

## S-MEPHENYTOIN 4-HYDROXYLATION ASSAY

This assay measures the P450-mediated metabolism of S-mephenytoin (S-MEPH), an anticonvulsant agent, to 4-hydroxymephenytoin (4-OH MEPH). In human liver, this reaction is catalyzed **exclusively by CYP2C19**. S-MEPH is also converted to a second metabolite, nirvanol, by human liver microsomes but this reaction is mediated by CYP2C9 (see below).

### I. REAGENTS NEEDED

- A) 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer, **pH 7.4**, at room temperature.
- B) 9 mM S-MEPH Prepare by dissolving 5 mg solid S-MEPH solid (Cayman 11913) in 2.5 ml MeOH. Store @ -20°C.
- C) **Buffer/Substrate** Prepare by adding 75  $\mu$ l 9 mM S-MEPH (Reagent B) to 4.925 ml buffer (Reagent A). S-MEPH concentration = 120  $\mu$ M; enough for 20 assay tubes.
- D) 10 mM NADPH Prepare by dissolving 4.7 mg in 0.5 ml Buffer A – enough for 20 assay tubes.
- E) Ethyl Acetate
- F) 2 N HCl

### II. PROCEDURE

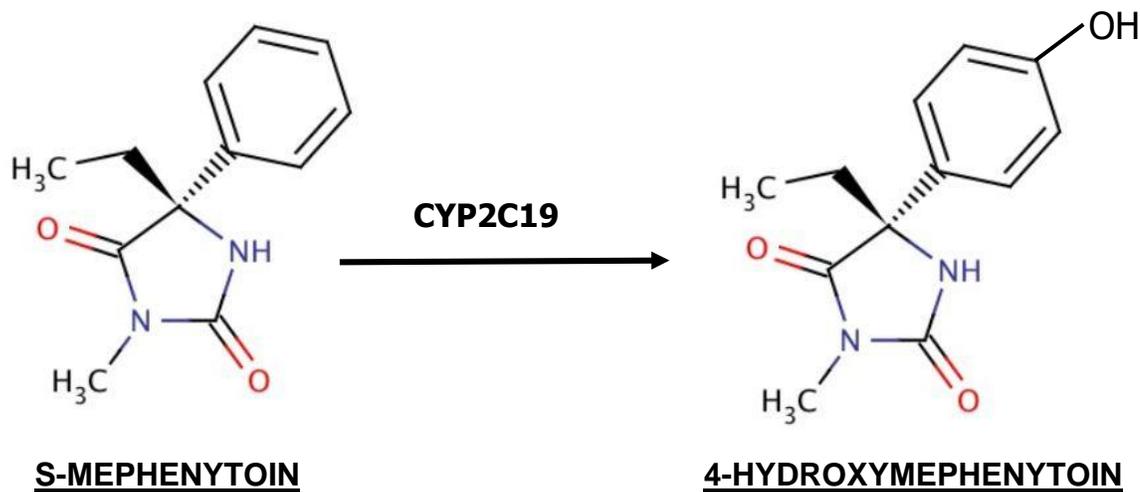
1. Pipette appropriate amount of **Reagent C** containing 120  $\mu$ M S-MEPH into 1.5 ml Eppendorf-type microfuge tubes, keeping in mind that the final assay volume is **0.25 ml**. Place tubes in an ice bath.
2. Add either microsomes (**0.1** nmol microsomal P450) or purified reconstituted P450 (20-50 pmol) to the tubes.
3. Add 25  $\mu$ l of **Reagent D** to the appropriate tubes, vortex, and place tubes in shaking water bath at 37°C.  
DO NOT ADD Reagent D to incubation tubes that will be used as blanks or for standards.
4. Terminate the reactions after **45 min** by adding 1.0 ml of **Reagent E** to the tubes and briefly vortexing.
5. Once all of the reactions are terminated, add 100  $\mu$ l of **Reagent F** to each tube and vortex for 5 min using the VWR Multiple Vortexer.
6. Centrifuge tubes at 10,000 rpm for 5 min in the Heraeus Microfuge to separate the organic and aqueous layers. Transfer 0.70 ml of the organic (upper) phase to a 10 x 75 mm disposable glass tubes, and evaporate sample to dryness at room temp using the N2-EVAP nitrogen evaporator.
7. Add 60  $\mu$ l of ACN:H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1:1, v/v) to each tube, cap the tubes, vortex vigorously, and sonicate for 5 min to **COMPLETELY RESOLUBILIZE** the residues. Subject samples to HPLC analysis or store @ -20°C (see below).

### III. HPLC ANALYSIS

Column: Phenomenex Kinetex column (4.6 x 150 mm) w/ CrudCatcher Guard Column  
 Mobile Phase: **Solvent A** – 0.05% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (phosphoric acid<sup>+</sup>), pH 2.6  
**Solvent B** – 100% Acetonitrile  
 Flow Rate: 0.5 ml/min  
 Column Temp: Ambient  
 Sample Temp: Ambient  
 Peak Detection: 212 nm  
 Injection Volume: **30 µl**  
 Run Time: 18 min

Gradient:	Time (min)	Solvent A (%)	Solvent B (%)	Flow Rate (ml/min)	Curve
	Initial	80	20	0.75	
	6.0	80	20	0.75	11
	11.0	25	75	0.75	2
	13.1	80	20	0.75	1

Under these HPLC conditions, 4-OH MEPH and S-MEPH elute at 5.9 and 9.9 min, respectively.





# 4OH MEPH Report Report

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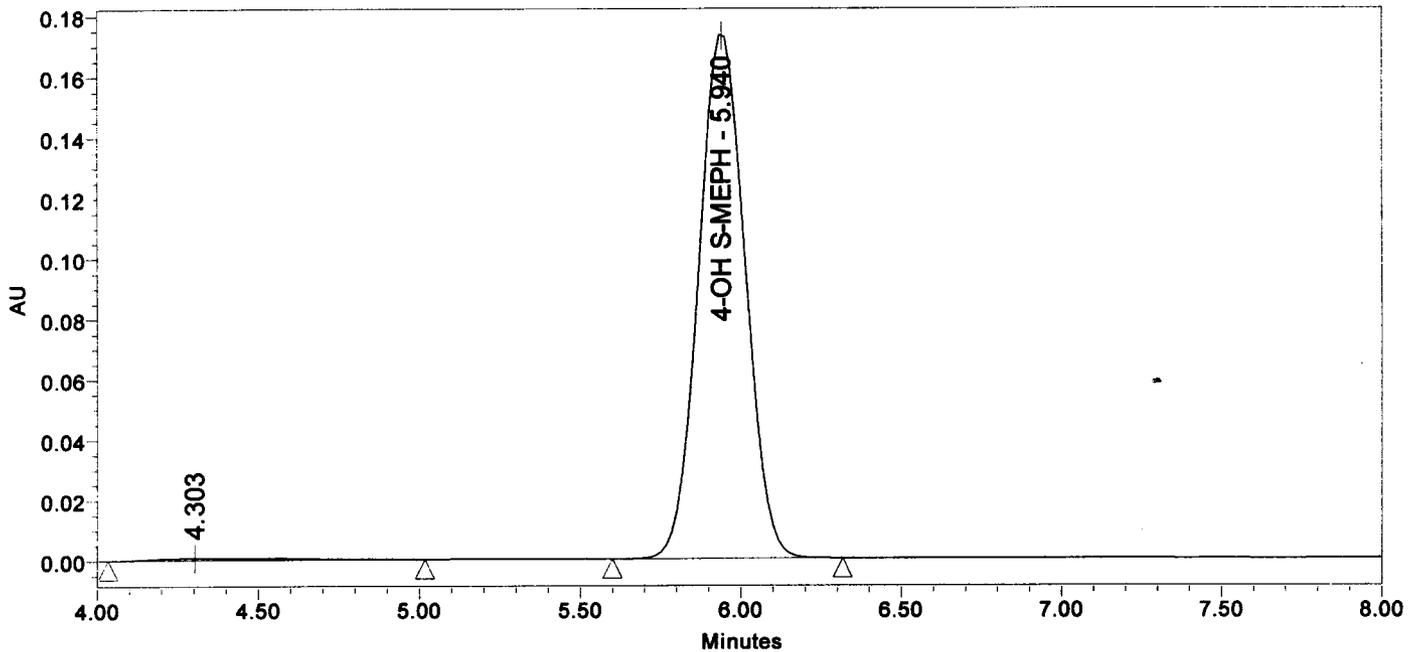
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## SAMPLE INFORMATION

Sample Name: MEPH Stds  
Sample Type: Unknown  
Vial: 11  
Injection #: 1  
Injection Volume: 10.00 ul  
Run Time: 18.0 Minutes  
Sample Set Name S MEPH Assay 101117

Acquired By: System  
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Acq. Method Set: S MEPH  
Date Processed: 10/11/2017 8:38:28 PM  
Processing Method S MEPH Integration  
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### Auto-Scaled Chromatogram



### Peak Results

	Name	RT	Area	Height	Amount	Units
1		4.303	21742	691		
2	4-OH S-MEPH	5.940	1745971	173839		