

Estimation of the under area the concentration-time curve of polymyxin B based on limited sampling concentrations in Chinese patients with severe pneumonia

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ABSTRACT

Polymyxin B (PB) is used as the last line of defense against multidrug-resistant infections. The efficacy and toxicity of PB are closely related to its pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK / PD) indices, such as area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) to minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) ratio. The purpose of this study was to obtain PK data for PB in Chinese severe pneumonia patients and establish appropriate blood sampling time points for the therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) of PB. A total of 42 patients with severe pneumonia were selected and treated with PB (50 IU, q12h). After treatment with four doses of PB, the blood samples were collected at 0 (before administration), 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12h after administration. The concentrations of PB were determined using an ultra performance liquid chromatography - tandem mass spectrometer (UPLC-MS/MS). The obtained data were analyzed by non-compartment PK method. It was found that the values of C_{max} , $AUC_{ss,24h}$, K_{10} and $T_{1/2, \beta}$ were $5.5 \pm 1.9 \mu\text{g/ml}$, $72.7 \pm 28.9 \mu\text{g/ml}\cdot\text{h}$, $0.080 \pm 0.022 \text{h}^{-1}$ and $8.69 \pm 2.49 \text{h}$, respectively. All patients were randomly divided into modeling (n=24) and validation (n=18) groups. The relationship between $AUC_{ss,24h}$ and plasma concentration at each time point in modeling group was analyzed by a limited sampling strategy. Two timepoint schemes C_4, C_6 and C_4, C_8 ($R^2 = 0.990$) and three timepoint scheme C_0, C_4, C_6 ($R^2 = 0.994$) were found to be suitable for the TDM of PB. Moreover, the accuracy of the models was considered good based on the data obtained in validation group. In addition, the values of AUC were estimated by measuring peak and trough concentrations based on one-compartment model at steady state after multiple infusions. The deviation of the AUC values of 18 patients was within $\pm 20\%$, and 15 of them were within $\pm 15\%$.

Furthermore, the prediction results of the model were good. In conclusion, this study provides a clear plan for the implementation of TDM of PB, which is useful for optimizing the dosing regimen and individualizing treatment in severe pneumonia patients.

KEYWORDS

Polymyxin B; limited sampling strategy; therapeutic drug monitoring; AUC; pharmacokinetics

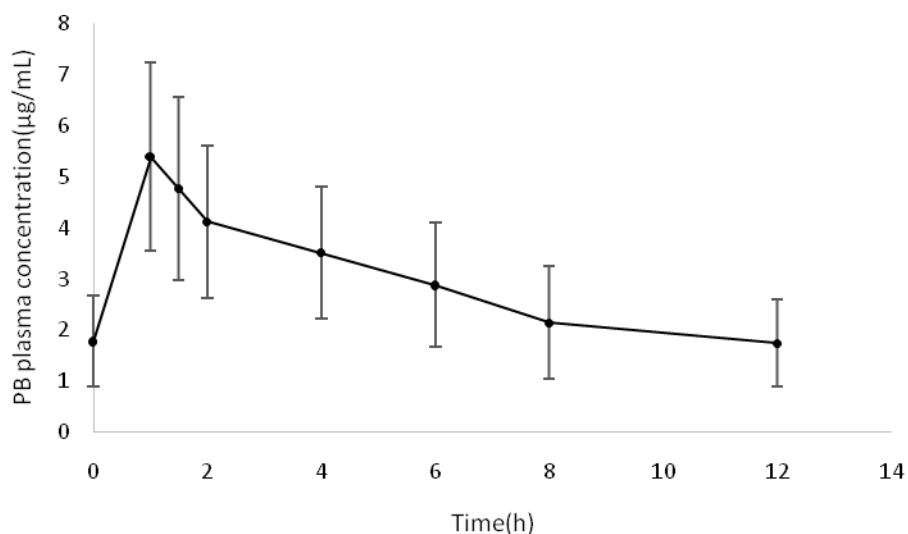


Figure 1. PB plasma concentration versus time profiles (n=42).

Table 1. Demographic information and laboratory data of severe pneumonia patients (n=42).

Category	Mean	SD
AGE (year)	64	16
SEX (Male/Female)	33/9	
HT (cm)	168.4	7.1
WT (kg)	65.3	16.3
BMI (kg/m ²)	22.8	4.8
ALT (IU/L)	34.8	30.4
AST (IU/L)	46.0	41.6
ALB (g/L)	34.2	5.7
TBIL (µmol/L)	24.6	21.9
CR (µmol/L)	143.2	97.7

CRCL (ml/min)	57.7	39.0
SOFAscore	11.1	4.4
CVVH (Y/N)	20/22	

Table2. Multiple linear regression model of theAUC_{0-24h} of PB(n=24).

Model	Sampling time(h)	Equation	R ²
1	0	21.323+28.189·C ₀	0.900
2	1	0.262+12.902·C ₁	0.746
3	1.5	9.408+12.828·C _{1.5}	0.752
4	2	-4.079+18.019·C ₂	0.662
5	4	-5.601+21.479·C ₄	0.975
6	6	8.147+21.961·C ₆	0.984
7	8	16.168+25.222·C ₈	0.943
8	12	17.198+30.214·C ₁₂	0.940
9	0,1	6.811+20.569·C ₀ +2.030·C ₁	0.948
10	0,1,5	9.349+20.195·C ₀ +5.344·C _{1.5}	0.958
11	0,2	3.119+14.215·C ₀ +10.228·C ₂	0.974
12	0,4	-0.717+7.805·C ₀ +16.225·C ₄	0.986
13	0,6	9.303+5.384·C ₀ +18.220·C ₆	0.988
14	4,6	2.030+8.532·C ₄ +13.465·C ₆	0.990
15	4,8	0.196+13.903·C ₄ +9.725·C ₈	0.990
16	4,12	0.546+14.120·C ₄ +11.235·C ₁₂	0.991
17	0,4,6	3.467+4.853·C ₀ +7.980·C ₄ +10.635·C ₆	0.994
18	0,6,8	7.641+4.158·C ₀ +20.045·C ₆ -0.526·C ₈	0.991
19	4,6,12	2.559+9.518·C ₄ +7.739·C ₆ +6.894·C ₁₂	0.993
20	0,4,6,8	2.879+3.489·C ₀ +7.637·C ₄ +10.691·C ₆ +1.914·C ₈	0.995
21	0,4,6,12	3.439+3.541·C ₀ +8.801·C ₄ +7.503·C ₆ +4.696·C ₁₂	0.995

Table 3.Predictive ability of AUC simplified model formula in validation group(n=18).

Sampling time(h)	PE% (mean±SD)	AE% (mean±SD)	Deviation of AUC		
			>15%	-15%-15%	<-15%
4	-6.14±5.74	7.61±4.01	0	18	0
6	-3.21±7.55	7.04±4.07	0	18	0
8	-0.15±14.78	5.64±8.76	3	15	0
4,6	-4.29±5.35	6.23±3.00	0	18	0
4,8	-3.46±4.82	4.49±3.13	0	18	0
0,4,6	-2.98±4.74	4.85±2.89	0	18	0
0,6,8	0.79±7.07	6.03±3.78	0	18	0
0,4,6,8	-4.24±4.34	4.24±2.68	0	18	0

Table 4. Comparisons between the observed and predicted AUC values as well as estimated $C_{ss,avg}$ and C_0 values in patients with severe pneumonia.

ID	AUC _{obv} ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}$)	AUC _{pred} ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}$)	RSD (%)	C_0 ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$)	$C_{ss,avg}$ ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$)	RSD (%)
1	68.8	60.3	-12.4	1.53	2.87	-46.7
2	80.3	69.8	-13.1	1.44	3.34	-56.9
3	95.1	84.6	-11.0	3.05	3.96	-23.0
4	48.3	48.6	0.8	1.08	2.01	-46.3
5	122.2	105.6	-13.6	3.29	5.09	-35.4
6	69.9	70.1	0.3	1.48	2.91	-49.2
7	95.8	83.5	-12.8	2.55	3.99	-36.1
8	64.3	51.6	-19.8	1.12	2.68	-58.2
9	64.3	53.5	-16.8	0.87	2.68	-67.5
10	48.6	53.4	9.8	1.32	2.02	-34.8
11	33.1	33.1	-0.1	0.65	1.38	-52.9
12	71.1	71.3	0.2	2.17	2.96	-26.8
13	35.0	36.1	2.9	1.11	1.46	-24.0

14	113.1	108.9	-3.7	2.45	4.71	-48.0
15	34.1	40.1	17.6	0.94	1.42	-33.9
16	64.4	62.6	-2.7	1.56	2.68	-41.9
17	35.7	33.2	-7.0	0.91	1.49	-38.8
18	76.9	81.8	6.3	2.33	3.21	-27.3

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There are no competing interests to declare.