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Pharmacometrics in Phase 1: First in Human and Dose Selection for Phase 2

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Outline

- Drug development and Phase 1 studies
- Application of MIDD during Phase 1 studies
 - FIH dose selection
 - Special populations
 - Dose prediction for a different indication
 - Proof of target engagement





Goals for Drug Development



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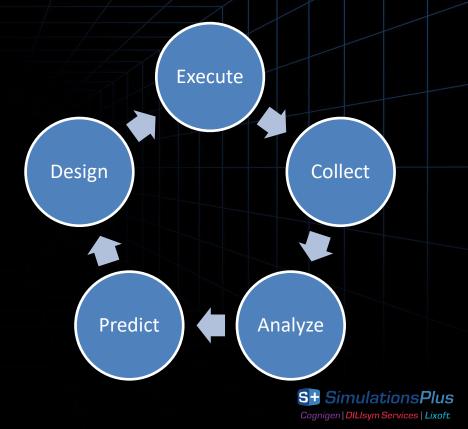
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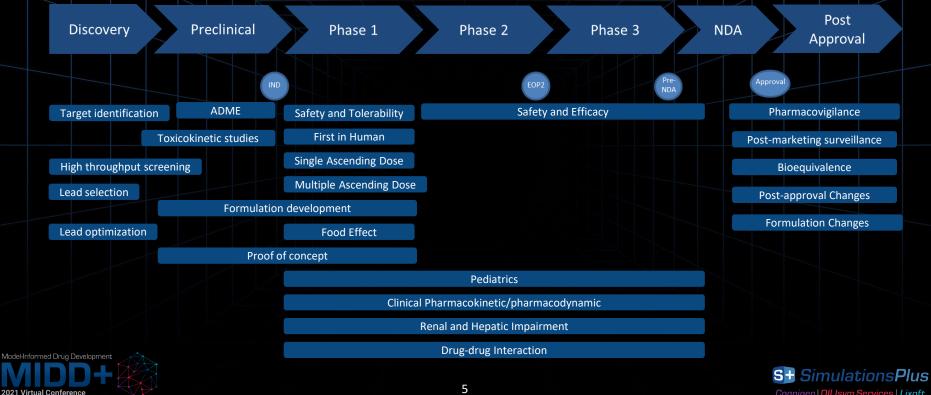
Drug Development Philosophy

- Continuous process to gather information on safety and efficacy
- Information gathered from one study contributes towards design of the next study

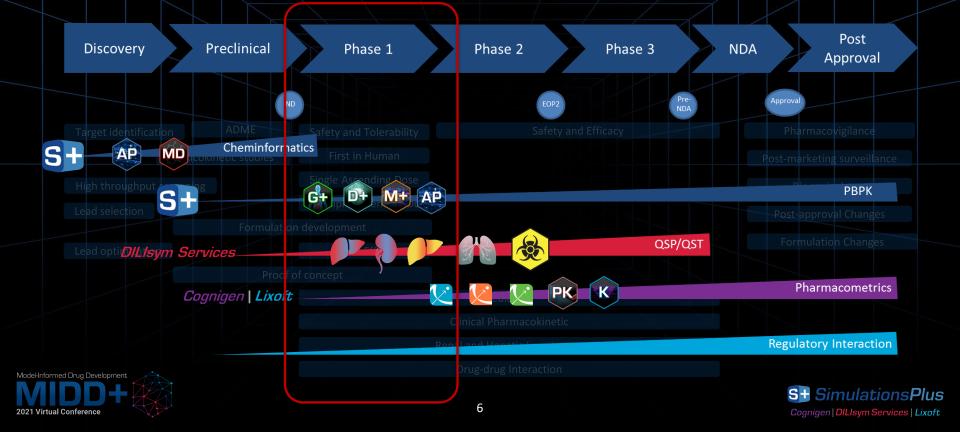




Drug Development Phases



Tools for Model Based Drug Development



Objectives of Phase 1 Studies

Safety & Tolerability

Pharmacokinetics

Overall safety profile Maximum tolerated dose

Drug disposition (ADME) Target tissue exposure Dose-linearity Drug-drug interaction Special Population

Pharmacodynamics

Proof of target engagement

Exposure-response model

PBPK model - Mechanistic CL, DDI PPK model - Sources variability Dose selection for Phase 2 study

PK/PD model Drug concentration ~ biomarker Dose selection for Phase 2 studies



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Phase 1 Study - Bridge Between Preclinical to Clinical Development

Information in planning Phase 1 Study

- Preclinical toxicokinetic studies to derive NOAEL level
- Preclinical ADME studies to predict drug clearance in human
 - Inter-species allometric scaling
 - Mechanistic PBPK model
- Preclinical biomarker/PD studies
 - Establish relationship between drug concentration and biomarker

Phase 1 study in future development

- Establish tolerated dose range
- Rich PK and PD samples contributes to develop structural PK/PD model
- Proof of target attainment
- Support dose selection for Phase 2 studies
- Dose selection for Special population (e.g. pediatrics, renal failure, hemodialysis)
- Drug-drug interaction
- Assessment of target tissue concentration



Case Study 1

Inter-species PBPK model to predict safe human dose





Drug X in Preclinical Development

- Being developed for the treatment of a rare disease.
- Primarily eliminates via kidney (glomerular filtration and active reabsorption)
- Accumulates in kidney over time and causes renal toxicities at higher kidney exposures

Can M&S using preclinical information help predict the safe human dose?



Data Available for Development and Validation of PBPK Model

	Species	Dosing Regimen	PK Collection				
opment	Mouse	2 dose levels x 4 dosing schedules	Rich sampling scheme After single and multiple dose Plasma and tissue (including <mark>kidney</mark>) samples				
Model Development	Rat	2 dose levels x 3 dosing schedules	Rich sampling scheme After single and multiple dose Plasma and <mark>kidney</mark> samples Pathological evaluation of kidney toxicities				
Model Validation	Dog	Multiple dose levels and schedules	Rich sampling scheme After single and multiple dose Plasma samples				
	Human	SAD	Rich sampling scheme After single dose Plasma and <mark>urine</mark> samples				

PBPK Model with Permeability-limited Tissue Model Described Drug Disposition

Permeability-limited

Tissue Model

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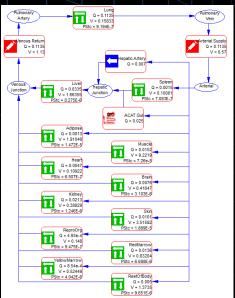
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Cbo, Q, Rbp

Km. Vmax

Full-body PBPK model



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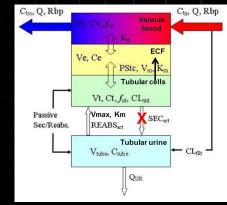
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Optimized model parameters were consistent between species

Cbo, Q, Rbp

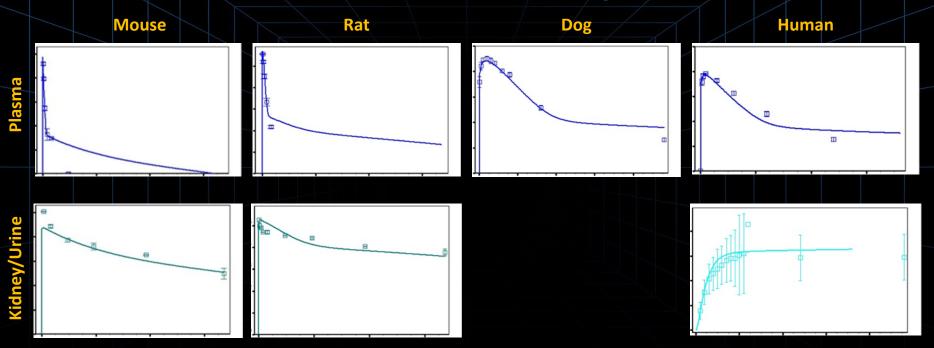
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Permeability-limited Kidney Tissue Model



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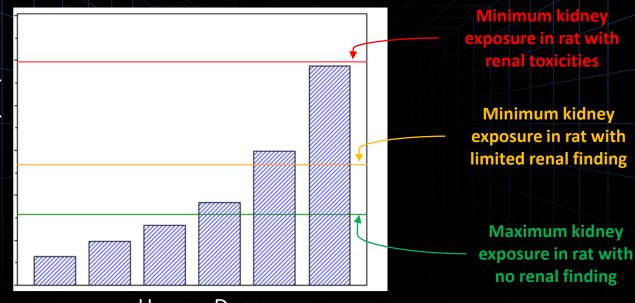
PBPK Model Described Plasma and Tissue Concentration Profiles Across Different Species





PBPK Model Helped to Predict Human Dose Associated with Safe Kidney Exposure





Human Dose





Case Study 2

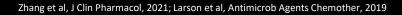
PPK Model Based on Adult and Phase 1 Pediatric Study Used for Dose Selection for Phase 2 Pediatric Study





Ceftolozane/Tazobactam

- Ceftolozane/tazobactam is a fixed-dose combination antibacterial agent comprising the antipseudomonal cephalosporin ceftolozane and the established beta-lactamase inhibitor tazobactam
- Approved for the treatment of cUTIs, cIAIs, HAP, and VAP in adults
- Primarily eliminated via kidney through glomerular filtration
- cIAI and cUTI dose: 1.5g (1g ceftolozane + 0.5g tazobactam), Q8H as 1-hr infusion
- HAP and VAP dose: 3g (2g ceftolozane + 1g tazobactam), Q8H as 1-hr infusion
- Dose adjustment in subjects with moderate and severe renal impairment, and with renal failure





Ceftolozane/Tazobactam

- PK/PD target for ceftolozane is %fT>MIC, which is the percentage of interdose interval when free drug concentration remains above MIC
- Neutropenic mouse thigh infection model: %fT>MIC ~ 30% for 1-log kill
- PK/PD target for ceftolozane is 30% fT>MIC for an MIC of 4 ug/mL (breakpoint for P. aeruginosa)





Ceftolozane/Tazobactam Phase 1 Study in Pediatrics

- Primary objectives were to evaluate safety, tolerability, and PK
- Single-dose study in pediatric patients with suspected or proven Gram-negative bacterial infections
- Enrollment based on 6 age groups including term and preterm neonates





Development of PPK Model for Ceftolozane and Tazobactam

- Data from Phase 1 pediatric study were pooled with 12 adult clinical studies for the development of PPK model
- 2-compartment model with first-order elimination described concentration-time profile

Ceftolozane

$$CL = 5.88 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.764} \times \left(\frac{eGFR}{100}\right)^{0.704}$$
$$VC = 10.6 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{1.12}$$
$$VP = 4.23 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.484}$$

Tazobactam

IV Infusion

Plasma

$$CL = 20.8 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.652} \times \left(\frac{eGFR}{100}\right)^{0.733} \times 0.677^{Infection}$$

$$VC = 12.9 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.737}$$

$$VP = 5.06 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.830}$$

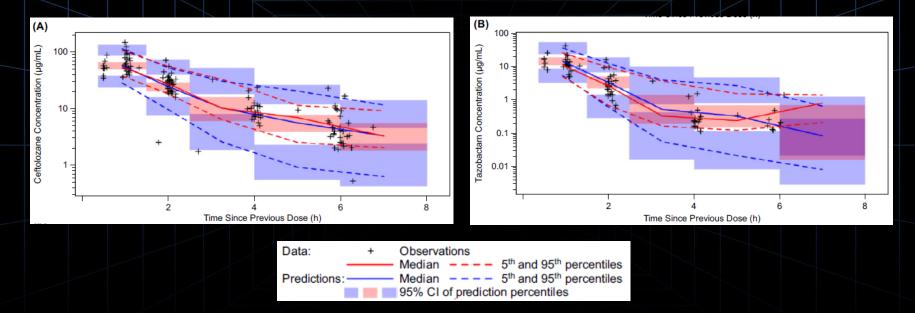
$$Q = 4.06 \times \left(\frac{wt}{70}\right)^{0.75}$$

Larson et al, Antimicrob Agents Chemother, 2019



Peripheral

PPK Models Describe Ceftolozane and Tazobactam Concentration-Time Profile Well in Pediatric Patients





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Stochastic Simulation using PPK Model Predicted Exposure Comparable to Adults

Ceftolozane

	Value for the following patients:							
		Patients in pediatric age groups						
Parameter and statistic	Adult patients (n = 1,000)	12 to <18 yr (1,000 mg, n = 1,200)	\geq 7 to <12 yr (20 mg/kg, n = 1,000)	≥ 2 to <7 yr (20 mg/kg, n = 1,000)	\geq 3 mo to <2 yr (20 mg/kg n = 1,000)	Birth ^{<i>a</i>} to <3 mo (20 mg/kg, n = 1,200)		
Steady-state AUC _{n=8} (µg/ml·h)								
Mean (SD)	213.36 (171.91)	172.11 (78.76)	176.08 (69.92)	153.13 (60.32)	162.04 (63.15)	157.36 (65.19)		
Median	176.00	160.00	161.00	141.00	149.00	147.00		
5th, 95th percentile	95.3, 388.0	73.2, 319.0	90.3, 315.0	77.0, 268.0	81.2, 276.5	71.3, 282.5		
Steady-state C _{max} (µg/ml)								
Mean (SD)	69.66 (45.09)	86.04 (36.25)	92.68 (29.84)	82.37 (23.96)	74.37 (19.33)	62.06 (15.18)		
Median	56.10	80.35	86.90	79.35	72.40	60.15		
5th, 95th percentile	32.9, 154.0	37.8, 154.0	53.1, 150.0	47.8, 125.0	45.9, 109.0	39.9, 89.4		

	Value for the fe	Value for the following patients:							
		Patients in pediatric age groups							
Parameter and statistic	Adult patients (n = 1,000)	12 to <18 yr (500 mg, n = 1,200)	\geq 7 to <12 yr (10 mg/kg, n = 1,000)	\geq 2 to <7 yr (10 mg/kg, n = 1,000)	\geq 3 mo to <2 yr (10 mg/kg, n = 1,000)	Birth ^{<i>a</i>} to <3 mo (10 mg/kg, n = 1,200)			
Steady-state AUC ₀₋₈ (μ g/ml · h)									
Mean (SD)	80.71 (148.87)	37.12 (23.29)	38.02 (24.49)	30.22 (19.18)	29.87 (19.05)	26.77 (16.50)			
Median	29.80	31.20	32.30	26.10	25.00	22.30			
5th, 95th percentile	15.4, 379.0	12.4, 83.1	12.3, 84.5	10.2, 62.9	10.0, 63.5	8.4, 57.3			
Steady-state C_{max} (μ g/ml)									
Mean (SD)	30.30 (34.73)	27.92 (14.51)	29.19 (14.69)	24.04 (11.78)	21.69 (10.54)	18.37 (8.81)			
Median	17.70	24.75	26.45	21.80	19.50	16.80			
5th, 95th percentile	10.3, 108.0	10.7, 54.6	11.7, 57.7	9.6, 46.1	8.5, 42.2	7.6, 35.2			

Tazobactam

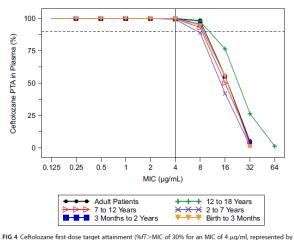
A dose of 1/0.5g (ceftolozane/tazobactam) for patients aged 12 to <18 years and 20/10 mg/kg of body weight for patients aged birth to <12 years was selected for further evaluation

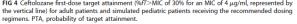


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Stochastic Simulation using PPK Mødel Predicted PTA > 90% for All Age Groups





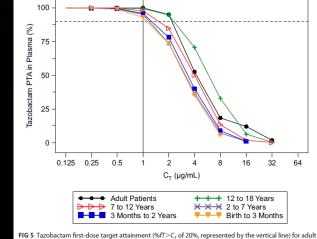


FIG 5 Tazobactam first-dose target attainment ($\% T > C_r$ of 20%, represented by the vertical line) for adult patients and simulated pediatric patients receiving the recommended dosing regimens.

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Case Study 3

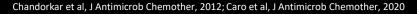
PPK Model Used to Guide Dose Selection for a Different Indication





Phase 1 Studies to Determine Intrapulmonary Penetration of Ceftolozane/Tazobactam

- Two Phase 1 Studies in healthy subjects and mechanically ventilated patients with proven/suspected pneumonia were performed to characterize the ceftolozane and tazobactam penetration in ELF in lung
- Study in healthy subjects evaluated a dose of 1.5g administered Q8H as 1-h infusion.
- Study in pneumonia patients evaluated a dose of 3g administered Q8H as 1-h infusion (dose adjustment for patients with renal impairment)
- Plasma samples (Pre-dose and 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 hours post-dose) were collected after first (only for patient study) and last dose
- Subjects were randomly assigned to one sample time (1, 2, 4, 6, or 8 hours post-dose) to collected BAL sample (n = 5 per time point)
- Data from two Phase 1 studies were pooled with other adult studies including a Phase 3 study in pneumonia patients (plasma model only) in for the population analysis

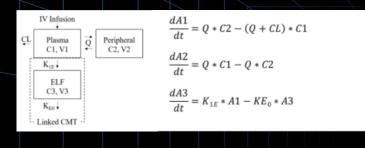


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2-CMT Model with Linear Elimination and a Hypothetical Linked Compartment Described Plasma and ELF profile Well



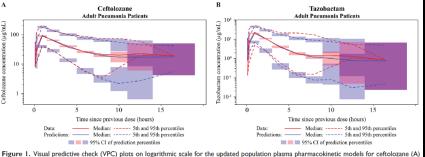
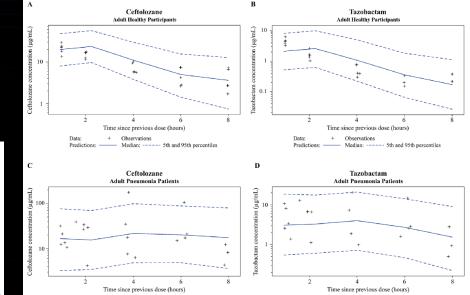


Figure 1. Visual predictive check (VPC) plots on logarithmic scale for the updated population plasma pharmacokinetic models for ceftolozane and tazobactam (B) in adult patients with nosocomial pneumonia. CI, confidence interval.



Zhang et al, J Clin Pharmacol, 2021

- Median: ----- 5th and 95th percentiles

+ Observations

Data

Predictions:

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Parameters for 2-Compartment Plasma PPK Models

Parameter-covariate relationships for ceftolozane were described as:

$$CL = 4.84 \times \left(\frac{CrCL}{100}\right)^{0.701} \times 1.18^{cUTI} \times 1.43^{cIAI} \times 0.32^{ESRD}$$

$$Vc = 9.23 \times \left(\frac{WTKG}{70}\right)^{0.684} \times 1.25^{cUTI} \times 1.59^{cIAI} \times 2.00^{Pneumonia} \times 2.14^{OINF} \times 1.30^{ESRD}$$

$$Vp = 4.78 \times \left(\frac{WTKG}{70}\right)^{0.484}$$
Parameter-covariate relationships for tazobactam were described as:
$$CL = 16.6 \times \left(\frac{CrCL}{100}\right)^{0.623} \times 0.626^{ESRD}$$

$$Vc = 13.1 \times \left(\frac{WTKG}{70}\right)^{0.629} \times 1.49^{cIAI} \times 2.17^{Pneumonia} \times 2.49^{OINF} \times 0.749^{ESRD}$$

$$Vp = 4.89 \times \left(\frac{WTKG}{70}\right)^{0.530} \times 1.25^{cUTI} \times 1.34^{cIAI} 2.06^{Pneumonia}$$

Volume of Distribution for Ceftolozane and Tazobactam Were Approximately Double in Pneumonia Patients Compared to Healthy Subjects Zhang et al, J Clin Pharmacol, 2021



Parameters for ELF PPK Model

(A Hypothetical Link Compartment Model)

 Table 3. Parameter Estimates and Standard Errors of the Ceftolozane and Tazobactam Population Pharmacokinetic Model for ELF Data

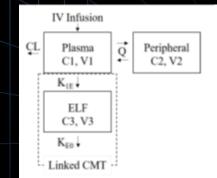
	Ceftolozane				Tazobactam				
	Final Parameter Estimate		IIV/RV		Final Parameter Estimate		IIV/RV		
Parameter	Typical Value	%RSE	Magnitude	%RSE	Typical Value	%RSE	Magnitude	%RSE	
K _{IE} , rate constant for disposition from plasma to ELF (/h)	0.808	11.6	39.6% CVª 81.2% CV ^b	28.1 ^a 46.0 ^b	0.262 ^c	30.6	65.5% CVª 84.4% CV ^b	23.9 ^a 34.5 ^b	
K _{EO} , rate constant for elimination from ELF (/h)	1.56	8.97	NE	NA	0.691°	25.1	NE	NA	
Pneumonia on K _{IE} and K _{EO} (proportional)	0.034	44.0	NA	NA	0.479	44.0	NA	NA	
RV proportional	0.025	12.7	92.7%-15.8% CV ^d	NA	0.055	12.3	23.4% CV	NA	
RV additive	0.008	21.4	F (0.1-100 μ g/mL)		_	_			
Minimum value of the objective function			20934.2			5258	.2		

Zhang et al, J Clin Pharmacol, 2021





PPK Model for Plasma and ELF Concentration-Time Profile



$$\frac{A1}{lt} = Q * C2 - (Q + CL) * C1$$

$$\frac{dA2}{dt} = Q * C1 - Q * C2$$

$$\frac{dA3}{dt} = K_{1E} * A1 - KE_0 * A3$$

Appropriate for Stochastic Simulation to Assess PK/PD Target Attainment in ELF and Plasma in pneumonia patients

Zhang et al, J Clin Pharmacol, 2021



Key Points

- M&S has many applications throughout drug development depending on study phase
- Mechanistic PBPK model can help predict the safe dose for first-in-human study
- M&S based on Phase 1 study help guide dose selection for Phase 2 study, special population, or a different indication
- Model informed drug development can help minimize overall study burden and maximize understanding of information gathered from a study



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