# Metabolomics screening kits for use in clinical trials – fit for purpose?

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Through the measurement of metabolites, a person's metabolic make-up can be profiled at any given moment, to understand and predict the impact of external influences.





# Biocrates Kits – Targeted Metabolomics using LC-MS/MS



#### Ready to use kits including

- System suitability test samples
- Calibration standards
- Quality controls
- Internal standards
- Sample preparation plate
- Sample preparation protocol
- Instrument specific methods for Agilent, Sciex and Waters Triple Quads
- Software enabling sample registration and data analysis
- Chromatography columns

7 Kits available ranging from 17 steroids up to 1,019 metabolites from 39 biochemical classes

AbsoluteIDQ<sup>®</sup> Bile Acids and MxP<sup>®</sup> Quant 500 Kits Bile Acids

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Bile Acids Kit:

- 20 Bile Acids (16 human)
- Quantification via LC-MS/MS
- 7-point calibration curve for each analyte
- ISTD normalized

Quant 500 Kit:

- Coverage of 630 metabolites from 26 biochemical classes
- Quantification via LC- and FIA MS/MS, positive and negative polarity
- Different analytical qualities
- ISTD normalized



High percentage of analytes yield relative quantitative results

- Quantitative or relative quantitative
- → Reproducible values

- Able to identify concentration differences and trends between groups
- Pre-validated calibration and quantification ranges

Analytical classification	Abbreviation	Validation criteria
<b>54</b> Quantitative	Q	<ul> <li>7-point calibration used</li> <li>CV &lt; 15% (CV &lt; 20% at LOD)</li> <li>accuracy 85 - 115% (accuracy 80 - 120% at LOD)</li> <li>corresponding ISTD used</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>FIA</li> <li>1-point calibration used</li> <li>CV &lt; 20%</li> <li>accuracy 80 - 120%</li> <li>corresponding ISTD used</li> </ul>
<b>51</b> Quantitative with restrictions	QR	<ul> <li>1-point calibration         <ul> <li>or</li> <li>CV &lt; 20% at entire concentration range                 or</li> <li>accuracy 80 - 120% at entire concentration range</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
455 Relativo guantitativo	PO	LC - CV < 20% - accuracy not verified
Relative quantitative	κų	FIA - CV < 30% - accuracy not verified
Not validated 66	NV	<ul> <li>analyte concentration &lt; LOD*</li> </ul>
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#### Intended context of use

Disease modulation biomarker (understanding the drug's mode of action), pharmacodynamic response biomarker regarding the liver, exploratory biomarker

#### **FFP validation design**

- A&P runs with 3 Kit QC level (lyophilized) + self-made QC (spiked plasma)
- Carry over

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- Stabilities: FT, BT with self-made QC, processed sample stability of all QCs
- Stability of analytes from isochronic samples

#### Acceptance criteria

according to biocrates kit specifications: Accuracy calibration samples ± 15 % Accuracy for QCs ± 30 % (± 45 % for QC 3)

Accuracy for self-made QCs: ± 25 % Carry-over: <20% of LLOQ





#### Self-made QC (A&P 3):

	CA	CDCA	DCA	GCA	GCDCA	GDCA	GLCA	GUDCA	LCA	TCA	TCDCA	TDCA	TLCA	TMCA(a+b)	TUDCA	UDCA
mean	151.5	139.8	182.5	237.5	1164.8	271.3		121.3	277.8	2197.7	131.0	33.7	203.2	937.0	732.8	1386.8
cv [%]	5.6	4.8	3.1	4.2	1.2	2.3		3.6	1.8	3.5	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.6	3.3	3.7
bias [%] to																
nominal	9.7	7.2	6.9	-4.5	5.1	12.5		6.9	-7.8	-0.9	6.1	6.6	10.4	-2.0	4.1	0.7

#### Kit QCs:

		CA	CDCA	DCA	GCA	GCDCA	GDCA	GLCA	GUDCA	LCA	TCA	TCDCA	TDCA	TLCA	TMCA(a+b)	TUDCA	UDCA
A&P 1	CV	5.2	2.6	3.0	5.2	2.8	5.4	7.7	4.4	6.7	2.6	2.8	3.9	2.9	1.8	4.3	4.0
	bias	-14.9	-27.0	-9.3	-12.9	-4.0	-11.3	-13.5	-6.8	-18.7	-10.1	-25.0	-2.8	-17.8	-10.4	-6.9	-14.6
A&P 2	cv [%]	8.0	2.2	3.5	2.9	4.0	2.3	3.7	3.2	5.3	4.7	5.5	3.7	5.3	1.3	2.3	5.8
	bias [%]	-15.5	-25.8	-1.6	-7.1	-12.4	-11.5	-11.0	-6.6	-16.8	-11.4	-25.9	-7.3	-18.7	-14.4	-12.2	-6.7
A&P 3	CV	4.3	4.9	2.2	3.5	3.2	4.9	2.3	4.2	3.6	2.4	5.0	4.9	4.6	3.5	5.0	11.6
	bias	2.5	-21.5	4.7	-2.9	8.7	-0.3	1.4	4.2	-3.0	-6.2	-19.7	5.2	-3.0	-6.6	-1.2	-6.4

Problem identified: QC reconstitution!





Benchtop stability: 48 h at RT

Freeze-thaw: 3 cycles

Processed sample stability: 36 h

Long-term stability (isochronic samples): up to 3 years at -20 & -75 °C

- ➔ Validation successful
- ➔ Identified problems: slight carry over not identified in system suitability test and insufficient QC reconstitution (improve reconstitution procedure)





Proper sample management Documentation SOPs – biocrates Processes Validated instruments/lab equipment Data analysis – software Data handling and post processing ? X QC checking Reporting

## **Data analysis software: WebIDQ**

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#### 🔗 LIMS 🛛 🔒 Quantification 🔟 Results

#### Delete measurements Export worklist to MS

Plate run	Run time ↑	OP type	OP	Plate prod	Plate valid
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# Data analysis software: WebIDQ







Plate run	1052344946-1
Run time	2023-07-20
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Plate validation	ОК
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LOD configuration

The LOD was calculated using 1 zero sample.

Plate	view	

A1	<b>A</b> 2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	<b>A</b> 8	A9	A10	
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E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6		E8	E9	E10	
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G1	G2									
H1										



Retention time [min]



Results can be exported in excel or text format (csv, txt)



Client specific dta format?

Manual transformation prone to error - therefore requires 100 % QC check



Best way: validated scriptnew for every client and projectyou need a bioinformatician ....





How can results be included in the report, when you have 630 (or 1019) analytes for every sample and many samples?

#### Compromise so far:

Appendix 1: Sample information - detailed sample information Appendix 2: Data – subset of analytes per page



Very impractical:

Involves manual modification of the result file

Adds very high number of pages to the report (75 pages for small project with 50 samples)





- FFP Validation successful for Bile Acid Kit with good accuracy and precision
- FFP Validation for Quant 500 Kit ongoing
- Good quality data
- Challenges in data integrity and transfer
  - Does anyone use "omics" kits?
  - What level of quality check is applied?
  - Did anyone ever get feedback from authorities?

Let's discuss – any feedback welcome

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