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New treatment options for mycobacterial infections

A pharmacokinetic evaluation of sulfamethoxazole 800 mg once daily in the treatment of tuberculosis

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Background: For treatment of multi drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) there is a scarcity of antituberculosis drugs. Co-trimoxazole (SXT) is one of the available drug candidates, and already frequently co-prescribed in TB-HIV co-infected patients. However, only limited data are available on pharmacokinetic (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) parameters of SXT in TB patients. The objective of this study was to evaluate PK parameters and *in vitro* PD data of the effective part of SXT; sulfamethoxazole (SMX).

Material/methods: In a prospective PK study in patients with drug-sensitive TB (age >18), SXT was administered orally in a dose of 960 mg once daily. One-compartment population pharmacokinetic modelling was performed using Mw\Pharm 3.81 (Mediware, Groningen, The Netherlands). The *f*AUC/MIC ratio and the time period in which the free concentration exceeded the MIC (*T*>MIC) were calculated.

Results: Twelve patients received 960 mg of SXT on top of first line drugs. The pharmacokinetic parameters of the population model were as follows (mean ± SD): CL_m 0.80 ± 0.21 L/h, V_d 0.33 ± 0.04 L*kg⁻¹ corrected lean body mass, fr 0.16 ± 0.06, F 1, Ka 1.04 ± 0.17 h⁻¹, lag time 0.89 ± 1.91 h. Free fraction of SMX was 0.3, but ranged between 0.2-0.4. The geometric mean of the MICs was 8.5 mg/L (range, 4.8-9.5) and of *f* AUC/MIC ratio was 14.7 h.mg/L (range, 10.3-19.2h.mg/L). The percentage of *f* *T*>MIC ranged between 43 and 100 % of the dosing interval.

Conclusion: The PK and PD data from this study are useful to explore a future dosing regimen of SXT for MDR-TB treatment.