

# Mechanisms of Drug-Drug Interactions: What do we know?

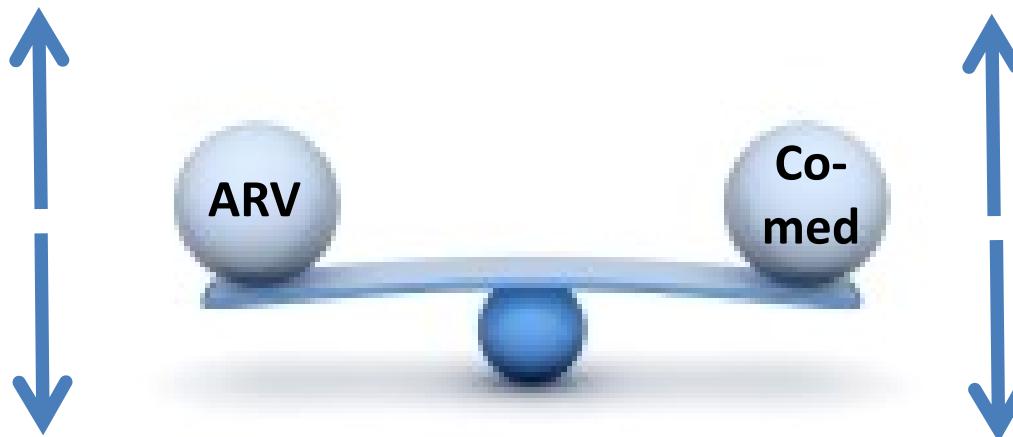


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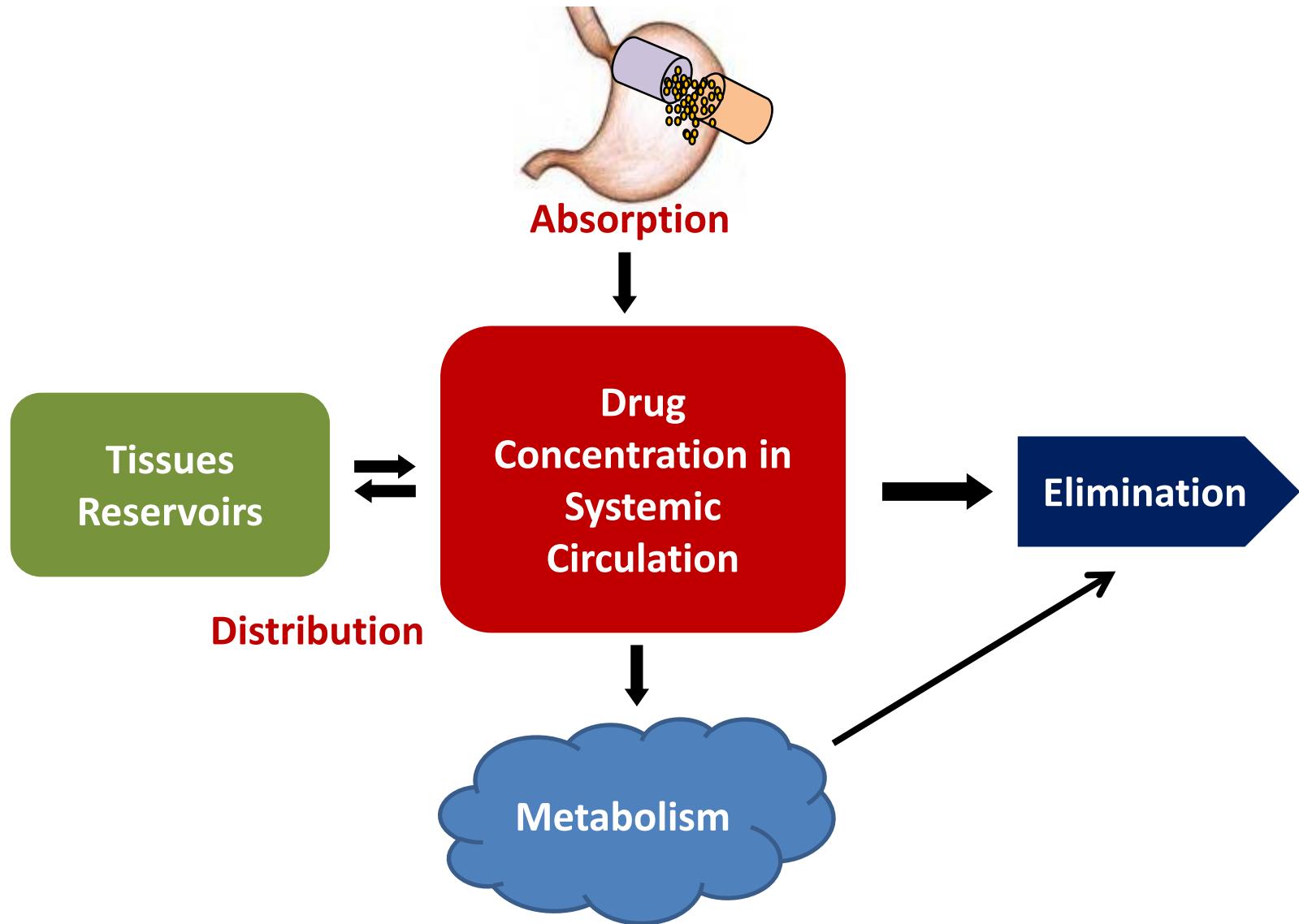
## *Toxicity*



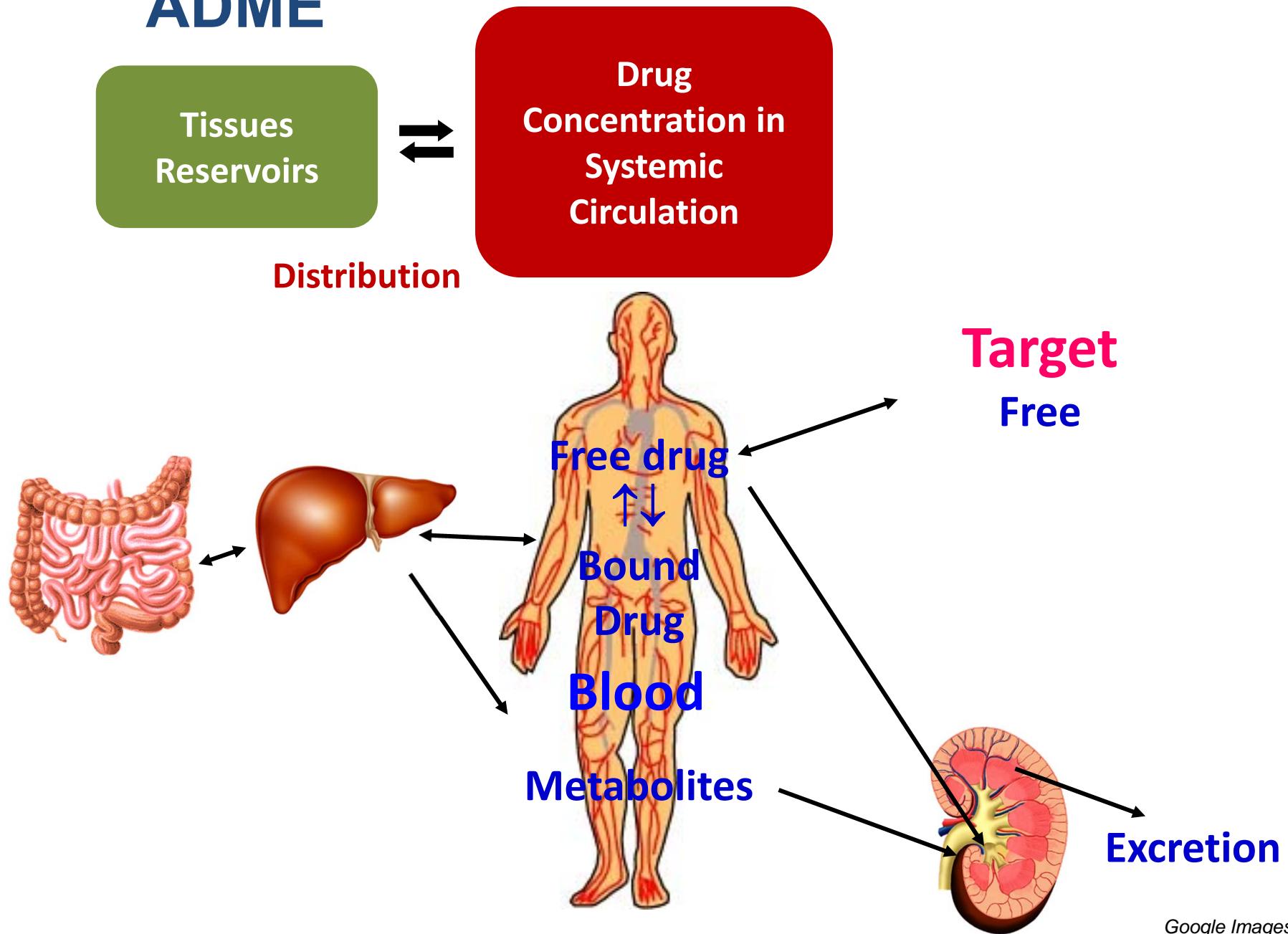
## *Reduced Efficacy*

*This is the ‘simple example’! What about combination ARV and multiple co-meds?*

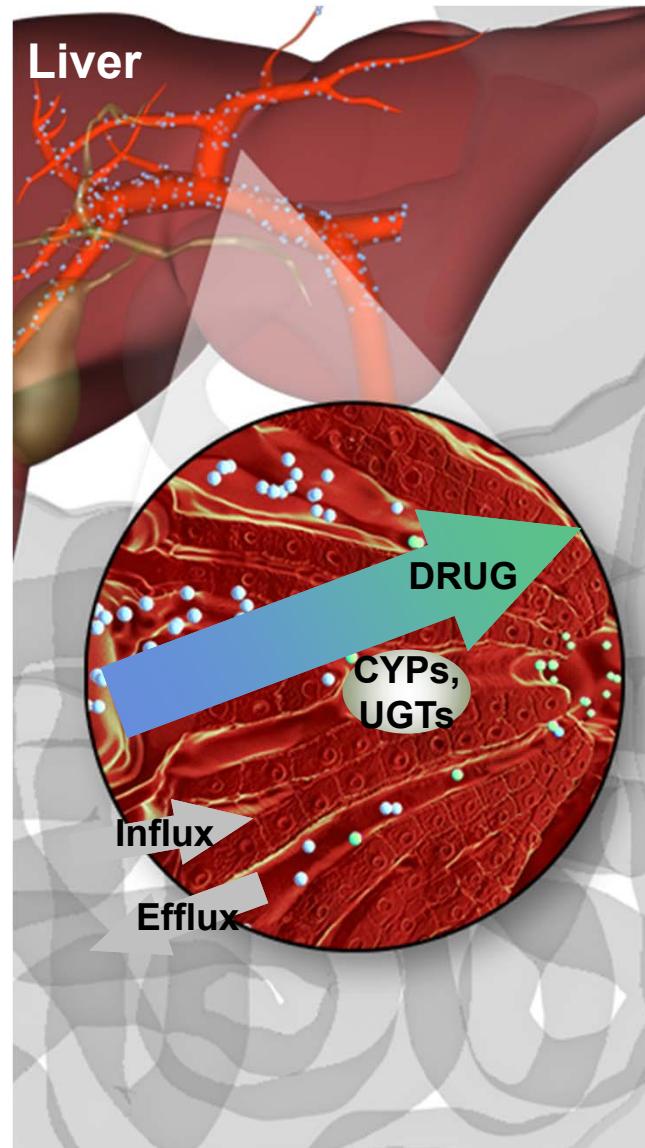
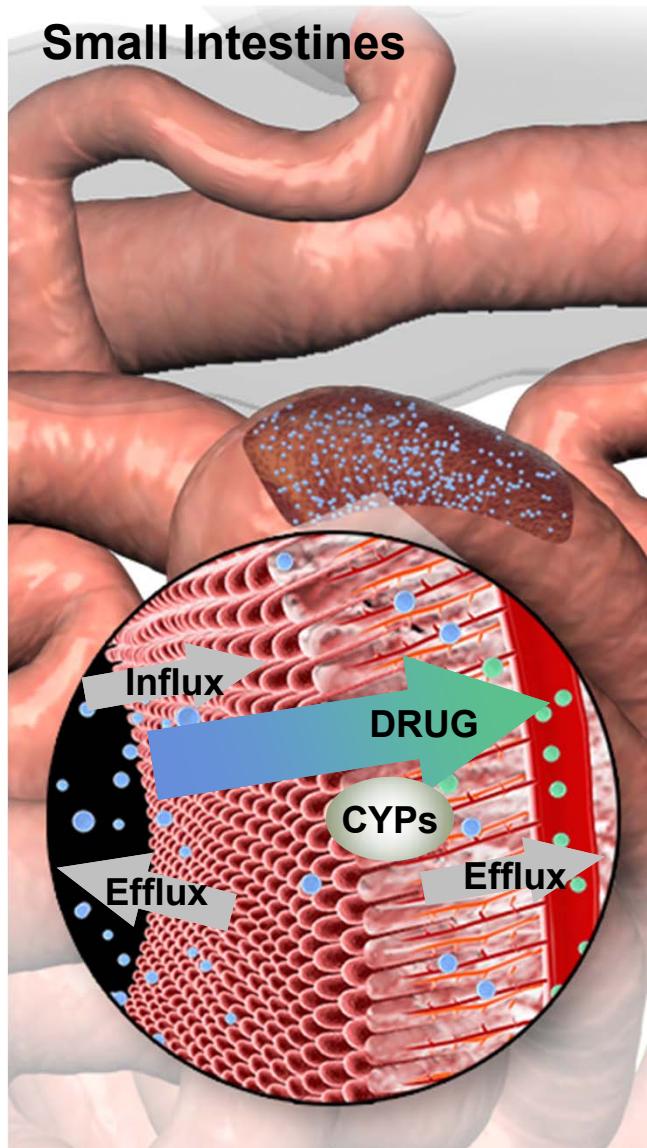
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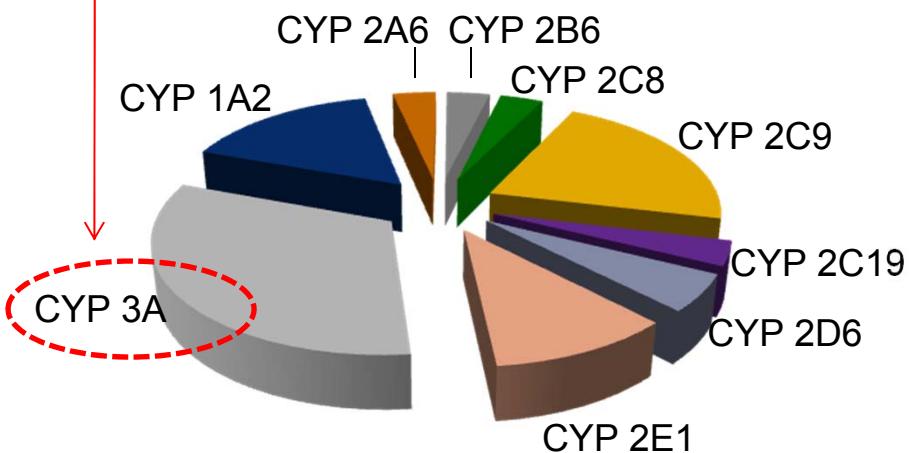
# Importance of transport and metabolism in relation to systemic drug levels



Adapted from Bailey DG, et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 1998;46:101–10

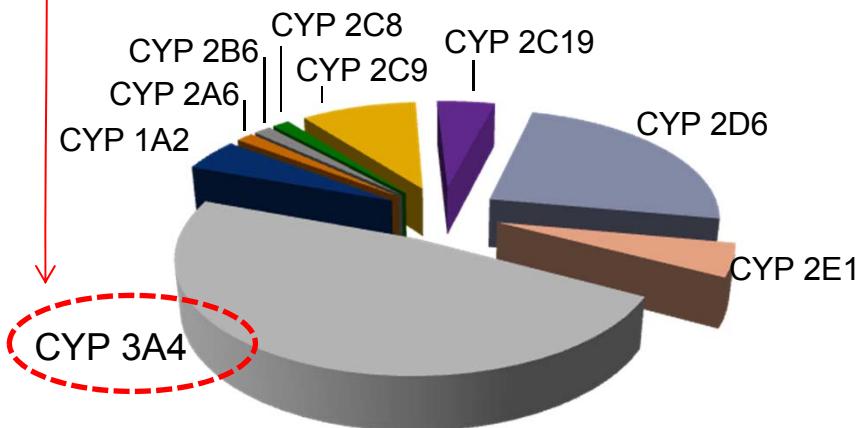
# CYP Enzymes

CYP 3A is the most abundant CYP isozyme



Proportion of total CYP enzymes present in human liver

CYP 3A is involved in the metabolism of majority of drugs



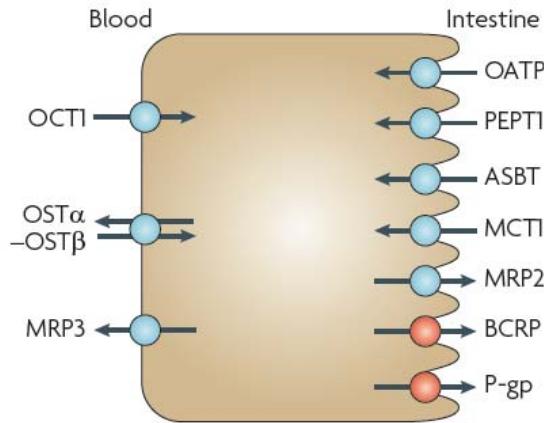
Proportion of drugs that are substrates for major CYP enzymes

CYP: cytochrome P450

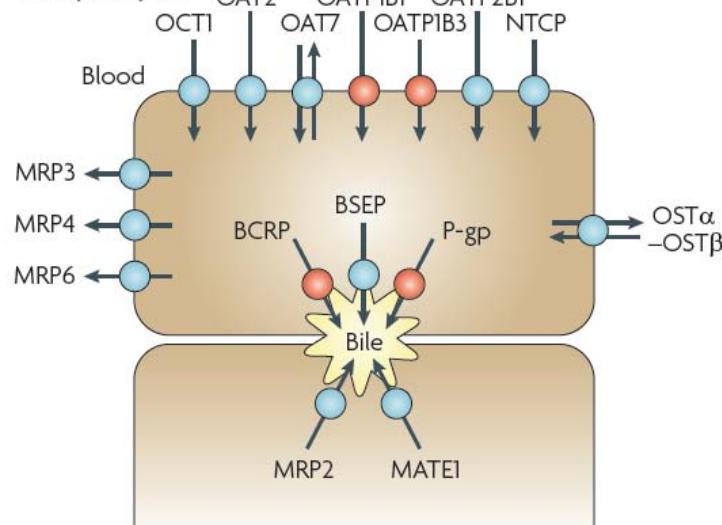
All percentages are approximate. For illustrative purposes, hepatic CYP enzymes present at <5% are all represented as 3.3%

# Transporters

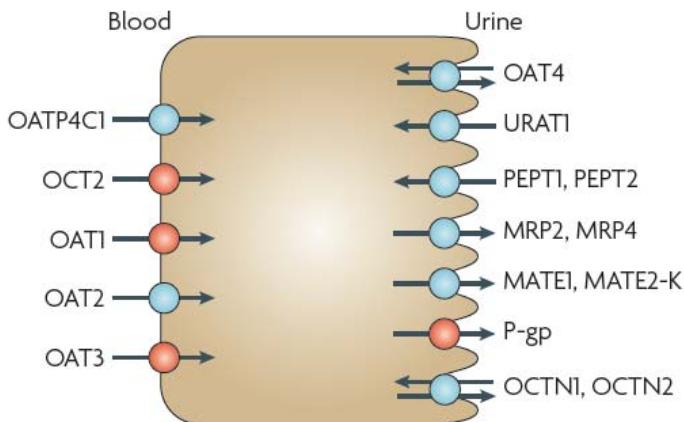
**a Intestinal epithelia**



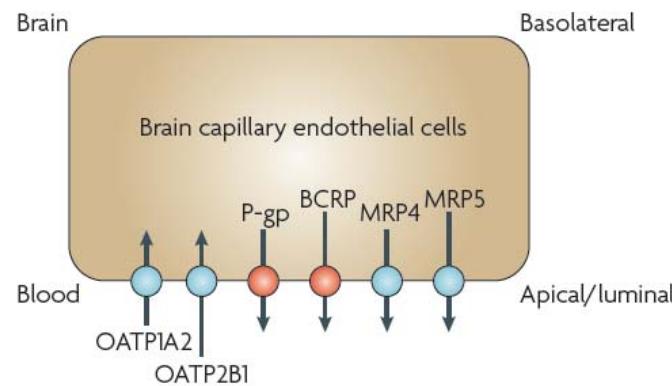
**b Hepatocytes**



**c Kidney proximal tubules**

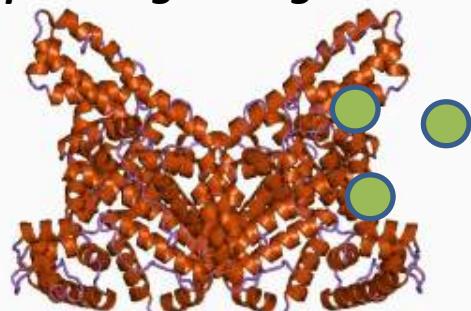


**d Blood-brain barrier**



# Protein binding displacement

*Example: Single drug*



Albumin

*PK*

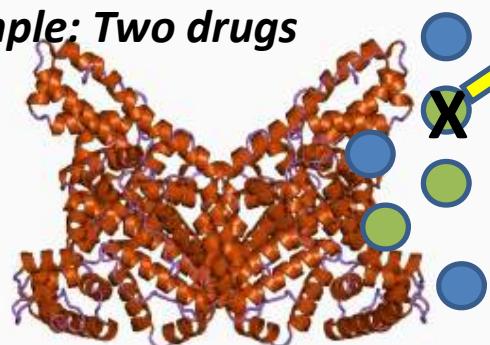
Total drug concentration: 3  
Free concentration: 1  
Free fraction: 33%

*Key message*

Free drug responsible for pharmacologic activity (PD), and subject to systemic clearance (PK)

Initial ↑ in free drug leads to increase in systemic clearance

*Example: Two drugs*

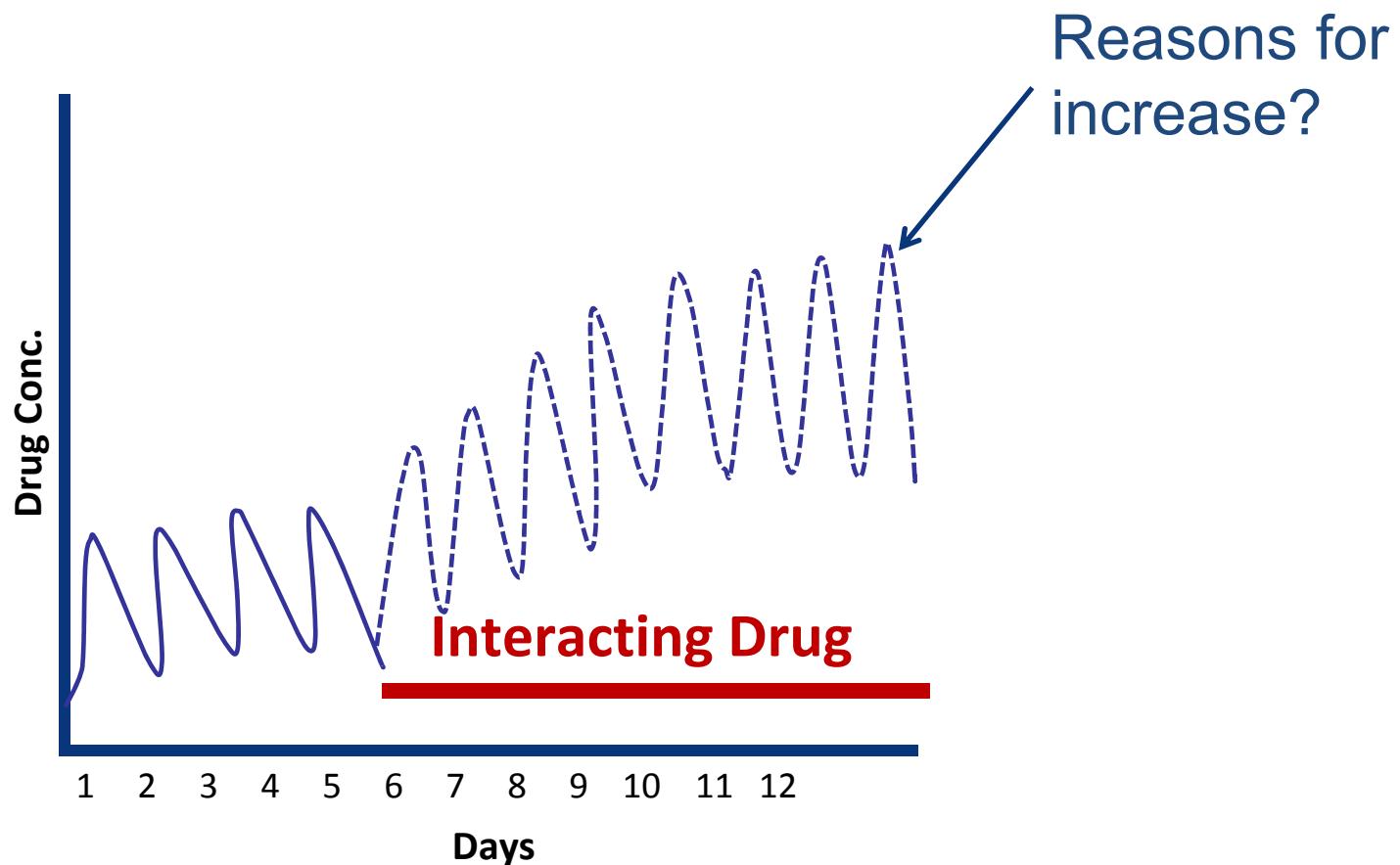


Albumin

X Total drug concentration: 2  
Free concentration: 1  
Free fraction: 50%

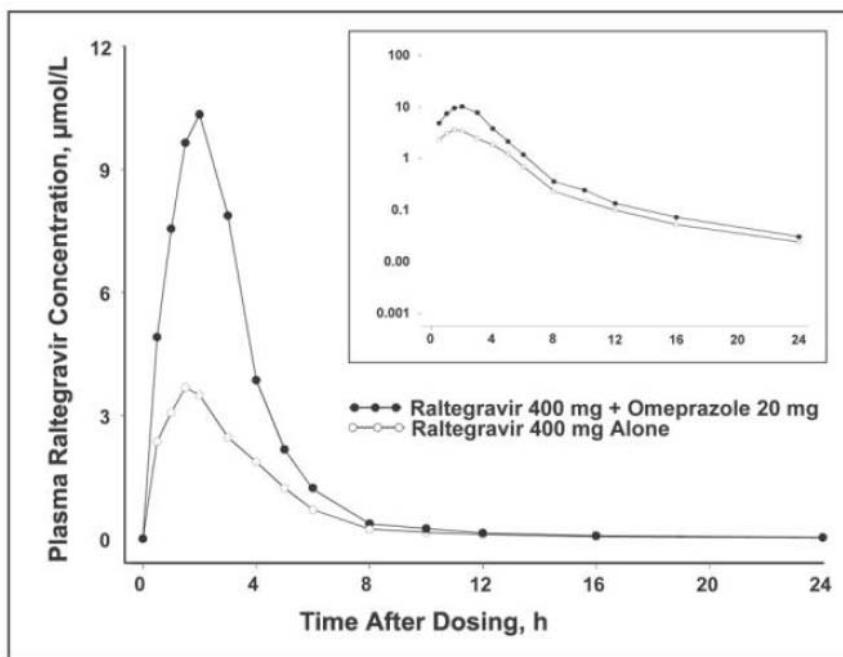
Displacement trend:  
 $\downarrow$  Total concentration  
Free concentration unchanged  
 $\uparrow$  Free fraction  
**LIMITED CLINICAL IMPACT**

# Key mechanisms of drug interactions: alteration of steady state of a drug



# Effects of Omeprazole on Plasma Levels of Raltegravir

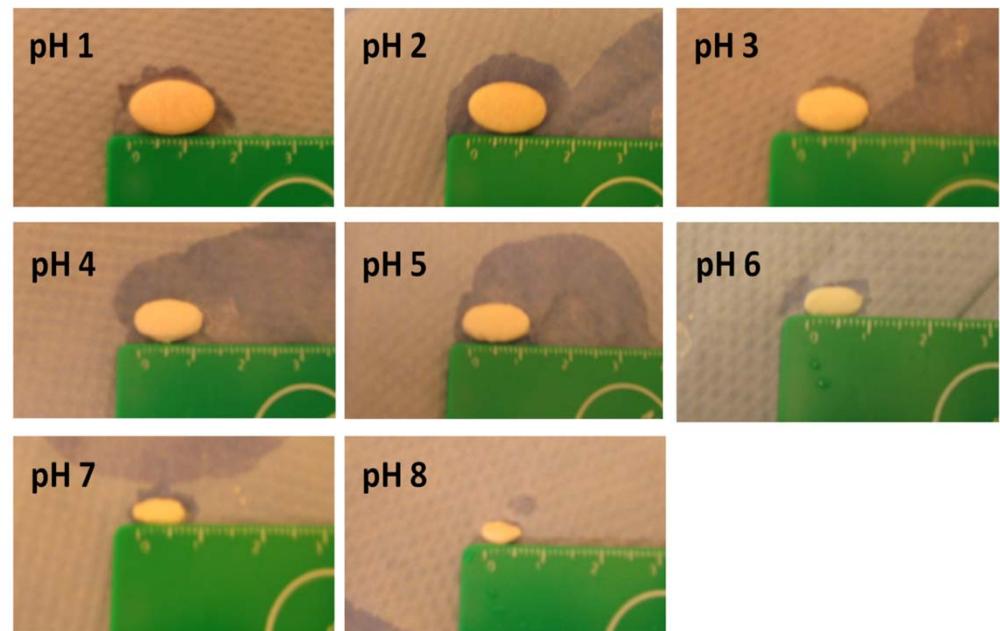
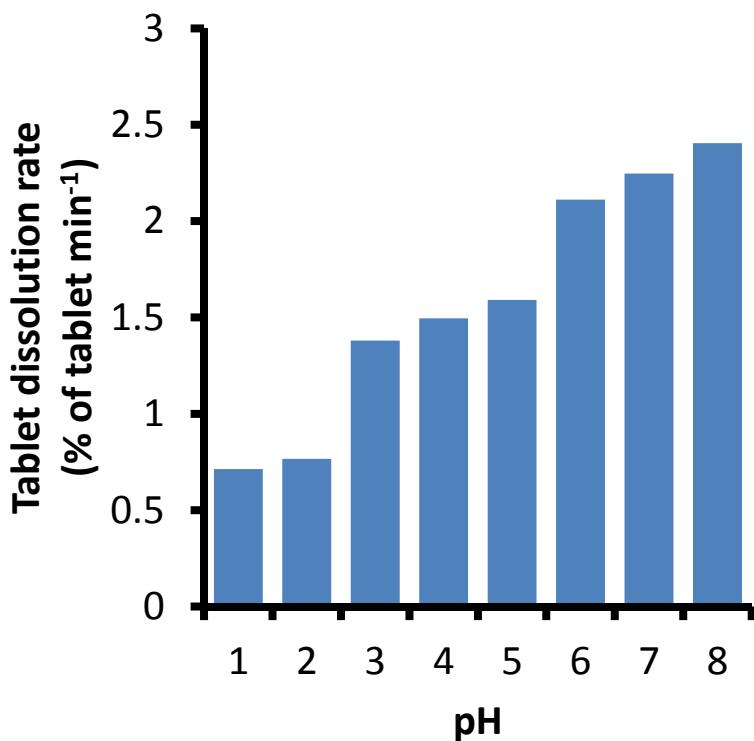
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**Figure 1.** Arithmetic mean raltegravir plasma concentration-time profiles in healthy men and women after the single-dose administration of 400-mg raltegravir with or without the administration of 20-mg omeprazole once-daily (Inset: semilog scale).

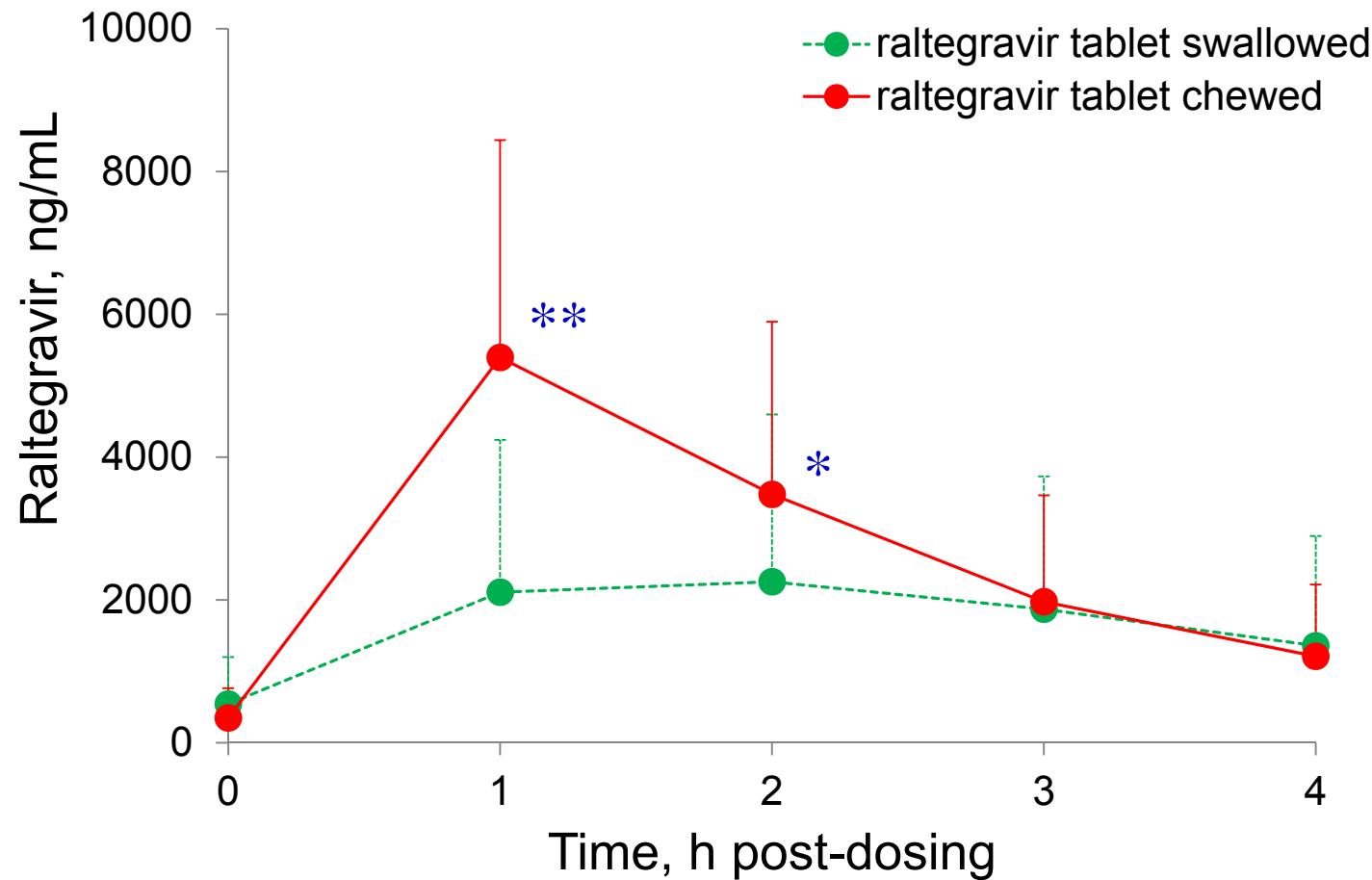
# Raltegravir tablet dissolution rate

The breakdown rate of standard raltegravir 400 mg tablets determined in buffered aqueous solutions (pH 1 to 8)



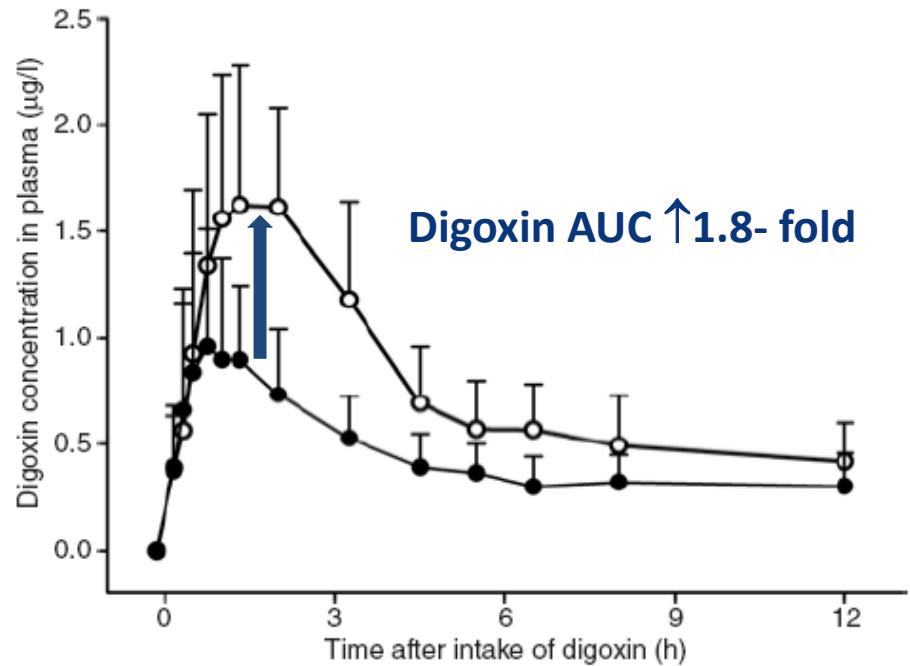
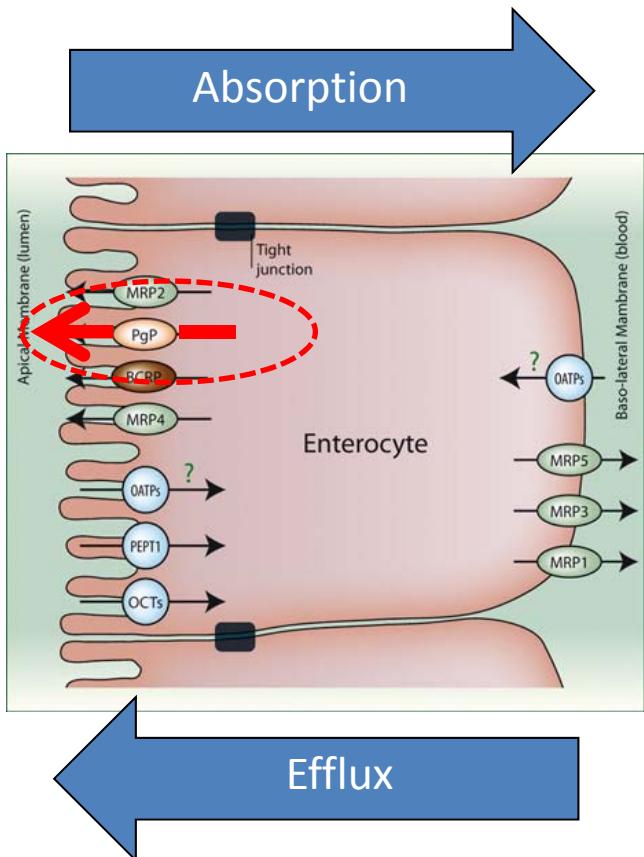
**Tablet breakdown rate increased at higher pH**

# Raltegravir time-concentration profiles in 60 HIV-patients given the drug by swallowing the whole tablet (n=50) or by chewing the tablet before swallowing (n=10)



# DDI via P-glycoprotein

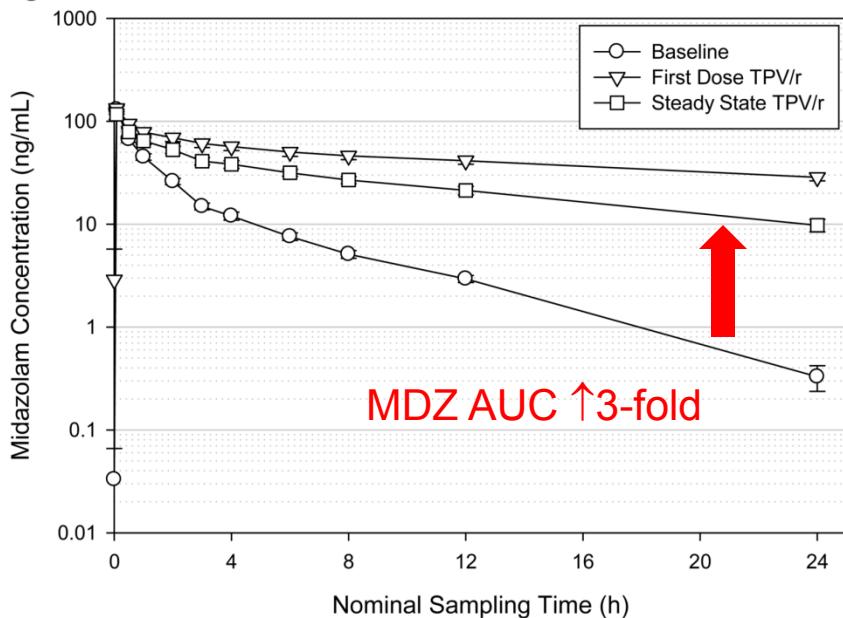
## *Effect of LPV/r on digoxin in HIV+ patients*



# Effect of tipranavir/r on intestinal and hepatic CYP3A4

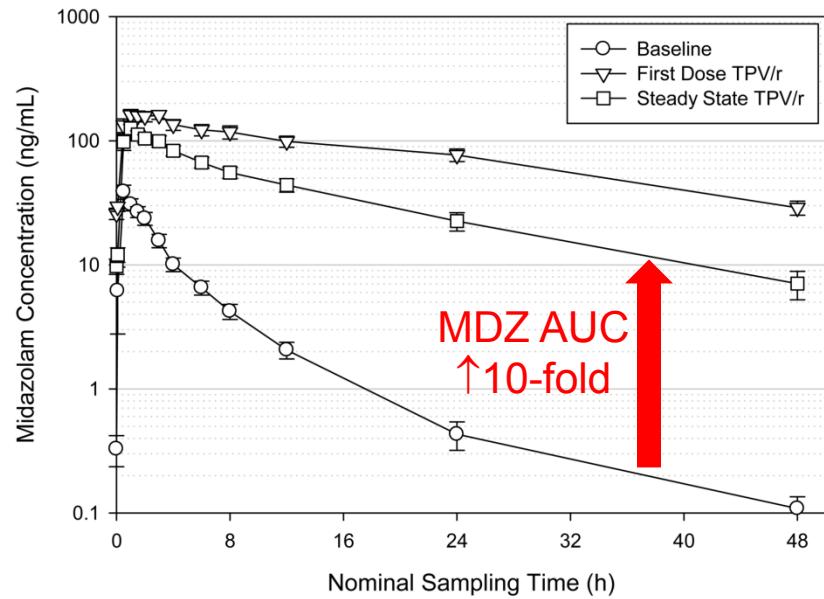
I.V. Midazolam

Figure 1e.



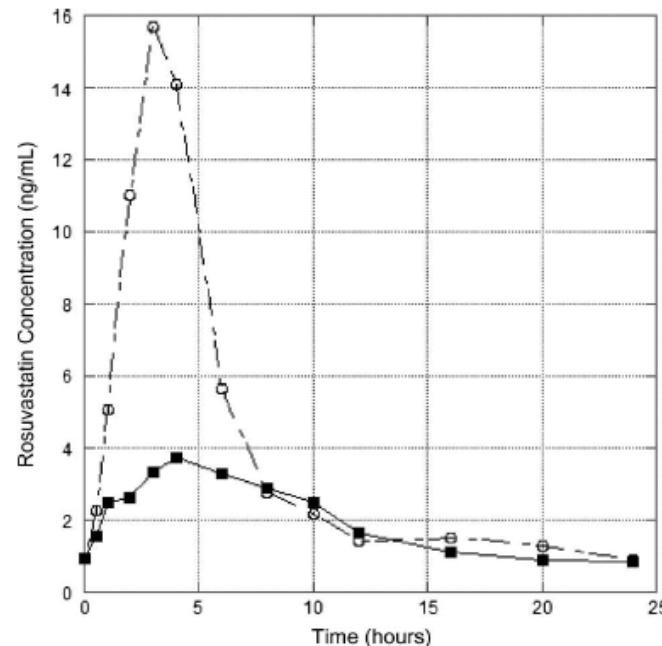
Oral Midazolam

Figure 1f.



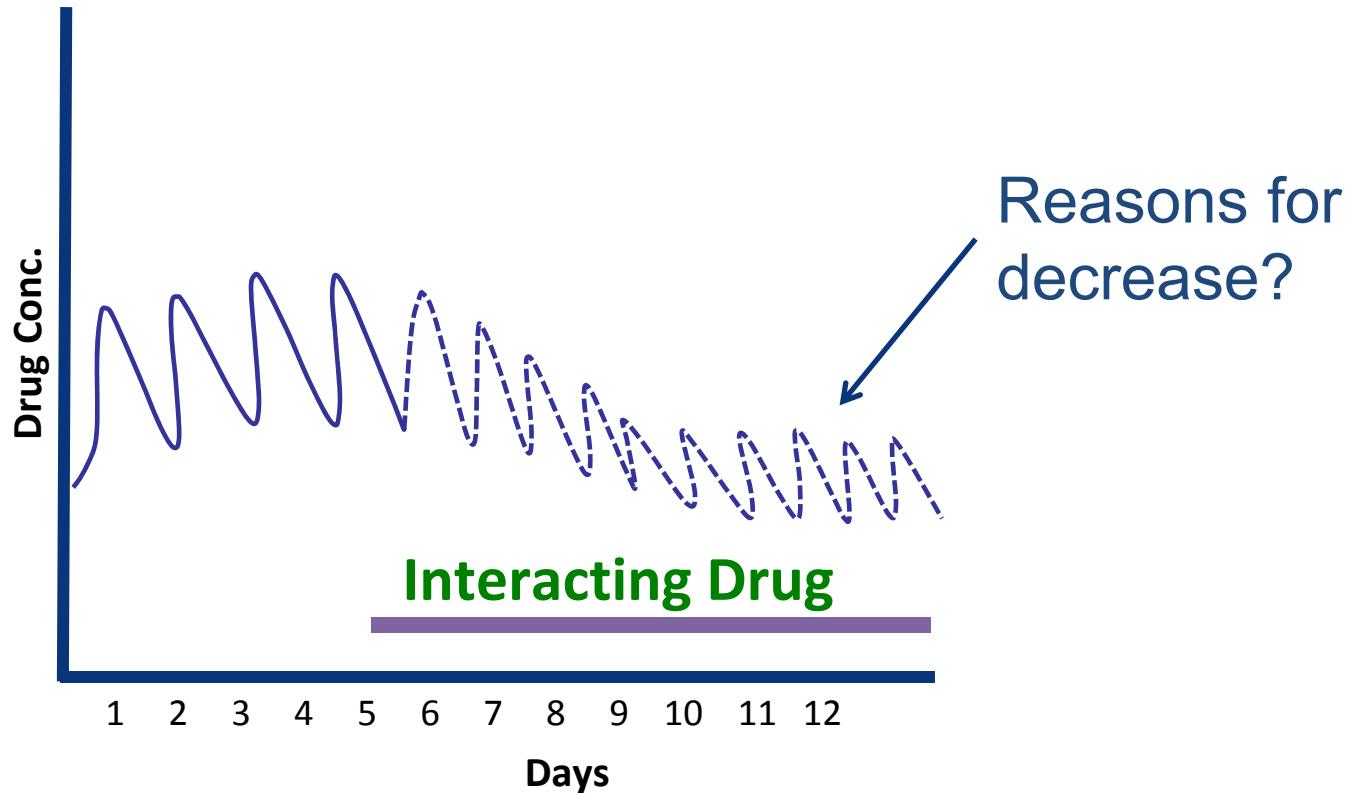
# Drug/Drug Interaction Between Lopinavir/Ritonavir and Rosuvastatin in Healthy Volunteers

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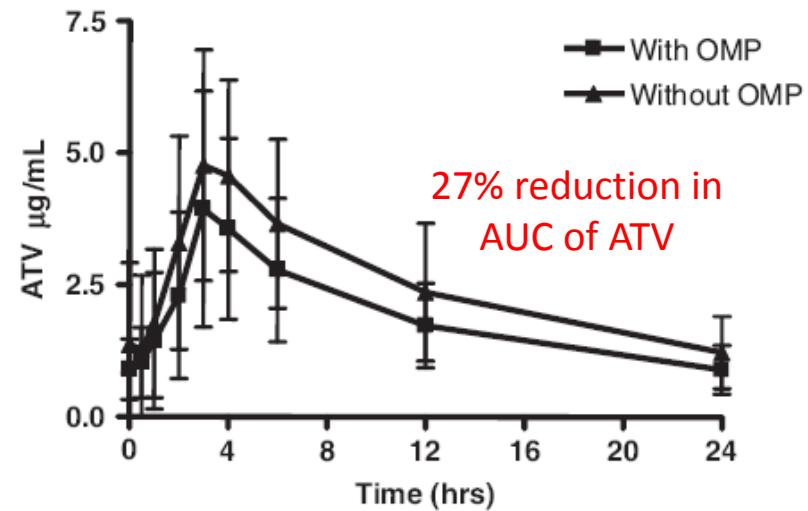
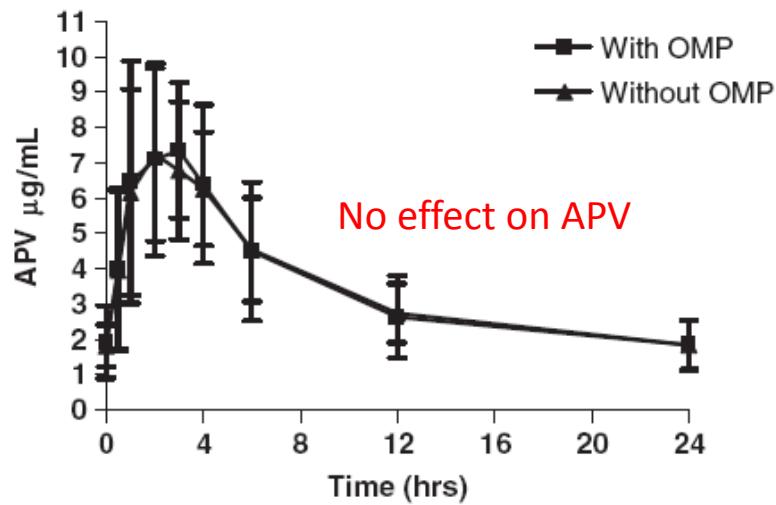
**FIGURE 1.** Rosuvastatin AUCs for subjects on rosuvastatin alone (black squares, solid line) and subjects on rosuvastatin plus lopinavir/ritonavir (open circles, dashed line).

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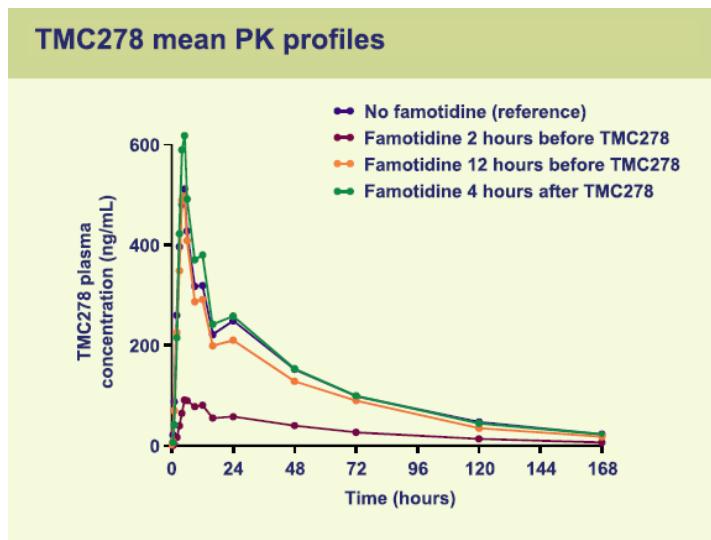
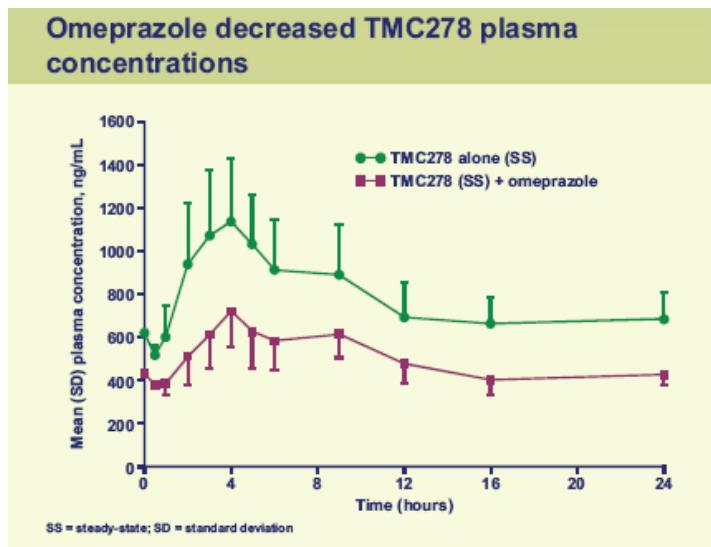
# Effect of omeprazole on APV or ATV

Healthy volunteers received omeprazole 20 mg qd in the evening, and APV/r or ATV/r qd in the morning.



ATV/rtv 300/100 mg qd + OMP 40 mg  
reduced ATV AUC by 76%  
(CROI 2005, #658)

# Rilpivirine + pH modifiers



Co-administration of Omeprazole 20 mg reduced rilpivirine exposure by 40%

Combination of rilpivirine with PPIs is contraindicated

Crauwels et al. 9th International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection, Glasgow, UK, 9–13 November 2008.

Famotidine intake	AUC <sub>∞</sub>
2 hours before TMC278	0.24 (0.20–0.28)
12 hours before TMC278	0.91 (0.78–1.07)
4 hours after TMC278	1.13 (1.01–1.27)

Effect of H2-blockers can be circumvented with separate intake (12h before, or 4h after)

# Transporter induction

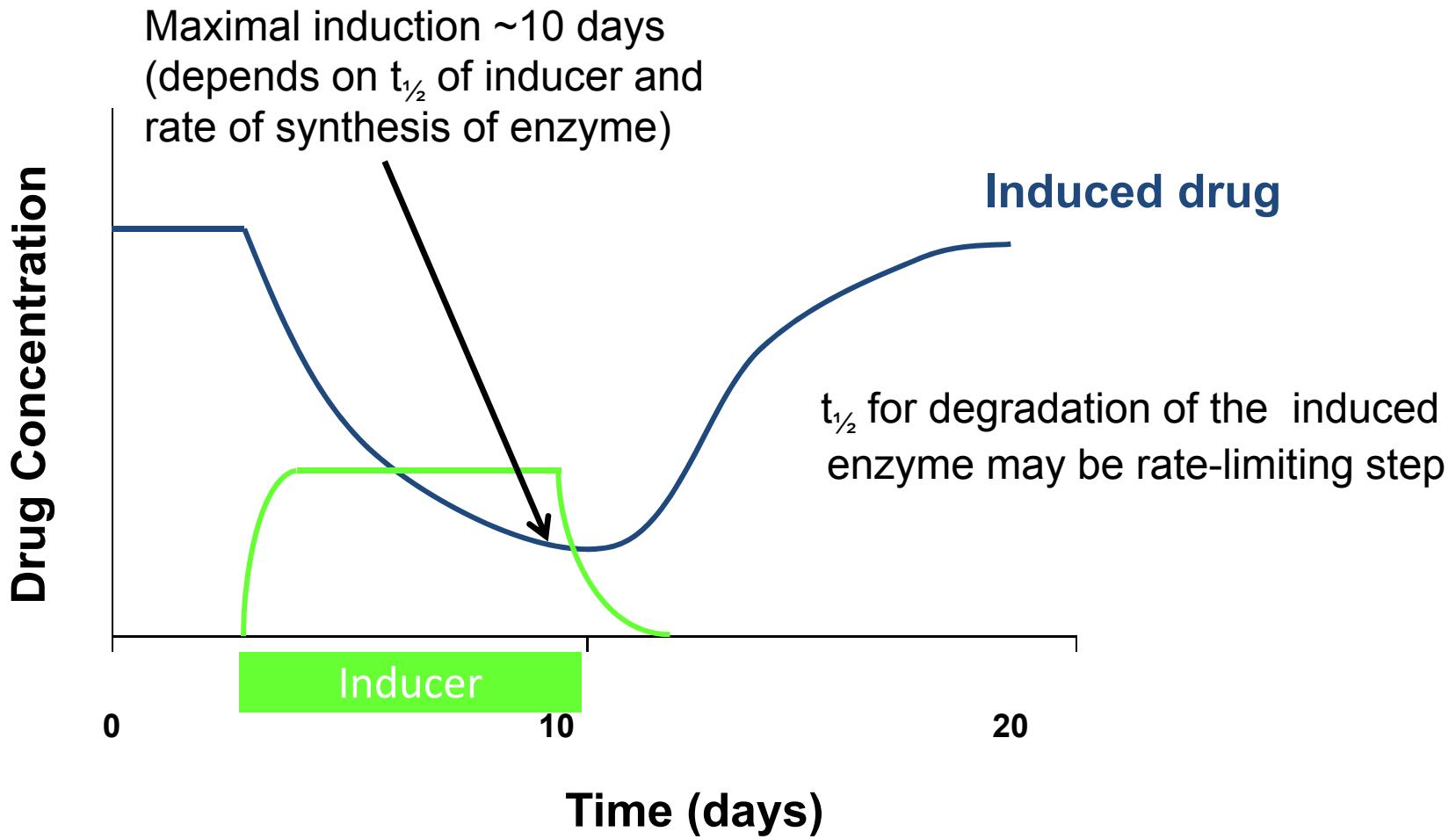
- A few clinical trials have demonstrated an inductive effect of St John's Wort (SJW) on P-gp. Plasma concentrations of P-gp substrates have been reduced by SJW.
  - Digoxin<sup>1</sup>
  - Fexafenadine<sup>2</sup>
  - Talinolol<sup>3</sup>

1, Mueller SC et al., *Clin Pharm Ther* 2004; 75: 546-557;

2, Wang Z et al., *Clin Pharm Ther* 2002; 71: 414-420;

3, Schwarz UI et al *Clin Pharm Ther* 2007; 81: 669-678.

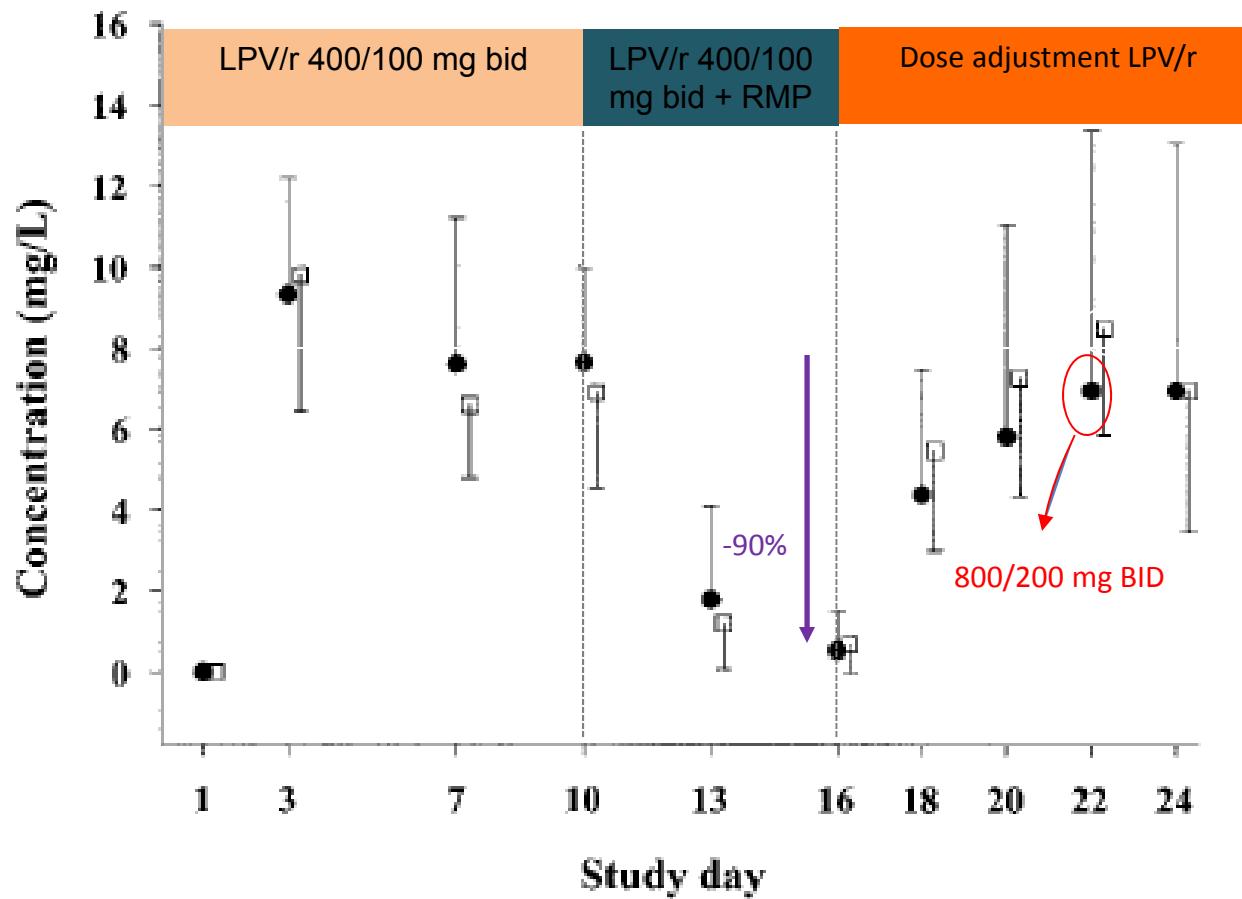
# Enzyme induction



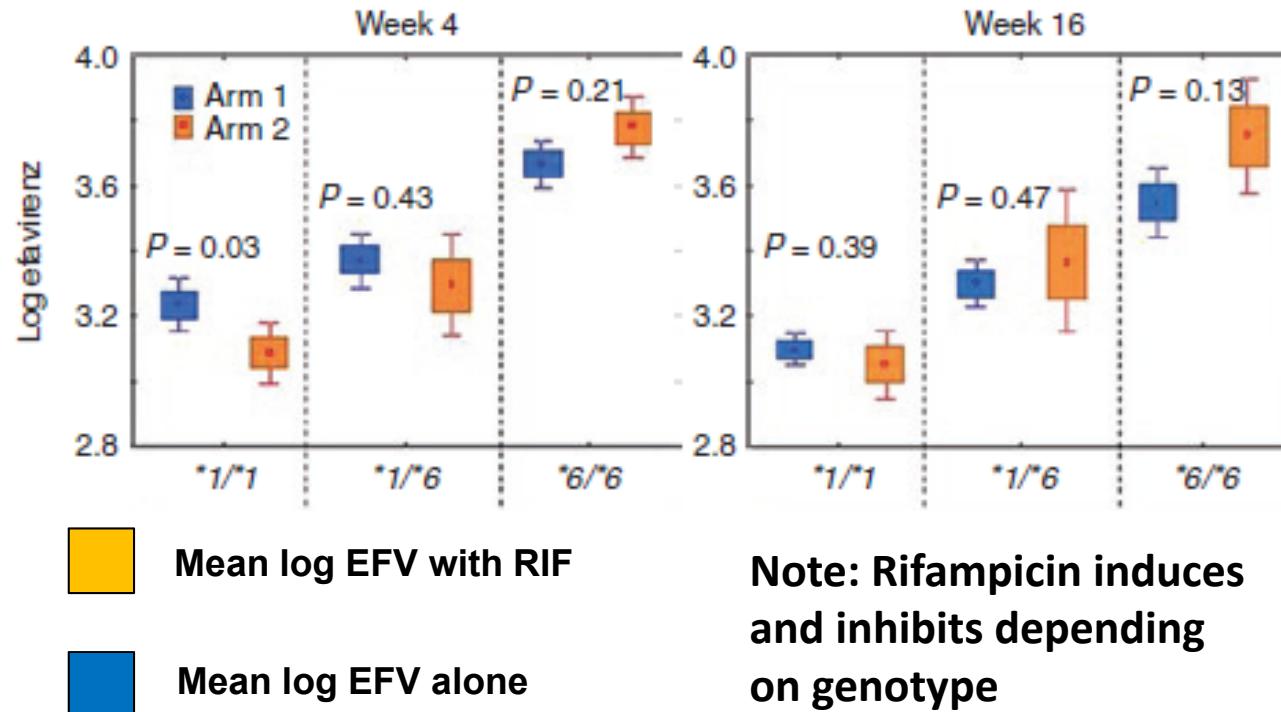
# Enzyme inducers

- **Antimycobacterial drugs**
  - Rifampicin (CYP3A, 2C9/19, UGT),
  - Rifabutin (CYP3A)
  - Isoniazid (2E1)
- **Anticonvulsant drugs**
  - Carbamazepine, Phenytoin, Phenobarbital (CYP3A)
- **Herbals**
  - St John's wort (CYP3A)

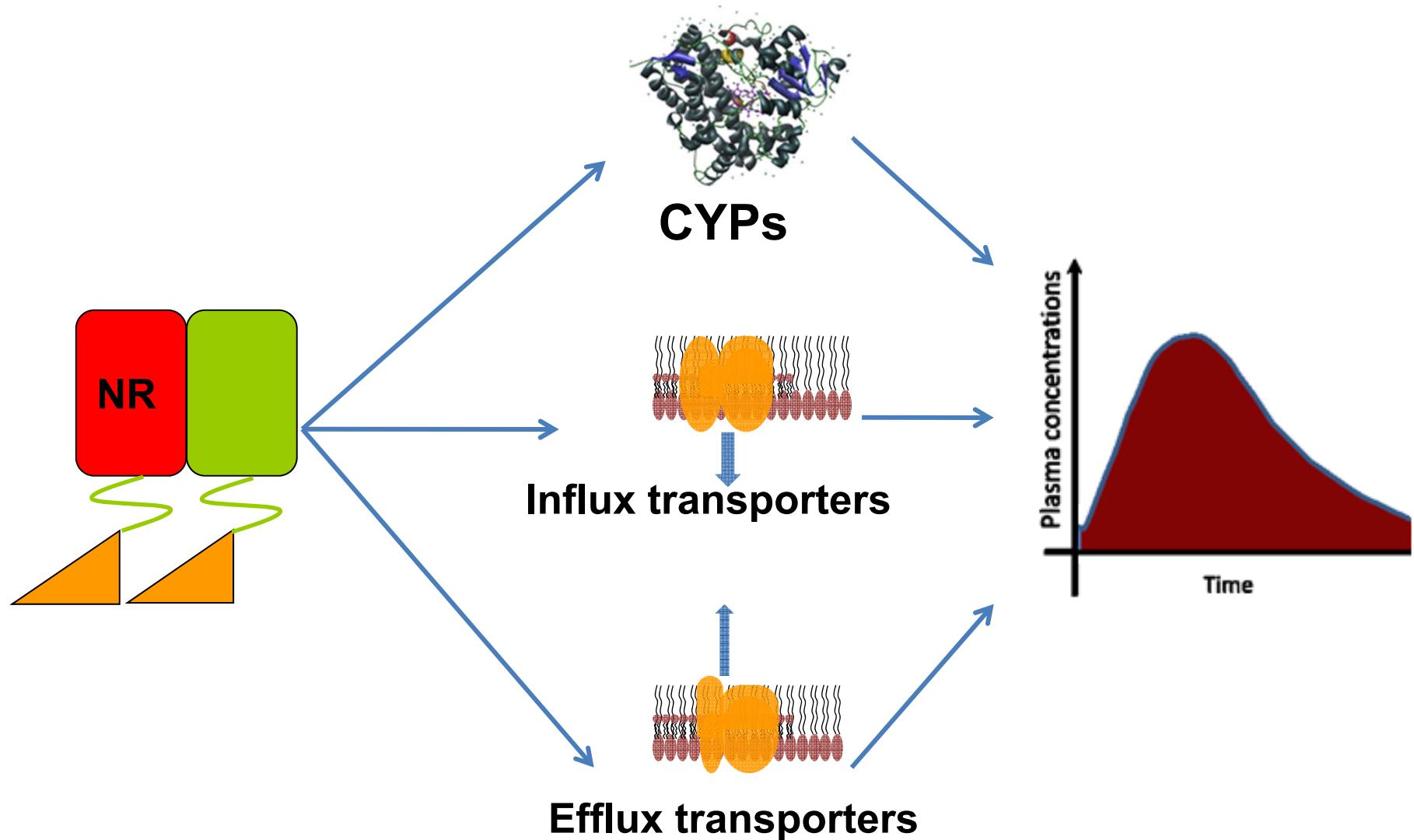
# Rifampicin induction and LPV/r



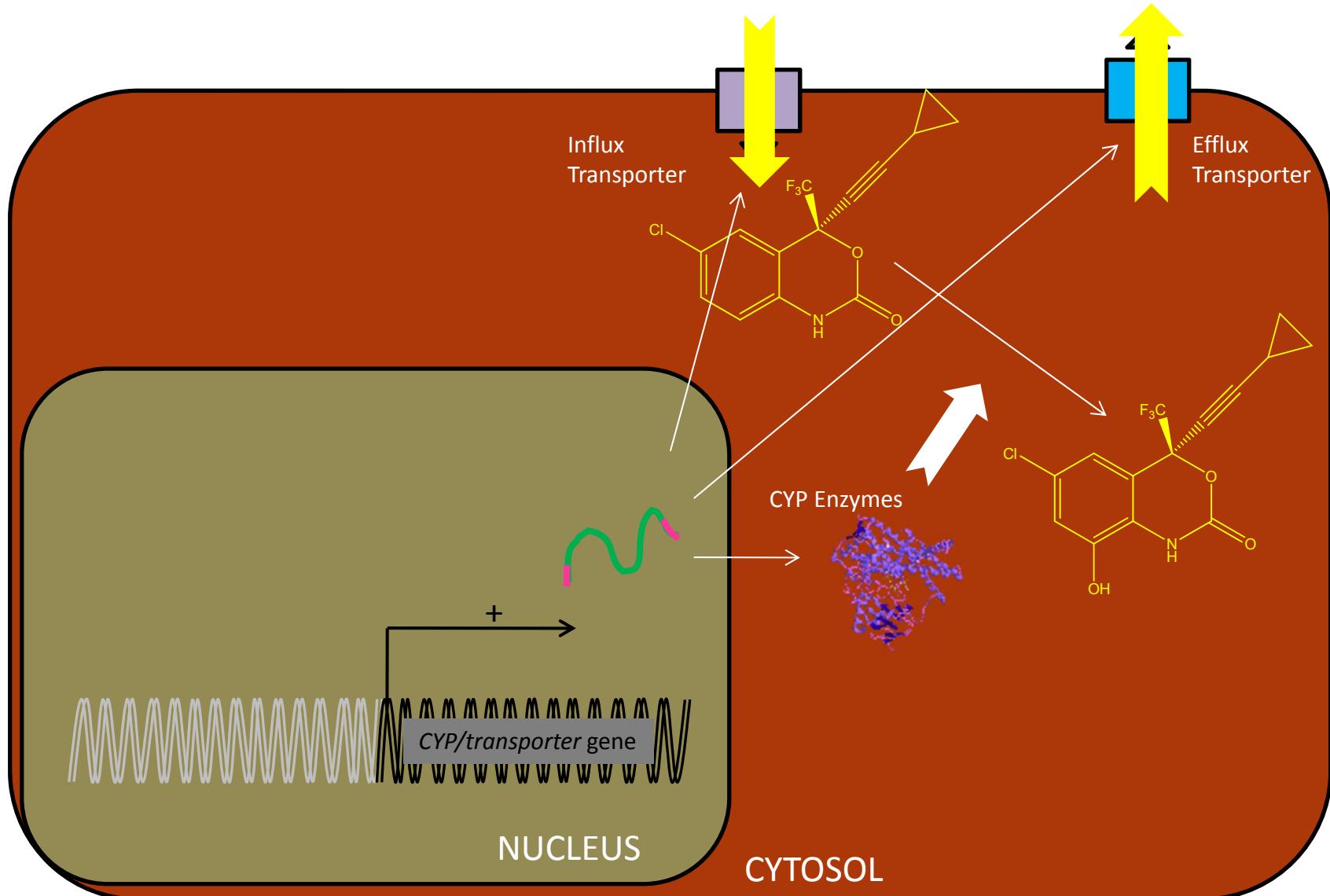
# EFV exposure and CYP2B6 genotype: differential effect of rifampicin



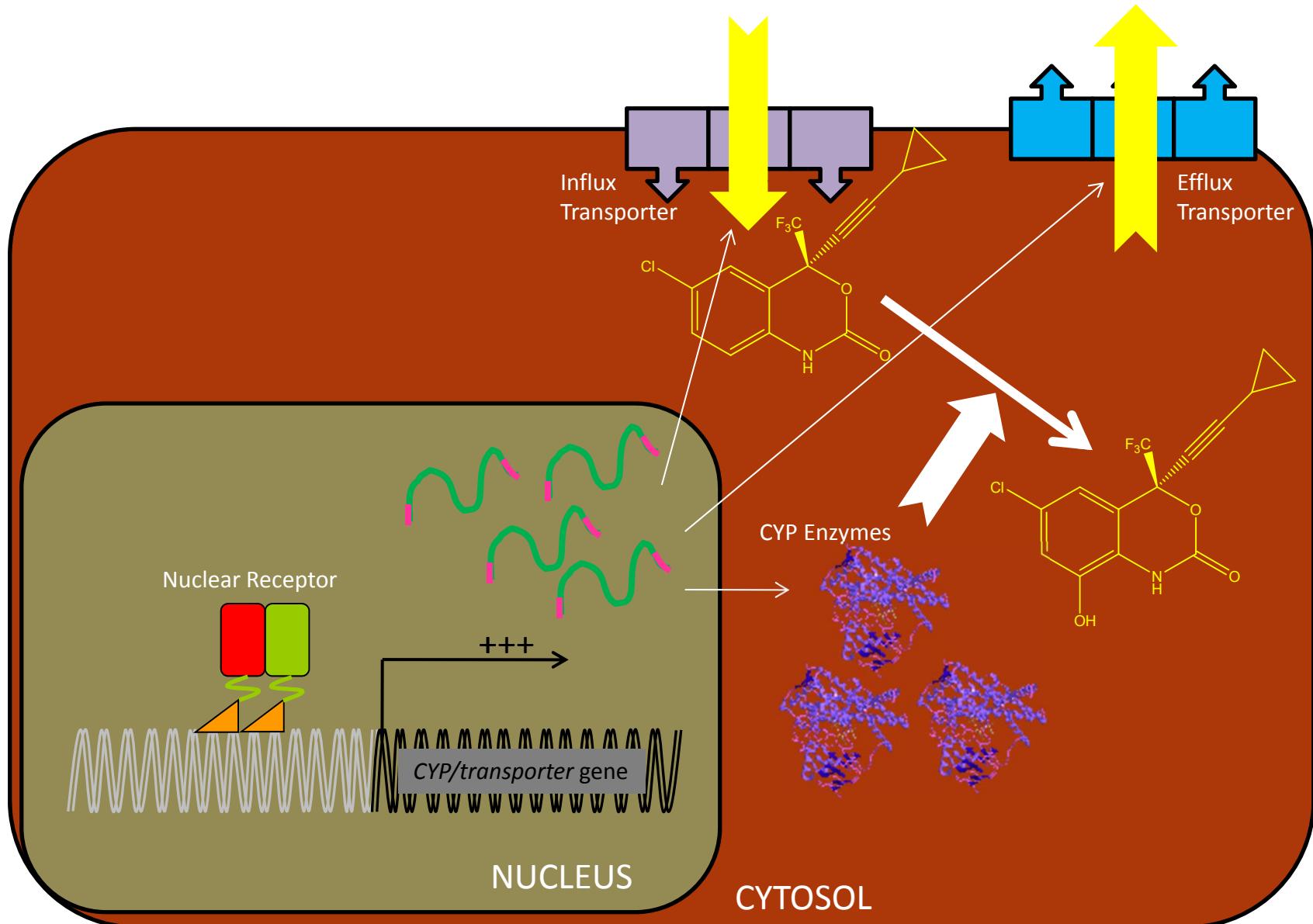
# Role of nuclear receptors



# Nuclear receptor regulation of induction



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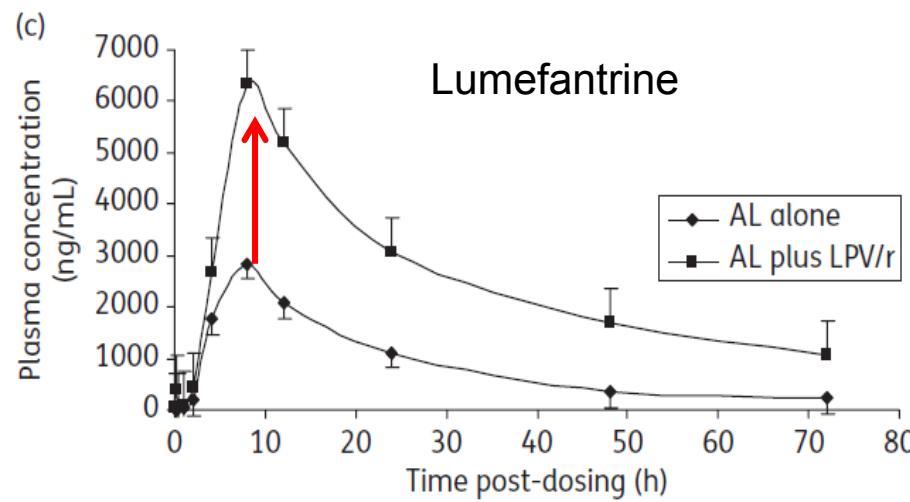
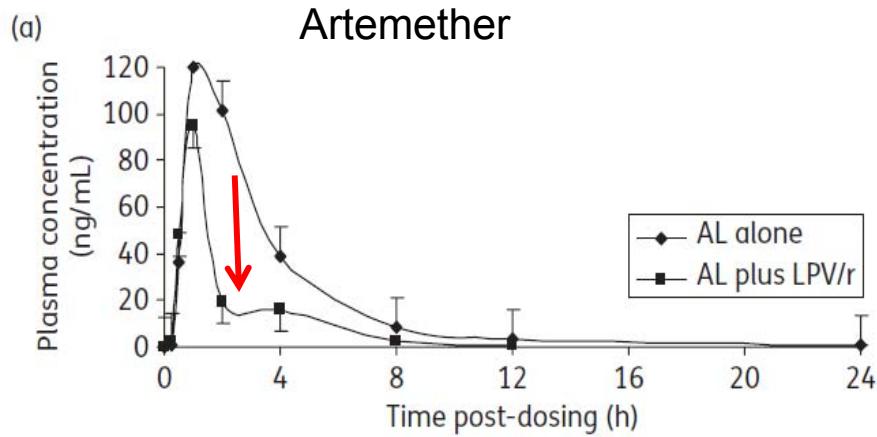


# Inhibition versus induction of CYP450

- Inhibition usually occurs rapidly (immediate or within 48 hours).
- Induction occurs after repeated exposure and may take up to 14 days to reach a maximum.
- Enzyme activity slowly returns to baseline when modulating drug is discontinued (up to 14 days).

# Lopinavir/ritonavir significantly influences pharmacokinetic exposure of artemether/lumefantrine in HIV-infected Ugandan adults

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# Some Key Questions

## **What constitutes a clinically relevant drug-drug interaction?**

*20%, 30%, 50%, 70% decrease in PK  
OR*

*0.5-fold, 2-fold, 3-fold increase in PK?*

- Can be confusing!

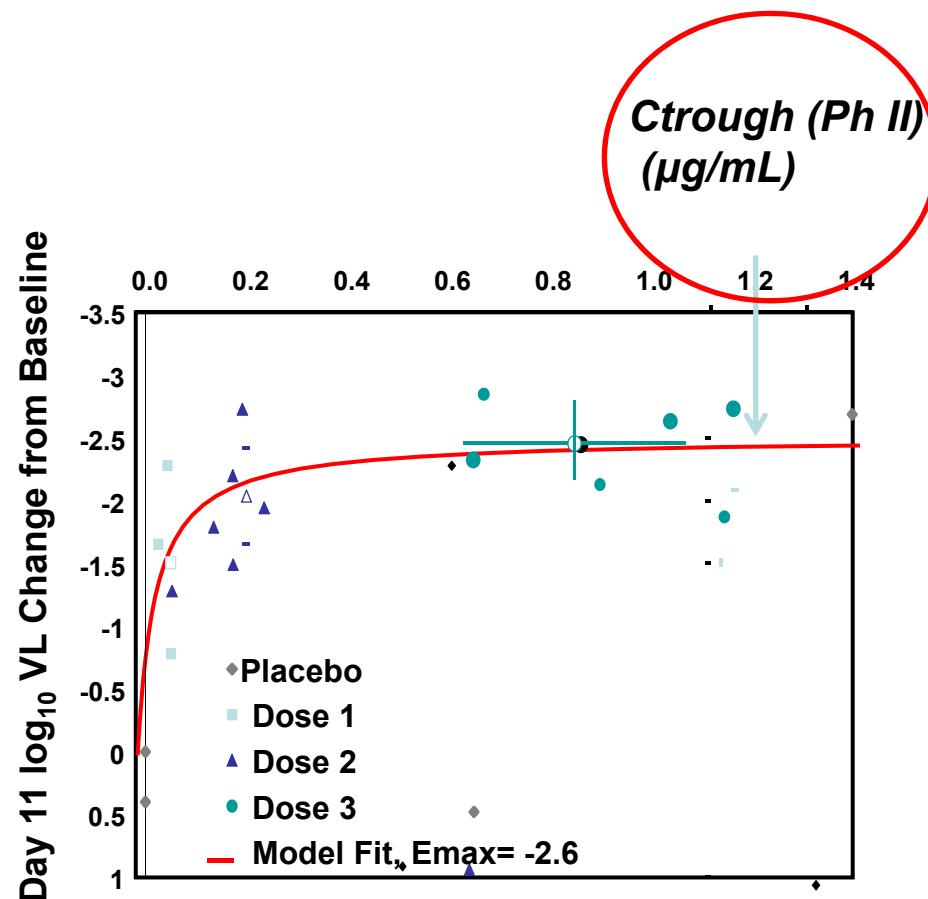
# Interaction of efavirenz with other antivirals

Antiviral	% Decrease in exposure of antiviral with efavirenz	Recommendation
Atazanavir/r	AUC 0% ; Cmin 42%	<u>Not recommended</u> but increase to 400/200 mg possibly considered (European SPC)
Maraviroc	AUC 45%; Cmin 45%	<u>Increase</u> MVC to 600 mg bid
Dolutegravir <sup>1</sup>	AUC 75%; Cmin 70%	<u>No dose adjustment</u> likely
Telaprevir	AUC 26%; Cmin 47%	Dose <u>increase</u> from 750 mg tid to 1125 mg tid
Boceprevir	AUC 19%; Cmin 44%	<u>Clinical outcome not assessed</u>

<sup>1</sup>Dolutegravir is not licensed.

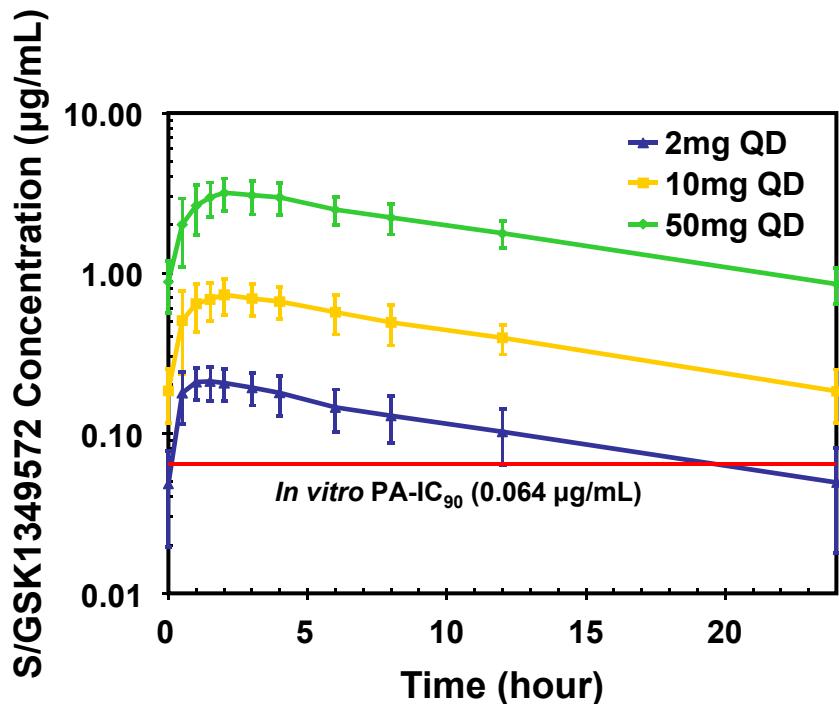
From Song I et al. 12<sup>th</sup> IWCPHT, 2011, Miami.

# Exposure-response relationship (HIV)

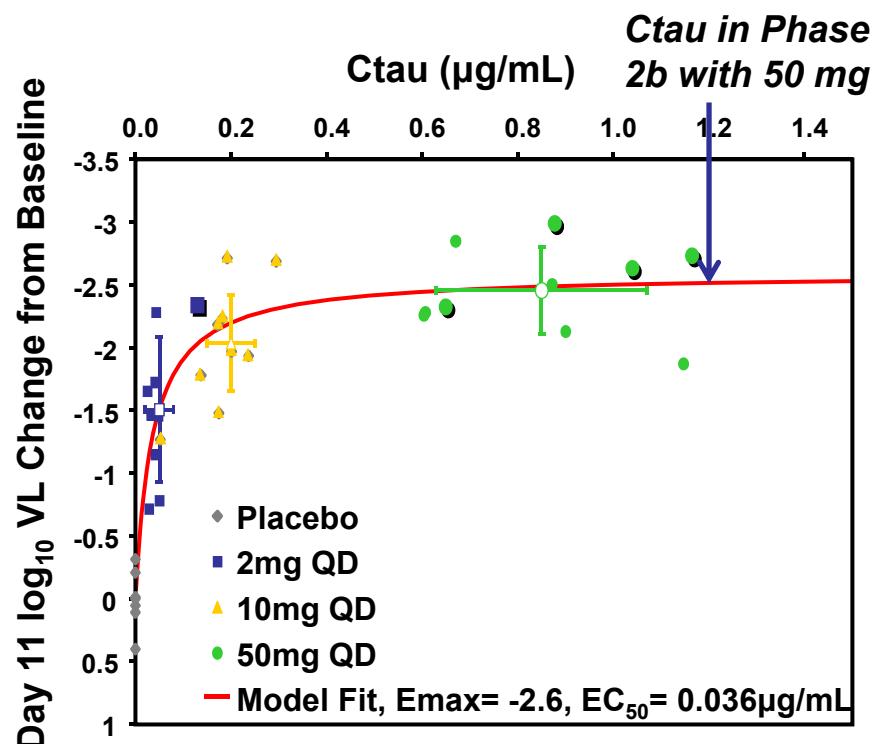


# Exposure-response relationship of dolutegravir from phase IIa<sup>1</sup>

Dolutegravir  
Plasma Concentrations  
on Day 10



Emax model of Dolutegravir  
Exposure vs. Response



Song I, et al. IAS 2009, Cape Town, Wednesday poster #WEPEB250

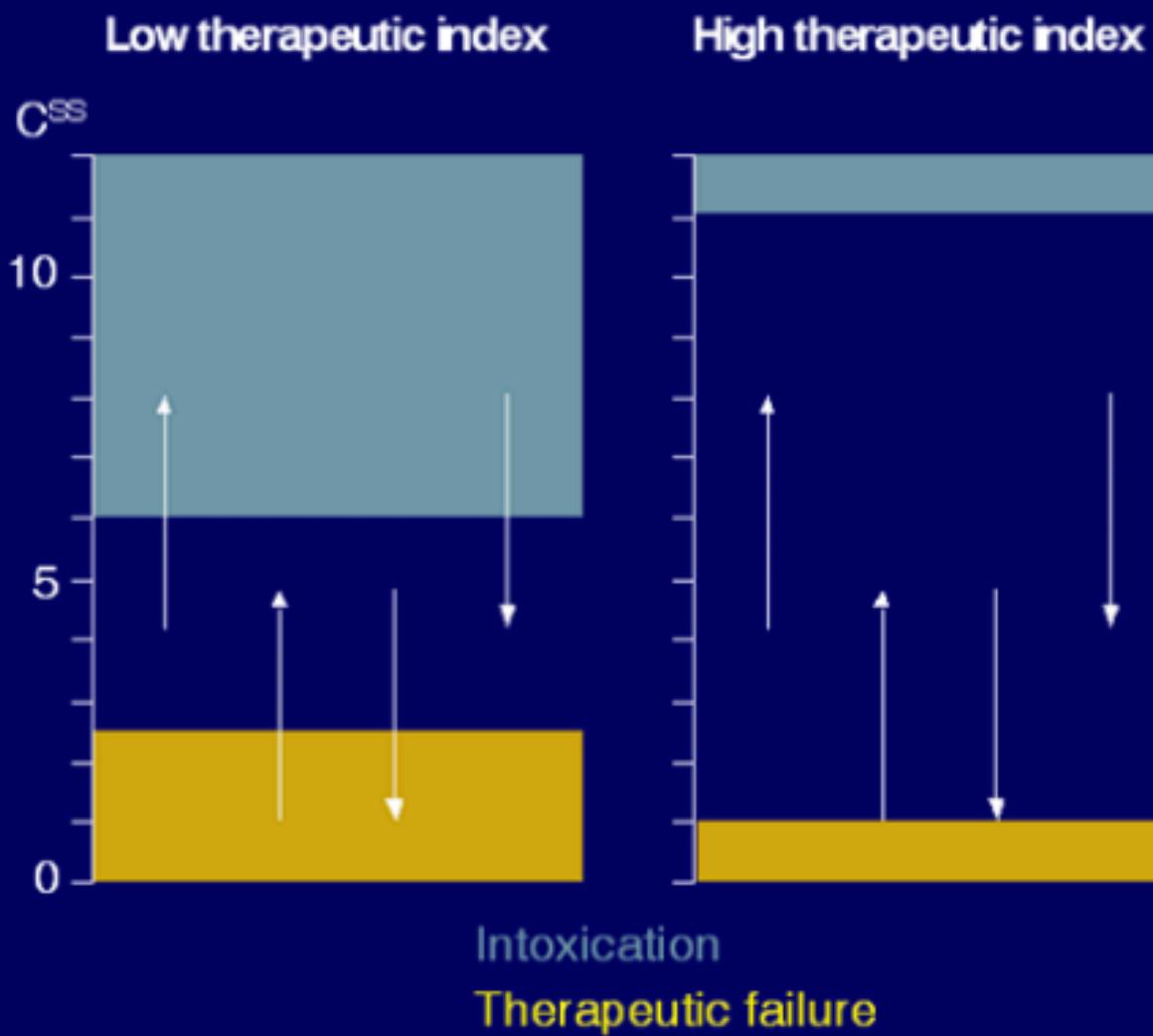
Lalezari, et. al. – IAS 2009 – 5th Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention 19-22 July 2009, Cape Town South Africa – Abstract TUAB105



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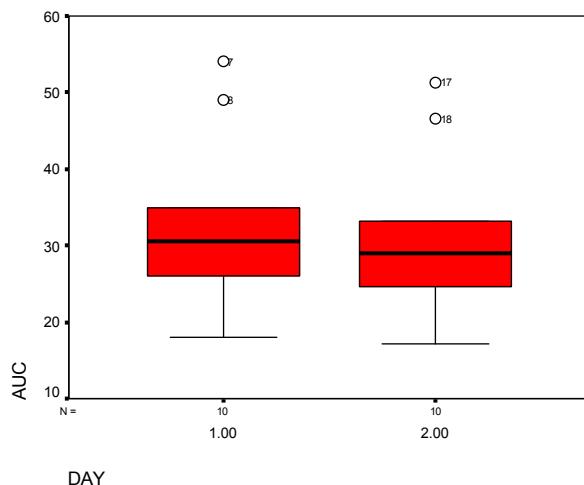
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# Statistical versus clinical significance

- A clinically relevant PK interaction would require a dose modification/warning/contra-indication
- A statistically significant effect may not be clinically relevant



A consistent 10% decrease in AUC in 10 subjects is statistically significant ( $p<0.01$ ), but not clinically relevant.

Will DDI data from healthy  
volunteer studies reflect what  
will happen in patients?

# Physiological changes (versus healthy volunteers)

Parameter	HIV-infected	HCV-infected	HIV/HCV co-infected
Albumin	↓ <sup>1,2</sup>	↓* <sup>3</sup>	↓† <sup>4</sup>
α1-acid glycoprotein	↑ <sup>5</sup>	↑ <sup>6</sup>	↑
Gastric pH	↑ <sup>7</sup>	↑ <sup>8</sup>	↑
Cytochrome P450	↓	↓	↓
Cytokines	↑	↑	↑

\* Decreased albumin associated more with cirrhosis and significant liver damage

† Significantly lower than HIV or HCV mono-infected patients

<sup>1</sup>Mehta SH, et al. AIDS Res Human Retrovir 2006;22:14–21; <sup>2</sup>Graham SM, et al. AIDS Res Human Retrovir 2007;23:1197–1200

<sup>3</sup>Nagao Y & Sata M. Virology Journal 2010;7:375; <sup>4</sup>Monga HK, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2001;33:240–7

; <sup>5</sup>Boffito M, et al. Drug Metab Dispos 2002;30:859–60; <sup>6</sup>Ozeki T, et al. Br J Exp Path 1988;69:589–95

<sup>7</sup>Welage LS, et al. Clin Infect Dis 1995;21:1431–38; <sup>8</sup>Nam YJ, et al. Korean J Hepatol 2004;10:216–22

# PK Differences (vs. healthy volunteers)

Drug	HIV-infected	HIV/HCV co-infected*
ATV	↓ (Reyataz SPC)	↑ (Regazzi et al. Ther Drug Monit 2011)
ATV/RTV	↓ (Reyataz SPC)	↔ (Di Biagio et al. J Infect Chemother 2012) ↔ (Regazzi et al. Ther Drug Monit 2011)
DRV/RTV	↑ (Prezista SPC)	↔† (Sekar et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2010) ↑ RTV † (Sekar et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2010) ↔ (Sekar et al. 11 <sup>th</sup> EACS 2011) ↔ cirrhosis vs. historical controls (Curran et al. 13 <sup>th</sup> WCPHT 2012)
LPV/RTV	↔ (Kaletra SPC)	↔ (Barreiro et al. J Infect Dis 2007) ↑ (Peng et al. J Clin Pharmacol 2006) ↑ RTV (Peng et al. J Clin Pharmacol 2006) ↔ (Canta et al. JAC 2005) ↔ but ↑ V/F (Molto et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2007) ↑ RTV, ↓ CL/F V/F (Molto et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2007) ↔ (Seminari et al. JAC 2005) ↓ (Dominguez et al. JAC 2010)
EFV	↓ (Mukonzo et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2011) (Ugandan study) ↓ (Dupont review report 1998) (↔ Caucasian; ↓ Black)	↔ (Katsounas et al. Eur J Med Res 2007) ↔ (Pereira et al. BJCP 2008) ↑ cirrhosis vs. no cirrhosis (Barreiro et al. J Infect Dis 2007) ↑ (Dominguez et al. JAC 2010)
RAL	↓ (Arab-Alameddine et al. AAC 2012 ) ↔ (composite analysis, Merck)	↑ cirrhosis vs. no cirrhosis (Hemandez-Novoa et al. 19 <sup>th</sup> CROI 2012) ↔ <sup>‡</sup> (Iwamoto et al. AAC 2009)

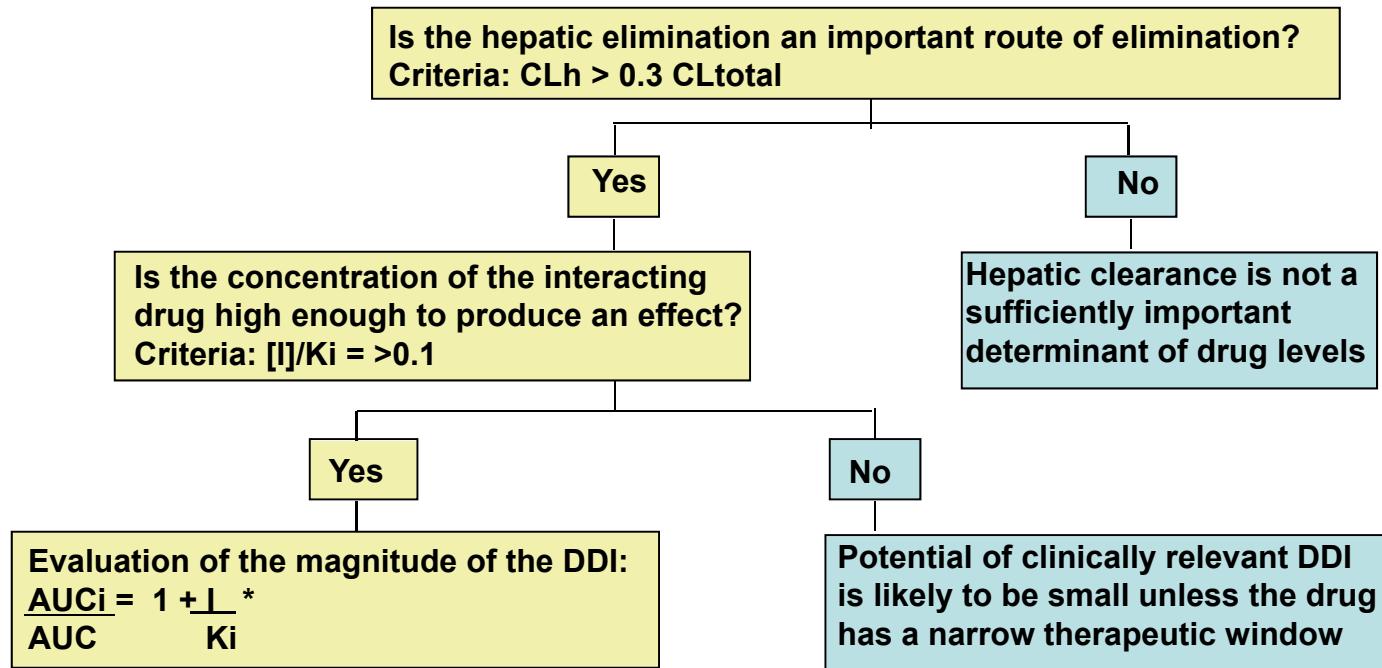
\* Compared to HIV mono-infected

† Healthy individuals with & without mild/moderate hepatic impairment

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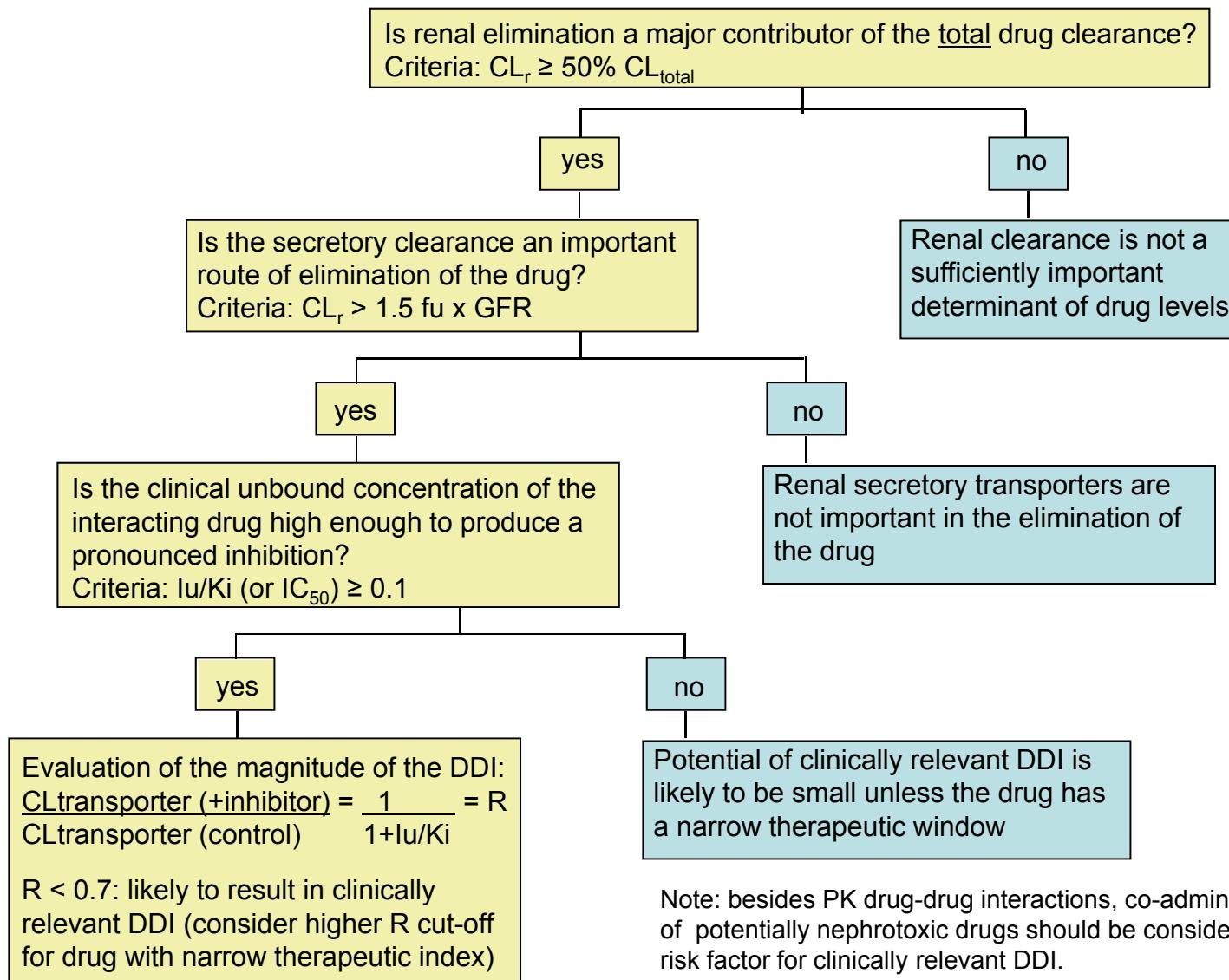
How do you predict  
interactions where there are  
no study data?

# Decision tree for clinically relevant DDI of CYP substrates

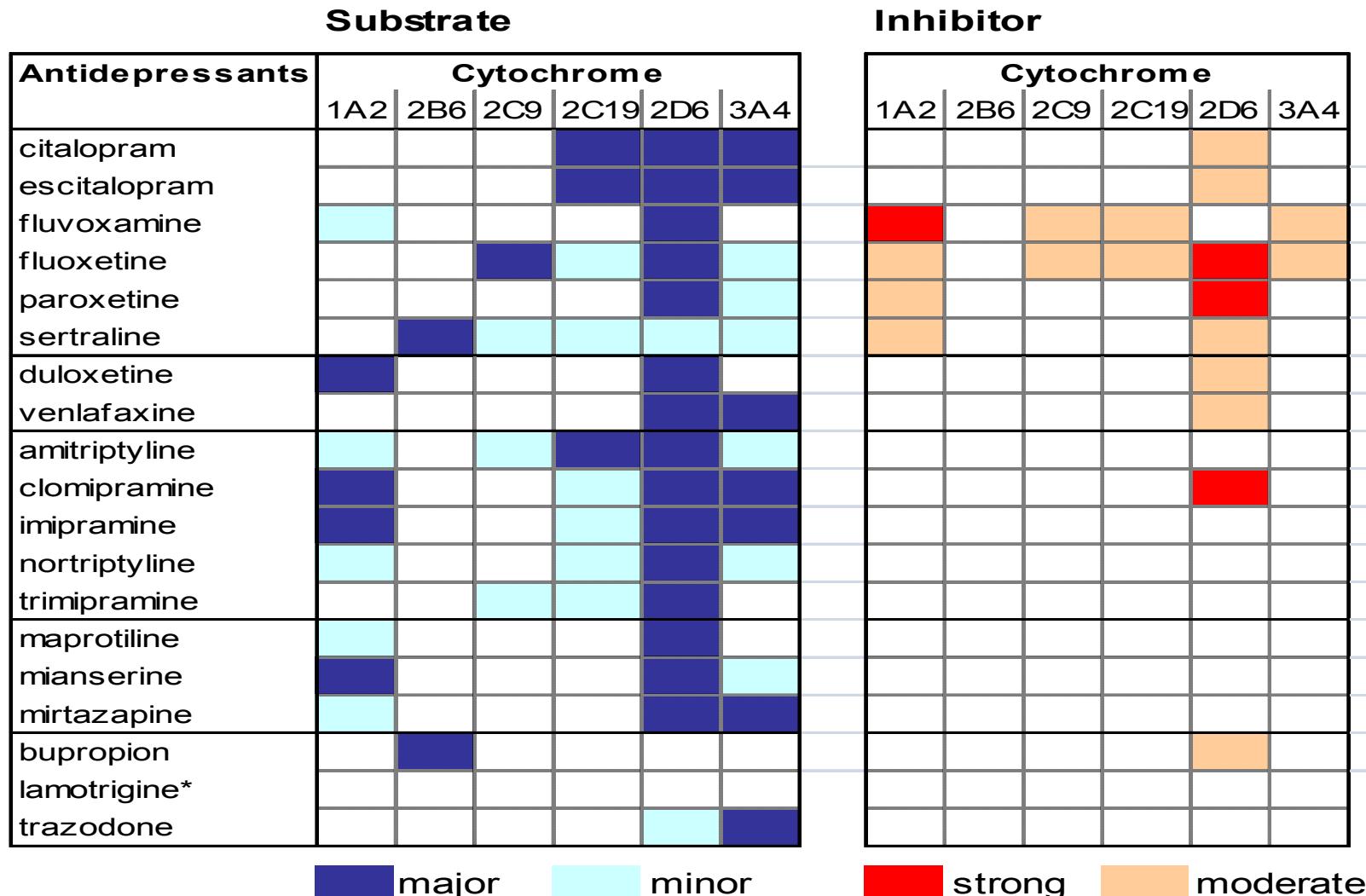


Note: According to the FDA, if the inhibitor produces a change in AUC of a probe drug of 5-fold or higher (ie >80% decrease in clearance) the inhibitor is considered **strong**; if the change in AUC is >2 to <5-fold, the inhibitor is considered as **moderate**; if the change in AUC is >1.25 to < 2-fold, the inhibitor is considered **weak**.

# Decision tree for clinically relevant DDI at the renal level



# Interactions with antidepressants



\* lamotrigine is glucuronidated

Are we only concerned about  
interactions with oral drugs?

# Corticosteroid metabolism and formulations

Drug	Oral	Inhaled	Topical	Eye/ear drops	Injection	Rectal
Budesonide <i>CYP3A4</i>	✓	✓				✓
Dexamethasone <i>CYP3A4</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Fludrocortisone <i>CYP3A4</i>	✓					
Fluticasone <i>CYP3A4</i>		✓	✓			
Hydrocortisone <i>CYP3A4</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
Prednisolone <i>CYP3A4</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Beclomethasone <i>Esterase to active met</i>		✓				
Triamcinolone <i>CYP3A4</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Mometasone <i>CYP3A4</i>		✓	✓			

Are there ‘less risky’ ARVs?

# Drug-drug interactions between HIV drugs and non-HIV drugs (i)

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	Non-HIV drugs	ATV	DRV	LPV	RTV (ii)	EFV	ETV	NVP	MVC	RAL
CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS	atorvastatin	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓ *	↔	↔
	fluvastatin	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *		↑ *		↔ *	↔ *
	pravastatin	↔ *	↑	↔	↔	↓	↓ *	↔ *	↔	↔
	rosuvastatin	↑	↑ *	↑	↑	↔	↑ *	↔	↔	↔
	simvastatin	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓ *	↓ *	↔	↔
	amlodipine	↑ * (iii)	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↓ *	↓ *	↓ *	↔ *	↔
	diltiazem	↑ (iii)	↑ *	↑	↑	↓	↓ *	↓	E *	↔
	metoprolol	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *
	verapamil	↑ * (iii)	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↓ *	↓ *	↓ *	E *	↔ *
	warfarin	↑ or ↓ *	↓	↓	↓	↑ or ↓ *	↑ *	↑ or ↓ *	↔ *	↔ *
CNS DRUGS	diazepam	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↓ *	↑ *	↓ *	↔ *	↔ *
	midazolam	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑			↔	↔
	triazolam	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑			↔ *	↔ *
	citalopram	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↓ *	↑ *	↓ *	↔ *	↔ *
	mirtazapine	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↑ *	↓ *	↓ *	↓ *	↔ *	↔ *
	paroxetine	↑ *	↓	↑ *	↑	↔	↔	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *
	sertraline	↑ *	↓	↑ *	↑	↓	↓ *	↓ *	↔ *	↔ *
	pimozide	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑			↔ *	↔ *
	carbamazepine	↑D	↑	↑D	↑	↓D	D	↓D	D	D
	lamotrigine	↔ **	↔ *	↓	↓	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *	↔ *
	phenytoin	D	D	D	↓	↓D	D	↓D	D	D

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