

Analytical control of injectable preparations : take the time to analyze your activity

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Context:

- **Injectable drug production unit, University Hospital**
- Production: ≈ **55,000 preparations/year** (cytotoxic and monoclonal antibody/ bags and syringes)
- For 15 years, implementation of **analytical control (identification and dosing)** as a post-process control method
- **HPLC-UV and UV-Raman spectrophotometry (QCRX®)**
- Around **one hundred assays/day** (50% of preparations produced, ≈ sixty different active substances are analyzed)



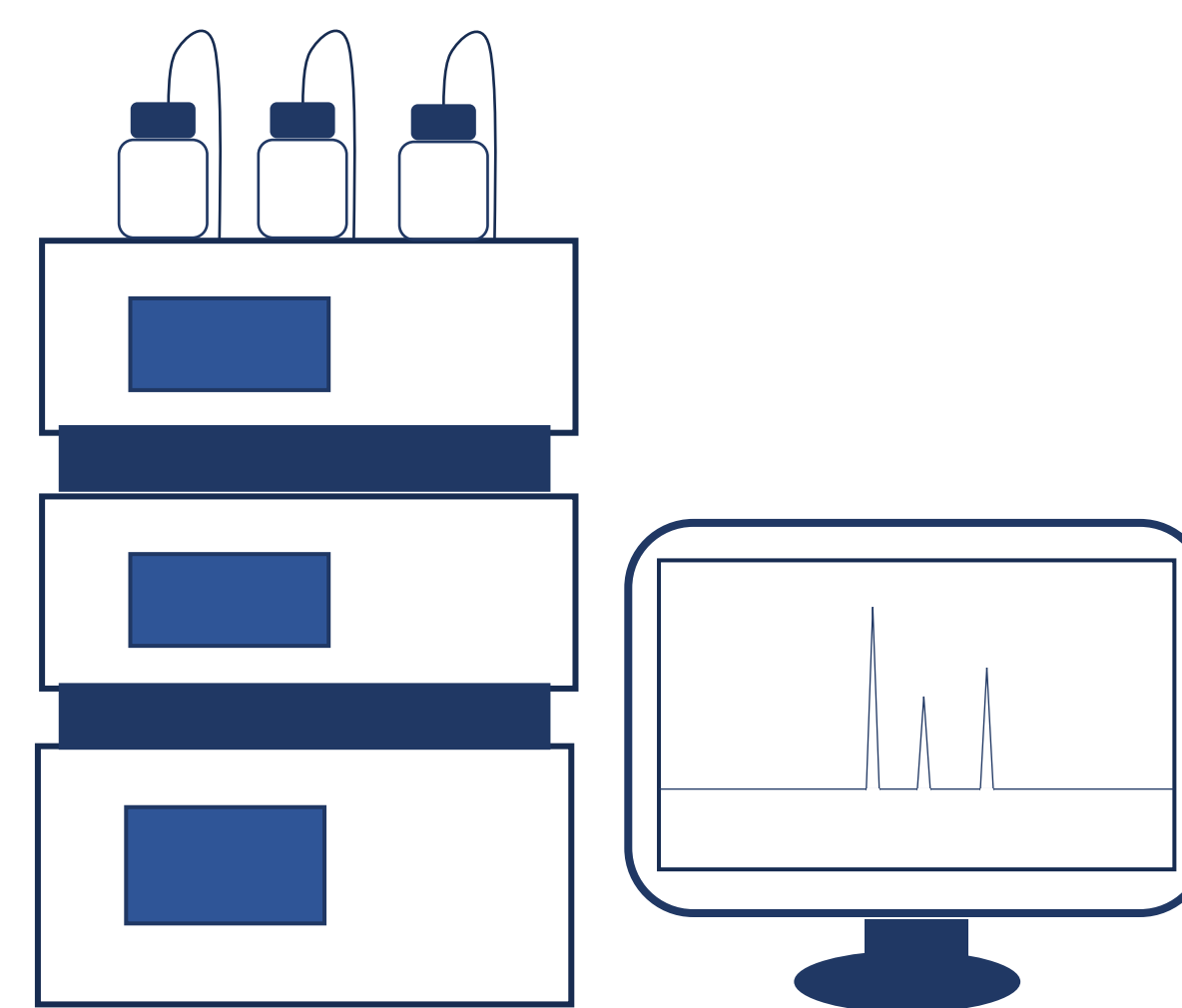
WHAT WAS DONE ?

For the past 4 years, a monthly meeting has been devoted to monitoring the compliance of analytical assays for our preparations

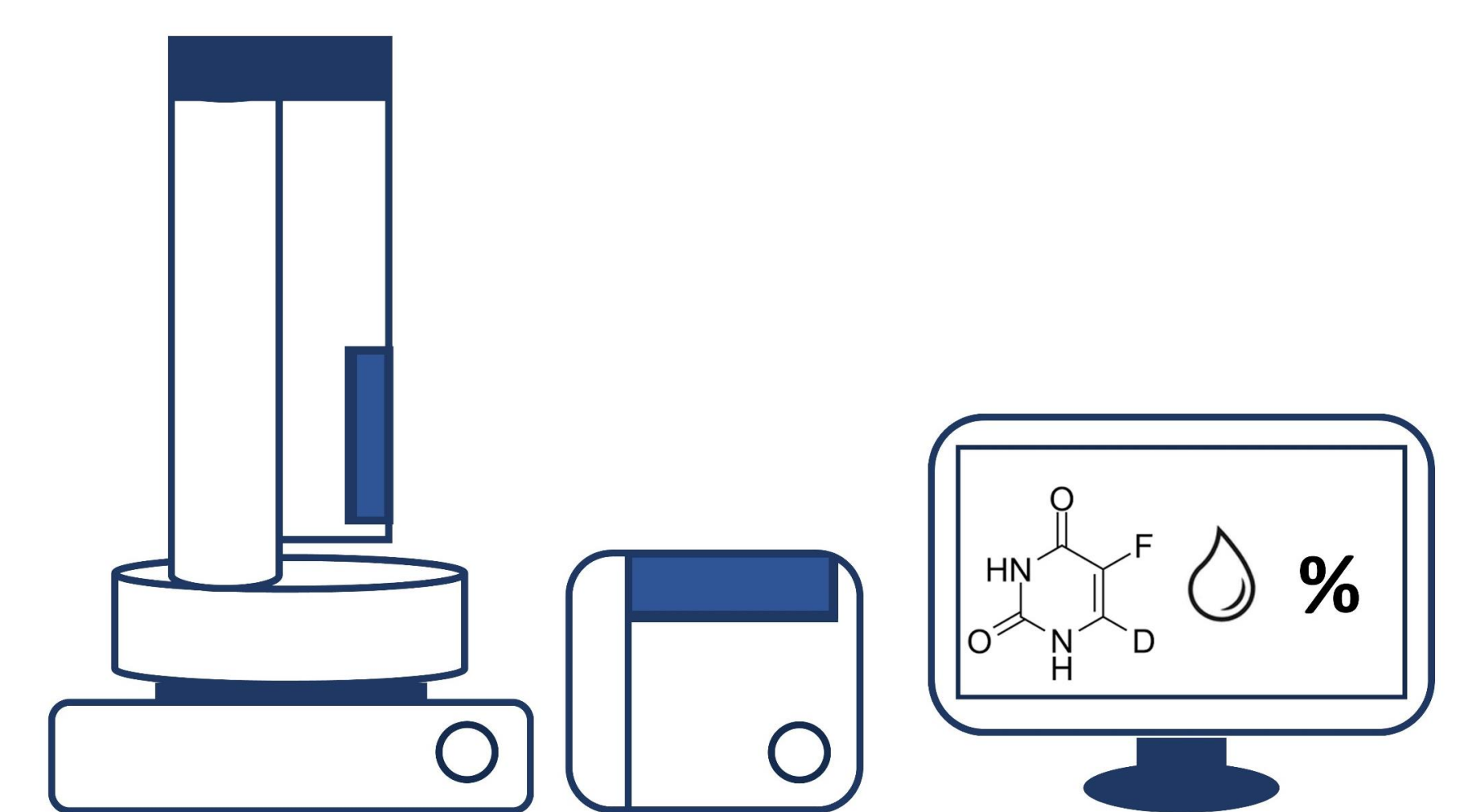
WHY WAS IT DONE ?

It was essential to take a **step back from our control activity**, to:

- monitor and analyze assay compliance in detail,
- distinguish between preparation errors and errors linked to control equipment,
- detect upstream any deviations in assay methods or material damage.



HPLC-UV UltiMate™ 3000
(Thermo Scientific™) system
Cytotoxic analysis (bags and syringes)



QCRX (Icons Services)
Cytotoxic and Monoclonal Antibody analysis (bags)

HOW IT WAS DONE ?



Monthly-one-hour and multidisciplinary meetings

≈ 6 people including: senior and student pharmacists, pharmacy technician and a laboratory technician.

Following points are presented:

- Number of assays and their nature (1st assay or 2nd assay following a 2nd sample);
- Number of non-compliant assays. Limit: +/- 15% of the target concentration
- Overall compliance rate
- Analysis of rejected and destroyed preparations/investigation into the causes of non-compliance (e.g. solvent/molecule/dosage error)

=> **Corrective action** may then be taken, e.g. early maintenance of equipment, quarantine of analytical methods and research into the causes of drift, implementation of new dosing methods. => **Feedback** is then given to the whole team.

WHAT AS BEEN ACHEEVED ?

These monthly meetings have enabled us to **anticipate analytical drifts** and reinforce our team's compliance to this type of control. They also enable us to **limit the downtime of dosing methods** and the need for double visual checks, a potential source of errors.

WHAT IS NEXT ?

The aim is to eventually increase the proportion of analytical control to over 50% of preparations produced. This will involve the introduction of new dosing methods for preparations usually controlled by double visual inspection, and the acquisition of additional equipment.

Analysis data

| Month | Mars | April | Mai | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | January |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Total analyses | 1727 | 1717 | 1497 | 1503 | 1656 | 1598 | 1588 | 1816 | 1626 | 1596 | 1862 |
| Total Non-compliant assays | 96 | 51 | 83 | 92 | 53 | 48 | 77 | 97 | 73 | 78 | 116 |
| Compliant after rep 1 or 2 | 51 | 32 | 54 | 52 | 36 | 38 | 63 | 72 | 42 | 58 | 66 |
| Compliant after HPLC | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Destructed preparations | 18 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 14 |

Example of overall analysis of activity by month on QCRX

| Molecule | Total number of analysis | Overall compliance rate | Number of preparations dosed | Compliance rate after 1st dosage | Compliance rate after HPLC dosage | Number of REP 1 | Number of REP 2 | Compliance rate after REP | Destruction of bags | Molecule forcing |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Idarubicine | 10 | 40.0 | 6 | 66.7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Cyclophosphamide | 122 | 71.3 | 94 | 77.7 | 0 | 21 | 5 | 50.0 | 8 | 56 |
| Vincristine Sulfate | 90 | 12.4 | 67 | 74.6 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 21.4 | 2 | 5 |
| Docetaxel | 17 | 82.4 | 15 | 93.3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 4 |
| Etoposide | 6 | 83.3 | 5 | 80.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fluorouracil | 82 | 86.5 | 71 | 94.5 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carboplatin | 129 | 90.7 | 117 | 90.6 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vinorelbine Sulfate | 18 | 94.4 | 17 | 94.1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rituximab | 111 | 94.6 | 105 | 94.3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 3 |
| Doxorubicine | 62 | 95.2 | 60 | 93.3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 41 |
| Ganciclovir | 103 | 98.1 | 101 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bavacumab | 236 | 98.3 | 232 | 98.3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 5 |
| Fluorouracil | 529 | 98.7 | 522 | 99.0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bisulfite | 18 | 100.0 | 18 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cetuximab | 18 | 100.0 | 18 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dacarbazine | 33 | 100.0 | 33 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Daunorubicine | 15 | 100.0 | 15 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 3 |
| Etoposide | 7 | 100.0 | 7 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ganciclovir | 6 | 100.0 | 6 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Irinotecan | 59 | 100.0 | 59 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nivolumab | 70 | 100.0 | 70 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 13 |
| Doxilipine | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pemetrexed | 96 | 100.0 | 96 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trastuzumab | 10 | 100.0 | 10 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 10 |
| Vinorelbine Base | 13 | 100.0 | 13 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cisplatine | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1862 | 95.1 | 1760 | 95.1 | 6 | 80 | 12 | 71.7 | 94 | 143 |

Example of detailed analysis by molecule and review of compliance rate on QCRX

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