



EMA draft Guideline on the qualification and reporting of Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Modelling and Simulation

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Outline

- **Europe and EMA**
- **Why a PBPK Guideline in Europe?**
- **Qualification of the PBPK platform for the intended use**



EU member states working together under the EMA umbrella

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Modified release dosage forms : IVIVC and PBPK



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Guideline on the pharmacokinetic and clinical evaluation of modified release dosage forms (EMA/CPMP/EWP/280/96 Corr1)

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This guideline replaces Guideline on Modified Release Oral and Transdermal Dosage Forms Section II (Pharmacokinetics and Clinical Evaluation) (EMA/CPMP/EWP/280/96 Corr1)

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- Level A models
- Two general categories of mathematical approaches to IVIVC modelling are one- & two-stage methods. One stage approaches include convolution-based and differential equation-based methods and use of **PBPK** models.
- Where PBPK models are utilised for IVIVC development, it will be necessary to demonstrate that the model predicts the RFD data as well as the MR formulation data. Sufficient data needs to be submitted to support **the performance** of the model.

Why a PBPK Guideline in Europe?

Guideline on the qualification and reporting of Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Modelling and Simulation

Draft was released in July 2016

Public consultation was due 31 Jan 2017

NB! In Europe draft Guidelines are **not** in to force.



1 21 July 2016
2 EMA/CHMP/458101/2016
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4 [Guideline on the qualification and reporting of](#)
5 [physiologically based pharmacokinetic \(PBPK\) modelling](#)
6 [and simulation](#)
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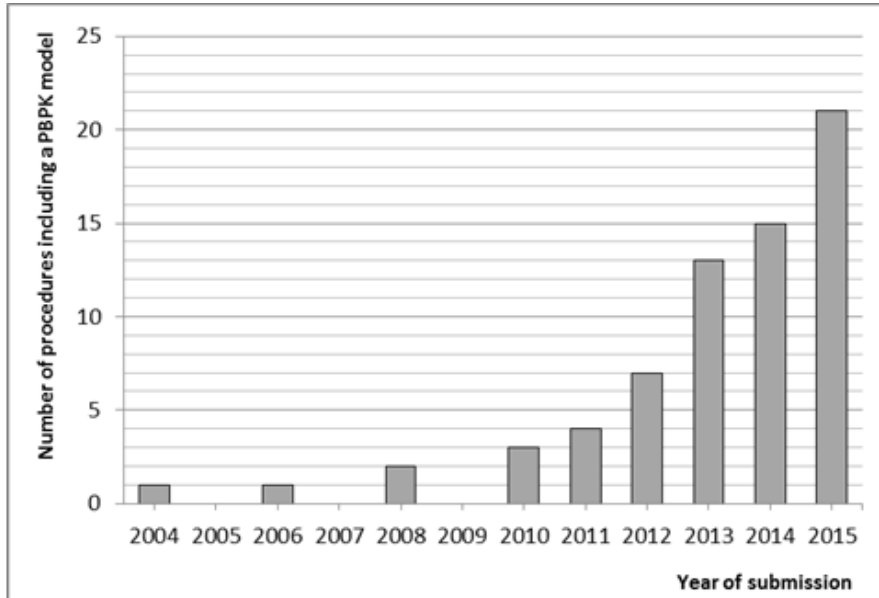
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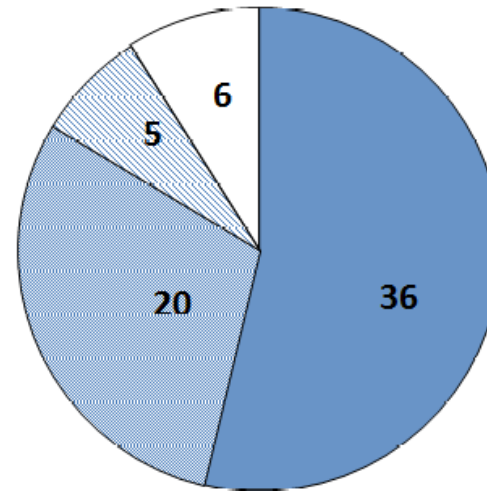
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Increase in PBPK submission to EMA



Triggers for submitted PBPK models (n=67)



- Included in the initial dossier
- Following a suggestion/request for a PBPK model from regulator
- As a response to a scientific question from regulators
- Submitted as a post-authorisation measure

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Purpose of PBPK models submitted to EMA

Main categories	Specific purpose	Number	
Intrinsic factors	General description of PK parameters	8	
	Organ impairment	8	
	Differences across groups (ethnicity, disease states, age groups)	5	
	Effect of polymorphisms	7	
Extrinsic factors (interactions)	DDI involving enzymes	drug as victim	37
		drug as perpetrator	23
	DDI involving transporters	drug as victim	3
		drug as perpetrator	8
	DDI based on pH changes	2	
	Food-drug interactions	2	
Interaction with cigarette smoke	1		
Drug parameters	Comparison between strengths/formulations	8	

up to 31st December 2015*

*Note: in many cases there is more than one purpose

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- **Qualification of the intended use is mostly lacking**
- **The reports of the PBPK simulations do not contain enough details**
 - Lack of sensitivity and uncertainty analysis

Qualification of the PBPK platform for the intended use- What do we mean?

Qualification is related to the PBPK platform

- **Is there enough scientific support for a certain use for that particular platform?**

DDI

- Enzyme inhibition
- Induction
- Transporter

IVIVC

Formulation
changes
Biowaivers

Extrapolation of
PK data in
young children

Food effects

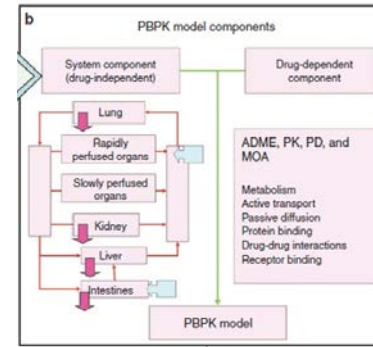
Prediction of PK
in Special
populations

Qualification is important for high regulatory impact decisions

- **High regulatory impact decisions**

Examples:

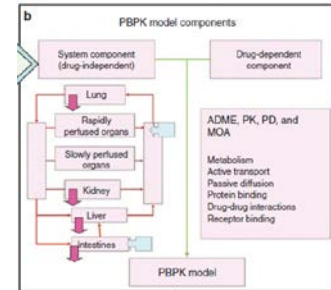
- » All changes to SmPC (ie label)
- » Use of a PBPK model in place of clinical data (DDI, BE study)
- » Non studied scenarios
- » **Extrapolation** outside the studied area



- **Medium regulatory impact decisions**

- » Such as paediatric dose setting that will be confirmed by a clinical study

Why do we want to have Qualification?



- **Harmonising the assessment of PBPK applications across the European countries**
- **Presently not all aspects included in PBPK platforms is entirely scientifically justified and not suitable for high regulatory impact decisions**
- **From our view this is not a restriction/hinder for the development in this area. It is expected to improve the acceptability of the submitted models by EU regulators**



The Qualification data set

- **Qualification dataset should be pre-specified ,**
- Selection criteria for the drugs and the *in vitro* and *in vivo* parameters for these drugs should be described.
- **The dataset should, if possible, cover a range of pharmacokinetic characteristics**, such as permeability, extraction ratio, protein binding etc. that could influence the outcome.
- **A restricted dataset could in some cases lead to constraints in the validity of the qualification.**



Case example I

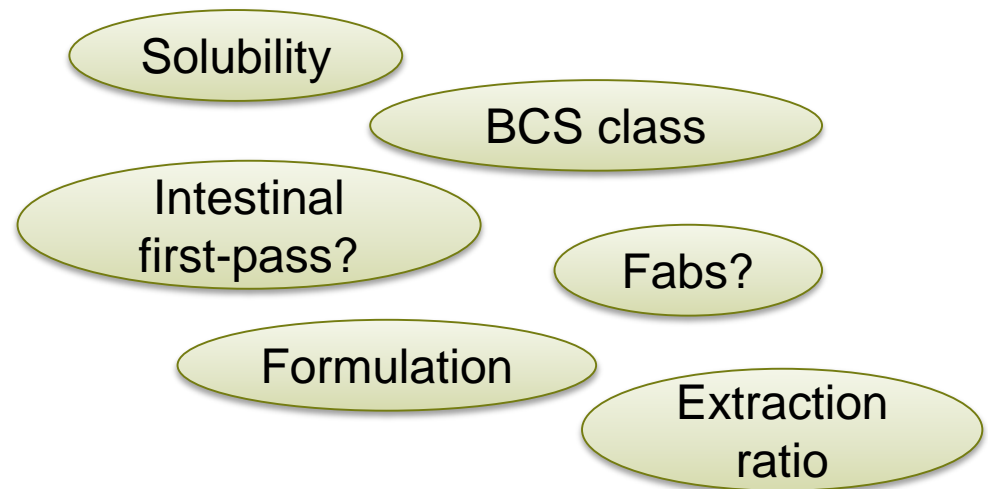
- **The intended purpose:** is to predict whether a drug is an *in vivo* CYP3A4 inhibitor in adult healthy subjects based on *in vitro* K_i
- **The qualification of the platform :** should show the capacity to detect the observed *in vivo* inhibitory effect of different inhibitors on sensitive probe substrate(s) for the enzyme in question.
- **Data set:** should include a large number of inhibitors of different potency with both *in vitro* and *in vivo* data.
- If the aim is to qualitatively predict DDI , false negatives, of a perpetrator drug in the dataset, should be addressed, e.g., by sensitivity analysis

Can absorption related PBPK be used to predict the in vivo relevance of formulations?

- Prediction of a drug's oral absorption characteristics from its formulation requires knowledge on **the interplay** among **physiology**, **the drug product**, and **the drug substance**.
- Confidence in at present low
- Some GAPS
 - GI physiology factors
 - The confidence in in vitro dissolution data - in vivo profile?
 - Interplay

Examples of factors that could be of importance to consider in a Qualification data set

Food interaction:
Predict large number of
drugs food interaction



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