


# IN VITRO ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL DRUG-DRUG INTERACTIONS FOLLOWING THE FDA AND EMA GUIDANCE

参照美国**FDA**和欧盟药品管理局的监管指南  
采用体外实验方法评估潜在的**药物相互作用**



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# Outline



Introduction to  
drug-drug interactions  
(DDI)



Regulatory  
guidance



In vitro  
assessment of  
potential DDI



Prediction  
of potential  
DDI risk



# Abbreviations

**ADME**

药物吸收分布代谢排泄

**C<sub>max.u</sub>**

最高的血浆药物自由浓度

**CYP**

细胞色素P450酶

**DDI**

药物相互作用

**EMA**

欧盟药品管理局

**HLM**

人体肝脏微粒体

**TDI**

时间依赖性抑制

**UGT**

尿苷二磷酸葡萄糖醛酸转移酶



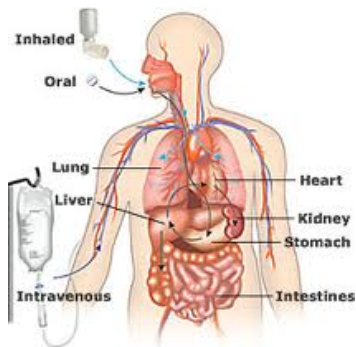
# Pharmacokinetics (PK) Based DDIs



Data Source:  
<http://carnivoraforum.com>



# Fate of a Drug In Vivo (ADME)

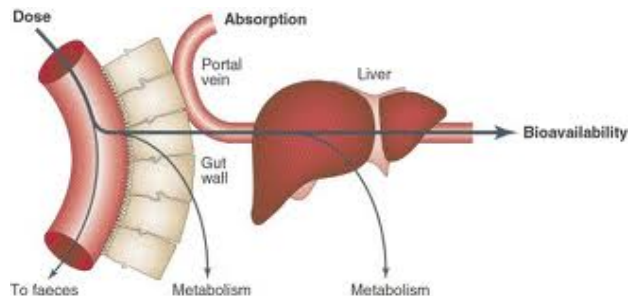


**A**BSORPTION: **I**ntestine (metabolism, passive and active transport)

**D**ISTRIBUTION: **A**ll tissues and organs (passive and active transport)

**M**ETABOLISM: **L**iver (enzymes and active transport)

**E**LIMINATION: **K**idney, **l**iver, **i**ntestine (passive and active transport)

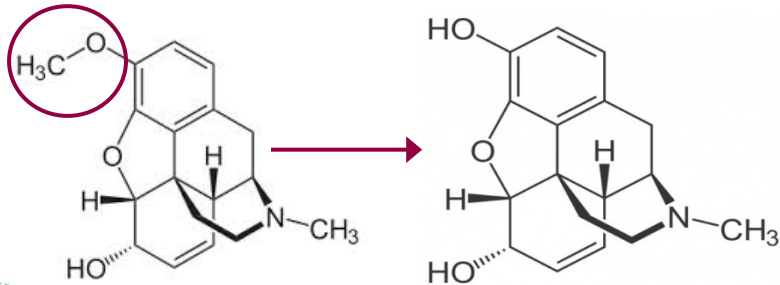


# Two Key Players in ADME

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## METABOLIC ENZYMES

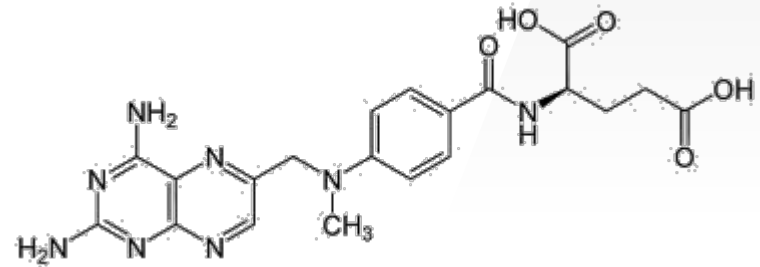
O-demethylation of codeine by CYP2D6



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## TRANSPORTERS

Active transport of methotrexate



DDI between DPC 333 and methotrexate  
Luo et al, DMD, 35:835-840, 2007

# Interactions with Enzymes/Transporters

## SUBSTRATE

Oxycodone  
CYP3A4 and CYP2D6

Metformin  
OCT1 and OCT2

## INHIBITOR

Quinidine  
CYP2D6 and OCT1/2

Probenecid  
OAT1/3 and MRP2

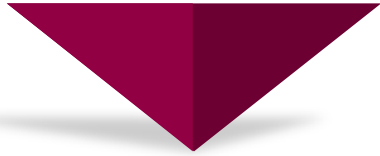
## INDUCER

Phenobarbital  
CYP2B6 and CYP3A4

Rifampicin  
CYP3A4, CYP2Cs  
and P-gp



# Victim and Perpetrator



## VICTIM DRUG

As a **substrate** of an enzyme/transporter, a drug becomes a victim of DDI when its plasma exposure is significantly altered by drug B which is administered concomitantly



## PERPETRATOR DRUG

As an **inhibitor/inducer** of an enzyme/transporter, a drug becomes a perpetrator of DDI when it significantly affects the plasma exposure of drug A which administered concomitantly

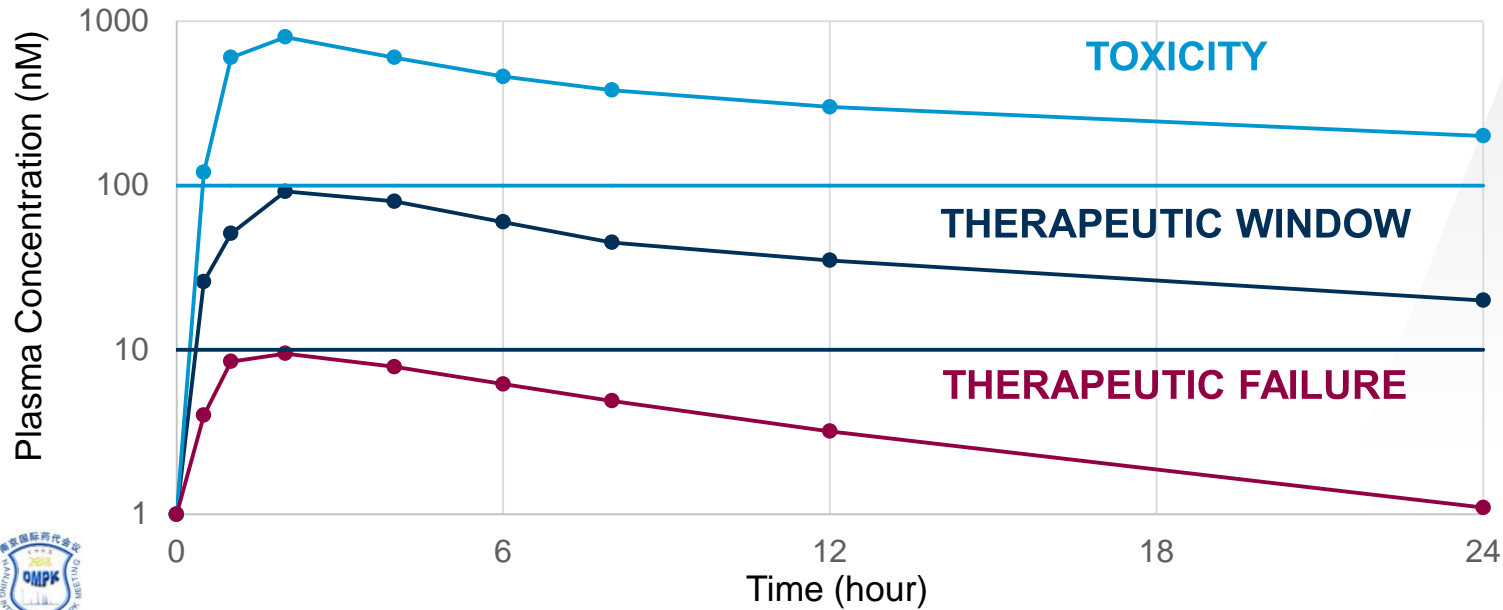




# Adverse Consequences of DDIs

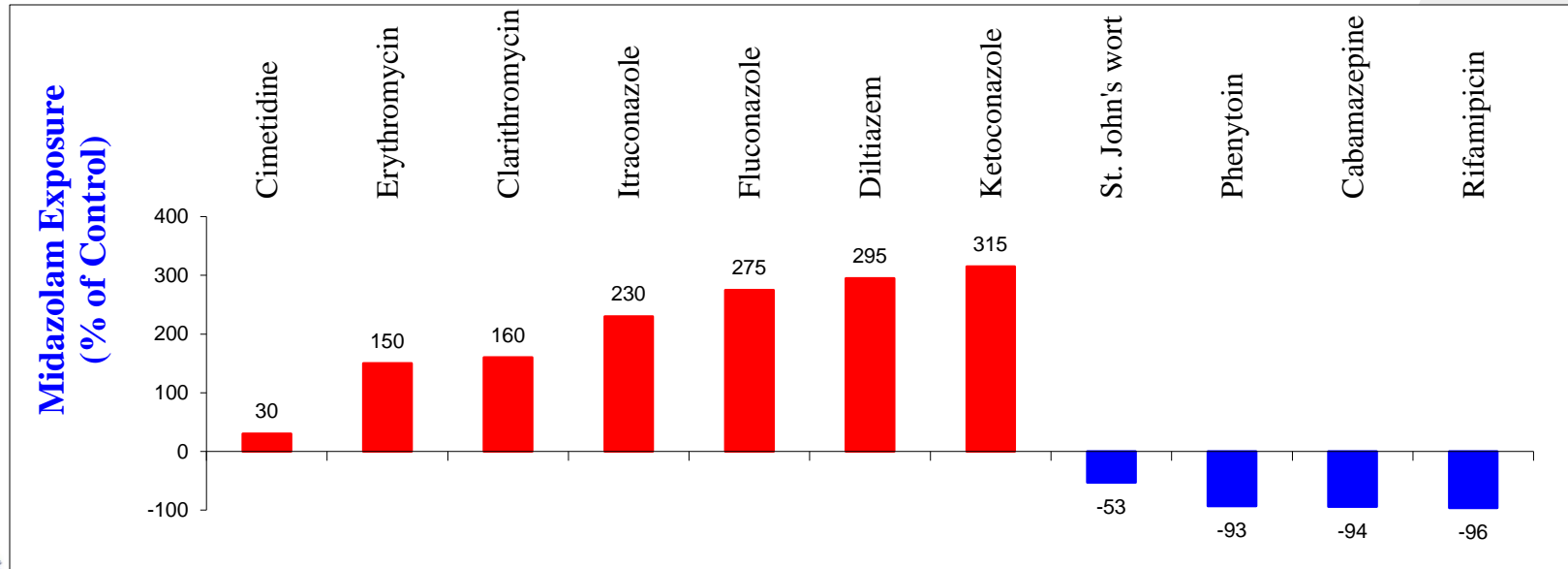
Inhibition → Higher exposure → toxicity

Induction → Lower exposure → therapeutic failure



# Examples of Victim and Perpetrators

The plasma exposure (AUC) of midazolam can be markedly altered when it is administered concomitantly with CYP3A4 inhibitors or inducers



# How and When to Assess DDIs



Drugs commonly used in combination in clinics

DDIs occasionally reported

Dozens of new drugs approved yearly

Regulatory guidance?

When to assess potential DDIs?

How to assess potential DDIs?



# USA FDA DDI Guidance

## DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR INDUSTRY:

Drug Interaction Studies—  
Study Design,  
Data Analysis, and  
Implications for Dosing  
and Labeling (2006)

## GUIDANCE FOR INDUSTRY:

Drug Interaction  
Studies—Study Design,  
Data Analysis,  
and Implications for  
Dosing and Labeling  
Recommendations (2012)

## DRAFT GUIDANCE IN VITRO METABOLISM

In Vitro Metabolism and  
Transporter-Mediated  
Drug-Drug Interaction  
Studies Guidance for  
Industry (2017)



# EMA DDI Guidance



Draft Guideline on the Investigation of Drug Interactions (2010)



Draft Guideline on the Investigation of Drug Interactions (2012)



# Regulatory Requirement



Interactions between an investigational new drug and other drugs should be defined during drug development, as part of an adequate assessment of the drug's safety and effectiveness (在药物开发阶段, 定义新药和其它药物的相互作用, 应当是药物安全和有效评估的一部分)。

The objective of drug-drug interaction studies is to determine whether potential interactions between the investigational drug and other drugs exist and, if so, whether the potential for such interactions indicates the need for dosage adjustments, additional therapeutic monitoring, a contraindication to concomitant use, or other measures to mitigate risk (研究DDI的目的, 是鉴定新药和其它药物之间的DDI风险是否存在; 如果存在, 是否需要调整剂量, 增加监控, 避免禁忌使用, 或采取其它措施来减低风险)。

—The FDA Draft Guidance (2012)



# How to Assess Potential DDIs



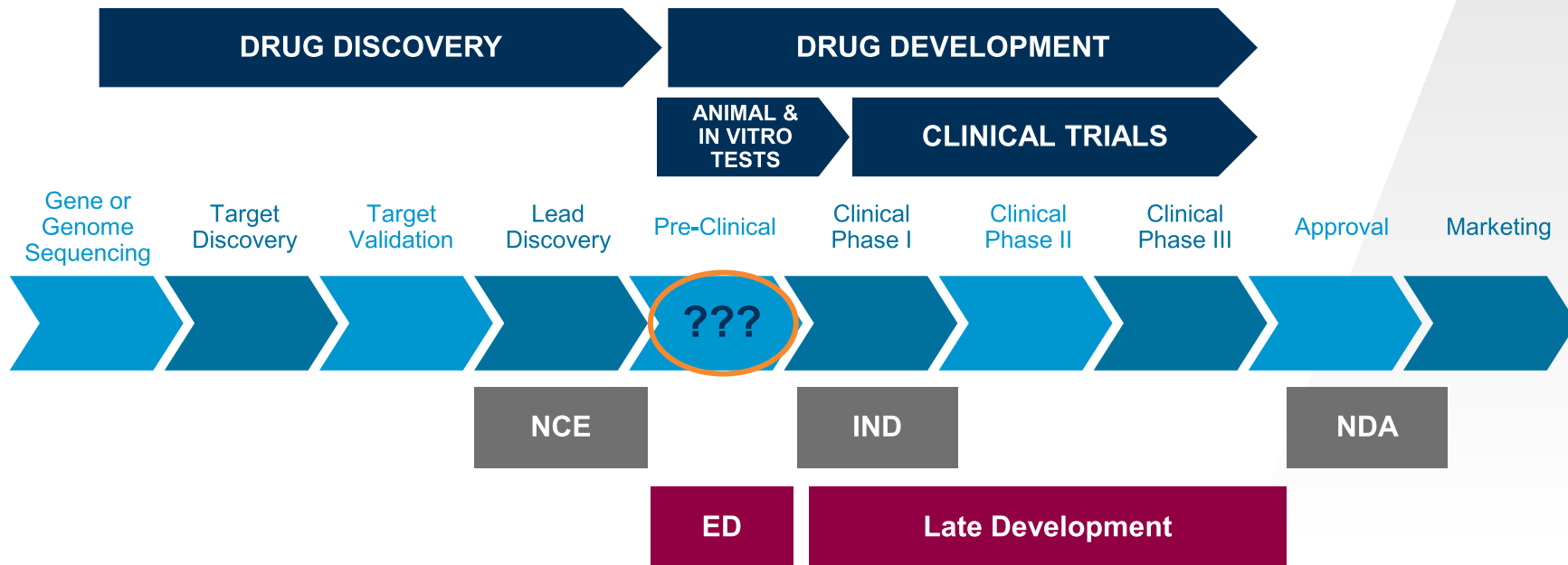
Evaluating the DDI potential of an investigational new drug involves:

- (1) identifying the principal routes of the drug's elimination;
- (2) estimating the contribution of enzymes and transporters to the drug's disposition;
- (3) characterizing the effect of the drug on enzymes and transporters

—The FDA Draft Guidance (2017)



# When to Assess Potential DDIs





# In Vitro DDI Assessment



Many possible DDIs

Clinical trials for DDIs: Time, cost, ethics

In Vitro DDI Assessment in early development:

1. Prior to first in man
2. Cost effective
3. Time efficient
4. Better understanding about mechanism
5. Direction to clinical trials

Clinical trial: A final confirmation



# Scope of In Vitro DDI Assessment



## Victims of metabolism-based DDIs

- ▶ An enzyme substrate,  $\geq 25\%$  contribution

## Victims of transporter-based DDIs

- ▶ A transporter substrate,  $\geq 25\%$  contribution

## Perpetrators of all kinds of DDIs

- ▶ An enzyme inhibitor or inducer
- ▶ A transporter inhibitor



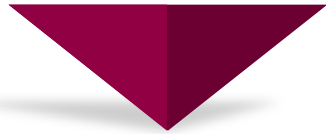
# Phenotyping Major CYP Enzymes

## MAJOR CYP ENZYMES

Primary: 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4/5

Secondary: 2A6, 2J2, 4F2, & 2E1

### Three Approaches



HLM  $\pm$  chemical  
inhibitors or antibodies



Recombinant  
CYP enzymes



Metabolism  
correlations (not often)

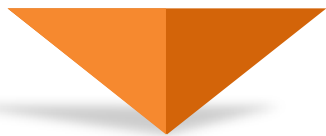


# Phenotyping Major UGT Enzymes

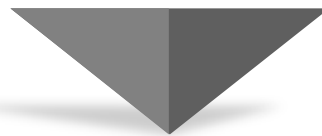
## MAJOR UGT ENZYMES

1A1, 1A3, 1A4, 1A6, 1A9, 2B7, & 2B15

### TWO Approaches



HLM  $\pm$  inhibitors



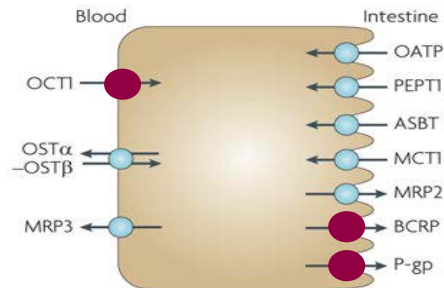
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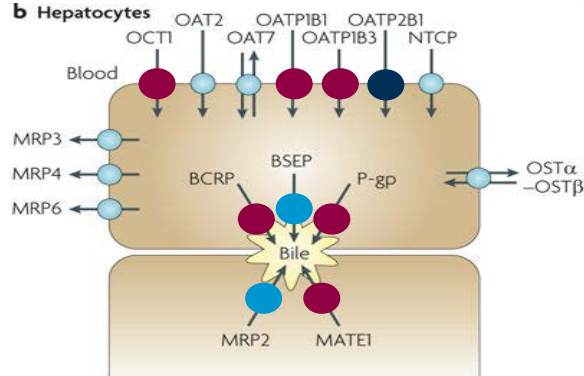
# Drug Transporters in Play

BY BOTH FDA AND EMA  
BY THE FDA ONLY  
BY THE EMA ONLY

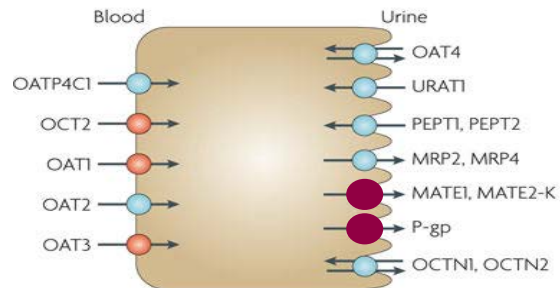
**a Intestinal epithelia**



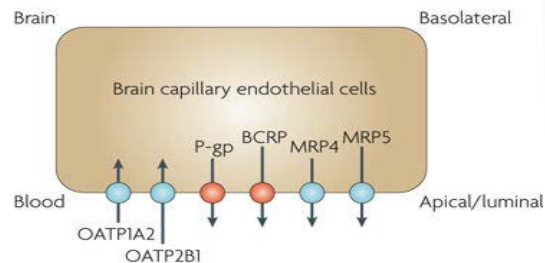
**b Hepatocytes**



**c Kidney proximal tubules**



**d Blood-brain barrier**



# Phenotyping Major Transporters

## MAJOR TRANSPORTERS

### UPTAKE:

OAT1 & 3, OATP1B1,  
1B3 & 2B1, OCT2 & OCT1

### EFFLUX:

P-gp, BCRP, MATE1 & 2-K

## SUBSTRATE CRITERIA

Fold uptake  $\geq 2$ , reduced  
 $\geq 50\%$  by an inhibitor

Efflux ratio  $\geq 2$ , reduced  
 $\geq 50\%$  by an inhibitor

## EXPERIMENTAL MODELS

Cell-based models are  
more preferable



# CYP Inhibition

## MAJOR CYP ENZYMES

1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, & 3A4

TWO TYPES OF  
INHIBITION



**REVERSIBLE  
INHIBITION**

**a**

**Preliminary assay:**  
IC<sub>50</sub> determination

**b**

**Definitive assay:**  
K<sub>i</sub> determination  
if needed



**TIME-DEPENDENT  
INHIBITION (TDI)**

**a**

**Preliminary assay:**  
TDI determination

**b**

**Definitive assay:**  
K<sub>i</sub> & k<sub>inact</sub>



# Reversible CYP Inhibition Assays

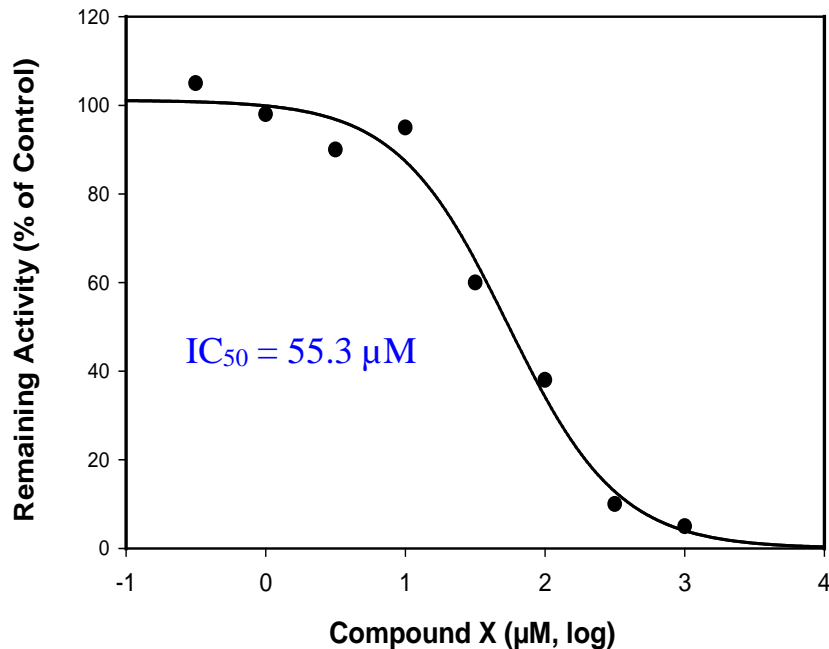
CYP	Substrate (μM)	Enzyme Activity	Positive Inhibitor (μM)
CYP1A2	Phenacetin (110)	Phenacetin-O-deethylase	Fluvoxamine (0.5)
CYP2A6	Coumarin (1.6)	Coumarin 7-hydroxylase	Tranlycypromine (3)
CYP2B6	Bupropion (120)	Bupropion hydroxylase	Thiotepa (100)
CYP2C8	Amodiaquine (1.5)	Amodiaquine N-deethylase	Montelukast (0.1)
CYP2C9	Diclofenac (6)	Diclofenac 4'-hydroxylase	Sulfaphenazole (5)
CYP2C19	S-mephenytoin (50)	S-mephenytoin 4'-hydroxylase	Nootkatone (20)
CYP2D6	Bufuralol (11)	Bufuralol 1'-hydroxylase	Quinidine (0.3)
CYP2E1	Chlorzoxazone (170)	Chlorzoxazone 6-hydroxylase	DEDTC (700)
CYP3A4	Testosterone (65)	Testosterone 6β-hydroxylase	Ketoconazole (0.2)
CYP3A4	Midazolam (1.5)	Midazolam 1'-hydroxylase	Ketoconazole (0.1)



Pooled human hepatic microsomes (≥50 donors, mixed genders)  
DEDTC: Diethyldithiocarbamate



# Determination of IC50



1 Substrate conc. ( $\sim K_m$ )

7~8 Drug conc.

Easy to be determined

Partial inhibitory property

An clue for  $K_i$

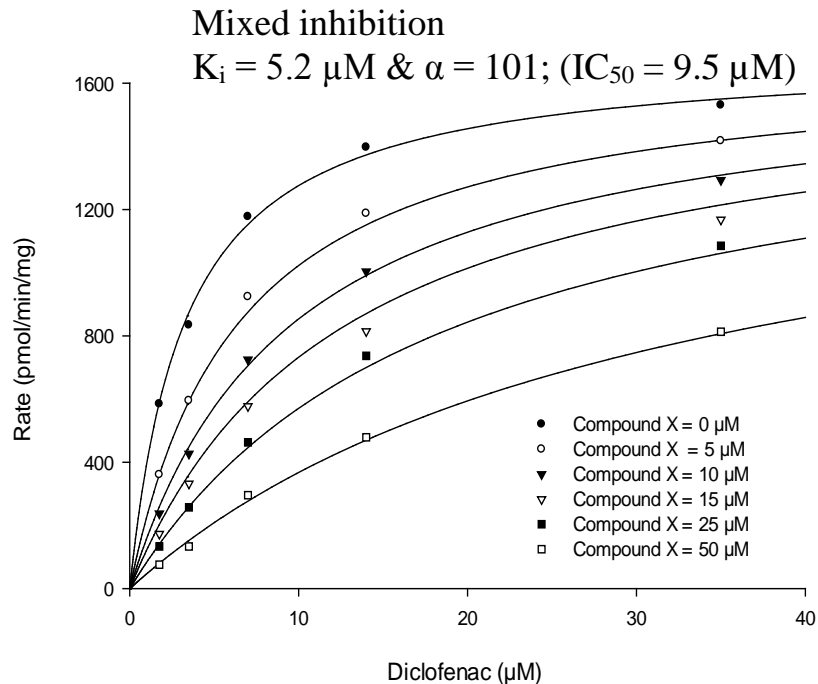
Quite variable

Inhibition type unknown

Not so valuable as  $K_i$



# Determination of $K_i$



5-6 Substrate conc.

5-8 Drug conc.

Full inhibition property

Inhibition type known

A higher value for DDI

Preliminary info needed

Assay design challenge

Calculation challenge



# Time-Dependent CYP Inhibition

CYP	Substrate (μM)	Enzyme Activity	Positive Inhibitor (μM)
CYP1A2	Phenacetin (110)	Phenacetin-O-deethylase	Furafylline (1)
CYP2A6	Coumarin (1.6)	Coumarin 7-hydroxylase	8-MOP (10)
CYP2B6	Bupropion (120)	Bupropion hydroxylase	Ticlopidine (1.5)
CYP2C8	Amodiaquine (1.5)	Amodiaquine N-deethylase	GFG (10)
CYP2C9	Diclofenac (6)	Diclofenac 4'-hydroxylase	Tienilic acid (3)
CYP2C19	S-mephenytoin (50)	S-mephenytoin 4'-hydroxylase	S-fluoxetine (10)
CYP2D6	Bufuralol (11)	Bufuralol 1'-hydroxylase	MDMA (10)
CYP2E1	Chlorzoxazone (170)	Chlorzoxazone 6-hydroxylase	AMBA (40,000)
CYP3A4	Testosterone (65)	Testosterone 6β-hydroxylase	Mifepristone (10)
CYP3A4	Midazolam (1.5)	Midazolam 1'-hydroxylase	Mifepristone (10)

Pooled human hepatic microsomes (≥50 donors)

AMAP, N-acetylm-aminophenol; GFG: Gemfibrozil 1-O-β-Glucuronide;

MDMA: Methylenedioxymethamphetamine; 8-MOP, 8-Methoxypsoralen



# UGT Inhibition

UGT	Substrate ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Enzyme Activity	Positive Inhibitor ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
UGT1A1	Estradiol (10)	Estradiol-3-glucuronidation	Troglitazone (25)
UGT1A3	CDCA (15)	CDCA-24-O-glucuronidation	Schisantherin A (100)
UGT1A4	Trifluoperazine (5)	Trifluoperazine <i>N</i> -glucuronidation	Hecogenine (10)
UGT1A6	Naphthol (20)	Naphthol 1-glucuronidation	Demethylzeylasteral (10)
UGT1A9	Profolol (10)	Profolol glucuronidation	Niflumic acid (2.5)
UGT2B7	Morphine (500)	Morphine 3-glucuronidation	Mefenamic acid (50)
UGT2B15	S-Oxazepam (60)	S-Oxazepam glucuronidation	Niflumic acid (100)
UGT2B17	Testosterone (100)	Testosterone 17 $\beta$ -O-glucuronidation	Quercetin (250)

Pooled human hepatic microsomes ( $\geq 50$  donors)

CDCA, Chenodeoxycholic acid



# Transporter Inhibition

Transporter	Substrate ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Positive Inhibitor ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
MATE1	$^{14}\text{C}$ -Metformin (1)	Cimetidine (50)
MATE2-K	$^{14}\text{C}$ -TEA (5)	Cimetidine (50)
OAT1	$^{14}\text{C}$ - <i>P</i> -Aminohippurate (1)	Probenecid (200)
OAT3	$^3\text{H}$ -Estrone-3-sulfate (1)	Probenecid (200)
OATP1B1	$^3\text{H}$ -Estradiol-17 $\beta$ -D-glucuronide (1)	Cyclosporine A (10)
OATP1B3	$^3\text{H}$ -Cholecystokinin-8 (1)	Cyclosporine A (10)
OATP2B1	$^3\text{H}$ -Estrone-3-sulfate (1)	Rifamycin SV (30)
OCT1	$^{14}\text{C}$ -TEA (5)	Quinidine (256)
OCT2	$^{14}\text{C}$ -Metformin (1)	Quinidine (256)
P-gp	$^3\text{H}$ -Digoxin (1)	Zosuquidar (2)
BCRP	$^3\text{H}$ -Estrone-3-sulfate (0.1)	Ko143 (1)



# CYP Induction

Enzyme	Positive Inducer (μM)	mRNA	Substrate (μM)
CYP1A2	Omeprazole (50)	Yes	Phenacetin (100)
CYP2B6	Phenobarbital (1000)	Yes	Bupropion (500)
CYP3A4	Rifampicin (20)	Yes	Testosterone (250)
Negative control	Flumazenil (20)	All	All

- ▶ Primary cultures of human hepatocytes from 3 individual donors
- ▶ Determination of mRNA levels as well as activities
- ▶ Calculation of  $E_{max}$  and  $EC_{50}$ , if applicable
- ▶ Positive (RIS) and negative controls included

## Criteria to be an CYP inducer

- ▶ mRNA level  $\geq 4$ -fold or activity  $\geq 2$ -fold over vehicle control AND
- ▶  $\geq 20\%$  of positive control



# Considerations in Assessment



The FDA and EMA DDI guidance

Validation of test systems

Concentrations used in vitro assessment

A single drug playing Multiple roles

A single drug being a victim and perpetrator

Fraction unbound ( $f_u$ ) in plasma and HLM



# Recommended Concentrations

## CYP/TRANSPORTER INHIBITION

### FDA

Liver & kidney:  $\geq 50x C_{max,u}$

GI:  $\geq 0.1x$  dose/250 mL

### EMA

Liver & kidney:  $\geq 50x C_{max,u}$

GI:  $\geq 0.1x$  dose/250 mL

## CYP INDUCTION

### FDA

$\geq 50x C_{max,u}$  (or  $10x C_{max}$ )

Cytotoxicity & solubility

### EMA

$\geq 50x C_{max,u}$

Cytotoxicity & solubility

## CYP/TRANSPORTER SUBSTRATE

$\leq K_m$

CYP1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9,  
2C19, 2D6, 3A4/5

$\ll K_m$

P-gp, BCRP, MATEs, OAT1/3,  
OATP1B1/3, 2B1, OCT1/2





# A Single Drug Multiple Roles

	RITONAVIR	DPC 681
Substrate	CYP3A4	CYP3A4
Reversible inhibition	CYP3A4, P-gp, OATP	CYP3A4
Metabolism-based inactivation	CYP3A4	CYP3A4
Induction	CYP3A4, P-gp	CYP3A4

Luo et al., DMD, 30:795-804, 2002

Luo et al., DMD, 31: 1170-1175, 2003

Luo et al., Current Drug Metabolism, 5:485-505, 2004



# Model-Based Assessments for DDI Potential



## BASIC MODELS

Calculate R values  
(R1, R2, & R3)

Compare with the  
cutoff criteria



## STATIC MECHANISTIC MODELS

Calculate AUCR

AUCR cutoffs  
( $\geq 1.25$  for inhibition &  
 $\leq 0.8$  for induction)



## PBPK MODELS

Calculate exposure ratio  
(Simcyp or GastroPlus)

Consider plausibility

Evaluate uncertainty



# $R_1$ for Reversible CYP Inhibition

$$R_1 = 1 + (I_{\max,u} / K_i) \quad (\text{significant if } R_1 \geq 1.02)$$

$$R_{1,\text{gut}} = 1 + (I_{\text{gut}} / K_i) \quad (\text{significant if } R_{1,\text{gut}} \geq 11)$$

$R_1$  or  $R_{1,\text{gut}}$  is the predicted ratio of the victim drug's AUC in the presence and absence of an inhibitor for basic models of reversible inhibition

$I_{\max,u}$  is the maximal unbound TA plasma conc.

$I_{\text{gut}}$  is the intestinal luminal TA conc. (dose/250 mL)

$K_i$  is the unbound inhibition constant determined in vitro



# R<sub>2</sub> for TD CYP Inhibition

$$R_2 = (k_{\text{obs}} + k_{\text{deg}}) / k_{\text{deg}} \quad (\text{significant if } R_1 \geq 1.25)$$

$$\text{Where } k_{\text{obs}} = (k_{\text{inact}} \times 50 \times I_{\text{max,u}}) / (K_i + 50 \times I_{\text{max,u}})$$

R<sub>2</sub> is the predicted ratio of the victim drug's AUC in the presence and absence of an inhibitor for basic model of TDI

k<sub>obs</sub> is the observed inactivation rate constant

k<sub>deg</sub> is the apparent first-order degradation rate constant

K<sub>i</sub> is the inhibition conc. Causing half-maximal inactivation

k<sub>inact</sub> is the maximal inactivation rate constant

I<sub>max,u</sub> is the maximal unbound TA plasma conc.



# R<sub>3</sub> for CYP Induction

$$R_3 = 1 / [1 + (d \times E_{\max} \times I_{\max,u}) / (EC_{50} + (10 \times I_{\max,u}))]$$

R<sub>3</sub> is the predicted ratio of the victim drug's AUC in the presence and absence of an inducer for basic models of enzyme induction

d is the scaling factor and is assumed to be 1 unless supported by prior experience with system used

E<sub>max</sub> is the maximum induction effect of the interacting drug

I<sub>max,u</sub> is the maximum unbound plasma conc. Of the interacting drug

EC<sub>50</sub> is the concentration causing half-maximal effect determine in vitro



# R for Transporter Inhibition

For P-gp & BCRP  $R = I_{\text{gut}}/IC_{50} \geq 10$

For OATP1B1/3  $R = 1 + (f_{u,p} \times I_{\text{in,max}})/IC_{50} \geq 1.1$

$$I_{\text{in,max}} = (I_{\text{max}} + (F_a F_g \times k_a \times \text{Dose})/Q_h/R_B)$$

For OAT/OCT  $R = I_{\text{max,u}}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$

For MATEs  $R = I_{\text{max,u}}/IC_{50} \geq 0.02$



# Static Mechanistic Models

AUCR =

$$\left[1 / (A_g \times B_g \times C_g) \times F_g \times (1 - F_g)\right] * \left[1 / (A_h \times B_h \times C_h) \times f_m \times (1 - f_m)\right]$$

**A:** the effect of reversible inhibitions.

**B:** the effect of TDI.

**C:** the effect of induction.

**F<sub>g</sub>:** the fraction available after intestinal metabolism.

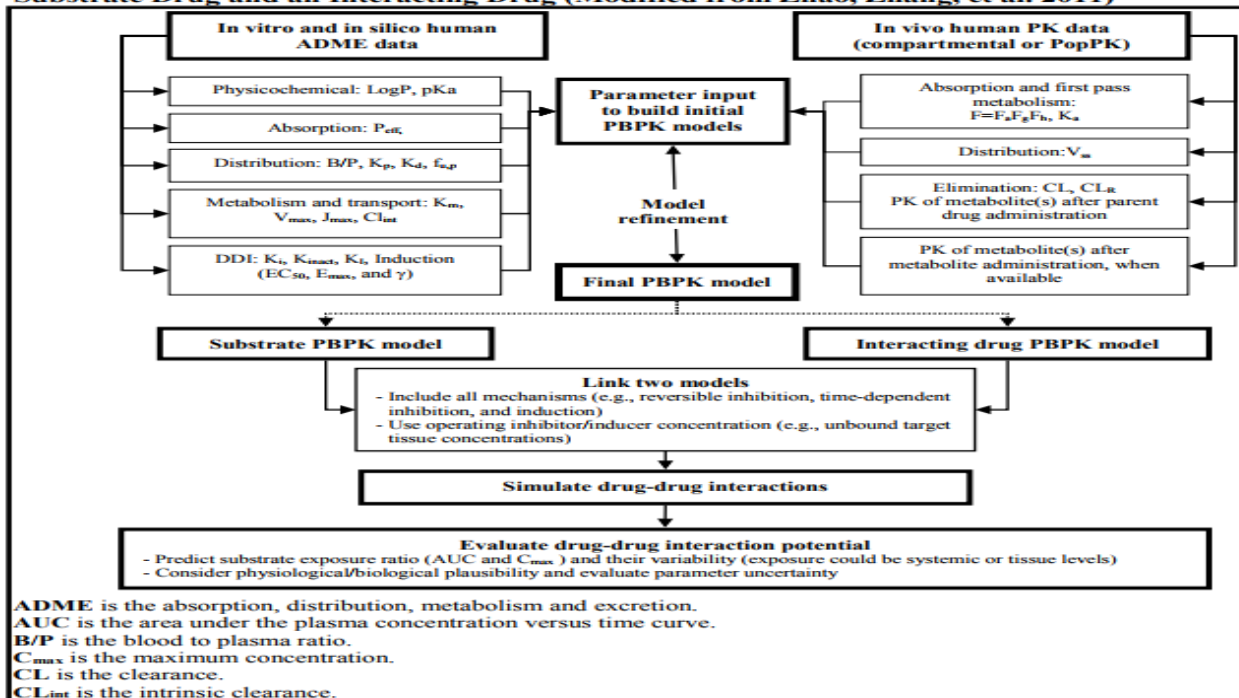
**F<sub>m</sub>:** the fraction of systemic clearance of the substrate mediated by the CYP enzyme that is subject to inhibition/induction.

'h' denote liver; 'g' denote gut.



# PBPK Models

**Figure 8. A PBPK Model-Based Framework to Explore the DDI Potential Between a Substrate Drug and an Interacting Drug (Modified from Zhao, Zhang, et al. 2011)\***





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# CYP Degradation Rate Constant

CYP Enzyme	$t_{1/2}$ Range (hr)	$K_{deg}$ Range (hr <sup>-1</sup> )
CYP1A2	8-105	0.0066-0.0866
CYP2A6	19-37	0.0187-0.0365
CYP2B6	32	0.0217
CYP2C8	8-41	0.0169-0.0866
CYP2C9	104	0.00666
CYP2C19	7-50	0.0139-0.099
CYP2D6	50-70	0.0099-0.0139
CYP2E1	7-60	0.0116-0.099
CYP3A4	20-184	0.00377-0.0347
CYP3A5	15-70	0.0099-0.0462

$K_{deg}$  values were calculated from Yang et al, Current Drug Metabolism, 384-393, 2008



# Static Mechanistic Models

**Figure 7: Equation to Calculate AUCR of the Substrate Drugs (AUC<sub>plus investigational drug</sub>/AUC<sub>minus investigational drug</sub>)**

$$AUCR = \left( \frac{1}{[A_g \times B_g \times C_g] \times (1 - F_g) + F_g} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{[A_h \times B_h \times C_h] \times f_m + (1 - f_m)} \right)$$

**A** is the effect of reversible inhibitions.

**B** is the effect of TDI.

**C** is the effect of induction.

**F<sub>g</sub>** is the fraction available after intestinal metabolism.

**f<sub>m</sub>** is the fraction of systemic clearance of the substrate mediated by the CYP enzyme that is subject to inhibition/induction.

**Subscripts 'h'** denote liver.

**Subscripts 'g'** denote gut.

Each value can be estimated with the following equations:

	Gut	Liver
Reversible inhibition	$A_g = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[I]_g}{K_i}}$	$A_h = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[I]_h}{K_i}}$
Time-dependent inhibition	$B_g = \frac{k_{deg,g}}{k_{deg,g} + \frac{[I]_g \times k_{inact}}{[I]_g + K_I}}$	$B_h = \frac{k_{deg,h}}{k_{deg,h} + \frac{[I]_h \times k_{inact}}{[I]_h + K_I}}$
Induction	$C_g = 1 + \frac{d \cdot E_{max} \cdot [I]_g}{[I]_g + EC_{50}}$	$C_h = 1 + \frac{d \cdot E_{max} \cdot [I]_h}{[I]_h + EC_{50}}$

$[I]_h = f_{u,p} \times (C_{max} + F_a \times k_a \times Dose / Q_B / R_B)$  (Ito, Iwatsubo, et al. 1998)

$[I]_g = F_a \times k_a \times Dose / Q_{en}$  (Rostami-Hodjegan and Tucker 2004)

**f<sub>u,p</sub>** is the unbound fraction in plasma. When it is difficult to measure accurately due to high protein binding (i.e., **f<sub>u,p</sub>** < 0.01) in plasma, a value of 0.01 should be used for **f<sub>u,p</sub>**.

**C<sub>max</sub>** is the maximal total (free and bound) inhibitor concentration in the plasma at steady state.

**F<sub>a</sub>** is the fraction absorbed after oral administration; a value of 1 should be used when the data are not available.

**k<sub>a</sub>** is the first order absorption rate constant in vivo; a value of 0.1 min<sup>-1</sup> (Ito, Iwatsubo, et al. 1998) can be used when the data are not available.

**Q<sub>en</sub>** is the blood flow through enterocytes (e.g., 18 L/hr/70 kg (Yang, Jamei, et al. 2007a)).

**Q<sub>h</sub>** is the hepatic blood flow (e.g., 97 L/hr/70 kg (Yang, Jamei, et al. 2007b)).

**R<sub>B</sub>** is the blood-to-plasma concentration ratio.



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