A WORKFLOW FOR MECHANISTIC DERMAL MODEL OPTIMIZATION AND IN VITRO-IN VIVO INFERENCE

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INTRODUCTIONS

About me:

- PhD in control systems engineering (Cambridge)
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- Approach dermal absorption from a mathematical modeling & optimization POV

We're @ the black dot

- *Present our Open Systems Pharmacology implementation of the Kasting (mechanistic) skin penetration model*
	- \triangleright Enables the assessment of whole-body disposition of dermally applied compounds

• *Assess the predictive ability of the Kasting model using recent in vitro data*

- *Present a workflow to leverage in vitro information for prediction of in vivo skin penetration under various exposure scenarios*
	- *Examples: cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and a sunscreen*

Open Systems Pharmacology Suite implementation of the Kasting skin penetration model

PK-Sim

- Whole-body PBPK modeling and optimization software.
- Simulates whole body responses at both the individual and population level.

MoBi

Software for building custom compartmental models that can be appended to PKSim whole-body models.

OSPSuite-R

• R interface to PK-Sim and MoBi models.

http://www.open-systems-pharmacology.org/

ASP OPEN SYSTEMS

THE KASTING (MECHANISTIC) MODEL OF SKIN PENETRATION, IMPLEMENTED IN MOBI

MODEL CAN CAPTURE VARIOUS APPLICATION SCENARIOS

FEATURES OF THE OPEN SYSTEMS PHARMACOLOGY SKIN MODEL IMPLEMENTATION

O permeant

PK-Sim whole body model + dermal model simulation $500\mu g/cm^2$ of testosterone applied to $100cm^2$ of skin once every 24 hours over a period of 72 hours. The testosterone is removed from the skin surface 12 hours after every application.

Follicles can bypass stratum corneum and create a 'fast' route for the permeant to reach dermis. With follicular route: Large initial slope due to Cumulative permeation mass Cumulative permeation mass follicles followed by gradual skin penetration via stratum corneum **Without follicular route:** Flat initial slope, followed by slow penetration via stratum corneum Time *Skin penetration via follicle route modeled as first order process* **Metabolism in epidermis/dermis** Q enzyme

Metabolism Michaelis Menten

●)metabolite

Follicle compartment

Assessment of the predictive ability of the Kasting model

- 56 compounds tested in vitro
- Each experiment repeated on three non-occluded skin sections of four individuals.
- Paper reports kinetic receptor fluid data and amounts in SC, epidermis & dermis at end of experiment.

• Paper lists in vivo measures from the literature for 7 compounds.

- Our MoBi implementation of Kasting model was simulated for the 56 compounds tested in Hewitt et al. under *in vitro* simulation conditions
- In vitro mass balance was preserved in simulations through the adjustment of evaporation rate of each compound
- Simulations were compared to *in vitro* cumulative dermal absorption (Q_{abs}) at 24 hours from Hewitt et al.

IN VITRO ASSESSMENT OF KASTING MODEL: THE MODEL MOSTLY OVERPREDICTS CUMULATIVE ABSORPTION

Predicted vs. measured Qabs

cumulative dermal absorption after 24

hours.

A workflow to leverage in vitro information for prediction of in vivo skin penetration under various exposure scenarios

Several **uncertain** parameters **strongly impact** skin penetration. Eg:

- stratum corneum thickness
- permeability of lipid bilayers
- lipid/water partition coefficient
- protein water partition coefficient

- *Given in vitro skin penetration data for a single compound:* learn likely values of 'important' parameters for that compound.
	- *lipid bilayer permeability,*
	- *lipid/water partition coefficient*
	- *protein/water partition coefficients*

- 'Important' parameters:
	- \triangleright have a large impact on skin penetration model predictions,
	- \triangleright are uncertain
- *Model parameters can be classified as:*
	- Compound-specific parameters (common to all individuals) eg lipid/water partition coefficients
	- Individual-specific parameters, eg stratum corneum thickness

MODEL OPTIMIZATION STRATEGY

Step A: Employ a **Hierarchical Monte Carlo** optimization algorithm (Metropolis-Hastings) to narrow down model parameter values in the form of a **joint probability distribution** for all parameters **(ie maintaining correlations between optimized parameters)**

Algorithm traverses parameter space and either accepts or rejects parameter values into joint probability distribution depending on the **simultaneous fit** of **all** individuals' simulated dermal absorption to their respective **in vitro** measurements

Algorithm iterates between testing

- compound-specific parameters common to all individuals
- individual-specific parameters

Step B: Marginalize joint distribution to obtain distributions for **compound-specific parameters only**.

Step C: Simulate **in vivo** model using samples from compound-specific parameters' joint probability distribution obtained in **Step B**, with individual-specific parameters set to mean literature-derived values.

Image adapted from Wikipedia

- **Step 1:** Identify parameters that are uncertain and that strongly impact model estimates of in vitro skin penetration.
- **Step 2:** Identify the joint posterior probability distribution of these parameters given in vitro skin penetration observations
- **Step 3:** Verify success of model fit to observed in vitro data using visual predictive checks: o Samples of the full set of optimization parameters repeatedly drawn from the compound's joint posterior distribution.
	- o Each sample is input into the model.
	- o The in vitro model is simulated for each sample.
- **Step 4:** Model estimates of cumulative dermal absorption in vivo then tested against *in vivo* data.

Examples: cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and a sunscreen

PARAMETERS ASSESSED IN SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Compound-specific parameters found to be both uncertain and sensitive:

- \triangleright lipid bilayer permeability (k_{trans}),
- \triangleright lipid/water partition coefficient ($K_{lip/w}$)
- ρ protein/water partition coefficients (PC_{pro/water})

Uncertain and sensitive individual-specific parameters:

- *Stratum corneum thickness (10-40 um)*
- *Stratum corneum water mass:dry mass ratio (0.43-2.75)*

In vitro experiment (Hewitt et al., 2019):

- Dose applied: $4.26 \mu g/cm^2$
- 24 hour, non-occluded experiment
- Solvent: phosphate-buffered saline (PBS)

- Algorithm fitted model to cumulative mass of permeant in receptor fluid (Q)
- Both kinetics and terminal cumulative mass in receptor fluid fitted very well.

In vivo experiment (Feldmann and Maibach,1970):

- Dose: $4 \mu g/cm^2$
- 5-day, non-occluded experiment
- Solvent: Acetone (volatile)

2-4-Dinitrochlorobenzene in vivo dermal delivery

- Repeatedly sampled parameters from joint probability distribution of uncertain and sensitive parameters obtained from MCMC optimization with in vitro data
- Sampled parameters input into model. Model simulated under in vivo setting.
- Good agreement between model predictions and in vivo measurements

MODEL OPTIMIZATION RESULTS: IBUPROFEN

In vitro experiment (Hewitt et al., 2019):

- Dose applied: 2.51 µg/cm²
- 24 hour, non-occluded experiment
- Solvent: phosphate-buffered saline (PBS)

1000

25% - 75%

1500

• Algorithm fitted model to cumulative mass of permeant in receptor fluid (Q)

• Fits to Donors 2 and 4 improved with later inclusion of follicle compartment (not shown)

In vivo experiment (Kleinbloesem, Ouwerkerk, Spitznagel, Wilkinson, Kaiser, 1995)

- Dose: 1250 µg/cm2
- 24 hour, occluded experiment
- Solvent: IbuGel (non-volatile)

In vitro-in vivo inference

- Ibuprofen-specific parameters learned from **in vitro** experiments performed under **non-occluded conditions** using a **volatile solvent**.
- Predictions tested against data obtained from **in vivo** experiments performed under **occluded conditions**, using **nonvolatile solvent**.
- Able to predict in vivo despite different in vitro and in vivo contexts

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Effect of Sunscreen Application Under Maximal Use Conditions on Plasma Concentration of Sunscreen Active Ingredients A Randomized Clinical Trial

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INTERVENTIONS Participants were randomized to 1 of 4 sunscreens: spray 1 ($n = 6$ participants), spray 2 (n = 6), a lotion (n = 6), and a cream (n = 6). Two milligrams of sunscreen per 1 cm^2 was applied to 75% of body surface area 4 times per day for 4 days, and 30 blood samples were collected over 7 days from each participant.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES The primary outcome was the maximum plasma concentration of avobenzone. Secondary outcomes were the maximum plasma concentrations of oxybenzone, octocrylene, and ecamsule.

Used methodology to calibrate model using avobenzone in vitro skin penetration data kindly provided by **A. Najjar & D. Lange, Beiersdorf.**

IVPT experiment measured accumulation of avobenzone in skin layers and receptor fluid at 24 hours following application of 8.45µg/cm2 of avobenzone in an ethanol solvent to un-occluded skin.

Algorithm returns estimated joint distributions of avobenzone lipophilicity (5.9 ± 0.2), water solubility, fraction unbound in dermis, diffusion coefficient of unbound avobenzone in epidermis/dermis

ASSESSMENT OF MODEL'S PREDICTIONS OF AVOBENZONE DERMAL ABSORPTION IN VIVO

- Used QSPR prediction of avobenzone plasma clearance to estimate in vivo dermal delivery for Sprays 1 and 2 in Matta et al. from plasma concentrations
- Simulated model under in vivo setting using parameters obtained from optimization with IVPT data
- Close agreement between model predictions and in vivo experiments (despite uncertainty in clearance)
- Did not model metabolism of avobenzone in dermis, which would bring even closer agreement between predicted and experimental dermal delivery
- Have learned avobenzone-specific parameters relevant to dermal absorption that can be used in modeling other formulations

SUMMARY

- A flexible, open source dermal absorption model based on the Kasting model is now available on github as part of the Open Systems Pharmacology platform: *https://github.com/Open-Systems-Pharmacology/Skin-permeation-model*
- Assessed the Kasting dermal absorption model
	- \triangleright Model predictions compared against in vitro skin penetration data for 56 compounds reported in Hewitt et al., 2019. Model mostly overpredicts (Q_{abs})
	- \triangleright For most compounds, model predictions within one order of magnitude of experimental observations
- Presented a workflow to learn compound-specific parameters relevant to dermal absorption from in vitro data and to use learned parameters in predicting in vivo skin penetration. Workflow tested on compounds used in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and sunscreens

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