

# Metabolism and Drug-Drug Interactions

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# Outline

**Basic Principles of Drug Metabolism, Pharmacokinetics and ADME**

**Role of ADME-PK in Drug Discovery and Development**

**Basis of Drug-Drug Interactions**

**Draft FDA and EMA Guidance Documents for Drug-Drug Interactions (2012)**



# Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

## Pharmacokinetics (PK)

## Pharmacodynamics (PD)

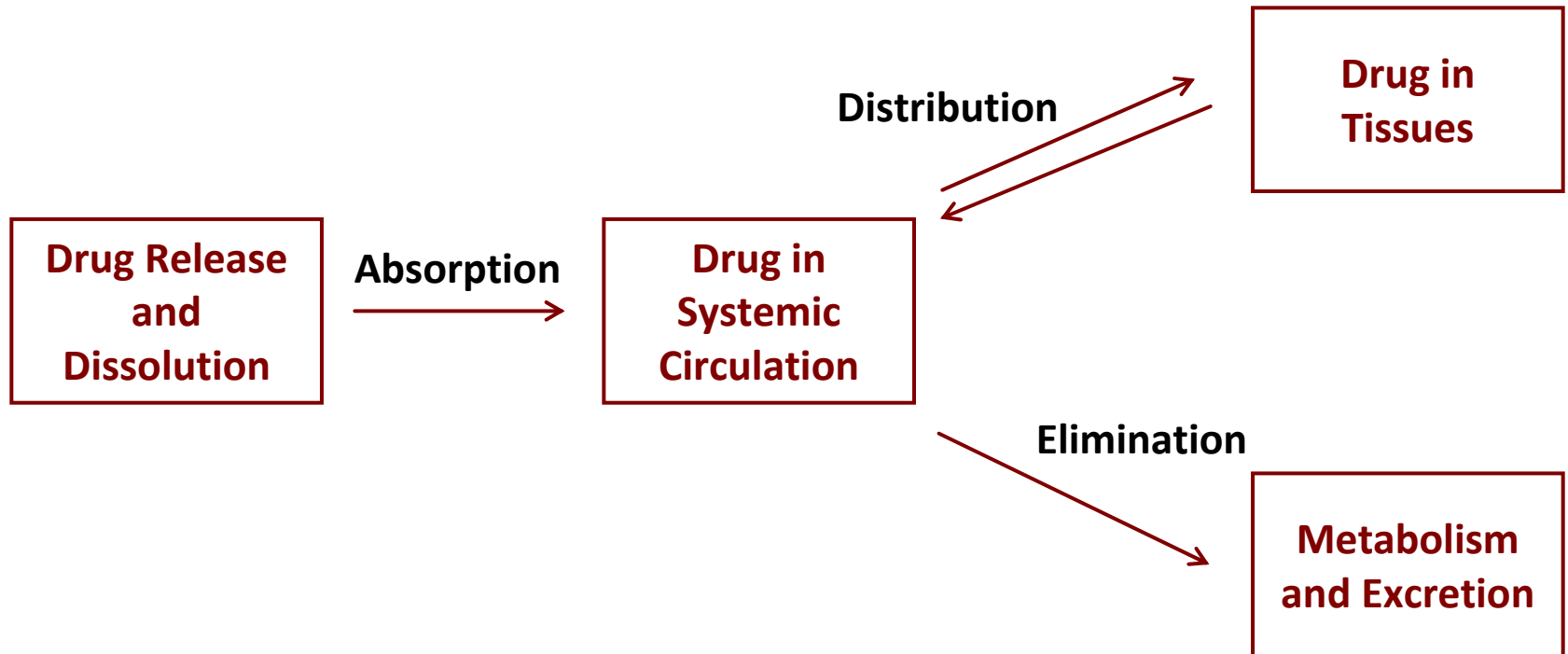


**Pharmacokinetics:** *“What the body does to the drug”*

**Pharmacodynamics:** *“What the drug does to the body”*



# Pharmacokinetic Processes (ADME)

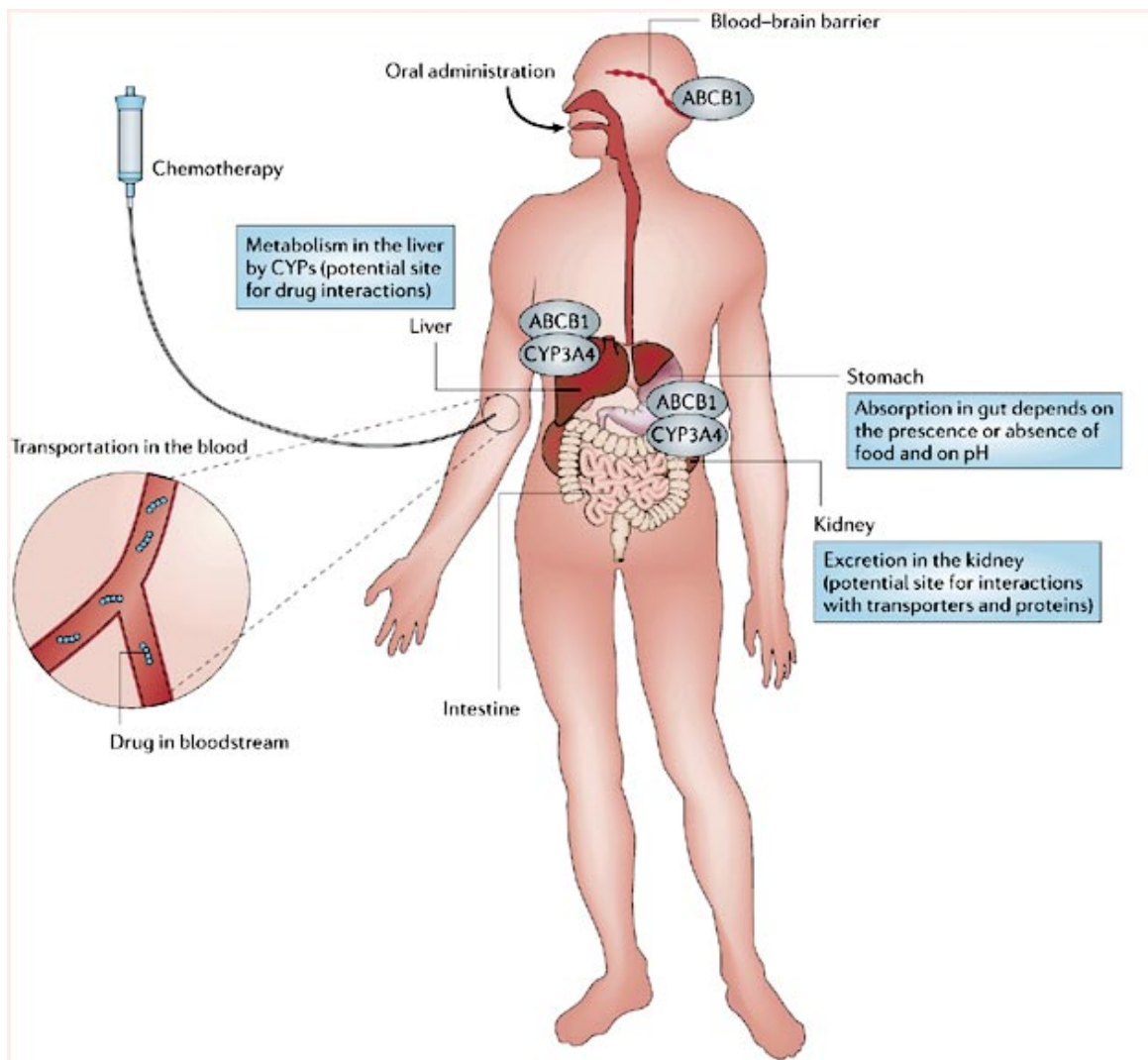


**A**bsorption  
**D**istribution  
**M**etabolism  
**E**xcretion

Elimination Disposition



# Sites of Drug Disposition



## Factors which influence drug clearance:

**1. Metabolism:** Cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes in liver and gut catalyze drug oxidation reactions and contribute to the metabolism of ~75% of marketed drugs.

**2. Transport:** Hepatic uptake and biliary efflux transporters  
Renal uptake and efflux transporters

- Pgp (ABCB1), BCRP, OATPs, OCTs, OATs, MATE

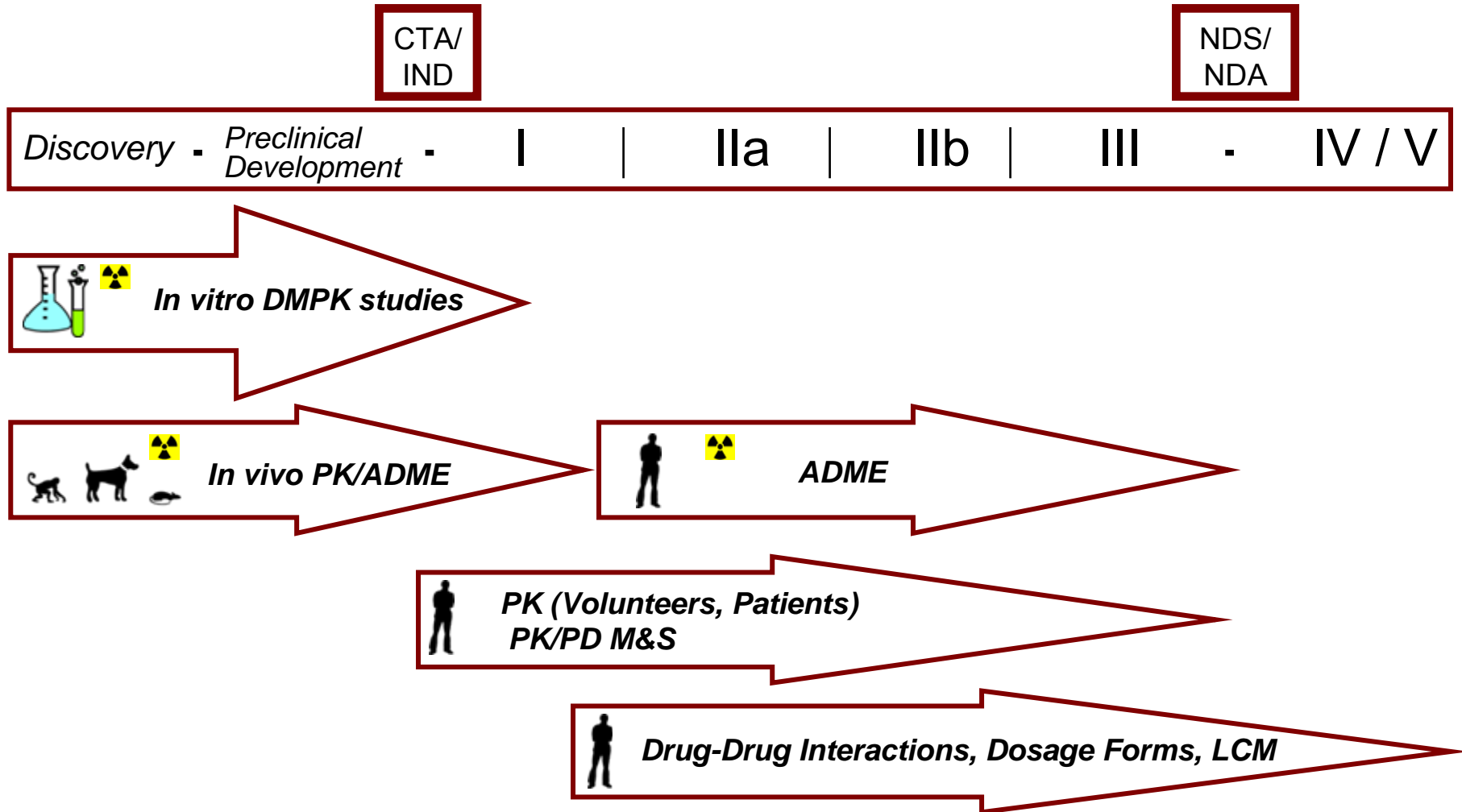


# Role of DMPK in Drug Discovery and Development

- **Understanding the ADME properties of drug candidates will ensure that:**
  - **The human PK of drug candidates will meet the target product profile**
    - Understand exposure/efficacy relationship (PK/PD)
    - Appropriate PK properties to support desired dosing regimen and combination options
  - **There is adequate exposure in safety studies**
    - Good bioavailability and exposure in safety species (rat, dog, monkey)
    - Adequate coverage of human metabolites in safety species
  - **The drug candidate is clinically safe and commercially competitive**
    - Minimal potential for drug-drug interactions
    - Disposition not solely dependent on a polymorphically-expressed enzyme/transporter (e.g. CYP2D6, 2C19, OATP1B1)
    - Minimal potential to form reactive metabolites, which could lead to drug-induced liver injury



# DMPK in Drug Discovery and Development



IND = Investigational New Drug

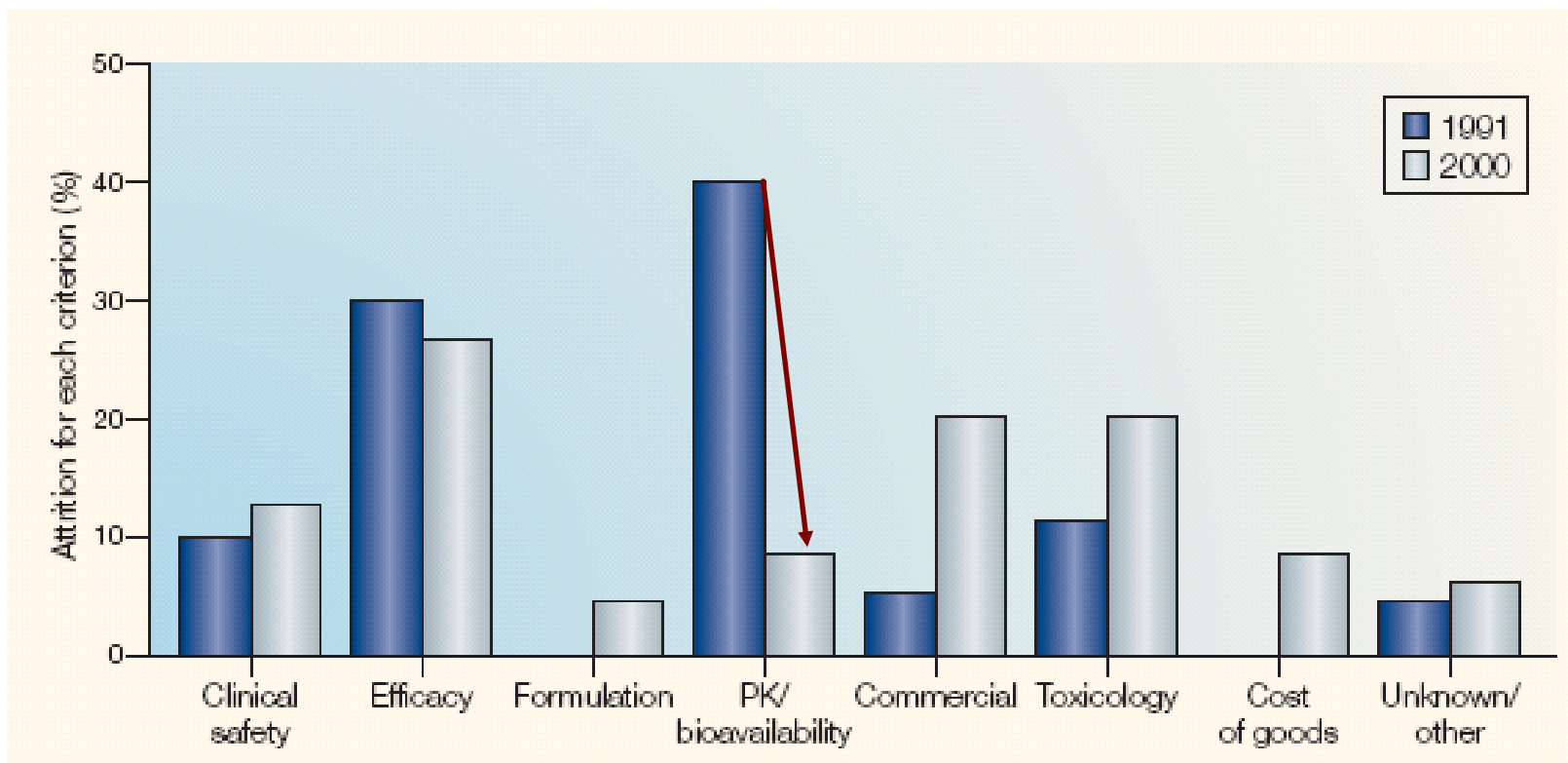
NDA = New Drug Application

PK/PD M&S = Pharmacokinetics / Pharmacodynamics Modeling & Simulation

LCM = Life-cycle management



# Why Potential Drugs Fail...



**Early assessment of ADME properties of lead compounds has greatly lowered drug failure due to poor ADME-PK properties**





# Undesirable DMPK Properties of Marketed Drugs

Drug	Undesirable DMPK Property	Potential Risk for Toxicity	Action
Mibefradil ( <i>Posicor</i> )	Potent CYP3A4 inhibitor	Perpetrator of drug-drug interactions	Market withdrawal
Terfenadine ( <i>Seldane</i> )	Extensively and exclusively metabolized by CYP3A4	Victim of drug-drug interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk of cardiovascular adverse effects upon co-administration with CYP3A4 substrate (<math>\uparrow</math> [Terfenadine]<sub>plasma</sub>)</li> </ul>	Market withdrawal
Celecoxib ( <i>Celebrex</i> )	Metabolized almost exclusively by CYP2C9 (polymorphic)	Risk of cardiovascular adverse effects due to $\uparrow$ [Celecoxib] <sub>plasma</sub> in CYP2C9 poor metabolizers	Black box warning on drug label
Troglitazone ( <i>Rezulin</i> )	Metabolism to reactive intermediate	Hepatotoxicity	Market withdrawal



# DMPK Criteria for an “Ideal” Drug

- Good aqueous solubility (oral absorption / intravenous formulation) and good permeability (lipophilicity)
- Acceptable PK for intended route / frequency of dosing
  - Low clearance
  - Low “first-pass effect” (liver/gut wall), high (oral) bioavailability
- No pharmacologically active metabolites (unless prodrug)
- No human specific metabolites
- Not bioactivated to reactive metabolites
- “Balanced” clearance
  - Renal excretion of intact drug
  - Biliary elimination of intact drug
  - Metabolism to limited number of products and by multiple enzymes
  - Metabolism should not depend largely on polymorphic enzymes
- Minimal CYP induction
- Low propensity to inhibit drug-metabolizing enzymes/transporters

**Drug-Drug  
Interactions**

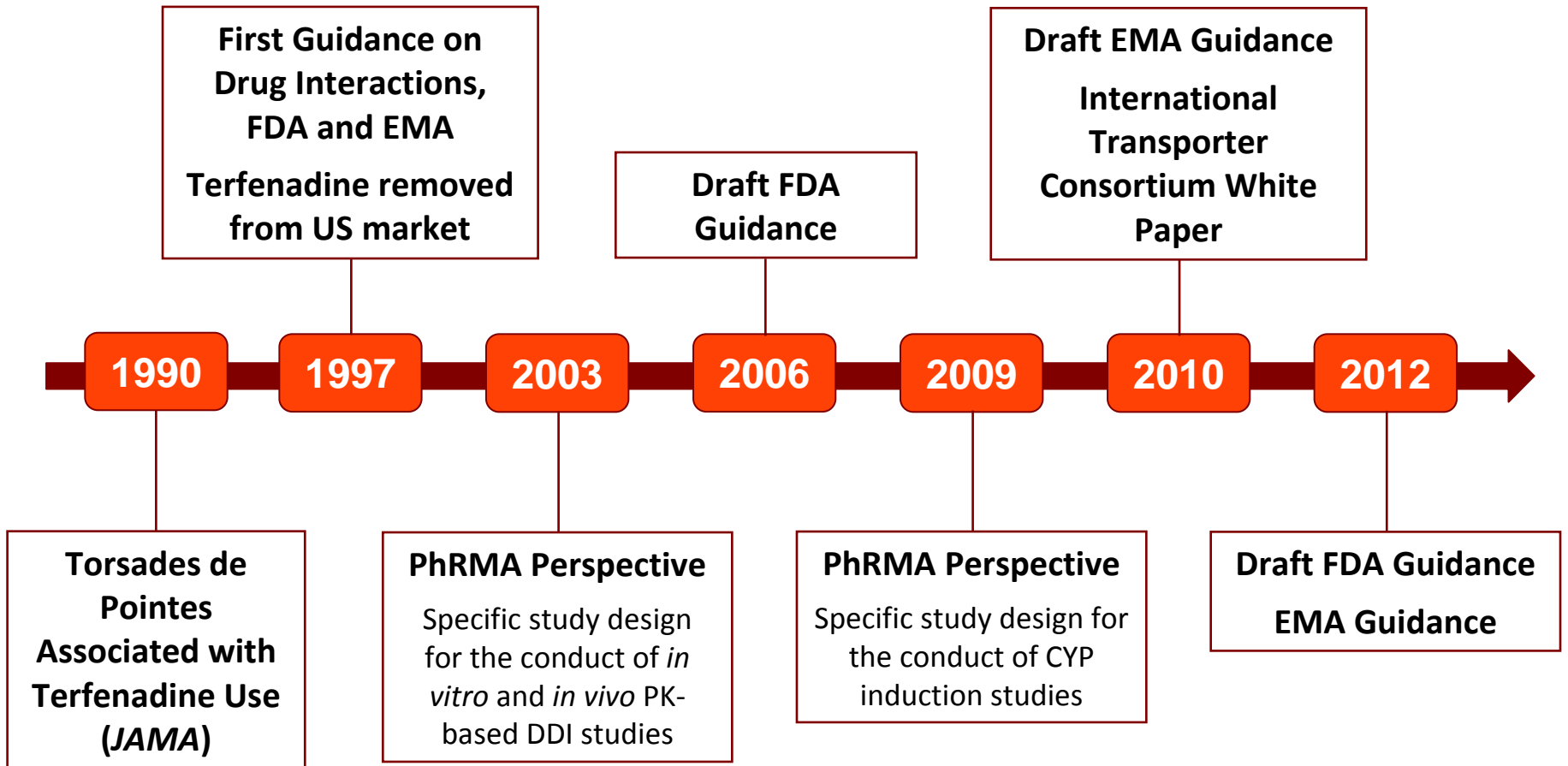


# Drug-Drug Interactions (DDI)

- DDI are one of the primary concerns for co-administered drugs
  - Can lead to decreased efficacy or increase adverse events
- Two categories of DDI: PD-based and **PK-based**
- Types of PK-based DDI:
  - Absorption-driven
  - Excretion-driven: Biliary and renal drug transporters
  - Plasma protein binding (risk is low; may be important for highly bound drugs with narrow therapeutic window)
  - Metabolism-driven:
    - Effect of an investigational drug on other drugs – *Perpetrator*
    - Effect of other drugs on an investigational drug – *Victim*
    - Many mechanisms: CYP inhibition (reversible or irreversible), CYP induction



# Evolution of Guidance for Industry on DDI



# New DDI Guidance Documents 2012

## Guidance for Industry

### Drug Interaction Studies — Study Design, Data Analysis, Implications for Dosing, and Labeling Recommendations

**DRAFT GUIDANCE**

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## Guideline on the Investigation of Drug Interactions

Final

Discussion in the Efficacy Working Party (EWP)	June/October 1996 February 1997
Transmission to the CPMP	March 1997
Transmission to interested parties	March 1997
Deadline for comments	September 1997
Re-submission to the EWP	December 1997
Approval by the CPMP	December 1997
Date for coming into operation	June 1998
Draft Rev. 1 Agreed by the EWP	April 2010
Adoption Rev. 1 by CHMP for release for consultation	22 April 2010
End of consultation Rev. 1 (deadline for comments)	31 October 2010
Agreed by Pharmacokinetics Working Party	February 2012
Adopted by CHMP	21 June 2012
Date for coming into effect	1 January 2013

Guideline replaces guideline CPMP/EWP/560/95.

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# New DDI Guidance Documents 2012

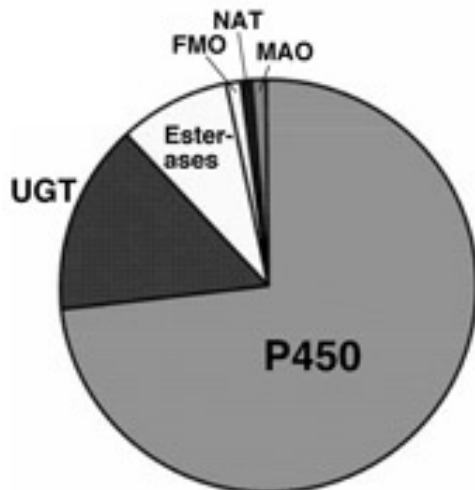
- Significant advances have been made in our understanding of the mechanisms underlying clinically relevant DDIs since the introduction of the first guidance document in 1997:
  - More CYP isoforms for CYP inhibition and induction
  - Inclusion of UGT-mediated DDI
  - Data-driven consideration of less common drug-metabolizing enzymes
  - Transporter-mediated DDI (substrate and inhibition)
  - DDI mediated by metabolites
  - Additional guidance for *in vitro* assay data interpretation (basic and mechanistic models) and decision trees to trigger *in vivo* evaluation
  - Role of dynamic PBPK modeling and simulation

**Focus on general strategies and study design for *in vitro* studies**

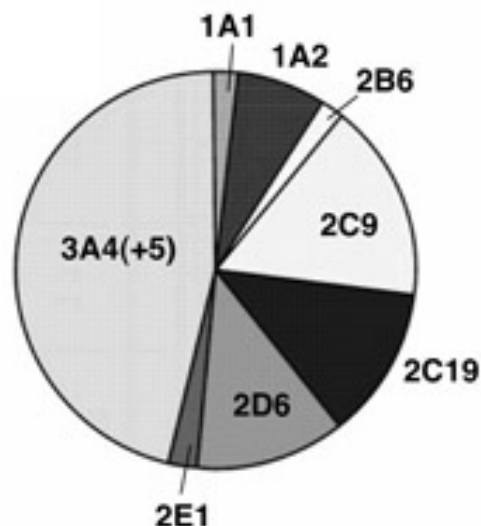


# Drug-Metabolizing Enzymes

Fraction of drug reactions catalyzed by various human enzymes:



Fraction of P450-mediated drug oxidations catalyzed by individual P450s:



## FDA Draft Guidance:

- CYPs for phenotyping and inhibition studies: 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4
- UGTs for phenotyping: 1A1, 1A3, 1A4, 1A6, 1A9, 2B7, 2B15
- Consider less common enzymes for phenotyping (FMO, MAO, AO, ADH, XO, SULT)

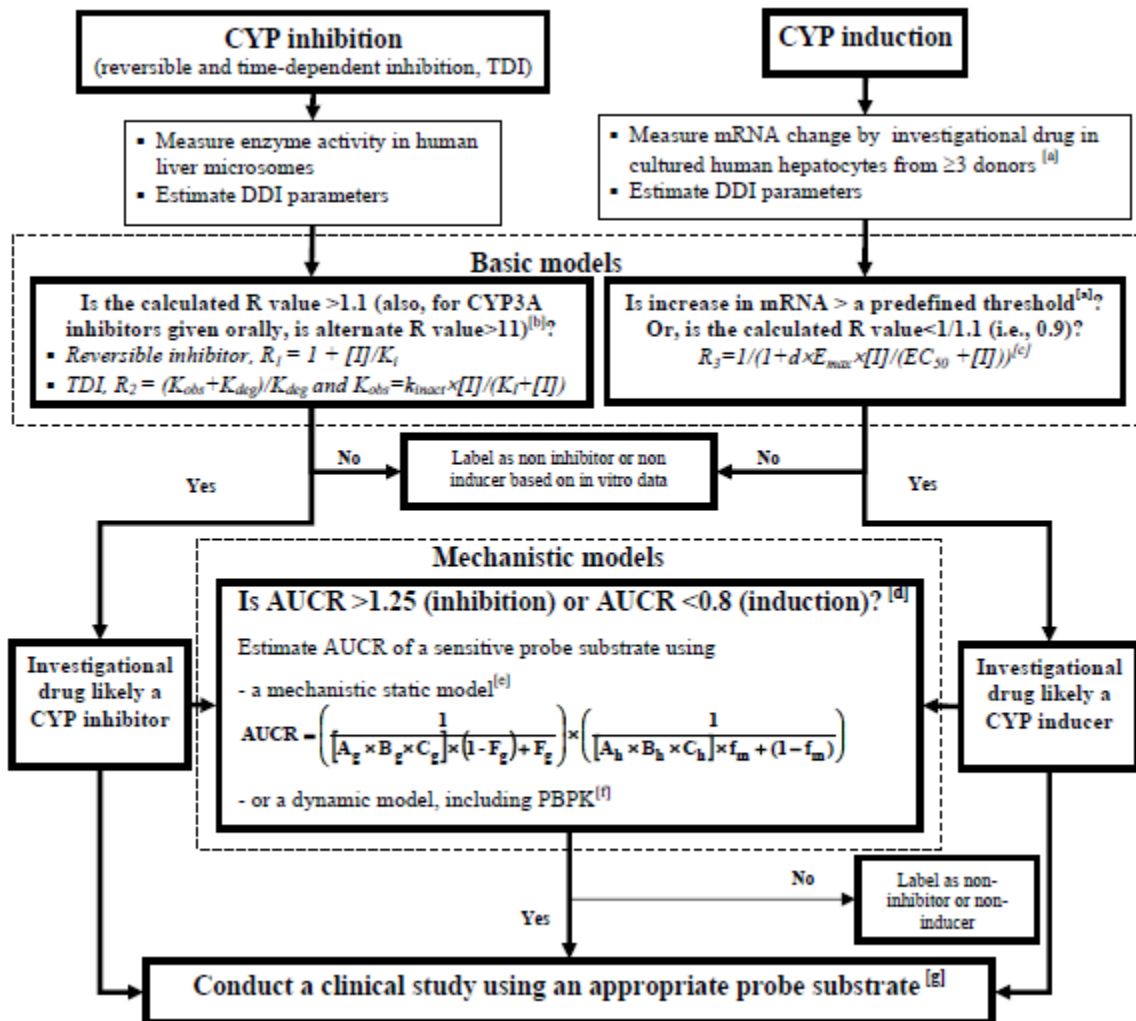
UGT2B10 missing (high affinity N-glucuronidation)

## EMA Guidance:

- CYP inhibition: 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4
- CYP and non-CYP enzymes for phenotyping
- Consider UGT1A1 and UGT2B7 inhibition for compounds eliminated by glucuronidation



# CYP Inhibition and Induction: FDA Decision Tree



## Basic Models

- Simple and practical
- Conservative
- Estimation of R value

## Mechanistic Static Models

- Incorporates drug disposition and drug interaction mechanisms

## PBPK Models

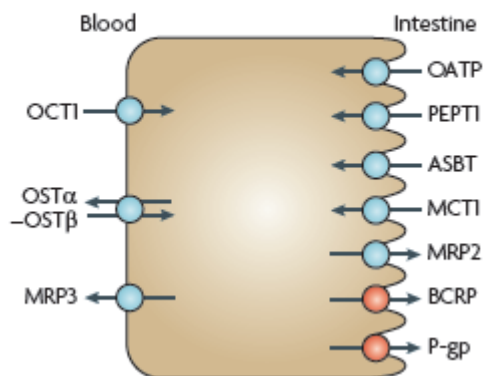
- System- and drug-dependent parameters
- Dynamic



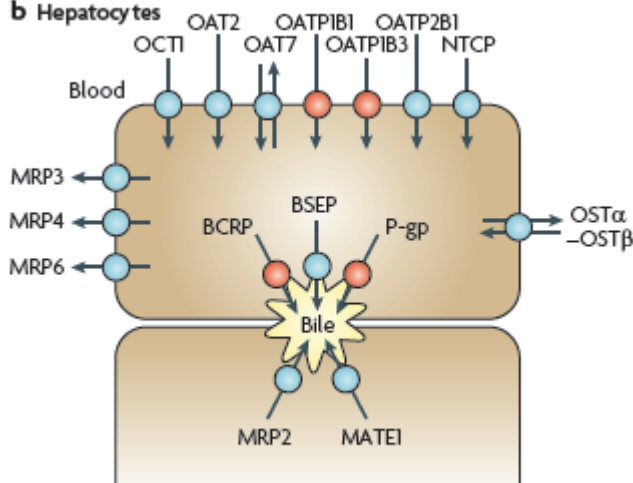


# Drug Transporters

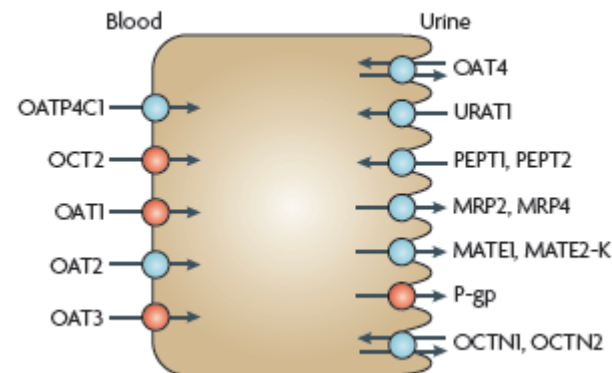
**a Intestinal epithelia**



**b Hepatocytes**



**c Kidney proximal tubules**



Transporter Study	Draft FDA Guidance	EMA Guidance
Substrate ID	Pgp, BCRP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, OAT1, OAT3, OCT2	OATPs and any relevant intestinal, biliary, renal transporter
Inhibition	Pgp, BCRP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, OAT1, OAT3, OCT2	Pgp, BCRP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, OAT1, OAT3, OCT2 Also consider OCT1, MATE1, MATE2, BSEP



# Clinically Relevant Transporter-Mediated DDI

Transporter	Tissue/ Function	Interacting Drug	Affected Drug	Clinical Impact
Pgp	Intestine, kidney, liver/Efflux	Quinidine	Digoxin	CL <sub>r</sub> ↓34-48%
		Drondarone	Digoxin	AUC↑157%, C <sub>max</sub> ↑75%
BCRP	Intestine, kidney, liver/Efflux	GF120918	Topotecan	AUC↑143%
OATP1B1	Liver/Uptake	Cyclosporine	Pravastatin	AUC↑890%, C <sub>max</sub> ↑678%
OATP1B3	Liver/Uptake	Cyclosporine	Rosuvastatin	AUC↑610%
OAT1	Kidney/Uptake	Probenecid	Acyclovir	AUC↑40%, CL <sub>r</sub> ↓32%
OAT1/OAT3*	Kidney/Uptake	Probenecid	Furosemide	CL <sub>r</sub> ↓66%
OCT2/MATE*	Kidney/Uptake/ Efflux	Cimetidine	Metformin	AUC↑50%, CL <sub>r</sub> ↓27%

\*It is not possible to definitively assign specific transporters to these interactions.

The International Transporter Consortium (2010) *Nat Rev Drug Disc* 9: 215-236.

18 Draft FDA Guidance for Industry. Drug Interaction Studies - Study Design, Data Analysis, Implications for Dosing, and Labeling Recommendations. February 2012.



# Other Topics Covered in Guidance Documents

Draft FDA Guidance	EMA Guidance
Drug Interactions of Therapeutic Proteins	
Design of <i>In vivo</i> DDI Studies	Design of <i>In vivo</i> DDI Studies
Strategy for PBPK modeling and simulation and population PK	Strategy for PBPK modeling and simulation and population PK
	Herbal medicinal products and food effects
	Plasma protein binding interactions
	Guidelines for <i>in vivo</i> mass balance studies
Labeling Recommendations	Labeling Recommendations



# Conclusions

- Significant advances have been since the introduction of the first DDI guidance document in 1997
- Today, clinically-relevant PK-based DDIs can be predicted from a limited number of well designed mechanistic *in vitro* studies using human enzymes and transporters
  - Due to marked species differences, *in vivo* studies in preclinical species cannot be extrapolated to humans
  - CYP-mediated metabolic interactions are relatively well understood
  - *In vitro-in vivo* extrapolation for drug transporter-mediated interactions is expected to continue to evolve
- Evaluation of the potential for DDI should be done early in discovery



