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The canine CYP1A2 deficiency polymorphism dramatically affects the pharmacokinetics of YM-64227, a phosphodiesterase type 4 inhibitor

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d) A list of nonstandard abbreviations

AIC: Akaike's information criterion

AUC<sub>iv</sub>: area under the plasma concentration-time curve after intravenous administration

AUC<sub>oral</sub>: area under the plasma concentration-time curve after oral administration

CL<sub>int, in vitro</sub>: overall intrinsic metabolic clearance estimated from the *in vitro* study

CL<sub>int, in vivo</sub>: overall intrinsic hepatic clearance calculated based on the *in vivo* pharmacokinetic information

CL<sub>int, ns</sub>: intrinsic metabolic clearance for the non-saturable component

CL<sub>int, s</sub>: intrinsic metabolic clearance for the saturable component

CL<sub>oral</sub>: oral clearance ( $= CL_{tot}/F_{oral}$ )

CL<sub>tot, blood</sub>:  $= CL_{tot}/R_B$

F<sub>a</sub>: the fraction absorbed from the intestinal tract

F<sub>oral</sub>: absolute bioavailability

f<sub>p</sub>: unbound fraction in plasma

Q<sub>h</sub>: hepatic blood flow rate

R<sub>B</sub>: blood-to-plasma concentration ratio

SNP: single nucleotide polymorphism

YM-64227: 4-cyclohexyl-1-ethyl-7-methylpyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2-(1*H*)-one

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### ***Abstract***

In a previous study, it was shown that the novel canine SNP CYP1A2 1117C>T yields an inactive enzyme. In this study, the effect that this SNP has on the pharmacokinetics of 4-cyclohexyl-1-ethyl-7-methylpyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2-(1*H*)-one (YM-64227) was investigated. Plasma concentrations of the unchanged drug and five of its metabolites (MM-1 to MM-5) were determined after either intravenous or oral administration of YM-64227 to genotyped dogs (C/C, C/T, and T/T groups). Liver microsomes were prepared from these dogs to determine the *in vitro* metabolic clearance of YM-64227. After a single oral administration, the maximum plasma concentration and absolute bioavailability of YM-64227 in the T/T group were 17.1 times and 27.2 times higher than those in the C/C group, respectively, while the pharmacokinetics of YM-64227 after intravenous administration were not affected by genotype. The metabolic profiles in the T/T group were quite distinct from the others, *i.e.*, the main metabolite was MM-2 in the C/C group, while MM-1 and MM-5 were main metabolites in the T/T group. The formation clearances of MM-2 and MM-3 in the microsomes derived from T/T type dogs were significantly lower, whereas those of MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5 were not affected. A statistically significant correlation was observed between the *in vivo* and *in vitro* metabolic intrinsic clearances ( $r = 0.82$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). The canine CYP1A2 1117C>T

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SNP proved to be responsible for a substantial portion of the inter-individual variability  
in the pharmacokinetics of YM-64227.

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### ***Introduction***

Cytochrome P450 (CYP) is a superfamily of enzymes that plays an important role in the oxidative metabolism of a wide variety of xenobiotics as well as endogenous compounds (Nelson *et al.*, 1996). The metabolic activity of CYP is affected by several factors such as inhibition by concomitant drugs, induction, and genetic polymorphism (Pelkonen *et al.*, 1998). The CYP polymorphisms have been investigated extensively in clinical settings, and it is well known that mutated alleles of CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2D6 cause altered plasma concentrations, which might in turn cause unforeseeable adverse reactions (Sullivan-Klose *et al.*, 1996; Furuta *et al.*, 1999; Kagimoto *et al.*, 1990).

A large number of CYP cDNA clones have been isolated, sequenced, and extensively studied in humans, mice, and rats (<http://drnelson.utmem.edu/CytochromeP450.html>). On the other hand, only a few studies on canine CYP cDNAs have been conducted, even though dogs are used extensively in pharmacological research and drug safety assessment studies. At present, a variety of canine CYP enzymes such as CYP1A1, CYP1A2 (Uchida *et al.*, 1990; Tenmizu *et al.*, 2004a), CYP2B11 (Graves *et al.*, 1990), CYP2C21, CYP2C41 (Uchida *et al.*, 1990; Blaisdell *et al.*, 1998), CYP2D15 (Sakamoto

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*et al.*, 1995), CYP2E1 (Lankford *et al.*, 2000), CYP3A12, and CYP3A26 (Ciaccio *et al.*, 1991; Fraser *et al.*, 1997) have been cloned and sequenced. Although gene analysis has revealed that some of these CYPs have variants, no obvious change in the plasma concentration of drug associated with single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) has been reported for dogs. In fact, only a few studies have shown the possibility that interindividual variations in the pharmacokinetics of some drugs in dogs may be attributable to CYP polymorphisms (Paulson *et al.*, 1999; Azuma *et al.*, 2002; Mise *et al.*, 2004).

A novel canine CYP1A2 1117 C>T SNP that yields a stop codon was reported in a previous study (Tenmizu *et al.*, 2004a). The T-allele frequency was 0.39, which suggests that 10 to 15% of dogs would not express active CYP1A2 protein. It has also been shown that a subsequent reduction in the metabolic activity of CYP1A2 is reflected in the metabolic ratio (ratio of plasma parent drug to the major metabolite, MM-2) after oral administration of 4-cyclohexyl-1-ethyl-7-methylpyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2-(1*H*)-one (YM-64227), a phosphodiesterase type 4 inhibitor, to dogs. However, the detailed influence of the SNP on the pharmacokinetics of YM-64227 is yet to be investigated. In this study, the

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plasma concentrations of metabolites and the unchanged drug after intravenous and oral administration to genotyped dogs were investigated in order to clarify in detail the effect of canine CYP1A2 deficient polymorphism on the metabolism of YM-64227.

Additionally, in order to compare intrinsic *in vivo* and *in vitro* metabolic clearances, the *in vitro* metabolic clearance of YM-64227 was determined using liver microsomes prepared from dogs that were used in the *in vivo* pharmacokinetics study.

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## ***Materials and Methods***

### ***Chemicals***

YM-64227, its five metabolites (MM-1 to MM-5) (Figure 1), and the internal standard, 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-ethyl-7-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2(1*H*)-one, were synthesized in the Chemistry Research Laboratories of Astellas Pharmaceutical Inc (Ibaraki, Japan). NADPH generating system solution A and B were purchased from BD (San Jose, CA, USA). Purified water from a Milli-Q system (Millipore Co., Bedford, MA, USA) was used throughout the study. All other chemicals used were commercially available and of the highest purity.

### ***Animals***

Male beagle dogs (body weight: 8.2 to 12.5 kg) were supplied by Covance Research Product (Kalamazoo, MI, USA). They were kept in climate-controlled rooms (temperature:  $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ , relative humidity:  $55 \pm 1\%$ ) with a light/dark cycle of 13 h/11 h. They had free access to both pellet diet (MF; Oriental Yeast Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) and water during the studies. This study was approved by the animal ethical committee of the Astellas Pharmaceutical Inc. Dogs were genotyped as C/C, C/T, or T/T at the 1117 nucleotide site of canine CYP1A2 by ASP-PCR and direct sequence analysis, as

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previously described (Tenmizu *et al.*, 2004a).

### ***Pharmacokinetics study of YM-64227 in genotyped dogs***

YM-64227 solution prepared in a vehicle of 2% ethanol, 2% benzyl alcohol, 4% cremophor, and 92% water for injection was administered intravenously at 0.1 mg/kg to dogs (n = 5 per each group genotyped as C/C, C/T, or T/T) following overnight fasting. Blood (ca. 5 mL/time point) was collected from the forelimb vein using a heparinized syringe after 0, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, and 8 h. In another study, YM-64227 suspended in 0.5% methylcellulose solution was administered orally at 0.3 mg/kg to the same dogs (n = 5 per each group genotyped as C/C, C/T, or T/T) following an overnight fasting period. Blood (ca. 5 mL/time point) was collected from the forelimb vein using a heparinized syringe after 0, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, and 8 h. After at least 1 week of washout period, YM-64227 suspended in 0.5% methylcellulose solution was administered orally at 0.3 mg/kg to the same dogs following an overnight fasting. Plasma was collected by centrifuging the blood. Plasma was stored frozen at -20°C until it was analyzed to determine the concentrations of YM-64227 and its metabolites. Concentrations of YM-64227 and its metabolites were quantified using HPLC (Tenmizu *et al.*, 2004b). In brief, sample preparation used the liquid-liquid extraction using tert-butyl methyl ether.

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Separation was achieved on a COSMOSIL-packed phenyl ethyl column (5  $\mu$ m, 250 mm x 4.6 mm i.d., Nacalai Tesque Inc., Kyoto, Japan). The mobile phase consisting of (A) 80% 50 mM acetic acid / 20% acetonitrile and (B) 20% 50 mM acetic acid / 80% acetonitrile were used for gradient elution. YM-64227 and its metabolites were detected fluorimetrically at 400 nm with emission at 330 nm.

The pharmacokinetic parameters for YM-64227 and its metabolites were calculated using non-compartmental modeling and WinNonlin Professional version 3.3 (Pharsight, Mountain View, CA, USA). The pharmacokinetic parameters of C/C, C/T, and T/T dogs were compared using the *Tukey* test and SAS system version 8.2 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA).

#### ***Protein binding to YM-64227 in dog plasma***

Aliquots (0.04 mL) of 100 mM Na/K-phosphate buffer containing YM-64227 were added to 2-mL aliquots of dog plasma to yield concentrations of 2 and 2000 ng/mL.

After incubation for 10 min at 37°C, a 0.5-mL aliquot was taken from each sample to measure the total concentration, and the remainder was transferred to an ultrafiltration tube (VIVASPIN2, Sartorius AG, Goettingen, Germany). These tubes were centrifuged

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at 1870 x g for 15 min at 37°C, and then a 0.5-mL aliquot of filtrate was removed and used to measure the unbound plasma concentration. The YM-64227 concentrations in the plasma and filtrate samples were quantified using HPLC.

### ***Blood-to-plasma concentration ratio ( $R_B$ ) of YM-64227 in dogs***

The  $R_B$  of YM-64227 was determined using heparinized whole blood (Lin *et al.*, 1982).

Aliquots (0.05-mL) of 100 mM Na/K-phosphate buffer containing YM-64227 were added to 5-mL aliquots of dog blood preincubated at 37°C to yield concentrations of 1, 10, and 100 ng/mL. After incubation for 5 min at 37°C, the blood samples were centrifuged for 5 min at 1870 x g to obtain the plasma fraction. Concentrations of YM-64227 were quantified using HPLC.

### ***Calculation of $CL_{int, in vivo}$***

$CL_{oral}$  was calculated by dividing  $CL_{tot}$  by  $F_{oral}$ .  $CL_h$  was then calculated from equation

(1), using a  $Q_h$  value of 1620 mL/h/kg (Bischoff *et al.*, 1971; Dedrick *et al.*, 1973;

Montandon *et al.*, 1975) and assuming that  $F_a$  was 1.0 and  $CL_r$  was 0.0. The  $R_B$  value of

YM-64227 was 0.66 in dogs (estimated from this study).

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$$CL_h = (CL_{oral} \cdot F_a / R_B - CL_r / R_B) / (1 + CL_{oral} \cdot F_a / Q_h / R_B) \quad (1)$$

Then,  $CL_{int, in vivo}$  was calculated from the following equations using the dispersion model (Roberts and Rowland, 1986a; Iwatsubo *et al.*, 1997).

$$CL_h = Q_h (1 - F_h) \quad (2)$$

$$F_h = \frac{4a}{(1+a)^2 \exp\{(a-1)/2D_N\} - (1-a)^2 \exp\{-(a+1)/2D_N\}} \quad (3)$$

$$a = (1 + 4R_N \cdot D_N)^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

$$R_N = (f_p / R_B) \cdot CL_{int, in vivo} / Q_h \quad (5)$$

A  $D_N$  of 0.17 (Roberts and Rowland, 1986b; Iwatsubo *et al.*, 1996) was used to calculate  $CL_{int, in vivo}$ . The  $f_p$  value of YM-64227 used for 0.036 in dogs (estimated from this study).

### ***YM-64227 metabolism in genotyped canine liver microsomes***

Canine liver microsome preparation and the CYP1A2 1117 C>T SNP genotyping method was performed as described by Tenmizu *et al.* (2004a). YM-64227 was incubated in a reaction mixture (0.5 mL) consisting of 0.1 mg liver microsome protein

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in the presence of an NADPH-generating system (0.33 mM NADP, 8 mM glucose-6-phosphate, 0.1 U/mL glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, and 6 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) and 100 mM Na/K-phosphate buffer. The YM-64227 concentrations used to estimate the kinetic parameters were 0.5 to 100 μM. Experiments were performed in duplicate. Linearity of metabolic activities for incubation time and microsome protein concentration was confirmed. Enzyme reactions were initiated by adding 30 μL of the NADPH generating system. After incubation for 10 min at 37°C in a shaking water-bath, the reaction was terminated by adding 4 mL of tert-butyl methyl ether. After stopping the metabolic reaction, metabolite concentrations were quantified using HPLC.

#### ***Protein binding to YM-64227 in liver microsomes***

Aliquots (0.04 mL) of 100 mM Na/K-phosphate buffer containing YM-64227 were added to 2-mL aliquots of a mixture consisting of 0.1 mg/mL liver microsomes and 100 mM Na/K-phosphate buffer to yield concentrations of 1, 10, and 100 μM. Other procedures were the same as described in “Protein binding to YM-64227 in dog plasma”.

#### ***Calculation of $CL_{int}$ , in vitro***

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The clearance of each metabolite was calculated from the formation velocities of metabolites MM-1 to MM-5, and then the total was defined as the metabolic clearance of YM-64227 in its entirety. Equations (6) and (7) were fitted to the kinetic data for YM-64227 metabolism obtained with liver microsomes using SAS system version 8.2 to estimate  $K_m$ ,  $V_{max}$ , and  $CL_{int, ns}$ .

$$v = V_{max} \cdot S / (K_m + S) \quad (6)$$

$$v = V_{max} \cdot S / (K_m + S) + CL_{int, ns} \cdot S \quad (7)$$

The method for evaluation of statistical fit [1] was chosen using Akaike's information criteria (AIC) value as an index (Akaike, 1969). The  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values under linear conditions were calculated from the kinetic parameters obtained *in vitro* using equations (8) and (9), respectively.

$$CL_{int, in vitro} = V_{max} / K_m \quad (8)$$

$$CL_{int, in vitro} = V_{max} / K_m + CL_{int, ns} \quad (9)$$

The  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values expressed per mg microsome of protein calculated from the *in*

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*in vitro* metabolism study were expressed per gram of liver by taking the microsome protein content per gram of liver. The scaling factor value for the dogs used for the conversion of  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  per mg of microsome protein into that per gram of liver was 77.9 mg microsome protein per gram liver (Knaak *et al.*, 1993). The liver weights and animal weights used were the individual values obtained in the study. Because the binding of YM-64227 on the microsome was negligible, no correction for protein binding was performed.

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## **Results**

### ***Pharmacokinetics study of YM-64227 in genotyped dogs***

The plasma concentration-time profiles of YM-64227 after single intravenous and oral administrations are shown in Figure 2. The pharmacokinetic parameters of YM-64227 obtained from the *in vivo* studies in dogs are summarized in Table 1. No significant changes were observed in the YM-64227 pharmacokinetic parameters among the C/C homo, C/T hetero, or T/T homo groups after the administration of a single intravenous dose of YM-64227 (dose: 0.1 mg/kg). The  $CL_{\text{tot, blood}}$  values for the C/C, C/T, and T/T groups were 2120, 1787, and 2374 mL/h/kg, respectively, which were slightly higher than the canine hepatic blood flow rate (1620 mL/h/kg, Dedrick *et al.*, 1973). The  $C_{\text{max}}$  after a single oral administration (dose: 0.3 mg/kg) and absolute bioavailability in the T/T group were 17.1 times and 27.2 times higher than those for the C/C group, respectively. The  $CL_{\text{int, in vivo}}$  values for the C/C, C/T, and T/T groups were 299.7, 221.0, and 116.0 L/h/kg, respectively. The  $CL_{\text{int, in vivo}}$  for the T/T group was 38.7% of that for the C/C group.

The plasma concentration-time profiles of the metabolites after a single intravenous administration are shown in Figure 3. The  $C_{\text{max}}$  and  $AUC_{\text{iv}}$  values of MM-2 in the C/C

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and C/T groups were highest among the five metabolites (Table 2). The plasma concentrations of MM-1, MM-3, MM-4, and MM-5 in the C/C and C/T groups were low, and their  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{iv}$  values were almost the same. For the T/T group, however, the plasma concentrations of MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5 were higher than those for the C/C group. The  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{iv}$  of MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5 were 10.4 and 44.6 times, 4.6 and 5.8 times, and 25.9 and 187.0 times higher than those for the C/C group, respectively (Table 2). The  $T_{1/2}$  for MM-1 and MM-5 in the T/T group were 4.8 and 2.8 times longer than those in the C/C group. Although the  $AUC_{iv}$  for MM-3 in the T/T group was 2.4 times higher than that in the C/C group, no significant difference was observed in the  $T_{\max}$ ,  $C_{\max}$ , and  $T_{1/2}$  for MM-3 between the C/C and T/T groups.

The plasma concentration-time profiles of metabolites after a single oral administration are shown in Figure 4. The plasma MM-2 concentrations in the C/C and C/T groups were highest among the five metabolites as well as after intravenous dosing (Table 3). In the T/T group, the plasma MM-5 concentration was highest among the metabolites. The  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{oral}$  for the T/T group were 32.6 times and 118.2 times higher than those for the C/C group. The  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{oral}$  of MM-1 in the T/T group were 3.4 times and 20.5 times higher than those in the C/C group. The  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{oral}$  for

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MM-4 in the T/T group were 6.4 times and 11.4 times higher than those in the C/C group. For the T/T group, the plasma concentration of MM-2, the main metabolite in the C/C and C/T groups, was lower than that for the C/C group. The  $C_{\max}$  and  $AUC_{\text{oral}}$  for MM-2 in the T/T group were 8.3% and 14.2% of those in the C/C group. The  $T_{1/2}$  for MM-1, MM-2, MM-4, and MM-5 in the T/T group were 7.7, 1.6, 2.0, and 3.7 times longer than that in the C/C group, respectively. No significant differences were observed in the pharmacokinetic parameters of MM-3 between the C/C and T/T groups.

#### ***YM-64227 metabolism in genotyped canine liver microsomes***

Michaelis-Menten plots and Eadie-Hofstee plots of each metabolite formation from YM-64227 in genotyped canine liver microsomes are shown in Figure 5. As the contribution of multiple components in some of the metabolic pathways was suggested by the Eadie-Hofstee plots, either the mono- or bi-phasic model was fitted to the metabolic activity of each metabolite using nonlinear least-squares regression. The best model was selected based on the AIC values. The  $V_{\max}$ ,  $K_m$ ,  $CL_{\text{int}, s}$ ,  $CL_{\text{int}, ns}$ , and  $CL_{\text{int}, \text{in vitro}}$  values were calculated. Furthermore, the slope of the linear portion of the Michaelis-Menten plots was calculated using linear regression and defined as  $CL_{\text{int}, ns}$ . The kinetic parameters obtained from the *in vitro* experiments using liver microsomes

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are summarized in Table 4. The MM-1 formation activities of the C/C, C/T, and T/T groups had a mono-phasic pattern with a non-saturable component. No significant differences in the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  were observed among the three groups. As for the MM-2 formation activities in all of the groups, contributions of both the saturable and non-saturable component were demonstrated. Although differences in the  $CL_{int, ns}$  were not observable among groups, the  $CL_{int, s}$  for the T/T group was significantly lower than that for the C/C group, at only 8.6% of the C/C group value. The contribution of both the saturable and non-saturable component was shown in the MM-3 formation activities of the C/C and C/T groups. While no difference in  $CL_{int, ns}$  among the three groups was observed, the saturable component was absent in the T/T group. Accordingly, the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  for the T/T group was 12.6% of that for the C/C group. The contribution of both a saturable and non-saturable component was detected in the MM-4 and MM-5 formation activities of all three groups. The  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values for MM-4 and MM-5 did not differ among the three groups.

#### ***Correlation between $CL_{int, in vivo}$ and $CL_{int, in vitro}$***

Although the  $CL_{int, in vivo}$  values were approximately 9.8 times higher than the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values, there was a statically significant correlation between them ( $r = 0.82, p < 0.001$ ).

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The  $CL_{int, in vivo}$  and  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values in the C/C and C/T groups were higher than those in the T/T group.

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### ***Discussion***

The CYP1A2 1117 C>T SNP caused remarkable inter-individual variability in the pharmacokinetics of YM-64227 in dogs. After intravenous administration of YM-64227, the  $CL_{\text{tot, blood}}$  values were 1787 to 2374 mL/h/kg, which are slightly greater than the canine hepatic blood flow rate (1620 mL/h/kg, Dedrick *et al.*, 1973). In contrast, the  $C_{\text{max}}$  and  $AUC_{\text{oral}}$  values in the T/T group were significantly greater than those in the C/C group. These findings suggest that the clearance of YM64227 in dogs is “hepatic blood flow-limited” and the deficiency in CYP1A2 mainly affects first pass metabolism.

After single intravenous and oral administrations of YM-64227, MM-2 was found to be the main metabolite in the C/C and C/T groups. However, the main metabolites found in the T/T group were MM-1 and MM-5, whose concentrations were significantly higher than those in the C/C and C/T groups. In addition, the  $AUC_{\text{iv}}$ ,  $AUC_{\text{oral}}$ , and  $T_{1/2}$  values for MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5 in the T/T group were significantly greater than those in the C/C group, except for the  $T_{1/2}$  for MM-4 after intravenous administration. With regard to MM-3, a significant difference was observed only in the  $AUC_{\text{iv}}$  of the T/T group. Taken together, the relative amounts and pharmacokinetic profiles of the

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metabolites in the C/C and C/T groups were remarkably different from those in the T/T group. It was shown that a deficiency of CYP1A2 enzyme activity leads to a decrease in MM-2, and an increase in MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5. MM-3 was slightly affected.

In an *in vitro* metabolism study using microsomes prepared from dogs used in the pharmacokinetic study, the contribution of both the saturable and non-saturable components was observed in the formation of MM-2 in all groups. The  $CL_{int, ns}$  was not significantly different among the three groups whereas the  $CL_{int, s}$  for the T/T group was significantly lower than that for the C/C and C/T groups. This suggests that CYP1A2 is involved in the saturable component. Accordingly, the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  value, defined as the sum of  $CL_{int, ns}$  and  $CL_{int, s}$ , for the T/T group was more than 10-fold lower than that for the C/C and C/T groups. This finding was in good agreement with the fact that the plasma concentrations of MM-2 in the T/T group were significantly lower than those in the other groups.

The contribution of one non-saturable component was observed in the formation of MM-1. The kinetics of MM-4 and MM-5 formation was bi-phasic, consisting of a saturable and non-saturable component. The  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  values for these metabolites

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were not significantly different among the three groups, which suggest that CYP1A2 does not mediate the biotransformation of YM-64227 into these metabolites. These findings suggest that the formation of MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5 is not different in the C/C, C/T, and T/T groups, but the elimination of these metabolites the T/T group is decreased. A possible explanation for this discrepancy is that CYP1A2 mediates the subsequent metabolism of MM-1, MM-4, and MM-5.

Both the saturable and non-saturable components were observed in the formation of MM-3 in the C/C and C/T groups, while only the non-saturable component was observed in the T/T group, which suggests that CYP1A2 is fully responsible for the saturable component. Accordingly, the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  for MM-3 in the T/T group was around 10-fold lower than that in the C/C and C/T groups. Thus, plasma concentrations of MM-3 in the T/T group were expected to be lower than those in the C/C and C/T groups. However, no marked differences were observed in MM-3 plasma concentration among the three groups. A possible explanation for the conflict between the *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies is that CYP1A2 plays a significant role not only in the formation of MM-3 from YM-64227, but also the subsequent metabolism of MM-3. As a consequence, a decrease in the formation of MM-3 might be compensated by a decrease

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in the elimination of MM-3. Furthermore, *in vitro* metabolism study, another possible explanation is that the formation of MM-3 is much faster than the elimination of MM-3. Therefore, the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  for MM-3 reflected mainly the formation of this metabolite in the C/C and C/T groups, and a CYP1A2 deficiency in the T/T group resulted in the decrease in the  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  for MM-3.

A statistically significant linear relationship was observed between  $CL_{int, in vivo}$  and  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  ( $r = 0.82$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ; Figure 6), indicating that the hepatic metabolism of YM-64227 was well reflected in the pharmacokinetic profile. However, the *in vitro* study underestimated the *in vivo* intrinsic clearance by 9.8 fold. We searched for the cause of the difference between *in vivo* and *in vitro*. The binding of YM-64227 to the liver microsome and the extra-hepatic metabolic clearance in the small intestine, lung, and kidney microsomes were negligible. An *in vivo* study in rats using radio-labeled YM-64227 showed that the oral absorption of YM-64227 is almost complete and that there is no specific accumulation in the liver (in-house data). In rats, the *in vivo-in vitro* correlation factor was 7.1, as it was in dogs (in-house data). It may be difficult to quantitatively estimate the  $CL_{int, in vivo}$  value from  $CL_{int, in vitro}$  for drugs that undergo metabolism that is limited by blood flow (Iwatsubo *et al.*, 1997). Another explanation

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for the discrepancy between the *in vitro* and *in vivo* clearances may be because one or more of the following assumptions is erroneous 1) the blood concentration and the concentration in the liver are in rapid equilibrium, 2) only unbound drug is involved in the elimination and transport across membranes, and 3) metabolic enzymes and transporters are homogeneously distributed along the blood flow pathways in the liver (Iwatsubo *et al.*, 1996; Naritomi *et al.*, 2001).

In the previous study, it was first reported that CYP1A2 1117 C>T SNP causes a stop codon<sup>[12]</sup> (Tenmizu *et al.*, 2004a). The T-allele frequency was 0.39, which suggests that 10 to 15% of the dogs would not express the CYP1A2 protein. In this study, we reported the results from *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies using genotyped dogs and liver microsomes to clearly demonstrate the influence of the SNP. Therefore, attention should be paid to canine CYP1A2 polymorphism when using dogs to investigate the pharmacokinetics of drugs that are metabolized by CYP1A2. In addition, a considerable number of detailed studies on human CYP1A2 polymorphisms have been reported. In particular, CYP1A2\*1C, \*1F, \*1K, and \*7 showed altered enzyme activity (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles/default.htm>). Phenotype study using the caffeine test demonstrated that CYP1A2 has a poor metabolization frequency of only 5 to 15%

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(Tantcheva-Poor I *et al.*, 1999). However, no genetic factor has been identified that would cause inter-individual variation in the caffeine test; thus, lifestyle factors, such as cigarette smoking and food choice (Pantuck EJ *et al.*, 1972; Kotake AN *et al.*, 1982), are thought to influence them. A clinically significant SNP that could confer obvious inter-individual variation has not yet been discovered for human CYP1A2.

In conclusion, the CYP1A2 deficiency polymorphism, 1117C>T, dramatically decreased the metabolic clearance of YM-64227 in dogs. The CYP1A2 polymorphism caused a remarkable increase in the plasma concentration of the unchanged drug after oral administration of YM-64227, but intravenous administration did not have the same effect because the hepatic elimination of YM-64227 is hepatic blood flow is rate limited. CYP1A2 polymorphism dramatically altered the metabolic profile of YM-64227. Attention should be paid to this canine CYP1A2 polymorphism in future studies in order to understand the impact of inter-individual variability for the disposition of drugs in dogs.

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***Figure legends***

***Figure 1***

Postulated metabolic pathway of YM-64227.

***Figure 2***

Plasma concentration-time profiles of YM-64227 after intravenous and oral administration to dogs at 0.1 and 0.3 mg/kg. Each point represents the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of five animals. (■) indicates C/C type dogs, (▲) indicates C/T type dogs, and (○) indicates T/T type dogs.

***Figure 3***

Plasma concentration-time profiles of YM-64227 metabolites after intravenous administration to dogs at 0.1 mg/kg. Each point represents the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of five animals. (■) indicates C/C type dogs, (▲) indicates C/T type dogs, and (○) indicates T/T type dogs.

***Figure 4***

Plasma concentration-time profiles of YM-64227 metabolites after oral administration

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to dogs at 0.3 mg/kg. Each point represents the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of five animals. (■)

indicates C/C type dogs, (▲) indicates C/T type dogs, and (○) indicates T/T type dogs.

**Figure 5**

Michaelis-Menten plots and Eadie-Hofstee plots of YM-64227 metabolism in the liver microsomes prepared from dogs genotyped with respect to CYP1A2. Each point represents the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of five microsomes in duplicate experiments. (■) indicates C/C type microsomes, (▲) indicates C/T type microsomes, and (○) indicates T/T type microsomes.

**Figure 6**

Correlation between  $CL_{\text{oral}}$ ,  $CL_{\text{h}}$ , and  $CL_{\text{int, in vivo}}$  relative to  $CL_{\text{int, in vitro}}$ . (■) indicates C/C type dogs (n = 4), (▲) indicates C/T type dogs (n = 5), and (○) indicates T/T type dogs (n = 5).

Table 1. Pharmacokinetic parameters of YM-64227.

Pharmacokinetic parameters		C/C homo (n = 5)	C/T hetero (n = 5)	T/T homo (n = 5)
$T_{1/2}$ <sup>a)</sup>	(h)	1.2 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.4
$V_{ss}$	(mL/kg)	1444 ± 167.9	1115 ± 341.6	1178 ± 271.9
$CL_{tot}$	(mL/h/kg)	1399 ± 72.5	1179 ± 357.4	1567 ± 184.4
$CL_{tot, blood}$	(mL/h/kg)	2120 ± 109.9	1787 ± 541.5	2374 ± 279.5
$AUC_{iv}$	(h·ng/mL)	71.6 ± 3.9	91.3 ± 27.8	64.5 ± 7.2
$AUC_{oral}$	(h·ng/mL)	1.1 ± 0.6	3.5 ± 1.4	27.2 ± 20.2 *
$T_{max}$	(h)	0.3 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.0	0.3 ± 0.1
$C_{max}$	(ng/mL)	1.4 ± 0.6	3.8 ± 1.7	24.0 ± 14.8 **
$F_{oral}$	(%)	0.5 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.7	13.6 ± 9.5 **

Each value represents the mean ± S.D.

Statistically significant differences from the C/C type were determined using the *Tukey* test, and are indicated as \*  $p < 0.05$  and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

<sup>a)</sup>: Terminal elimination half-life for the intravenous administration of YM-64227.

Table 2. Pharmacokinetic parameters for the YM-64227 metabolites after a single intravenous administration of YM-64227.

Genotype	Analyte	T <sub>max</sub> (h)	C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	AUC <sub>iv</sub> (h·ng/mL)	T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)
C/C homo (n = 5)	MM-1	0.5 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 1.7	1.0 ± 0.1 <sup>a)</sup>
	MM-2	0.5 ± 0.3	17.7 ± 3.9	43.1 ± 16.0	1.0 ± 0.1
	MM-3	0.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 1.3	1.3 ± 0.6	0.8 ± 0.2 <sup>a)</sup>
	MM-4	0.3 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 1.3	2.6 ± 1.3	0.9 ± 0.4
	MM-5	0.1 ± 0.0 <sup>b)</sup>	1.5 ± 1.7 <sup>b)</sup>	0.6 ± 0.7 <sup>b)</sup>	0.4 ± 0.1 <sup>c)</sup>
C/T hetero (n = 5)	MM-1	0.6 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.7	3.2 ± 1.6	1.2 ± 0.4 <sup>a)</sup>
	MM-2	0.9 ± 0.2	18.0 ± 5.0	46.4 ± 18.3	1.0 ± 0.1
	MM-3	0.3 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.7	0.8 ± 0.2 <sup>b)</sup>
	MM-4	0.4 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 1.0	3.6 ± 2.0	0.9 ± 0.3 <sup>a)</sup>
	MM-5	0.3 ± 0.2 <sup>a)</sup>	0.7 ± 0.3 <sup>a)</sup>	0.5 ± 0.4 <sup>a)</sup>	0.5 <sup>d)</sup>
T/T homo (n = 5)	MM-1	1.8 ± 0.4 **	14.6 ± 3.5 **	124.9 ± 38.6 **	4.8 ± 1.3 **
	MM-2	0.5 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.5 **	6.5 ± 3.3 **	1.7 ± 0.7
	MM-3	0.2 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 1.5 *	1.7 ± 0.4
	MM-4	0.3 ± 0.4	9.6 ± 1.8 **	15.0 ± 5.9 **	0.8 ± 0.2
	MM-5	0.9 ± 0.7	38.8 ± 9.5 **	112.2 ± 50.8 *	1.1 ± 0.1 **

Each value represents the mean ± S.D.

Statistically significant differences from the C/C type were determined using the *Tukey* test, and are indicated as \*  $p < 0.05$  and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

<sup>a)</sup> n = 4, <sup>b)</sup> n = 3, <sup>c)</sup> n = 2, and <sup>d)</sup> n = 1: due to plasma concentrations being less than the lower limit of detection (0.4 ng/mL) at many blood collection time points.

Table 3. Pharmacokinetic parameters of YM-64227 metabolites after a single oral administration of YM-64227.

Genotype	Analyte	T <sub>max</sub> (h)	C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	AUC <sub>oral</sub> (h·ng/mL)	T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)
C/C homo (n = 5)	MM-1	0.5 ± 0.0	12.4 ± 5.5	17.3 ± 10.1	0.6 ± 0.1
	MM-2	0.5 ± 0.0	73.2 ± 23.8	111.8 ± 33.1	0.8 ± 0.3
	MM-3	0.4 ± 0.1	4.1 ± 2.1	3.2 ± 1.4	0.4 ± 0.0
	MM-4	0.4 ± 0.1	4.3 ± 2.2	3.1 ± 1.5	0.3 ± 0.1 <sup>a)</sup>
	MM-5	0.4 ± 0.1	4.2 ± 2.6	3.1 ± 1.8	0.3 ± 0.0 <sup>a)</sup>
C/T hetero (n = 5)	MM-1	0.6 ± 0.2	14.9 ± 6.8	23.4 ± 13.2	0.6 ± 0.1
	MM-2	0.6 ± 0.2	108.9 ± 54.5	186.7 ± 106.3	0.7 ± 0.1
	MM-3	0.4 ± 0.1	8.6 ± 5.9	6.9 ± 4.4	0.3 ± 0.0
	MM-4	0.4 ± 0.1	5.6 ± 2.9	4.1 ± 2.2	0.3 ± 0.1 <sup>b)</sup>
	MM-5	0.4 ± 0.1	10.9 ± 7.5	8.5 ± 5.5	0.3 ± 0.1 <sup>a)</sup>
T/T homo (n = 5)	MM-1	1.8 ± 0.4 **	42.0 ± 9.0 **	355.4 ± 83.3 **	4.6 ± 0.6 **
	MM-2	0.6 ± 0.2	6.1 ± 1.3 *	15.9 ± 5.9	1.3 ± 0.2 **
	MM-3	0.3 ± 0.1	7.9 ± 5.1	6.1 ± 4.1	0.3 ± 0.0
	MM-4	0.4 ± 0.1	27.5 ± 14.9 **	35.4 ± 19.8 **	0.6 ± 0.1 **
	MM-5	0.7 ± 0.3 *	136.8 ± 48.1 **	366.3 ± 191.5 **	1.1 ± 0.1 **

Each value represents the mean ± S.D.

Statistically significant differences from the C/C type were determined using the *Tukey* test, and are indicated as \*  $p < 0.05$  and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

<sup>a)</sup> n = 4 and <sup>b)</sup> n = 3: due to plasma concentrations being less than the lower limit of detection (0.4 ng/mL) at many blood collection time points.

Table 4. Kinetic parameters for YM-64227 metabolism in liver microsomes prepared from dogs genotyped with respect to CYP1A2.

Kinetic Parameters		MM-1	MM-2	MM-3	MM-4	MM-5	Total
$V_{\max}$ (nmol/min/mg protein)	C/C	-	0.07 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.04	0.15 ± 0.05	0.21 ± 0.01	
	C/T	-	0.06 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.07	0.09 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.07	
	T/T	-	0.01 ± 0.01 **	-	0.11 ± 0.09	0.24 ± 0.16	
$K_m$ ( $\mu$ M)	C/C	>100	1.2 ± 0.3	5.7 ± 1.6	2.3 ± 0.2	4.6 ± 0.5	
	C/T	>100	1.0 ± 0.1	4.1 ± 1.9	2.3 ± 0.4	3.9 ± 0.4	
	T/T	>100	4.6 ± 3.9	>100	2.6 ± 0.1	4.1 ± 1.3	
$CL_{int, s}$ ( $\mu$ L/min/mg protein)	C/C	-	61.8 ± 17.5	40.3 ± 12.7	63.1 ± 20.5	47.4 ± 6.7	
	C/T	-	63.8 ± 10.0	49.0 ± 6.8	39.8 ± 7.8	52.7 ± 17.2	
	T/T	-	4.7 ± 4.2 **	-	41.3 ± 33.7	57.2 ± 23.7	
$CL_{int, ns}$ ( $\mu$ L/min/mg protein)	C/C	3.5 ± 1.2 <sup>a)</sup>	1.0 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 1.7	1.1 ± 0.5	0.7 ± 0.2	
	C/T	3.7 ± 1.5 <sup>a)</sup>	0.8 ± 0.2	2.8 ± 0.3	0.9 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.0	
	T/T	3.7 ± 1.3 <sup>a)</sup>	0.6 ± 0.2	5.6 ± 2.5 <sup>a)</sup>	0.8 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.2	
$CL_{int, in vitro}$ ( $\mu$ L/min/mg protein)	C/C	3.5 ± 1.2	62.8 ± 17.5	44.4 ± 12.6	64.2 ± 20.6	48.0 ± 6.6	223.0 ± 37.4
	C/T	3.7 ± 1.5	64.6 ± 10.1	51.8 ± 7.1	40.7 ± 7.8	53.1 ± 17.2	213.9 ± 27.1
	T/T	3.7 ± 1.3	5.4 ± 4.3 **	5.6 ± 2.5 **	42.1 ± 33.8	57.6 ± 23.9	114.4 ± 64.3 **

Each value represents the mean ± S.D.

Statistically significant differences from the C/C type were determined using the *Tukey* test, and are indicated as \*  $p < 0.05$  and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

<sup>a)</sup>: linear regression analysis.

$CL_{int, s}$ : saturable  $CL_{int}$ ,  $CL_{int, ns}$ : non-saturable  $CL_{int}$ , and  $CL_{int, in vitro} = CL_{int, s} + CL_{int, ns}$ .

Figure. 1

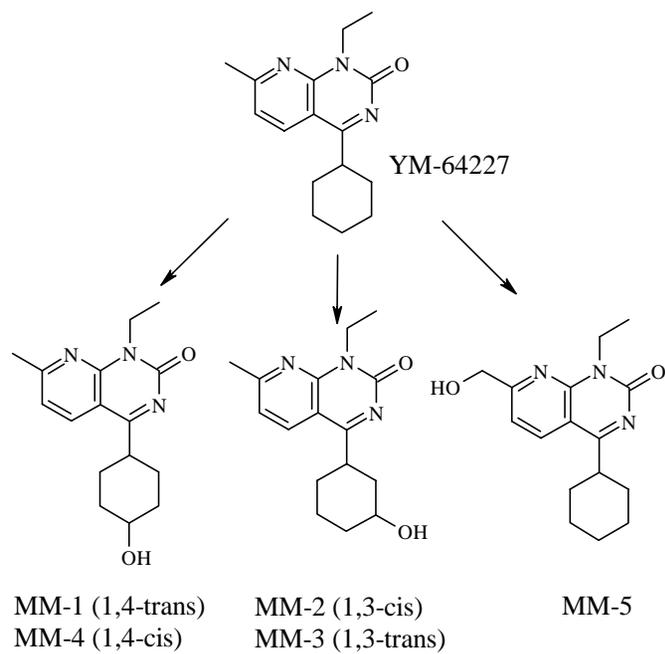


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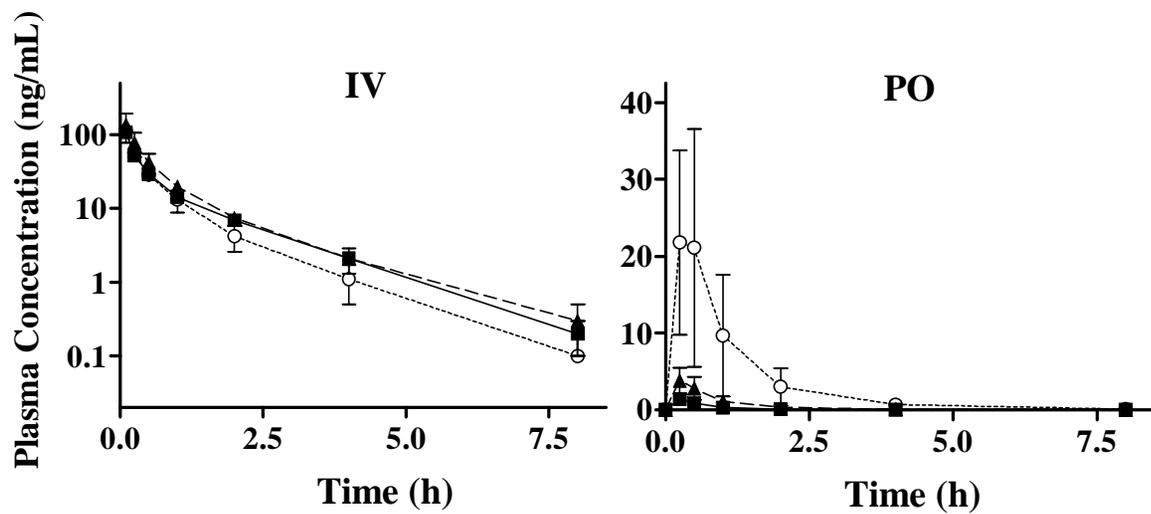


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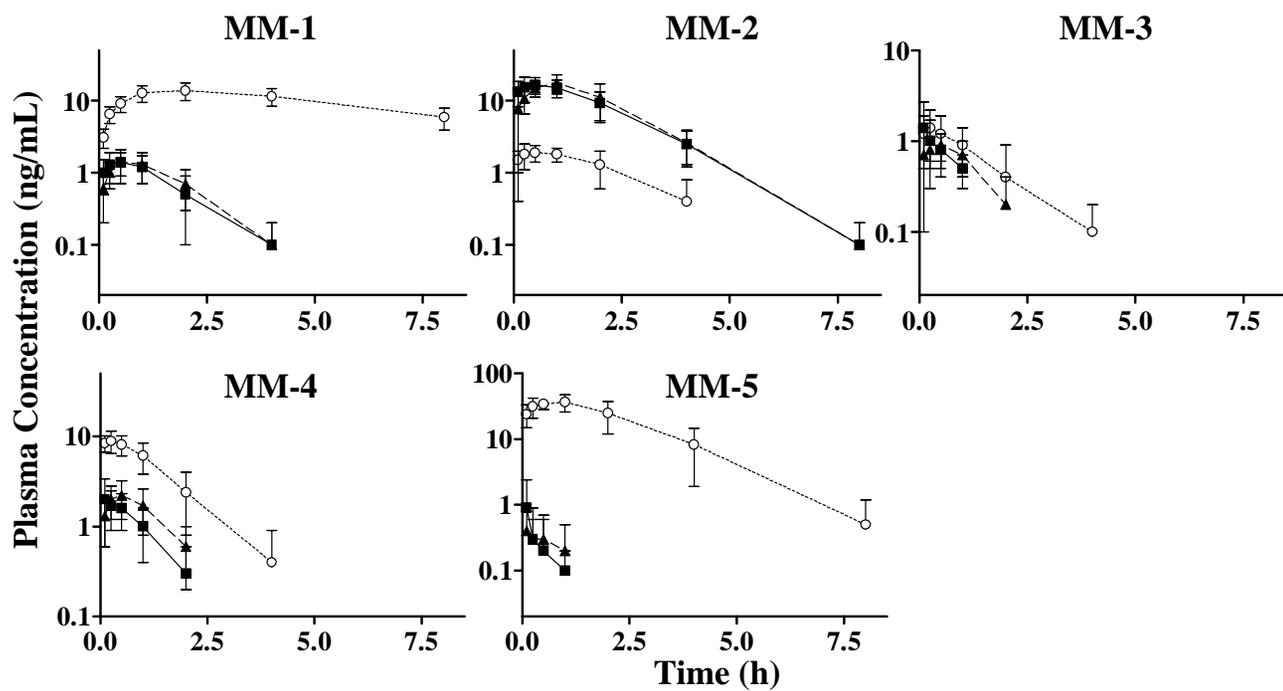


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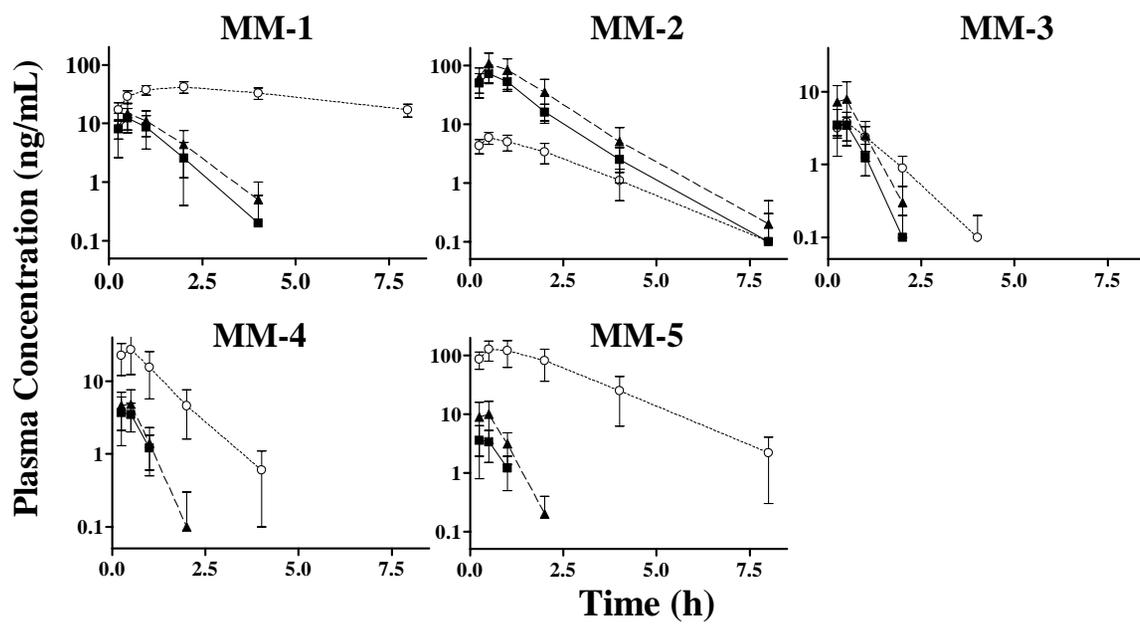


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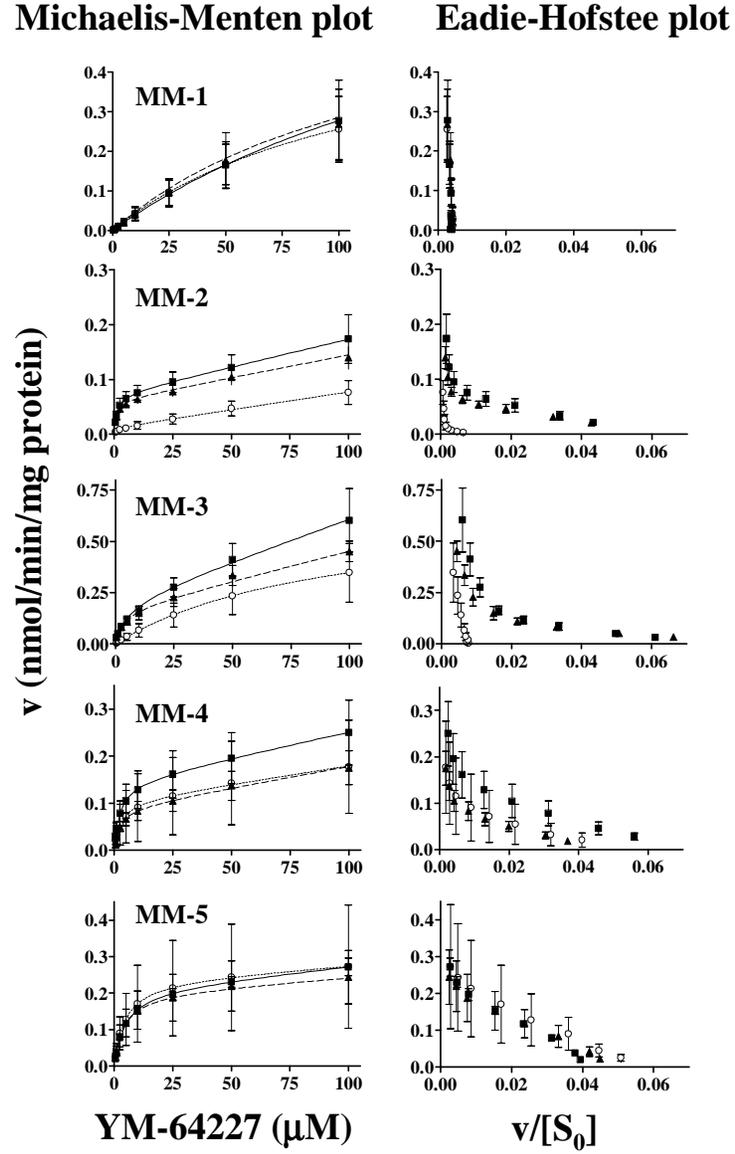


Figure. 6

