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# **DILIsym® Applications in Drug Development - Perspectives from 2 Pharma Industry Executives & an Experienced Consultant**

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**Webinar: Thursday, April 29**

5 PM CEST (Paris) / 8 AM PDT (Los Angeles) / 11 AM EDT (New York)



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**CEO, Biohaven**



**Dr. Paul Watkins**  
**Consultant**  
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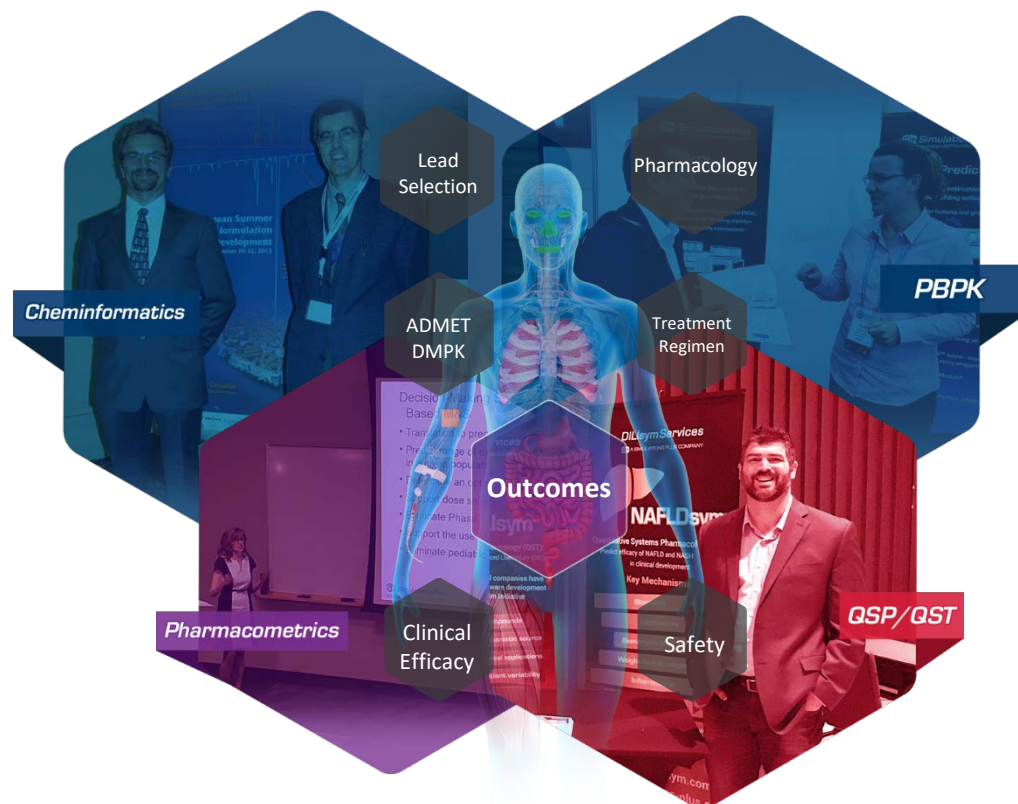
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# At *SimulationsPlus* We Put It All Together

## Science

- Seamless collaboration
- Integrated, innovative solutions to meet your needs



## Business

- Resources available to get the job done on time
- One-stop shopping – single vendor for all of your *in silico* drug development needs

We have the *Solutions* and the *People* to Address Your Drug Development Questions!

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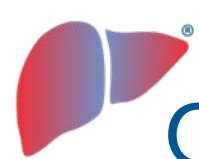
# How We Can Help: Two Sides to the Company

**Software:** The most comprehensive and widely recognized set of tools for *in silico* drug development. Ongoing development and reinvestment to incorporate the latest science and ensure a seamless user experience.

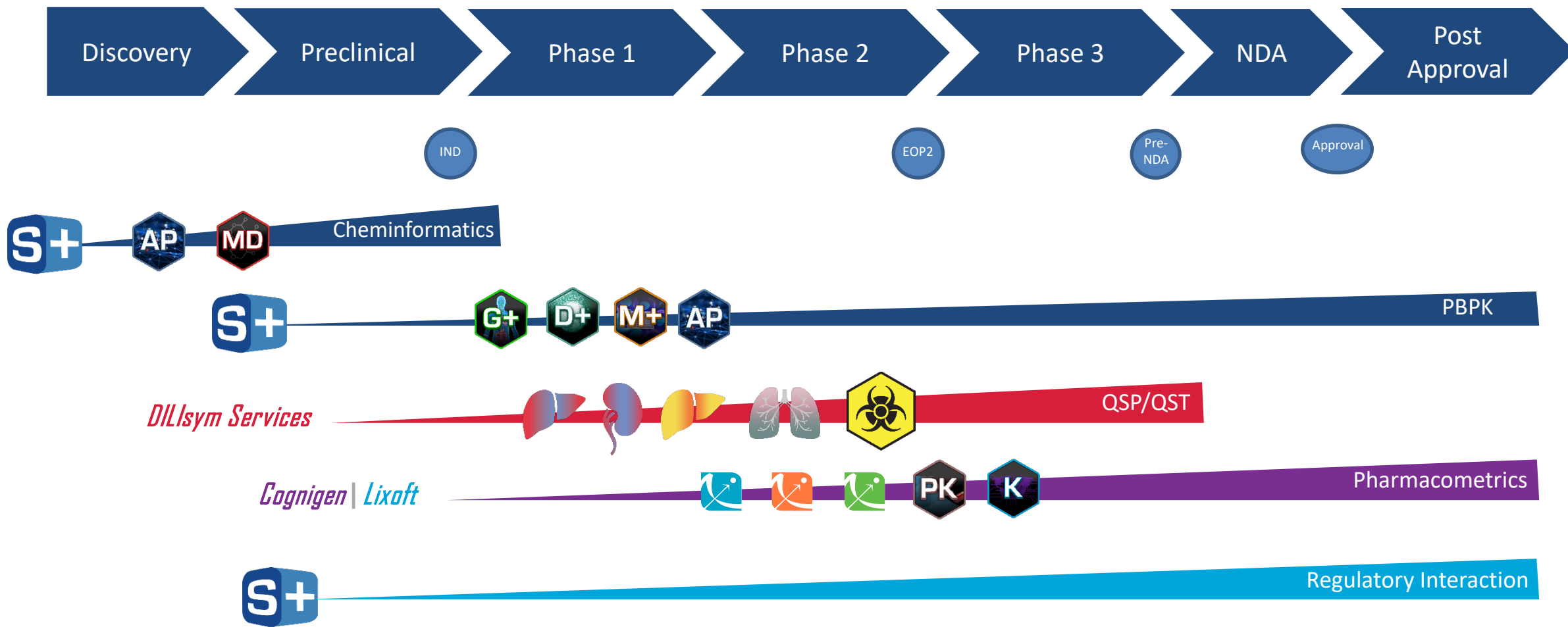


**Services:** Highly interactive collaboration with our renowned experts allows us to deliver results in timely fashion and ensures a top quality deliverable.

- Regular interactions and frequent progress updates eliminate surprises and ensure relevance as the knowledge-base evolves
- Synergies come from shared knowledge between client and consultant
- We welcome involvement, participation, and input from stakeholders outside of M&S



# Our Solutions Inform the Entire Drug Development Process



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# DILIsym Services Division of Simulations Plus: Mechanistic, QSP/QST Modeling

**Innovation**: pursuing novel and creative solutions to positively impact the world

**Respect**: promoting a diverse workforce and inclusive culture, while serving our communities

**Integrity**: thoroughly and accurately communicate with uncompromised truth and honesty

**Commitment**: providing quality products and exceptional services that deliver value to our partners and the people we serve



- **DILIsym** software licensing, training, development (DILI-sim, RENAsym consortia)
- **NAFLDsym** and **IPFsym** software licensing, training, development
- **DILIsym**, **NAFLDsym**, and **IPFsym** simulation consulting projects
- **Custom QSP model** development and simulation consulting projects
- Drug development consulting and data interpretation; *in vitro* assay experimental design and management
- **RENAsym** and **RADAsym** software in development

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# DILIsym Services QST Software Aids Decisions



- Predicts drug-induced liver disease
- v8A released Q1 2019
- Includes mechanistic representation of normal hepatic biochemistry
- Evaluated >80 compounds with 40+ companies

## *So how can DILIsym help my organization?*

- Predict DILI liabilities beforehand and save \$\$\$
- Choose the lead candidate **most likely to succeed** from a DILI standpoint
- Communicate with regulators on safety issues with information they have requested from others numerous times and from a platform they license (FDA)
- **Keep patients safer....**



# The DILI-sim and RENAsym Consortia are Partnerships Between DILIsym Services and Pharmaceutical Companies to Minimize Organ Injury

## Scientific Advisory Boards



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**Current DILI-sim / RENAsym Members**



For a comprehensive review of progress, see *Watkins 2020, Current Opinion in Toxicology (23-24:67-73)*

## • Overall Goals

- Improve patient safety
- Reduce the need for animal testing
- Reduce the costs and time necessary to develop new drugs

## • History

- Officially started in 2011
- 20+ major pharmaceutical companies have participated
- Members have provided compounds, data, and conducted experiments to support effort
- Over \$10 million total invested in project

## • At least 29 cases of use for regulatory purposes

## • Over 30 publications

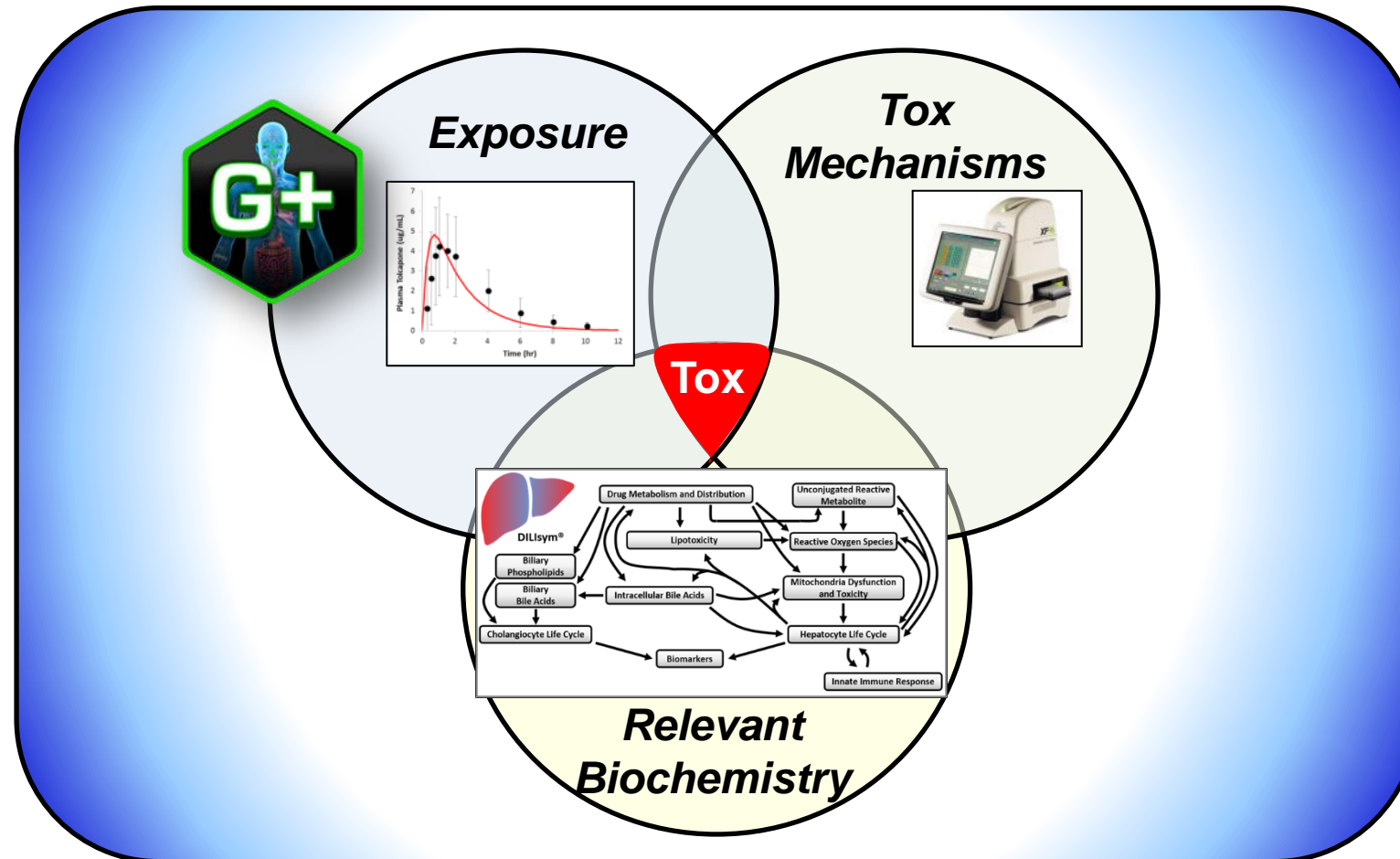
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# QST Predicts Tox via the Intersection Between Exposure, Mechanisms, and Inter-Patient Variability





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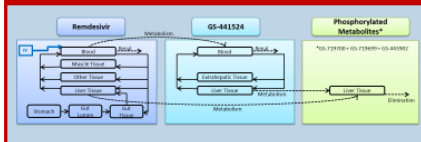
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***“In summary, DILIsym prospectively predicted improved liver safety of rimegepant, zavegepant, atogepant, and ubrogepant relative to telcagepant, and these predictions have been born out in the clinical trials conducted to date. Our results support the value of QST modeling in drug development.”***

	Failed CGRP (telcagepant)	CGRP-1 (Rimegepant)	CGRP-2 (Zavegepant)	CGRP-3 (Ato-gepant)	CGRP-4 (Ubrogepant)
DILIsym Sims	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Oxidative stress	None	None	Minor	None	None
Bile acid transporter inhibition	Minor	Minor	<b>Predominant</b>	Plausible	None
Mechanism not included in DILIsym	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	<b>Plausible</b>	<b>Plausible</b>

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

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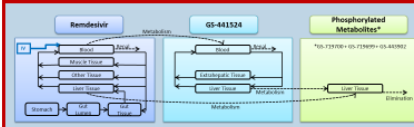
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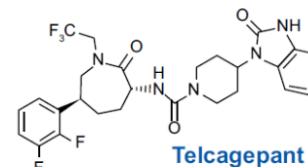
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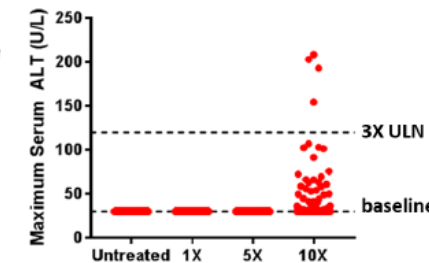
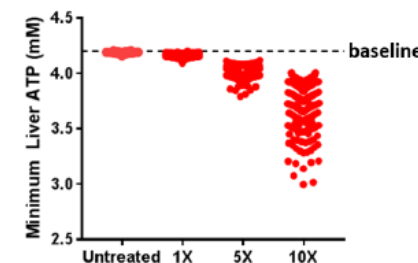
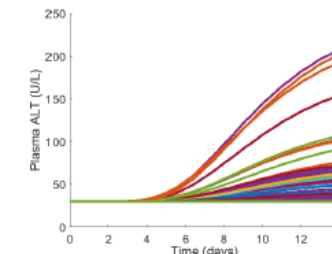
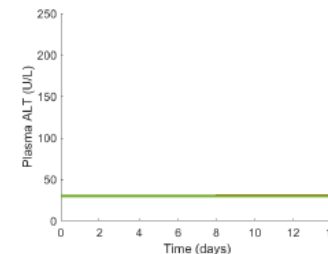
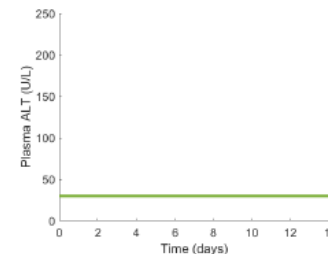
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150 mg (1X Dose)

750 mg (5X Dose)

1500 mg (10X Dose)



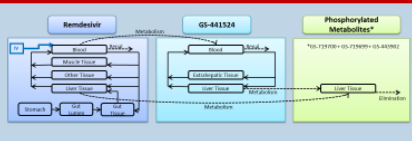
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- Clinically-observed reversible low-grade ALT increases following multiple dose treatment with 150 mg of remdesivir for 7 or 14 days are unlikely to be due to mitochondrial electron transport chain or bile acid transport inhibition, indicating potentially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

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Drug	Pexidartinib (PLX3397; Turalio) from Daiichi Sankyo
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Clinical Reviewer	Ruby Mehta, MD

## Refining Liver Safety Risk Assessment: Application of Mechanistic Modeling and Serum Biomarkers to Cimaglermin Alfa (GGF2) Clinical Trials

## A Mechanistic Model of Drug-Induced Liver Injury Aids the Interpretation of Elevated Liver Transaminase Levels in a Phase I Clinical Trial

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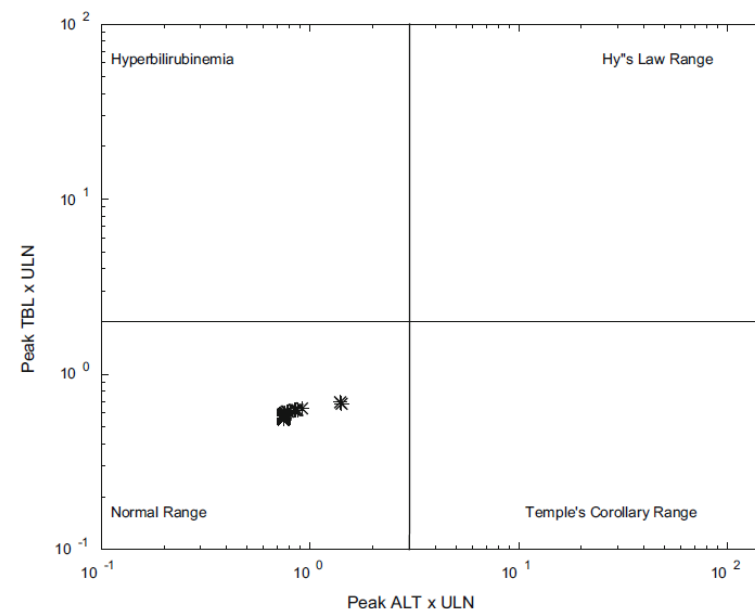
**Table 7** Comparison between simulation and clinical results for lixivaptan from this study and for tolvaptan from previously published research (9) at the maximum intended doses for ADPKD

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 <sup>#</sup>	0/285 (0.0%)	Study not yet conducted	No	Study not yet conducted
Tolvaptan	90/30 mg	24 weeks	Default measured <sup>#</sup>	18/229 (7.86%)	4.4% and 5.6%	Yes	Yes

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

<sup>#</sup> 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 DILIsym simulated liver safety outcomes for 200/100 mg split daily dosing of lixivaptan over 12 weeks in the lixivaptan-specific SimPops of 285 simulated normal healthy volunteers including lixivaptan PK variability.







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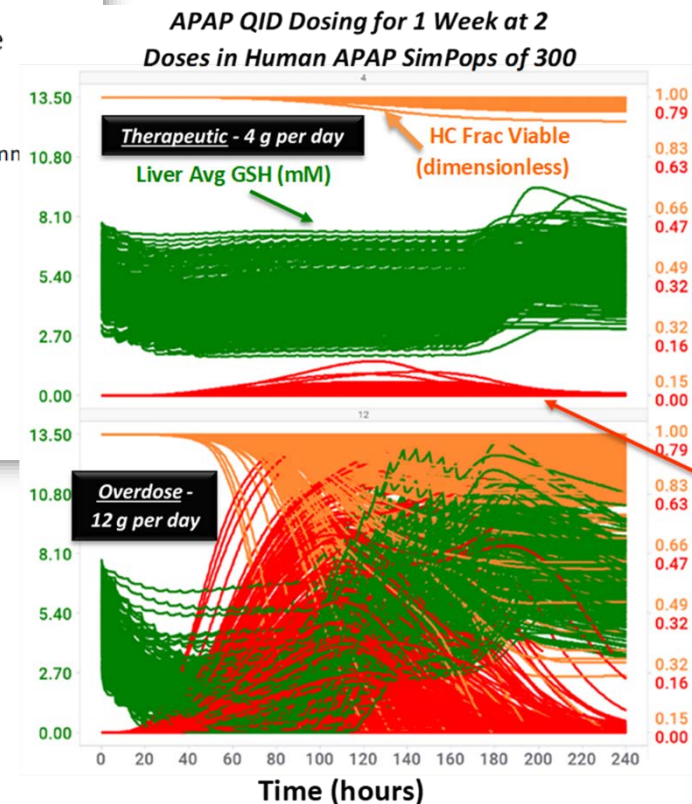
An Integrated Weight of Evidence Assessment of the Carcinogenicity Hazard Potential of Acetaminophen

Information for the California Carcinogen Identification Comm

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**Simulations including population variability support that across a wide array of patient backgrounds, acetaminophen exposure only results in significant oxidative stress or DNA effects under conditions that cause cell death**

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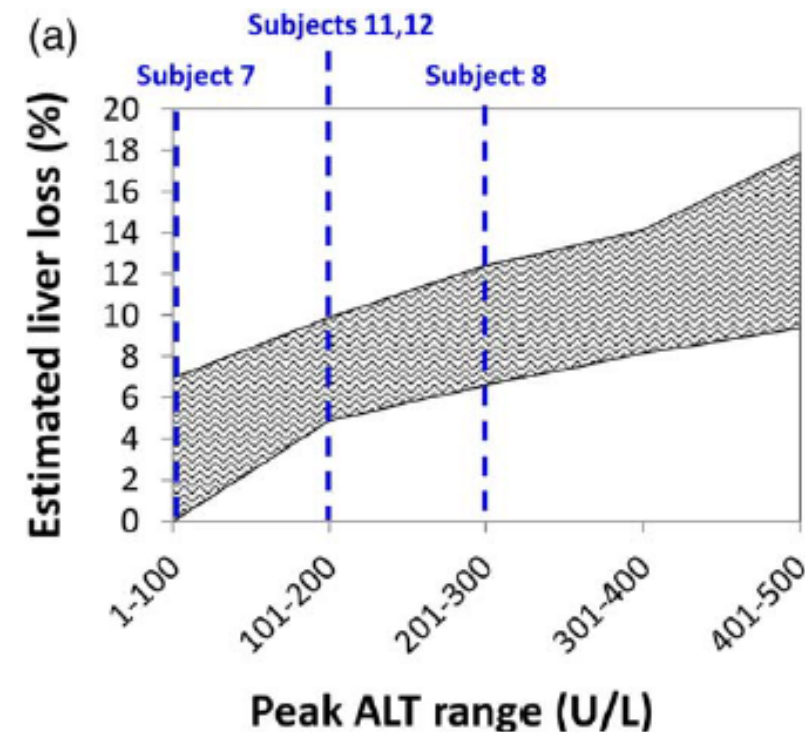
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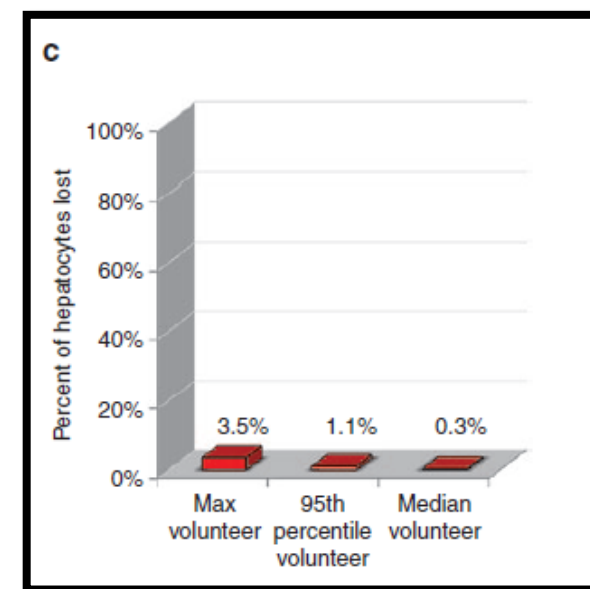
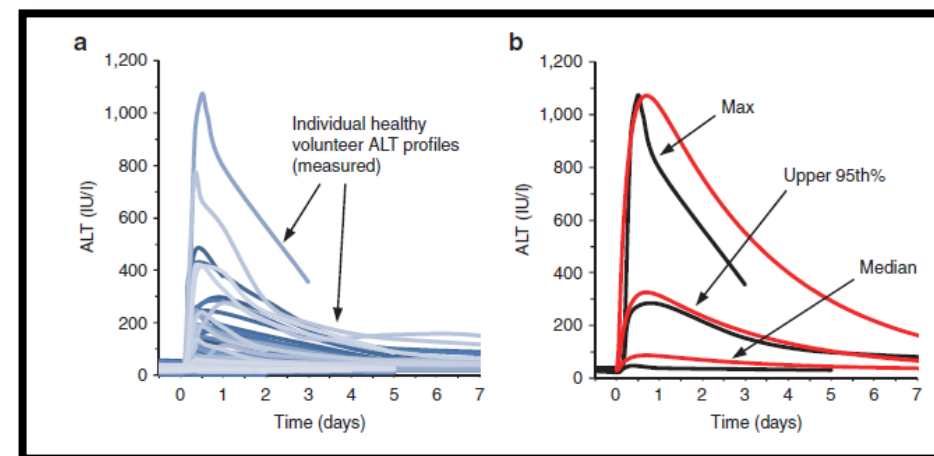
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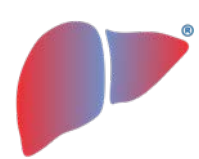
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