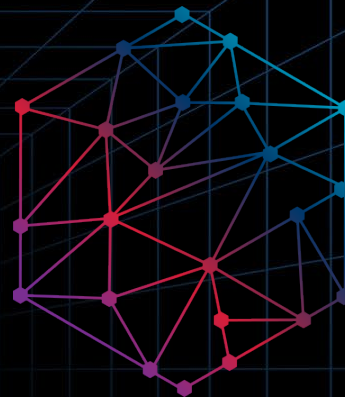


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- Model “supported” (questions **20 years ago**):
 - *Do you think modeling and simulation might help?*
- Model “based” (questions **5 years ago**):
 - *How can I maximize the value of modeling and simulation in my development program?*
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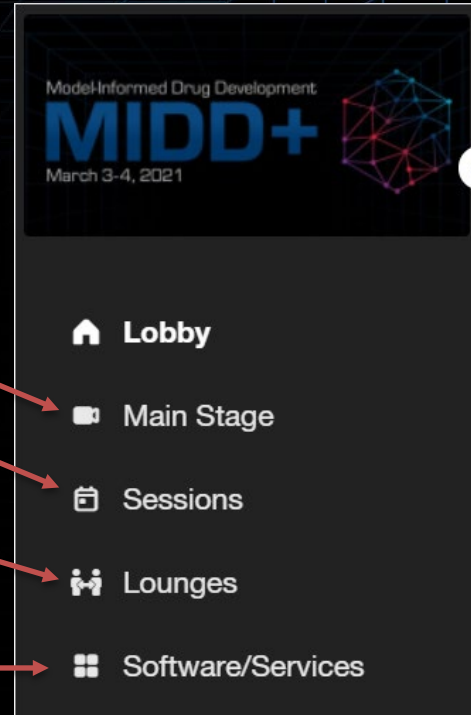
- **Wednesday, March 3rd** 11 AM – 3 PM EST
 - Impact of Modeling Panel Discussion
 - Tracks: Discovery, Pre-clinical, FIH/Phase I
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What?

Lead
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Pharmacology

How is it supposed to work?

***How does it get in?
Where does it go?***

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DMPK

Treatment
Regimen

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What good does it do?

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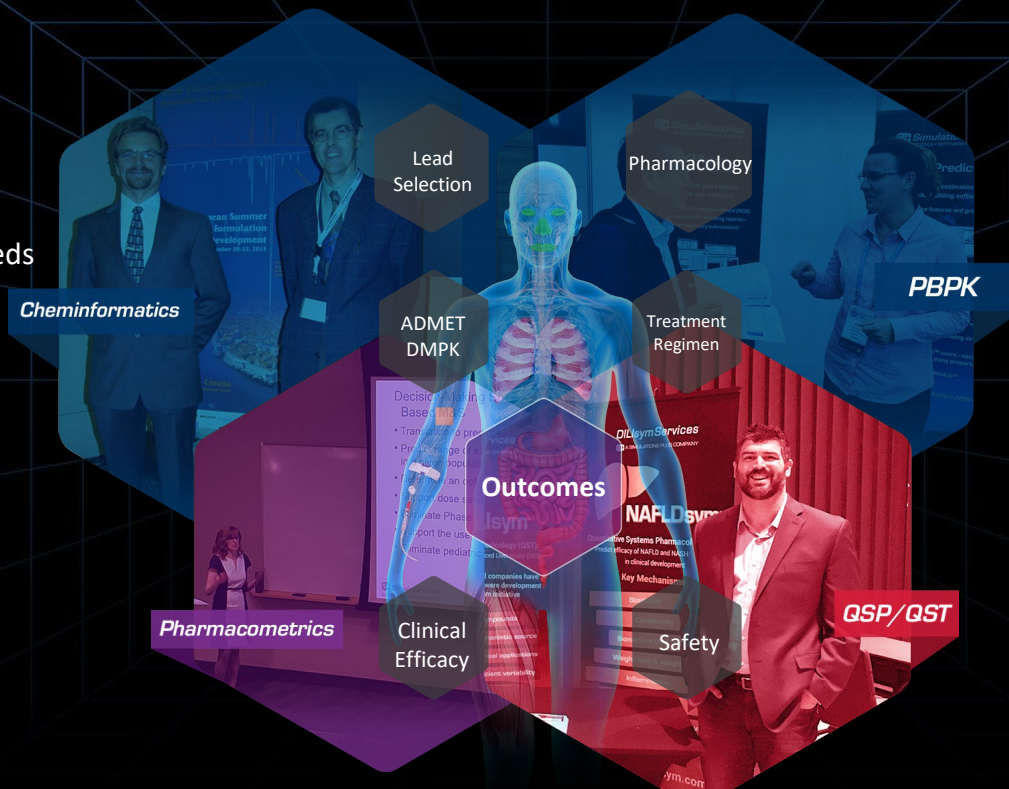
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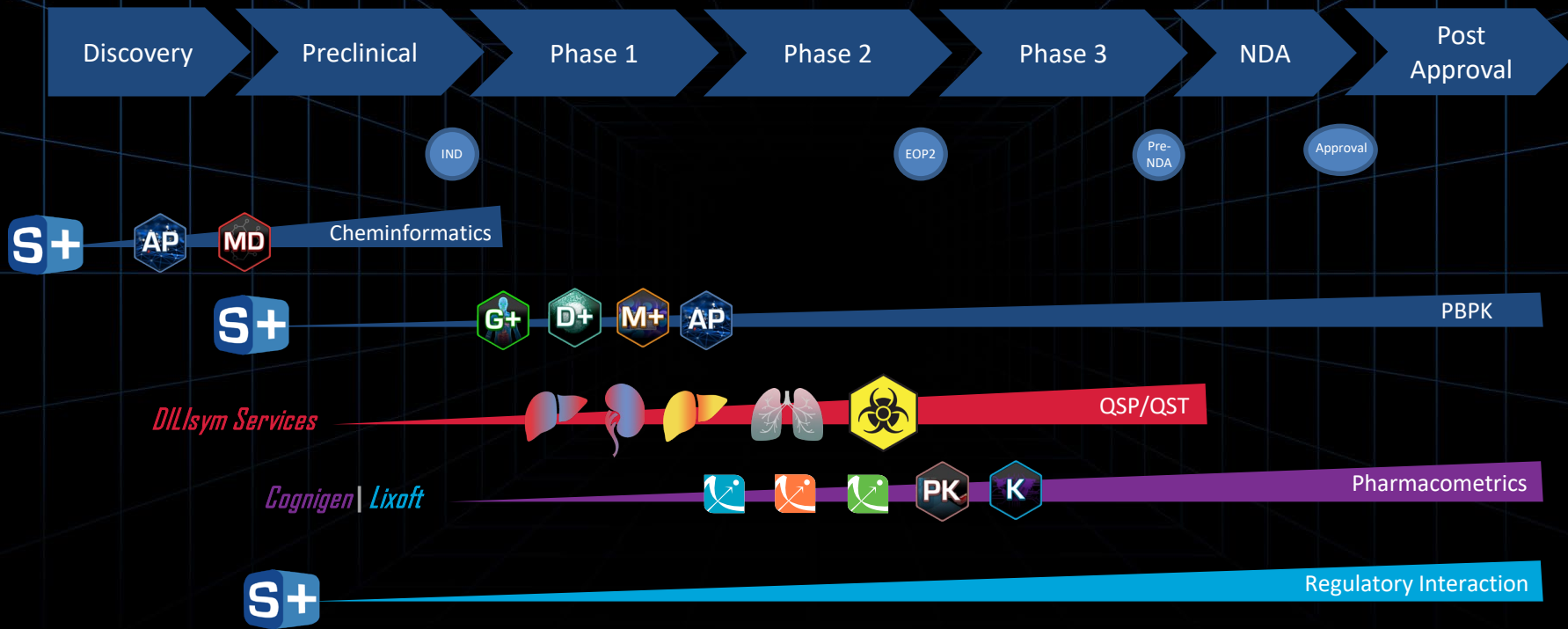


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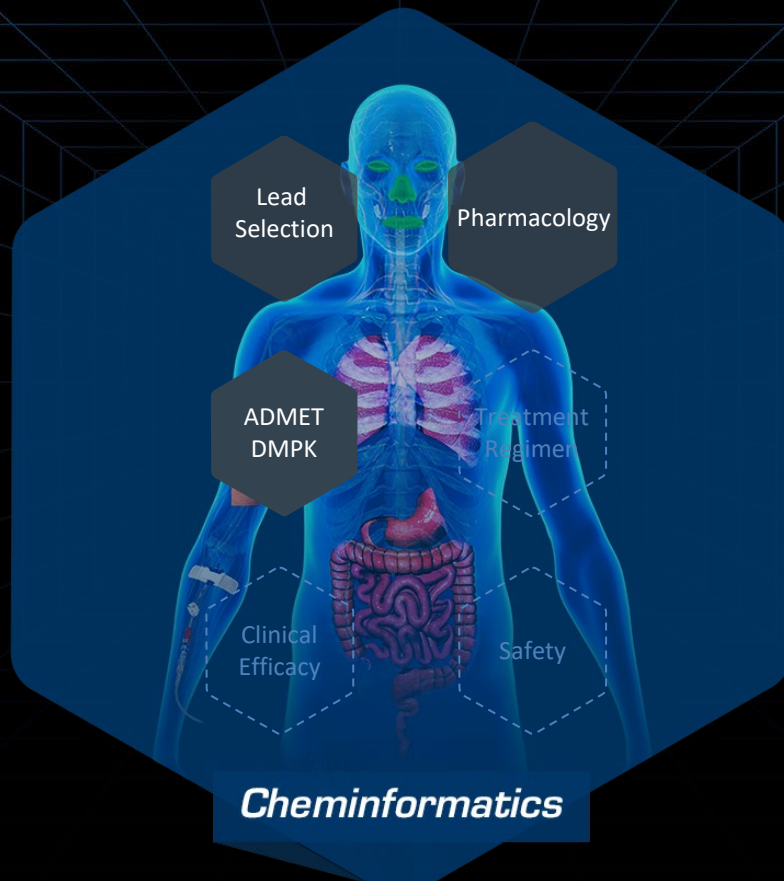
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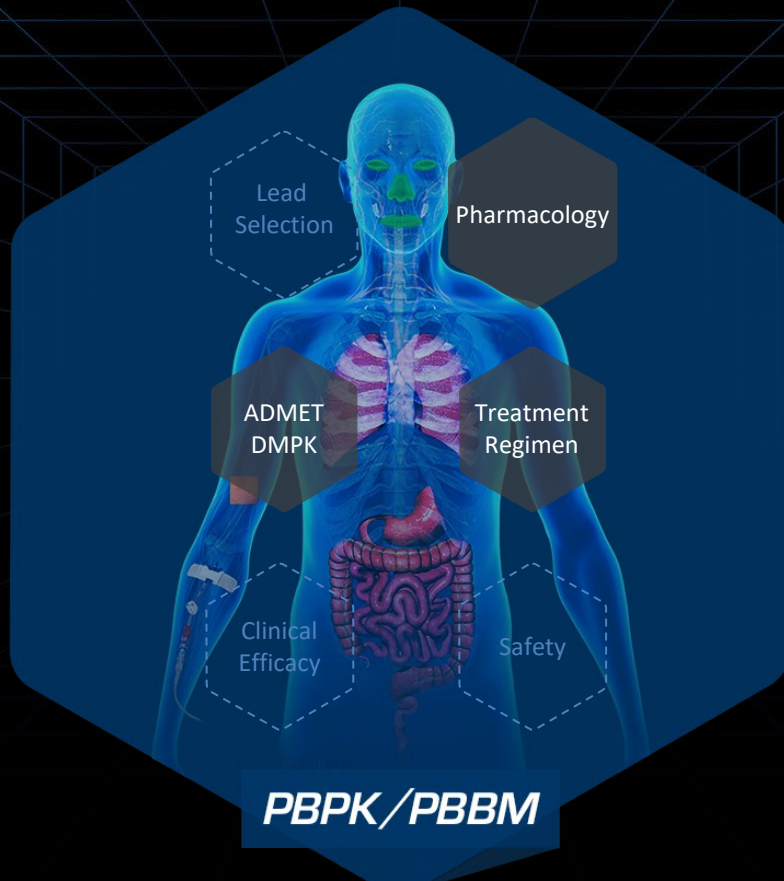
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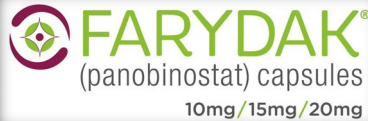
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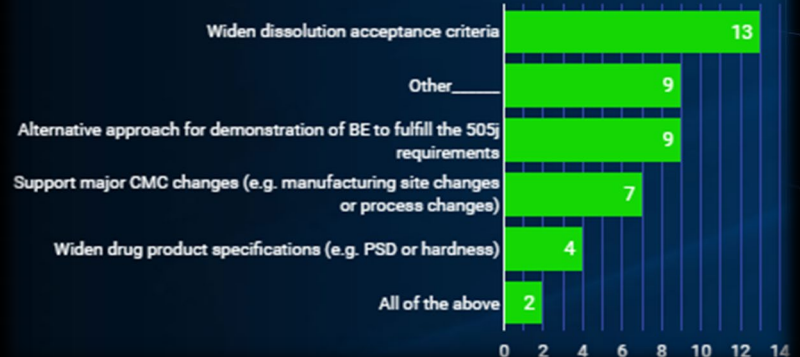
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Manufacturing Process Changes and Virtual Bioequivalence (BE) Trials to Waive Clinical Studies

- Objective: build a PBPK model for an approved drug using existing clinical data for non-engineered formulations (NFE) and perform virtual BE trial simulations vs. the particle engineered (PE) lots to waive the BA/BE study request by the FDA
- Results: baseline model adequately captured existing clinical data and successfully applied to establish product specifications for new PE lots
- Impact: the FDA accepted the modeling results and granted Janssen the BA/BE study request

Virtual Bioequivalence Study Simulations

API Lot	PE/NPE	Dose (mg)	AUC _∞ (ng.h/mL) (N=250)		C _{max} (ng/mL) (N=250)	
			GM	GMR (90% CI)	GM	GMR (90% CI)
Lot 5	PE	50	4180	113.3	551	139.3
Lot 1	NPE	50	3688	(110.7, 116.1)	395	(136.0, 142.7)
Lot 5	PE	100	8242	103.0	551	106.4
Lot 3	NPE	100	8001	(100.9, 105.1)	395	(104.3, 108.6)
Lot 5	PE	300	24998	102.2	3118	100.0
Lot 2	NPE	300	24460	(99.8, 104.6)	3117	(97.7, 102.4)
Lot 5	PE	100	8242	98.2	1068	95.1
Lot 4	NPE	100	8395	(96.2, 100.2)	1123	(93.2, 97.0)
Lot 5	PE	300	24998	101.9	3118	98.3
Lot 4	NPE	300	24525	(99.8, 104.1)	3171	(96.3, 100.4)

API: active pharmaceutical ingredient; AUC_∞: area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time 0 to infinite time; CI: confidence interval; C_{max}: maximum observed plasma concentration; GM: geometric mean; GMR: geometric mean ratio; NPE: non-particle-engineered; PE: particle-engineered

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PBPK Modeling of pH-Dependent DDIs and Meal Types on Alpelisib (PIQRAY®)

- Objective: develop and verify PBPK model to predict the impact of different meal types and co-administration with pH modifiers on alpelisib (PIQRAY®)
 - Simulation strategy presented outlining evaluation of pivotal clinical formulation (PCF) vs. commercial formulation (CF) under different conditions
- Results: model successfully captures dosing with food and outcome of clinical bioequivalence (BE) studies
- Impact: model results submitted with NDA; serves as foundation for future BE evaluations/pH-mediated DDI assessments and supports drug labeling

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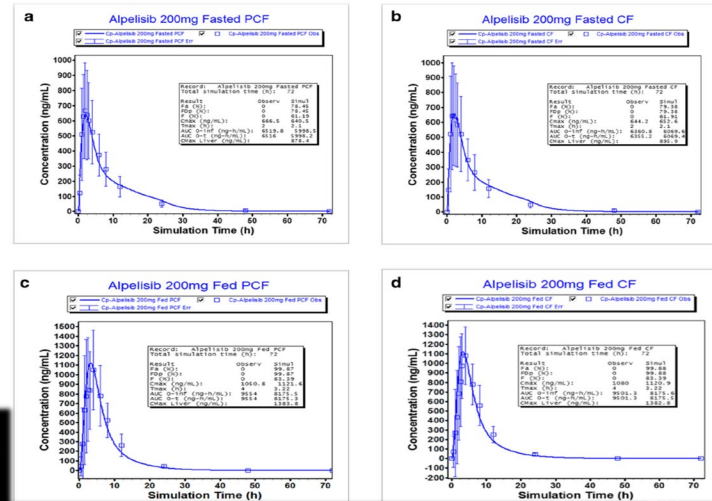
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Theme: Use of PBPK Modeling to Inform Clinical Decisions: Current Status of Prediction of Drug-Food Interactions

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Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modeling of Oral Absorption, pH, and Food Effect in Healthy Volunteers to Drive Alpelisib Formulation Selection

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Establish Dissolution Safe Space in Adult and Pediatric Populations (TAMIFLU®)

- Objective: develop and verify PBPK model to predict the exposure of oseltamivir (TAMIFLU®) and its main metabolite in adult and pediatric populations
- Results: model successfully captures active and metabolite exposure across population groups and defines dissolution safe spaces unique to each one
- Impact: previous model supported dose selection and trial design in pediatrics; optimized model supports future manufacturing site/formulation changes and sets clinically relevant safe spaces in both adults and pediatrics

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Research Article

Using a Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Absorption Model to Establish Dissolution Bioequivalence Safe Space for Oseltamivir in Adult and Pediatric Populations

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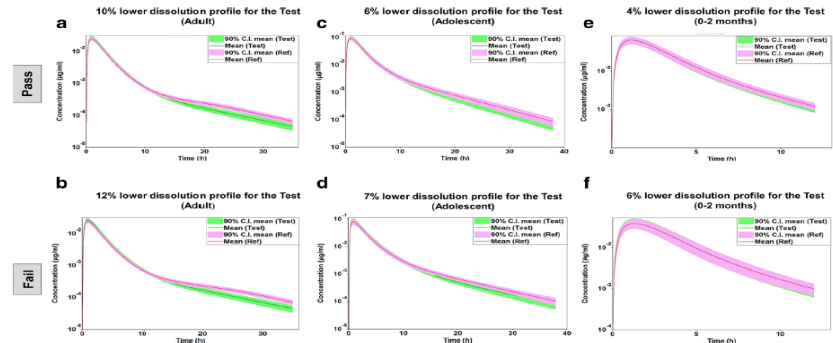


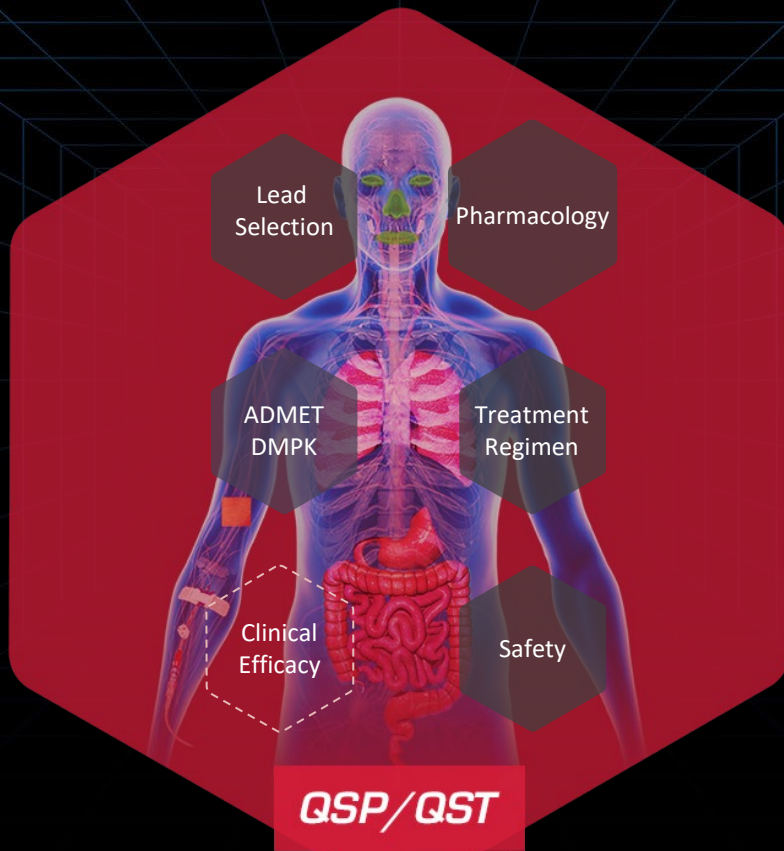
Fig. 4. Virtual BE simulation and analysis for the reference and generic OP products with lower dissolution profiles. **a, b** The virtual BE analysis in adults ($n = 50$ subjects) shows that lowering the dissolution profile by 10% is the BE safe space limit to maintain the BE with the reference OP product (**a**). However, lowering the dissolution profile by 12% fails to keep BE with the reference OP product (**b**). **c, d** The virtual BE analysis in adolescent (9–18 years, $n = 25$ subjects) shows that lowering the dissolution profile by 6% is the BE safe space limit to maintain the BE with the reference OP product (**c**). However, lowering the dissolution profile by 7% fails to keep BE with the reference OP product (**d**). **e, f** The virtual BE analysis in neonates (0–2 months, $n = 25$ subjects) shows that lowering the dissolution profile by 4% is the BE safe space limit to maintain the BE with the reference OP product (**e**). However, lowering the dissolution profile by 6% fails to keep BE with the reference OP product (**f**)

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Mathematical Modeling with NAFLDsym Supports the Role of Adiponectin in the Reduction of Steatosis by the Anti-FGFR1/KLB Bispecific Antibody

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ABSTRACT

The agonist anti-FGFR1/KLB bispecific antibody, BFKB488A, has been shown to be effective at reducing liver fat in NAFLD patients in a Phase 1b study [1]. However, FGFR1/KLB receptors are primarily expressed in adipose rather than liver, suggesting a role for adipose mediators such as adiponectin (Adpn). Adpn levels have been shown to increase with BFKB488A treatment. NAFLDsym, a QSP mechanistic, mathematical model of NAFLD and NASH, was employed to evaluate the plausibility of Adpn increases mediating the reduction in liver fat observed with BFKB488A treatment.

Exposure of BFKB488A was predicted from PopPK modeling and combined with a mechanistic representation of the effects of BFKB488A interaction with the FGFR1/KLB complex in adipose. The mechanistic model incorporated the effects of increased Adpn to elicit changes in several hepatic pathways that can act in concert to reduce the hepatic lipid burden. This included decreases in hepatic de novo lipogenesis and mono-acyl glycerol transferase activity along with an increase in hepatic fatty acid oxidation. Subcutaneous administration of 50 mg Q2W, 75 mg Q2W, 100 mg Q2W or 250 mg Q4W BFKB488A was simulated for 12 weeks in a virtual cohort of NAFLD patients with steatosis (n=42).

Generally, simulations of BFKB488A-mediated increases in Adpn were able to predict comparable reduction in liver fat as those observed in the Phase 1b study. Simulated BFKB488A administration was predicted to increase serum Adpn 40-80% over 12 weeks of dosing in an exposure-related manner (Figure 1), which was within range of the clinical data (except for 100 mg Q2W). Liver fat reductions were predicted to increase in magnitude with increasing dose within the simulated patient population, ranging from 0% to >90% relative to baseline. The inter-patient variability in the liver fat reduction was reasonably predicted. Alternative simulations without Adpn increases did not predict any effects on liver fat.

The hypothesis that BFKB488A-induced increases in Adpn mediate the observed effects on liver fat in NAFLD patients is consistent with NAFLDsym simulations. The consistency between the clinical observations and model predictions utilizing the simulated mechanism of Adpn on hepatic lipid pathways suggests that Adpn participates in mediating the potential beneficial response to BFKB488A.

RESULTS

NAFLDsym Overview Diagram

Representation and Optimization of BFKB488A in NAFLDsym

Accurate Prediction of Phase I Clinical Response to BFKB488A with NAFLDsym

• NAFLDsym accurately predicted (red) clinical responses (black) for adiponectin (Adpn) in representative SimCohorts

• NAFLDsym simulations parameterized without Adpn increase (pink) did not represent clinical Adpn response

Description

• BFKB488A agonist anti-FGFR1/KLB acts on adipose tissue to increase adiponectin secretion from the adipose and increase uptake of triglycerides from the plasma to the adipose. These PD effects were included in the simulations

• The simulations also downstream effects in the liver mediated by changes in the adiponectin receptor which stimulates AMPK [2-4]; these changes decrease de novo lipogenesis, decrease processing of saturated fatty acids into mono-, di-, and triglycerides, increase liver secretion of triglycerides, and increase fatty acid oxidation [5-7].

NAFLDsym accurately predicted (red) clinical responses (black) for liver fat in representative SimCohorts, based on dose-dependent Adpn increases mediating liver effects.

• NAFLDsym simulations parameterized without Adpn increase (pink) did not represent clinical liver fat response

NAFLD SimPops Validation

Construction and validation of NAFLD SimPops

• Simulated NAFLD patients (n=1070) include combinations of parameter ranges based on reported responses from literature [8-12]

• Simulated patients within SimPops have pathophysiological and clinical characteristics consistent with what has been reported in literature [8-12]

Plasma TG change

• NAFLDsym accurately predicted (red) the clinical responses (black) for plasma TG changes in representative SimCohorts, reasonably for wide clinical variability in plasma TG responses

METHODS

Overview: NAFLDsym is a mechanistic, mathematical, QSP model that was utilized for all simulations. NAFLDsym includes a representation of the primary pathways controlling liver fatty acid and triglyceride fluxes in addition to the effects of lipotoxicity on hepatocellular health. NAFLDsym v2A also contains 'submodels' describing the pathophysiology of inflammation and fibrosis; these submodels were not the focus for the simulations described herein. The primary simulated NAFLDsym outputs utilized were adiponectin, ALT, liver fat, and plasma TG.

Simulated patients: A simulated population of patients with pathophysiological aspects of NAFLD are included in NAFLDsym. This SimPop (n=1070) includes a number of characteristics that are consistent with the observed heterogeneity of pathophysiological and clinical features of NAFLD. For this study, a subset of all simulated patients (SimCohorts, n=42) with similar characteristics as the clinical cohort was utilized.

Simulated effects of BFKB488A: High molecular weight (HMW) adiponectin has been shown to increase the activity of hepatocellular AMPK following its interaction with the ADIPO-RI and R2 receptors [2-4]. In separate studies employing pharmacologic activators of AMPK in hepatocytes or HepG2 cells, AMPK activity has been demonstrated to reduce the expression and/or activity of ACC and FAS [5]. These are rate controlling enzymes of the de novo lipogenesis (DNL) pathway; reductions in expressibility of these enzymes reduce flux through the DNL pathway. ACC also regulates the entry of fatty acids into the mitochondria; reduced ACC activity allows for greater fatty acid entry into the mitochondria to support fatty acid oxidation [5]. Additional studies have shown that AMPK activation reduces the hepatocellular expressibility of MGAT1, one of the enzymes that participates in the esterification of fats and triglycerides [7]. Exposure-response relationships between HMW adiponectin and DNL inhibition, enhanced fatty acid oxidation, enhanced VLDL2 secretion, and inhibition of fatty acid esterification, respectively were quantified to reduce the uncertainty of translating the quantitative aspects to humans. Validation of the optimized quantitative effects on DNL inhibition, fatty acid oxidation, and MGAT1 inhibition was performed by comparing simulation results with additional Phase I clinical data (75 mg Q2W and 100 mg Q2W). Simulations were also conducted without parameterizing an adiponectin increase, to test the key method of action hypothesis for BFKB488A.

Simulated Protocols: Subcutaneous administration of 50 mg Q2W, 75 mg Q2W, 100 mg Q2W or 250 mg Q4W BFKB488A was simulated for 12 weeks in a virtual cohort of NAFLD patients with steatosis.

NAFLDsym accurately predicted (red) clinical responses (black) for liver fat in representative SimCohorts, based on dose-dependent Adpn increases mediating liver effects. NAFLDsym simulations parameterized without Adpn increase (pink) did not represent clinical liver fat response.

CONCLUSIONS

NAFLDsym simulated predictions of 12 weeks of treatment with the agonist anti-FGFR1/KLB bispecific antibody BFKB488A indicate that:

- BFKB488A administration was predicted to increase serum Adpn 40-80% over 12 weeks of dosing in an exposure-related manner, within the clinical data range
- Liver fat reductions in the simulated patients were predicted to increase in magnitude with increasing dose, and simulated magnitudes were consistent with the observed liver fat reduction
- Simulations parameterized without an adiponectin increase (pink) did not represent clinical liver fat response

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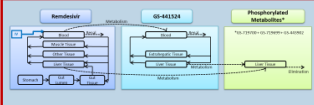
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Introduction

- Remdesivir, a monophosphonate prodrug of a nucleoside analog, has been granted Emergency Use Authorization in the U.S. for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients.
- In a P1b clinical study in healthy volunteers treated with the 100 mg daily dose of remdesivir for 7 or 14 days (higher than the current clinical dose) [1], reversible low-grade elevations of serum ALT and AST were observed at 5-25 days after the first dose in 8 out of 16 individuals.

Parameterization of Clinical PK Data



Parameterization of *in vitro* Toxicity Data

Compound	Mechanism	Parameter	Unit	Value*
Remdesivir	Bile Acid Transport Inhibition	Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for BSEP	μM	22
		Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for basolateral eNur	μM	5.1
		Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for MDRP	μM	72
Phosphorylated metabolites†	Mitochondrial Dysfunction	Coefficient for ETC Inhibition 1	μM	<205

DILysm parameter values identified from *in vitro* mechanistic toxicity data.

IV Remdesivir 150 mg Single Dose

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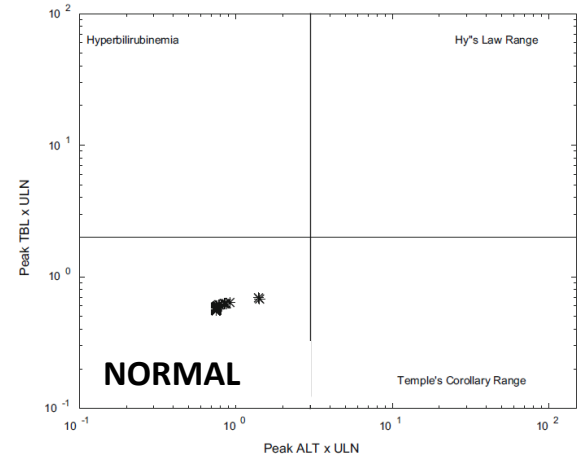
Table 7 Comparison between simulation and clinical results for lixivaptan from this study and for tolvaptan from previously published research (9) at the maximum intended doses for ADPKD

Drug	Dose	Duration	Parameter Settings	Simulated ALT > 3X ULN*	Clinical ALT > 3X ULN	Simulated Hy's Law Cases	Clinical Hy's Law Cases
Lixivaptan	200/100 mg	12 weeks	Default measured#	0/285 (0.0%)	Study not yet conducted	No	Study not yet conducted
Tolvaptan	90/30 mg	24 weeks	Default measured#	18/229 (7.86%)	4.4% and 5.6%	Yes	Yes

*Upper limit of normal (ULN) in DILysm is 40 U/L

Default lixivaptan assumption for BA inhibition is mixed inhibition type with $\alpha = 5$ in the absence of K_i studies, based on the authors' experience

Fig. 6 eDISH (evaluation of Drug-Induced Serious Hepatotoxicity) plot showing DILysm simulated liver safety outcomes for 200/100 mg split daily dosing of lixivaptan over 12 weeks in the lixivaptan-specific SimPops of 265 simulated normal healthy volunteers inducing lixivaptan PK variability.



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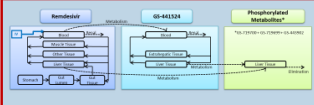
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- Remdesivir, a monophosphoramidate prodrug of a nucleoside analog, has been granted Emergency Use Authorization in the U.S. for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients.
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DILsym parameter values identified from *in vitro* mechanistic toxicity data.

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Table V Most Likely Mechanism of Toxicity Suggested by the Simulation Results for Each Macrolide Antibiotic

DILI mechanism	Solithromycin	Clarithromycin	Erythromycin	Telithromycin	Azithromycin
Mitochondrial dysfunction	Predominant	Predominant	None	None	Plausible
Oxidative stress	None	None	Minor	None	None
Bile acid transporter inhibition	Minor	Minor	Predominant	Plausible	None
Mechanism not included in DILsym	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Plausible	Plausible

The mechanism suggested by DILsym as the most likely to contribute to the observed toxicity is rendered in bold

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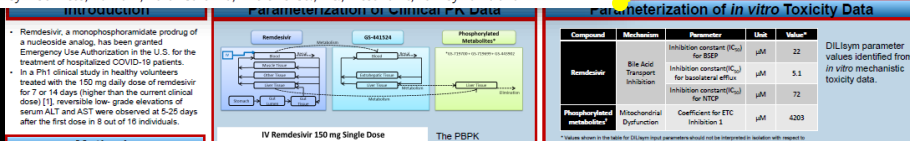
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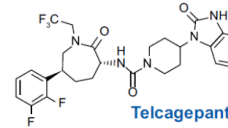
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Associated Clinical ALT Toxicology Modeling

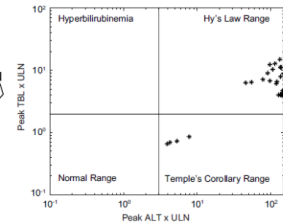
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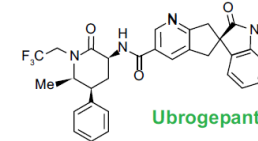
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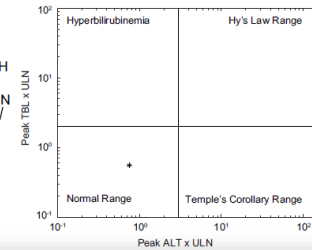
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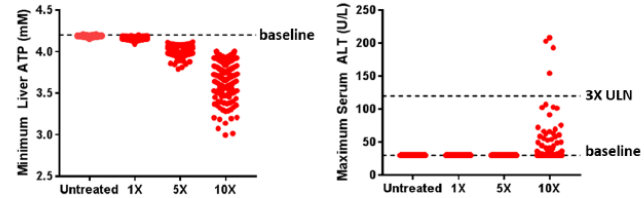
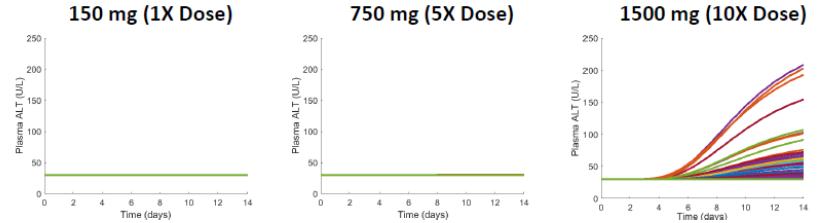
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Simulated Hepatic Biomarkers in SimPops (n=300) administered remdesivir



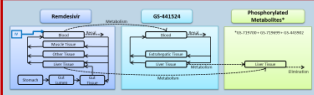
Conclusions

- Clinically-observed reversible low-grade ALT increases following multiple dose treatment with 150 mg of remdesivir for 7 or 14 days are unlikely to be due to mitochondrial electron transport chain or bile acid transport inhibition, indicating potentially alternative mechanisms.

Introduction

- Remdesivir, a monophosphoramidate prodrug of a nucleoside analog, has been granted Emergency Use Authorization in the U.S. for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients.
- In a P1b clinical study in healthy volunteers treated with the 150 mg daily dose of remdesivir for 7 or 14 days (higher than the current clinical dose) [1], reversible low-grade elevations of serum ALT and AST were observed at 5–25 days after the first dose in 8 out of 16 individuals.

Parameterization of Clinical PK Data



IV Remdesivir 150 mg Single Dose

The PBPK

Parameterization of *in vitro* Toxicity Data

Compound	Mechanism	Parameter	Unit	Value*
Remdesivir	Bile Acid Transport Inhibition	Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for BSEP	μM	22
		Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for basolateral efflux	μM	5.1
		Inhibition constant (IC ₅₀) for MDRP	μM	72
Phosphorylated metabolites [†]	Mitochondrial Dysfunction	Coefficient for ETC Inhibition 1	μM	4265

DILysm parameter values identified from *in vitro* mechanistic toxicity data.

*Values shown in the table for DILysm model parameterization should not be interpreted in isolation with respect to

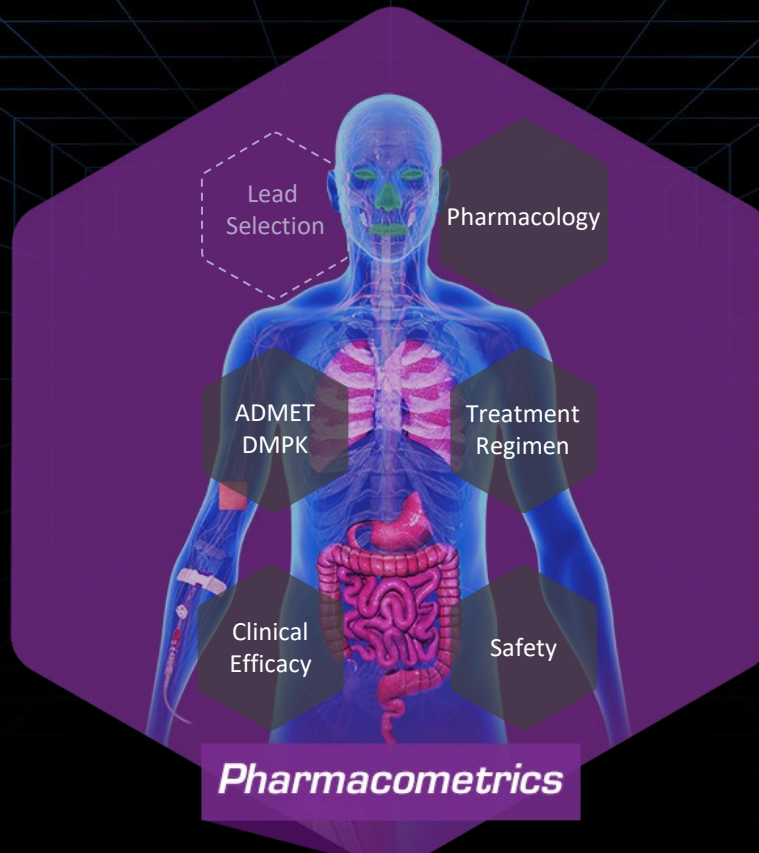
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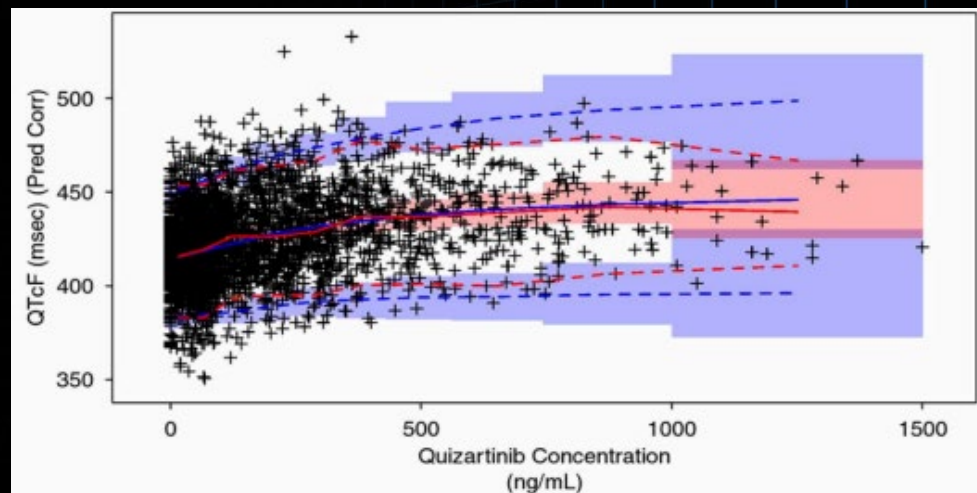
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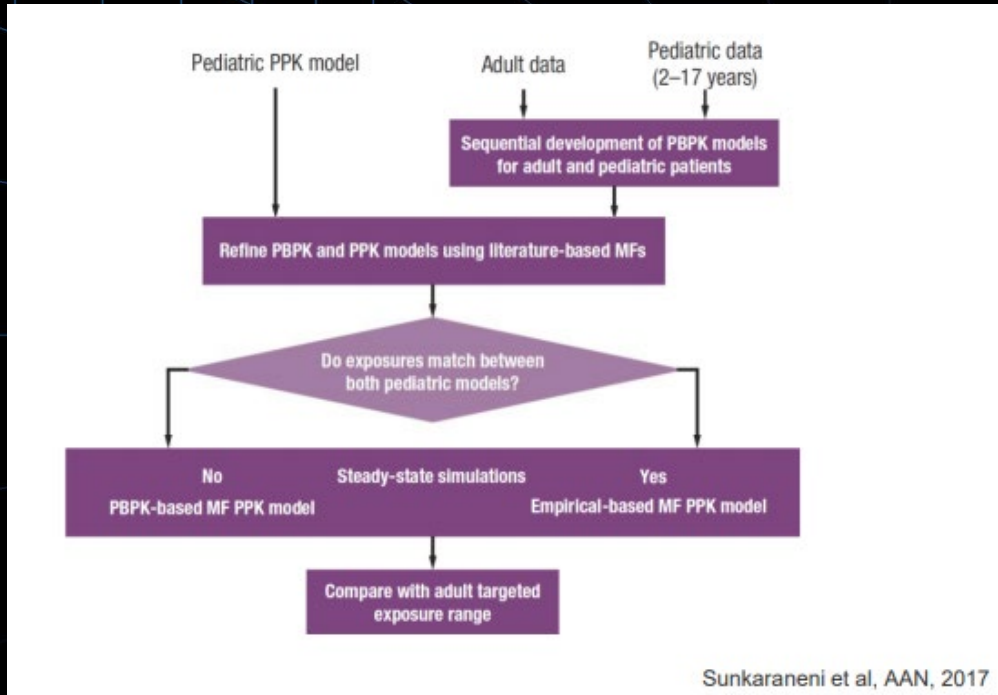


Concentration-QT Model-based Risk Assessment for Quizartinib

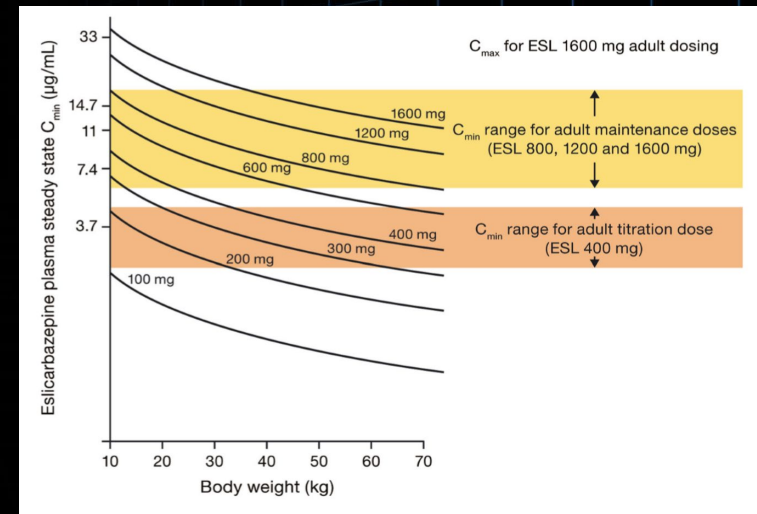
- Population PK models of quizartinib and its major metabolite (AC886) identified strong CYP3A inhibitor use as a clinically meaningful factor affecting quizartinib PK exposure
- Concentration-QT models predicting the risk of QT prolongation in relation to drug and metabolite exposure were developed to quantify risk with alternative dosing regimens and support labelling recommendations
- Results helped to quantify risk associated with QT prolongation and supported dose reduction in patients receiving strong CYP 3A inhibitors



Pediatric Dose Selection: Value of Alternative Modeling Approaches, PBPK and Population PK



Complementary PBPK and population PK modeling approaches used to increase confidence in selection of eslicarbazepine acetate dosing regimen for further evaluation in children with partial-onset seizures aged 1 - <24 months

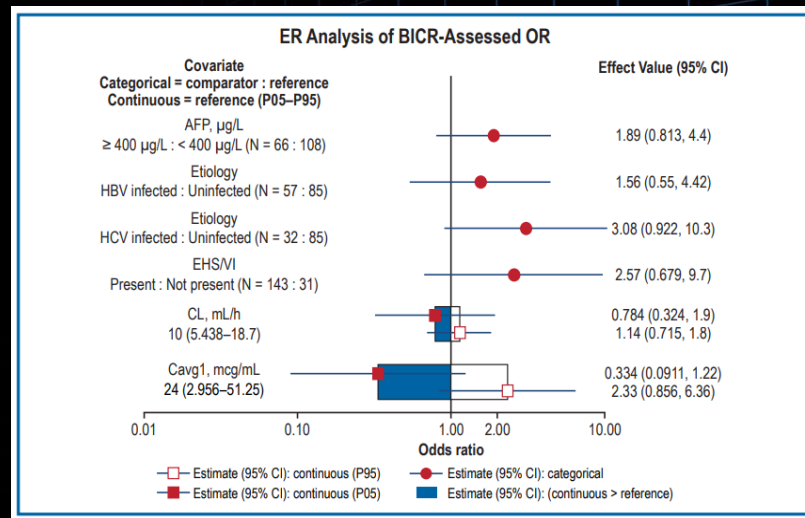
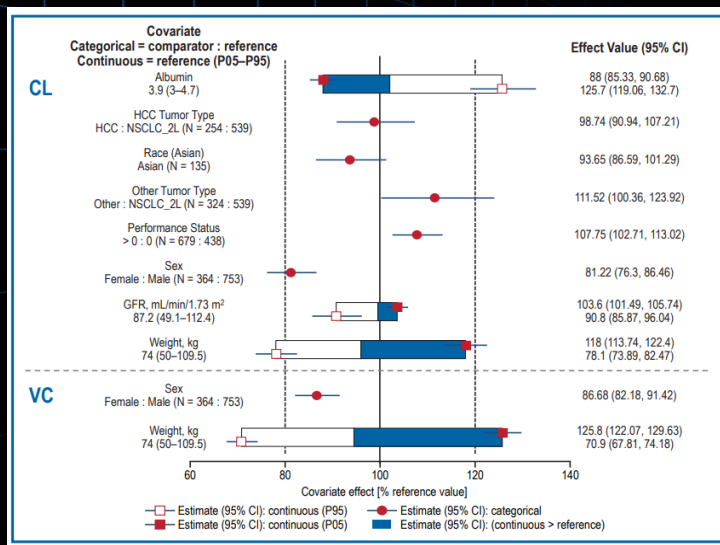


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Model-informed Approaches to Characterize Exposure-Response and Determinants of Safety and Efficacy

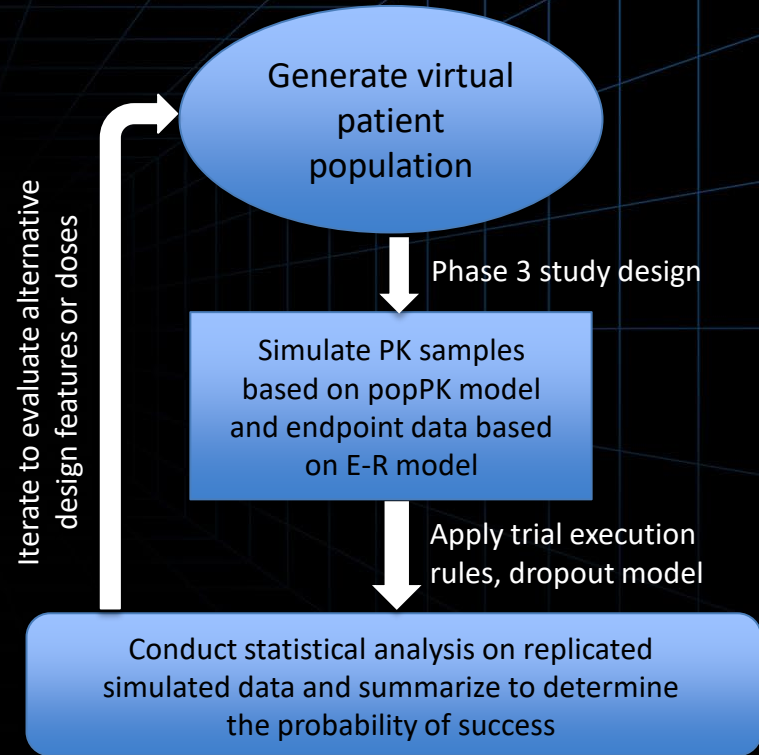
- Population PK modeling has been used to characterize time-varying CL and the impact of various intrinsic factors on the PK of nivolumab, a fully human IgG4 approved for the treatment of multiple cancer types in the US and other countries
- E-R models were developed to predict overall response based on RECIST criteria and the impact of various factors on E-R; knowledge of E-R relationships supported clinical pharmacology understanding for the approval of new indications and for dosing regimen selection/labeling



Simulations to Improve the Probability of Phase 3 Success

Timely performance of clinical trial simulations can be used effectively to **increase the probability of Phase 3 success** by **evaluating the impact of various study design features** including:

- appropriate inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - optimal sampling for PK and PD to achieve differentiation between placebo and treatment, and
 - optimal dose and dosing regimen
- to **achieve the desired benefit-risk profile.**



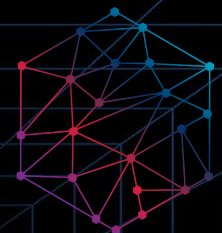
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