## **Paroxetine**

General	
Class of the drug:	Antidepressants
Synonym(s):	
Common trade name(s) in Switzerland:	Deroxat <sup>®</sup> , Parexat <sup>®</sup> , Paroxetin-Mepha <sup>®</sup>
Conversion factors:	$\mu g/l \times 3.03 = n mol/l$ $n mol/l \times 0.33 = \mu g/l$
Clinical pharmacology	
Indications for TDM:	Individual dose adaptation, verification of compliance, side effects, suspicion of toxicity
Protein binding:	95 %
Elimination half-life:	24 h ( 6 h – 71 h)
Volume of distribution:	17 l/kg
Metabolism:	
- Main metabolic pathways:	CYP2D6 and other CYP enzymes
- Active metabolite(s)?	None
<ul> <li>Inhibitor or inducer of the cytochrome P450 system?</li> </ul>	Inhibitor of CYP2D6
Other significant     pharmacokinetic interactions:	Not known
Elimination of parent drug:	Hepatic 36% Renal 64 %
Typical therapeutic range:	39.6 – 122 μg/l (120 – 370 nmol/l)
Potentially toxic concentration:	Not known
Pre-analytics	
<ul> <li>Time to steady-state since beginning of treatment or change of posology:</li> </ul>	~ 5 days
Time for blood sampling:	Before next dose at steady state
Type(s) of sample:	Serum or plasma
Stability:	One week at 4°C

Analytics	
Position(s) in the analysis list/Method:	8629.02 HPLC/GC 8629.03 LC-MS/GC-MS
Remarks	None
References	<ul> <li>Compendium suisse des médicaments, Documed, 2005</li> <li>Foglia et al., J. Chrom. B 693 (1997) 147.</li> <li>Linder et al., Clin. Chem. 44 (1998) 1073</li> <li>Lucca et al., Ther. Drug Monit. 22 (2000) 271</li> <li>Montgomery J. Clin. Psychiatry 57 (1996) 24</li> <li>Baumann et al., Pharmacopsychiatry 37 (2004) 243</li> </ul>