



# In Silico Screening of Primary Clearance Mechanisms

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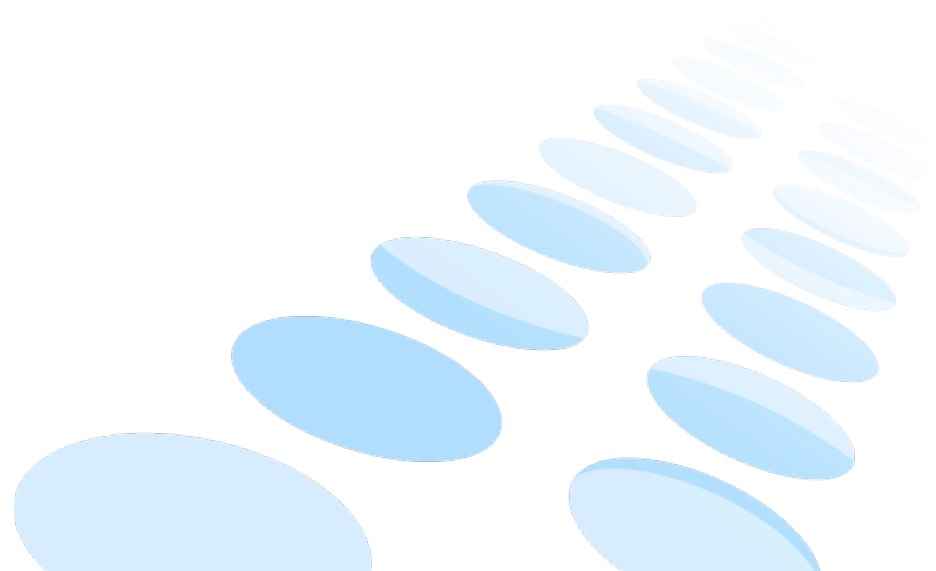
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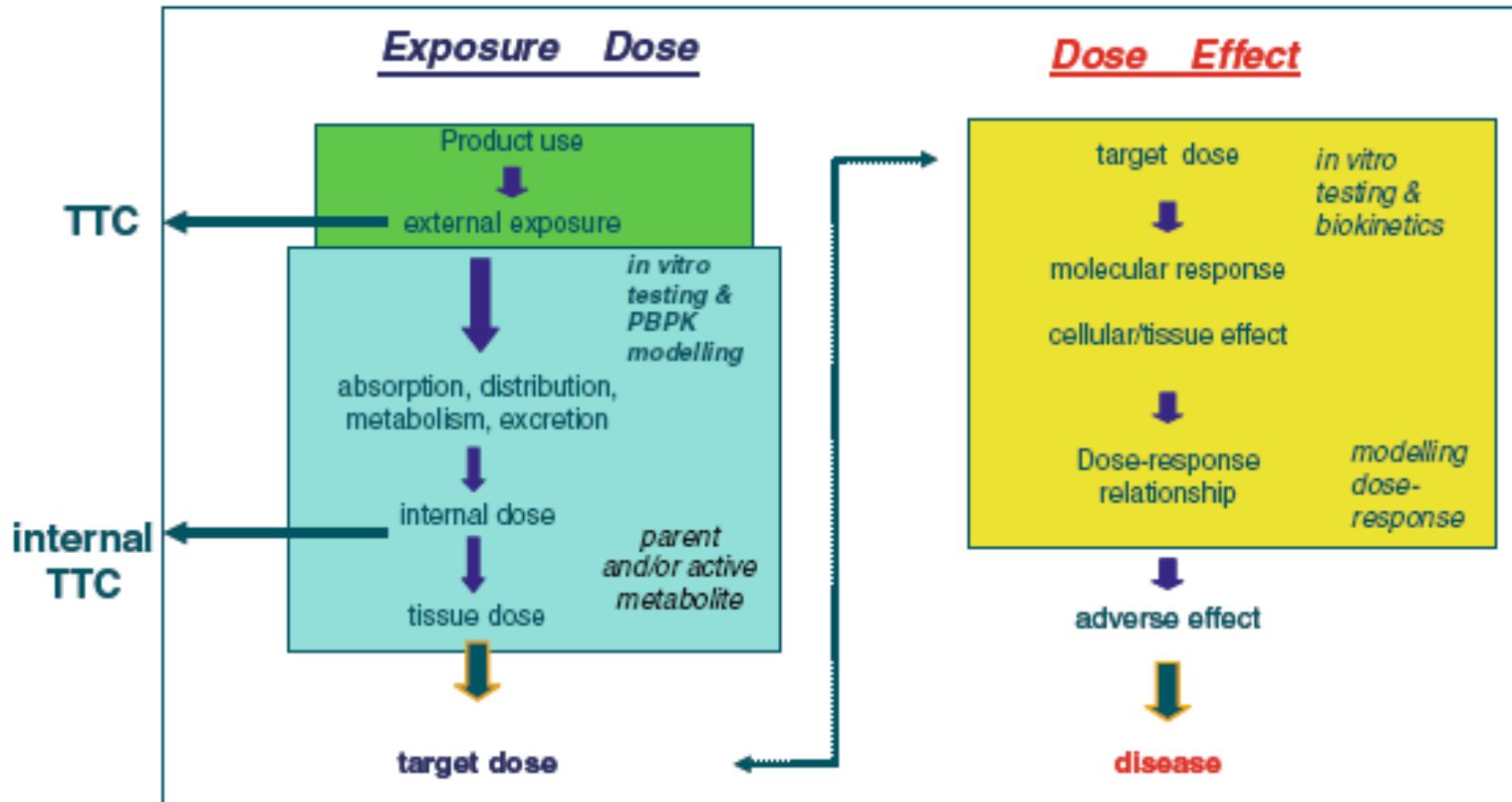
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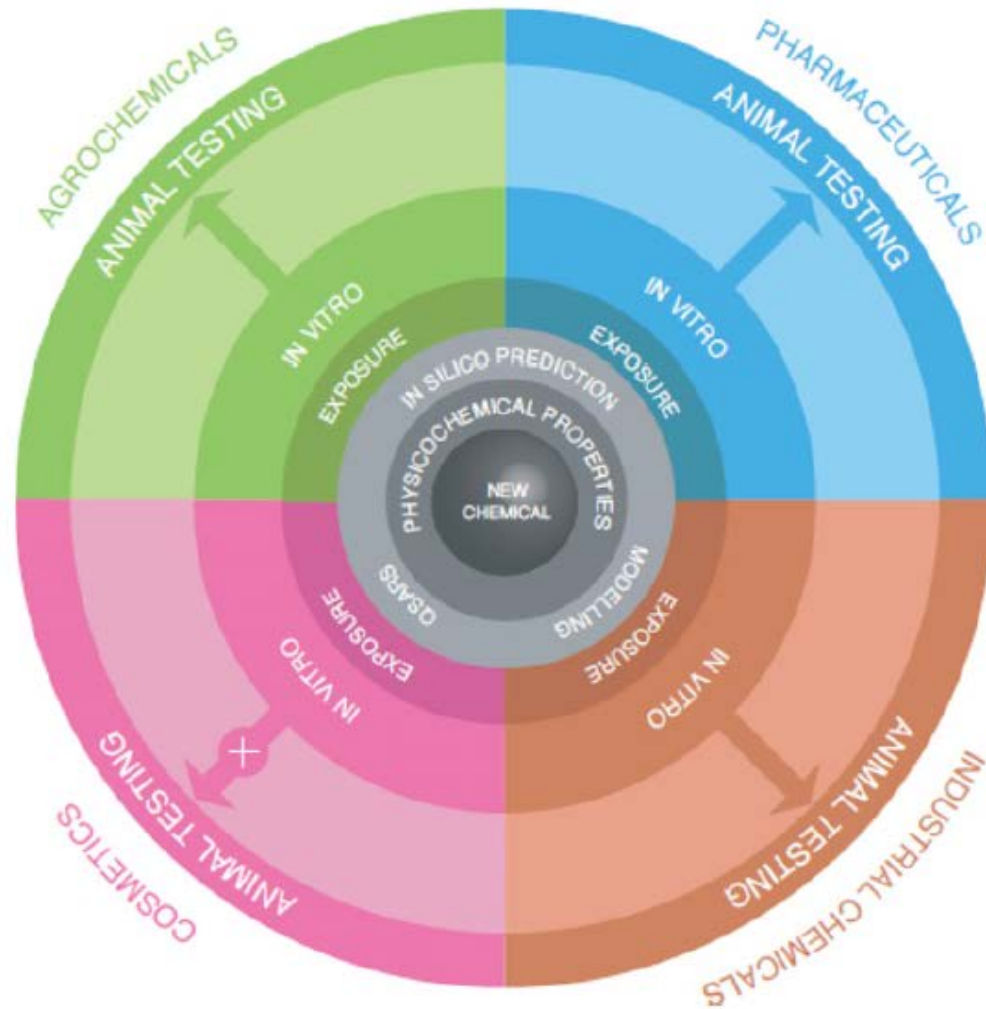
# Vision: From Exposure to Effect

## Animal-Free Assessment Approach



**Toxicokinetic understanding is a critical information need to help facilitate the extrapolation of silico and in vitro hazard data into a quantitative risk assessment**

# Alternative Approaches in Safety Testing



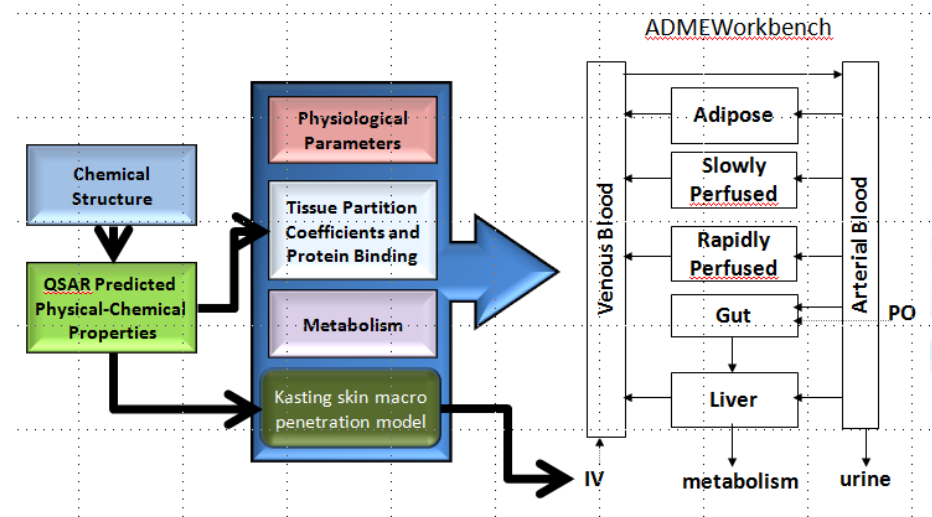
# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Toxicity Testing exposure toolbox

- Deliver more precision and quantification of uncertainty
- Allow to better use historical data for read-across
- Provide capability to base safety assessment on internal concentration and in vitro toxicity data

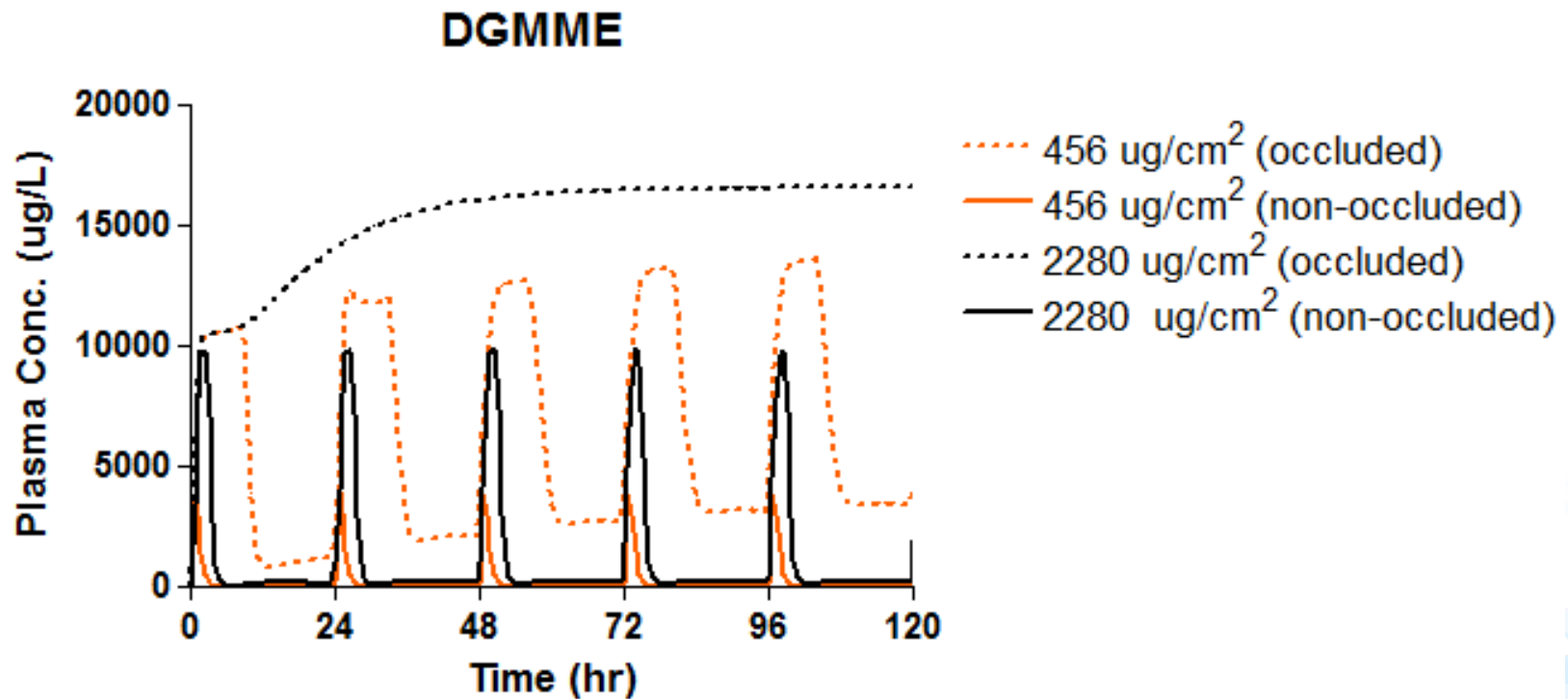
## And the above translates to:

Reliable internal exposure estimation following realistic exposure scenarios:

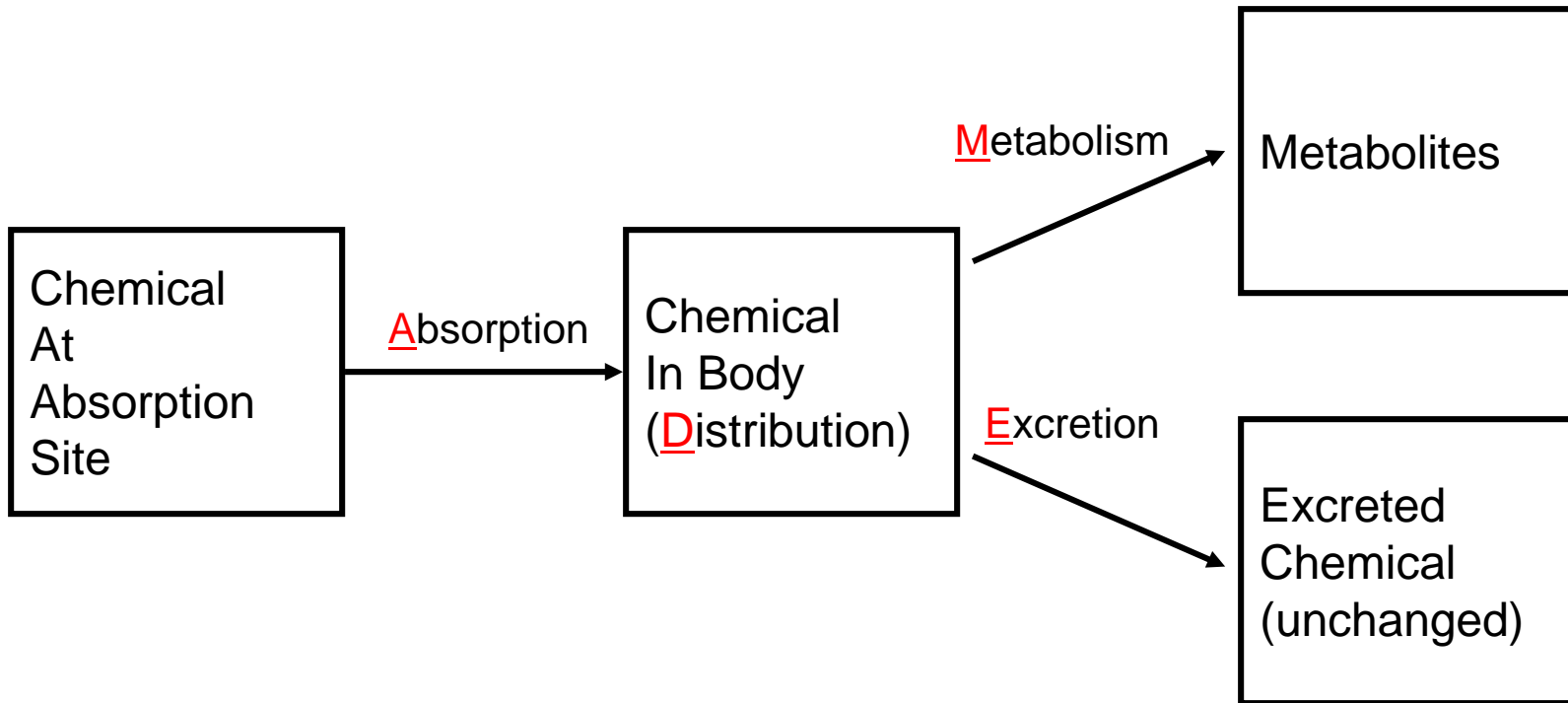
Forward dosimetry prediction to obtain relevant dose metrics for quantitative risk assessment and regulatory acceptance



# *Model-predicted human plasma conc-time data (occluded vs non-occluded)*



# Absorption and Disposition Basics

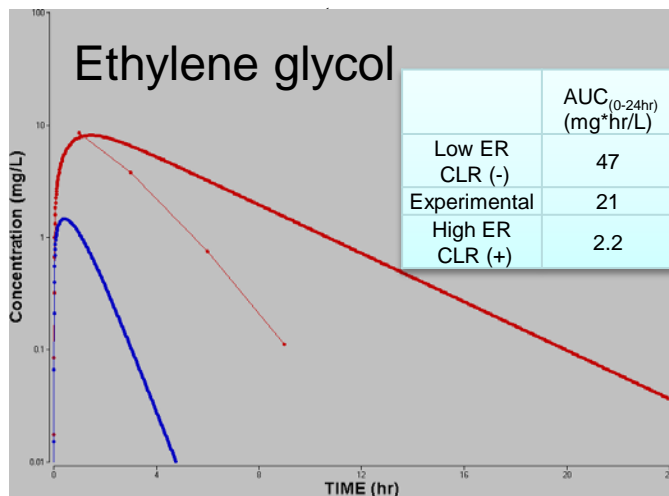


A priori identification of primary elimination pathways will provide an initial guide for the selection of methods/approaches for characterizing elimination pathways to drive efficiency in building PK dosimetry models

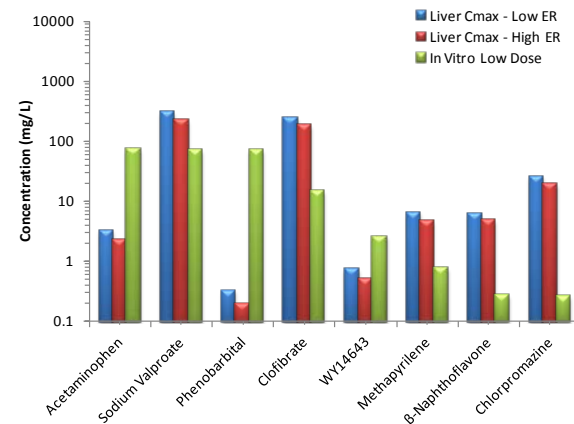
# Research in Applying PBPK Models to Risk Assessment...

In the absence ADME data, a generic PBPK modeling approach has been developed using a mechanistic tissue distribution model and bracketing conservative assumptions of chemical elimination

## *In vivo predictions – oral*



## *in vitro to in vivo dose extrapolation*

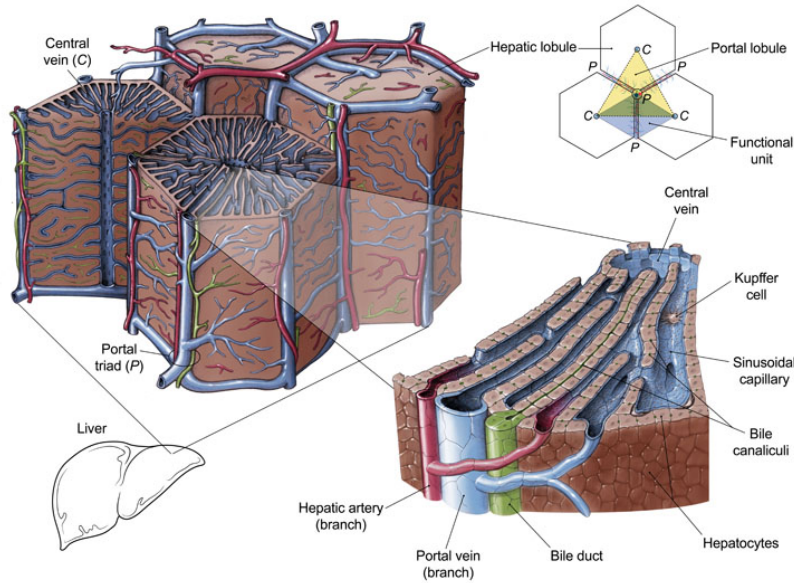


Goal is to enable routine extrapolation (IVIVE, oral rat to dermal human), support read-across assessments, improve risk decision-making

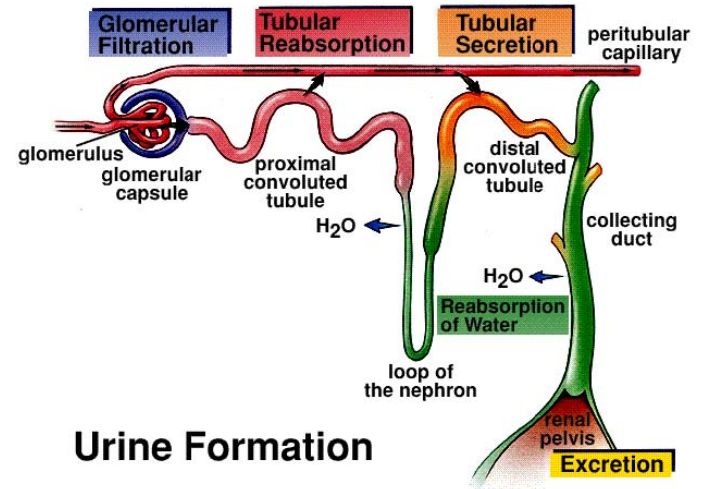
A highly versatile PBPK simulation tool has been developed for routine use



# Liver Lobule

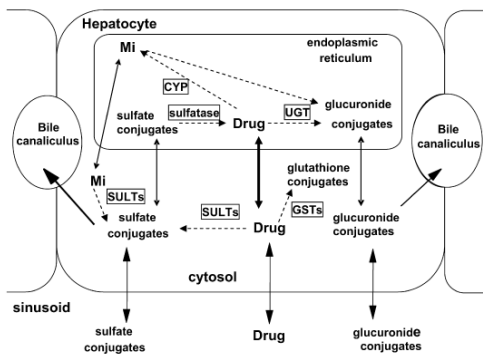


# Nephron

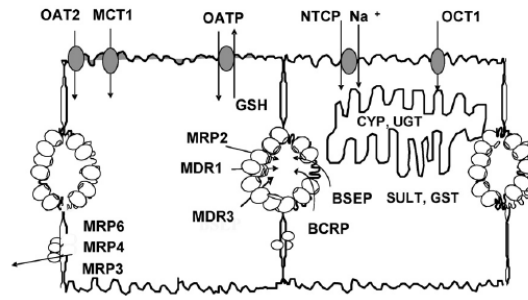


Urine Formation

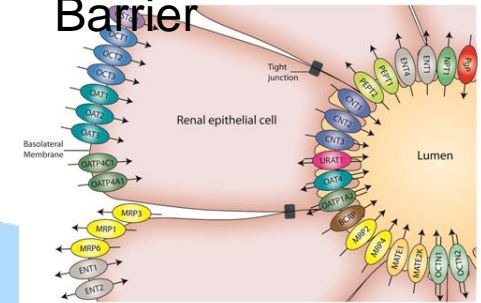
## Hepatic Metabolism



## Hepatic Uptake/Efflux



## Transporters in the Human Renal Barrier



# Publications

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PERSPECTIVE

## Predicting Clearance Mechanism in Drug Discovery: Extended Clearance Classification System (ECCS)

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## Clearance Mechanism Assignment and Total Clearance Prediction in Human Based upon in Silico Models

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REVIEW

## Hepatic drug transporters: the journey so far

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**QSAR**

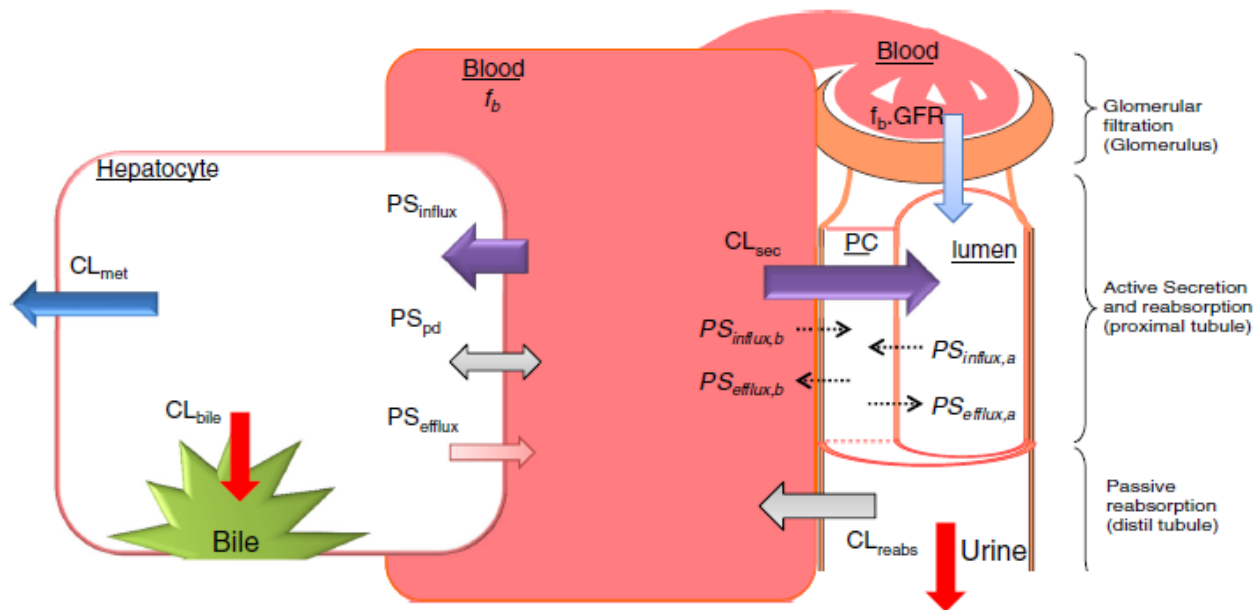
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## Hepatic clearance

$$CL_{int,h} = \frac{(PS_{influx} + PS_{pd}) \cdot CL_{met+bile}}{(PS_{efflux} + PS_{pd} + CL_{met+bile})}$$

### Rapid-equilibrium

if,  $CL_{met+bile} \ll PS_{pd}$  &  
 $PS_{influx}$  and  $PS_{efflux} \ll PS_{pd}$

$$CL_{int,h} = CL_{met+bile}$$

Metabolism+biliary CL are  
rate-determining steps

### Uptake-determined

if,  $CL_{met+bile} \gg PS_{pd} +$   
 $PS_{efflux}$

$$CL_{int,h} = (PS_{active} + PS_{passive})$$

Hepatic uptake is the rate-  
determining step

## Renal clearance

$$CL_{renal} = (f_b \cdot GFR + CL_{sec}) \cdot (1 - F_{reabs})$$

### Low passive permeable

if,  $F_{reabs} = 0$

$$CL_{renal} = (f_b \cdot GFR + CL_{sec})$$

Renal CL is likely  
predominant mechanism

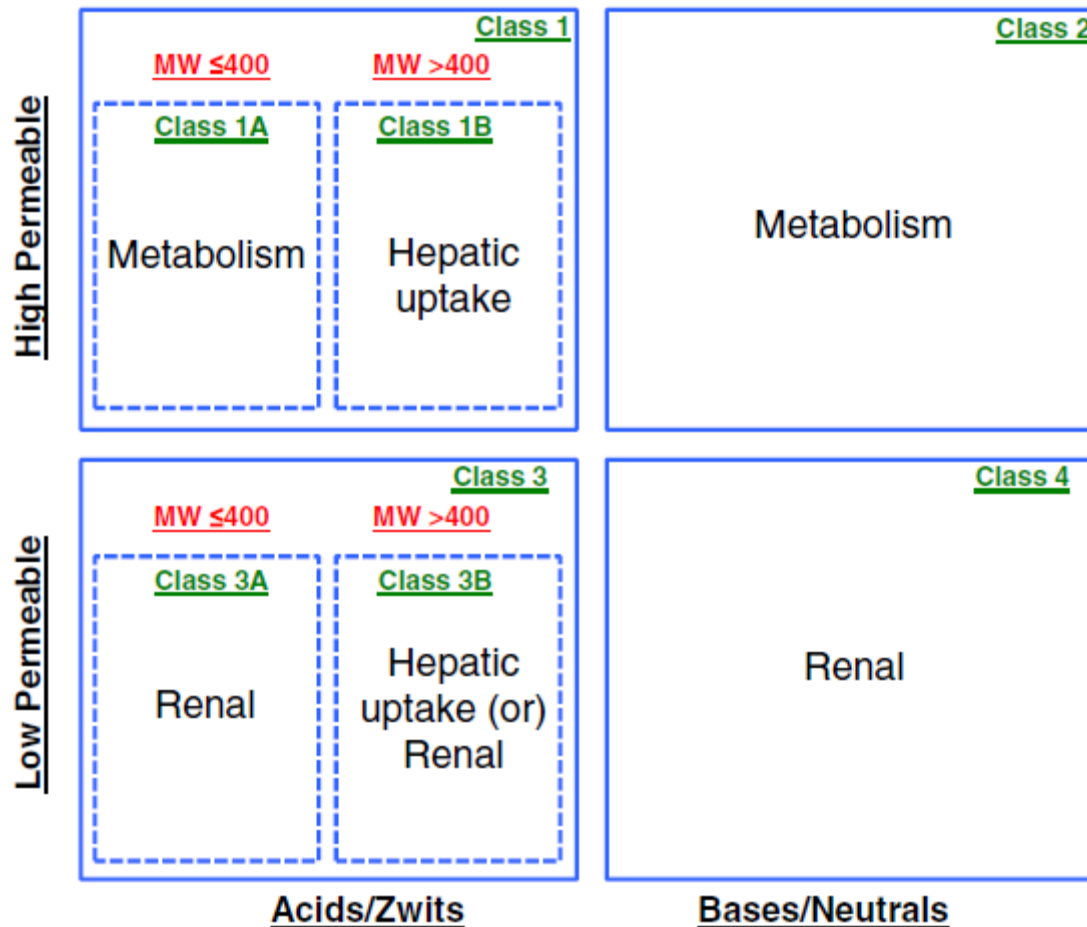
### High passive permeable

if,  $F_{reabs} = 1$

$$CL_{renal} = 0$$

No renal CL expected

# Extended Clearance Classification System Framework

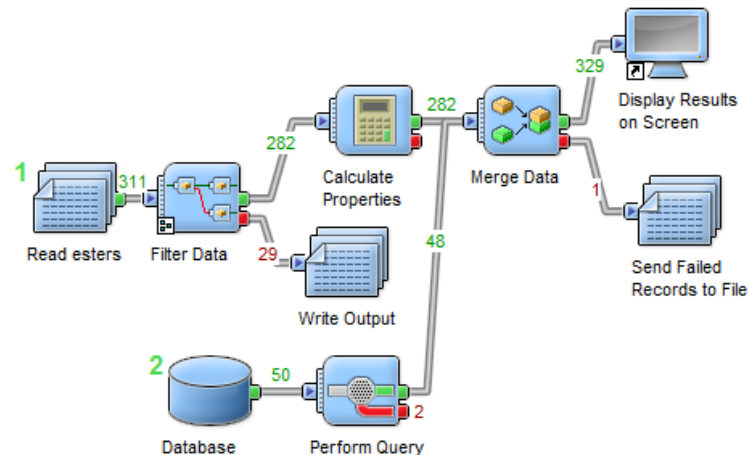


# Pipeline Pilot

Scientific workflow software for automating data processing, analysis and reporting by Biovia Inc.

Uses data pipelining - data flow through pipes and are processed through a branched network of steps (components).

Protocol = a program consisting of components connected by pipes where each component performs a specific function

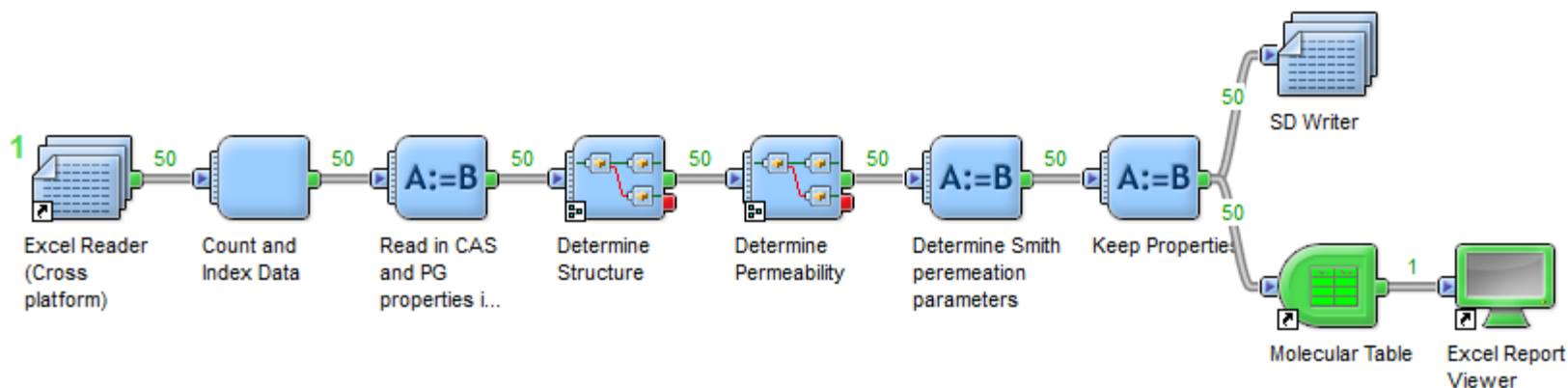


# Permeability Protocol

Determine structures from CAS (read structure from internal DB) or from SMILES

Calculate passive permeability using two models from ACD  
Across Caco-2 cell monolayers  
Across jejunum epithelium

Use LogD and Polarizability to determine role of transporter mediated versus passive diffusion across cellular membranes



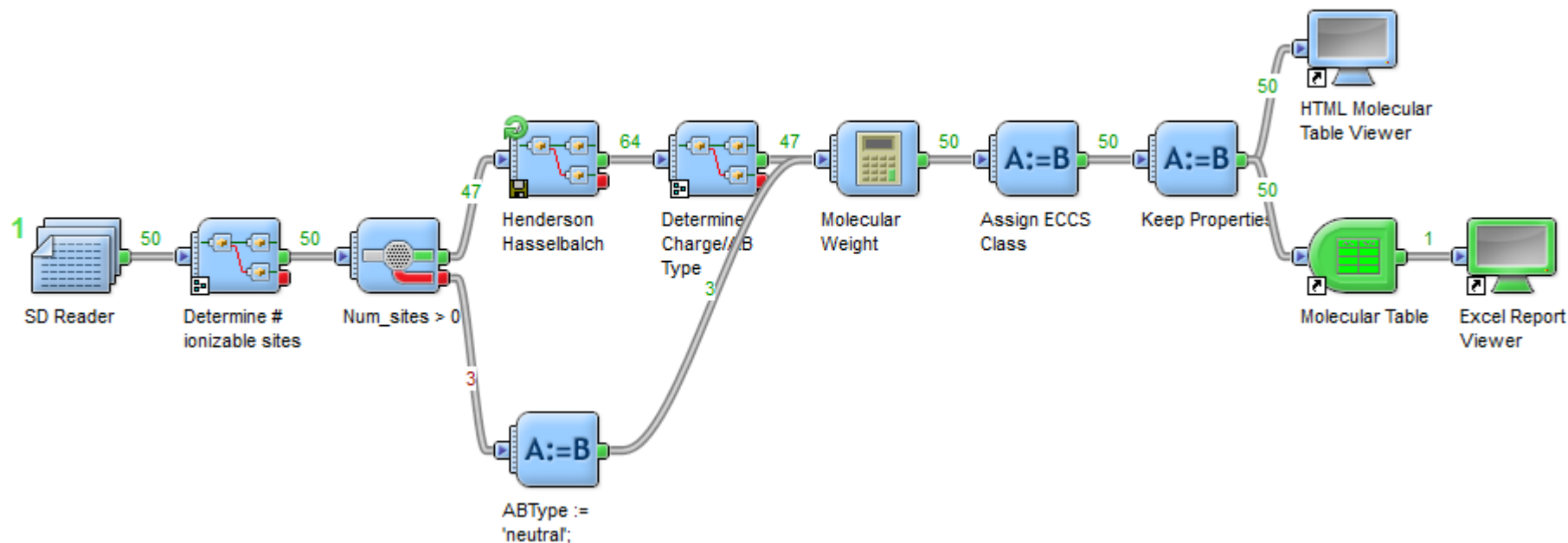
# ECSS Protocol

Identify ionizable groups in molecules – identify as acids/bases

Calculate populations of ionized species in solution as a function of pH (Henderson-Hasselbalch equation)

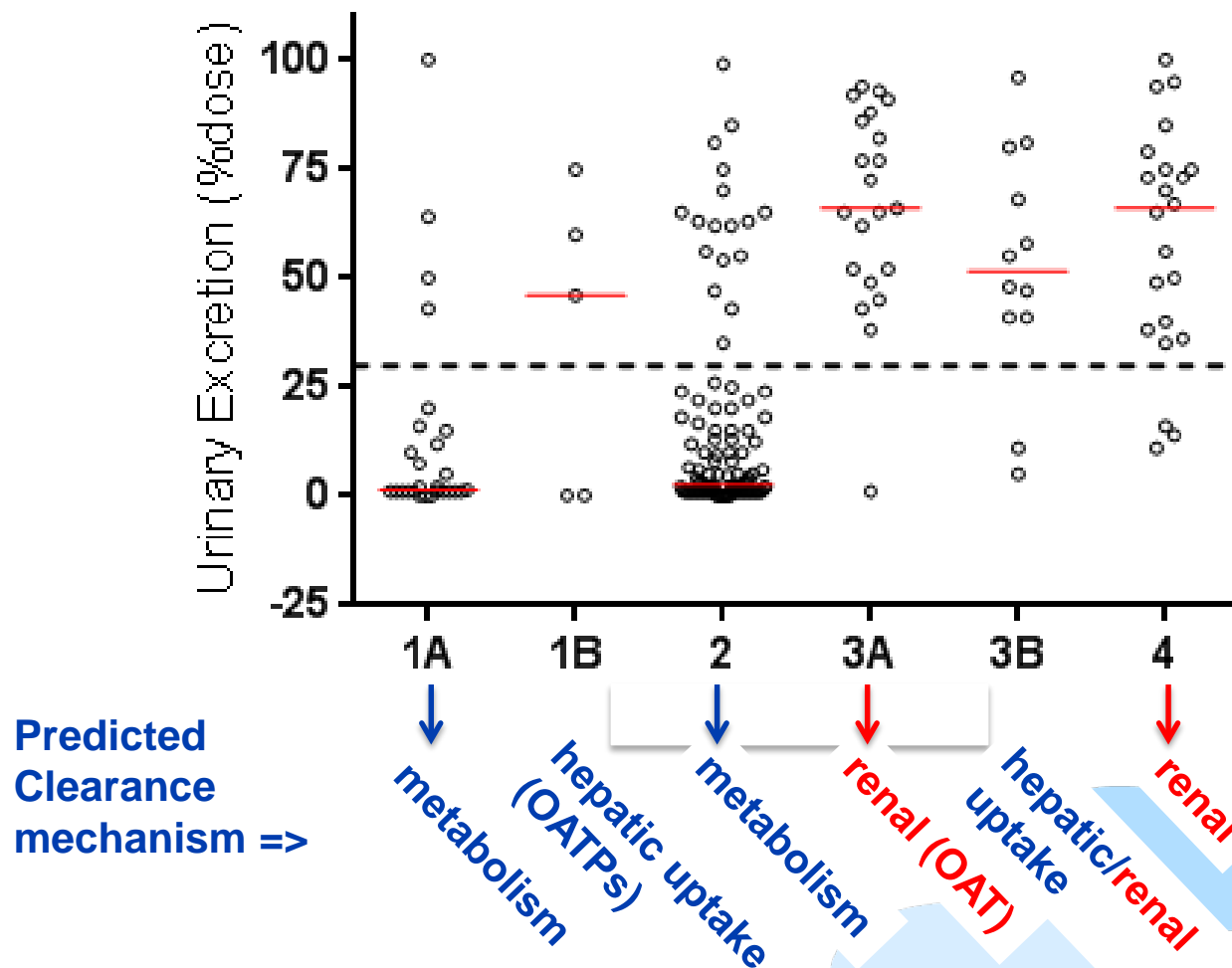
Calculate MW

Assign ECSS class based on permeability (input), ionization states (acid/zwitterion; base/neutral)



# Comparison of Measured Urinary Excretion and Predicted Clearance Mechanism for 200 drugs

(Magna et al, 2003, QSAR Comb. Chem.)





# Implementation of QSAR-derived PBPK model at P&G

## Model Inputs

Chemical Structure



QSAR-derived chemical-specific data

### Exposure:

- Applied dose, duration
- Exposure scenario
- Application conditions

### Elimination:

Conservative Assumptions

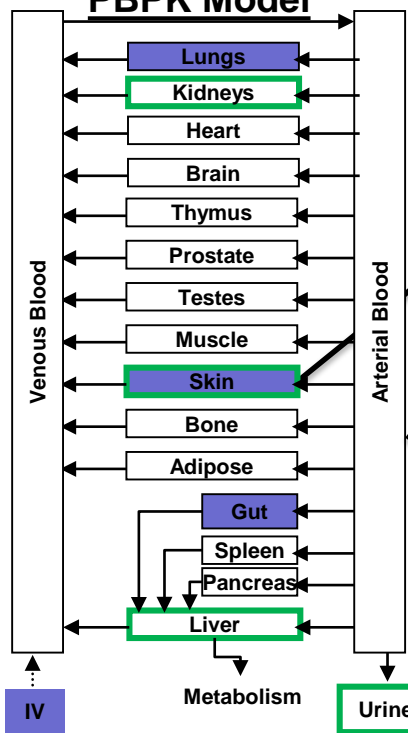
Clearance Mechanism Prediction

Rapid Lab Methods

Portals of chemical entry

Elimination pathways

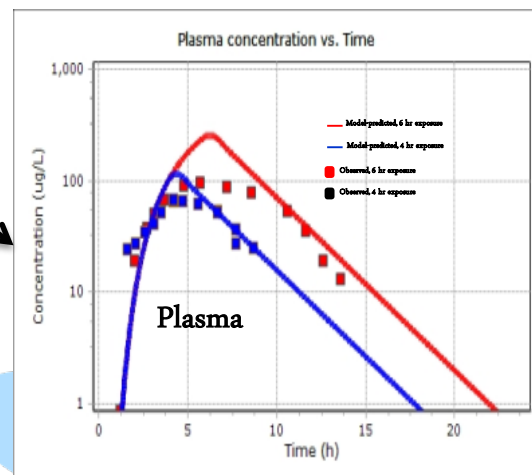
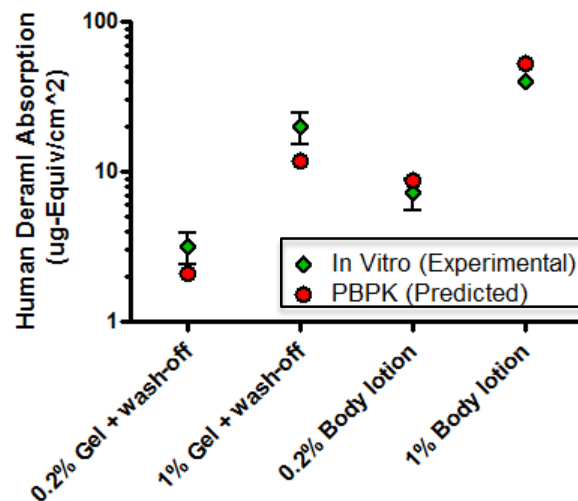
## Multi-route, species- gender- and age- specific PBPK Model



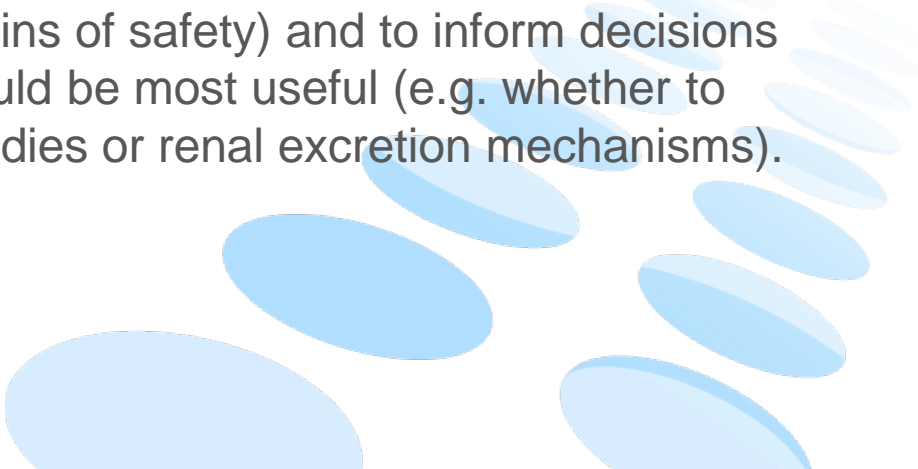
In vitro human skin pen

Model Simulations

In vivo human dermal study



# Summary and Conclusions

- Understanding ADME processes lead to a more complete use of biological and toxicological data to support in vitro to in vivo extrapolation of dose-response information in human health risk assessments.
  - We have outlined a framework for rapid parameterization of a screening level dermal PBPK model based solely on in silico QSAR-derived chemical inputs that include a provisional model for a priori prediction of primary clearance mechanisms.
  - It is anticipated that this screening level information can be used to assess the need for additional data generation when greater accuracy is required (based on projected worst case margins of safety) and to inform decisions on which types of measured data would be most useful (e.g. whether to further pursue in vitro metabolism studies or renal excretion mechanisms).
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**Thank you for your attention!**

