

## ACQUITY™ UPLC™ I-Class SM-FL/Xevo™ TQ Absolute System: Analytical Performance for Free Testosterone

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### Abstract

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## Experimental

The ACQUITY UPLC I-Class SM-FL/Xevo TQ Absolute IVD System was controlled by MassLynx™ Software (v4.2) and the data processed using the TargetLynx™ XS Application Manager. Calibrators were prepared in a 52.75 mM HEPES buffer adjusted to pH 7.4, to match the constitution of the diasylate obtained during sample preparation. Samples were processed using the following conditions:

### Sample Preparation Conditions

200 µL sample was processed using an equilibrium dialysis incubation, then treated with methyl tert-butyl ether, and a liquid-liquid extraction procedure was performed to obtain the final extract for analysis.

### LC Conditions

Sample manager:	SM-FL (PL, Load Ahead disabled)
Solvent manager:	BSM
Column:	ACQUITY UPLC BEH™ C <sub>18</sub> 1.7 µm, 2.1 mm x 100 mm
Mobile phase A:	0.2 mM Ammonium fluoride in water
Mobile phase B:	0.2 mM Ammonium fluoride in methanol
Flow rate:	0.30 mL/min
Gradient:	50% B for 0.5 minutes, 55% B at 0.5 minutes, 55–75% B over 2.7 minutes, 75–98% B over 0.05 minutes, hold 98% B for 0.45 minutes, equilibrate with 50% B for 0.7 minutes

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## MS Conditions

Resolution:	MS1 (0.75 FWHM), MS2 (0.75FWHM)
Acquisition mode:	MRM
Polarity:	ESI (+)

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## Results and Discussion

Performance characteristics of free testosterone on the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class SM-FL/Xevo TQ Absolute IVD System are shown in Table 1. Analytical sensitivity of the chromatographic separation is illustrated in Figure 1.

Compound	Range (pg/mL)	LLOQ (pg/mL)	%RSD at LLOQ	Total precision	Repeatability	EQA mean bias
Free testosterone	1-500	0.5	17.6	≤8.4%	≤7.9%	-7.6%

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*Table 1. Performance characteristics of free testosterone. Range defined by linear fit where  $r^2 > 0.995$ . LLOQ defined by  $S/N (PtP) > 10$  and %RSD ≤20%. %RSD at LLOQ determined through analytical sensitivity experiments performed over five occasions ( $n=50$ ). Total precision and repeatability of QCs performed over five occasions in serum ( $n=25$ ). EQA mean bias determined by comparison of obtained values to the all laboratory trimmed mean (ALTM) value ( $n=45$ ).*

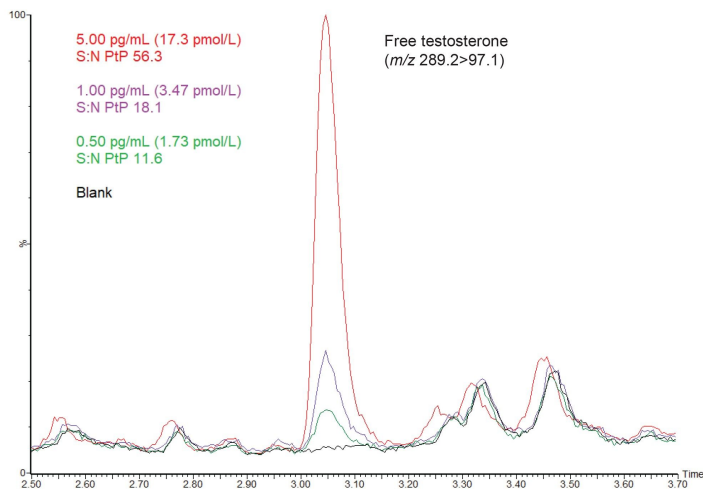


Figure 1. Chromatogram showing the analysis of free testosterone using the ACQUITY UPLC I-Class SM-FL/ Xevo TQ Absolute IVD System.

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## Conclusion

The Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class SM-FL/Xevo TQ Absolute IVD System has demonstrated the capability to analyse free testosterone in serum samples whilst delivering analytical sensitivity and precision.

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