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1. PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study was to test compounds Fexnidazole, Fexnidazole sulfone and Fexnidazole sulfoxide in various metabolic stability assays.



2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. ADME-Tox: Bioanalytical

2.1.1. General Procedures

Assay	Technique	Additional Information
HPLC-MS Screen	HPLC-MS and HPLC-MS/MS	Full scan and product ion spectra; SRM conditions for quantitation, and ionization potential

2.1.2. Experimental Conditions

Assay	Test Compound	Condition	Analytical method
HPLC-MS Screen	200 µM (n=2) acetonitrile/methanol/water (25/25/50, v/v/v)	Full-scan analysis followed by tandem MS	HPLC-MS and HPLC-MS/MS

Abbreviations:

HPLC-MS/MS: HPLC coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (Instrumentation: Thermo Finnigan)

HPLC-MS: HPLC with mass spectrometry detection (Instrumentation: Thermo Finnigan)

HPLC: High performance liquid chromatography

SRM: Selected reaction monitoring

2.1.3. Analysis and Expression of Results

HPLC-MS Screen

Full scan HPLC-MS analysis was conducted on the test compound at 200 µM. Total ion current chromatograms and corresponding mass spectra were generated for each test compound in both positive and negative ionization modes. The precursor ions for MS/MS were selected from either the positive or the negative mass spectrum, as a function of the respective ion abundance. In addition, product ion HPLC-MS/MS analysis was performed in order to determine the appropriate selected fragmentation reaction for use in quantitative analysis. The final reaction monitoring parameters were chosen to maximize the possibility for quantitation of the test compound when present within a complex mixture of components. Finally, each test compound was assigned a rank number of ionization, which directly indicates its ease of quantitation.



2.2. ADME-Tox: *In Vitro* Metabolism

2.2.1. General Procedures

Assay	Source	Reference Compound	Bibliography
Metabolic Stability (CYP1A2)	Human recombinant (40 pmol/mL)	propranolol, ethoxyresorufin	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP2B6)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, benzphetamine	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C8)	Human recombinant (50 pmol/mL)	propranolol, paclitaxel	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C9)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, diclofenac	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C19)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, promazine	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP2D6)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, terfenadine	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A4)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, terfenadine	Suzuki et al. (1999)
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A5)	Human recombinant (10 pmol/mL)	propranolol, terfenadine	Suzuki et al. (1999)

Notes:

CYP1A2: from PanVera, catalog number P2792.
CYP2B6: from BD Gentest, catalog number 456255.
CYP2C8: from BD Gentest, catalog number 456252.
CYP2C9: from Panvera, catalog number P2378.
CYP2C19: from PanVera, catalog number P2570.
CYP2D6: from BD Gentest, catalog number 456217.
CYP3A4: from PanVera, catalog number P2377.
CYP3A5: from PanVera, catalog number P2512.

2.2.2. Experimental Conditions

Assay	Substrate / Cofactor	Incubation	Detected Component	Analytical Method
Metabolic Stability (CYP1A2)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/ml) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP2B6)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/mL) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS



Assay	Substrate / Cofactor	Incubation	Detected Component	Analytical Method
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C8)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/ml) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C9)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/ml) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C19)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/ml) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP2D6)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/mL) (n=2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A4)	Test compound (1 µM), NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/mL) (n = 2)	0 and 60 min, 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A5)	Test compound (1 µM) NADP (1.3 mM), G6P (3.3 mM), G6PDHase (0.4 U/mL) (n=2)	0 and 60 min. 37 °C Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4	Product ion corresponding to the test compound via SRM	HPLC-MS/MS

Abbreviations:

CYP: Cytochrome P450

G6P: D-Glucose-6-phosphate, from Sigma, catalog number G-7772

G6PDHase: Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, from Sigma, catalog number G-4134

HPLC-MS/MS: HPLC coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (Instrumentation: Thermo Finnigan)

HPLC: High performance liquid chromatography

NADP: β -Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, from Sigma, catalog number N-0505

SRM: Selected reaction monitoring

2.2.3. Analysis and Expression of Results**Metabolic Stability (recombinant CYP, microsomes, S9 or hepatocytes)**

At the end of incubation at each of the time points, an equal volume of an organic mixture (acetonitrile/methanol, 50/50, v/v) was added to the incubation mixture followed by centrifugation. Samples were analyzed by HPLC-MS/MS. Peak areas corresponding to the analytes were determined by HPLC-MS/MS. The ratio of precursor compound remaining at the end of the incubation relative to the amount remaining at time zero, expressed as percent, is reported as metabolic stability.



3. COMPOUNDS

3.1. Test Compounds

From: DNDI FOUNDATION

CEREP I.D.	Compound I.D.	Reference Number	Batch Number	Molecular Weight	Submitted F.W.	Stock Solution
14925-1	Fexnidazole	ECH:08179/58	3168-07-01/O	279	279	1.E-02 M DMSO
14925-2	Fexnidazole sulfone	ECH:08179/60	3218-87-56	311	311	1.E-02 M DMSO
14925-3	Fexnidazole sulfoxide	ECH:08179/59	3217-87-47/B	295	295	1.E-02 M DMSO

F.W.: Formula Weight

3.2. Reference Compounds

In each experiment, the respective reference compounds were tested concurrently with compounds Fexnidazole, Fexnidazole sulfone and Fexnidazole sulfoxide, and the data were compared with historical values determined at Cerep. The experiment was accepted in accordance with Cerep's validation Standard Operating Procedure.



4. RESULTS

4.1. ADME-Tox: Bioanalytical

The individual data obtained with compounds Fexnidazole, Fexnidazole sulfone and Fexnidazole sulfoxide are reported in table 1 - 1.

**Table 1 - 1****Individual Data**

Assay Cerep Compound I.D.	Client Compound I.D.	Molecular Weight	FW	Selected ESI (+) Precursor Ion (m/z)	Product Ion (m/z)	Collision Offset (V)	Ionization Classification
HPLC-MS Screen							
14925-1	Fexinidazole	279	279	280.0	140.0	-20	2.0
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	311	311	312.0	140.0	-20	3.0
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	295	295	296.0	233.0	-20	2.0

Notes:

Ionization Classification:

1 = Highly ionizable compound

2 = Intermediately ionizable compound

3 = Poorly ionizable compound



4.2. ADME-Tox: *In Vitro* Metabolism

Metabolic Stability:

The summary results obtained with compounds Fexnidazole, Fexnidazole sulfone and Fexnidazole sulfoxide are reported in table 2 - 1.

The individual data obtained with compounds Fexnidazole, Fexnidazole sulfone and Fexnidazole sulfoxide are reported in table 2 - 2.

The individual data obtained with the reference compounds are reported in table 2 - 3.



Table 2 - 1
Summary Results

Assay Cerep Compound I.D.	Client Compound I.D.	Test Concentration (M)	Mean Parent Remaining (%)
Metabolic Stability (CYP1A2)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	28
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	79
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	101
Metabolic Stability (CYP2B6)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	12
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	99
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	98
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C8)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	91
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	96
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C9)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	97
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	93
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C19)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	0
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	102
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	101
Metabolic Stability (CYP2D6)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	73
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	103
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	100
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A4)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	13
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	102
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A5)			
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	21
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	103
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	105

**Table 2 - 2****Individual Data**

Assay Cerep Compound I.D.	Client Compound I.D.	Test Concentration (M)	1 st (%)	2 nd (%)	Parent Remaining Mean (%)
Metabolic Stability (CYP1A2)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	27.8	27.8	28
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	80.1	77.4	79
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	99.7	102.0	101
Metabolic Stability (CYP2B6)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	12.3	11.9	12
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	99.5	98.7	99
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	99.1	97.9	98
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C8)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	91.9	89.4	91
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	95.3	96.5	96
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	98.0	95.5	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C9)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	91.5	101.9	97
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	88.5	97.7	93
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	93.3	100.2	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C19)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	0.5	0.4	0
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	103.1	101.0	102
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	101.0	101.3	101
Metabolic Stability (CYP2D6)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	71.9	73.5	73
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	111.0	94.6	103
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	98.8	100.3	100
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A4)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	14.4	10.8	13
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	105.8	99.1	102
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	99.6	93.8	97
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A5)					
14925-1	Fexinidazole	1.0E-06	20.9	21.5	21
14925-2	Fexinidazole sulfone	1.0E-06	104.0	101.1	103
14925-3	Fexinidazole sulfoxide	1.0E-06	106.4	103.9	105



Table 2 - 3
Reference Compound Data

Assay Reference Compound	Test Concentration (M)	Parent 1 st (%)	Remaining 2 nd (%)	Mean (%)
Metabolic Stability (CYP1A2)				
Ethoxresorufin	1.0E-06	0.7	0.7	1
Propranolol	1.0E-06	43.4	45.3	44
Metabolic Stability (CYP2B6)				
Benaphetamine	1.0E-06	4.3	4.1	4
Propranolol	1.0E-06	99.0	101.6	100
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C8)				
Paclitaxel	1.0E-06	1.0	3.9	2
Propranolol	1.0E-06	96.8	98.6	98
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C9)				
Diclofenac	1.0E-06	0.2	0.1	0
Propranolol	1.0E-06	102.8	99.4	101
Metabolic Stability (CYP2C19)				
Promazine	1.0E-06	56.6	57.4	57
Propranolol	1.0E-06	90.5	91.6	91
Metabolic Stability (CYP2D6)				
Propranolol	1.0E-06	11.5	11.2	11
Terfenadine	1.0E-06	119.3	123.8	122
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A4)				
Propranolol	1.0E-06	102.3	101.4	102
Terfenadine	1.0E-06	11.2	11.8	12
Metabolic Stability (CYP3A5)				
Propranolol	1.0E-06	99.5	104.9	102
Terfenadine	1.0E-06	7.6	7.0	7



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6. DATA AND RECORDS STORAGE

All documents generated during the performance of the study (raw data, various records such as QA audit reports, an original copy of the study report, study plan...) will be archived by Cerep for a 10-year period after study completion. The access to the archives is restricted to authorized employees only.

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