Pharmacometrics, PBPK, QSP – What's Next?

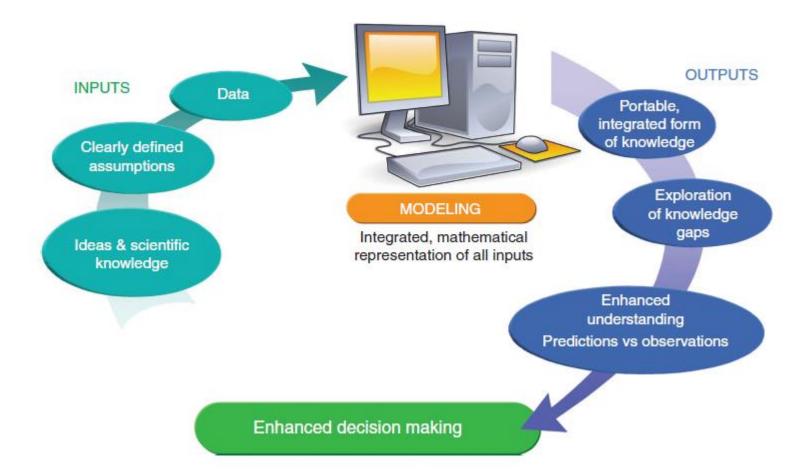
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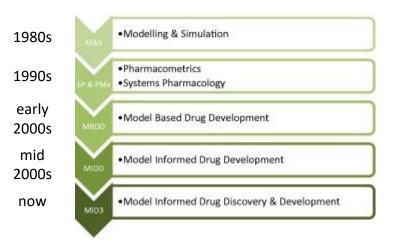
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The Idea Behind Using Models



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A Reflection on Where We "..." :



... "Were":

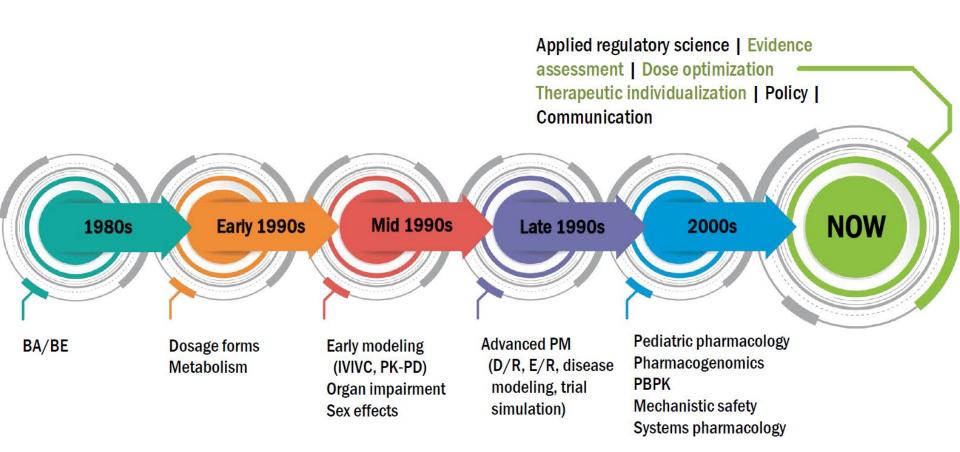
The **learn & confirm** paradigm as the basis for modern M&S:

- 1) What do we want to know?
- 2) How confident do we want to be?
- 3) What are we willing to assume?

... "Are":

MID3: "A quantitative framework for prediction and extrapolation, centered on knowledge and inference generated from integrated models of compound, mechanism and disease level data and aimed at improving the quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness of decision making" 4

Regulatory Buy-In Along the Way



Application of Modeling and Simulation

Within Programs:



Can be viewed as "Progressive reduction in uncertainty about benefits and risks of drugs" – or as "increasing levels of confidence about clinical outcomes"

Across Programs:

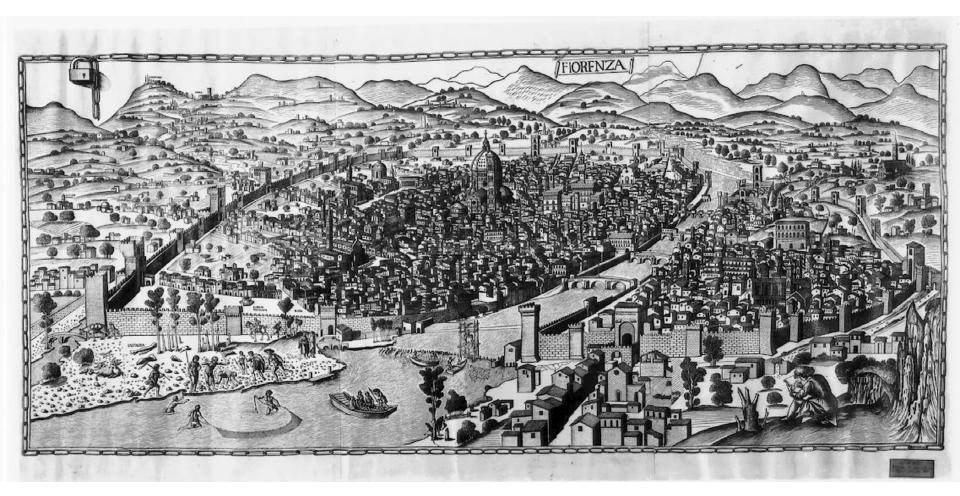


Can be viewed as "Step-wise identification of clinically-relevant sources of variability for given indication and drug class"

In My Mind, This Begs an Additional Set of Questions

- 1) What are the clinically-relevant sources of variability?
- 2) How much of this variability can we capture in controlled clinical trials, even under optimal design conditions?
- 3) How can we **implement** what we have learned into clinical practice in a **cost-effective** fashion?

Call for Innovation: Lessons From The Past – Opportunities For The Future



Commissioner's Blog on *In Silico* **Tools**

How FDA Plans to Help Consumers Capitalize on Advances in Science

Posted on July 7, 2017 by FDA Voice

By: Scott Gottlieb, M.D.

We're at a point in science where new medical technologies hold out the promise of better treatments for a widening number of vexing conditions. Over the last few decades, science has enabled fundamental advances in our understanding of the genetic and protein bases of human disease. These developments are already being translated into new medicines. In more cases, these treatments target the underlying mechanisms that drive different diseases. These advances hold out the promise of arresting and even curing a growing number of diseases.



To build upon such opportunities, FDA will soon unveil a comprehensive <u>Innovation</u> <u>Initiative</u>. It will be aimed at making sure our regulatory processes are modern and efficient, so that safe and effective new technologies can reach patients in a timely fashion. We need to make sure that our regulatory principles are efficient and informed by the most up to date science. We don't want to present regulatory barriers to beneficial new medical innovations that add to the time, cost, and uncertainty of bringing these technologies forward if they don't add to our understanding of the product's safety and benefits.

Innovation Initiative

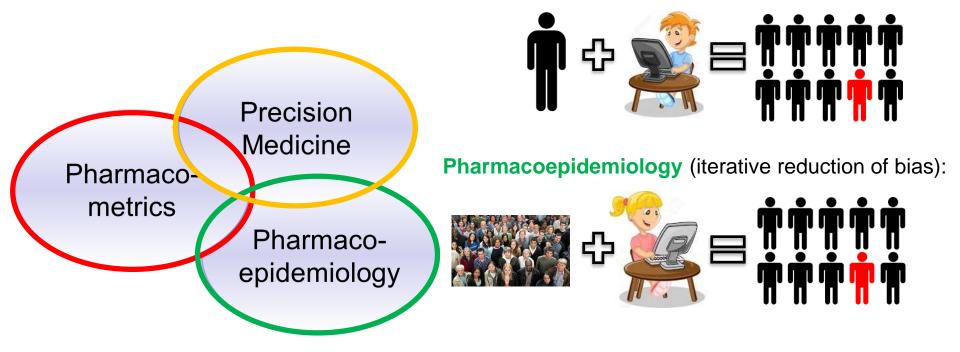
- Use of *in silico* tools in clinical trials for improving drug development and making regulation more efficient
- M&S to predict clinical outcomes, inform clinical trial designs, support evidence of effectiveness, optimize dosing, predict product safety, and evaluate potential adverse event mechanisms
- Creation of natural history databases to support modelinformed drug development

PDUFA 6: Regulatory Decision Tools



Opportunities Within the College

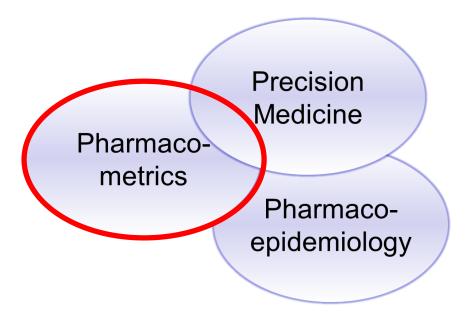
Pharmacometrics (Inductive reasoning):



Precision medicine:

- Genetic & non-genetic sources of variability in pharmacokinetics and drug response
- ✓ Clinical implementation

Creating Synergy



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Development of a Drug-Disease-Trial Model for Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

Background:

Osteoporosis is a chronic disorder with bones weakening over time. It is more prominent in women due to steep declines in endogenous estrogen production after menopause.

Current challenges in drug development in osteoporosis:

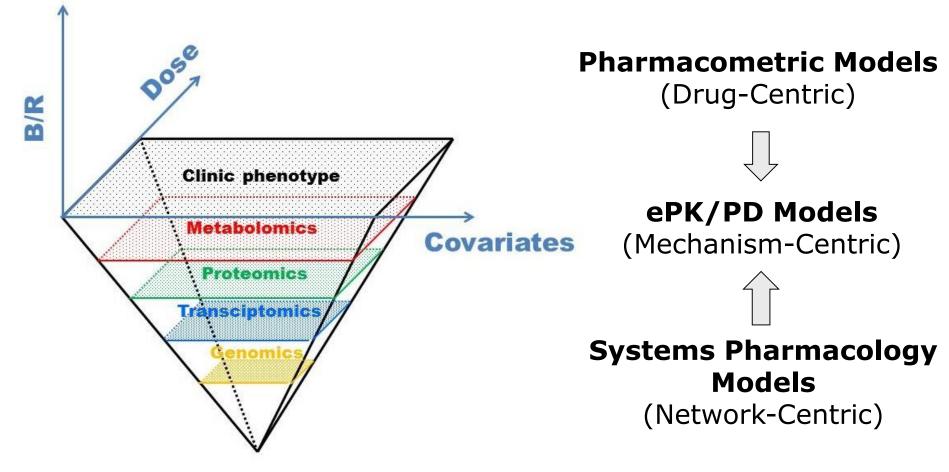
Osteoporosis drug development trials are long and large sample size is needed to evaluate current endpoints such as fracture risk or bone mineral density (BMD) change.

- ✓ Phase 3 trials with fracture risk as efficacy endpoint take 2-3 years.
- \checkmark Phase 2 dose-finding trials with BMD as endpoint take 1-2 years.
- ✓ BMD is an imperfect surrogate marker for fracture

Opportunity:

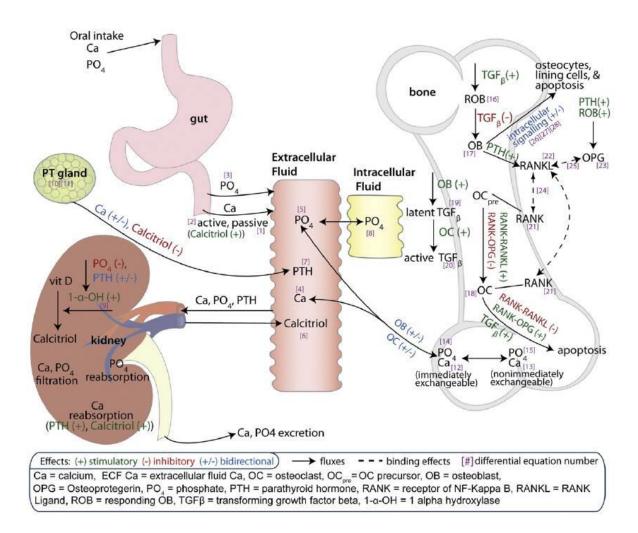
Reliable predictions of the impact of disease progression and drug treatment on bone require the use of quantitative models.

Quantitative Models Can Be Established at Various Levels of Complexity

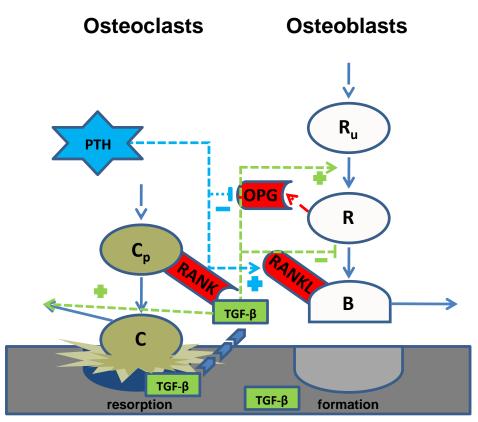


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Challenges Con't



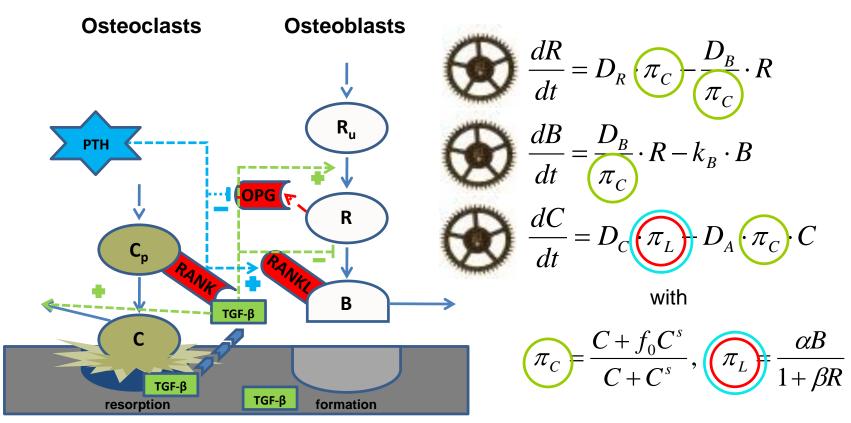
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R: responding osteoblasts, **B**: active osteoblasts, **C**: active osteoclasts, **RANK**: receptor activator of NF-κB, **RANKL**: RANK ligand, **OPG**: osteoprotegerin, **PTH**: parathyroid hormone, **TGF-**β: transforming growth factor β

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Understanding the Critical Processes & their Relative Speeds

Systems Pharmacology ... is the quantitative analysis of the dynamic interactions between drug(s) and a biological system to understand the behaviour of the system as a whole, as opposed to the behaviour of its individual constituents



J Pharmacokinet Pharmacodyn (2011) 38:873–900 DOI 10.1007/s10928-011-9224-2

Coping with time scales in disease systems analysis: application to bone remodeling

Stephan Schmidt · Teun M. Post · Lambertus A. Peletier · Massoud A. Boroujerdi · Meindert Danhof

Full system

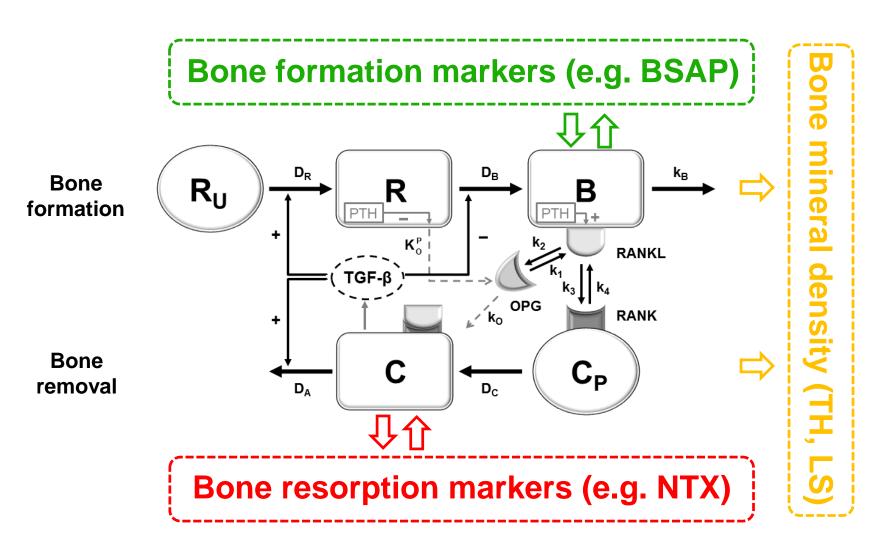
- ✓ 5 differential equations
- ✓ 25 parameters to be estimated



Reduced system

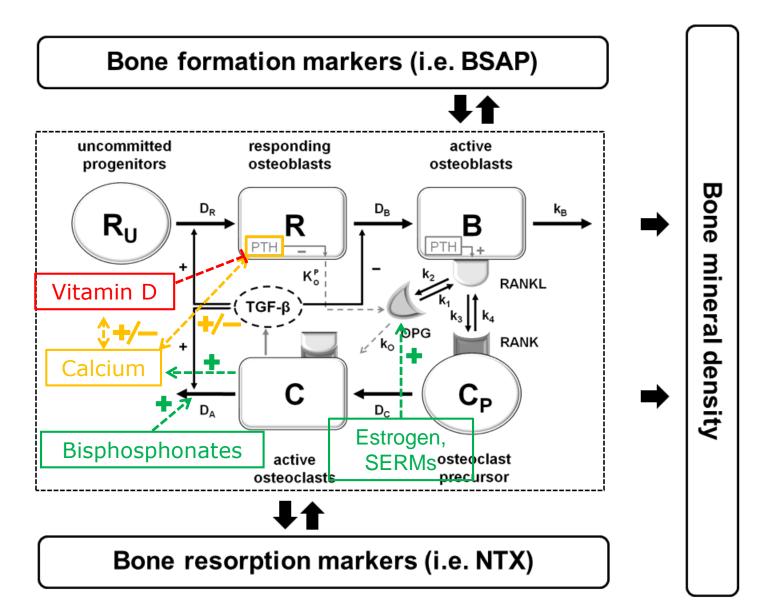
- ✓ 2 differential equations
- ✓ 5 parameters to be estimated
- → Enabled fitting to clinical data

Link to Clinical Biomarkers



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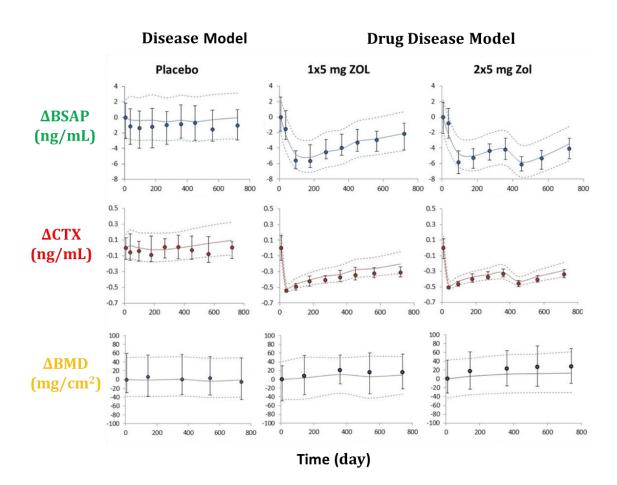


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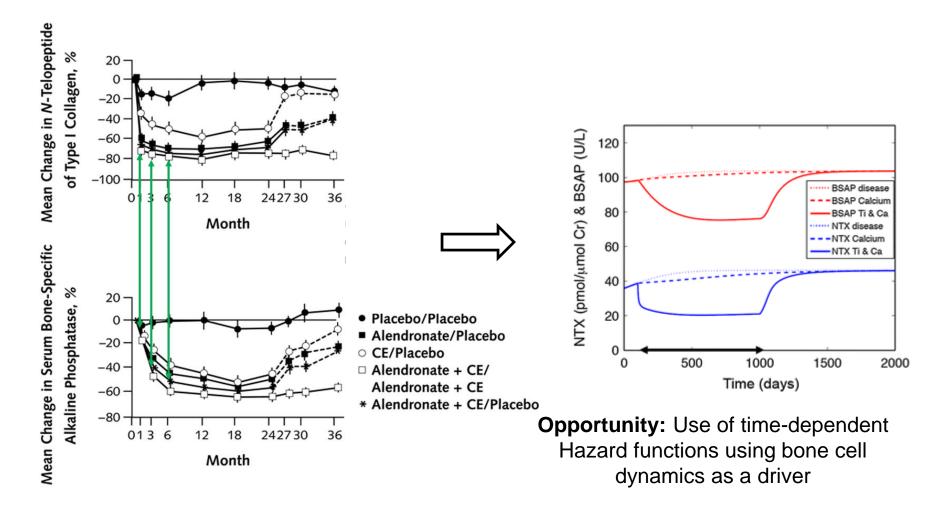
Application to Clinical Zoledronic Acid Data



Inter-individual variability	Covariates
Biomarker Baseline	BMI
Drug Clearance	Race
Drug Effects	Age
Years since menopause (YSM)	YSM

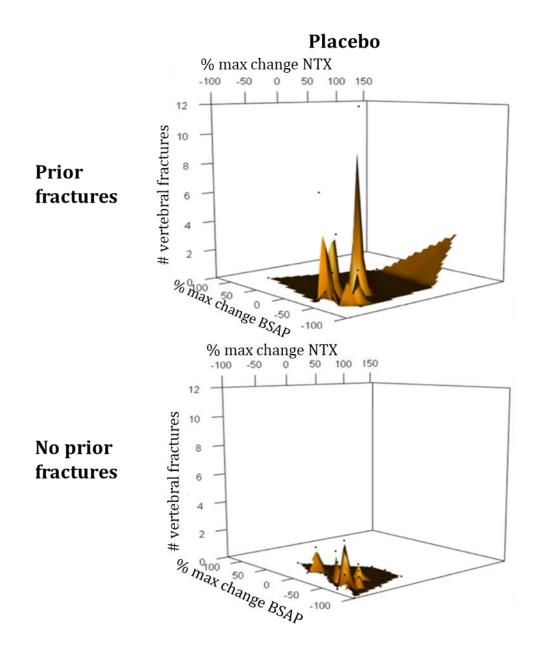
Model showed reasonably accurate prediction on clinically relevant biomarkers.

Simple Correlation Analysis May Neglect Biomarker Dynamics

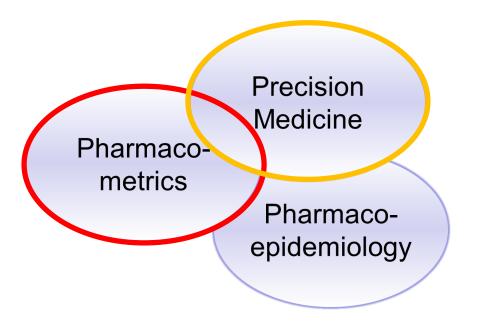


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Optimization of Voriconazole Therapy for Treatment of Invasive Fungal Infections

Background:

- Invasive fungal infections (IFIs) caused by e.g. *Candida spp.* or *Aspergillus spp.* are common in immunocompromised patients (e.g. transplant patients)
- Voriconazole is frequently used in IFI patients
- Non-linear and highly variable pharmacokinetics → TDM
- 98% of dose is metabolized by **CYP2C19** (polymorphic)
- It takes 5-7 days to reach steady-state (2-6mg/L)

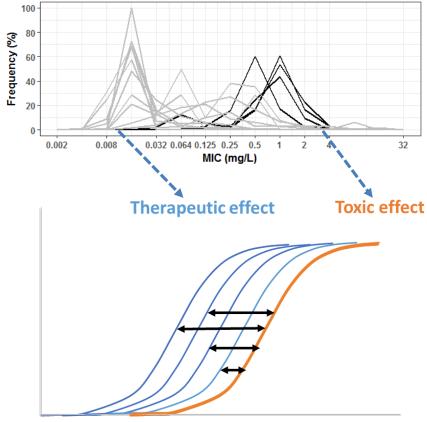
Research Questions:

- 1) What are clinically-relevant **sources of variability**?
- 2) Is dose adjustment needed?
- 3) If so, what is the **optimal dose**?

Challenge: Large Variability in PK & PD

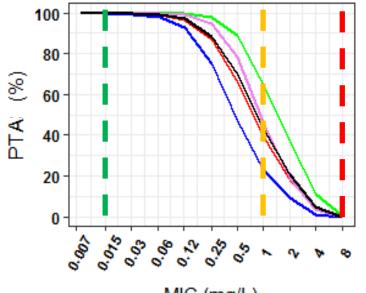
In Pharmacokinetics GDI 100 80 Frequency (%) 10 60 40 8 20 C_{trough,ss}(mg/L) 0.032 0.064 0.125 0.25 6 0.002 0.008 0.5 MIC (mg/L) 2 Effect 0 EM IM UM CYP2C19 phenotype LD: 6 mg/kg BID • Before dose adjustment MD: 4 mg/kg BID After dose adjustment

In Pharmacodynamics



Dose

Probability of Achieving C_{trough,ss}/MIC > 2 Following Administration of 200 mg MD



MIC (mg/L)

Low susceptibility, MIC = 8 mg/L		
Phenotype	PTA (%)	
UM non-pantoprazole	<5	
EM/IM non-pantoprazole	<5	
UM pantoprazole	<5	
EM/IM pantoprazole	<5	
Overall	<5	

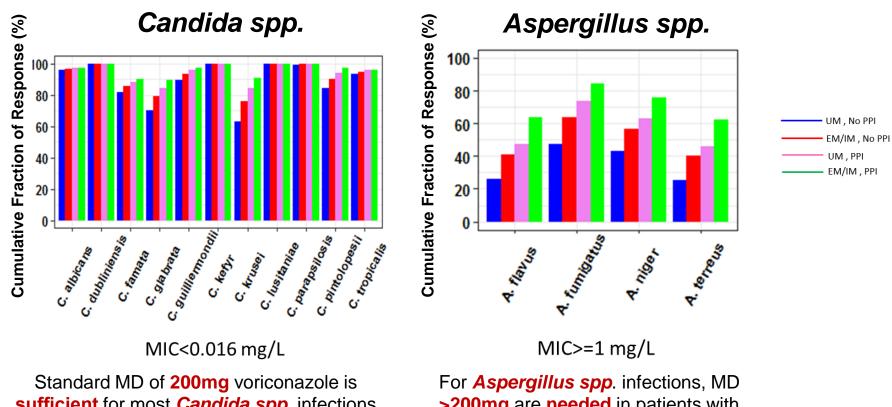
Intermediate susceptibility, MIC = 1 mg/L

Phenotype	PTA (%)	
UM non-pantoprazole	23.2	
EM/IM non-pantoprazole	39.9	
UM pantoprazole	46.5	
EM/IM pantoprazole	64.9	
Overall	43.6	

High susceptibility, MIC = 0.015 mg/L

Phenotype	PTA (%)	
UM non-pantoprazole	~ 100	
EM/IM non-pantoprazole ~ 100		
UM pantoprazole	~ 100	
EM/IM pantoprazole	~ 100	
Overall	~ 100	

What Does This Mean For Clinical Candida & Aspergillus Strains?

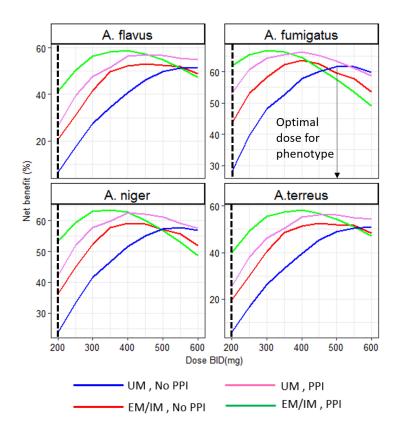


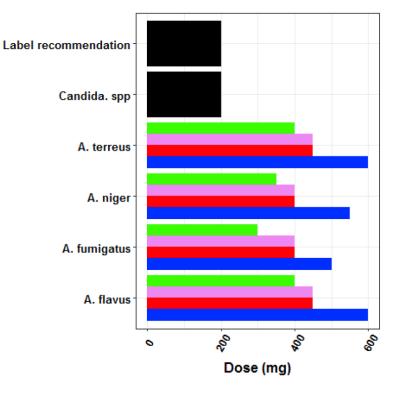
sufficient for most *Candida spp.* infections in patients with different clinical phenotypes

For *Aspergillus spp*. infections, MD >200mg are needed in patients with different clinical phenotypes

What About Drug-Induced Toxicity?

Dosing Recommendation

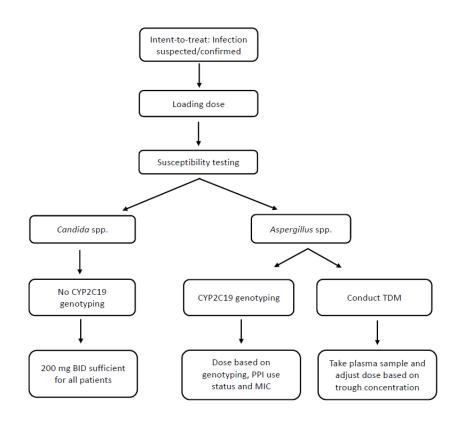




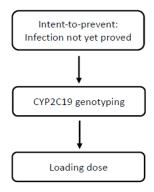
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Clinical Opportunity

Intent-to-treat



Intent-to-prevent



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Study Highlights

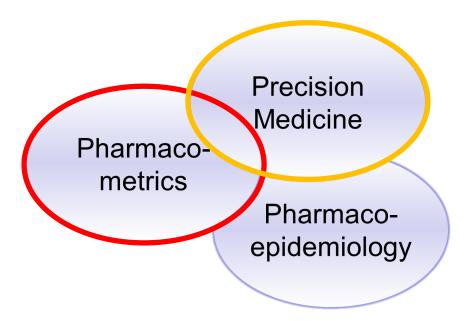
What is already known?

Voriconazole shows significant **interindividual variability** in clinical response. **TDM** is used to ensure therapeutic concentrations in the clinic.

What this research adds?

- Guide **optimal dosing/treatment selection** for a particular patient based on clinical phenotype and type of infection
- Label-recommended 200mg voriconazole doses are sufficient for treating Candida spp. IFIs.
- However, voriconazole doses ranging from 300-600mg are needed to successfully treat Aspergillus spp. IFIs, depending on the clinical phenotype of the patient and type of Aspergillus infection.

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How Informative Are DDIs of GDIs?

Background:

Regulatory agencies (FDA, EMA, PMDA) expect that clinical pharmacokinetic interactions between an investigational new drug and other drugs should be conducted as part of an adequate assessment of the drug's safety and efficacy.

Cost: ~\$1.5M per study

Research Question:

Can DDIs be used to reliably **predict GDIs for CYP2D6**, **CYP2C9 and CYP2C19** using prototypical victim drugs?

Research Approach:

Determine the overlap in exposure between DDIs and GDIs using: a **Descriptive** and a **PBPK-based** convergence analysis

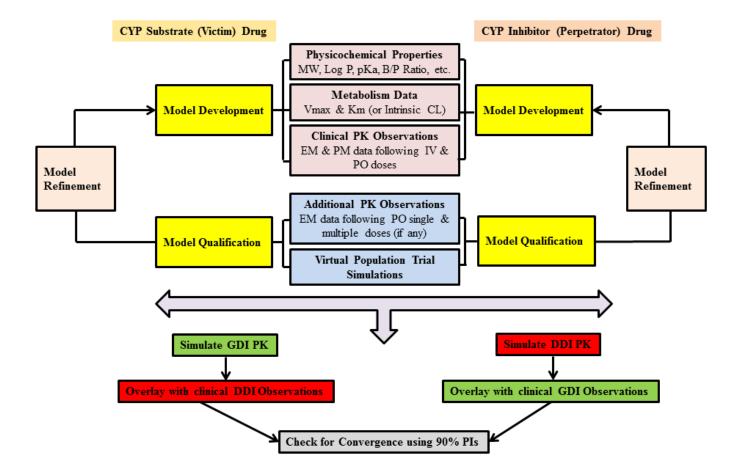
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Selection of Enzymes, Substrates & Inhibitors

- Polymorphic pathways with clinically different phenotypes: CYP2D6, CYP2C9, and CYP2C19
- Prototypical substrate drugs (preferably f_m > 0.8 via single CYP pathway) for:
 - **CYP2D6** (metoprolol, dextromethorphan, atomoxetine, vortioxetine)
 - **CYP2C9** (warfarin, flurbiprofen, celecoxib)
 - **CYP2C19** (omeprazole, clopidogrel)
- Strong inhibitors (preferably selective) for single CYP pathways for:
 - **CYP2D6** (paroxetine, fluoxetine, quinidine, buproprion)
 - CYP2C9 (fluconazole)
 - **CYP2C19** (fluconazole, fluoxetine, omeprazole)
- PK exposure (AUC) data was collected from the literature for poor metabolizers (PM's) for GDIs and for strong inhibitor studies for DDIs
- Substrate AUC ratios were calculated in the presence of: i) DDIs and ii) GDIs using EM's as reference point
- DDI-GDI convergence was declared if the computed AUC ratio was within 90% CI (80-125%)

PBPK Analysis Workflow



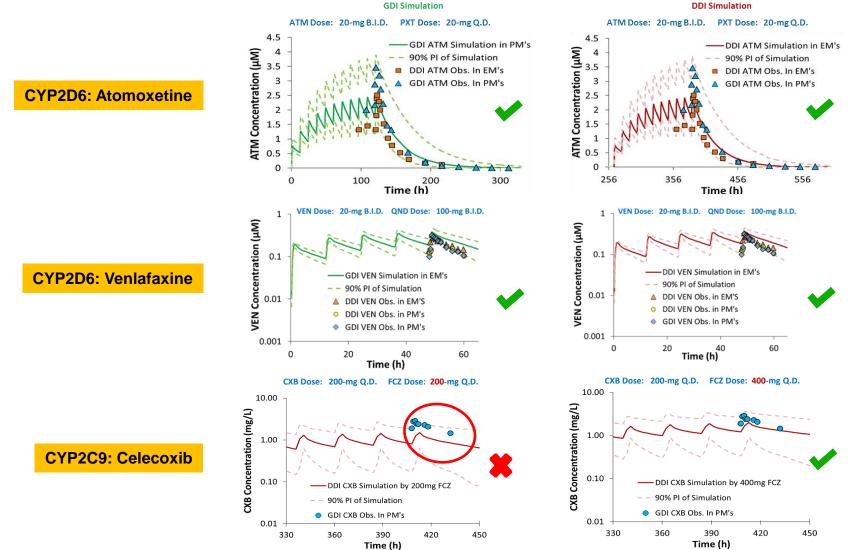
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Convergence Existed For All Evaluated CYP2D6 Examples

Polymorphic	Candidate Drua	Statistical DDI-GDI Convergence
Pathway		(Inhibitor Drug)
CYP2D6	Metoprolol	Yes (Paroxetine)
	Dextromethorphan	Yes (Quinidine)
	Atomoxetine	Yes (Paroxetine & Fluoxetine)
	Vortioxetine	Yes (Bupropion)
CYP2C9	Warfarin	No (Fluconazole)
	Flurbiprofen	No (Fluconazole - <i>Low Dose</i>)
		Yes (Fluconazole - <i>High Dose</i>)
	Celecoxib	No (Fluconazole - <i>Low Dose</i>)
СҮР2С19	Omeprazole	No (Fluconazole)
		Yes (Omeprazole)
	Clopidogrel	No (Other proton pump inhibitors – lansoprazole,
		pantoprazole, dexlansporazole)

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Results Confirmed via PBPK



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Study Highlights

What is already known?

Clinical studies of **DDIs** and **GDIs** are **interrelated for polymorphic cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes** because both change the intrinsic clearance of an enzyme substrate.

What this research adds?

- DDI studies using strong inhibitors can be used for CYP2D6 substrates to inform respective GDIs.
- The situation is more complex for CYP2C9 and CYP2C19 substrates, where potency and dose of the inhibitor for DDIs as well as remaining enzyme activity for loss-of-function allele carriers for GDIs need to be considered.
- The approach presents a valuable alternative for: 1) studying **both** DDIs and GDIs **clinically** and 2) **saving time** and development **costs**.

Regulatory Impact

Clinical Drug Interaction Studies — Study Design, Data Analysis, and Clinical Implications Guidance for Industry

DRAFT GUIDANCE

In some instances, a gene-drug interaction study may substitute for a prospective DDI study and vice versa. Suitable substrates for these studies have a high fraction of metabolism $(f_m > 80\%)$ by a single CYP enzyme that has loss-of-function alleles.

What I Believe Is Next

Inductive reasoning:

Because HRT lowers LDL, it is cardioprotective

Reverse translation of realworld findings

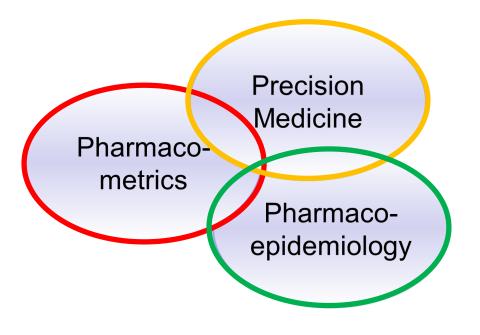
Translation of mechanistic findings

Iterative Reduction of Bias: Because HRT is associated with lower MACE risk, HRT is cardioprotective.

Direct integration of mechanistic information into real-world models

Data Source: Preclinical & RCT Data Data Source: Real World Outcomes Data

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A Model- and Systems-Based Approach to Efficacy and Safety Questions Related to Generic Substitution

Background:

- ~88% of prescription drugs filled in the U.S. are generic
- ~\$1.68 Trillion of estimated cost savings for U.S. health system between 2005 and 2014
- U.S. FDA occasionally receives complaints about purported adverse events due to lack of efficacy or safety after switching from brand to generic
- Assessment of whether or not these complaints are real can be challenging

Research Strategy:

- To develop a quantitative and integrative approach that will separate postmarketing "signals from noise"
- If the "signal" is credible, develop a strategy using quantitative methods and modeling to provide insight into causal mechanisms

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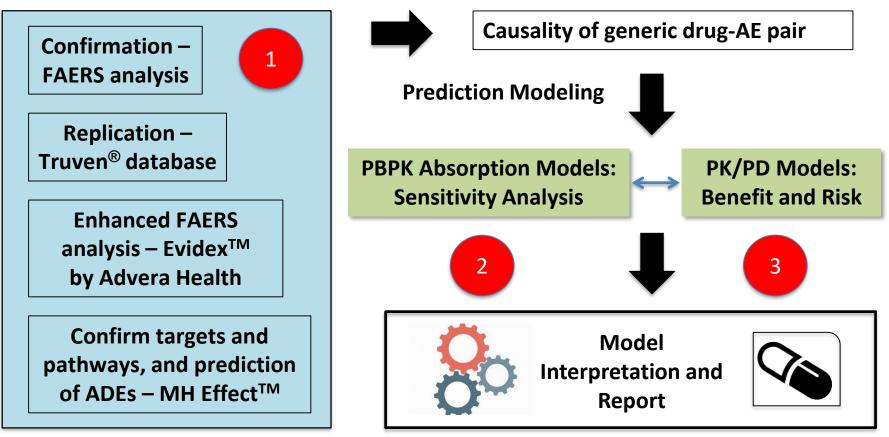
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Analysis Workflow

ADE: FAERS, consumer complaints, <u>www.peoplespharmacy.com</u>, clinical studies, ISMP and other public databases



Drugs and Formulations Selected To Demonstrate a Wide Range of Applications

Case I: anti-epileptic drugs considers BCS classification that can have a significant effect on absorption. BCS class II (carbamazepine, lamotrigine and phenytoin) and BCS class III (gabapentin and levetiracetam)

Case II: metoprolol XL examines a complex CR formulation to predict PK and PD profiles from a PSA and differences in *in vitro* dissolution

Case III: anticoagulants that belong to the same therapeutic class (DOACs) that are not yet available as generics to gain a mechanistic understanding of potential biolNequivalence

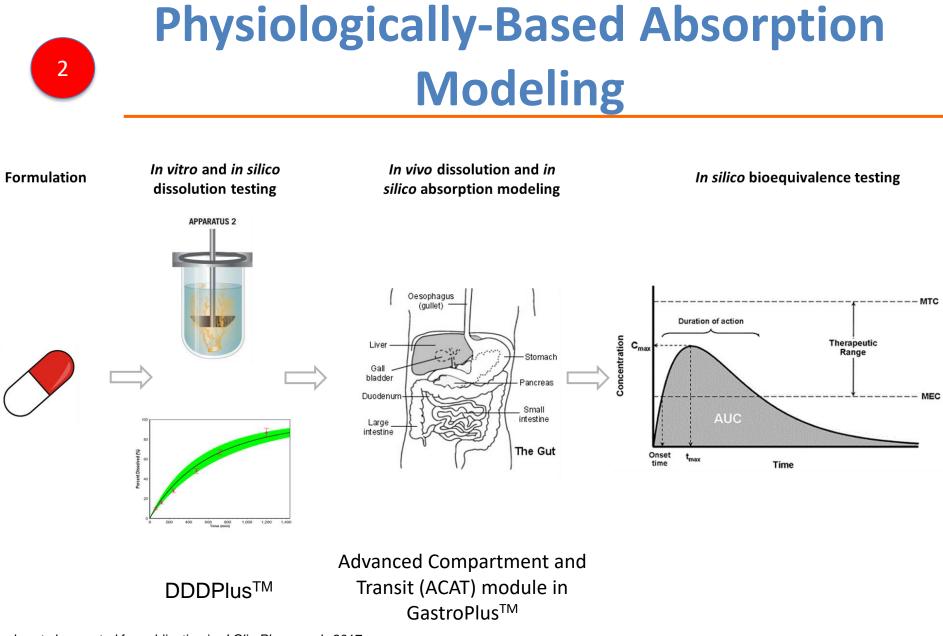


Signal Detection

- Formulation problems were reported within the first use of metoprolol XL and were public knowledge within 1-year of launch
- Hypotheses for detecting formulation issues:
 - Generic uptake/market share will be decreased
 - Patients will **discontinue** treatment and/or **switch back** to trade formulations at a higher rate
 - **Event rates** for indicated conditions will be **elevated** for generic vs. trade formulations
- To provide an active comparison:
 - Amlodipine/Benazepril was approved on same date and launched at about the same with no known formulation issues

Rate Ratio Generic vs. Trade (METO)								
		MI	HF	Hypertension	Hypotension	Syncope	Angina	Tachycardia
ER Visits 🗕	Primary	2.06	1.31	1.18	1.33	1.43	1.50	1.29
	Secondary	2.42	1.20	1.31	1.22	1.39	1.49	1.21
Hospitalizations –	Primary	1.00	1.00	1.08	0.92	0.99	1.22	1.12
	Secondary	1.11	1.08	1.44	1.25	0.95	1.39	1.12
			Rate Ra	itio Generic vs. Trad	e (AMLO)			
		MI	HF	Hypertension	Hypotension	Syncope	Angina	Tachycardia
ER Visits 🗕	Primary	0.86	0.77	0.68	0.84	0.85	1.07	0.91
	Secondary	0.95	0.83	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.95	0.88
Hospitalizations –	Primary	0.98	0.78	0.56	1.11	1.03	0.52	0.98
	Secondary	0.95	0.90	0.93	1.02	1.09	0.89	0.93

Clinical Event Rates



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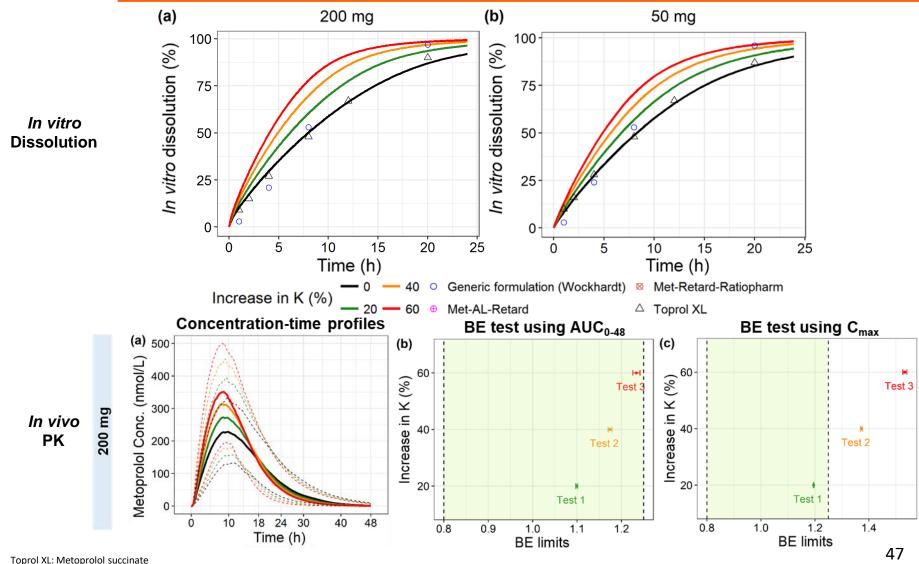
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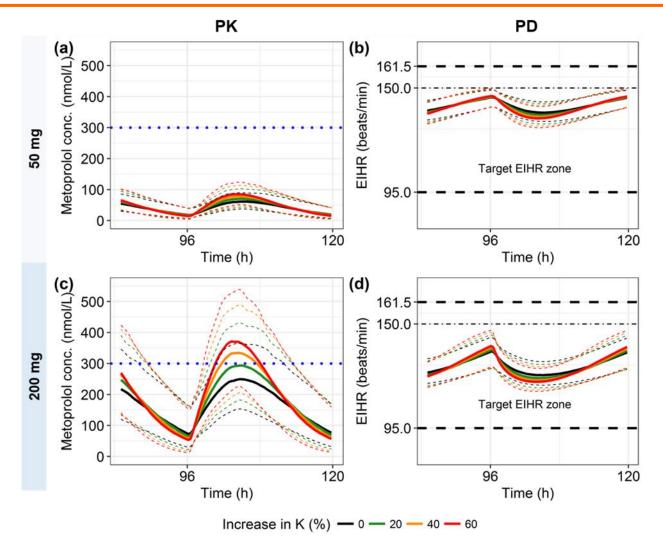
Impact of Formulation Differences on:



Met-AL-Retard & Met-Retard-Ratiopharm: Metoprolol tartare



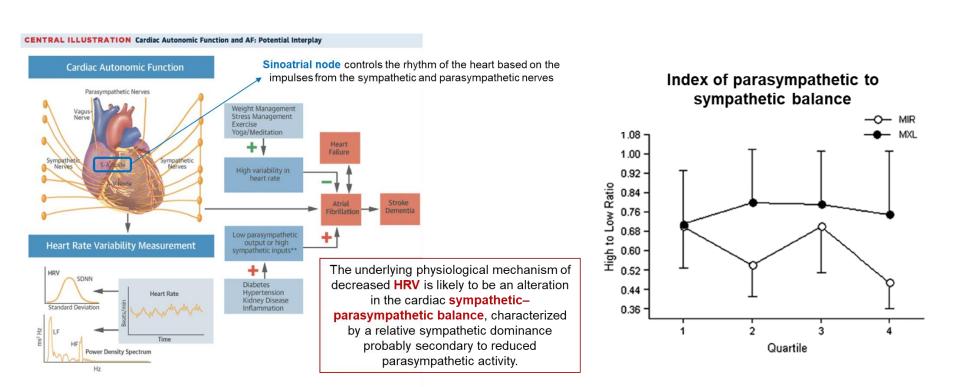
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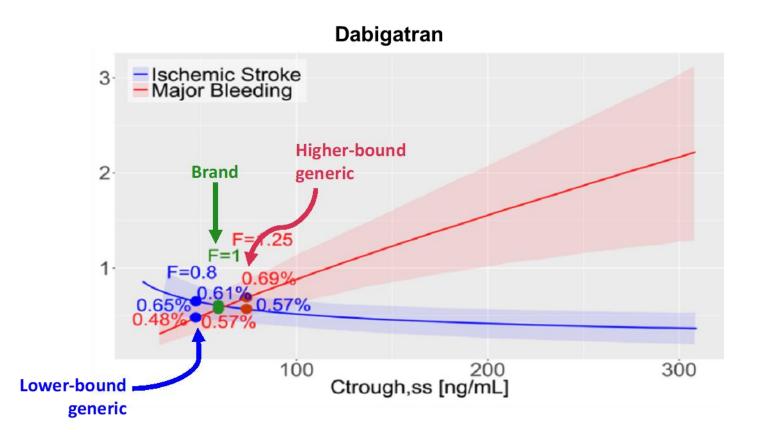
Reference for the target EHR zone: https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/measuring/heartrate.htm

Considering Anatomy & Physiology of the Heart



Currently Ongoing: Prospective Method Qualification

Using general BE criteria:



Currently Ongoing: Prospective Method Qualification

Using critical formulation properties:

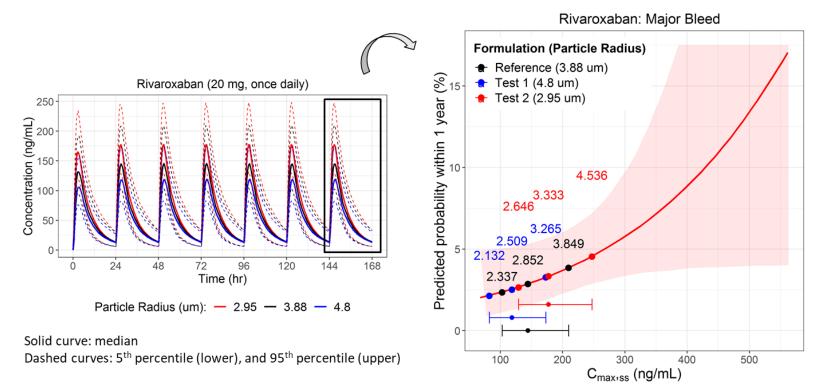


Figure adapted from NDA 22-406.

Solid curve: mean, shaded area: 95% confidence interval, bars on the bottom: 5th to 95th percentiles of rivaroxaban $C_{max,ss}$ by formulation subgroup, and dots on the bars: medians of rivaroxaban $C_{max,ss}$.

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COMMENTARY

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