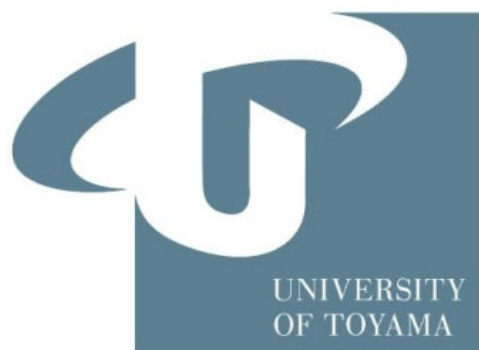


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**Elucidation of the molecular mechanism of barrier transport based on  
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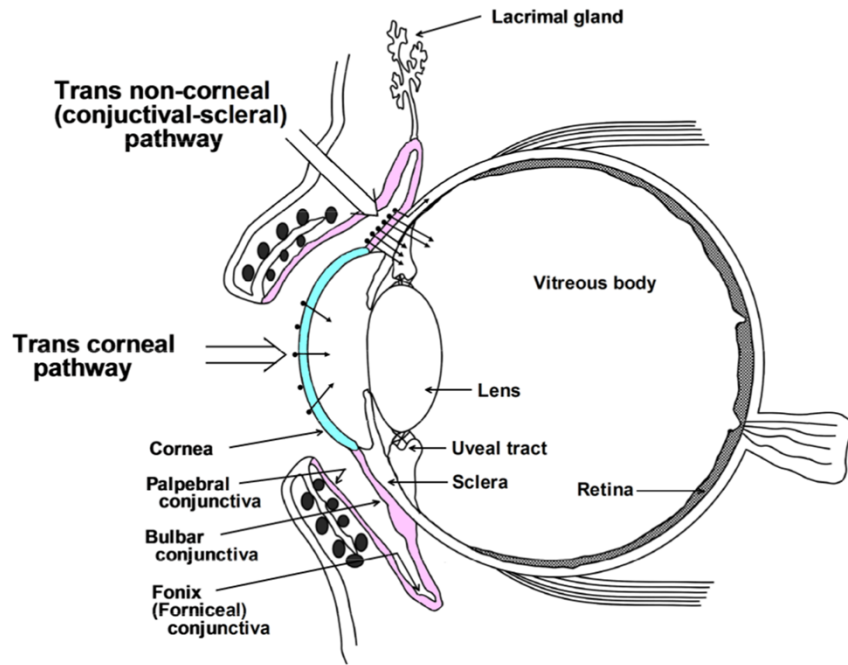
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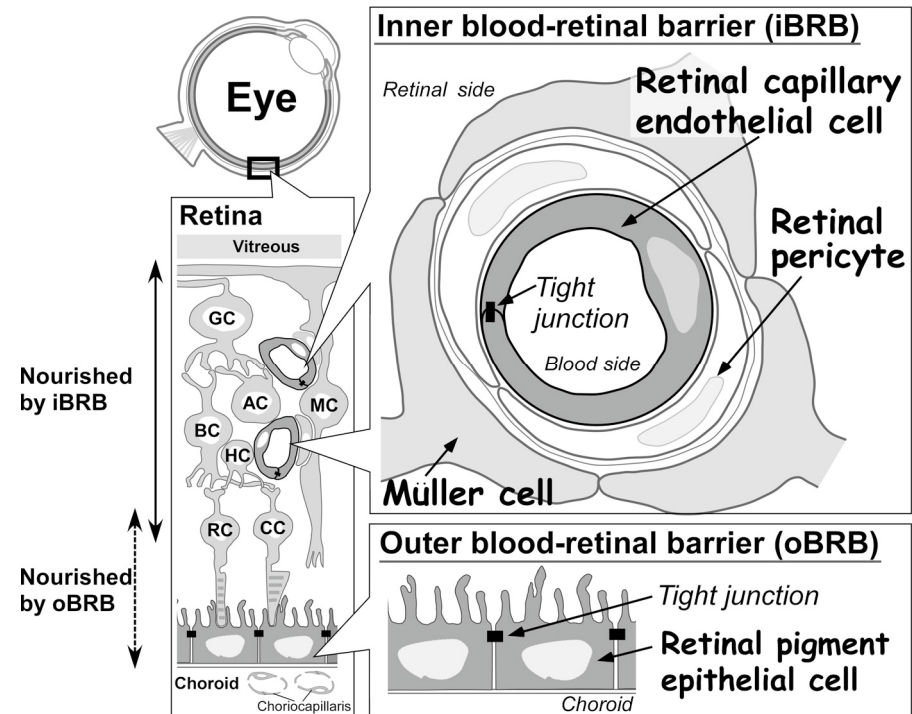
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# Concept of my research



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## Development

- Elucidation of transporters and transport systems at the BRB
- Establishment of the *in vitro* model of BRB
- Evaluation of efflux transport across the BRB



Therapy of retinal diseases by systemic drug administration (飲む目薬)

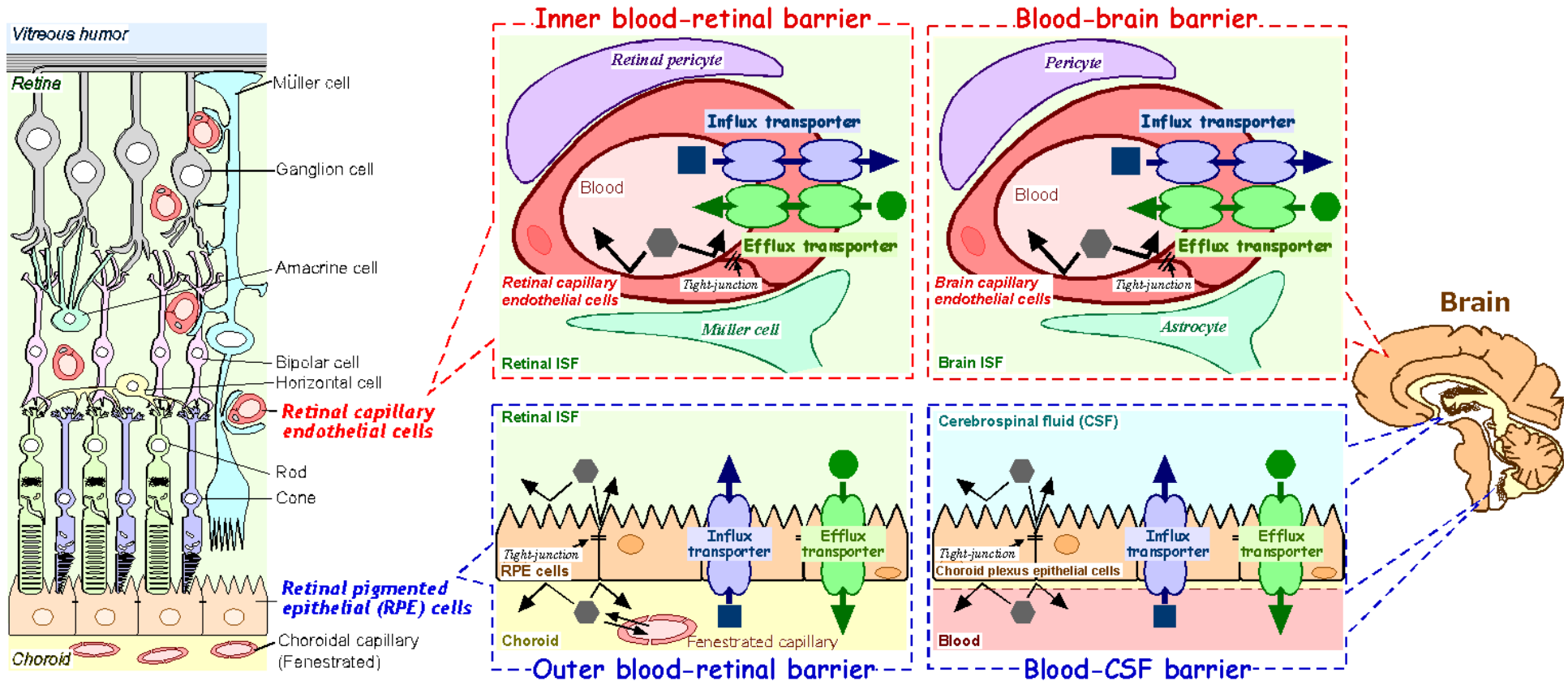
# BRB vs. brain barriers | drug transport manner

Pharm Res (2010) 27:2715–2724  
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RESEARCH PAPER

## Lipophilicity and Transporter Influence on Blood-Retinal Barrier Permeability: A Comparison with Blood-Brain Barrier Permeability

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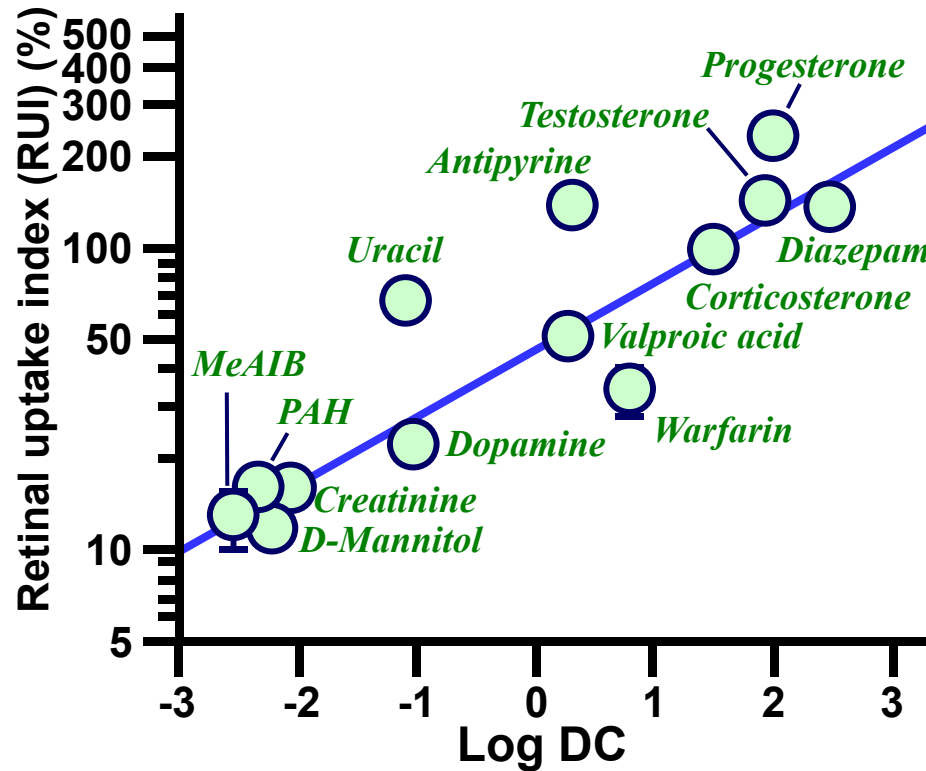
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# Correlation of RUI and BUI with DC of compounds

## Transportable via passive diffusion

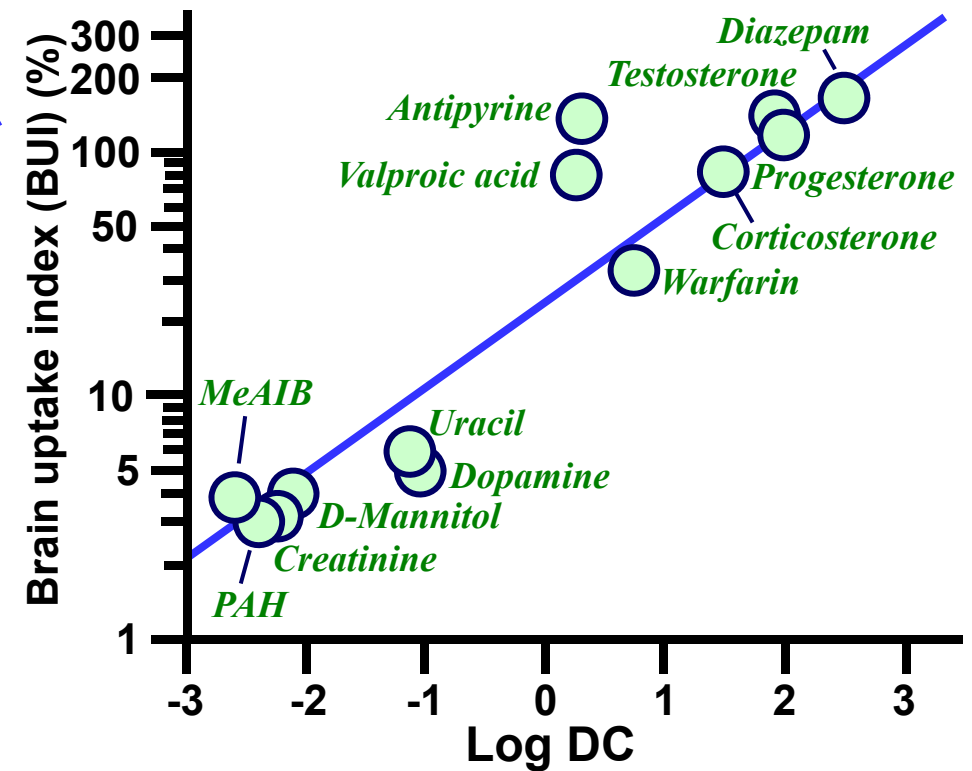
### Retina

$$RUI = 46.2 \times \exp(0.515 \times \log DC)$$



### Brain

$$BUI = 24.2 \times \exp(0.816 \times \log DC)$$



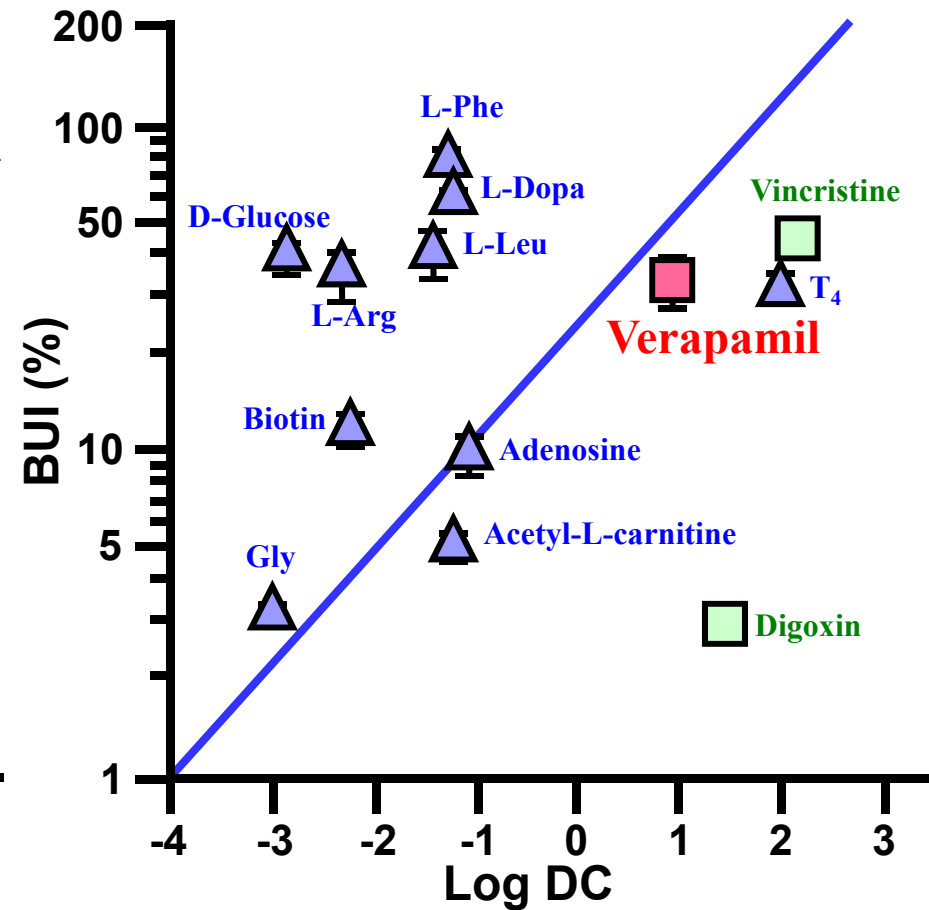
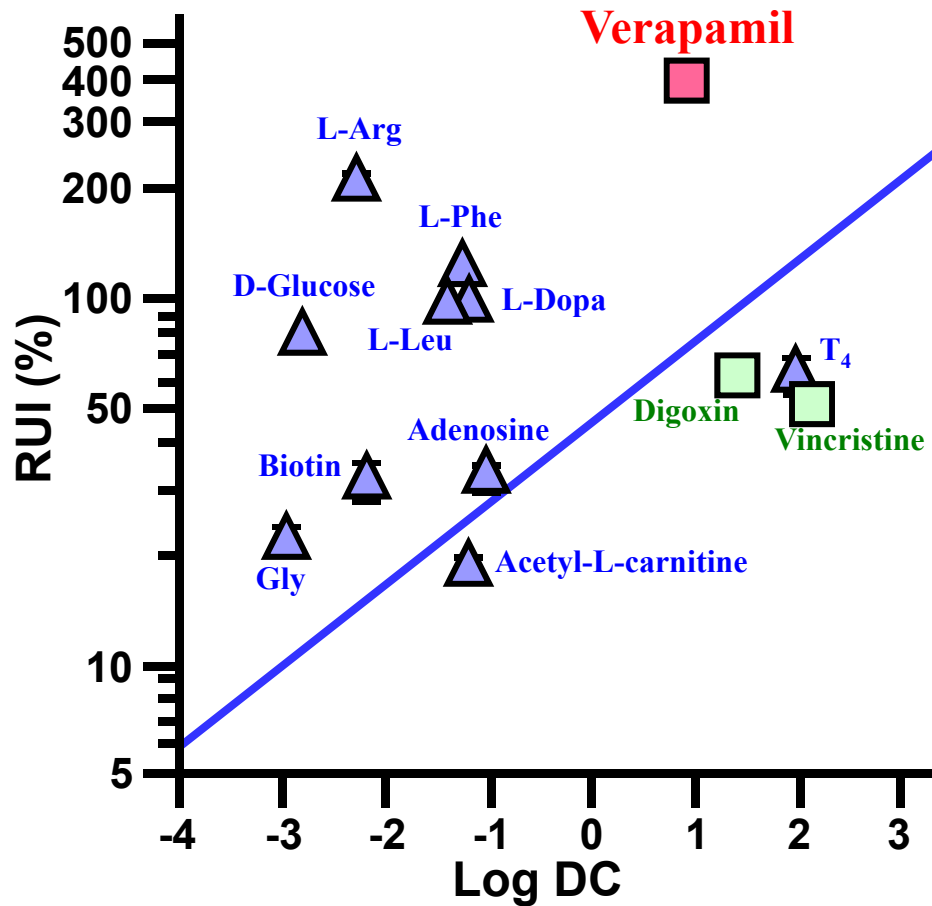
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# Correlation of RUI and BUI with DC of compounds

## Transporter substrates

**Retina**

**Brain**

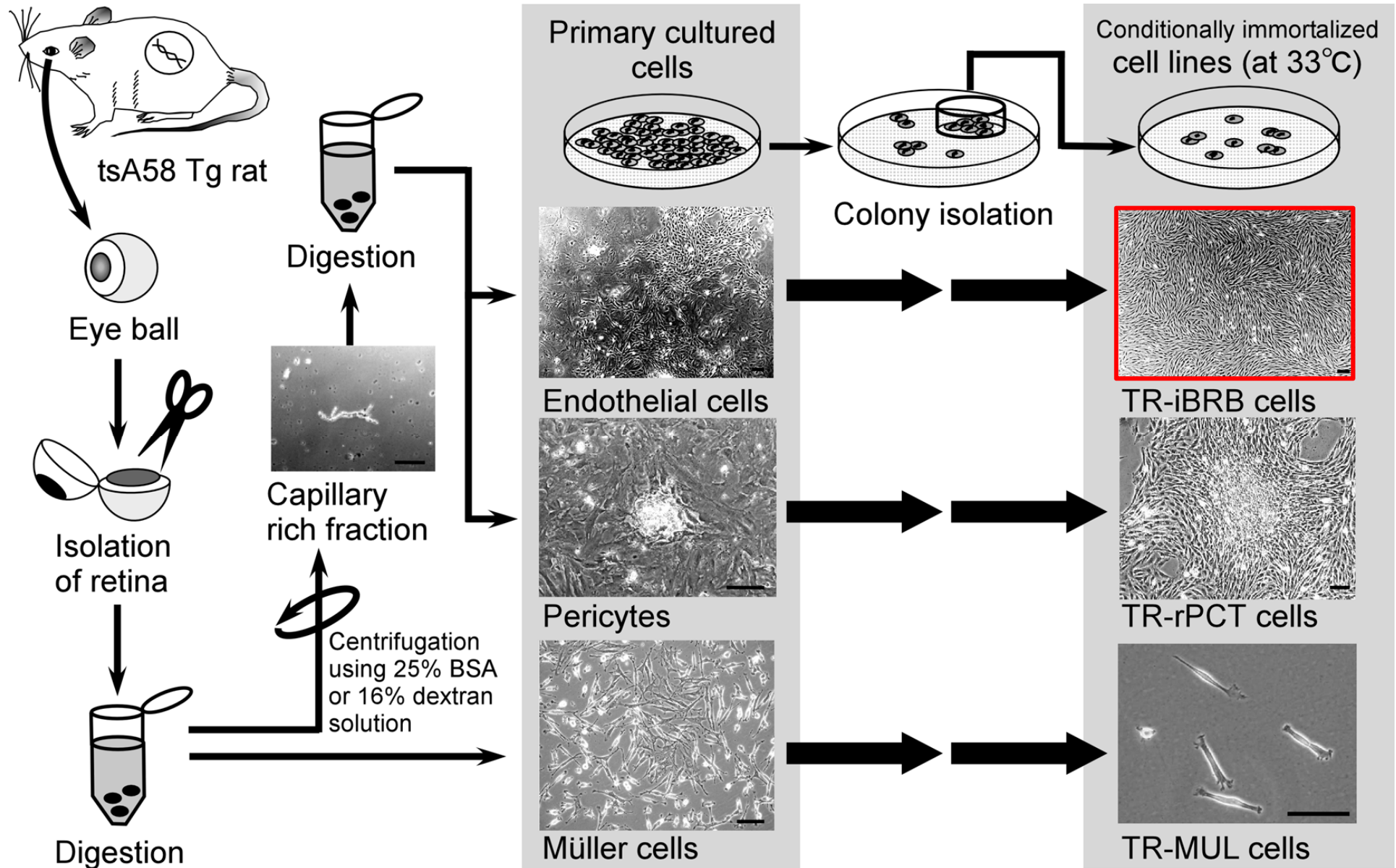


▲ : Substrate for SLC transporter    ◻ : Substrate for P-glycoprotein

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# Conditionally-immortalized inner BRB cell lines

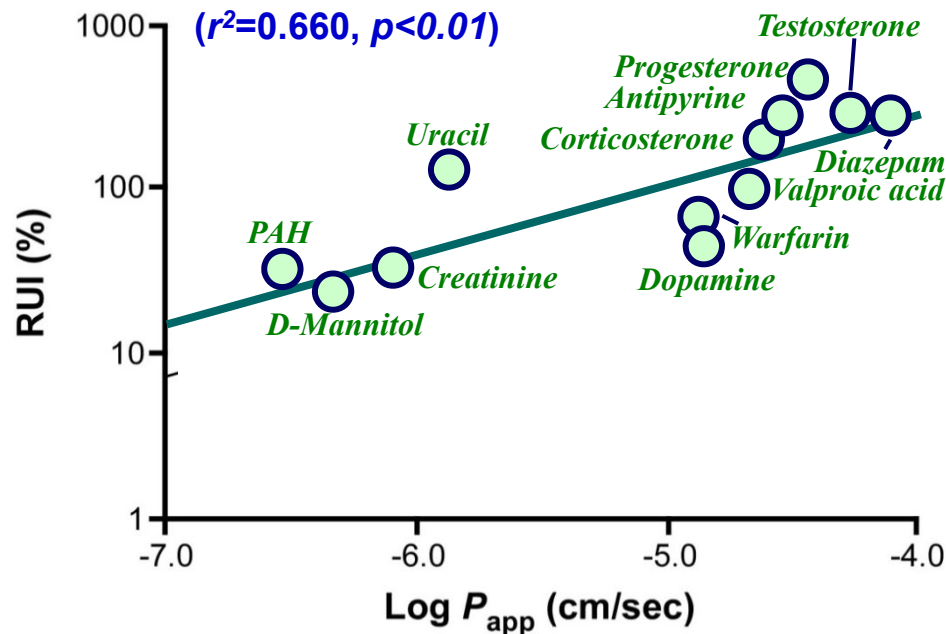


## In vivo vs. in vitro

Compounds and drugs: **Passive diffusion**

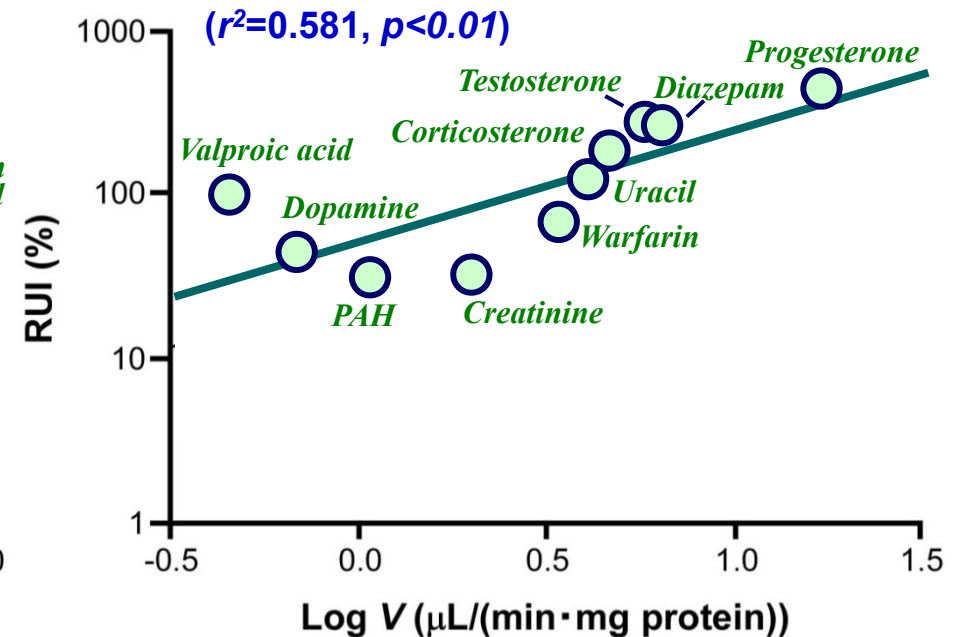
**PAMPA vs. RUI**

$$RUI = 7.93 \times 10^3 \times \exp(0.994 \times \log P_{app})$$



**TR-iBRB2 uptake vs. RUI**

$$RUI = 26.5 \times \exp(1.55 \times \log V)$$



Comparison of the apparent permeability ( $P_{app}$ ) and initial uptake rate ( $V$ ), and the RUI value of compounds and drugs

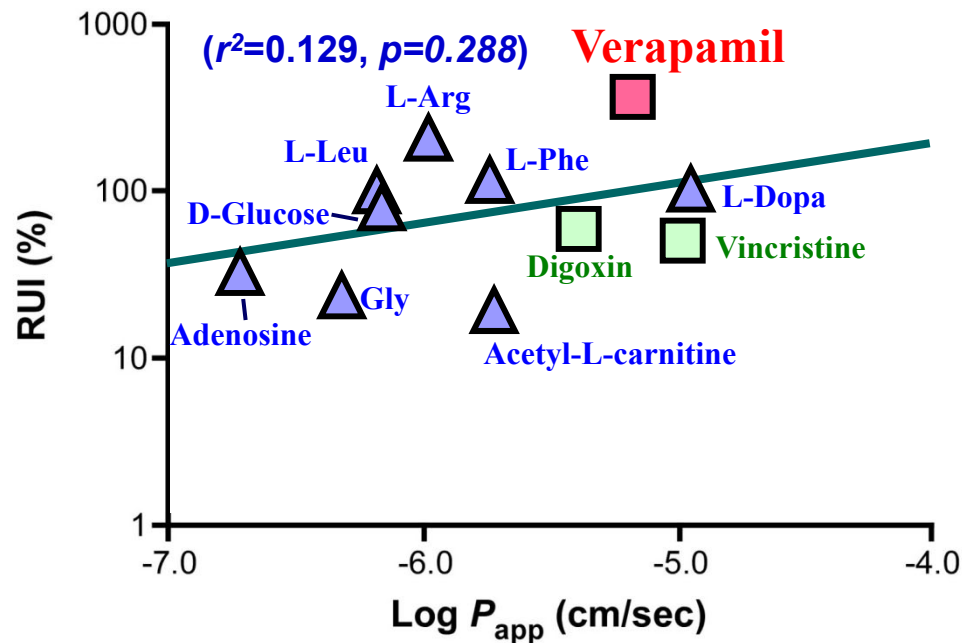


## In vivo vs. in vitro

Compounds and drugs: **Carrier-mediated transport type**

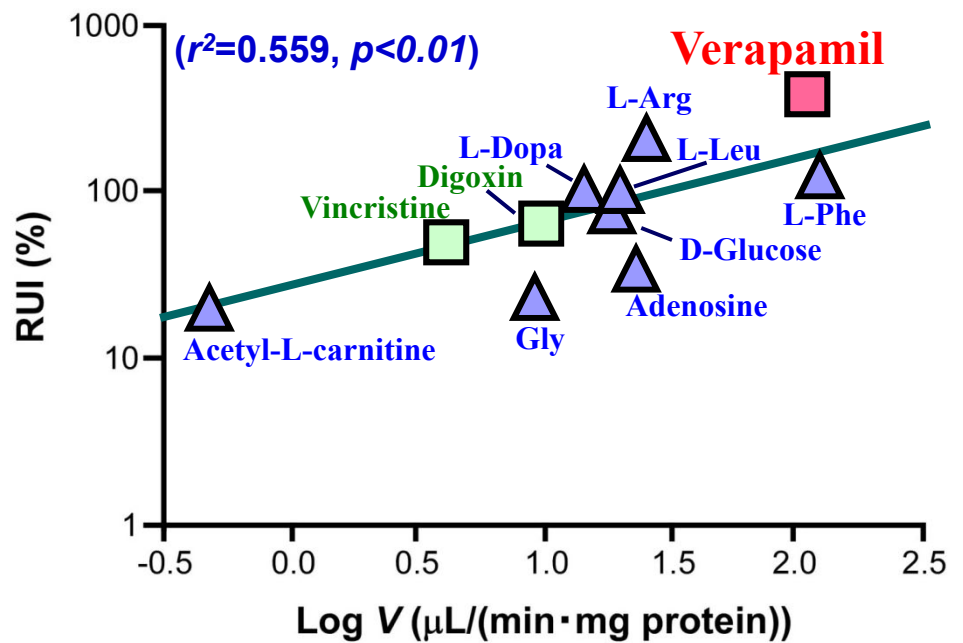
### PAMPA vs. RUI

$$RUI = 1.83 \times 10^3 \times \exp(0.564 \times \log P_{app})$$



### TR-iBRB2 uptake vs. RUI

$$RUI = 26.5 \times \exp(0.887 \times \log V)$$



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**TR-iBRB2 cells: good tool for prediction of *in vivo* BRB influx transport**

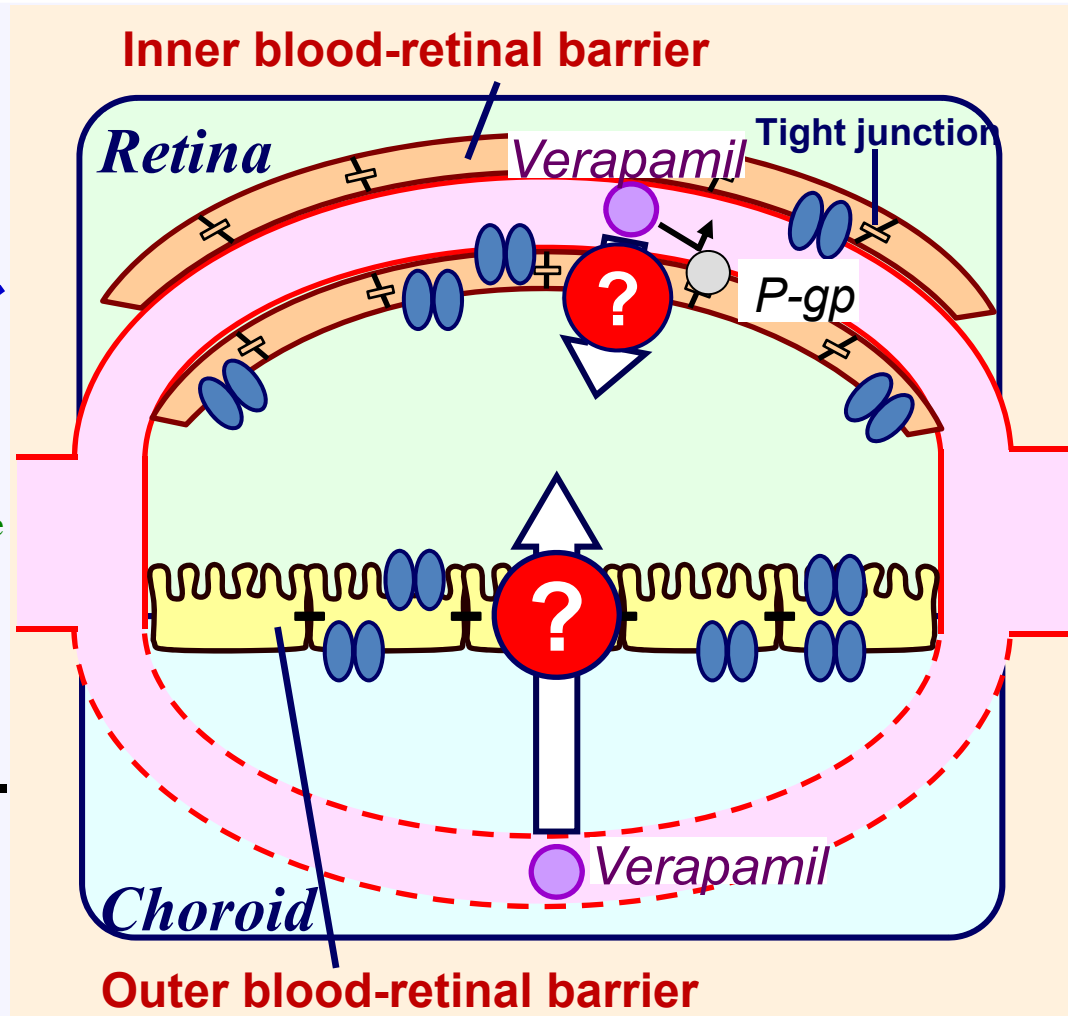
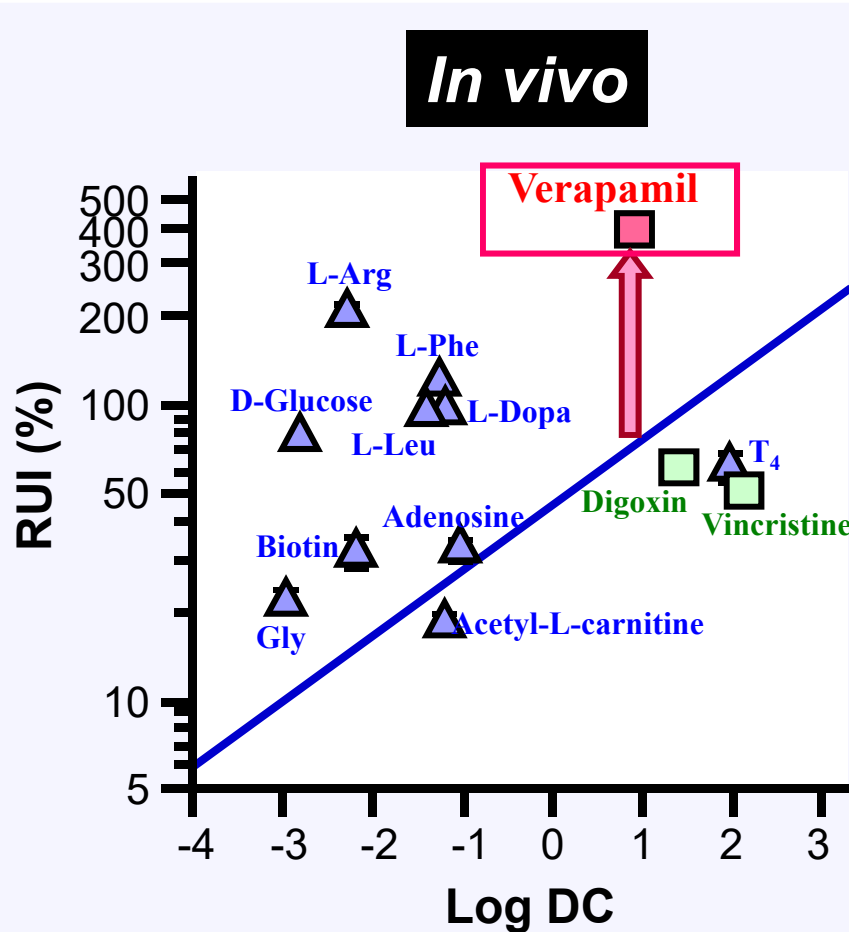
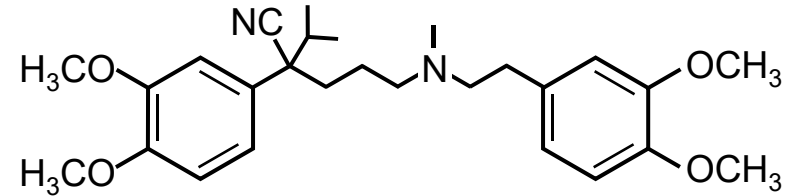
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# Verapamil | Great *in vivo* retinal transport activity at the BRB

Verapamil ( $Ca^{2+}$ -channel blocker)

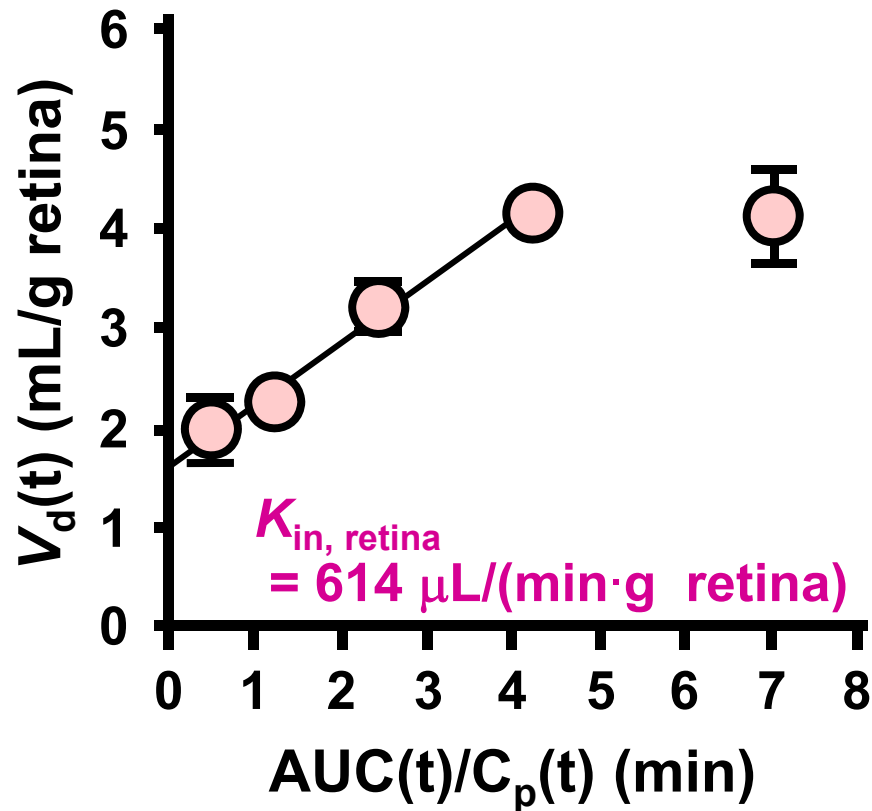
➔ Anti-glaucoma effect



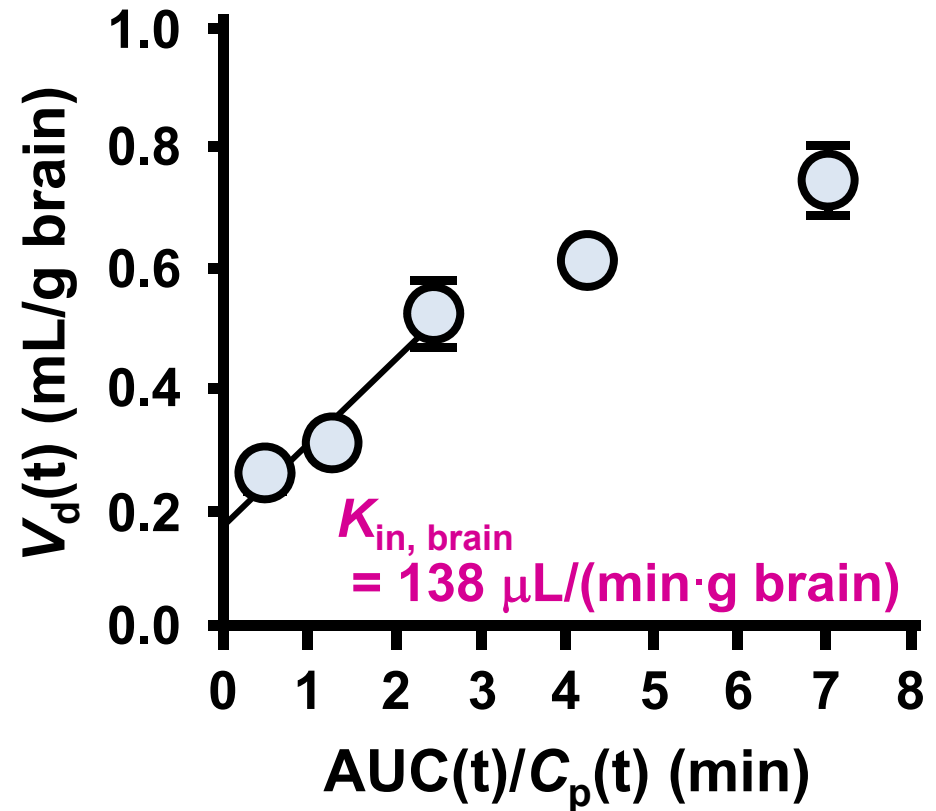
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# In vivo integration plot analysis of [<sup>3</sup>H]verapamil

**Retina**



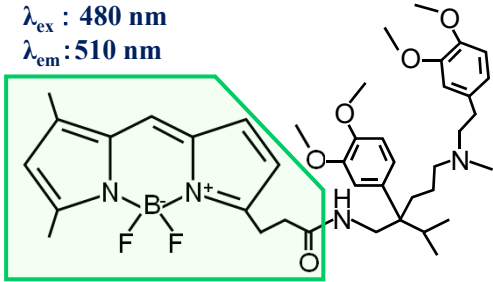
**Brain**



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# In vivo retinal distribution of BODIPY® FL verapamil

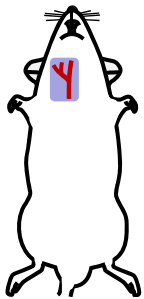
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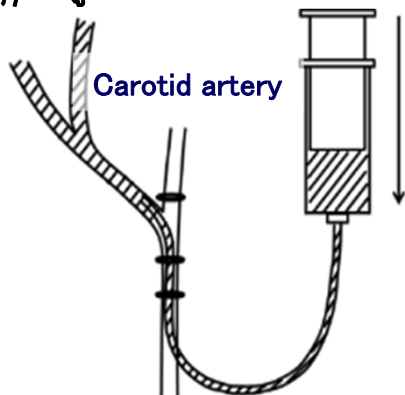
**BODIPY® FL verapamil**

## Infusion

Wistar rat



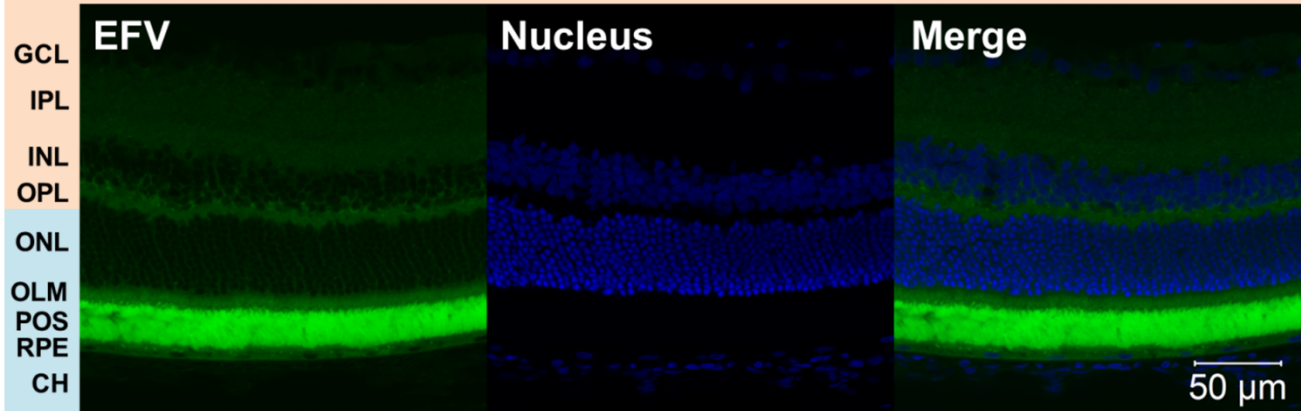
Total amount : 400  $\mu$ g  
 Infusion: 0.85 mL/min  
 for 4 min



Common carotid artery

## BODIPY® FL verapamil (EFV) infusion (400 $\mu$ g)

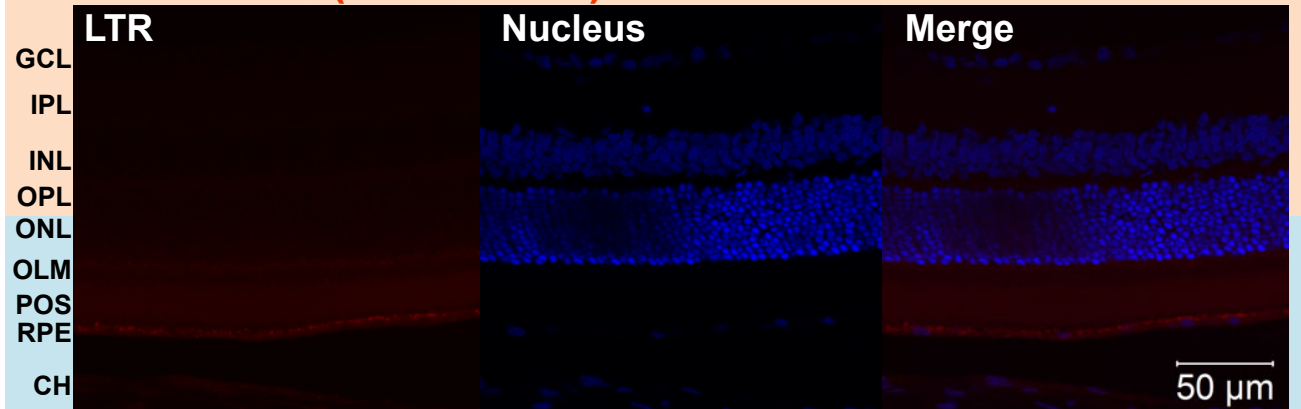
### Inner BRB (ILM - OPL)



### Outer BRB (ONL - RPE)

## Lysotracker®Red (Lysosome marker) infusion

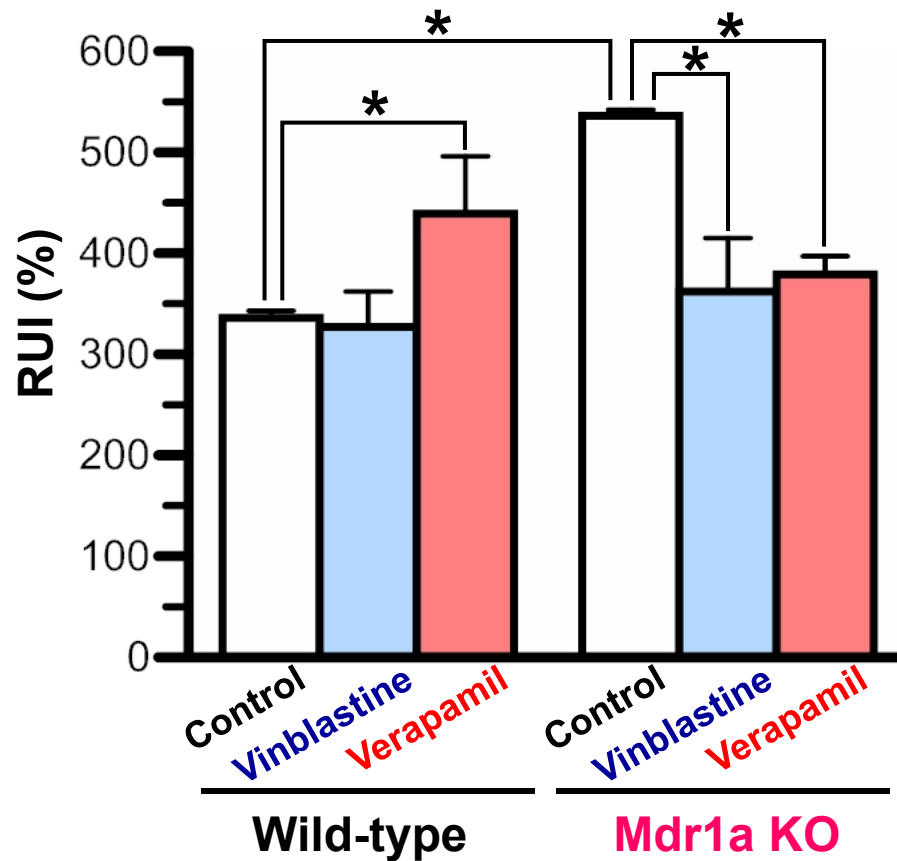
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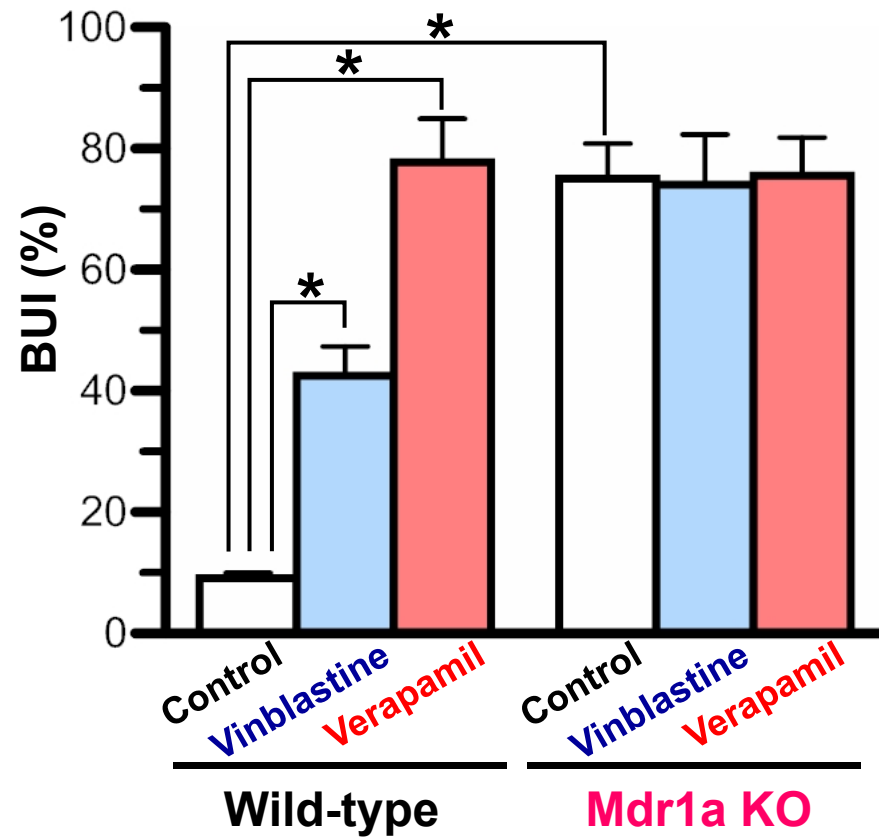
### Outer BRB (ONL - RPE)

# Retinal uptake index of [<sup>3</sup>H]verapamil in P-gp-deficient rats

## Retina



## Brain



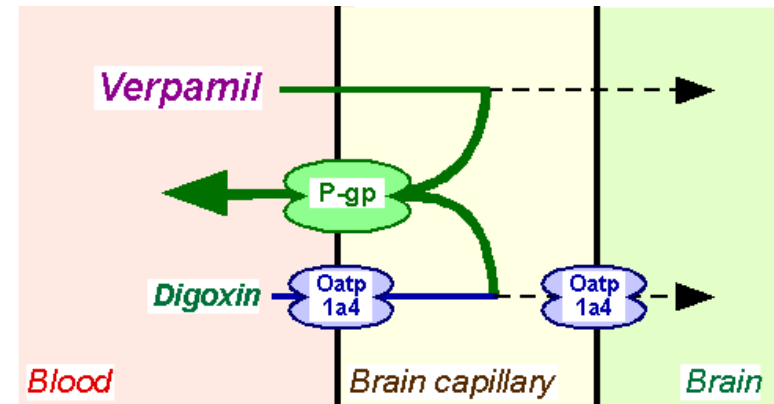
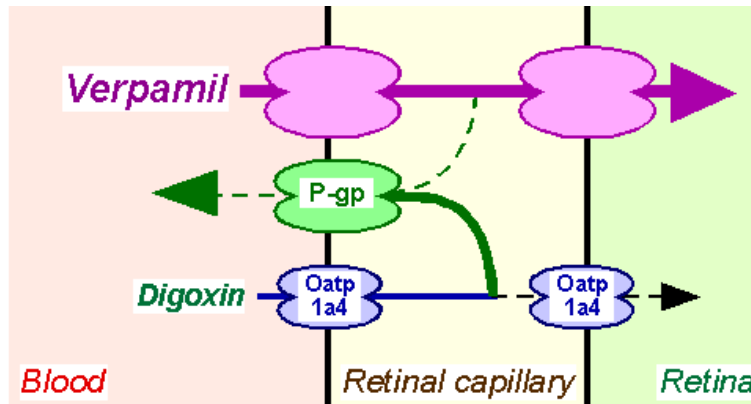
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# Verapamil transport at the BRB

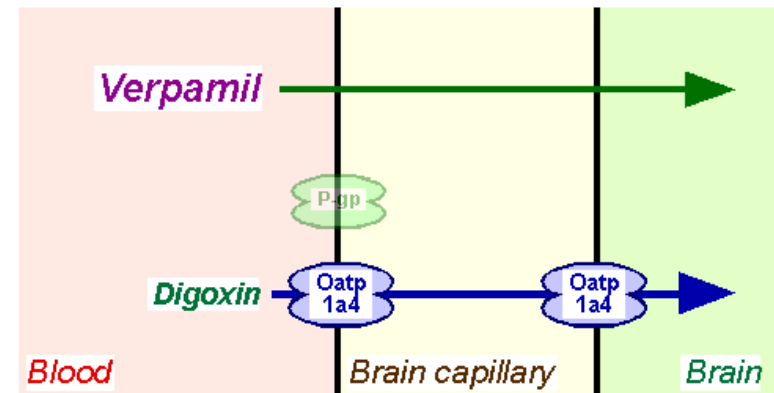
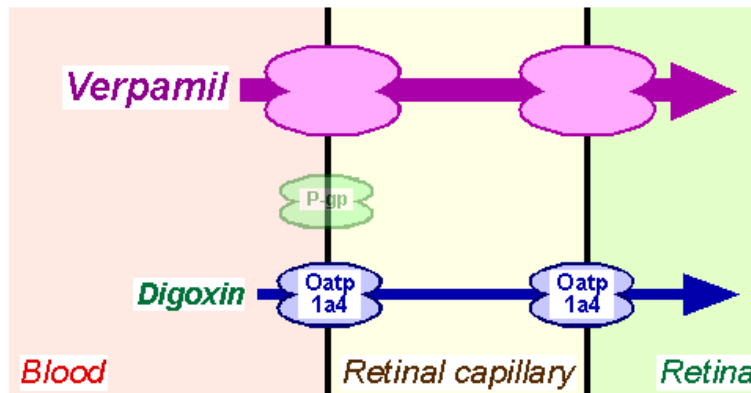
## Blood-retinal barrier

## Blood-brain barrier

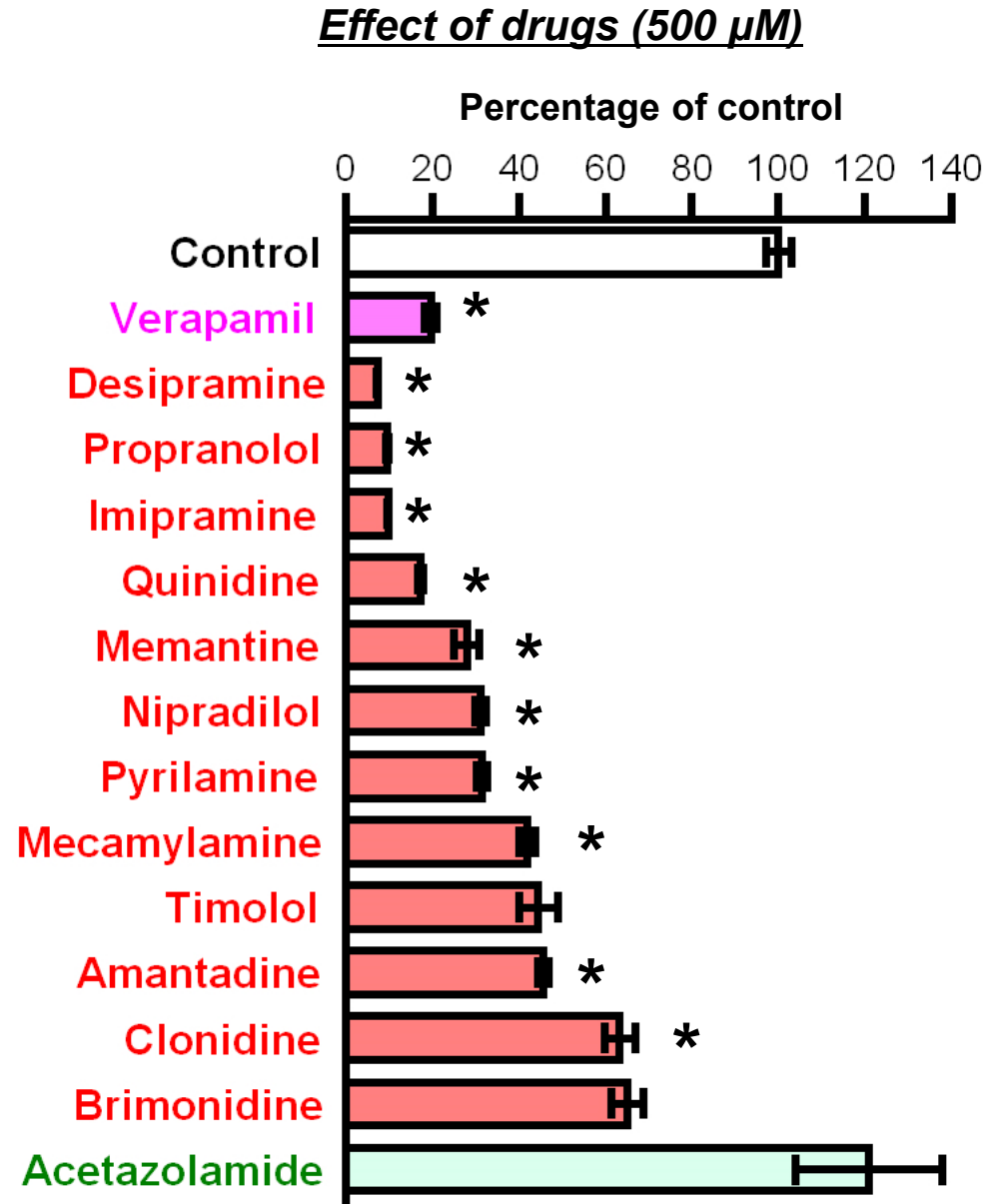
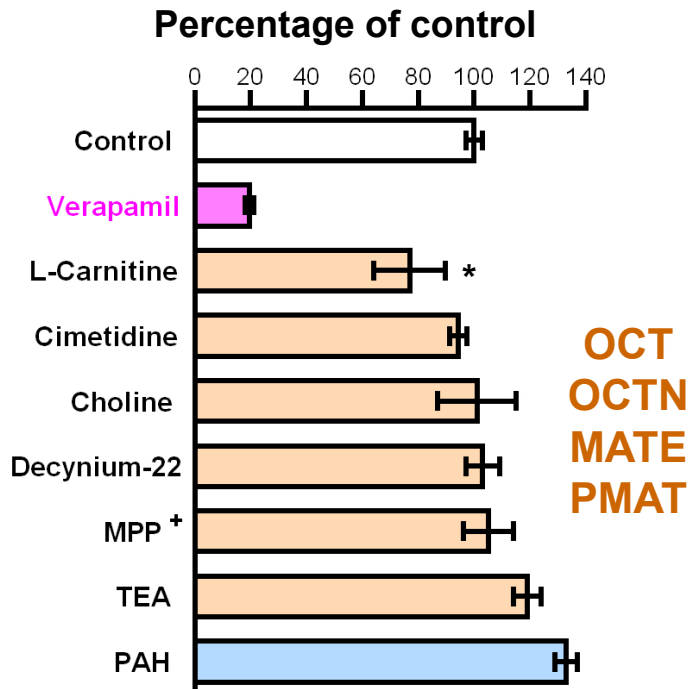
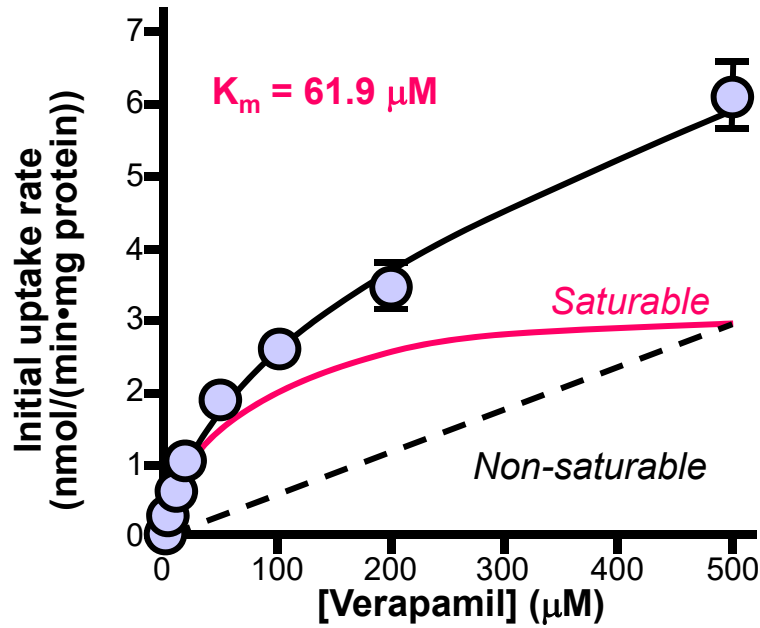
*Wild-type*



*Mdr1a knockout*



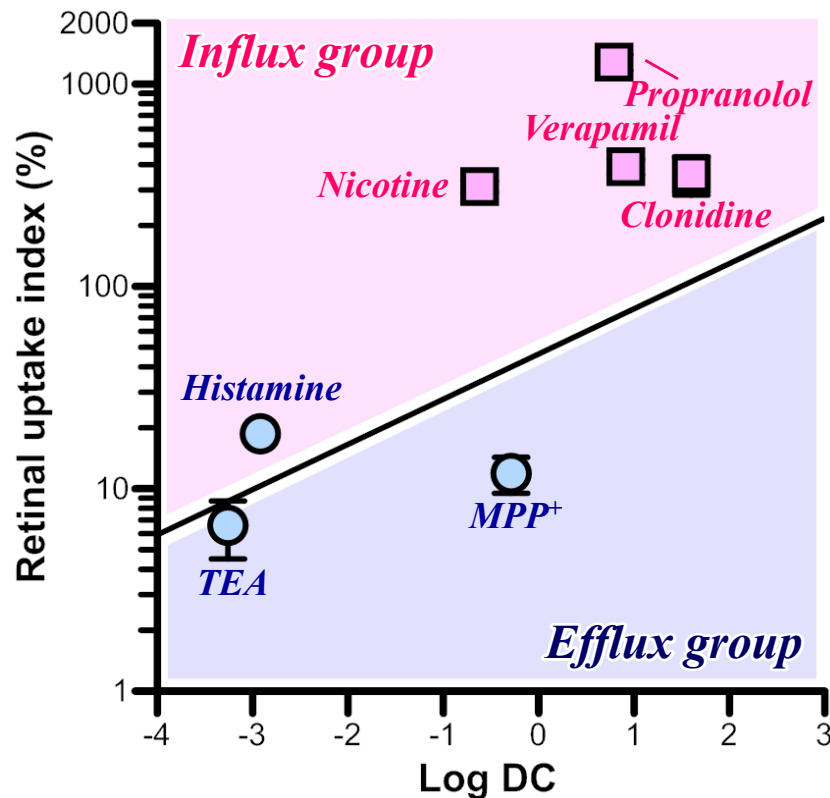
# In vitro [<sup>3</sup>H]verapamil transport in TR-iBRB2 cells



\* $p < 0.01$ , significantly different from the control (n = 3-16).

# Cationic drug transport systems at the BRB

## Cationic drugs/compounds



### Substrate

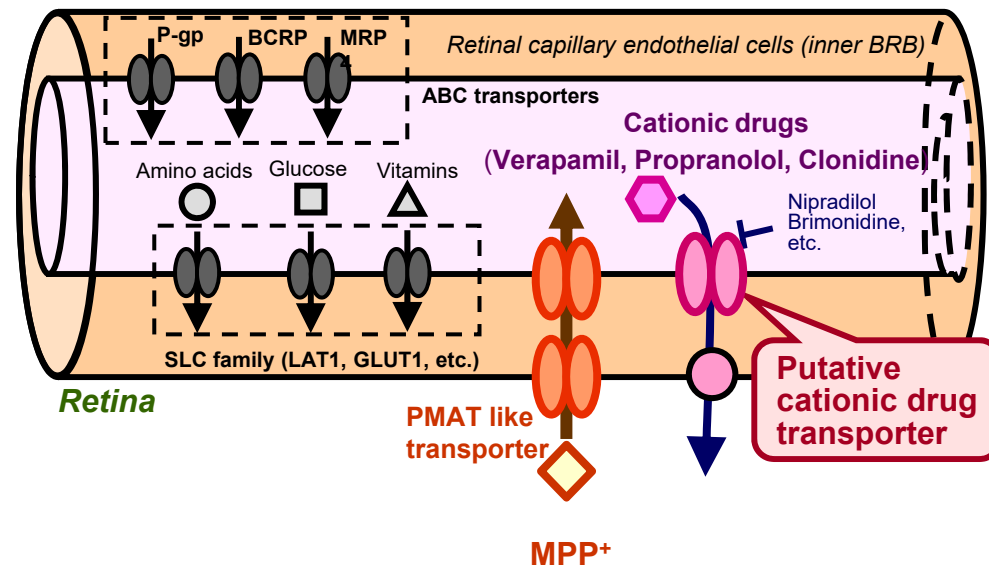
- Verapamil
- Propranolol
- Clonidine

### Recognition

- Anti-angiogenesis drugs
- Neuroprotectant

Drug delivery to treat...

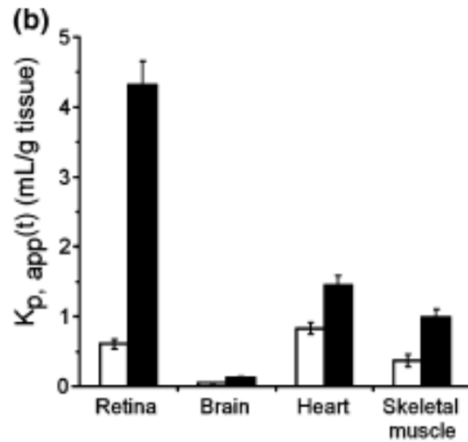
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Glaucoma



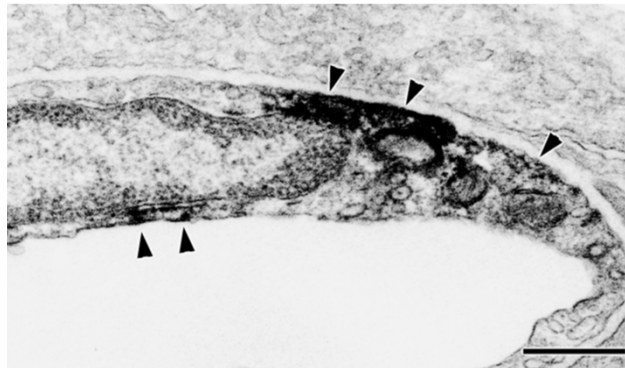


# Creatine (Cr) transport across the BRB

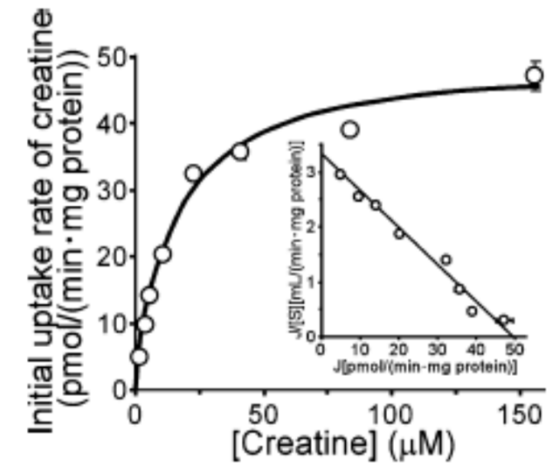
*K<sub>p</sub>* of creatine



CRT expression at the inner BRB

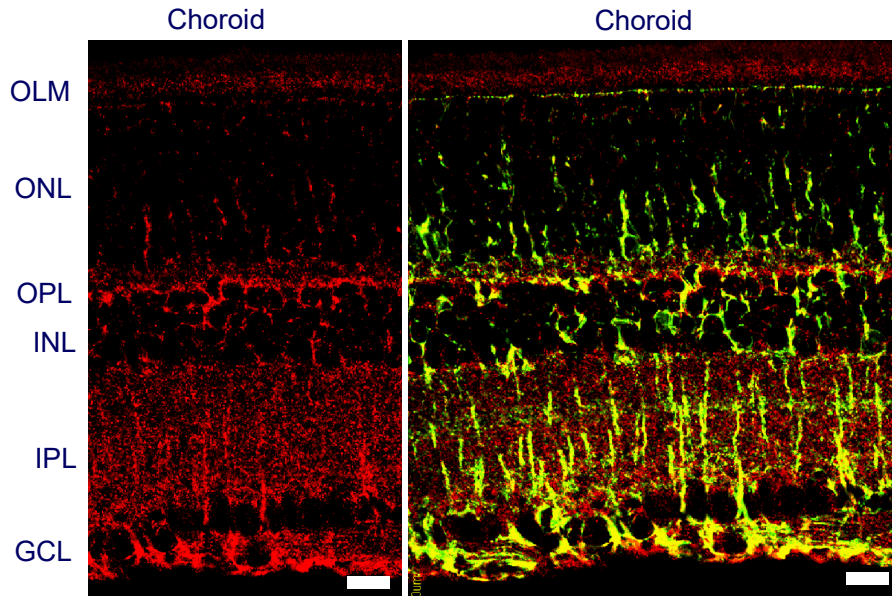


Creatine uptake by TR-iBRB cells



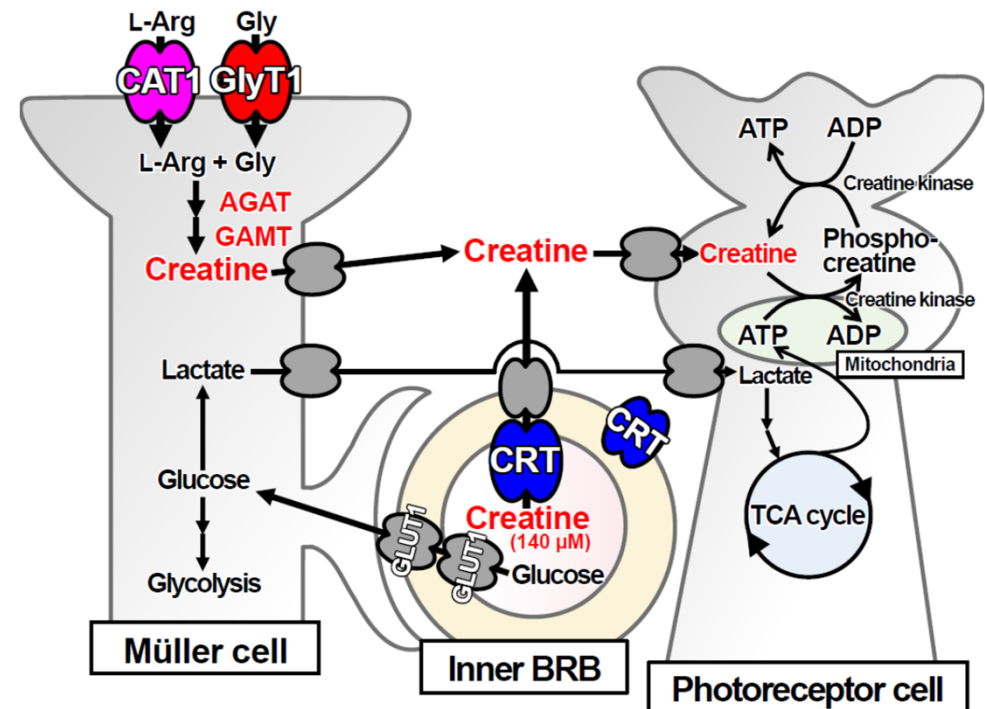
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GAMT localization in the retina

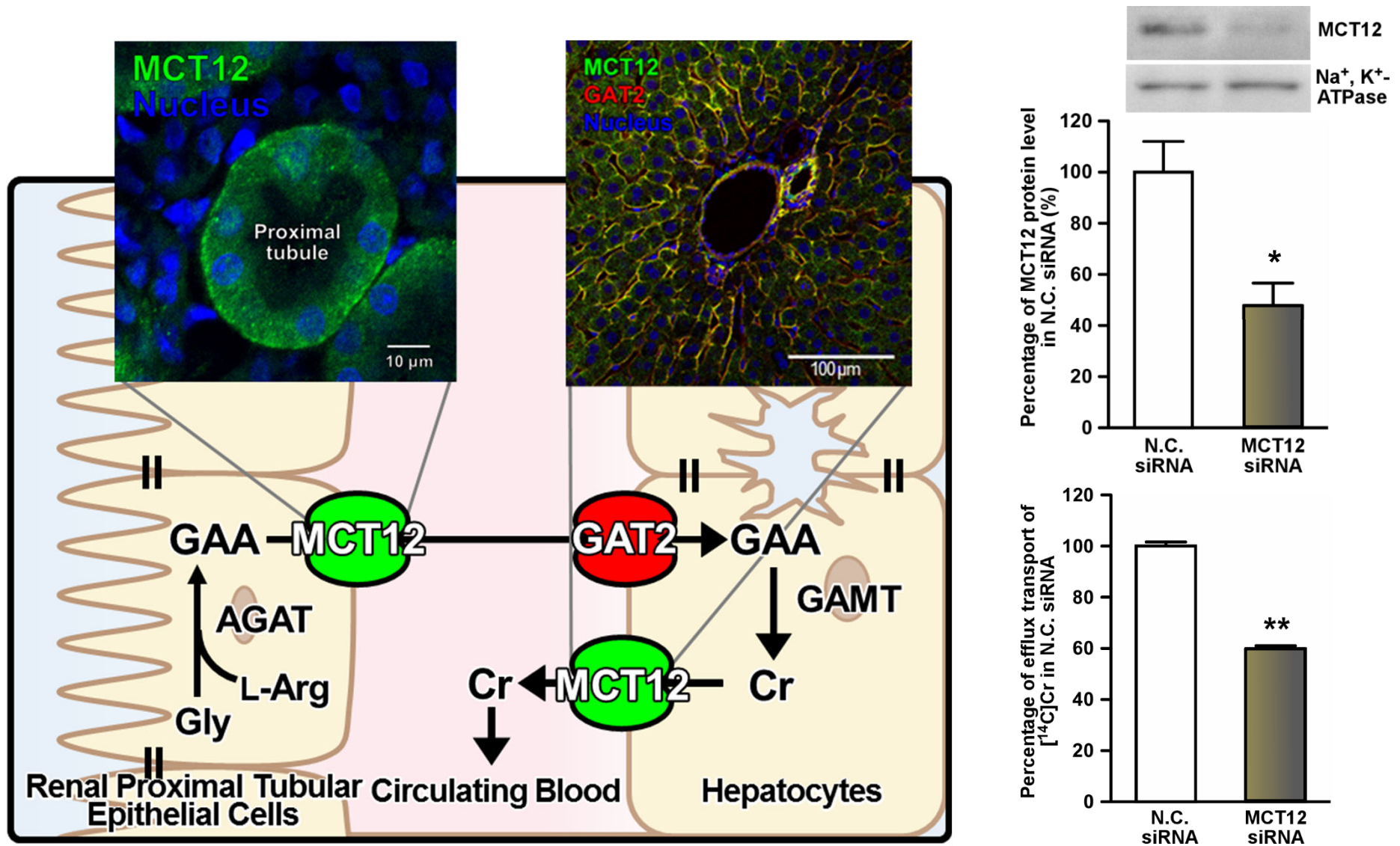


Vitreous  
**Red: GAMT** **Green: Glutamine synthetase**

Nakashima et al. *Glia* 52:47-52 (2005).



# Involvement of GAT2/SLC6A13 and MCT12 in the process of Cr biosynthesis

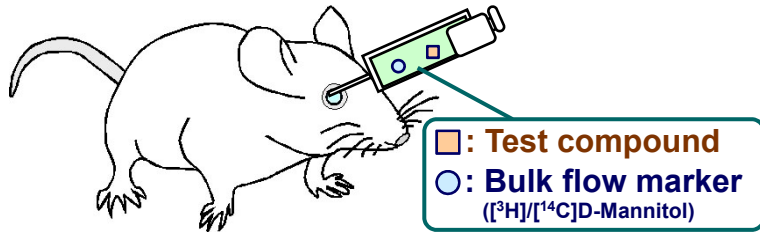


\* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  significantly different from the condition of negative control (N.C.) siRNA transfection.

# *In vivo* microdialysis after intravitreal injection

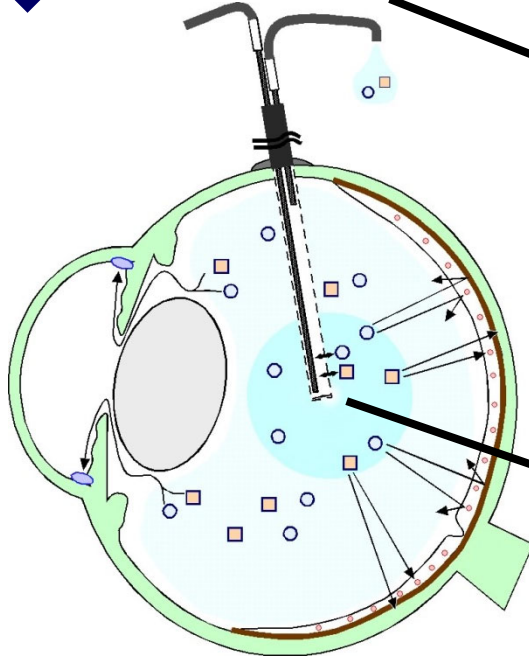
## Experimental procedure

Male Wistar rat (~250 g)

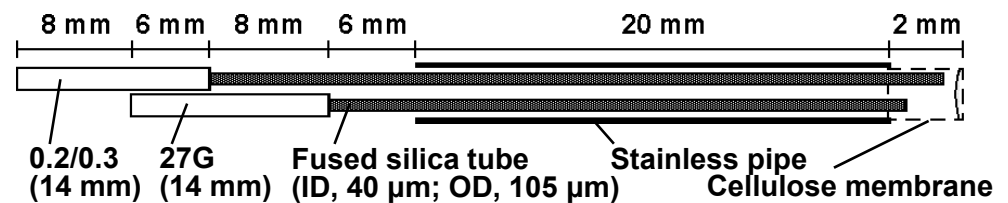


## Intravitreal administration (1 $\mu$ L)

↓ Implantation of microdialysis probe into the vitreous chamber



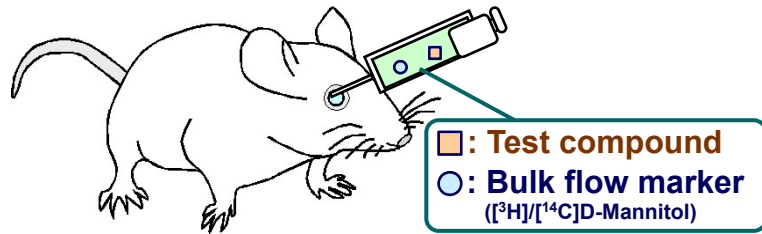
### Customized dialysis probe



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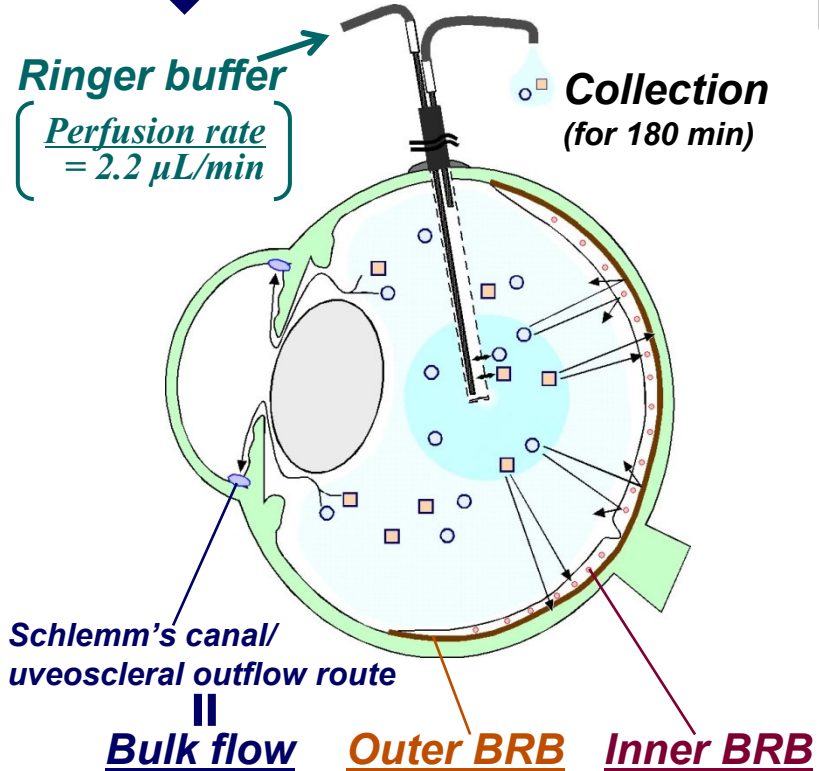
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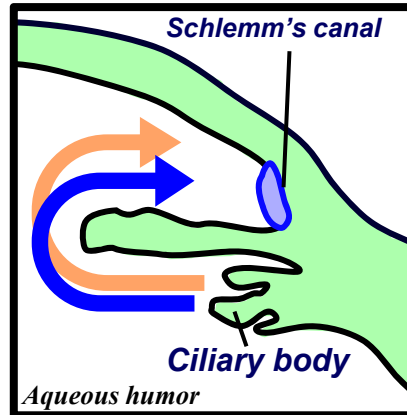
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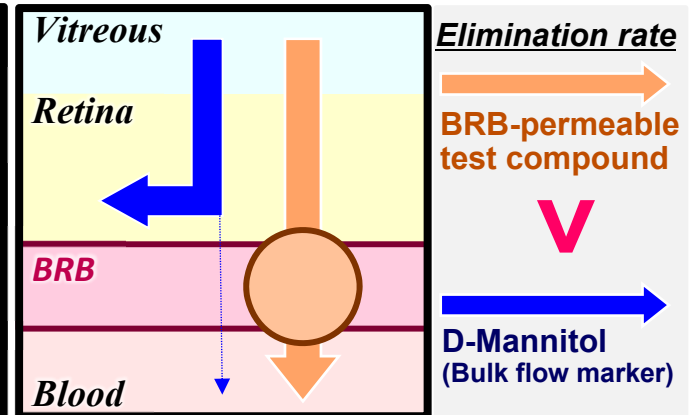


## Elimination route from vitreous humor

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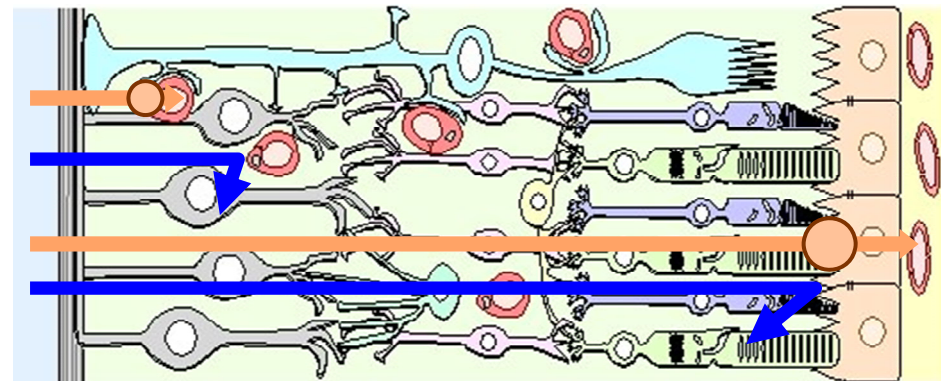


### 2. Elimination across the BRB

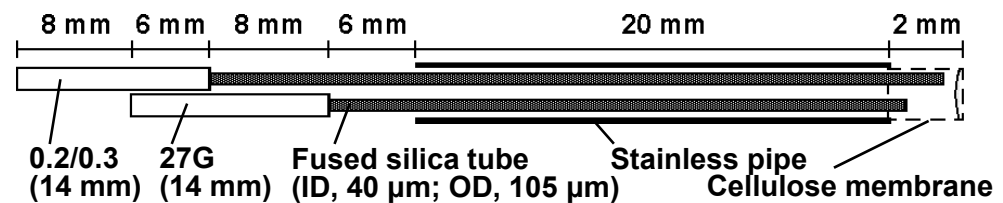


### Inner BRB

### Outer BRB

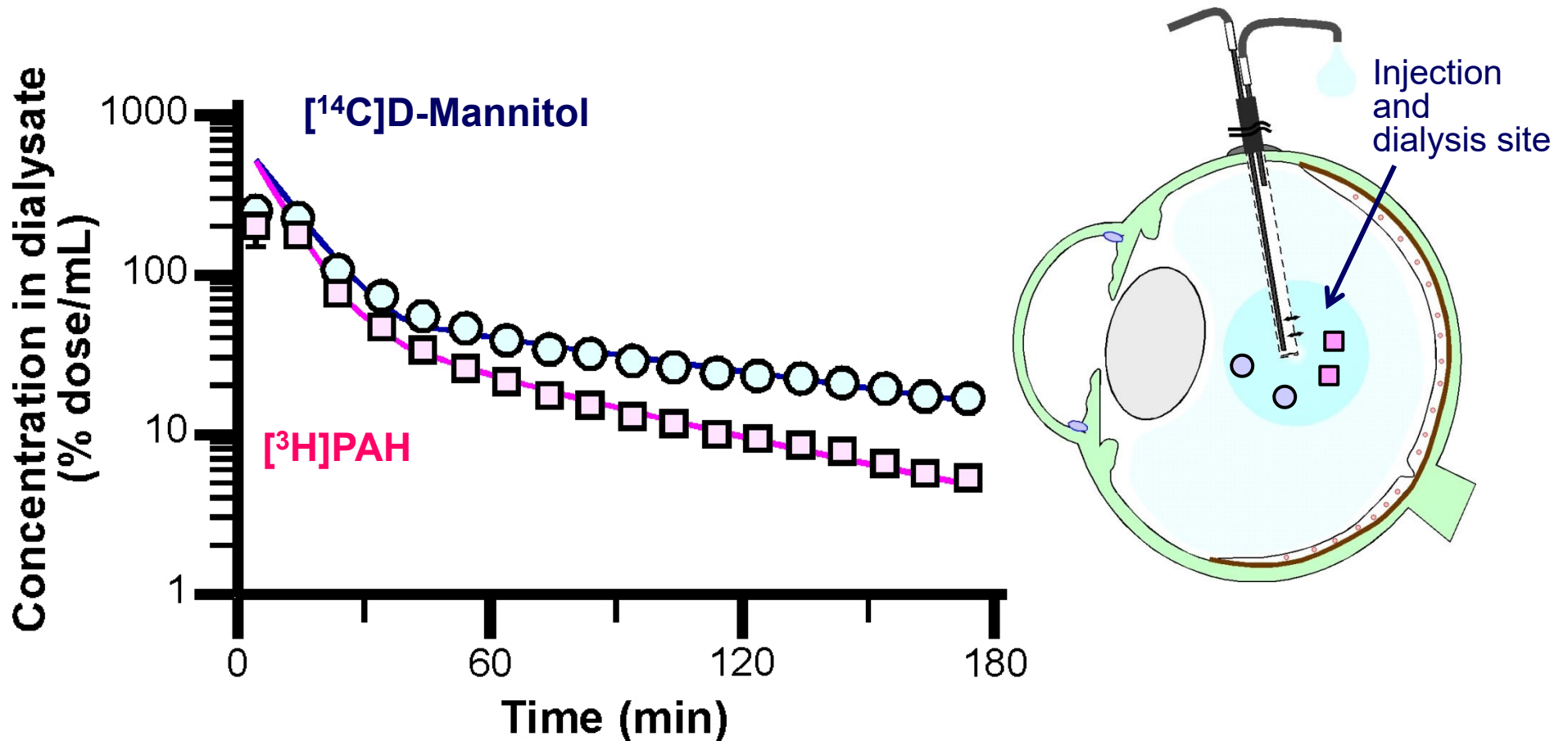


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# Elimination of [<sup>3</sup>H]PAH from rat vitreous humor

## Time course



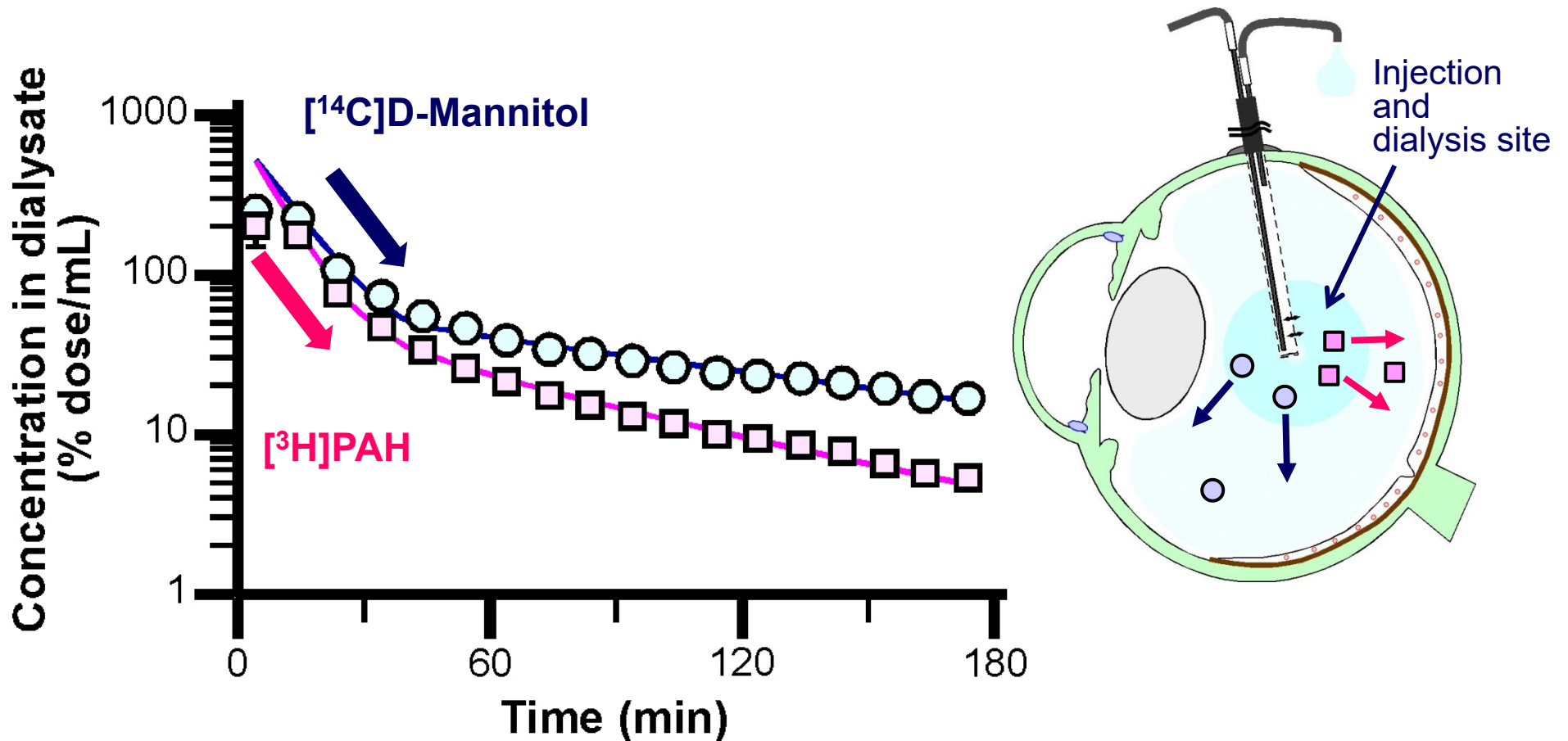
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$$C_d = A \times \exp(-\lambda_1 \times t) + B \times \exp(-\lambda_2 \times t)$$

Each value represents the mean  $\pm$  SEM ( $n = 5-16$ ). \*\* $p < 0.01$ , significantly different from the value of [<sup>14</sup>C]D-mannitol.

# Elimination of [<sup>3</sup>H]PAH from rat vitreous humor

## Time course



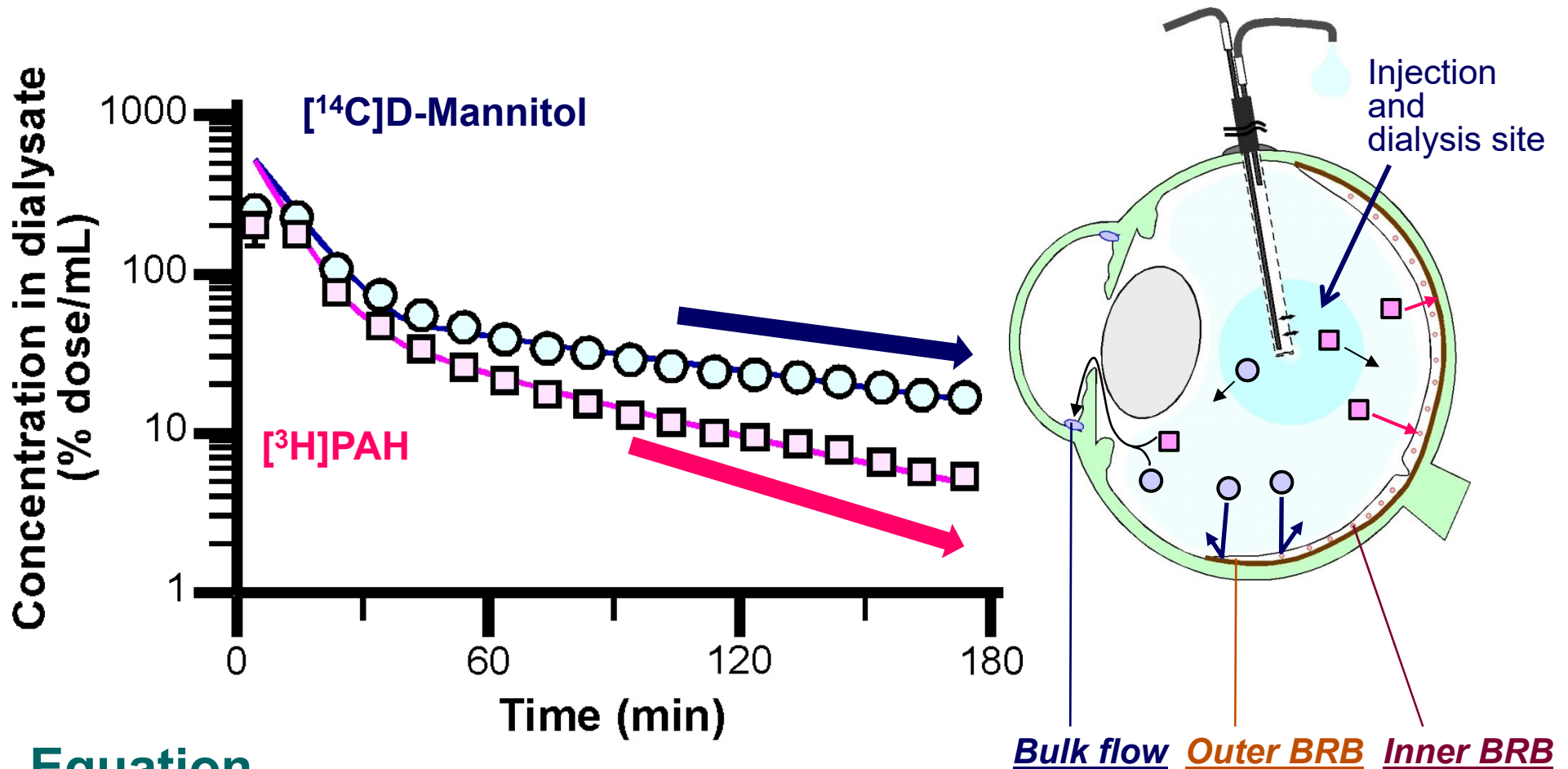
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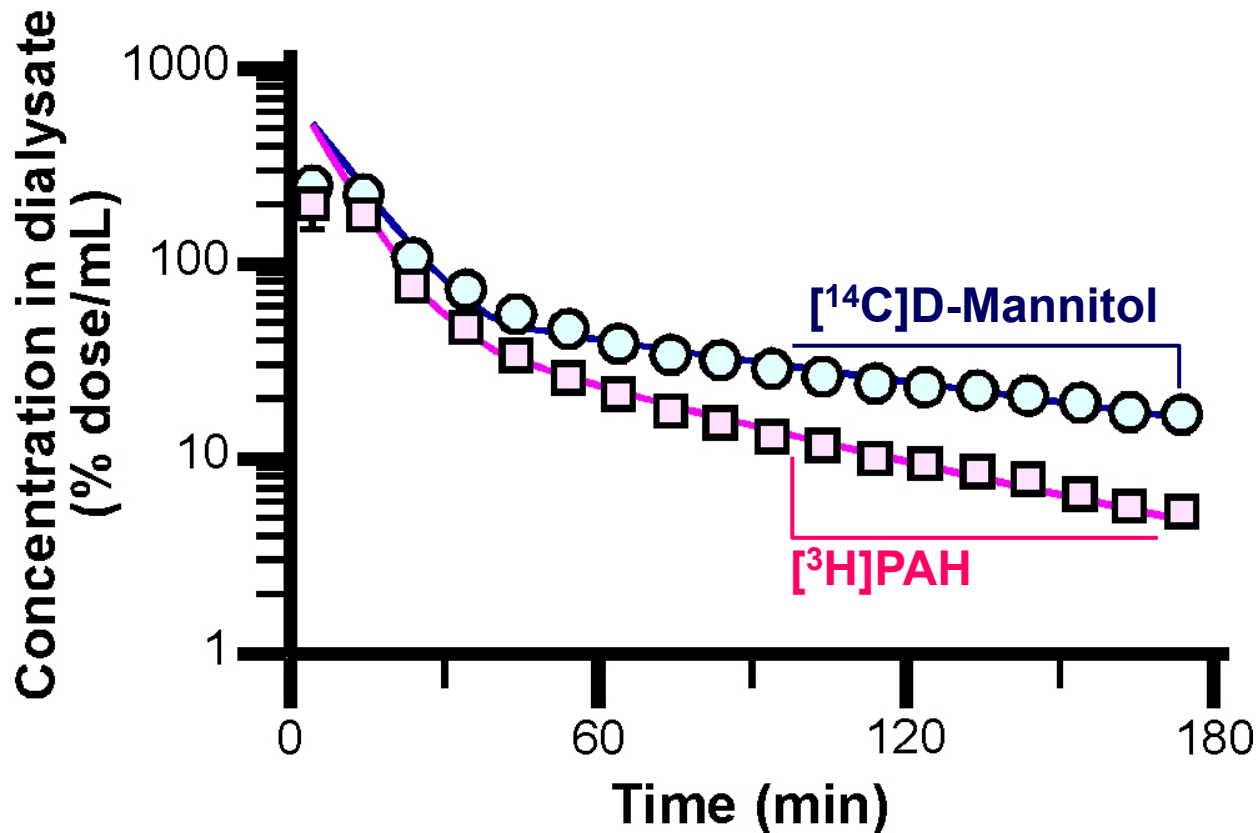
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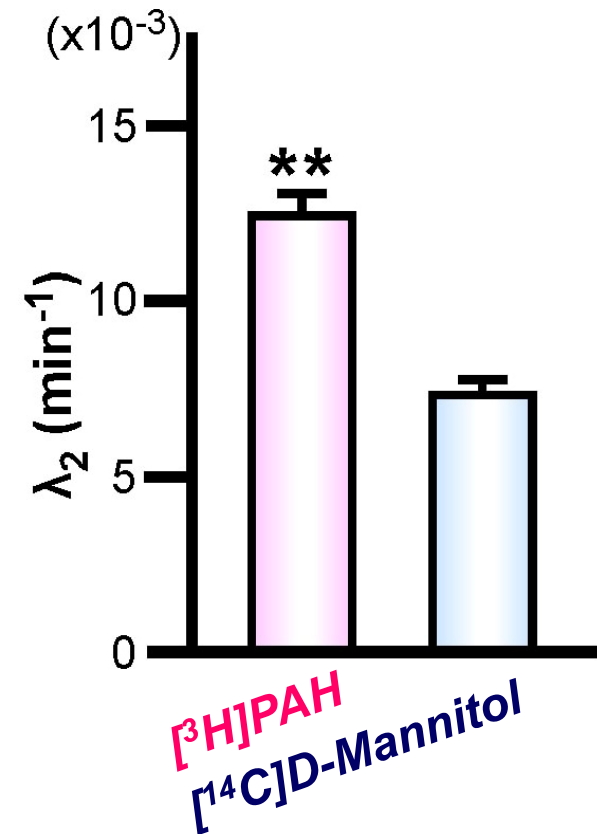
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## Time course



## $\lambda_2$ values

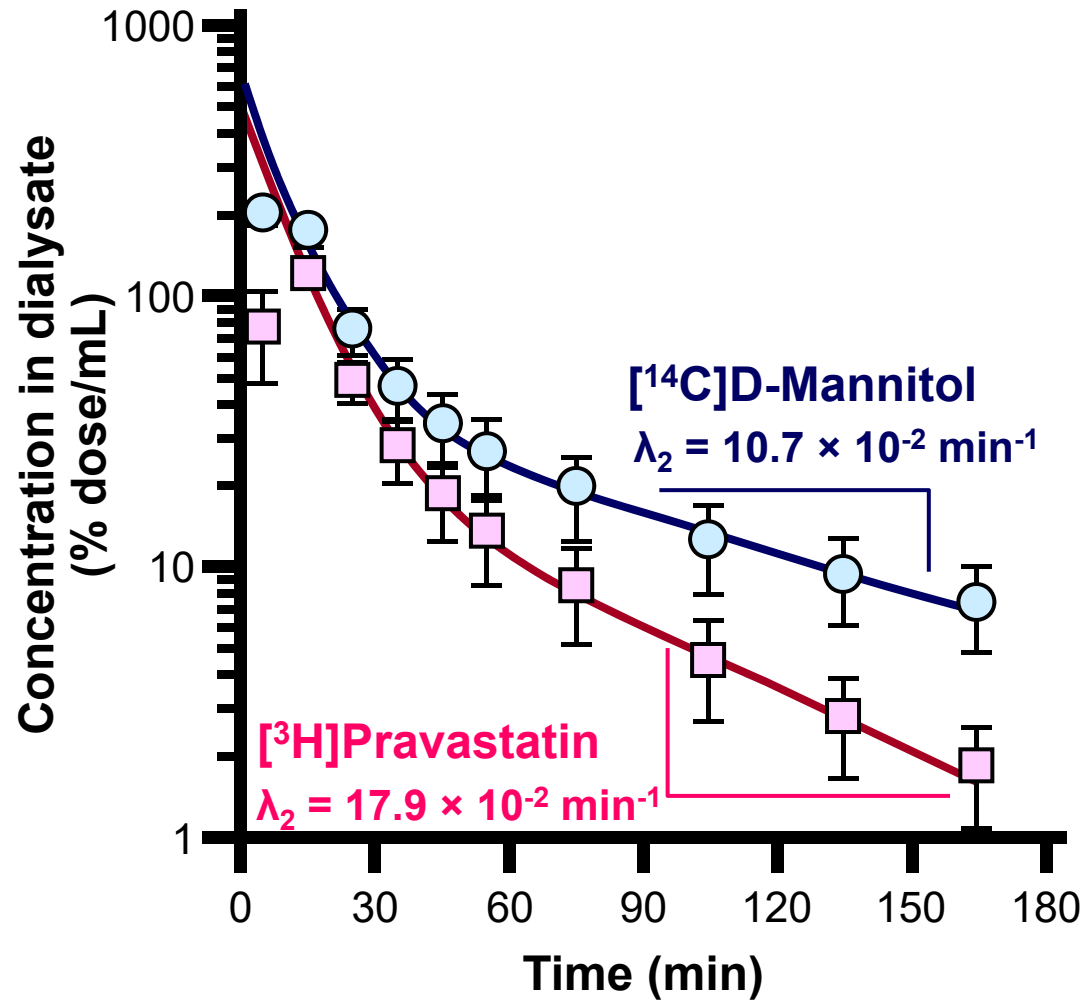


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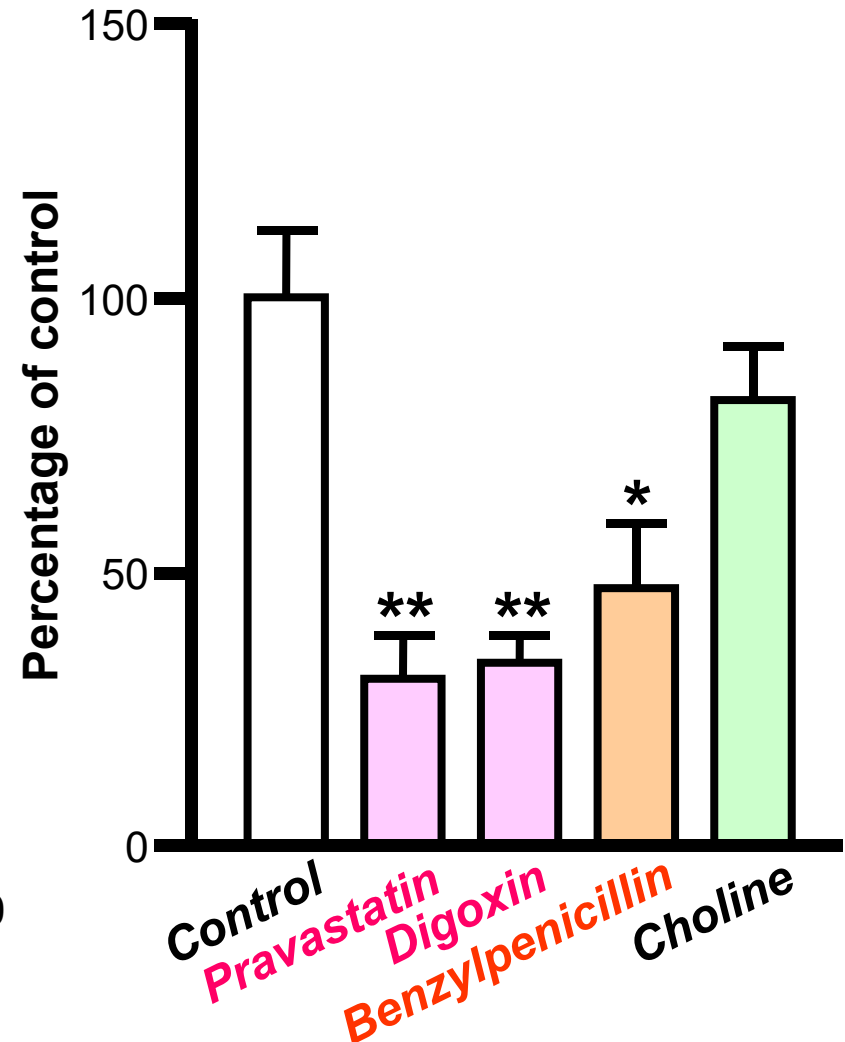


# Elimination of [<sup>3</sup>H]pravastatin from rat vitreous humor

## Time-course



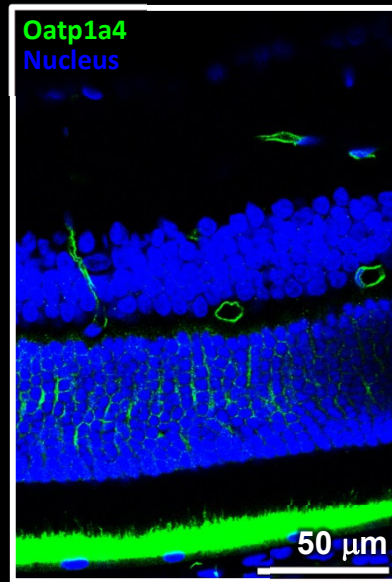
## Inhibitory effect



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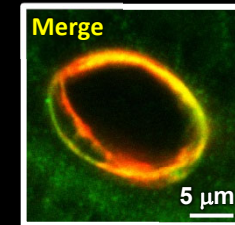
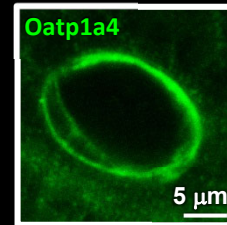
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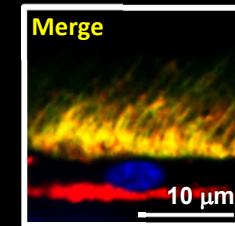
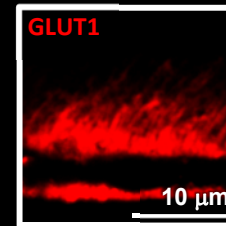
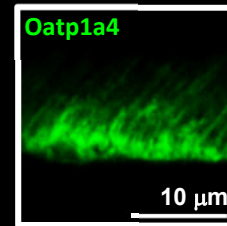


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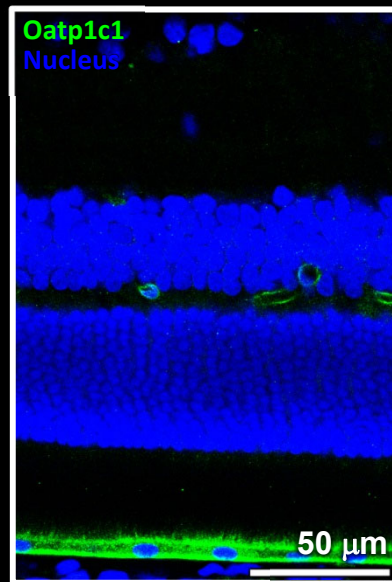
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### *Outer blood-retinal barrier*

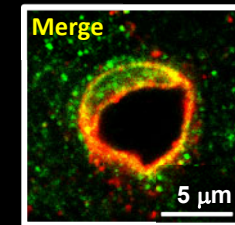
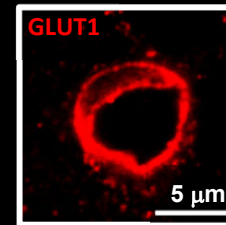
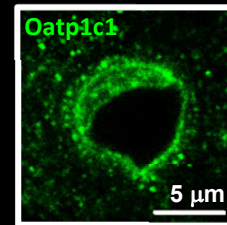


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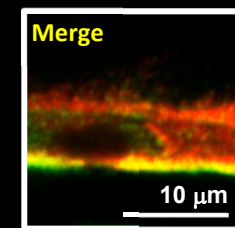
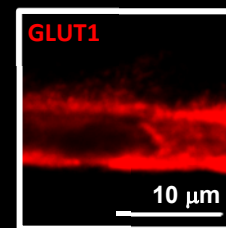
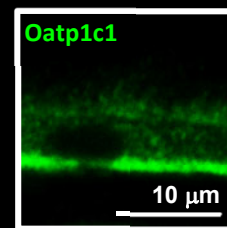


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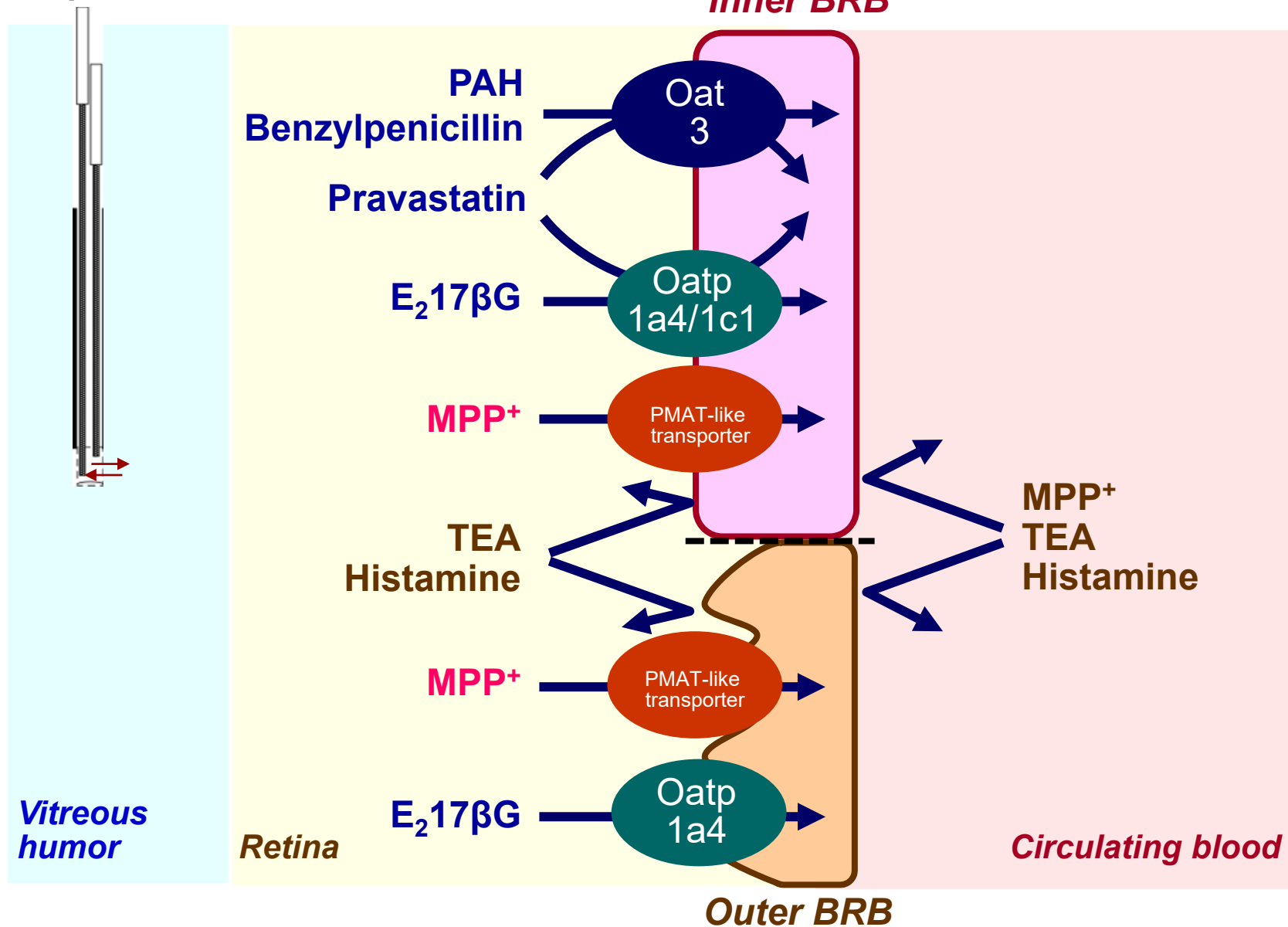


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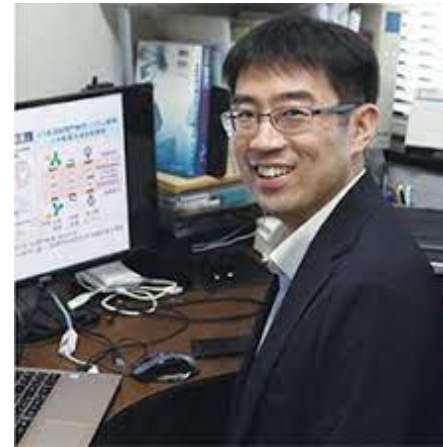


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