

DILIsym Simulations Support the Liver Safety of Ubrogepant in New Toxicological Sciences Publication



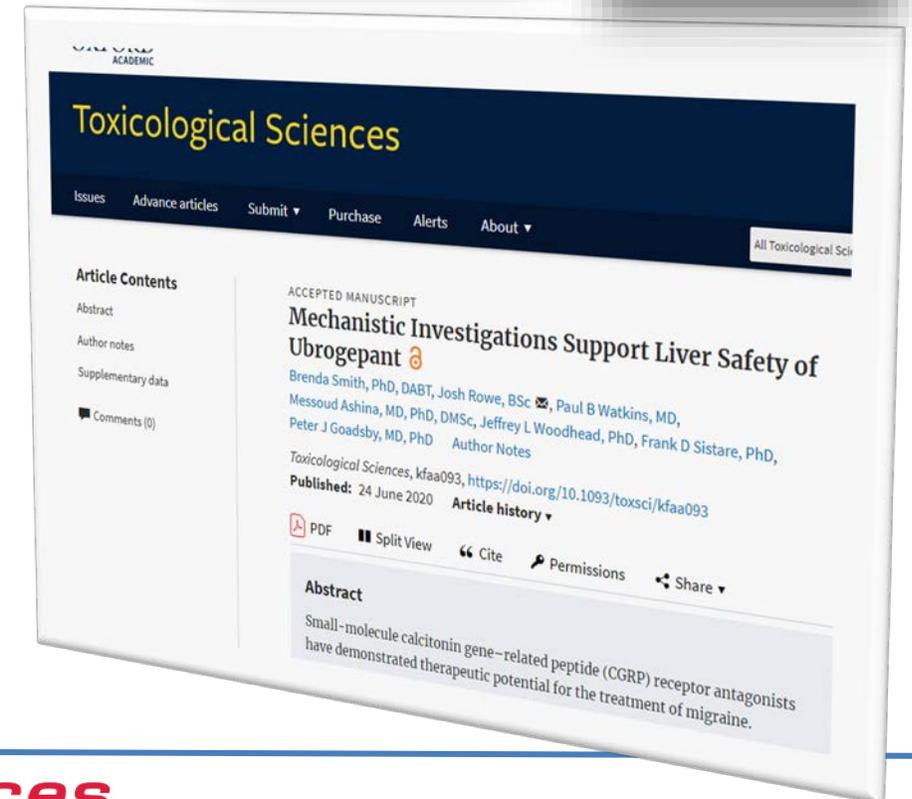
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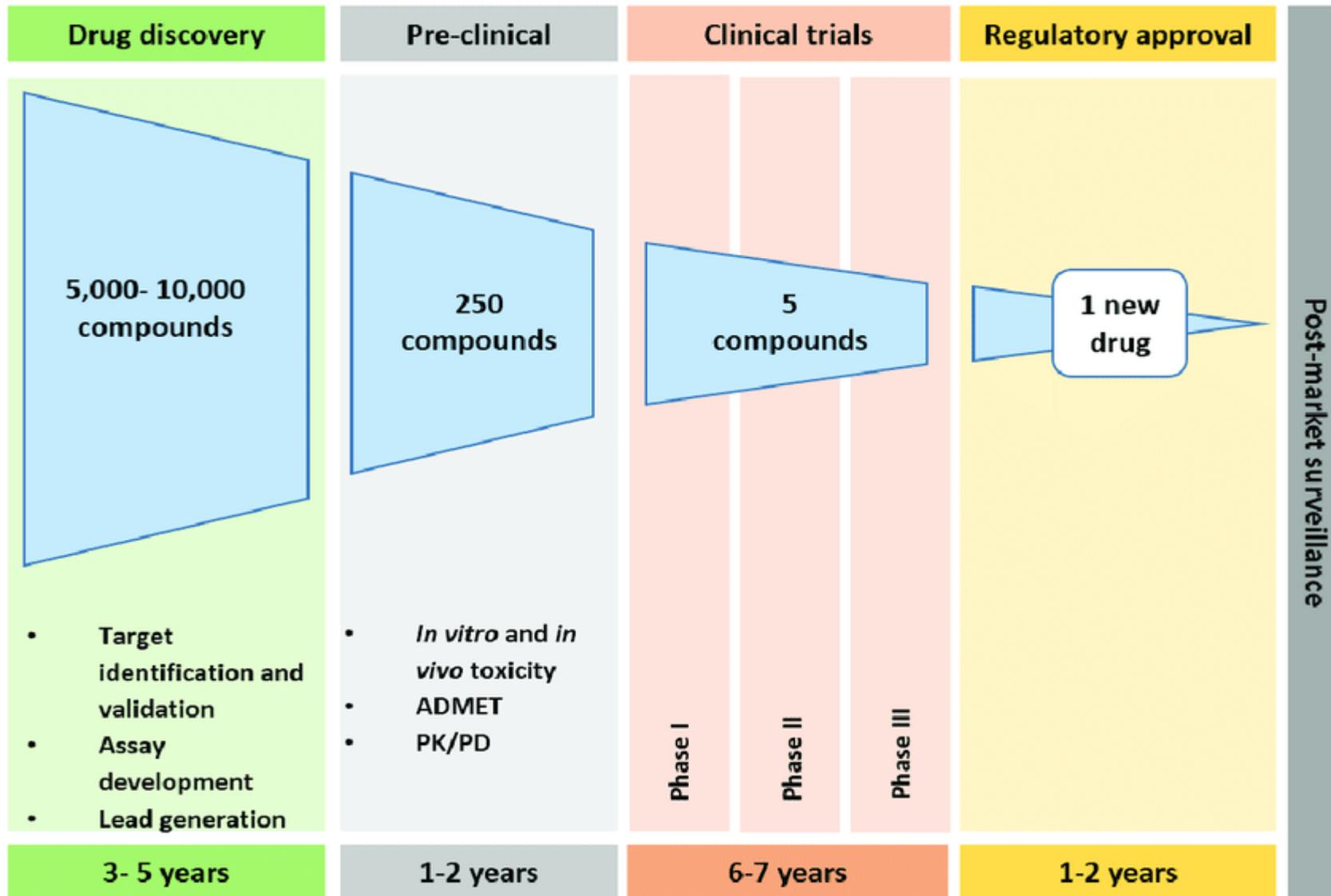
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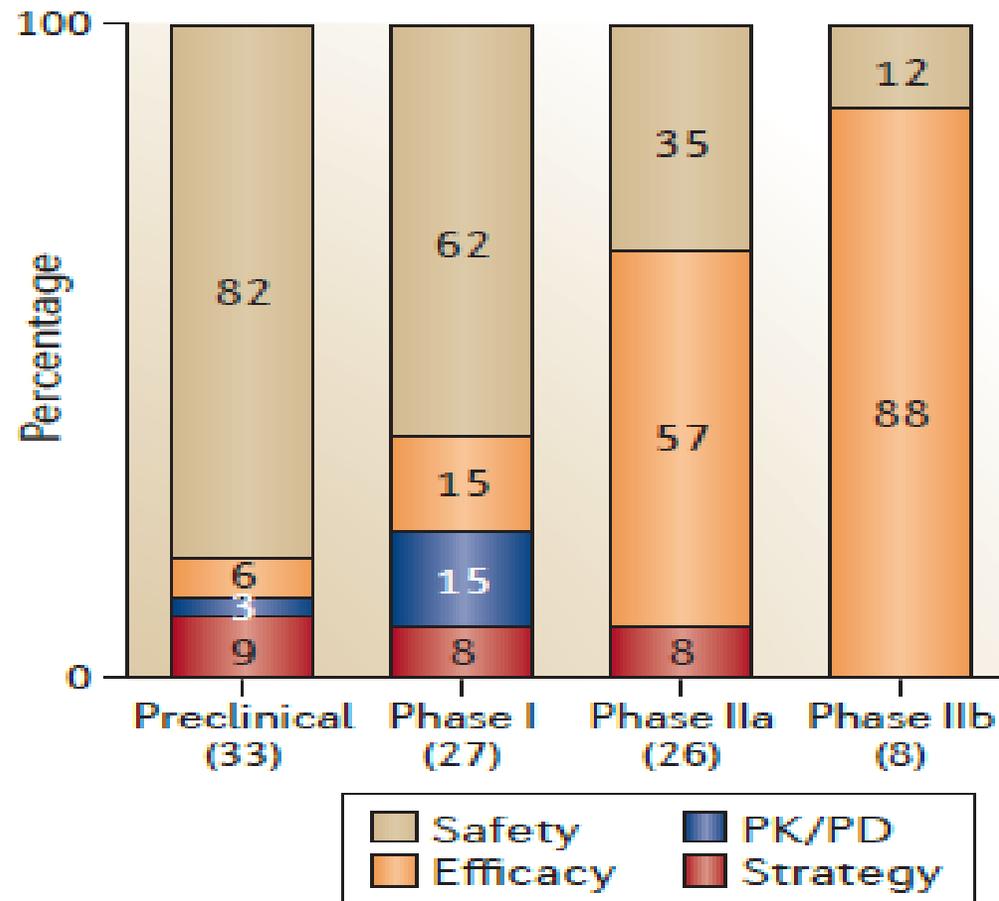
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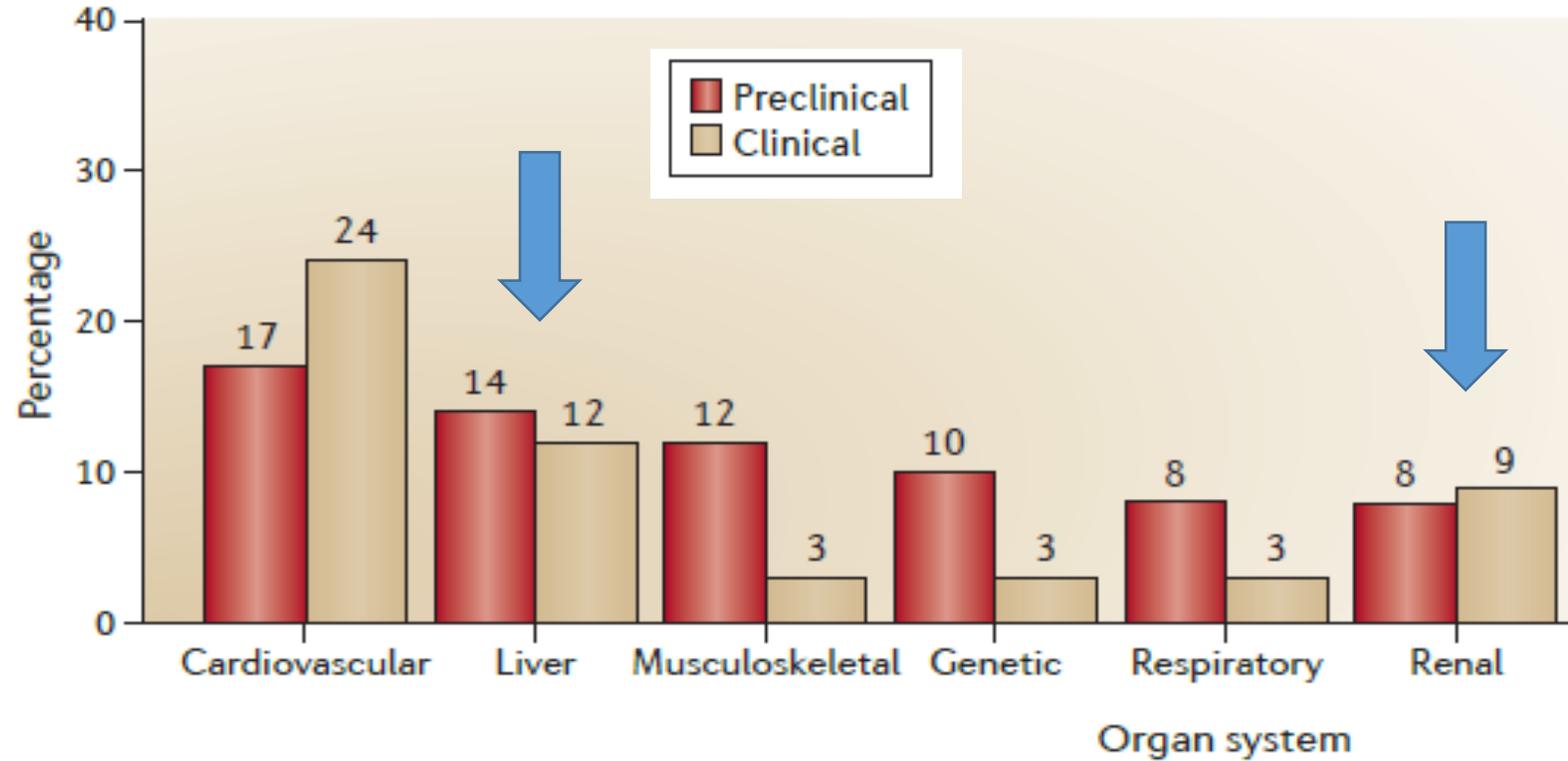
Drug Development Pipeline



Reasons for Termination of Drug Development Programs



Reasons for Termination of Programs due to Safety by Organ System



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Is hepatotoxicity still a problem?

No drugs approved in the last decade have been withdrawn from the market in the U.S. due to liver safety concerns:

- 1). Regulators (and drug developers) can better define liver safety signals in clinical trials

but

- 2). Clinical trials are much bigger and longer now.....

Then...and now

The direct acting oral anticoagulants (DOACs)

**First in class: Ximelagatran -
withdrawn from worldwide markets due
to liver toxicity.**

**Second in class: Rivaroxaban – approved for
atrial fibrillation after > 35,000 patients had
been exposed to the drug.**

FDA rejects Motif Bio's iclaprim for ABSSSI

Feb. 14, 2019 7:36 AM ET | By: [Douglas W. House](#), SA News Editor

Motif Bio ([OTCPK:MTFBF](#)) has [received](#) a Complete Response Letter (CRL) from the FDA regarding its marketing application seeking approval for iclaprim for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections ((ABSSSI)).

The CRL cited the need for additional data to assess the risk of liver toxicity.

The company plans to meet with FDA as soon as possible to clarify a path forward. It will need to raise additional capital in the near term since it is only financed into next quarter.

Update: Shares are down **78%** premarket.

Economics of delay in FDA approval

**If drug attains at least
\$1 B/year in sales at the end of patent
life**

**Every day of delay in approval
>\$2 million**

Conclusion

- **Hepatotoxicity remains a major problem in drug development.**
- **Current preclinical testing has not eliminated this problem**

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Patients

In Vitro



*Cutting Edge
Pre-clinical Models*



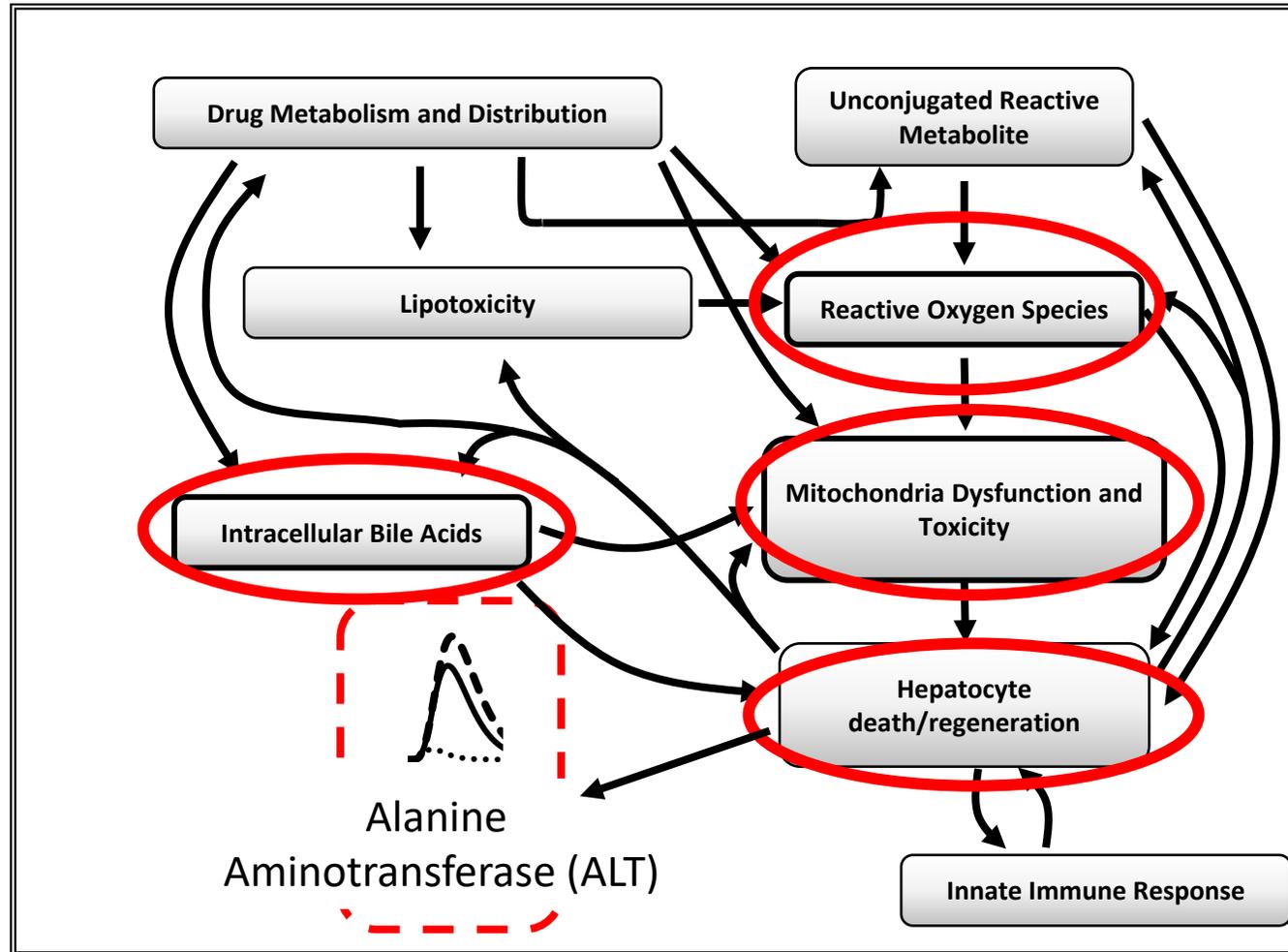
Quantitative Systems Toxicology

The use of differential equations to recapitulate relevant pathways whereby drugs or other chemicals can cause stress and death to cells, tissues, and organs.

DILI-sim Initiative Approach

- 1). Build mechanistic “modules” using differential equations
– perform experiments to fill in knowledge gaps.
- 2). Integrate the modules with the outcome of hepatocyte death and release and clearance of traditional and novel serum biomarkers.
- 3). Vary model parameters to create simulated patient populations (SimPops™)
- 4). Refine the aggregate model through incorporating data obtained from successive “exemplar” drugs

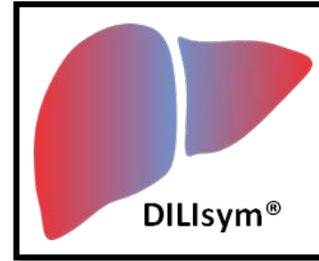
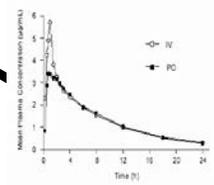
QST software created by the DILI-sim Initiative (DILIsym[®])



DILIsym Input Data

Exposure

Pharmacokinetics



***Simulated Frequency
& Severity of Liver
Injury (ALT)***

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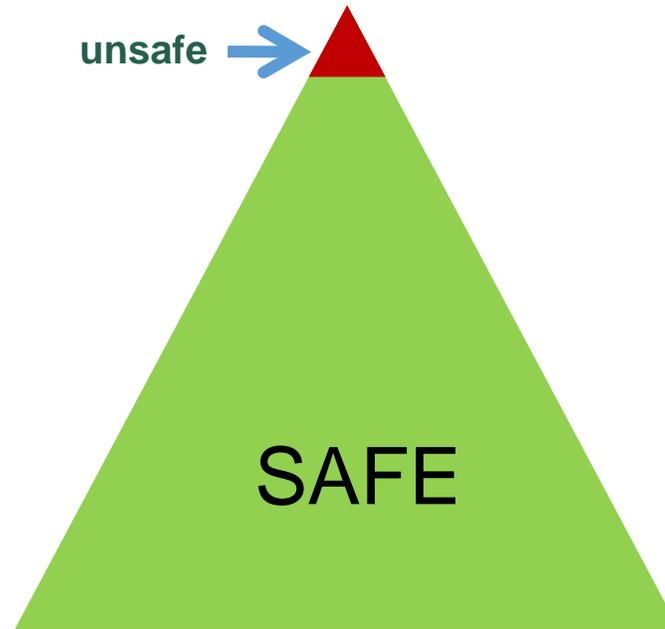
Direct or Intrinsic Hepatotoxicity

- dose dependent
- short latency
- usually, but not always evident in animals
- usually identified in Phase 1 clinical trials
- high DILIsym prediction

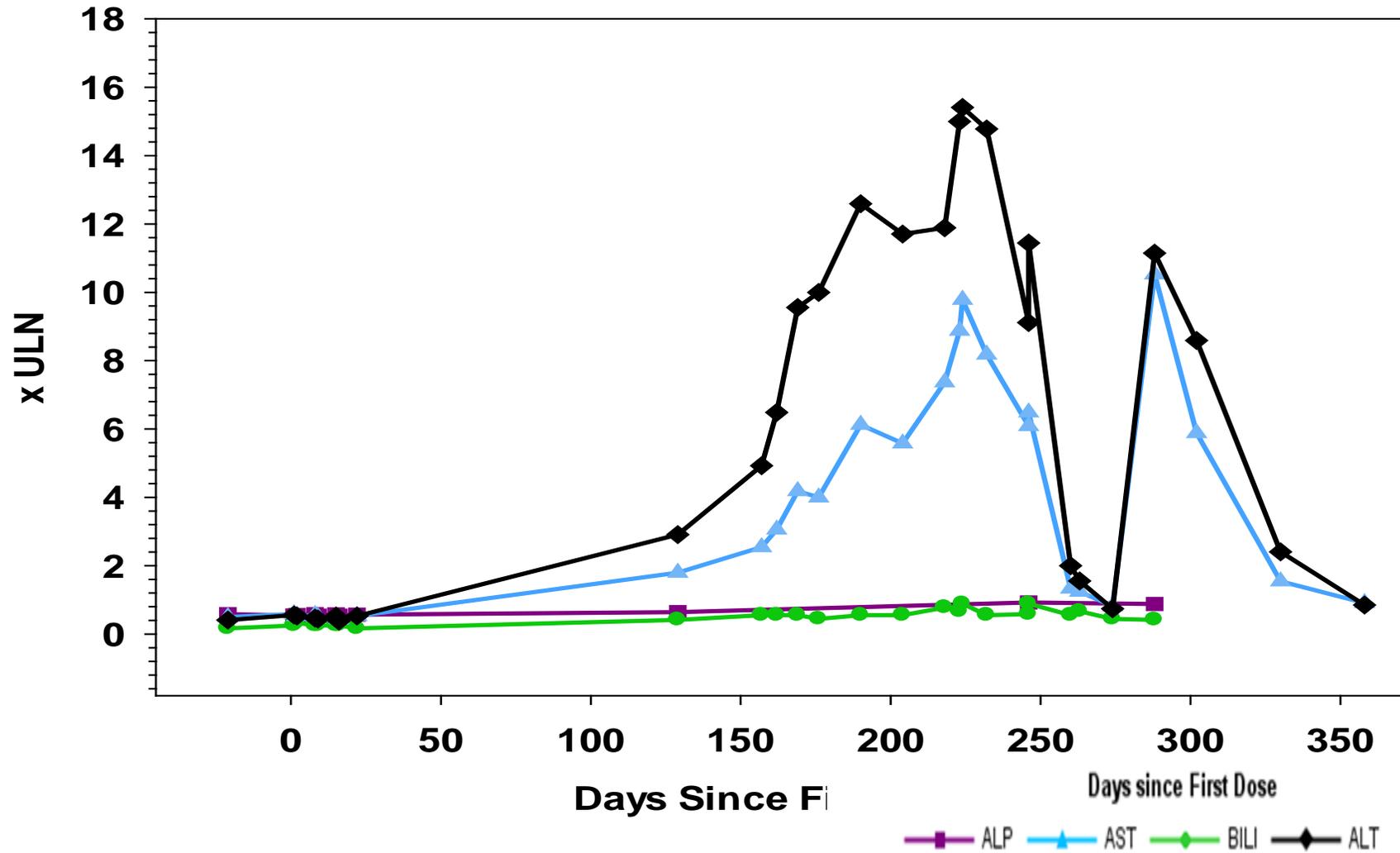
Idiosyncratic Hepatotoxicity

- rare (<1:5,000)
- dose relationship is complex
- longer latency
- no good animal models -
- usually identified late in clinical trials or post marketing

Concept of Idiosyncrasy



Tolvaptan Idiosyncratic Drug-Induced Liver Injury



Dosing Period: □ no dose □ 45+15 mg □ 60+30 mg □ 90+30 mg

Conclusion

- Idiosyncratic DILI usually involves an adaptive immune attack on the liver

Does DILIsym predict this liability in new drug candidates?

Idiosyncratic DILI Liability Predicted by DILIsym

Systems Pharmacology Modeling Predicts Delayed Presentation and Species Differences in Bile Acid–Mediated Troglitazone Hepatotoxicity

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Quantitative Systems Toxicology Analysis of *In Vitro* Mechanistic Assays Reveals Importance of Bile Acid Accumulation and Mitochondrial Dysfunction in TAK-875-Induced Liver Injury

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Application of a Mechanistic Model to Evaluate Putative Mechanisms of Tolvaptan Drug-Induced Liver Injury and Identify Patient Susceptibility Factors

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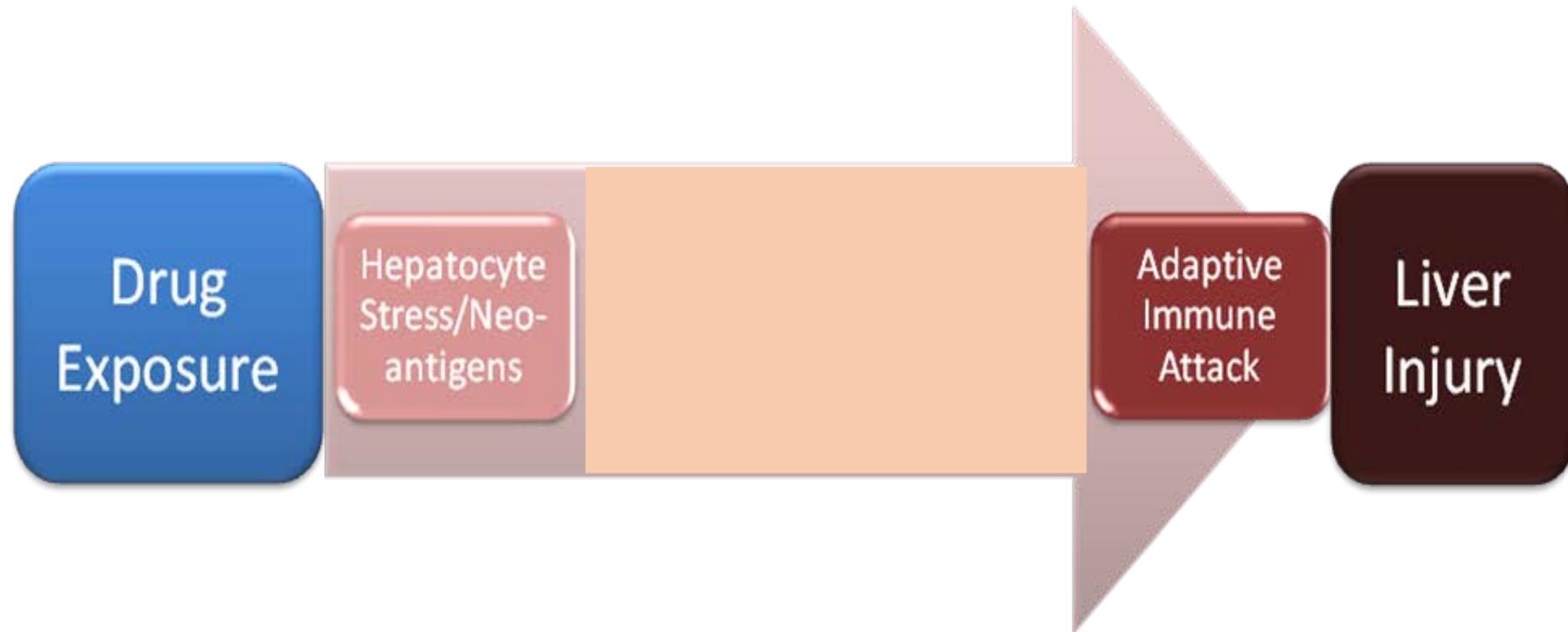
WHY?

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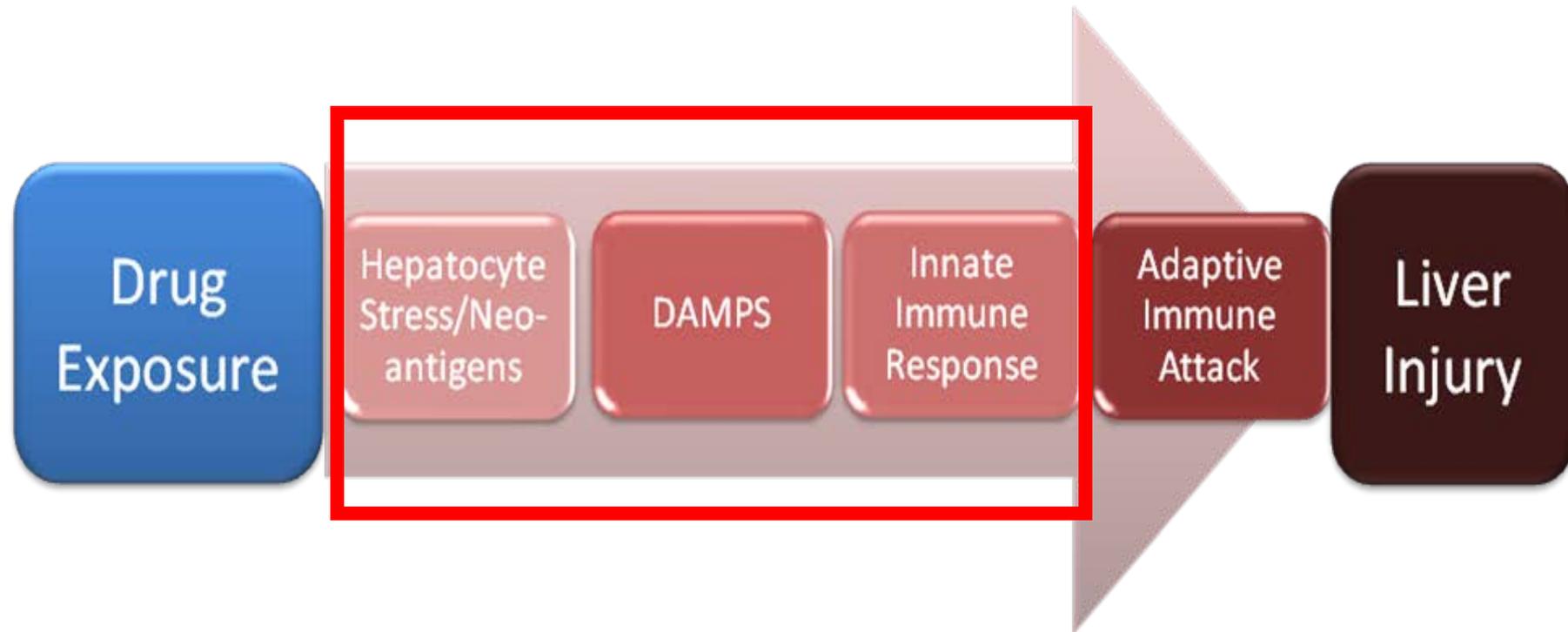
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Randomized controlled trial of the CGRP receptor antagonist telcagepant for migraine prevention

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Randomized to telcagepant 140 mg, telcagepant 280 mg, or placebo twice daily for 12 weeks.

Neurology® 2014;83:958-966

Table 3 Summary of adverse events

	Telcagepant 140 mg (n = 263)	Telcagepant 280 mg (n = 265)	Placebo (n = 128)
Any adverse event	138 (52.5)	143 (54.0)	74 (57.8)
Drug-related adverse event ^a	81 (30.8)	74 (27.9)	38 (29.7)
Serious adverse event	3 (1.1)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.8)
ALT increased	6 (2.3)	12 (4.5)	0 (0.0)

Two patients with severe and symptomatic liver injury

- 1). patient was a 25-year-old obese woman. After 2 weeks of treatment with telcagepant 140 mg, her laboratory results were within normal limits. After 4 weeks of treatment, her ALT level was $39\times$ ULN and her AST was $19\times$ ULN, without concomitant elevation of bilirubin. The patient also complained of abdominal pain and nausea of 2 weeks' duration. Following dis-

2). patient was a 45-year-old woman. After 2 weeks of treatment with telcagepant 280 mg, her ALT level was $1.2 \times \text{ULN}$, but her other laboratory tests were within normal limits. She experienced severe influenza-like symptoms from days 17 to 24, and severe nausea, anorexia, and dyspepsia starting on day 24. After 4 weeks of treatment, her ALT level was $33 \times \text{ULN}$ and her AST was $21 \times \text{ULN}$. Total

Randomized controlled trial of the CGRP receptor antagonist telcagepant for prevention of headache in women with perimenstrual migraine

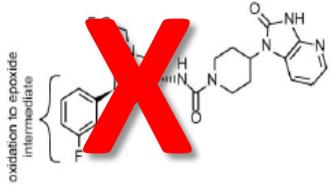
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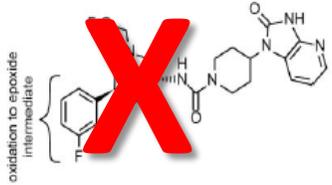
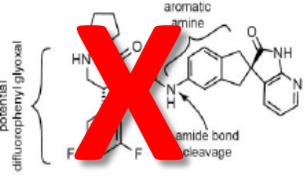
n = 2660 on 140 mg qd X 7d each month vs n = 1336 on placebo

**“In three patients, all in the telcagepant group, ALT elevations > 8
ULN were reported and were considered to be a serious
laboratory adverse event.”**

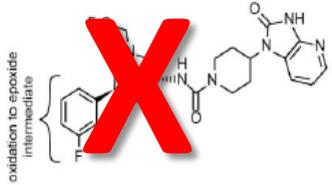
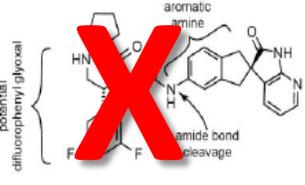
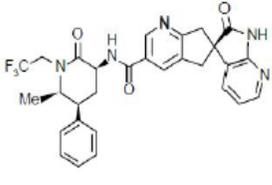
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Potency IC ₅₀ ^e	2.2 nM	0.12 nM
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Structure ^d			
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Ubrogепant Simulation Project Overview

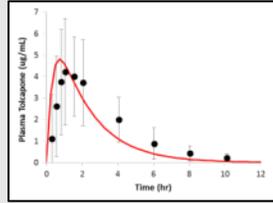
- *In vitro* experiments performed on three represented mechanisms of DILI for telcagepant, MK-3207, and Ubrogепant
 - Mitochondrial dysfunction: Seahorse XF Analyzer
 - Bile acid transporter inhibition: vesicle assays
 - Oxidative stress: high-content screening with DHE
- Simulations performed with telcagepant and MK-3207 using clinical trial dosing protocols
 - Goal is to **recapitulate clinically observed toxicity**
- Simulations performed with Ubrogепant
 - Goal is to **predict likelihood of toxicity**

DILIsym Utilizes Various Data Types to Inform Decisions

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

Assays performed to determine quantitative aspects of DILI mechanisms

- **Oxidative stress**
 - Direct and reactive metabolite-mediated
- **Mitochondrial toxicity**
 - ETC inhibition
 - Uncoupling
- **Bile acid transporter inhibition**
 - BSEP, MRP3 and 4, NTCP
- **Bilirubin transport/metabolism**
 - OATP1B1, OATP1B3, UGT1A1, MRP2, MRP3



Modeling & Simulation

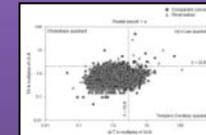
Simulations and Assays inform:

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



Clinical Data

- **Biomarkers**
 - Timing and magnitude of injury
- **Anthropometric data**
 - Body weight, age, ethnicity
- **Pharmacokinetic data**
 - Absorption, extra-hepatic clearance, metabolites



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Clinical Dosing Protocols Simulated for MK-3207, Telcagepant, and Ubrogepant

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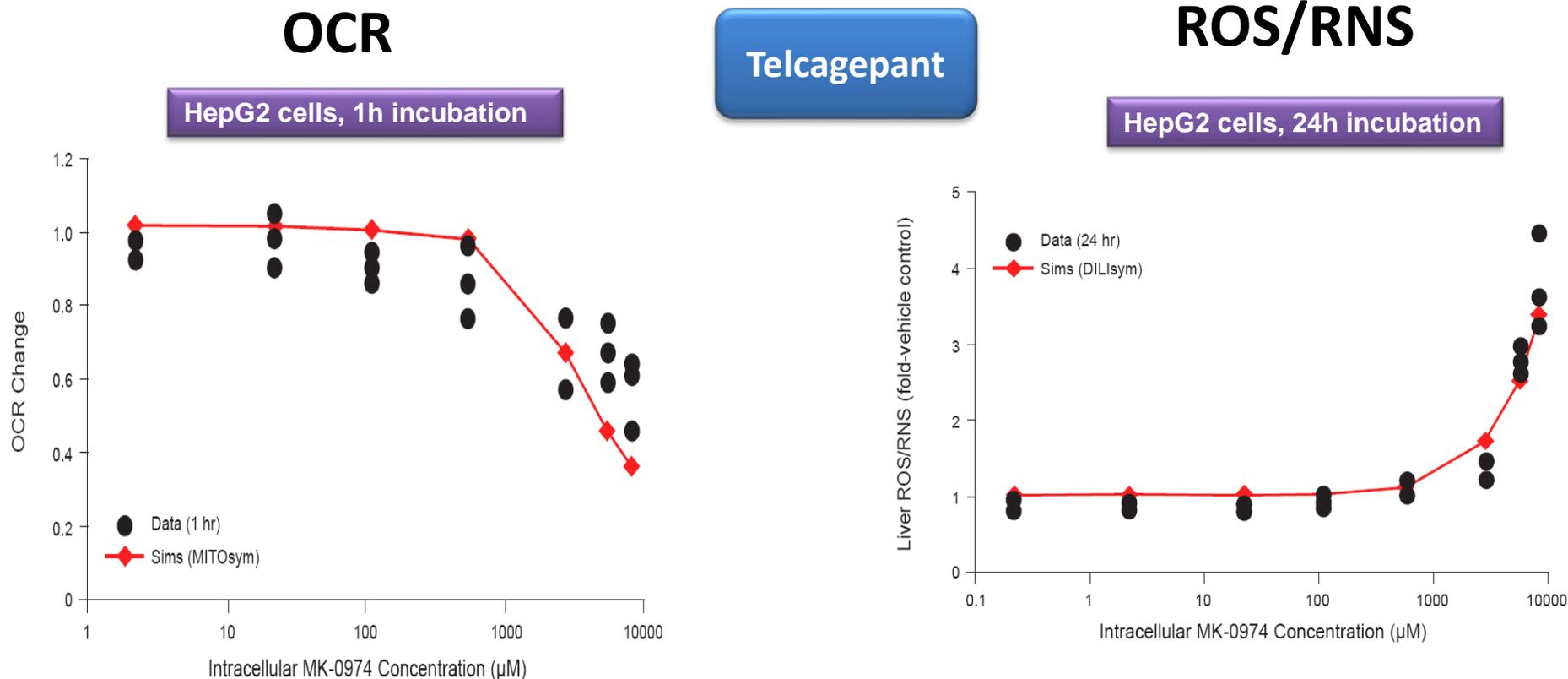
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MK-3207	MK-3207, Competitive BSEP Inhibition	200 mg, 2 daily doses 2 hours apart (400 mg daily dose), for 14 days	42% (5/12) amongst individuals dosed for more than 1 week; most responding were given 600 – 900 mg per day
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Telcagepant	Telcagepant	280 mg BID 12 weeks	3.2% (8/265)
		140 mg BID 12 weeks	1.9% (5/263)
Ubrogepant	Ubrogepant	100 mg q.d. for 8 days	Not known at time of simulation
		100 mg q2h (200 mg per day), 2 daily doses, for 4 days	
		100 mg q.d. for 2 days, 2 days off, 56 days total of dosing with 28 total doses	

*The full v4A-1 SimPops (n=285) of normal healthy volunteers was used; DILIsym v5A was used for MK-0974 and MK-8031, while v7A was used for MK-1602 and MK-3207

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

***Single dose study (006) and study with max of 3 doses (007) up to 100 mg showed no ALT elevations for MK-1602

Parameters Identified for Telcagepant Mediated Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Oxidative Stress



DILIsym Parameter	Value	Units
Coefficient for ETC Inhibition 1	17400	µM
RNS/ROS production rate constant 1	2e5	mL/mol/h

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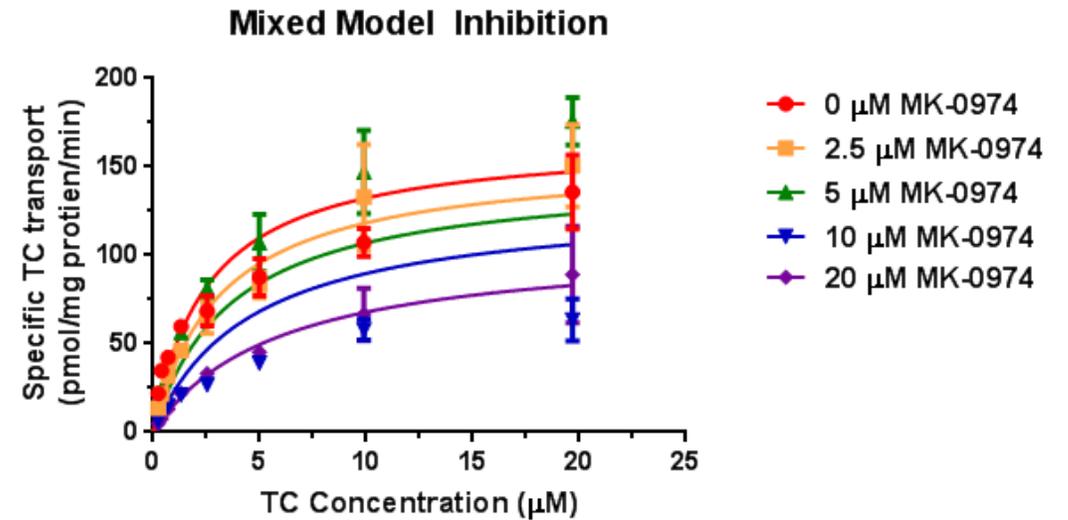
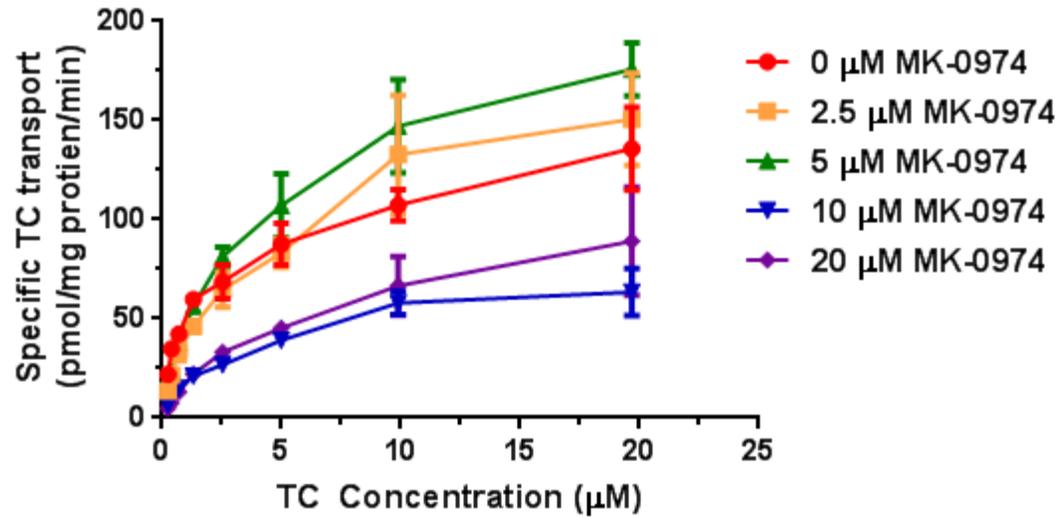
Preclinical Data and
Simulation Results

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Telcagepant Alters Km and Vmax of BSEP-Mediated Taurocholate Transport

Telcagepant



Telcagepant concentration (µM)	0	2.5	5	10	20
V _{max} (pmol/mg protein/min)	135.8	186.3	208.1	77.52	119.7
K _m (µM)	1.786	4.388	3.756	3.844	6.946

$$\frac{d[BA]}{dt} = \frac{V_{\max} [BA]}{K_m \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}\right) + [BA] \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{\alpha K_i}\right)}$$

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Preclinical Data

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DILIsym Toxicity Parameters for Telcagepant, MK-3207 and Ubrogapant

Mechanism	DILIsym Parameter	Unit	DILIsym Parameter Value***		
			Telcagepant	MK-3207	Ubrogapant
Mitochondrial Dysfunction	Coefficient for ETC inhibition 1	μM	17,400	N/A	472
	Coefficient for ETC inhibition 3	μM	N/A	0.347	N/A
	Max inhibitory effect for ETC inhibition 3	dimensionless	N/A	0.35	N/A
Oxidative Stress	RNS/ROS production rate constant 1	mL/nmol/hr	2.0×10^{-5}	2.2×10^{-4}	1.6×10^{-4}
Bile Acid Transporter Inhibition	BSEP inhibition constant	μM	7.9	7.62	38.1
	BSEP inhibition alpha value	dimensionless	4.6	Competitive	8.39
	NTCP inhibition constant	μM	19.4	No Inhibition	No Inhibition
	MRP3/4 inhibition constant**	μM	16.6	49.9	85.9

*Values shown in the table for DILIsym input parameters should not be interpreted in isolation with respect to clinical implications, but rather, should be combined with exposure in DILIsym to produce simulations that have predictive and insightful value

**IC₅₀ values calculated from experiment; mixed inhibition with alpha = 5 assumed

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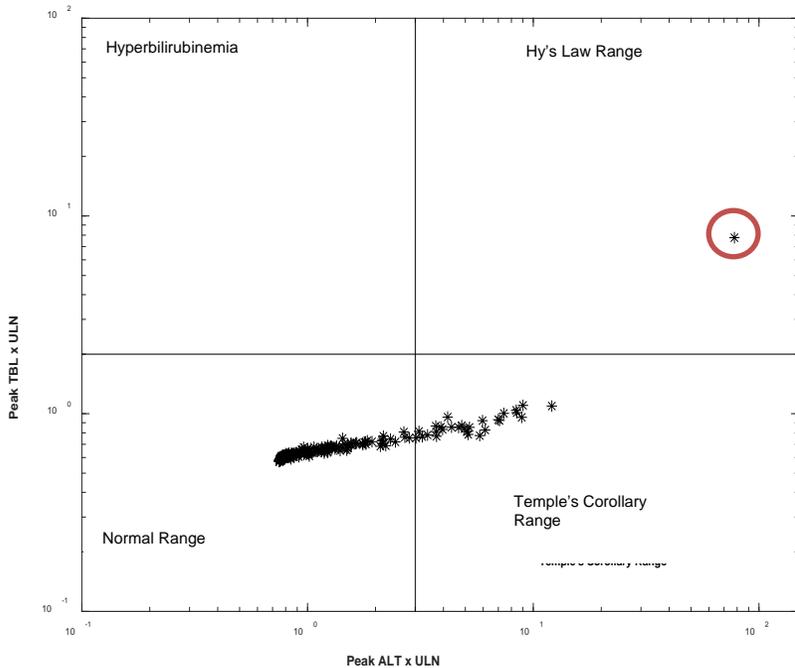
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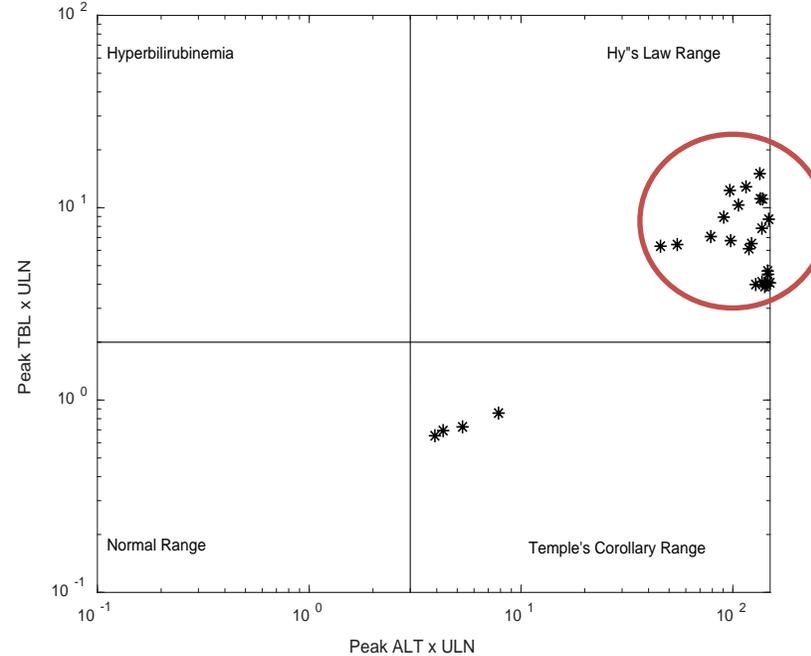
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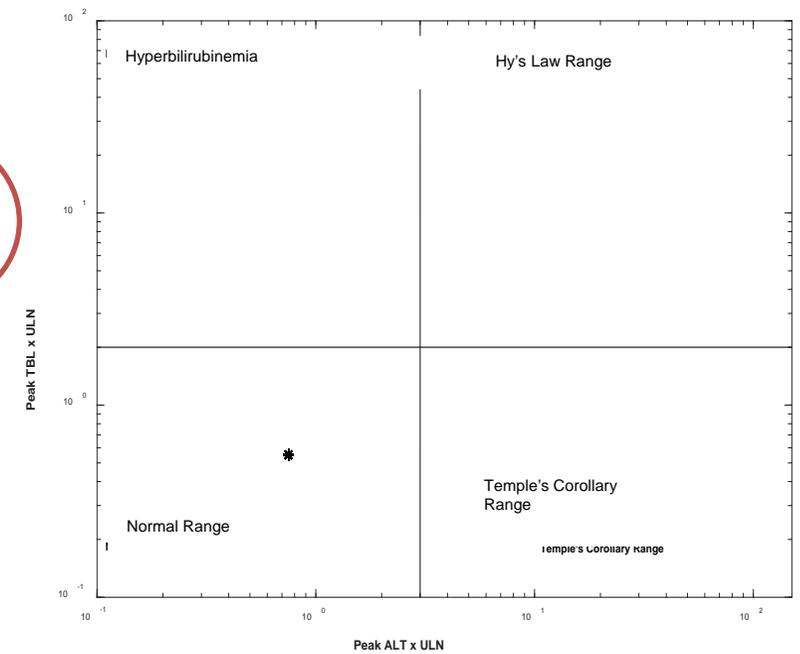
MK-3207 450 mg 14 days



Telcagepant 280 mg 12 weeks



Ubrogepant 100 mg q2h 4 days



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Simulation Results

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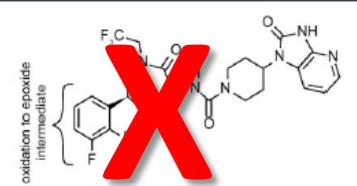
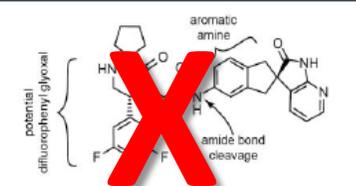
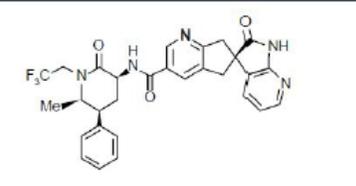
CGRP Modeling Project Conclusions

- DILIsym modeling predicted liver toxicity for telcagepant and MK-3207
 - Consistent with clinical experience
- DILIsym **prospectively** predicted liver safety for ubrogepant

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Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) antagonists for treatment of migraines

Parameter	Telcagepant ^a	MK-3207 ^b	Ubrogepant ^c
Structure ^d			
Potency IC ₅₀ ^e	2.2 nM	0.12 nM	0.08 nM
Pivotal			
DILIsym	X	X	

Smith et al, Tox Sci epub 2020

Safety and tolerability of ubrogepant following intermittent, high-frequency dosing: Randomized, placebo-controlled trial in healthy adults

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Table 3. Hepatic laboratory parameters.

	Placebo (n = 260)	Ubrogepant 100 mg (n = 256)
ALT, U/L	n = 258	n = 256
Baseline, mean (SD)	20.5 (7.2)	21.1 (9.1)
End of trial, mean (SD)	21.7 (7.7)	21.3 (8.7)
Change from baseline, mean (SD)	1.2 (7.4)	0.1 (8.4)
Post baseline $\geq 3 \times$ ULN, n (%)	3 (1.2)	2 (0.8)

For Immediate Release:
December 23, 2019

Food and Drug Administration today approved Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) tablets for the acute (immediate) treatment of migraine with or without aura (a sensory phenomenon or visual disturbance) in adults.

No liver safety warning in package insert!

Conclusion

DILIsym modeling was part of the weight of evidence that supported FDA approval of Ubrogepant for the treatment of acute migraine headaches.

Application of Systems Pharmacology to Explore Mechanisms of Hepatotoxicity

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We look forward to future efforts to apply this model for prediction of hepatotoxicity that has not been clinically observed.

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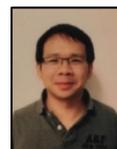
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