

Genotype–Phenotype Associations for CYP3A5 Genotype in the Basal, Inhibited, and Induced Metabolism of Midazolam in Healthy Koreans

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Backgrounds: The CYP3A subfamily is the most abundant cytochrome P450 in human liver and intestine and plays very important role in xenobiotic metabolism. CYP3A5 is polymorphically expressed in 10 to 30% of whites and Orientals. The most frequent *CYP3A5**3 allele is responsible for this polymorphism. In this study, we evaluated the effect of the *CYP3A5* genotype on the pharmacokinetics of intravenous midazolam (MDZ) in healthy Korean subjects after administration of itraconazole and rifampicin.

Methods: A single 1 mg of MDZ was administered intravenously to 9 healthy subjects who were classified to three genotypes, *CYP3A5**1/*1, *CYP3A5**1/*3, and *CYP3A5**3/*3. After administration of itraconazole (200mg daily) for 4 days and rifampicin (600 mg daily) for 10 days, 1mg and 2mg of MDZ, respectively, were administered. Plasma concentrations of MDZ, 1-(OH) MDZ, 4-(OH) MDZ were determined by validated LC/MS/MS methods and data were analyzed by using non-compartmental linear PK methods. The genotypes of *CYP3A5* were determined by PCR-RFLP.

Results: The systemic clearance (CL) of MDZ was not statistically different among three *CYP3A5* genotypes. In contrast, CL of MDZ after daily administration of itraconazole for 4 days were 13.5 ± 2.7 , 11.5 ± 4.5 , and 8.5 ± 3.8 L/hr in *CYP3A5**1/*1, *1/*3, and *3/*3 genotypes, respectively. Furthermore, the percent-change in CL of MDZ and the AUC ratio of 1-(OH)MDZ to 4-(OH)MDZ were greater in homozygous *CYP3A5**3 carriers compared to homozygous wild-type subjects, and trends consistent with a gene dose effect were apparent. However, after daily administration of rifampicin for 10 days, the absolute value and the percent-increase in CL of MDZ were not different among three genotype carriers.

Conclusion: In the itraconazole-inhibited metabolism of midazolam, the systemic midazolam clearance and the extent of inhibition were associated with *CYP3A5* genotypes, such as *CYP3A5**1/*1, *1/*3, and *3/*3, although no genotype-phenotype associations were not noted in the basal and rifampicin-induced metabolism of midazolam.

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