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# In Vitro ADME and Drug-Drug Interaction Considerations for Toxicologists

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# Outline

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- Why run these studies?
- Types of *in vitro ADME* & Drug-Drug Interaction (DDI) studies
- Areas of concern: Proper design & interpretation
- When to conduct?
- Important highlights

# Why conduct these studies? Is this just box checking?

## **No!** The information is important for multiple aspects:

- 1. Provide deeper understanding of the molecule
  - Metabolism, enzymes involved in metabolism etc.
  - The information generated from DDI studies goes on the drug label.
  - From the pharma company's perspective these studies help decide on a different candidate early on
- 2. Prepare for clinical studies
  - Prediction of FIH dose and DDI risk
- 3. Comply with regulatory guidance

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## **Regulatory Guidance**

## FDA: Final January 2020

In Vitro Drug Interaction Studies — Cytochrome P450 Enzyme- and Transporter-Mediated Drug Interactions Guidance for Industry

Additional copies are available from: Office of Communications, Division of Drug Information Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Food and Drug Administration 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002 Phone: 855-543-3784 or 301-796-3400; Fax: 301-431-6353 Email: druginfo@fda.hhs.gov https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/Guidancec/default.htm

> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

> > January 2020 Clinical Pharmacology

### EMA: Final 2013



21 June 2012 CPMP/EWP/560/95/Rev. 1 Corr. 2\*\* Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP)

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「医薬品開発と適正な情報提供のための薬物相互作用ガイドライン」等の英 文版の送付について

標記について、別添1及び2のとおり取りまとめましたので、貴管下関係業者に 対して周知方お願いします。

別添1 Guideline on drug interaction for drug development and appropriate provision of information

別添2 Question and Answer for the "Guideline on drug interaction for

drug development and appropriate provision of information"

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\* The correction concerns section 5.3.4.1 (p 26) and the corresponding decision tree no. 6 (p 61) to read "if the observed Ki value is lower or equal to /.../"; Appendix VII, Table 5 to read "See section 5.4.2".\* Decision tree 4.

Interaction, guideline, metabolism, inhibition, induction, transport,

enzyme, transport protein, transporter, absorption, food, distribution,

## **Additional Guidance**

Safety Testing of Drug Metabolites Guidance for Industry

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## FDA "MIST": Rev 2 March 2020

## Guidance for Industry

M3(R2) Nonclinical Safety Studies for the Conduct of Human Clinical Trials and Marketing Authorization for Pharmaceuticals

## FDA / ICH: Final 2010

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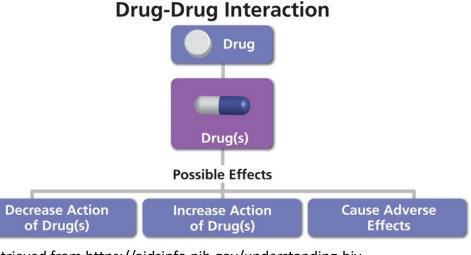
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## **ADME and DDI**

- **Compounds are evaluated for ADME properties**
- Absorption Drug Transporters, passive diffusion
- Distribution Drug Transporters, passive diffusion
- Metabolism Drug Metabolizing Enzymes (CYP450s, UGTs, etc.)
- Excretion Drug Metabolizing Enzymes and Drug Transporters



Retrieved from https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hivaids/glossary/213/drug-drug-interaction



In vitro ADME & DDI study types

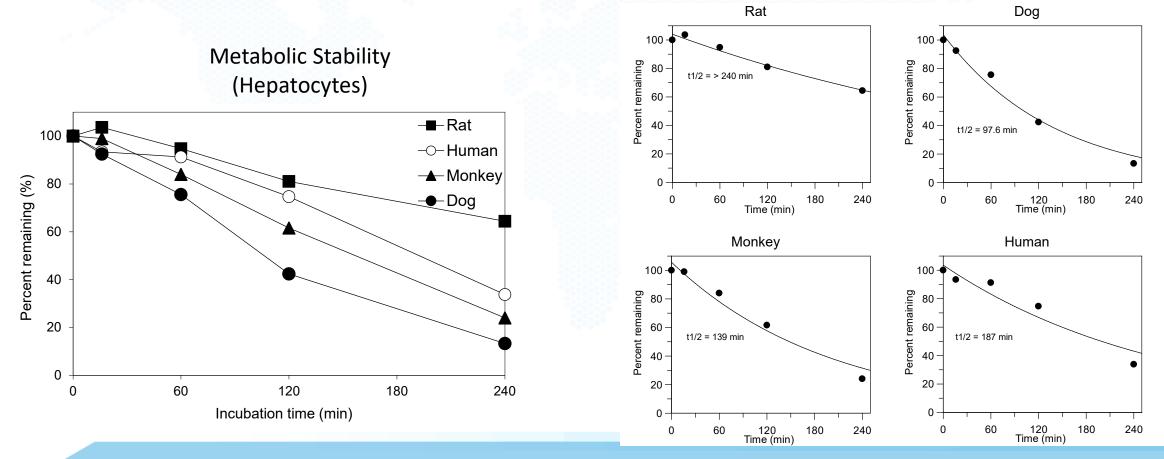
ADME component	Type of in vitro study			
Drug Metabolism (M, E)	1. Inter-species comparative metabolism			
	2. Metabolite ID – Qualitative analysis of metabolite profile			
	3. Reaction phenotyping – Determine which CYPs are metabolizing			
Drug Metabolizing Enzymes (M, E)	1. CYP Inhibition – Profile specific CYP inhibitions			
	2. CYP induction – Induction potential for specific CYPs			
Drug Transporters (A, D, E)	1. Transporter substrate – Determine Transporter substrate profile			
	2. Transporter inhibition – Profile specific inhibition of major Transporters			

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# **Drug Metabolism Studies**

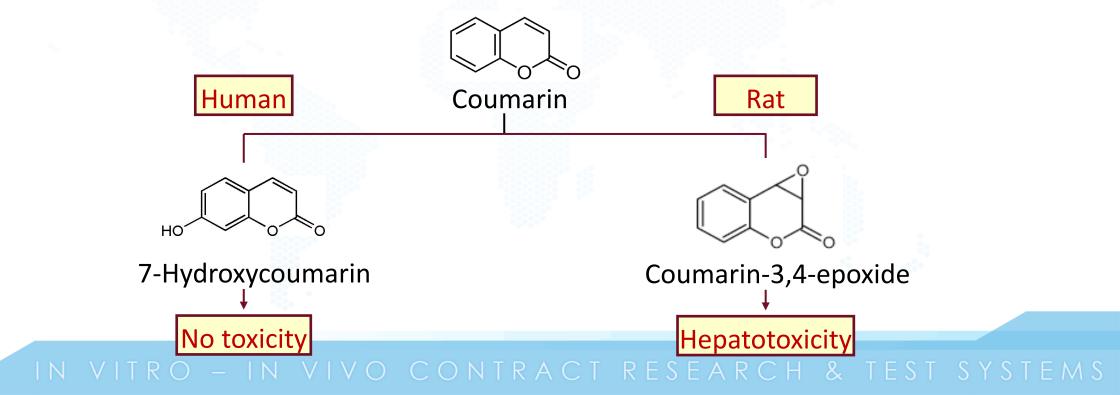
## **XENOTECH** OVER 25 YEARS OF GLOBAL ADME / DMPK / DDI EXPERTISE A BiolVT Company Drug Metabolism: 1. Inter-Species Comparative Metabolism

- Design: Drug incubations with hepatocytes or subcellular fractions from various species
- Typical species: Human, Rat, Mouse, Dog, Rabbit, Monkey, Pig



## **XENOTECH** OVER 25 YEARS OF GLOBAL ADME / DMPK / DDI EXPERTISE A BiolVT Company **Drug Metabolism: 2. Inter-Species Comparative Metabolite ID**

- Goals:
- Complete profile of metabolites
- Are there human specific metabolites?
- Which other species have a similar metabolic profile?

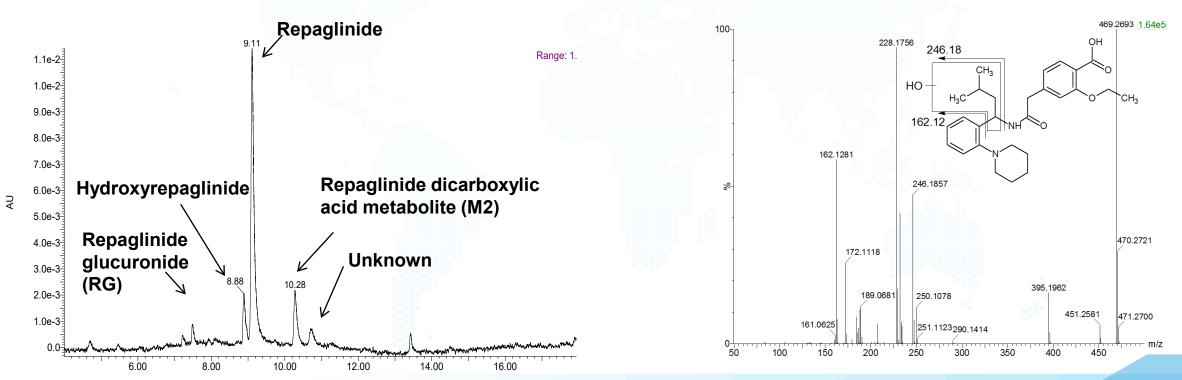


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## **Metabolite ID**

LC-MS/MS analysis – Qualitative identification of the metabolites

50 µM Repaglinide; Human hepatocytes; 60 minutes; 37°C



Hydroxyrepaglinide LC-MS/MS

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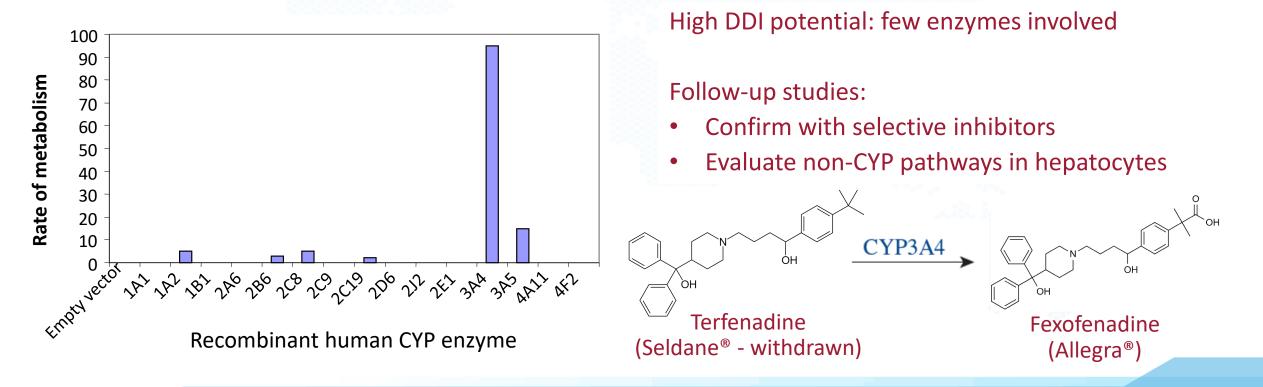
## **Cross-species Met ID**

Component	Retention time (min)	Mass shift	Proposed biotransformation	Mouse	Rat	Dog	Pig	Human
C1	3.43	255.9889	Sulfation + glucuronidation	+	+	+	+	+
C2	3.63	354.0783	Di-glucuronidation + hydrogenation	+	+	+	+	+
C3	3.78	159.9135	Di-sulfation	+	+	+	+	+
C4	4.00	258.0045	Sulfation + glucuronidation + hydrogenation	+	+	+	+	+
C5	4.41	161.9298	Di-sulfation + hydrogenation	+	+	+	+	+
C6	4.44	194.0428	Glucuronidation + oxygenation + hydrogenation	ND	ND	ND	+	+

# **Drug Metabolism: 3. CYP Reaction Phenotyping (Victim potential)**

- Design: Incubate drug + recombinant human CYPs or human liver microsomes or hepatocytes ± selective inhibitors
- Goal: Determine which CYPs drive the metabolism of the drug
- Unique CYP metabolism is of concern

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# Drug Metabolizing Enzymes (Perpetrator potential)

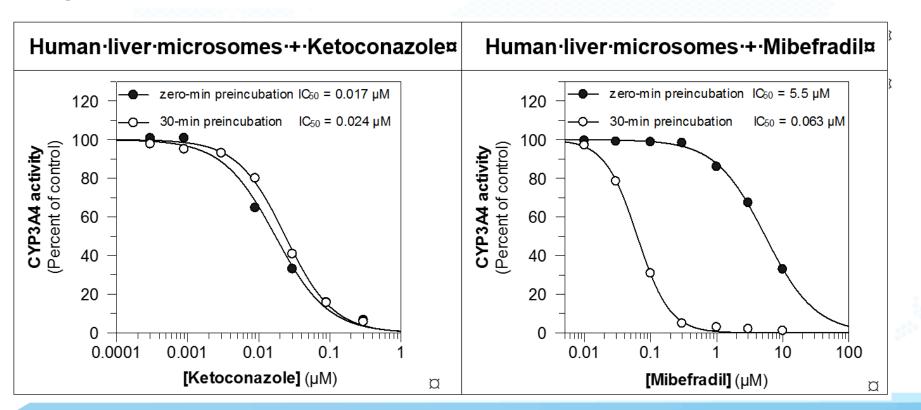
## XENOTECH OVER 25 YEARS OF GLOBAL ADME / DMPK / DDI EXPERTISE A BiolVT Company Drug Metabolizing Enzymes: 1. CYP Inhibition

- Design: Drug incubations with HLM + marker substrate ± pre-incubation
- Goal: Predict clinically relevant inhibition of CYP enzymes

СҮР	Activity Assay	
CYP1A2	Phenacetin O-dealkylation	
CYP2B6	Bupropion hydroxylation	
CYP2C8	Amodiaquine N-dealkylation	
CYP2C9	Diclofenac 4'-hydroxylation	
CYP2C19	S-Mephenytoin 4'-hydroxylation	
CYP2D6	Dextromethorphan O-dealkylation	
CYP3A4	Testosterone 6β-hydroxylation	
CYP3A4	Midazolam 1'-hydroxylation	

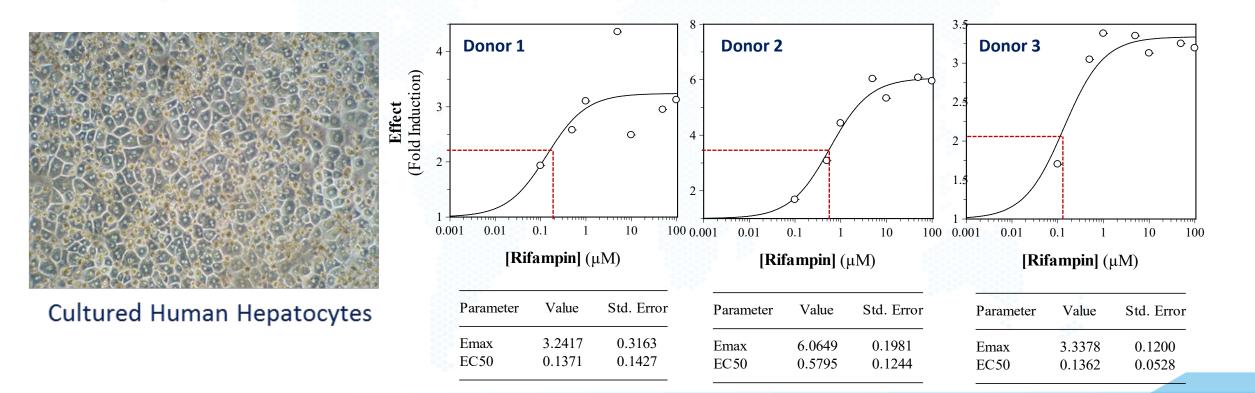
# Drug Metabolizing Enzymes: CYP Inhibition (Direct vs. Time dependent)

<u>Ketoconazole</u>: Potent inhibitor of CYP3A4 precludes coadmin of other drugs <u>Mibefradil:</u> Removed from market in 1998 due to potential for fatal DDIs



# **Drug Metabolizing Enzymes: 2. CYP Induction**

- Design: Drug incubations in cultured human hepatocytes, Measure mRNA of various CYPs
- Goal: Predict clinically relevant induction of CYP enzymes

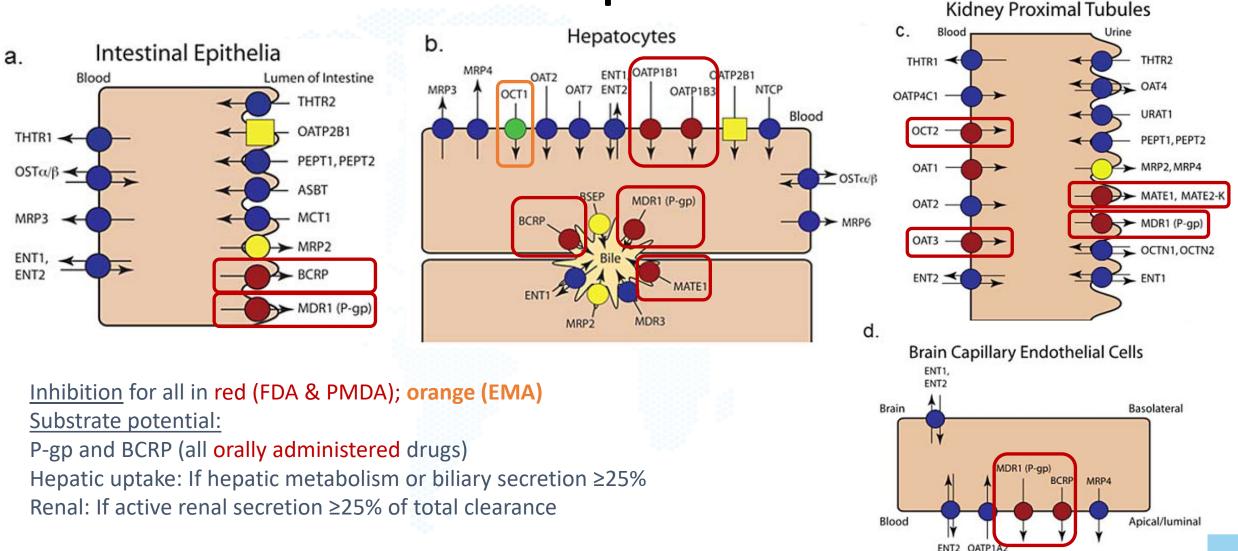


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# Drug Transporters (Victim and Perpetrator potential)

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**Transporters** 



Figures from Zamek-Gliszczynski et al. ITC3 (2018) CPT 104:890-899

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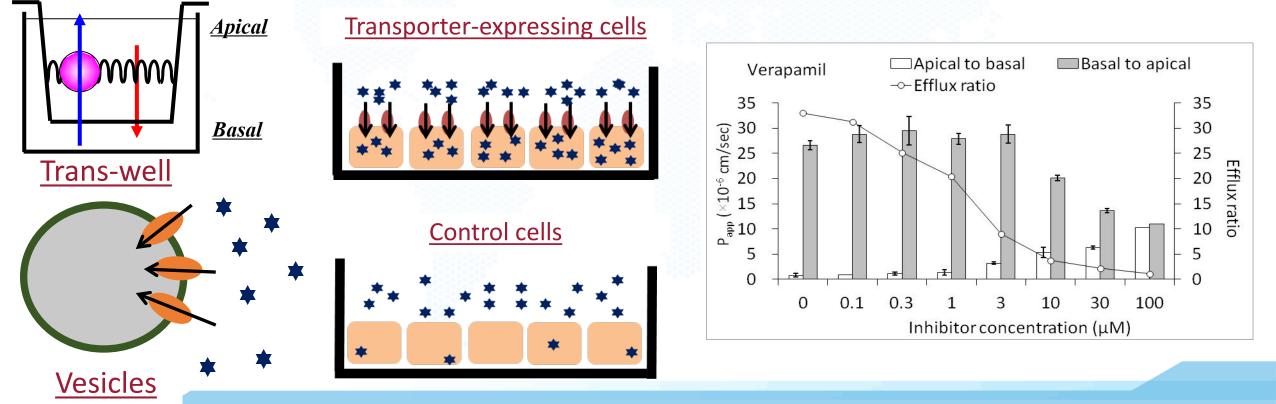
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## 1. Transporter Substrate

- Design: a) Drug incubations with transporter-expressing cells
   b) Confirmation of specificity with positive control inhibitors
- Goal: Predict a drug's ability to be transported by specific transporters

## 2. Transporter Inhibition

- Design: Drug incubations with transporterexpressing cells or vesicles and marker substrate
- Goal: Predict clinically relevant inhibition of major transporters



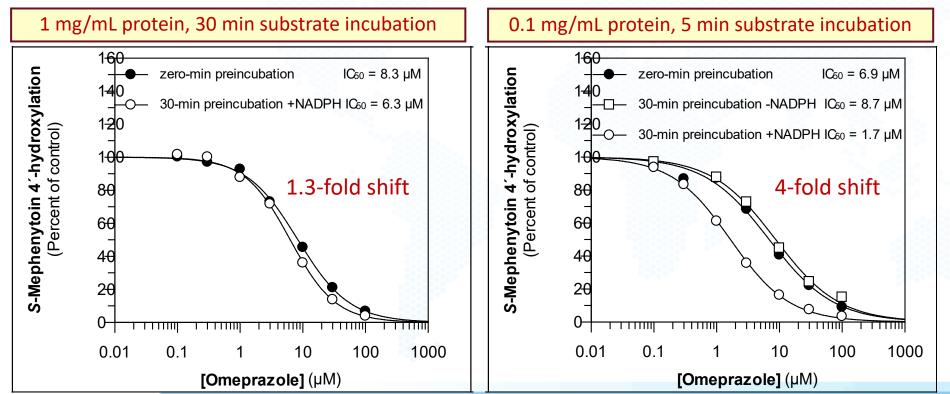
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# **Areas of Concern**

## A BioIVT Company Areas of concern: CYP Inhibition study design False negative results arise from poorly designed studies

• Example: Clinically relevant time-dependent inhibition of CYP2C19 by omeprazole missed with high [protein] and long marker substrate incubation Missed

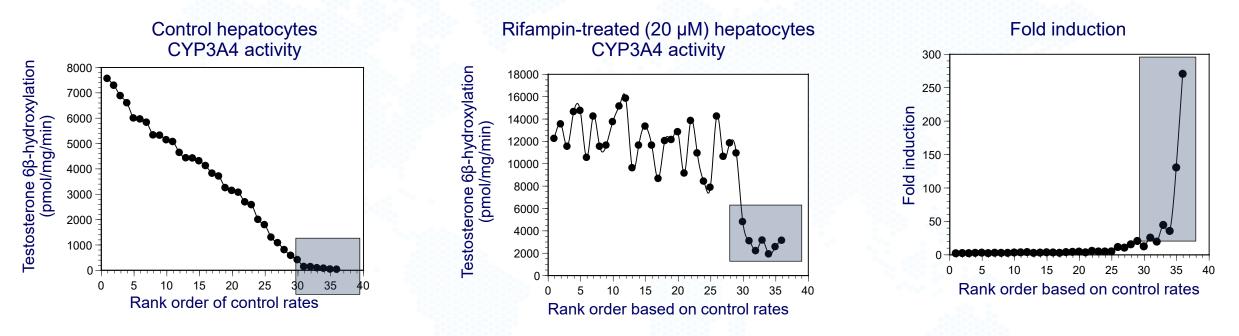
#### Detected



Time-dependent inhibition of CYP2C19 by omeprazole is readily detectable with HLM at 0.1 mg/mL with a 5-min substrate incubation period (right) but not at 1.0 mg/mL with a 30-min incubation period (left)

## A BiolVT Company Areas of concern: CYP Induction study design

• CYP induction studies: positive controls with very large induction



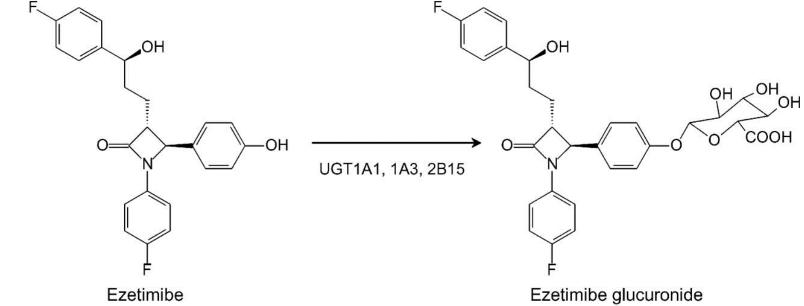
- When it comes to induction, more is not always better
- A high fold-induction (>20 fold) of CYP3A4 activity by rifampin is a sign of hepatocellular dedifferentiation of the cultured human hepatocytes

## A BiolVT Company Areas of concern: Reaction phenotyping study design

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Metabolism studies: Choose the right test system based on the structure

 Ezetimibe is oxidized by CYP3A4 however results with HLM & NADPH alone can be misleading.



Oxidation does not occur clinically due to rapid phenolic glucuronidation. Recombinant human UGTs or human hepatocytes would be a better test system. CYPs are not the only enzyme system.

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# **Timing of ADME studies**

## A BiolVT Company Drug Development Pipeline – Timeline of *in vitro* DDI studies

Type of drug	Lead optimization	Pre-IND	Phase I to NDA
Typical small molecule	<ol> <li>Comparative metabolism</li> <li>Metabolite ID</li> <li>Screening for others</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>CYP inhibition/Induction</li> <li>Transporter inhibition</li> <li>Limited transporter substrate</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Reaction phenotyping</li> <li>Additional transporter substrate (dependent on routes of elimination)</li> </ol>
Small molecule with orphan, breakthrough status, etc.	1. Comparative metabolism	May be able to defer	<ol> <li>Metabolite ID</li> <li>CYP inhibition</li> <li>Transporter inhibition</li> <li>Reaction phenotyping</li> <li>CYP induction</li> </ol>
Peptides, oligos, ADCs, other biologics	May be able to defer	May be able to defer	<ol> <li>Metabolite ID</li> <li>CYP inhibition</li> <li>Transporter inhibition</li> <li>Reaction phenotyping</li> <li>CYP induction</li> </ol>

Priority depends on strategy for each drug & need for de-risking at each stage FDA: "Collect enough DDI information to prevent patients from being unnecessarily excluded"

## A BiolVT Company Conclusions: In vitro ADME & DDI studies

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- Provide understanding of drug characteristics and insight concerning future performance in *in vivo* systems; notably concerning predictive toxicology, dose/species selection for IND enabling studies, and FIH trial considerations.
- Satisfaction of regulatory interests is critical for prevention of delays

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- Prioritization varies based on drug class and program de-risking needs
- Conduct and interpretation can be deceptively simple; they both benefit expert design and understanding
- Provide as much information of the drug as possible for appropriate guidance

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# Thank you

# **Questions or Comments?**