



# The DILI-sim Initiative and DILIsym® Modeling Software Overview

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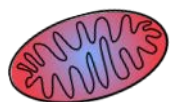
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# Executive Summary

- The DILI-sim Initiative is supporting and guiding the development of DILIsym® modeling software
  - A mechanistic, mathematical model that is being constructed to support risk assessment and decision making
  - DILIsym® is the intersection between PBPK compound distribution and metabolism, mechanisms of hepatotoxicity, and patient variability
  - Input parameters derived from *in vitro* and hepatocellular assays
  - Outputs include standard and emerging biomarkers as well as hepatocyte loss
  - Patient variability (SimPops™) in multiple mechanistic areas included
- DILIsym® can be applied to compound risk assessment throughout the clinical development pipeline
  - DILIsym® was applied to evaluate the clinical risk associated with a novel large molecule as part of a past regulatory submission (*CPT Pharmacometrics Syst Pharmacol* 3: e98. 2014.)
  - Numerous other applications with potential regulatory impact are in progress
- DILI-sim members receive a license to DILIsym® and discounts on modeling and simulation services offered by the DILIsym® development group

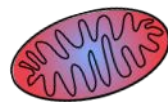
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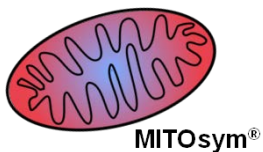
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- Overview of the DILIsym® Modeling Software
- Example DILIsym® Applications



DILI-sim Initiative



# The DILI-sim Initiative Is a Partnership between DILIsym Services Inc. and Pharmaceutical Companies to Minimize DILI

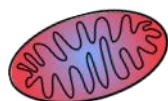


- Overall Goals

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

- History

- Officially started in 2011
- 16 major pharmaceutical companies have participated
- Members have provided compounds, data, and conducted experiments to support effort
- Over \$5 million total invested in project



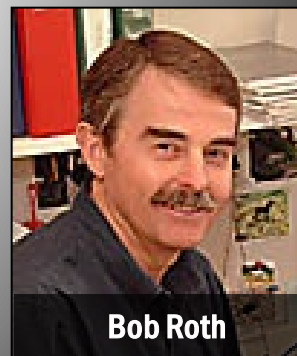
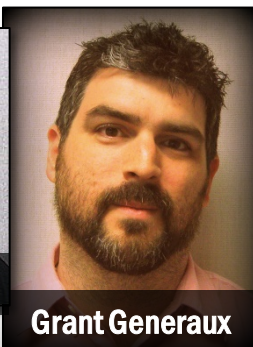
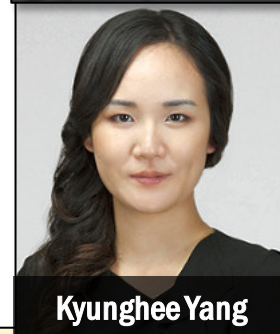
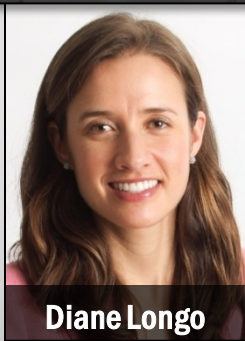
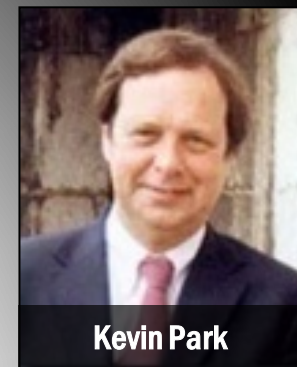
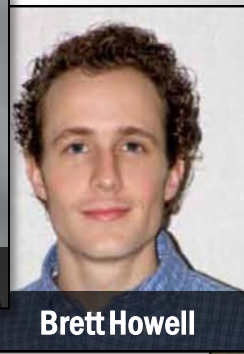
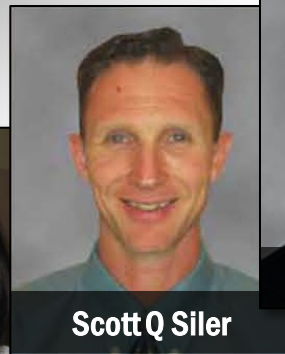
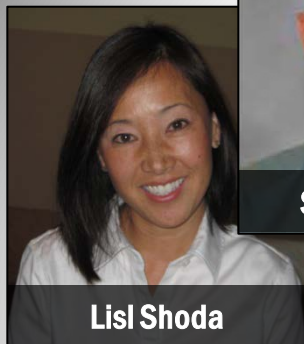
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# The DILI-sim Team and the SAB



# Goals and Intended Applications of Developing DILIsym<sup>®</sup> for the DILI-sim Initiative

## Near term goals:

- Develop DILIsym<sup>®</sup> software to better inform safety decisions within drug development
  - *In vitro* to *in vivo*
  - Preclinical to first-in-human
  - Biomarker interpretation

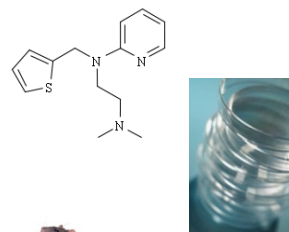
## Long term goal:

- Use DILIsym<sup>®</sup> to increase understanding of idiosyncratic DILI

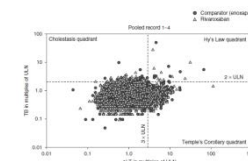
## Intended application:

- Simulations of hepatotoxicity for humans and rodents
- *In vitro*, *in vivo*, and/or clinical data as inputs

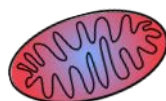
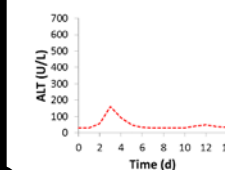
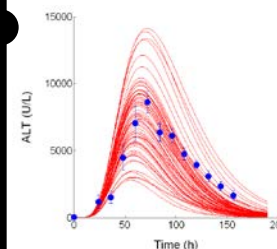
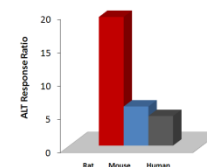
### Preclinical



### First in Human Clinical Trials



### Phase II/III Clinical Trials and Post-Market Surveillance



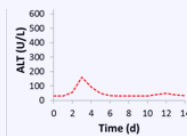
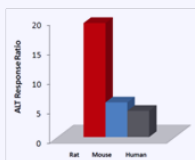
# DILI-sim Initiative Stage II (2015-2017)

## Will Focus on Late-Stage Clinical Development

### *DILI-sim Initiative Stage I Primary Goals*



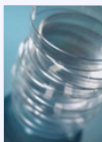
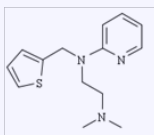
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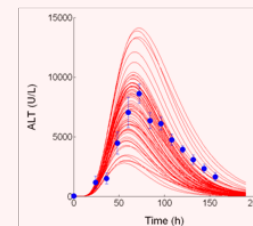
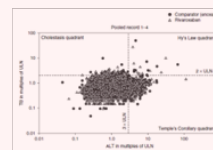
**First in Human  
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### *DILI-sim Initiative Stage II Primary Goals*

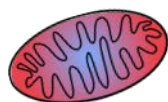
**Phase II/III Clinical  
Trials and  
Post-Market  
Surveillance**



- Dose-related DILI
- Species differences
- Early stage clinical development (FIH)



- Less frequent DILI
- Late stage clinical development (phase II, III, IV)



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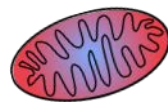


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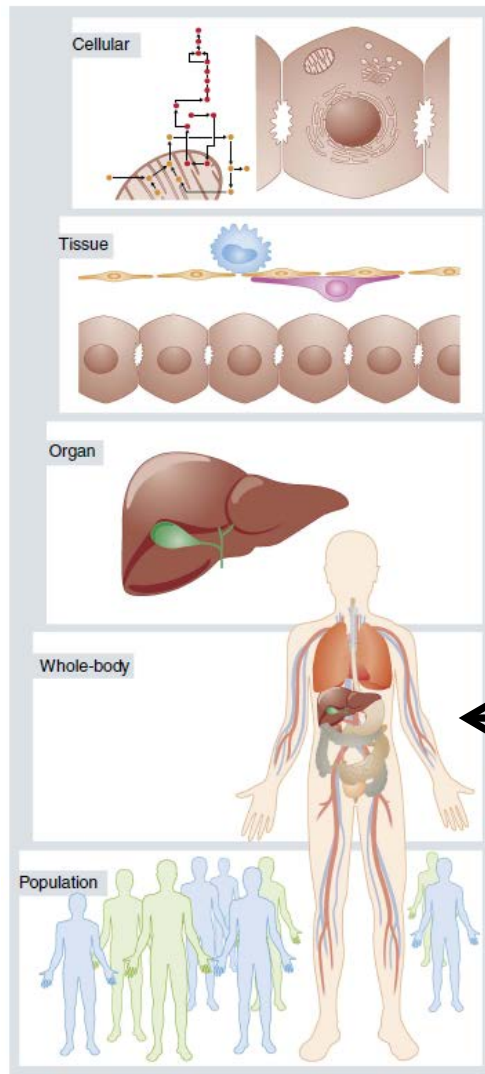


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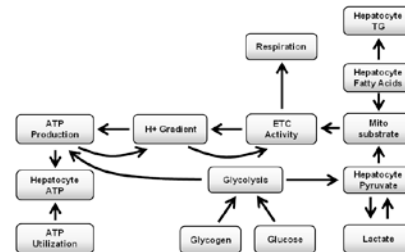




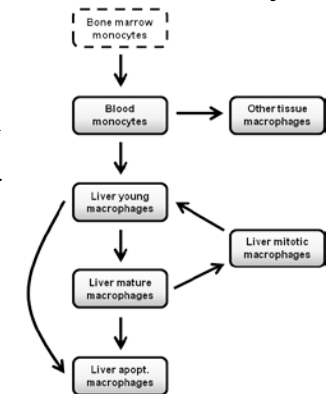
# DILIsym<sup>®</sup>: 'Middle Out' and Multi-Scale



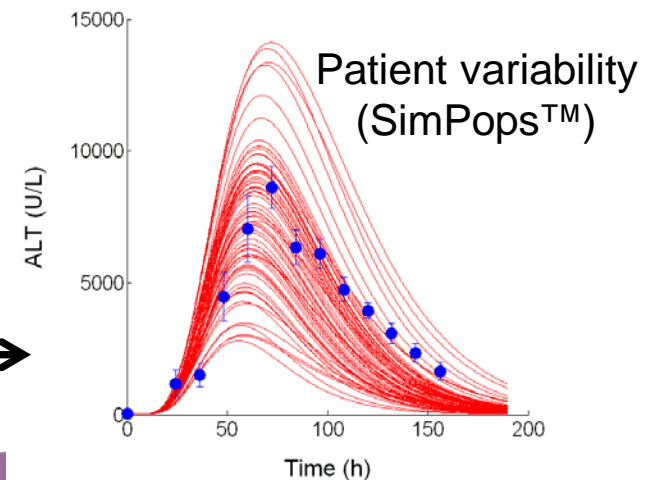
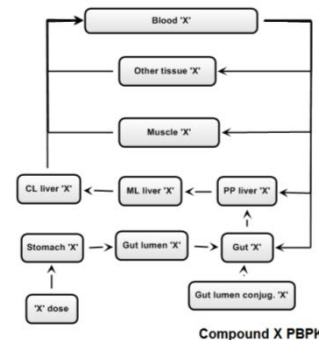
## Mitochondrial dysfunction



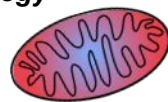
## Cellular life-cycle



## Drug distribution & metabolism



Kuepfer 2010, Molecular Systems Biology



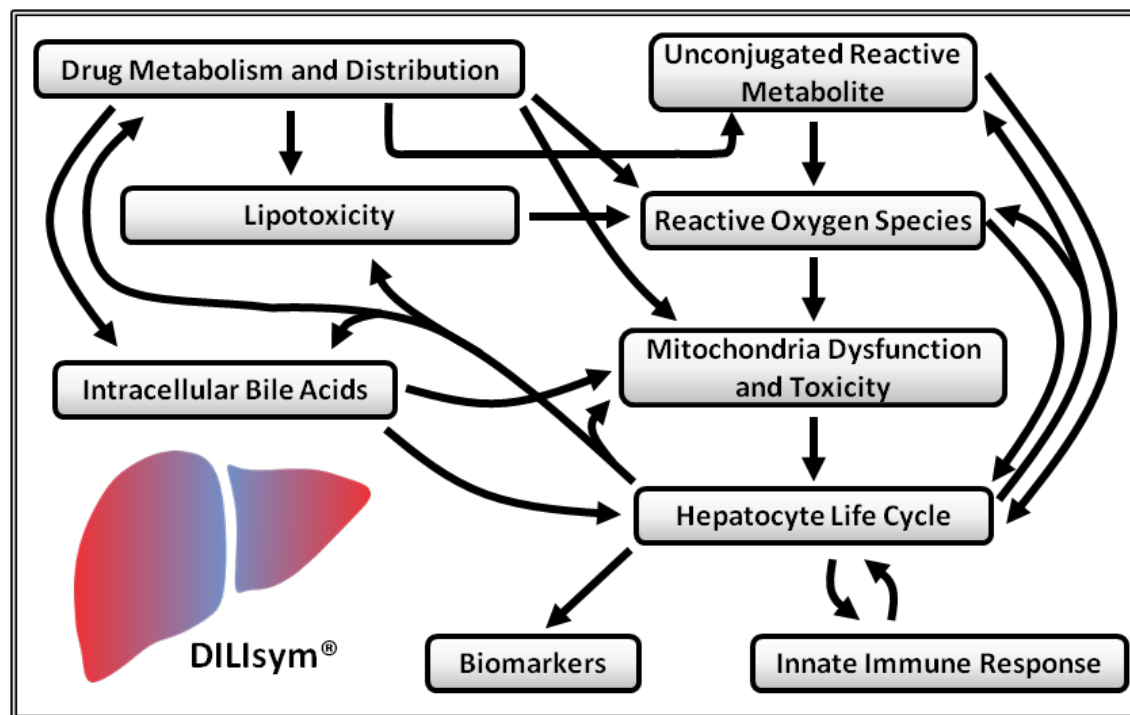
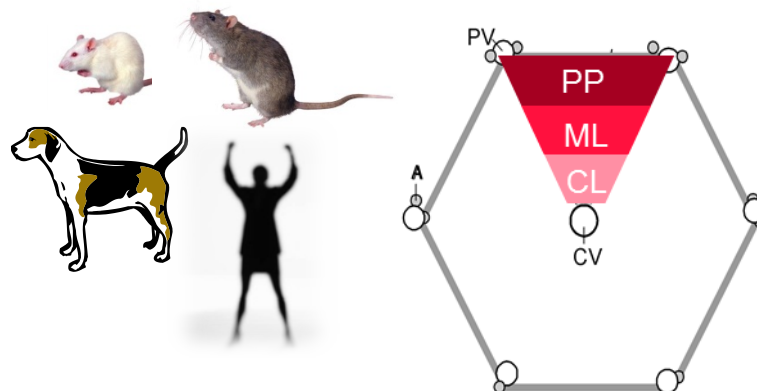
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# DILIsym® Overview

- **Multiple species: human, rat, mouse, and dog**
  - Population variability
- **The three primary acinar zones of liver represented**
- **Essential cellular processes represented to multiple scales in interacting sub-models**
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Dosing (IP, IV, Oral)
  - Transporter Inhibition
  - Drug metabolism
  - GSH depletion
  - Injury progression
  - Mitochondrial dysfunction, toxicity
  - Bile acid mediated toxicity
  - Steatosis and lipotoxicity
  - Cellular energy balance
  - Hepatocyte apoptosis and necrosis, and proliferation
  - Macrophage, LSEC life cycles
  - Immune mediators
  - Caloric intake
  - Biomarkers



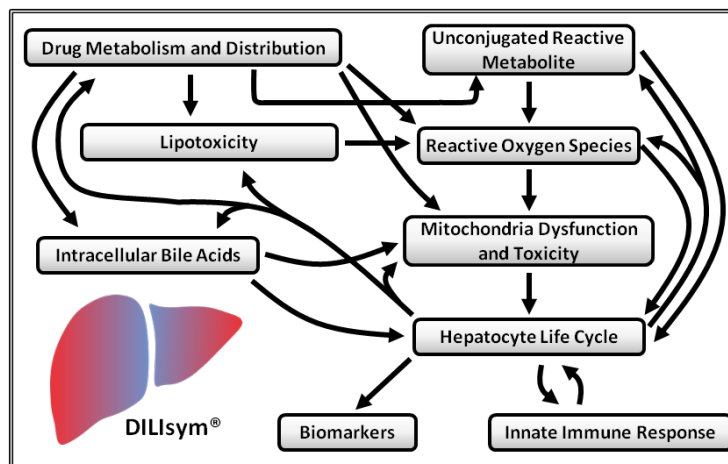
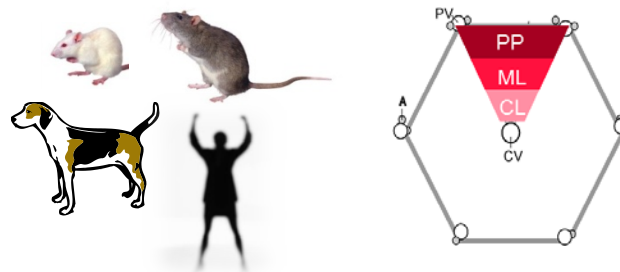
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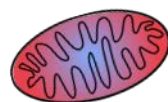


## • Compartment-based modeling

- >500 state variables
- 'Form to function' connection
- Ordinary differential equations
- Code or GUI functionality

## • Hepatotoxicity exemplars

- Reactive metabolite mediated
  - Acetaminophen
  - Methapyrilene
  - Furosemide
  - Aflatoxin B1
  - Carbon tetrachloride
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
  - Etomoxir
  - Buprenorphine
  - Tolcapone
  - Entacapone
  - CP-724714
- Bile acid transporter inhibition
  - Glibenclamide
  - CP-724714
  - Bosentan
  - Telmisartan
  - Tolcapone
  - Troglitazone
  - Pioglitazone
  - AMG009
- Single, multiple dose protocols
- Single, combination drug protocols



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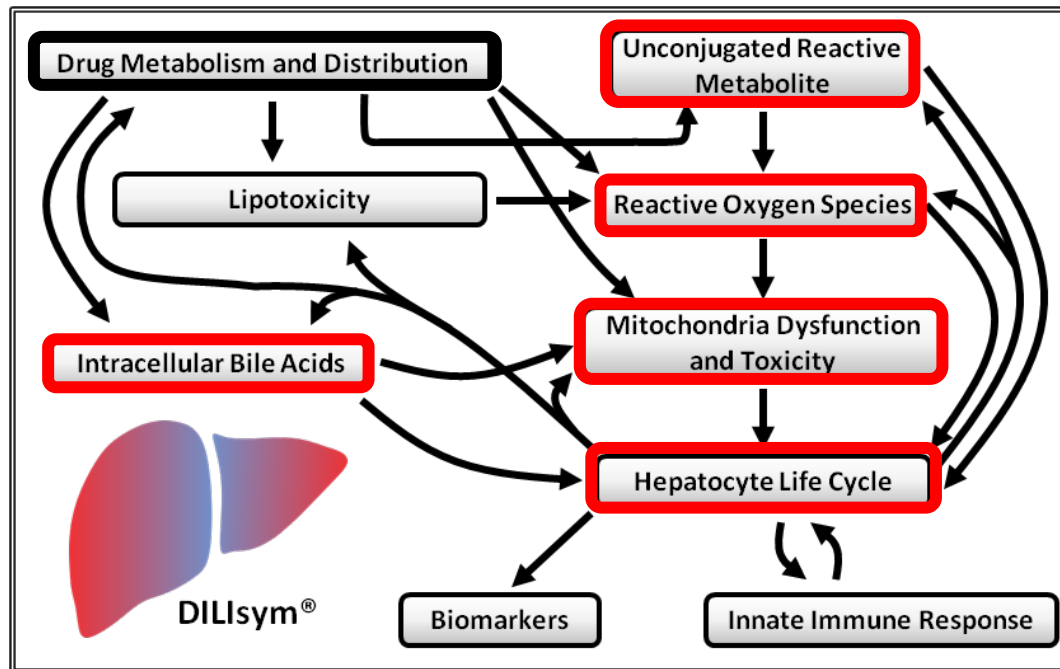
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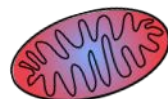
*Drug Metabolism*

*Proposed Hepatotoxicity Mechanism*

*Biomarkers*



- *BSEP, NTCP, MRP Ki*
- *OCR,  $\Delta\Psi_m$*
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- *GSH depletion, adduct formation*
- *ATP depletion*
- *Apoptosis vs necrosis*



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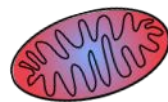
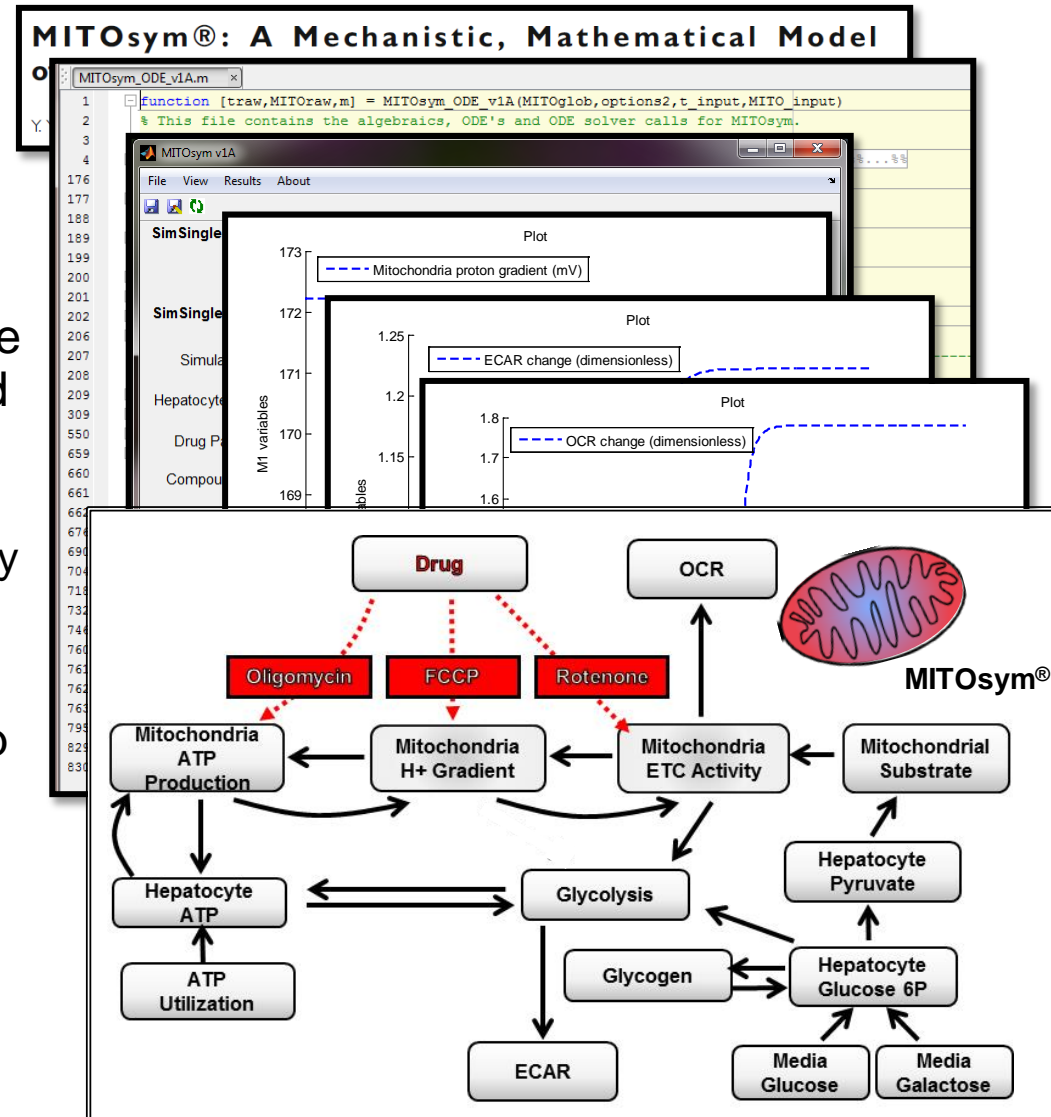


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# MITOsym<sup>®</sup> Is Designed to Support IVIVE DILI Predictions and Mechanistic Data Interpretation

- MITOsym<sup>®</sup> is a standalone model of hepatocyte bioenergetics
  - Yang et al. 2015
- MITOsym<sup>®</sup> can be used to facilitate predictions of hepatotoxicity based on *in vitro* cellular respiration data
  - Combine with DILIsym<sup>®</sup> model
  - Multiple cell types: HepG2, primary human hepatocytes, primary rat hepatocytes
- MITOsym<sup>®</sup> can be used to develop and explore hypotheses of the mechanisms underlying observed changes in respiration and glycolysis in hepatocytes
  - Comparison with exemplar drugs



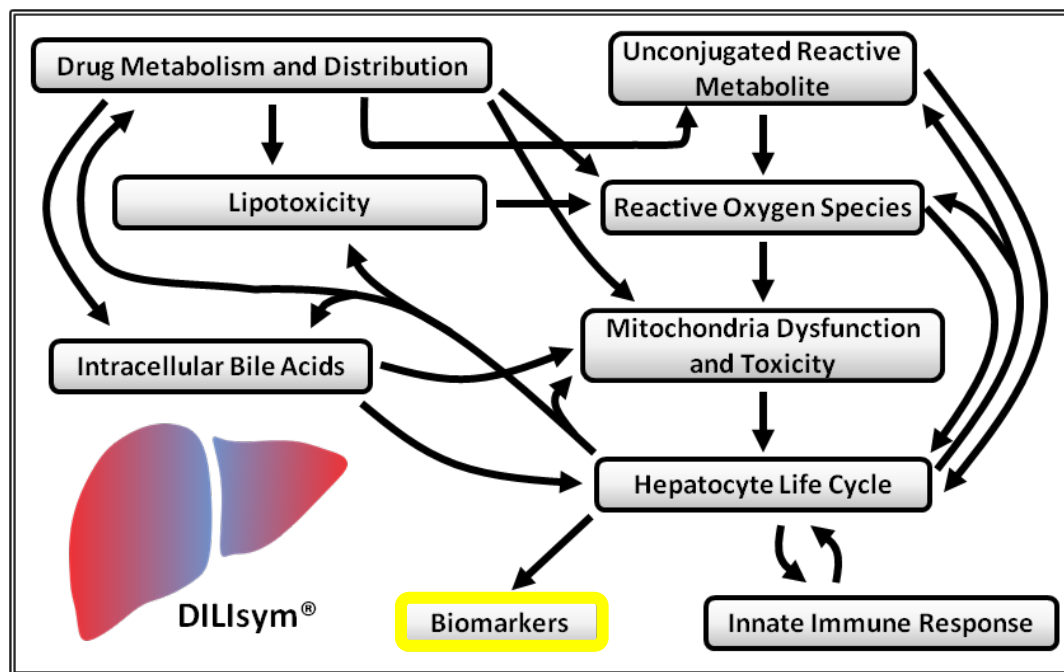
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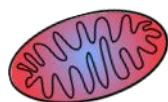
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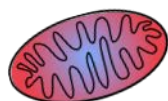
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# Biomarkers of Hepatocellular Function and Death Are Outputs of DILIsym®

- Biomarkers are outputs of model
  - Used for validation of DILIsym® model
  - Used for comparison with clinical and preclinical data
  - Functional, necrotic, and apoptotic indicators
- More biomarkers being added as data are becoming available
  - Cleaved cytokeratin-18 is recent example
  - Various forms of HMGB1 recently added (oxidized, reduced, and acetylated)
- Additional DILIsym® model outputs include:
  - Fraction of viable hepatocytes
  - Liver ATP
  - Liver glutathione
  - Circulating, liver, and excreted drug and metabolites

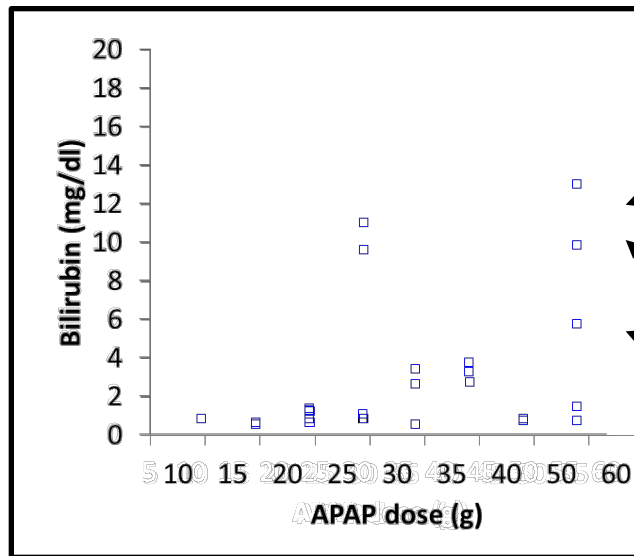
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Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	Necrosis
Bilirubin (total) <sup>1,2,5</sup>	Function/Cholestasis
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	Necrosis
Prothrombin time <sup>1,2</sup>	Function
High mobility group box protein 1 (HMGB1) <sup>1,10</sup>	Necrosis/Apoptosis
Full length cytokeratin-18 <sup>1</sup>	Necrosis
Cleaved cytokeratin-18 <sup>1</sup>	Apoptosis
Sorbitol dehydrogenase (SDH) <sup>1,6</sup>	Necrosis
Arginase-1 <sup>9</sup>	Necrosis
Liver derived mRNA <sup>7</sup> and miRNA <sup>8</sup>	Necrosis

<sup>1</sup>Antoine *Xenobiotica* 2009; <sup>2</sup>Giannini *CMAJ* 2005; <sup>3</sup>Horn *Am J Clin Pathol* 1999; <sup>4</sup>Ozer *J Toxicology* 2008; <sup>5</sup>Hy's Law: Temple R *Pharmacoevidenciol Drug Saf* 2006; <sup>6</sup>Ozer *Toxicology* 2008; <sup>7</sup>Wetmore *Hepatology* 2010, <sup>9</sup>Murayama *Clin Chimica Acta* 2008, <sup>8</sup>Yang *Tox Sci* 2012, <sup>10</sup>Harrill *Clin Pharmacol Ther* 2011



# Range of Hepatotoxic Responses in SimPops™ Due to Variability in Underlying Biochemistry

- SimPops™ are population samples with variability in hepatotoxic drug responses
- Several parameters are varied to produce diverse simulated patients
- Response data (e.g., APAP overdose ) are also used to construct the SimPops™



**HUMANS**



□ Measured data

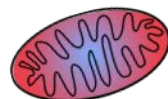
○ Simulation results

## Variables Used to Construct the SimPops™ Population Sample

Body weight
Baseline GSH
GSH precursor transport ( $V_{max}$ )
RM creation of RNS-ROS ( $V_{max}$ )
RNS-ROS effect on ATP ( $V_{max}$ )
NRF adaptation ( $V_{max}$ )
Hepatocyte proliferation rate
Necrotic flux effect on propagation ( $K_m$ )

Davis 1976

Simulation Results and  
Clinical Data



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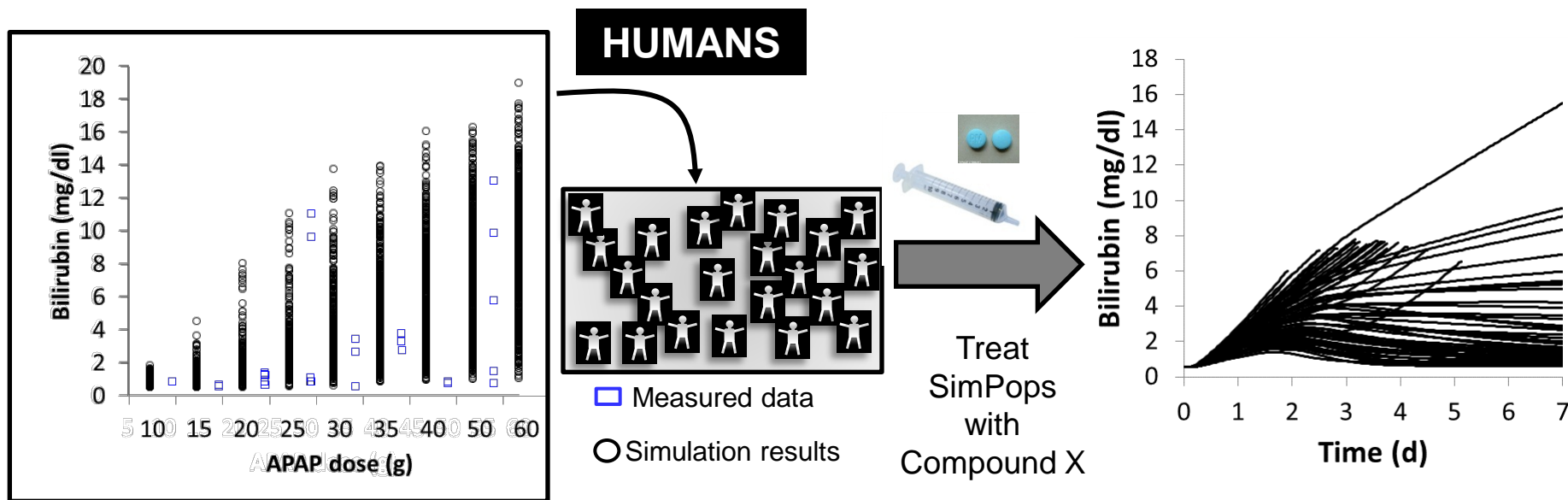
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# Modeling Approach and Simulation Design for Predicting Patient Variability

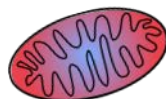
- Numerous simulated patients are generated, consistent with range of observed response data
- These simulated patients are aggregated to form a SimPops™
- SimPops™ are subsequently used to predict responses to a different compound

Novel predictions of hepatotoxicity that incorporate variability



Davis 1976

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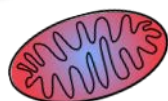
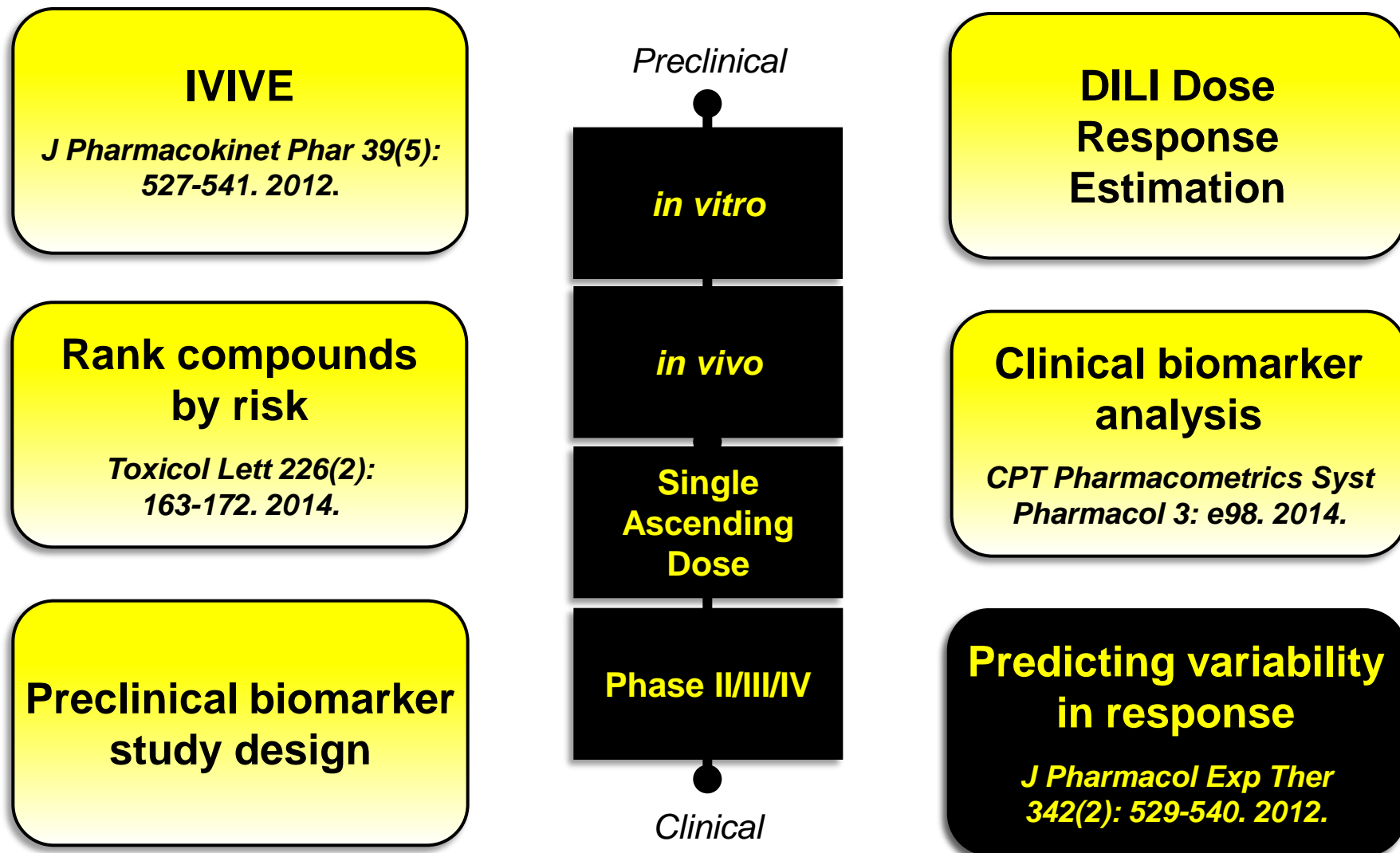


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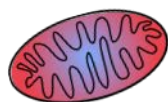
# Examples of DILIsym® Applications involving Bile Acid Transporter Inhibition



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

K Yang<sup>1</sup>, JL Woodhead<sup>2</sup>, PB Watkins<sup>1,2</sup>, BA Howell<sup>2</sup> and KLR Brouwer<sup>1,3</sup>

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# Scientists at the FDA Authored a Positive Commentary on the DILIsym<sup>®</sup> Troglitazone Work

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Application of Systems Pharmacology to Explore Mechanisms of Hepatotoxicity

J Shon<sup>1</sup> and DR Abernethy<sup>1</sup>

Advances in systems biology have allowed the development of a highly characterized systems pharmacology model to study mechanisms of drug-induced hepatotoxicity. In this issue of *CPT*, Yang *et al.* describe a model, DILIsym, used to characterize mechanisms of hepatotoxicity of troglitazone. Their modeling approach has provided new insight into troglitazone-induced hepatotoxicity in humans but is not associated with hepatotoxicity in rats, consistent with preclinical data for this drug.

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

FDA Office of Clinical Pharmacology

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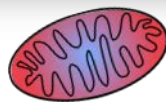
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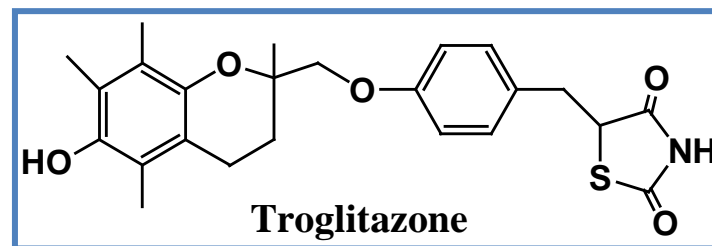
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# Troglitazone (TGZ)

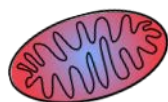


## ➤ First in thiazolidinedione class; PPAR $\gamma$ agonist

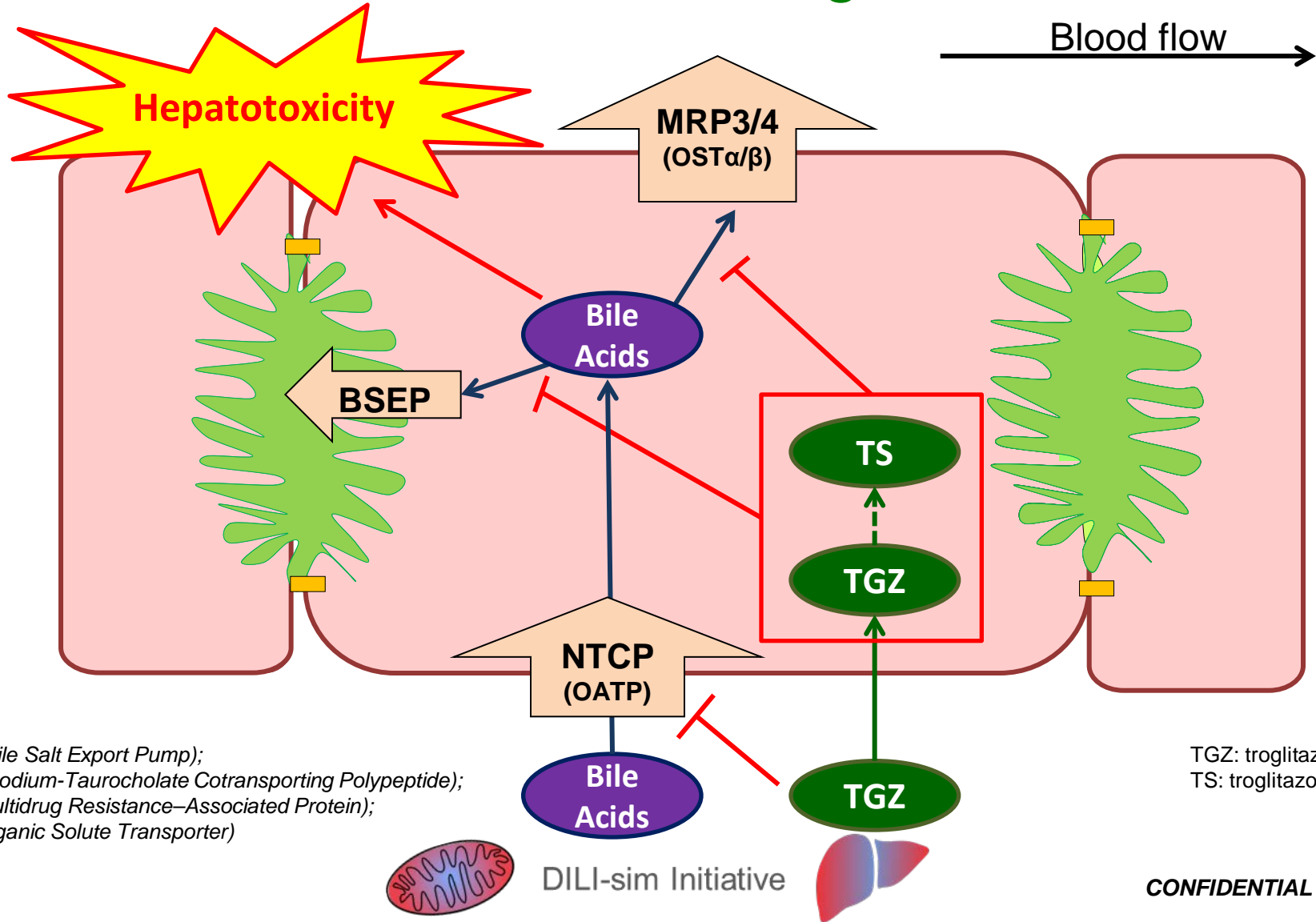
- Reduces hepatic and peripheral insulin resistance
- Approved for the treatment of type II diabetes

## ➤ Hepatotoxicity

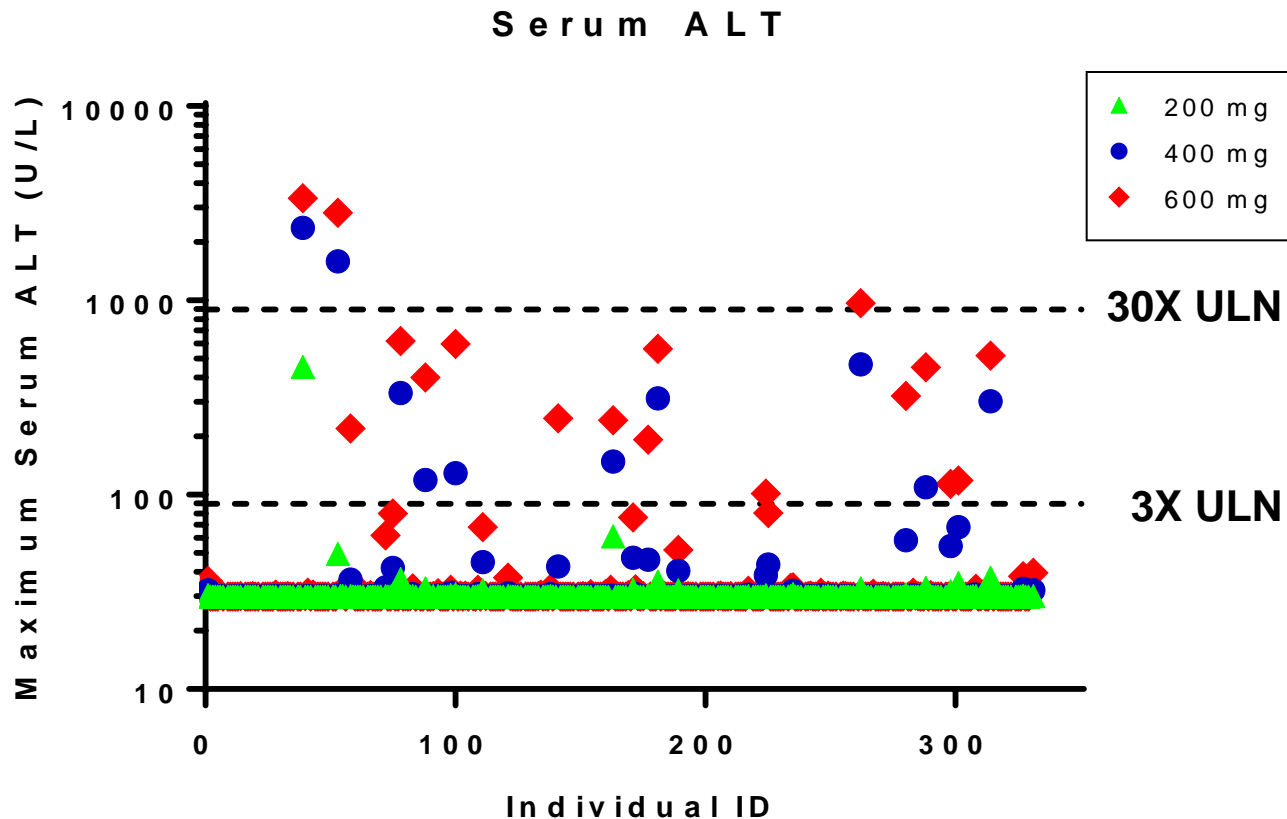
- Hepatotoxicity was not detected in preclinical studies
- 2% of patients developed ALT elevations >3X ULN in clinical trials
- Withdrawn from the market due to idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity



# Mechanisms of DILI: Transport Protein-Mediated Bile Acid-Drug Interaction

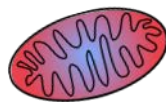


# Bile Acid Transport Inhibition Alone Predicted TGZ Hepatotoxicity in Human SimPops™



Simulated DILI responses in human SimPop™ (n=331) administered  
200, 400, or 600 mg/day TGZ for 6 months

Simulation Results



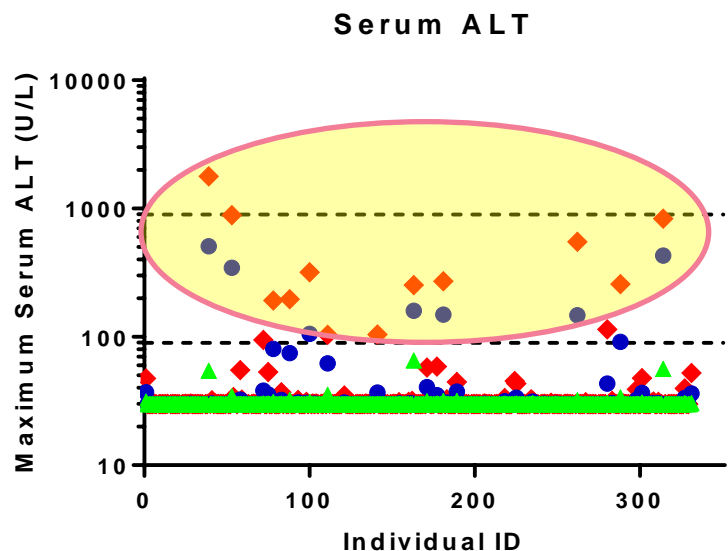
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# Bile Acid Transport Inhibition Alone Predicted TGZ Hepatotoxicity in Human SimPops™



17 individuals with ALT > 3X  
in simulation of 600 mg TGZ

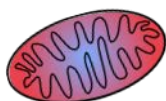
	Simulations			Clinical Trials
	TGZ 200 mg (n=331)	TGZ 400 mg (n=331)	TGZ 600 mg (n=331)	TGZ 200–600 mg (n=2510)
ALT > 3X ULN (%)*	0.3	3.0	5.1	1.9
ALT > 5X ULN (%)*	0.3	1.8	4.2	1.7
ALT > 8X ULN (%)*	0.3	1.8	3.6	0.9
ALT > 30X ULN (%)*	0	0.6	0.9	0.2
Bili > 2X (%)	0.3	1.8	3.6	N/A
Jaundice (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.08
Hy's law (%)	0.3	1.8	3.6	N/A

\*ULN = 34 in the clinical trials  
N/A, not available

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Watkins and Whitcomb 1998; Yang 2014

Clinical Data and  
Simulation Results



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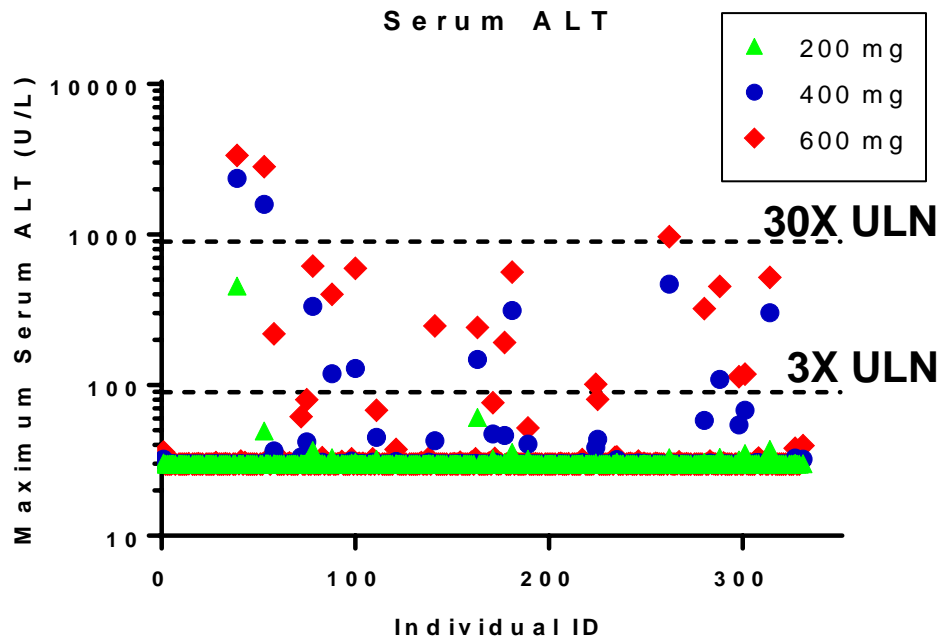
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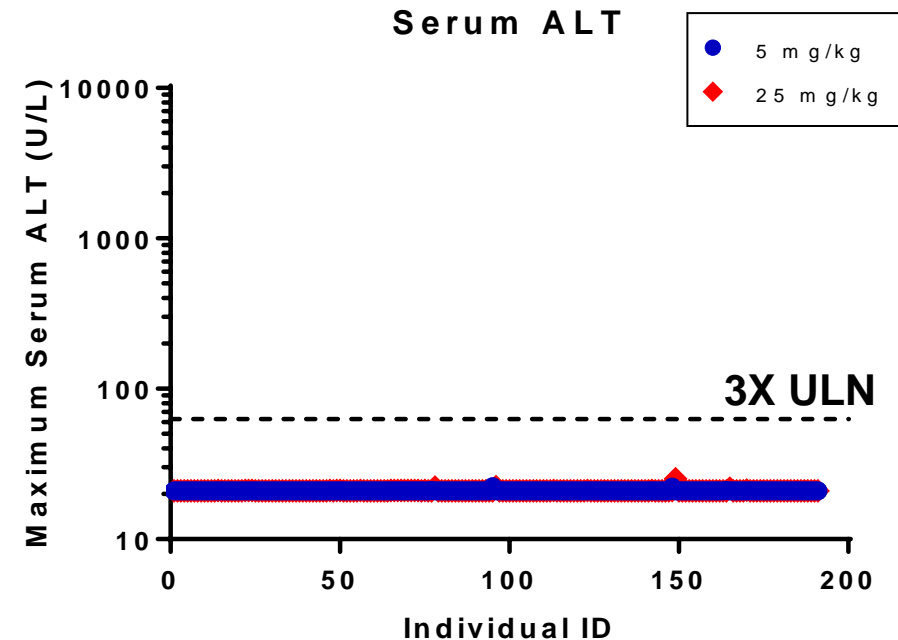
# Species Difference in TGZ Hepatotoxicity Predicted

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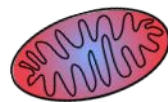
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## RAT

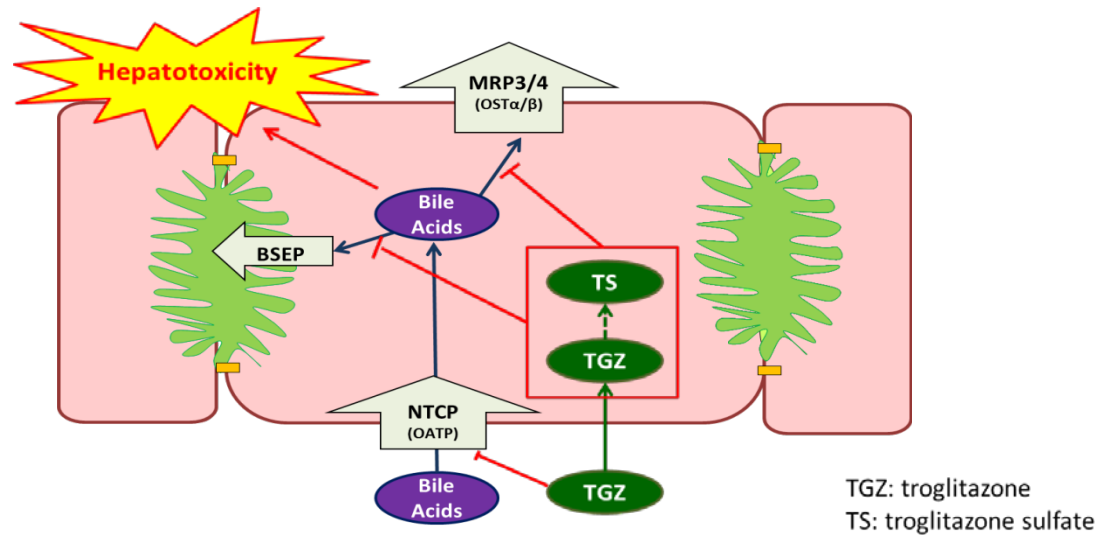


Simulated DILI responses in rat SimPops™  
(n=192) administered 5 or 25 mg/kg/day TGZ  
for 6 months

Yang et al. CPT

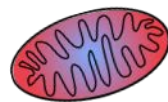


# Inhibition Data for Multiple Bile Acid Transporters Provides More Reliable Prediction



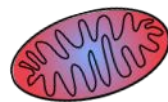
Transporter	Simulation I	Simulation II	Simulation III	Simulation IV
BSEP inhibition	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
MRP4 inhibition	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
NTCP inhibition	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>ALT &gt; 3X</b>	<b>3.6% (12/331)</b>	<b>0% (0/331)</b>	<b>0.3% (1/331)</b>	<b>5.1% (17/331)</b>
<b>Bilirubin &gt; 2X</b>	<b>0.6% (2/331)</b>	<b>0% (0/331)</b>	<b>0% (0/331)</b>	<b>1.2% (4/331)</b>
<b>Death</b>	<b>0.3% (1/331)</b>	<b>0% (0/331)</b>	<b>0% (0/331)</b>	<b>0.3% (1/331)</b>

Simulation I – IV: 600mg/day troglitazone for 1 month

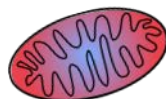
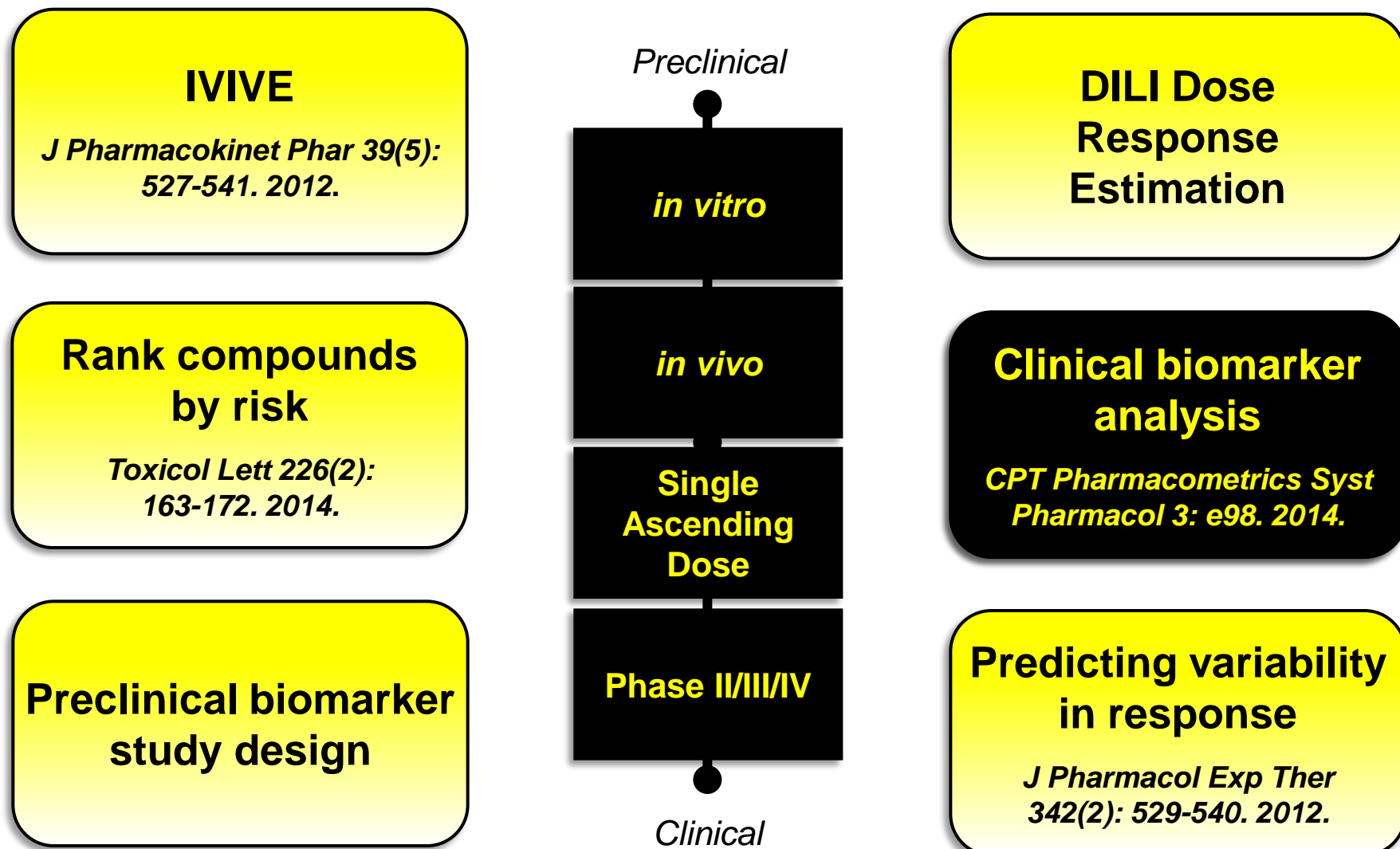


# TGZ Project Outcomes

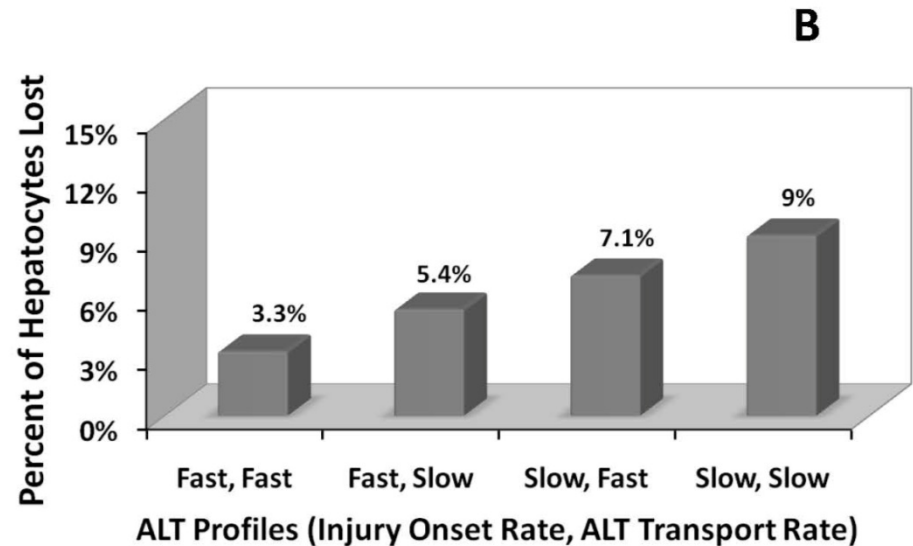
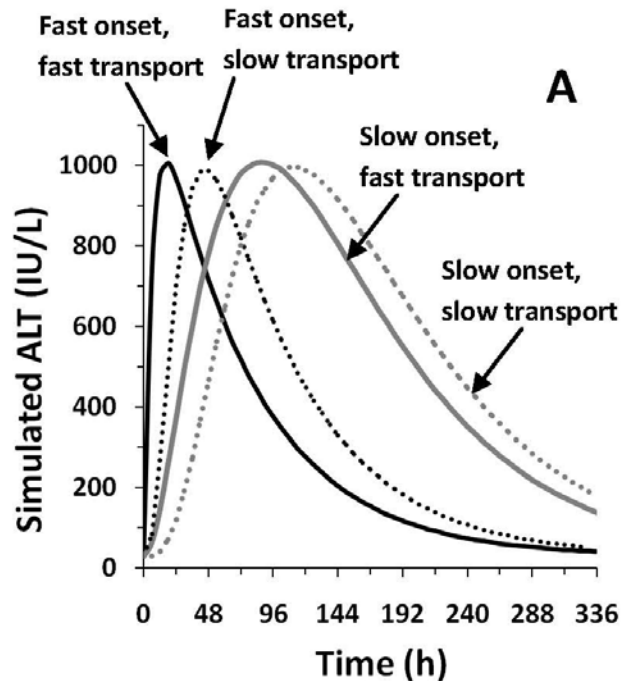
- Incidence and delayed presentation of TGZ hepatotoxicity was predicted in humans by TGZ-mediated bile acid transport inhibition alone
- Mechanistic modeling incorporating species-specific bile acid and TGZ disposition correctly predicted species differences in TGZ hepatotoxicity
- Analysis of TGZ SimPops™ results identified susceptibility factors for TGZ hepatotoxicity



# Examples of DILIsym<sup>®</sup> Applications



# The Kinetics of Liver Enzyme Profiles are Critical for Assessment of Injury



- Various ALT profiles shown with different kinetics, same peak
- Rapid rises and early peaks in ALT lead to less predicted hepatocyte loss
- The detailed time course of liver enzymes is important

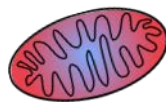


# Entolimod (Cleveland BioLabs)

## Project Objectives

- Entolimod (single dose) reduces radiation mortality by 40%
  - Satisfies FDA's animal rule for efficacy
- Clinical Concern
  - ALT/AST elevations observed in human safety study
  - Continued development threatened
- Primary Objective
  - Use DILIsym<sup>®</sup> to infer the amount of hepatocyte necrosis necessary to achieve the ALT profiles observed after Entolimod

*Howell, B. A., et al. (2014). A Mechanistic Model of Drug-Induced Liver Injury Aids the Interpretation of Elevated Liver Transaminase Levels in a Phase I Clinical Trial. CPT Pharmacometrics Syst Pharmacol 3: e98.*



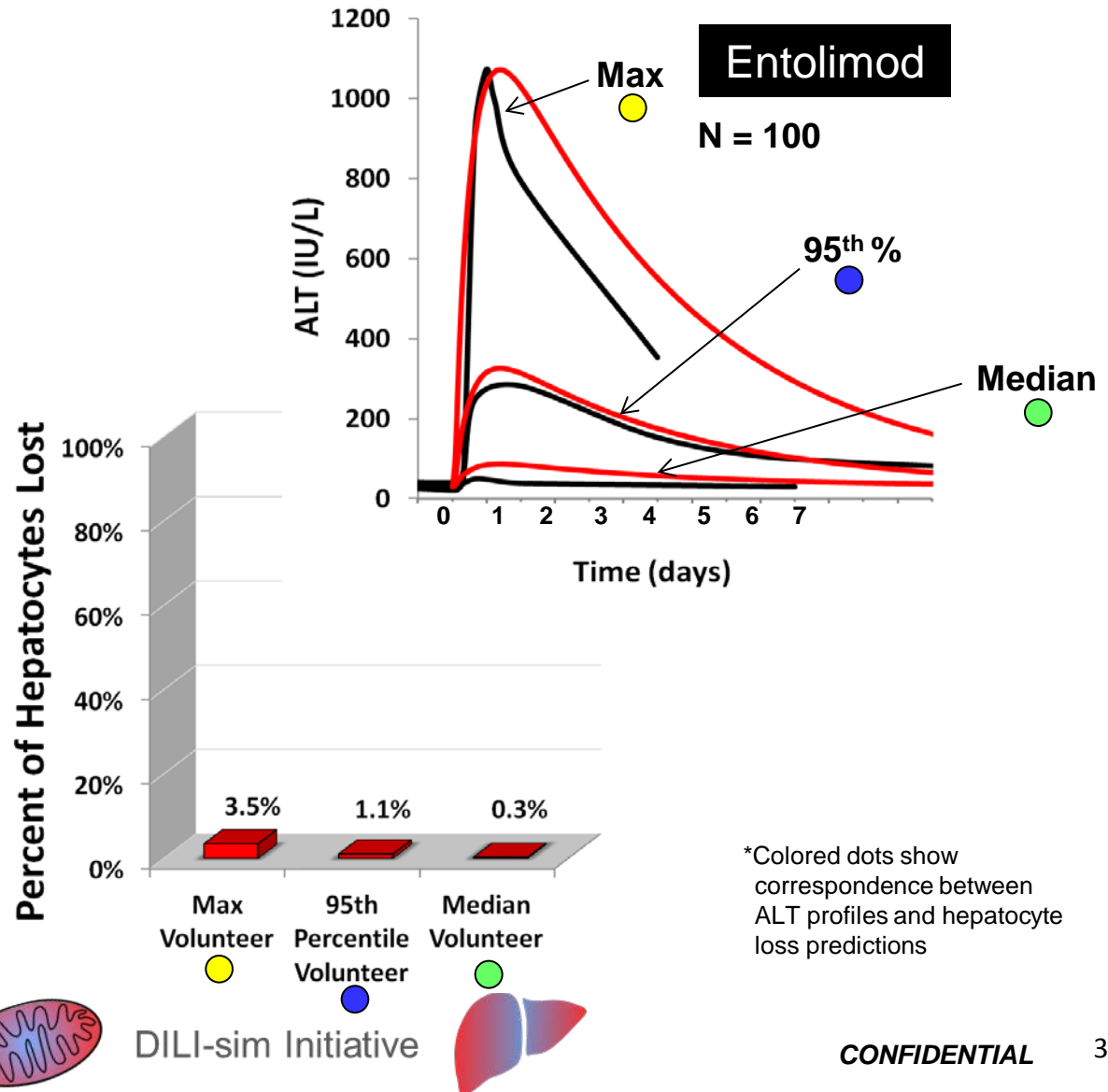
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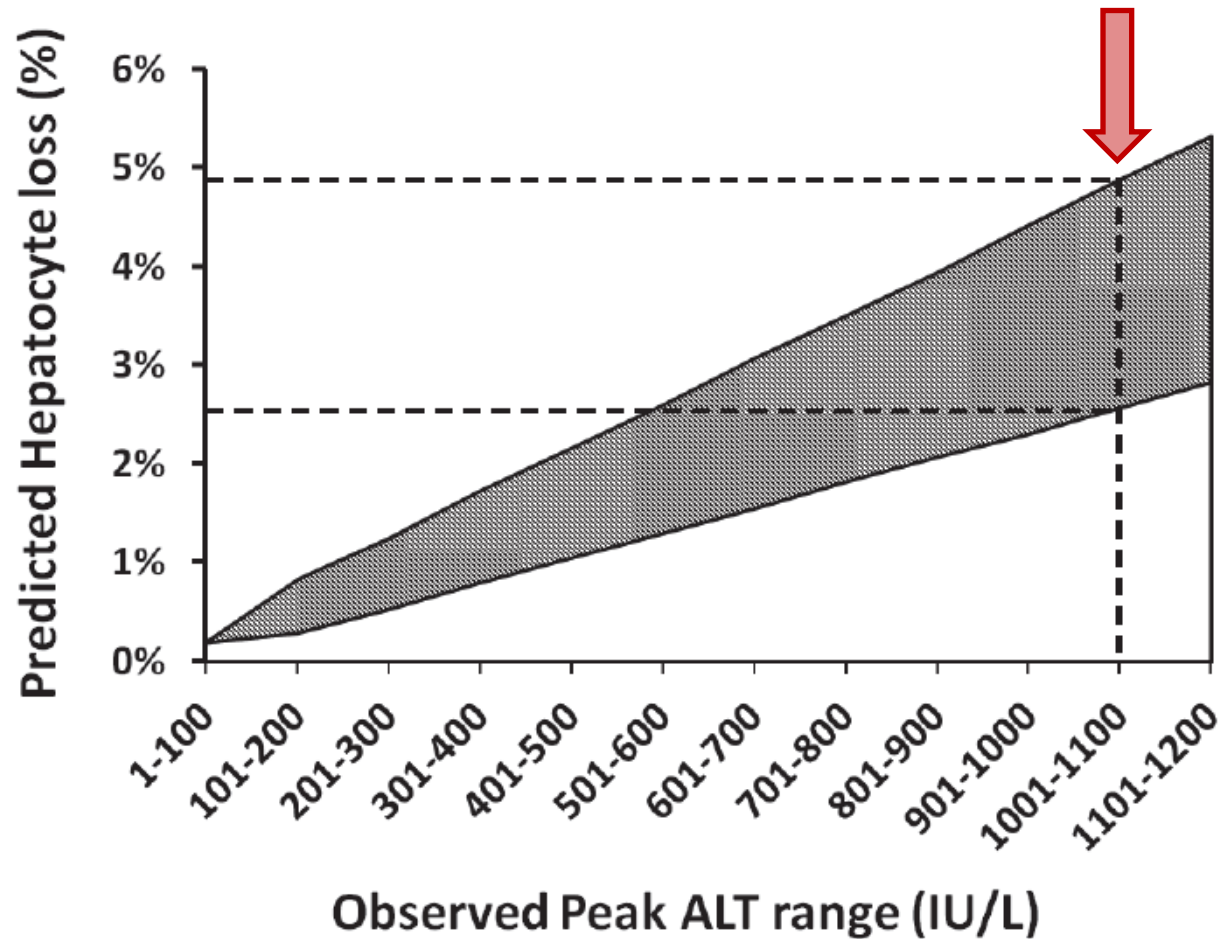
# Baseline Human Simulations Indicate Minimal Hepatocyte Loss with Entolimod

- ALT clinical data
  - Mostly minor elevations
  - Few higher elevations
- Focused on max, 95th percentile, and median ALT levels
- Simulations agree with ALT clinical data by design
- Minimal hepatocyte inferred from ALT profiles

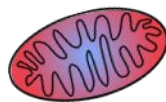


# Minimal Range of Hepatocyte Loss Predicted for Entolimod Using Population Sample

- Various levels of necrosis simulated for population sample
- Max observed ALT (1001-1100 U/L) corresponds with 2.6-4.6% predicted hepatocyte loss\*
- DILIsym® simulation results were submitted to the FDA in support of the safety of Entolimod

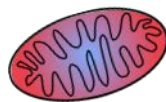
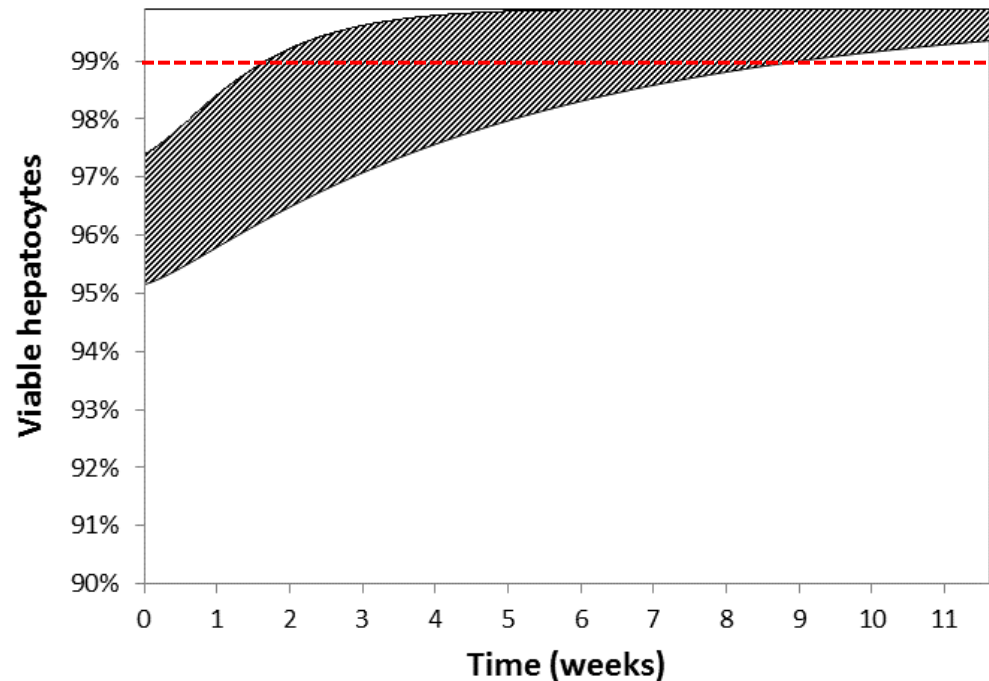


\*Predictions only valid for time courses similar to those observed with Entolimod



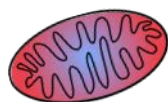
# Regenerative Hepatocyte Proliferation Predicted to be Complete 2-9 Weeks after Entolimod Dosing

- Population sample included variability in hepatocyte proliferation
- Hepatocyte restoration complete within ~2-9 weeks after onset of injury (median human prediction - 3 weeks)



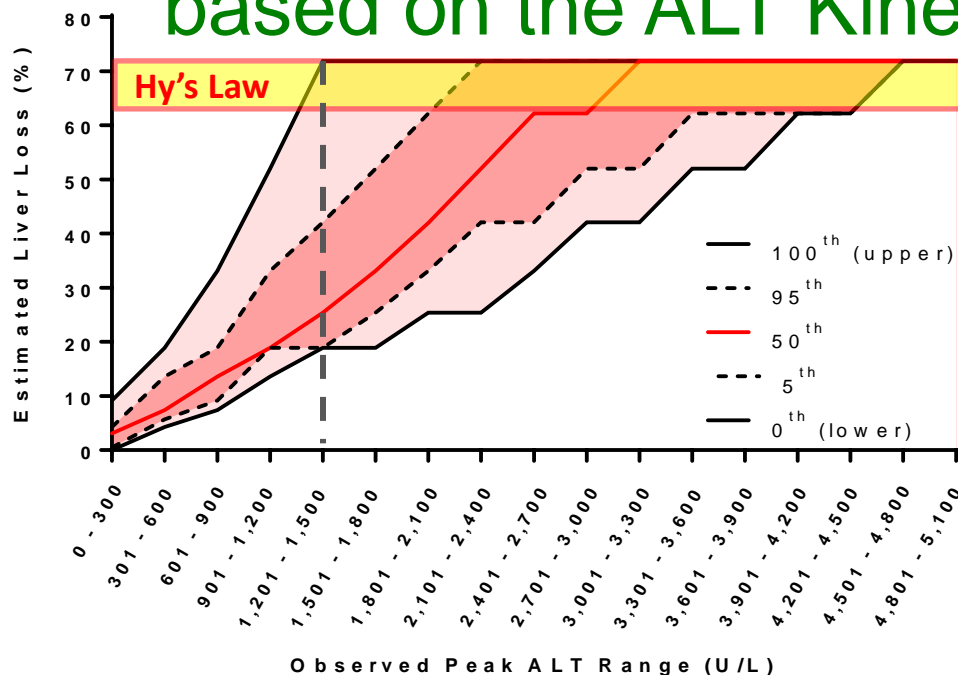
# Project Summary

- Analyses indicate that volunteers with ALT elevations following Entolimod administration likely incurred hepatocyte losses of  $\leq 5\%$
- The liver should have completely recovered in 2-9 weeks
- Literature review and modeling heparin-induced ALT profiles support the conclusion that the potential hepatocyte loss occurring in the Entolimod clinical trial did not represent a serious health threat
- DILIsym<sup>®</sup> simulation results were submitted to the FDA in support of the safety of Entolimod





# Current DILIsym® Projects are Focused on Quantifying the Probability of Serious Liver Injury based on the ALT Kinetics and Peak Values



Peak ALT Range (U/L)	Likelihood of Hy's Law (%)
1 - 300	0
301 - 600	0
601 - 900	0
901 - 1,200	0
1,201 - 1,500	2.0
1,501 - 1,800	3.3
1,801 - 2,100	11
2,101 - 2,400	31
2,401 - 2,700	57
2,701 - 3,000	81
3,001 - 5,100	> 90

- ALT time course kinetics specific to a given compound and clinical study are analyzed
- Information regarding the extent of hepatocyte loss required for seriously compromised liver function already incorporated into DILIsym® is used to estimate the probability of serious liver injury having occurred at each ALT level for a given kinetic profile
- This information helps decision makers understand how close or far their cases may have been to serious liver injury, and risk/benefit can be assessed

