



# Understanding EMA and FDA DDI Guidances: Evolving Model-guided Prediction

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# Presentation Overview

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## Introduction

- ◆ Evolving EMA and FDA Drug-Drug Interaction (DDI) Guidance

## Model-guided DDI Prediction (模型指导下的DDI预测)

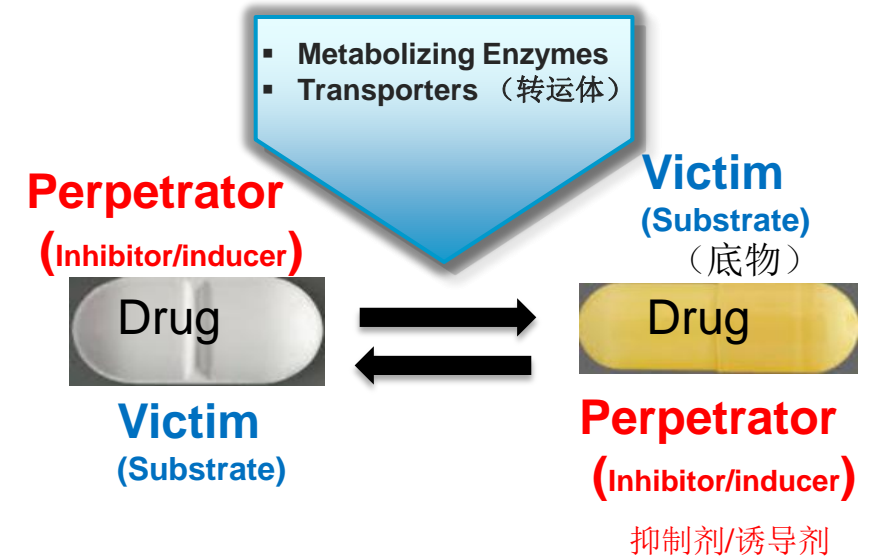
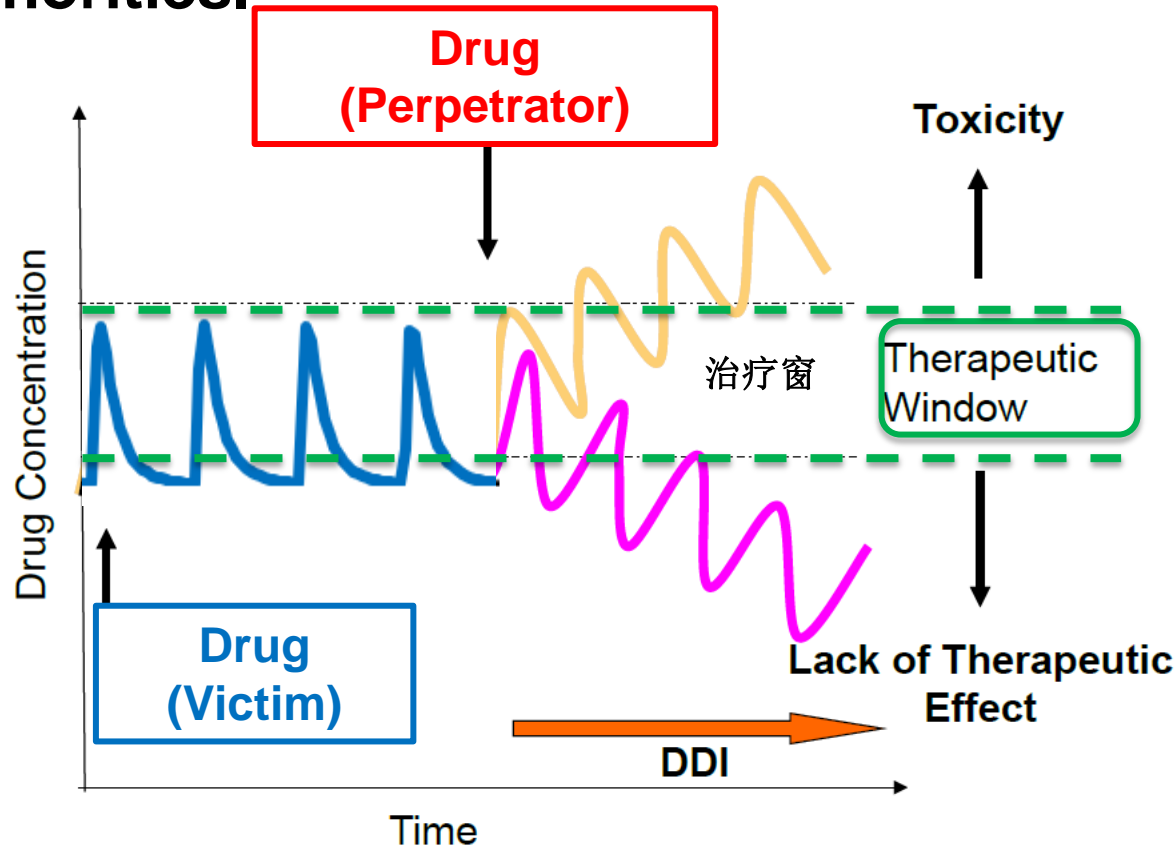
- ◆ In vitro data integration
- ◆ Case study
  - Reverse translation: PBPK model-guided challenging of early assumptions leading to additional in vitro DDI studies

## DDI Potential of Metabolites (代谢产物的DDI)

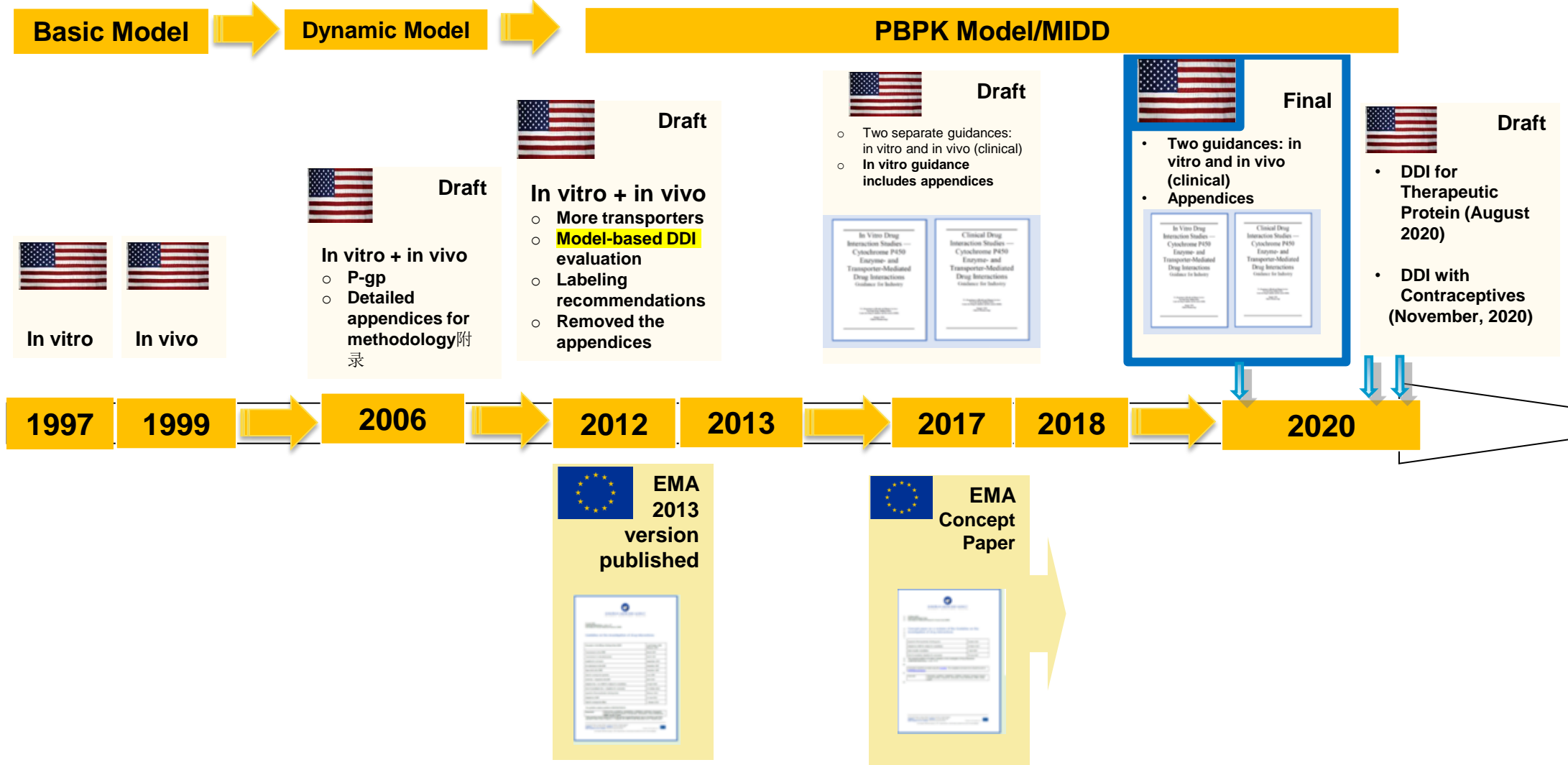
## Aldehyde oxidase (AO) and carboxylesterase (CES)

# Why DDI?

DDI may increase or decrease plasma/tissue drug exposure which lead to significant toxic consequences or therapeutic incompetence. DDI is major concern for pharmaceutical industry and regulatory authorities.



# Evolution of FDA and EMA DDI Guidance/Guideline





## 2020 DDI Guidances: Scope

- Scope: Evaluation of cytochrome P450 (CYP) or transporter mediated DDIs
- Topics not addressed in the 2020 guidances
  - Therapeutic protein DDIs
  - Gastric pH change-dependent DDIs
  - DDIs involving oral contraceptives
  - Protein displacement-mediated DDIs
  - Phase 2 enzyme-mediated DDIs
  - Pharmacodynamic DDIs
  - Detailed guidance on product labeling language

# EMA 2013 DDI Guideline Scope

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## In contrast to FDA

- ◆ **additional drug interactions**
  - Drug-food interaction
  - DDI on herbal medicinal product
  
- ◆ **Topics not addressed in the 2013 guidelines**
  - CYP enzymes other than the top 7 CYPs
    - Top 7: CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4/5

# Metabolizing Enzymes

	EMA (2013)	FDA (2020)
Target Cytochrome P450 isozymes	CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A	<b>Top 7:</b> CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4/5, <b>Additional 4:</b> CYP2A6, CYP2J2, CYP4F2, CYP2E1
Target metabolic enzymes other than P450s	<p>alcohol/aldehyde dehydrogenase (ADH/ALDH), uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferase (UGTs), sulfotransferases (SULTs), glutathione transferases (GSTs)</p>	<p>醛氧化酶 羧酸酯酶</p> <p>aldehyde oxidase (AO, <b>2020 new</b>) carboxylesterase (CES, <b>2020 new</b>) monoamine oxidase (MAO), xanthine oxygenase (XO), flavin monooxygenase (FMO),</p> <p>ADH/ALDH, UGTs, SULTs,</p>

# Transporters

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- **P-gp and BCRP (Efflux Transporters)**, in intestine, liver, kidney, blood-brain barrier, etc.)  
When intestinal absorption, biliary excretion, or renal active secretion is likely to be a major cause of the variability in a drug pharmacokinetics and response
- **OATP1B1 and OATP1B3 (Hepatic uptake transporters)**  
Hepatic/biliary elimination is significant pathway of clearance and  
Physiochemical properties and preclinical findings (e.g., anion at physiological pH, low passive permeability, high hepatic concentrations relative to other tissues)
- **OAT1, OAT3, OCT2, MATE1, MATE2/K (Renal uptake or efflux transporters)**  
Significant active renal secretion ( $\geq 25\%$  of **systemic clearance** of the drug) or concerns about renal toxicity



# Mechanisms and Locations of DDIs

## Metabolism-based

- ◆ Inhibition-mediated
  - Reversible inhibition
  - Time-dependent inhibition

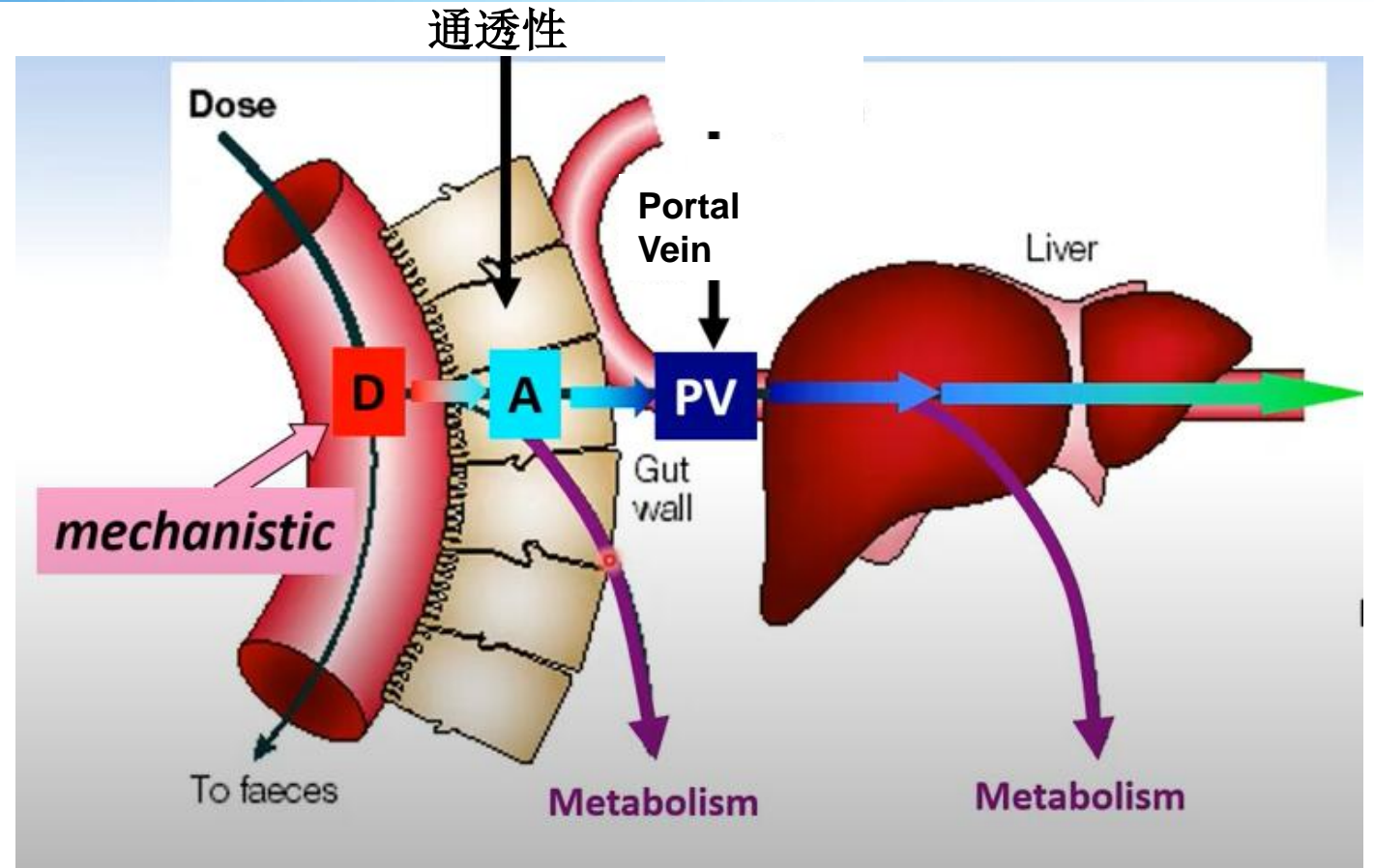
- ◆ Induction-mediated

## Transport-based

- ◆ Inhibition-mediated
- ◆ Induction-mediated

## Absorption-based

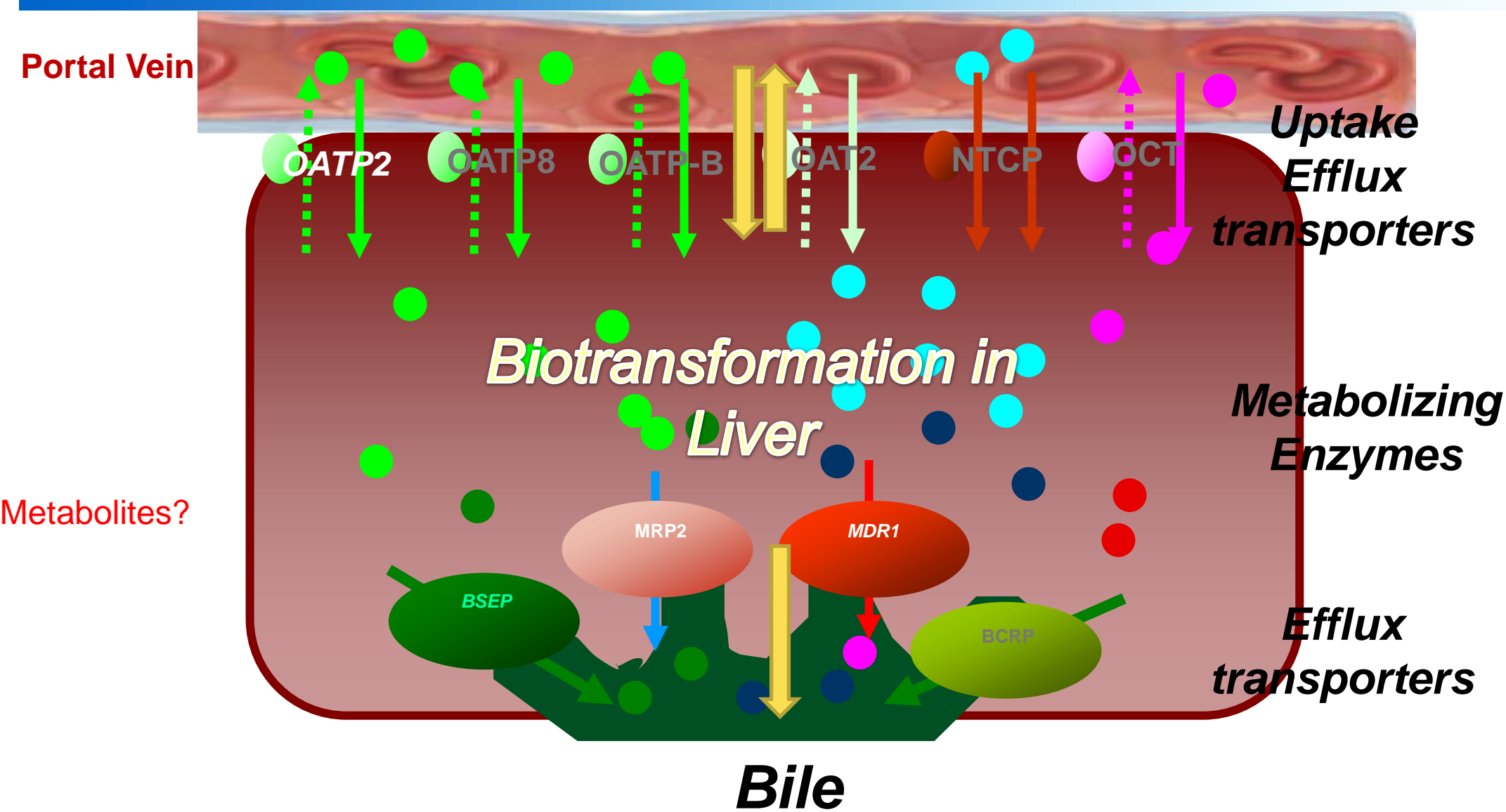
- ◆ pH-dependent DDI



First pass effect  
(首过效应)

Dosing → Systemic circulation

# DDI: Cooperation of Biotransformation and Transport



# Prediction of Clinically Relevant DDI

Extrinsic/Intrinsic

ADME

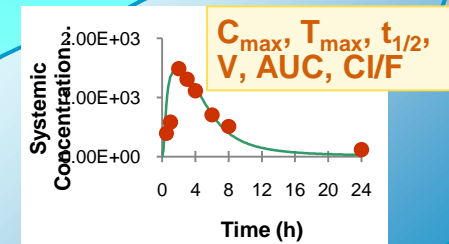
In silica,  
in vitro,  
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approaches



Lost in translation



CLINICAL PK/EXPOSURE?



血药浓度的变化

# MODEL-GUIDED DDI PREDICTION

## 模型指导下的DDI预测

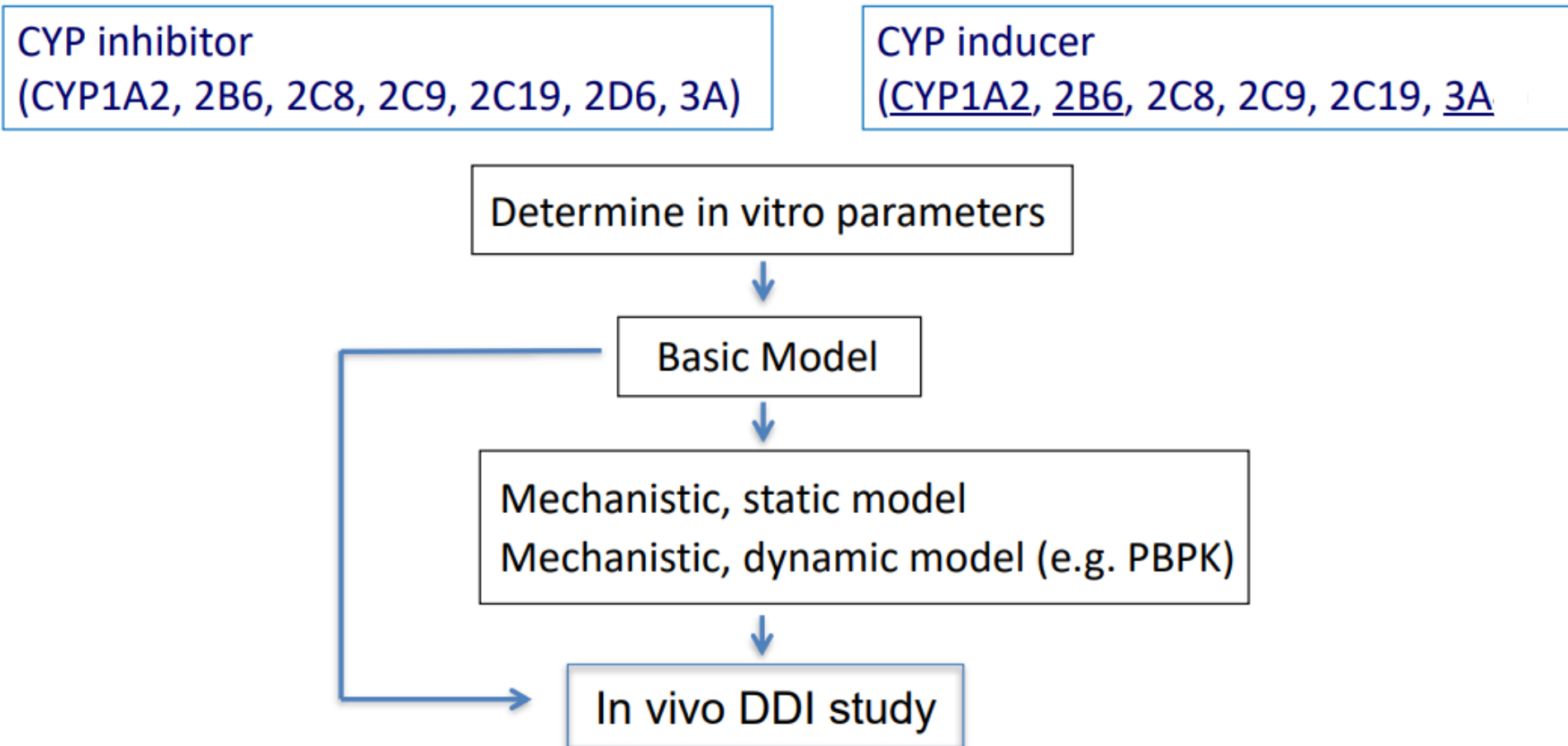
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- Basic Models
- Static Mechanistic Models
- PBPK Models (Dynamic Mechanistic models)

# Flow Scheme of Model-Guided DDI Prediction

## Example: Determine if NME is an Inhibitor or Inducer of CYPs

(New Molecular Entity/原研药)



# Basic Models for CYP Inhibitions

If the R value is above the cut-off, further evaluation of the DDI potential is needed.

## - Reversible inhibition

$R_1 = 1 + (I_{\max,u} / K_i) \geq 1.02$   $I_{\max}$ : steady-state  $C_{\max}$  of the inhibitor in plasma;  
'u' means unbound (free) drug ( $I_{\max,u} = I_{\max} \times f_{u,p}$ );  
 $K_i$  is unbound inhibition constant determined in vitro

$R_{1,\text{gut}} = 1 + (I_{\text{gut}} / K_i) \geq 1.1$  Only For CYP3A,  $R_{1,\text{gut}}$  should also be calculated;  
 $I_{\text{gut}}$ : Dose/250mL (a rough estimate of intestinal luminal concentration of inhibitor.

## - Time-dependent inhibition (TDI)

$R_2 = (k_{\text{obs}} + k_{\text{deg}}) / k_{\text{deg}} \geq 1.25$  Where  $k_{\text{obs}} = (k_{\text{inact}} \times 50 \times I_{\max,u}) / (K_i + 50 \times I_{\max,u})$

# Cut-offs Harmonization Between FDA and EMA

- Conducted analysis based on 119 clinical studies with midazolam as the substrate
- Compared different inhibitor concentrations, i.e., total C<sub>max</sub> or unbound C<sub>max</sub> as the inhibitor concentration and corresponding cut-off values

Model	Model description	Algorithm ( <i>R</i> or AUCR) and [I] definition	N <sup>a</sup>	Cutoff criteria	FN (n <sup>b</sup> )	FP (n <sup>b</sup> )	TN (n <sup>b</sup> )	TP (n <sup>b</sup> )	FNR (%)	FPR (%)	NPE (%)	PPE (%)	RMSE	GMFE
1 <sup>c</sup>	Reversible basic (FDA <sup>d</sup> )	$R = 1 + [I]/K_i$ and [I]: [I] <sub>max</sub>	117	$R > 1.1$	18	10	21	68	21	32	46.2	12.8	417	3.84
2 <sup>c</sup>	Reversible basic (EMA <sup>e</sup> )	$R = 1 + 50 \cdot [I]/K_i$ and [I]: [I] <sub>max,u</sub>	117	$R \geq 2.0$	20	8	23	66	23	26	46.5	10.8	214	4.15
3	Reversible [I] <sub>gut</sub> (FDA <sup>d</sup> and EMA <sup>e</sup> )	$R = 1 + [I]/K_i$ and [I]: [I] <sub>gut</sub> (Eq. 1)	116	$R > 11$	0	23	8	85	0	74	0	21.3	>10 <sup>5</sup>	324

- Thus, changed from  $C_{\max}/K_i \geq 0.1 \rightarrow C_{\max, \text{unbound}}/K_i \geq 0.02$  for reversible inhibitors for harmonization among regulators since prediction performance is similar.
- Also modified the criteria for TDIs from total C<sub>max</sub> to C<sub>max, unbound</sub> to align with EMA (except that [I]<sub>gut</sub> is not required).

# Evaluation Induction Potential of CYPs

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- **Correlation method (mRNA)**
  - Predicted positive criteria is defined by known positive and negative controls (e.g., relative induction score (RIS))
- **Basic kinetic model (mRNA)**  
$$R_3 = 1 / [1 + (d \times E_{max} \times 10 \times I_{max,u}) / (EC_{50} + 10 \times I_{max,u})] \leq 0.8$$
- **Enzyme Activity** was added besides mRNA.  
However, no clear recommendation on how to evaluate activity data provided. Need further evaluation.

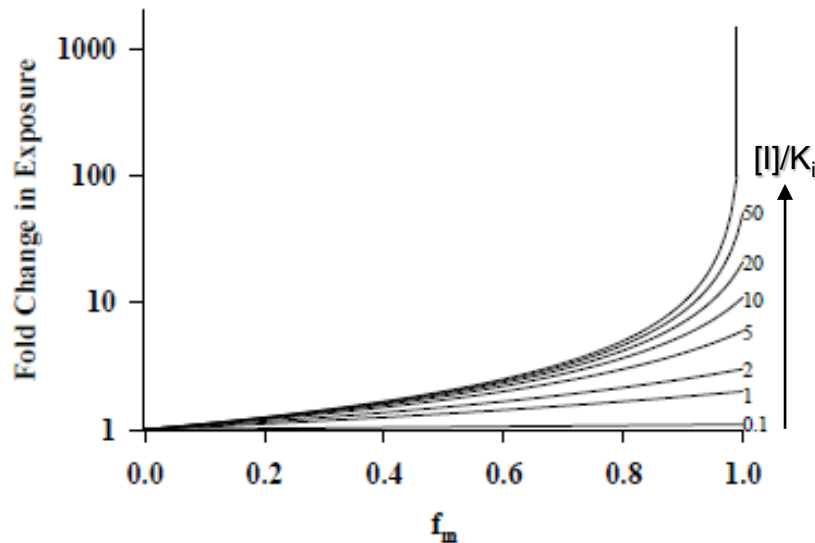


# The Fundamental of DDI: Mathematic Description of Reversible Inhibition

When Does Metabolism Affect Exposure?

暴露浓度变化倍数

$$\text{Fold Change in Exposure} = \frac{1}{\frac{f_m}{(1+[I]/K_i)} + (1-f_m)} = 1 + [I]/K_i \quad \text{When } f_m=1$$



Rowland and Matin, *J Pharmacokinet Biopharm*, 1:553-567, 1973.

$f_m$ : the fraction of total metabolism mediated by the relevant enzyme

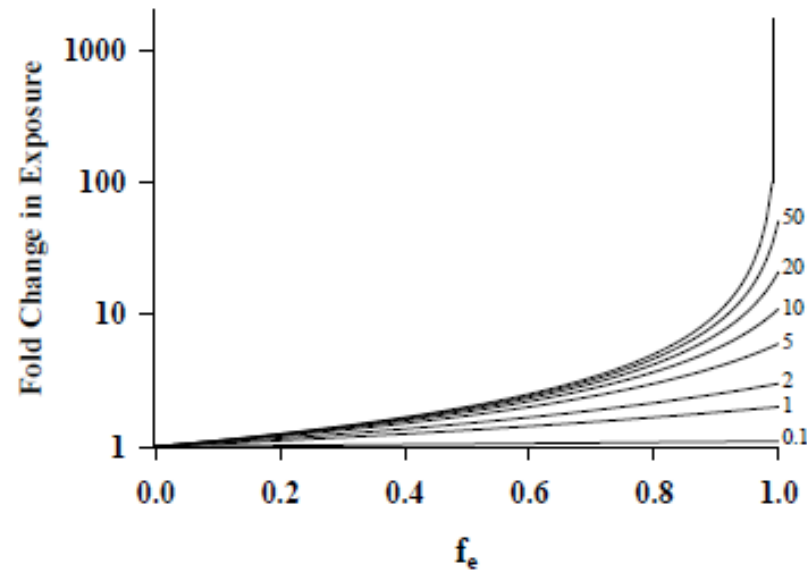
相关酶介导的代谢占总代谢的比例

Reversible Inhibition following IV administration

# Transport-mediated DDI

When Does Transport Affect Exposure?

$$\text{Fold Change in Exposure} = \frac{1}{\frac{f_e}{(1+[I]/K_i)} + (1-f_e)} = 1 + [I]/K_i \quad \text{When } f_e=1$$



Zamek-Gliszczyński *et al.*, *Drug Metab Dispos* 37: 386-390 2009

**f<sub>e</sub>: the fraction of total clearance mediated by a particular excretory transport protein**

相关转运体介导的清除率占总清除率的比例

# Basic Models for Transporter Inhibition

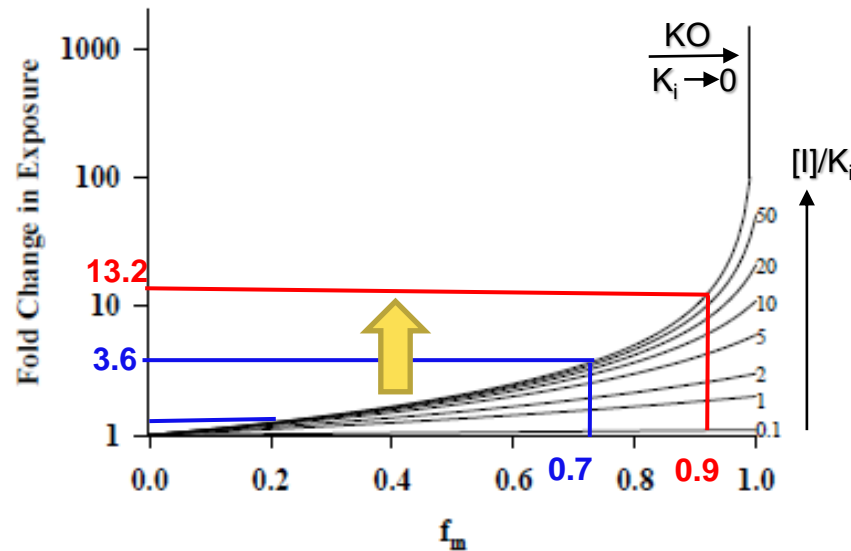
Transporters	2012 Draft guidance	2017 Draft Guidance	Final Guidance
<b>P-gp/BCRP</b>	$I_1/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$ or $I_2/IC_{50} \geq 10$	$I_2/IC_{50} \geq 10$ (for oral drugs)	Same as 2017
<b>OATP1B1/ OATP1B3</b>	Step 1: $I_{total, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$ Step 2: $I_{unbound, inlet, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.25$	$I_{unbound, inlet, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$	Same as 2017
<b>OAT1/OAT3</b>	$I_{unbound, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$	Remained the same	Same as 2017
<b>OCT2/MATE1/ MATE2-K</b>	$I_{unbound, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$ (only for OCT2)	$I_{unbound, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$ (for OCT2) or 0.02 for (MATEs newly added)	$I_{unbound, max}/IC_{50} \geq 0.1$

# Why Static Mechanistic Models?

## When Does Metabolism Affect Exposure?

=  $1 + [I]/K_i$  when  $f_m=1$

$$\text{Fold Change in Exposure} = \frac{1}{\frac{f_m}{(1+[I]/K_i)} + (1-f_m)} = \frac{1}{(1-f_m)} \quad \text{When in KO}$$



Rowland and Matin, *J Pharmacokinetic Biopharm*, 1:553-567, 1973.

$f_m$ : the fraction of total clearance mediated by the relevant enzyme

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# Static Mechanistic Models

暴露浓度变化倍数

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

The equation assumes that the drug has negligible extrahepatic clearance.

**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 hepatic 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	$C_g = 1 + \frac{d \cdot E_{max} \cdot [I]_g}{[I]_g + EC_{50}}$	$C_h = 1 + \frac{d \cdot E_{max} \cdot [I]_h}{[I]_h + EC_{50}}$

# Static Mechanistic Models

H: Hepatic

G: Gut

Fold Change in Exposure

$$\frac{AUC'_{po}}{AUC_{po}} = \left( \frac{1}{[A_H \times B_H \times C_H] \times f_m + (1 - f_m)} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{[A_G \times B_G \times C_G] \times (1 - F_G) + F_G} \right)$$

$$A = \left( \frac{k_{deg}}{k_{deg} + \frac{[I] \times k_{inact}}{[I] + K_i}} \right)$$

inactivation (TDI)

$$B = 1 + \frac{d \times E_{max} \times [I]}{[I] + EC_{50}}$$

induction

$$C = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}}$$

reversible inhibition

Incorporates:

- $f_m$  (fraction of victim drug metabolized by the affected enzyme)
- $F_G$  for CYP3A (fraction of the victim drug escaping first pass metabolism in the gut)
- Inactivation, induction, and reversible inhibition equations

Deg: 降解

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逃过首过代谢的比例

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$$\text{Fold Change in Exposure} = \frac{1}{\frac{f_m}{(1 + [I]/K_i)} + (1 - f_m)}$$

# Terminology

## FDA(2020)

- Based on the effect on a sensitive index CYP substrate
  - strong inhibitor: increases the AUC  $\geq$  5-fold
  - moderate inhibitor: increases the AUC  $\geq$  2- to  $<$  5-fold
  - weak inhibitor: increases the AUC  $\geq$  1.25- to  $<$  2-fold
  
  - strong inducer: decreases the AUC  $\geq$  80 percent
  - moderate inducer: decreases the AUC  $\geq$  50 to  $<$  80 percent
  - weak inducer: decreases the AUC  $\geq$  20 to  $<$  50 percent
- Based on the effect of a strong index inhibitor
  - sensitive substrate: AUC is increased  $\geq$  5-fold
  - moderate sensitive substrate: AUC is increased  $\geq$  2- to  $<$  5-fold

## EMA(2013)

same

– **Weak inducer: decreases the AUC  $<$  50%**

same

# Sensitive index substrates

- Selected based on systematic review of clinical DDI studies between FDA recommended index perpetrators and sensitive substrates
- Sensitive index substrates:
  - CYP1A2: caffeine, tizanidine
  - CYP2C8: repaglinide
  - CYP2C9: S-warfarin, tolbutamide (both are moderately sensitive substrates)
  - CYP2C19: omeprazole, lansoprazole
  - CYP2D6: desipramine, dextromethorphan, nebivolol
  - CYP3A: midazolam, triazolam
- Note- there are caveats for some of the substrates (explained on the website)

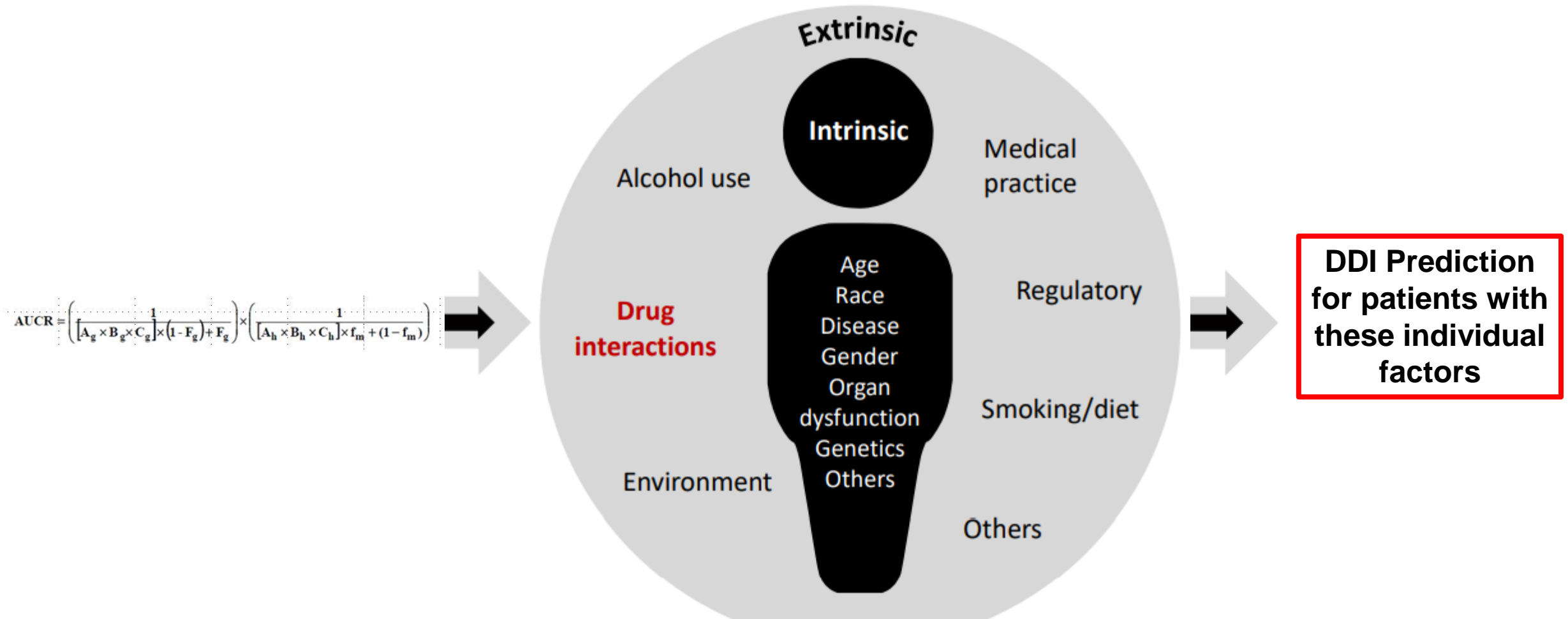
<http://www.fda.gov/drugs/developmentapprovalprocess/developmentresources/druginteractionslabeling/ucm080499.htm>  
 (FDA Drug Development and Drug Interaction page)



# Input parameters that can be standardized

- $fm_{CYP}$  and  $F_G$  for common CYP3A victim drugs (input values we chose to use for this evaluation)
  - Midazolam
    - $fm_{CYP}$  range 0.86-0.94 (used 0.90)
    - $F_G$  point estimate 0.5
  - Alprazolam
    - $fm_{CYP}$  0.8
    - $F_G$  0.94
  - Nifedipine
    - $fm_{CYP}$  0.71
    - $F_G$  0.78
  - Simvastatin
    - $fm_{CYP}$  0.92
    - $F_G$  0.58
- $k_{deg}$  CYP3A
  - Hepatic
    - $k_{deg}$  0.02/h ( $t_{1/2}$  36h)
  - Intestinal
    - $k_{deg}$  0.03/h

# Factors Affecting Drug Exposure



Adapted from: Huang S-M, Temple R, Clin Pharmacol Ther 84: 287-294, 2008

FDA Clinical Pharmacology guidance documents:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm064982.htm>

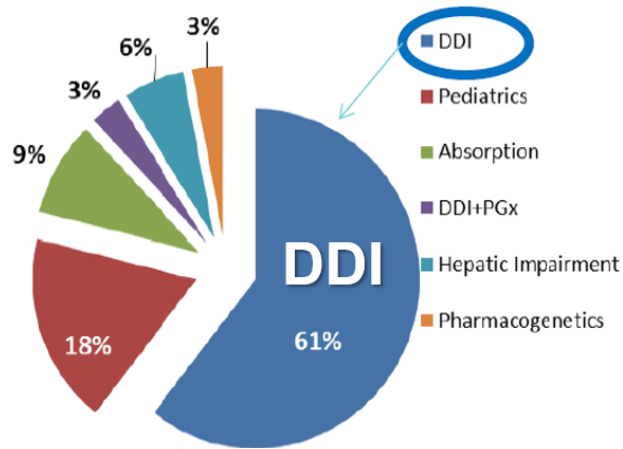
# PBPK Regulatory Application

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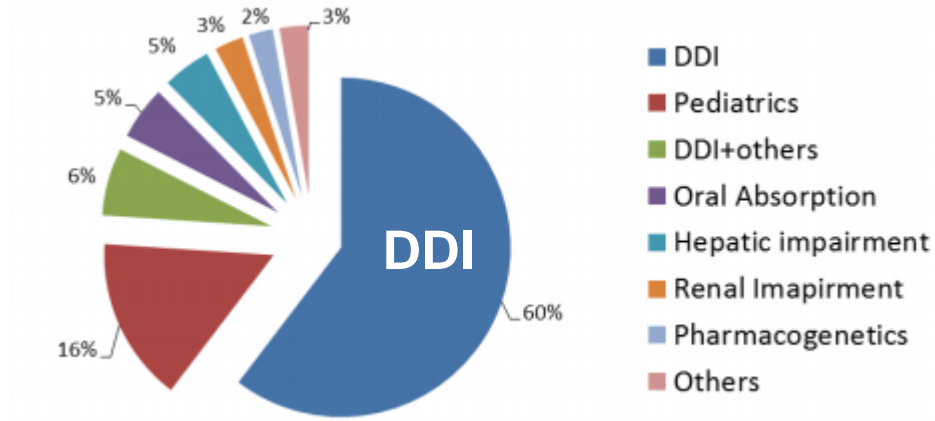
- Physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models can replace some clinical studies
- Examples:
  - Impact of weak and moderate CYP2D6 and 3A4 inhibitors
  - Impact of weak and moderate CYP3A4 inducers
- Verify model by comparing clinical and PBPK evaluation: effect of strong perpetrator
- An evolving science
  - New uses are being considered

# By Sponsors, How is PBPK Being Utilized?

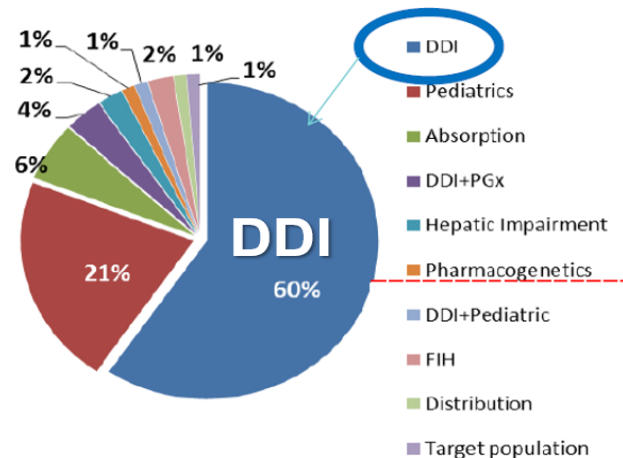
Cumulative as of 2012  
(n=33) ←



Cumulative as of Aug 1, 2016  
(n=217) ←



Cumulative as of 2013  
(n=84) ←



- Majority related to DDIs (~60%)
- Increased use of PBPK by Sponsor

# Case Study I: Odomzo PBPK Study

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- Sonidegib capsules (Odomzo)- treatment of locally advanced basal cell carcinoma
- CYP3A substrate
- Clinical DDI studies were conducted with strong CYP3A inhibitor (ketoconazole) and strong CYP3A inducer (rifampin)
  - with ketoconazole- AUC increased 2.2x; Cmax increased 1.5x
  - with rifampin- AUC decreased 72%; Cmax decreased 54%

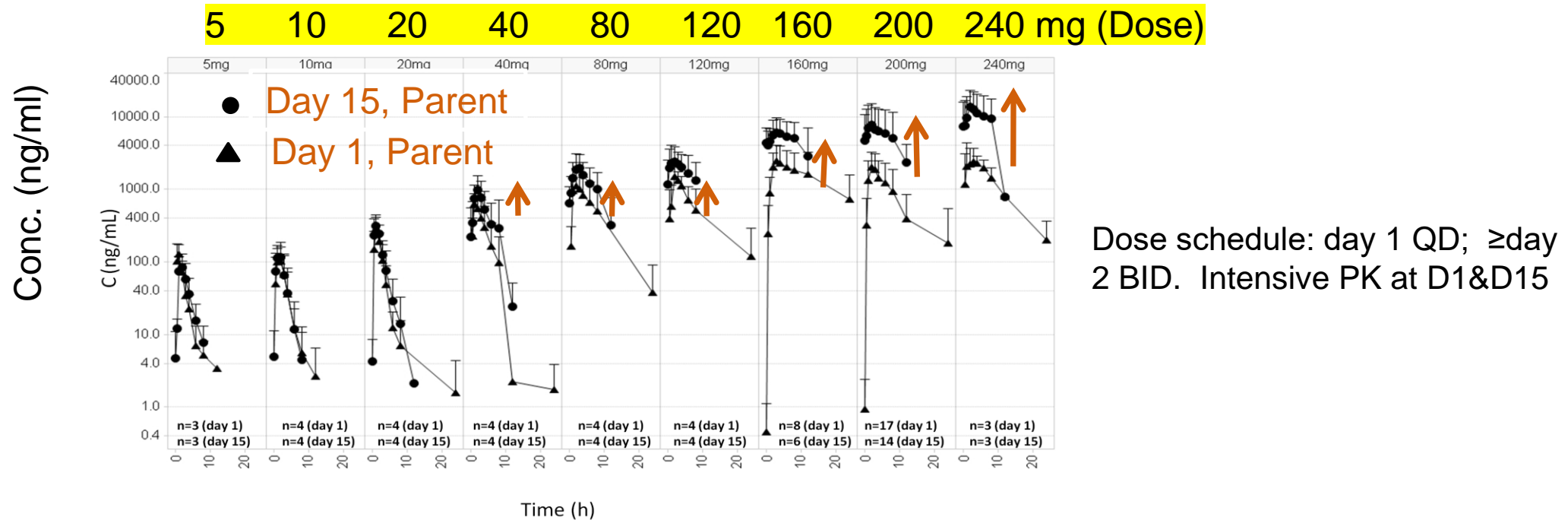
# Case Study I: Odomzo PBPK Study

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- Sonidegib, continued
- Clinical DDI studies were conducted with strong CYP3A inhibitor (ketoconazole) and strong CYP3A inducer (rifampin)
  - With keto- AUC increased 2.2x; Cmax increased 1.5x
  - With rif- AUC decreased 72%; Cmax decreased 54%
- PBPK
  - With moderate inhibitor (erythromycin)- AUC would increase 1.8x (14d) and 2.8x (4 months)
  - With moderate inducer (efavirenz)- AUC would decrease 56% (14d) and 69% (4 months)

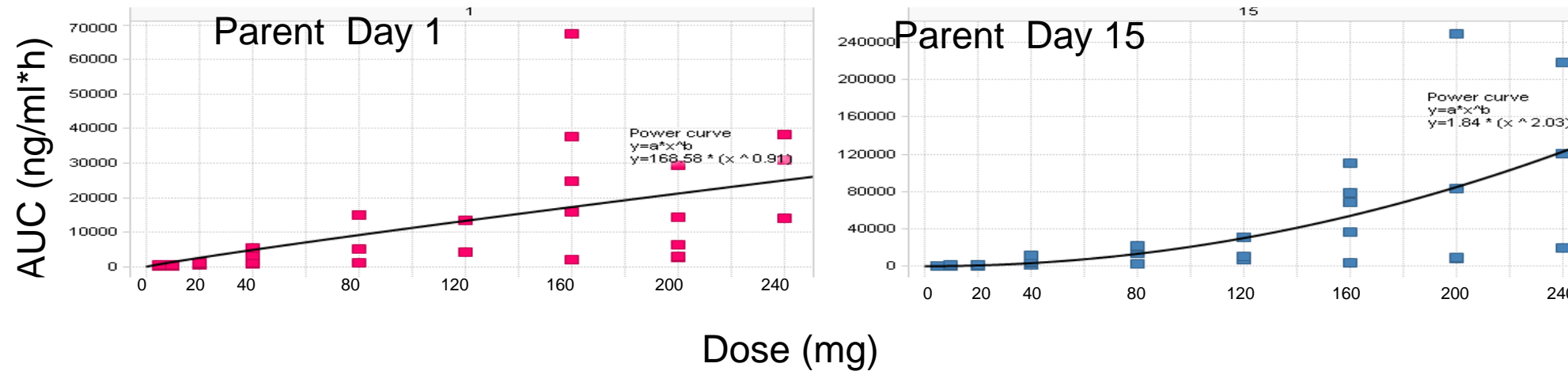
# Case Study II: BMS-911543 Concentration Time Profiles

Issue: dose- and time-dependent non-linear pharmacokinetics



	5-20 mg	40-120 mg	160-200 mg
$t_{1/2}$ Day 1	2-3 h	~3 h	5-6 h
$t_{1/2}$ Day 15	2-3 h	8.3-9.3 h	11-17 h
Accumulation Index on Day 15	1	2	3-6

# BMS-911543 Exposure vs. Dose



## Dose- and Time- dependency

- ◆ AUC approximately dose-proportional on day 1
- ◆ AUC greater than dose-proportional on day 15



# Auto time-dependent inhibition?

## Prior knowledge on TDI:

CYP3A4 ( $K_i = 11.2 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $k_{\text{inact}} = 4.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ); CYP1A2 minimal

$F_{m,\text{CYP}}$ :

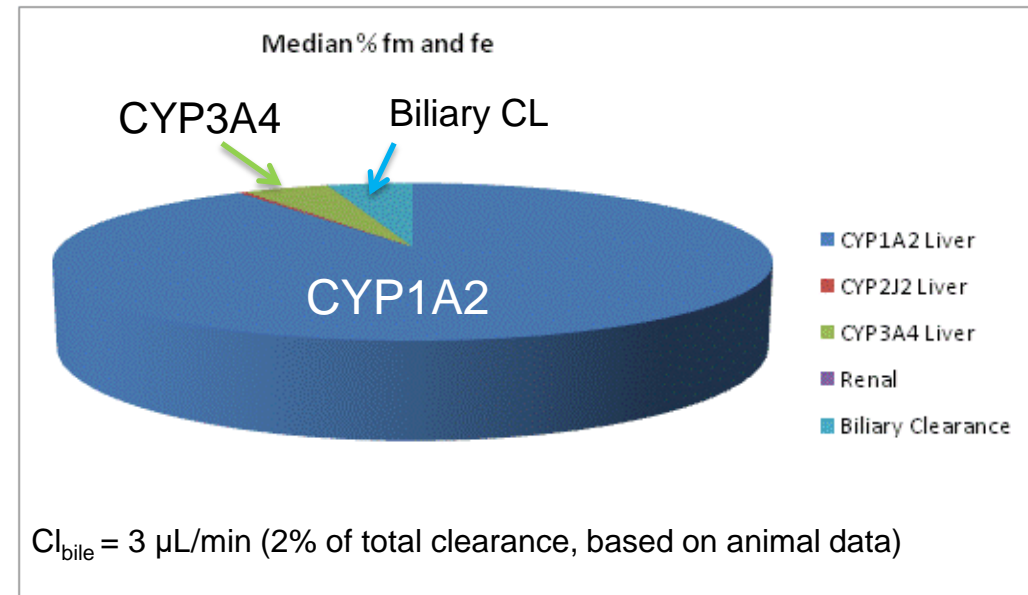
CYP3A4 = 0.7%;

CYP1A2 = 96%

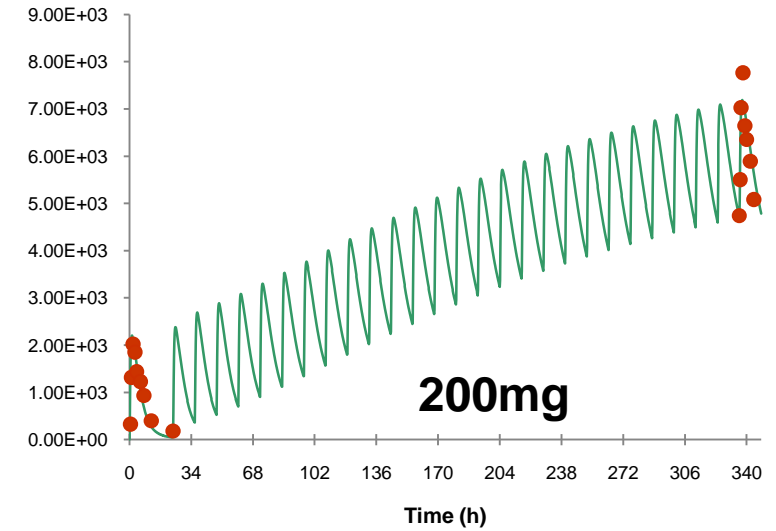
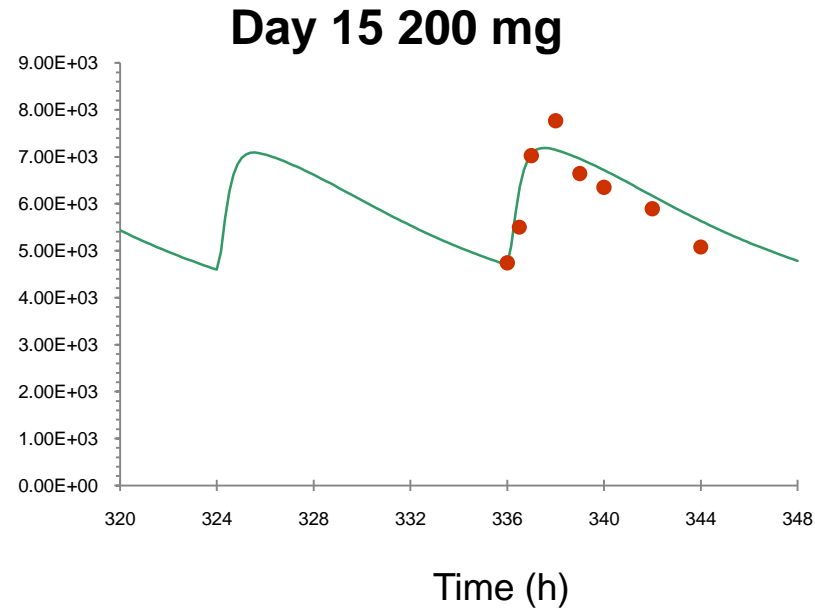
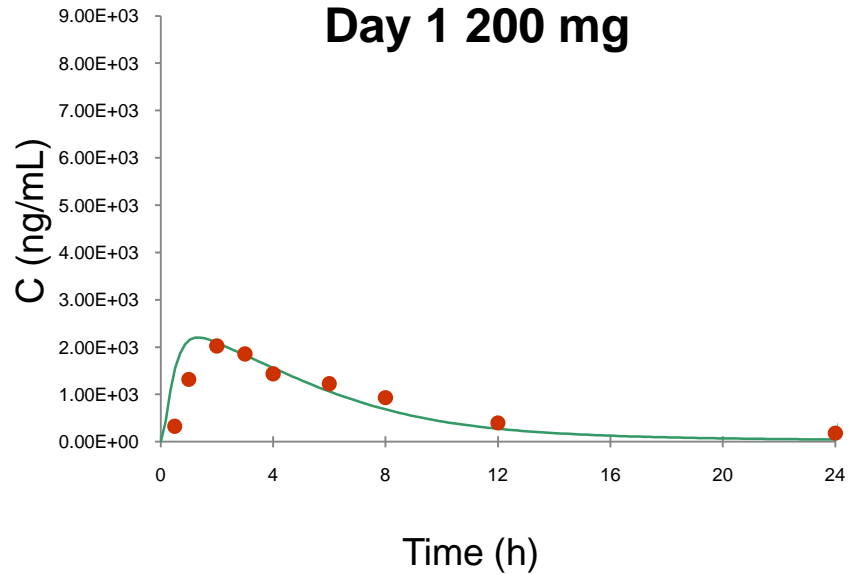
“What if” question:

What if compound produced  
TDI on CYP1A2?

(Reverse translation)



# Observed vs. Simulated Mean Plasma Profiles after Incorporation of TDI on CYP1A2



- Green lines: Mean of all trials
- Observed clinical mean concentrations

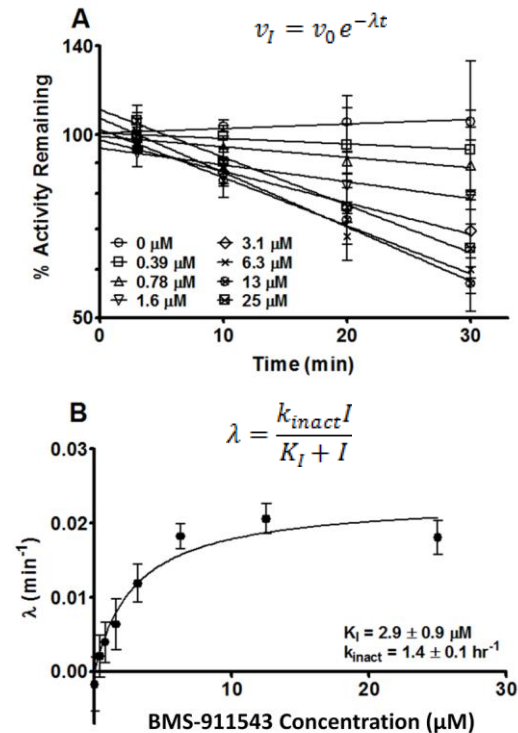
# Updating the Model: Time-dependent Inhibitory Effects of BMS-911543

## Experiment condition:

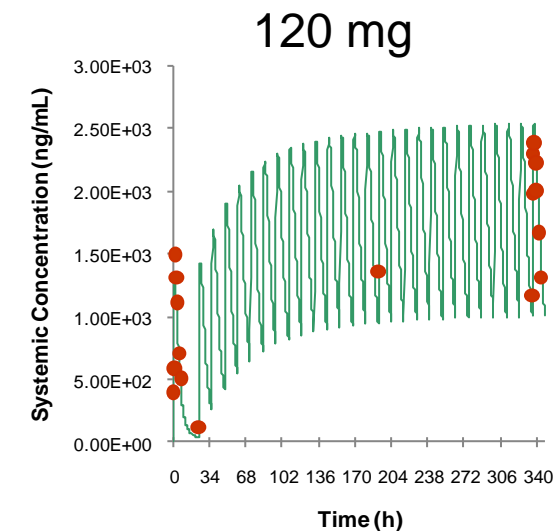
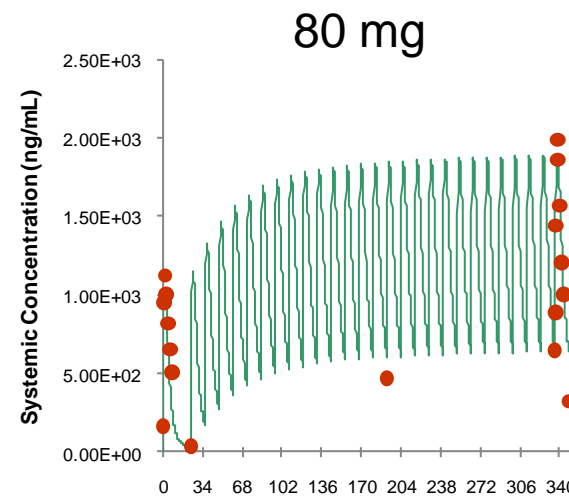
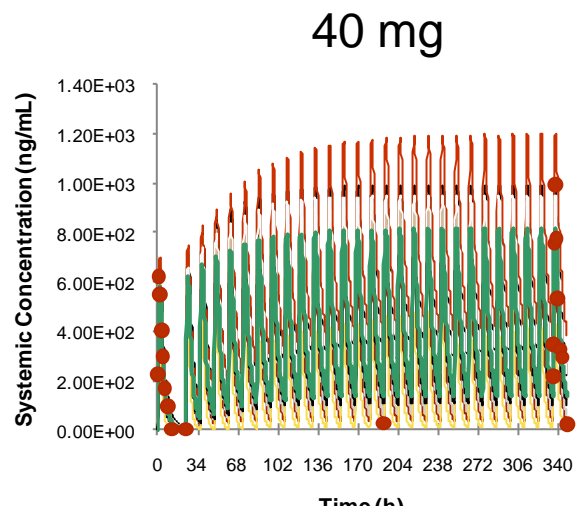
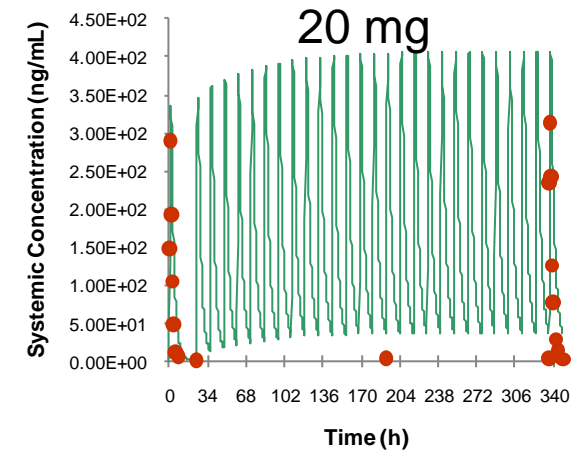
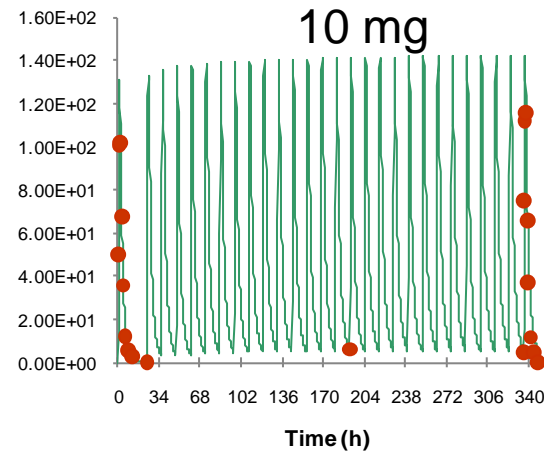
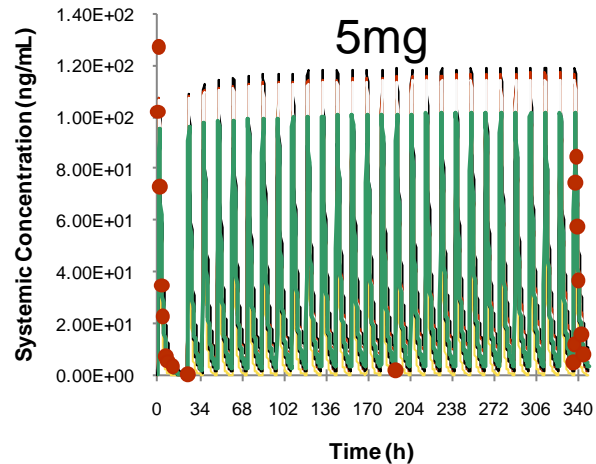
- ◆ In vitro model: human liver microsomes
- ◆ CYP1A2 probe substrate: phenacetin
- ◆ BMS-911543 concentrations: 0-25  $\mu\text{M}$
- ◆ Incubation time: 3, 10, 20, 30 min without phenacetin followed by 13.5 min incubation with phenacetin
- ◆ Monitor: formation of acetaminophen

## Results:

- ◆ The concentration associated with half maximum rate of inactivation  $K_I = 2.9 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{M}$
- ◆ The maximum rate of enzyme inactivation  $K_{\text{inact}} = 1.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ h}^{-1}$



# Observed vs. Simulated Mean Plasma Profiles



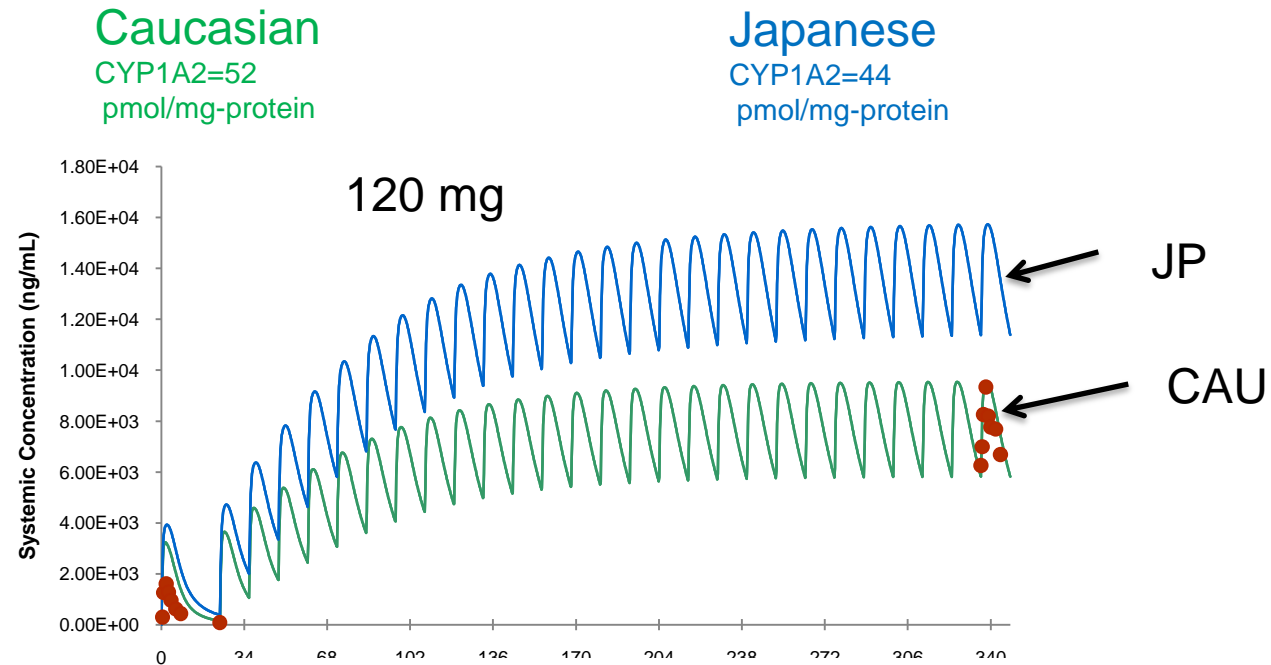
Red lines: Mean of individual trials (10 trials with 10 subjects each, total 100 subjects)

Green lines: Mean of all trials

●: Observed clinical mean concentrations

L. Zhou et al., *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics: Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology* 4: 286 (2015)  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/psp4.35/full>

# Predicted Plasma Profiles in Japanese



	AUC (TAU, Mean), ng*h/ml Simulated (Observed) at 120 mg D15
<b>Caucasian</b>	19900 (19538)
<b>Japanese</b>	39600

**Indicates the need for dosage adjustments due to safety concerns**

# Evaluating the DDI potential of Metabolites

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# DDI Potential of Metabolites

## FDA (2020)

### For CYPs

- **As a substrate:** for metabolites with safety concern or significantly contributing to overall efficacy (estimated based on potency, protein binding, tissue distribution of metabolites relative to parent): **Metabolite  $\geq 50\%$  of the overall activity**
- **As an inhibitor:**
  - for metabolites more polar than parent:  $AUC_{\text{metabolite}} \geq AUC_{\text{parent}}$
  - for metabolites less polar than parent:  $AUC_{\text{metabolite}} \geq 25\% \times AUC_{\text{parent}}$
  - for metabolite that acts as time-dependent inhibitor (TDI), consider a lower exposure than parent (**removed the cut-off compared to version 2017**)

Exposure comparison based on **Molar units!**

### No need to do in vitro study for metabolites

- If clinical DDI study to be done for parent

### For transporters, may be considered

## EMA (2013)

### For CYPs

- **Phase I metabolites with an AUC greater than 25% of parent and 10% of the total AUC of drug-related substances**

# Low Risk of CYP Inhibition Caused by a Metabolite Alone

## **IQ Group (137 most frequently prescribed drugs, from 18 Pharma)**

### ◆ **R<sub>met</sub> strategy (Pfizer)**

– **C<sub>max, metabolite</sub> / K<sub>i, metabolite</sub>**, where **K<sub>i, metabolite</sub> = 0.25 K<sub>i, parent</sub>**

### ◆ **Structure alerts**

- Alkene (烯烃)
- Alkyne (炔烃)
- Hydrozine (ABT) (羟嗪)
- Cyclopropylamine (环丙胺)
- Dihaloalkane (二卤代烷)
- Furan (呋喃)
- Thiophene (噻吩)
- Phenol and aminophenol (苯酚和氨基苯酚)



# ALDEHYDE OXIDASE (AO, 2020 NEW) CARBOXYLESTERASE (CES, 2020 NEW)

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醛氧化酶  
羧酸酯酶

# Carboxylesterases (CES)

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# Questions?

