

IMPACT OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF MULTIPLE HEPATIC UPTAKE TRANSPORTERS ON *IN VITRO* TO *IN VIVO* K_i TRANSLATION

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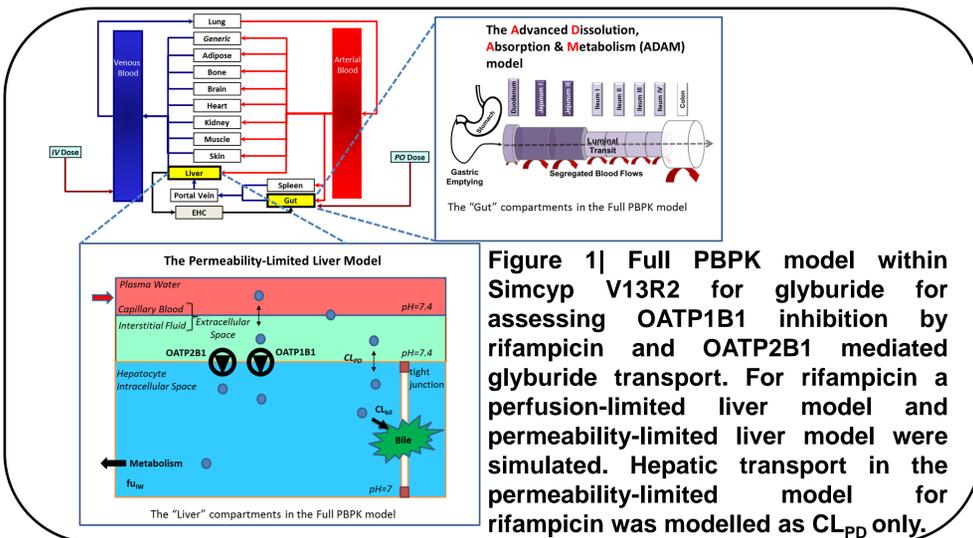
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Introduction

- Predictions of OATP1B1-mediated interactions have tended to report a discrepancy between *in vitro* and *in vivo* K_i [1]. This could be due to multiple factors (e.g. absence of absolute transporter abundances and their corresponding activities).
- Rifampicin administered as a single dose is an FDA recommended OATP1B1 inhibitor [2].
- Recently, the rifampicin-glyburide drug-drug interaction (DDI) has been simulated assuming that glyburide is transported only by OATP1B1 and using an *in vitro* determined K_i for rifampicin [3].
- Given the observed range of reported K_i values for *in vitro* OATP1B1 inhibition by rifampicin (0.28-11 μ M) and the involvement of OATP2B1 in hepatic uptake of glyburide [3], a modelling and simulation exercise was undertaken to assess the impact of incorporating multiple hepatic uptake pathways for glyburide over a range of rifampicin OATP K_i values on the predicted DDI (Figure 1).
- Sensitivity of predicted DDI when a permeability-limited liver model for both glyburide and rifampicin is used was also investigated.



Aims

- Assess the sensitivity of rifampicin OATP1B1 inhibition to sinusoidal hepatic uptake of glyburide over a range of K_i values.
- Assess the impact an additional glyburide sinusoidal hepatic uptake transporter pathway on the predicted rifampicin-glyburide DDI.
- Investigate the impact of a rifampicin permeability-limited liver model on DDI predictions

Methods

- Full-PBPK models were constructed for glyburide and rifampicin using the Simcyp Simulator (V13R2). Tissue-to-plasma partition coefficients were predicted by the methods described by Rodgers and co-workers [3]. A permeability-limited liver model was used for glyburide to incorporate passive and active hepatic uptake of 5 and 25 μ l/min/million cells, respectively.
- Metabolism of glyburide was described by *in vitro-in vivo* extrapolation from human recombinant CYP3A4, CYP2C8, CYP2C9 and CYP2C19 enzymes [4].
- Absorption of glyburide was described using intestinal permeability scaled from Caco-2 data [4] within the advanced dissolution, absorption and metabolism (ADAM) model [5].
- Inhibition of OATP2B1 [K_i =80 μ M] by rifampicin was considered [6]. A 7-fold reduction in K_i of OATP2B1 was also assessed.
- Inhibition of CYP3A4 [K_i =18.5 μ M] and CYP2C8 [K_i =30.2 μ M] by rifampicin was also considered [7].
- Induction was assumed to be negligible in these simulations.
- The DDI between glyburide (1.25 mg oral) and rifampicin (600 mg single dose 30 minutes i.v. infusion) was simulated by matching the trial design [8].
- A rifampicin permeability limited model was constructed, assuming a passive diffusion clearance of 100 μ l/min/million hepatocytes after performing a sensitivity analysis.
- The sensitivity of the predicted AUC ratio to varying both the rifampicin OATP1B1 K_i (over the range of literature reported values), and the contribution of OATP2B1 to total active hepatic uptake transport of glyburide was evaluated, using both perfusion-limited and permeability-limited rifampicin models.

Results

- The glyburide concentration-time profiles for oral and intravenous dosing are shown in Figure 2. The impact of incorporating rifampicin within a permeability limited model is shown in Figure 3.

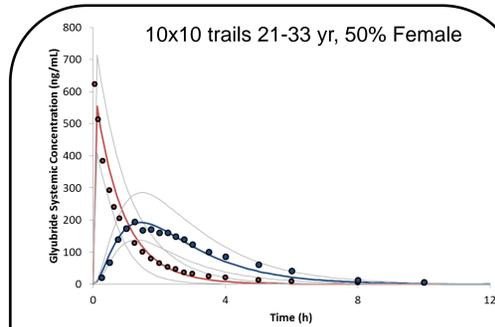


Figure 2| Performance verification for (A) glyburide 2.41mg i.v. (Red) and 3.5mg p.o. (Blue) administration [9].

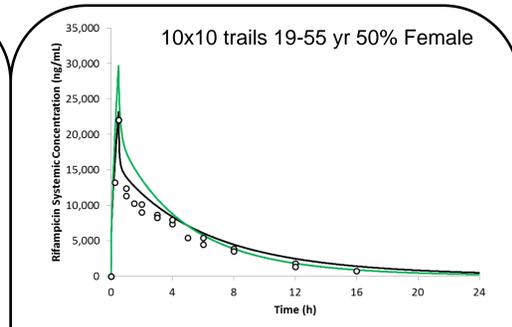
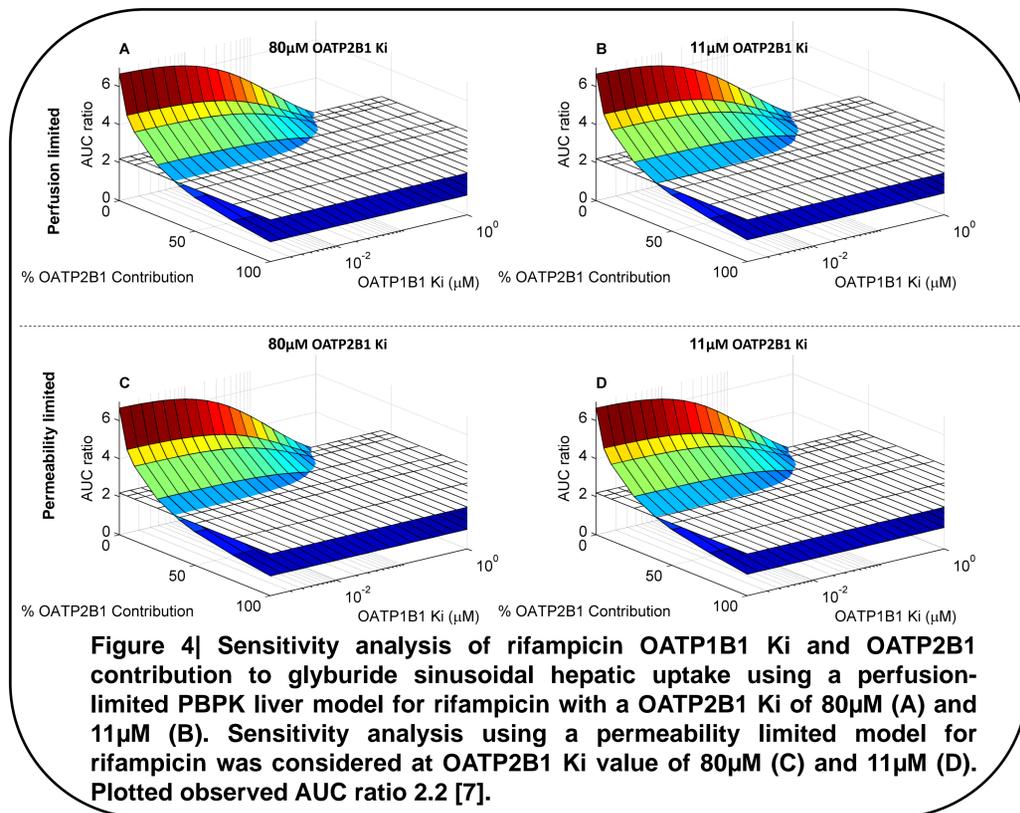


Figure 3| Rifampicin 600mg i.v. 0.5hr infusion using perfusion limited default PBPK (Green) and permeability limited model (Black) [5].

- The observed AUC ratio could be recovered using a rifampicin K_i value of 1 μ M in the absence of glyburide OATP2B1 active uptake.
- The predicted magnitude of DDI changed from ~6- to ~1-fold as the active contribution of OATP2B1 to glyburide uptake increased from 0-100% (Figure 4).
- An OATP1B1 K_i value of 0.3 μ M was required to recover the clinical data when the OATP2B1 contribution to glyburide active uptake was 25%.
- If the contribution of OATP2B1 was >40%, a rifampicin OATP1B1 K_i as low as 0.01 μ M failed to recover the observed AUC ratio.



- The largest sensitivity to rifampicin OATP1B1 K_i value was observed with an OATP2B1 contribution less than 40% (Figure 4).
- Incorporation of a permeability limited model for rifampicin allowed for matched target site concentrations for DDI modelling, but had minimal effect on prediction outcome.

Conclusions

- In this glyburide example, if only a single uptake pathway is considered, a less potent K_i value is required to recover the observed DDI.
- For a substrate of active uptake transporters into the liver, consideration of additional hepatic uptake routes that play only minor roles in total hepatic uptake (~10%, with low inhibition potency) can have a significant impact on the predicted AUC ratio over a relatively small range of inhibitor K_i values (0.1-1 μ M).
- Understanding the relationship between *in vitro* and *in vivo* transporter K_i values warrants further examination.

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