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## P29. MASS SPECTROMETRIC QUANTITATION OF SERUM CEPHAZOLIN

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#### **Objectives**

Cefazolin, a first generation cephalosporin  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic, is commonly used for prophylaxis during cesarean delivery, and in treatment of pulmonary infections and many surgical procedures. The aim of this work was to develop a simple, fast and accurate liquid-chromatography-mass spectrometry method for determination of serum cefazolin.

#### **Methods**

Mass spectrometric analyses were performed using an Shimadzu LC-20-AD (Kyoto, Japan) coupled with a ABSCIEX API 3200 triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (USA) equipped with an electrospray ion source (ESI) operating in positive mode.

#### **Results**

The standard curves for cefazolin was linear within the range of  $0.39\text{-}200~\mu\text{g/ml}$ . Total run time was 5 minutes. Chromatographic separation was performed on a C18 column ( $4.6\times50~\text{mm}$ , 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , Phenomenex Luna) with a mobile phase consisting of 1% formic acid in water and MeOH (10:90, V/V) at a flow rate of 0.8~ml/min.

### **Discussion**

Serum cefazolin measurement can be easily performed by LC-MS/MS system to identify the risk of the patients with therapeutic drug monitoring. This method performs this drug analysis with high throughput.

#### **Conclusions**

Exact determination of cefazolin provides reliable levels in clinical studies to avoid toxic effects.

#### **Keywords**

Antibiotic levels, mass spectrometry, cefazolin, toxicity.

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