

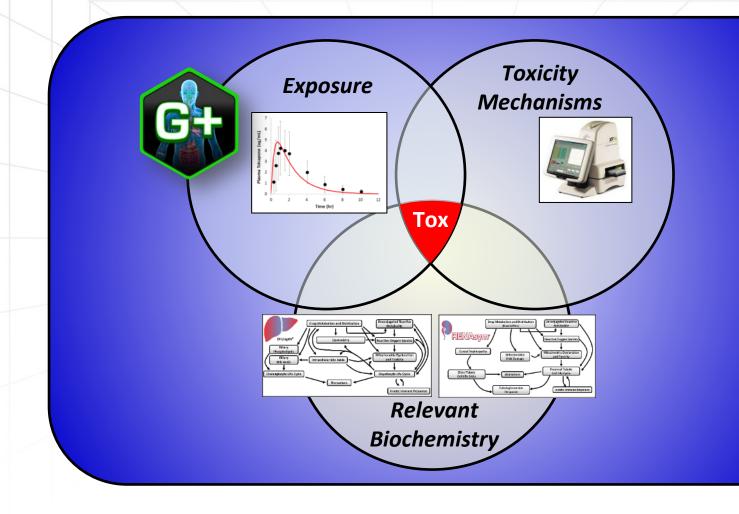
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Advancing Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Receptor Antagonists Using Quantitative Systems Toxicology Modeling to Characterize Next-in-Class Compounds Compared to the Hepatotoxic First in Class Telcagepant

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# QST Predicts Toxicity via the Intersection Between Exposure, Mechanisms, and Inter-Patient Variability





## **DILIsym Utilizes Various Data**

# **Types to Inform Decisions**

### DMPK and Exposure Data

### PBPK Modeling

### Compound Properties

- Tissue partition coefficients

#### • Tissue penetration studies

- Liver to blood ratio
- Pharmacokinetic data
  - Absorption, extra-hepatic clearance, metabolites
- in vitro data
  - Metabolite synthesis, active uptake

### In vitro Mechanistic DILI Data

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- Oxidative stress (high content imaging)
  - Direct and reactive metabolite-mediated
- Mitochondrial toxicity (XF Analyzer)
  - ETC inhibition
  - Uncoupling
- Bile acid / phospholipid transporter inhibition
  - BSEP, MRP3 and 4, NTCP, MDR3
- Bilirubin transport/metabolism
  - OATP1B1, OATP1B3, UGT1A1, MRP2, MRP3



Modeling & Simulation

### **Simulations and Assays inform:**

• Prediction of DILI risk

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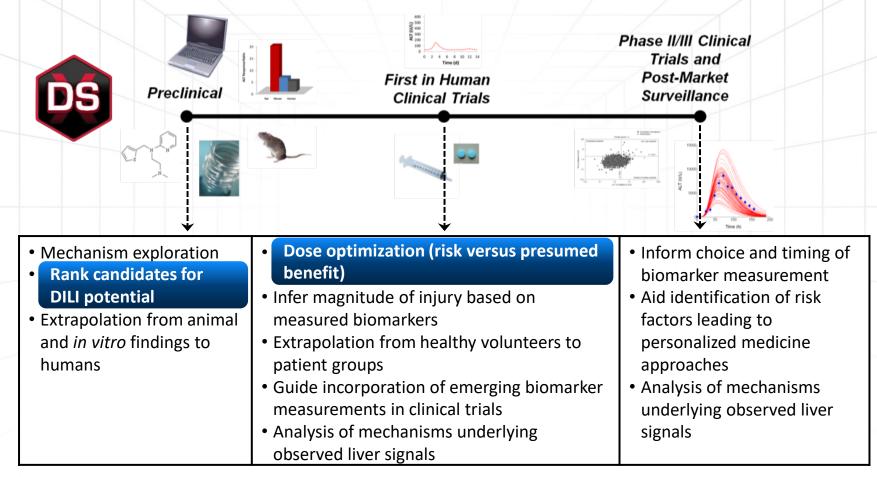
- Participating DILI mechanisms
- Characteristics of patients at risk for DILI
- Drug dosing paradigms
- DILI monitoring strategies

### Clinical Data / Information

- Dosing Protocols, fasting/fed state, meal times
- Patient types (NHV, disease, etc.)
- Anthropometric data
  - Body weight, age, ethnicity
- Pharmacokinetic data
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# Applications of DILIsym Along the Drug Development Pipeline

Predictions of hepatotoxicity for humans and preclinical animal models





# Calcitonin Gene-related Peptide (CGRP) Antagonists for Treatment of Migraines

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# **CGRP Receptor Antagonist Project Objectives**

- Project undertaken when no large Phase 3 clinical trials had been reported for next-in-class compounds
  - Next-in-class representations are **purely predictive** at this point
- Replicate the clinically observed toxicity for telcagepant
- Determine potential safety/toxicity of novel compounds rimegepant and zavegepant compared to telcagepant
  - Rimegepant has clinical exposure data; zavegepant has not been tested in humans
- Determine potential safety/toxicity of competitor compounds ubrogepant and atogepant
  - No clinical data available for either; representation based entirely on IVIVE



### **Data Used for CGRP Antagonist Compound Projects**

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  - Tissue partition coefficients
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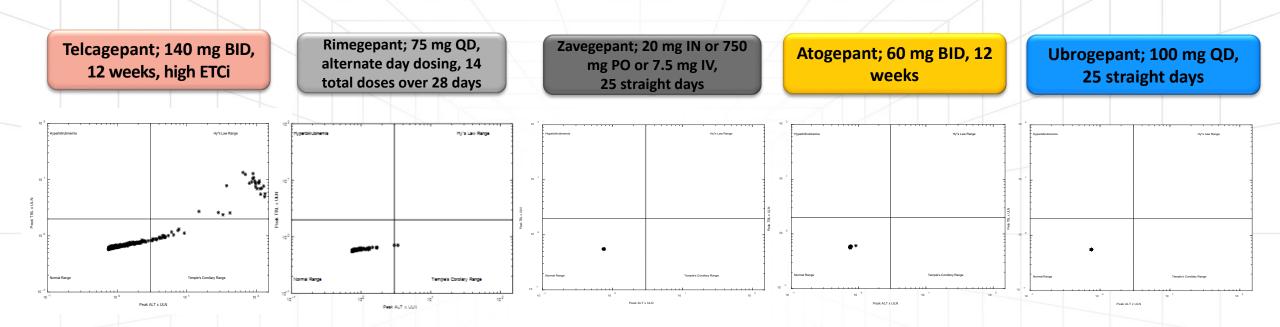
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- **Telcagepant**: published clinical PK data
- **Rimegepant**: internal clinical PK data available
- Zavegepant: ADMET Predictor informed by animal data and intra-nasal dosing route
- Atogepant: pure IVIVE using ADMET Predictor
- Ubrogepant: pure IVIVE using ADMET Predictor

• Full in vitro data set collected for all five compounds



# **CGRP Antagonist Compound Simulation Results**



- Telcagepant toxicity correctly predicted by DILIsym
- Rimegepant predicted to be safe at clinical doses, with mild ALT elevations occurring only in extreme dosing conditions
- Zavegepant, atogepant, and ubrogepant all predicted to be safe with substantial safety margins



# **CGRP Antagonist Compound Simulation Results**

- Mechanistic results predict difference between telcagepant and other CGRP antagonist compounds
  - Telcagepant toxicity predicted to be due to mixed-mode bile acid transporter inhibition and mitochondrial ETC inhibition
  - Other compounds' signals generally due to other mechanisms

Compound	Oral Dosing Protocol	Simulated* ALT > 3X ULN	Observed ALT > 3X ULN in Clinic	
Telcagepant –	140 mg BID, 12 weeks	17.5% (50/285)	1.9% (5/263)	
Original ETC	280 mg BID, 12 weeks	76.1% (217/285)	3.2% (8/265)	
Telcagepant –	140 mg BID, 12 weeks	0.0% (0/285)	1.9% (5/263)	
Alternate ETC	280 mg BID, 12 weeks	7.72% (22/285)	3.2% (8/265)	
	75 mg QD, alternate day dosing, 14 total doses	0.35% (1/285)		
Rimegepant	75 mg QD, 5 days on, 1 day off, 25 total doses	0.7% (2/285)		
	75 mg QD, daily dosing for 25 days, 25 total doses	1% (3/285)		
Zavegepant	750 mg oral QD, 25 days, 25 total doses	0.0% (0/285)		
	7.5 mg IV QD, 25 days, 25 total doses	0.0% (0/285)		
	60 mg BID, 12 weeks	0% (0/285)		
Atogepant	300 mg BID, 12 weeks	0.3% (1/285)		
	600 mg BID, 12 weeks	10.2% (29/285)		
	100 mg QD, 25 days	0% (0/285)		
Ubrogepant	500 mg QD, 25 days	1.4% (4/285)		
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# FDA Approval Achieved for Rimegepant, Ubrogepant, and Atogepant

Allergan Receives U.S. FDA Approval for UBRELVY™ for the Acute Treatment of Migraine with or without Aura in Adults

### FDA APPROVES BIOHAVEN'S NURTEC® ODT (RIMEGEPANT) FOR PREVENTION: NOW THE FIRST AND ONLY MIGRAINE MEDICATION FOR BOTH ACUTE AND PREVENTIVE TREATMENT

FDA Approves QULIPTA<sup>™</sup> (atogepant), the First and Only Oral CGRP Receptor Antagonist Specifically Developed for the Preventive Treatment of Migraine

- Rimegepant, ubrogepant, and atogepant all have received FDA approval
  - No black-box warning for hepatotoxicity
- Zavegepant clinical trials continue
  - No hepatotoxicity observed thus far

Biohaven Reports Positive Topline Results from Pivotal Migraine Trial of Intranasal Zavegepant Demonstrating Ultra-Rapid Pain Relief by 15 minutes; Prepares for Submission of New Drug Application



## **Ubrogepant and Telcagepant Were Part of a Separate Simulation Project**

### Mechanistic Investigations Support Liver Safety of Ubrogepant

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Jeffrey L. Woodhead, Frank D. Sistare, and Datas L. Condahard Table 2. DILIsym Predictions for Telcagepant, MK-3207, and Ubrogepant in a Simulated Patient Population of Healthy Volunteers

Compound \*Allergan plc, Irvine, California; <sup>†</sup>Eshelman School of Pharma Telcagepan University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Headache Center, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, Un MK-3207° <sup>§</sup>DILIsym Services, Durham, North Carolina; <sup>¶</sup>Merck & Co., Inc. Wellcome Trust King's Clinical Research Facility, SLaM Biome London, UK

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d	Dosing Protocol	Simulated ALT $> 3 \times \text{ULN}^{\text{a}}$	Clinical ALT $> 3 \times$ ULN
nt <sup>b</sup>	280 mg BID 12 weeks	12.6% (36/285)	3.2% (8/253) (Ho et al., 2014)
	140 mg BID 12 weeks	0% (0/285)	1.9% (5/258) (Ho et al., 2014)
	200 mg q2h, 2 daily doses (400 mg daily dose), for 14 days	3.5% (10/285)	42% (5/12) among individuals dosed for more than 1 week; most responding
	300 mg q2h, 2 daily doses (600 mg daily dose), for 14 days	7% (20/285)	were given 600–900 mg per day
	450 mg q2h, 2 daily doses (900 mg daily dose), for 14 days	10.2% (29/285)	
nt	100 mg q2h, 4 days	0% (0/285)	N/A
	1000 mg q2h, 4 days	0% (0/285)	N/A
	100 mg QD, 8 days	0% (0/285)	N/A
	1000 mg QD, 8 days	0% (0/285)	N/A
	50 mg QD, 2 days on, 2 days off for 56 days, 28 total doses	0% (0/285)	N/A
	100 mg QD, 2 days on, 2 days off for 56 days, 28 total doses	0% (0/285)	0.8% 2/256 (Goadsby et al., 2019)
	1000 mg QD, 2 days on, 2 days off for 56 days, 28 total doses	0% (0/285)	N/A
	50 mg q2h, 28 straight days, 56 total doses	0% (0/285)	N/A

"ULN in DILIsym is 40 U/l.

<sup>b</sup>The mechanisms involved in the predicted liver injury for telcagepant were mainly inhibition of bile salt transport, with a lesser contribution of mitochondrial electron transport inhibition and no contribution of oxidative stress.

°The mechanisms involved in the predicted liver injury for MK-3207 were competitive bile salt export pump inhibition and inhibition of mitochondrial electron transport, with oxidative stress being a minor contributor.

Abbreviations: ALT, alanine aminotransferase; ULN, upper limit of normal.



# **Comparison Between Ubrogepant and Telcagepant Results Demonstrate Robustness of DILIsym Approach**

Compound	Dosing Protocol	Simulated* ALT > 3X ULN**	Clinical ALT > 3X ULN***	
MK-3207,	200 mg, 2 daily doses 2 hours apart (400 mg daily dose), for 14 days	3.5% (10/285)	42% (5/12) amongst	
Competitive BSEP	300 mg, 2 daily doses 2 hours apart (600 mg daily dose), for 14 days	7% (20/285)	individuals dosed for more than 1 week; most	
Inhibition, no RM	450 mg, 2 daily doses 2 hours apart (900 mg daily dose), for 14 days	10.2% (29/285)	responding were given 600 – 900 mg per day	
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	100 mg q.d. for 8 days	0% (0/285)		
Ubrogepant	100 mg q2h (200 mg per day), 2 daily doses, for 4 days	0% (0/285)	Not known at time of	
	100 mg q.d. for 2 days, 2 days off, 56 days total of dosing with 28 total doses	0% (0/285)	simulation	

This Project

### Published in Smith et al. 2021

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## **Executive Summary**

- DILIsym correctly represented observed hepatotoxicity of telcagepant
- DILIsym correctly **predicted** safety of four next-in-class compounds
  - All pure predictions at the time simulations were completed
- DILIsym predicted qualitatively similar results using two separate *in vitro* data sets and PBPK model sources
  - Demonstrates robustness of DILIsym approach

