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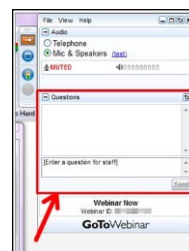
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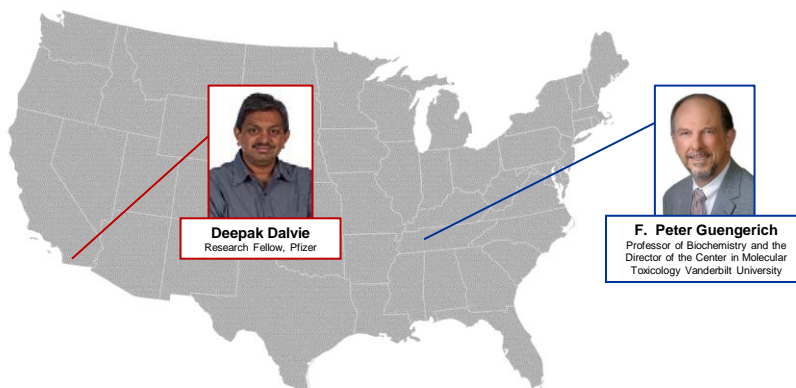
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Dealing with Reactive Metabolites in Drug Discovery:

Can we Predict Toxicities of Drug Candidates that form Reactive
Metabolites?

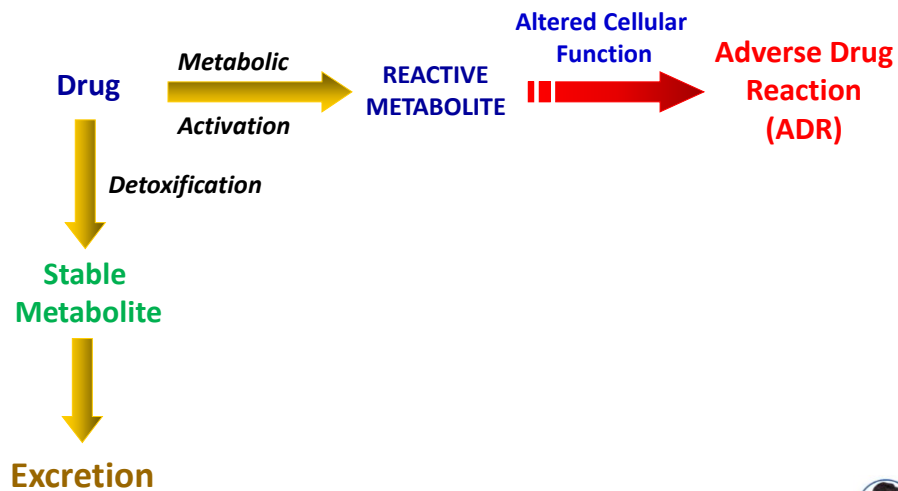
Deepak Dalvie

Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department
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Addressing **Reactive Metabolites** in drug
discovery has become regular routine



**Circumstantial evidence links
reactive metabolites to adverse drug reactions**



**Predicting Toxicity of Reactive
Metabolites can be Challenging**

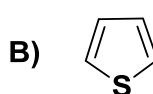
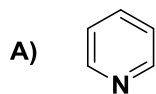


Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



Which of these groups are considered to be “structural alerts” in medicinal chemistry?



- A
- B
- Both
- Neither

Agenda

★ Background

- Idiosyncratic Adverse Drug Reactions (IADRs)
- Reactive metabolites
- Reactive Metabolite Assays

★ Discuss why predicting toxicity of RM-positive compounds can be challenging?

★ Approaches to deal with reactive metabolites from a DM-PK perspective



Adverse Drug Reactions

A Leading Cause of Candidate Attrition and Drug Recalls

Idiosyncratic Drug Reactions (IADRs) A Major Problem

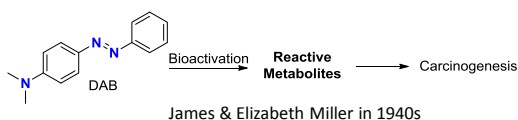
- ★ Unpredictable
- ★ Not easy to study
- ★ The underlying mechanism is not clear
- ★ Believed to be immune mediated!



Reactive Metabolites A Major Risk Factor in Toxicity

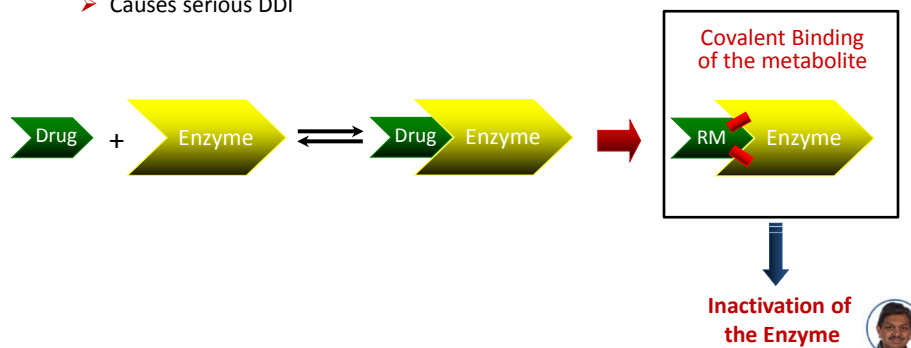
★ Carcinogenic

- Modify DNA
- ☐ Genotoxicity

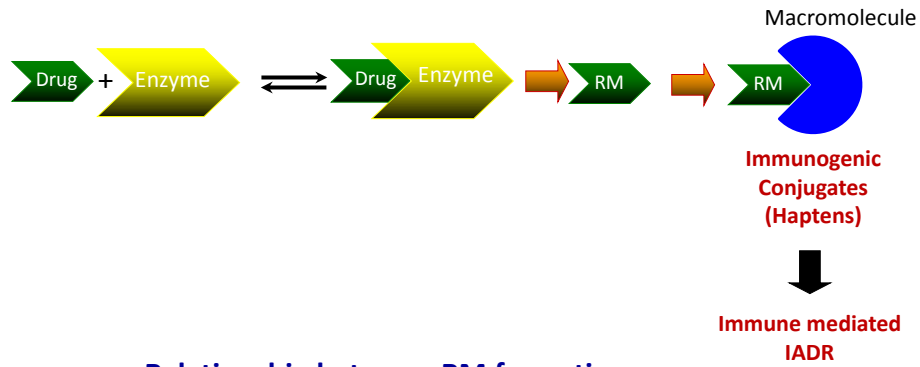


★ RM also associated with inhibition of enzymes – mainly P450

- Covalently bind to the heme or apoprotein
- Results in inactivation of enzyme
- Causes serious DDI



Reactive Metabolites & Idiosyncratic Adverse Drug Reactions (IADR)



Relationship between RM formation
and IADR is not well understood



★ **Basic Premise:**

Molecules that do not produce **Reactive Metabolites**
will not cause IADRs



Basic Tactic Used By Pharma Industry “Avoid Reactive Metabolites”

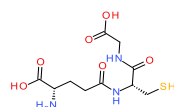
- ★ Two approaches frequently adopted:
- ★ Exclude chemical functionalities undergoing **metabolic activation**
 - So called “Structural Alerts” or *known toxicophores*
- ★ Screen for **Reactive Metabolite Formation (RM Assays)**

Commonly Used Methods

Covalent Binding Method

- ★ Uses Radiolabel
- ★ Most definitive

Trapping Electrophilic Species With Nucleophilic Reagents



Glutathione
A Commonly Used Nucleophile

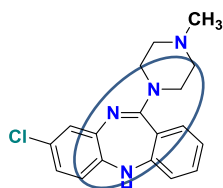
- ◆ Most popular in a discovery setting
- ◆ Acts as a surrogate of covalent binding

Evans D. C. et. al. *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 2004

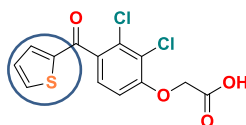
★ **Ultimate Goal: Eliminate the liability of RM formation**



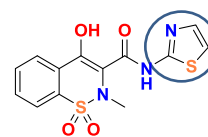
Drugs that Possess a Structural Alert can be Toxic!



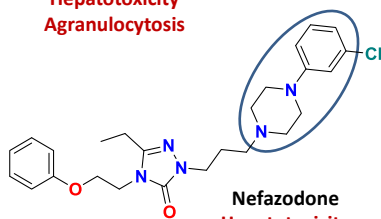
Clozapine
Hepatotoxicity
Agranulocytosis



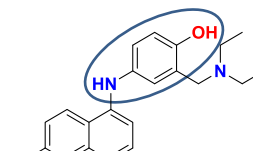
Tienilic Acid
Immune-mediated
Hepatotoxicity



Sudoxicam
Hepatotoxicity



Nefazodone
Hepatotoxicity



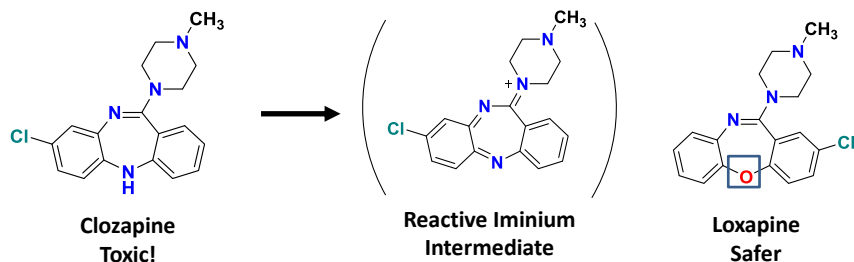
Amodiaquine
Hepatotoxicity

~ 80 % of the drugs associated with IADR
contain structural alerts and form reactive metabolites

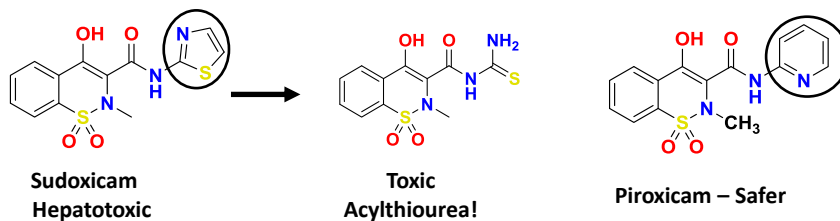
Stefan, A. et. al. 2011 *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 24:1345-1410



Absence of Structural Alerts Improves Safety Profile of Drugs



Utrecht et. al. 1997, Chem-Bio Interactions 104:117



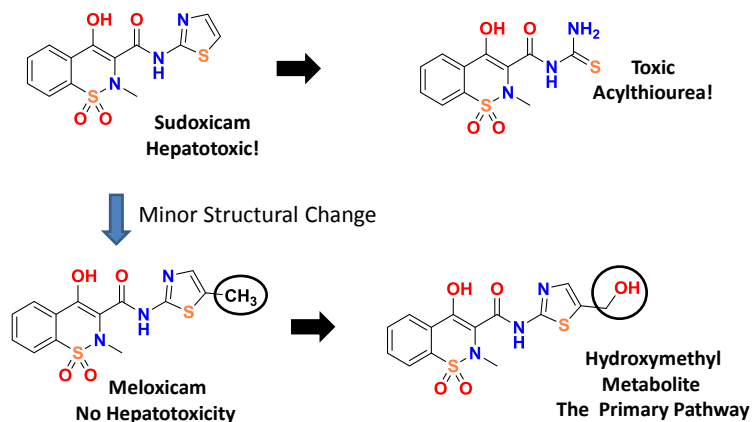
Definitely a good idea to replace motifs that form reactive metabolites!



Not that Straightforward



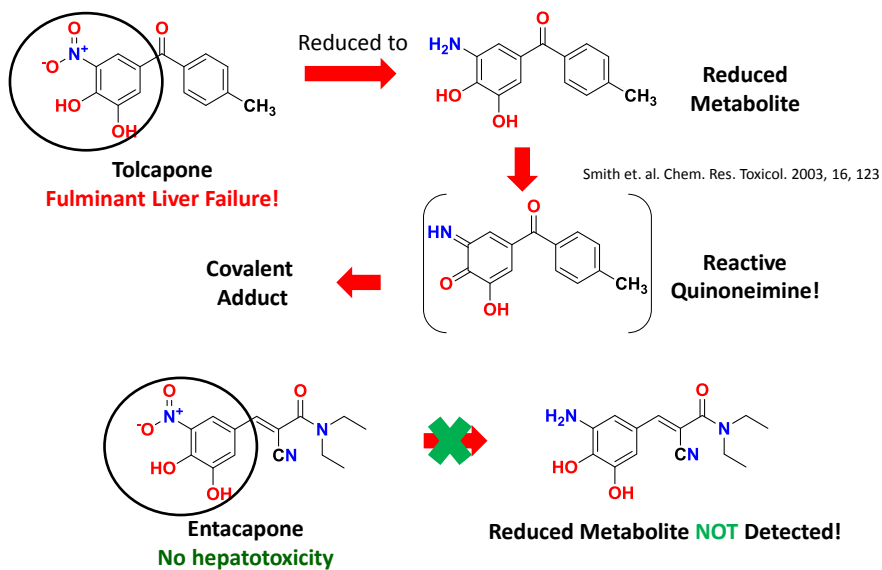
All Molecules with Structural Alerts Are Not Bioactivated!



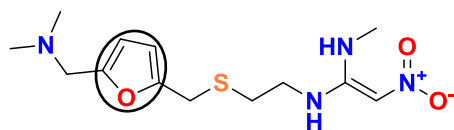
Introduction of **methyl** group dramatically alters the metabolic profile

Obach et.al. CRT 2008 21:1890

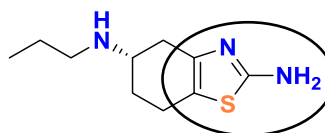
Tolcapone versus Entacapone



Some Molecules Contain A Structural Alert BUT the Clearance Mechanism is Different



Ranitidine
SA - Furan

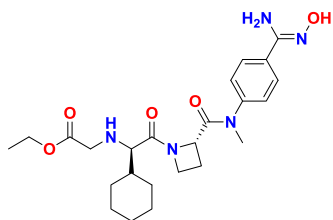


Pramipexole
SA - Aminothiazole

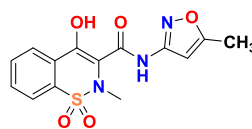
Both drugs are renally excreted!



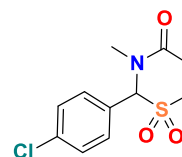
Some Molecules Devoid of SA Are Toxic



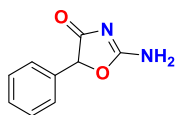
Ximelagatran



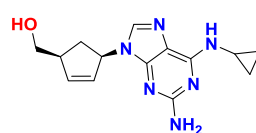
Isoxicam



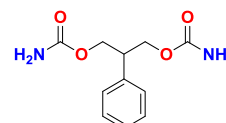
Chlormezanone



Pemoline



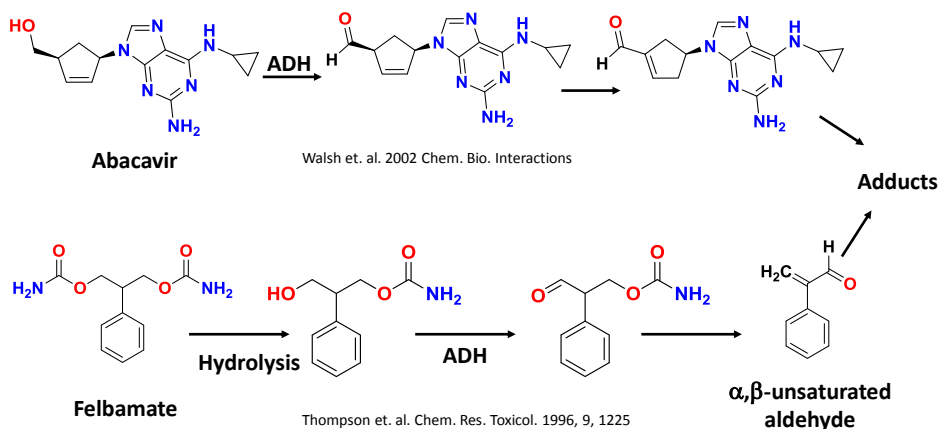
Abacavir



Felbamate



Felbamate and Abacavir – No Typical SA But Bioactivated!



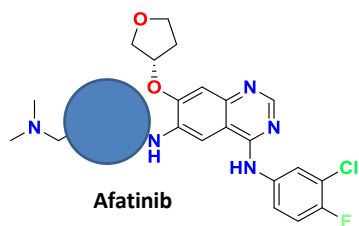
Relying on structural alert database alone may not be the right thing!

As new motifs are introduced – new structural alerts may surface

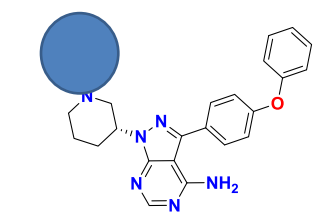


Recently Approved
Irreversible Inhibitors

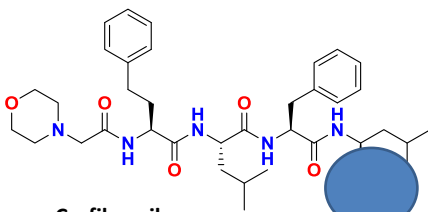
Structural Alerts Are Back!!



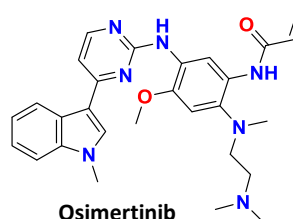
Covalent Modifier of EGFR



Bruton Tyrosine Kinase inhibitor



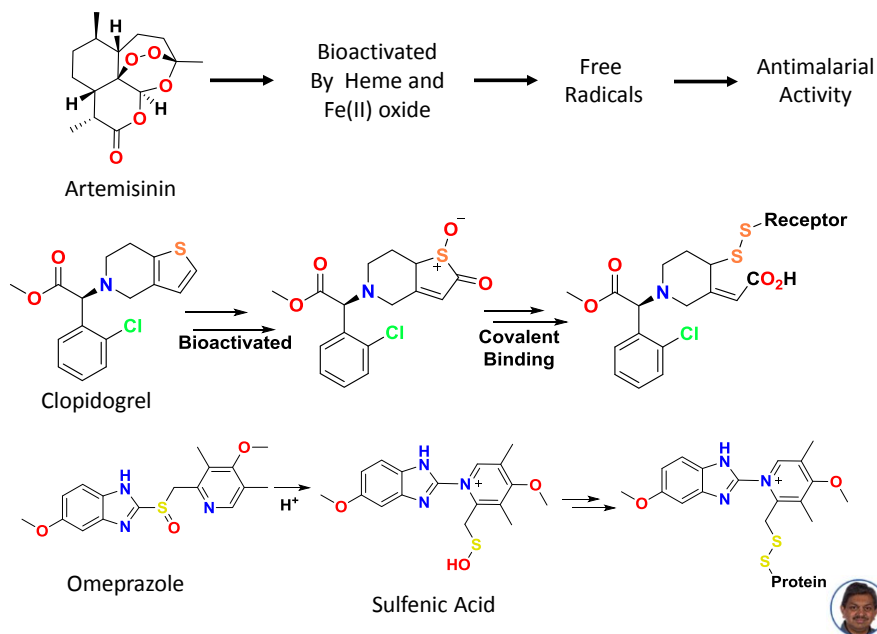
Proteasome Inhibitor



EGFR Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor
Received accelerated approval in 2015

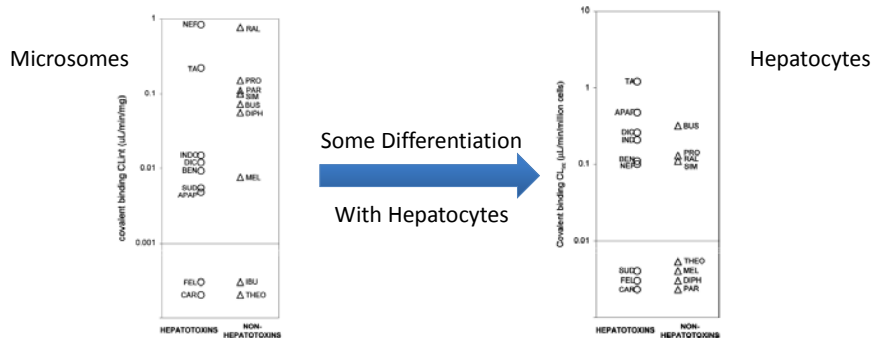


Some Compounds Need Bioactivation to Exert Action



What About Reactive Metabolite Assays?

Data Generated By Obach and his Colleagues



★ Overlap observed between hepatotoxins and non-hepatotoxins

Bauman *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 2009, 22, 332-340
 Obach *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 2008, 21, 1814-1822

Covalent Binding or GSH adduct formation only suggests the presence of an electrophilic intermediate!

★ Lack of Covalent Binding or GSH Adduct formation does not guarantee safety



What Does This Tell Us?

- ★ **Avoiding SA and eliminating RM formation– makes sense**

- Avoids Risks

- ★ **Reactive Metabolite formation does not predict toxicity**

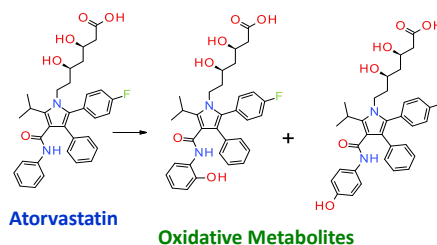
- No guarantee that **elimination of reactive metabolites** will make a safe drug

- Presence of a **structural alert** will **not** make the molecule **toxic!**

- ★ **Several widely prescribed drugs form reactive metabolites**

□ Stefan, A. et. al. 2011 *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 24:1345-1410

Even a #1 Blockbuster drug
contains SA
and can form potential RMs



Bottomline

**NO ASSAY OR KNOWLEDGE BASED SYSTEMS
CAN PREDICT THE POTENTIAL OF A DRUG TO CAUSE IADR !**

More to it than just bioactivation!



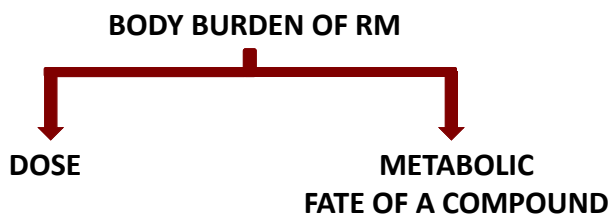
Why is there a Disconnect?

- ★ Several factors influence toxicity
 - Bioactivation is a part of it
- ★ Some other factors that may result in IADRs
 - Direct association with Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA)
 - ☐ Examples:
 - ❖ Abacavir
 - ❖ Allopurinol
 - ❖ Carbamazepine
 - ❖ Flucloxacillin
 - Transporters – Inhibition of the Bile Salt Export Pump (BSEP)
 - ☐ Examples
 - ❖ Bosentan
 - ❖ Imatinib
 - It is multi-factorial most of the times
 - ☐ Troglitazone



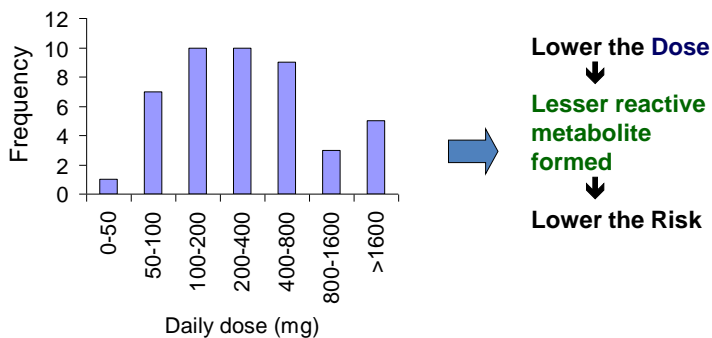
What is the Path Forward?

- ★ Body Burden of a Reactive Metabolite can influence IADR
- ★ One Strategy - Reduce the body burden of the electrophilic intermediate



Impact of DOSE – Now a Well Known Concept!

★ Low dose reduces the risk of IADRs



Kalgutkar, A. et. al. 2005, *Curr. Drug Metab.* 6:161:225

Uetrecht, J. 1999 *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 12:387-95

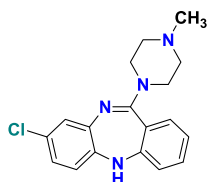
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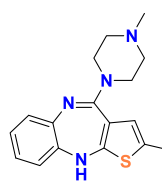
Impact of Dose on Toxicity

Mol Pharmacol 1998 53:999



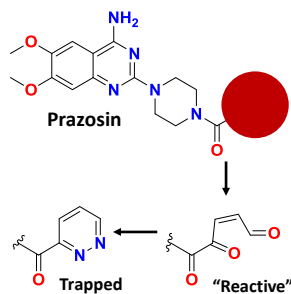
Clozapine

Dose: 300-900 mg



Olanzapine

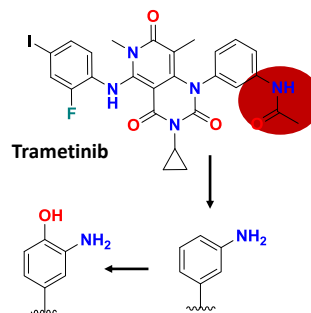
Dose: 10 mg



Erve et. al. *DMD* 2007 35:908

Dose: ~1 mg

Dose: ~ 2 mg



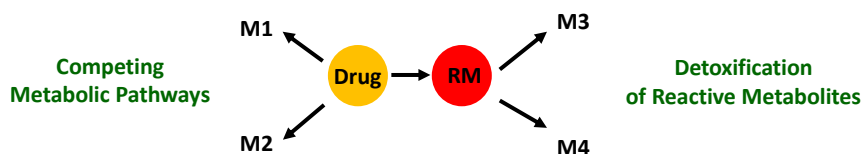
Both Are Structural Alerts!



Other Driver of RM Body Burden – Metabolic Fate

★ Amount of a Reactive Metabolite Formed depends on:

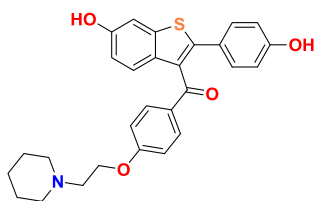
- Contribution of competing metabolic routes
- Contribution of pathways that detoxify the reactive metabolite



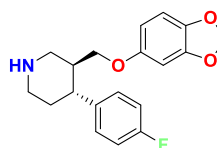
More the pathways \Rightarrow lesser the amount of RM



Raloxifene & Paroxetine



Raloxifene



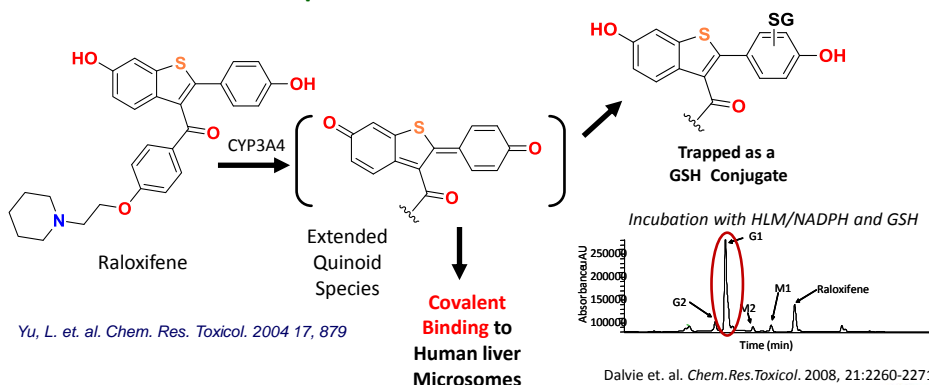
Paroxetine

Two cases that illustrate influence of metabolic pathways on RM body burden



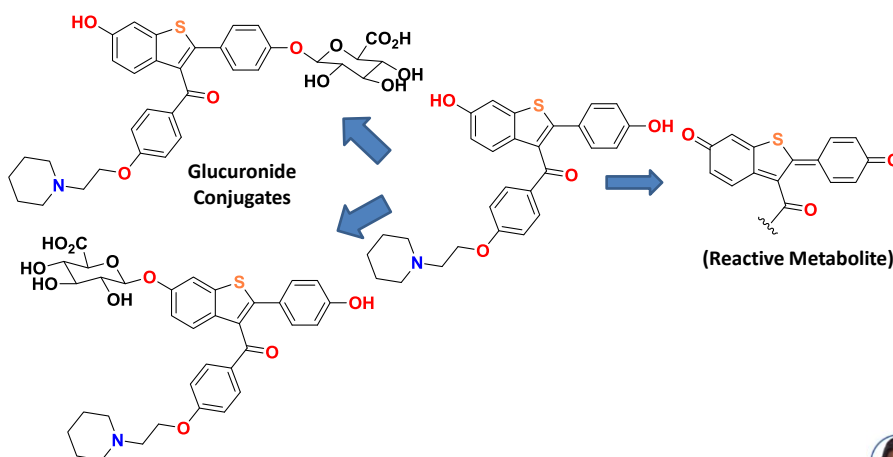
The Raloxifene Case

- ★ Raloxifene - A selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM)
- ★ Bioactivated by CYP3A4 to quinoid intermediates
- ★ A mechanism-based inhibitor of CYP3A4 – covalently binds to Cys residue in CYP3A4 (CRT 2007)
- ★ No IADRs or DDIs reported



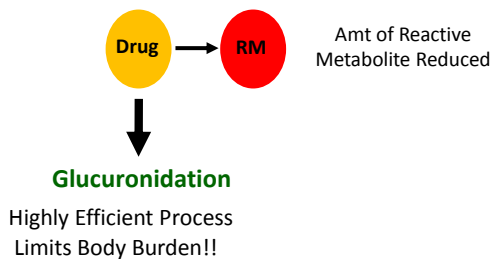
Why is Raloxifene is Devoid of any IADRs or DDI ?

- ★ Primary route of raloxifene metabolism – Glucuronidation
- ★ Highly efficient glucuronidation pathway competes with oxidation



Competing Pathways Make A Difference

- ✦ Glucuronidation limits the amount of raloxifene undergoing bioactivation



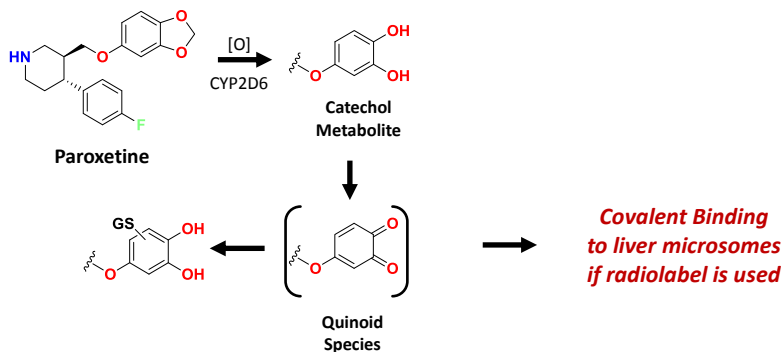
Dalvie et.al., (2008) *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 21, 2260.

- ✦ Dose may also influence (Dose of raloxifene – 60 mg QD)



Paroxetine Case

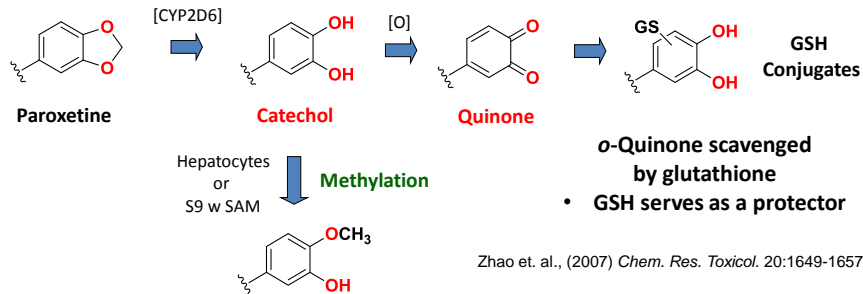
- ★ Paroxetine – a widely used antidepressant
- ★ Undergoes metabolic activation
- ★ But Paroxetine is not a hepatotoxin!



Zhao et. al., (2007) *Chem. Res. Toxicol.* 20:1649-1657.



Detoxification of Reactive Metabolite and its Precursor Influences its Body Burden



★ Methylation limits the amount of catechol being oxidized

★ Dose may contribute:

- Paroxetine - Low daily dose (20 mg QD)
- Reactive metabolite burden is readily handled by endogenous glutathione pool

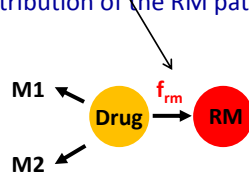


What did we learn from this ?

★ It is all about Body Burden!

★ RM Body Burden is dependent on

- Dose
- Contribution of the RM pathway



★ Knowledge of the complete metabolite profile is important

- Important to use integrated tissue systems
- Liver S9 w co-factors or hepatocytes rather than liver microsomes



Take Home Message!

★ Predicting toxicity of RM-Positive compounds is challenging

★ Good to avoid **Structural Alerts**

- Replace if a bioisotere is available
 - If there is no loss of pharmacological activity
- Avoids unnecessary risk assessment

★ If the **Structural Alert** is necessary for activity

- Demonstrate if the SA is prone to RM using met ID

★ RM Assays are good “Gate Keepers”

- A “flag” to trigger additional studies
- GSH adducts provide a mechanistic understanding of bioactivation
- **Results** need to be put in right context



Take Home Message!

★ Keeping the dose low is important

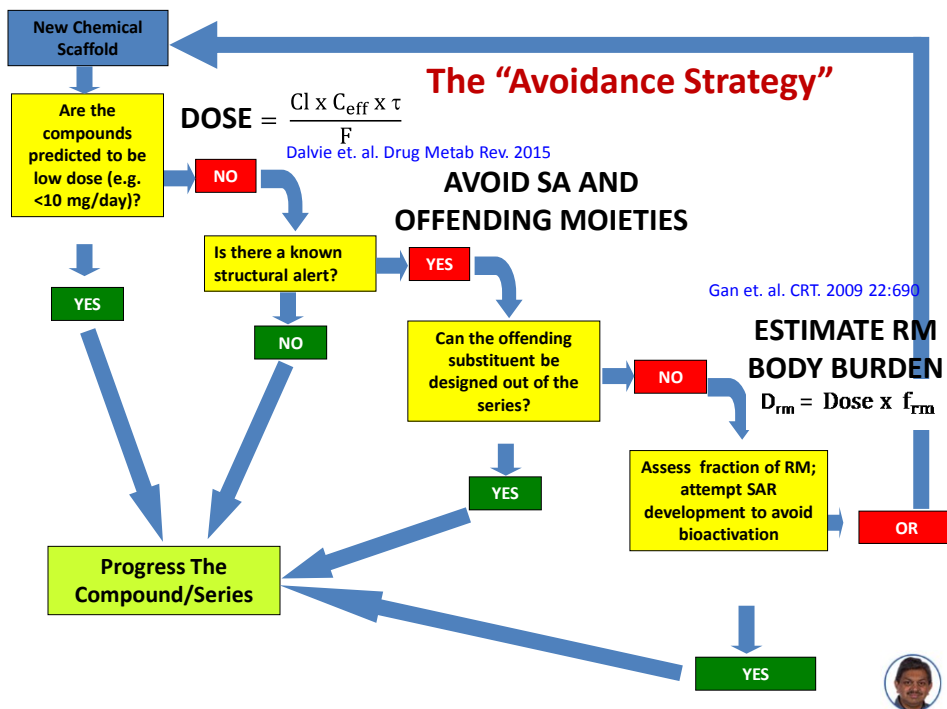
- Exposure to RM is tolerated

★ Estimation of RM Body Burden could be useful

- A more positive step towards prediction of IADR Risks

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Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



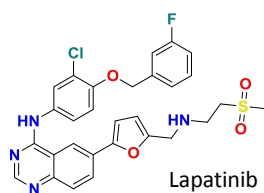
What other factors can you not forget when thinking about level of risk? (multiple correct answers)

- Indication
- Route of Administration
- Target Population
- pH
- Medical need

Never Forget Other Factors!

★ Level of Risk also depends on factors such as

- Indication
- Medical need
- Target population ...



High Dose – 1250 mg
 Black box warning
 Metabolites – contain SA
 Indication - ONCOLOGY

★ These factors will influence the avoidance strategy



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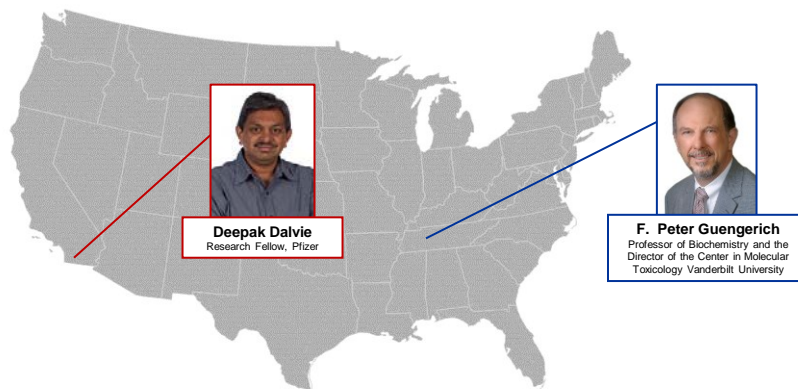


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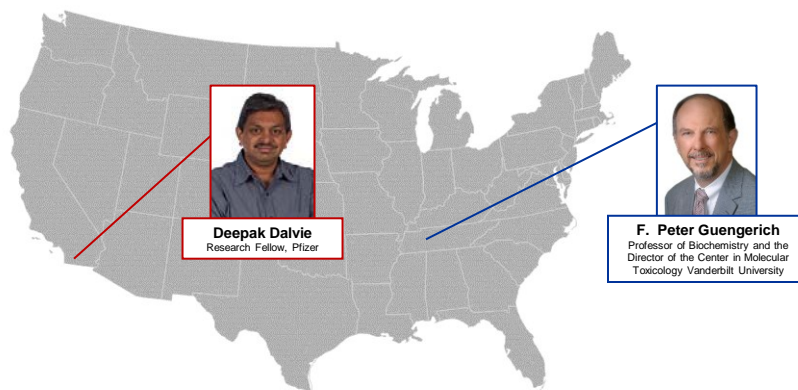
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