

# Predicting intracellular hepatic concentrations of drugs using proteomic data and PET imaging

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### How Can we Measure or Predict Tissue Drug Conc. in Humans?

- PET imaging (MRI and other imaging modalities do not have the required sensitivity):
  - Requires sophisticated equipment and radiochemistry
  - Costly (about \$20-40K/experiment/subject)
- Therefore we need alternative methods that will allow us to predict tissue conc. of drugs in humans

## Alternative Method to Predict Tissue Drug Conc.



Hypothesis: Predict tissue drug conc. by scaling in vitro CL in transporter expressing cells to in vivo using relative expression factor (REF)

#### AND

verify these conc. for selective probe substrates which interrogate transporters of interest

#### In vitro CL

CL via transport of interest in cell line expressing the transporter

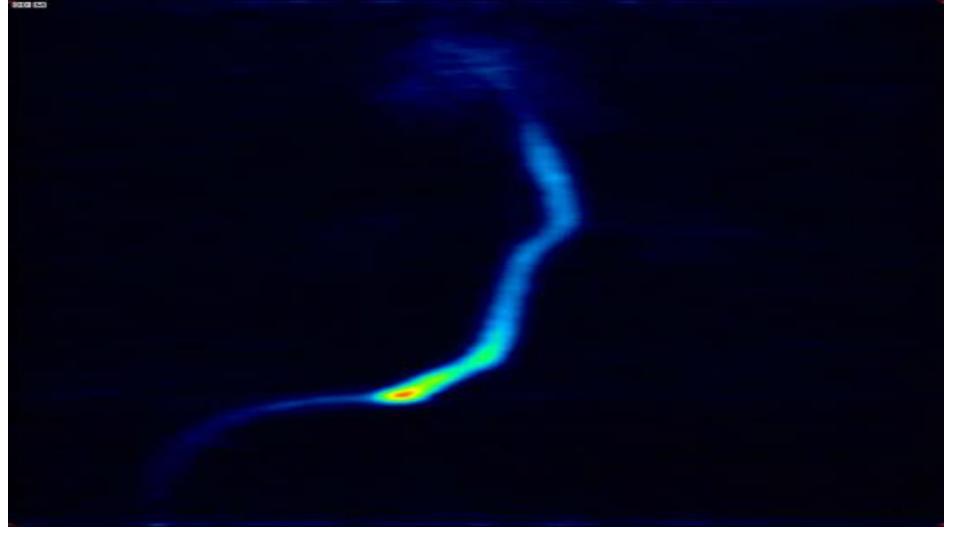
#### Relative Expression Factor (REF)

- 1. Transporter expression/g of tissue
  - 2. Tissue weight

#### In vivo CL

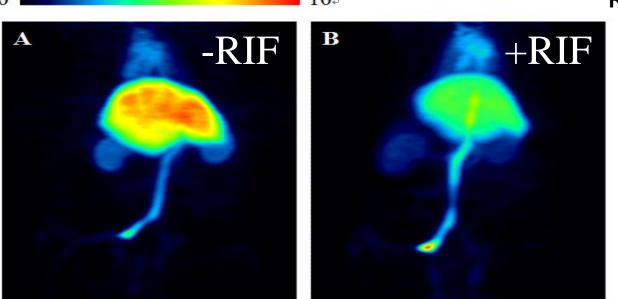
Contribution of individual transporter in tissue uptake/efflux





# Hepatic Uptake and Biliary Excretion of <sup>11</sup>C-¬ Rosuvastatin in the Rat

Coronal 2 min SUV images of <sup>11</sup>C-Rosuvastatin



Blood Hepatocyte Bile

OATPs

BCRP/MRP2

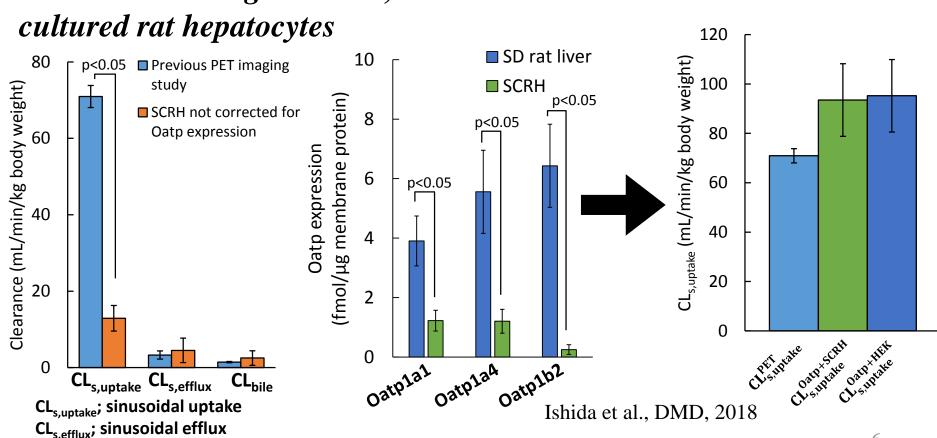


He et al., Mol Pharm., '14

## Successful prediction of the hepatobiliary clearance of rosuvastatin using cell lines, REF and sandwich-

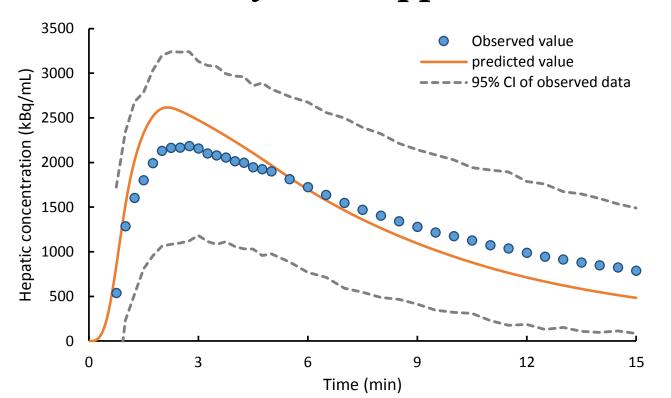
CL<sub>bile</sub>; canalicular efflux

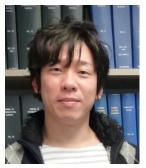




### Rat Hepatic Rosuvastatin Conc. well Predicted by REF approach



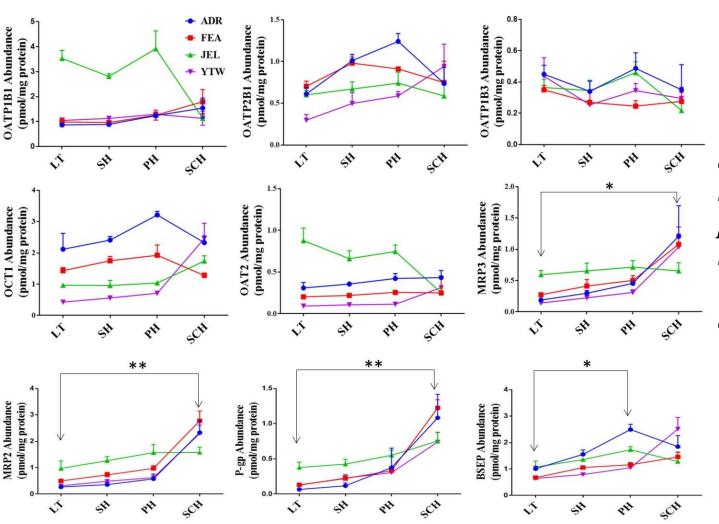




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# Can Rosuvastatin Hepatobiliary CL and Hepatic Conc. be Predicted in Humans by Quantitative Proteomics using REF?

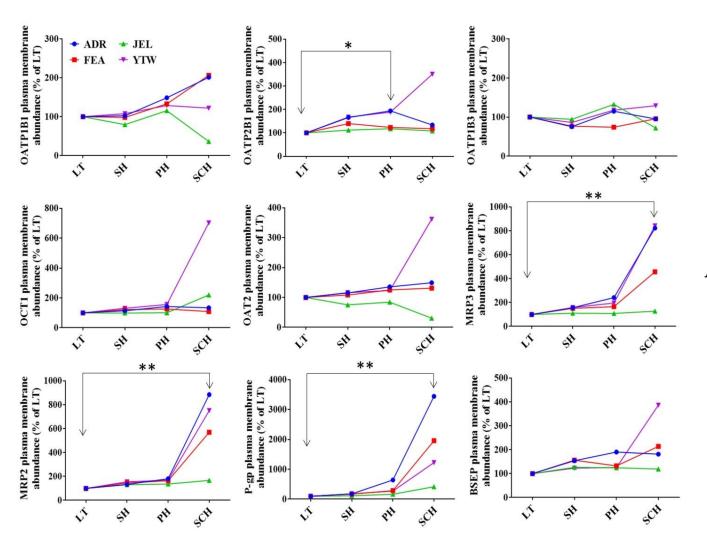






Total transporter abundance in suspended (SH), plated (PH), sandwich-cultured (SCH) hepatocytes and liver tissue

Kumar et al., DMD, 2019



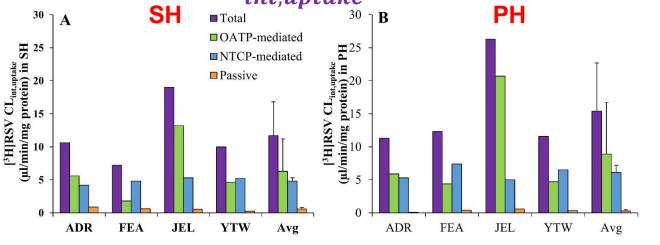


Plasma membrane transporter abundance in suspended (SH), plated (PH), sandwich-cultured (SCH) hepatocytes cf liver tissue

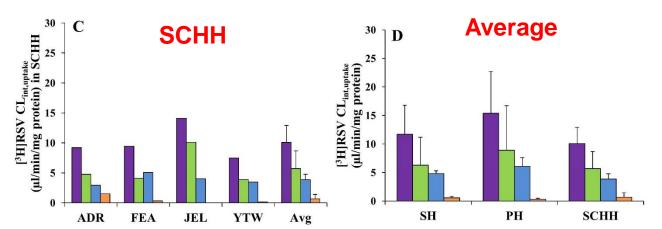
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RSV sinusoidal  $CL_{int,uptake}^{hep}$ 

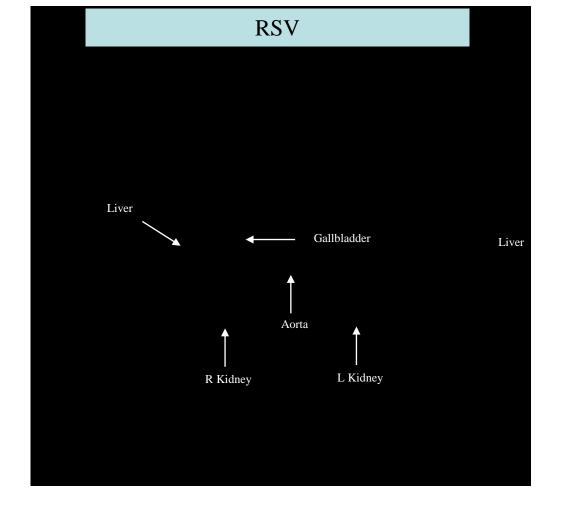
in SH, PH and SCHH was similar



[3H]Rosuvastatin: 30 nM, Rosuvastatin (cold): 70 nM Bromsulphthalein (BSP): 200 µM



Statistical test: Wilcoxon matched-pair signed rank No significant difference in total uptake

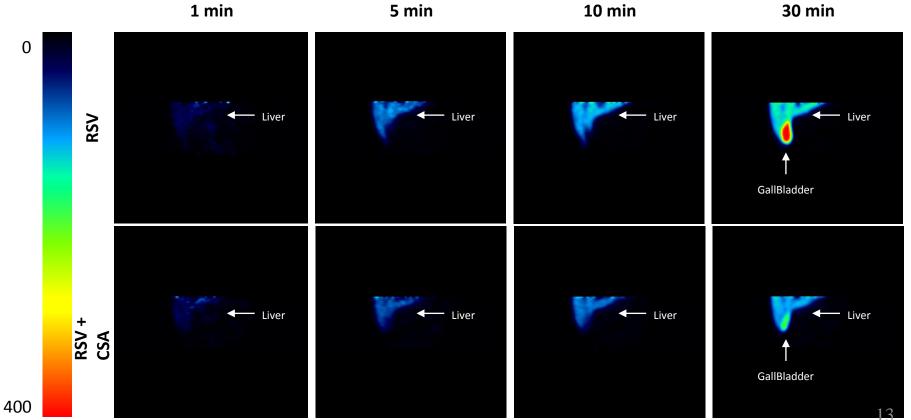




# [11C]Rosuvastatin biodistribution in a human volunteer

### Hepatic Uptake and Biliary Excretion of $[^{11}C]Rosuvastatin \pm CsA$





### **Summary**



- Predicting tissue concentration and therefore efficacy and toxicity of a drug is the next frontier in ADME research
- The hepatic ECL model clarifies when transporters will or will not affect the systemic and tissue PK of a drug
- Tissue conc. measurement is possible using PET. However, this method cannot be routinely applied
- IVIVE using transfected cells and REF is a promising technique to predict tissue drug conc.
- These predictions should be verified using PET imaging probes that individually interrogate drug transporters of interest

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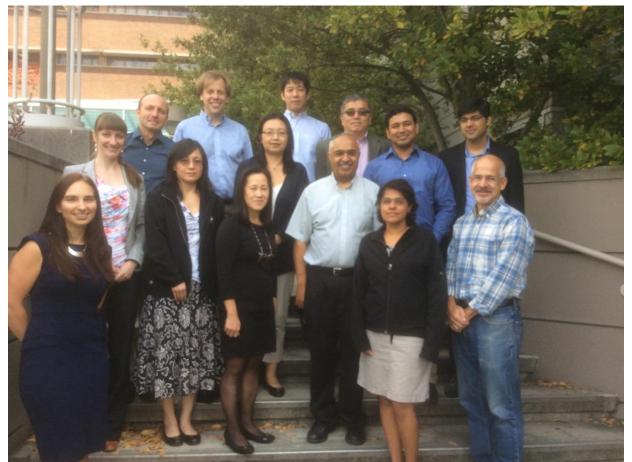
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