





PBPK Modelling and Simulation: An In Silico - In Vivo Bridge for Efficient Formulation Development

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Introduction to PBPK Modelling and Simulation



PBPK M&S ?

- Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modelling & Simulation
- A mathematical modelling technique for predicting the absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) of synthetic or natural chemical substances in humans and other animal species
 - Wikipedia
- A PBPK model is defined as one that simulates the concentration of a drug over time in tissue(s) and blood, by taking into account the rate of its absorption into the body, distribution in tissues, metabolism and excretion (ADME) on the basis of interplay among critical physiological, physicochemical and biochemical determinants.
 - EMEA guideline (EMA/CHMP/458101/2016)



What's happening in vivo? (after oral administration)



* Modified from van de Waterbeemd, H, and Gifford, E. *ADMET In Silico Modelling: Towards Prediction Paradise?* Nat. Rev. Drug Disc. 2003, 2:192-204





What's defined in a PBPK model?



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Key components of a PBPK Model

Model structure

- Each compartment is defined by a tissue volume (or weight) and tissue blood flow rate
- Perfusion rate limited: e.g. small lipophilic molecules, where the blood flow to tissue becomes the limiting process
- Permeability rate limited: e.g. larger polar molecules, where the permeability across the cell membrane becomes the limiting process

• System-related inputs

- Mouse, rat, dog, human etc.
- Hepatic blood flow, CYP, liver volume etc.
- Diseased states, pregnancy, obesity, elderly, paediatrics etc.
- Include sources of physiological and biochemical variability

• Drug-specific inputs



Dosage forms in a mechanistic way within ACAT™ model



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Other routes

Mechanistic absorption models (MAM) coupled with compartmental/PBPK modelling have been extended to cover all major routes of administration



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The Big Picture – Drug Inputs





IVIVR/IVIVC: Traditional Vs PBPK approach



Common approaches for IVIVR/IVIVC

• IVIVR / IVIVC / IVIVE

• A mathematical link

O Deconvolution

Plasma concentration profile to in-vivo fraction

Convolution

• In-vivo fraction to plasma concentration profile

• Traditional Methods

- Compartmental (Wagner-Nelson, Loo-Riegelman)
- Numerical



Classical compartmental Vs PBPK approach

- Plasma concentration to in-vivo fraction of systemic BA (top-down)
 Compartmental, Numerical
 K_a constant across GIT
 - Simpler approach
- In-silico plus in-vitro to In-vivo dissolution and plasma/ tissue concentrations (bottom-up)
 - Mechanistic: ACAT, PBPK
 - Oetailed, scientific approach
 - Ability to 'simulate' / 'extrapolate' (IVIVE)





Mechanistic absorption based PBPK approach

Inputs (in addition to the data required for the traditional methods):

- Physiological parameters
- Drug properties (solubility, P_{eff}, log P, pK_a, etc.)

• Outputs:

- A model that combines all available in-silico, in-vitro and in-vivo information and provides:
 - In vivo dissolution, absorption and bioavailability vs. time profiles
 - Description of site dependent absorption
 - Description of tissue contributions to first pass extraction



IVIVR/IVIVC Case Studies



Case Study 1: Effect of PK modelling approach

- NDA- Modified generic product [502(b)2]
- IR Tablets of 'Compound A'
- BCS Class: I
- API: Water soluble salt
- pKa: 8.0 to 8.5
- cLogP: 2.0 to 2.5
- Permeability (Peff, ADMET Predictor 8.1): ~4.0 x 10 (-4) cm/s
- Product design: Modify the release profile to marginally meet the bio-equivalence with a C_{max} %T/R ratio of close to ~85%.
- PBPK Modelling platform: GastroPlusTM 9.5



Case Study 1: Effect of PK modelling approach (contd.)

• Results of 1st pilot PK study

PK Parameter	Pilot #1
C _{max}	67%
AUC _{0-t}	102%

- Initial model was developed using ACAT coupled with Compartmental PK model based on only Oral human PK data (Solution and Tablet).
- Vd and Cl estimated by I.V. route, as well as absolute oral BA estimates were not available in literature.



Case Study 1: Effect of PK modelling approach (contd.)





Case Study 1: Effect of PK modelling approach (contd.)



- Dissolution method was guided by PK model
 - Absence of true estimates of Vd and systemic Clearance
- Model re-developed by ACAT coupled with PBPK model, which was optimized using plasma and urine analysis data of active and metabolites
 - Vd was estimated to be 194 L, compared to ~320 400 L
 - Oral BA was estimated to be ~55%



Case Study 1: Effect of PK modelling approach (contd.)





Case Study 2: Formulation switch for a NCE

- NDA- NCE
- IR Capsules of 'Compound B'
- BCS Class: II
- API: Practically insoluble in water
- pKa: Base = 2.5 to 3.0, Acid = 9.0 to 9.5
- Log D: 3.0 to 3.5 @ pH 7.45
- Permeability (Caco-2): 3.5 × 10⁻⁶ cm/sec
- Product design: Enabling formulation for improved solubility and oral bioavailability.
- Study objective: Identify a bio-relevant dissolution condition for screening formulations for formulation switch.
- PBPK Modelling platform: GastroPlusTM 9.5



Case 2: Formulation switch for a NCE (contd.)

- Does the capsule release complete drug in-vivo?
- Is there any possibility of in-vivo precipitation?
- Is the QC method under/over discriminatory?







Case 2: Formulation switch for a NCE (contd.)

- Mechanistic deconvolution based on \bigcirc ACAT coupled with PBPK modelling
 - In-vivo precipitation followed by slow and 0 sustained dissolution
 - C_{max} is resulting from dissolution of only 20-40% of drug
- **Bio-relevant dissolution method** 0
 - Non-sink conditions 0
 - Optimization of tablet formulation for 0 bridging study



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Time (h)



Case 2: Formulation switch for a NCE (contd.)

• Bridging PK study

• Tablet was bio-equivalent to capsule





Regulatory acceptance



PBPK@US-FDA and **EMEA**



21 July 2016 EMA/CHMP/458101/2016 Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

Guideline on the qualification and reporting of physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modelling and simulation Draft

...the format and content of PBPK analyses that are submitted to the FDA vary significantly across drug developers



Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Analyses — Format and Content Guidance for Industry

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

> December 2016 Clinical Pharmacology

....can facilitate FDA's efficient assessment, consistent application, and timely decision making during regulatory review

General PBPK Model Applications for Generic Products sparco in the OGD, CDER, US-FDA



BE: bioequivalence; PPI : proton pump inhibitor; GI: gastrointestinal ; DDI: drug-drug interaction

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Highlights of PBPK M&S Impacts (Year 2016) in the OGD, *Sparc* CDER, US-FDA

• Ibrutinib: PBPK Supported Detailed Actions for CYP3A Inhibitors in Drug Label

"...strong CYP3A inhibitors which would be taken chronically...is not recommended. For short-term use (treatment for 7 days or less) of strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., antifungals and antibiotics) <u>consider</u> <u>interrupting IMBRUVICA therapy until the CYP3A inhibitor is no longer needed</u>...Reduce IMBRUVICA dose to 140 mg if a moderate CYP3A inhibitor must be used...Patients taking concomitant strong or moderate CYP3A inhibitors should be monitored more closely for signs of IMBRUVICA toxicity."

Co-medication	CYP3A modulation	Obs/Sim	AUC ratio	Cmax ratio
Ketoconazole	Strong inhibitor	Observed	27	31
Erythromycin	Moderate inhibitor	<u>SIMULATED</u>	8.6	7.5
Diltiazem	Moderate inhibitor	<u>SIMULATED</u>	5.5	5.0
Rifampin	Strong inducer	Observed	0.08	0.06
Efavirenz	Moderate inducer	<u>SIMULATED</u>	0.38	0.38

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Number of Compounds Assessed Using Absorption Modelling in the OGD, CDER, US FDA



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Application areas in the OGD, CDER, US FDA (2008-2016)

Category	Potential Applications	Current Status
Dissolution Method and Acceptance Criteria	Justify/support bio- predictive dissolution method	 Use the verified PBPK/absorption model combined with bioequivalence clinical study and dissolution profiles generated <u>to show that the proposed dissolution</u> <u>method can reject non-BE (bioequivalence) batch</u>
	Set clinically relevant	 Allow dissolution <u>acceptance criteria to go beyond target ±10% range</u>
	dissolution acceptance criteria	 Additional evidence (data) needed to validate model and confirm predictive performance
Set clinically relevant drug	CMAs (particle size, polymorphic form)	 <u>Predict particle size distribution (PSD) limits</u> which would result in similar in vivo performance to the target (clinical batch)
product		<u>Predict the effect of polymorphic form on in vivo performance of drug product</u>
CMAs and CPPs	CPPs (milling method, pressure force/hardness)	 <u>Predict the effect of milling method</u> on the bioequivalence of drug product (e.g. pre- and post-change of milling method)
		 Justify specification range of compression force based on the predicted in vivo performance
Risk assessment	Evaluation of the risk	Quantitative assessment

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FDA Voice by Commissioner

FDA Voice blog: July 7th, 2017



Today we announced our detailed work plan for the steps we're taking to implement different aspects of Cures. I want to highlight one example of these steps, which we're investing in, and will be expanding on, as part of our broader Innovation Initiative. It's the use of in silico tools in clinical trials for improving drug development and making regulation more efficient.

To build upon such opportunities, FDA will soon unveil a comprehensive Innovation Initiative. 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. FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) is currently <u>using modeling and simulation to predict clinical</u> <u>outcomes, inform clinical trial designs, support evidence of</u> <u>effectiveness, optimize dosing, predict product safety, and</u> <u>evaluate potential adverse event mechanisms</u>. We'll be putting out additional, updated guidance on how aspects of these in silico tools can be advanced and incorporated into different aspects of drug development.



FDA reviewers/scientists continue to publish/present their internal research

RESEARCH ARTICLE - Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Transport and Metabolism

Research Article Application of Physiologically Based Absorption Modeling for Amphetamine Salts Drug Products in Generic Drug Evaluation Utility of Physiologically Based Absorption Modeling in Implementing Quality by Design in Drug Development ANDREW H. BABISKIN, XINYUAN ZHANG Division of Quantitative Methods and Modeling, Office of Research and Standards, Office of Generic Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation Xinyuan Zhang,¹ Robert A. Lionberger,^{1,2} Barbara M. Davit,¹ and Lawrence X. Yu¹ and Research, US Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, Maryland 20993 Received 16 September 2010: accepted 14 December 2010: published online 5 January 2011 Received 30 January 2015; revised 8 April 2015; accepted 9 April 2015 Abstract. To implement Quality by Design (QbD) in drug development, scientists need tools that link drug products properties to in vivo performance. Physiologically based absorption models are potentially Using M&S to predict virtual BE and useful tools: yet, their utility of ObD implementation has not been discussed or explored much in the used for the treatment of attention deficit literature. We simulated pharmacokinetics (PK) of carbamazepine (CBZ) after administration of four oral formulations, immediate-release (IR) suspension, IR tablet, extended-release (XR) tablet and salts FR capsules and dextroamphetamine assess dissolution specifications capsule, under fasted and fed conditions and presented a general diagram of a modeling and simulation eillance and bioequivalence (BE) guidance strategy integrated with pha nducted to assess BE in various populations factors (ASFs) by deconvo e models were also used to predict phar-Use of In Vitro-In Vivo Correlation to Predict the Pharmacokinetics validated for other PK r Incorporating M&S to assist with cation after the development of in vitro-in of Several Products Containing a BCS Class | Drug in Extended (Babiskin et al., 2015) explored three key areas s to the changes in formulation variables. used to help identify optin Release Matrices 1 Pharm Sci critical formulations variab Quality by Design (QbD) for the IR tablet that show Keywords: physiological model; absorption; bioequivalence; bioavailability; clinical trial simulation; modified release Tahseen Mirza - Sirikart A. Bykadi - Christopher D. Elison - Yongsheng Yang - Barbara M. Davit - Mansoor A. Khan decreased Finally, virtual t Virtual bioequivalence stu test may be a more sensitiv Rearised: 28 February 2012 / Accepted: 9 August 2012 (Zhang et al., 2011) predictive model is a poter C Springer Science (Business Media, LLC 201) KEY WORDS: advanced ABSTRACT release (MR); quality by de ABBREVIATION S Purpose To determine If an IMVC model can predict PK area under the curve profiles of varying formulations of a BCS Class 1 drug that is a BCS biocharmaceutics classification system salt of a weak base Cma maximum drug concentration observed in the Method An MVC model (Level A) was created by correlating blood plasma profile deconvoluted in vice absorption data obtained from oral adminis-FRA faction of drug absorbed into the body Integrating in vitro, modeling, and in vivo approaches to investigate warfarin tration of 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg fast and slow extended RD faction of drug dissolved during in vitre release formulations with in vitro percent dissolved using residual operimentation regression analysis. The model was then used to predict the in vivo MMC in vitro-in vivo correlation profile of five test products that varied in formulation characteristics. constant of elimination k. bioequivalence Results The model passed internal validation for predicted MAPE mean absolute percentage error Cmax and AUC. For external validation, in vitro data of five rom revolutions per minute different test formulations was utilized. The model passed ex-SUBAC-MR scale up post approval changes modified ternal validation for two test formulations that were different but release belonging to the same release mechanism as that of the refervolume of distribution Xinyuan Zhang^{1,*,§}, Hong Wen^{1,*}, Jianghong Fan^{1,*}, Bradley Vince², Tonglei Li³, Wei Gao³, Minori ence formulation. Three formulations failed external validation 96PEAUC percent error of AUC prediction because they belonged to either a mixed or different release 96PEcmax percent error of Cmax prediction -Kinjo^{1,*}, Jill Brown^{4,*}, Wanjie Sun^{4,*}, Wenlei Jiang^{1,*}, and Robert Lionberger^{1,*} mechanism. The model and results were further confirmed Generating mechanistic IVIVCs RODUCTION niro-in nin correlation (IVIVC) has been defined by the ited States Pharmacopeia (USP) Subcommittee on Bio Virtual BE trial simulations for warfarin to predict test formulations saccutics as "the establishment of a rational relaship between a biological property, or parameter ¹ Office of Generic Drugs, Food and D ived from a biological property produced by a dosage orm, and a physi nical property or characteristic of te same dosage form" (1). The Food and Drug Admin (Mirza et al., 2012) (Zhang et al., 2017) ration defines IVIVC as "A predictive mathematical odel describing the relationship between an in rite ² Vince and Associates Clinical Resear erty of an extended release dosage form (usually the te or extent of drug dissolution or release) and a relevant is nio response, e.g., plasma drug concentration or o, Ho, David Road and Drug Administration Division of Biosequivalence II (CDER/OPS/OGD/DBII) 7520 Standish Pace amount of drug absorbed" (2). In most cases, the is nite Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN property is the rate or extent of drug dissolution or release Racivile, Maryland 20855, USA while the invice response is the plasma drug concentration D Springe Published online: 22 August 2012 ⁴ Office of Translational Sciences, Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD



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Back-up slides



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GastroPlus™ user interface: Simulation





GastroPlus™ user interface: Graph

