

Biomarker Assay Development and Application, Advanced Topics



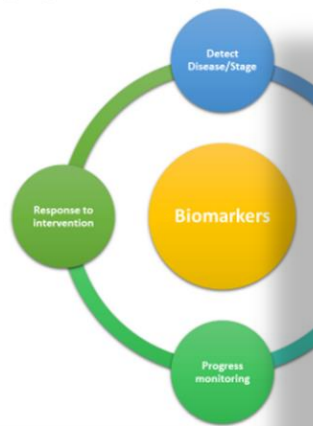
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Biomarkers, Best Practices, and Regulatory Guidance

A Biomarker is a measurement, observation or indicator of normal or disease processes, their progression and response to intervention



List of Cleared or Approved Companion Devices (In Vitro and Imaging)

Below, you would find a sortable and searchable table that lists all active companion diagnostic devices cleared or approved by the FDA.

A companion diagnostic device can be in vitro, in vivo, or on-body, and provides information that is essential for the safe and effective use of a drug, biologic, or medical device.

The use of an IVD companion diagnostic of the diagnostic device, either including the diagnostic device, a specific group of oncology therapeutic products, or a specific group of medical devices (see [Developing and Labeling In vitro Diagnostic Devices for Use with Specific Therapeutic Products](#)). In addition, the labeling of the therapeutic product must include information regarding the use of the companion diagnostic device and the results of the companion diagnostic device.

Some devices have indication for a specific use. For more detailed information on companion diagnostic devices, please visit the [FDA website](#).

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BIOANALYTICAL METHOD VALIDATION AND STUDY SAMPLE ANALYSIS M10

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Bioanalytical Method Validation and Study Sample Analysis M10 Guidance for Industry Technical Specifications

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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Technical Specifications

Wow, there is so much to consider!

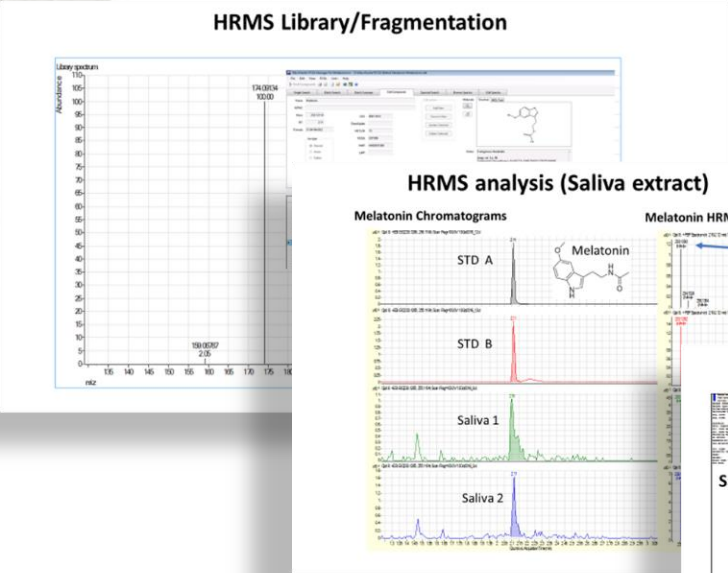
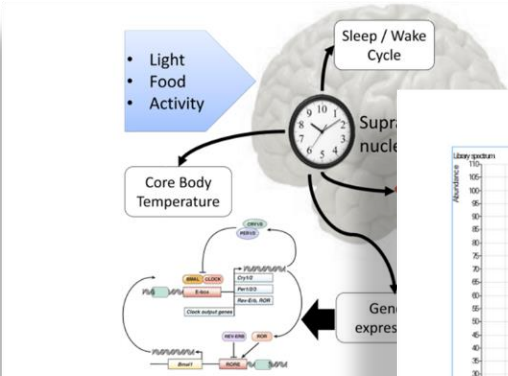
Is this why we are focusing primarily on case studies?

That's right Mara, but we need to be aware these topics exist and how they influence our biomarker work!

The case studies will help us explain how regulatory and general scientific topics relate to building and testing MS based biomarker assays.



Example Case Study: Quantitation of Melatonin in Human Saliva



Is this method even valid?

Is saliva really a viable matrix for biomarker testing?

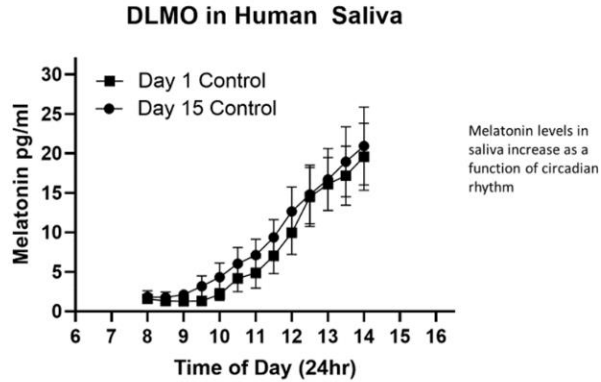
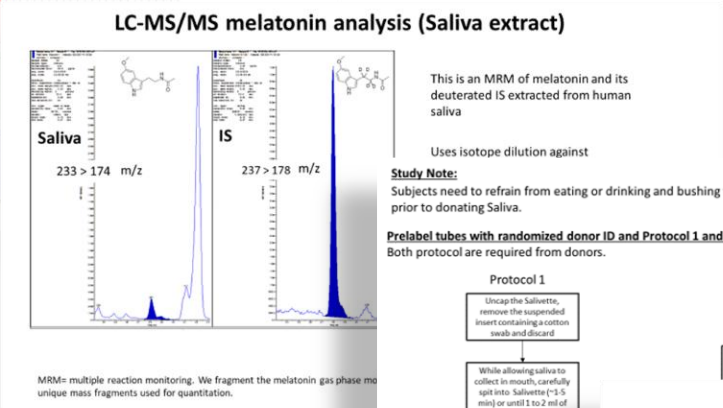
Where do I start?

Hmmm, seems straightforward...

Why bother with HRMS? Is it really needed?

Can I use a surrogate saliva matrix?

How do I get here?



Example Case Study: Quantitation of Branched Chain Amino Acids and Keto-Acids

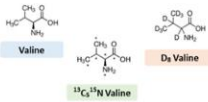
LC-MS BCAA/BCKA Assay Approach

Our validated LC-MS assay measures the concentrations of the three branched chain amino acids and their corresponding ketoacids in human plasma.

This assay uses the surrogate analyte approach to biomarker quantification, where isotopically labeled standards are spiked into authentic matrix (human plasma) to create calibration standards. A second set of isotopically labeled standards are used as the internal standards.

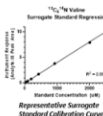
The surrogate analyte:IS area ratio is used to generate a calibration curve from each set of surrogate standards, and this regression is applied to the corresponding endogenous analyte:IS area ratio in the unknown samples to calculate the endogenous concentration values.

Endogenous Analyte	Surrogate Standard	Internal Standard
Valine	$C_{15}H_{21}NO_2$	D_5 Valine
Isoleucine	$C_{12}H_{21}NO_2$	D_5 Isoleucine
Leucine	$C_{12}H_{21}NO_2$	D_5 Leucine
Ketovaline	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_2$	D_5 Ketovaline
Ketoleucine	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_2$	D_5 Ketoleucine
Ketoleucine	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_2$	D_5 Ketoleucine



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Assay Performance Metrics: Inter-run QC Precision and Accuracy



	Analyte: Valine		
	Inter-run Precision %CV	Inter-run Accuracy %Bias	n
Low QC (75.0 µM)	4.1	-1.1	16
Mid QC (250 µM)	5.9	-2.0	16
High QC (1880 µM)	4.9	-5.9	16

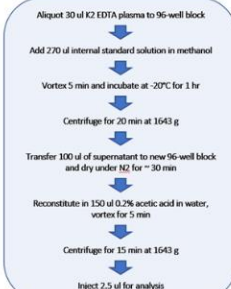
Analyte: Isoleucine			
	Inter-run Precision	Inter-run Accuracy	n
	%CV	%Bias	
Low QC (45.0 µM)	5.0	6.9	
Mid QC (150 µM)	6.2	7.3	
High QC (1130 µM)	5.0	-11.7	

	Analyte: Leucine	
	Inter-run Precision %CV	Inter-run Accuracy %Bias
Low QC (45.0 µM)	6.8	8.2
Mid QC (150 µM)	5.1	5.3
High QC (1130 µM)	6.9	-8.0

	Analyte: Ketovaline		n
	Inter-run Precision %CV	Inter-run Accuracy %Bias	
Low QC (3.0 µM)	3.3	-3.3	16
Mid QC (10.0 µM)	4.2	-2.6	16
High QC (75 µM)	5.1	-4.7	16

Analyte: Ketoleucine		
Inter-run Precision	Inter-run Accuracy	
Low QC (10.0 µM)	3.3	-3.3
Mid QC (10.0 µM)	4.2	-2.6
High QC (75 µM)	5.1	-4.7

Sample Preparation Scheme



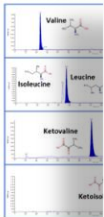
Total Time Required: ~4 - 5 hr for a batch of <150 samples

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LC/MS Conditions

Shimadzu Nexera LC
MPA: 0.2% Acetic Acid in water
MPB: Acetonitrile
Column: Waters Acquity HSS T3 2.1x100 mm
12 minute total LC method
Solve Triple Quad 5500/5500
Ionization mode: Negative
MS Method: Parent-to-parent MS/MS

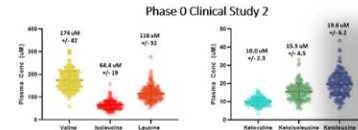
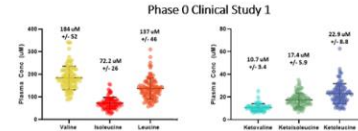
This assay requires chromatographic separation of two sets of



Data Processing Workflow



Rationale for Clinical BCAA/BCKA Quantitation Range

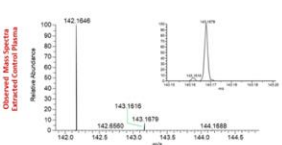


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Analyte	Quantification Limits (µM)	
	Initial Assay Range	Updated Assay Range
Valine	25.0-2500	10.0-1000
Isoleucine	15.0-1500	4.00-400
Leucine	15.0-1500	4.00-400
Ketovaline	1.00-100	0.750-75.0
Ketoleucine	1.00-100	0.750-75.0
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* Based on data from Phase 0 studies, we amended the validation to include lower detection limits for several of the analytes while still

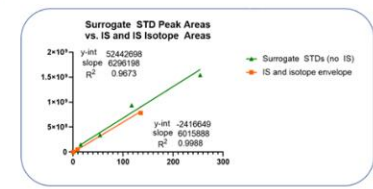
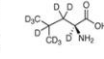
Evaluation of Isotope Envelopes and Potential Use in Quantitation



Endogenous Analyte	Surrogate Standard	Internal Standard
Leucine	$C_{12}H_{21}NO_2$	D_5 Leucine

Besides the isotopologues generated from the endogenous leucine, we also can identify isotopologues from the isotopically labeled standards.

The D-10 labeled internal standard used in this assay is particularly helpful because it will still have the natural abundance of the ^{13}C and ^{15}N isotopes.



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How can I approach isomers?

Getting more interesting...

What about isotope envelopes?

Does the surrogate analyte approach impact processing?

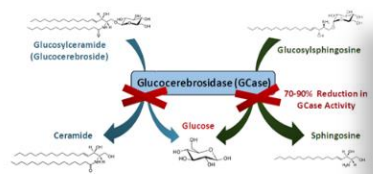
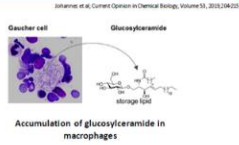
How do we determine the quantitation range?



Example Case Study: Quantitation of Glucocerebrosidase Activity from Dried Blood

Gaucher Disease – Type 1 Disease Overview

- Autosomal recessive genetic disorder caused by a deficiency of the lysosomal enzyme, glucocerebrosidase, or GCase.
- Most common lysosomal storage disorder (~1/50,000, up to 1/800 in Ashkenazi Jewish populations)



LC-MS Methods

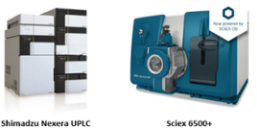
LC Conditions

Column:	Water Acquity UPLC BEH C8 2.1 x 50
Mobile Phase A:	0.1% Formic Acid in 60:40 Acetonitrile/Water
Mobile Phase B:	0.1% Formic Acid in 80:20 Isopropanol/Acetonitrile
Flow Rate:	0.4 mL/minute
Gradient:	

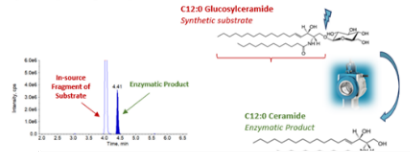
MS Conditions

Analyte	Q1 Mass	Q3 Mass	DP (volts)	CE (volts)
C12:0 Ceramide	482.4	264.3	40	35
C14:0 Ceramide	510.4	264.3	40	45
C12:0 Glucosylceramide	644.5	264.3	40	35

Source Parameters: ISV at 4000V; Temp. at 400C; CUR at 20; GS1 and GS2 at 40

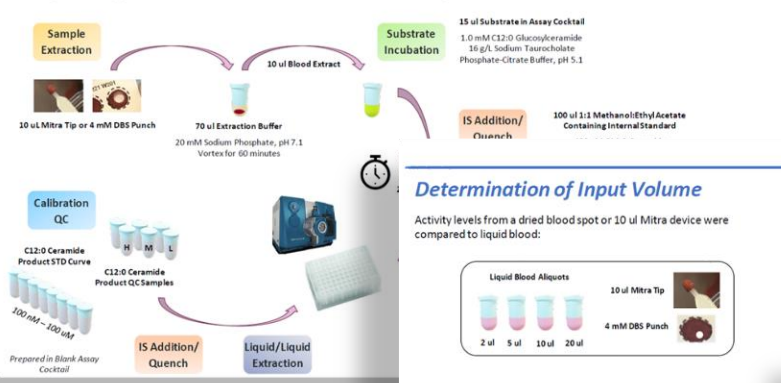


Chromatography was required to separate the in-source fragment of substrate to product (loss of glucose).



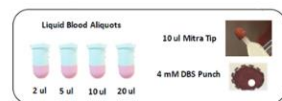
Where do I begin?

Sample Preparation Scheme – DBS and Mitra Tips



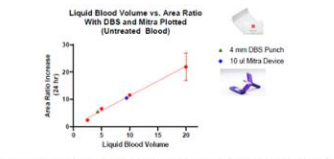
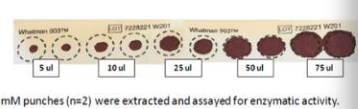
Determination of Input Volume

Activity levels from a dried blood spot or 10 uL Mitra device were compared to liquid blood:

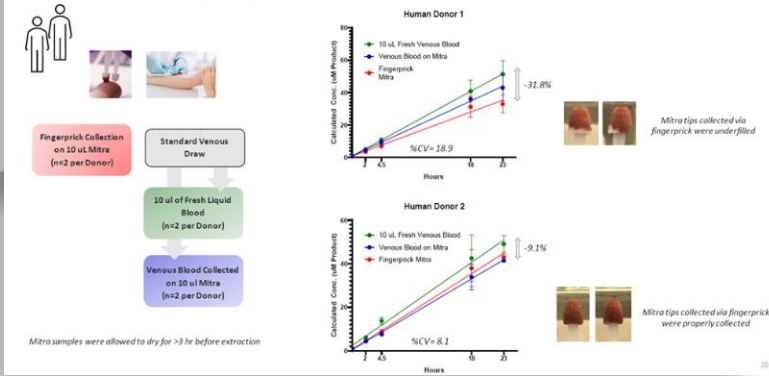


Evaluation of DBS Spot Volumes

Prepare DBS at volumes of 5, 10, 25, 50 and 75 uL (n=2)



GCase Activity in Capillary Blood vs. Venous Draws - Two Human Donors




How is this relevant to disease?

How much blood is in a DBS punch?


Phew, this can get complicated!

How could we implement this clinically?






That's it? But
there is so
much more to
these.....



Pavan, did you
see how much
they crammed
into a few
slides?



I did and I
can't wait to
take this
course!

