

# Absorption modelling

assessment of the extent  
and rate of bioavailability

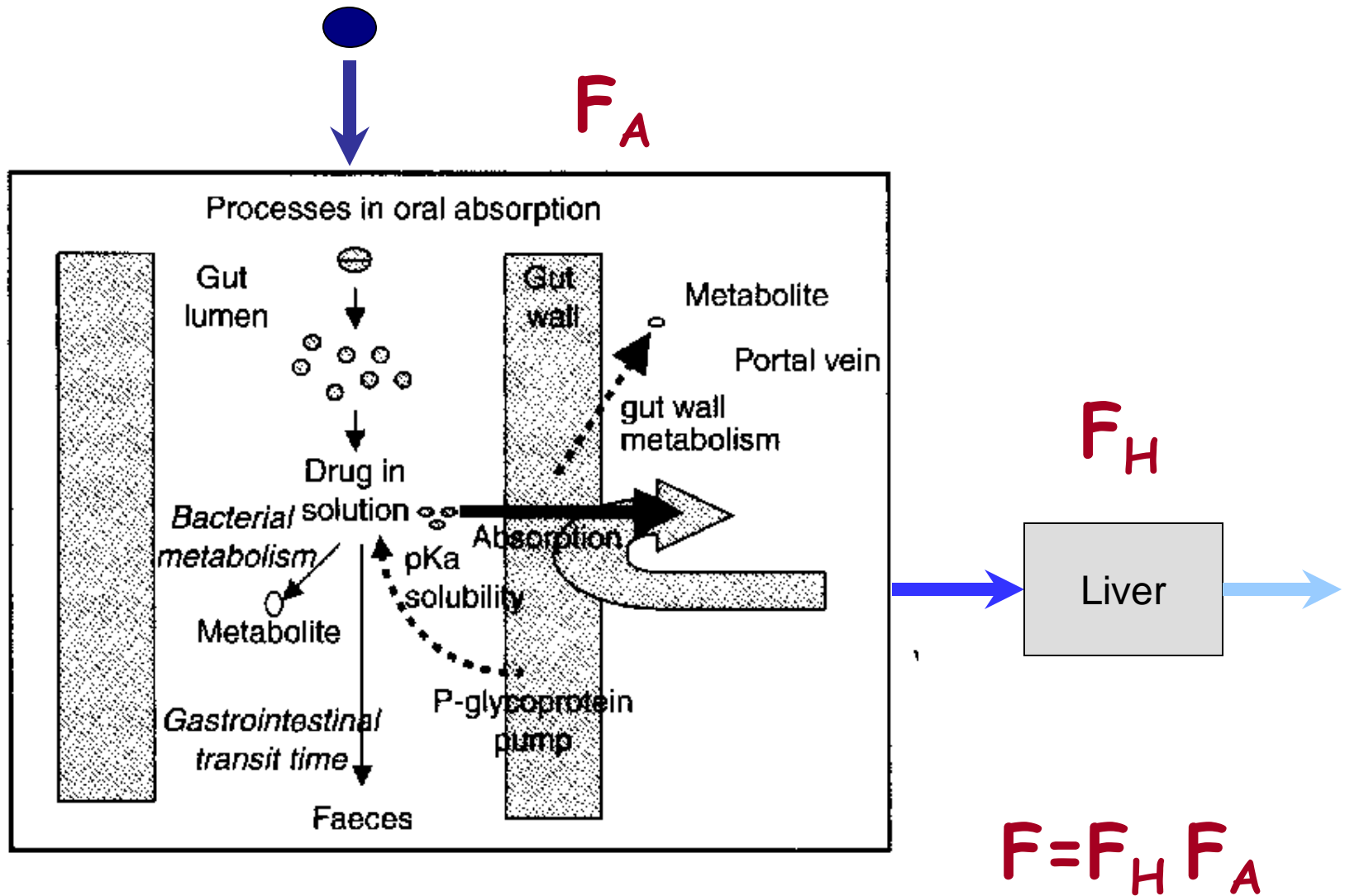
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# Determinants of Bioavailability

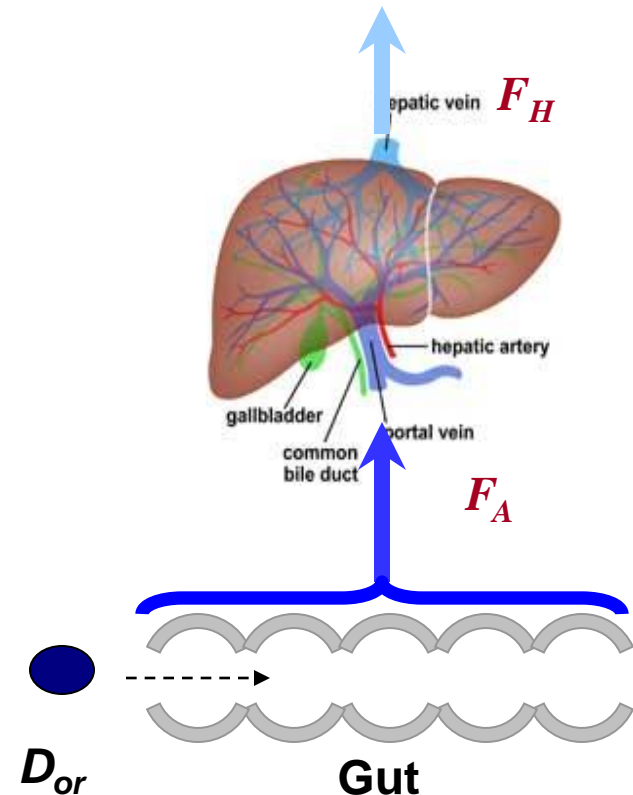


# Absorption and Bioavailability

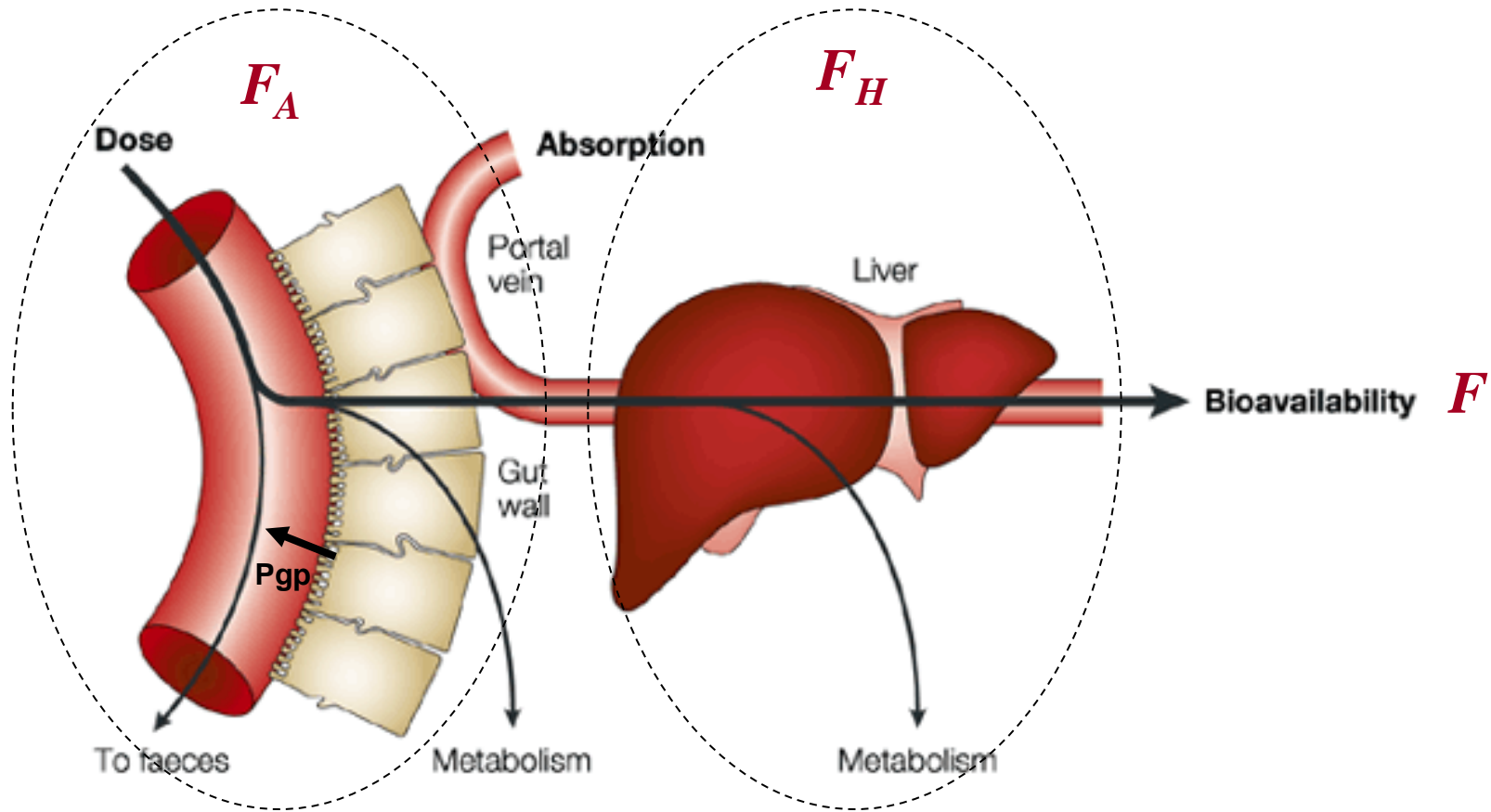
$$F = F_A F_H$$

Systemic circulation

**Bioavailability  $F$**   
= Fraction of  $D_{or}$  that  
reaches the systemic  
circulation



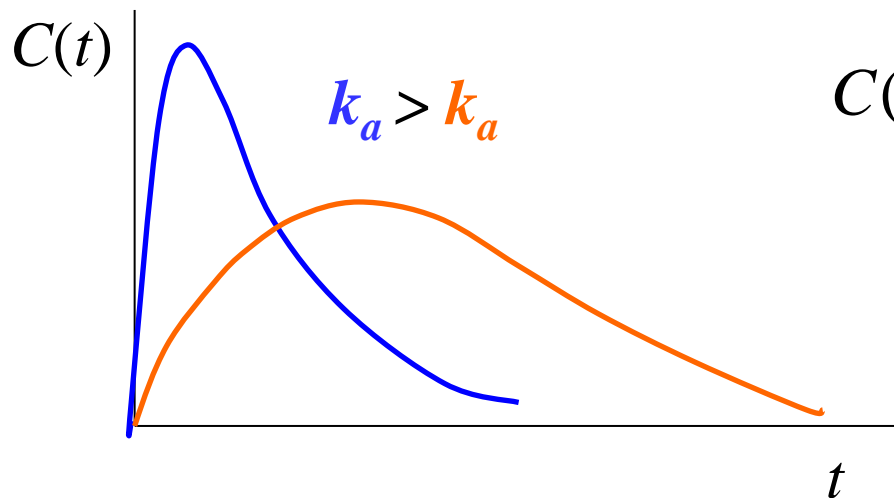
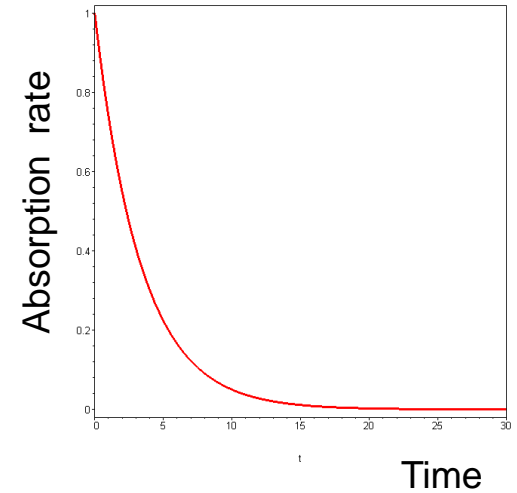
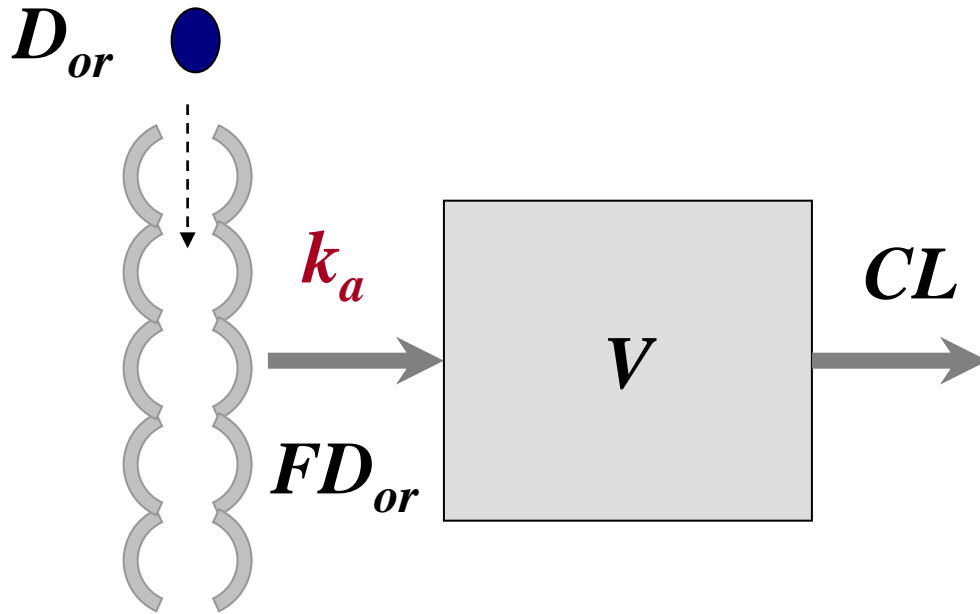
# Determinants of Bioavailability



**Absorption**  
**Back-transport of Pgp-substrates**  
**Intestinal metabolism**

**Hepatic metabolism**  
**Biliary excretion**

# Absorption Rate (1-Compartment)



$$C(t) = \frac{FD_{or}}{V} \frac{k_a}{k_a - k_e} \left( e^{-k_e t} - e^{-k_a t} \right)$$

$$k_e = \frac{CL}{V}$$

# Absorption/Disposition Modeling

## Rate and Extent of Bioavailability

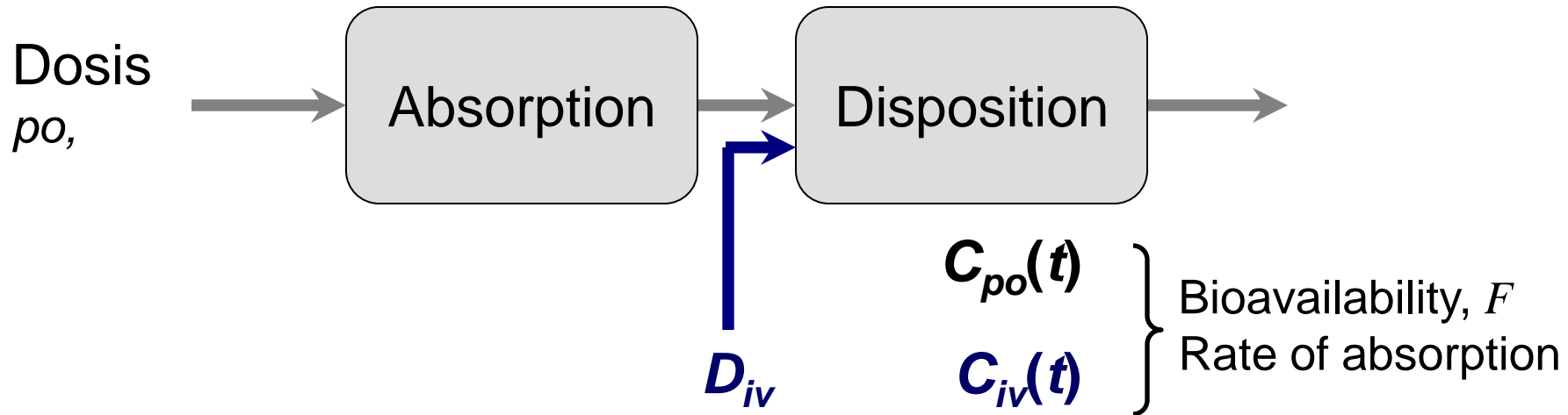
- Why?

To avoid biased estimates due to model misspecification  
when assuming first order absorption

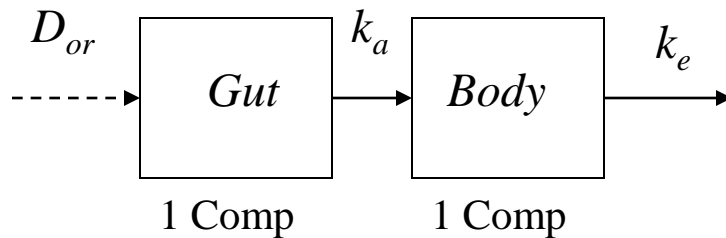
 Maximum absorption rate is not achieved instantaneously !

**Determination of the absorption (input) kinetics**

# Identifiability



## Simplification:



$$Input(t) = I_0 e^{-k_a t}$$

unrealistic

$$C_{iv}(t) = C_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$C_{or}(t) = B(e^{-\lambda t} - e^{-k_a t})$$

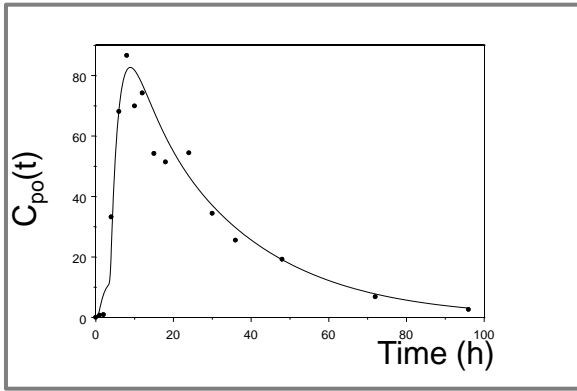
## reality

$$C_{iv}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^3 B_i e^{-\lambda_i t}$$

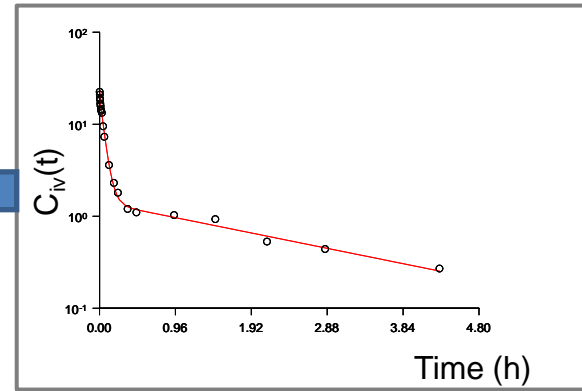
$k_a \neq$  real absorption rate constant!

$\lambda \neq k_e$ !

**oral data**

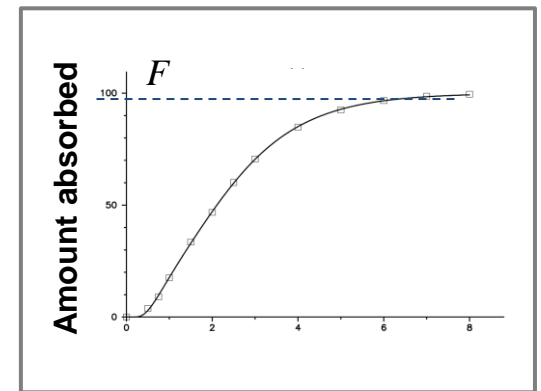
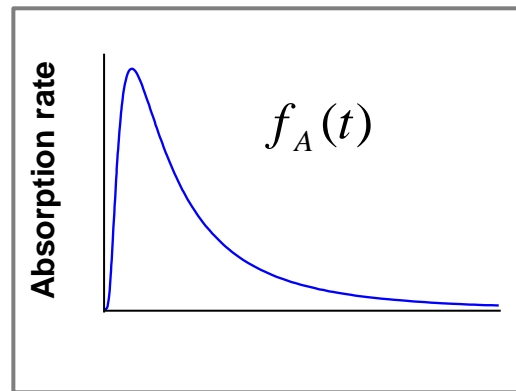


**iv data**



$$C_{po}(t) = \int_0^t f_A(\tau) C_{iv}(\tau) d\tau$$

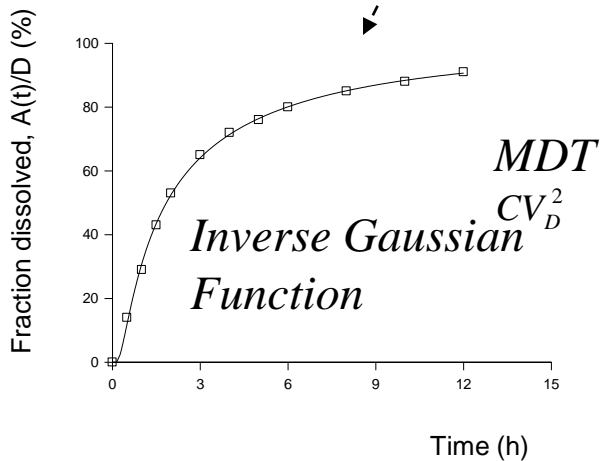
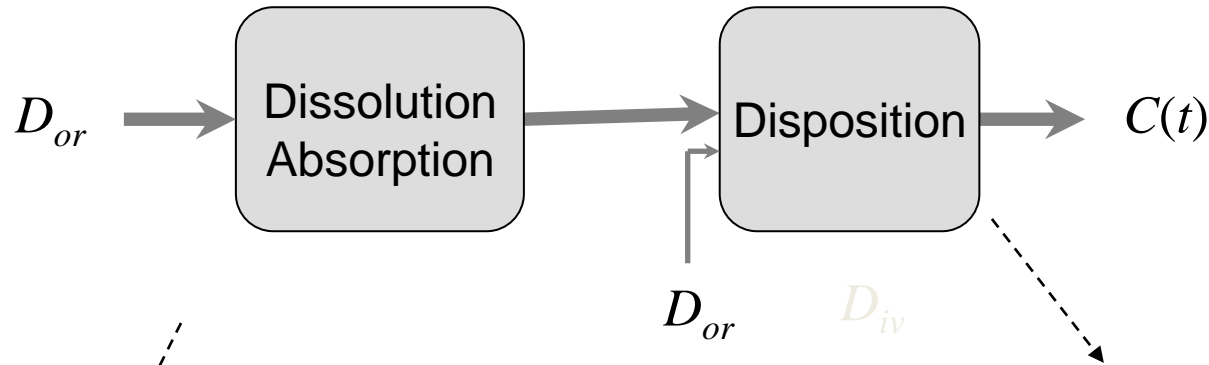
**Deconvolution  
or  
parametric model**



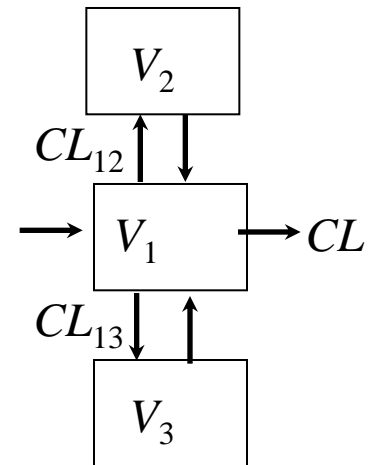


# Dissolution as Determinant of Drug Input

"Extended Release" dosage form

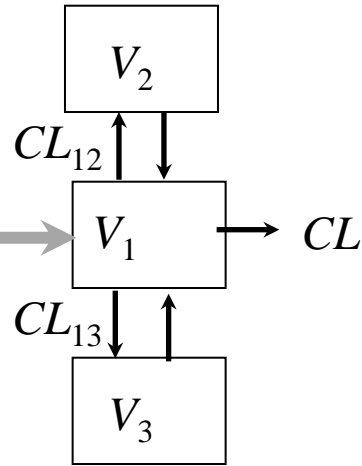
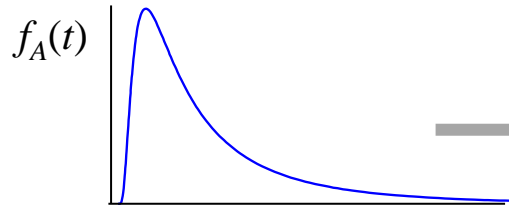


1. Fit of iv data
2. Fit of oral data with 3-comp. Parameters fixed



3-Compartment

Absorption  
(Input)  
Rate



$$f_A(t) = F \sqrt{\frac{MAT}{2\pi CV_A^2 t^3}} \exp\left[-\frac{(t - MAT)^2}{2CV_A^2 MAT t}\right]$$

Inverse Gaussian density

Mean absorption time ( $MAT$ )

Bioavailability ( $F$ )

Dispersion of absorption time  $CV_A^2$

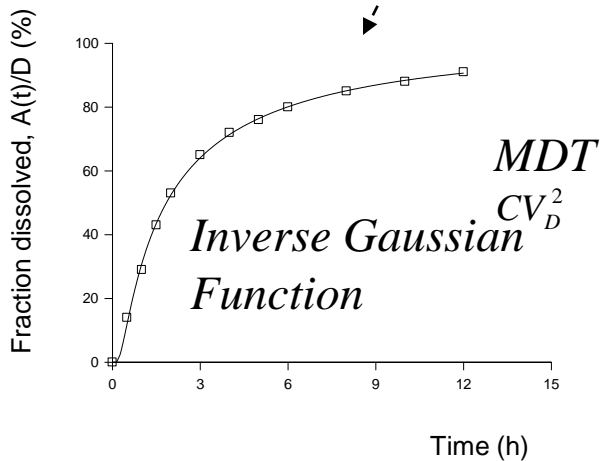
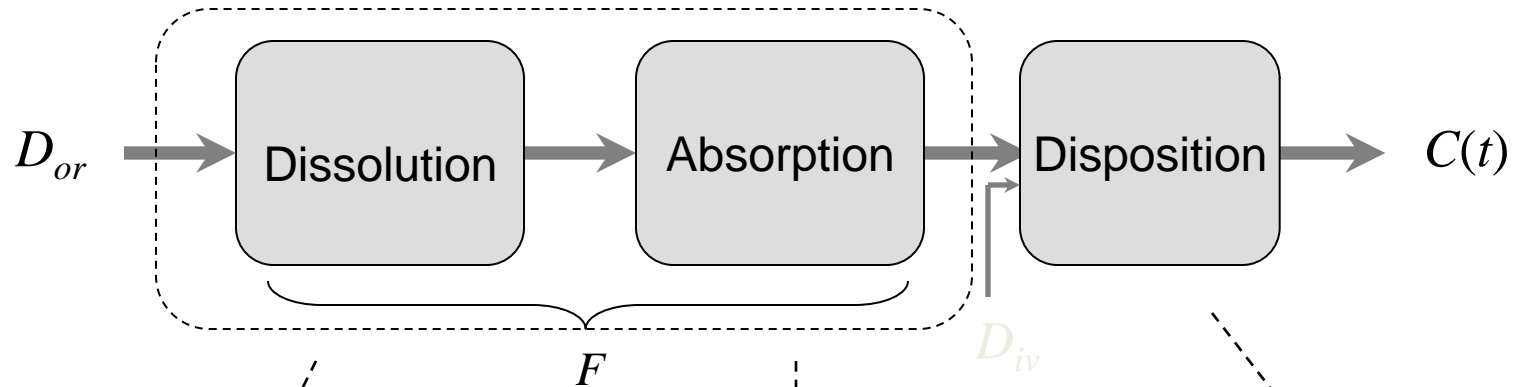
$$F_A(t) = \int_0^t f_A(\tau) d\tau$$

$$t_{A,\max} = MAT \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4} CV_A^4} - \frac{3}{2} CV_A^2 \right)$$

$$F_A(\infty) = F.$$

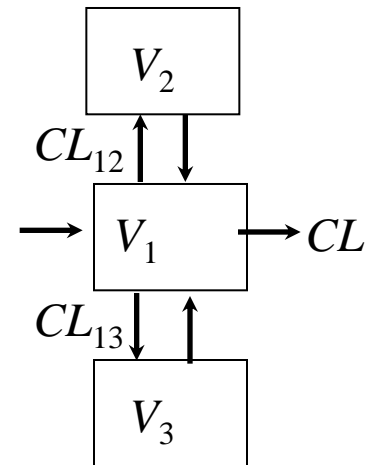
# Dissolution as Determinant of Bioavailability

"Extended Release" dosage form



First order  
 $MAT = 1/k_a$

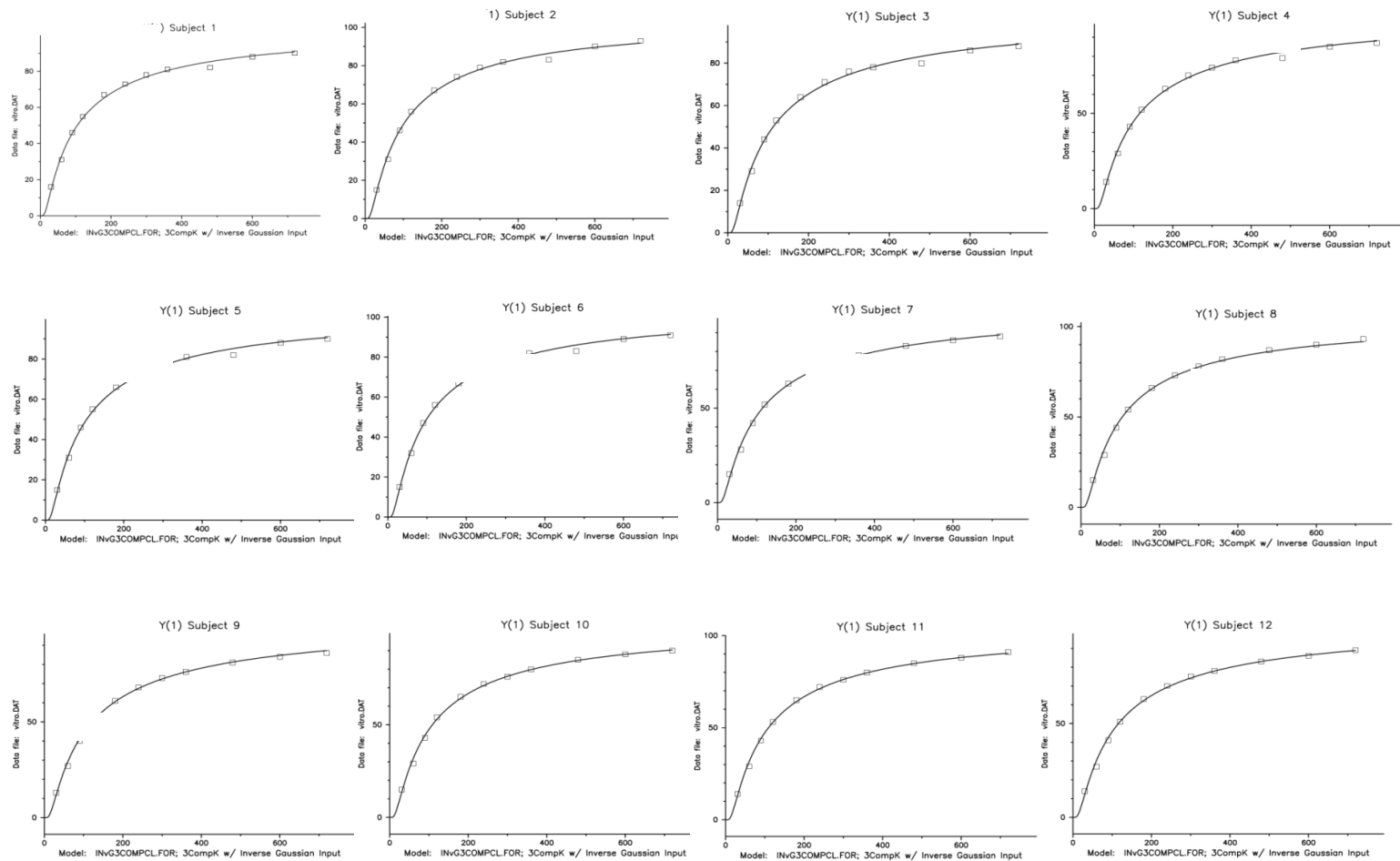
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3-Compartment

# IG- Fit of Dissolution Data (ADAPT Population Analysis)

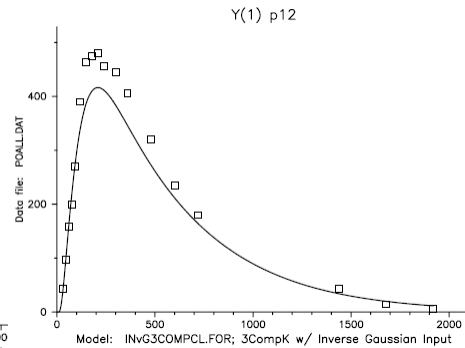
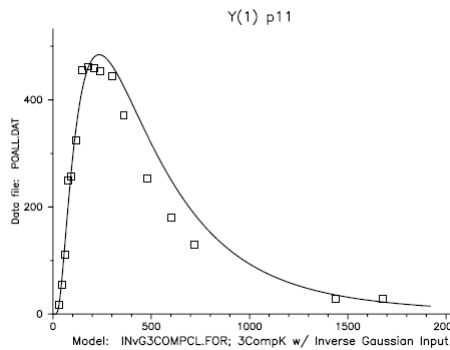
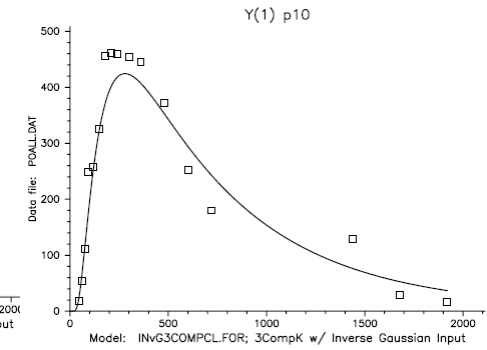
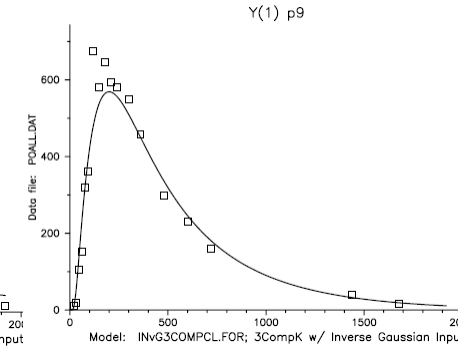
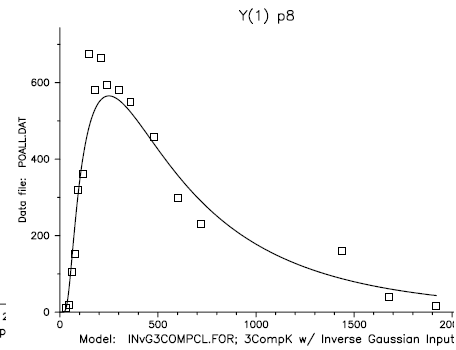
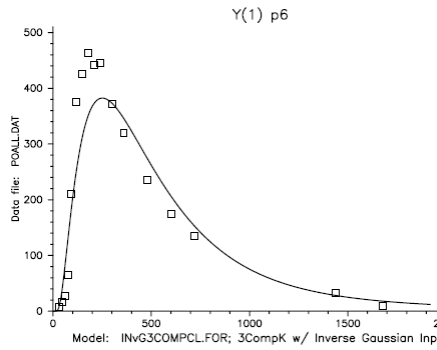
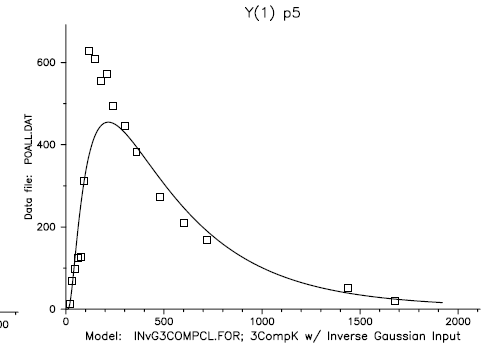
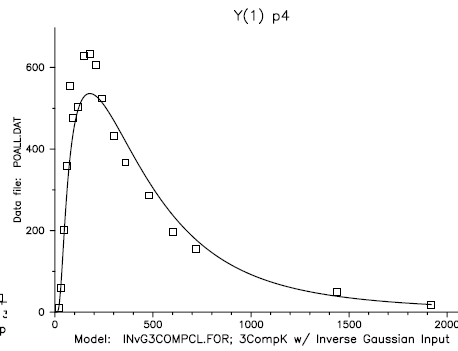
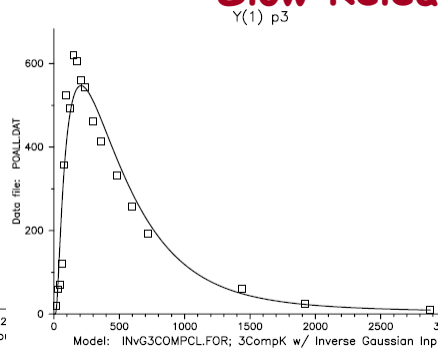
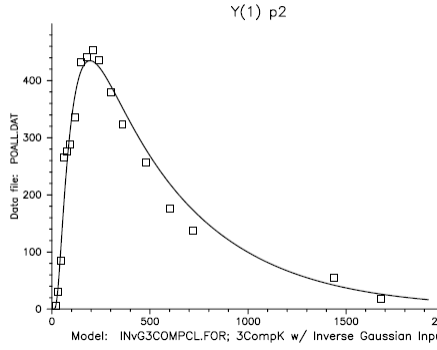
## Slow Release Formulation



$$MDT = \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F(t)] dt \quad F(t) = \frac{A_{diss}(t)}{A_{diss}(\infty)}$$

# IG-Input Model Fit of Oral Data (ADAPT Population Analysis)

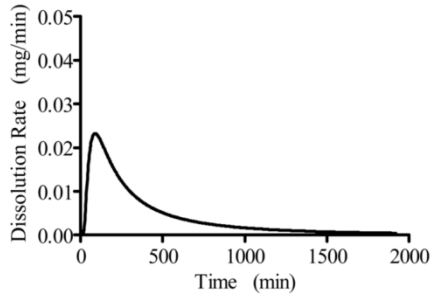
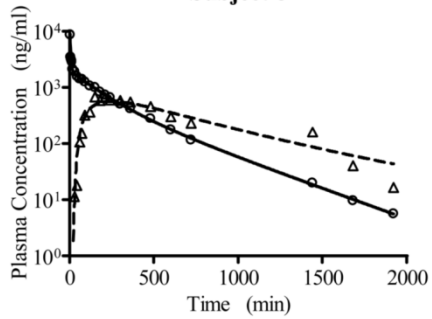
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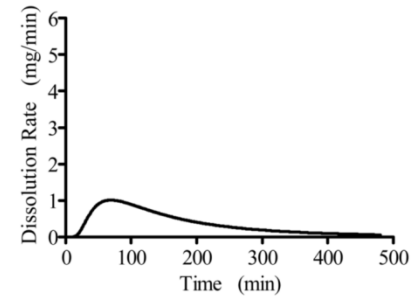
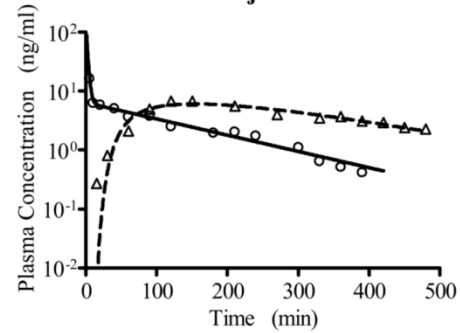
i.v. data were previously fitted using a 3-compartment model

## Slow release formulation

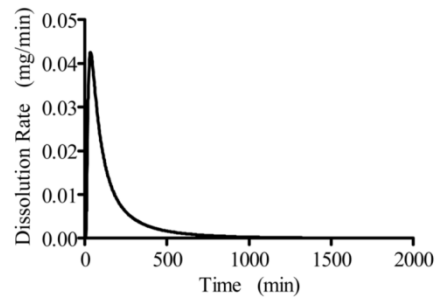
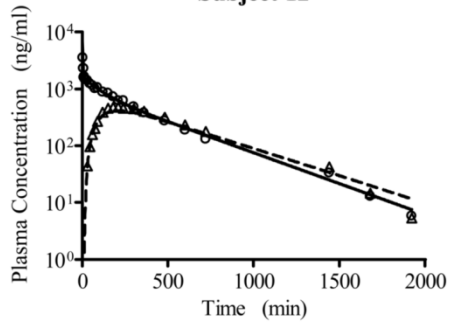
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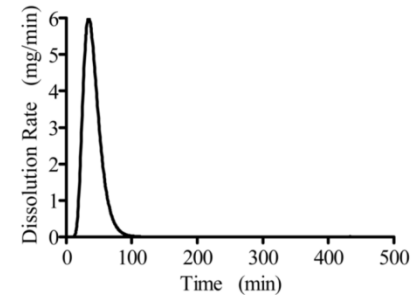
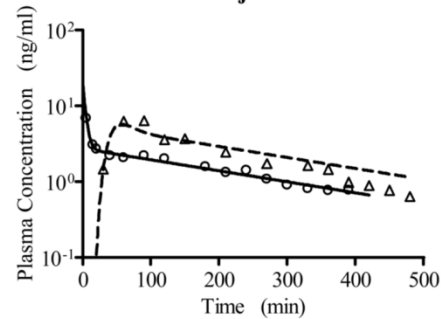
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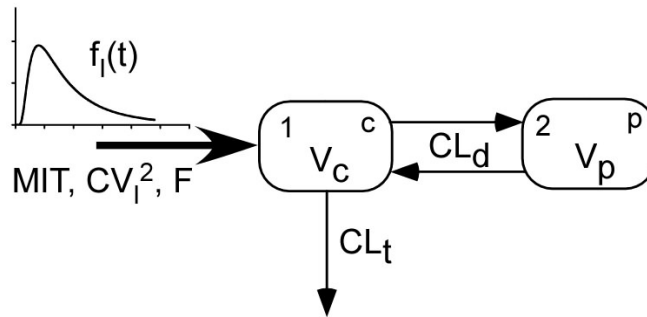
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# Comparison of the Population Analysis of Oral Data for the Extended-Release Dosage Form Using the 2 Different Input Models

	IG/MAT Model		IG Model		
	Population Mean	Population SD		Population Mean	Population SD
<i>F</i> , %	69.9	9.22	<i>F</i> , %	69.8	9.10
<i>MDT</i> , min	318	115	<i>MIT</i> ,min	332	77.7
<i>MAT</i> , min	33.9	14.4			
<i>CV</i> <sup>2</sup> <sub><i>D</i></sub>	1.93	0.369	<i>CV</i> <sup>2</sup> <sub><i>I</i></sub>	1.22	0.178
<i>t</i> <sub><i>D</i></sub> ,max	53.4	19.8	<i>t</i> <sub><i>I</i></sub> ,max	84.8	19.7
<i>MDT</i> <sub><i>invitro</i></sub> , min	302	39			
<i>AIC</i>	1954		1970		

IGABS



ADAPT 5

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igabs.for *
Subroutine DIFFEQ(T,X,XP)
  Implicit None

  Real*8 fI, MIT, CVI2, F
  MIT=P(5)
  CVI2=P(6)
  F=P(7)

  C Define the Inverse Gaussian Input Funtion fI
  if(t .eq. 0.0) then
    fI = 0.0
  else
    fI = F*B(1)*dsqrt(MIT/(2.0*pi*CVI2*t**3))*
      dexp(-(t-MIT)**2/(2.0*CVI2*MIT*t))
  endif

  C PK Model with Inv. Gaussian Representing Systemic Drug Delivery
  XP(1) = -(P(1)+P(3))/P(2)*X(1) + P(3)/P(4)*X(2) + fI
  XP(2) = P(3)/P(2)*X(1) - P(3)/P(4)*X(2)
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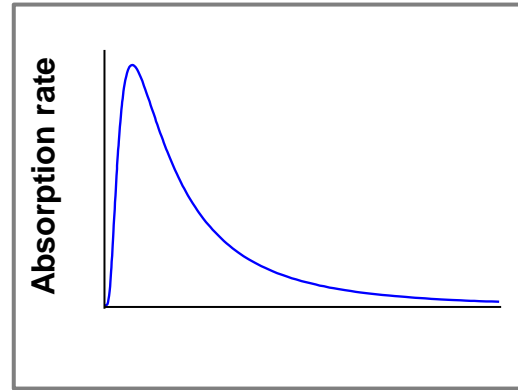


## Parametric model of input/absorption rate

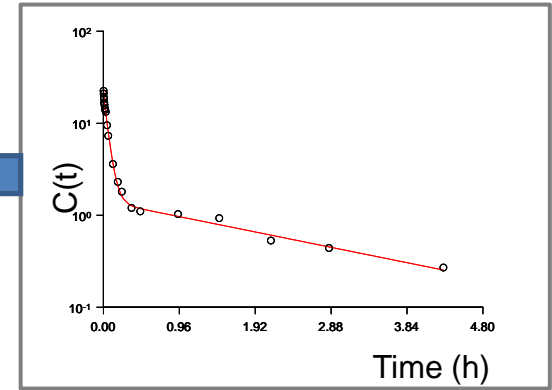
Inverse Gaussian

Sum of inverse Gaussians

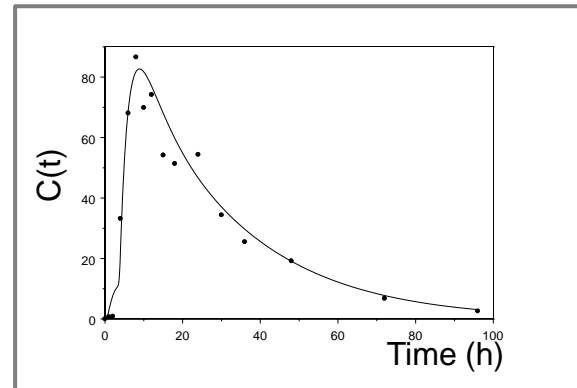
Weibull



## iv data

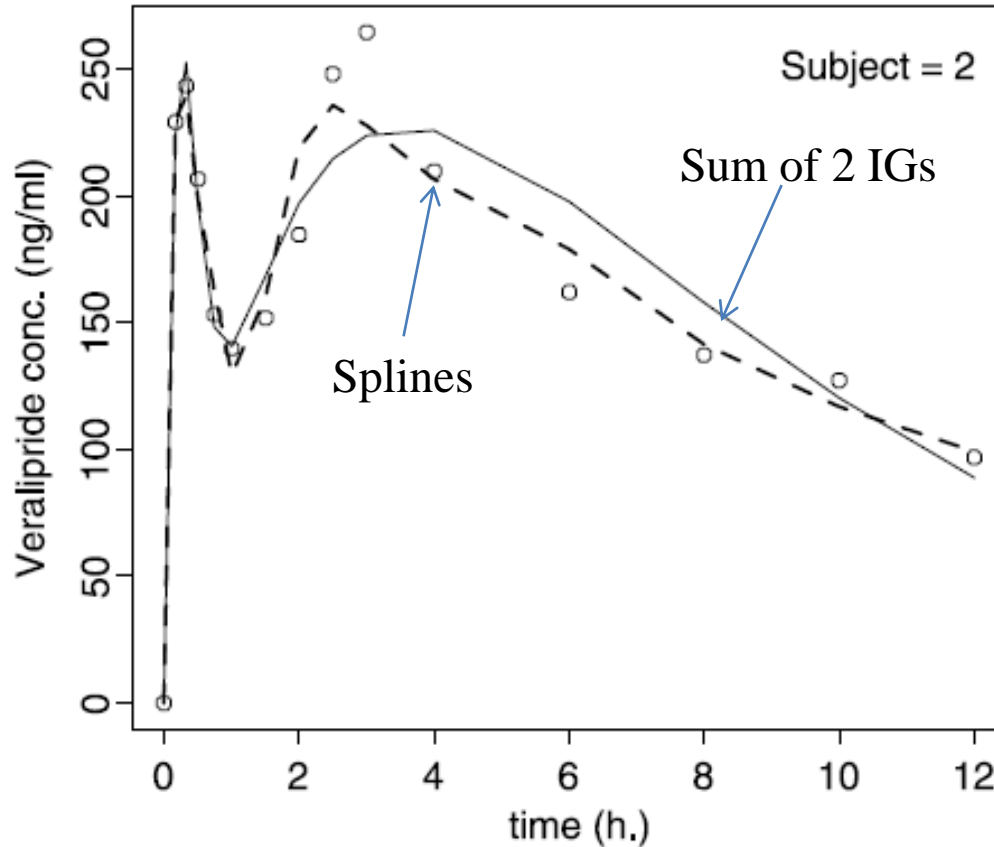


## Fit of oral data



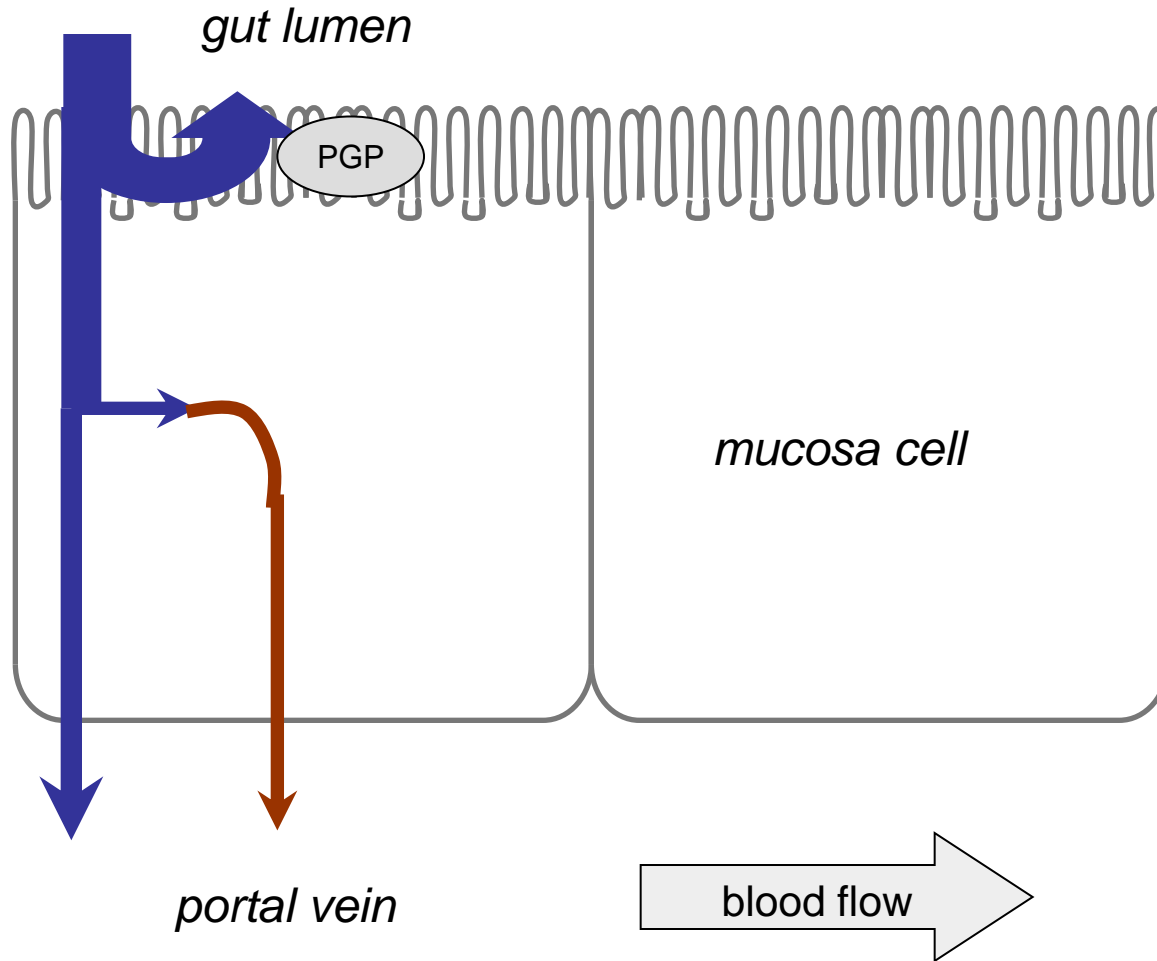
# Sum of IG-Functions

## Irregular $C(t)$ -Curves

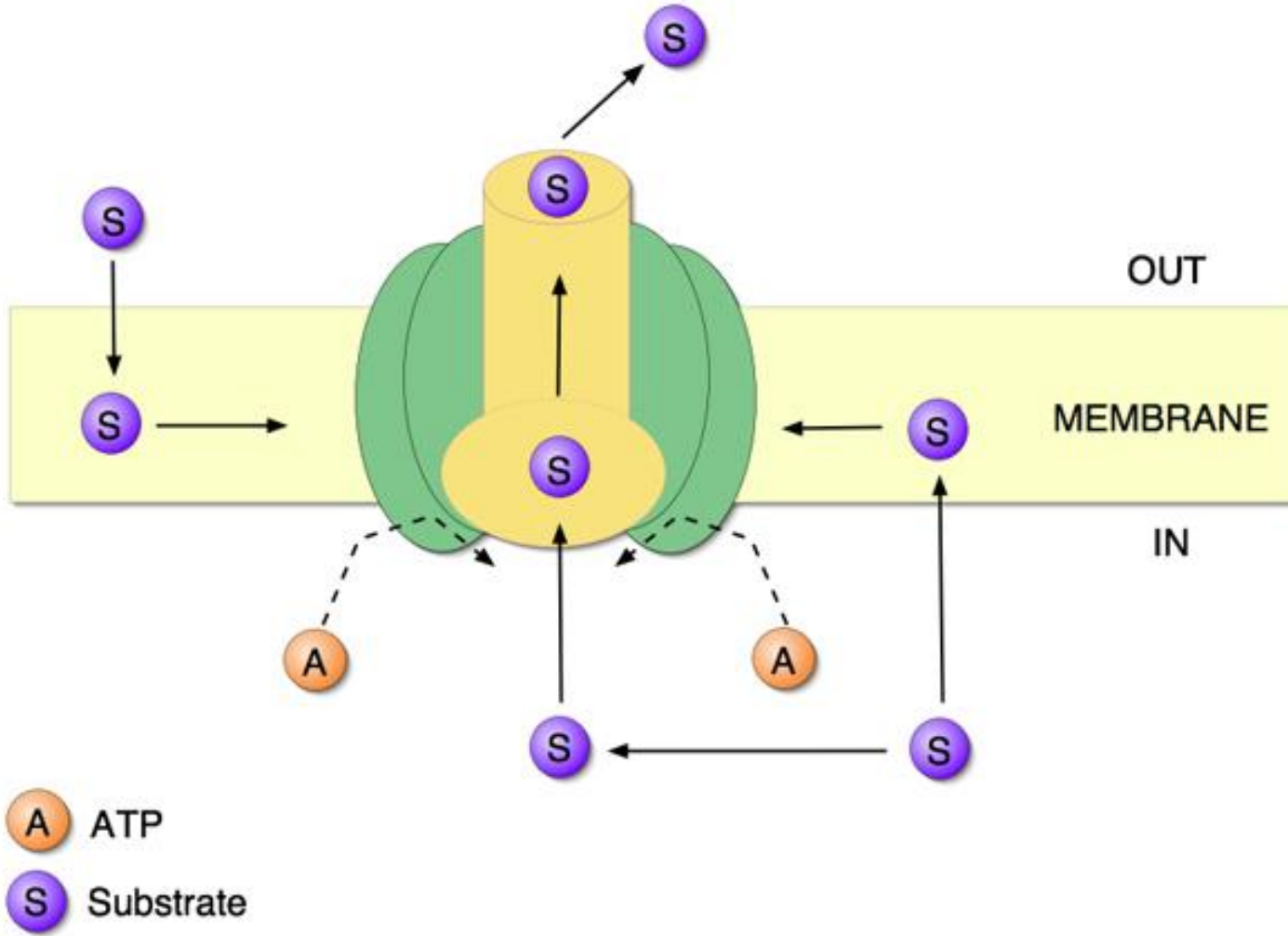


Csajka C, Drover D, Verotta D. The use of a sum of inverse Gaussian functions to describe the absorption profile of drugs exhibiting complex absorption. *Pharm Res* 2005;22:1227–1235.

# Intestinal Absorption (Effect of P-Glycoprotein)



# P-Glycoprotein Pump (PGP)



# Modeling the Kinetics of Digoxin Absorption: Enhancement by P-glycoprotein Inhibition

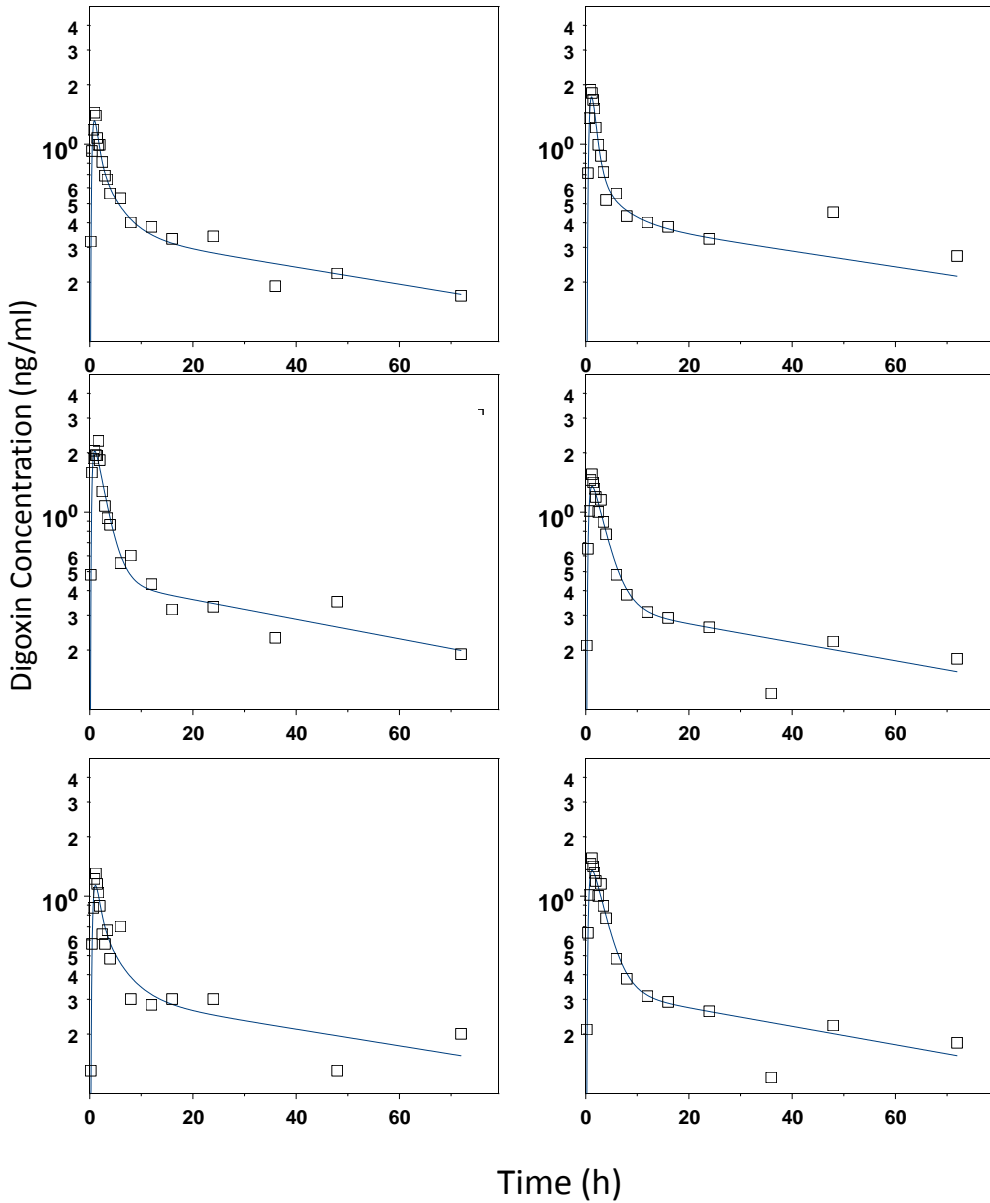
10 healthy volunteers received a single dose 0.5 mg digoxin (2 tablets Lanicor, Boehringer Mannheim, Germany) alone and concomitantly with oral talinolol (100 mg).

Westphal et al., Clin Pharmacol Ther, 2000

iv data

Kramer et al., J Pharmacokinet Biopharm, 1974

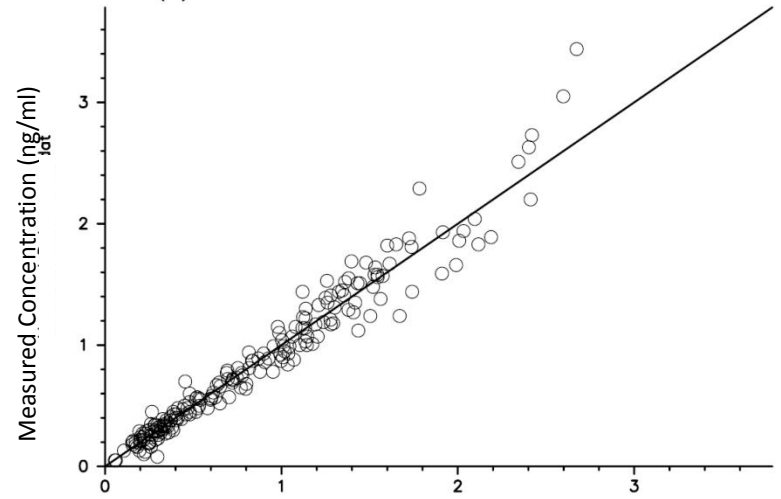
# Dioxins Tablets (0.5 mg Lanicor®)



Time (h)

*inverse Gaussian absorption model*

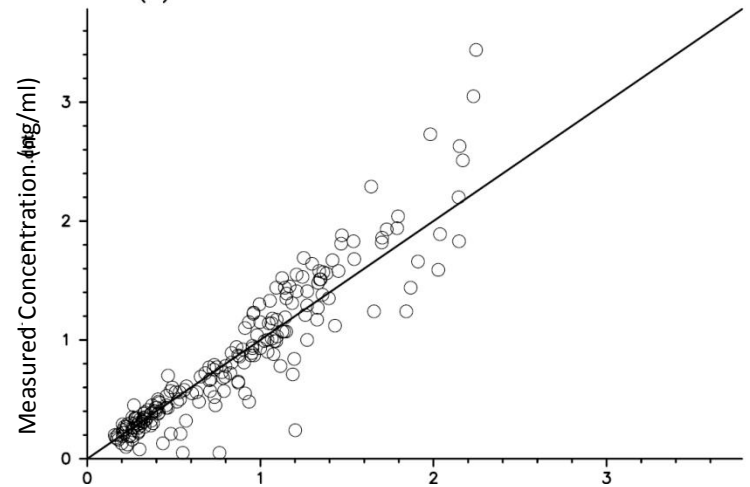
Y(1) Measured Data vs Individual Model Prediction



Predicted Concentration (ng/ml)

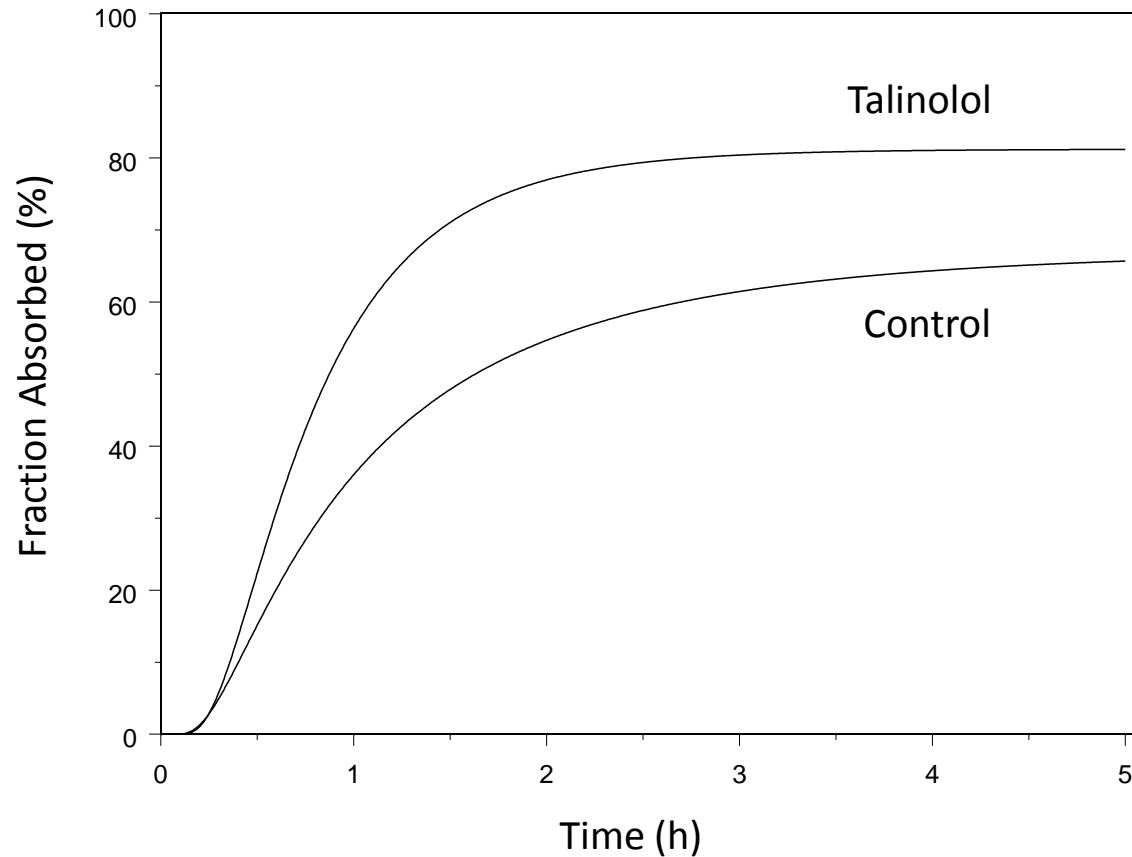
*first-order absorption model*

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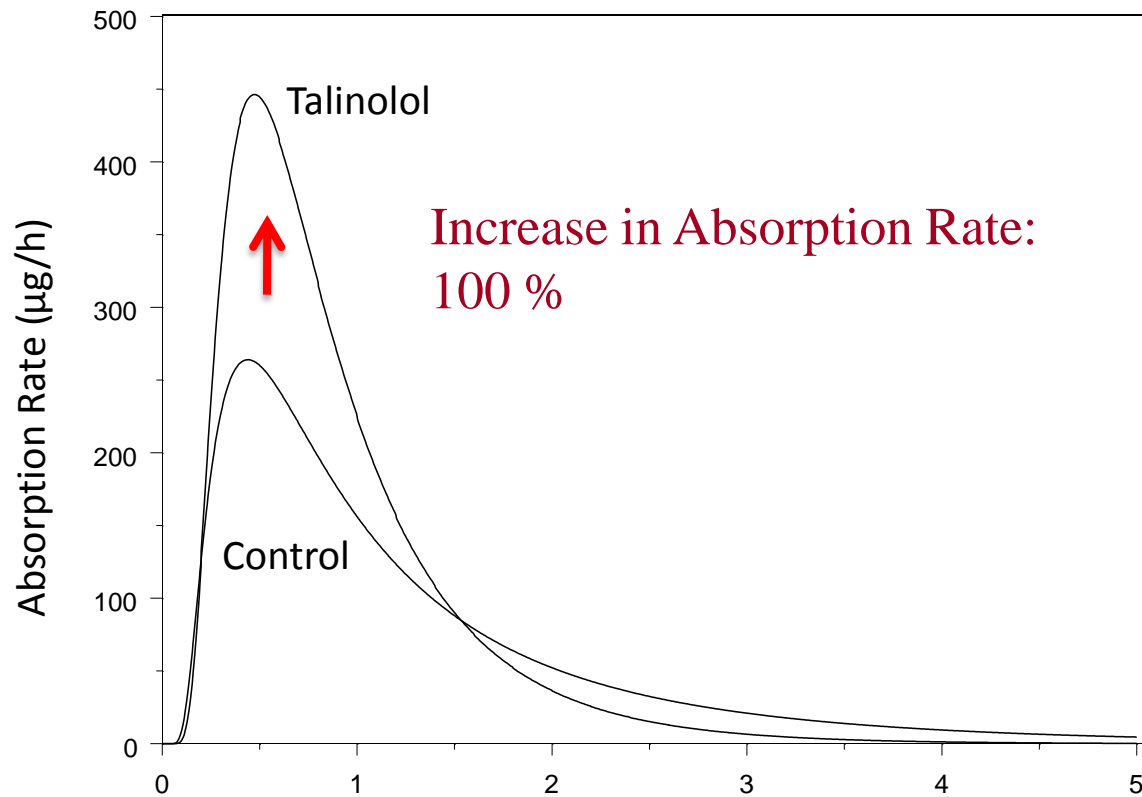
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# Effect of P-Glycoprotein Inhibition: Bioavailability



↑ Increase in  $F$ :  
21 %

# Effect of P-Glycoprotein Inhibition Absorption Rate

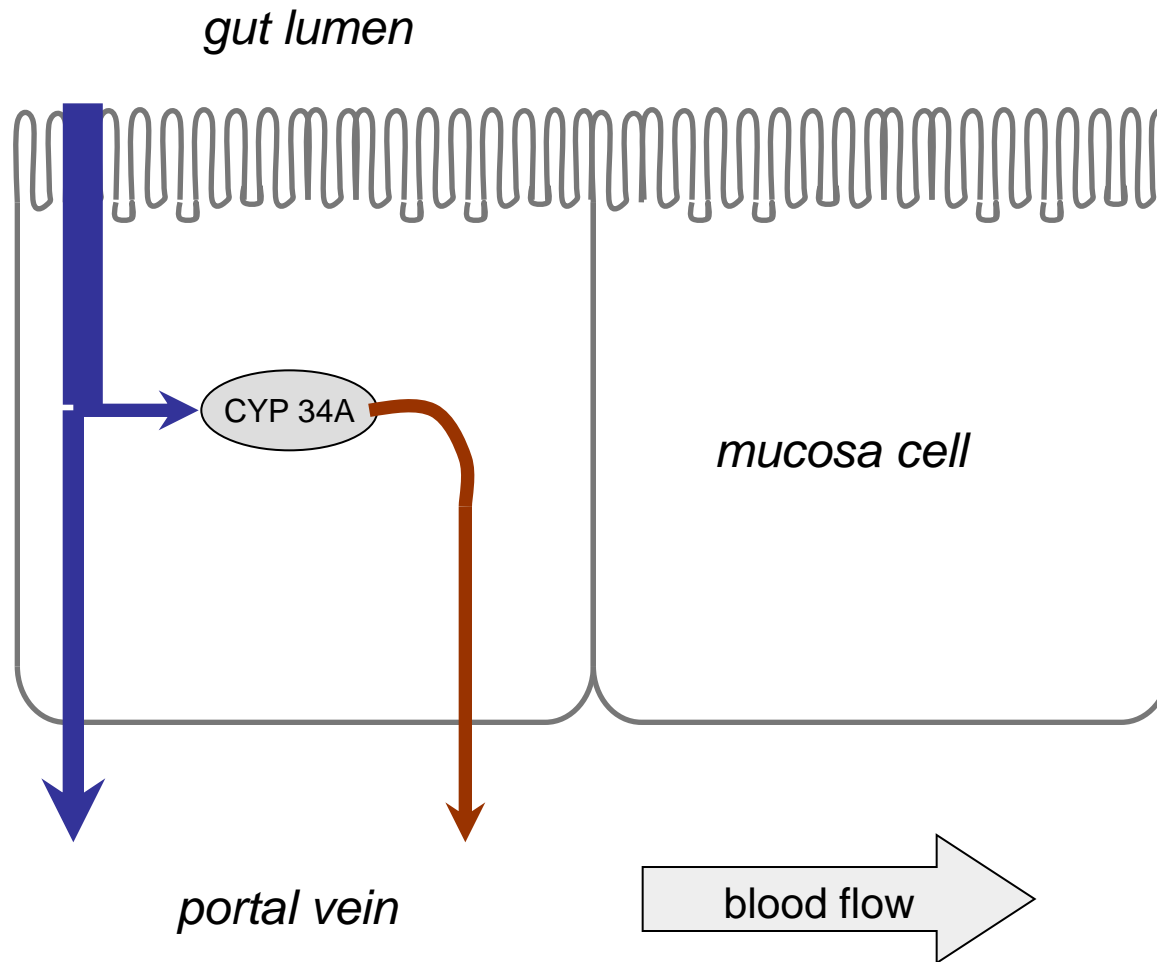




Parameters	Digoxin Alone		Digoxin+ Talinolol	
	Population Mean	Interpatient % CV	Population Mean (%RSE)	Interpatient %CV (%RSE)
$MAT$ (h)	1.32	17	0.88 (20)**	31 (50)
$CV_A^2$	0.89	38	0.45 (51)*	63 (92)
$F$ (%)	67.1	14	81.2 (17)*	9 (66)
$f_{A,max}$ ( $\mu\text{g/h}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	278	26	499**	34

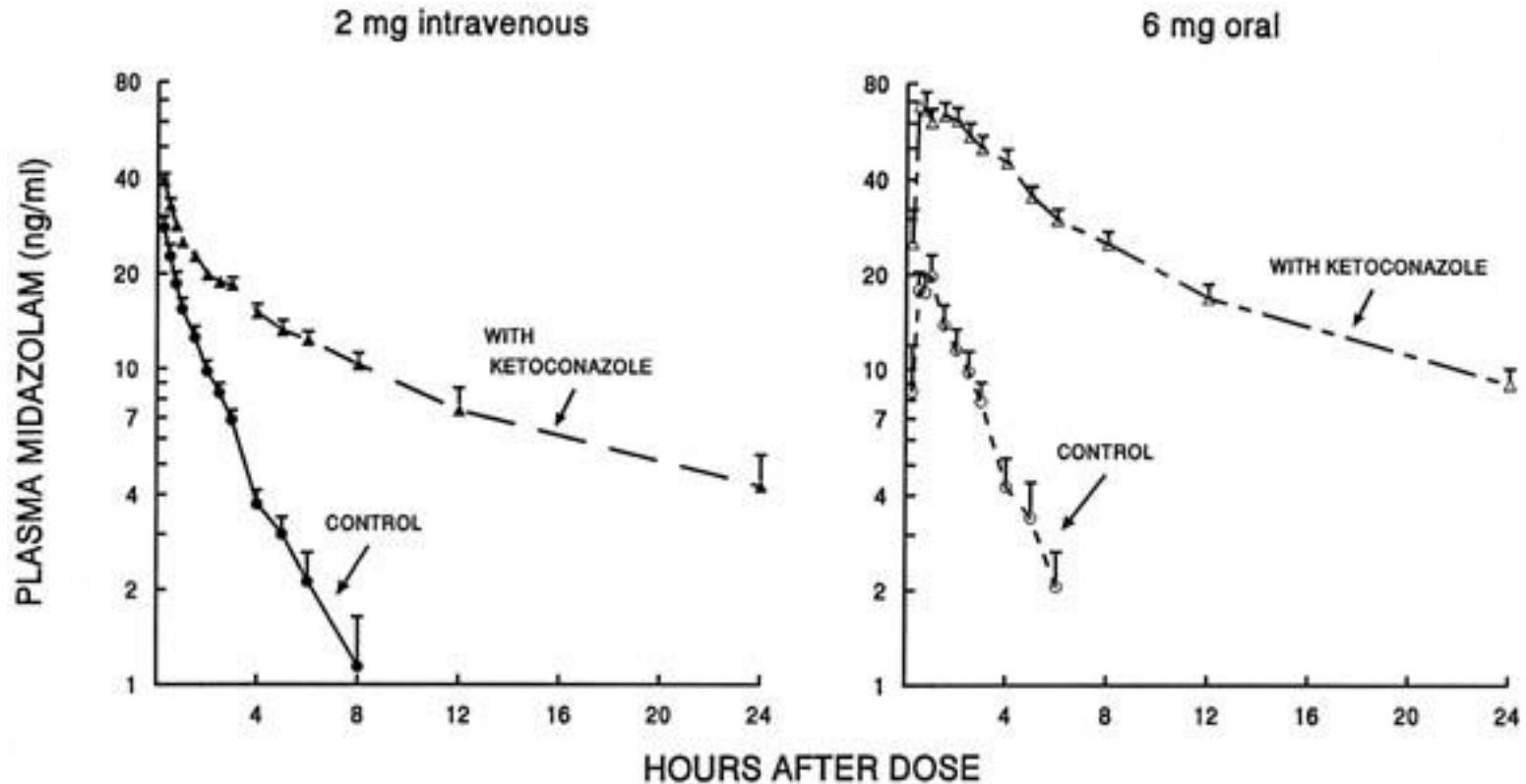
<sup>a</sup>Maximum absorption rate

# Intestinal First Pass Metabolism



# Ketoconazole increases AUC of Midazolam

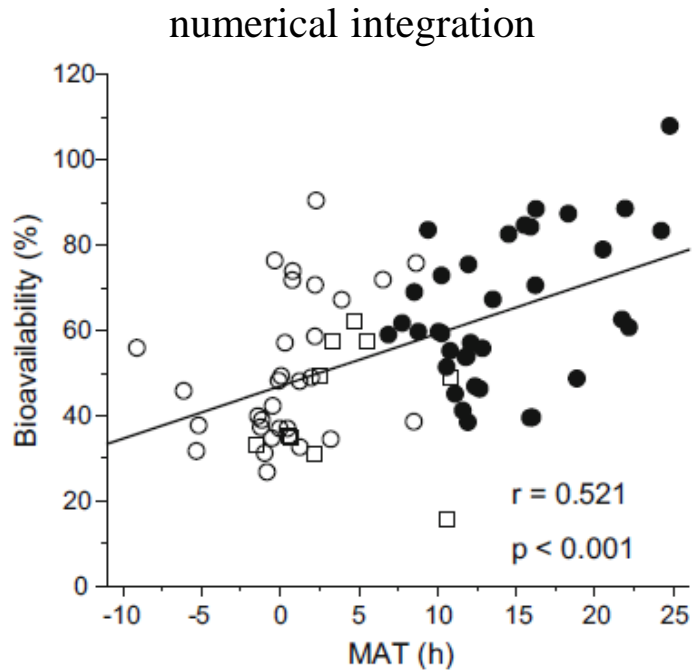
Inhibition of intestinal and hepatic Cytochrome P450 3A



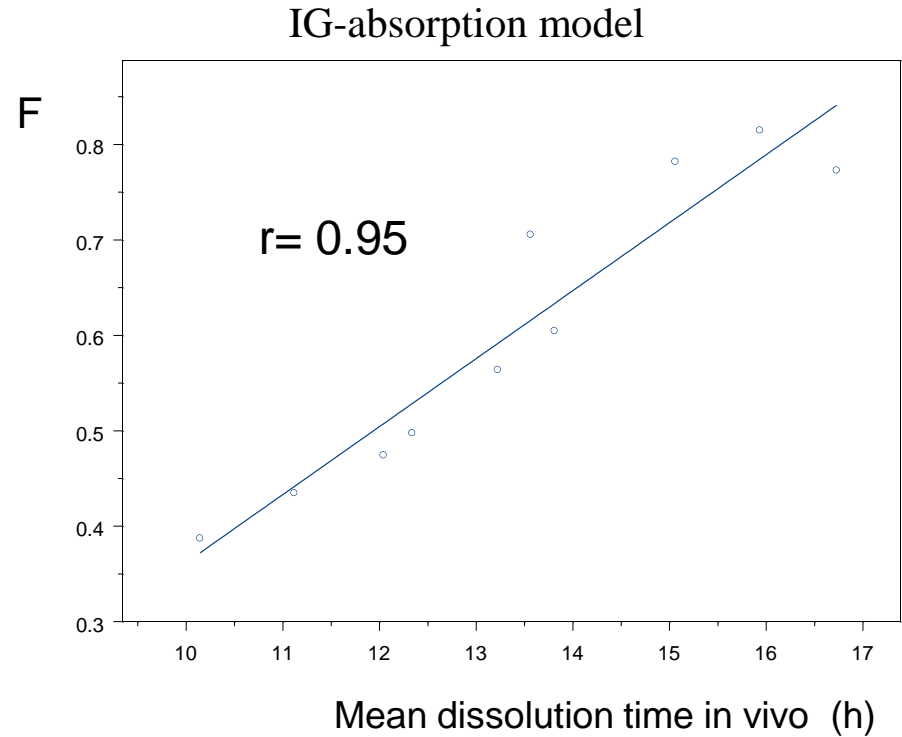
$AUC_{iv}$   $\uparrow \times 5$   
 $AUC_{or}$   $\uparrow \times 16$   
 $CL_{int}$   $\downarrow$  by 84 %

$F \uparrow 25\% \rightarrow 80\%$

# Bioavailability of Propiverine increases with dissolution time



May et al., Eur J Clin Pharmacol, 2008

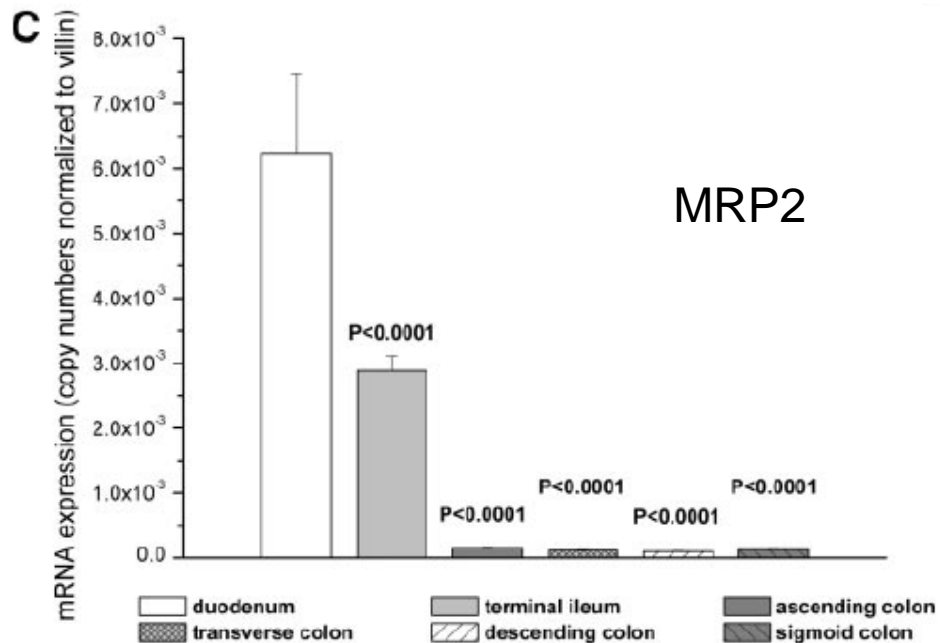
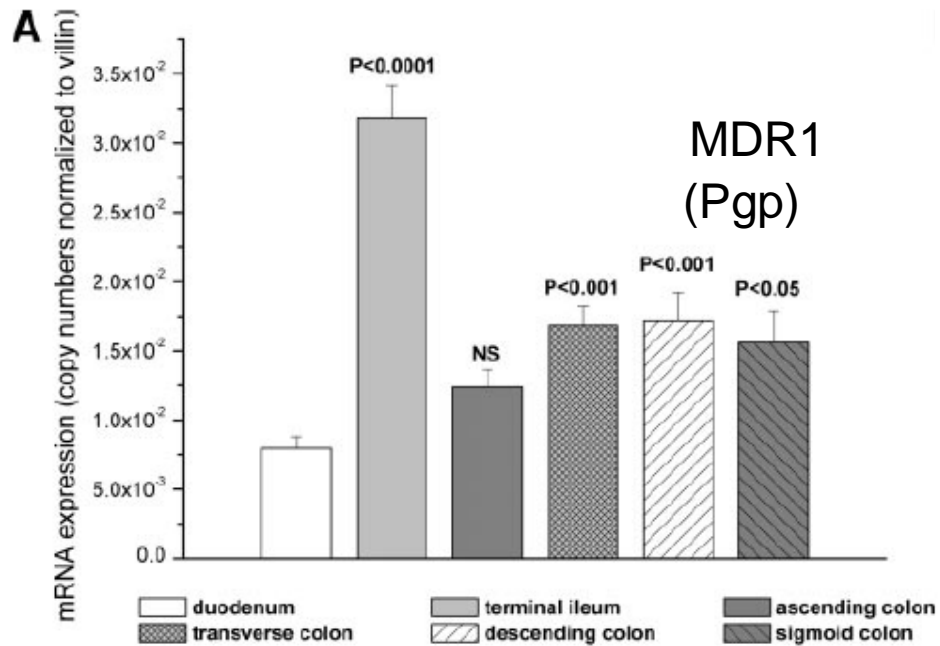


Re-analysis of extended release data  
using a population approach

## Heterogeneity of gastrointestinal CYP and transporter expression

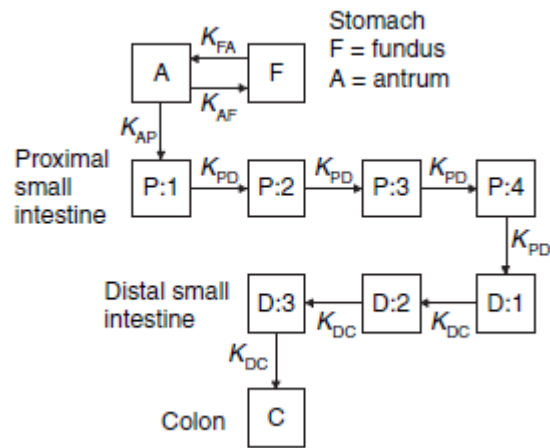
The expression of mRNA for **CYP3A4**, **Pgp**, and **MRP2** was highest in jejunum and decreased toward more distal regions.

Berggren et al., Mol. Pharm, 2007

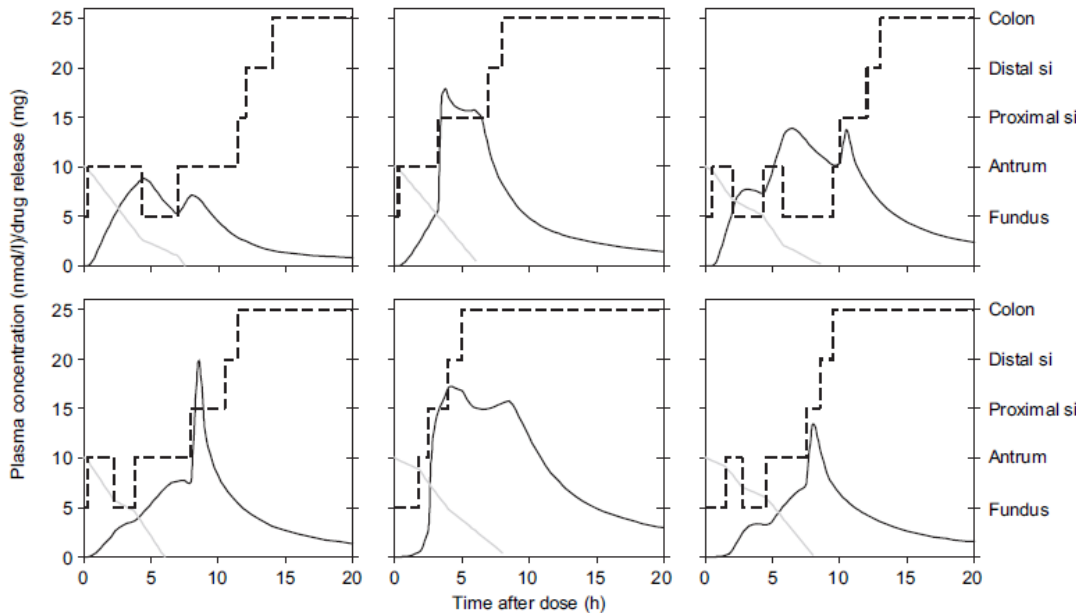
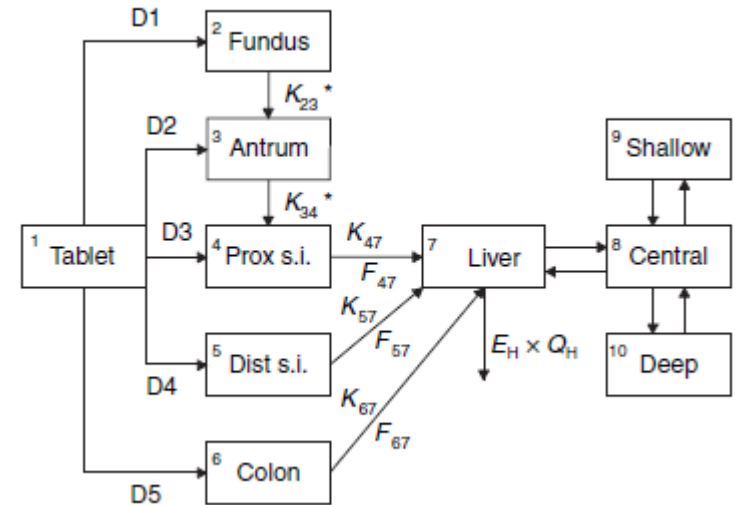


Zimmermann et al., Drug Metab Dispos 2005

# Mechanistic modeling based on gastrointestinal tablet transit



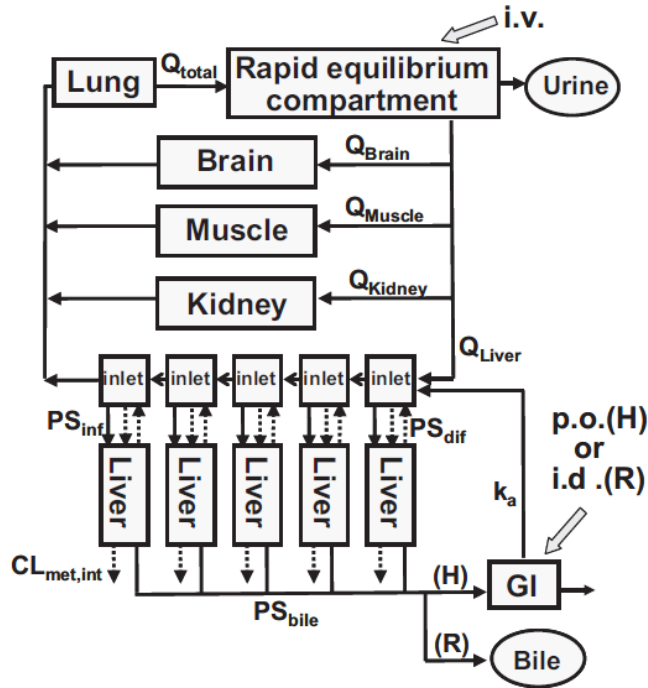
a priori information



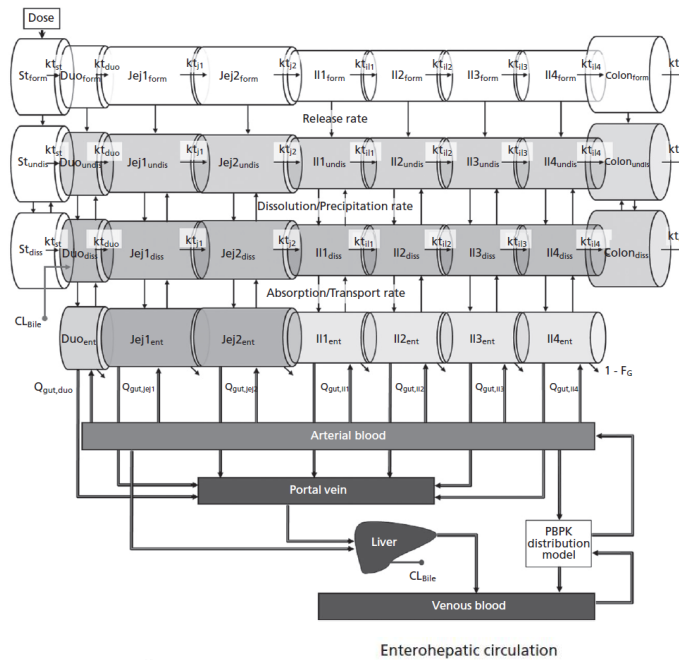
Mechanistic Modeling of a Magnetic Marker Monitoring Study Linking Gastrointestinal Tablet Transit, *In Vivo* Drug Release, and Pharmacokinetics

M Bergstrand<sup>1</sup>, E Söderlind<sup>2</sup>, W Weitschies<sup>3</sup> and MO Karlsson<sup>1</sup>

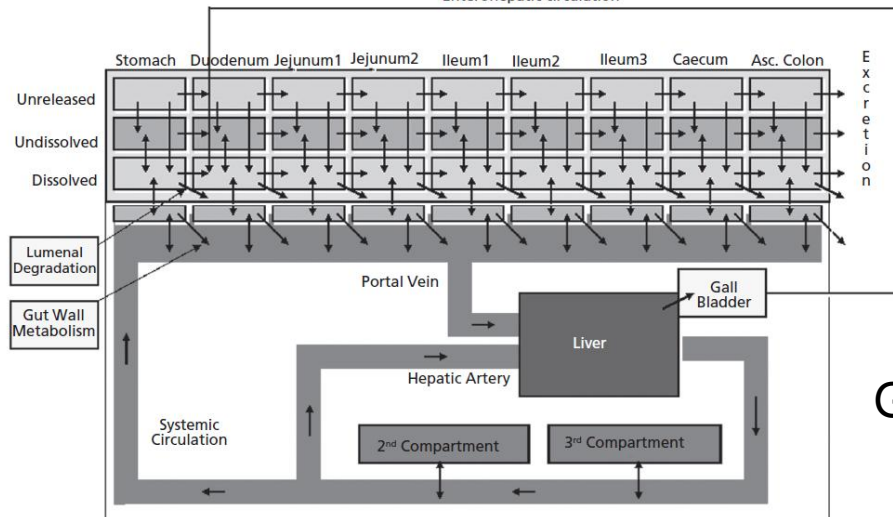
# Simulation models



Watanabe et al., J Pharmacol Exp Ther, 2009



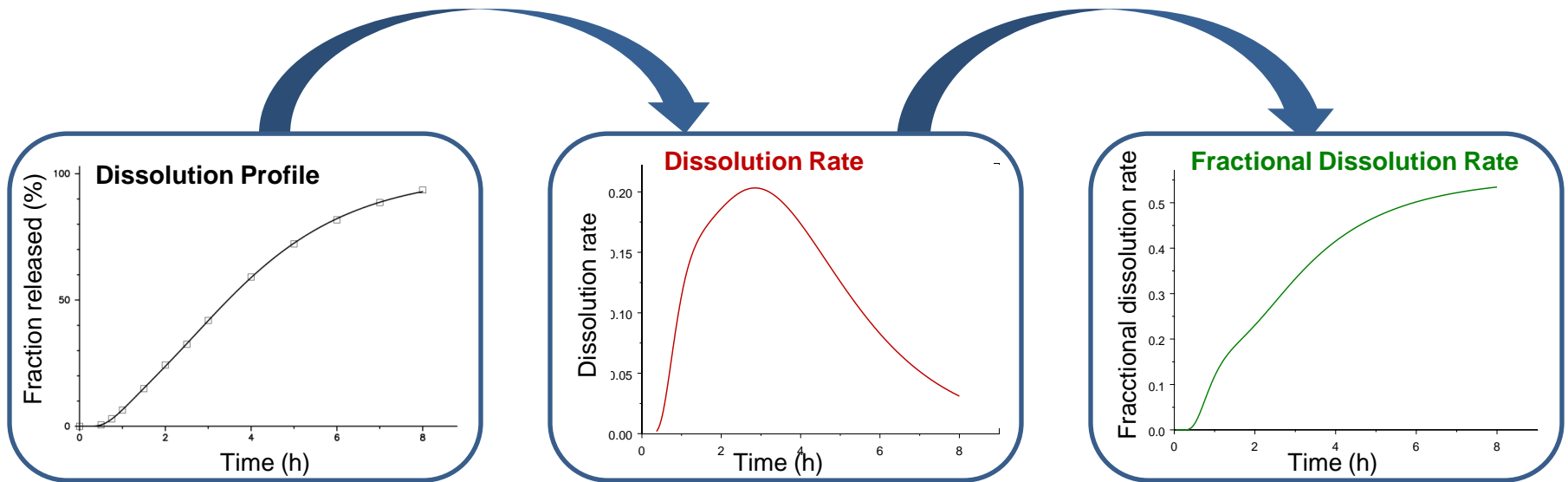
SymCyp



GastroPlus

Otsuka et al., J Pharm Pharmacol, 2013

# Modelling of in vitro dissolution



$$F(t) = \frac{A(t)}{A(\infty)}$$

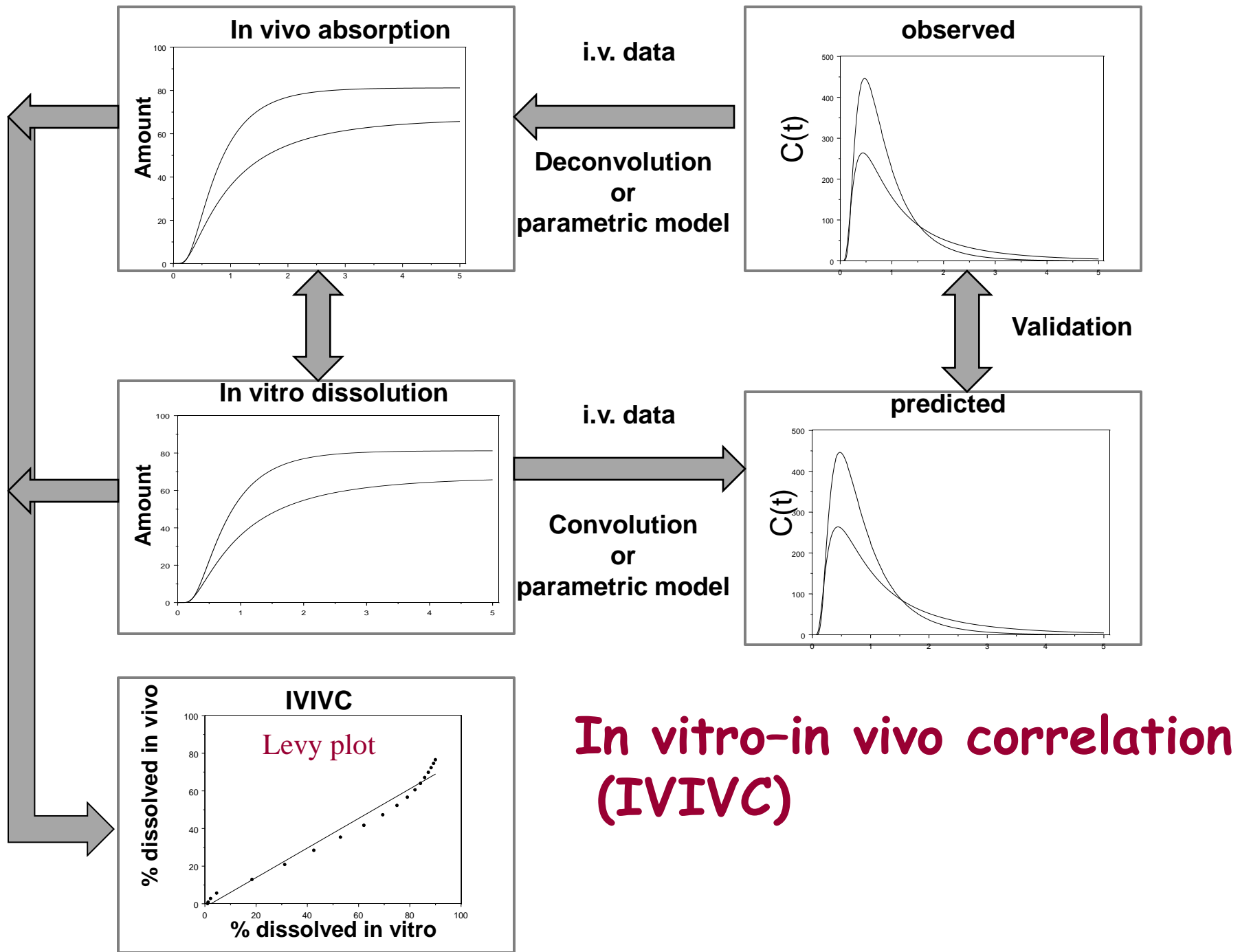
$$f(t) = \frac{df(t)}{dt}$$

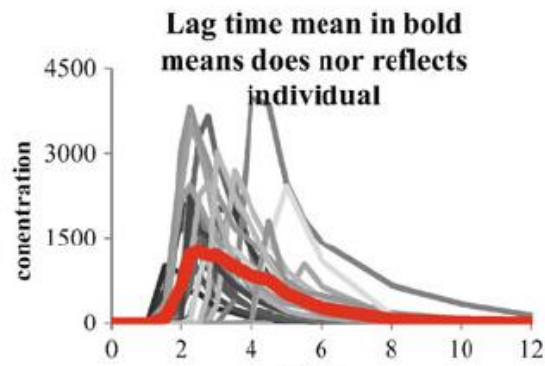
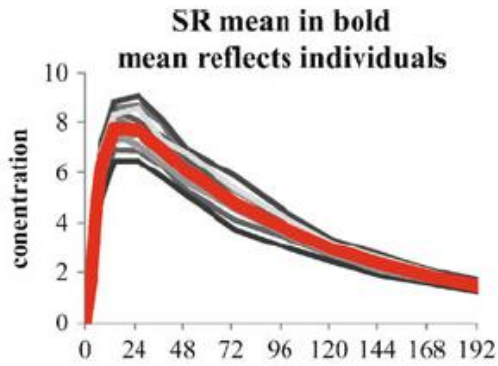
$$k(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1 - F(t)}$$

For example:

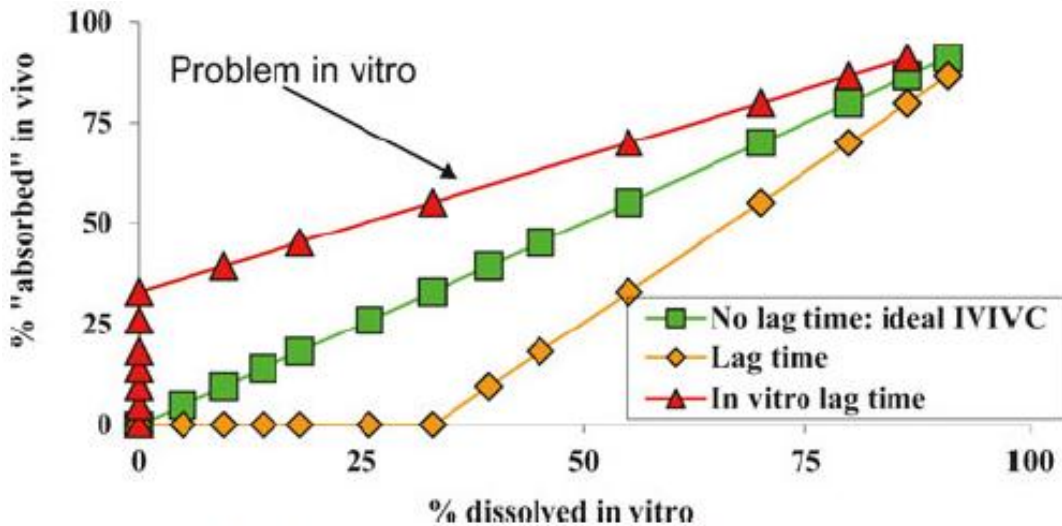
$$f_{2IG}(t) = qf_1(t) + (1 - q)f_2(t) \quad f_i(t) = \sqrt{\frac{MDT_i}{2\pi RD_i^2 t^3}} \exp\left[-\frac{(t - MDT_i)^2}{2RD_i^2 MDT_i t}\right]$$



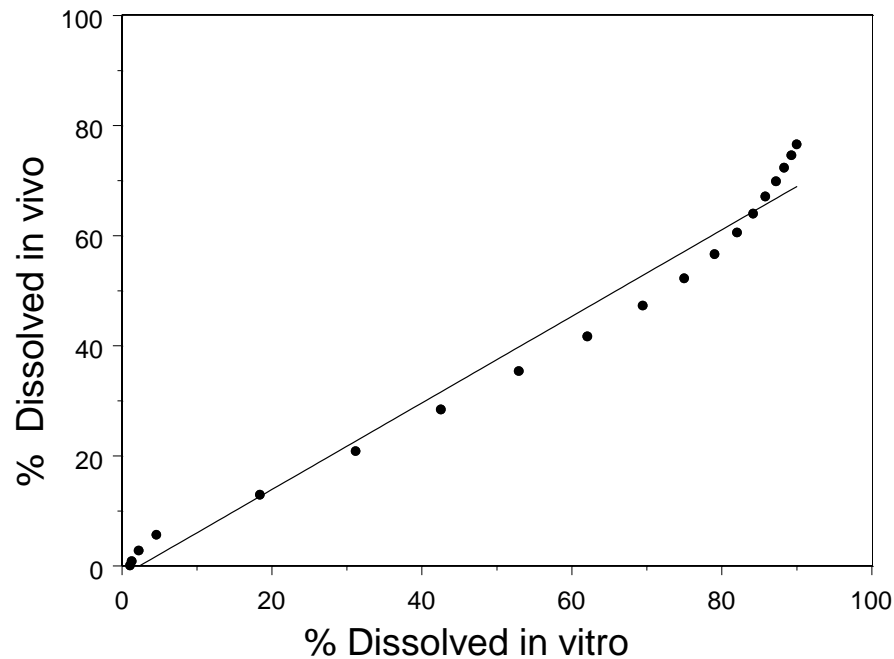
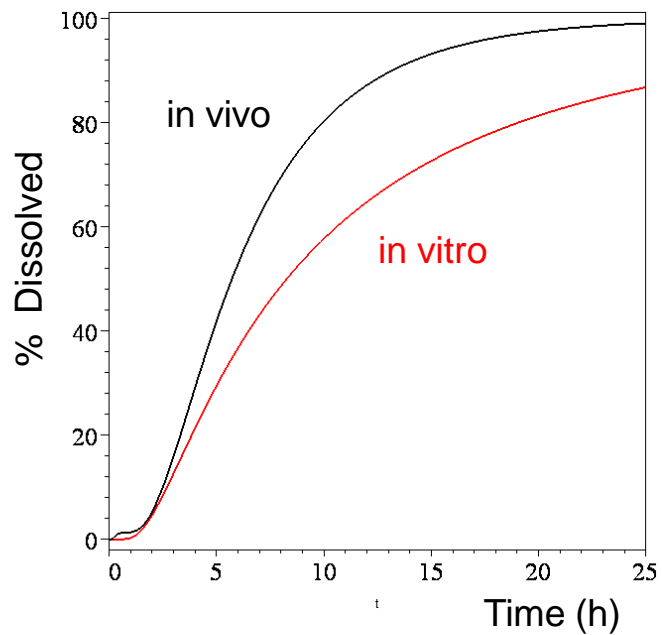




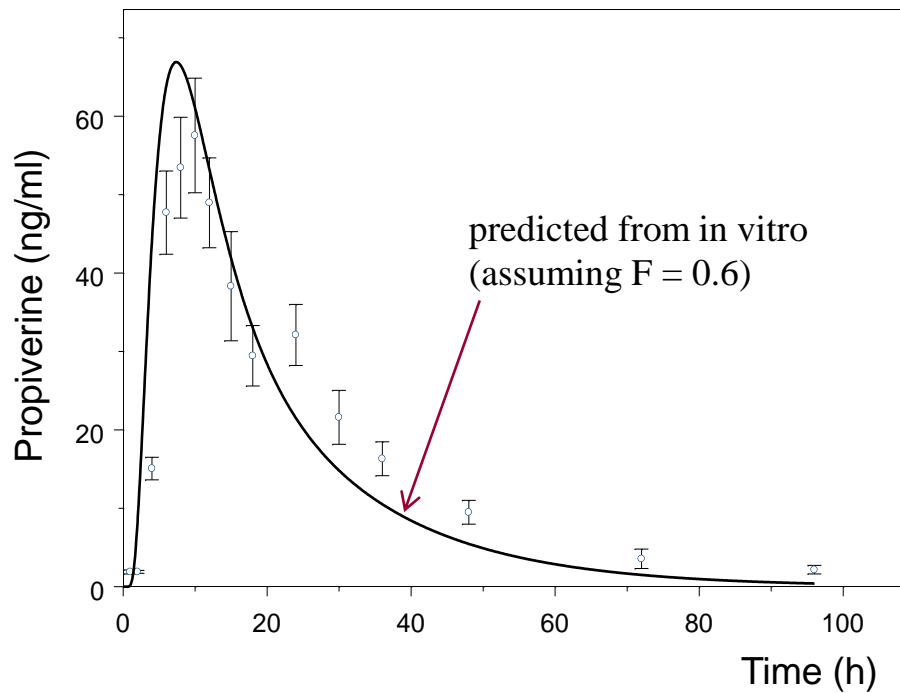
Effect of gastric emptying



$$t_{in\ vivo} = a + bt_{in\ vitro}$$

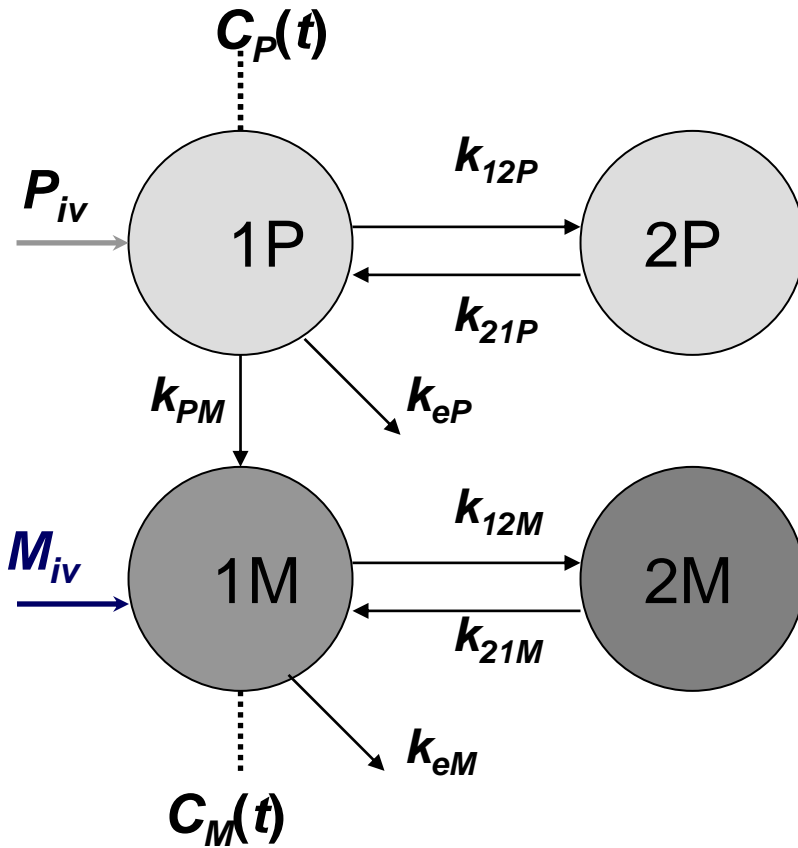


## Extended release tablet



# Metabolite Kinetics

*Metabolite (M) formation after iv administration of parent drug (P)*

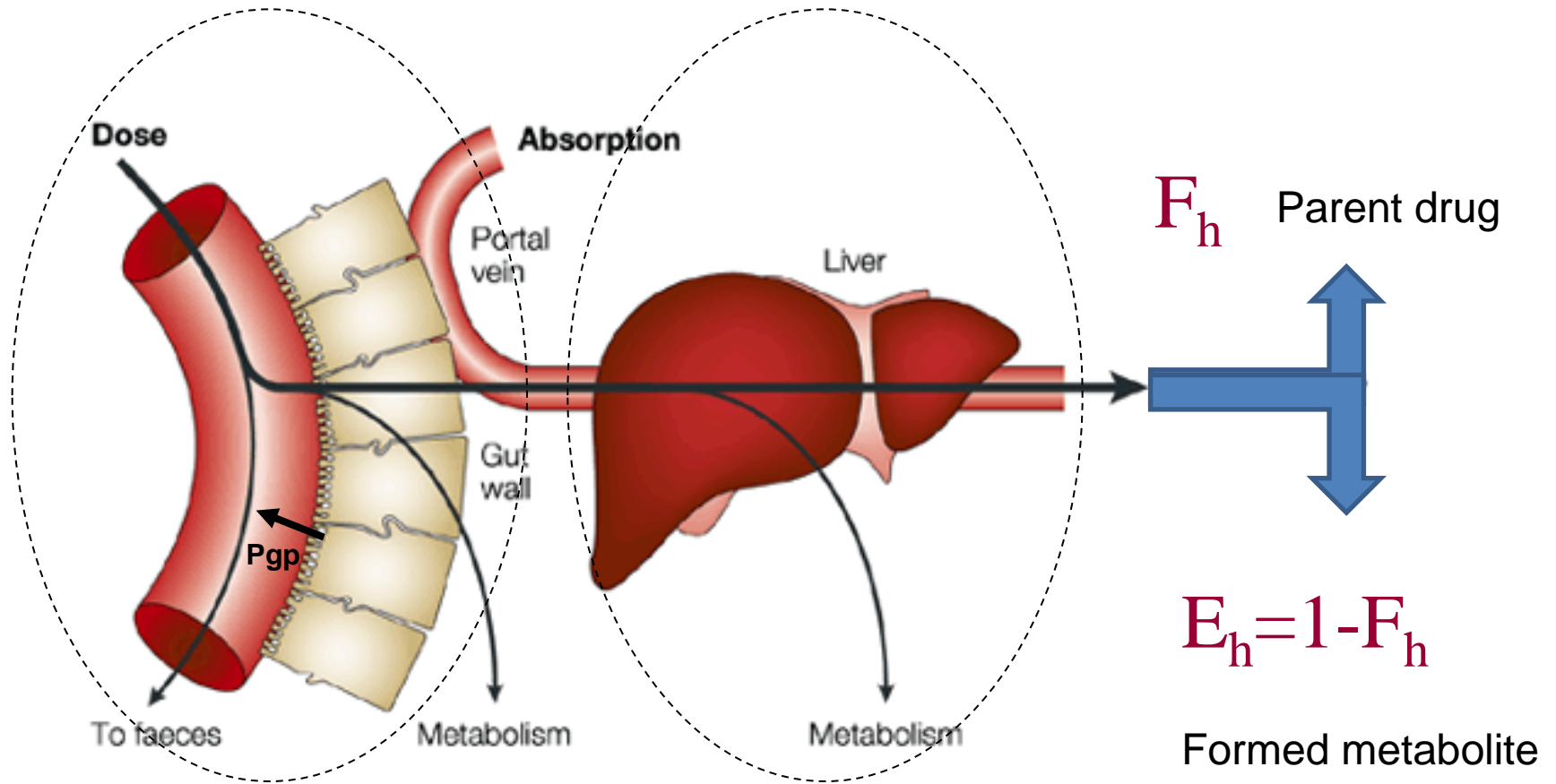


identifiable  
only combinations:

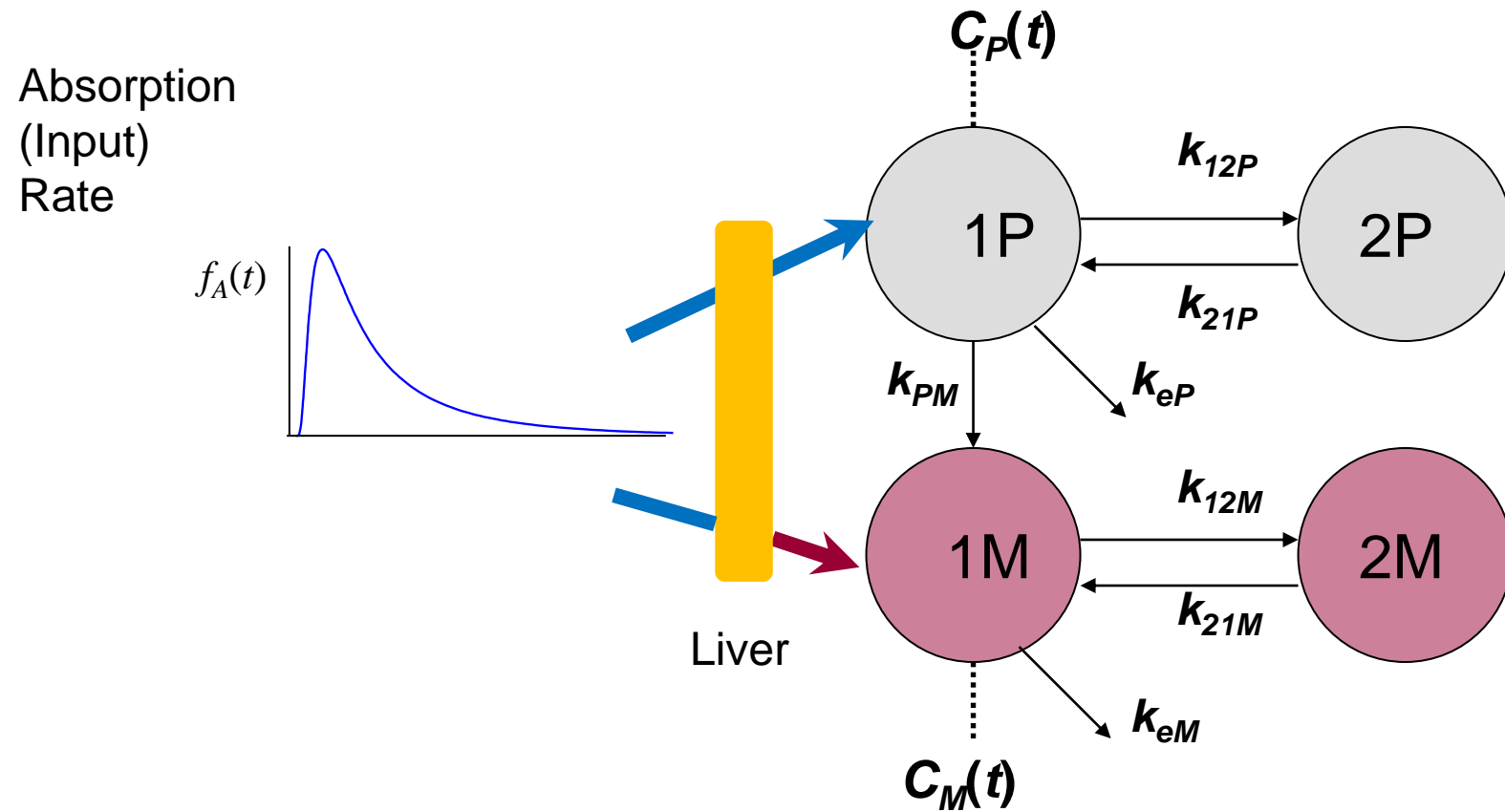
$$k_{eP} + k_{PM}$$
$$k_{PM}/V_{1M}$$

1. Separate analysis of M disposition ( $M_{iv}$ )
2. M disposition parameters fixed in fitting P and M formation data

# First-pass Metabolite Formation

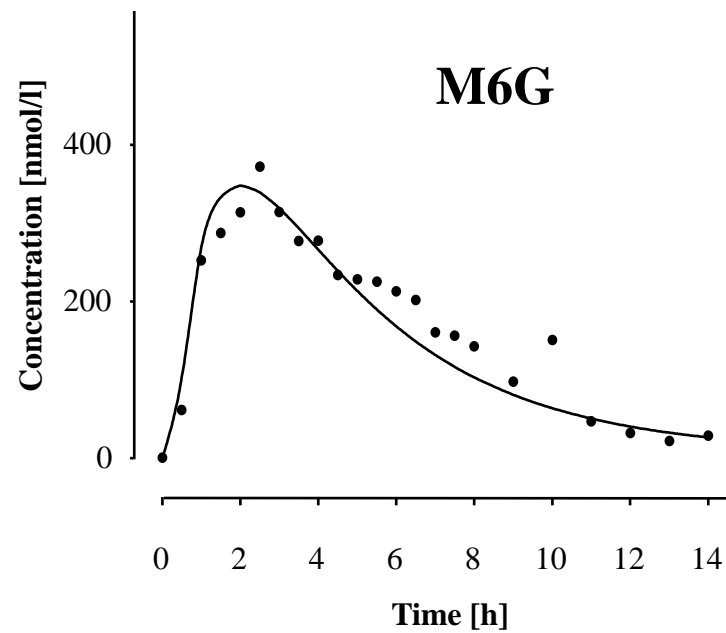
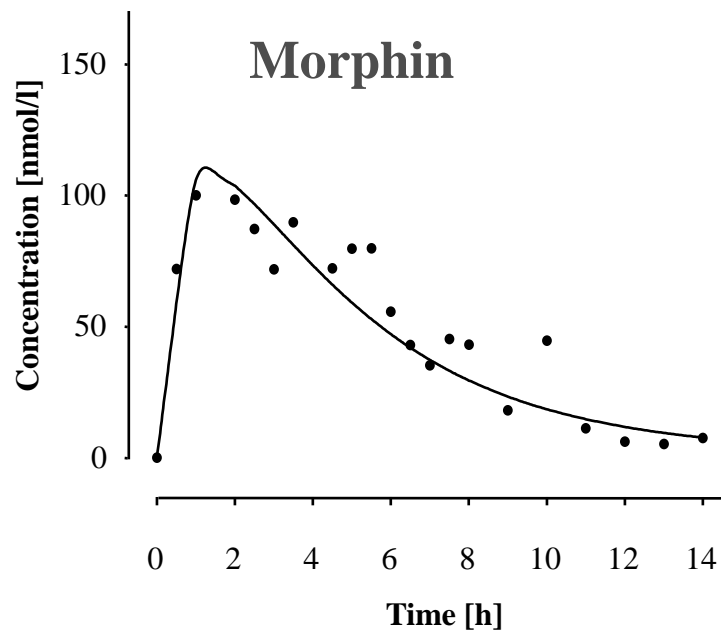


# Absorption and Metabolite Kinetics



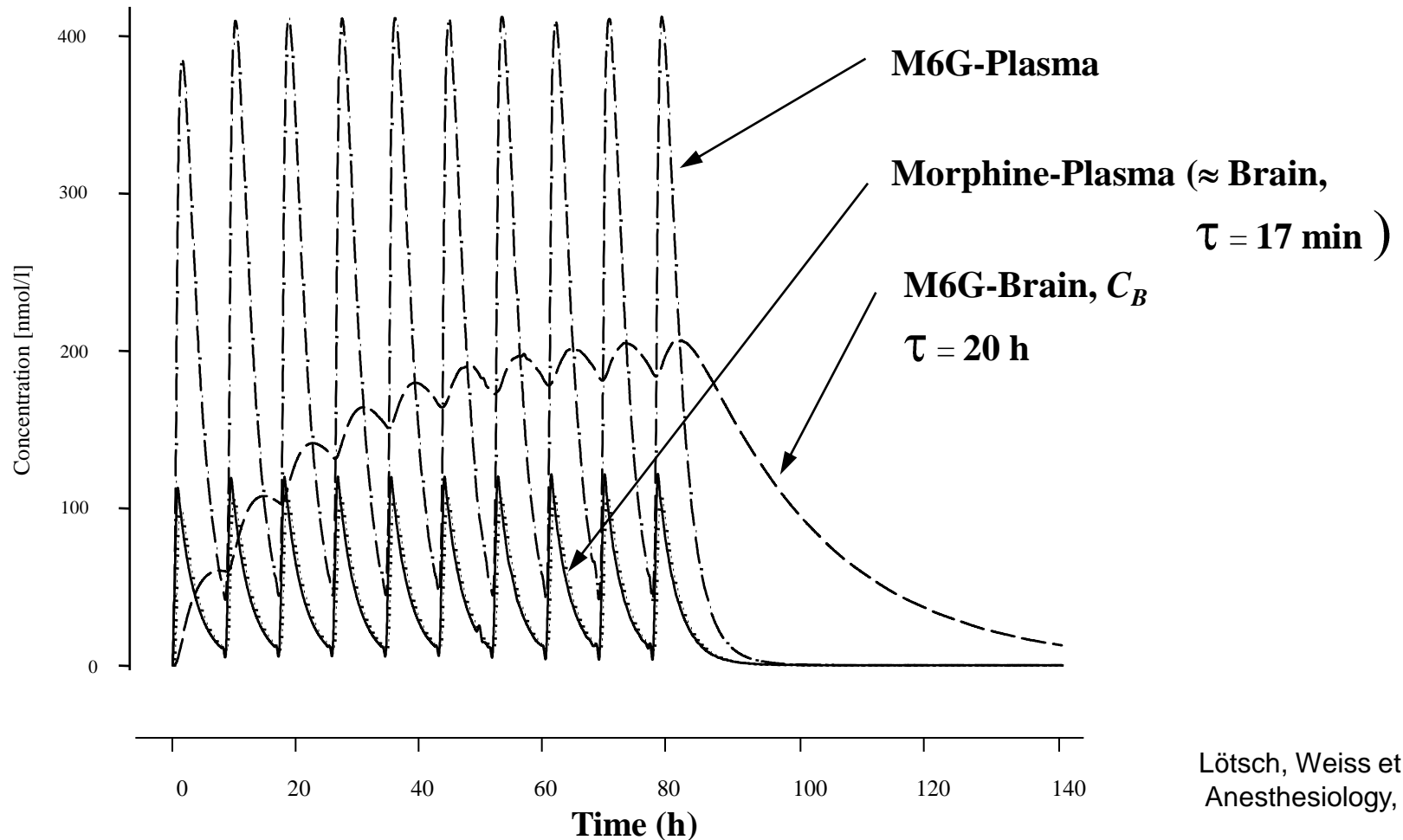
# Modelling Metabolite Kinetics

Morphin 90 mg sustained release tablet (MST<sup>â</sup>)



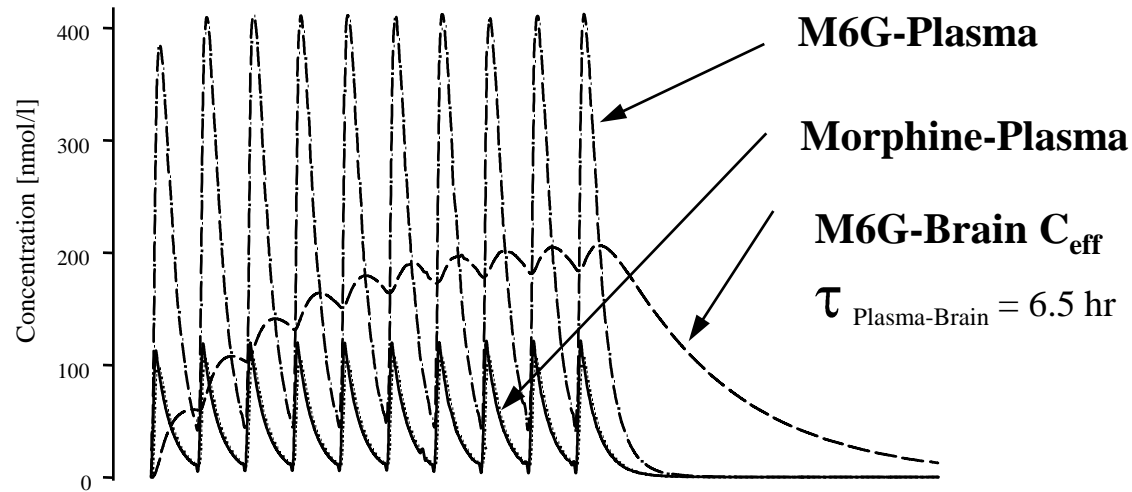
# Simulation of M6G biophase concentration

(Morphin 90 mg tablets every 12 h for 5 d)

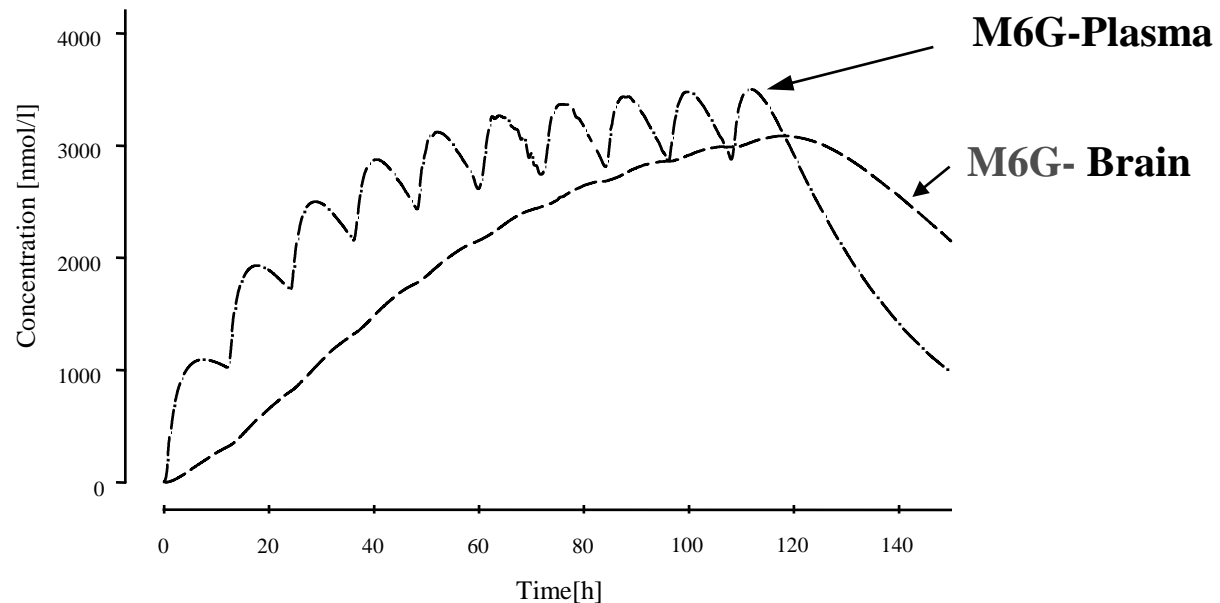




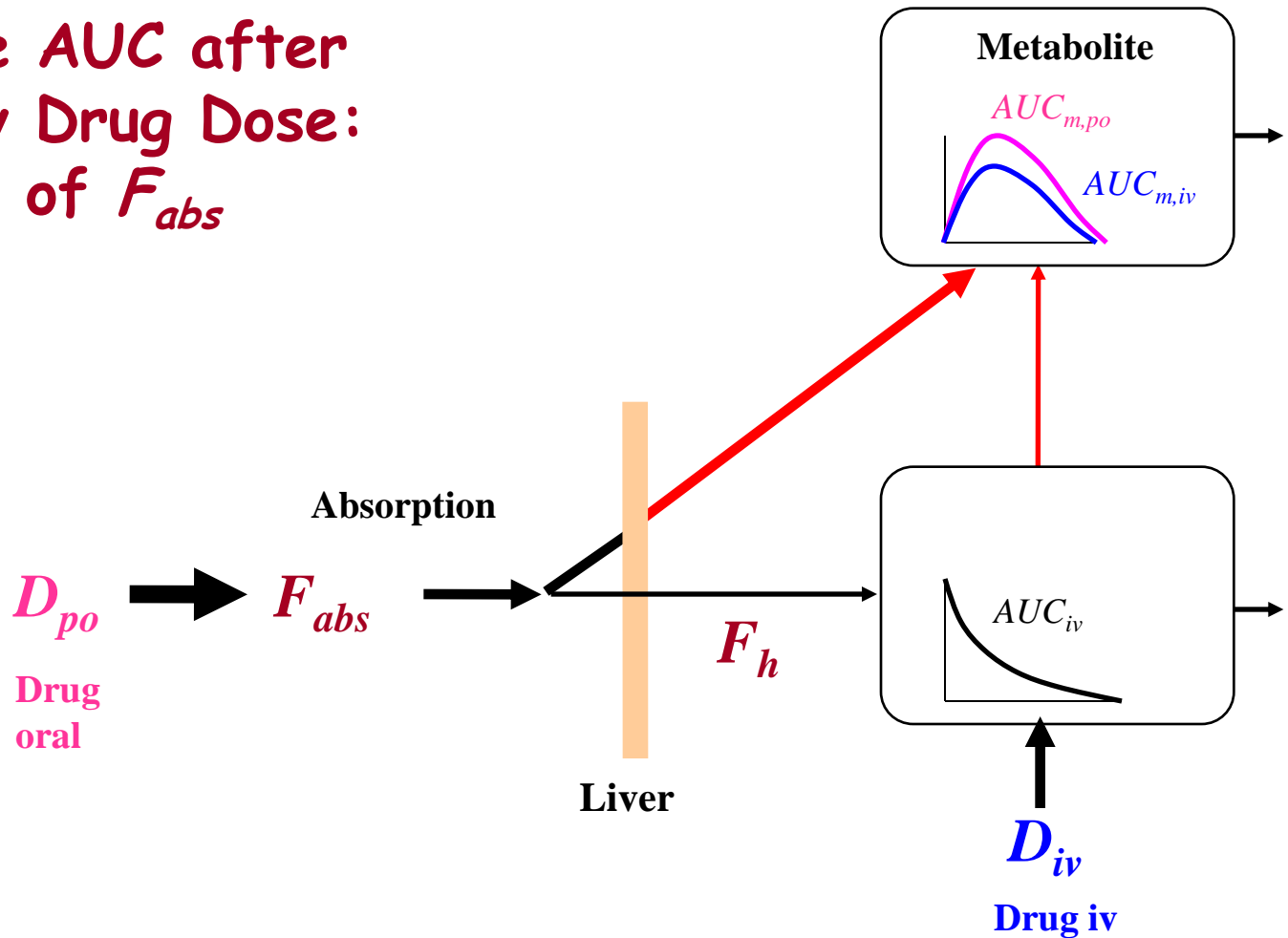
## Simulation: Healthy $CL_{M6G} = 162$ ml/min



## Renal failure: $CL_{M6G} = 10.$ ml/min



# Metabolite AUC after oral and iv Drug Dose: Estimation of $F_{abs}$



$$F_{abs} = F + f_m \left( \frac{AUC_{m,po} / D_{po}}{AUC_{m,iv} / D_{iv}} - F \right)$$

$$f_m = 1 - CL_R / CL$$

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