Suitable methods and analytical scope for veterinary drug residue analysis

Where to test raw material?

At farm level

Before processing or entering into a factory
Where to take samples for testing?

FARM TEST
  ↓
POSITIVE
  ↓
DAIRY/SLAUGHTERHOUSE/ FACTORY TEST
  ↓
POSITIVE
  ↓
CONFIRMATORY ANALYSIS
  ↓
POSITIVE
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REJECTION
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NEGATIVE
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ACCEPTED

Veterinary Drugs

- Within the National Residue Control Programme about 260000 samples are analysed annually
- The spectrum analysed is wide:
  - Antibiotics (e.g. β-lactames, sulfonamides, tetracyclines, aminoglycosides, lincomycines, macrolides, chinolones.....),
  - Forbidden substances (chloramphenicol, nitrofurane metabolites, nitroimidazoles, thyreostatica, β-agonists, hormones)
  - Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs,
  - Anthelmintics (benzimidazoles, avermectines)
Results

- Findings are very rare:
  - During the past years some few chloramphenicol results, but (nearly) all of them were contaminations (no metabolites were found)
  - Avermectines (in less than 0.1 % of the samples)
  - Ivermectine (not allowed for application to milk cows)
  - Moxidectine (allowed, MRL = 40 µg/kg)
  - More frequently tetracyclines in tissues of cattle and pig
  - Occasionally malachite green in fish
  - Pen-Strep: findings of Pen G and streptomycin in combination

Costs of the analyses

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Requirements for Screening Tests

Cheap
Rapid
Selective
Sensitive
Easy to use
Low false positive rate
False negative rate < 5%

Type of screening techniques available

Immuno assays (ELISA)
Radio immuno assays
Strip tests
Charm II
Bacterial growth
Biosensors

GC or LC combined with Screening-MS (MSD, TOF or Orbitrap)
Screening Methods – Use in Dairy Industry

- Only occasional treatments of animals with antibiotics to cure various diseases
  - Risk of residues in animals due to these treatments is low
- Main applications are the treatment of mastitis and the drying off
  - Using intramammary drugs
  - High risk of residues in milk esp. by mis-application of injectables
    (Ceftiofur in muscle: withdrawal time 0
    Ceftiofur in udder: withdrawal time 96 hours!)
  - Withdrawal time for mastitis treatment between 4 and 7 days
  - Withdrawal time for dry cow therapy: 8 weeks
- Composition of Injectors
  - 83% of the contain β-lactams or cephalosporines
  - Some contain tetracyclines

To minimize risks in dairy industries comprehensive testing with screening methods was introduced by the industry
- Taking samples while collecting the milk at farms by the drivers
- Each van coming in to dairy is tested
  - for inhibitors (using bacterial growth inhibition test, typically based on bacillus stearothermophilus) and
  - for the content of cells (indicator for mastitis)
- In case of findings the individual farm milk is tested
  - Price for milk is based on the quality (no inhibitors, low cell level)
- Good self regulating system of dairy industry
- Milk is the best tested food besides drinking water in Germany
Screening Methods for Milk

Literature:
Current situation & compilation of commercially available screening methods for the detection of inhibitors/antibiotic residues in milk: Bulletin of the International Dairy Federation 442/2010 (March 2010);
- Description of 62 different screening methods including their detection limits for individual antibiotics

Costs 94 Euro as electronic version
Additional information under www.fil-idf.org

Charm II – available assays

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Validation of qualitative screening: concept

**Initial validation:**
To be performed for each vet. drug, for each combination of commodity and species

- **meat**
  - red meat (beef, pig..), white meat (poultry), fish (cod, haddock, salmon)

- **milk / dairy products**
  - milk, butter, cheese, yoghurt cream

- **eggs**
  - chicken, Ducks, quail

- **honey**
  - meat, dairy, egg

- **Offal (difficult)**
  - liver, kidney

20 different products of each group
- free of veterinary drugs (blanks)
- spiked at anticipated SRL (CCβ)

**On-going AQC:**
During routine analysis:
- spike 1 or more routine sample(s) with vet drugs at SRL (CCβ, e.g. in rolling program)

Slide based on Hans Mol, Rikilt

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DoE – Design of Experiments

**Development and optimizing analytical methods using designed experiments**

- Use of special software is mandatory
- The Unscrambler (Camo)
- Optival (quodata)
Multi Method for Honey

Studie of Literature <-> internal methods


Drugs covered by the method, described

**Amphenicoles:** Chloramphenicol, Thiamphenicol

**Sulfonamides:** Sulfacetamid, Sulfachinoxalin, Sulfachloropyridazin, Sulfa-diazin, Sulfadimethoxin, Sulfa-dimidin, Sulfadoxin, Sulfa-guanidin, Sulfaisoxazol, Sulfamerazin, Sulfamethoxazol, Sulfamethoxypridazin, Sulfamonomethoxin, Sulfamoxol, Sulfanilamid, Sulfapyridin, Sulfathiazol

**Tetracyclines:** Chlortetracyclin, Demeclocyclin, Doxycyclin, Oxytetracyclin, Tetracyclin

**Sonstiges:** Asulam, Trimethoprim, (Fluorochinolones)

**Internal Standards:** d5-Chloramphenicol, Minocyclin, Dx-Sulfonamids
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Spike at higher level: 50 µg/kg (CAP 1,5 µg/kg)
**Faktor -**

**Final steps of the method**

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Measurement Uncertainty

- Measurement Uncertainty can be part of CCα
- Under which conditions?

Use of factors possibly influence the analytical result

Different sample types (conventional/organic, age, sex ....)
Storage of samples (frozen, refrigerated, long, short .....)
Cleanup (staff, SPE-cardridge, ISTD...)
Chromatography (directly, after 2 days......)

Measurement uncertainty of sulfathiazol in honey

![Graph showing components of standard uncertainty](image)

CCα 7.5 µg/kg – CCβ 10.5 µg/kg

Factors during validation
- Staff (staff A – staff B)
- Color (blond – dark)
- Origin (local – Non-EU)
- Type (blossom – honeydew)
- Consistence (liquid - solid)
Method for Avermectines


Method for Avermectines

Remark

Tubes and vials used should be made from PP or other inert material.

Weigh in

- Weigh in 5 g sample into a 50 ml centrifuge tube with screw cap
- Add Internal standard solution and mix (nemadectin for fluorescence or LC-MS detection)
- Wait 5 minutes
Method for Avermectines

Extraction Procedure

- Add 10 ml acetonitrile and shake for 5 min (mechanical shaker)
- Add 10 ml acetonitrile and shake for 10 min, additionally
- Centrifuge at about 4000 g
- Pipette 15 ml from the middle of the supernatant solution into a 50 ml volumetric flask (≈ 60 % of the total volume)
- Add 50 µl triethylamine
- Add water (distilled or similar) up to 50 ml and shake (= sample solution)

Method for Avermectines

SPE-Cleanup (C8-cardrigde)

Use a C8 extraction column suitable for analysis of abamectin (e.g. Bakerbond SPE 7087-06: 6 ml with 500 mg sorbent)

- Prepare the C8-cartridge with
  - 5 ml acetonitrile
  - and 5 ml conditioning solution
    - [350 ml water +150 ml acetonitrile + 0.5 ml triethylamine]
    - add a reservoir suitable for 50 ml
- fill the sample solution into the reservoir
- elute with about 4 ml/min - avoid dryness of the cartridge
- rinse flask and cartridge with 5 ml conditioning solution
- dry cartridge with air
Method for Avermectines

**HPLC with Fluorescence-Detection**
- elute with 5 ml acetonitrile into test tube made from PP
- evaporate to dryness
- add 100 µl acetonitrile and 100 µl 1-methylimidazole and mix
- transfer to an HPLC-vial (plastics!)
- injector programme: 30 µl trifluoro acetic acid anhydride solution (mix 1,0 ml acetonitrile with 0,5 ml trifluoro acetic acid anhydride prepared fresh at every working day) and 20 µl of sample were filled by turns of 10 µl each into the needle of the injector, mixed and injected
- LC-column: e.g. C18; 125 mm x 3 mm, 5 µm; Eluent A: methanol; Eluent B: water; fluorescence-detection (ex 365 nm - em 463 nm).

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Method for Avermectines

**HPLC with MS/MS-Detektion**

Possibility a)
- elute with 5 ml acetonitrile into test tube made from PP
  *(note the weigh of the empty tube)*
- add 750 ml of a mixture of acetonitrile and ethylene glycol (2+1/v+v)
- evaporate to “ethylene glycol dryness”: ethylene glycol has the function of a keeper to avoid dryness. Test the “dryness” by simply weighing of the tube - the resulting weigh should be between 275 mg and 300 mg.
- Add water to 525 mg (= 500 µl volume)

Possibility b)
- elute with 5 ml acetonitrile into test tube made from PP
- evaporate just to dryness and resolve with your LC-eluent
- use matrix matched standards to avoid matrix effects
LC-MS-Q-TOF - Screening

- Validated multi method (MS/MS-Detektion – QQQ) for drug residues according CD 2002/657/EG
  - Sulfonamides
  - Nitroimidazoles
  - Amphenicoles
  - Tetracyclines
  - Non steroidal antiphlogistic drugs
  - Macrolides
  - Lincosamides
  - Some Coccidiostatica
  - Benzimidazole anthelmintics
  - Chinolones
  - ......

LC-MS/MS Confirmation or Q-TOF - Screening

- Method published in 1992 for sulfonamides (1)
- Simplified
  - Weigh in 6 g of test material
  - Add phosphate buffer (pH 6) -> shake (2)
  - Add acetonitrile -> shake
  - Add sodium chloride, butyl-methylether/hexan (80 + 20) -> shake
  - Centrifuge
  - Evaporate 10 mls of the organic layer to a keeper (ethylene glycole) (3)
  - Add water -> LC-MS
- Advantage: concentration of extracted compounds by a factor of 5
- Disadvantage: more matrix effects in comparison with QuEChERS-method (dilution factor of 2)

(1) Deutsch Lebensm Rundsch 88 (1992) 205-216
(2) Deutsch Lebensm Rundsch 90 (1994) 375-378
## LC-Detection of Veterinary Drug Residues

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<td>Add 45 ml acetonitrile, shake 5 min; if necessary centrifuge</td>
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<td>Transfer an aliquot of 90 ml in a separating funnel</td>
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<td>Add 4 g of NaCl, shake</td>
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<td>Add 30 ml buthylmethylether / hexane (80 + 20/v + v)</td>
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<td>Shake and discard the water phase</td>
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<td>Add 10 g of NaCl to the remaining organic phase and shake</td>
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<td>Transfer the organic layer through the top of the separating funnel into brown coloured glass centrifuge tube (weight of empty tube must be noticed)</td>
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| 16   | Transfer in to a 50 ml test tube (glass ware) using  
1. 25 ml hexane  
2. 3 ml acetonitril  
3. 0,5 ml McIlvaine buffer 6.0 diluted with 2 ml of water |
| 17   | Withdraw the hexane phase by suction using vacuum |
| 18   | Add 3 ml water, 500 mg NaCl and 15 ml ethyl acetate and shake |
| 19   | Transfer the ethyl acetate phase in to a 100 ml flask (for later evaporation) |
| 20   | Add 15 ml ethyl acetate and shake |
| 21   | Combine the ethyl acetate phases in the 100 ml flask |
| 22   | Add 600 µl ethylene glycol / acetonitrile 1 + 2 |
| 23   | Evaporate to ethylene glycol-dryness (resulting weight of the remaining solution about 0.5 – 0.7 g) |
| 24   | Add water to 1050 mg (equals 1.0 ml final volume) -> Ready for chromatography |
LC-Detection of Veterinary Drug Residues

- Validated multi method (MS/MS-Detektion – QQQ) for drug residues according CD 2002/657/EG
  - Sulfonamides: UV/FLD-detection or MS-detection
  - Nitroimidazoles: MS-detection
  - Amphenicoles: MS-detection
  - Tetracyclines *(Screening with UV- or MS-detection)*
  - Non steroidal antiphlogistic drugs
  - Macrolides
  - Lincosamides
  - Some Coccidiostatica: UV- or MS-detection
  - Benzimidazole anthelmintics: UV- or MS-detection
  - Chinolones
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LC-MS/MS Confirmation or Q-TOF - Screening

Advantages of Using MS
- Reducing Cleanup
  - reduced time for analysis
  - reduced costs
- More often dilution of extracts possible (sensitive instruments)
- Reduced ratios of false positives and false negatives

According CD 657/2002:
In case of “non authorized” drugs/hormones use of MS-techniques for confirmation of positive (non compliant results) is mandatory