

Intrapulmonary and Plasma Concentrations of Dalbavancin in Healthy Adults after a Single 1500 mg Infusion

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INTRODUCTION

- Dalbavancin: a lipoglycopeptide antibiotic with a long terminal half-life of 14.4 days
 - Justifies infrequent dosing
 - Approved by FDA and EC as single and two-dose treatment of adults with acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections
- Potent activity against staphylococci, including methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and penicillin-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- In vitro activity against gram-positive respiratory pathogens associated with pneumonia
- In vivo activity against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in murine lung infection model
- Dalbavancin does not appear to be appreciably affected by the presence of surfactant, when tested against *S. aureus* and *S. pneumoniae* in vitro¹

PURPOSE

- The aim of this study was to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and concentrations of dalbavancin present in lung epithelial lining fluid (ELF) and plasma following a single 1500 mg dalbavancin infusion to Japanese healthy volunteers

METHODS

- Phase 1, open-label, single-dose, safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetic (PK) study of ELF and plasma concentrations of dalbavancin
- 37 healthy, non-smoking Japanese adult subjects received 1500 mg of dalbavancin, infused IV for 30 minutes
- 35 subjects (5 enrolled into each of 7 cohorts) underwent bronchoscopy with bronchial microsampling of ELF at 1 of 7 time points from start of dalbavancin infusion (4, 8, 12, 24, 72, 120 and 168 hrs)
- Plasma levels for PK analyses were drawn in all 37 subjects, at 9 time points from start of dalbavancin infusion (0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24, 72, 120 and 168 hrs), regardless of cohort
- Bronchial microsampling (BMS) technique uses microsampling catheter sponge probes inserted through a fiberoptic bronchoscope to absorb epithelial lining fluid by gentle contact with bronchial lumen, without the requirement of saline^{2,3}
- The dalbavancin plasma and ELF concentrations were measured using validated liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) methods
- PK parameters were derived using noncompartmental analysis

RESULTS

- A total of 37 subjects were enrolled; all completed the study
- Mean age was 29.1 years, all subjects were Asian males, with a mean body mass index (BMI) of 23.2 kg/m²
- Median ELF levels exceeded the MIC₉₀ of *S. aureus* (MIC₉₀ = 0.06 µg/mL)[§] and *S. pneumoniae* (MIC₉₀ = 0.03 µg/mL)[§] at 4 hours and through 7 days (Table 1)
- Based on area under the concentration curve (AUC), the ratio of dalbavancin ELF levels relative to free plasma was approximately 36% (Table 2)
- The AUC_{avg}/MIC₉₀ ratio of dalbavancin in ELF for *S. pneumoniae* (2509) far exceeded the fAUC/MIC ratios⁴ in a murine thigh infection model associated with stasis (18), 1-log kill (21) and 2-log kill (24), where AUC_{avg} = AUC₁₆₈/7
- Similarly, the AUC_{avg}/MIC₉₀ ratio in ELF for *S. aureus* (1254) far exceeded the fAUC/MIC ratios⁵ associated with stasis (27), 1-log kill (53) and 2-log kill (111)

[§] Based on surveillance data

Table 1. Median Dalbavancin Concentrations in ELF and Plasma

Dalbavancin Concentrations (µg/mL)	4 hours	8 hours	12 hours	24 hours	72 hours	120 hours	168 hours
Measured plasma (N=37)	279	222	194	169	120	93.8	78.5
Calculated free plasma (N=37)*	19.5	15.5	13.6	11.8	8.4	6.6	5.5
ELF (N)	1.85 (5)	2.24 (5)	2.82 (5)	2.64 (5)	4.21(5)	3.27 (5)	2.07 (5)

* 7% of total plasma concentration; 2 subjects did not have bronchoscopy

Figure 1. Median dalbavancin concentrations in ELF and Plasma: Concentration-Time Profile (semi-logarithmic scale)

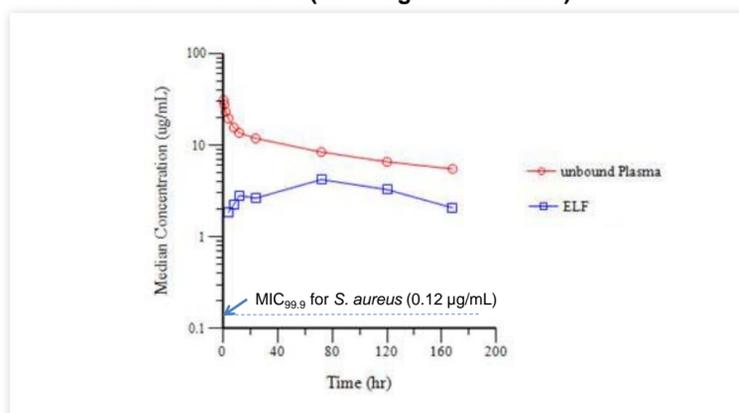


Table 2. Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Dalbavancin in ELF and Plasma (Mean ± SD)

Parameter	Plasma (n=37)	Epithelial Lining Fluid (n=35)
T _{max} , h ^a	0.5 (0.5 – 0.5)	72
C _{max} , µg/mL	453.41 ± 51.27	4.21
AUC ₀₋₁₆₈ , µg·h/mL	21086.62 ± 2282.37	526.84
CL, mL/h	41.35 ± 5.48	NA
V _{ss} , mL	8109.58 ± 1162.14	NA
Penetration ratio ^b	NA	0.357

^a Median (min - max)
^b Based on AUC₀₋₁₆₈ in ELF to unbound AUC₀₋₁₆₈ in plasma assuming no binding in ELF and 93% protein binding in plasma
 AUC₀₋₁₆₈ = area under the plasma or ELF concentration versus time curve from time 0 to 168 h; CL = total body plasma clearance; C_{max} = maximum plasma or ELF drug concentration; ELF = epithelial lining fluid; max = maximum; min = minimum; SD = standard deviation; T_{max} = time of maximum plasma or ELF drug concentration; V_{ss} = volume of distribution; NA = not applicable

- Dalbavancin was safe and well-tolerated in this study with no SAEs reported
- No subject discontinued from study due to an AE
- A total of 5 (13.5%) subjects experienced at least 1 TEAE with the most common being headache and injection-site phlebitis; all TEAEs were mild in intensity
- Drug-related TEAE incidence was low (10.8%)

CONCLUSIONS

- Intrapulmonary concentrations of dalbavancin that exceed the MIC₉₀ of *S. pneumoniae* and *S. aureus* are achieved early after a single 1500 mg IV infusion and are sustained for at least 7 days
- Prior PK/PD modeling and the AUC_{avg}/MIC₉₀ ratio of dalbavancin in ELF suggest that high levels of target attainment would be achieved in patients with pneumonia due to *S. aureus* and *S. pneumoniae*
- Dalbavancin penetrates into lung tissue at a ratio of ~36% relative to free plasma
- These data provide further support for evaluation of a single 1500 mg dose of dalbavancin in the treatment of pneumonia

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