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47 Abstract

- 48 Objectives:
- 49 Physiological changes occurring in patients with diabetes may affect pharmacokinetics and
- 50 penetration of antimicrobial agents into peripheral tissue. We examined the pharmacokinetics
- and the penetration of moxifloxacin into perinecrotic tissue of diabetic foot lesions in patients
- with diabetic foot infections (DFI).

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- Patients and methods:
- 55 Adult patients suffering from type 2 diabetes mellitus and hospitalized for DFI (Texas
- classification of at least B2) were treated with 400 mg moxifloxacin intravenously (IV) or
- orally (PO) once daily. Pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin and its concentration 3 hours after
- administration in samples of perinecrotic tissue resected from infected diabetic foot wounds
- were determined at steady state (day 4 to 8).

- 61 Results:
- A total of 53 patients with diabetes mellitus type 2 (mean age of 69.4 ± 10.8 years) were
- 63 included in the study, of whom 28 received PO and 25 IV moxifloxacin therapy for a median
- of 8 days. In the PO and IV subgroups mean C_{max} in plasma was 2.69 mg/L and 4.77 mg/L at
- a median of 2.0 h (T_{max} range of 1.0-8.0 h) and 1h after administration, respectively. An
- 66 AUC_{0-24h} with a mean of 29.36 mg/L (PO) and 27.09 mg·h/L (IV) was achieved. Mean
- 67 moxifloxacin concentrations in perinecrotic tissue of infected diabetic foot wounds following
- PO or IV administration were 1.79 \pm 0.82 μ g/g and 2.20 \pm 1.54 μ g/g, thus exceeding the
- 69 MIC₉₀ for Staphylococcus aureus (0.25 mg/L) 7-fold and 8.5-fold and the MIC₉₀ for E. coli
- 70 (0.06 mg/L) 29-fold and 36-fold, respectively. The mean tissue-to-plasma ratios of
- moxifloxacin concentration 3 h after administration were 1.01 \pm 0.57 (PO) and 1.09 \pm 0.69
- 72 (IV), respectively. Significant differences between the routes of administration were observed

for T_{max} and C_{max}, (p<0.01), but not for other clinically relevant parameters (AUC₀₋₂₄, moxifloxacin DFI tissue concentration). **Conclusions**: The plasma concentration time curve of moxifloxacin in diabetic patients is similar to that of healthy volunteers. We also observed a good penetration of moxifloxacin into inflamed DFI tissue, which taken together with the possibility of sequential therapy IV / PO designate moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily as a therapeutic option in the treatment of DFI caused by susceptible organisms.

Foot complications are among the most common sequelae of diabetes mellitus and the most important cause for hospitalization of diabetic patients [1]. Up to one in five patients with diabetes will develop a foot ulcer during the course of disease and about 60% of these will be clinically infected [2]. Diabetic foot infections (DFI) may lead to amputation of the involved limb and are actually responsible for 85% of diabetes-related lower-extremity amputations.

Though DFI are a complex problem and require multidisciplinary management [1], a prompt and appropriate antibacterial therapy plays a key role and may contribute to the prevention of amputations [1-3]. Complicated skin and skin structure infections (cSSSIs), including diabetic foot infections, are often polymicrobial, requiring broad-spectrum combination therapy.

For an effective therapy, the antimicrobial agent has to reach an adequate concentration in the involved peripheral tissue [1, 4, 5]. However, this goal may not be reached in this patient population and for this site of infection. Physiological changes resulting from the underlying diabetic conditions such as acidotic metabolic status, reduced blood flow and altered microenvironment may interfere with the distribution of antibiotics in plasma and tissue. Local inflammatory processes and fibrotic boundaries in the diabetic foot can additionally impair tissue penetration at the site of infection [4, 5].

As the fluoroquinolone moxifloxacin is a broad-spectrum antibiotic with high *in vitro* activity against gram-positive and gram-negative aerobes and anaerobes including the pathogens commonly found in DFI [6], it may be potentially useful for initial empirical therapy. Moxifloxacin's once daily dose regimen with the possibility of sequential IV/PO therapy offers an advantage to the other current antibiotic regimens used in the treatment of DFI. Sequential therapy of moxifloxacin is approved for the treatment of adults with complicated

111 skin and skin-structure infections (cSSSIs), including DFI, though its efficacy in osteomyelitis 112 has not been investigated yet. 113 An earlier pharmacokinetic study in five diabetic patients with peripheral arterial occlusive 114 disease and soft tissue infections has shown that after a single 400-mg dose of moxifloxacin, 115 effective concentrations are attained in the interstitia of healthy and inflamed subcutaneous 116 adipose tissue of the thigh and in plasma [7]. 117 118 The present study was set up to investigate the penetration of moxifloxacin into perinecrotic 119 tissue of infected diabetic foot lesions in a large patient cohort and to evaluate its 120 pharmacokinetic profile in a pharmacological risk population of diabetic patients. 121 122 123 **Patients and methods** 124 The study population of this prospective, open, multicenter study consisted of male and 125 female patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus hospitalized for DFI graded with a Wagner score 126 of 2 or 3 (equivalent to Texas Diabetic Wound classification of at least B2) and requiring 127 antibacterial therapy. 128 129 The following main exclusion criteria were applied: Patients below 18 years of age, with 130 hypersensitivity against quinolones, severe liver dysfunction (Child Pugh class C), heart 131 failure with reduced left ventricular ejection fraction (NYHA III-IV), arrhythmia requiring 132 medical treatment, signs of severe arterial occlusive disease of the lower limbs (Fontaine 133 stages III-IV) or chronic renal insufficiency requiring dialysis. 134 135 Written informed consent was obtained from all patients, and the study protocol was approved 136 by the responsible Ethics Committees.

All patients were monitored for adverse events.

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Sampling and analytical method

141 Between days 4 and 8 after start of moxifloxacin treatment the plasma levels were determined 142 (steady-state). The venous blood samples were taken immediately before (baseline) and at 1, 143 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 24 hours after start of 1h-infusion of 400 mg moxifloxacin (following 144 once daily IV administration) or after once daily administration of moxifloxacin 400 mg PO. 145 Blood samples (2.7 mL) were collected in EDTA containing tubes and immediately 146 centrifuged at 4°C and 2,000 x g for 5 min. Then, plasma was separated, snap frozen at -20°C 147 and stored at -80°C until analysis. 148 The concentration of moxifloxacin was determined by means of high performance liquid 149 chromatography (HPLC). 150 Plasma aliquots of 100 µl were spiked with 10 of aqueous ofloxacin (final concentration 200 151 µg/L) as internal standard and, in case of the calibrators, appropriate concentrations (100 – 152 1600 µg/L) of moxifloxacin. Then, 20 µl of 50% TFA was added, the mixture was vortexed 153 and centrifuged at 6000xg for 4 min. Of the supernatant 80 µl was added to 21 µl of 5.0 M 154 NH₄OAc, and 20 µl of the mixture subjected to HPLC/fluorescence analysis. The 155 chromatographic system consisted of a guarded YMC Pro C₁₈ 120/5 column, 150 x 2 mm i.d. 156 maintained at 20°C, and a gradient mobile phase comprising of components A (MeOH/1.0 M 157 NH₄OAc/H₂O 10:5:85 v/v/v) and B (40:5:55) pumped at a rate of 250 µl/min, with 22% 158 initial B changed to stages of 25%, and 32% after 1 and 2 min, respectively. Detection was 159 performed by the emission at 504 nm at an excitation wavelength of 296 nm. The retention 160 times were 4.5 and 12.5 min for ofloxacin and moxifloxacin, respectively. The assay was 161 validated intra- and inter-daily according to standard procedures with precisions (CV) and 162 accuracies (RE) better than ± 15%; the lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) was calculated

 μ g/L allowing for a deviation of CV and RE < $\pm 20\%$. Recoveries ranged between 85 and 90% based on spiking solution.

Specimens of at least 100 mg of perinecrotic wound tissue of infected diabetic foot lesions were collected during second wound debridement between days 4 and 8 of antimicrobial treatment and approximately three hours after administration of moxifloxacin. The tissue samples were gently blotted with absorbent paper to remove excrescent blood, snap frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until analysis. Moxifloxacin concentration was determined in the homogenized tissue samples by high-performance liquid chromatography with fluorescence detection as described in detail previously [8].

Pharmacokinetic calculations and statistics

Pharmacokinetic parameters were calculated by noncompartmental analysis with Kinetika 4.4 software (Thermo Scientific, Dreieich, Germany). The maximum observed plasma concentrations (C_{max}) and time to reach C_{max} (T_{max}) after moxifloxacin administration were determined from the concentration-time curves. The area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time 0 until the last quantifiable plasma concentration (AUC_{0-24h}) was calculated by using the linear trapezoidal rule. DFI tissue/plasma ratio was estimated using corresponding concentration of moxifloxacin in plasma (three hours after administration of moxifloxacin). All data were analyzed descriptively. Calculations were performed using the SPSS software release 15.0 (SPSS GmbH, Munich, Germany). For all variables, arithmetic mean values, standard deviations, ranges and the 95% confidence intervals (CI 95%) were calculated, with the exception of T_{max} , for which only median and minimum-maximum ranges are given. Relationships were evaluated using nonparametric Spearman-Rho correlation coefficient.

A two-sided P value of <0.05 was considered the level of significance.

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190 **Results** 191 Fifty three patients with DFI were enrolled into the study at nine centres in Germany. At 192 study entry, the patients had a mean age of 69.4 ± 10.8 years, a mean body weight of 82.9 ± 10.8 17.9 kg and a mean body mass index (BMI) of 28.2 ± 4.5 kg/m². Mean C-reactive protein 193 (CRP) was 76.9 \pm 80.4 mg/L, mean leukocyte count was 11.0 \pm 3.5 Gpt/L and average serum 194 195 creatinine was $121.6 \pm 97.5 \, \mu mol/L$. 196 197 Moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily was administered PO to 28 patients and IV to 25 patients for 198 a median of 8 days (range: 4-19). Patients' assignment to IV or PO administration of 199 moxifloxacin followed clinical considerations. As shown in Table 1, both cohorts were 200 similar in their demographic characteristics and laboratory variables at baseline. 201 202 In one patient of the IV cohort the amount of tissue collected was too small to measure tissue 203 concentration. 204 205 Study drug treatment was well tolerated. No serious adverse events were observed and none 206 of the patients had to be excluded due to adverse events. 207 The most frequent treatment-emergent adverse event was diarrhea, occurring in 6 patients 208 (10.5%).209 The reduction of body temperature by 2.8 degrees C (p<0.01) and C-reactive protein by 1.4 210 mg/L (p>0.05) at the end of the therapy can indicate an antiinfective effect of moxifloxacin. 211 Steady-state concentrations of moxifloxacin in plasma (median for both cohorts: day 6) are 212 shown in Figures 1 and 2 and summed-up in Table 2. Significant differences between the

routes of administration (IV vs PO) were only observed for C_{max} and T_{max} in plasma (p<0.01),

but not for other relevant pharmacokinetic parameters.

Mean moxifloxacin concentrations at steady state (median for both cohorts: day 6) in perinecrotic tissue of infected diabetic foot wounds are shown in Table 3. The mean tissue concentrations for PO or IV administration did not differ significantly (p>0.05). The concentrations of moxifloxacin achieved in DFI tissue correlated more strongly with the $AUC_{0.24}$ (r=0.659; p<0.01) than with the corresponding (3h) plasma values (r=0.492, p<0.01).

Mean tissue concentration of moxifloxacin exceeded the in vitro MIC90 for Staphylococcus

aureus (0.25 mg/L) [6, 9, 10] 7-fold and 8-fold and the MIC₉₀ for E. coli (0.06 mg/L) [6] 29-

fold and 36-fold, respectively.

Based on these *in vitro* MIC₉₀ for *Staphylococcus aureus* and *E. coli* fluoroquinolone-relevant PK/PD-parameters of moxifloxacin were calculated (see Table 4). Taking into account the predictive PK/PD parameters for moxifloxacin a therapeutic success can be expected in both

Discussion

administration routes.

For diabetic foot infection as well as for necrotizing fasciitis the lowest clinical cure rates of skin and skin-structure infections are reported [11]. Of the fluoroquinolones licensed, moxifloxacin is the only one demonstrating activity against anaerobe pathogens. This activity, along with its rapid bactericidal effect and its high *in vitro* activity against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, make moxifloxacin especially attractive as a potential single-drug regimen for initial antibacterial therapy of mostly polymicrobial DFI, except for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [9].

Similar to other fluoroquinolones, moxifloxacin penetrates well into peripheral compartments

and achieves high concentrations in many tissues, including skin and soft tissue [2, 15].

However, the present study is the first to investigate moxifloxacin penetration into perinecrotic tissue (i.e. the transition zone between healthy and necrotic tissue) of patients with an inflamed DFI.

To the best of our knowledge, it is also the largest pharmacokinetic study of antibiotic penetration into tissue of infected diabetic feet.

We observed significant differences between the routes of administration (IV vs PO) only for C_{max} and T_{max} , but not for AUC_{0-24h} . In general, the plasma pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin including total exposition were similar to those in healthy volunteers and patients after multiple doses, with the exception of T_{max} which was higher and more variable in our patient population [13]. Physiological changes occurring in patients with diabetes, e.g. diabetic gastroenteropathy with delayed gastric emptying and intestinal transit times or diabetic nephropathy can be a reason for the extended time to reach C_{max} (T_{max}) in our study [4, 5, 12]. High variability of pharmacokinetic parameters in patients with diabetes was also seen in further studies with other antibiotics, e.g. linezolid or daptomycin [5, 12].

It is recognized that effective concentrations of antibiotics must be achieved in tissues for successful clinical outcomes of antimicrobial therapy. The fast decline of the plasma concentrations after the end of infusion in our study indicates a rapid distribution of moxifloxacin, V_{ss} was very high in agreement with previous reports [7, 13]. Plasma protein binding, which as long been considered one of the important physicochemical characteristics of antibacterials has been shown to substantially affect tissue penetration and the volume of distribution of antimicrobial agents. Independent of the drug concentration, only 40–42% of moxifloxacin is bound to plasma proteins, mainly to serum albumin, leaving most of the drug in an unbound, active form [15]. Many factors other than plasma protein binding play a role in extravascular transfer and tissue distribution of drugs, such as lipid solubility, size of the

molecule and its degree of ionization. A low molecular weight (437), a zwitterionic nature and a low protein binding of moxifloxacin may be a reasons for its high tissue penetration. Host-related factors such as site of infection, presence of biological barriers, local pH and bacterial inoculum size may contribute to the inhibition of antibacterial diffusion and antibacterial activities [20]. In diabetic patients conditions such as acidotic metabolic status, reduced blood flow, altered microenvironment, local inflammatory processes and fibrotic boundaries can impair penetration of antimicrobial agents in the diabetic foot tissue [4, 5].

The mean inflamed DFI tissue to plasma concentration ratio in the present study was about 100% for both PO and IV administration. The measured concentrations were lower than those in other tissues, e.g. gastrointestinal or bronchial tissue [17, 18]. This difference might be explained by a lower perfusion in DFI tissue due to impaired macro- and/or microcirculation. Another reason could be the perinecrotic nature of the resected DFI tissue. Our results confirm previous data of an in vivo microdialysis study, in which an enrichment of moxifloxacin was found in well-perfused inflamed subcutaneous tissue compared to plasma [7]. In the same study diabetes mellitus patients with peripheral arterial occlusive disease were investigated. In this patient population, the tissue to plasma ratio was 0.5 underlining the implication of circulatory disturbances.

The data of the presented study can be analyzed using various pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic indices, which are applied to predict clinical outcome. Pharmacokinetic (PK)/pharmacodynamic (PD) considerations are important in optimizing both antibacterial activity and the development of resistance. Optimal PK/PD indices have been described in plasma for the antimicrobial efficacy of moxifloxacin (area under the concentration-time curve over 24 h at steady state divided by the MIC (AUIC) >30 [h] as the PK/PD surrogate parameter, which is predictive for a positive clinical outcome) [14]. Assuming that the

PK/PD concept is valid for DFI, the indices calculated from these study data (mean AUIC of 108.4-117.4 for *Staphylococcus aureus*) account for a high efficacy.

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The present study might be limited by the fact that tissue concentration was measured at one single time point (3 h after administration), what certainly must not correspond to the T_{max} , so that higher concentrations of moxifloxacin in DFI tissue during a whole dosage interval are possible.

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Another limitation might be that moxifloxacin concentration was determined in homogenized tissue samples which do not allow to separate between different compartments. In biopsy samples, the drug is extracted from homogenized tissue comprising cells, extracellular matrix and extracellular space fluid. For drugs that accumulate intracellularly (e.g. fluoroquinolones). the biopsy method can overestimate effective drug concentrations in the interstitial space fluid, which represents the anatomical site for most bacterial infections. Moxifloxacin penetrates phagocytic and nonphagocytic cells (polymorphonuclear leukocytes and epithelial cells), reaching intracellular concentrations several times higher than extracellular ones. The intracellular penetration of moxifloxacin seem to be rapid, reversible, and affected by environmental temperature, pH and metabolic inhibitors. Moxifloxacin seem partially to require an active process, which allow easier penetration of cell membranes. Tissue inactivation of antibacterials can occur at infection sites by binding to interstitial fluid proteins, soluble intracellular proteins or subcellular structures (nucleic acids, leucocytic chromatin, cell membranes and mucopolysaccharides) [21]. The microdialysis technique, as opposed to the biopsy, determines exclusively free concentrations of antibiotics in the interstitial space fluid. This technique is based on the principle of diffusion of solutes through a semipermeable membrane due to a concentration gradient between the interstitial microenvironment and the fluids within a microdialysis probe inserted into a tissue of interest.

Even if the method of microdialysis has many advantages over a biopsy, the authors consider the biopsy with a lower invasivity and a higher feasibility (equipments, resources) as more suitable to conduct a study at such a large population of patients. The tissue concentrations of moxifloxacin found in the present study support the good clinical results observed with this fluoroquinolone in DFI [2, 11, 16]. In a recent prospective, randomized, multinational clinical study treatment with sequential IV/PO moxifloxacin, 400 mg once daily was clinically comparable to that with IV amoxicillin/clavulanate 1,000 mg/ 200 mg three times daily followed by PO amoxicillin/clavulanate 500 mg/125 mg three times daily for 7-21 days in hospitalized patients with cSSSIs [11]. Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli were the most frequently isolated pathogens. In a subgroup analysis of 127 patients with DFI from a prospective double-blind study in patients with complicated skin and skin-structure infections, moxifloxacin was shown to be at least as effective as piperacillin-tazobactam (IV) followed by amoxicillin-clavulanate (PO) in the treatment of moderate-to-severe DFI [2]. In the RELIEF study (a prospective, randomised, double-dummy, double-blind, multinational, multicentre study), IV/PO moxifloxacin was clinically non-inferior to IV piperacillin/tazobactam 4.0/0.5 g thrice daily followed by PO amoxicillin-clavulanic acid in the treatment of patients with complicated skin and skin structure infections including those with DFI [16, 19].

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Conclusions

- Adequate drug concentrations were achieved in plasma of diabetic patients and in perinecrotic
- areas of diabetic foot wounds following IV as well as PO administration of moxifloxacin 400
- 341 mg once daily in a large cohort of diabetic patients with foot infections.
- 342 This finding, taken together with the good clinical data, support a role for moxifloxacin in the
- initial therapy of patients with DFI.

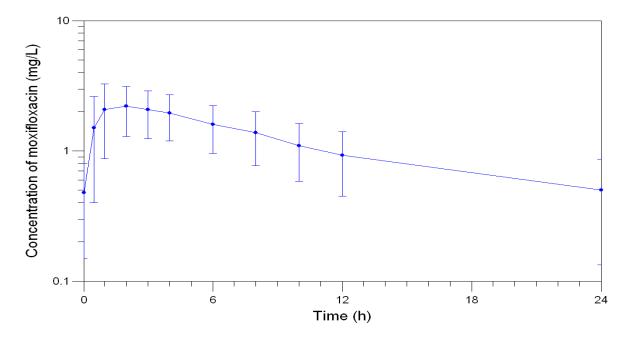


Figure 1. Mean steady-state concentrations of moxifloxacin (400 mg once daily PO) in plasma of diabetic patients (n=28).

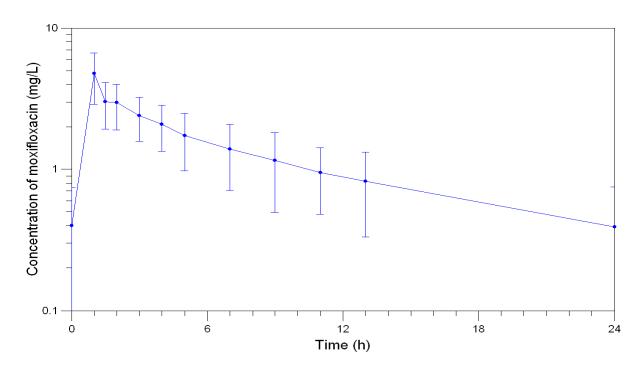


Figure 2. Mean steady-state concentrations of moxifloxacin (400 mg once daily IV) in plasma of diabetic patients (n=25).

Table 1. Patients' demographic and clinical characteristics at baseline (n=53)

Parameter	PO cohort (n = 28)	IV cohort (n = 25)
Age (years)	68.8 ± 9.8 (47-86)	$70.0 \pm 11.9 (42-93)$
Male/Female ratio	2.1	1.8
Male n (%)	19 (67.9)	16 (64)
Female n (%)	9 (32.1)	9 (36)
Body weight (kg)	87.2 ± 17.4 (52-123)	$77.9 \pm 17.5 (51-110)$
Body mass index (kg/m²)	$29.5 \pm 4.3 (22.9-40.6)$	26.7 ± 4.3 (16.0-37.2)
CRP (mg/L)	$66.9 \pm 76.3 \ (0.2-329.0)$	91.9 ± 89.3 (1.7-345.4)
Leukocyte count (Gpt/L)	$10.2 \pm 2.1 \ (7.0 - 14.5)$	11.4 ± 4.4 (4.9-26.4)
Serum creatinine (μmol/L)	$118.7 \pm 47.7 (52-245)$	$129.1 \pm 139.4 (51.0-755.0)$

values as mean \pm SD (range)

Table 2.

Steady-state pharmacokinetic parameters of moxifloxacin in plasma following PO or IV administration of 400 mg once daily to diabetic patients with DFI (n=53)

Route of administration PK parameter		Mean (SD)	95% CI	Range
PO (n=28)		2.69 (0.94)	2.4; 3.0	0.9 – 4.8
	T _{max,ss} (h)	2.0 ^a	_	1.0 – 8.0
	AUC _{0-24h,ss} (mg·h/L)	27.09 (10.86)	23.1; 31.1	10.4-52.7
	V _{ss} (L/kg)	2.34 (0.96)	2.0;2.7	1.2 – 4.7
	Cl _{tot,ss} (L/h)	14.13 (7.5)	11.4; 16.9	4.0 – 35.4
IV (n=25)	C _{max,ss} (mg/L)	4.77* (1.87)	4.0; 5.5	2.2 - 8.2
	T _{max,ss} (h)	1.0*	_	_
	AUC _{0-24h,ss} (mg·h/L)	29.36 (12.47)	24.3; 34.4	16.2-76.1
	V _{ss} (L/kg)	1.81 (0.47)	1.6; 2.0	1.0 – 2.8
	Cl _{tot,ss} (L/h)	13.38 (4.79)	11.4; 15.3	3.0 – 22.2

359 CI, confidence interval; C_{max} , maximal plasma concentration; AUC $_{0\text{-}24h}$, area under concentration time curve from time 0 to 24 hours; V_{ss} , volume of distribution at steady state; Cl_{tot} , total clearance

a median; * p<0.01 vs. PO

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Table 3.

Steady-state concentration of moxifloxacin in inflamed DFI tissue and tissue/plasma ratio 3 hours following PO (n=28) or IV(n=25) administration of 400 mg moxifloxacin.

	PO (n=28)		IV (n=25)	
	Mean (SD)	Range	Mean (SD)	Range
DFI-tissue concentration (μg/g)	1.79 (0.82)	0.53 - 3.5	2.2 (1.54)	0.56 - 6.4
DFI tissue/plasma ratio	1.01 (0.57)	0.36 - 2.55	1.09 (0.69)	0.26 - 2.84

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Table 4.

Predictive PK/PD parameters of moxifloxacin following once daily PO or IV administration

of 400 mg for 4 to 8 days in 53 patients with DFI

PK/PD Parameters	$MIC_{90} = 0.25 \text{ mg/L}^{6,9,10}$		$MIC_{90} = 0.06 \text{ mg/L}^{-6}$	
	PO	IV	PO	IV
C _{max} / MIC ₉₀	10.8 (3.8)	19.1 (7.5)	44.8 (15.7)	79.5 (31.2)
AUC ₀₋₂₄ / MIC ₉₀	108.4 (43.4)	117.4 (49.9)	451.5 (180.9)	489.3 (207.8)

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