# In Vitro to In Vivo Extrapolation Incorporating Toxicokinetics

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High-throughput toxicokinetic (HTTK) approaches enable in vitro to in vivo extrapolation (IVIVE) of dose for thousands of chemicals

### in vitro toxicokinetic data





## Some high-level assumptions commonly employed to-date:

- (1) bioactive nominal *in vitro* assay concentration ~ *in vivo* plasma concentration that would correspond to a similar effect;
- (2) external exposures (in mg/kg/day units) that may have resulted in that plasma concentration can be constructed using estimates of species-specific physiology and Phase I and Phase II enzyme-driven hepatic clearance; and,
- (3) Often, we expect that plasma concentration can be approximated by steady-state kinetics (unless we have enough information to use PBTK).

## Many works have applied HTTK to prioritization and assessment case studies over the last decade

#### Chemical **Research** in Toxicoloav 2011



Estimating Toxicity-Related Biological Pathway Altering Doses for	
High-Throughput Chemical Risk Assessment	

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ABSTRACT: We describe a framework for estimating the human dose at which a chemical significantly alters a biological pathway in vivo, making use of in vitro assay data and an in vitroderived pharmacokinetic model, coupled with estimates of population variability and uncertainty. The quantity we calculate, the biological pathway altering dose (BPAD), is analogous to current risk assessment metrics in that it combines doseresponse data with analysis of uncertainty and population variability to arrive at conservative exposure limits. The analogy is closest when perturbation of a pathway is a key event in the mode of action (MOA) leading to a specified adverse outcome

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Profiling 58 compounds including cosmetic-relevant chemicals using ToxRefDB and ToxCast

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High-throughput screening tools facilitate calculation of a combined exposure-bioactivity index for chemicals with endocrine activity

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The big question:

Can *in vitro* bioactivity be used to derive a conservative point-of-departure (POD) for prioritization and screening level risk assessment?

## Case study workflow





Figure 3, Paul Friedman et al. 2019

# The log10-POD ratio distribution shows POD<sub>NAM</sub> is generally conservative *and adjustable*



POD<sub>NAM,95</sub> includes interindividual variability in the in vitro to in vivo extrapolation and is more often a conservative estimate of POD<sub>traditional</sub>.

# The bioactivity:exposure ratio (BER) provides a way of prioritizing substances for further review



BER<sub>95</sub>, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile did not prioritize an unreasonable number of substances. The BER selected reflects the level of conservatism and uncertainty considered within a screening assessment.

## Case study learnings and limitations

- <u>An approach to using *in vitro* bioactivity data as a POD appears to be a conservative estimate ~ 90% of the time for 448 chemicals.</u>
- POD<sub>NAM</sub> estimates appear conservative with a margin of ~100-fold.
- POD<sub>NAM</sub> may provide a refinement of thresholds of toxicological concern.
- When combined with high-throughput exposure estimates, this approach provides a reasonable basis for risk-based prioritization and screening level risk assessments.



- Specific types of chemicals may be currently outside the domain of applicability due to assay limitations, e.g., organophosphate insecticides: how do we identify these in the future?
- This is the largest retrospective look at this to-date; but what if new chemicals perform differently?
- Additional research to include expanded and improved high-throughput toxicokinetics and *in vitro* disposition kinetics may help improve POD<sub>NAM</sub> estimates.



### Chemicals Concluded Toxic Under CEPA More Likely to have Low BERs

- Health Canada conducted follow-up study to support development of guidance Science Approach Document
- Results show that POD<sub>Bioactivity</sub> lower than POD<sub>Traditional</sub> for 38 out of 41 chemicals
- All <u>non-genotoxic</u> compounds considered toxic to human health (red arrows) or ecotoxic (blue arrows) had a BER < ~100</li>
- One toxic chemical (Quinoline), considered as a potential genotoxin, was identified as low priority using this approach (star)
- There are only five assays in ToxCast that measure DNA damage or stalled replication and these have low sensitivity
- Thus, a parallel approach that builds on these experiences but uses genotoxicity assays is needed



POD\_Traditional 
POD\_Bioactivity 
Max\_Exposure

## Complementary Approach that Includes Genetic Toxicology Data is Needed



### Genotoxic Administered Equivalent Dose (G-AED; mg/kg bw/day)



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## IVIVE Application to Genetox Data Provides Protective PODs

Compound



in vitro
in vivo

(1) Median AED Lowerthan Median *in vivo*POD for MostChemicals

(2) AEDs that are not protective tend to be within one order of magnitude of *in vivo* POD

(3) ENU positivecontrol had an AEDthat was much higherthan POD



in vitro
in vivo

Bioactivity Exposure **Ratios Help** to Identify Chemicals with the Highest Potential for Concern



## Conclusions and Future Directions

- Reverse dosimetry is a powerful tool for deriving NAM-based PODs for different chemical screening and assessment applications
- IVIVE supports *in vitro* testing strategy for deriving conservative PODs
  - Protective trend first demonstrated with bioactivity data from ToxCast
  - Trend consistent with genotoxicity NAM endpoints
  - Opportunity to explore other models to enhance the approach for chemicals where the PODs were not conservative
    - Decision trees that include thresholds of toxicological concern or other *in silico* alerts
    - Higher tier PBTK models
    - Mass balance modeling to account for *in vitro* disposition
    - Refinement of assumptions on a chemical basis in IVIVE, e.g. bioavailability, renal transport, restrictive clearance
- IVIVE/Genetox approach could support chemical safety evaluation without the use of animals
  - Rapid screening and priority setting
  - Guidance documents
- Need to build confidence using a broad chemical space
  - Genetic toxicology case study limited to well-established genotoxicants
  - Prospective case studies needed to evaluate emerging chemicals of concern
  - Ongoing work to compare POD<sub>NAM</sub> to existing PODs as well as to values obtained through other PBTK approaches will provide important benchmarks on HTTK approaches to increase the acceptance of POD<sub>NAM</sub> and BERs.

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