



### Applicability of Existing Prediction Methods to Non-Oral Routes of Delivery

On Demand

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# **Session Description and Objectives**

#### **Description:**

 Discuss advances made with PBPK modeling for both oral and non-oral routes for the first in human predictions

#### **Objectives:**

- Learn how to parameterize PBPK models using in silico and/or in vitro data for accurate predictions
- Identify current limitations of PBPK models in predicting local and systemic exposures for non-oral delivery routes
- Define areas for further development to increase the predictability of PBPK models for non-oral delivery routes









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### **PBPK Modeling for FIH**



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#### Early Decision Trees: Distribution & Elimination



# **Industry Case Studies**

Focus changed from "What portion of compounds we can predict accurately" to "How can we predict the complex cases"

- Empirical PBPK model factors from preclinical species enable First-in-Human prediction
- Impact of Blood/Plasma ratio in predicting volume of distribution at steady state for basic compound in a retrospective analysis
- Challenging lipophilic weak acid
- High molecular weight compound with expected slow passive diffusion through membranes

Miller et al. (2019) Clinical Pharmacokinet. 58:727-746





### **Updated Decision Trees:** Absorption, Gut Metabolism, Distribution & Elimination



• Expanded scenarios for the more complex cases



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### Updated Decision Trees: Absorption, Gut Metabolism, Distribution & Elimination



• Added decision trees for absorption and gut metabolism



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### **Oral Absorption**

#### Advanced Compartmental Absorption and Transit Model (ACAT™)









### **Oral Absorption**







### Pathways beyond oral absorption ...



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# **Oral Cavity Absorption**





#### Processes:

- Dissolution/precipitation
- Dilution with saliva
- Transit/Swallowing
- Absorption into oral mucosa
- Diffusion and binding in oral mucosa
- Metabolism
- Uptake into systemic circulation





# **Oral Cavity Absorption**

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Research Article

Development of a Novel Oral Cavity Compartmental Absorption and Transit Model for Sublingual Administration: Illustration with Zolpidem

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- Publication described structure and application of OCCAT<sup>™</sup> model
- Main focus was analysis of zolpidem absorption after sublingual administration
- Prediction of Fa from oral cavity after sublingual administration for 4 additional compounds with promising results



Drugs	Dose (mg)	"Observed" $F_{a\_IO}^{a}$ (%)	Methods for obtaining the "observed" $F_{a_{1}IO}$	OCCAT model predicted $F_{a_{-IO}}$ (%)	Reference
Zolpidem	3.5	13.3	$F_{\rm PO}$ : 70%; $F_{\rm PO+IO}$ : 74% Eq. 8 <sup>b</sup>	18.9	[18]
Asenapine	5	35	$F_{\rm PO}$ : 1%; $F_{\rm PO+IO}$ : 35% Eq. 8 <sup>b</sup>	35.9	[39]
Verapamil	40	35	$F_{\rm PO}$ : 35%; $F_{\rm PO+IO}$ : 58% Eq. 8 <sup>b</sup>	31.5	[40]
Propranolol	40	25-40	PBPK model with a single oral cavity compartment	30.9	[8]
Nicotine	2	53	$F_{\rm PO}: 25\%; F_{\rm PO+IO}: 65\%$ Eq. $8^b$	14.8	[41, 42]

Table IV. The  $F_{a,IO}$  bioavailability for sublingual administrated tablets in a clinic study

<sup>a</sup> "Observed"  $F_{a\_IO}$  was calculated using Eq. 8 based on the absolute bioavailability of the oral only formulation ( $F_{PO}$ ) and the absolute bioavailability of intraoral drug products ( $F_{IO+PO}$ ) reported in literature unless specified (e.g., estimated using PBPK model published in literature)

<sup>b</sup> Fraction absorbed in oral cavity calculated by  $F_{a_{1}O} + (1 - F_{a_{1}O}) \times F_{PO} = F_{PO+IO}$ 



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### **Be Careful About Generic Assumptions!!**

- Possibly faster onset of action is one of the advantages of intraoral administration
- But not every compound shows faster absorption after intraoral administration compared to PO



Time (min)





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**Fig. 1.** Plasma unchanged captopril profiles after peroral (-----) and sublingual (------) administration of captopril (25 mg). [Data quoted are the mean (SEM) for eight healthy volunteer subjects]

Fig. 3. Plasma triazolam levels measured from time of administration (-60 minutes) through 180 minutes from the start of surgery in the two groups of subjects who received the active drug.

Al-Furaih – Eur J Clin Pharmacol 1991, 40: 393-398; Berthold – Oral Surg Oral Med Oral Pathol Oral Radiol Endod 1997, 84: 119-124; Palma-Aguirre – Archiv Invest Med 1989, 20: 129-135

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## **Inhaled Administration**



#### Processes:

- Deposition
- Transit
- Dissolution/Precipitation
- Absorption into lung tissue
- Lysosomal trapping
- Metabolism
- Absorption into systemic circulation
- Evaporation/Exhalation





### **Inhaled Administration**

Clinical Pharmacokinetics https://doi.org/10.1007/s40262-021-01066-2

#### ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modelling of Inhaled Nemiralisib: Mechanistic Components for Pulmonary Absorption, Systemic Distribution, and Oral Absorption

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Table 2Predicted versusobserved AUCt and  $C_{max}$ following an inhalation dose ofnemiralisib

Subject	$\frac{Predicted}{AUC_t} (pg h/mL)$	$\begin{array}{l} Observed \\ AUC_t  (pg \ h/mL) \end{array}$	AUC <sub>t</sub> Fold error	Predicted C <sub>max</sub> (pg/mL)	Observed C <sub>max</sub> (pg/mL)	C <sub>max</sub> Fold error
1001	3.324E+4	2.528E+4	+ 1.3	4551	3237	+ 1.4
1002	3.876E+4	4.477E+4	- 1.2	4477	5609	- 1.3
1003	2.562E+4	2.419E+4	+ 1.1	4330	3903	+ 1.1
1004	4.265E+4	4.042E+4	+ 1.1	5690	8283	- 1.5
1005	1.500E+4	1.834E+4	- 1.2	4813	2866	+ 1.7
1006	1.952E+4	2.708E+4	- 1.4	4924	1.257E+4	- 2.6

 $AUC_t$  area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time zero to time t,  $C_{max}$  maximum concentration

- Systemic disposition and intestinal absorption calibrated/validated against IV and PO data
- Inhaled parameters:
  - Deposition predicted from MPPD model and subsequently scaled based on observed inhalation dose
  - Solubility measured
  - Permeability measured (MDCK-MDR1)
  - Systemic absorption rate constant estimated from lung blood flows
  - Binding in mucus and cells assumed the same as plasma



# **Dermal Delivery**



#### **Processes:**

- Dissolution/Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Absorption into Stratum Corneum
- Diffusion and binding in different skin layers
- Metabolism
- Absorption into systemic circulation





# **Dermal Delivery**

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Cosmetics Europe evaluation of 6 in silico skin penetration models



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- Several mechanistic skin penetration models of varying complexity have been described in literature and/or are available commercially
- Recently published study by Cosmetics Europe evaluated 6 of these models and identified required improvements
- Predictions were compared with *in vitro* skin penetration studies and focus was on chemicals rather than drugs, but the results provide good guidance on future improvements needed for these skin penetration models





### **Dermal Delivery: Evaporation**



#### Evaporation was critical for accurate prediction of dermal delivery

- The models either did not include model to predict the evaporation or the accuracy of predicting evaporation rate was not sufficient
- However, after adjusting the administered dose for the evaporated dose, the quality of prediction improved with several tested models (for clarity, results for only one of the models shown in this slide)





## **Dermal Delivery: Parameter Estimates**

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Impact of measured and QSAR  $K_{SC/buffer}$  and Dsc values on correlation coefficients ( $R^2$ ) between predicted and measured values of DD of 24 chemicals applied in PBS as a preliminary criterion of performance.

Model	Condition (Table 2)	$R^2$ using $K_{SC/buffer}$ and $D_{sc}$	
		QSAR	Measured
TCAT	T1	0.80	0.53
Surrey	Su2 (2D Model)	0.29	-
	Su4 (1D Model)	-	0.28
DSkin	D2	0.60	0.14
SimCyp	SC1	0.23	0.58

Impact of measured or *in silico* parameter inputs for Stratum Corneum partitioning and diffusivity yielded mixed results:

- Measured values improved predictions with one model
- *in silico* parameter inputs resulted in better predictions with two other models (including the highest overall R<sup>2</sup>)





## **Dermal Delivery: Local Concentrations**

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Prediction of compound accumulation in different skin layers :

- Accuracy varied for different models and layers
- There is room for improvement with all tested models important especially for locally acting drugs





# Intramuscular and Subcutaneous Injections

#### Perfusion Limited:



- Tissue plasma partition coefficients and tissue blood flow account for drug uptake from injection site into systemic circulation
- Works well with solution injections (if precipitation is not a significant factor)

Midazolam administration in healthy volunteers

The same model correctly described PK after IV, SC solution and IM solution administration



Observed data from:

Pecking – Br J Clin Pharmacol 2002, 54:357; Alfonzo Echeverri – Anesth Prog – 1990, 37:277; Kupferschmidt – Clin Pharmacol Ther 1995, 58:20



Permeability Limited:





# Intramuscular and Subcutaneous Injections

Intramuscular and subcutaneous injection of crystalline suspension of low solubility compound cabotegravir

Simulation used Johnson dissolution equation with:  $\frac{dM_D}{dt} = \frac{D_w}{\rho h r_t} \frac{(1+2s)}{s} (C_s - C_l) M_{u,t}$ 

- Large particle size (might be indicative of aggregation at the injection site)
- Large diffusion layer surrounding particles (might be indicative of static tissue environment)



#### Intramuscular



#### **Subcutaneous**

Observed Data:

Spreen - J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr, 2014, 67(5):481



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# **Intramuscular and Subcutaneous Injections**

Tissue response may further complicate the apparent behavior of injected formulation:

#### I. Acute phase of the inflammatory response

Occurs within one week following administration and is characterized by the presence of neutrophils in the area of the injection or implant.

#### II. Onset of the chronic phase of inflammation

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Onset of the chronic phase of inflammation, is characterized by the appearance of monocytes and macrophages

#### III. Fibroblasts infiltration and collagen deposition

Fibroblasts infiltrate the site and collagen deposition is initiated to form a fibrous capsule. Neo-angiogenesis is also observed during this period

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Anderson et. al., Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews 64 (2012), 2012

The temporal variation in the three phases of inflammatory response resulting from administration of biodegradable microspheres



## Summary

- Significant progress was made in development of *in vitro* systems and models to predict intestinal absorption
- Similarities in processes impacting absorption from oral and non-oral routes of delivery provide path towards improved predictions from non-oral routes of delivery
- Additional route-specific processes impact predictions for non-oral routes of delivery:
  - Deposition with inhaled administration
  - Evaporation and impact of excipients on drug absorption with dermal administration
  - Potential aggregation and physiological response with IM or SC injectables
  - Contribution of intestinal absorption with oral cavity, ocular, and inhaled administration





### Questions

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