

Patient compliance estimated from pharmacokinetic (PK) sample: Application to imatinib



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Introduction

- In a previous study¹, we proposed a methodology to estimate patient compliance to an oral anticancer chemotherapy from a single PK sample taken on day 10, sparse sample taken on day 1 and a population PK model
- The method was evaluated *in silico* with the capecitabine/FBAL example (ratio $t_{1/2} / \tau = 0.25$ †) and adherence to doses given up to 5 $t_{1/2}$ could be correctly estimated

† $t_{1/2}$ is the drug plasma elimination half-life, τ is the interdose interval

Objectives

Evaluate further our methodology on an anticancer oral drug, imatinib (Glivec®)

Methods

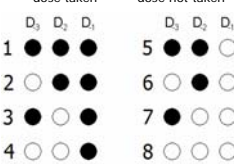
Idea of the compliance estimation method

Extract the compliance information from a single PK sample and compare it to corresponding concentration Bayesian predictions and given a pop PK model

- 8 compliance patterns were defined as the sequence of last 3 doses taken or not (Figure 1)

2 types of information are needed:

Figure 1: Compliance patterns



● dose taken ○ dose not taken

- population PK model describing the evolution of plasma conc. and parameter statistical distributions
- individual conc. predictions derived from Bayesian *posthoc* estimates

Simulation procedure

- 1000 PK parameter sets drawn according to *a priori* population distributions and each simulated patient is assumed to have a given compliance pattern
- Simulation of sparse conc. on day 1 and one conc. on day 10
- Re-estimation of individual Bayesian PK parameters based on day 1 sparse samples
- Comparison of the actual concentration versus the predicted ones computed according to each pattern
- Choice of the compliance profile which minimise the distance between actual and predicted value

Performance of the compliance estimation

Evaluation at several time points after last taking on day 10

- **Last1T**: % patients for which last taking is well predicted
- **Last2T**: % patients for which last 2 takings are well pred.
- **Last3T**: % patients for which last 3 takings are well pred.

Impact of the error model on performance

Quantification by simulating various magnitude of the residual error CV (1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50%)

References

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In silico evaluation

Imatinib ($t_{1/2} / \tau = 0.625$)

- One compartment pop PK model published by Widmer et al² with first order absorption and elimination
- Residual variability modelled with an exponential error model with CV 31%
- 500 mg once daily
- 4 PK samples taken on day 1 at 0.1, 1.6, 7.1 and 18 h
- 1 PK sample taken on day 10

Results

The best estimation is obtained **5 hours** after last dose taking on day 10:

- but performance is quite stable through time
- compliance over the 2 last takings is correctly estimated (Table I – CV 31%)

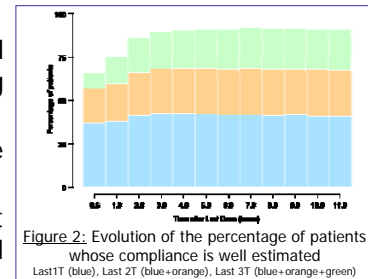


Figure 2: Evolution of the percentage of patients whose compliance is well estimated
Last1T (blue), Last 2T (blue+orange), Last 3T (blue+orange+green)

Impact of the CV of the residual error model

Table I: Performance of the estimation method at the best sampling time

CV	Sampling time at day 10	Last 1T	Last 2T	Last 3T
31%	5 hours	91.8	69.6	44.4
1%	Any	100	100	100
5%	2 hours	99.8	99.1	89.0
10%	3 hours	99.1	92.9	70.5
20%	5 hours	94.4	77.6	51.0
30%	5 hours	90.9	68.9	42.6
40%	5 hours	87.1	63.3	37.8
50%	5 hours	83.9	58.9	34.5

Comparison with Capecitabine/FBAL example (CV ~ 20%)

Table II: Performance of the estimation method in both examples

Run	$t_{1/2} / \tau$	Sampling time at day 10	Last 1T	Last 2T	Last 3T
Imat. 20%	0.625	5 hours	94.4	77.6	51.0
FBAL	0.25	5 hours	99.8	71.9	44.6

Conclusion and perspectives

- 2 parameters have an effect on the method performance
 - ratio $t_{1/2} / \tau$
 - σ the magnitude of the error model
- PK method is not informative enough and should be associated to electronic monitoring in a future clinical study (*OCTO – Compliance to an oral chemotherapy*)