

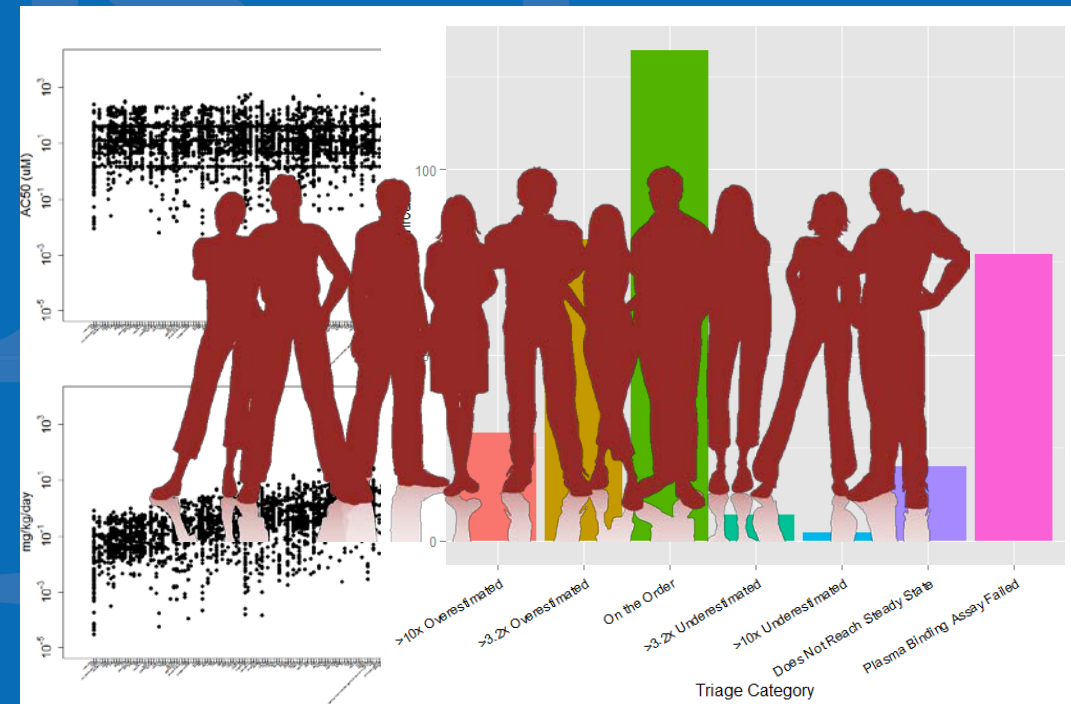
# Capabilities and Evaluation of the US EPA's HHTK (High Throughput Toxicokinetics) R package

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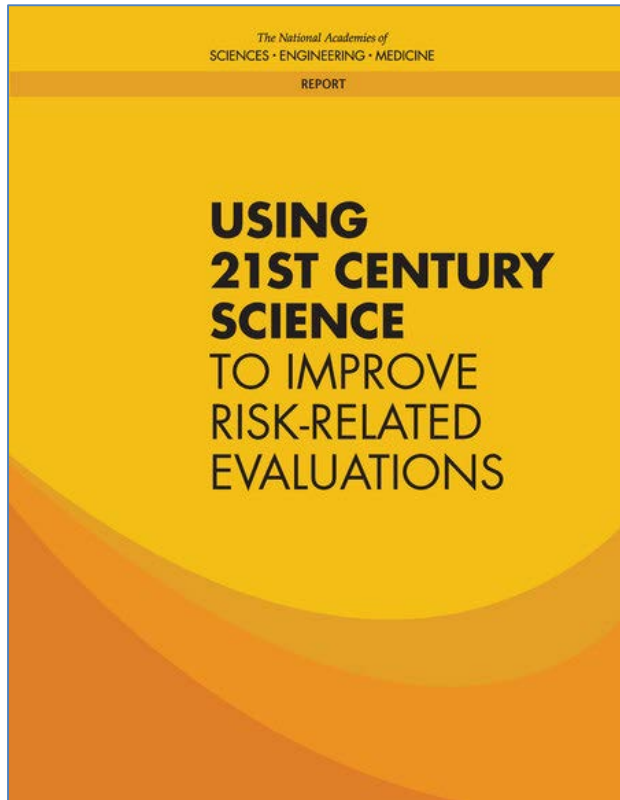


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# Introduction

Park *et al.* (2012): At least 3221 chemicals in pooled human blood samples, many appear to be exogenous



National Academy of Sciences, January, 2017:  
“Translation of high-throughput data into risk-based rankings is an important application of exposure data for chemical priority-setting. Recent advances in high-throughput toxicity assessment, notably the ToxCast and Tox21 programs... and in high-throughput computational exposure assessment... have enabled first-tier risk-based rankings of chemicals on the basis of margins of exposure...”

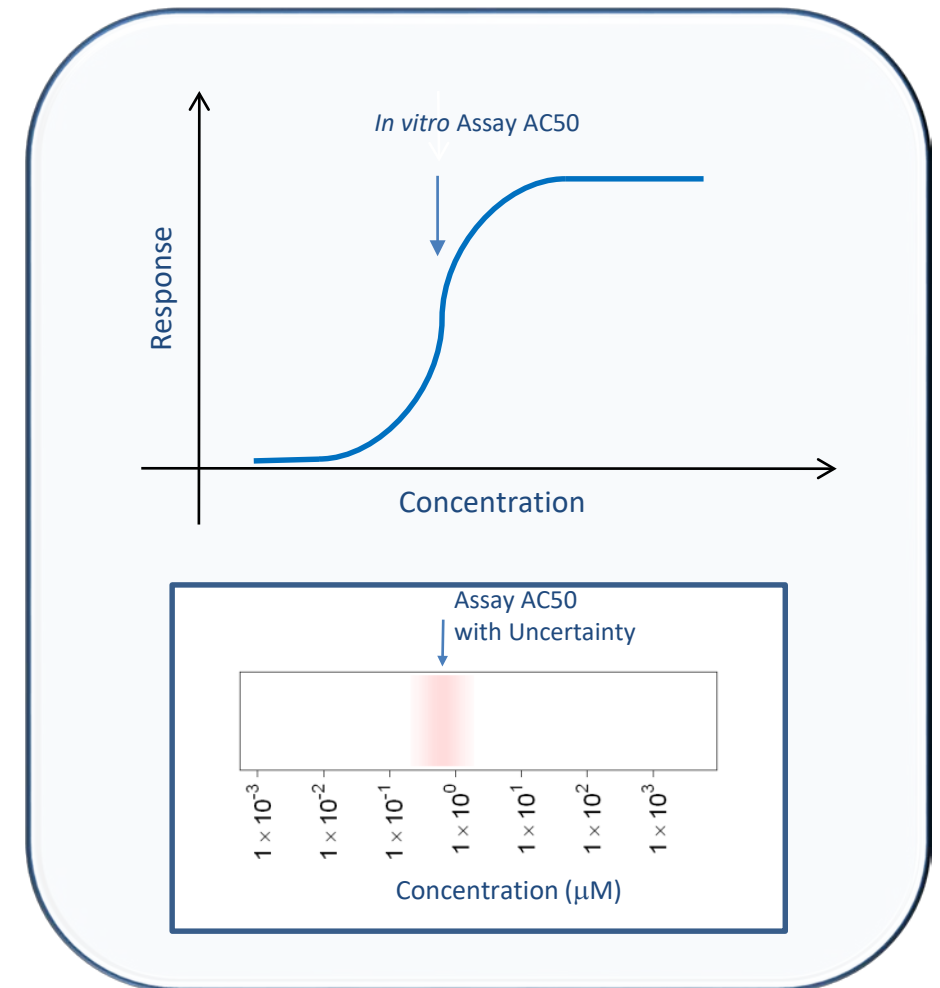


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# High-Throughput Screening

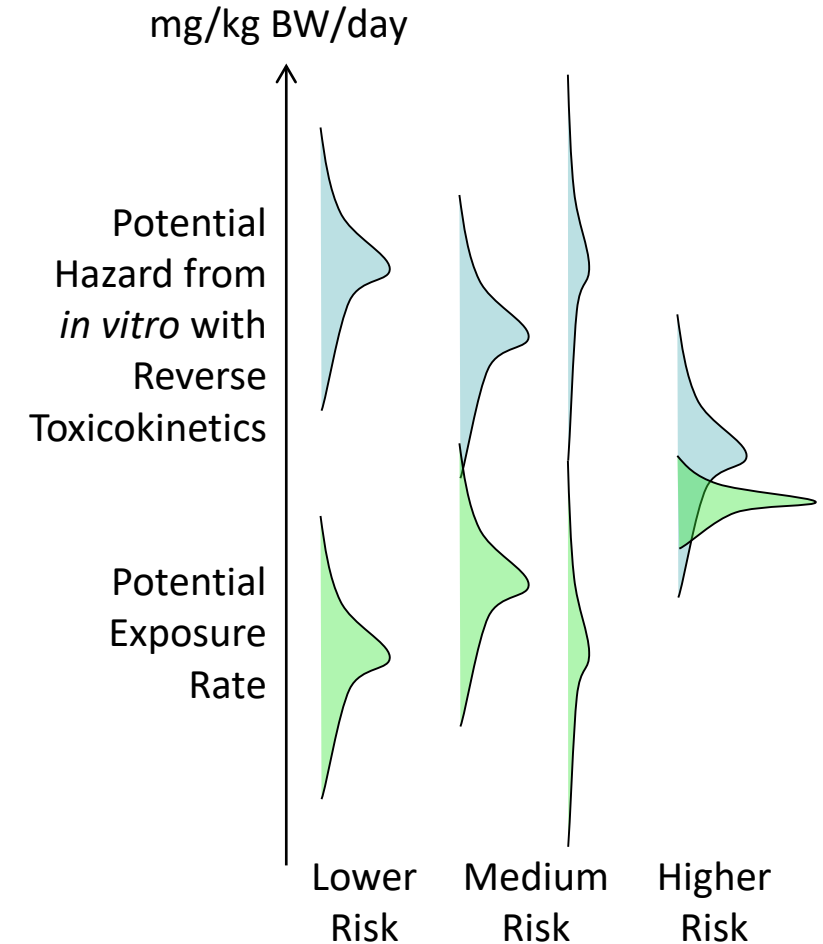
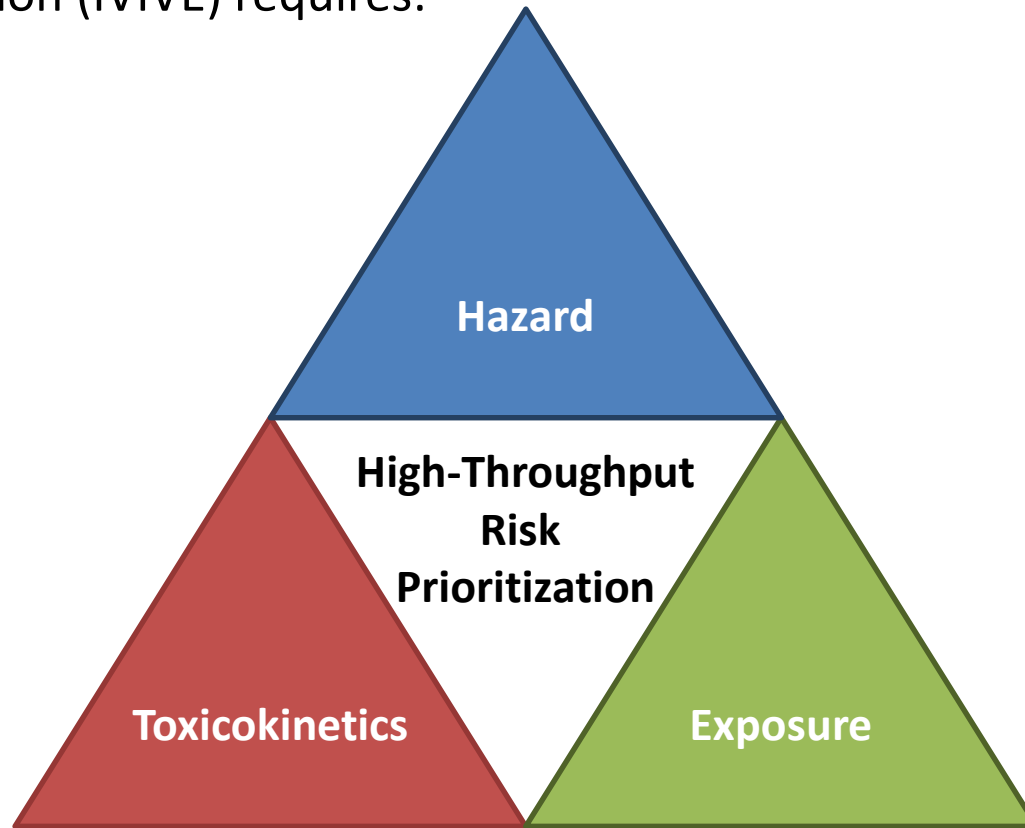


- **Tox21:** Examining >8,000 chemicals using ~50 assays intended to identify interactions with biological pathways (Schmidt, 2009)
- **ToxCast:** For a subset (>2000) of Tox21 chemicals ran >1100 additional assays (Judson *et al.*, 2010)
- Most assays conducted in dose-response format (identify 50% activity concentration – AC50 – and efficacy if data described by a Hill function, Filer *et al.*, 2016)
- How do we relate *in vitro* concentration to *in vivo* doses? *In vitro-in vivo* extrapolation (IVIVE)



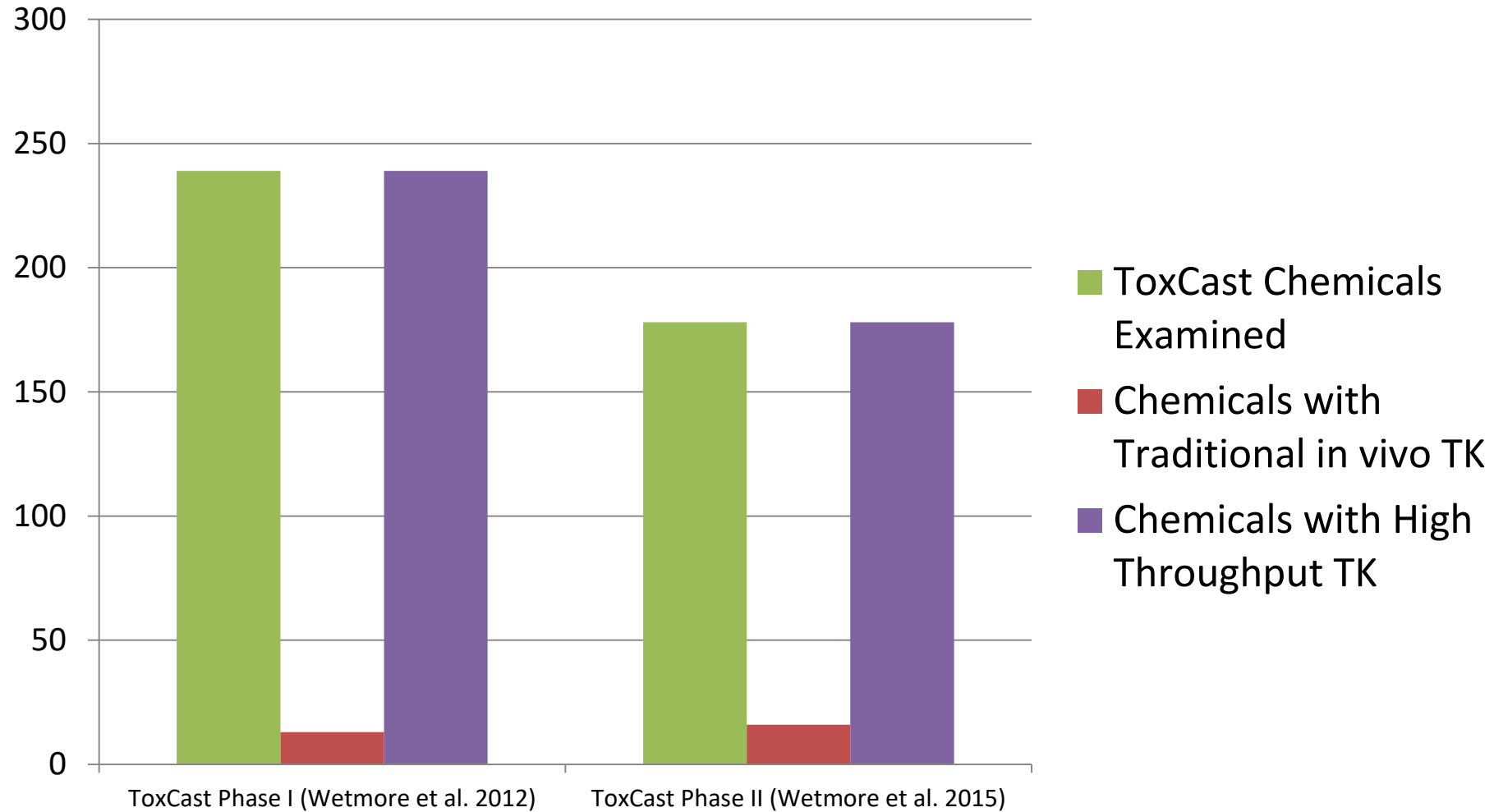
# High-Throughput Risk Prioritization

- High throughput risk prioritization based upon *in vitro-in vivo* extrapolation (IVIVE) requires:



**Most chemicals do not have TK data** – Wetmore et al. (2012...) use *in vitro* methods adapted from pharma to fill gaps

# The Need for *In Vitro* Toxicokinetics

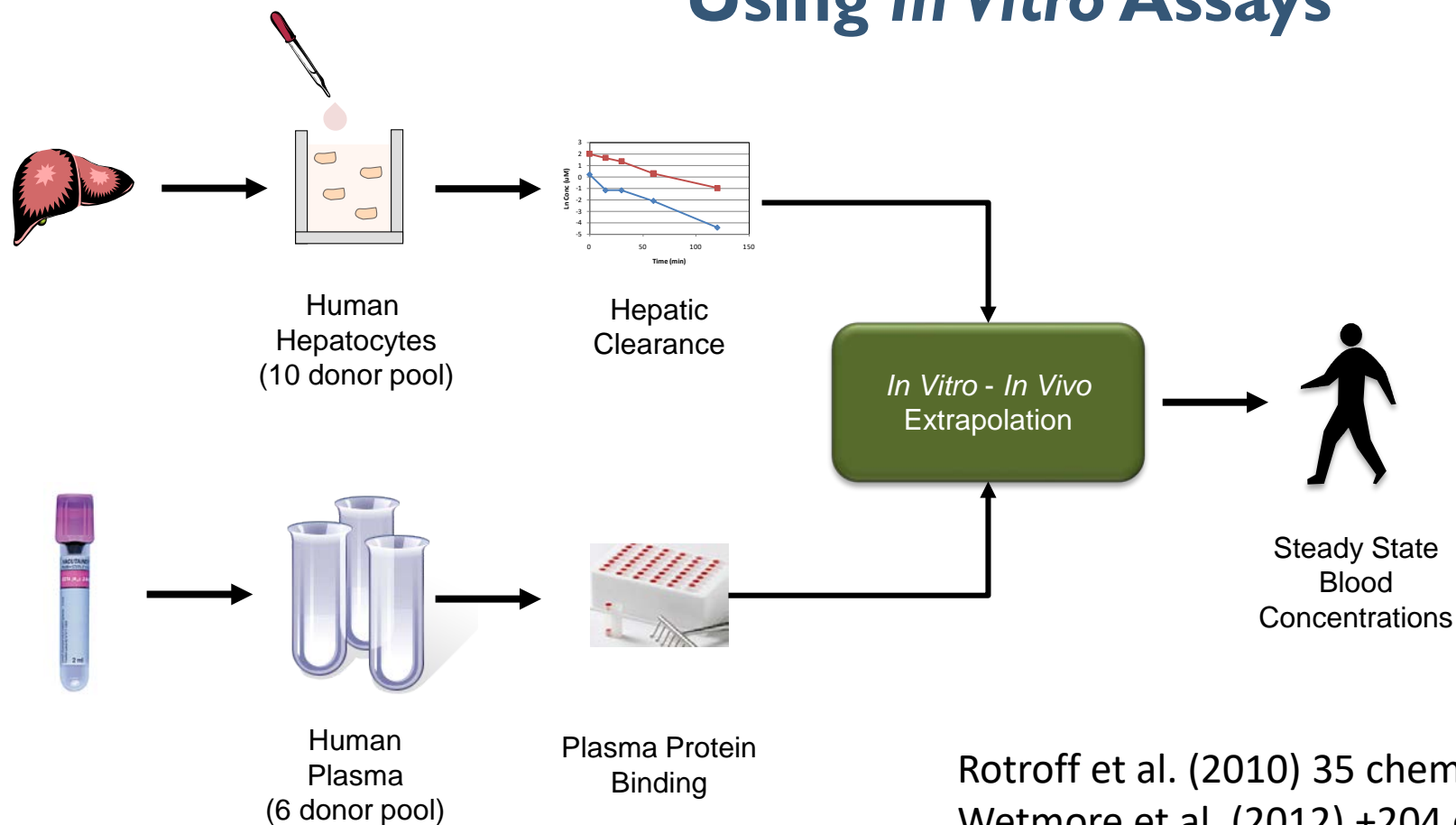


- Studies like Wetmore et al. (2012, 2015), address the need for TK data using *in vitro* methods

# High Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK)

- Toxicokinetics (TK) provides a bridge between toxicity and exposure assessment by predicting tissue concentrations due to exposure
  - However traditional TK methods are resource intensive
- Relatively high throughput TK (HTTK) methods have been used by the pharmaceutical industry to determine range of efficacious doses and to prospectively evaluate success of planned clinical trials (Jamei, *et al.*, 2009; Wang, 2010)
  - A key application of HTTK has been “reverse dosimetry” (also called Reverse TK or RTK)
  - RTK can approximately convert *in vitro* HTS results to daily doses needed to produce similar levels in a human for comparison to exposure data (starting off with Rotroff, *et al.*, 2010)
- A new EPA open source R package (“httk”) is freely available on CRAN allows RTK and other statistical analyses of 553 chemicals (more coming)

# Characterizing Human *In Vivo* Toxicokinetics Using *In Vitro* Assays



Rotroff et al. (2010) 35 chemicals  
Wetmore et al. (2012) +204 chemicals  
Wetmore et al. (2015) +163 chemicals

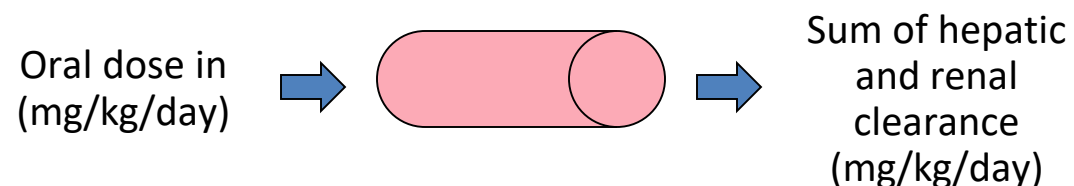
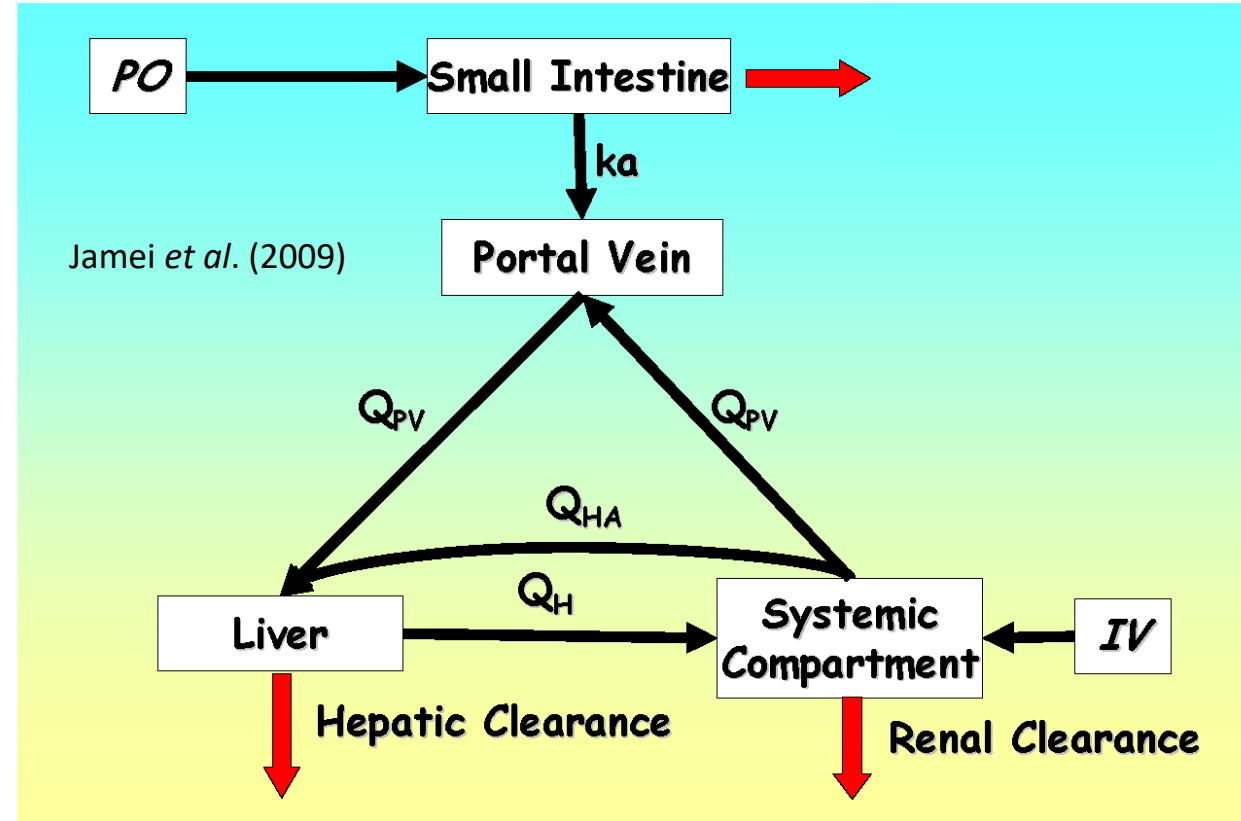
# A Basic Model for HTTK

Minimal Model: Lumped Single Distribution Volume

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- *In vitro* plasma protein binding and metabolic clearance assays allow approximate hepatic and renal clearances to be calculated
- At steady state this allows conversion from concentration to administered dose
- 100% bioavailability assumed

$$C_{ss} = \frac{\text{oral dose rate}}{(GFR * F_{ub}) + \left( Q_1 * F_{ub} * \frac{Cl_{int}}{Q_1 + F_{ub} * Cl_{int}} \right)}$$





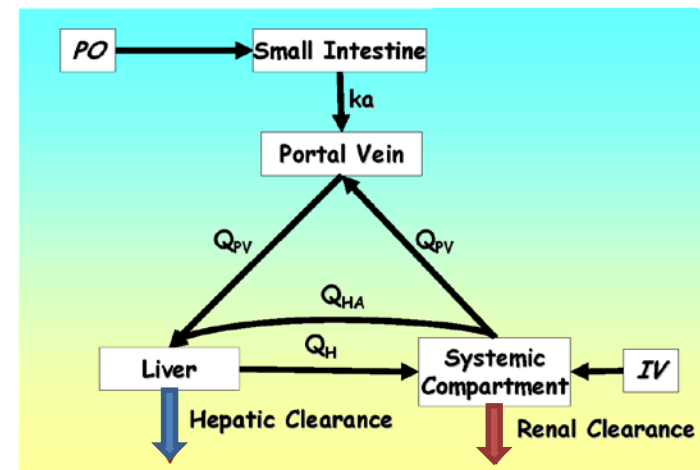
# Variability in the Basic Steady-State TK Model

- *In vitro* clearance ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}/10^6$  hepatocytes) is scaled to a whole organ clearance using the density of hepatocytes per gram of liver and the volume of the liver (which varies between individuals)
- Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and blood flow to the liver ( $Q_l$ ) both vary from individual to individual

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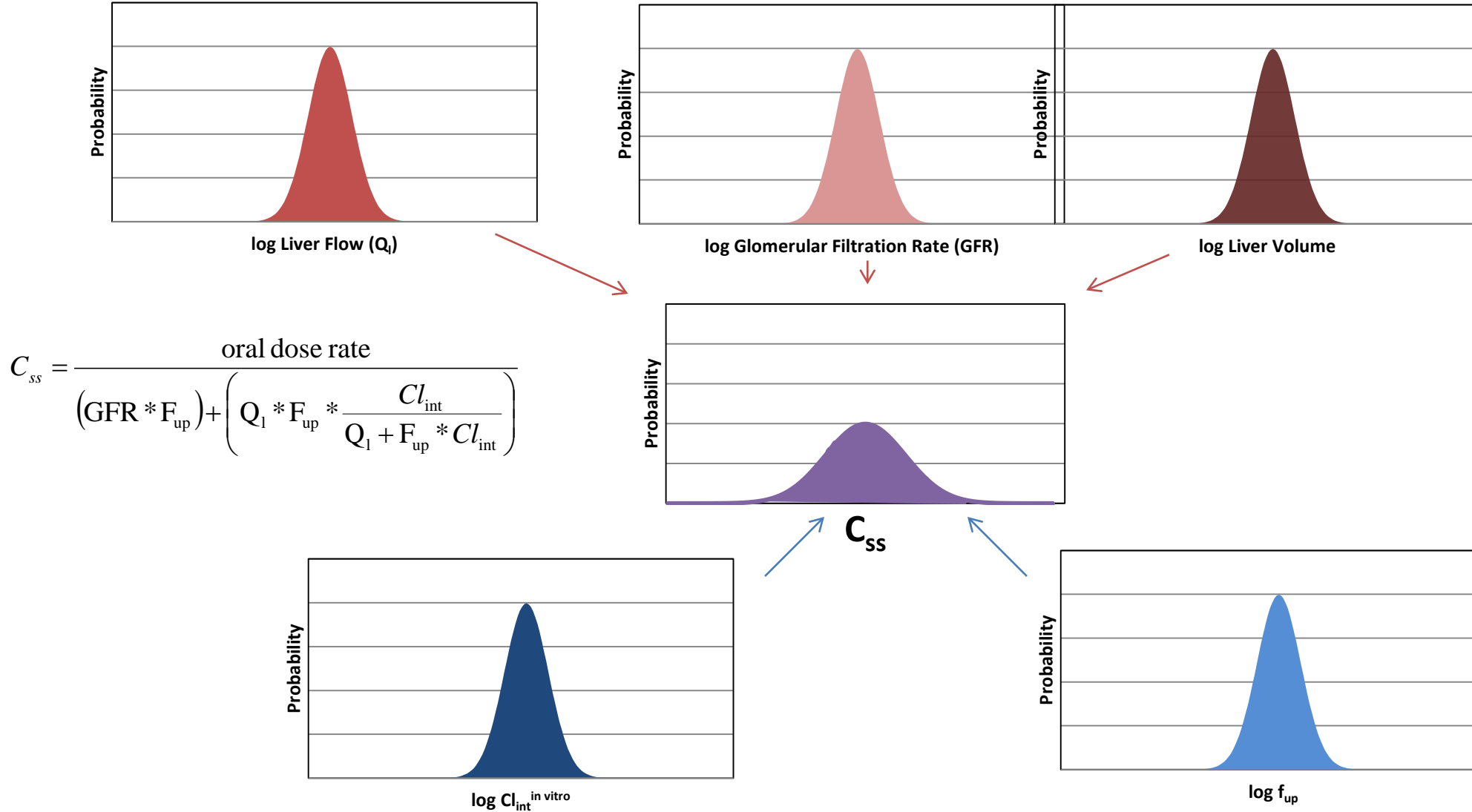
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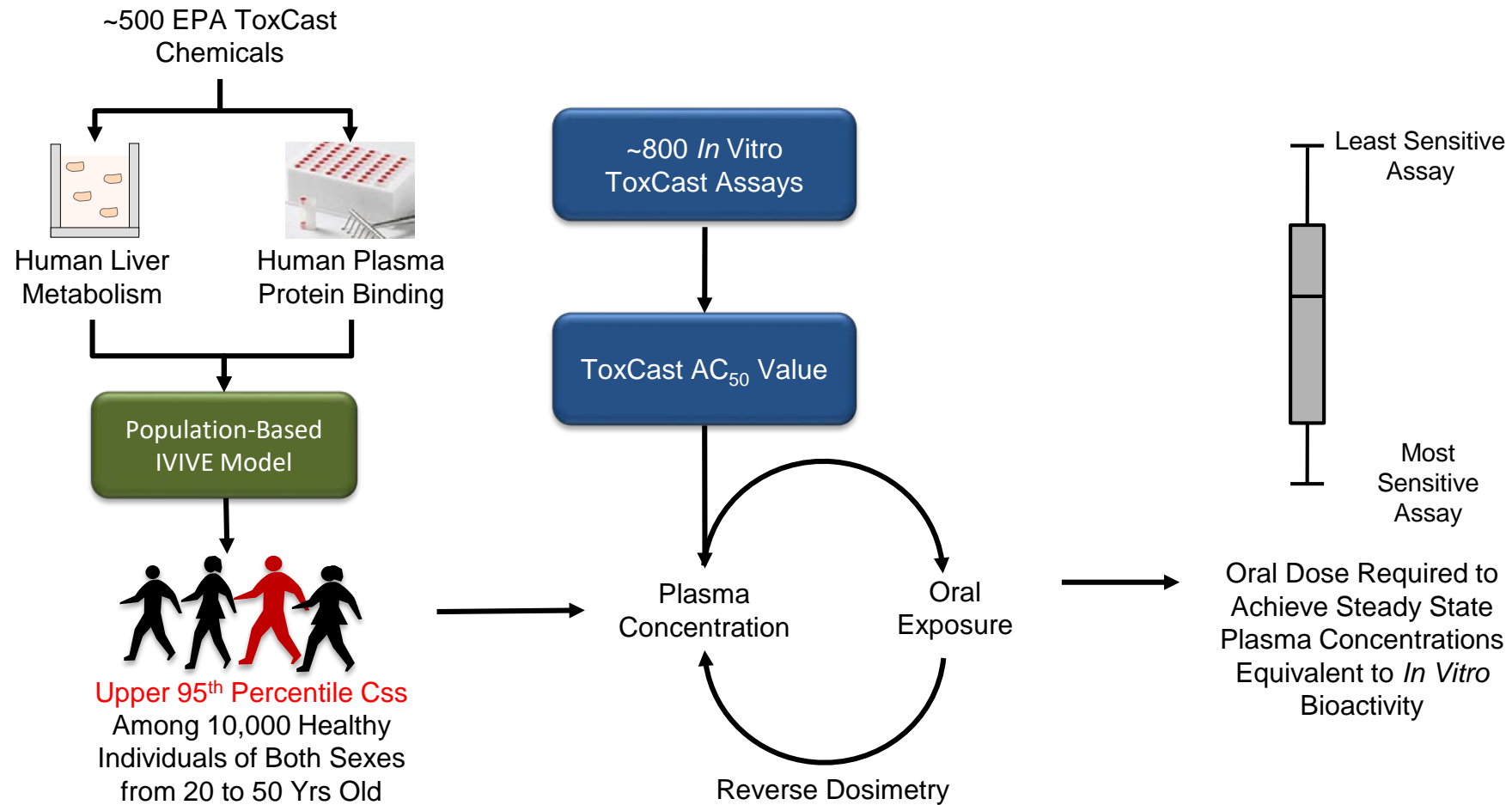


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# Monte Carlo (MC) Approach to Variability



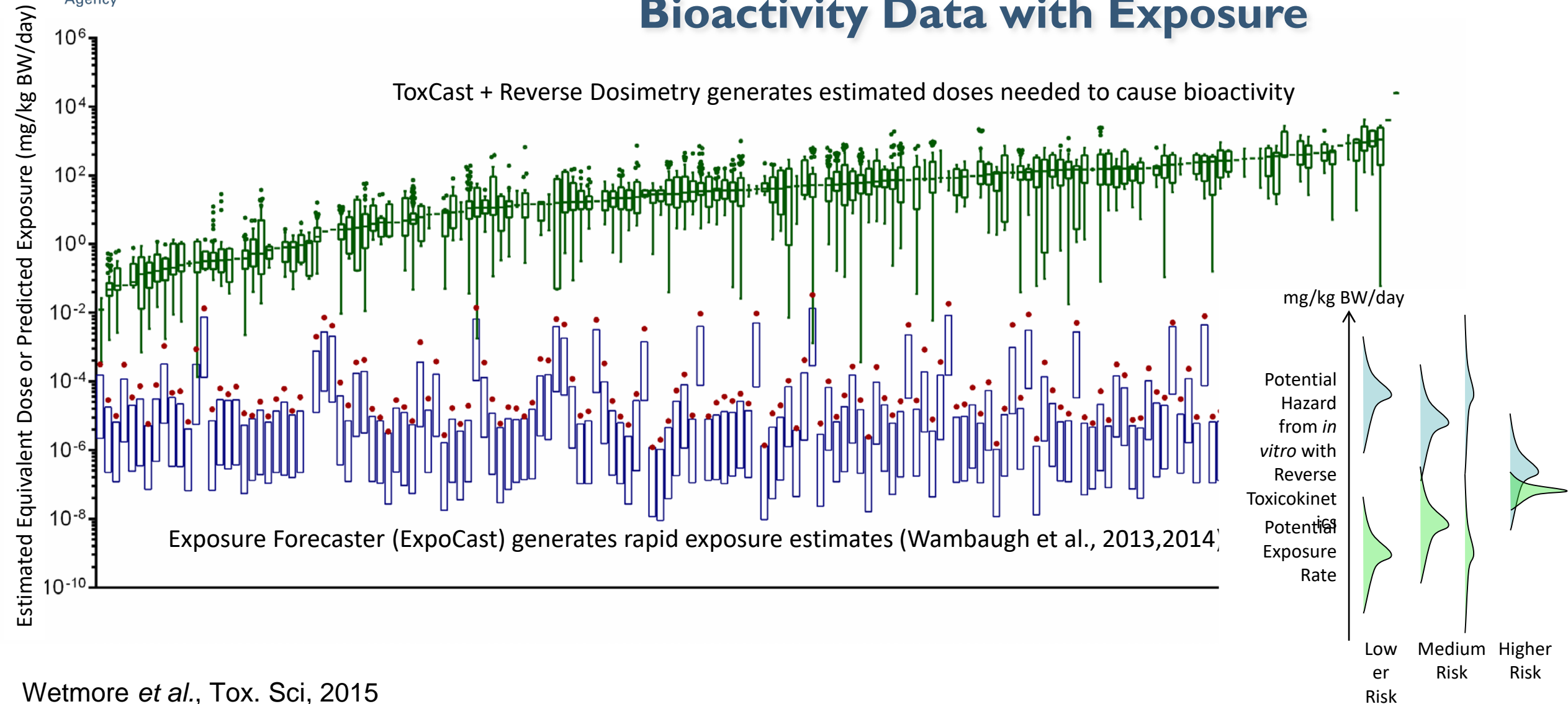
# Integrating Human Dosimetry and Exposure with ToxCast *In Vitro* Assays



Rotroff *et al.*, *Tox Sci.*, 2010  
Wetmore *et al.*, *Tox Sci.*, 2012  
Wetmore *et al.*, *Tox Sci.*, 2015

Slide from Barbara Wetmore

# Incorporating Dosimetry-Adjusted ToxCast Bioactivity Data with Exposure



# Goals for HTTK

- In order to address greater numbers of chemicals we collect *in vitro*, high throughput toxicokinetic (HTTK) data (Wang, 2010, Rotroff et al., 2010, Wetmore et al., 2012, 2015)
- The **primary goal** of HTTK is to provide a human dose context for bioactive *in vitro* concentrations from HTS (*i.e.*, *in vitro-in vivo* extrapolation, or **IVIVE**)
  - This allows direct comparisons potentially bioactive doses with exposure (Retroff et al., 2010, Wetmore et al., 2012, 2014, 2015)
- **Secondary goal** is to provide **open source data and models** for evaluation and use by the broader scientific community (Pearce et al, 2017a)
  - This includes population variability Monte Carlo based upon NHANES physiology (Ring et al., 2017)
- An free R statistical package (“httk”) allows us to evaluate *in vitro* predictions two ways (Wambaugh et al., 2015):
- We have expanded the tools offered in the “httk” package beyond the “reverse dosimetry” application to parameterize simple PBPK models (Ring et al., 2017, Pearce et al., 2017b)

# High Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK) for Statistical Analysis

Download R:

<https://www.r-project.org/>

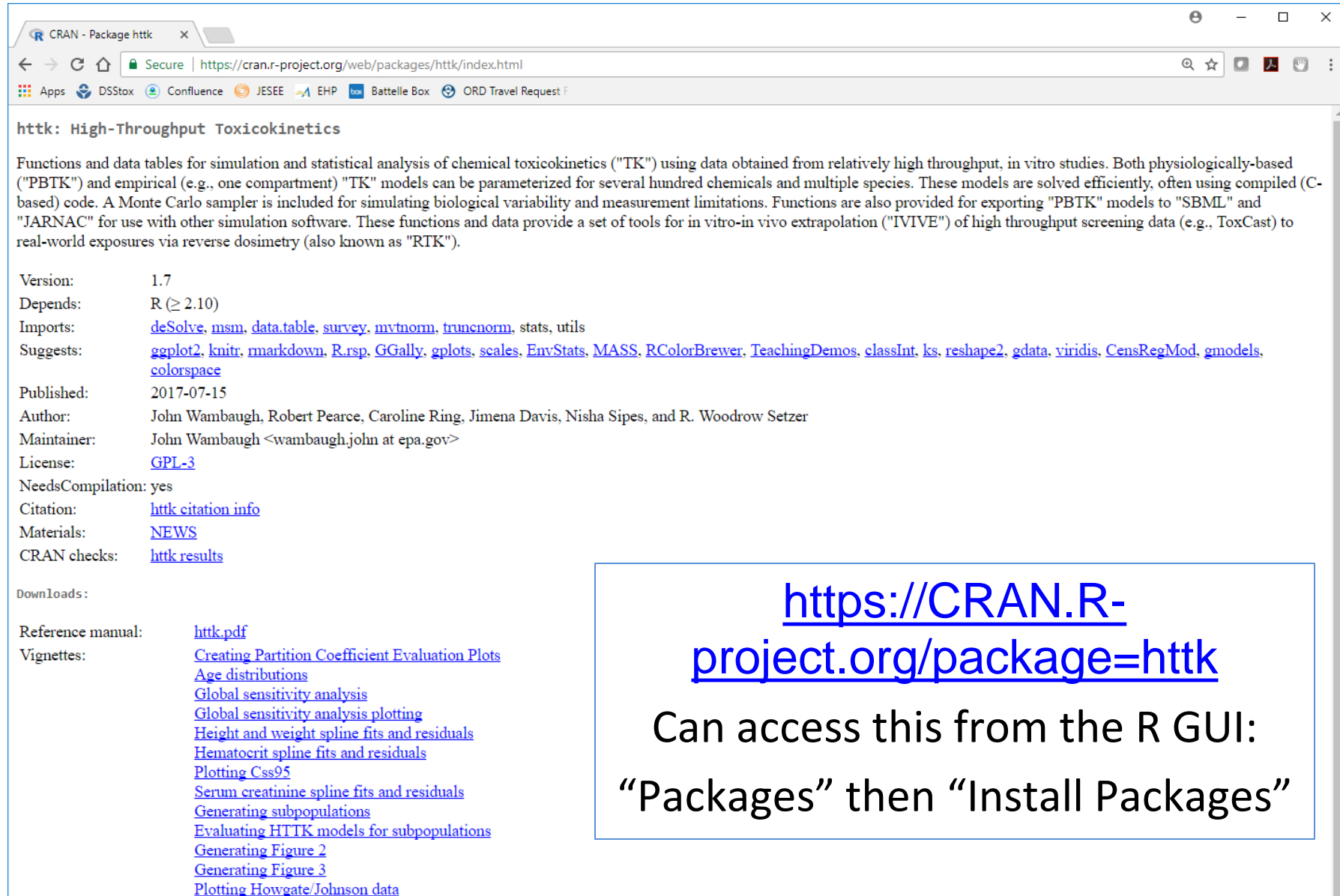
within R, type:

```
install.packages("httk")
```

Then

```
library("httk")
```

- “httk” R Package for IVIVE and **PBTK**
- 553 chemicals to date
- 100’s of additional chemicals being studied
- Pearce *et al.* (2017a) provides documentation and examples
- Built-in vignettes provide further examples of how to use many functions



The screenshot shows the CRAN package page for 'httk'. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/httk/index.html>. The page title is 'httk: High-Throughput Toxicokinetics'. The description states: 'Functions and data tables for simulation and statistical analysis of chemical toxicokinetics ("TK") using data obtained from relatively high throughput, in vitro studies. Both physiologically-based ("PBTK") and empirical (e.g., one compartment) "TK" models can be parameterized for several hundred chemicals and multiple species. These models are solved efficiently, often using compiled (C-based) code. A Monte Carlo sampler is included for simulating biological variability and measurement limitations. Functions are also provided for exporting "PBTK" models to "SBML" and "JARNAC" for use with other simulation software. These functions and data provide a set of tools for in vitro-in vivo extrapolation ("IVIVE") of high throughput screening data (e.g., ToxCast) to real-world exposures via reverse dosimetry (also known as "RTK").'

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- Depends: R ( $\geq 2.10$ )
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- License: [GPL-3](#)
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- Materials: [NEWS](#)
- CRAN checks: [httk results](#)

Downloads:

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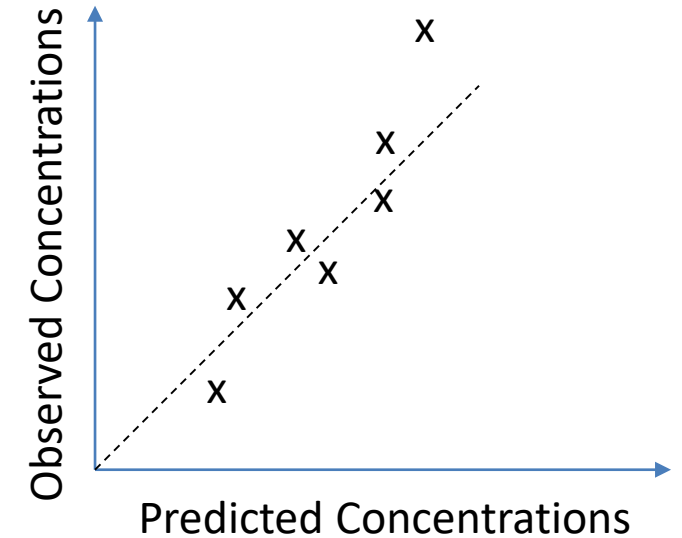
Can access this from the R GUI:  
“Packages” then “Install Packages”

# Why Do Statistical Analysis of HHTK?

- If we are to use HHTK, we need confidence in predictive ability
- In drug development, HHTK methods estimate therapeutic doses for clinical studies – predicted concentrations are typically on the order of values measured in clinical trials (Wang, 2010)
  - For most compounds in the environment there will be no clinical trials
- Uncertainty must be well characterized
  - We compare to *in vivo* data to get **empirical estimates of HHTK uncertainty**
  - Any approximations, omissions, or mistakes should work to increase the estimated uncertainty when evaluated systematically across chemicals

# Model Evaluation

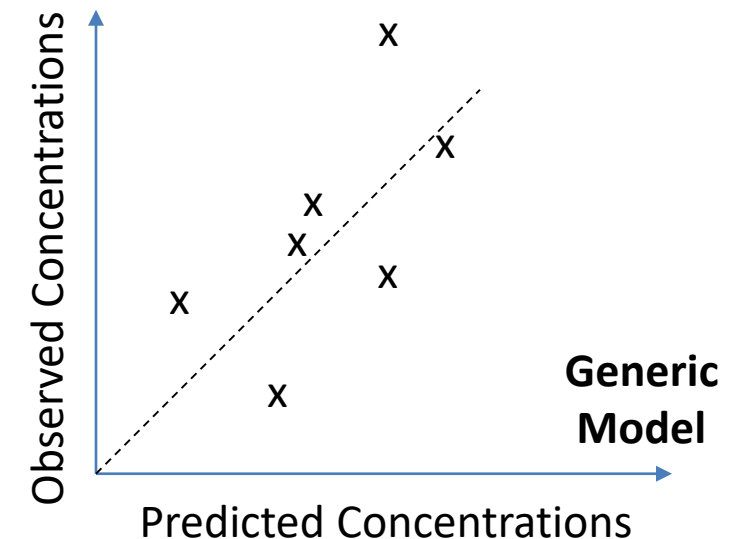
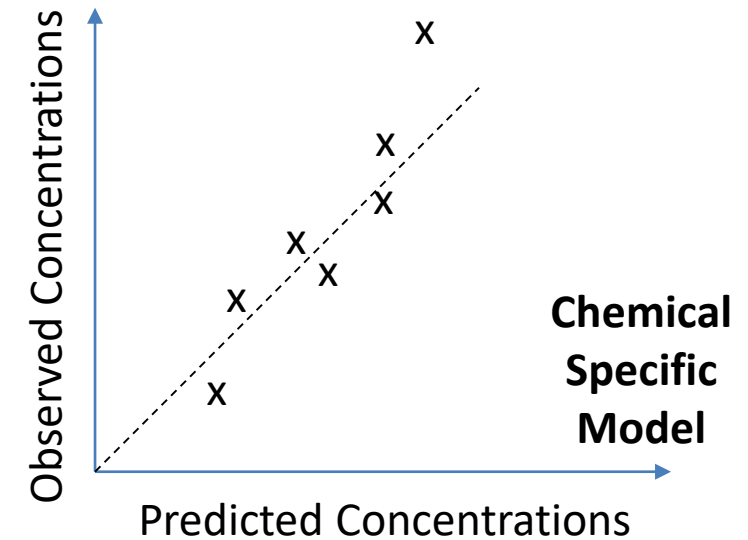
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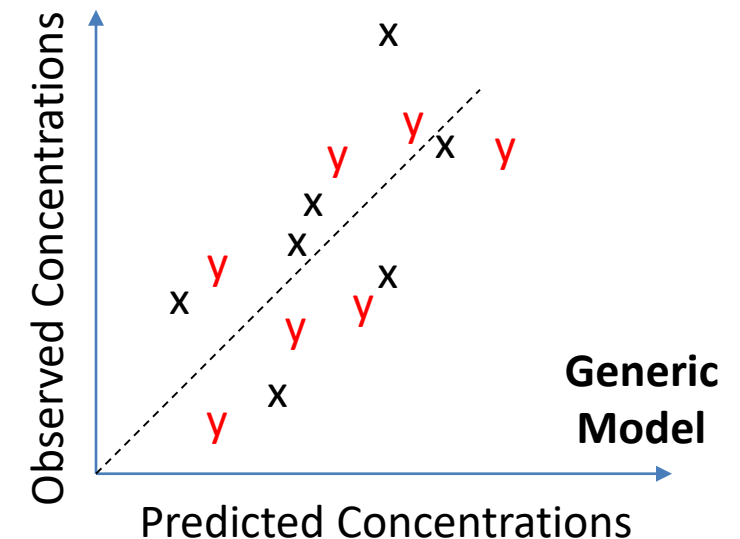
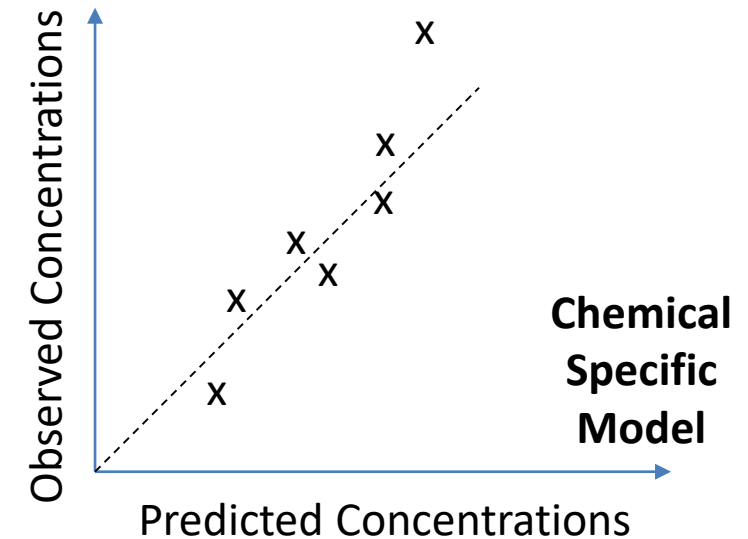
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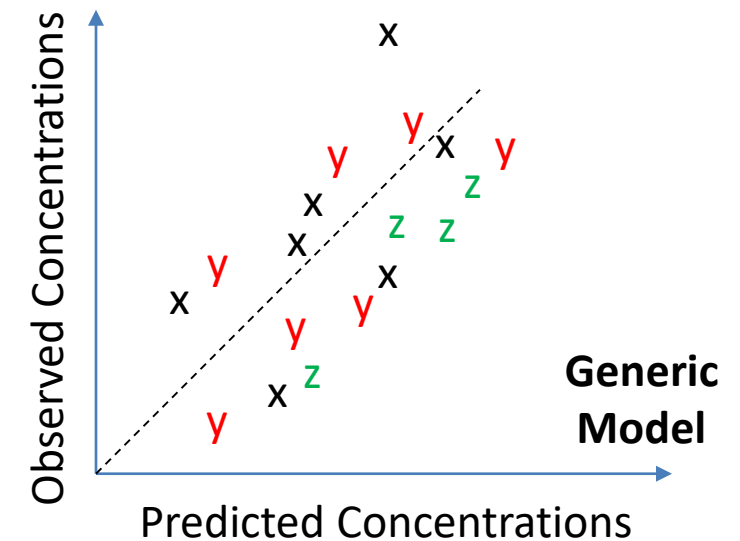
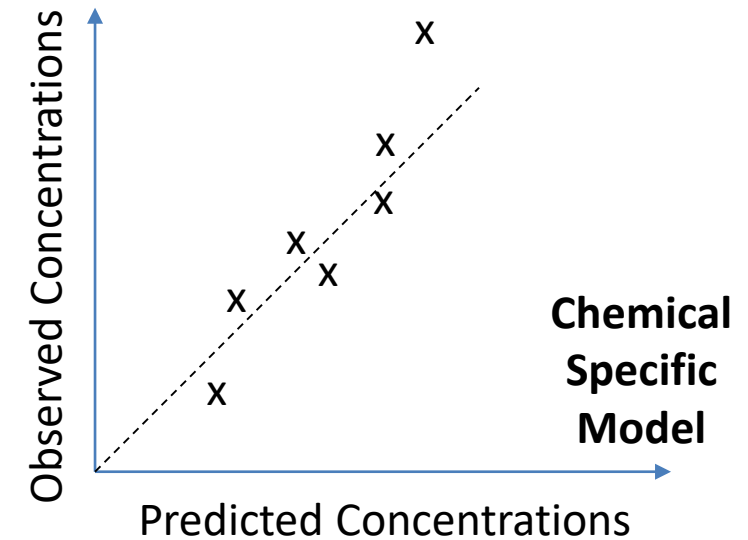
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# Why Build Another Generic PBTK Tool?

	SimCYP	ADMET Predictor / GastroPlus	MEGen	IndusChemFate	httk
Maker	SimCYP Consortium / Certara	Simulations Plus	UK Health and Safety Laboratory	Cefic LRI	US EPA
Availability	License, but inexpensive for research	License, but inexpensive for research	Free: <a href="http://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/megen">http://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/megen</a>	Free: <a href="http://cefic-lri.org/lri_toolbox/induschemfate/">http://cefic-lri.org/lri_toolbox/induschemfate/</a>	Free: <a href="https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=httk">https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=httk</a>
Open Source	No	No	<b>Yes</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>
Default PBPK Structure	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Expandable PBPK Structure	No	No	<b>Yes</b>	No	No
Population Variability	<b>Yes</b>	No	No	No	<b>Yes</b>
Batch Mode	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	No	<b>Yes</b>
Graphical User Interface	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Excel	No
Physiological Data	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Chemical-Specific Data Library	Many Clinical Drugs	No	No	15 Environmental Compounds	543 Pharmaceutical and ToxCast Compounds
Ionizable Compounds	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Potentially	No	<b>Yes</b>
Export Function	No	No	Matlab and AcslX	No	SBML and Jarnac
R Integration	No	No	No	No	<b>Yes</b>
Easy Reverse Dosimetry	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	No	<b>Yes</b>
Future Proof XML	No	No	<b>Yes</b>	No	No

We want to do a statistical analysis (using R) for as many chemicals as possible

# Comparison Between httk and SimCYP

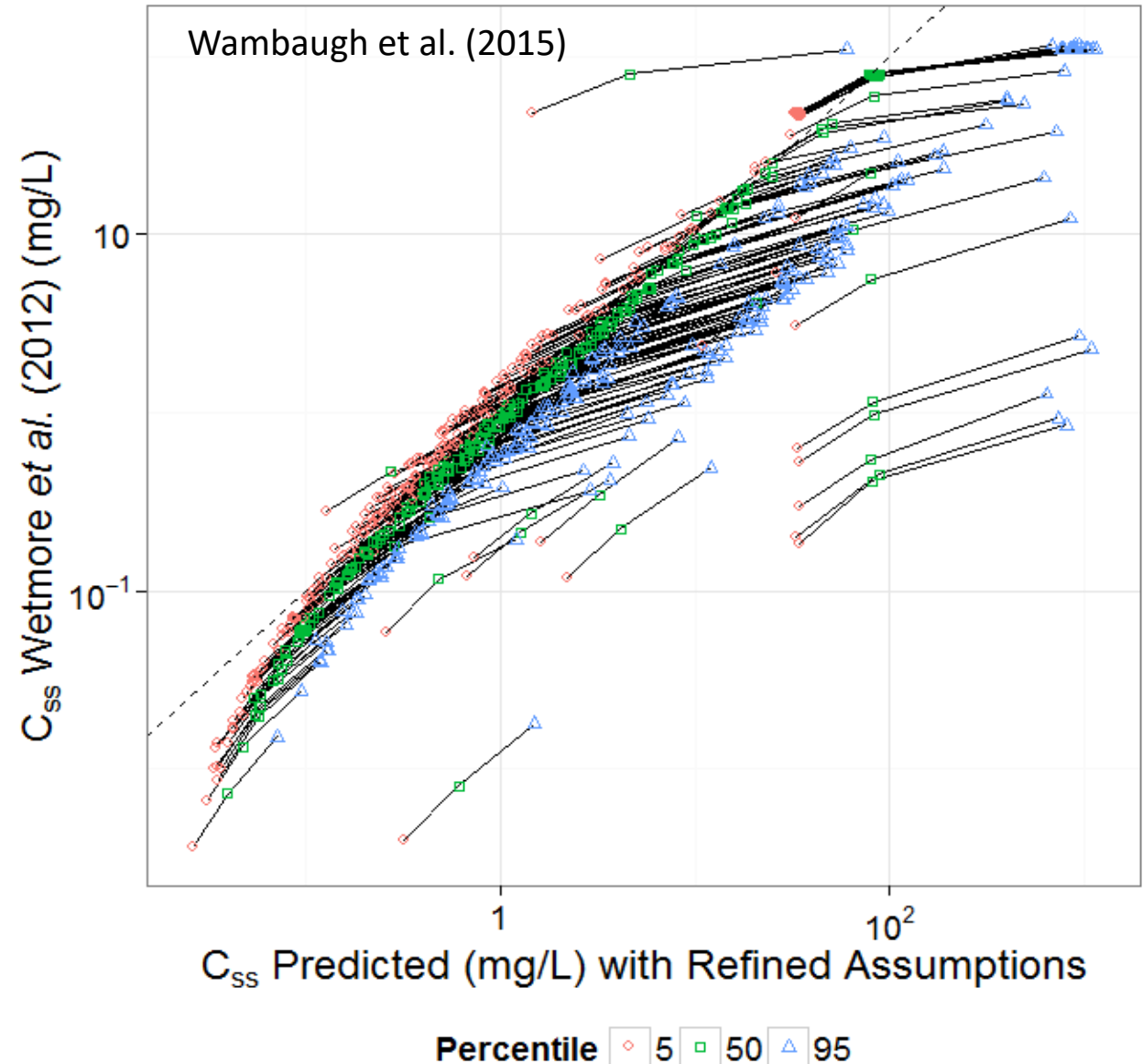
- In the Rotroff *et al.* (2010) and Wetmore *et al.* (2012,2013,2014,2015) papers SimCYP was used to predict distributions of  $C_{ss}$  from *in vitro* data

- We show that “httk” can reproduce the results from those publications for most chemicals using our implementation of Monte Carlo.

- Any one chemical's median and quantiles are connected by a dotted line.

- The RED assay for measuring protein binding fails in some cases because the amount of free chemical is below the limit of detection

- A default value of 0.5% free was used
- Now we use random draws from a uniform distribution from 0 to 1%.



# Installing “httk”

```
install.packages("httk")
```

```
library(httk)
```

```
#Steady-state concentration (uM) for 1 mg/kg/day for 0.95 quantile for human for Acetochlor (published value):
```

```
calc_mc_css(chem.cas="34256-82-1")
```

```
#State-state oral equivalent dose (mg/kg BW/day) to produce 0.1 uM serum concentration for human, 0.95 quantile, for Acetochlor (calculated value):
```

```
calc_mc_oral_equiv(0.1,chem.cas="34256-82-1")
```

```
# Should produce error:
```

```
calc_mc_css(chem.name="34256-82-1")
```

```
#Capitalization shouldn't matter:
```

```
calc_mc_css(chem.name="acetochlor")
```

```
calc_mc_css(chem.name="Acetochlor")
```

```
# What's going on?
```

```
help(calc_mc_css)
```

# Help Files

Every function has a help file

```
help(add_chemtable)
```

**Add a table of chemical information for use in making htk predictions.**

## Description

This function adds chemical-specific information to the table `chem.physical_and_invitro.data`. This table is queried by the model parameterization functions when attempting to parameterize a model, so adding sufficient data to this table allows additional chemicals to be modeled.

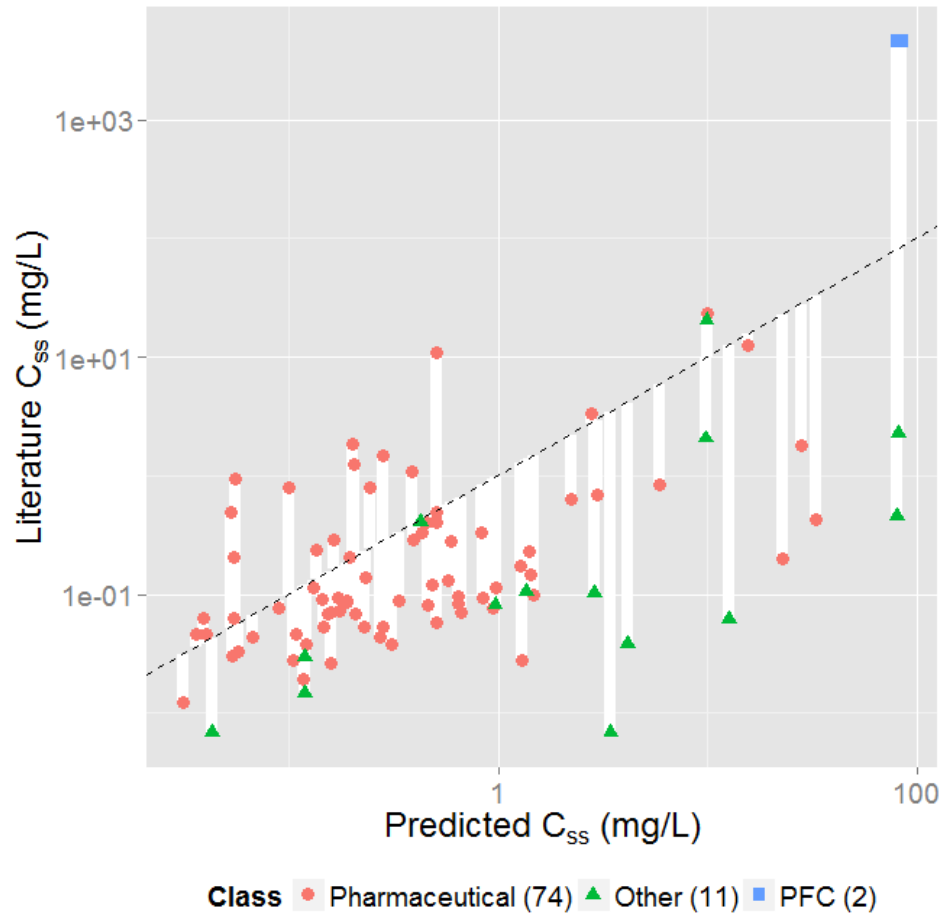
## Usage

```
add_chemtable(new.table, data.list, current.table=NULL, reference=NULL, species=NULL,  
overwrite=F)
```

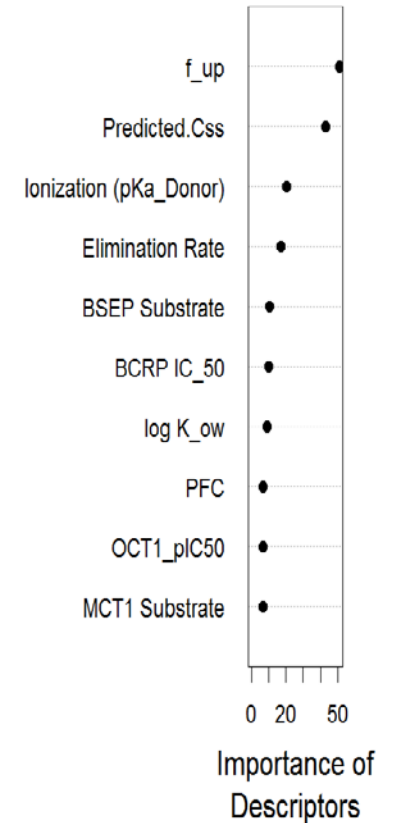
## Arguments

<code>new.table</code>	Object of class <code>data.frame</code> containing one row per chemical, with each chemical minimally by described by a CAS number.
<code>data.list</code>	This list identifies which properties are to be read from the table. Each item in the list should point to a column in the table <code>new.table</code> . Valid names in the list are: 'Compound', 'CAS', 'DSSTox.GSID', 'SMILES.desalt', 'Reference', 'Species', 'MW', 'logP', 'pKa_Donor', 'pKa_Accept', 'logMA', 'Clint', 'Clint.pValue', 'Funbound.plasma', 'Fgutabs', 'Rblood2plasma'. Note that Rblood2plasma (Ratio blood to plasma) is currently not used.

# Using *in vivo* Data to Evaluate RTK



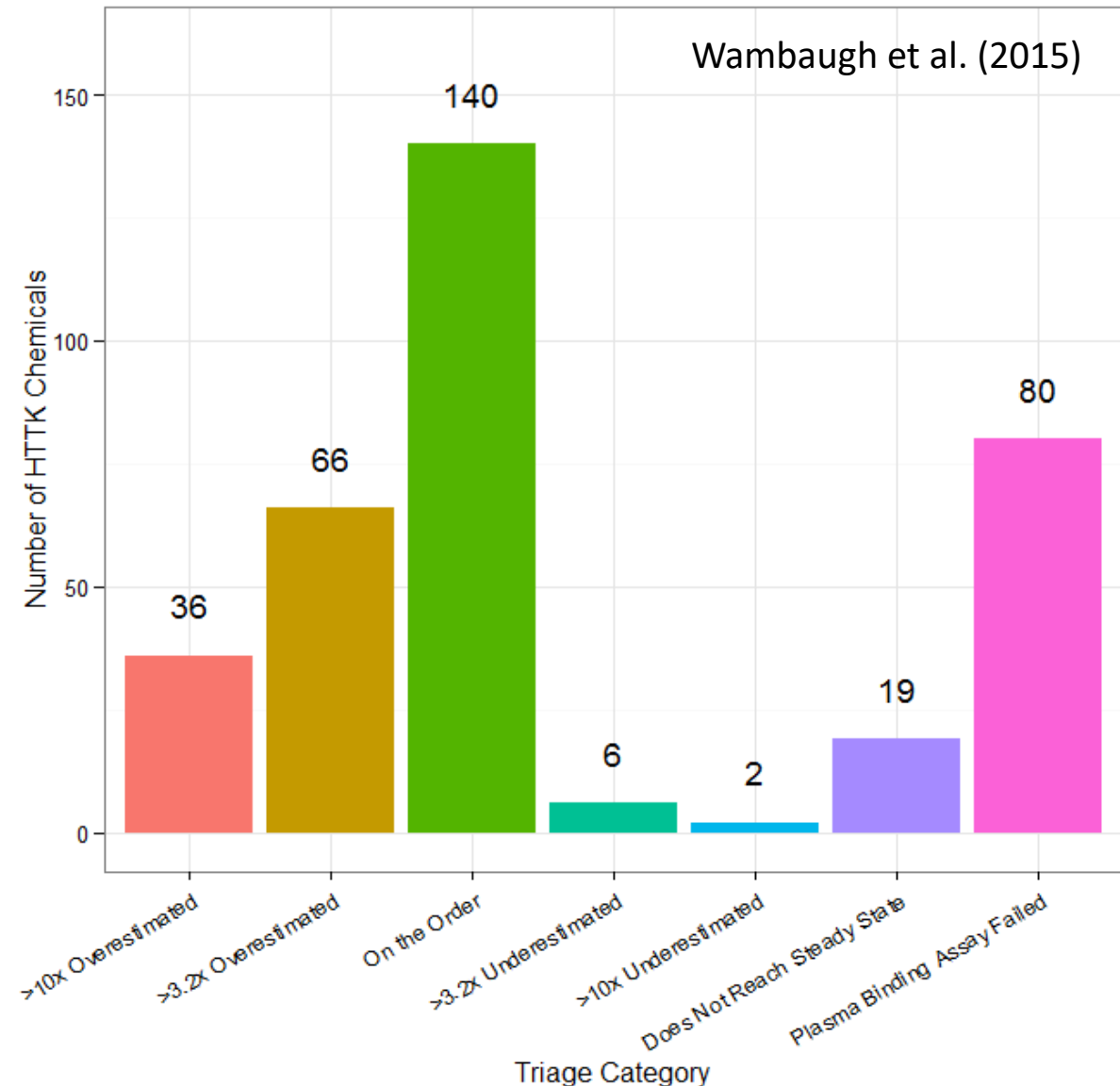
- When we compare the  $C_{ss}$  predicted from *in vitro* HTKK with *in vivo*  $C_{ss}$  values determined from the literature we find limited correlation ( $R^2 \sim 0.34$ )
- The dashed line indicates the identity (perfect predictor) line:
  - Over-predict for 65
  - Under-predict for 22
- The white lines indicate the discrepancy between measured and predicted values (the residual)



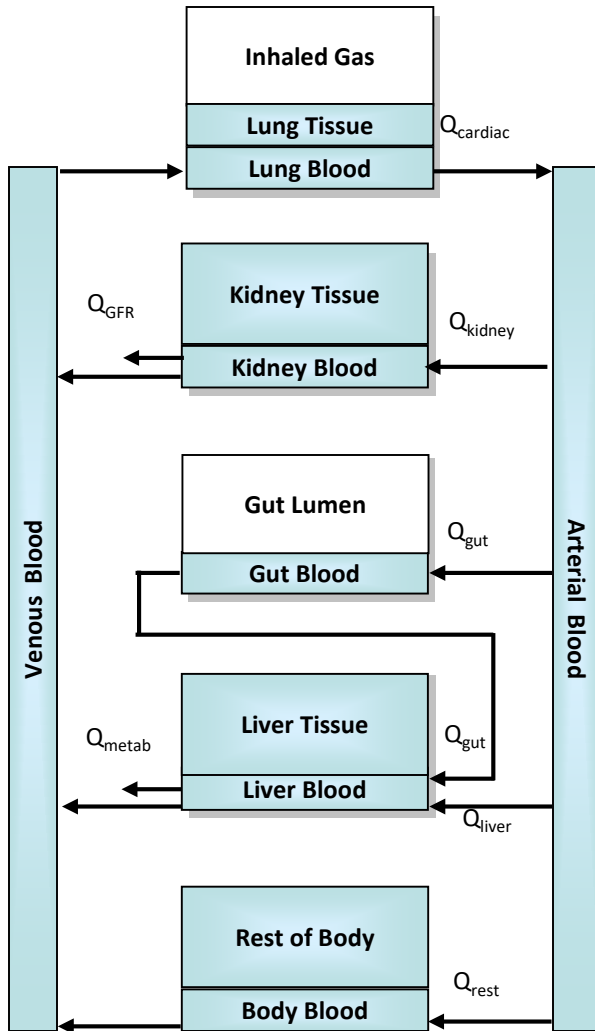


# Toxicokinetic Triage

- Through comparison to *in vivo* data, a cross-validated (random forest) predictor of success or failure of HTTK has been constructed
- Add categories for chemicals that do not reach steady-state or for which plasma binding assay fails
- All chemicals can be placed into one of seven confidence categories



# A General Physiologically-based Toxicokinetic (PBTK) Model



- “httk” also includes a generic PBTK model
- Some tissues (e.g. arterial blood) are simple compartments, while others (e.g. kidney) are compound compartments consisting of separate blood and tissue sections with constant partitioning (i.e., tissue specific partition coefficients)
- Exposures are absorbed from reservoirs (gut lumen)
- Some specific tissues (lung, kidney, gut, and liver) are modeled explicitly, others (e.g. fat, brain, bones) are lumped into the “Rest of Body” compartment.
- Blood flows move the chemical throughout the body. The total blood flow to all tissues equals the cardiac output.
- The only ways chemicals “leaves” the body are through metabolism (change into a metabolite) in the liver or excretion by glomerular filtration into the proximal tubules of the kidney (which filter into the lumen of the kidney).

# Basic PK Statistics Examples

```
library(httk)

#A Function to get PK summary statistics from the PBPK model:
help(calc_stats)

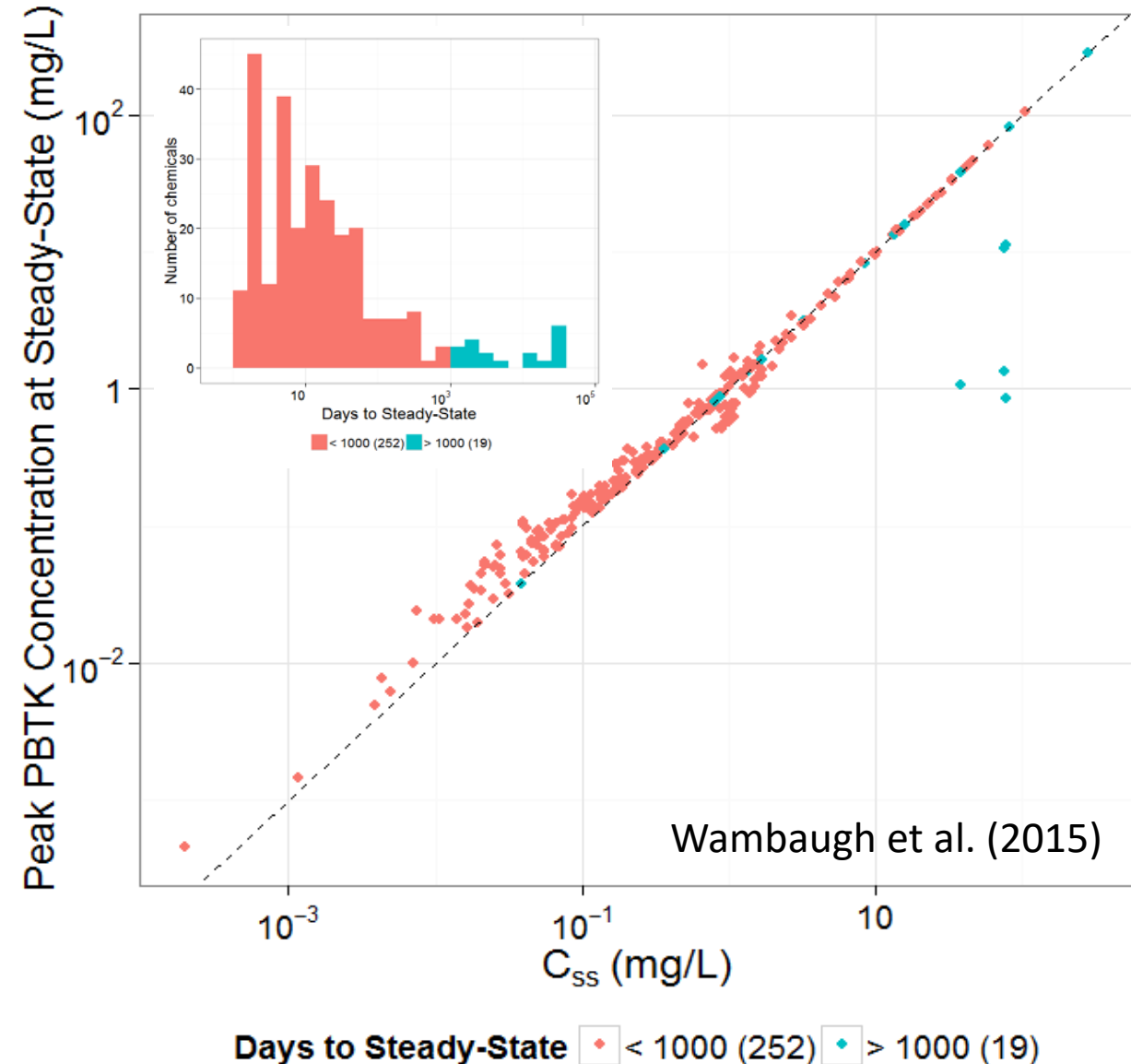
# 28 day human study (20 mg/kg/day) for Abamectin:
calc_stats(days=28,chem.name="bisphenol a", dose=20)
  Human plasma concentrations returned in uM units.
  AUC is area under plasma concentration curve in uM * days units with Rblood2plasma =
  0.79 .
  $AUC
  [1] 44.82138
  $peak
  [1] 23.16455
  $mean
  [1] 1.600764

# Units default to µM but can use mg/L:
calc_stats(days=28,chem.name="bisphenol a", dose=20,output.units="mg/L")

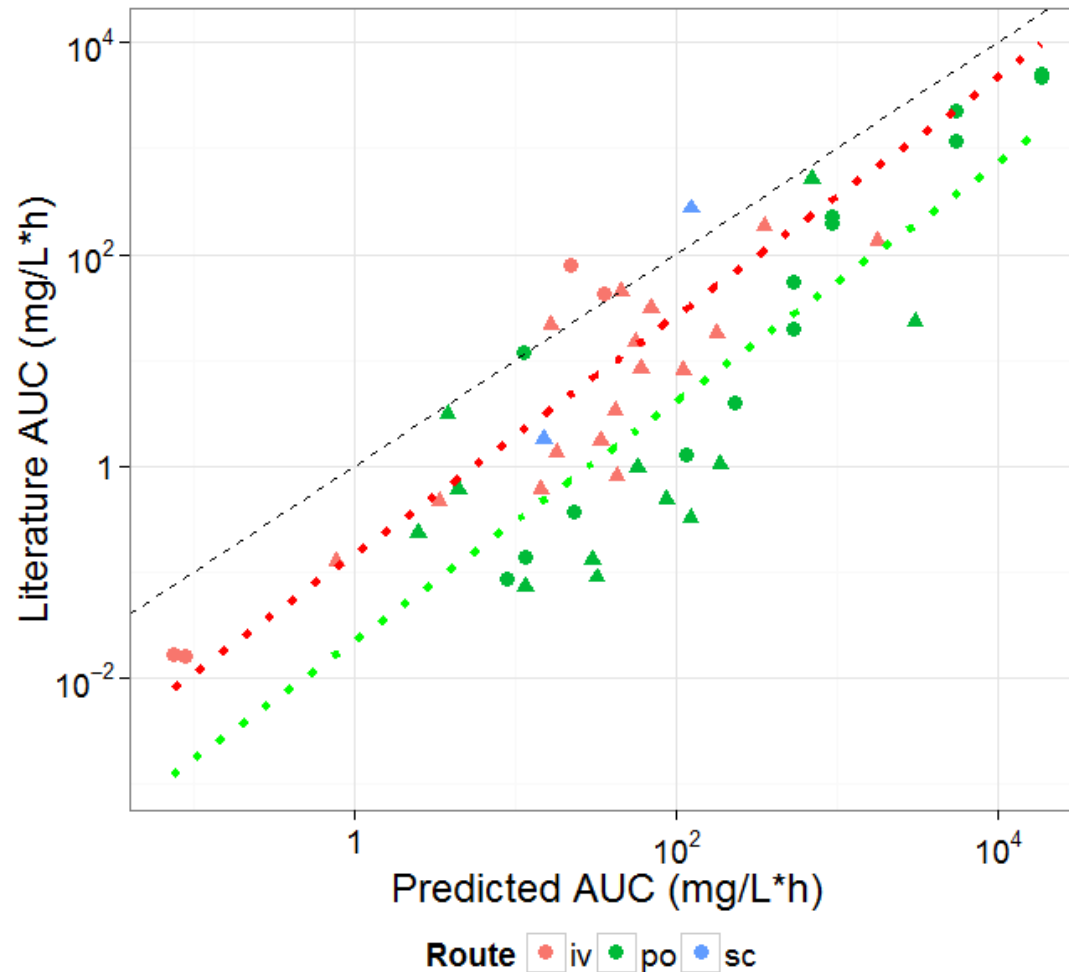
# Same study in a mouse:
calc_stats(days=28,chem.name="bisphenol a", dose=20,species="mouse",default.to.human=T)
```

# Peak Concentration vs. $C_{ss}$

- Peak serum concentrations from the HT-PBTK model are compared against the steady-state concentration predicted by the three compartment model for a constant infusion exposure (as in Wetmore *et al.* 2012)
- The dashed, identity (1:1) line indicates that for most compounds the peak concentrations are very similar to  $C_{ss}$



# Evaluating *In Vitro* PBTK Predictions with *In Vivo* Data



- PBTK predictions for the AUC (time integrated plasma concentration or Area Under the Curve)
- *in vivo* measurements from the literature for various treatments (dose and route) of rat.
- Predictions are generally conservative – *i.e.*, predicted AUC higher than measured
- Oral dose AUC ~6.4x higher than intravenous dose AUC

# Using the PBPK Solver Directly

```
library(httk)
```

```
solve_pbt(chem.name="bisphenol a")
```

Human values returned in uM units.

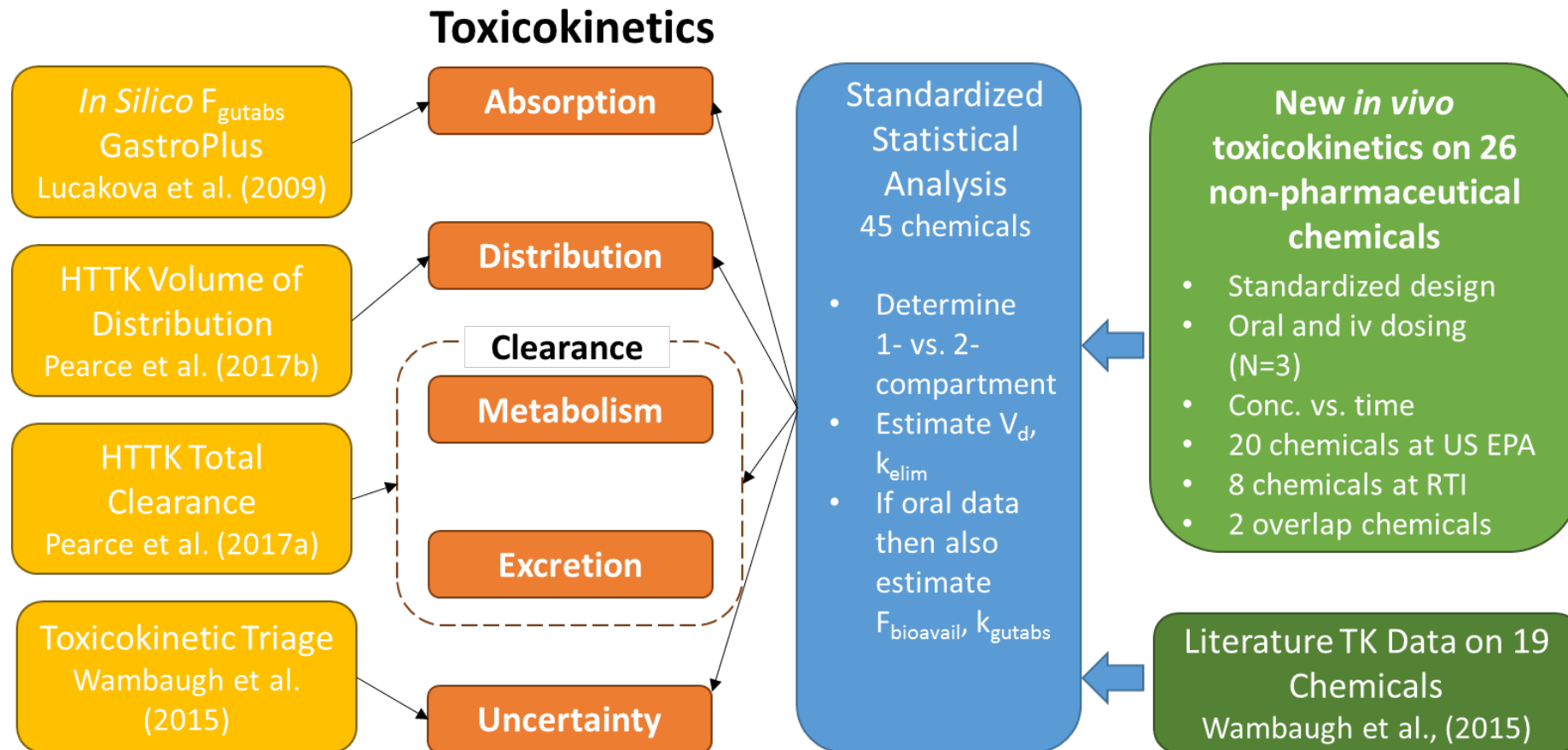
AUC is area under plasma concentration curve in uM \* days units with Rblood2plasma = 13.829 .

	time	Agutlumen	Cart	Cven	Clung	Cgut	Cliver	Ckidney	Crest	Ametabolized	Atubules	Cplasma	AUC
[1,]	0.00000000	3.066275e+02	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	
[2,]	0.01041667	2.388017e+02	0.5991529	0.6287457	1.3199744	21.5143390	16.400297	3.233837	0.1914032	0.6152291	0.001766711	0.04546572	0.0002027523
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# Evaluating HHTK Predictions

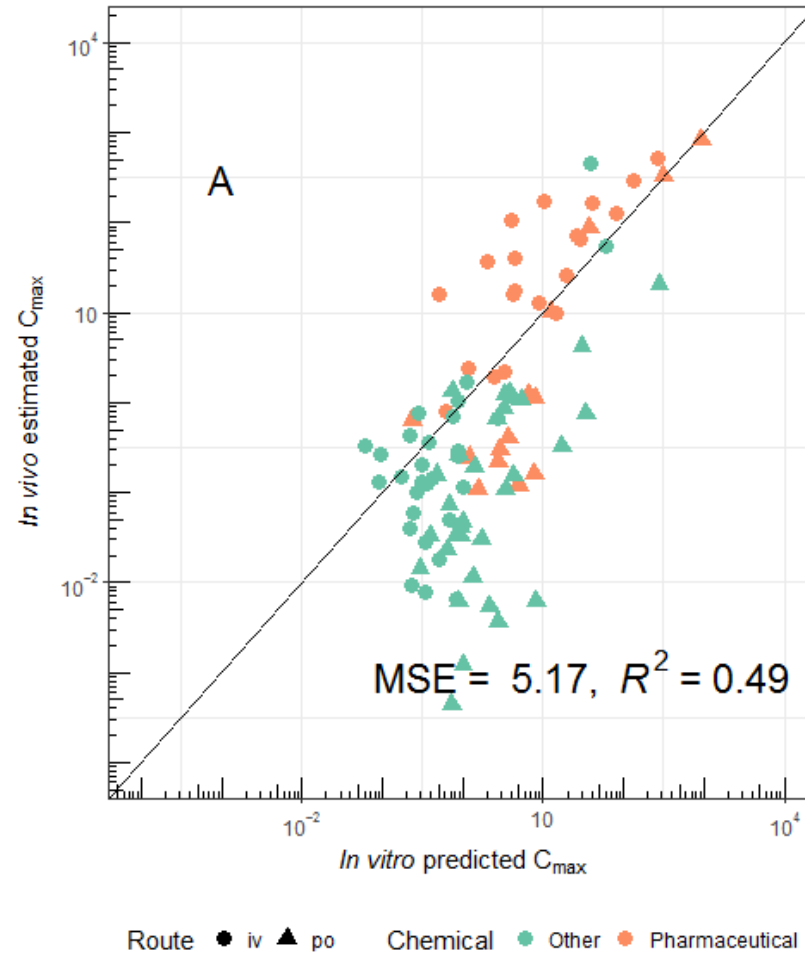
We collected new *in vivo* data for 26 chemicals more commonly associated with non-therapeutic and/or unintentional exposure

Minimal design – six animals per study (3 dosed per oral / 3 iv)



# Evaluating *In Vitro* PBTK Predictions with *In Vivo* Data

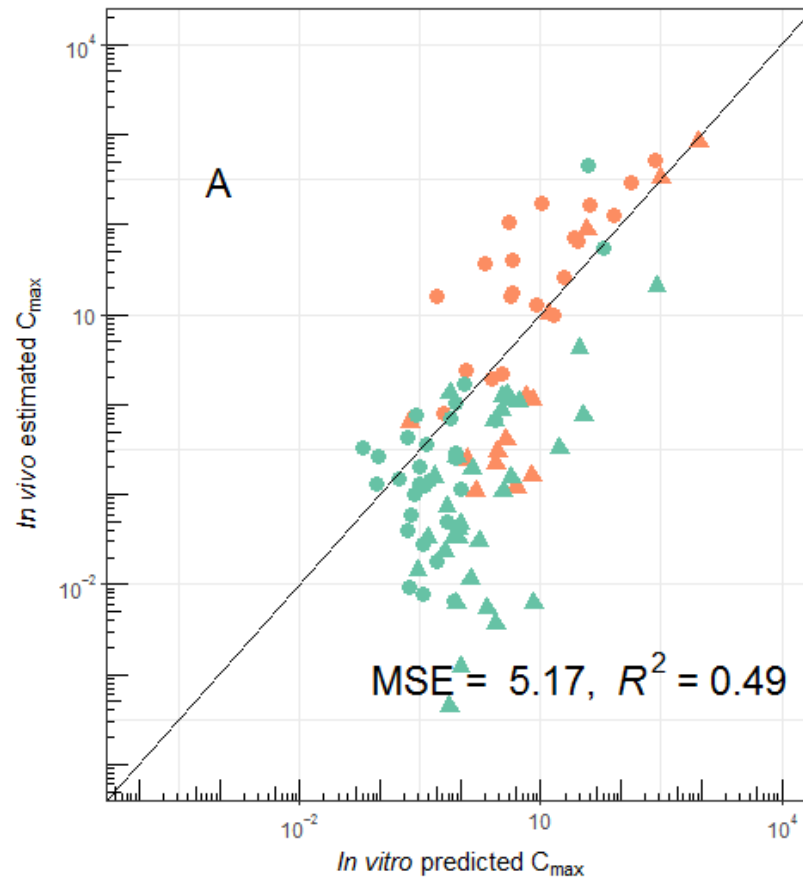
- PBTK predictions can be made for maximum plasma concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) and for the AUC (time integrated plasma concentration or Area Under the Curve)
- *in vivo* measurements from the literature for various treatments (dose and route) of rat



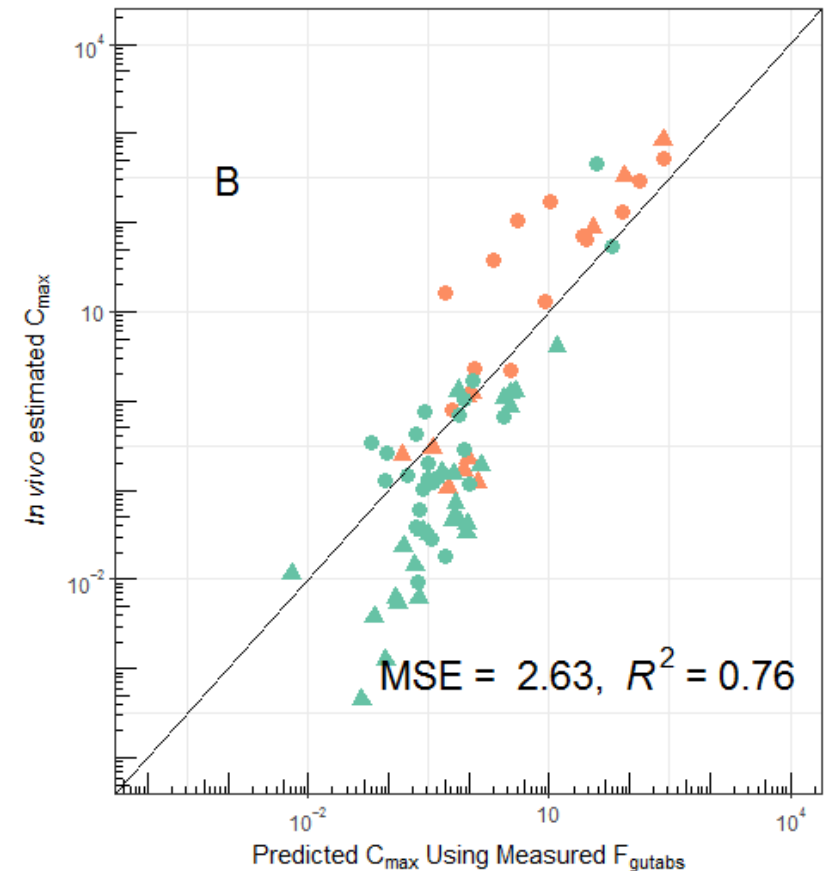


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- Inclusion of oral bioavailability data improves predictions (“httk” assumes default of 100%)

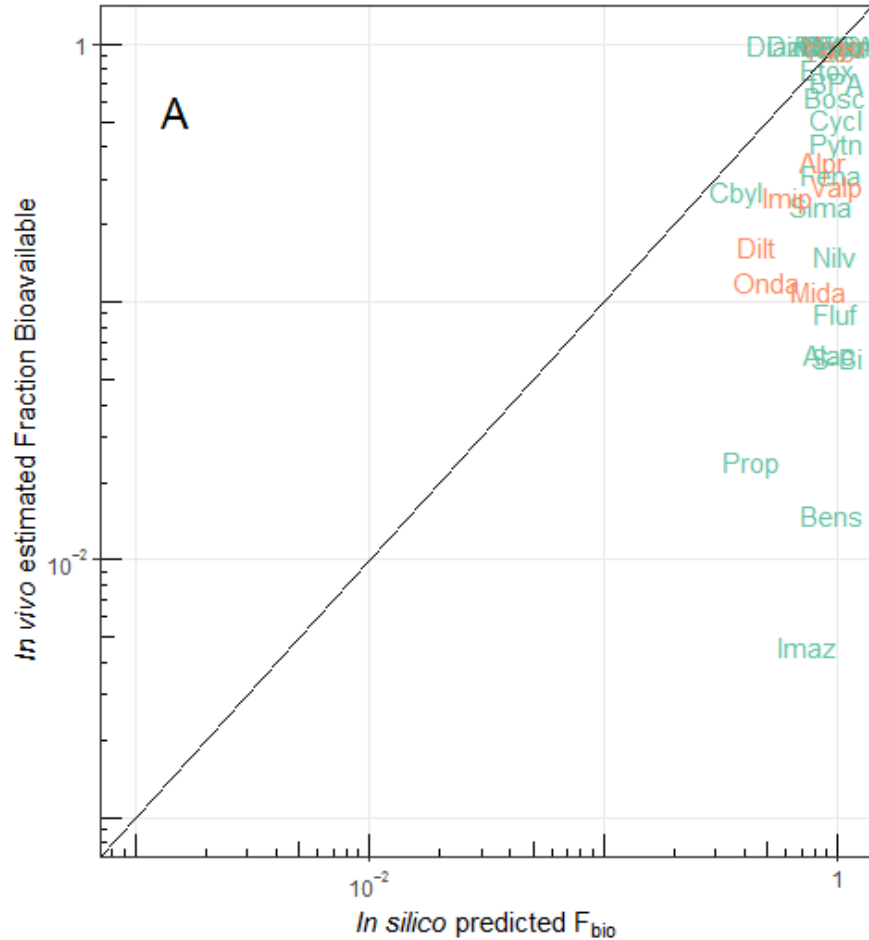


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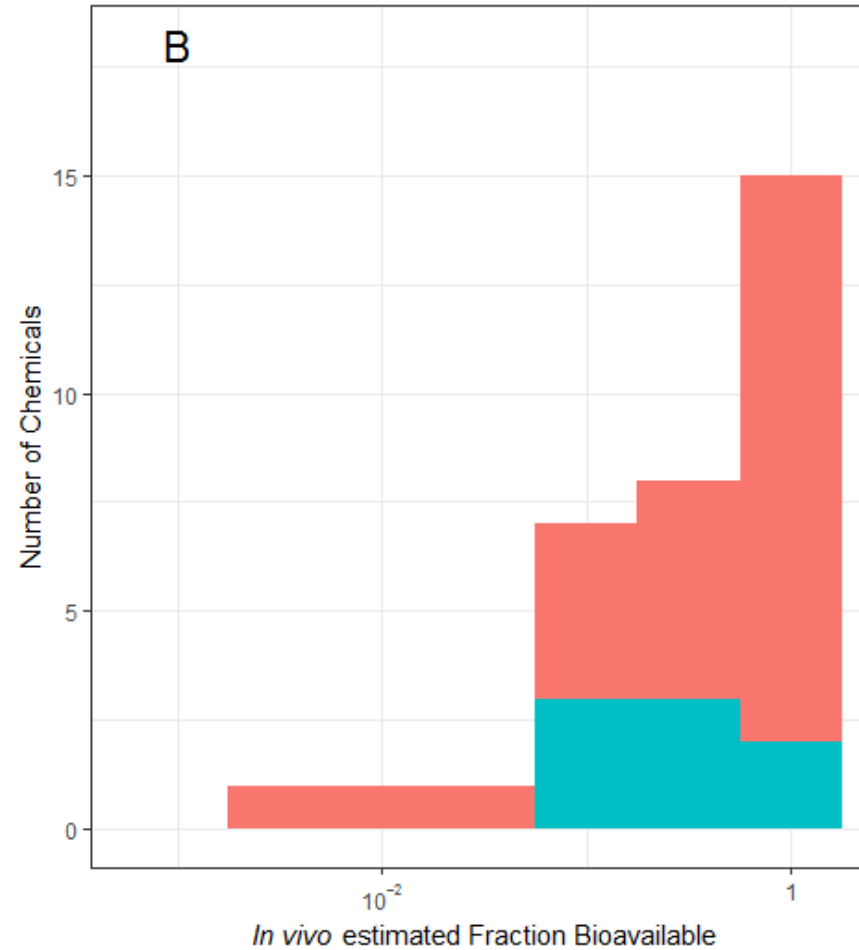


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# Evaluating *In Silico* Oral Bioavailability Predictions with *In Vivo* Data



Chemical   a   Other   a   Pharmaceutical



Chemical   Other   Pharmaceutical

- *In silico* methods developed for pharmaceuticals do not seem to do a good job of predicting oral bioavailability for environmental chemicals
- Predictions were made without the benefit of in vitro assays that can inform absorption (i.e., CACO-2 membrane permeability)
- CACO-2 permeability is now being measured for HTTK chemicals (Derek Angus, Cyprotex)

# Population simulator for HTTK

Correlated Monte Carlo sampling of physiological model parameters

- Body weight
- Tissue masses
- Tissue blood flows
- GFR (kidney)
- Hepatocellularity

Source of data:  
CDC NHANES



Large, ongoing CDC survey of US population: demographic, body measures, medical exam, biomonitoring (health and exposure), ...

Designed to be representative of US population according to census data

Data sets [publicly available](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm)  
(<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm>)

# Population simulator for HHTK

*Sample*  
NHANES  
quantities

Sex  
Race/ethnicity  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Serum creatinine



Regression equations from  
literature (McNally *et al.*, 2014)  
(+ residual marginal variability)

*Predict*  
physiological  
quantities

Tissue masses  
Tissue blood flows  
GFR (kidney  
function)  
Hepatocellularity

(Similar approach used in SimCYP [Jamei *et al.* 2009], GastroPlus,  
PopGen [McNally *et al.* 2014], P3M [Price *et al.* 2003], physB [Bosgra *et al.* 2012], etc.)

# Generating demographic subgroups

User can specify....	Default if not specified
Age limits	0-79 years
Sex (# males, # females)	NHANES proportions
Race/ethnicity (5 NHANES categories)	NHANES proportions
BMI/weight categories	NHANES proportions

- NHANES quantities sampled from appropriate *conditional* distribution (given specifications)
  - Physiological parameters predicted accordingly

# NHANES Demographic Examples

```
library(httk)
```

```
# Oral equivalent (mg/kg/day) for in vitro activity of 1 µM for Acetochlor  
calc_mc_oral_equiv(1,chem.cas="34256-82-1")
```

```
# Oral equivalent (mg/kg/day) for NHANES "Mexican American" Population  
calc_mc_oral_equiv(1,chem.cas="34256-82-1", reths = "Mexican American")
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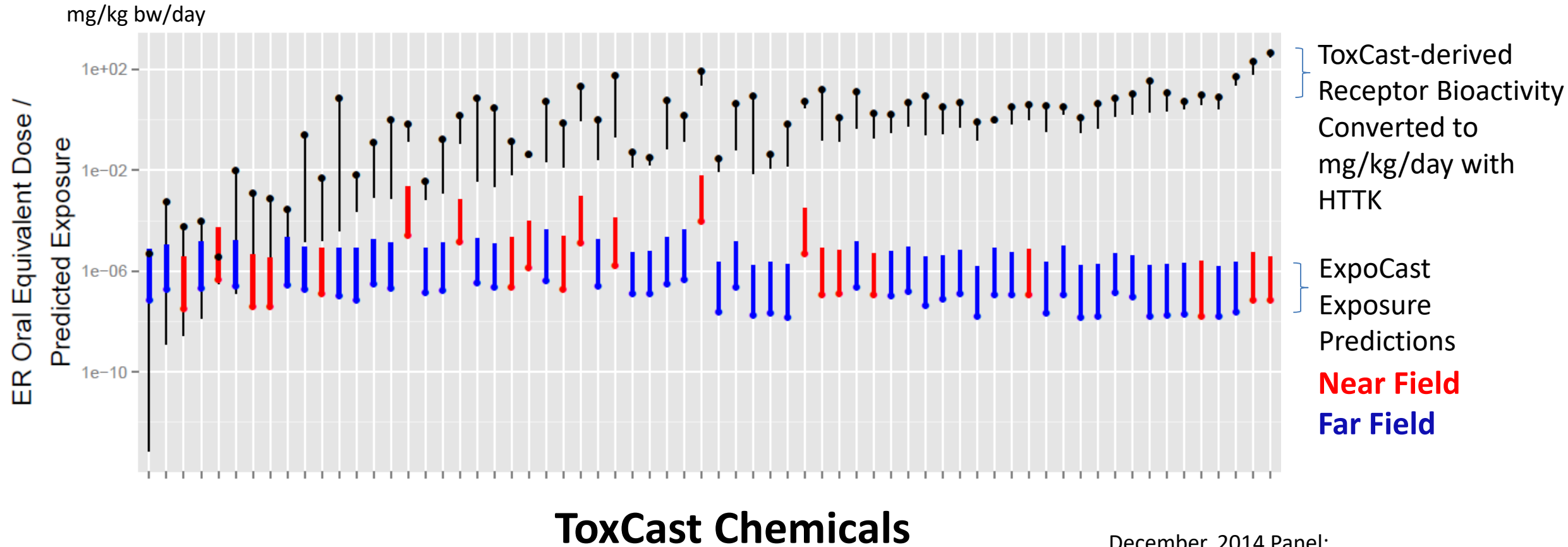
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# Oral equivalent (mg/kg/day) for NHANES "Mexican American" Population aged 18-25 years  
calc_mc_oral_equiv(1,chem.cas="34256-82-1",agelim_years=c(18,25),reths = "Mexican  
American")
```

```
# Probably too few individuals in NHANES for direct resampling ("dr") so use virtual  
individuals ("vi") resampling method:  
calc_mc_oral_equiv(1,chem.cas="34256-82-1",method="vi",agelim_years=c(18,25),reths =  
"Mexican American")
```

Can also specify gender, weight categories, and kidney function

# High Throughput Risk Prioritization for the Total Population

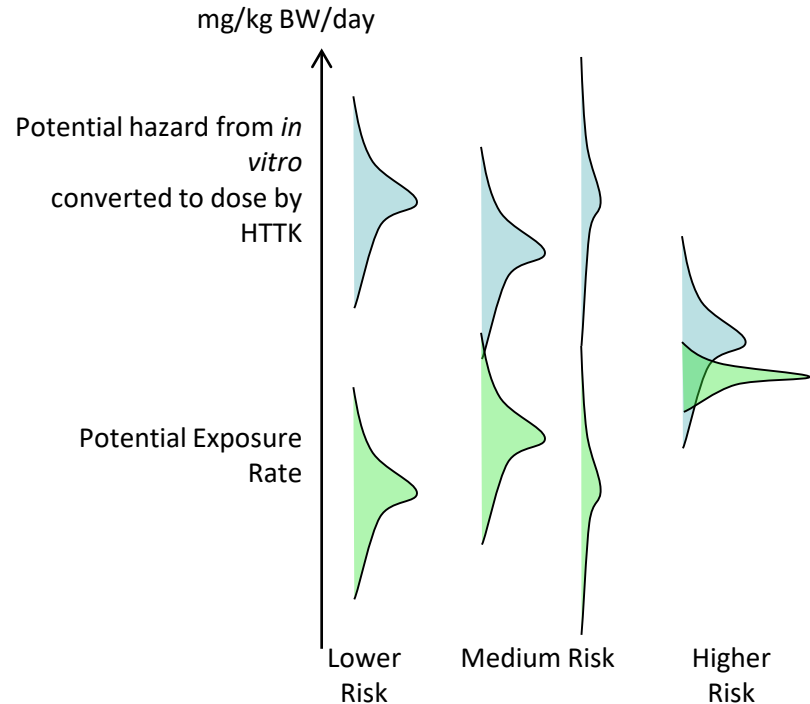
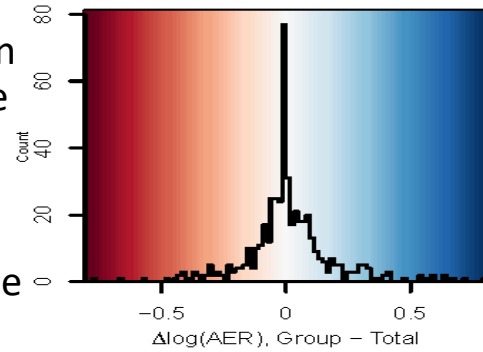
High throughput toxicokinetics bridges high throughput screening and exposure estimates



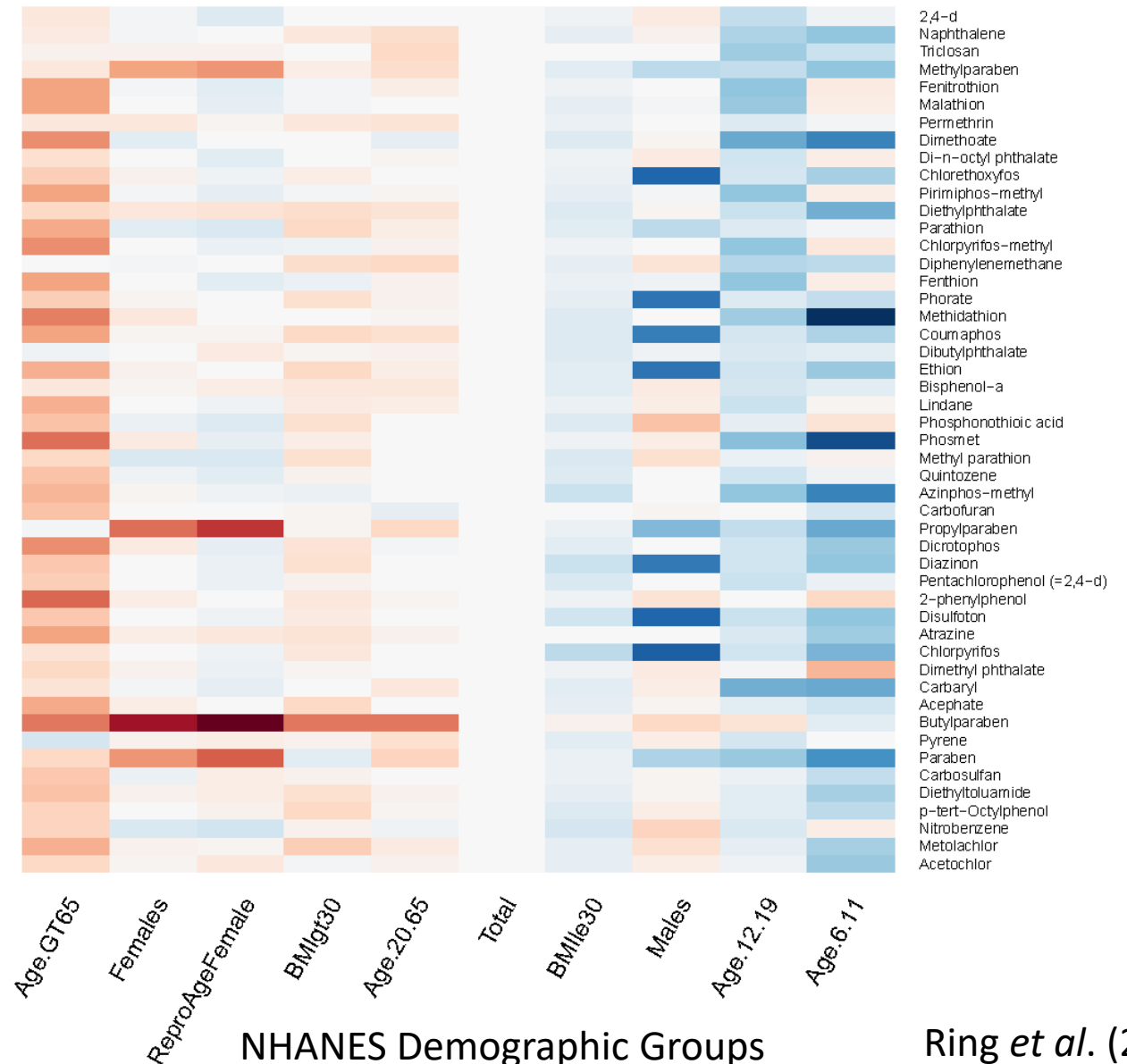
December, 2014 Panel:  
“Scientific Issues Associated with Integrated  
Endocrine Bioactivity and Exposure-Based  
Prioritization and Screening”

# Life-stage and Demographic Specific Predictions

- We use HTTK to calculate margin between bioactivity and exposure for specific populations
- Most NHANES chemicals do not have traditional PK models (Strope et al., 2017)



## Change in Activity : Exposure Ratio



Ring et al. (2017)



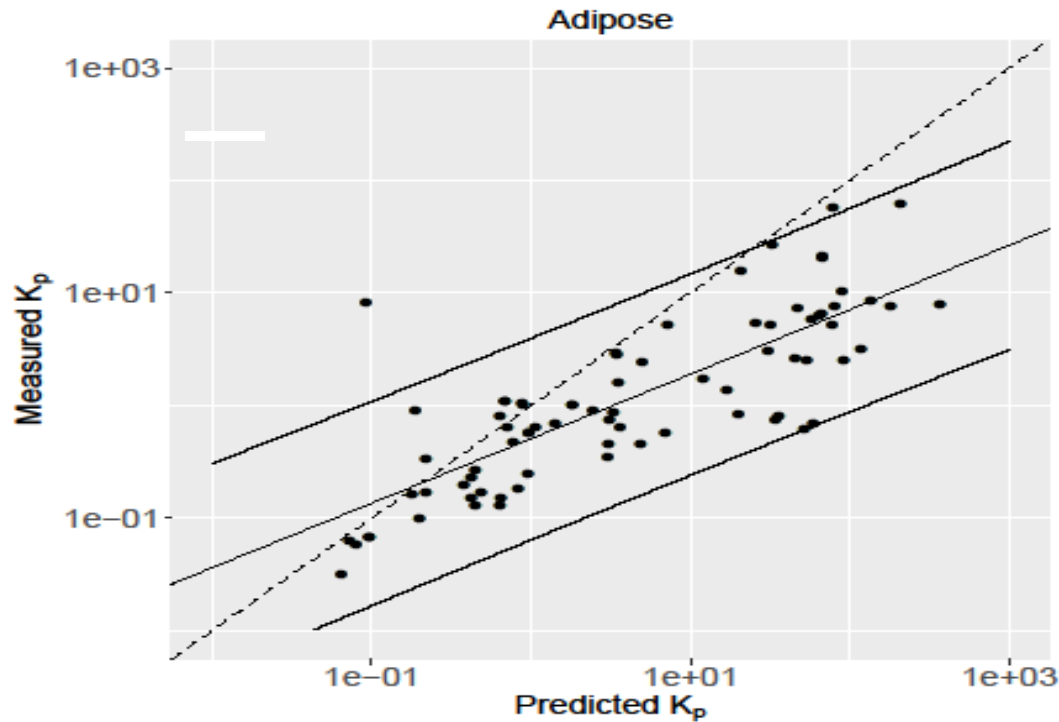
# Version history for “httk”

The publicly available R package contains code and data that has been part of peer-reviewed publications (Old versions are archived)

- Version 1.1 accompanied “Toxicokinetic Triage for Environmental Chemicals” Wambaugh et al. (2015) Tox. Sci.
- Version 1.2 accompanied submission of “httk: R Package for High-Throughput Toxicokinetics” Pearce et al., Journal of Statistical Software (2017a)
- Version 1.3 accompanied “Incorporating High-Throughput Exposure Predictions with Dosimetry-Adjusted *In Vitro* Bioactivity to Inform Chemical Toxicity Testing” Wetmore et al., Toxicological Sciences (2015).
- Version 1.4 addressed comments for revision of Pearce et al., Journal of Statistical Software (2017)
- Version 1.5 accompanied “Identifying populations sensitive to environmental chemicals by simulating toxicokinetic variability,” Ring et al. Environment International (2017)
- Version 1.6 accompanied “Evaluation and Calibration of High-Throughput Predictions of Chemical Distribution to Tissues,” Pearce et al. (2017) submission to Journal of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics
- Version 1.7 accompanied publication of Pearce et al., Journal of Statistical Software (2017)
- Subsequent version numbers will be assigned as papers are accepted on:
  - New in vivo data (Wambaugh)
  - In silico HTTK parameter predictions (Sipes)
  - Gestational model (Kapuraun)
  - Inhalation exposure (Evans and Pearce)
  - New human data from Cyprotex (Wambaugh and Wetmore)
  - New rat data and revised IVIVE model (Honda)
  - More flexible PBPK model (Pearce)

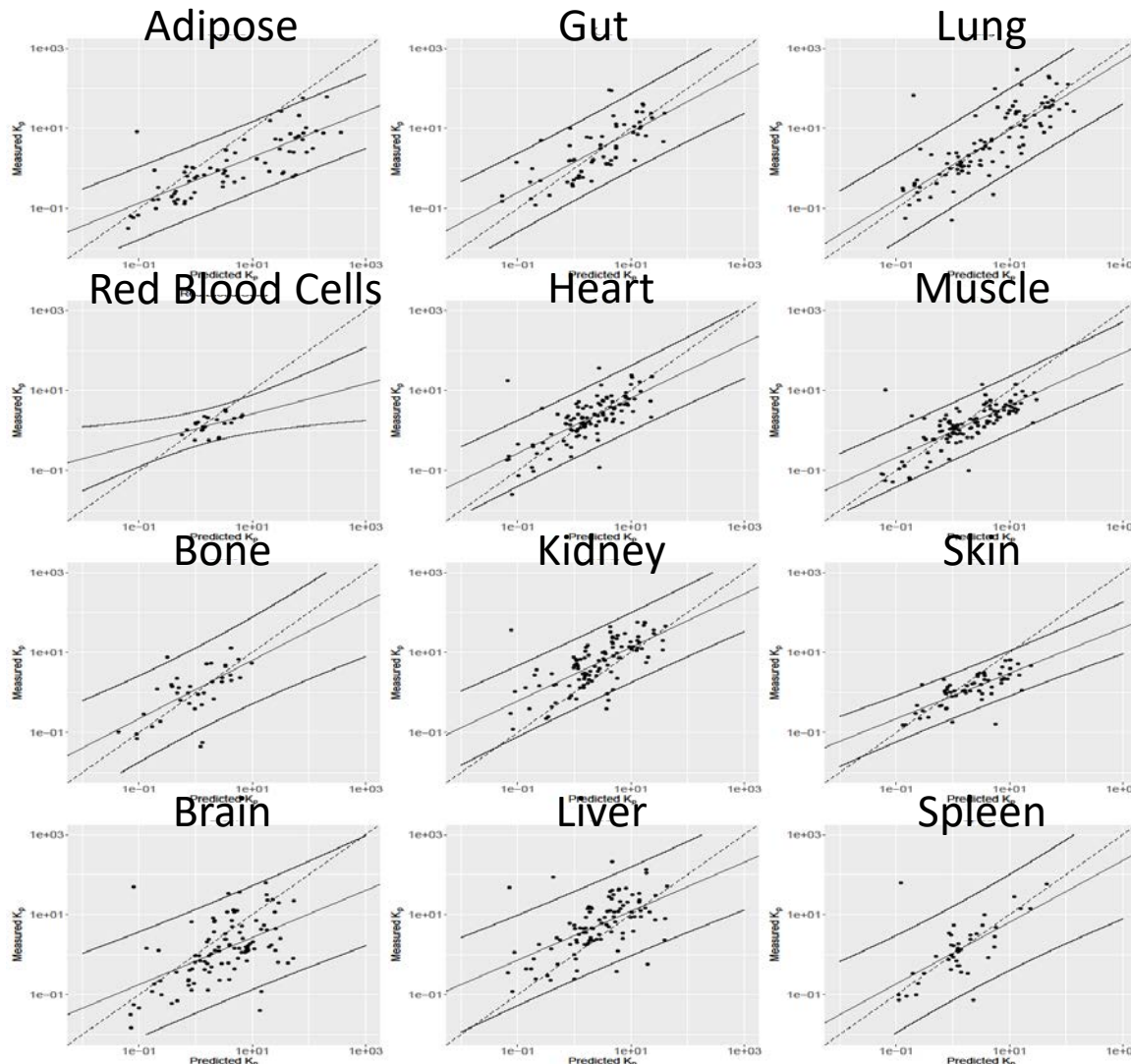
Lead programmer Robert Pearce

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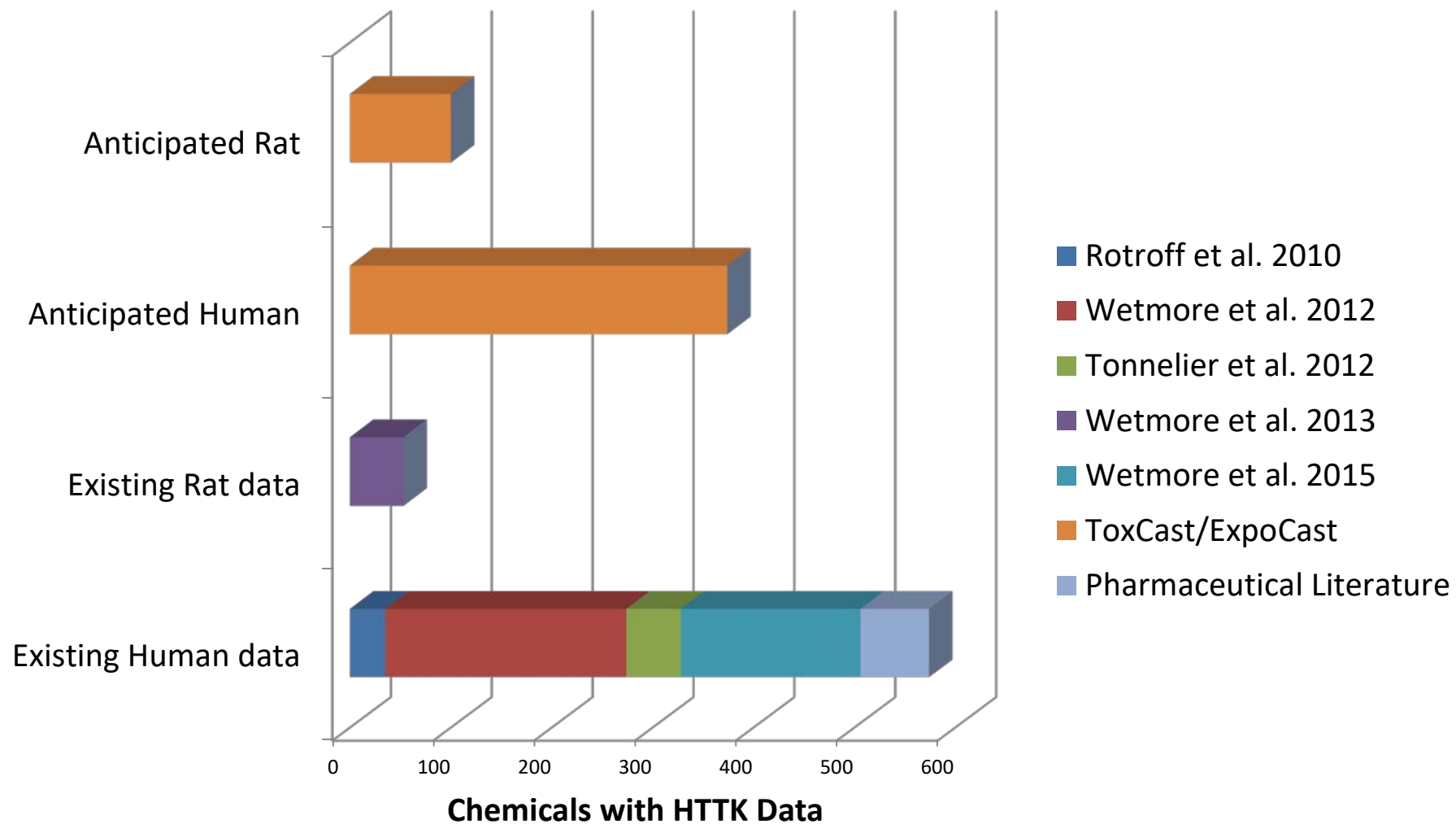
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# Chemicals with HTTK Data



# Does My Chemical Have HHTK Data?

Is a chemical available?

```
> "80-05-7" %in% get_cheminfo()  
[1] TRUE
```

All data on chemicals A, B, C

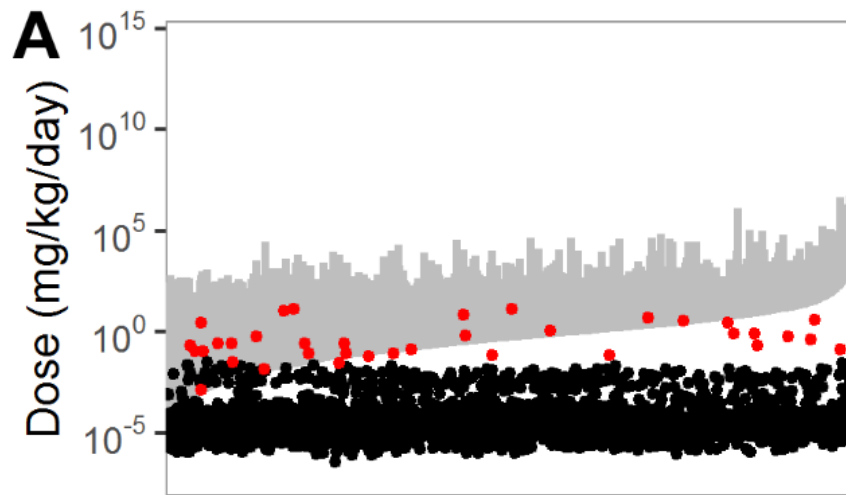
```
subset(get_cheminfo(in  
fo="all"),Compound%in%  
c("A", "B", "C"))
```

```
> library(httk)  
> get_cheminfo()  
[1] "2971-36-0"      "94-75-7"        "94-82-6"        "90-43-7"        "1007-28-9"  
[6] "71751-41-2"     "30560-19-1"     "135410-20-7"    "34256-82-1"     "50594-66-6"  
[11] "15972-60-8"     "116-06-3"       "834-12-8"       "33089-61-1"     "101-05-3"  
[16] "1912-24-9"      "86-50-0"        "131860-33-8"    "22781-23-3"     "1861-40-1" ...  
> get_cheminfo(info="all")
```

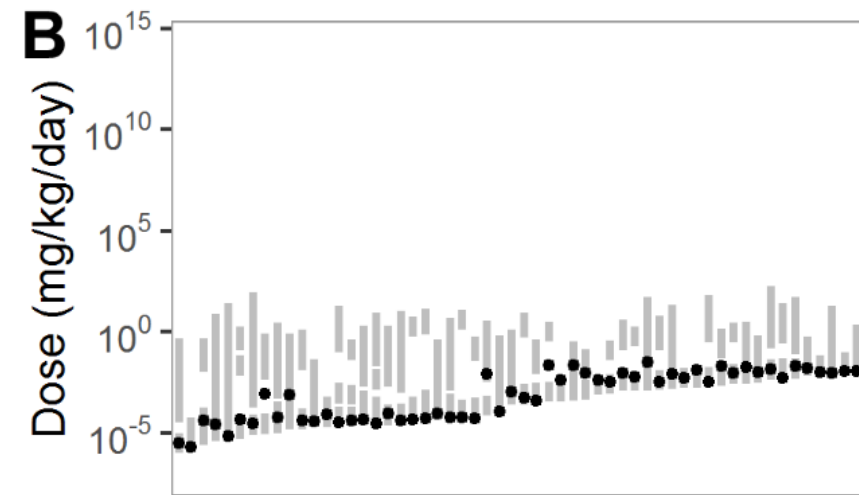
Compound	CAS	logP	pKa_Accept	pKa_Donor	MW	Human.Clint	Human.Clint.p Value	Human.Funbou nd.plasma	DSSTox_Substance_I d	Structure_Formula	Substance_Type
2,4-d	94-75-7	2.81	<NA>	2.81	221.03	0	0.149	0.04	DTXSID0020442	C8H6Cl2O3	Single Compound
2,4-db	94-82-6	3.53	<NA>	4.5	249.09	0	0.104	0.01	DTXSID7024035	C10H10Cl2O3	Single Compound
2-phenylphenol	90-43-7	3.09	<NA>	10.6	170.211	2.08	0.164	0.04	DTXSID2021151	C12H10O	Single Compound
6-desisopropylatrazine	1007-28-9	1.15	1.59	<NA>	173.6	0	0.539	0.46	DTXSID0037495	C5H8ClN5	Single Compound

# *In Silico* HTTK Predictions

- Tox21 has screened >8000 chemicals – Sipes *et al.* (2017) wanted to compare *in vitro* active concentrations with HTTK predicted maximum plasma concentrations with high throughput exposure predictions from Wambaugh *et al.* (2014)
- “httk” package only had 543 chemicals
- Used Simulations Plus ADMet Predictor to predict for entire library (supplemental table) and used `add_chemtable()` function to add into “httk” package



Dose range for all 3925 Tox21 compounds eliciting a 'possible'-to-'likely' human *in vivo* interaction alongside estimated daily exposure



56 compounds with potential *in vivo* biological interaction at or above estimated environmental exposures

Figure from Sipes *et al.*, (2017)

## What you can do with R Package “httk”

- Allows one compartment, three-compartment, and PBTK modeling
- Allows conversion of *in vitro* concentration to *in vivo* doses
- Allows prediction of internal tissue concentrations from dose regimen (oral and intravenous)
- A peer-reviewed paper in the Journal of Statistical software provides a how-to guide (Pearce et al., 2017a)
- You can use the built in chemical library or add more chemical information (examples provided in JSS paper)
- You can predict partition coefficients for novel tissues
- You can use specific demographics from modern U.S. population in the population simulator
  - Gender, age, weight, ethnicity, renal function
- You can load specific (older) versions of the package
- You can control the built-in random number generator to reproduce the same random sequence (function `set.seed()`)

# HTTK Limitations

## (from Ring et al., 2017)

- Oral absorption
  - 100% assumed, but may be very different
  - *In silico* models not necessarily appropriate for environmental chemicals
- Hepatic Clearance ( $CL_{int}$ )
  - Ten donor pool in suspension for 2-4 h misses variability and low turnover compounds
  - Isozyme abundances and activity: varies with age, ethnicity (at least) (Yasuda et al. 2008, Howgate et al. 2006, Johnson et al. 2006)
  - Parent chemical depletion only
- Isozyme-specific data & modeling (Wetmore et al. 2014)
  - Isozyme-specific metabolism assays not HT
  - *In silico* predictions of isozyme-specific metabolism? Not easy!
    - Existing data is mostly for pharmaceuticals
- Plasma binding assay ( $F_{up}$ )
  - Assay often fails due to analytical chemistry sensitivity (Wetmore et al., 2012)
  - Plasma protein concentration variability (Johnson et al. 2006, Israili et al. 2001)
  - Albumin or AAG binding? (Routledge 1986)



# Summary

- Toxicokinetics (TK) provides a bridge between HTS and HTE by predicting tissue concentrations due to exposure
- High Throughput (HTTK) methods developed for pharmaceuticals have been adapted to environmental testing
- A primary application of HTTK is “Reverse Dosimetry” or RTK
  - Can infer daily doses that produce plasma concentrations equivalent to the bioactive concentrations,
  - **But:** We must consider “domain of applicability”
- New R package “httk” freely available on CRAN allows statistical analyses to identify strengths and weaknesses
  - All HTTK models and data made public upon peer-reviewed publication
- Includes one compartment, three compartment (e.g., Wetmore et al.) and generic PBTK model
- New bioavailability (CACO2) data being collected and analyzed

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