



Grouping Concepts in toxicokinetics : Assess the bioavailability of PM compounds using PBK modelling

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Persistent – Mobile Compounds

- Selection Strategy

For the persistent and mobile ^[9] substances, three classes of compounds were selected, namely:

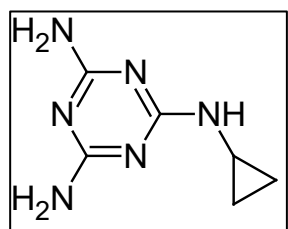
Triazines

Triazoles

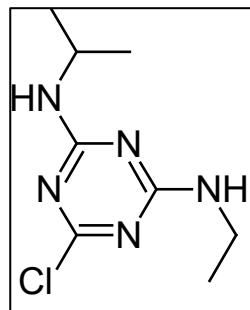
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

- Persistent and Mobile compounds
- Per class - data rich compounds - in vivo animal studies with repeated oral exposure and ADME

Triazines – 9 compounds selected

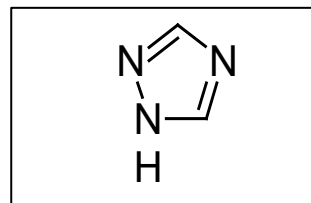


Cyromazine

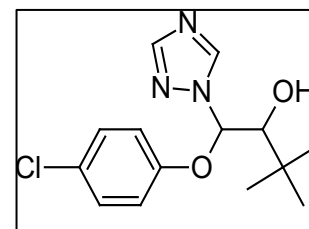


Atrazine

Triazoles – 16 compounds selected



1,2,4 - triazole

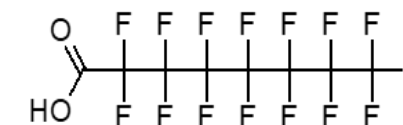


Triadimenol

PFAS – 11 compounds selected



PFOS



PFOA

Application of PBK models in QIVIVE process

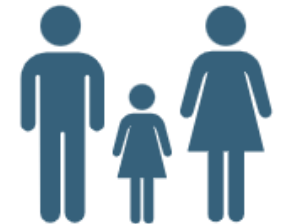
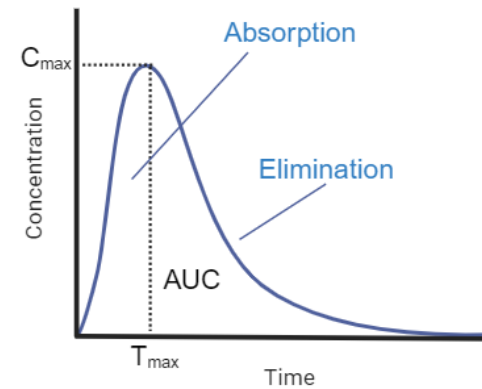
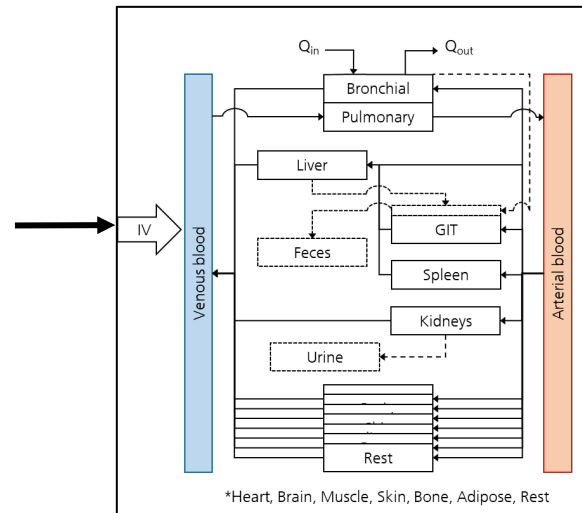
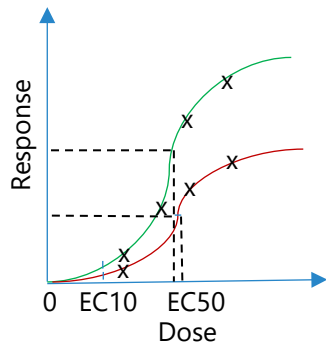
IVIVE based PBPK Modelling for PM compounds

**In vitro
biokinetic**

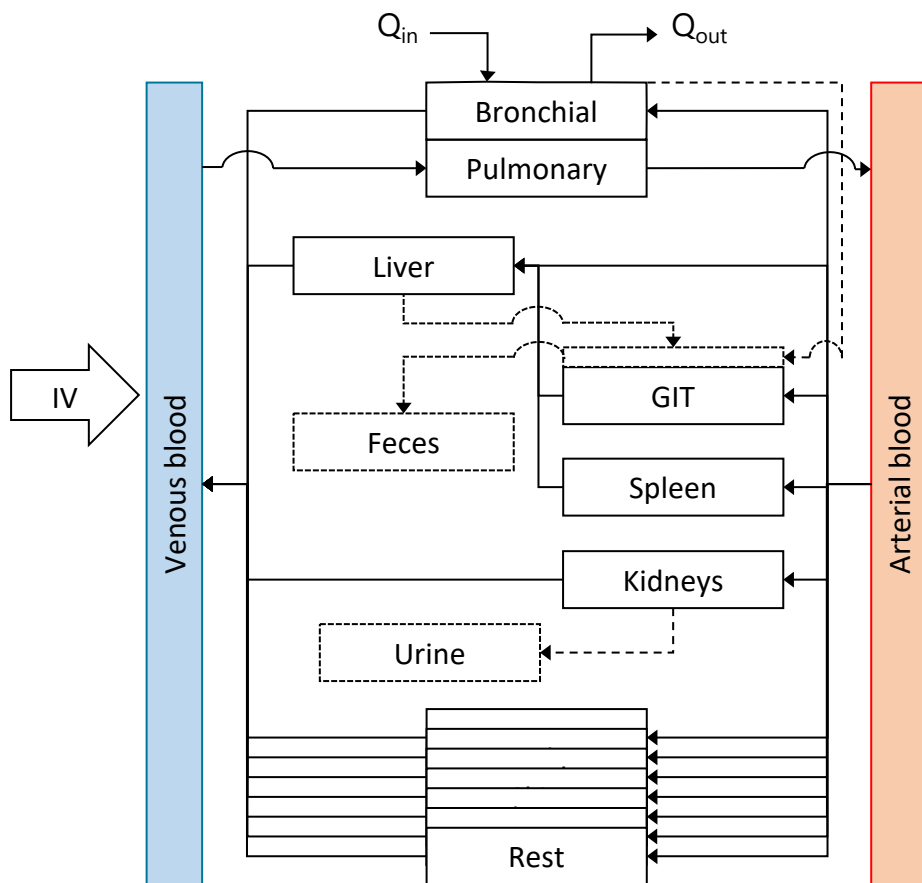

PBK Model

**Plasma
concentration curve**

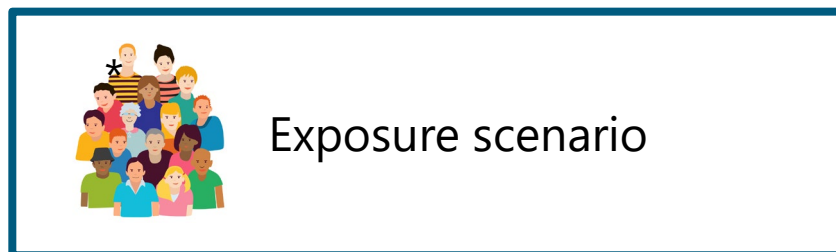
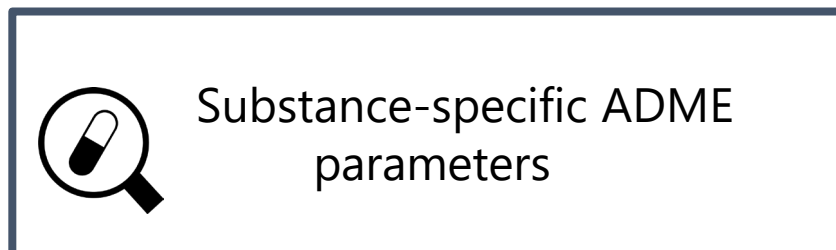
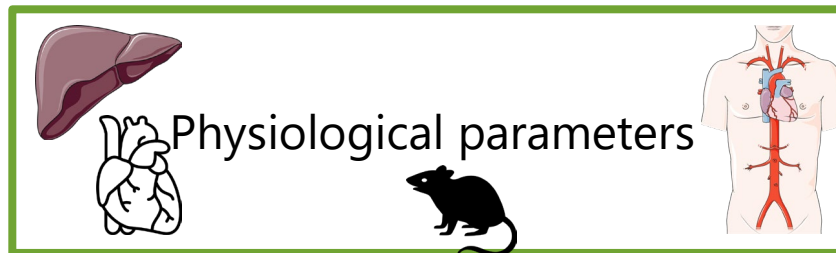
**External
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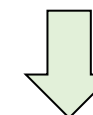
Build Physiologically Based Kinetic (PBK) models



*Heart, Brain, Muscle, Skin, Bone, Adipose, Rest



Generic PBK model -
compound specific data
from New Approach
Methods (NAMs)

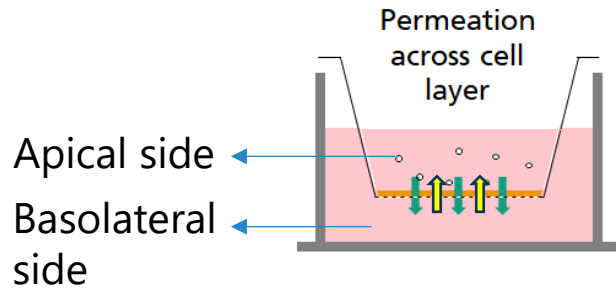


Proof that the PBK
model provides reliable
predictions

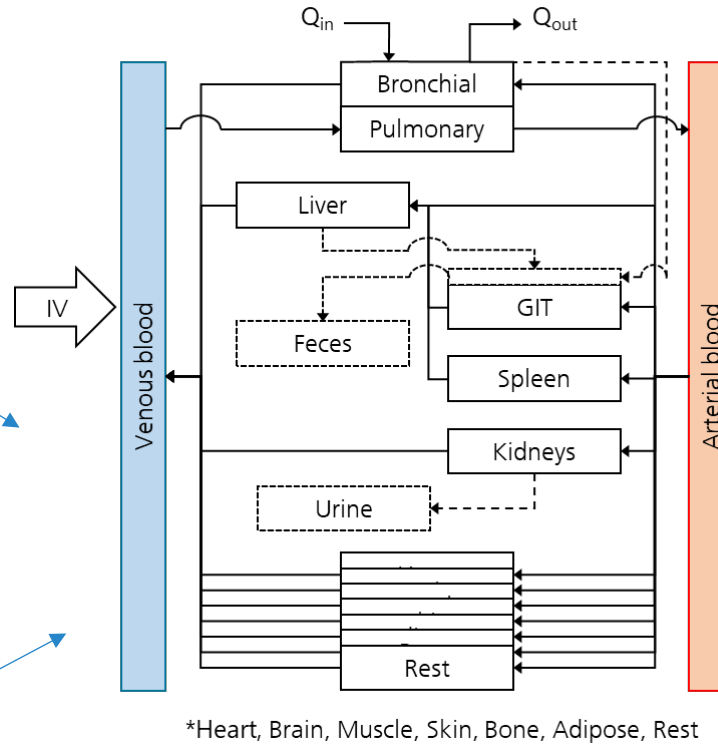
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Build generic PBK Model and Assess performance

Blood : plasma ratio



CaCo2 Assay → Measuring permeability across the intestinal cells in cm/s

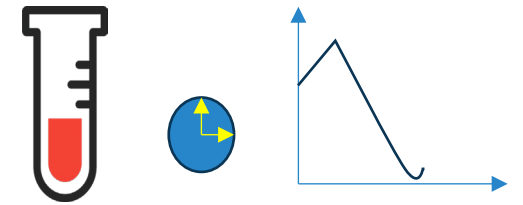


Output of rat PBK model is compared to the rat in vivo oral data

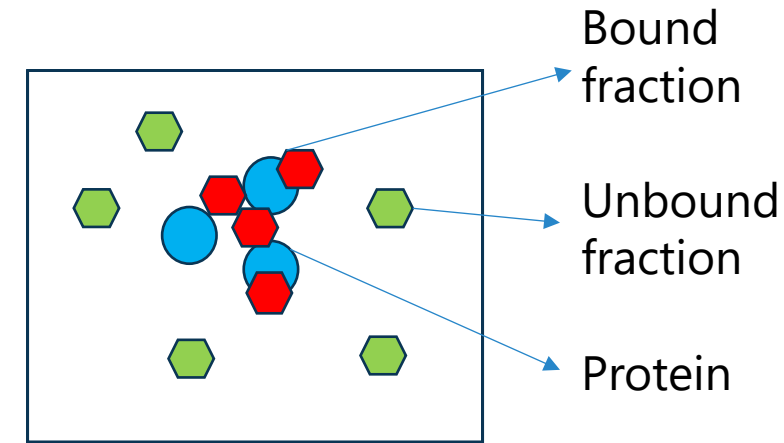


Sensitivity and Uncertainty analysis

Measuring intrinsic hepatic clearance in PHH in $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}/10^6$ cells



Time dependent CL_{int}

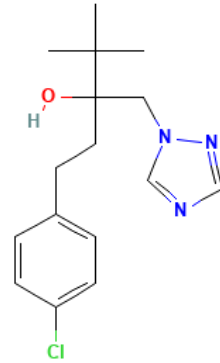


Fraction unbound

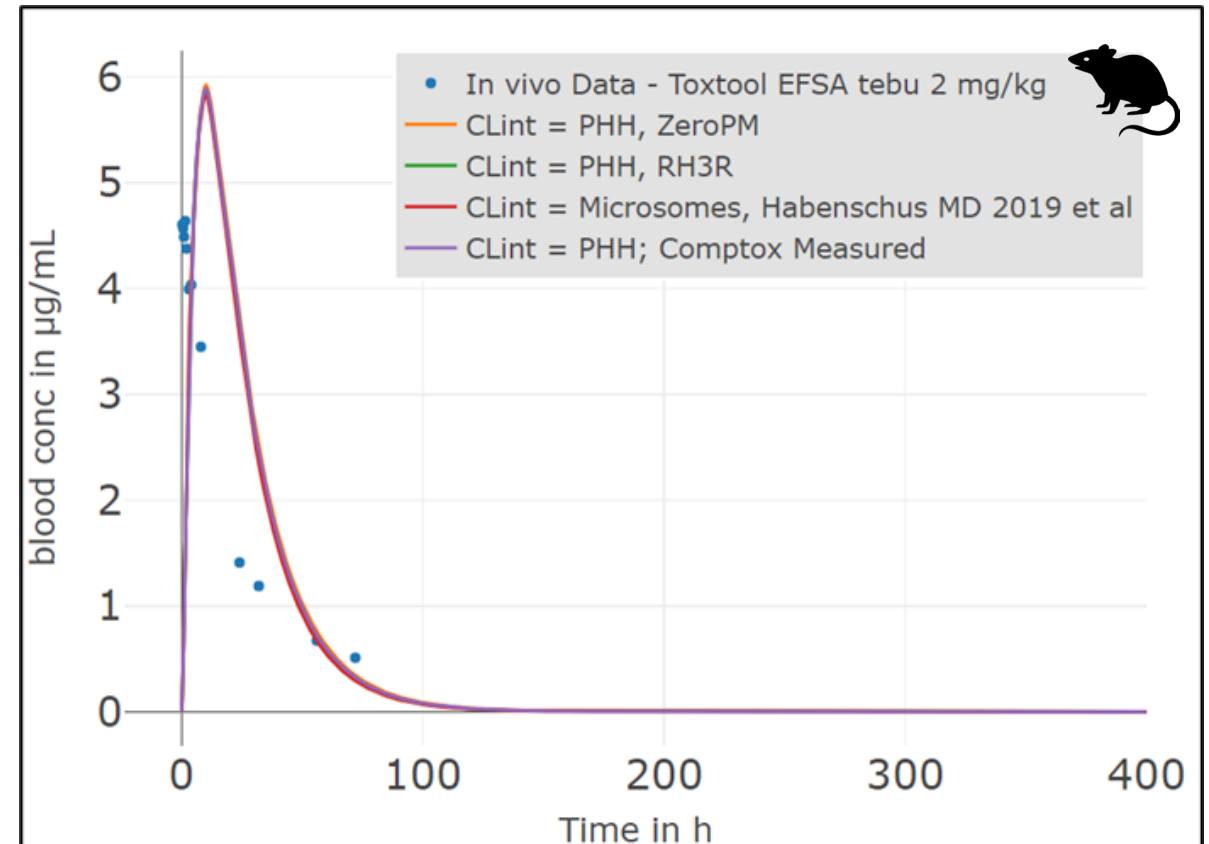
Proof of concept

- Rat Model

Tebuconazole

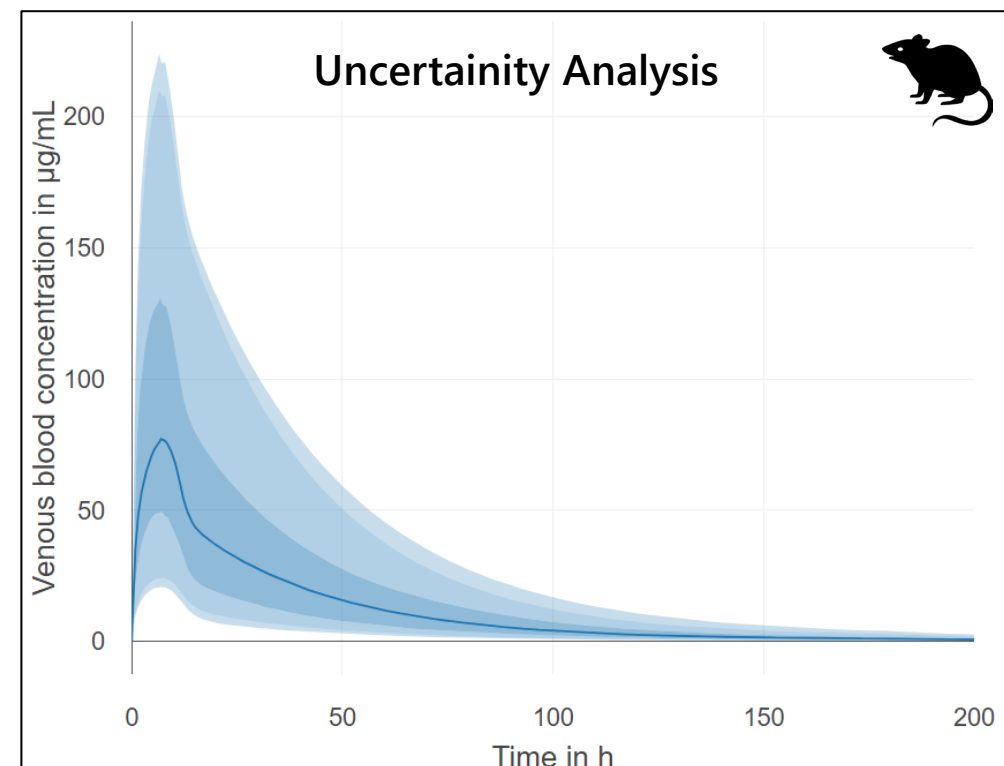
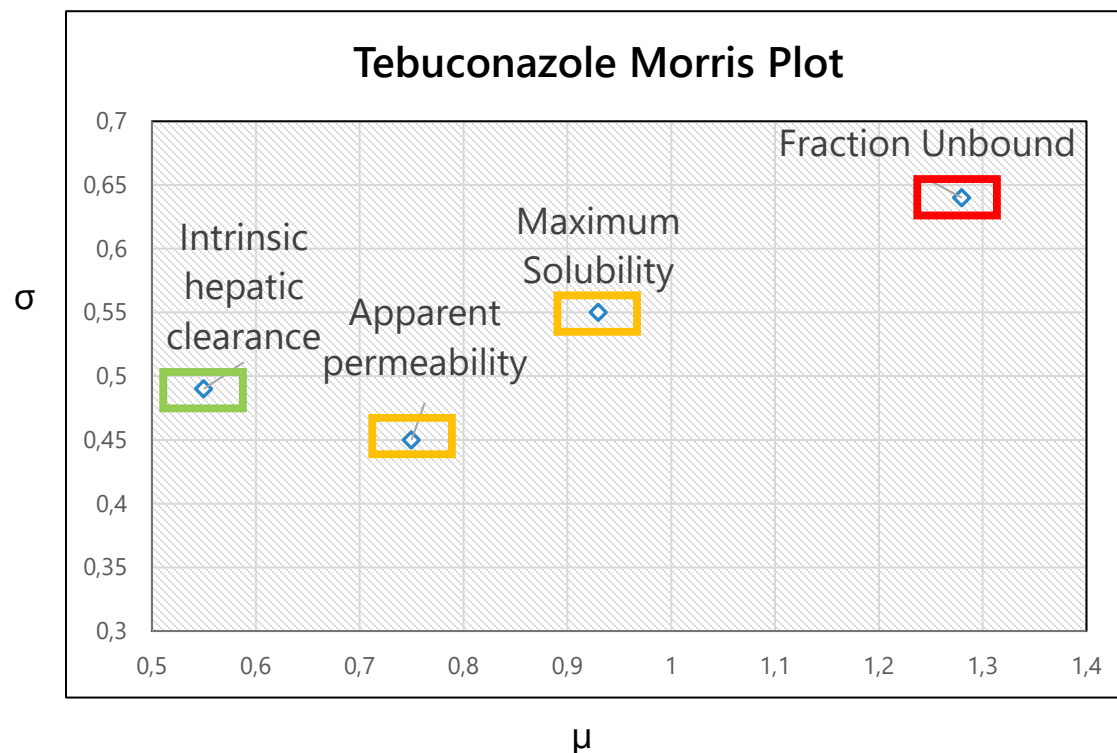


Data type	Clint PHH = 3.62 [μl/min/million cells]	In Vivo Data	In vitro / In vivo
C _{max} [μg/ml]	5.91	4.63	1.27
T _{max} [h]	7.11	1.53	4.64
AUC [μg/mL * h]	154.5	112.36	1.37



Sensitivity Analysis

- Tebuconazole – Rat PBK Model

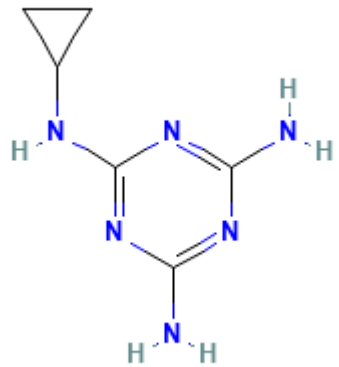


Order of the highest sensitive parameters

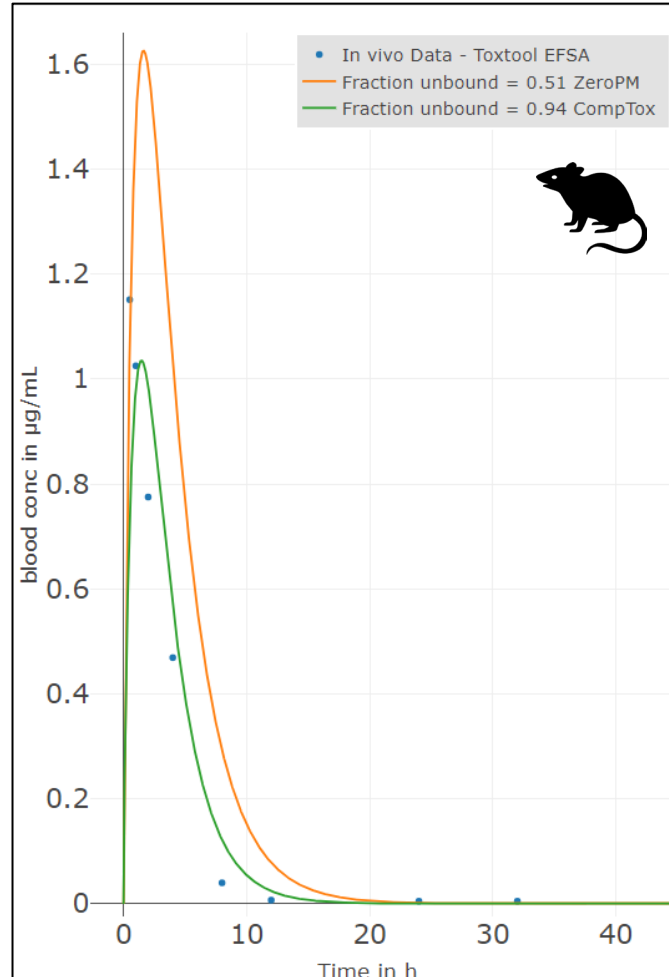
- Fraction Unbound > Solubility > Apparent permeability > Intrinsic hepatic clearance

Also true for Triazines?

Rat Model



Cyromazine



Input concentration to rat: 3 mg/kg

Data type	C_{max} µg/ml	T_{max} h	AUC µg/mL * h
Fu (ZeroPM)	1.61	1.53	8.49
Fu (CompTox)	1.12	1.39	4.72
In vivo data[4]	1.151	3.06	4.41
In vitro / In vivo ratio (ZeroPM)	1.19	1.46	1.92
In vitro / In vivo ratio (CompTox)	0.76	0.45	0.85

- **AUC, C_{max} , T_{max} is within the factor of 2 for both of the cases, thus validating the model**

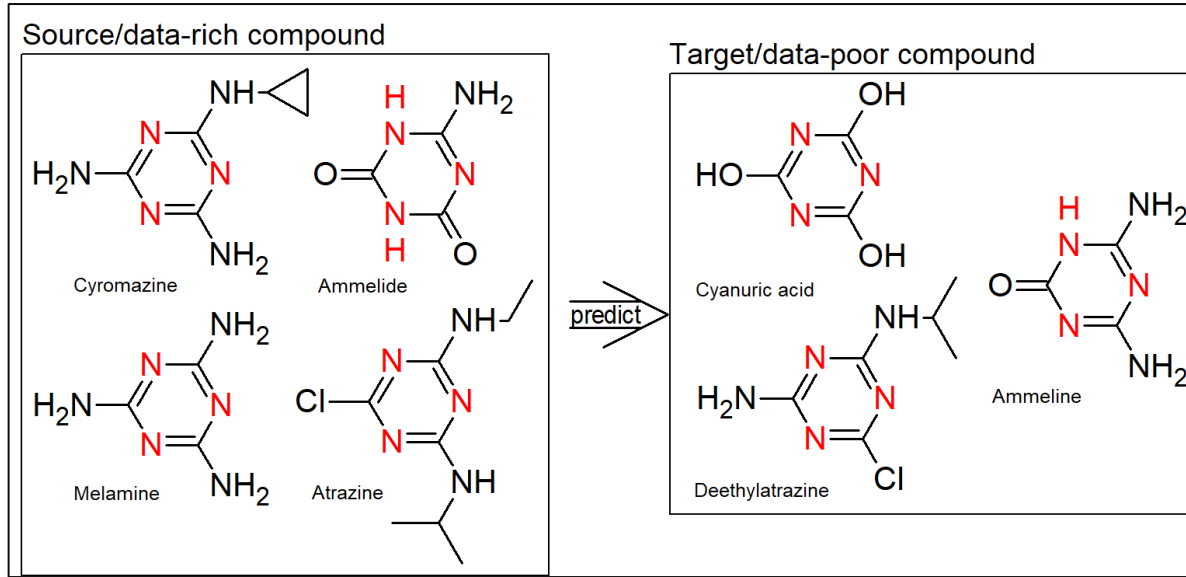


Summary – Simple NAM parameterized PBK model works fairly well

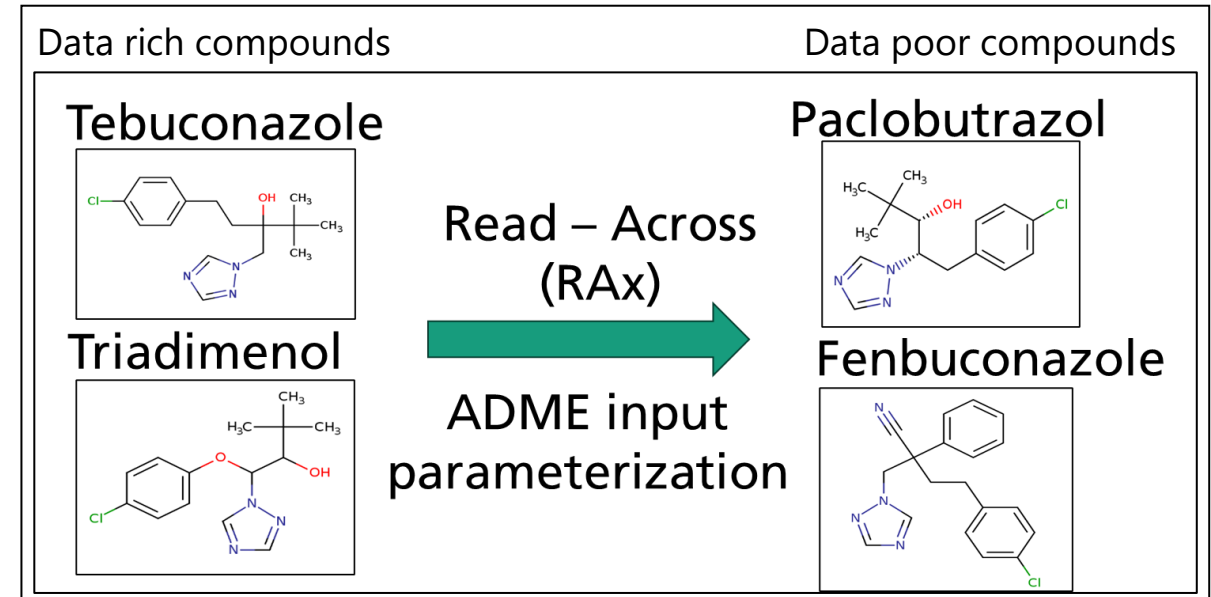
- Proof is provided for rat data
- Simple PBK model is good enough to model the bioavailable concentration
- Use same assumptions to model human
- Application of the same model to the compounds in triazine and triazole class

Read across approach – Rax Triazines & Triazoles

Triazines



Triazoles

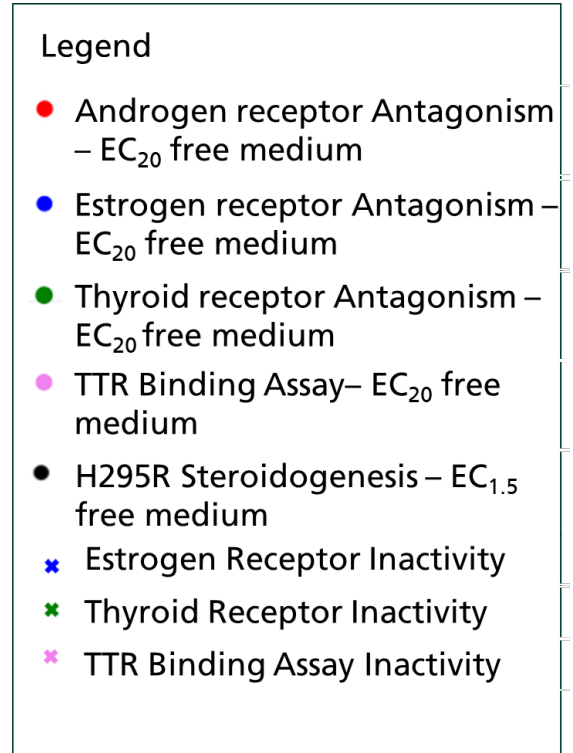
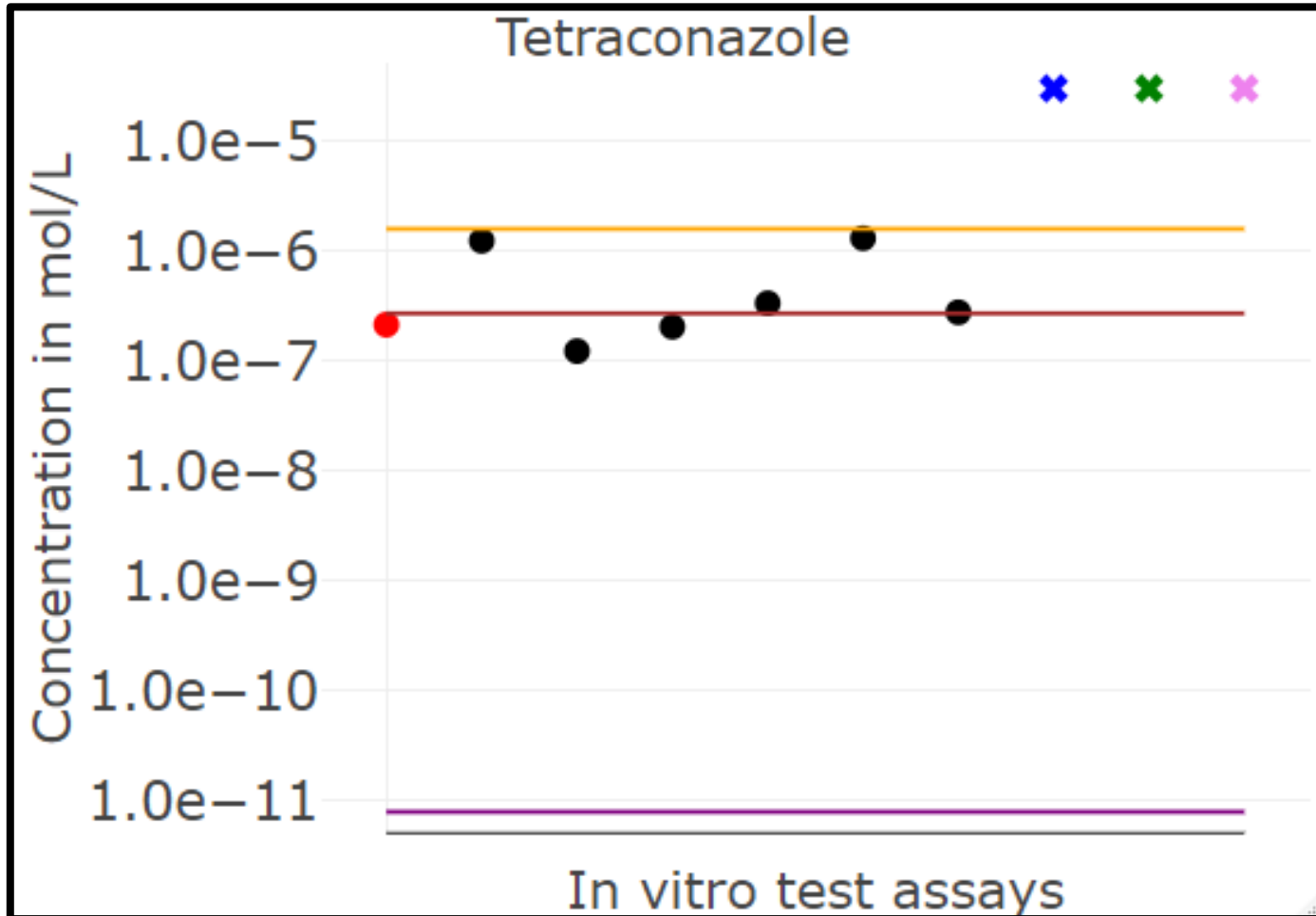
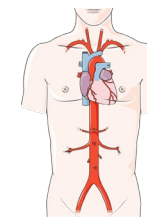


RAX approach to parameterize the similar class of compounds to parameterize PBK Model

- **Estimate ADME properties** like intrinsic hepatic clearance value from „data rich“ to „data poor“.
- All the data rich compounds show low intrinsic clearance > Prediction is low clearance for all RAX compounds.

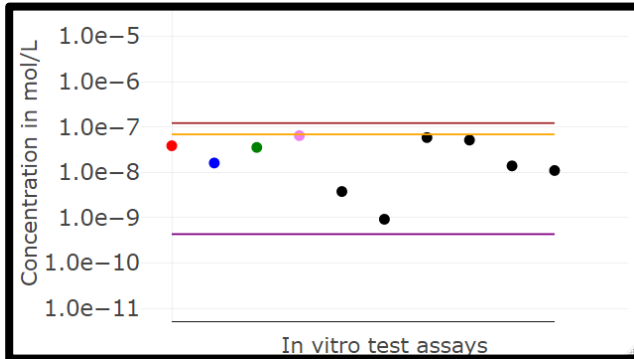
Tetraconazole – Comparison

Free unbound plasma concentration

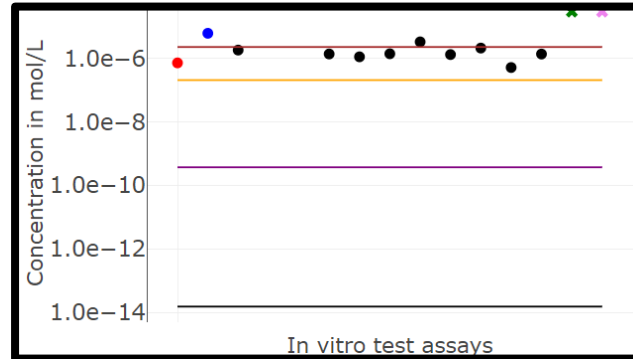


Triazoles Comparison

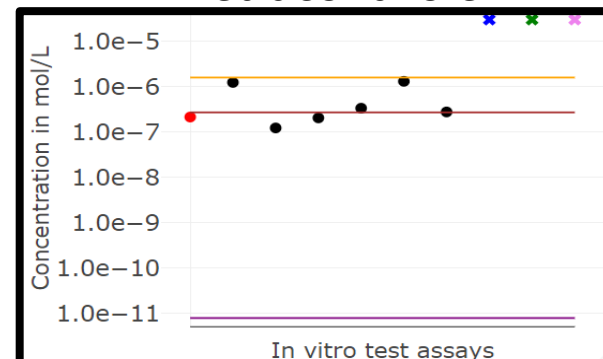
Difenoconazole



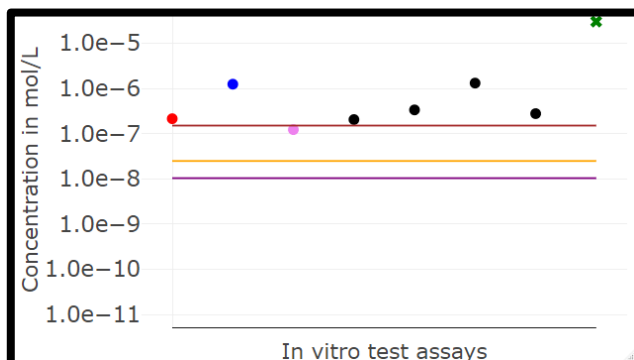
Tebuconazole



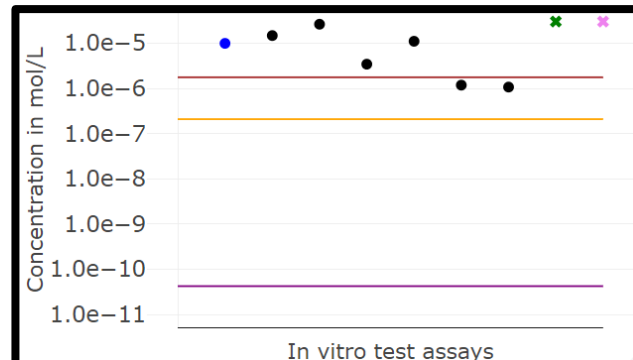
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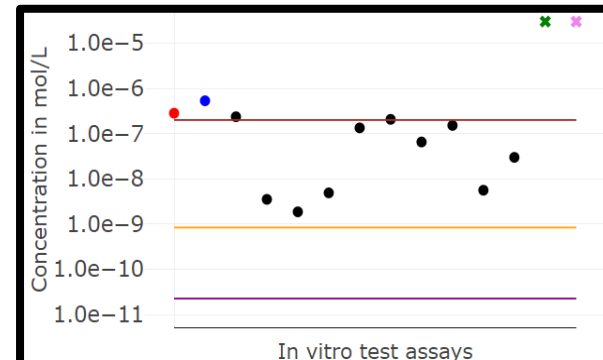
Bitertanol



Paclobutrazol



Fenbuconazole

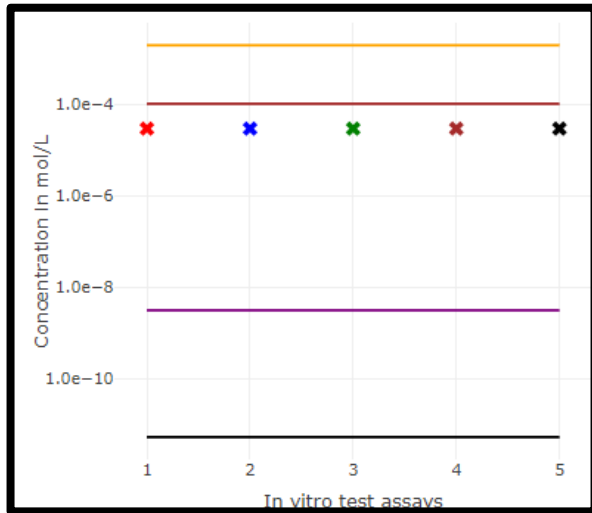


Legend

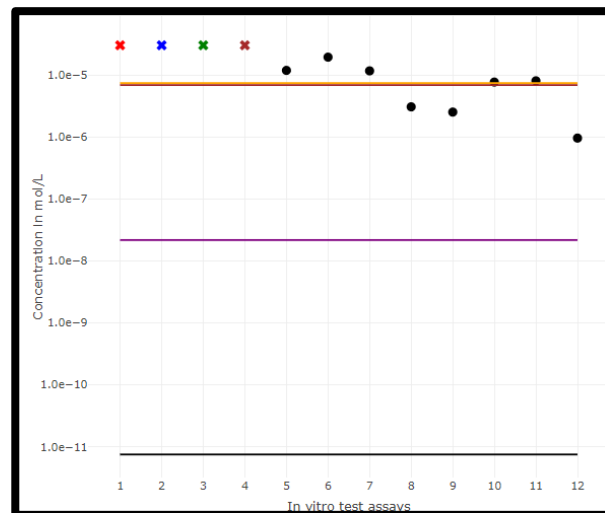
- Androgen receptor Antagonism – EC₂₀ free medium
- Estrogen receptor Antagonism – EC₂₀ free medium
- Thyroid receptor Antagonism – EC₂₀ free medium
- TTR Binding Assay – EC₂₀ free medium
- H295R Steroidogenesis – EC_{1,5} free medium
- Maximum Water Solubility
- LOAEL Concentration
- Surface water concentration
- Ground water concentration
- ✕ Estrogen Receptor Inactivity
- ✕ Thyroid Receptor Inactivity
- ✕ TTR Binding Assay Inactivity

Triazines Comparison

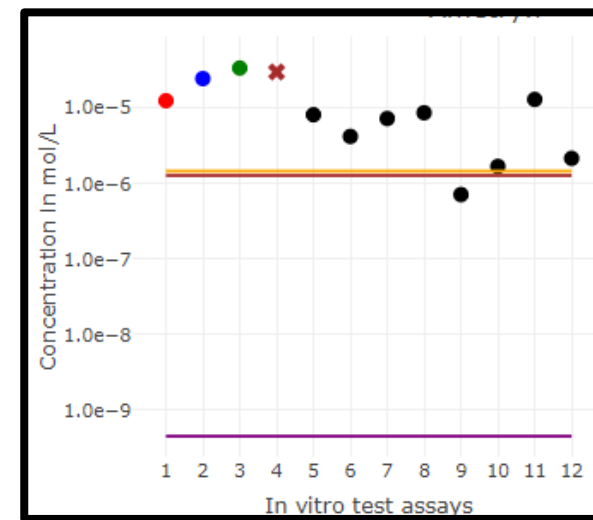
Cyromazine



Atrazine



Ametryn



Legend

- No response AR receptor
- No response ER receptor
- No response TR receptor
- ✘ No response TTR receptor
- H295R
- Maximum Solubility Cmax
- Surface water Cmax
- Ground Water Cmax
- LOAEL Cmax

Conclusion

- **In vitro data are protective** - Using QIVIVE the corrected free medium (EC20) concentrations from the NAM test battery are in the same range or lower compared to the values derived from the in vivo LOAEL values.
- **Large Margin of Exposure** - The surface water and ground water derived unbound human plasma concentrations are about 100 – 1000 times smaller than those values derived from the in vitro/in vivo studies.

Next steps → Modelling and extrapolation for PFAS compounds

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