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Promotion of drug development based on drug interaction studies

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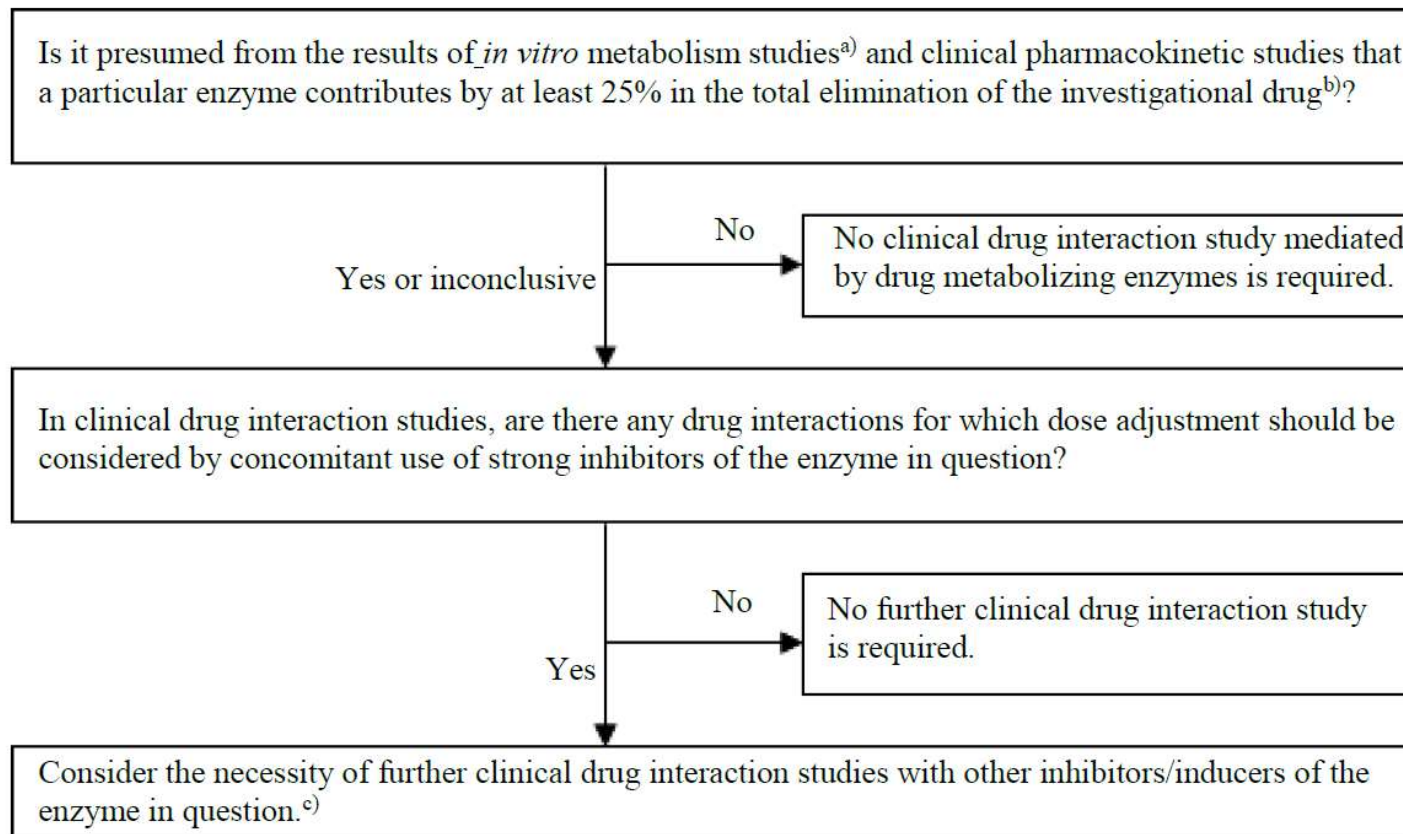
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Is it presumed from the results of *in vitro* metabolism studies^{a)} and clinical pharmacokinetic studies that a particular enzyme contributes by at least 25% in the total elimination of the investigational drug^{b)}?

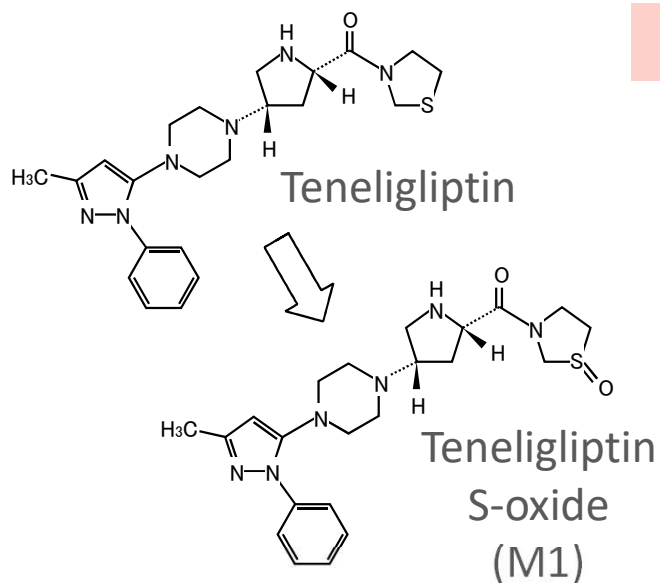
*However, when the contribution of primary isoenzymes of P450 is small, other isoenzymes of P450 (e.g., CYP2A6, CYP2E1, CYP2J2, CYP4F2), phase I enzymes other than P450 (e.g., MAO, **FMO**, XO, alcohol dehydrogenase, aldehyde dehydrogenase), and phase II enzymes (if the investigational drug is mainly metabolized by UGT) should also be examined.*

Consider the necessity of further clinical drug interaction studies with other inhibitors/inducers of the enzyme in question.^{c)}

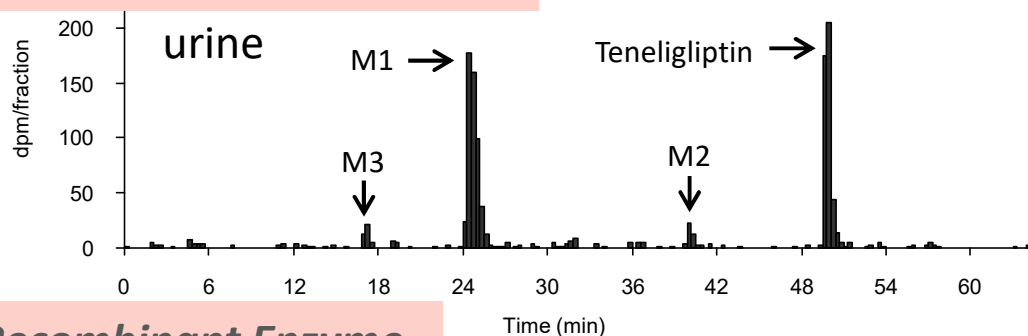
Teneligliptin is metabolized by both CYP3A4 and flavin-containing monooxygenase



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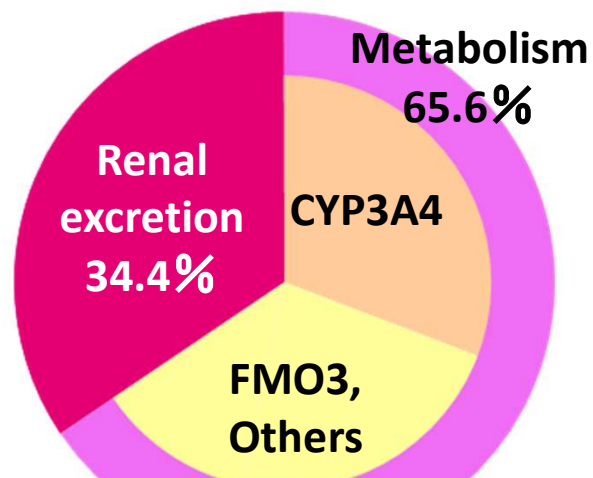


Human Mass Balance Studies



Recombinant Enzyme Studies

Isoform	(μM)	V_{max} (pmol/pmol P450 or FMO/min)	Clearance ($\mu\text{L}/\text{pmol P450}$ or FMO/min)
CYP3A4	37.9	33.7	0.889
FMO1	221.5	57.6	0.260
FMO3	126.1	52.1	0.413



Multiple Clearance Pathways

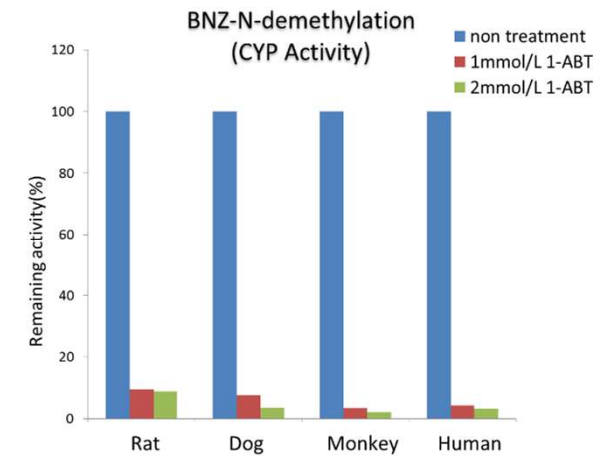
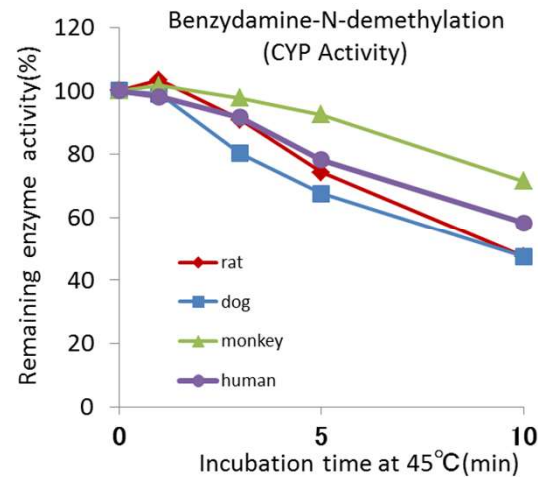
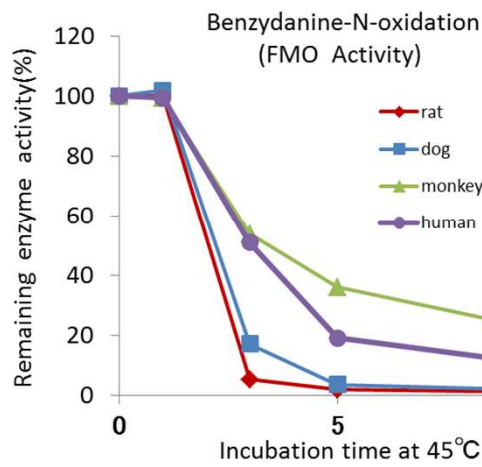
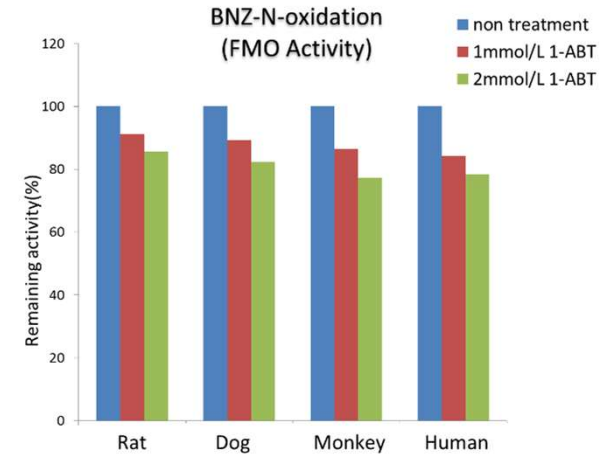
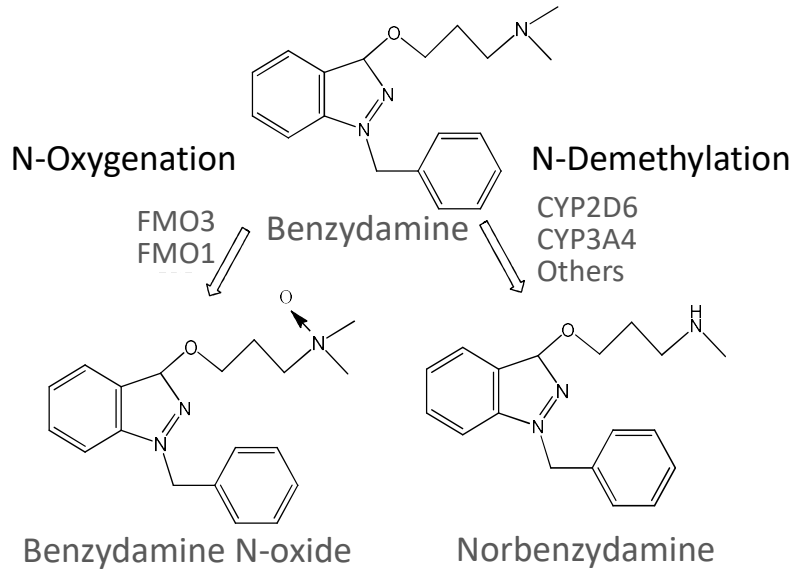
Enzyme Inhibition Studies

	Metabolic activity (pmol/mg protein/min)	Relative metabolic activity (% of control)	Percent inhibition
Control	327.5	100.0	
Quinidine (1 μM)	336.0	102.6	-2.6
Ketoconazole (0.5 μM)	173.5	53.0	47.0
Methimazole (200 μM)	107.5	32.8	67.2

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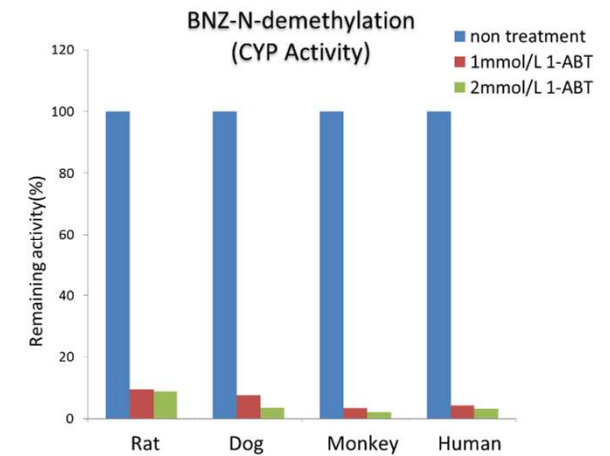
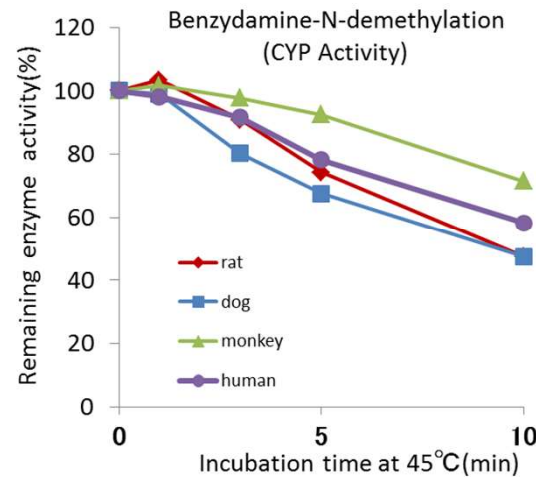
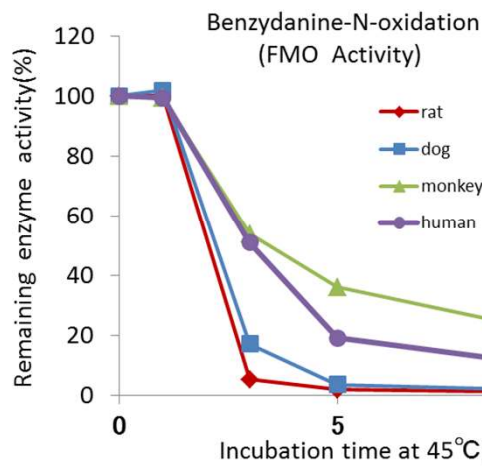
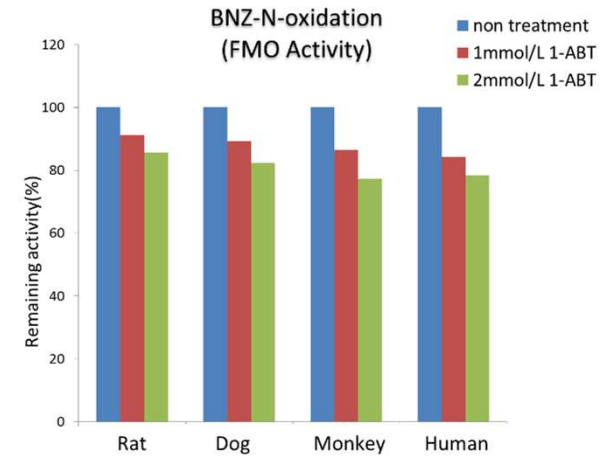
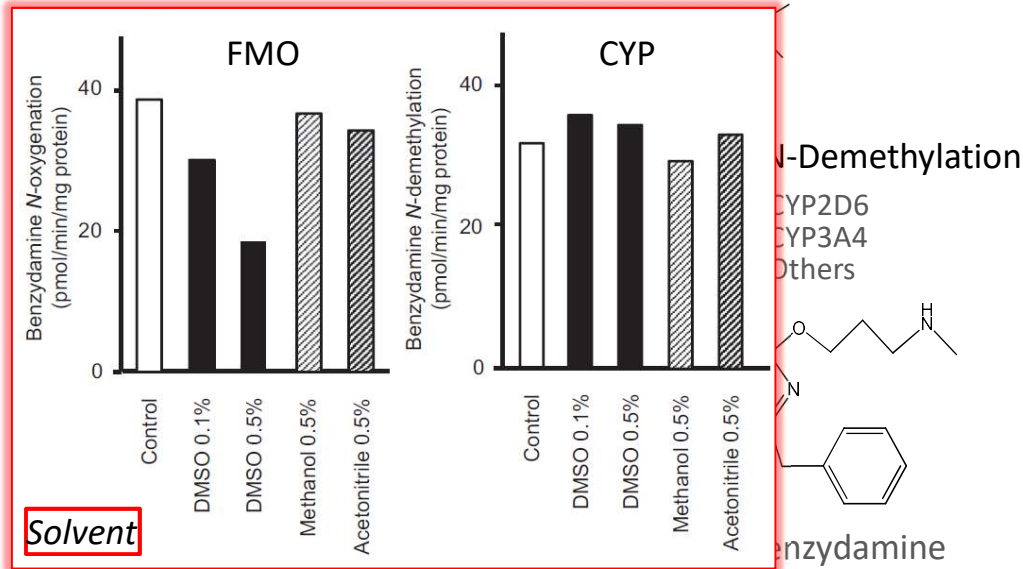
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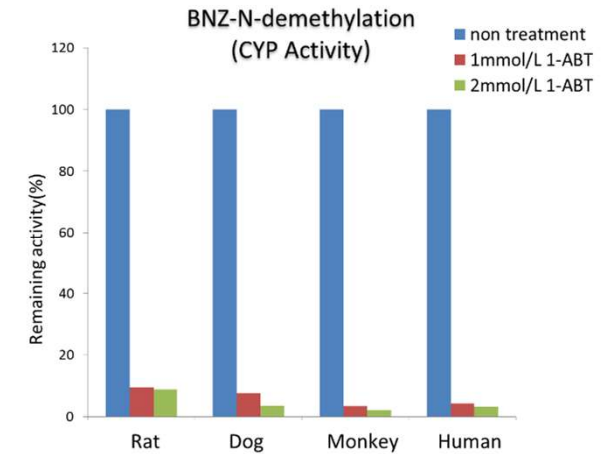
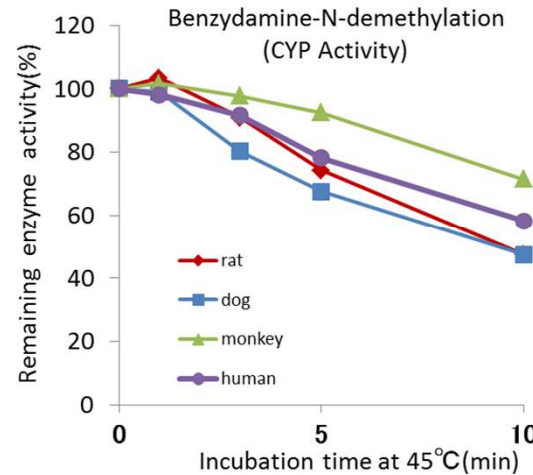
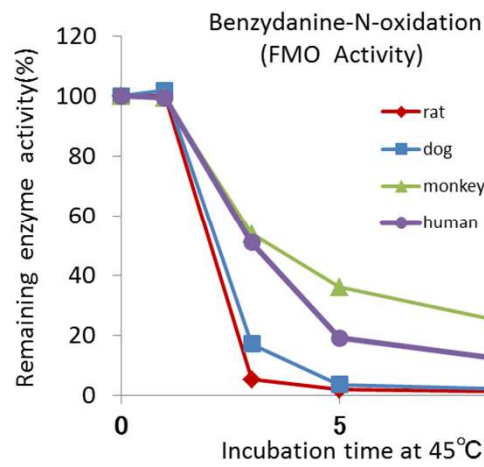
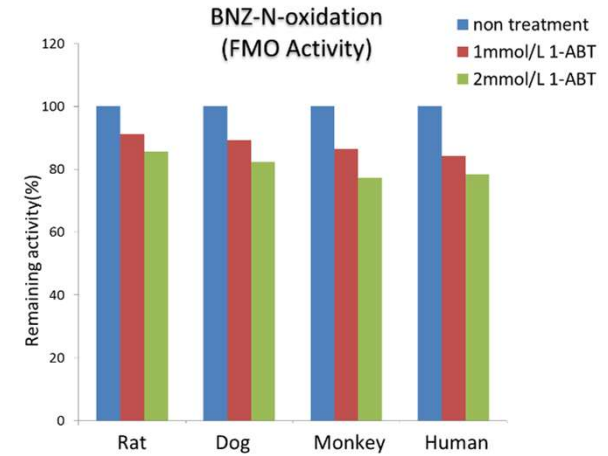
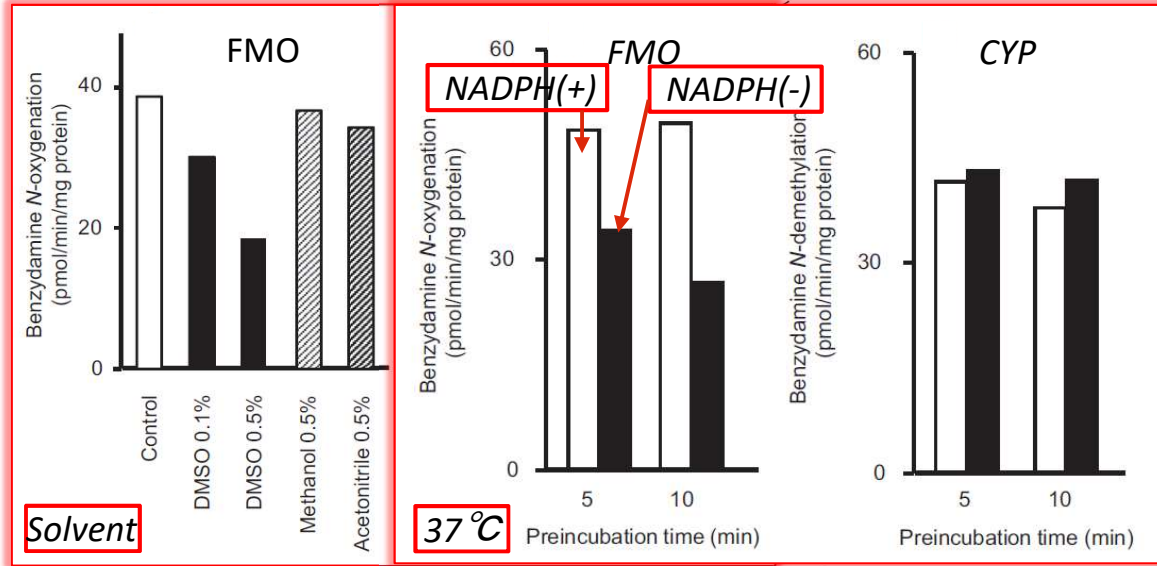
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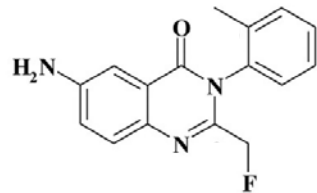


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Enzyme Kinetic Studies (liver microsomes)

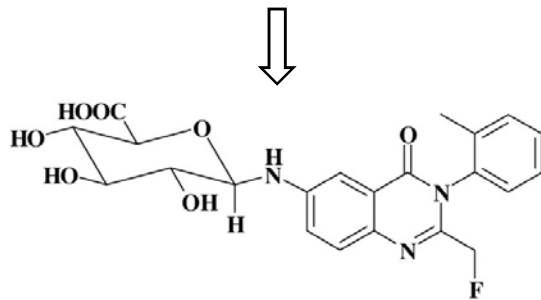
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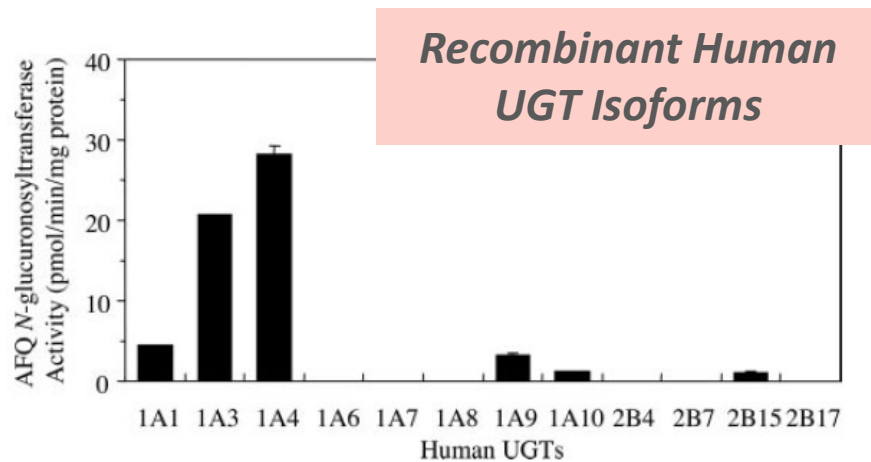


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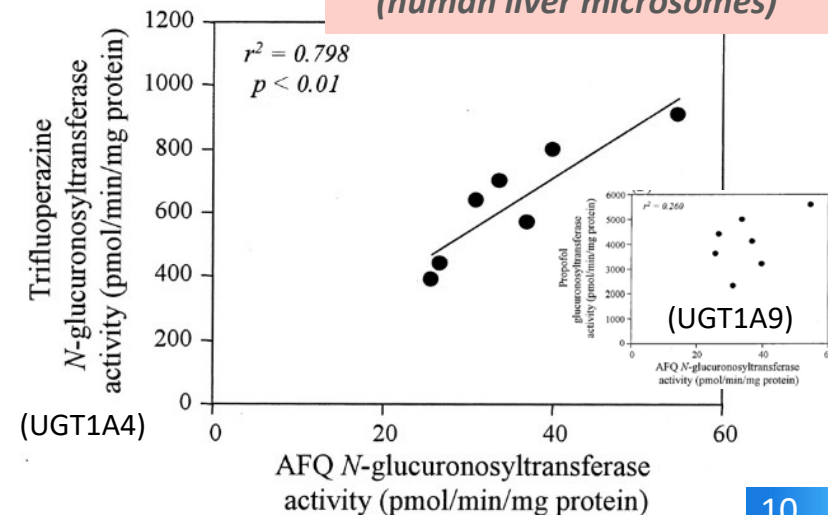


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Recombinant Human UGT Isoforms

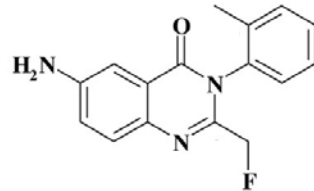
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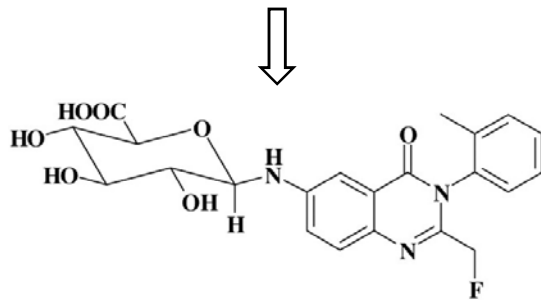


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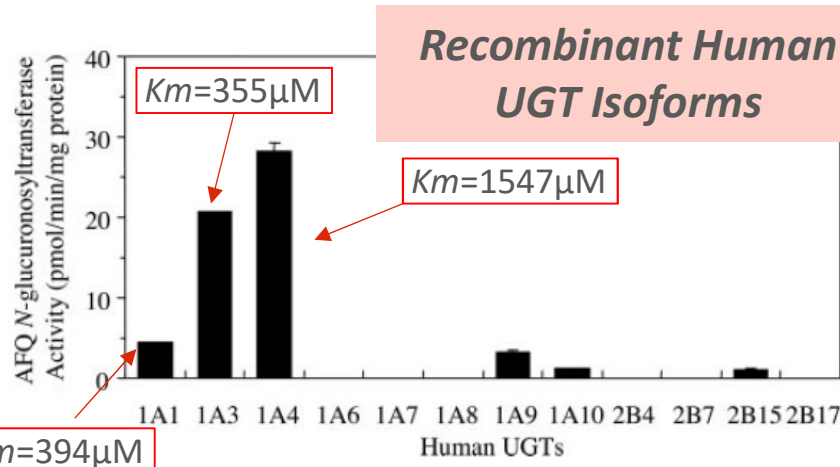


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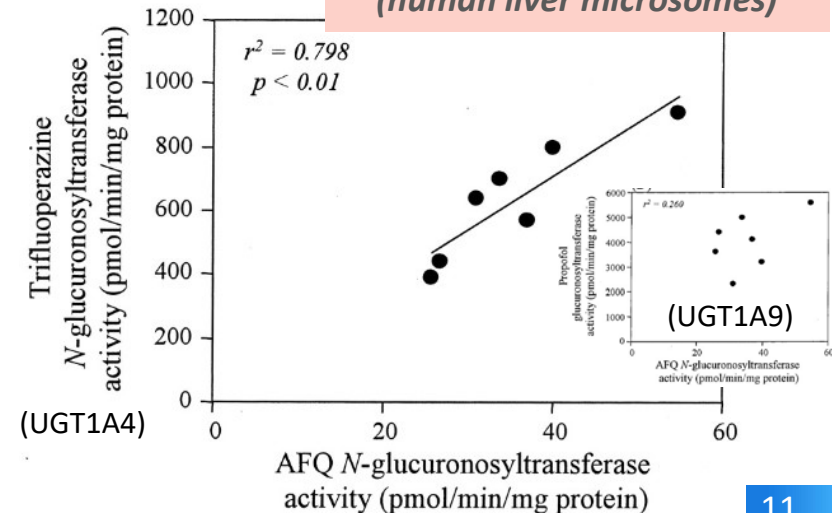
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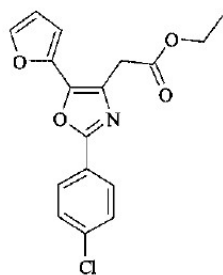
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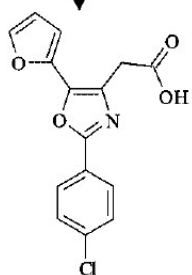
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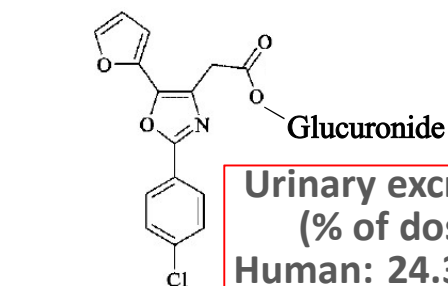
(hypolipidemic agent)



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M1 (TA-1801A)



Urinary excretion (% of dose)	
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Rat:	9.6
Rabbit:	7.5
Dog:	0.04

[Liver]

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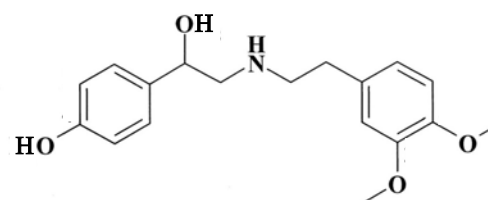
[Intestine]

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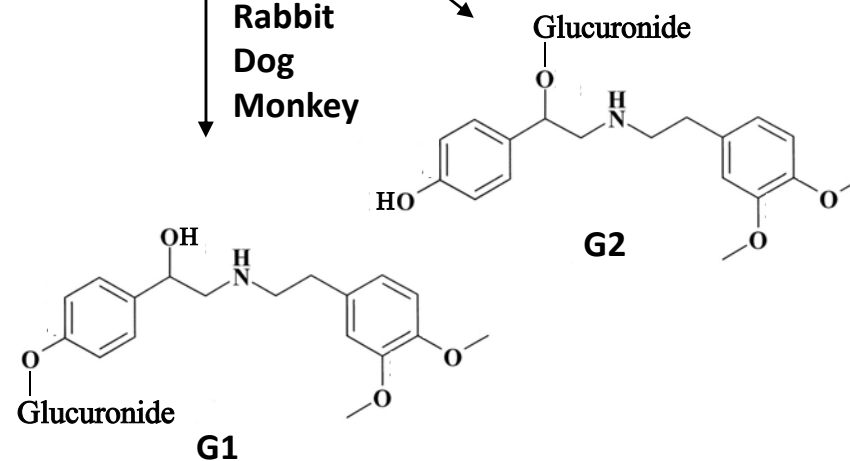
(β₁-adrenoceptor selective partial agonist)



Human liver and intestine (UGT2B7)

Dog, Monkey

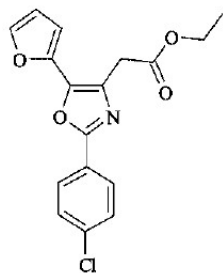
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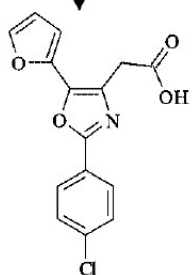
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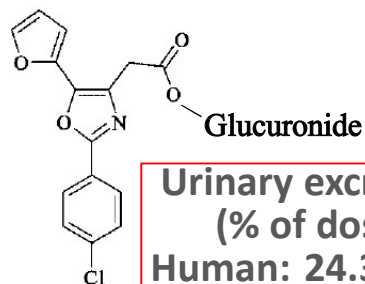


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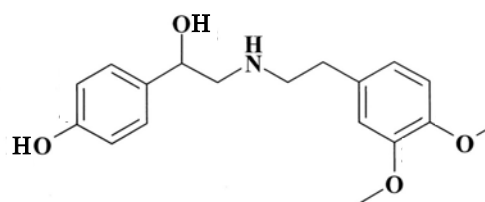
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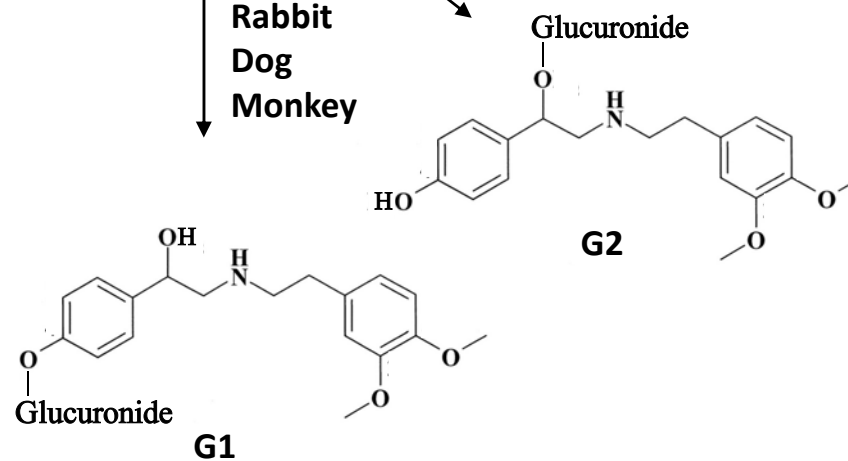
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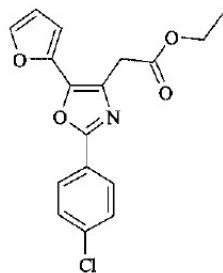
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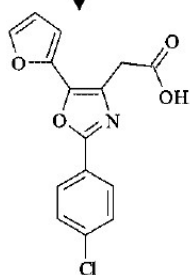
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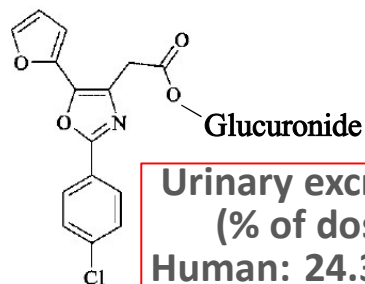


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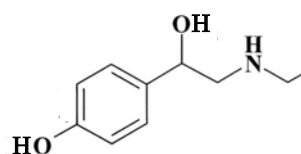


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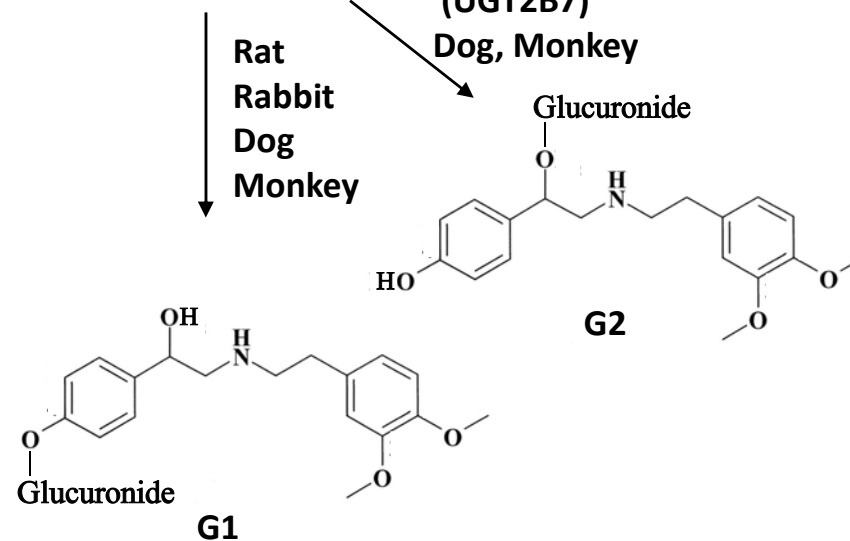
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Source of UGT	CL _{int} (ul/min/mg protein)	
	G1	G2
Rat liver	1220	-
Rabbit liver	152	-
Dog liver	2.14	1.62
Monkey liver	1.96	3.40
Human liver	-	2.54
Human jejunum	-	0.39
UGT2B7	-	2.43

Human liver and intestine (UGT2B7)



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Cynomolgus Monkey as an animal model for study of Drug-drug Interaction (Drug Metabolism)



In vitro similarities (Inhibition kinetics)

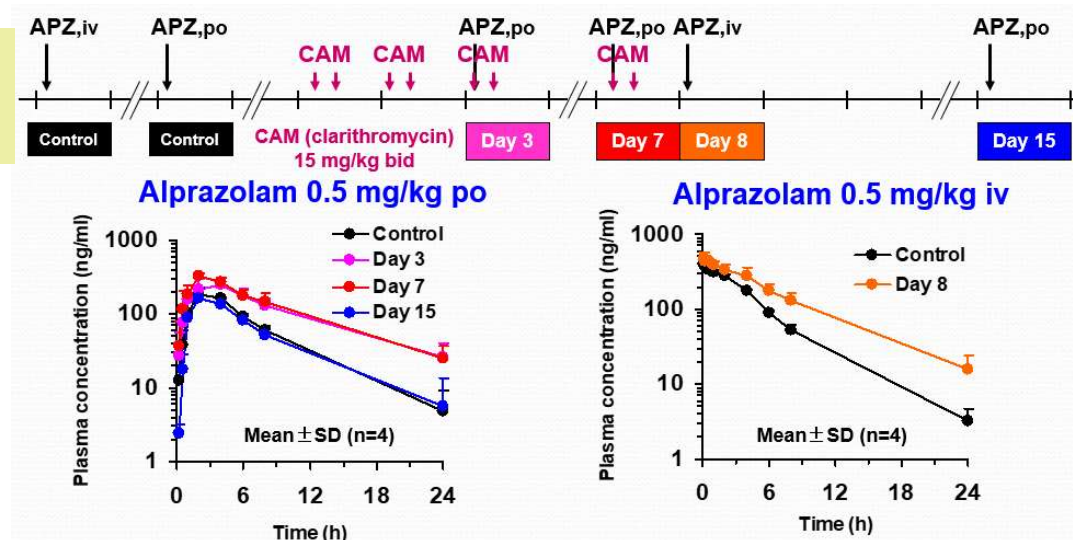
	Monkey		Human	
Azole	K_i		K_i	
Antifungal	(μM)		(μM)	
Ketoconazole	0.025		0.032	
Itraconazole	0.096		0.130	
Fluconazole	14		21	
	Monkey		Human	
Macrolide	K_I	K_{inact}	K_I	K_{inact}
Antibiotics	(μM)	(min^{-1})	(μM)	(min^{-1})
Erythromycin	6.4	0.0352	15.6	0.0325
Clarithromycin	13.5	0.0325	12.3	0.0425
Azithromycin	455	0.0037	449	0.0072

In vivo similarities (Inhibitor or Inducer)

Substrate / Inhibitor or Inducer	Monkey	Human
	AUC _i /AUC	AUC _i /AUC
Midazolam /		
Ketoconazole	20 mg/kg, single	400 mg, qd, 4 days
Erythromycin	15 mg/kg, bid, 3 days	500 mg, tid, 7 days
Clarithromycin	15 mg/kg, bid, 3 days	500 mg, bid, 7 days
Azithromycin	15 mg/kg, bid, 3 days	500 mg, qd, 3 days
Simvastatin /		
Ketoconazole	20 mg/kg, single	400 mg, qd, 10 days
Alprazolam /		
Erythromycin	-	400 mg, tid, 10 days
Clarithromycin	15 mg/kg, bid, 7 days	-
Rifampicin	20 mg/kg, qd, 5 days	450 mg, qd, 4 days

Alprazolam / Clarithromycin (Time-dependent inhibition)

Ogasawara et al.,
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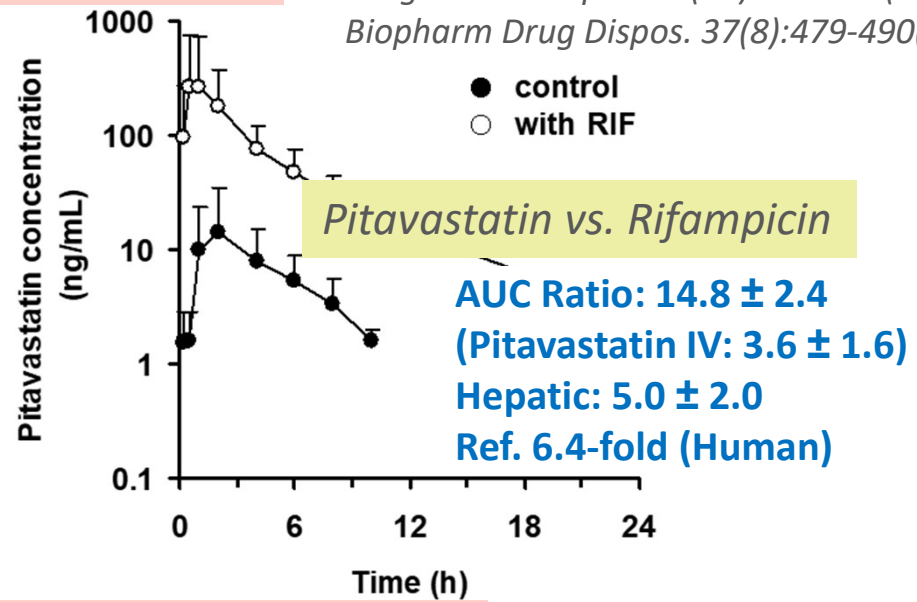
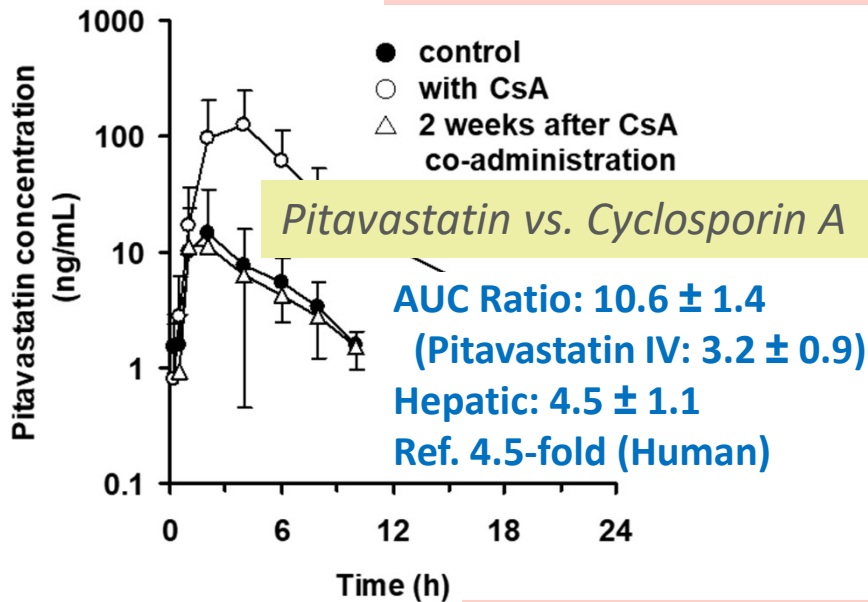


Cynomolgus Monkey as an animal model for study of Drug-drug Interaction (Drug Transporter)

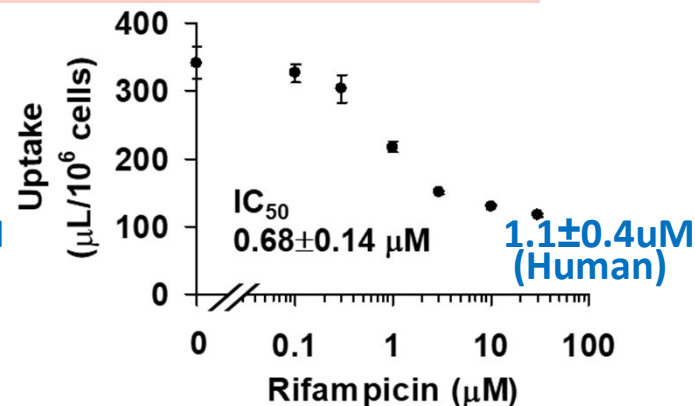
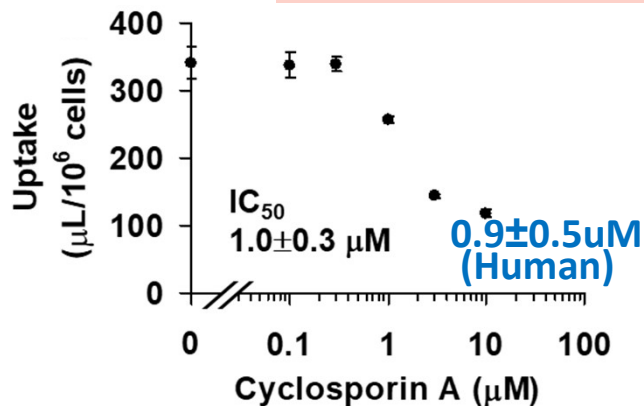


In vivo similarities (Monkey studies)

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In vitro similarities (Monkey hepatocytes / Pitavastatin uptake inhibition)



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 - ✓ *enzyme induction (CYP2B6/CAR)*
 - ✓ *creatinine transport (MATEs)*



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Early assessment of DDI potential will contribute to more efficient drug development



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Objectives

If the possibility of drug interactions that may become major clinical problems is judged in the early development phase based on these guidelines, more efficient development of drugs is expected to become possible. In addition, **adequate provision of information** obtained during the drug development process to clinical practice may avoid the occurrence of adverse reactions based on drug interactions and/or decrease in the efficacy of drug therapy. These actions may be expected **to lead to an optimized risk-benefit balance of drugs, eventually promoting the proper use of drugs.**

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