

# IN VIVO PK/PD OF MECILLINAM IN A MURINE URINARY TRACT INFECTION (UTI) MODEL

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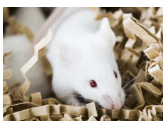
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**BACKGROUND**  
 Mecillinam, MEC, (amdinocillin) is a promising drug for treatment of urinary tract infection (UTI) caused by ESBL-producing E.coli. We used an UTI model in mice to identify the PK/PD index that best correlates with efficacy of MEC.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**  
**PK- Studies**  
 The PK characteristics of MEC was studied in OF-1 mice after single SC doses of 0.26 to 66.7 mg/kg. Blood and urine was collected from mice (n=3) starting at 6 min to 2 hrs after dosing and the drug levels were determined by MS.



**Efficacy Studies**  
 Urinary tract infection was induced via urethral catheterization with an ESBL-producing (CTX-M9) E.coli. Mice (n=8) were treated once, twice or four times daily at day 1 and 2 post infection. Urine, bladders and kidneys were collected day 3 post infection for CFU determination. Each dot in the figures above represents the mean of 8 mice.

**PKPD modeling**  
 Estimation of T>MIC, AUC<sub>24</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> for the various dosage regimens was done with the PKPDSim software package (1) based on the concentration-time points from the five primary single-bolus PK-studies.

**References**  
 1) PKPDSim software homepage, <http://www.ssi.dk/pkpdsim>

**CONCLUSION**  
 The murine experimental UTI model provides a means of studying PK/PD at clinically relevant sites of infection. Here we show that for MEC, the PD parameter that best correlated with efficacy was %T>MIC, and that very low values in blood, < 5% correlated with values of 33–46% in the urine.

