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## Confirmation of Clenbuterol Reextraction with Hydrochloric acid

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### INTRODUCTION

Clenbuterol is applied in very small doses and so the concentration in urine is low. Therefore for confirmation an extract with low biological background is needed. The following sample preparation is very useful to reduce disturbing coelution and to improve the detection limit.

### SAMPLE PREPARATION

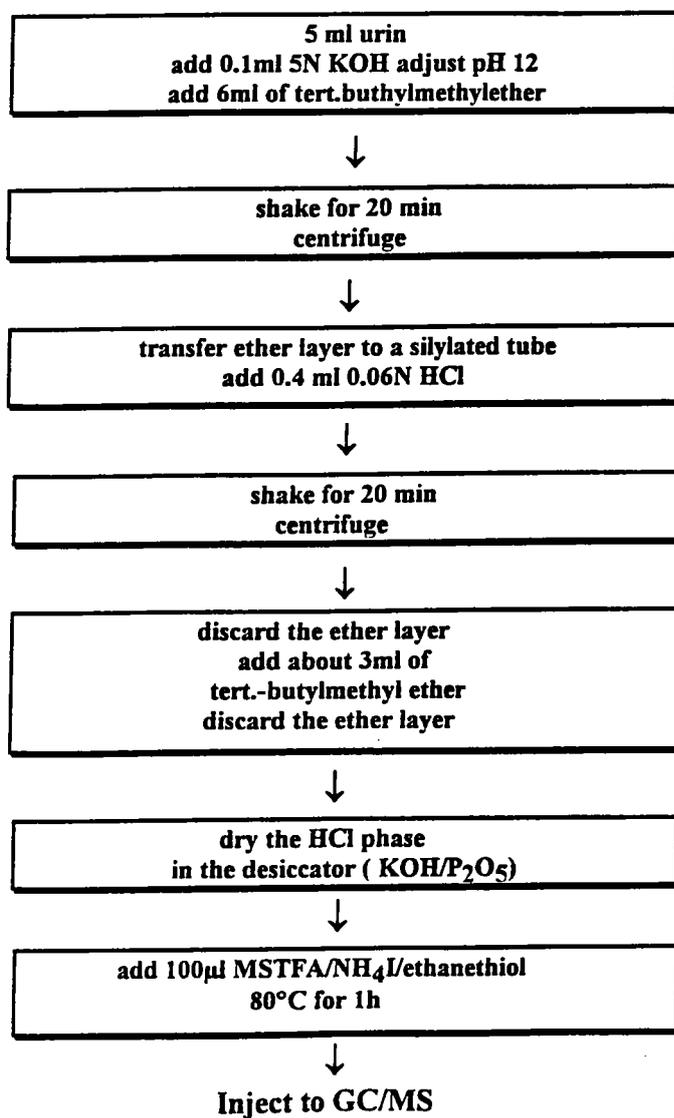
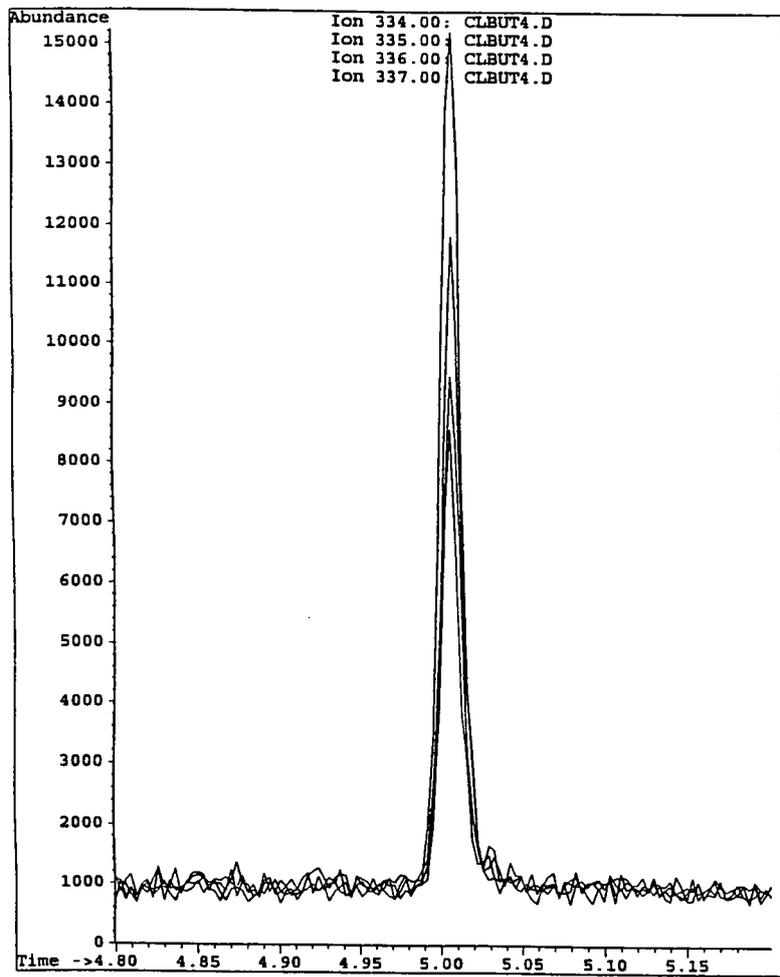


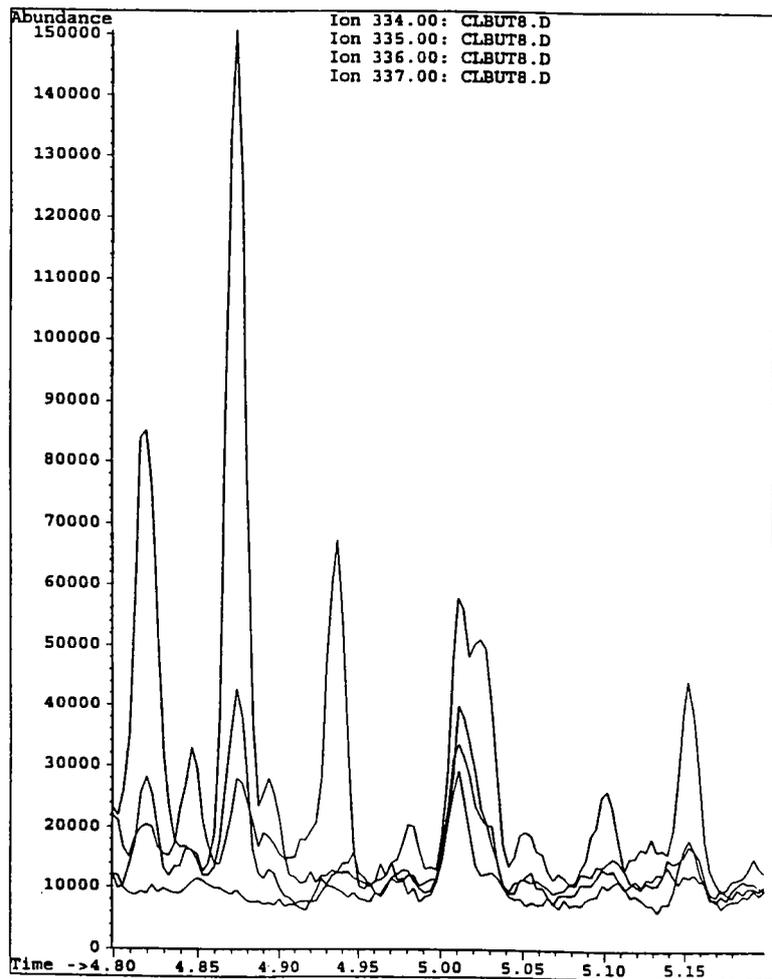
Figure 1  
Sample preparation

# RESULTS

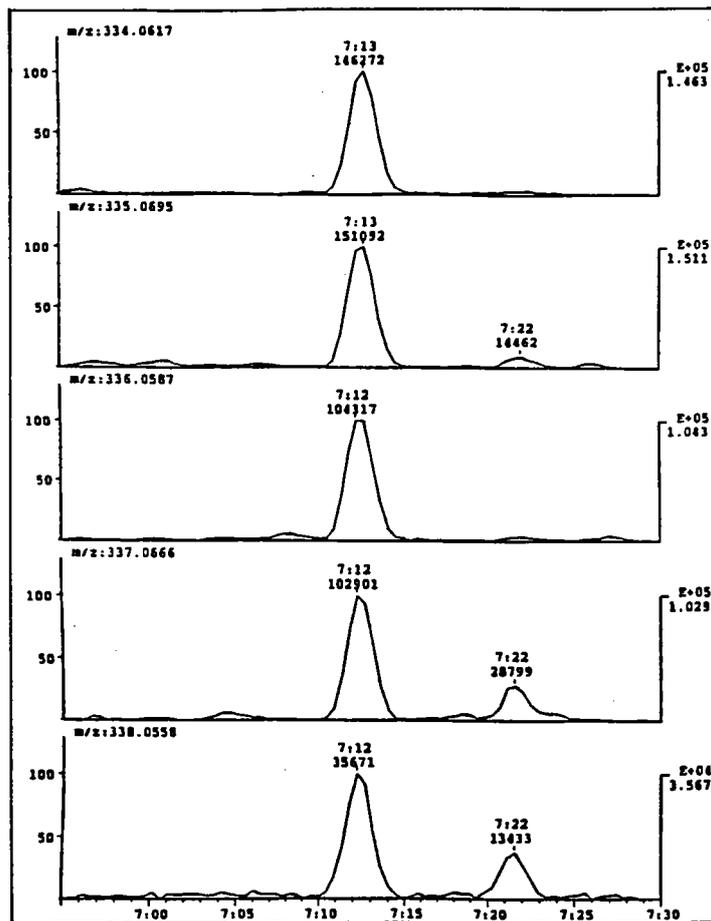
**Figure 2**  
2 ng/ml clenbuterol  
reextracted urine  
GC/MS SIM



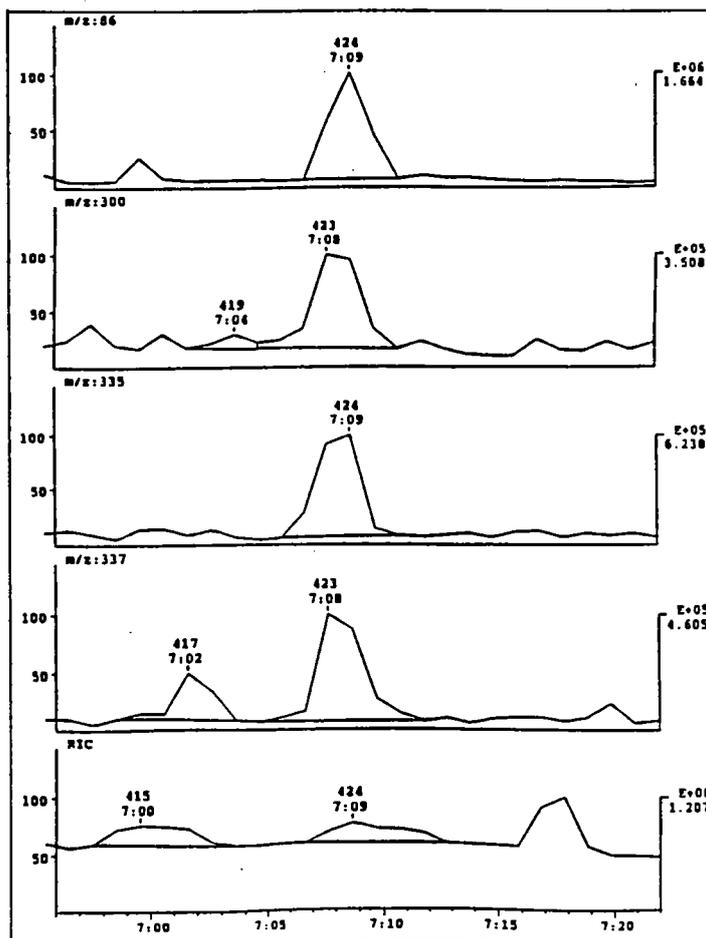
**Figure 3**  
2 ng/ml clenbuterol  
anab. steroids combined fraction  
GC/MS SIM



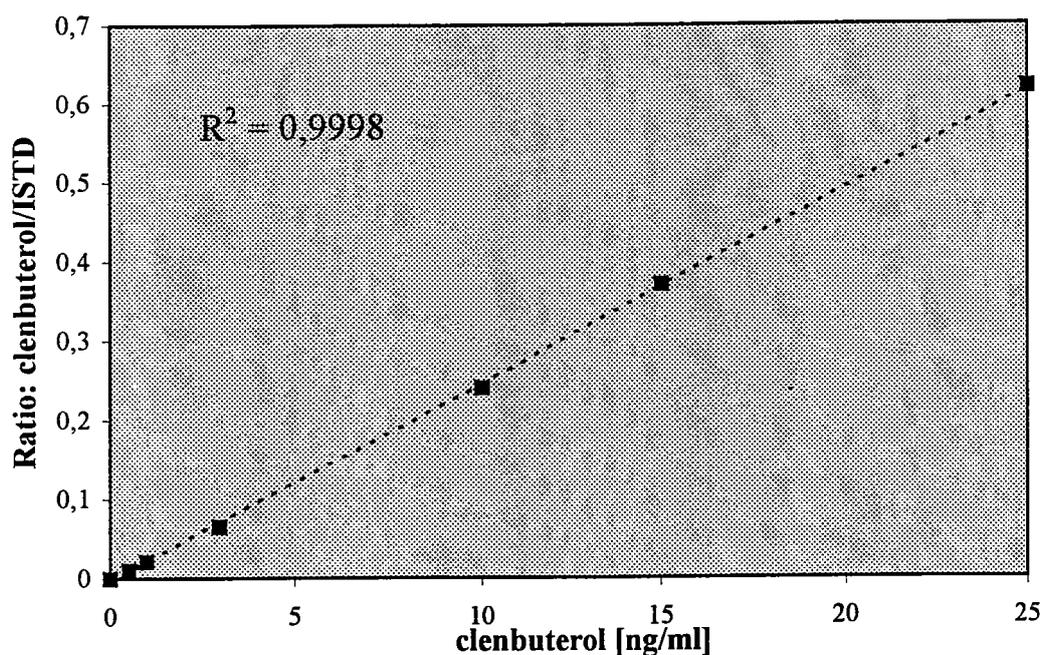
**Figure 4**  
 0.2 ng/ml clenbuterol  
 reextracted urine  
 GC/HRMS SIM



**Figure 5**  
 2 ng/ml clenbuterol  
 reextracted urine  
 GC/HRMS SCAN



ISTD: Cloranolol [20 ng/ml]



**Figure 6**  
Clenbuterol calibration curve  
in urine

Recovery: 86%  
Reproducibility: 3.6% (n=6)

**GC/MS Parameters**

GC/HRMS-System: Hewlett Packard 5890/ Finnigan MAT 95  
Carrier gas: Helium (1ml/min flow)  
Split ratio: 1:20  
Analytical column: HP-Ultra-1 fused silica capillary column,  
crosslinked methylsilicone (OV 1), 16m,  
0.2 mm i.D., 0.11 µm film thickness  
Temperature program: 130°C, 10°C/min till 210°C, 40°C/min till 310°C  
Mass resolution: 3500

GC/MSD-System: Hewlett Packard 5890/5971A  
Carrier gas: Helium (1ml/min flow)  
Split ratio: 1:10  
Analytical column: HP-5 MS fused silica capillary column, 20m,  
0.25 mm i.D., 0.25 µm film thickness  
Temperature program: 130°C, 22°C/min till 320°C, 1 min constant

## CONCLUSION

The biological background is greatly reduced with this sample preparation. Confirmation of clenbuterol concentration as low as 2 ng/ml in urine is possible in SCAN-mode. Lower concentrations (ca. 20 pg/ml) can be confirmed with HRMS/SIM-analysis.

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