

# The impact and future of physiological based PK in biopharmaceutics modeling (PBBM) in support of drug product quality.

UMB CERSI/OPQ/SBIA Conference: Current State and Future Expectations of Translational Modeling Strategies to Support Drug Product Development, Manufacturing Changes and Controls

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**Drugs are no different.**

**Patients expect safe and effective medicine with every dose they take.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands. The left hand holds an orange plastic pill bottle, tilted to pour three white, oval-shaped pills into the palm of the right hand. The background is softly blurred, showing a blue and white patterned surface.

Pharmaceutical quality is assuring *every* dose is safe and effective, free of contamination and defects.

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**It is what gives patients confidence  
in their *next* dose of medicine.**

# Outline

- Past
  - Why are we here
  - What have we done
- Present
  - What are we seeing
  - What are we asking
  - How are we doing it
- Future
  - Expectations
  - Future operational state

# Past: Why are we here today?

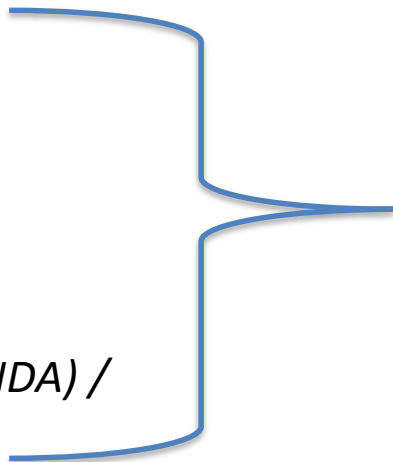


- Purpose of this workshop:
- Follow on/continuation of UMB CERSI/FDA Conference: Dissolution and Translational Modeling Strategies Enabling Patient-Centric Product Development, May 16, 2017
- Hope to discuss in various formats the potential pitfalls, benefits, lessons learned, and future opportunities in a safe environment as scientists



# Past: Why are we here today?

- Hypothetical development situation:
- *Drug Discovery*
- *Screening*
- *Pre-Clinical Testing*
- *IND Application*
- *Phase I Clinical Trials*
- *Phase II Clinical Trials*
- *Phase III Clinical Trials*
- *New Drug Application (NDA) /*
- *Phase IV*



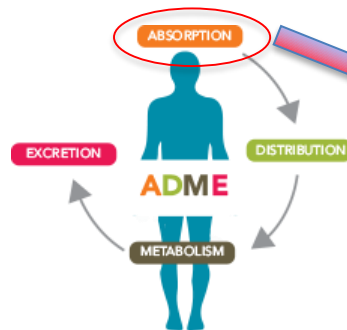
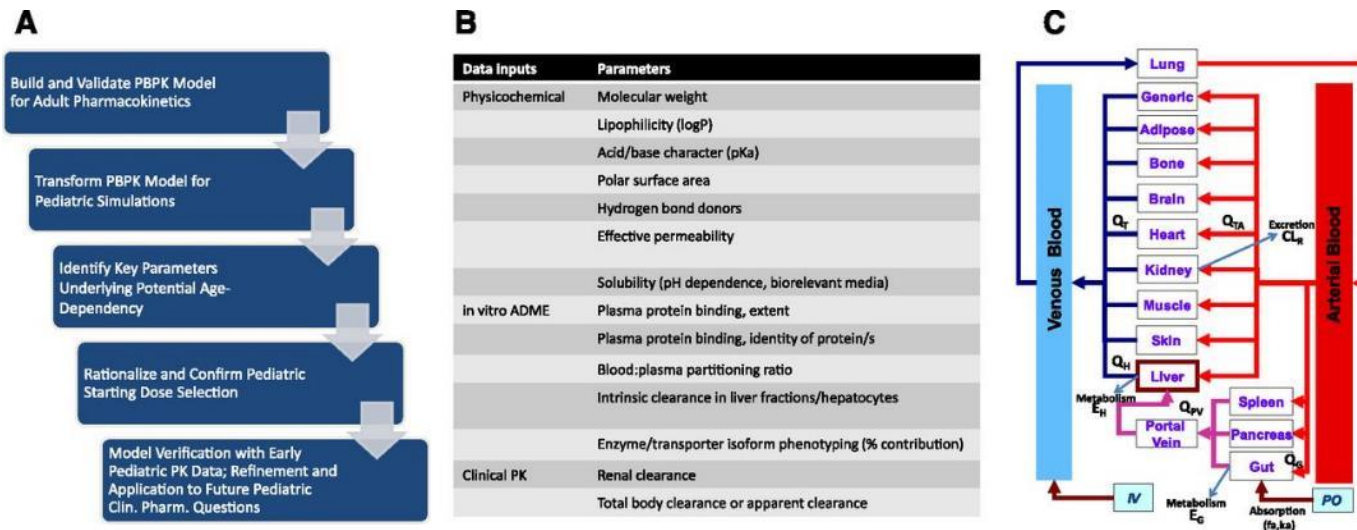
Mechanistic Modeling Can play a role at every step!

# Past: Why are we here today?

- Mechanistic modeling can:
  - Reduce costs
  - Guide experiments
  - Guide Formulation/Process Design
  - Predict Outcomes
- Mechanistic modeling and Quality of Medicines (Formulation and Process):

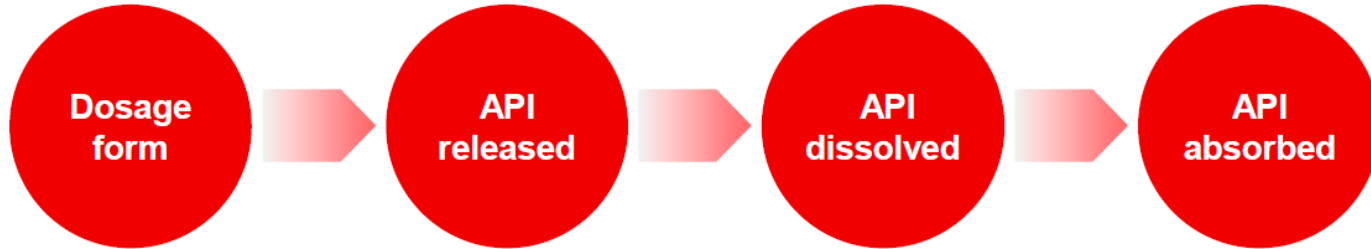


# PBPK Modeling

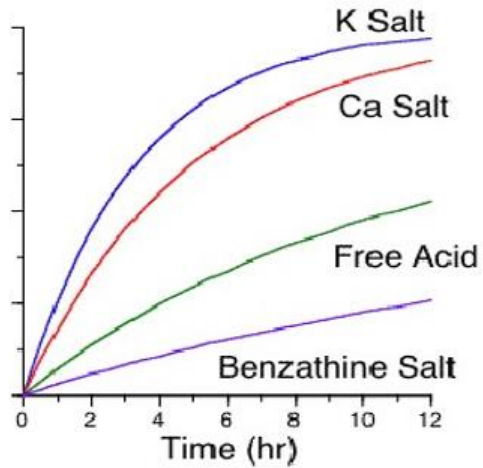


Manufacturing/Process/Formulation Attributes can control this step!

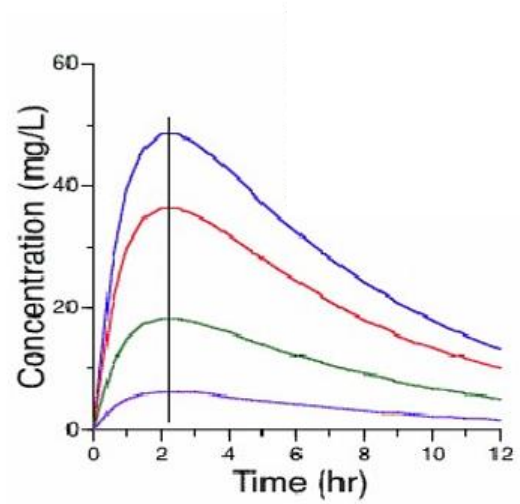
# Dissolution: What is it?



- Dissolution is one of the only batch release tests that monitors the rate and extent of in vitro drug release, and this test is often used as a surrogate to ensure consistent in vivo performance.



This is dissolution



This is in vivo

# Simple but Effective



# Dissolution: What is it?

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{D}{h} S(C_s - C_b)$$

- $dW/dt$  = dissolution rate
- $D$  = diffusion coefficient
- $h$  = thickness of the stagnant layer surrounding the dissolving particle
- $S$  = the surface area of the solid
- $C_s$  = the concentration of a saturated solution
- $C_b$  = the concentration at any given time of the bulk solution



# Present: Where are we today?

## Dissolution as a QC Test

- The purpose of a QC dissolution method is to detect variations during routine product manufacturing and changes during product storage that might negatively impact product performance (e.g. bioavailabilities or safety/efficacy).
- Variations may be related to API, raw materials, or other critical attributes specific to the manufacturing process.





# Present: Where are we today?

## Dissolution as a QC Test: Challenges

- Should be discriminatory across strengths/dose
- Robust yet simple such for routine testing
- Able to detect problems in manufacturing (change in CMA/CPPs)
- Route of administration and therapeutic usage must be considered
- **Able to reject “non-BE” batches**

# Present: Where are we today?

## Dissolution as a QC Test

### Three Critical Components:

- Evaluation of the selected method
- Demonstration of discriminating ability
- Selection of acceptance criteria

### IR Products

- Setting based on overall data (BE & exhibit batches).
- Collection of complete dissolution profile data (n=12).
- The selection of spec-time point should be where NLT 80% (Q) of drug is dissolved.
- For slow dissolving products, more than one time-point value may be needed.

### ER Products:

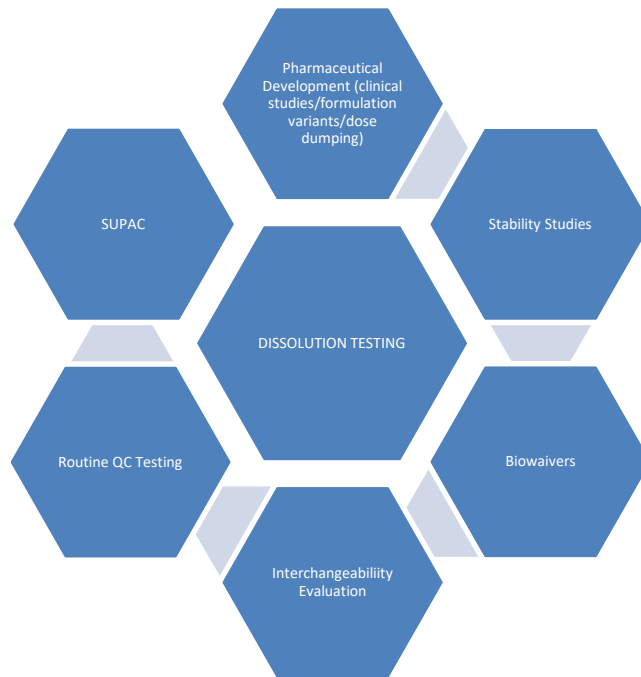
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## Setting Acceptance Criteria cont...

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## – Hypothetical:

- Out of Specification Report
  - Keep on Market or Withdraw?
- Without some ability to link specifications to in vivo disposition or PD, challenges arise

# Present: Where are we today?

- PBPK for Biopharmaceutics

Purposes:

–What are we using it for?



# Present: Where are we today?

- PBPK for Biopharmaceutics Purposes:
  - **What are YOU using it for?**
    - » PURPOSE should be front and center

# Present: Where are we today?

## PBPK for “traditional” Purposes in FDA Submissions

- DDI
- Pediatrics
- Hepatic Impairment
- Renal Impairment
- Pharmacogenetics
- Absorption
- Pregnancy
- Other

## PBPK for Biopharmaceutics Purposes

- Process/Formulation Changes (SUPAC)
  - E.g. Particle Sizing
- Dissolution Method/AC
- Formulation Variants
- BCS Supportive Information
- Clinically Relevant Quality Specifications
- Other



# Present: Where are we today? How are we doing it?

- Issues:
  - Modeling is inherently technical
  - Balancing needs of multiple programs

# Present: Where are we today?

- Solution: How are we doing it?
  - CDER Biopharmaceutics Policy Council (MAPP 5017.4)
  - Modeling Committee



# Future: Where are we going

- Proliferation of model-based/supported quality specifications
- Increasing flexibility and confidence in dissolution product testing
- Increased alignment of terminologies
- Hope for public recommendations in the near future (in the form of guidance)

## Future: Where are we going

### Operational expectations

- FDA's format guidance:
  - *Guidance for Industry: Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Analyses — Format and Content Guidance for Industry (Sept 2018)*
- Model Summary should clearly state the purpose of the model and uses in the regulatory dossier.



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