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Pursuing the holy grail of predicting and verifying tissue drug concentrations: A proteomics and PET imaging approach

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Failure Rate and Reasons for Failure in Drug Development

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b Cumulative success rate Phase I to launch Percentage likelihood of moving from Phase I to launch



Smietana et al., Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 15, 379–380 (2016)



Harrison, Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 15, 817–818 (2016)



One Possible Reason for Lack of Drug Efficacy & Safety

- Unable to measure or predict tissue conc. of drugs
- Unbound plasma conc. ≠ unbound tissue conc. if transporters are involved, i.e. asymmetry between blood and tissue drug conc. (e.g. liver:blood due to OATPs)

Asymmetry In Brain:Blood Drug Conc. Due to Blood-Brain Barrier Efflux Transporters





Eyal, Hsiao & Unadkat Pharmacol. Ther., 2009

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P-gp at the Rat BBB Results in Asymmetry in Brain:Blood Conc. of Verapamil (P-gp substrate)



Hsiao et al J Pharmacol Exp Ther. 2006

Asymmetry in Drug Conc. at the Human Brain:Blood Barrier: P-gp Efflux of ¹¹C-Verapamil











Asymmetry in Hepatic:Blood Conc. of ¹¹C-Rosuvastatin in the Rat



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Biodistribution of ¹¹C-rosuvastatin in humans





Billington et al., In progress

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How Can we Predict Tissue Drug Conc. in Humans?

- PET imaging (MRI and other imaging modalities do not have the required sensitivity):
 - Requires sophisticated equipment and radiochemistry
 - Costly (about \$20-40K/experiment/subject)
- Therefore we need alternative methods that will allow us to predict tissue conc. of drugs in humans

APPLICATION OF PROTEOMICS DATA TO PREDICT PK AND TISSUE CONC. OF DRUGS

Hypothesis: Predict transporter-mediated in-vivo CL and tissue concentration of drugs in humans from invitro studies



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ADP + P





Rat Hepatic Rosuvastatin Conc. well Predicted





Ishida et al., DMD 2018 ¹⁸

Can Rosuvastatin Hepatobiliary CL and Hepatic Conc. be Predicted in Humans?



Total transporter abundance in suspended (SH), plated (PH), sandwich-cultured (SCH) hepatocytes and liver tissue

Kumar et al., Unpublished data

Data removed as not published



Plasma membrane transporter abundance in suspended (SH), plated (PH), sandwich-cultured (SCH) hepatocytes cf liver tissue

Kumar et al., Unpublished data

Data removed as not published

Transporter-expressing cells better predict in-vivo (IV) humaner rosuvastatin hepatic uptake clearance than hepatocytes

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 $CL_{h} = \frac{Q_{h} \cdot f_{u} \cdot CL_{s,uptake}}{Q_{h} + f_{u} \cdot CL_{s,uptake}}$

ADP + Pi

*Assuming sinusoidal uptake is the rate determining step in RSV plasma CL

Patilea-Vrana G and Unadkat JD, *Clin Pharmacol Ther*, 2016

RSV uptake CL scaled on the basis of hepatocellularity *(Classical method)

*88 mg protein/g human liver

Martin et al., Clin Ther. 2003 Oct;25(10):2553-63.

Karlgren et al., J Med Chem. 2012 May 24;55(10):4740-63.

Metformin renal clearance is reasonably well-predicted using OCT2 expressing cells





Kumar et al., DMD 2018

Summary



- Predicting tissue concentration and therefore efficacy and toxicity of a drug is the next frontier in ADME research
- The hepatic ECL model clarifies when transporters will or will not affect the systemic and tissue PK of a drug
- Tissue conc. measurement is possible using PET. However, this method cannot be routinely applied
- IVIVE using transfected cells and quantitative transporter proteomics is a promising technique to predict tissue drug conc.
- These predictions should be validated using PET imaging probes that interrogate multiple drug transporters

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