

mobile phase were selected for the assay. THP showed good resolutions with no significant interfering peaks observed. The quantitation limit is 0.1 µg/ml. A good linearity ( $r > 0.9999$ ) was obtained in the range of 0.1 – 15 µg/ml of THP. Intra-day accuracy and precision (CV%) were below +14.8% and 17.0%, and inter-day accuracy and precision were below +15.3% and 14.5%, respectively. The developed method was applied to the pharmacokinetic study of THP after oral administration of THP (260 mg) to 8 healthy human volunteers. The principle pharmacokinetic parameters resulted in  $122.7 \pm 38.1$  µg·hr/ml of  $AUC_{0 \rightarrow 24hr}$ ,  $7.6 \pm 1.4$  µg/ml of  $C_{max}$ ,  $3.1 \pm 0.8$  hr of  $T_{max}$ ,  $0.0766 \pm 0.0279$  hr<sup>-1</sup> of  $K_e$ , and  $10.1 \pm 3.6$  hr of  $t_{1/2}$ . (This study was supported by a grant from Korea Food and Drug Administration).

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### Determination of Levofloxacin in Human Serum by High-Performance Liquid Chromatography/Diode Array Detector and its Application to Pharmacokinetics of Levofloxacin in Volunteers

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A simple, specific and sensitive method for the determination of levofloxacin (LFX) in human serum was developed by a high performance liquid chromatography/diode array detector and applied to pharmacokinetic study of LFX in human volunteers. This method involves several steps such as precipitation with acetonitrile, extraction with methylene chloride, evaporation, and concentration, using 0.5 ml of the serum. Symmetry Shield RP18 (3.9 mm x 150 mm, 5 µm) column and 0.3% triethylamine/acetonitrile (90: 10, v/v%) as mobile phase were selected for the assay. LFX and internal standard enoxacin showed good resolutions and no significant interfering peaks were observed. The quantitation limit is 0.2 µg/ml. A good linearity ( $r > 0.9990$ ) was obtained in the range of 0.1 – 4.0 µg/ml of LFX. Intra-day accuracy and precision (CV%) were below +6.9% and 10.3%, and inter-day accuracy and precision were below +3.9% and 8.9%, respectively. The developed method was applied on the pharmacokinetic study of LFX after oral administration of LFX (200 mg) to 8 healthy human volunteers. The principle pharmacokinetic parameters resulted in  $14.5 \pm 3.4$  µg·hr/ml of  $AUC_{0 \rightarrow 24hr}$ ,  $2.5 \pm 0.7$  µg/ml of  $C_{max}$ ,  $1.1 \pm 0.6$  hr of  $T_{max}$ ,  $0.1014 \pm 0.0074$  hr<sup>-1</sup> of  $K_e$ , and  $6.9 \pm 0.57$  hr of  $t_{1/2}$ . (This study was supported by a grant from Korea Food and Drug Administration).

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### Bioavailability of chlorphenesin carbamate in human plasma using a simple HPLC.

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We aimed at determining bioavailability of chlorphenesin carbamate, a muscle relaxant, and developing a simple analysis in human blood using HPLC. A rapid and sensitive HPLC method was developed and validated using reverse-phase C18 column with retention time and limit of quantification of toferisone being 8.6 min and 0.5 ng/ml, respectively. Quantification was