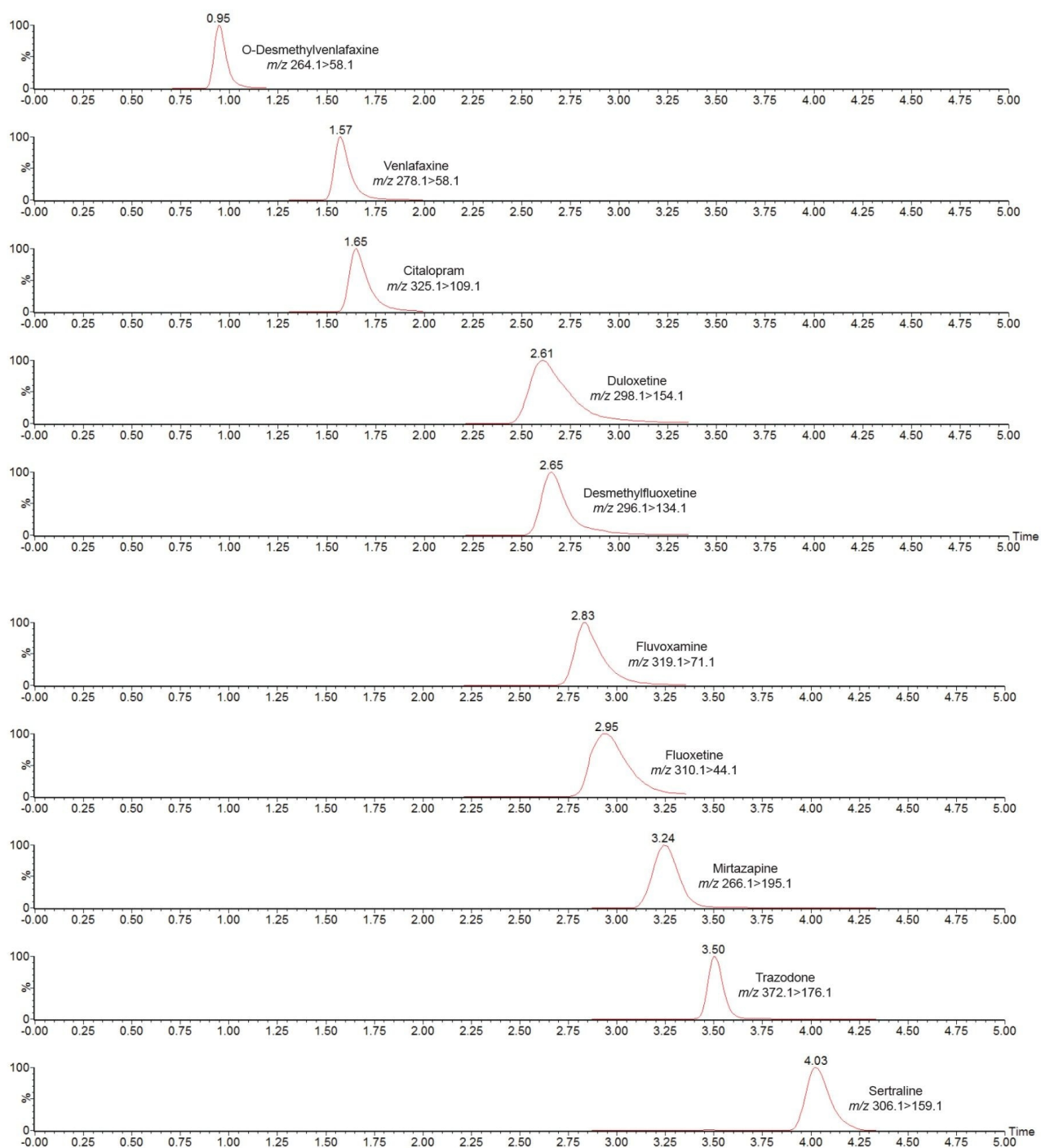


Figure 1. Chromatographic selectivity of a range of antidepressant drugs using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/ Xevo TQD IVD System.

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## Conclusion

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class/Xevo TQD IVD System has demonstrated the capability to analyze a panel of antidepressant drugs in plasma.

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