

BCS From Theory to Applications in Product Development and Drug Product Regulation

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What is the Role of the Pharmaceutical Scientist?

Deliver High Pharmaceutical Quality Product to the patient



What is high Pharmaceutical Quality?

- The product performs according to the **label claims**.
- How good are label claims?
- Pharmaceutical Standards!
- How do we set them?

Why is BE Important?

BE connects the product in the bottle with the claims on the label!

Label

“BE”

Product



FDA BCS Guidance

Guidance for Industry

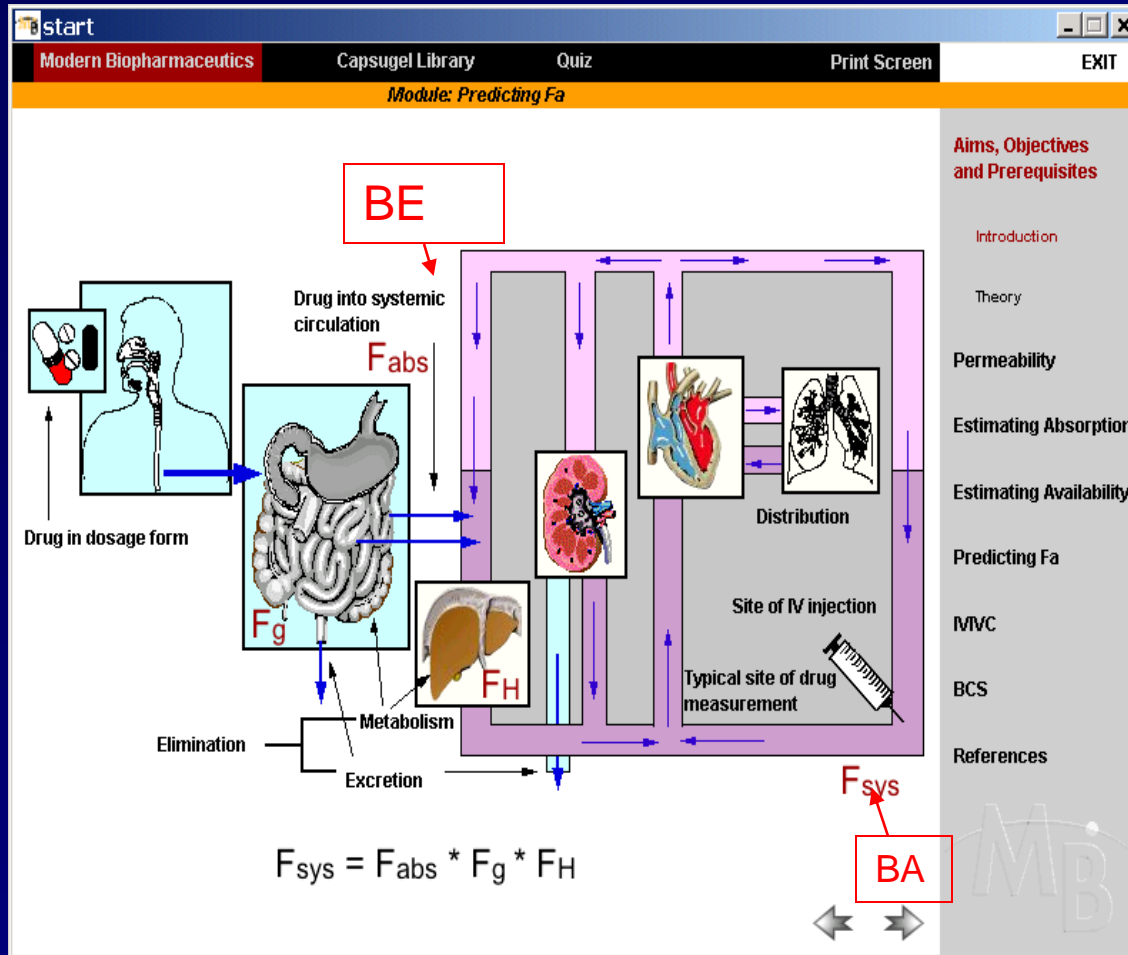
Waiver of In Vivo Bioavailability and
Bioequivalence Studies for
Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage
Forms Based on a Biopharmaceutics
Classification System

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<i>Biopharmaceutics Class</i>	<i>Solubility</i>	<i>Permeability</i>
I	High	High
II	Low	High
III	High	Low
IV	Low	Low

- BCS Class I Biowaivers
- BCS Class III Biowaivers
Recommended and
Under Consideration

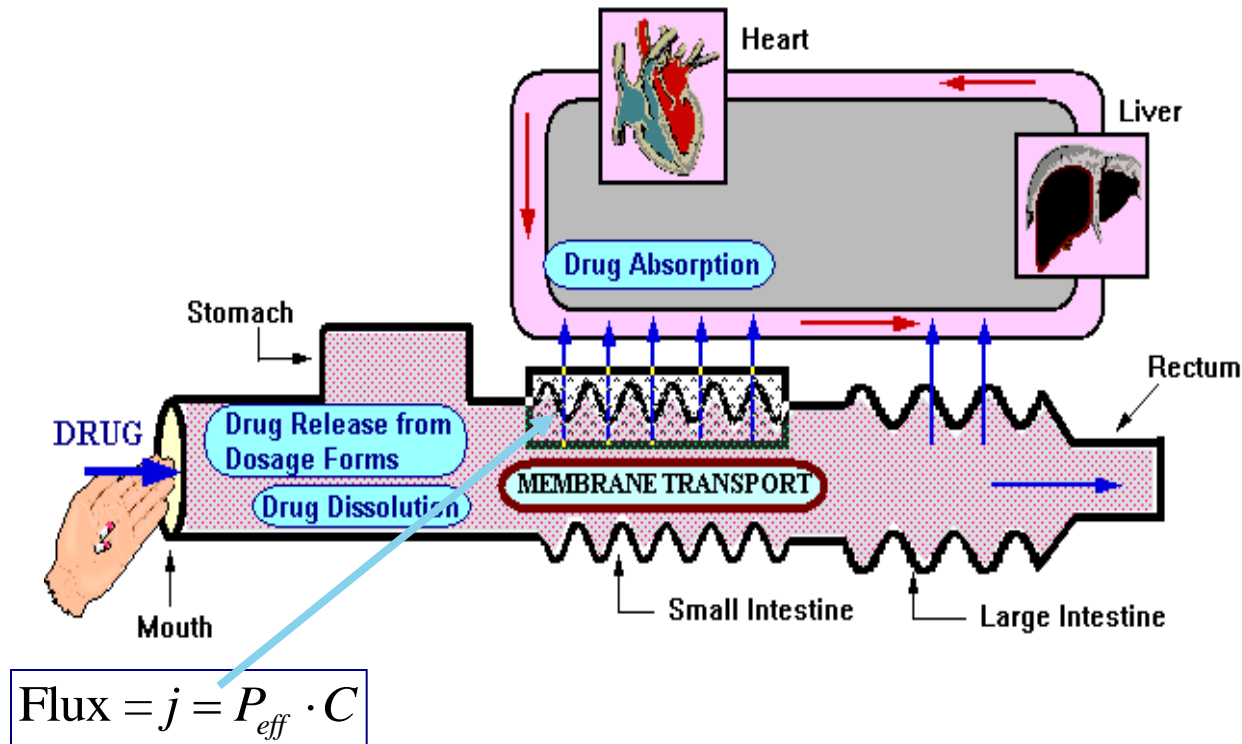
Systemic (BA) vs. Oral Transport View (BE)



■ The Science of BE is at the Absorption Site

BCS takes a mechanistic approach to setting bioequivalence standards: Mass Transport in the GI Tract

Movement of Drug Through GI Tract:



First Principle of Bioequivalence

If a drug from two products are presented to the Intestinal Surface *Equivalently* they will be Bioequivalent

Diffusion vs. Pharmacokinetic Views of Absorption

Diffusion

$$J = (dM / dt)1 / A$$

$$= P \cdot \Delta C \cong P \cdot C$$

$$P = cm / sec.$$

Pharmacokinetic

$$dC / dt = (dM / dt)1 / V$$

$$= k_a \cdot \Delta C \cong k_a \cdot C$$

$$k_a = 1 / sec$$

$$k_a = (S / V) \cdot P_{eff}$$

Software e.g. GastroPlus®

Absorption Rate Coefficient: $k_a \sim \text{Local Permeability}(P_{eff})$

Transport

$$J = (1 / A)(dM / dt) = P_{eff} \cdot C$$

PK

$$dC / dt = (1 / V)dM / dt = k_a C$$

Permeability \sim Absorption Rate Coefficient(constant)

$$\text{Equating } dM/dt : A \cdot P_{eff} \cdot C = V \cdot k_a C$$

$$k_a = (A / V)P_{eff}$$

$$k_a = (2 / R)P_{eff} \cong P_{eff}$$

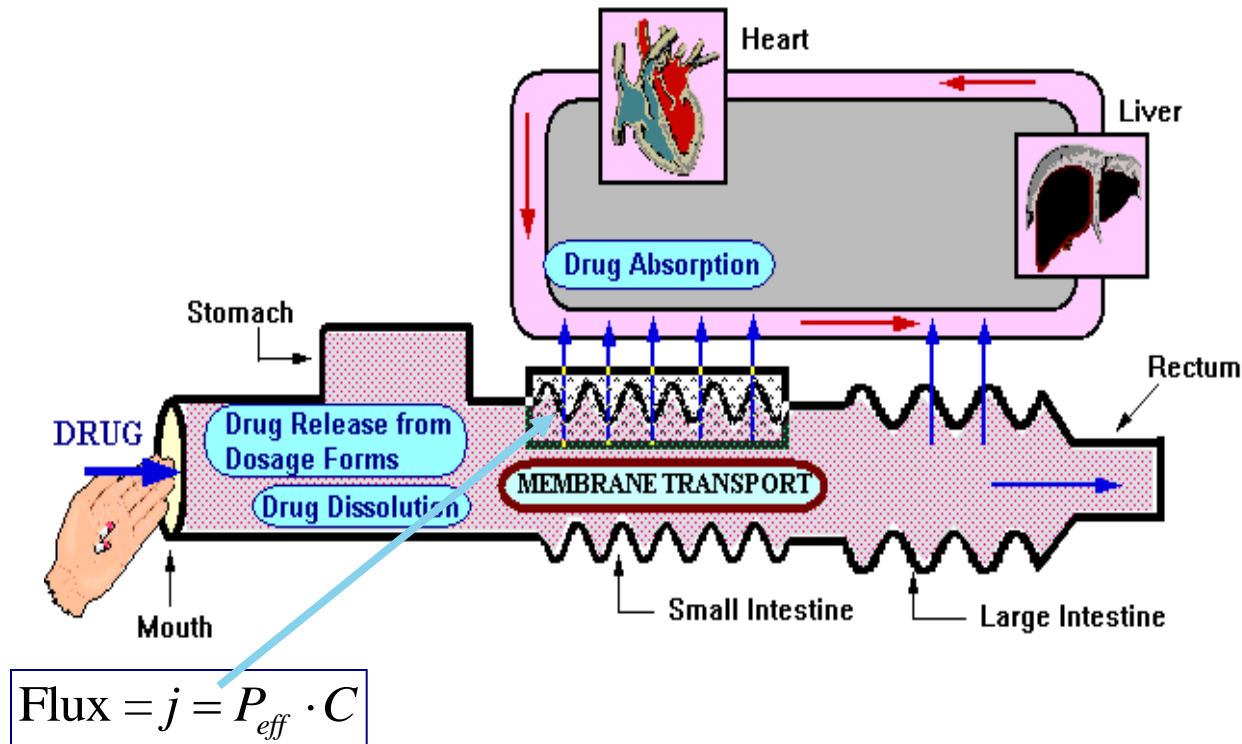
$$R \approx 2cm(1.75)$$

$$k_a \sim P_{eff}$$

Numerically (Units differ: 1/sec vs. cm/sec)


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Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS): Basis

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Absorption per unit area per unit time

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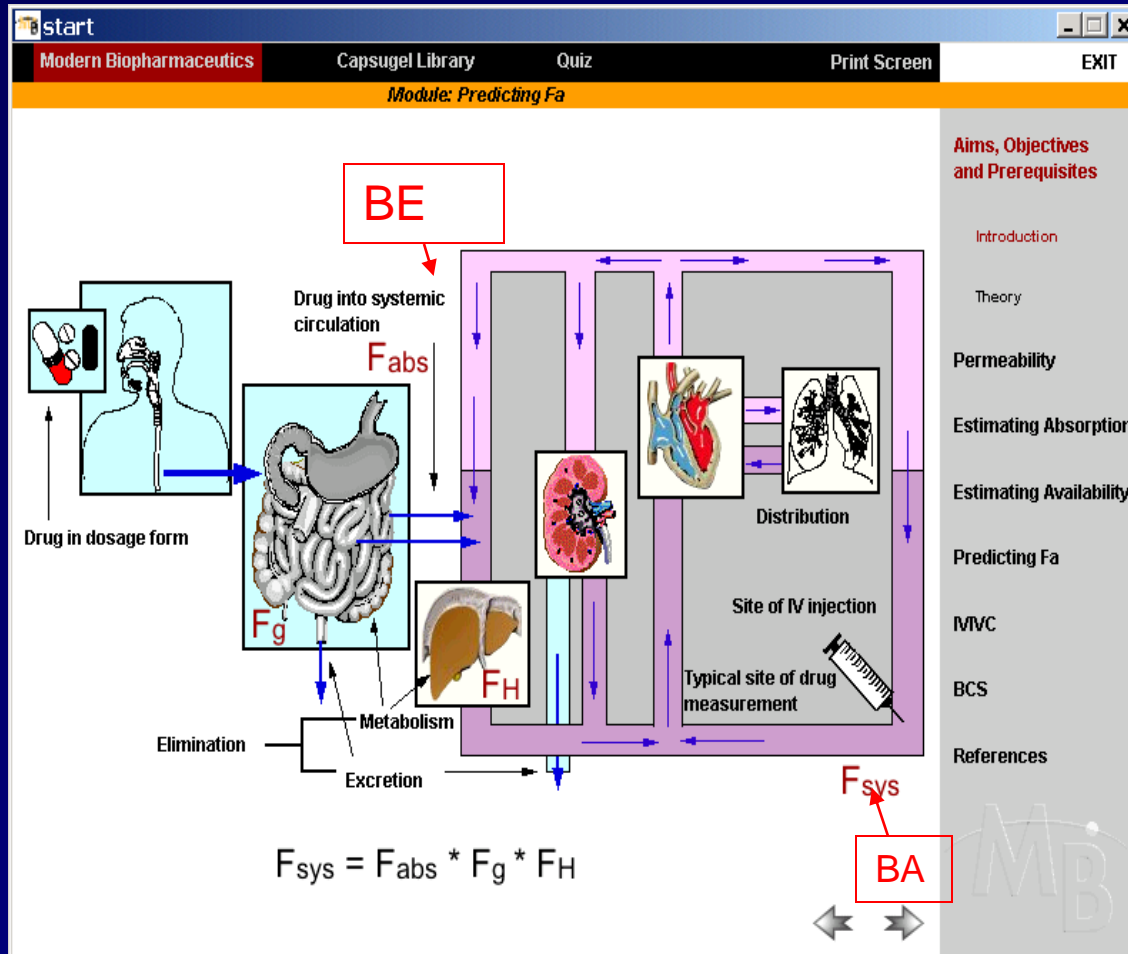
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Bioequivalence (BE) Today

- Historically a Relative Bioavailability (BA) Based View
 - Misses the underlying scientific issues
 - *IN Vivo* Dissolution
- BE Testing is Same Drug
 - Once Absorbed PK is the Same
- The Science of BE is at the Absorption Site
 - For Oral Dosage Form in the GI Tract
- The Question is: What is the **Best** BE Test

Systemic (BA) vs. Gut View (BE)



■ The Science of BE is at the Absorption Site

Ejemplo de test de Bioequivalencia a partir del $C_{m\acute{a}x}$:

Propósitos, Objetivos, y Prerrequisitos

Introducción

Biodisponibilidad

Farmacocinética

Aclaramiento

Metabolismo

Absorción: Análisis

Bioequivalencia

Definición

BE en desarrollo

BE Paradigma

Criterios BE de FDA

Códigos de la FDA

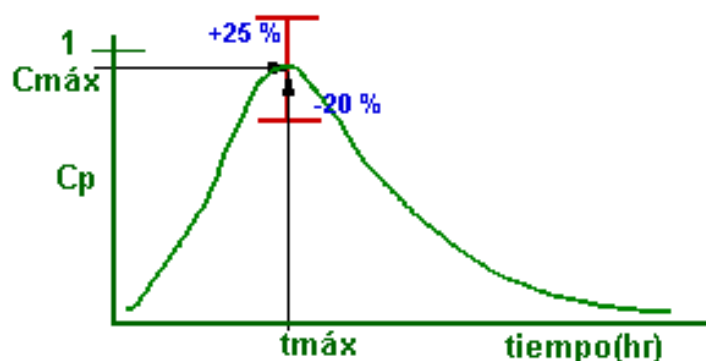
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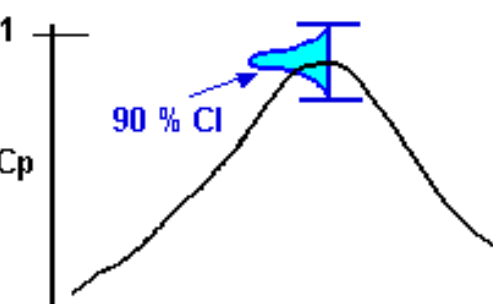
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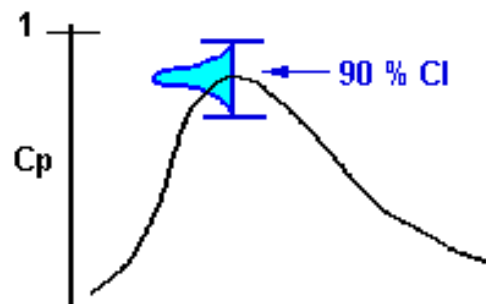
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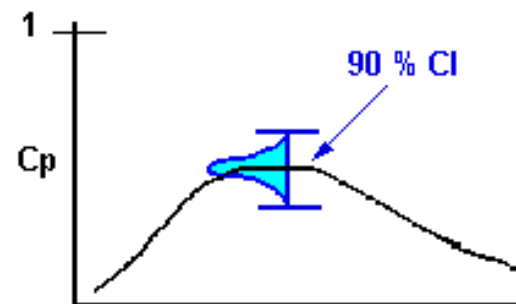
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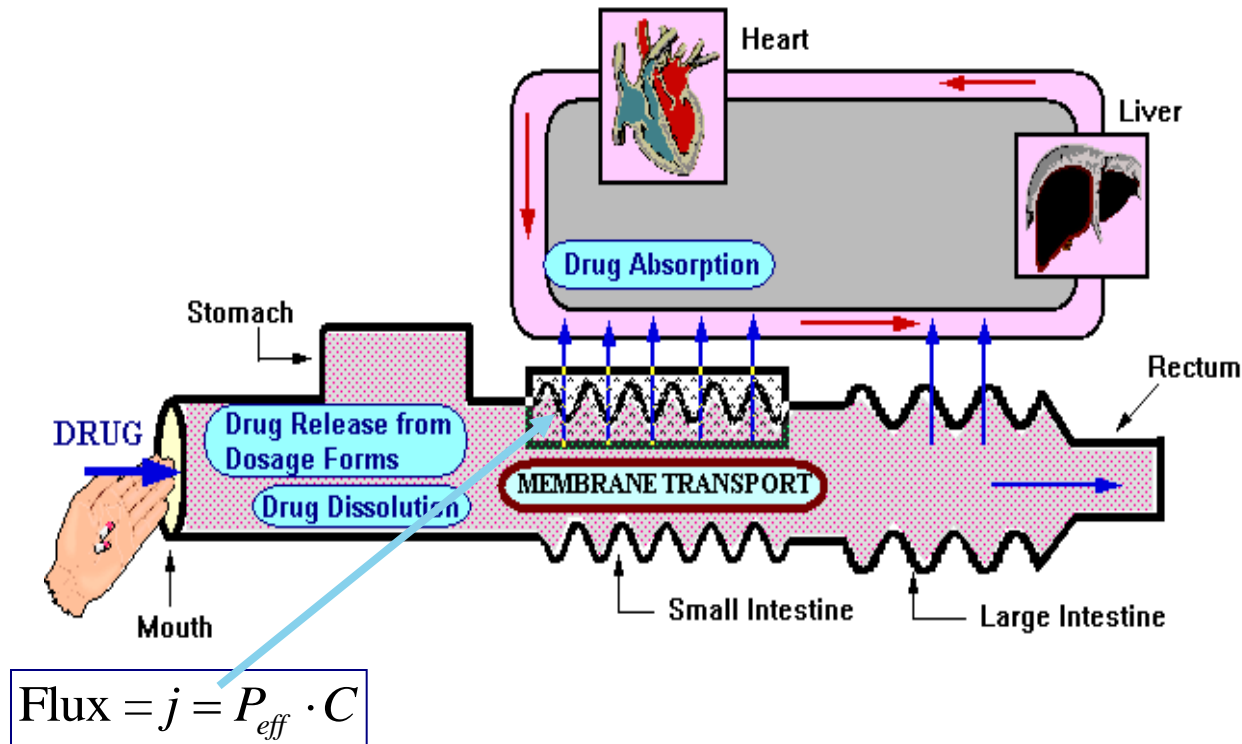
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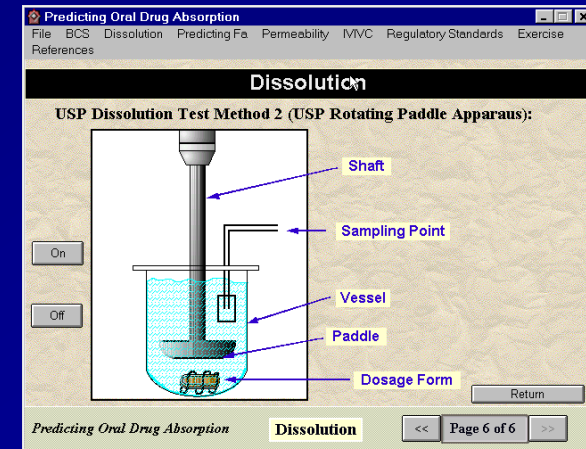
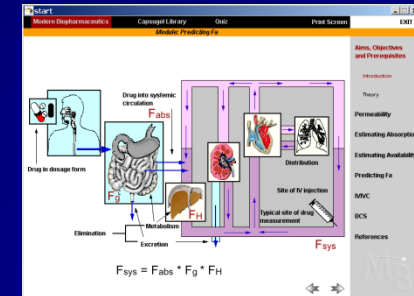
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EMA/CPMP and FDA/BCS



The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products
Evaluation of Medicines for Human Use

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CPMP/EWP/QWP/1401/98

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FDA/BCS, EMA/CPMP, WHO BE Recommendations (2000-2010)

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ADOPTION BY CHMP FOR RELEASE FOR CONSULTATION	24 July 2008
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This guideline will replace the "Note for guidance on the investigation of bioavailability and bioequivalence" CPMP/EWP/QWP/1401/98 and the related questions in the Q&A document (EMA/ACMP/EWP/40326/2006). This guideline includes recommendations on BCS-based biowaivers.

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a. WHO extensions to the scope of application of the biowaiver

In the "Multisource document",¹ the WHO has broadened the scope of application of the biowaiver in three directions:

- (1) The criteria for classification as a Class I API have been relaxed with respect to both the dose:solubility ratio and permeability requirements.
- (2) The new requirements allow pharmaceutical products containing Class III APIs to be considered for a biowaiver, under application of more stringent dissolution criteria.
- (3) The document further allows pharmaceutical products containing BCS Class II APIs that are weak acids which have a dose:solubility ratio of 250 ml or less at pH 6.8 to be eligible for the biowaiver procedure, provided that they dissolve rapidly at pH 6.8 and similarly to the comparator product at pH 1.2 and 4.5.

Diagrams depicting the products eligible for the biowaiver procedure under the HHS-FDA guidance and those eligible according to the WHO "Multisource document" are presented in Fig. 1.

Figure 1
Eligibility for the biowaiver procedure based on solubility and permeability characteristics of the active pharmaceutical ingredient

a. according to HHS-FDA

CLASS I Highly permeable Highly soluble	CLASS II Highly permeable Poorly soluble
Eligible	Not eligible
CLASS III Poorly permeable Highly soluble	CLASS IV Poorly permeable Poorly soluble
Not eligible	Not eligible

¹ Multisource (generic) pharmaceutical products: guidelines on registration requirements to establish interchangeability (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 927, Annex 7).

Table 1
Substances on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML)

Medicine ^a	Highest oral strength according to WHO Essential Medicines List ^a	Solubility ^a	Permeability ^a	BCS class ^a	Dissolution test (for biowaiver) ^a	Potential risks ^a	Indication(s) according to WHO Essential Medicines List ^a	Comments and special dosage form indications ^a
abacavir	200 mg	high	low	3	9.2.1.2		antiretroviral	
acetazolamide	250 mg	low	low (?)	4/2	Not eligible for biowaiver		antiglaucoma medicine	unknown whether poor BA is due to poor solubility or poor permeability
acetylsalicylic acid	500 mg	high	high	1	9.2.1.1		NSAID, anti-grain medicine	
acetylsalicylic acid	100 mg	high	high	1	9.2.1.1		antithrombotic medicine	
aciclovir	200 mg	high	low	3	9.2.1.2		antitherpes medicines	
albendazole	400 mg	low	low (?)	4/2	Not eligible for biowaiver		anthelmintic	chewable tablet; unknown whether poor BA is due to poor solubility or poor permeability
allopurinol	100 mg	high	high	1	9.2.1.1		gout	
aluminium hydroxide	500 mg			NR	NA		antacid	used for local effect

NSAID, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; BA, bioavailability.



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**FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
EQUIVALENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**
Document for Public Opinion
WORKING GROUP ON BE

WHO (BE) Recommendations

- Solubility and Permeability
 - Same as (~)FDA and EMEA
 - Dissolution and solubility pH=6.8 (rather than 7.5)
- Dissolution: Very Rapid, Rapid, Not Rapid
- Recommends Classes for drugs on (WHO) EML
- Recommends dissolution 'Biowaivers' for Class I, II, and some Class II Drugs (IIa)
- Extends BCS Biowaivers to 60% of Drug Products


What is the BCS? Permeability and Solubility Classification

The BCS is a scientific framework for classifying drugs based on their aqueous solubility and intestinal permeability and setting the best Bioequivalence Test.

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Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS): Basis

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Absorption per unit area per unit time

Maximum Flux (Absorption)

$$dM / dt(1 / A) = J_{\max} = P_{\text{eff}} \cdot C_s$$

= Mass Absorbed per Unit Time per Unit Area

C_s = Solubility

High Solubility Drug

- V_s = Volume of Solution
<250 ml,
- pH=1-7.5
- Highest Dose Strength
- $D_o = \text{Dose}/250/C_s < 1$

FDA Glass of Water= 8 oz.
(240 ml)



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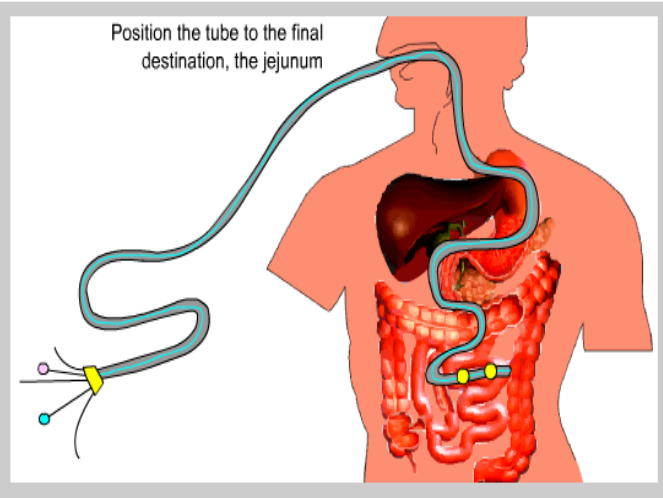
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Aims, Objectives and Prerequisites

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Rat

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Fa : Soluble Case

Estimating Availability

Fa: Insoluble Case

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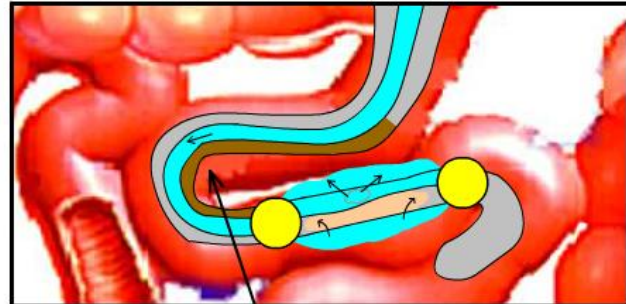
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Human Jejunal Permeability (The 'Gold' Standard)

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Intestinal permeability and its relevance for absorption and elimination

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Abstract

Human jejunal permeability (P_{ej}) is determined in the intestinal region with the highest expression of carrier proteins and largest surface area. Intestinal P_{ej} are often based on multiple parallel transport processes. Site-specific jejunal P_{ej} cannot reflect the permeability along the intestinal tract, but they are useful for approximating the fraction oral dose absorbed. It seems like drugs with a jejunal $P_{ej} > 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ will be completely absorbed no matter which transport mechanism(s) are utilized. Many drugs that are significantly effluxed *in vivo* have a rapid and complete intestinal absorption (i.e. >85%) mediated by passive transcellular diffusion. The determined jejunal P_{ej} for drugs transported mainly by absorptive carriers (such as peptide and amino acid transporters) will accurately predict the fraction of the dose absorbed as a consequence of the regional expression. The data also show that: (1) the human intestinal epithelium has a large resistance towards large and hydrophilic compounds and (2) the paracellular route has a low contribution for compounds larger than approximately molecular weight 200. There is a need for more exploratory *in vivo* studies to clarify drug absorption and first-pass extraction along the intestine. One is encouraged to develop *in vivo* perfusion techniques for more distal parts of the gastrointestinal tract in humans. This would stimulate the development of more relevant and complex *in vivo* absorption models and form the basis for an accurate physiologically based pharmacokinetic modelling of oral drug absorption.

Keywords: Intestinal permeability, intestinal secretion, intestinal efflux, drug absorption, bioavailability, biopharmaceutics classification system, intestinal transporters, pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, intestinal perfusion, P_{ej} -glycoprotein

Introduction

The gastrointestinal tract has several important functions besides the absorption and secretion of drugs. It must also absorb nutrients rapidly and at the same time act as an efficient barrier against potentially hazardous bacteria and toxins. Further, gut-associated

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Table I. Biopharmaceutics classification system (BCS) classification of 28 drugs based on human effective permeability (P_{ej}) and dose number. Each P_{ej} value was determined *in vivo* in the proximal jejunum in humans with a single-pass approach at pH 6.3 (phosphate buffer) and under isosmotic conditions. Twenty-four of the drugs were evaluated at Uppsala University, Sweden, and five were evaluated at the University of Michigan, USA.

Drug	Human <i>in vivo</i> permeability ($\times 10^{-4} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$) ^a	Dose number ^b	BCS Class	f_a (%)	Laboratory
α -Methylglutop	0.10	0.1	III	55–65	UU
Amiloride	1.6	0.4–0.8	I	80–90	UU
Amoxicillin ^c	0.30	0.8	III	45–75	UU
Antipyrine	5.60	0.20	I	100	UU
Atenolol	0.20	0.02	III	50–60	UU
Carbamazepine	4.30	80	II	>90	UU
Cephalexin	1.56	2	II	>90	UM
Cimetidine	0.26	3	III	75	UU
Cyclosporine	1.61	350	II	>90	UM
Desipramine HCl	4.50	<0.01	I	100	UU
Enalapril maleate	1.57	0.003	(I) ^{***}	85	UM
Enalaprilat	0.20	0.003	III	8	UU
Fexofenadine	0.07	0.32	III	5–10	UU
Fluvastatin sodium	2.40	<0.8	I	95	UU
Furosemide	0.05	30	IV	40–60	UU
Hydrochlorothiazide	0.04	0.2	III	55	UU
Isotretinoin	0.89	>20	II	90	UU
Inogran	0.03	<0.001	III	5–10	UU
Ketoprofen	8.70	0.2	I	100	UU
L-dopa	3.40	1.0	(I) ^{***}	100	UU
Lisinopril	0.33	0.002	III	35	UU
Losartan	1.15	0.004	III	100	UU
Metoprolol	1.34	0.0004	I	95	UU
Nifedipine	8.50	0.06	I	100	UU
Piroxicam	6.65	2.5	II	100	UM
Proparacil	2.91	0.01	I	100	UU
Ranitidine	0.27	0.01	III	50–60	UM
Terbutaline	0.30	0.01	III	40–50	UU
Valacyclovir	1.68	0.02	(I) ^{***}	>80	UM
Vesipramil	6.60	0.004	I	100	UU
Swesipramil	6.60	0.004	I	100	UU

^aHuman P_{ej} was determined at a concentration based on the most common clinical dose dissolved in 250 ml. For low solubility concentration, the highest possible drug concentrations were applied.

^bDose number: $\text{dose}/V_d \times C_{max}$ (highest dose/membranal gastric volume (250 ml) \times minimum solubility).

^cHigh permeability due to carrier-mediated absorption, currently not included in BCS Class I.

UU, Uppsala University, Sweden; UM, University of Michigan, USA.

^d1% at 500 mg 45% at 3000 mg.

Data are from: Lennernäs et al. (1992, 1993, 1994, 1997a, 2002b); Fagerholm et al. (1995, 1996, 1997, 1999); Lindahl et al. (1998); Lennernäs (1997, 1998); Söderholm et al. (1997); Takamatsu et al. (1997, 2001); Sandström et al. (1998b, 1999b); Winiwarter et al. (1998, 2003); Sun et al. (2002); Chiu et al. (2003); Petri et al. (2003, 2006b); and Tannergren et al. (2003a, b, 2004).

gastrointestinal passage of a solid meal with gamma-scintigraphy. Read et al. reported that the gastric emptying half-life changed from 1.2 ± 0.32 to 1.5 ± 0.35 h, and the small intestinal transit time decreased from 3.6 ± 1.33 to 2.0 ± 0.99 h (mean \pm standard deviation (SD)). Thus, the effects of the tube on gastric emptying are minimal and do not question the pharmaceutical relevance of drug absorption data collected using these perfusion methods. Further support for this conclusion is reported by Nakum et al. (2000) who clearly showed that there was no difference in gastric emptying between the following

F_{abs} vs. P_{eff} (cm/sec) (Human Jejunum)

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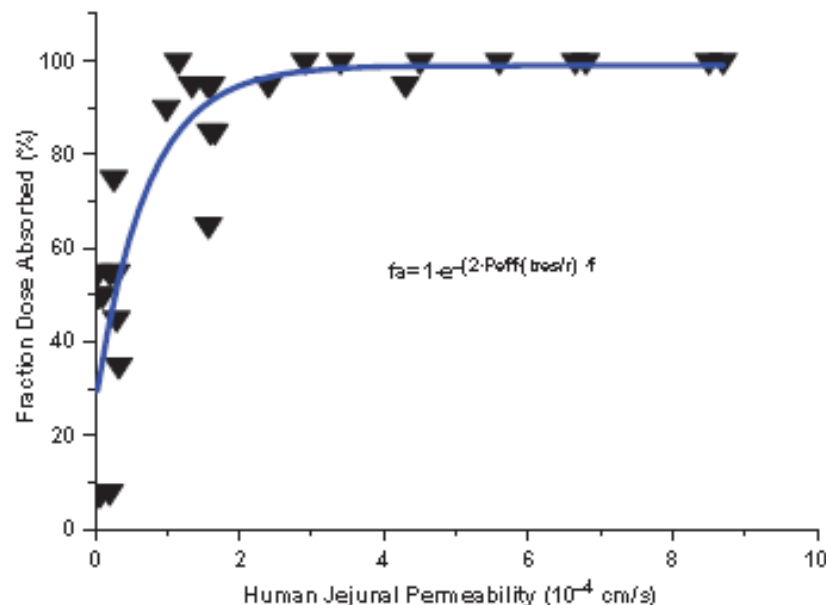
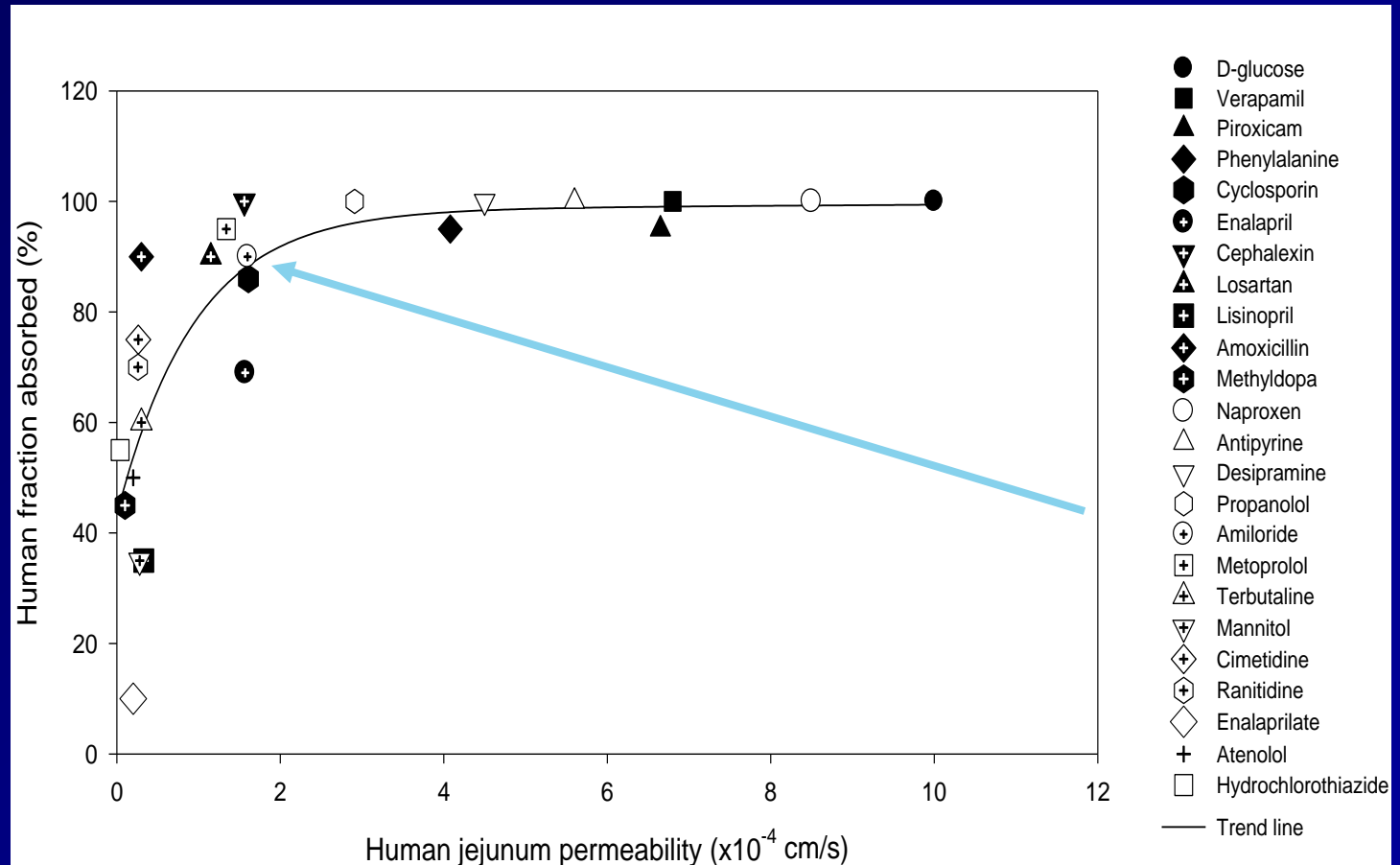


Figure 2. Human *in vivo* permeability values (P_{eff}) were determined by the use of a single-pass perfusion technique (Loc-I-Gut) in human jejunum. These human P_{eff} have been correlated to the fraction dose absorbed (f_a) of oral doses for a large number of drugs from different pharmacological classes which consequently represent structural diversity. Human *in vivo* jejunal permeability values for 42 compounds (31 drugs) were determined over a period of 18 years by applying this clinical technique and are presented in Tables I and II (Lennernäs et al. 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997a, 2002b; Fagerholm et al. 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999; Lindahl et al. 1996; Lennernäs 1997, 1998; Söderholm et al. 1997; Takamatsu et al. 1997, 2001; Sandström et al. 1998b, 1999b; Winiwarter et al. 1998, 2003; Sun et al. 2002; Chiu et al. 2003; Perri et al. 2003, 2006b; Tannergren et al. 2003a, b, 2004).

Human Fraction Absorbed vs. Jejunal Permeability pH=6.5



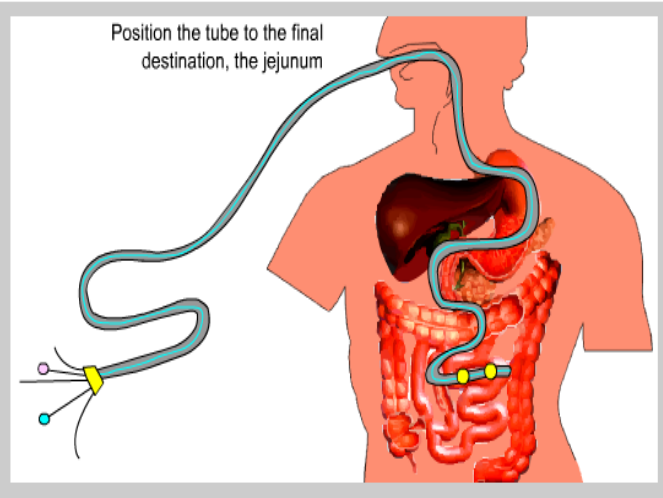
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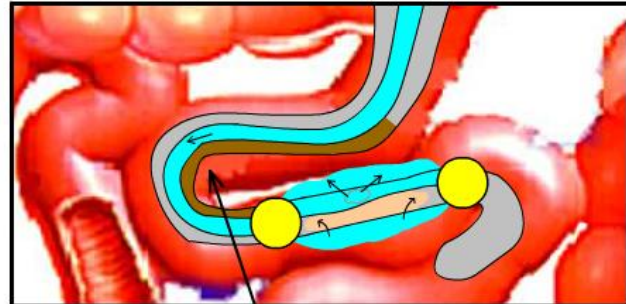
Position the tube to the final destination, the jejunum

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Module: Predicting Fa

SUBJECT

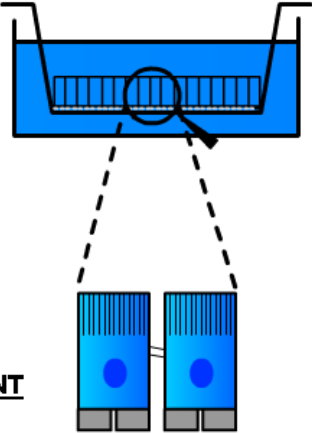
- Caco-2 cell line
- Cell preparation

EQUIPMENT

- Materials

EXPERIMENT

- Uptake Study
- Transport Study
- Data Analysis



Aims, Objectives and Prerequisites

Introduction

Theory

Permeability

- Rat
- Dog
- Human
- Caco - 2

Fa : Soluble Case

Estimating Availability

Fa: Insoluble Case

BCS

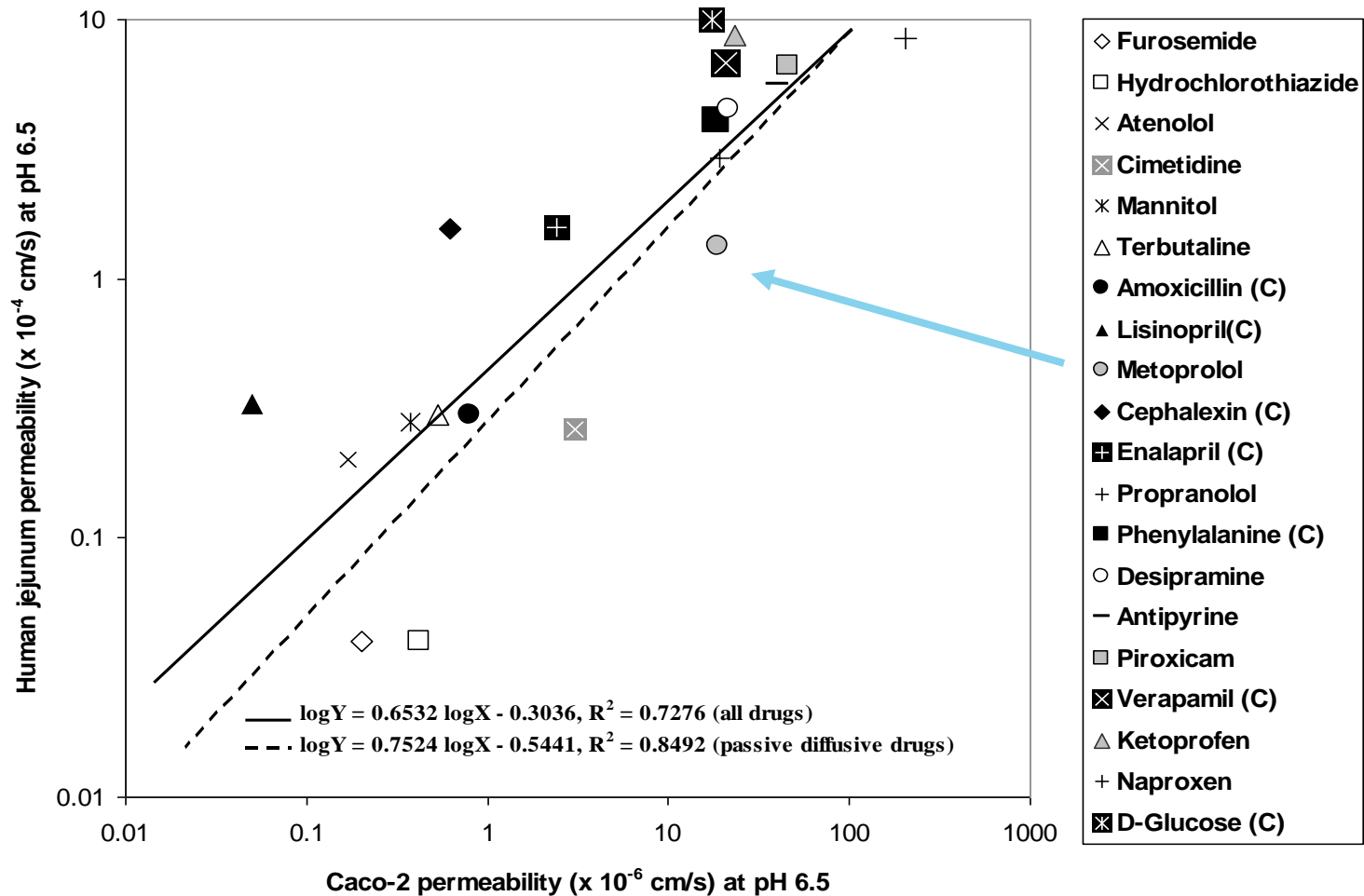
Molecular Descriptors

References

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Human Caco-2 Permeability Correlation



'In Silico' (Computational)

A Provisional Biopharmaceutical Classification of the Top 200 Oral Drug Products in the United States, Great Britain, Spain, and Japan

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Abstract: Orally administered, immediate-release (IR) drug products in the top 200 drug product lists from the United States (US), Great Britain (GB), Spain (ES), and Japan (JP) were provisionally classified based on the Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS). The provisional classification is based on the aqueous solubility of the drugs reported in readily available reference literature and a correlation of human intestinal membrane permeability for a set of 20 reference drugs with their calculated partition coefficients. Oral IR drug products constituted more than 50% of the top 200 drug products on all four lists, and ranged from 102 to 115 in number. Drugs with dose numbers less than or equal to unity are defined as high-solubility drugs. More than 50% of the oral IR drug products on each list were determined to be high-solubility drugs (55–59%). The provisional classification of permeability is based on correlations of the human intestinal permeabilities of 20 reference drugs with the calculated Log *P* or CLog*P* lipophilicity values for the uncharged chemical form. The Log *P* and CLog*P* estimates were linearly correlated ($R^2 = 0.70$) for 107 drugs. Metoprolol was chosen as the reference compound for permeability and Log *P* or CLog*P*. A total of 62–60.0% and 56–60% of the drugs on the four lists exhibited CLog*P* and Log *P* estimates, respectively, greater than or equal to the corresponding metoprolol value and are provisionally classified as high-permeability drugs. We have compared the BCS classification in this study with the recently proposed BDDCS classification based on fraction dose metabolized. Although the two approaches are based on different *in vivo* processes, fraction dose metabolized and fraction dose absorbed are highly correlated and, while depending on the choice of reference drug for permeability classification, e.g., metoprolol vs. cimetidine or atenolol, show excellent agreement in drug classification. In summary, more than 50% of the drug products were classified as high-solubility (Class 1 and Class 3) drugs in the four lists, suggesting that *in vivo* bioequivalence (BE) may be assured with a less expensive and more easily implemented *in vitro* dissolution test.

Keywords: BCS; solubility; dose number; permeability; partition coefficient; WHO essential drugs; top-selling US, European, Japanese drugs; BDDCS

Introduction

In vivo bioequivalence (BE) tests are the accepted standard for ensuring the therapeutic performance of drug products following manufacturing changes and for approval of generic

drug product efficacy claims. BE standards are based on ensuring that reference and test products produce the same plasma concentration–time profile through demonstrated statistical equivalence of C_{max} and AUC. While the *in vivo* BE test has been the norm for the past three decades, recently

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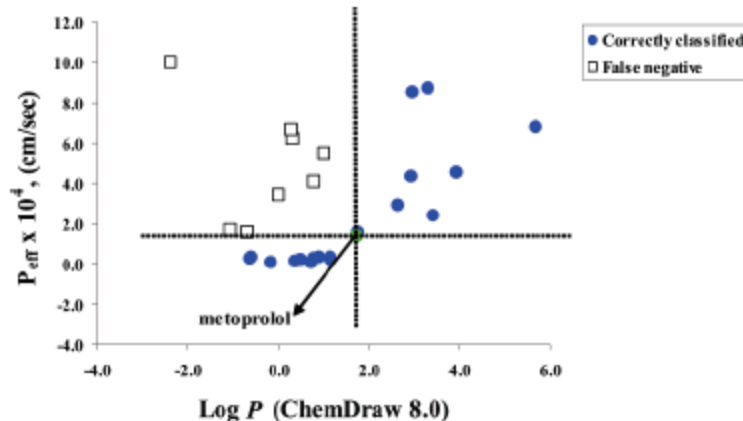
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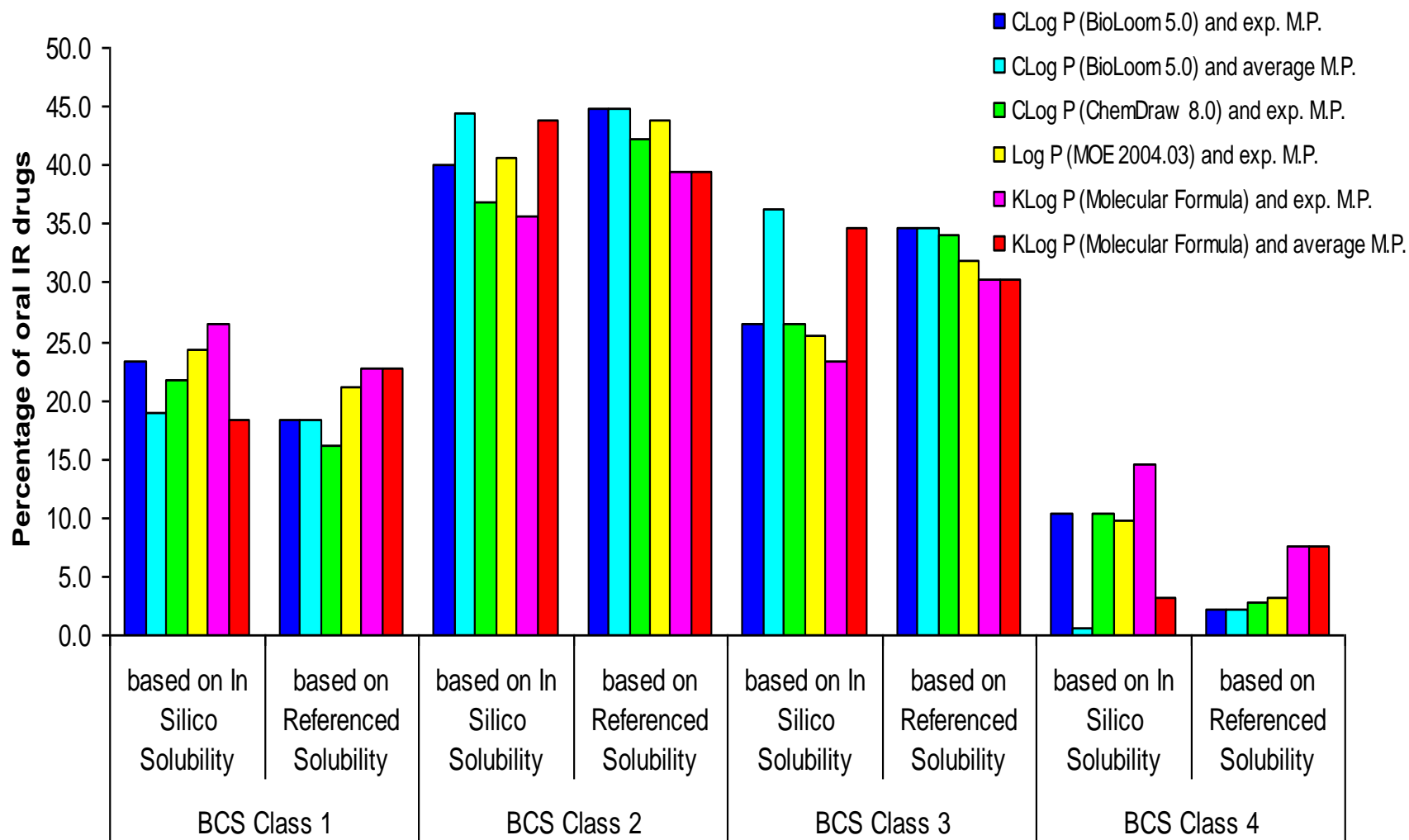
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Drug database of oral immediate-release (IR) drugs on 200 top-selling US, GB, ES, JP, and KR drug products

- US: 113 oral IR drugs (56.5%)
- GB: 102 oral drugs (51.0%)
- ES: 106 oral drugs (53.0%)
- JP: 113 oral drugs (56.5%)
- KR: 87 oral drugs (43.5%)
- Based on 200 top-selling drug products in 5 countries, and WHO Essential drugs, drug databases of Combined List (346 drugs), Western List (147 drugs), Eastern List (163 drugs) was made and analyzed on molecular properties and BCS classification.

Comparison of the provisional BCS classification of *in silico* vs. referenced solubility approaches on 185 oral IR drugs



BCS and Dissolution: The Future

- Oral BE is a scientific question of *in vivo* Dissolution
- The *in vivo* Dissolution System (Gastrointestinal Tract) is complex
- We need to establish *in vitro* Dissolution Systems
- Need to Develop: **Bioperformance Dissolution Methods (BDM)**

BE Dissolution Proposal (Starting Point)

BCS Class	Drug Solubility pH 1.2	Drug Solubility pH 6.8	Drug Permeability	Preferred Procedure
I	High	High	High	>85% Dissolution in 15 min; 30 min, f2., pH = 6.8.
II-A	Low	High	High	15 min at pH=1.2, then 85% Dissolution in 30 min., pH = 6.8; F2>50; 5 points minimum; not more than one point > 85%.
II-B	High	Low	High	>85% Dissolution in 15 min., pH = 1.2.
II-C	Low	Low	High	15 min at pH=1.2; then 85% Dissolution in 30 min., pH = 6.8 plus surfactant*; F2>50; 5 points minimum, not more than one point > 85%.
III	High	High	Low	>85% Dissolution in 15 min., pH = 1.2, 4.5, 6.8.
IV-A	Low	High	Low	15 min. at pH = 1.2; then 85% Dissolution in 30 min., pH = 6.8; F2>50; 5 points minimum.; not more than one point > 85%.
IV-B	High	Low	Low	>85% Dissolution in 15 min., pH = 1.2.
IV-C	Low	Low	Low	15 min at pH=1.2; then 85% Dissolution in 30 min., pH = 6.8 plus surfactant*; F2>50; 5 points minimum, not more than one point > 85%.

BCS Dissolution Proposal

- This is too much to digest in one seminar
- The USP can not do this because of it's charter
- The FDA can not do this because of the legal basis for proprietary information
- This is how we do business (develop products)

BCS and Dissolution

Conclusions

- New BE Paradigm
- Reduce Unnecessary *In Vivo* Studies
- Increase Oral Product Quality
- Based on Scientific Principles and Extendable
 - E.g. Food Effects
- It is up to us!

