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Pharmacokinetics of ceftiofur sodium after intravenous and subcutaneous administration in pre-weaned calves

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Abstract:

The current work was outlined to decide kinetic profile and bioavailability of ceftiofur sodium at measurements of 2.2 mg/kg. b.wt. after a single intravenous and subcutaneous injection in pre-weaned calves. Five clinically typical pre-weaned calves were utilized in this work. Serum ceftiofur concentrations were decided by utilizing high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) strategy. The serum concentration-time curve has shown a two compartment open model. Taking after a single intravenous injection, distribution half-life $(t_{0.5\alpha})$ was 0.11 \pm 0.01h, volume of distribution (V_{dss}) was 0.16 \pm 0.004 L/kg, elimination half-life ($t_{0.5\beta}$) was 11.07 ± 0.12h and total body clearance (CL_{tot}) was 0.013 ± 0.005 L/kg/h. Taking after a single subcutaneous organization, ceftiofur had a peak serum concentration (C_{max}) 6.64 ± 0.08 μ g/ml at a time (t_{max}) of 3.38 ± 0.069 h, disposal half-life (t_{0.5el}) was 2.11 ± 0.25h demonstrating the propensity of calves to eliminate ceftiofur in slow rate. Bioavailability was 77.04 ± 1.64% after subcutaneous injection indicating a good absorption of ceftiofur. Ceftiofur serum concentrations along 36 h following subcutaneous injection in the current work were exceeding the MICs of different susceptible microorganisms responsible for serious disease problems. These results demonstrating successful use of ceftiofur in pre-weaned calves.

Key words: ceftiofur – Pharmacokinetics –HPLC – pre-weaned calves.

INTRODUCTION

Cephalosporins are a class of beta-lactams antibiotics, they act by halt the blend of the layer of peptidoglycan of bacterial cell wall and inactivate enzymes in the cell wall of sensitive bacteria, avoiding arrangement of cell wall. There are classified into five bactericidal generations (Kapoor *et al.*, 2017;Werth, 2018 & Moore, 2019). Ceftiofur could be a part of third generation of five generations cephalosporins. It is classified as a broad spectrum which effective against gram-positive and gramnegative bacteria, including β lactamase

generating strains that refere to additional methoxyimino side chains in the thirdgeneration aminothiazole category of cephalosporin (Baere et al., 2004). Ceftiofur incorporates а bactericidal impact on microorganisms includes Mannheimia haemolytica, Pasteurella multocida. ,Haemophilus Fusobacterium somnus. necrophorum, Arcanobacterium pyogenes, Prevotella melaninogenica, Escherichia coli, Staphylococci and Streptococci (Witte et al., 2011).

The neonatal diarrhea is considered one of the most causes of mortality in young calves

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in veterinary practice, the primary line for treatment is ceftiofur sodium (Altan et al., **2017)**. Ceftiofur also utilized to treat infections respiratory in system and interdigital dermatitis in meat and milk producer cattles (Salmon et al., 1995). Ceftiofur sodium is endorsed in shipping fever and intense bronchopneumonia after transportation in beef cattle (Stanek and Kofler, 1998), also it used in treatment of acute foot rot in bovine (Kausche and Robb, 2003). Ceftiofur moreover utilized in case held placenta and metritis (Scott et 2005). Ceftiofur a.,I sodium pharmacokinetic profiles show that it is retained rapidly from location of infusion, quickly conveyed through peripheral and central compartments (Brown et al., 1996).

Taking into thought the above facts, this study was performed in order to explore ceftiofur sodium disposition kinetics in preweaned calves following intravenous and subcutaneous injection.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. Drug:

Ceftiofur sodium: it could be a sterile powder for parenteral course. It was gotten from Badr Pharma for Pharmaceutical Industries for Pharma Cure Pharmaceutical Industries as sterile powder for injection under trade name (Ceftiprima® one gram).

2. Animals:

Five clinically typical pre-weaned calves were utilized in this work. The body weight and age of the tried calves extended from 90 -100 kg and from 60-80 days old. They were housed in clean steady, primarily nourished on drain from its dams and eat little sum of concentrate with tibn. Water was advertised ad-libitum. The work was performed in understanding with the rules set by the Moral Committee of Menoufia University, Egypt.

3. Experimental design:

Experiment 1.

Each calf was injected intravenously into the cleared out jugular vein with a single dose of 2.2 mg/kg.b.wt. of ceftiofur sodium **(Altan et al., 2017).** These calves were cleared out for fifteen days after the intravenous infusion to guaranteed total excretion of ceftiofur from their bodies.

Experiment 2.

It incorporates the same clearly solid pre-weaned calves of the primary test after fifteen days. Each calf was infused subcutaneously with ceftiofur sodium at a single dosage of 2.2 mg/kg.b.wt. (Fernández-Varón et al., 2016).

Blood samples.

Blood samples 2 ml were collected from the left jugular vein of each calf. After intravenous injection, samples were collected at (0.083, 0.25,0.5,1,2, 4, 8, 12, 18 and 24 h post administration. After subcutaneous injection, samples were collected at (0.25, 0.5,1,2, 4, 8, 12, 18, 24 and 36 h post administration. All blood samples were centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes, and serum was harvested and stored frozen at -20 °C until analyzed for ceftiofur sodium.

4. Preparation of standard curves of ceftiofur in serum:

A standard solution 1000 µg/ml of Ceftiofur in deionized H2O was arranged. All standard solutions were kept at +4° C. Functioning solutions of Ceftiofur used to confound plasma were arranged at 10.00, 1.00 and 0.10 µg/ml concentrations from standard solutions by attenuating with deionized water. Standard concentrations were gotten by extra attenuation in drug free normal calves serum to attain concentrations 0.05, 0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 1.00, 5.00, 10.0 and 25.0 µg/ml for creation of standard curve of ceftiofur according to (Altan et al., 2017) as illusterated in fig (1).

5. Analytical analysis

Serum concentrations of ceftiofur decided employing were а high performance liquid chromatographic (HPLC) method. Drug free normal calves serum was pointed with ceftiofur from the once arranged concentration. Ceftiofur was taking out according to (Altan et al., 2017). In an eppindorf tube. In passing, nearly 200 µl of each serum sample was taken and 200 µl of methanol was added then samples vortexed for 30 sec. were Later centrifugation at 13,000 g for 10 min at 22°C, clear supernatant was reassigned to 2 ml micro centrifuge tubes, 100 µl of 10% dithioerythritol in borate buffer was extra to each tube, and each tube was sited in a H2O bath at 50°C for 15 min. Tubes were moved from the H2O bath and permitted reach to room temperature then 100 µl of 23.3% iodoacetamide in phosphate buffer was added to each tube. tubes were covered in aluminum foil and shaken at 350 rpm 45 min at for room temperature. 25 µl of formic acid was extra to each tube. Following derivatization, samples were vortexed for 30 sec after stirring at 22°C, and were centrifuged for 10 min at 13,000 rpm. An aliquot of 20 µlof supernatant was filtrated with 0.45 μm and transferred into the auto-sampler vial for analysis.

6. Pharmacokinetic analysis:

Serum concentrations of ceftiofur versus time curve were created, and best fitted by the help of computer polyexponential bend stripping program, (R Strip Micromath, software, USA). Data from each goat was fitted individually, and the pharmacokinetic variables were computed by the aid of the software programs. The hybrid rate constants of the distribution and elimination phase (α and β), and the first order absorption and elimination rate constants (K ab and K_{el}) and corresponding extrapolated zero time intercepts (A and B), absorption, distribution and elimination half-lives (t 0.5_{ab} , t 0.5_{α} , t 0.5_{β} , t 0.5_{el}), transfer rate constants (K₁₂ and K₂₁). The area under the curve from zero to infinite time (AUC_{0-∞}), mean residence time (MRT), maximum serum concentration (C_{max}) and time to be achieved (T_{max}) were calculated. The other pharmacokinetic parameters as total body clearance, the volume of the central compartment (V_c), the volume of distribution at steady state (V_{dss}) **(Baggot, 1978)**. The results were expressed as mean ±SE and the obtained data statistically using Student "t" test as described by **(Snedecor, 1969)**.

RESULTS

1. After a single intravenous injection of ceftiofur

Serum concentrations of ceftiofur sodium after a single intravenous injection at dosage of 2.2 mg/kg b.wt. Ceftiofur were (16.72 \pm 0.197 µg/ml) at 0.083 h and (1.59 \pm 0.11 µg/ml) at 24h after organization as arranged in table (1) and portrayed in figure (2).

Deposition kinetic of ceftiofur mentioned in table (2). the distribution half - life $[t_{0.5(\alpha)}]$ equivalent to 0.11 ± 0.01 h. The volume of distribution of ceftiofur into the central compartment $[V_c]$ was 0.12 ± 0.002 L/kg., where the total body distribution measured by extrapolation area [V_{d(area)}] and steady -state [V_{dss}] methods were 0.2 \pm 0.003 and 0.16 \pm 0.004 L/kg in that order. Ceftiofur was transmitted from central to peripheral compartment [K₁₂] equal to $1.70 \pm 0.13 h^{-1}$ while passageway beginning its the peripheral towards the central compartment [K₂₁] equal to 4.80 \pm 0.40 h⁻¹ ceftiofur was eliminated after intravenous injection with half - life $[t_{0.5(B)}]$ value of 11.07 ± 0.12 h and clean by all clearance processes in the body [Cltot] at a rate of 0.013 ± 0.005L/kg/h.

2. After a single subcutaneous injection of ceftiofur

The cruel serum concentrations of ceftiofur at distinctive time interims taking after a

single subcutaneous dosage of ceftiofur in pre-weaned calves (2.2mg/kg) was in corporate in **table (1)** and depicted in **figure (2).** Ceftiofur was firstly recognized (0.78±0.03µg/ml) at 15minutes post infusion and the most extreme serum level (6.56±0.085µg/ml) accomplished 4 hours post infusion and still inside perceptible restrain for 36 hr.

The pharmacokinetic values for ceftiofur after its subcutaneous injection was tabulated in **table (2)**. The crest concentration ($C_{max} 6.64 \pm 0.08\mu g/ml$) was come to ($T_{max} 3.38 \pm 0.069h$). The drug was absorption half-life [t0.5_(ab)] of (0.74 ± 0.03h) and eliminated with half–life time[t_{0.5el})] was(2.11 ± 0.25 h).

The area under curve (AUC) was (119.92 ± 1.08 µg/ml.h).The systemic bioavailability (F%) of ceftiofur following its subcutaneous injection of 2.2mg/kg in preweaned calves was loud to be (77.04±1.64%) indicating moderate absorption of ceftiofur following subcutaneous injection.

DISCUSSION

Since 1991. Ceftiofur has been affirmed and widely utilized bv veterinarians in the treatment of bacterial contaminations in cattle. swine, and horses. In the current test, ceftiofur deposition kinetics were determined in pre-weaned calves after single i.v. furthermore а S.C. administration at dose of 2.2mg/ kg b.wt.

After intravenous administration, ceftiofur was recognized in calves serum up to 24h after ceftiofur sodium at dose of 2.2 mg/kg.b.wt. Pharmacokinetic research of an antibiotic is a prerequisite for clinical recommendation (wang et al., 2018). Our outcomes indicated that ceftiofur was guickly and generally appropriated after IV administration with a distribution

half-life ($t_{0.5\alpha}$) of 0.11 ± 0.01 h and V_{dss} of 0.16 ± 0.004 L/kg, suggesting a good penetration. This result tissue of distribution volume at steady state (V_{dss}) almost consistent with the results of ceftiofur administration intravenously in lactating goats (0.18 L/kg, **Tohamy, 2008** and Fernández-Varón et al.,2016) ,camels (0.13 L/kg **Goudah**, **2007**), calves (0.25L/kg, Brown et al.,1996) and Vdss was lower than that expressed after intravenous administration of ceftiofur in a 7-day, 1month and 9 months age calves (0.34, 0.33, 0.300 L/kg, Brown et al.,1996) respectively, buffalo calves (0.53 L/kg, Sudamrao, 2015) and cows (0.30 L/kg, Liu et al., 2010).

The estimation of distribution half-life $(t_{0.5\alpha})$ in this test was in concurrence with values recorded in buffalo calves $t_{0.5\alpha}$ (0.19 ± 0.008 h. (Sudamrao, 2015) , cefepime in goats (0.20 ± 0.004 EI-Hewaity, 2014), cefepime in sheep (0.2 ± 0.02 h, Patel et al., 2010), cefepime in calves (0.25 ± 0.07 h, Pawar and Sharma **2008**), cefepime in ewes $(0.18 \pm 0.008 h,$ Ismail, 2005) and cefepime in buffalo calves (0.18 ± 0.05 h, Joshi and Sharma **2007**). While longer half-life of distribution of ceftiofur was recorded of ceftiofur in rabbits (0.34 ± 0.07 h; Kamil et al., 2015), cattle (0.462 h; Tohamy, 2008), camel (0.48±0.07; Goudah, 2007), bull calves 6 and 9 months (0.88, 0.74h; Brown et al., **1996)**, lactating and nonlactating goats (0.69h, 0.8h; Courtin et al., 1997), sheep (4.8h; Craigmill et al.,1997).

After intravenous injection of ceftiofur in calves. pre-weaned the outcomes indicated elimination half-life (to.5(B)) (11.07 ± 0.12 hours) that nearly reliable with buffalo calves (12.6h, Sudamrao, 2015) and this worth was higher than that announced in 3 months old calves (8.22h, Brown et al., 1996) and in dairy cows (7.45 ± 0.70 h, wang et al., 2018) and lower than that referenced in cows (15.3h, Liu et al., 2010) and 7-day and 1month old calves(16.10 and 17.16h, Brown et al.,1996).

Total body clearance of ceftiofur (**Cl**_{tot}) was $(0.013 \pm 0.005 \text{ L/kg/h})$. this mean more slow ceftiofur disposal after intravenous administration of 2.2mg/kg b.w. This (**Cl**_{tot}) value was almost comparable to those reported in 7- day and 1month old calves (0.017, 0.016 L/kg/h, Brown et al., 1996),goats (0.013 L/kg/h, Liu et al., 2010).

Ceftiofur accomplished a greatest focus (C_{max}) of 6.64 ± 0.08 µg/ml at (t_{max}) of 3.38 ± 0.069 h which is about marginally like that detailed in lactating goats (6.52 µg/ml, Fernández-Varón et al., 2016), calves (8.56, 5.62 and 7.66 µg/ml, Hornish and Kotarski 2002, Woodrow et al., 2016 and Foster et al., 2016) respectively, and higher than that announced in dairy cows (0.88 ± 0.21 µg/ml, wang et al., 2018) and in buffalo calves (2.99µg/ml, Sudamrao, 2015) and lower than that revealed in cats (14.99 ± 2.29µg/ml, Zhang et al., 2019) which received ceftiofur sodium at dose 5 mg/kg.b.wt.

In our investigation, the mean residence time (MRT) following subcutaneous administration is (12.93 ± 0.13) hours and this concur with lactating dairy cattle (11 h, **Wang et al.,2018)** and disagree with calves (26.2h, **Woodrow et al., 2016)** and lactating goats (6.29h, **Fernández-Varón et al., 2016)**.

The importance of area under the curve (AUC) after subcutaneous administration of ceftiofur in this examination is $(119.92 \pm 0.08 \mu g/ml.h)$ and this result nearly consistence with of calves (93.6 and 137.63 those µg/ml.h, Woodrow et al.,2016 and Foster et al.,2016) respectively, cattle (105 and 95.8µg/ml.h, Brown et al., 2000 and Hornish and Kotarski 2002) respectively. Be that as it may, this outcomes not in consistence with those detailed in 9 months old calves and

buffalo calves (77.3 and 36.2µg/ml.h, Brown et al.,1996 and Sudamrao, 2015) respectively, lactating goats (38.17µg/ml.h, Fernández-Varón et al.,2016) and lactating dairy cows (36.52, 10.96µg/ml.h, Okker et al.,2002 and Wang et al.,2018) respectively.

Bioavailability of ceftiofur after s.c. injection was $77.04 \pm 1.64\%$ and this concur with that of buffalo calves (72%; **Sudamrao, 2015)**, lactating dairy cows (62%; **Wang et al., 2018)**, lactating goats (85%; **Fernández-Varón et al., 2016)**, and cats (82.95 %, **Zhang et al., 2019**).

Riond et al., 1989 guessed that the contrasts between determined parameters for pharmacokinetic studies may be referred to drug formulations, the sex, size or age of the animals, discrepancies in deposits of fatty tissue between breeds or species of animals , and even interindividual variations.

Conclusion

The main cause of disease in preweaned calves diarrhea and as respiratory infections is bacterial cause so, Antibiotics treatment is a significant instrument in decreasing both the frequency and mortality related with these sicknesses. It could be inferred that S/C administration of ceftiofur at dose of 2.2 mg/kg.b.wt. accomplished great serum focuses covering the sensitive bacteria to it, which may be highly efficacious against susceptible bacteria in pre-weaned calves.

Conflict of Interests

The author declares that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this article

Table 1. Mean serum concentration (μ g/ml) of ceftiofur in pre-weaned calves after a single I.V. and S/C. administration of 2.2 mg/kg b.wt. (n= 5).

Time	Groups (X ± S.E.)		
(h)	Cef. I.V.	Cef. S/C.	
0.083	16.72±0.197		
0.25	14.84±0.14	0.78±0.03	
0.5	13.66±0.15	1.92±0.05	
1	12.86±0.10	4.61±0.11	
2	12.01±0.067	5.88±0.088	
4	11.30±0.98	6.56±0.085	
8	8.69±0.13	5.44±0.11	
12	6.72±0.11	4.45±0.119	
18	5.49±0.12	3.51±0.12	
24	1.59±0.11	2.13±0.062	
36		0.98±0.06	



Fig. 1. Semilogarithmic graph showing standard curve of ceftiofur in calve's serum.

Table 2. Mean pharmacokinetic parameters of ceftiofur in pre-weaned calves after a single I.V. and S/C administration of 2.2 mg/kg b.wt. (n= 5).

Parameter	Unit	IV	SC
α (K _{ab})	h⁻¹	6.86±0.45	0.90±0.04
T0.5 α (T0.5 ab)	h	0.11±0.01	0.74±0.03
β (K _{el})	h ⁻¹	0.062±0.006	0.057±0.001
T0.5 β (T0.5 el)	h	11.07±0.12	12.11±0.25
Vc	L kg ⁻¹	0.12±0.002	
V _{dss}	L kg ⁻¹	0.16±0.004	
Vd(area)	L kg ⁻¹	0.20±0.003	
K ₁₂	h ⁻¹	1.70±0.13	
K ₂₁	h ⁻¹	4.80±0.40	
Cl _{tot}	L kg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	0.013±0.005	
C _{max}	µg.ml ⁻¹		6.64±0.082
T _{max}	h		3.38±0.069
AUC	µg.h.ml⁻¹	155.73±4.23	119.92±1.08
MRT	h	9.058±0.03	12.93±0.13
F	%		77.04±1.46

 K_{ab} : First-order absorption rate constant; $T_{0.5(ab)}$: Absorption half-life; K_{el} : First-order elimination rate constant; $T_{0.5(el)}$: Elimination half-life; C_{max} : Maximum serum concentration; T_{max} : Time to peak serum concentration; $AUC_{(0-inf)}$: Area under serum concentration-time curve; MRT: Mean residence time; F fraction of drug absorbed systemically after IM injection. $T1/_2(\alpha)$: Distribution half-life; Vc: Apparent volume of central compartment; Vd(area): Apparent volume of distribution calculated by area method ; Vdss: Volume of distribution at steady state; K12 : First-order constant for transfer from central to peripheral compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: First-order constant for transfer from peripheral to central compartment; K21: Mean residence time; Cltot: Total body clearance.

Fig. 2. Graph depicting the time course of ceftiofur in serum of pre-weaned calves after a single I.V. and S.C. administration of 2.2 mg/kg b.wt. (n= 5).



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استهدفت هذه الدراسة تقييم المسار الحركي والاتاحة الحيوية للسيفتيفور صوديوم (2.2 مجم / كجم) بعد الحقن الوريدي وتحت الجلد في العجول في مرحلة ما قبل الفطام. تم تحديد تركيزات السيفتيفور في مصل الدم بواسطة تقنية الفحص باستخدام (HPLC) وأوضحت النتائج بعد الحقن الوريدي استمرار تواجد السيفتيفور في المصل لمدة 24 ساعة بعد الحقن وكان التركيز 1.5 ميكروجرام لكل ملي. واظهرت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد تسجيل اعلي تركيز للسيفتيفور في المصل عند المتمرار تواجد السيفتيفور في المصل لمدة 24 ساعة بعد الحقن وكان التركيز 1.5 ميكروجرام استمرار تواجد السيفتيفور في المصل لمدة 24 ساعة بعد الحقن وكان التركيز 1.5 ميكروجرام الكل ملي. واظهرت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد تسجيل اعلي تركيز للسيفتيفور في المصل عند الكل ملي. واظهرت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد تسجيل اعلي تركيز السيفتيفور في المصل عند الحلام ملي. واغلورت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد المعية بعد الحقن وكان التركيز ومي المصل عند الحل ملي. واغلورت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد تسجيل اعلي تركيز السيفتيفور في المصل عند المعن معيد واغلورت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد الماعي تركيز السيفتيفور في المصل عند الحق ملي. واغلورت النتائج بعد الحقن تحت الجلد المعين اعلي تركيز السيفتيفور في المصل الاتاحة الحيوية 1.51 ساعة وأشارت النتائج الي ان معدل الاتاحة الحيوية 77.04 هو معدل النصف للاخراج كان 12.11 ساعة. وأشارت الناتجة عن هذه الدراسة وجد الحيوية 77.04 هو معدل النصف للاخراج كان المعادا على المعطيات الناتجة عن هذه الدراسة وجد مع زيادة في تركيزات الدواء تعلوا عن المستوى المطلوب (MIC) لقتل البكتريا الحساسة اللسيفتيفور على مدار 24 و 36 ساعة بعد الحقن الوريدي وتحت الجلد في العجول في مرحلة ما السيفتيفور على مدار 24 و 36 ساعة بعد الحقن الوريدي وتحت الجلد في العجول في مرحلة ما السيفتيفور على مدار 24 و 36 ساعة بعد الحقن الوريدي وتحت الجلد في المحول في مرحلة ما قبل الفطام.