

### Application of a PBPK model to support dose selection in special populations - Bilastine as a case example

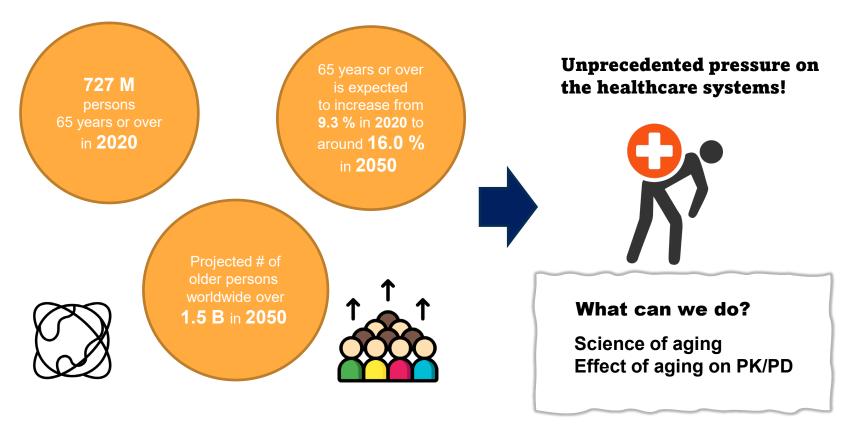
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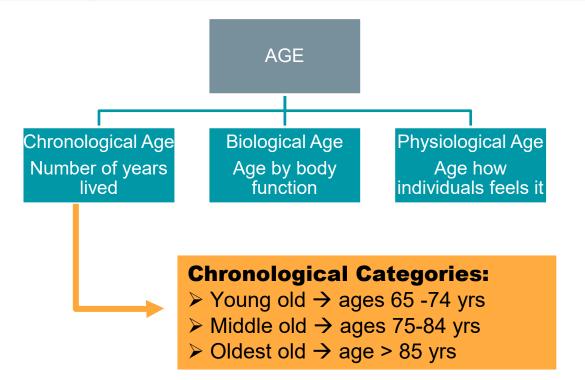
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### Global perspective population aging

Intro

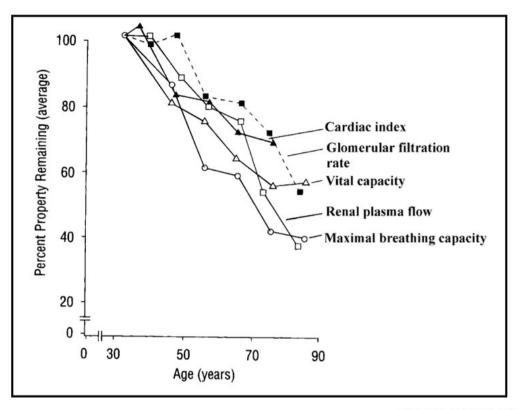


### Intro Age clasification older adults



#### Intro

#### Physiological functions and age



Rowland & Tozer, 1995

#### Effect of physiological changes on PK processes in the elderly



#### Absorption

- -Increase gastric pH
- Delayed gastric emptying
  - Decreased splanchnic blood flow
  - Decreased intestinal motility
- First pass effect usually reduced

Distribution

- Decreased TBW

Decreased serum albumin



#### **Renal Elimination**

**Metabolism** 

- Decreased liver mass

Decreased hepatic blow flow

Decreased Phase I oxidative

metabolism

- Unaltered phase II

metabolism (Conjugation &

Acetylation)

- Decreased creatinine clearance
  - Decreased GFR
  - Decreased tubular filtration

**Need of dedicated formulations** 

Possible dose adjustments needed due to PK/PD/response/AE changes in older adults

Possible dose adjustments needed due to DDI

Possible dose adjustments needed due to comorbities/D-disease interactions

Heterogenous population

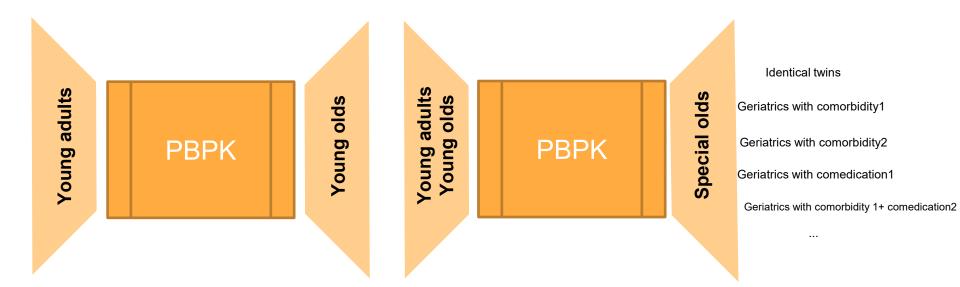
**Under-representation in CT** 

#### **Pediatric vs Geriatrics Pharmacology**

#### Aging functions?? Physiologically based PK/PD modeling

Allometric scaling Maturation functions Physiologically based PK/PD modeling

### Intro PBPK modeling can support DD for older adults



Generate information to support dosing information in under-studied groups in CT Unrealistic to study all possible scenarios in CT

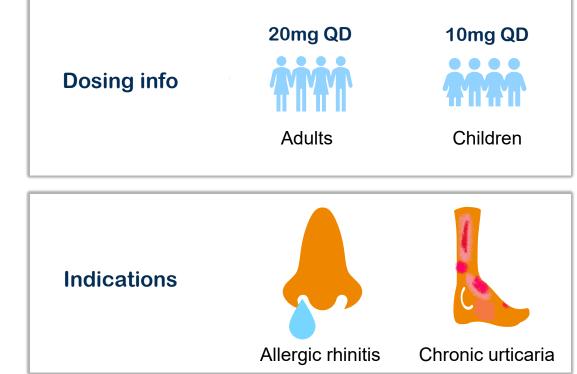


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Young adults DDIs	PEAR Physiology      File Legacy Options      New PEAR Physiology      Pepulation:    American      Population:    American      Gender:    Made      Health Statu:    Healthy      Age:    year    30      Weight [kg]:    553    OverWvt      BMI [kg/m <sup>2</sup> 2]:    224773    234      C0 [mL/s]:    106.3799	Image: Construction of the state of the	Older olds Older olds + RI Older olds + Comeds
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### Background Bilastine is an antihistamine drug used world widely





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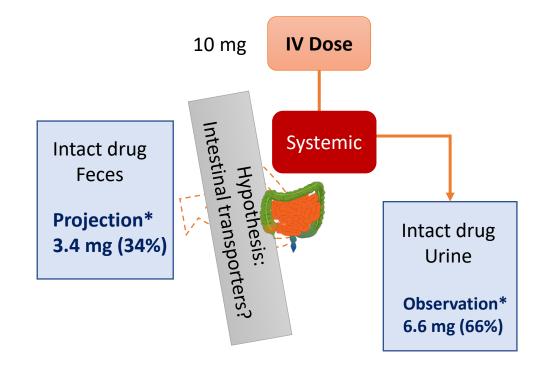
### Bilastine shows unique pharmacokinetic (PK) properties

#### **Absorption & Distribution**

- Known interaction with P-gp
- Less likely to cross blood brain barrier → less sedation

#### **Metabolism & Elimination**

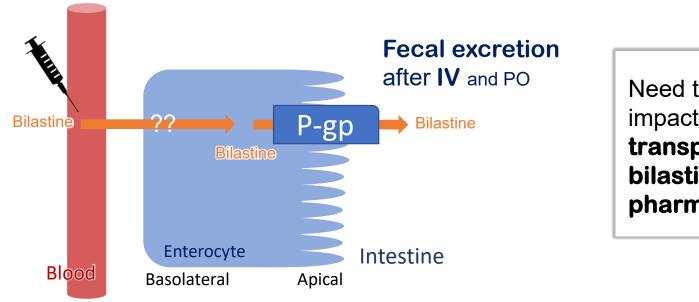
- Not significantly metabolized
  → excreted unchanged form
- No accumulation
- Neither hepatic enzyme inducer nor inhibitor



#### \* Oral bioavailability study : urine excretion collected

#### **Unmet need**

Insufficient mechanistical understanding of intestinal transporter's role on bilastine's PK

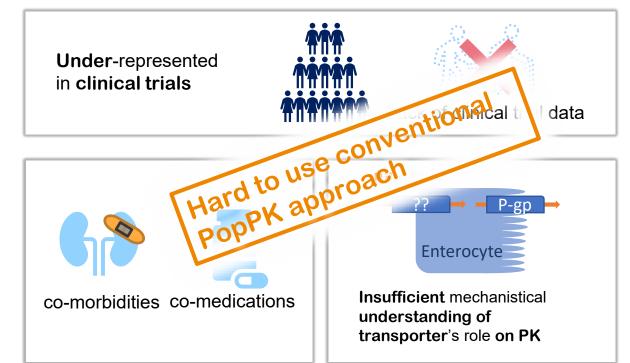


Need to evaluate the impact of **intestinal transporters** on **bilastine's pharmacokinetics** 

#### **Unmet need**

#### What is an appropriate dose for geriatrics?

#### Challenges



Why important?

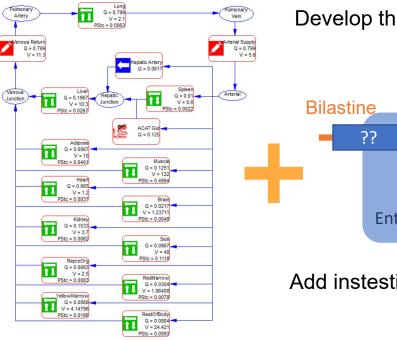
Geriatrics

**Non-sedating** feature and **reduced risk of DDI** may be more **beneficial/appealing** to geriatrics

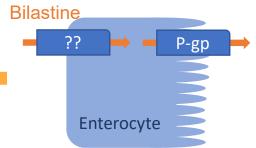
#### How to solve

# Developing full PBPK model considering intestinal transporters

**Full PBPK** 



#### Develop the model in healthy adults

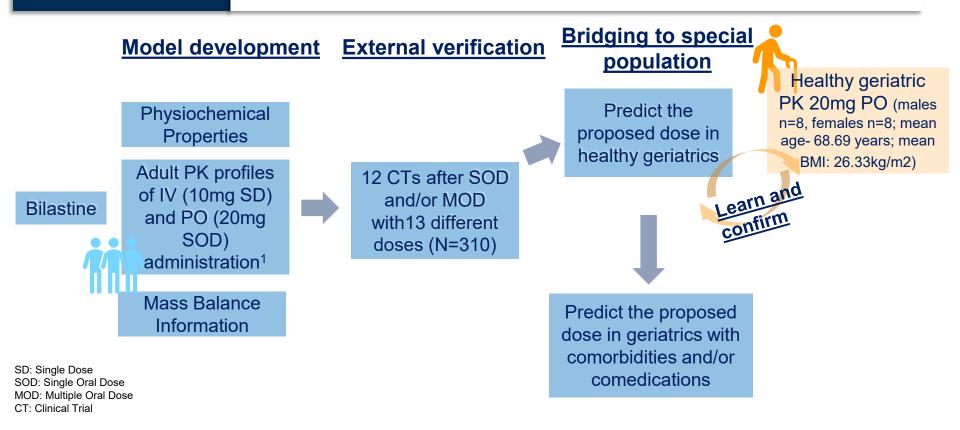


#### Add instestinal transporters

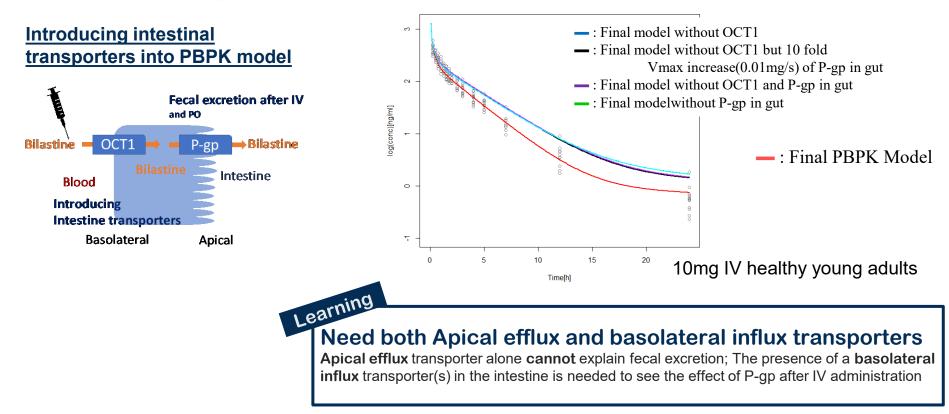
Software: GastroPlus 9.6

#### How to solve

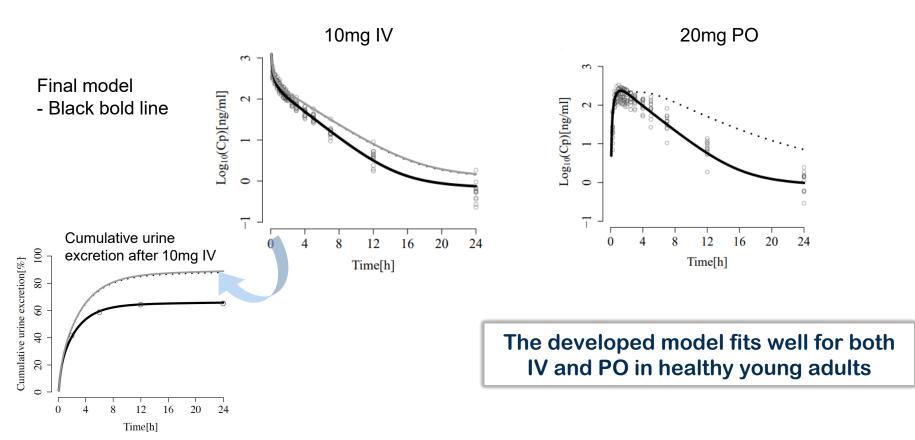
#### Developing full PBPK model in healthy geriatrics - Workflow



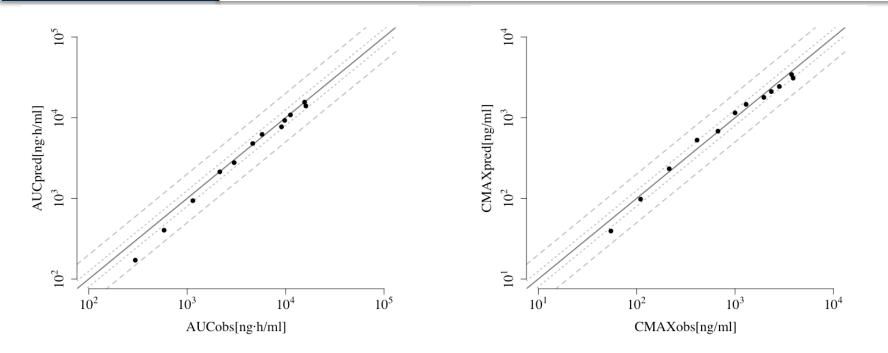
#### Bilastine PBPK model in healthy young adults - Need both apical and basolateral transpoerters



#### Bilastine PBPK model in healthy young adults - Final model



#### Bilastine PBPK model in healthy young adults - Verification with different dose



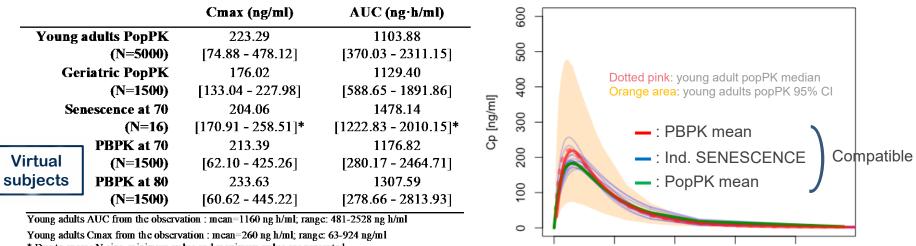
5mg 10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 50mg, 80mg, 100mg, 120mg, 140mg, 160mg, 200mg, 220mg; dotted line-1.25 fold range; dashed line- 2 fold range Note- 5mg was different formulation

# Create geriatric virtual subject using PEAR physiology

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#### Healthy geriatrics need no dose adjustment – go with 20mg QD

#### Models' PK prediction for 20mg QD dose



\* Due to sparse N size, minimum value and maximum value are presented

Similar exposure with young adults

Learning No need of dose adjustment in geriatrics

At mean age of 68 (from CTs)

5

0

10

Time [h]

15

20

#### Advantages

#### **PBPK** has various advantages

	Classical PK modeling	PBPK model	
	Data Driven	Mechanism centric	
Central	Simple structure, less computational burden	Complicated structure Require high computational power	
Peripheral	Mostly systemic exposure only	Systemic + organ specific exposure	
	Limited extrapolation	Various extrapolation	📩 🖍 🏠 …
	Test hypothesis	Test + generate hypothesis	
		Integrating drug related properties	2
			CTs: clinical trials

# Ongoing works DDI, renal impairments

#### Dose for geriatrics with comorbidities?

#### Labeling information of bilastine in renal impairment:

Studies conducted in adults in special risk groups (renally impaired patients) indicate that it is not necessary to adjust the dose of bilastine in adults.

In a study in subjects with renal impairment the mean (SD) AUC0- $\infty$  increased from 737.4 (± 260.8) ng x hr/mL in subjects without impairment (GFR: > 80 mL/min/1.73 m2) to: 967.4 (± 140.2) ng x hr/mL in subjects with mild impairment (GFR: 50-80 mL/min/1.73 m2), 1384.2 (± 263.23) ng x hr/mL in subjects with moderate impairment (GFR: 30 - <50 mL/min/1.73 m2), and 1708.5 (± 699.0) ng x hr/mL in subjects with severe impairment (GFR: < 30 mL/min/1.73 m2). Mean (SD) half-life of bilastine was 9.3 h (± 2.8) in subjects without impairment, 15.1 h (± 7.7) in subjects with mild impairment, 10.5 h (± 2.3) in subjects with moderate impairment and 18.4 h (± 11.4) in subjects with severe impairment. Urinary excretion of bilastine was essentially complete after 48 -72 h in all subjects. These pharmacokinetic changes are not expected to have a clinically relevant influence on the safety of bilastine, since bilastine plasma levels in patients with renal impairment are still within the safety range of bilastine.

#### What this study adds

- 1) Identification of those physiological processes playing a more important role in bilastine plasma exposure in patients with renal impairment
- 2) Confirm that no dose adjustments are needed in patients with RI in order to verify the predictive capacity of the model and the validity of the physiologically based assumptions

## Study Design and Population



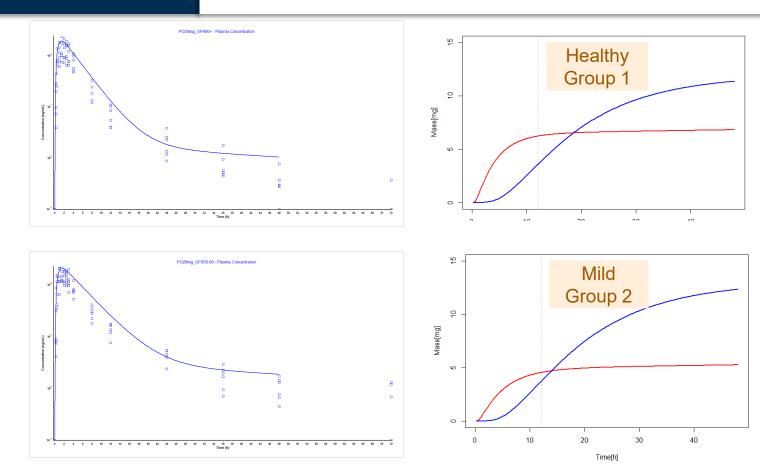


Baseline characteristics	Group 1 Healthy	Group 2 Mild	Group 3 Moderate	Group 4 Severe
N	N=6	N=6	N=6	N=6
GFR (ml/min); Mean± <b>SD</b>	110.0±13.0 8	63.33±7.84	32.17±6.80	20.00±6.69
Age (years)	65.7±1.97	71.2±5.42	71.3±4.63	65.0±14.63
Sex				
Male	5	5	5	4
Female	1	1	1	2

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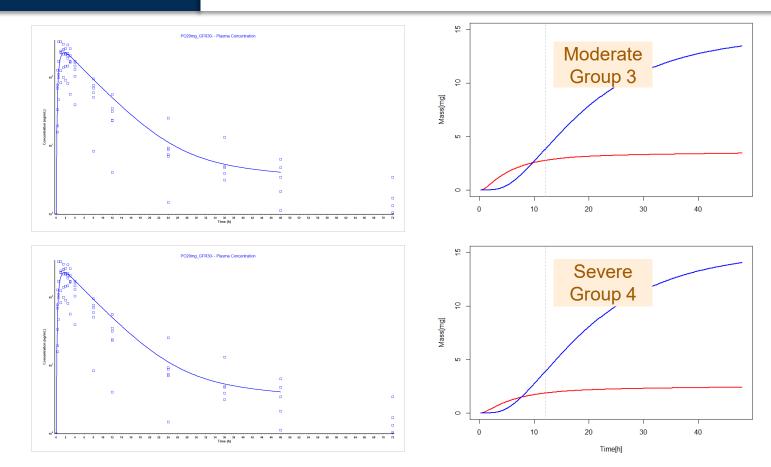
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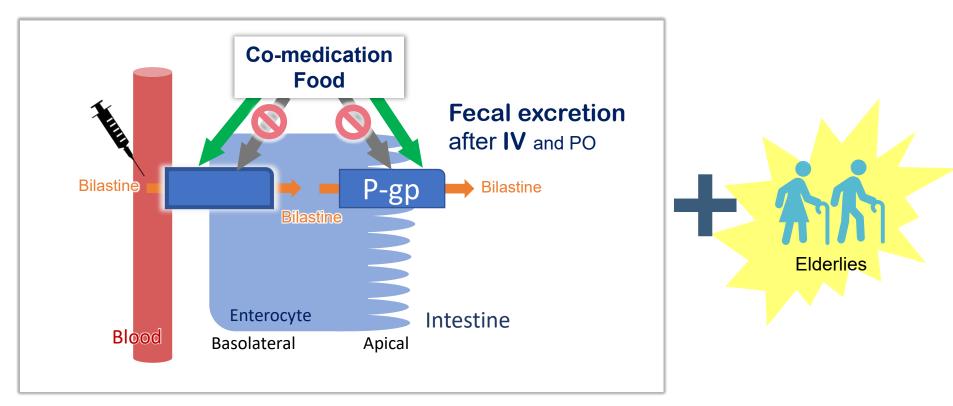
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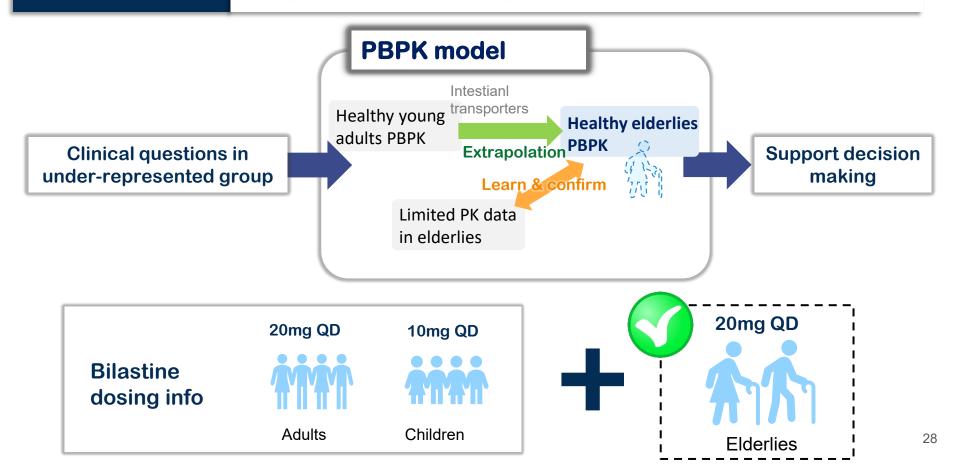
#### Future directions

#### **Eveluate drug-drug interactions in geriatrics**



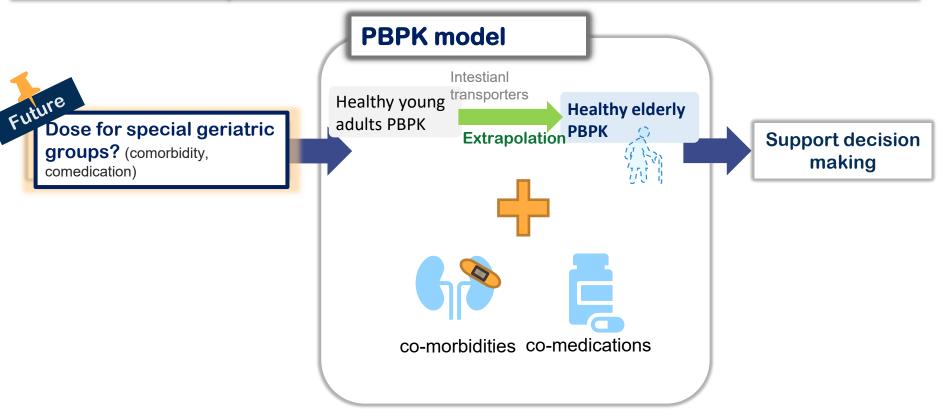
#### Conclusion

# **PBPK** model confirmed that there is no need of dose adjustment for healthy elderies



#### **Next steps**

# Expand the PBPK model for other special populations



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# BACKUP

#### Bilastine PBPK model assumptions

Senescence			
Main assumptions	Justification	Approach to assess the impact	Conclusion
Changes in the PK as a consequence of aging related changes in albumin, GFR, CO, TBW and TBF F mean in young subjects similar to that in older adults	Known processes involved in bilastine's PK that was also successfully used previously for pediatrics	Comparison of individual parameters predicted with the senescence model compared to EBE from a PopPK model	Individual predictions within the two-fold and less than 30% prediction error in the case of mean parameters (Senescence vs. geriatric popPK). The equation used to predict bilastine CL successfully tested CLr in patients with renal dysfunction <sup>22</sup> . Miss- predictions on CL/F attributable to 1) use of mean F from young adults, and 2) possible changes in F with aging not considered in the model.
PBPK			
Main assumptions	Justification	Approach to assess the impact	Conclusion
Apical and basolateral transporters involved in bilastine secretion and absorption	Only 66% of the drug recovered in urine after iv but CLr is the main elimination pathway <sup>19</sup> . Amount recovered in urine after oral: ~42% <sup>19</sup> DDI and in vitro studies evidenced the influence of transporters at an intestinal level	Compare predictions and observations before and after the inclusion of transporters for iv and oral. Comparison with the mass balance results.	Apical and basolateral transporters needed to predict bilastine PK profile after iv and po administration After iv administration, only 74 % of the drug predicted to be systemically available (in line with observed 66% recovery in urine) and the rest secreted to the GI track by active transporters. After po, only about 42.3% predicted to be systemically available; and 40% recovered in urine. This is in line with drug's renal CL and amount recovered in urine in the BA study (42%) <sup>10</sup> . These results are also in line with the radio- labelled mass balance study <sup>20</sup> . Bilastine is eliminated by renal filtration in the kidneys Decrease in renal CL in subjects with renal impairment was proportional to the decrease in the GFR
Renal CL main route of elimination of bilastine	Mass balance study <sup>19,20</sup>	Comparison of urine recovery in the mass balance studies with the PBPK mass balance	Bilastine plasma concentrations were well predicted in geriatric subjects without the inclusion of aging related changes on drug transporters
No impact of aging on drug transporters	Not enough evidence to inform possible changes	Application of the model to predict the PK in older subjects and comparison with observations	

# Use of a **PBPK** Model to Enhance the Mechanistic Understanding of Bilastine's PK in special population

#### What is known/background

- **Bilastine** is an antihistamine drug approved in EU, Canada and Asia in patients  $\geq 12$  years for the treatment of allergic disorders such as rhinoconjunctivitis and urticaria.
- In Europe, it is also approved for patients who are  $\geq 6$  years of age.
- Bilastine PK has been widely studied. However, the **influence** of efflux and influx **transporters** on Bilastine's PK is still **under-investigated**.

### What is unmet need/What will this study add

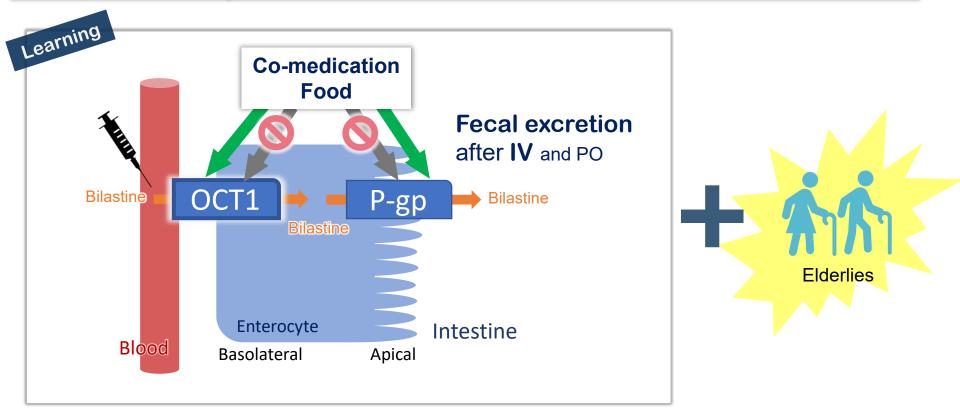
- To provide a enhanced **mechanistic understanding** of the balance between influx and efflux **transporters** that play a role in **Bilastine absorption/elimination** through the use of **PBPK model**.
- To use the model to **bridge the PK knowledge to special populations**:
  - Children (2 to <12 years): 1) Children  $\geq$  6 years, where information exists from the pediatric indication and then 2) Extrapolate to children down to 2 years.
  - Elderlies ( $\geq$  65 years) and patients with renal impairment (mild to severe)

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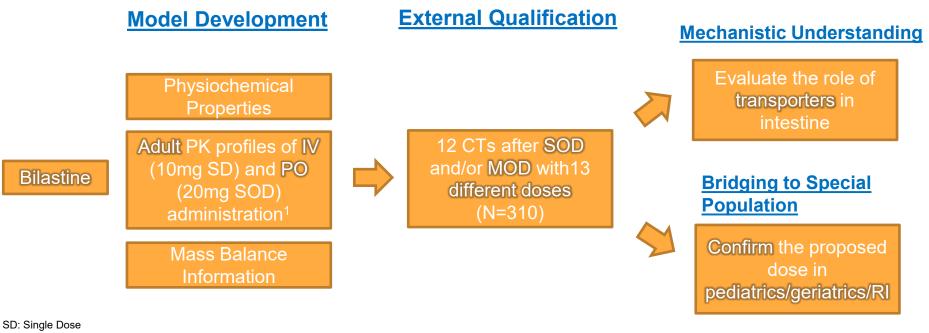
#### Learning from PBPK

#### **Transporters** are involved on **PK**

- support evaluation of **DDIs** (e.g. grapefruit juice)



### **PBPK Model Development Working Flow**

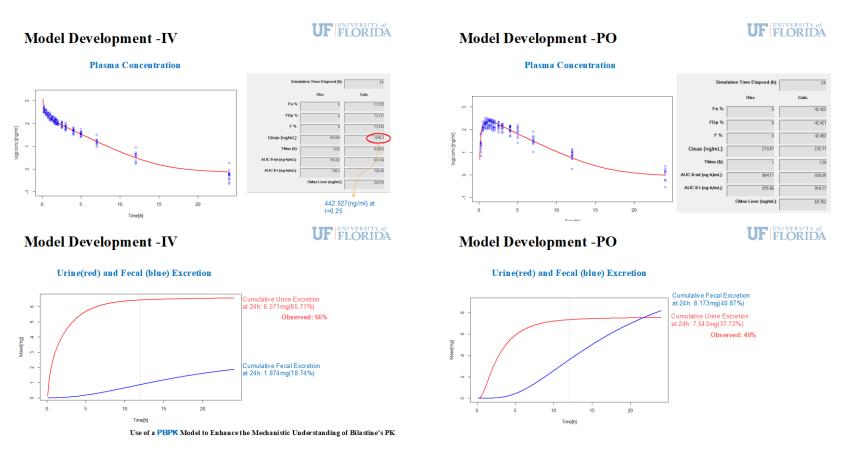


SOD: Single Oral Dose MOD: Multiple Oral Dose CT: Clinical Trial

1. Sadaba et al. (2013) Clin Drug Investig 33:375-381

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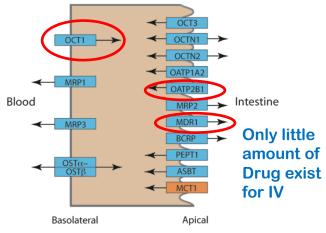
### Model Development



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#### Question 1: How can we explain large fecal excretion in IV?

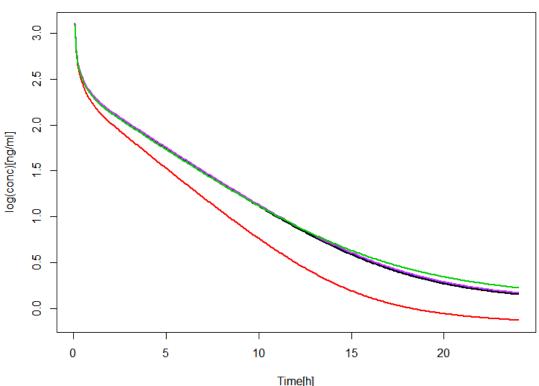
- IV administration, only 66% of drug was recovered in urine.
- Considering the facts that no accumulation and no metabolism, rest of drug may be excreted through fecal route.
- Most probable explanation is P-gp pump out the drug.
- Can P-gp pump out the drug without any transporter's role in basolateral side?

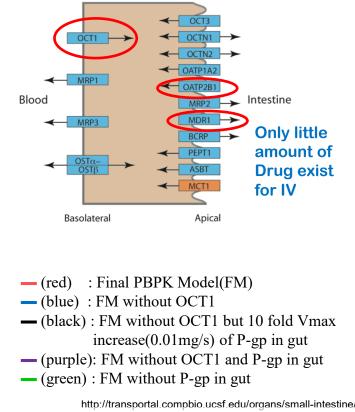


http://transportal.compbio.ucsf.edu/organs/small-intestine/

#### Effect of OCT1 and P-gp on Bilastine Elimination

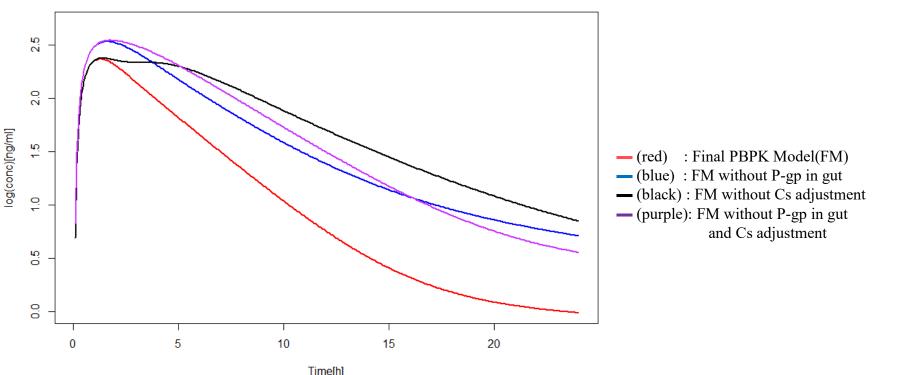
**Plasma Concentration** 





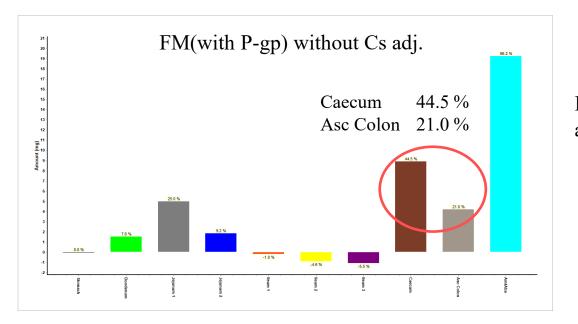
# **Question 1-1: What is the role of P-gp in absorption of bilastine?**

**Plasma Concentration** 



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#### Effect of P-gp in gut and Cs on PO PK profile

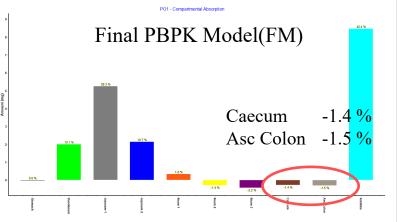


Is such a high large intestine absorption reasonable?

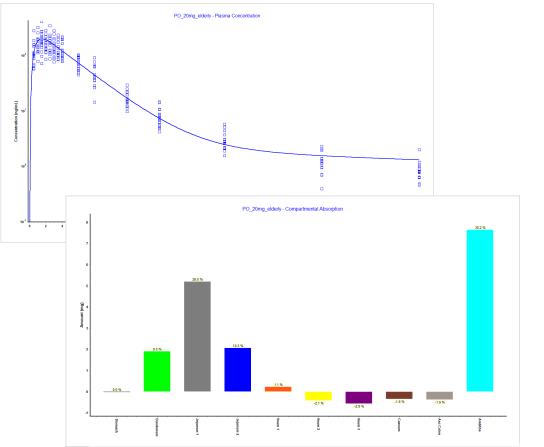
#### Efflux Capacity of P-gp in the Large Intestine

- Kagan et al. (2010) reported that P-gp's efflux capacity in rat differ by its location in the intestine.
- Talinolol was used in the study since talinolol is P-gp substrate but not a substrate for CYPs, which is the same as bilastine.
- Talinolol showed almost negligible absorption from the large intestine (< 1%) in rat
- Gramatte et al. (1996) reported that absorption capabilities of talinolol decrease along the small intestine

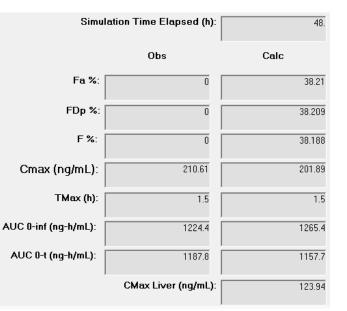
# efflux capacity of P-gp in the large intestine is higher than small intestine.



#### 20mg PO on Elderly

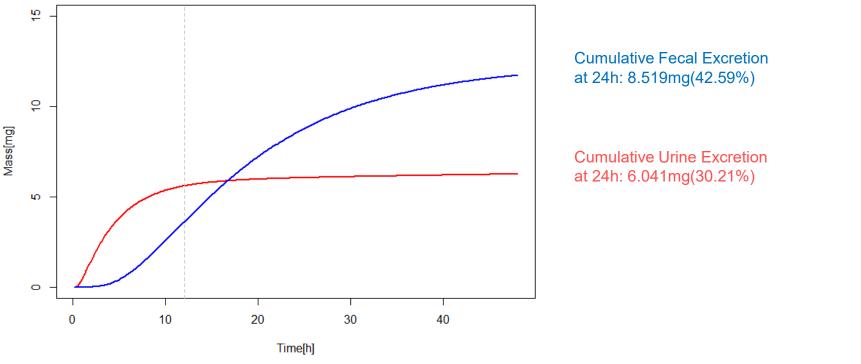


PK model Age: 68 Weight: 86.19kg Sex: Male GFR: 5.4022 L/h



#### **20mg PO on Elderly- elimination**

Urine(red) and Fecal (blue) Excretion



#### Learning from the Model

- **Basolateral side influx transporters** are needed in order to explain bilastine's large portion of fecal excretion in IV
- Very low large intestine absorption

1) Supported by literature (Talinolol)

2) Efflux capacity of P-gp varies depending on the region of intestine

#### Limitations

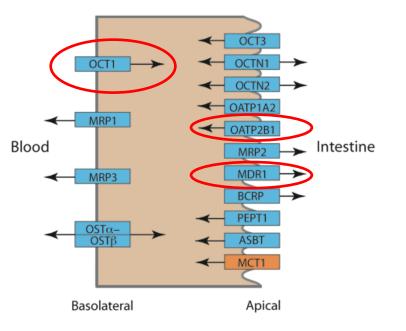
- Transporter kinetics are **too arbitrary** as not *in vitro* information available
- The model is **not predictive** at **low doses** ( $\leq 10$  mg)

#### **Future Study Direction**

- Refine the pediatric/geriatric model
- Explore renal impairment patients
- Identify key physiological processes (and ontogeny) influencing the PK in special population

#### Role of Transporters in Bilastine's Absorption and Elimination

- IV administration, only 66% of drug was recovered in urine.
- Considering the facts that no accumulation and no metabolism, rest of drug may be excreted through fecal route.
- Some affinity with P-gp (apical-efflux),
  OATP (apical-influx) and OCT1(basolateral-influx) but at very high concentration
- Renal elimination: 8.3 L/h



#### **Input Parameters**



#### Input Parameters: Biological System Specific UF FLORIDA

Drug related Parameters for Bilastine				
Parameter	Parameter V alue	Literature Range	Note	
Renal Clearance (L/h)	8.27 (IV), 9.20 (PO)		Sadaba, 2013	
Tissue model	Permeability limited model (SpecPStc:0.0001)		Manually optimized	
Kp calculation method	Lukacova (Rodgers: Single)		Not significant differences between methods	

#### PBPK Model: 20yr old American Health Male 66kg

Input Parameters: Missing Information



PBPK Parameters for Bilastine			
Parameter	How to overcome	Note	
Vmax and Km of Transporters	Manually optimized	OATP(gut, Apical, Influx): V max-0.00001(mg/s)Km-1000(mg/L) OCTN(gut, Basolateral, Influx): V max-0.5(mg/s)Km-250(mg/L) Pgp(gut, Apical, Fflux): V max-0.01(mg/s)Km-1(mg/L) Pgp(Brain&Liver): V max-1(mg/s)Km-1(mg/L)	
Colon ab sorption?	Manually optimize C3, C4 values	C3: 0.05, C4: 0	

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Input Parameters: Drug Specific

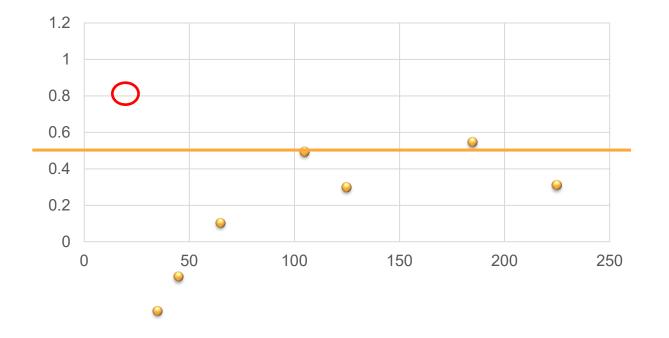
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Drug-specific Parameters for Bilastine				
Parameter	Input Value	Parameter Value	Experimental?	Source
LogP	2.8	2.3~5/3.2	Predicted	DrugB ank/GastroPlus
Fraction Unbound	0.13	0.10-0.16	Experimental	Vozmediano et al. 2018
Molecular Weight	463.62 (g/mol)			DrugB ank
рКа	8.78 (base)/ 4.4 (acid)			Vozmediano et al. 2018
Solubility	0.5 (at pH=6.41)	0.00203 vs 0.13 vs 0.5(mg/mL)	Experimental(0.5)	In Vitro/GastroPlus/Pharmaceutics Proprietary information
Peff	1.9x10^6(cm/s)		Experimental	Proprietary information (Selected AB SCa option)
B/P Conc. Ratio	0.65		Predicted	GastroPlus prediction

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#### Model Qualification -AUCpred/AUCobs ratio; Single Simulation

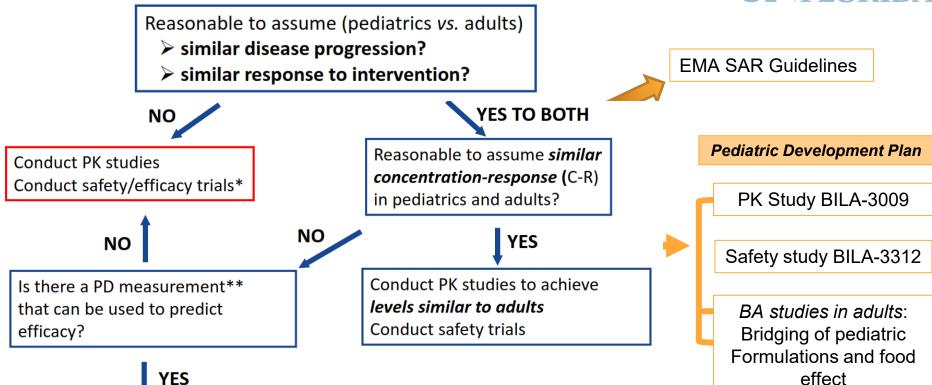




#### **Question 2: Confirm pediatric approval dose**

- Labeled Indication(s) (EU): symptomatic treatment of allergic rhino-conjunctivitis (seasonal and perennial) and urticari for <u>12 years (6 years) of age and over</u>
- Administration : <u>20 mg QD PO (adult)</u>
- Recently, 10mg QD PO in 6~11 yrs is approved in EU
- Let's apply the model to the pediatric approval dose!

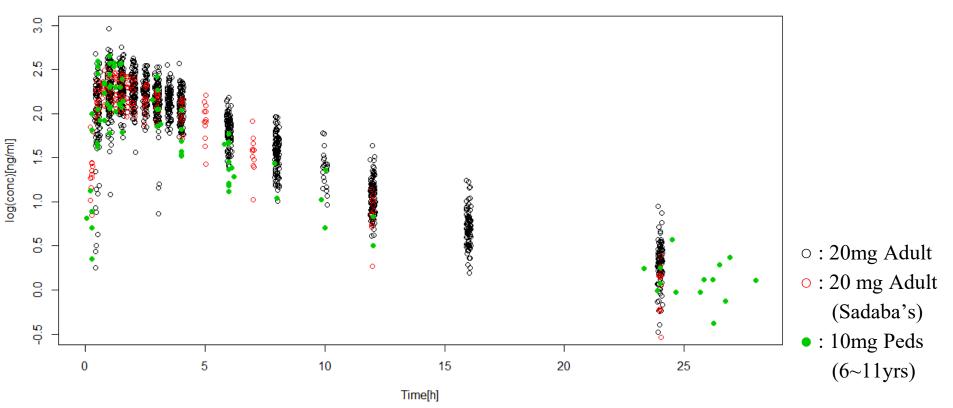
#### Pediatric Development Decision Tree Bilastine FLORIDA



Conduct PK/PD studies to get C-R for PD measurement Conduct PK studies to achieve target concentrations based on C-R Conduct safety trials

**Bilastine's PK in special population** 

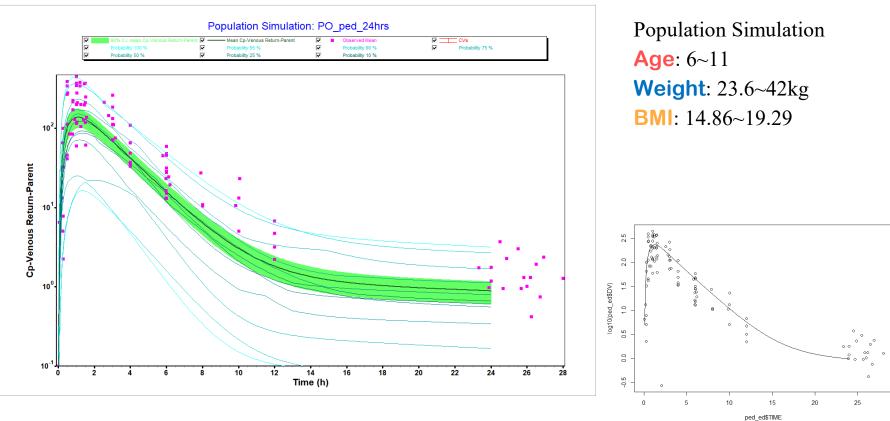
#### Observations of Bilastine Concentration in **UF** FLORIDA Adult 20mg and Peds(6~11yrs) 10mg



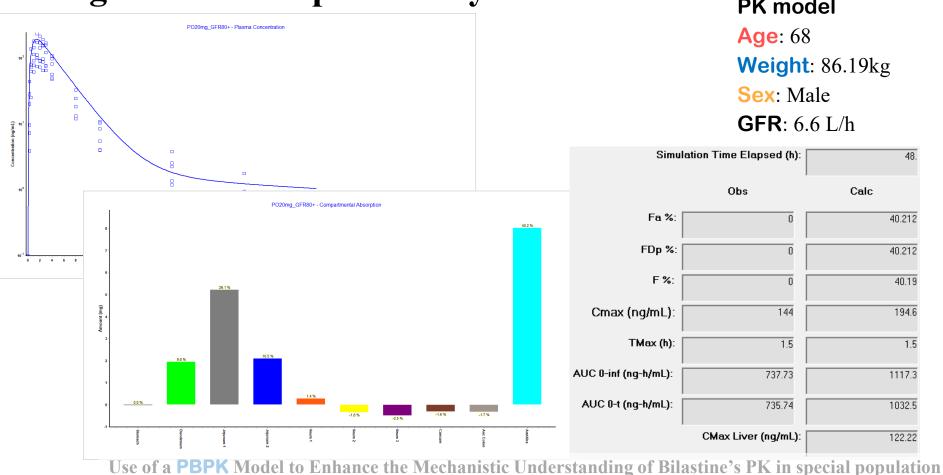
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#### **10mg PO on Pediatrics**

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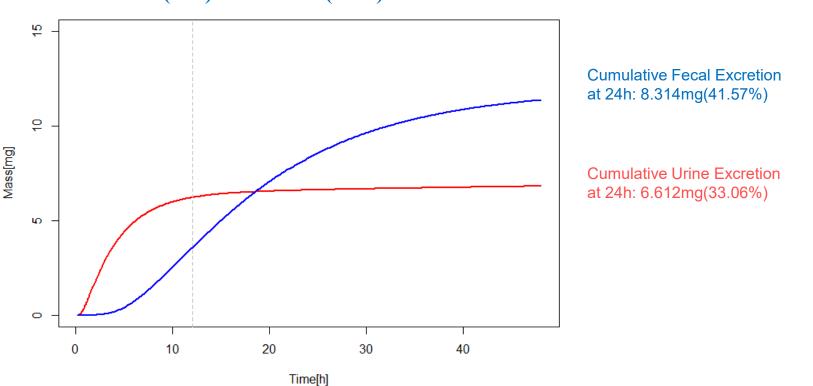


#### **20mg PO on Group1 Healthy GFR**



PK model

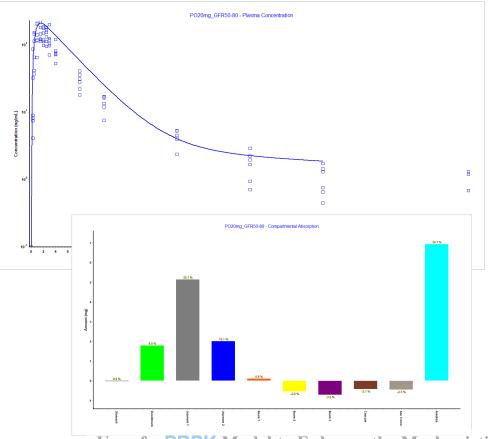
## 20mg PO on Group1 Healthy GFR- elimination FLORIDA



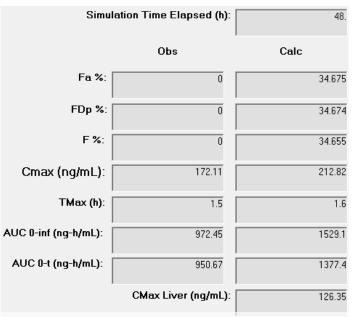
Urine(red) and Fecal (blue) Excretion

Use of a **PBPK** Model to Enhance the Mechanistic Understanding of Bilastine's PK in special population

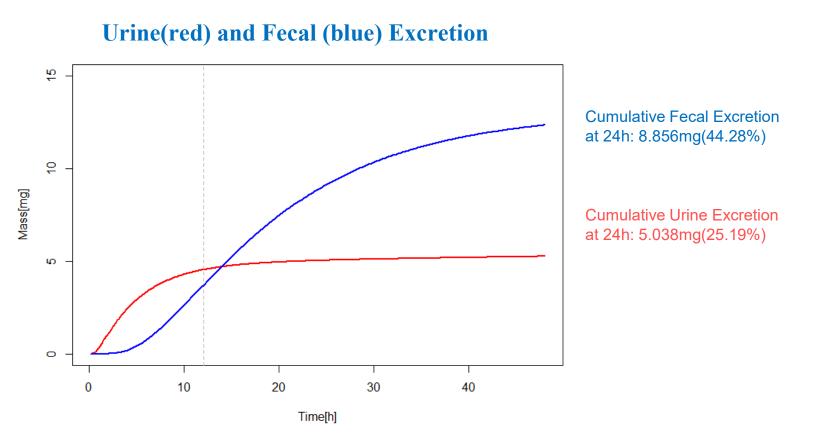
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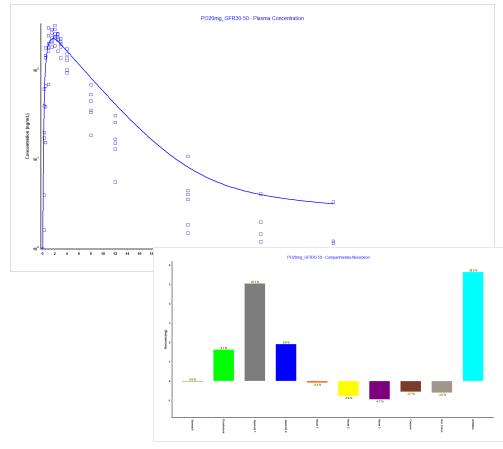
**UF FLORID** PK model Age: 68 Weight: 86.19kg Sex: Male GFR: 3.8196 L/h



### 20mg PO on Group2 Mild GFR- elimination UF FLORIDA



#### 20mg PO on Group3 Moderate GFR

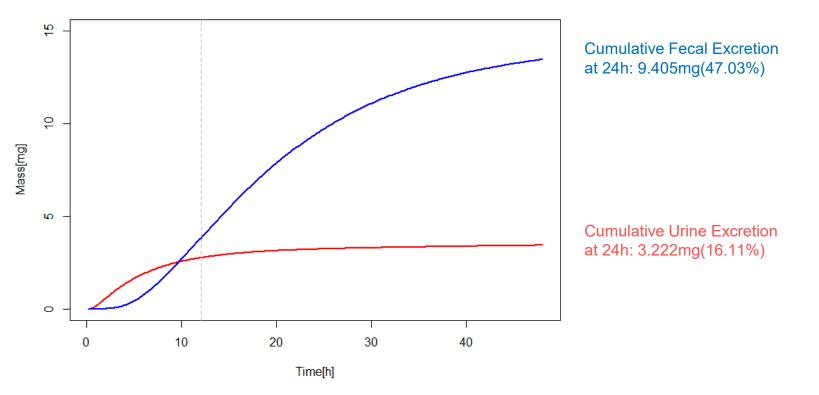


**UF FLORID** PK model Age: 68 Weight: 86.19kg Sex: Male GFR: 1.9302 L/h

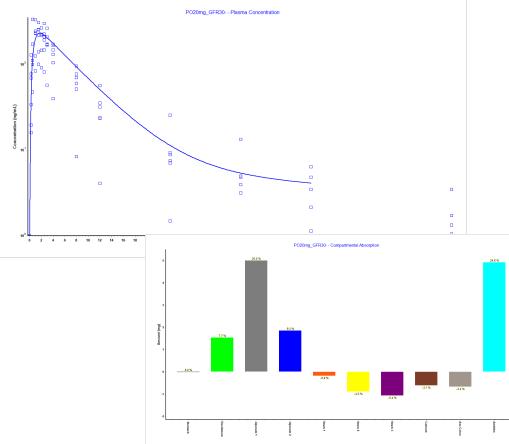
Simu	48.	
	Obs	Calc
Fa %:	0	28.213
FDp %:	0	28.211
F %:	0	28.196
Cmax (ng/mL):	271.09	227.67
TMax (h):	2	1.7
AUC 0-inf (ng-h/mL):	1382.4	2010
AUC 0-t (ng-h/mL):	1380	1776.3
	CMax Liver (ng/mL):	129.56

## 20mg PO on Group3 Moderate GFR- elimination FLORIDA

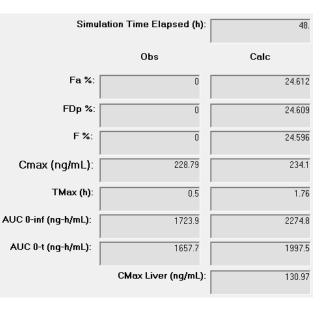
#### Urine(red) and Fecal (blue) Excretion



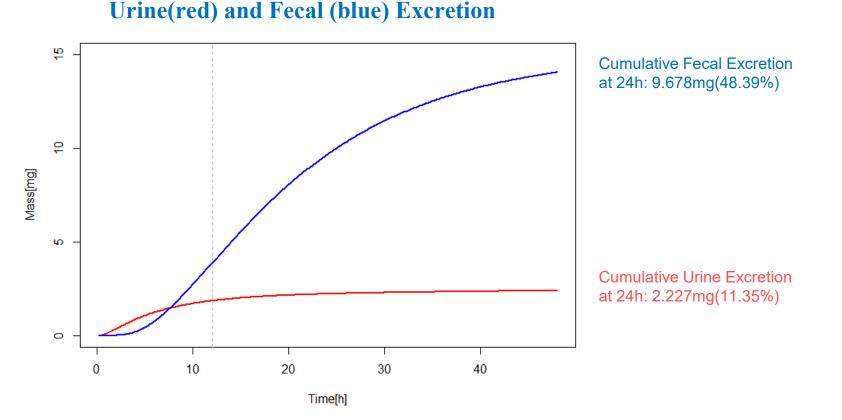
#### 20mg PO on Group4 Severe GFR



**UF FLORID** PK model Age: 68 Weight: 86.19kg Sex: Male GFR: 1.2 L/h

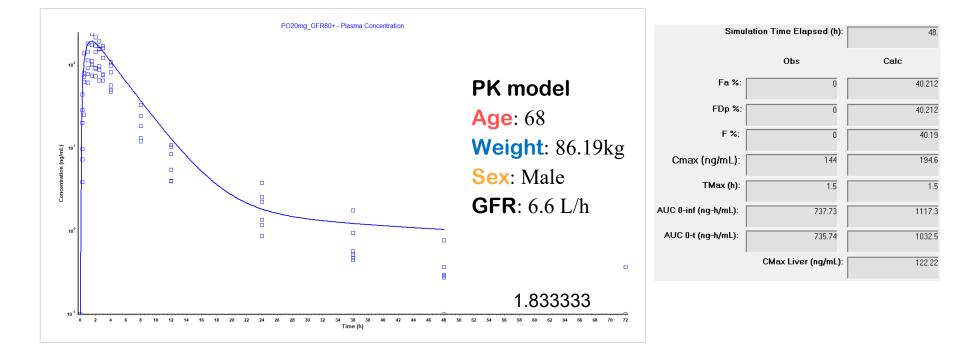


# 20mg PO on Group4 Severe GFR- elimination F FLORIDA



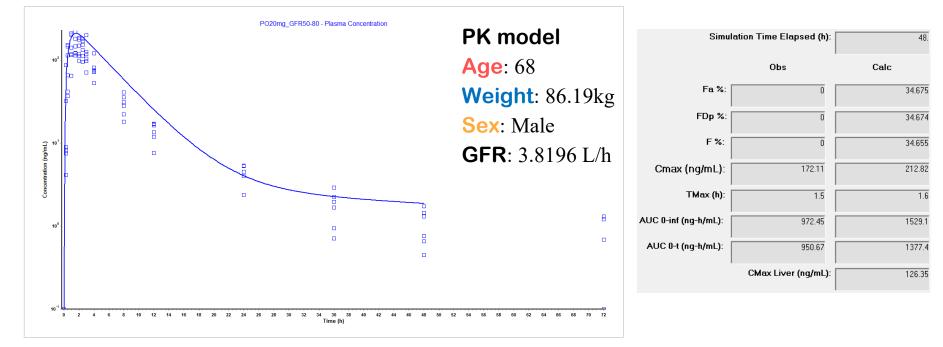
#### 20mg PO on Group1 Healthy GFR





#### 20mg PO on Group2 Mild GFR

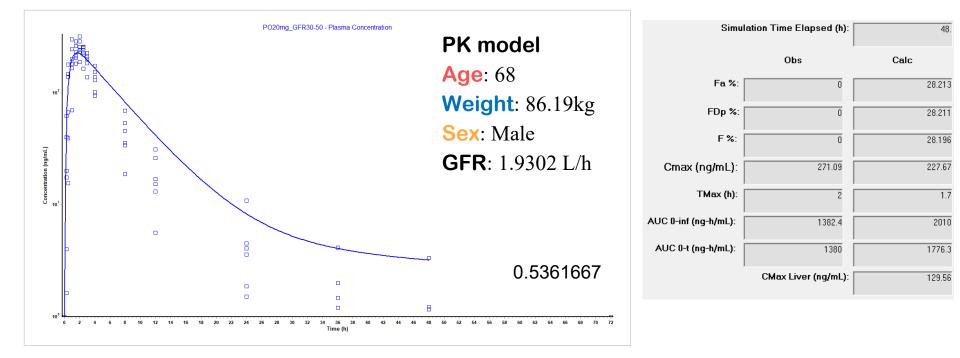




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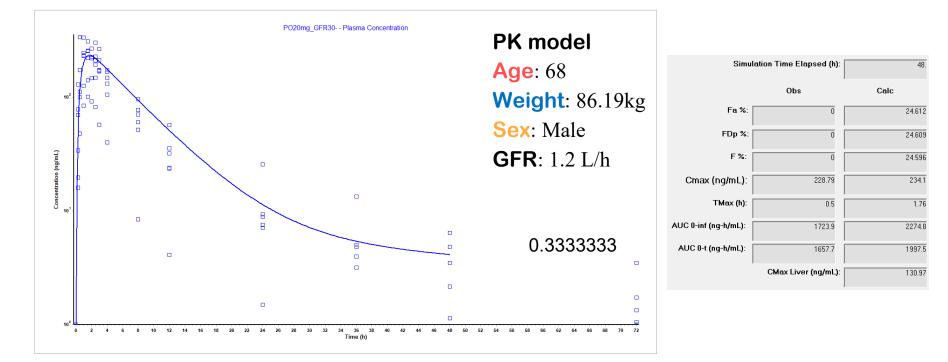
#### 20mg PO on Group3 Moderate GFR



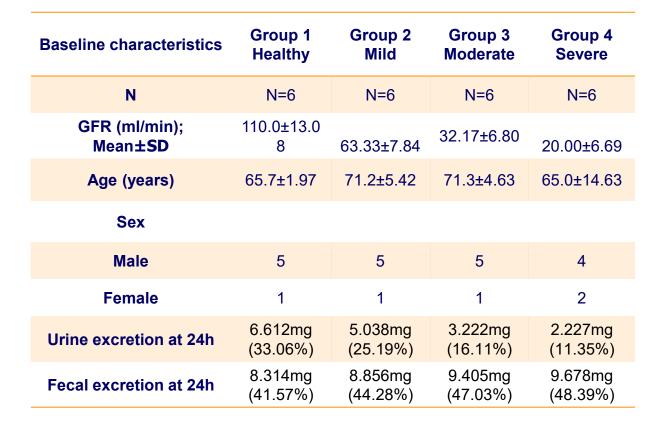


#### 20mg PO on Group4 Severe GFR





#### 20mg PO by GFR- elimination summary



ID	AGE (years)	SEX	WEIGHT (kg)	HEIGHT (cm)
17	73	male	68.7	177
18	67	male	79.9	174
19	66	male	73.2	179
20	65	male	63.4	168
21	83	male	73.9	167
22	73	male	83.7	170
23	66	male	77	160
24	65	male	80.5	173
Average	69.75	male	75.0375	171

#### Study 459\_05 Demographic characteristics

ID	AGE (years)	SEX	WEIGHT (kg)	HEIGHT (cm)
25	69	female	48.4	150
26	65	female	82.1	169
27	65	female	64.4	161
28	67	female	78	164
29	77	female	70.2	160
30	65	female	85.1	168
31	65	female	72.4	161
32	68	female	68	163
Average	67.625	female	71.075	162