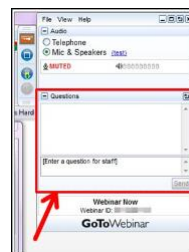
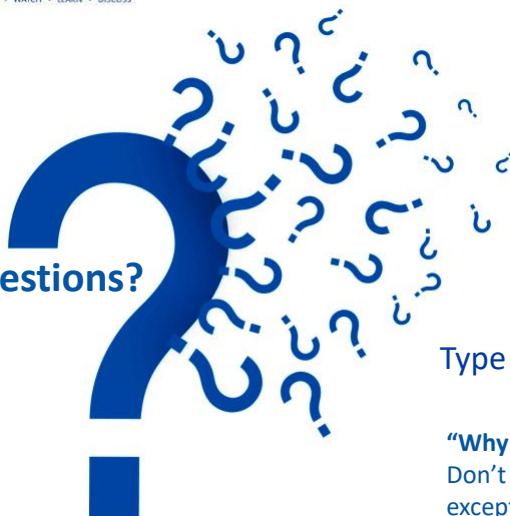




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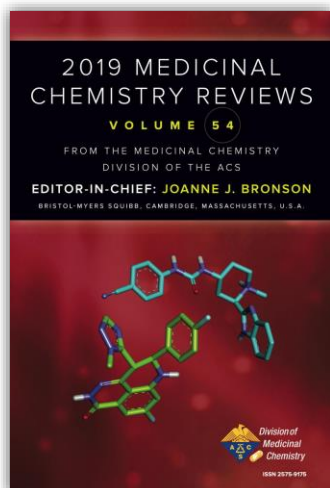
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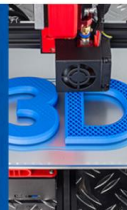
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- How is a service dog selected for certain jobs or disabilities, and what type of training is required
- What types of service dogs exist and what is the process to obtain one

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3D Printing of Sulfonated Polyesters  
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## Outline

- ♦ **The problem:**
  - adverse drug reactions and manifestations of toxicity
  - drug withdrawals, BBWs and rejections due to liver toxicity
- ♦ **Drug-induced liver disease – DILI**
  - underlying mechanisms
- ♦ **Metabolic activation of drugs and toxicity**
  - background studies that attempt to provided perspective
  - assessing reactive metabolite formation and covalent binding to proteins
- ♦ **A synopsis of structural alerts**
  - problematic functionality and the underlying mechanistic organic chemistry
- ♦ **Approaches to mitigating reactive metabolite problems**
  - strategies and tactics
- ♦ **Conclusion**

# ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

## *The Role of Metabolic Activation*

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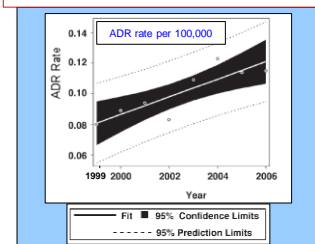
## Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs)

- ◆ ADRs were estimated to be the **4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death** in the US in 1994
  - deaths estimated at 106,900 (95% CI 76,000-137,000)
  - ADR death rates increased between 1999 and 2006
  - over 2 million serious ADRs per year: \$136 billion yearly cost
- ◆ ADRs have been divided into 5 categories
  - Type A accounts for 80%
  - Type B has an underlying chemical basis

Type	Description	Underlying Effect	Examples
A	Augmented Reactions	Dose-related extension of pharmacology	Excessive hypotension with antihypertensive agents; rhabdomyolysis with statins
B	Bizarre Reactions	Idiosyncratic – immune or non-immune mediated Rare: 1 in 10-50,000	Troglitazone and tienilic acid hepatotoxicity
C	Chemical Reactions	Dose-related; molecular understanding	Acetaminophen, isoniazid hepatotoxicity
D	Delayed Reactions	Occur after many years of drug ingestion	Teratogenicity after drug intake during pregnancy - thalidomide
E	End-of-treatment Reactions	Adverse reactions on drug withdrawal	Withdrawal seizures after stopping phenytoin

Disease	Per annum
Heart disease	743,460
Cancer	529,904
Stroke	150,108
ADRs	106,900
Pulmonary Disease	101,077
Accidents	90,523
Pneumonia	75,719
Diabetes	53,894

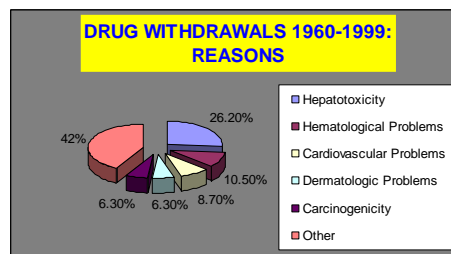
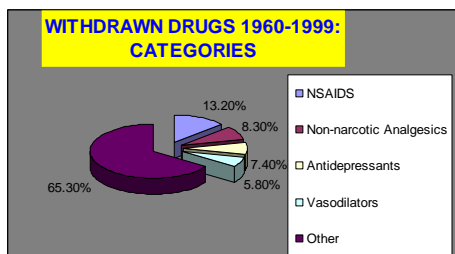
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# Withdrawals of Prescription Drugs 1960-1999



- ◆ 121 Drugs withdrawn from world markets 1960-1999 for safety reasons
- ◆ NSAIDs most common category associated with drug withdrawal
- ◆ Many of the antidepressants withdrawn are MAO inhibitors
- ◆ Hepatotoxicity is the leading cause of drug withdrawal

*"Hepatotoxicity is the most common adverse effect causing major drug problems including withdrawals and refusal to approve"*

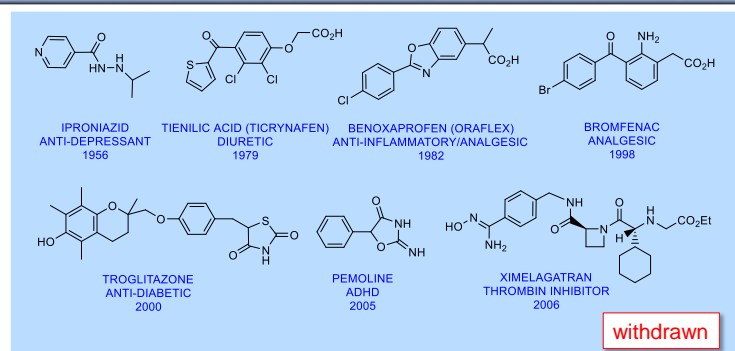
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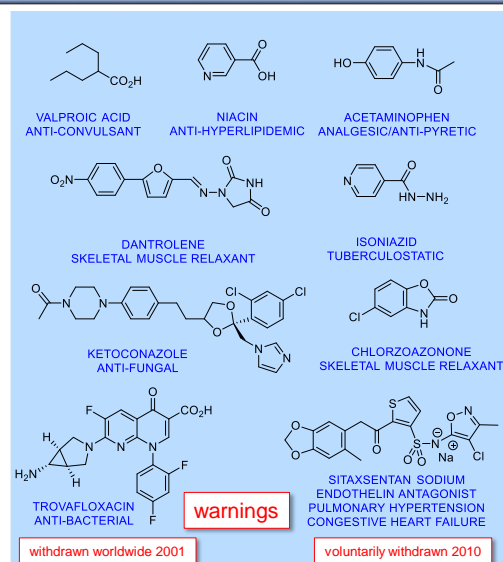
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## Drugs With Liver Toxicity Problems



- ◆ Structurally disparate and mechanistically diverse
- ◆ Reactive metabolites suspected and examined in several cases
  - iproniazid, tienilic acid, troglitazone
  - sitaxsentan and trovafloxacin ultimately withdrawn by Pfizer
- ◆ Sitaxsentan and trovafloxacin ultimately withdrawn by Pfizer after warning labels added
- ◆ Difficult to establish definitive cause and effect relationship
  - no evidence that ximelagatran is associated with reactive metabolites
  - immune mediated: human leukocyte antigen (HLA) - HLA-DRB1\*07



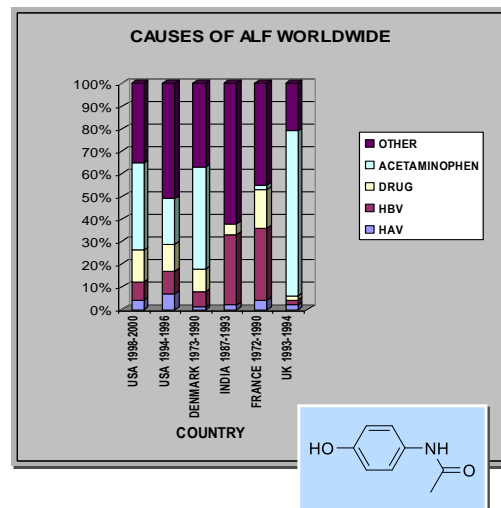
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## Drug-Induced Liver Injury (DILI)

- ♦ **Most instances of DILI are idiosyncratic in nature**
  - no reliable biomarkers
  - focus on reactive metabolites: retrospective studies
- ♦ **Mitochondrial toxicity is an uncommon but distinctive form of liver toxicity**
  - tetracycline, amiodarone, valproic acid
  - problem with HIV-1, HBV nucleoside analogues: inhibition of host DNA pol  $\gamma$
- ♦ **Cholestatic DILI - transporter involvement**
  - bile salt export pump (BSEP, ABCB11): cyclosporin, rifampicin
  - multi-drug resistance-associated protein 2 (MRP2, ABCC2)
  - multi-drug resistance protein 3 (MDR3)
    - these transporters are genetically polymorphic proteins
- ♦ **Immune mechanisms of DILI**
  - antibodies to liver proteins: hapten hypothesis - tienilic acid
  - human leukocyte antigen (HLA) allele binding



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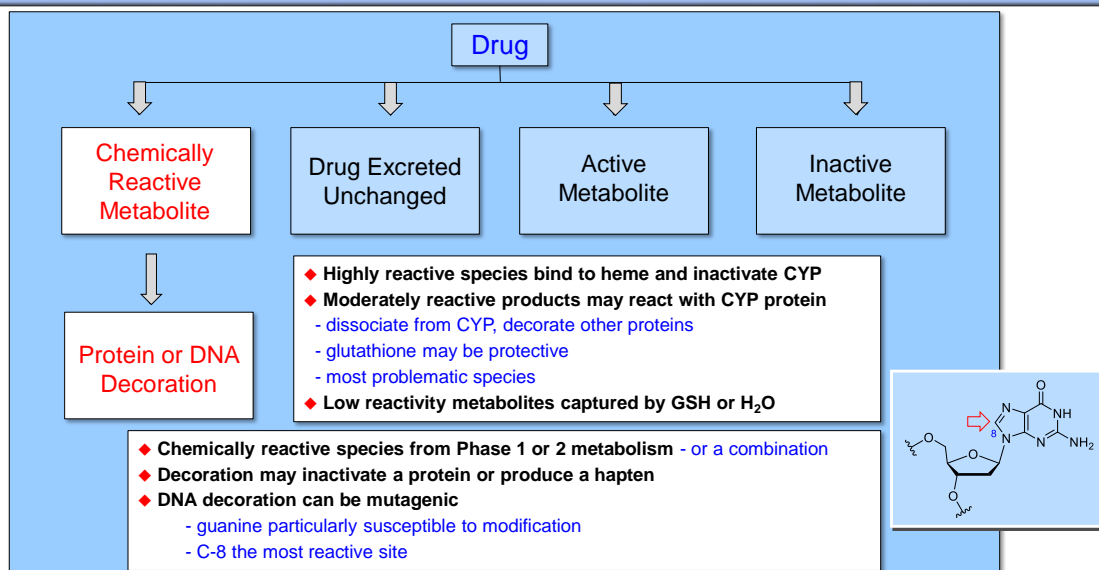
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# Metabolic Activation and Drug Toxicity



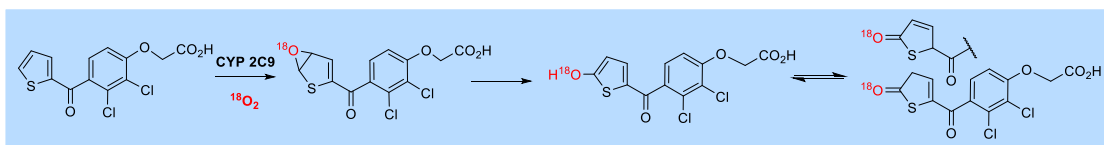
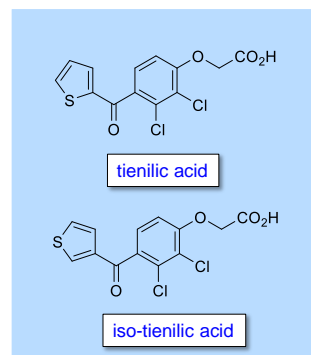
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## Tienilic Acid (Ticrynafen)

- ♦ Uricosuric diuretic agent introduced in Europe in 1976,
  - US FDA approval followed in 1979
- ♦ Withdrawn in the US in 1980
  - severe hepatotoxicity in <1% of patients: 10% fatality rate
- ♦ Drug-induced immunoallergic hepatitis
  - anti-LKM<sub>2</sub> antibodies detected (liver-kidney microsome)
- ♦ Anti-LKM<sub>2</sub> specifically recognizes CYP 450 2C9
  - tienilic acid metabolized by CYP 450 2C9
  - covalently binds to a surface residue of 2C9
- ♦ Most compelling example of haptenization hypothesis
  - thienyl peroxide, thiolactone potential electrophiles
- ♦ Iso-tienilic acid an impurity in early lots of tienilic acid
  - toxicity profiles of the 2 compounds differ
  - tienilic acid induces immune-mediated hepatitis in humans, not rats
  - iso-tienilic acid directly causes hepatitis in rats
- ♦ *In vitro* metabolic studies comparing tienilic acid & iso-tienilic acid
  - some illumination of the chemistry underlying the observed toxicity



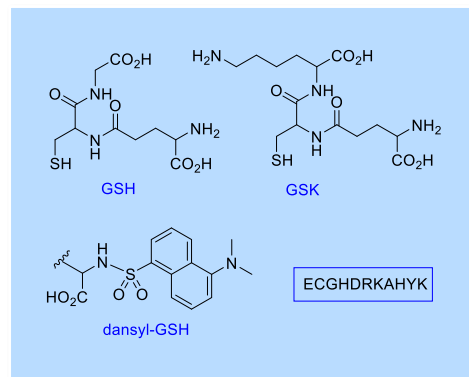
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## Assessing Reactive Metabolites

- ◆ Incubate compound with human liver microsomes (HLM)
- ◆ Analyze for protein covalent binding (PCB) – radio-labeled drug
  - GSH is a natural protective mechanism
- ◆ Evaluate in the presence and absence of glutathione (GSH) or derivative
  - GSH is a natural protective mechanism
- ◆ Protein binding measured as pmol eq./mg protein
  - 50 pmol eq./mg protein *in vitro* and *in vivo* suggested as a standard
  - differentiate between propensity to be toxic/non-toxic
- ◆ Analyze for PCB in presence and absence of GSH to assess potential for protection *in vivo*
- ◆ Analyze for (GSH) adducts
  - can be done with cold drug
  - GSH: soft nucleophile for soft electrophiles
- ◆ Trap with Na<sup>14</sup>CN
  - CN<sup>-</sup> is a hard nucleophile
  - used to trap hard electrophiles like iminium ions



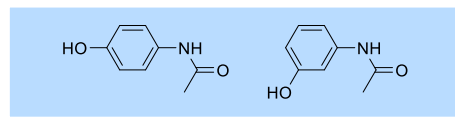
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## Protein Covalent Binding and Toxicity

- ◆ Bioactivation/PCB and toxicity correlation not absolute
  - *meta* isomer of acetaminophen not liver toxic in mice
  - comparable levels of PCB
  - PCB is measure of bioactivation not toxicity
- ◆ PCB *in vitro* in HLM or *in vivo* shows poor correlation for clinically toxic drugs
  - problematic drugs exhibited higher PCB than safe drugs
  - 1 study separated safe drugs based on dose
- ◆ Necessitates caution in extrapolating PCB to clinical or pre-clinical toxicity
- ◆ Drugs may be metabolized *in vivo* by different pathways to *in vitro*
  - losartan forms GSH adducts *via* the imidazole moiety *in vitro*
  - metabolism *in vivo*: oxidation of CH<sub>2</sub>OH; tetrazole glucuronidation
- ◆ Follow RM assessment in LM with studies in S9 and hepatocytes
  - understand clearance pathways *in vivo*
  - develop an integrated view of metabolism
- ◆ Clinical indication, drug dose are additional factors that provide context
  - low dose drugs less likely to cause idiosyncratic toxicity



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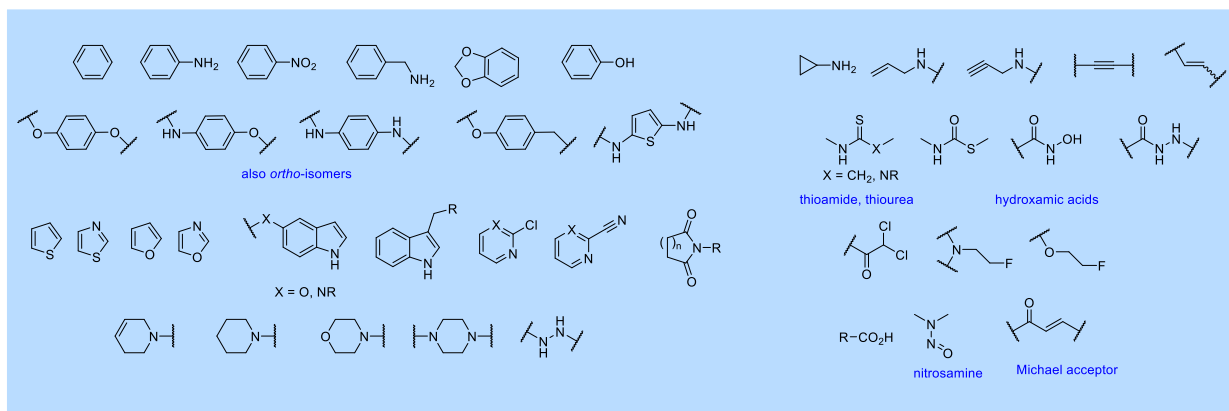
# A SYNOPSIS OF STRUCTURAL ALERTS

## *And The Underlying Mechanistic Organic Chemistry*

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### Structural Alerts



♦ **Phenyl rings feature prominently**

- may reflect ubiquity in drug design
- most common ring in marketed drugs

♦ **Common functionalities can be problematic**

- carboxylic acids
- olefins

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# Structural Alerts – a Survey of Toxicophores

<b>Anilines &amp; Masked Anilines</b> Darunavir, Dapsone, Procainamide	<p>Ar-NO<sub>2</sub> → Ar-N=O → Ar-NH-OH <math>\xrightarrow{\text{CYP 1A2}}</math> Ar-NH<sub>2</sub> → Ar-NH-Ac</p> <p>Ar-NH<sup>+</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O or Nu → Bamberger Rearrangement</p> <p>NITRENIUM ION: ELECTROPHILIC ON N &amp; C</p> <p>UNSTABLE CAN REACT BY S<sub>N</sub>2</p> <p>CAN BE ACTIVATED BY SULFATION, ACETYLATION OR GLUCURONIDATION</p>
<b>Nitrobenzenes</b> Nifedipine, Dantrolene, Tolcapone, Flutamide	
<b>Marketed drugs</b> <b>anilines</b>  <b>nitrobenzenes</b> 	<p>♦ <b>3 factors identified as contributing to aniline mutagenicity:</b></p> <p>F1: facility of the aniline binding to CYP 1A2 active site</p> <p>F2: ease of proton abstraction from ArNH<sub>2</sub></p> <p>F3: susceptibility of ArNH-OH bond to H<sup>+</sup>-mediated heterolysis</p> <p>♦ <b>The 3 factors operate strictly in a sequential fashion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- order of importance: F1&gt;F2&gt;F3</li> <li>- disruption of 1 factor will make the subsequent steps irrelevant</li> </ul> <p>♦ <b>Applies to some heterocycles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- food-derived mutagens PhIP</li> <li>- amino pyrazoles,</li> <li>- amino triazoles</li> <li>- amino thiazoles</li> </ul> <p>♦ <b>Amino pyridazines OK</b></p>

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<b>Cyclopropylamines</b> Ciprofloxacin, Nevirapine, Tranlycypromine, Abacavir		<p>electrophilic</p> <p>reactive</p>
<b>Allylic Amines</b> Terbinafine		<p>electrophilic: 1,2- and/or 1,4-additions of nucleophiles</p>
<b>1,2,3,6-Tetrahydropyridines</b> Haloperidol		<p>the MPTP problem designer drugs</p>
<b>2-Halo- and 2-Cyano Pyridines, Pyrimidines</b> DUP453		<p>May extend to other leaving groups – e.g. RSO<sub>2</sub>, acidic heterocycles</p>
<b>Haloalkanes</b> Chloramphenicol, Halothane		<p>CCl<sub>4</sub> undergoes reductive activation to CCl<sub>3</sub> radical – can react with DNA</p>

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<b>Alkenes</b> Alclofenac, Zolpidem		
<b>Acetylenes</b> Efavirenz, Erlotinib, Terbinafine, Selegiline, Rasagiline		
<b>Methylenedioxy Aromatics</b> Paroxetine, Tadalafil		

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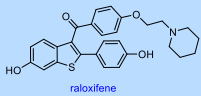
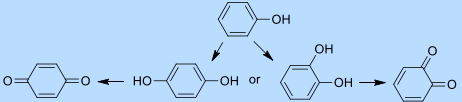
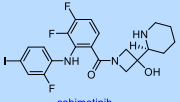
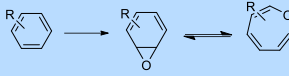
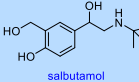
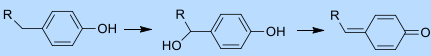
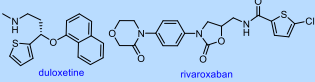
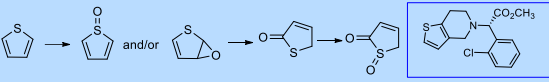
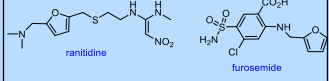
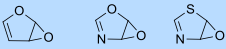
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<b>Thioureas, Thioamides</b> Ethionamide, Methimazole, Quazepam, Epalrestat, Enzalutamide, PF-06282999		
<b>1,4-Hetero-Substituted Aromatics</b> Acetaminophen, Amodiaquine		
<b>5-OH, OMe or Amino Indoles</b> Umifenovir, Delavirdine		

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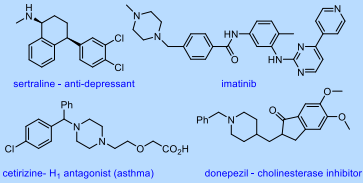
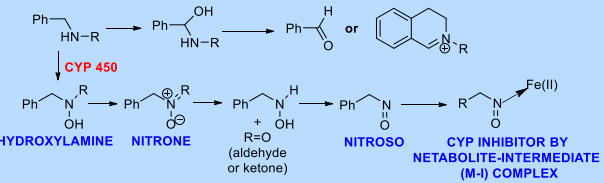
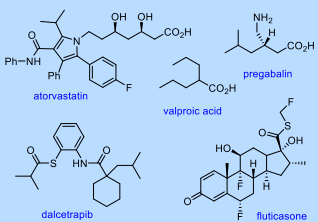
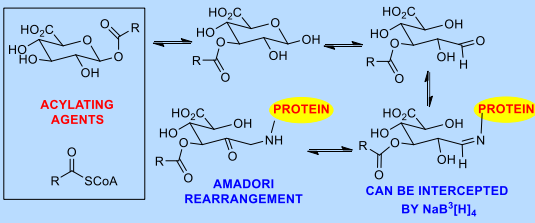
<b>Phenols, Hydroquinones</b> <i>Raloxifene</i>	 raloxifene	
<b>Benzene, Bromo- &amp; Iodo benzenes</b> <i>Cobimetinib</i>	 cobimetinib	
<b>Substituted Toluenes</b> <i>Salbutamol</i>	 salbutamol	
<b>Thiophenes</b> <i>Duloxetine, Olanzapine, Tiotropium; Rivaroxaban, Clopidogrel</i>	 duloxetine      rivaroxaban	
<b>Furans, Oxazoles, Thiazoles</b> <i>Ranitidine, Prazosin, Furosemide, Dantrolene, Mometasone, Ritonavir</i>	 ranitidine      furosemide	

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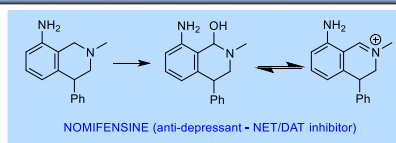
<b>Benzylamines</b> <i>Sertraline, Imatinib, Cetitizine, Donepezil, Cinacalcet</i>	 sertraline - anti-depressant      imatinib cetirizine- H <sub>1</sub> antagonist (asthma)      donepezil - cholinesterase inhibitor	 HYDROXYLAMINE      NITRON      NITROSO      CYP INHIBITOR BY METABOLITE-INTERMEDIATE (M-I) COMPLEX
<b>Carboxylic Acids</b> <i>Valproic Acid, Atorvastatin, Pregabalin, Dalcetrapib, Fluticasone (thioesters)</i>	 atorvastatin      pregabalin valproic acid      dalcetrapib      fluticasone	 ACYLATING AGENTS      PROTEIN      AMADORI REARRANGEMENT      CAN BE INTERCEPTED BY NaBH <sub>4</sub>

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## Amines: Some Special Cases with Concern

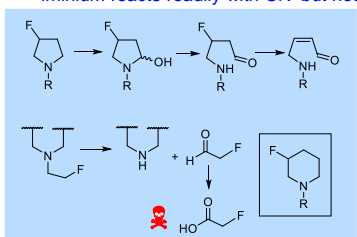


### ♦ Cyclic amines

- $\alpha$ -hydroxylation &  $H_2O$  elimination:
- can lead to cyclic iminium species
- react with hard electrophiles ( $CN^-$ )
- aldehyde disassociation with acyclic amines

### ♦ Nomifensine withdrawn due

- hemolytic anemia and hepatotoxicity
- iminium reacts readily with  $CN^-$  but not GSH

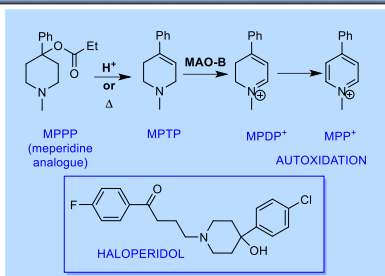


### ♦ Fluorinated amines

- elimination of HF after  $\alpha$ -OH'ation

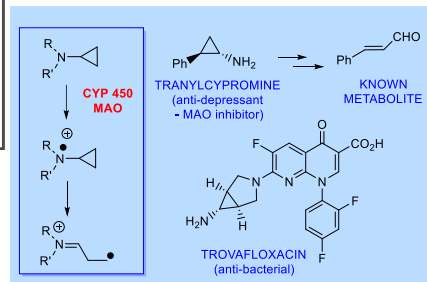
### ♦ Fluoroacetic acid release

- naturally occurring toxin
- Krebs cycle: inhibits aconitase
- lethal doses (mpk):
  - dog: 0.05; rat 0.1-5
  - humans: 2-10



### ♦ MPPP causes neurotoxicity

- haloperidol has similar metabolite



### ♦ Cyclopropyl amines undergo ring opening

- tranylcypromine metabolized to cinnamaldehyde

### ♦ Trovafloxacin had BBWs for liver toxicity

- ultimately withdrawn due to hepatotoxicity

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## STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATING REACTIVE METABOLITES

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# Strategies for Reducing Potential Problems

- ◆ **Maximize potency, minimize dose**
  - reduces reactive metabolite burden
- ◆ **Structural modification**
  - remove or modify problematic structural elements
- ◆ **Introduce steric effects**
  - steric shielding of metabolic sites to slow bioactivation
  - reactive metabolites will also likely be subject to steric hindrance
- ◆ **Electronic effects**
  - metabolic modification will be kinetically slower, reduced throughput
  - BUT..... metabolic activation produces highly reactive species
  - potential source of problems
- ◆ **Introduce a metabolic soft spot**
  - redirects metabolism away from problematic elements
- ◆ **Intramolecular capture**
  - proximal nucleophile can capture reactive intermediates

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## Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



**Which of these strategies for reducing potential problems are you familiar with?** (Select all that apply)

- Structural Modification
- Introduce Steric Effects
- Electronic Effects
- Introduce a Metabolic Soft Spot
- Intramolecular Capture



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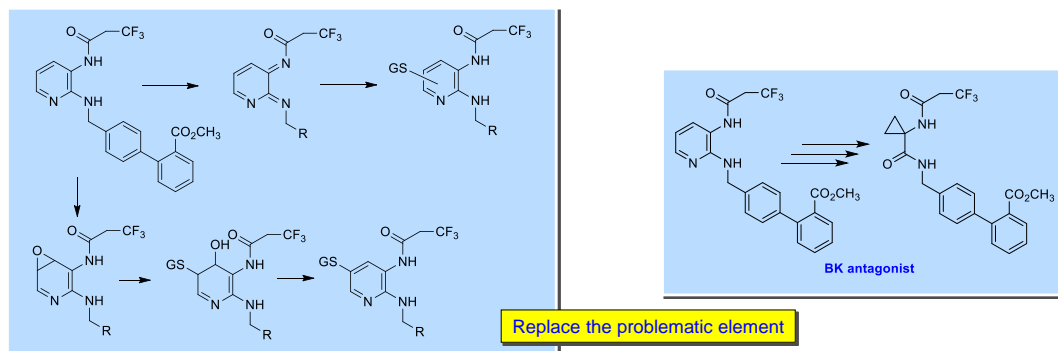
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## *Structural Modification of Problematic Elements*

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## Quinonediimines in Bradykinin Antagonists



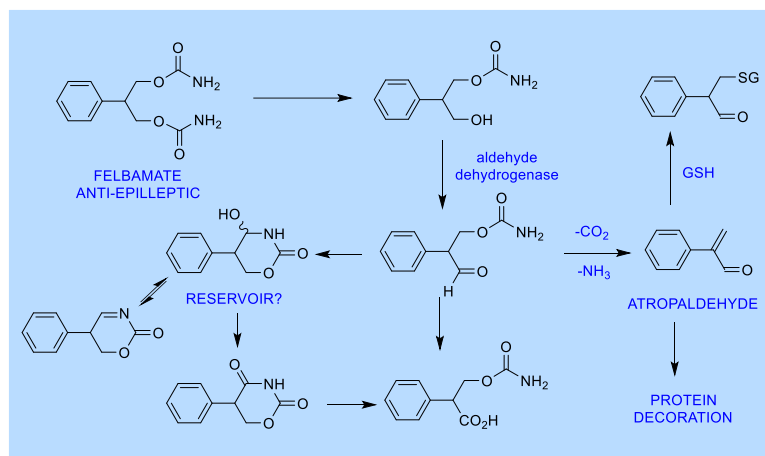
- ◆ Diamino pyridine moiety susceptible to oxidation in bradykinin antagonists
- ◆ Solution - isostere of phenylene diamine moiety
  - reduce pyridine moiety to ethylene diamine; add C=O to mimic N
  - dimethyl provides conformational bias - Thorpe-Ingold effect
- ◆ Cyclopropyl optimal – improved topology
  - electronic overlap with C=O confers additional conformational bias

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M.R. Wood et al., J. Med. Chem., 2006, 49, 1231-1234

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## Felbamate Metabolism



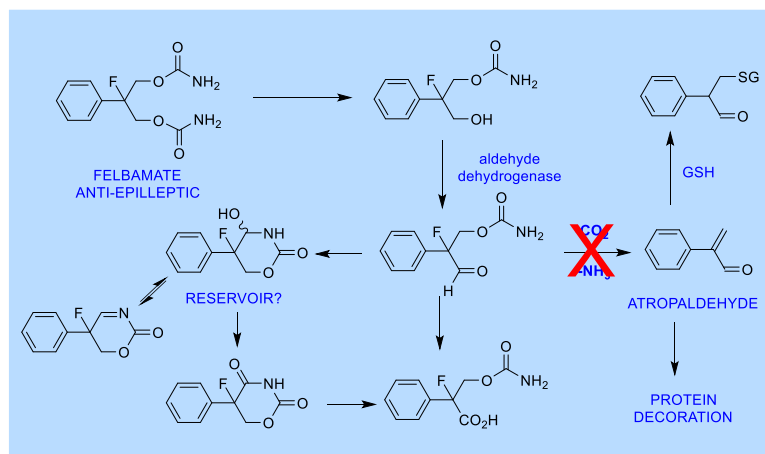
- ◆ Clinical utility of felbamate limited by aplastic anemia and hepatotoxicity
- ◆ Atropaldehyde is potentially electrophilic and toxic to fibroblasts
  - thiol adducts found in rat and human urine

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C.M. Dieckhaus et al., *Chem. Biol. Interact.*, 2002, **142**, 99-117; 119-134

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## F-Felbamate Mitigates Metabolic Activation



- ◆ Strategic deployment of F based on detailed understanding of metabolism
- ◆ F atom of fluorofelbamate prevents elimination of carbamate
  - atropaldehyde not formed

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R.J. Parker et al., *Chem. Res. Toxicol.*, 2005, **18**, 1842-1848

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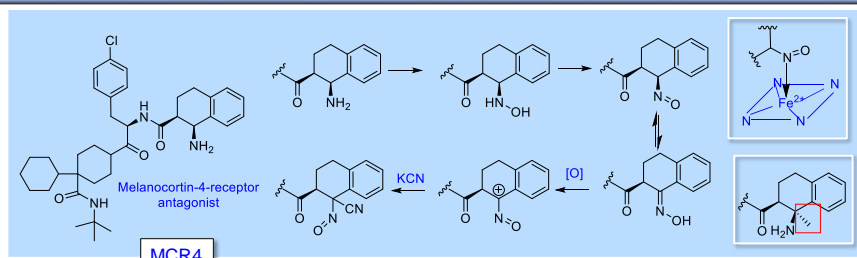
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## *Introduce Steric Effects*

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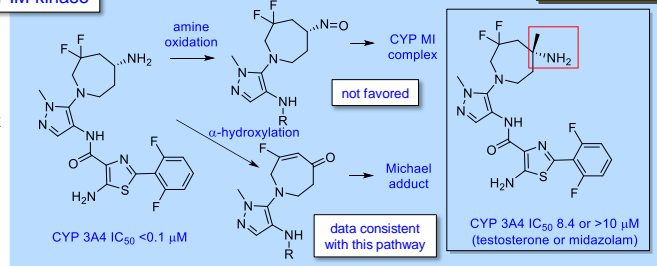
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## Melanocortin-4-Receptor Antagonist & Pim Kinase



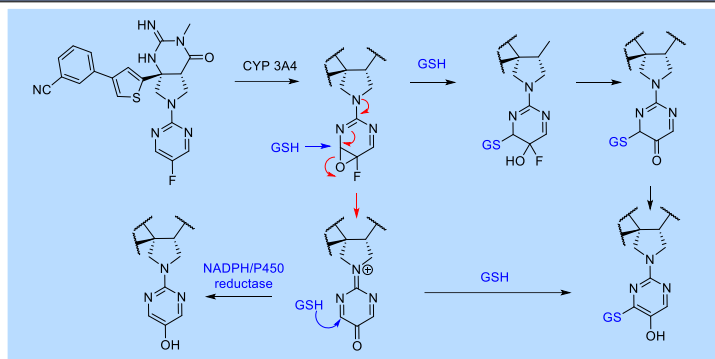
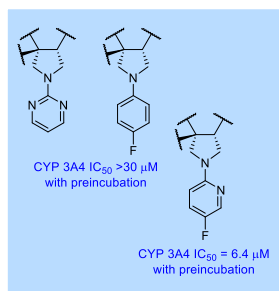
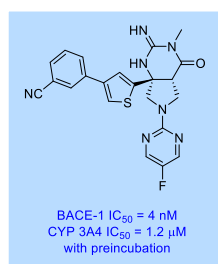
- ♦ **MCR4: time-dependent CYP 3A inhibitor in HLM**
  - cyanide adduct identified in HLM containing KCN
- ♦ **With rCYP 3A4, saw  $I_{\max}$  at 450 nM – MI complex**
  - consistent with amine oxidation to nitroso derivative
- ♦ **PO administration to rats increased indinavir plasma levels 3x**
  - suggested potential for DDIs in humans
  - development terminated
- ♦  **$\alpha$ -CH<sub>3</sub> derivative did not inhibit CYP**
  - steric shielding of amine
  - also blocks metabolic path

### PIM kinase



50 W. Tang et al., *Xenobiotica*, 2008, **38**, 1437-1451; X. Wang et al., *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*, 2015, **6**, 925-929; B.M. Johnson, N.A. Meanwell et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 2020, **63**, 6315-6386 Bristol Myers Squibb

## Problems with a Fluorinated Pyrimidine



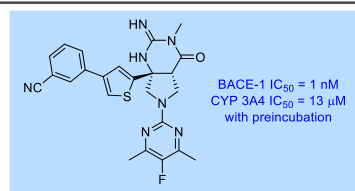
### ◆ BACE-1 inhibitors

- saw time-dependent CYP 450 inhibition

### ◆ Structure-inhibition studies implicated F-pyrimidine

- Met ID studies identified minor metabolite of F-pyrimidine
- +OH, -F
- with GSH: +OH, -F, + GSH, + 2H

### ◆ Dimethylated pyrimidine reduced CYP 3A4 TDI: retained BACE-1 inhibition



Introduce steric constraints  
- slows epoxidation & reaction of imine with GSH

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M. Mandal et al., J. Med. Chem., 2018, 61, 10700-10708

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## Enhancing Acyl Glucuronide Stability

### ◆ Steric bulk increases AG stability

### ◆ $t_{1/2}$ of 21 AGs of marketed & withdrawn drugs

### ◆ Zone classification for predicting toxicity of AGs

### ◆ $t_{1/2}$ : safe drugs $\geq 7.2$ h; unsafe drugs $\leq 1.7$ h

### ◆ Regression analysis

- gave a  $t_{1/2}$  of 3.6 h dividing point

Unsafe	Safe	Dividing Point
$t_{1/2} \leq 1.7$ h	$t_{1/2} \geq 7.2$ h	$t_{1/2} = 3.6$ h

R, R'	k (h <sup>-1</sup> )
H, H	1.07
CH <sub>3</sub> , H (S)	0.367
CH <sub>3</sub> , H (R)	0.604
CH <sub>3</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub>	0.0302
Et, Et	0.00008

Introduce sterically demanding proximal substituents

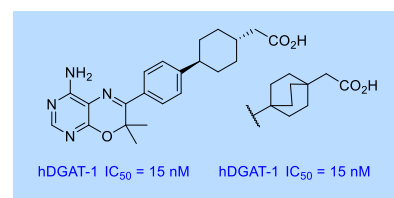
### ◆ Potent DGAT-1 antagonist

- blocks triglyceride synthesis, storage

### ◆ Acyl glucuronide the 1° metabolite

### ◆ Added bulk to cyclohexane

- increases stability of acyl glucuronide
- $t_{1/2}$  for hydrolysis = 64 h in buffer
- <15% rearrangement over 80 h



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T. Yoshioka et al., Chem. Res. Toxicol., 2009, 22, 158-172; 1559-1569; 1998-2008; A.M. Birch et al., J. Med. Chem., 2009, 52, 1558-1568  
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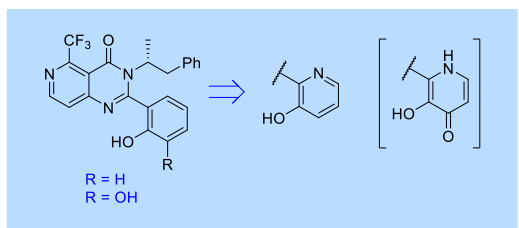
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## *Modulate Electronic Properties*

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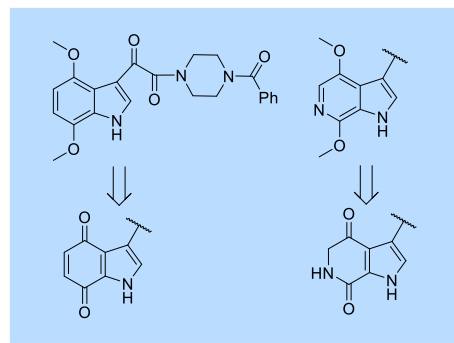
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## Avoiding Quinone-Type Metabolites



Modulate  
electronic  
properties

- ◆ Short-acting  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -sensing receptor antagonists for osteoporosis
- ◆ Lead candidate underwent sequential NADPH-dependent oxidation
  - gave catechol and *ortho*-quinone in HLM based on GSH trapping
- ◆ Modifying the phenol ring to a pyridine reduced propensity for oxidation
  - calculations indicated higher oxidation potential
  - 2 F atoms also introduced to the distal phenyl ring
- ◆ 56-fold lower GSH adducts with modified molecule
- ◆ Challenge: maintaining high clearance rate to minimize off-target activities



- ◆ HIV-1 attachment inhibitors
  - demethylation/oxidation to quinone
  - 6-aza would metabolize to amide

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A. Kalgutkar et al., *Chem. Res. Toxicol.*, 2010, **23**, 1115-1126; T. Wang et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 2009, **52**, 7778-7787

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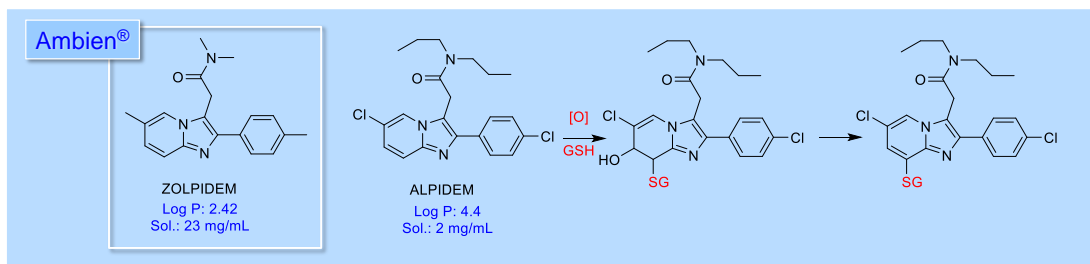
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*Introduce a Metabolic Soft Spot or Redirect Metabolism*

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## Olefins in Benzodiazepine Receptor Ligands



- ♦ **GABA-chloride channel ligands –  $\omega_1$  benzodiazepine receptor**
- ♦ **Alpidem – anxiolytic marketed in 1991, withdrawn in 1995 due to liver toxicity**
  - peripheral  $\omega_1$  – partial agonist – binds to mitochondrial receptor
  - dose: 50 mg TID
  - forms GSH adducts *in vivo* and depletes GSH in hepatocytes
- ♦ **Zolpidem – structurally related hypnotic (Ambien®)**
  - 10 mg QD dose
  - central  $\omega_1$  – full agonist; no peripheral activity
  - no GSH adducts *in vivo* or in hepatocytes
  - metabolic pathways involve oxidation of the two  $\text{CH}_3$  moieties
- ♦ **Structurally similar but markedly different pharmacology and toxicology**

Redirect  
metabolism

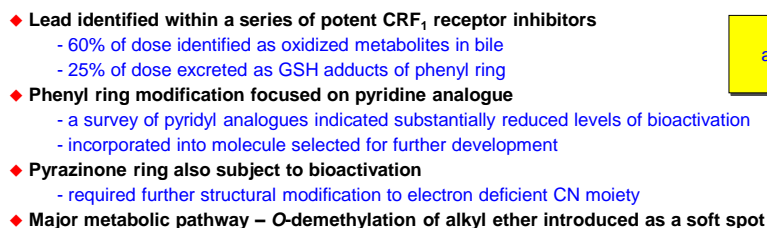
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## Combination Approaches

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# CONCLUSION

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## Conclusion

- ◆ **Several functionalities have been associated with problems**
  - in drug discovery & development; post-marketing
  - frequent association with bioactivation
- ◆ **Establishing cause-effect toxicity has been difficult in many cases**
  - retrospective search for an understanding of the problem
- ◆ **Effect of a particular structural alert can be contextual**
  - many examples of successful drugs that contain potential toxicophores
  - 50% of small molecule drugs in the top 200 contain structural alerts
- ◆ **Metabolism-based toxicity can sometimes be difficult to predict**
  - idiosyncratic toxicity produces low frequency events
  - not always observe in preclinical species
  - utility of drug will depend on severity and availability of alternate therapy
- ◆ **Establishing cause-effect toxicity has been difficult in many cases**
  - tienilic acid is the most compelling example
- ◆ **Would appear to be prudent to minimize metabolic activation**
  - low dose drugs less frequently associated with problems
  - % metabolized by a particular pathway,
  - alternative pathways of metabolism *in vivo*
  - context of disease for therapy

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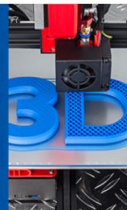
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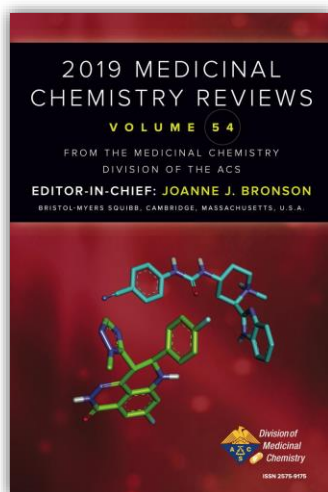
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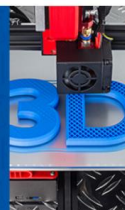
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