

De-Risking Clinical Hepatotoxicity in Early Drug Discovery

Webinar

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Who We Are

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200+ Employees Worldwide

>25 Established yrs. In 1996

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GastroPlus®/ADMET Predictor®: By the Numbers...







Complementary Solutions

Confidence Level on Clinical Performance

Clinical Pharmacology & Pharmacometrics

Medical Communications

Simulations Plus Has the World's Largest Library of Platform QSP and QST Models to Predict Disease and Injury Outcomes

QST: Liver and Kidney Safety

- Drug induced acute kidney injury
- Drug induced liver injury (DILI)



QSP: Metabolic Diseases

- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease / steatohepatitis (NAFLD/NASH or MASH)
- Obesity



QSP: Immuno-Oncology

- Acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)
- Multiple myeloma (MM)
- Myelofibrosis
- Solid tumor (NSCLC, melanoma, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, endometrial cancer)

QSP: Inflammation and Immunology (including fibrotic diseases)

- Asthma/COPD (in development)
- Atopic dermatitis (AD)
- Crohn's disease (CD)
- Dermatomyositis
- Dysregulation of alternative and terminal pathways (AP, TP) of complement
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD) associated with systemic sclerosis

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- Multiple sclerosis (MS, in development)
- Psoriatic arthritis (PSA)
- Psoriasis (PSO)
- Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE including CLE)
- Ulcerative colitis (UC)
- Uric acid disposition in gout
- Wound healing after myocardial infarction (MI)

Highlights of DILIsym Version X (DSX)

- Completely <u>NEW</u> software platform!
 - Much faster and more user-friendly design
 - Command line and GUI options
 - No reliance on MATLAB base or runtime
 - Server/cloud computing capability (HPGL)
- 4 <u>NEW</u> exemplar compounds included with varying clinical presentations
 - PF-04895162 (Generaux 2019)
 - <u>Efavirenz</u>
 - Anastrozole
 - <u>Tamoxifen</u>
- 2 <u>NEW</u> SimCohorts that include variability in susceptibility to liver injury and biomarker-related parameters (ALT and bilirubin)





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The ADMET Predictor 12 DILIsym (APD) Module Adds Liver Safety Insights to Evidence Informing Compound Selection



- Liver safety liabilities are commonly identified when a compound enters the clinic, sometimes as late as phase 3 clinical trials, imparting considerable expense and potential delays to drug development
- Historical use of DILIsym, a QST model of drug-induced liver injury, required extensive *in vitro* assay data and PK exposure modeling, making it less amenable for use in early drug discovery
- New APD module empowers DILIsym use at the drug discovery stage, without the need for typical DILIsym toxicity assay data!



Simulations Plus Has Developed a Roadmap to Derive an Early Assessment of Hepatotoxic Risk

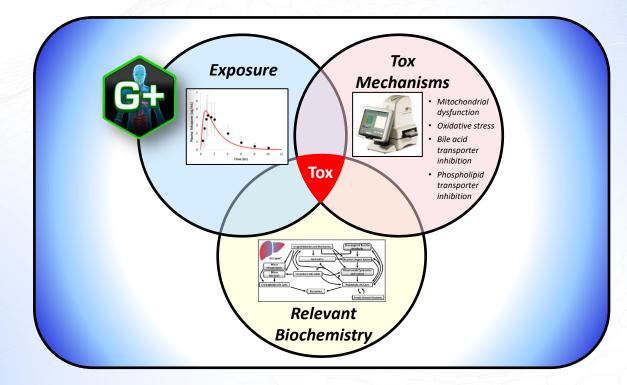
- New DILIsym module in ADMET Predictor 12 generates outputs that can be used to inform inputs within the quantitative systems toxicology (QST) modeling platform DILIsym
 - Permissive of liver safety assessment during early drug discovery efforts!
 - Predictions of the current roadmap are qualitative
 - Yes/no toxicity mechanism classifications
 - Rank ordering of a compound's toxicity assessment with other in-class compounds
 - Accuracy and use of outputs will improve iteratively, as more data become available to inform predictions
- Workflow permissive for early discovery applications
 - No need for data from typical DILIsym in vitro assays
 - Leverages ADMET Predictor informed structure-based compound properties
 - Applies ADMET Predictor Machine Learning from a library of DILI/clean compounds
 - Use of constant liver exposure based on molar concentrations OR use of ADMET Predictor High-Throughput PK (HTPK) results
 - Integration of the above in the DILIsym *in vivo* context for early insights into liver liabilities







DILIsym QST Model Predicts Liver Toxicity by Integrating Exposure, Mechanisms, and Inter-Patient Variability

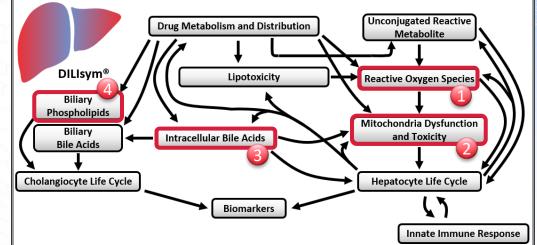




Predicted Liver Exposure Interacts with Data-Defined Mechanisms of Toxicity in the DILIsym *In Vivo* Environment

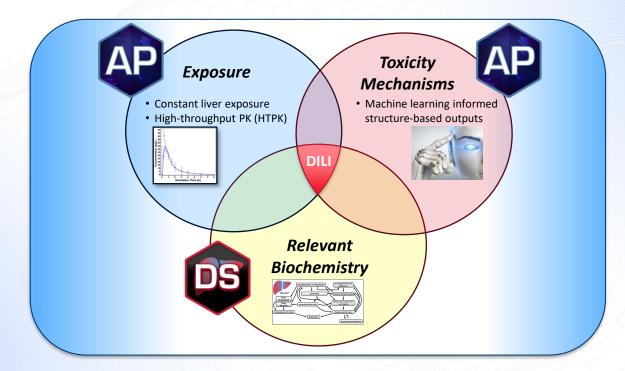
Mechanisms of toxicity in DILIsym

- Reactive oxygen species (ROS)
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Bile acid transporter inhibition
 - Bile salt export pump (BSEP)
 - Multidrug resistance associated protein 3 or 4 (MRP3/MRP4)
 - Sodium-taurocholate cotransporting polypeptide (NTCP)
- Phospholipid transporter inhibition
 - Multidrug resistance protein 3 (MDR3)



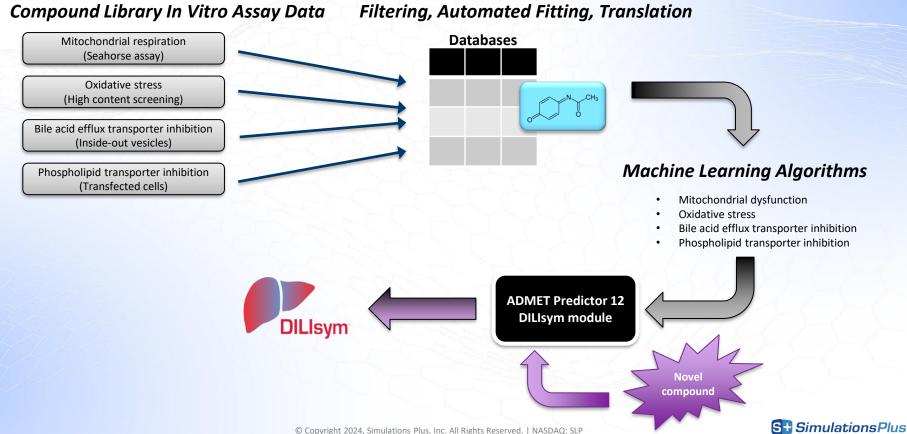


Liver Safety+ Prediction Package Tailored for Early Discovery Data





APD Module Applies Machine Learning to Bridge from Compound Structure to DILIsym



APD Module Outputs Include Values for Four Key Mechanisms of Hepatotoxicity

- APD module provides classifications (yes/no) and key parameter values for each of the four main mechanisms of toxicity represented in DILIsym
- Outputs are evaluated for potential toxicity
- If outputs suggest toxicity, user can move to identifying parameter values for DILIsym simulations
- Details on each of the APD module outputs and machine learning model construction are available in the ADMET Predictor 12 Manual, and will be summarized in the next section

Toxicity Mechanism	APD classification [§] output	APD MEC ⁺ output	APD AC ₅₀ ‡ output	APD IC ₅₀ ll output
Mitochondrial dysfunction				—
Reactive oxygen species		1		-
BSEP inhibition		—	—	
MRP3/MRP4 inhibition		-	-	_
MDR3 inhibition		—	—	- -

§ yes/no prediction for in vitro signals

+ minimum effective concentration (MEC) that significantly crosses vehicle control threshold

‡ concentration at which 50% maximum effect is observed

|| concentration at which 50% inhibition is observed



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The ADP Module Contains Three Mitochondrial Dysfunction Models

• Mito_Tox

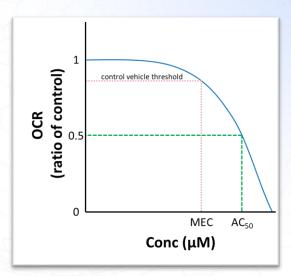
- Classification model that predicts Yes or No for mitochondrial toxicity based on the Seahorse assay
- Based on dataset containing 204 molecules with a large percentage (86%) of experimental positives

Mito_MEC

- Predict the minimum effective concentration (MEC) that significantly crosses the control vehicle threshold
- Mito_AC50
 - Predicts the concentration at which 50% maximum effect is observed

Model	Set	<mark>Negatives</mark>	Positives 4 1	Total	Correct	Concordance	<mark>Sensitivity</mark>	Specificity
Mito Tox	Training	25	154	179	155	86.6%	85.7%	92.0%
WITO_TOX	Test	4	21	25	20	80.0%	81.0%	75.0%

The single mispredicted negative from the test set is fenclozic acid, a compound that was withdrawn from the market due to jaundice

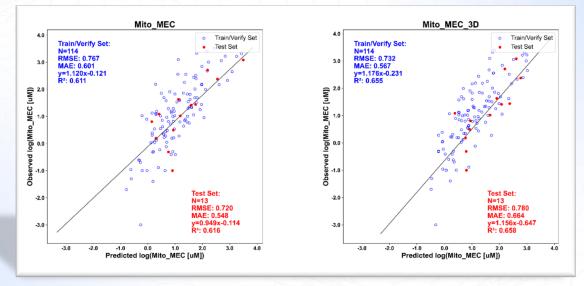


ETC inhibition with a complete knockdown of OCR at high concentrations



Mitochondrial Dysfunction Models With 2D and 2D+3D Descriptors Were Created: Mito_MEC

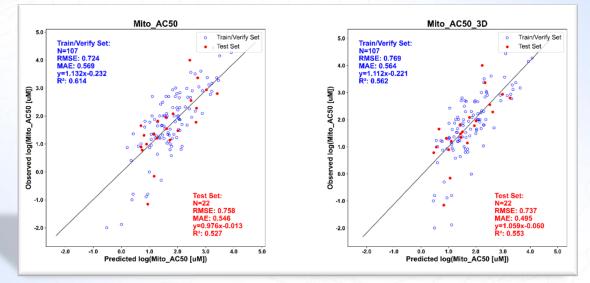
- The Mito_MEC dataset contains 127 compounds with 13 (~10%) in the test set
- The most active compound is rotenone, with an observed MEC value of $0.001 \, \mu M$



Plots show the log of the experimental Mito_MEC value in micromolar units (μ M) versus the log of the predicted value

Mitochondrial Dysfunction Models With 2D and 2D+3D Descriptors Were Created: Mito_AC50

- The Mito_AC50 dataset contains 129 compounds with 22 (~17%) in the test set
- The two most active compounds are antimycin A (Mito_AC50=0.01 μ M) and rotenone (Mito_AC50=0.013 μ M)



Plots show the log of the experimental Mito_AC50 value in micromolar units (μ M) versus the log of the predicted value

The ADP Module Contains Three Reactive Oxygen Species Models

- ROS_Tox
 - Classification model that predicts Yes or No for reactive oxygen species formation
 - Based on dataset containing 243 molecules with 25 (~10%) in the test set
- ROS_MEC
 - Predict the minimum effective concentration (MEC) that significantly crosses the control vehicle threshold
- ROS_AC50
 - Predicts the concentration at which 50% maximum effect is observed

Model	Set	<mark>Negatives</mark>	Positives	Total	Correct	Concordance	<u>Sensitivity</u>	Specificity
ROS Tox	Training	70	148	218	172	78. 9 %	80.4%	75.7%
ROS_TOX	Test	6	19	25	22	79 .8%	81.4%	76.3%



The ADP Module Utilizes the Existing BSEP Models in ADMET Predictor and Contains a New MRP3 Model for Bile Acid Transporter Inhibition

- BSEP_Inh
 - Classification model that predicts Yes or No for inhibition of the bile salt export pump (BSEP), a bile acid transporter on the canalicular membrane of hepatocytes
 - Based on dataset containing 615 compounds (Morgan et al. 2013), of which 127 inhibit BSEP below 60 μM
- BSEP_IC50
 - Regression model, using 155 compounds with half-maximal inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) values below 133 μM, that predicts BSEP IC₅₀ value
 - Test set consisted of 24 (~15%) compounds
- MRP3_Inh
 - Classification model that predicts Yes or No for inhibition of the multidrug resistance-associated protein 3 (MRP3), a bile acid transporter on the basolateral membrane of hepatocytes
 - Based on dataset containing 107 compounds (Köck et al. 2014, Ali et al. 2017), of which 43 inhibit MRP3 below 100 μM

Model	Set	Negatives	Positives	Total	Correct	Concordance	Sensitivity	Specificity
MDD2 Jph	Training	54	36	90	87	96.7%	94.4%	98.1%
MRP3_Inh	Test	10	7	17	15	88.2 %	85.7%	90.0%



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Import/Load a Chemical Structure (e.g., SMILES) in ADMET Predictor

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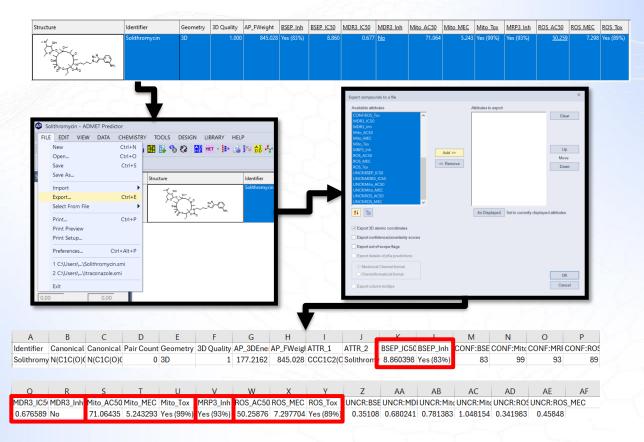
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Generate 3D Structure/Coordinates and Calculate ADMET: DILIsym Properties

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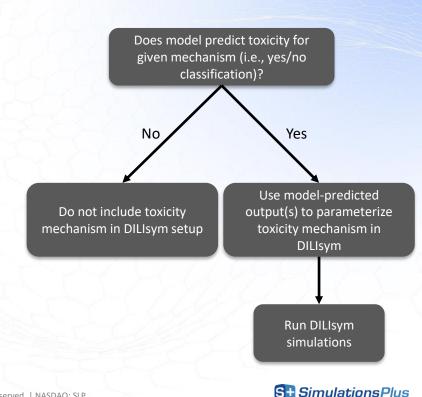
Review and Export APD Module Results



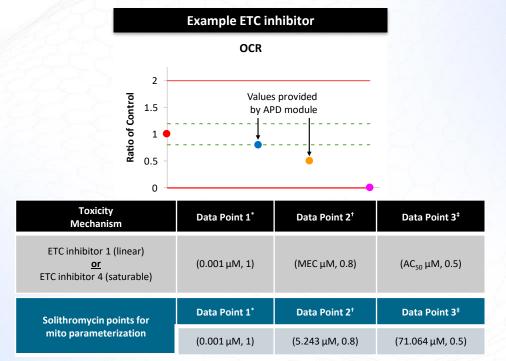


Use and Interpretation of APD Module Classifications and Parameter Values

- Model provides yes/no classification predictions for active toxicity mechanisms based on compound structure
 - Mitochondrial dysfunction (solithromycin: yes)
 - ROS production (solithromycin: yes)
 - BSEP inhibition (solithromycin: yes)
 - MRP3 inhibition (solithromycin: yes)
 - MDR3 inhibition (solithromycin: no)
- Within current framework, Simulations Plus recommends prioritizing yes/no classification before utilizing the predicted, quantitative toxicity effects (MEC, AC₅₀, IC₅₀), if available
- The predicted MEC and AC₅₀ values predicted for mitochondrial dysfunction and ROS production can be used for subsequent toxicity parameter estimation in DILIsym
- The predicted BSEP and MDR3 IC₅₀ values can be used directly as DILIsym input parameters



Model-Predicted MEC and AC₅₀ for Mitochondrial Toxicity Used to Derive DILIsym Parameters for Mitochondrial Effects



- MEC: minimum effective concentration that significantly crosses vehicle control threshold
- AC₅₀: concentration at which 50% maximum effect is observed

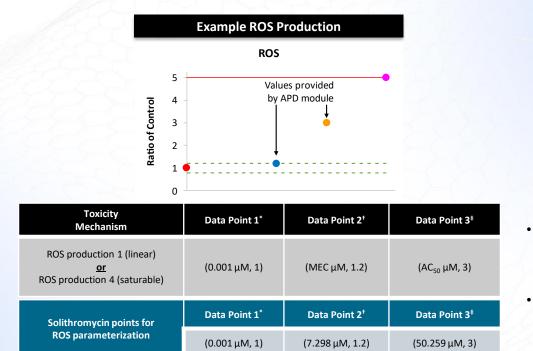
* Assume concentration of 0.001 μM causes no change in OCR compared to control

⁺ Assume MEC causes OCR to drop to 0.8x control for ETC inhibitor

[‡] Assume maximal reduction in OCR is complete inhibition (0x control)



Model-Predicted MEC and AC₅₀ for ROS Induction Used to Derive DILIsym Parameters for Effect on ROS Production



- MEC: minimum effective concentration that significantly crosses vehicle control threshold
- AC₅₀: concentration at which 50% maximum effect is observed

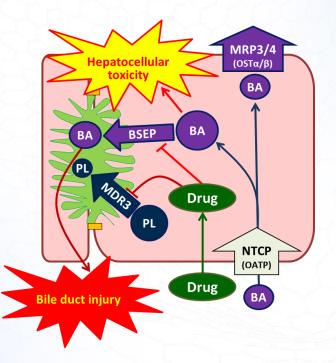
* Assume concentration of 0.001 μ M causes no change in ROS compared to control

⁺ Assume MEC causes ROS production to increase 1.2x control

[‡] Assume maximal ROS production response is 5x control



Model-Predicted IC₅₀ Values for BSEP and MDR3 Can Be Utilized Directly as DILIsym Parameters for Bile Acid and Phospholipid Transport Inhibition Effects







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Multiple Options for Liver Exposure in DILI Toxicity Ranking Process

- APD module is designed to provide insight into DILI toxicity rankings at any stage in the drug development pipeline
- Based on where a compound is in the drug development pipeline, different information about exposure in humans is available
 - Compounds further along in the pipeline likely have more information available to define exposure
 - Compounds very early on in development may have minimal data to inform exposure



- Potential options for liver exposure to drive hepatotoxicity mechanisms in DILIsym:
 - 1 Constant liver exposure based on molar concentrations [focus in today's webinar]
 - > DILIsym simulations to be performed at a range of constant liver concentrations
 - For rank-ordering hepatotoxicity risk of multiple in-class compounds using the "constant liver exposure" approach, liver concentrations need to be normalized using a relevant metric which provides consideration to compound-specific efficacy ranges
 - 2 Assume or estimate liver profiles from preclinical PK data
 - 3 Estimate liver exposure from ADMET Predictor HTPK using predicted C_{max} and liver partition coefficient from user-specified doses
 - Predict liver exposure from GastroPlus PBPK model



DILIsym Drug Parameter Set and Use of Specified Data Feature to Define Constant Liver Concentrations

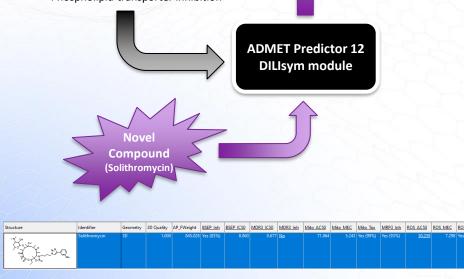
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APD Module Predictions Are Used to Set Up Active Toxicity Mechanisms in DILIsym

Machine Learning Algorithms

- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Oxidative stress
- Bile acid efflux transporter inhibition
- Phospholipid transporter inhibition



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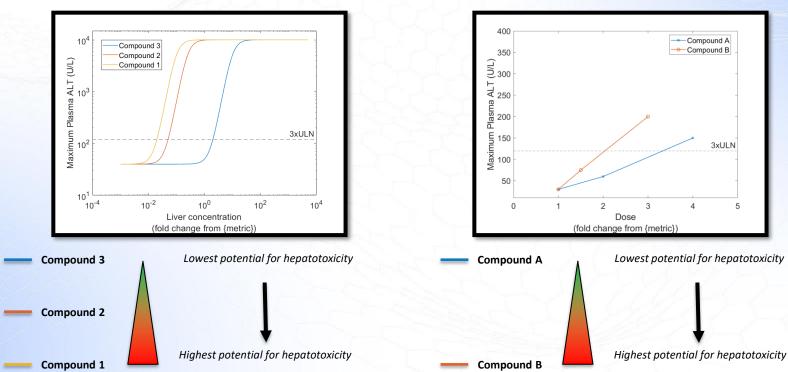
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* For the compounds tested in this class of compounds (macrolide antibiotics), IC₅₀ values for OATP1B1 were measured consistently for all compounds; IC₅₀ used as normalization metric in this example



Interpretation of Toxicity Ranking Results

For drugs early on in development pipeline (using constant liver exposure method)



For drugs further along in development pipeline (using known liver concentrations or predicted using ADMET Predictor HTPK module or PBPK model

Compound A

Compound B

3xULN

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APD Module Outputs Reproduce Clinical and Previous DILIsym Simulation Toxicity Rankings: <u>Macrolide Antibiotics</u>

ML Tox Model Predictions

Clinical Data & Previous DILIsym Simulation Results

the Literature (3, 10, 31)

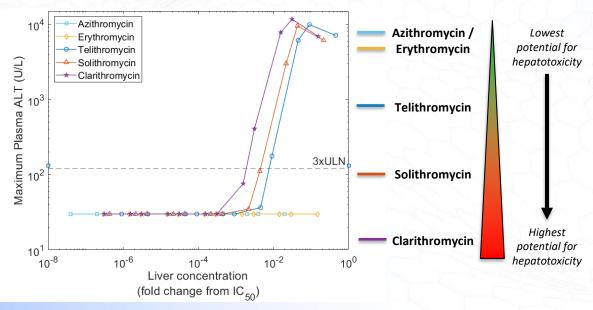
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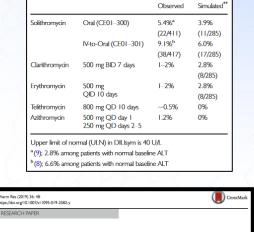
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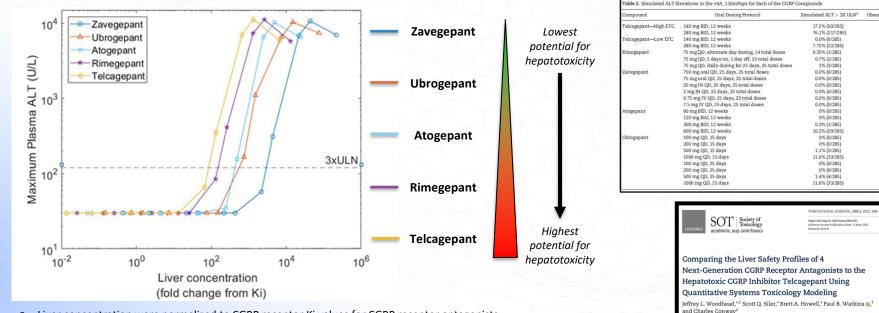
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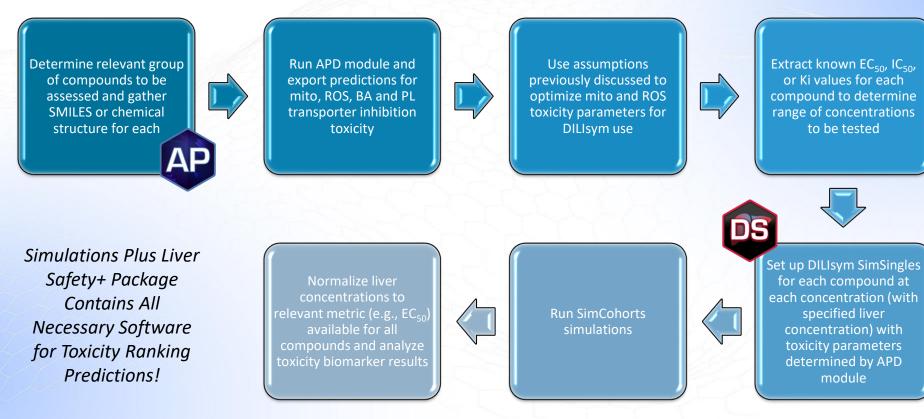
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