## Preclinical Models for Pulmonary Delivery

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### **Pulmonary Delivery is rather Complex**



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First-pass inactivation

## Pulmonary Targeting In Rat Ex-vivo Receptor Binding Assay





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### **Optimized Characteristics of device/formulation/API for targeted delivery**

#### • Lung Deposition

- Dose
- c/p Regional Deposition
  - Device, Formulation (excipients), API (physicochemical properties)
- Post-Deposition: Long pulmonary residence time controlled by either
  - Slow Dissolution rate
  - Low Permeability
    - Formulation (excipients), API (physicochemical properties, e.g. particle size....)

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### • Systemic PK

- Pronounced systemic clearance
- Low oral bioavailability API



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### **Preclinical Models**

### Systemic Fate (CI, F, protein binding)

- In vitro/cell culture: Clearance/Protein binding/Metabolism
- Animal studies

### Pulmonary Fate (Deposition and Post-deposition Events)

- In Vitro (dose, regional deposition; e.g. cascade impactor studies)
- Cell culture (permeability)
- Isolated perfused Lung (dissolution, permeability)
- Animal Studies (rat, dog, sheep, pig, )



# **Determination of Cl**<sub>int</sub>





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# **Protein Binding**







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## What "Events" are of Relevance for Pulmonary Fate ?



Modified from Olsson and Bäckman, Respiratory Drug delivery 2014



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# Lung Dose: in vitro







### Lung deposition: in vitro/in vivo



Bo Olsson et al. 2013

#### **Further validation necessary**



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## **Comparison of 3 Throats**



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## Regional Deposition: Cascade Impactor with Inhalation Flow



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#### **Patient Inhalation Profile**







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### **Comparison: PK vs Algebraic Deposition Model**





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### Dissolution rate, Mucociliary Transport and Pulmonary Selectivity



- There is an optimal dissolution rate, around mucociliary clearance rate
- If drug is soluble and reaches receptor, the lower permeability (lung/blood) the better



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### **Method: Dissolution Tests**

#### **Sample Preparation**

- DUSA >>> full range of particles
- Cascade Impactor >>> defined stage(s)
- Anatomical Throat >>> ex-throat dose

### **Dissolution Test Systems**

Systems Including diffusion across membrane (biomimetic)

- Transwell system/Franz cell
- Dissolve it<sup>®</sup> system (Gerde et al., ASSAY and Drug Develop. Technol., 2017) Systems without controlled membrane diffusion step
- USP II and IV



# Applying the Dose (Inhalation)





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### **Example: DPIs differing in lactose fines**

- Fluticasone propionate (formulated UoB)
  - Same API, same API particle size,
  - different lactose fines

100 90 80 70 % Dissolved 60 ----- Average formulation 1 50  $\rightarrow$  Average formulation 2 40 30 20 10 0 500 1000 1500 0 Time (mins)

**FP DPI Formulations** 



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### **Correlation between MDT and MAT**



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## Methods to Assess Pulmonary Pharmacokinetics





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## Isolated Perfused Luna





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Pulmonary absorption – estimation of effective pulmonary permeability and tissue retention of ten drugs using an *ex vivo* rat model and computational analysis





IPL is able to quantify fate of inhaled drug with relatively high resolution



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Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Transport and Metabolism

#### Lung Retention by Lysosomal Trapping of Inhaled Drugs Can Be Predicted In Vitro With Lung Slices

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Formoterol

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### Permeability/Cell Culture Models of the Air-Blood Barrier

- Cancer-derived cell lines: Calu-3, A549, NCI-H441, and NCI-H292
- Simian virus (SV)40 large T antigen-immortalized cell lines
  - 16HBE14o-
  - BEAS-2B

often present phenotypes different from the original cell type.

#### • Immortalized cell lines:

• NuLi-1, UNCN1T-3T, VA10, BCi-NS1.1, hAELVi close to native cells.





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**Preclinical models for pulmonary drug delivery.** Cláudia A Fernandes, Rita Vanbever



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### **Combination of Dissolution/Permeability**

#### **Formulation C** 100 Percent absorbed (%) 75 -NB+Fick's law —Pop PK 50 MAT = 0.27 h25 0 0.0 0.5 1.5 2.0 2.5 1.0 Time (hr)

Peripheral

Surface area: 60.2 \*10^4 cm<sup>2</sup> **Permeability Peff: 13.8\*10^-3 cm/h** (Eriksson) Relative Thickness of "airway": 1 **Fitted Parameter:** 

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**Solubility: 0.73 μg/ml** (Literature =0.5-1.4 μg/ml)

Central

Surface area: 1.00E+04 cm<sup>2</sup> Solubility: 0.73 µg/ml Relative Thickness of "central airway": 24 Fitted Parameter: Permeability: 0.7\*10^-3 cm/h Relative permeability: 13.8/0.7=20

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Guinea	<ul> <li>Easily sensitized and challenged</li> </ul>	
Pig	<ul> <li>Good model for airway disease</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Immediate and late phase response</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Model for COPD (cigarette smoke)</li> </ul>	
Rat	Low cost	
	• Easily sensitized and challenged (Sephadex)	
	<ul> <li>Model for COPD (cigarette smoke)</li> </ul>	
Mice	Low cost	
	<ul> <li>Easily sensitized and challenged</li> </ul>	
	Transgenic technology	
	<ul> <li>Model for COPD (cigarette smoke)</li> </ul>	
Cat	Distal Lung Anatomy and	
	Idiopathic bronchial disease similar to humans	
Dog	<ul> <li>Sensitive to allergens, shows atopy</li> </ul>	
	Eosinophils are present	
	<ul> <li>Long term change in pulmonary function</li> </ul>	
Equine	Heaves-airway disease with some hallmarks of human	
	asthma.	N
Sheep	Sensitive to allergens	IV O
	<ul> <li>Immediate response to inhaled allergens</li> </ul>	a
	<ul> <li>Shows Airway Hyper Responsiveness</li> </ul>	
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### **Ex-vivo Receptor Binding Studies**



Free receptors (%) =  $\frac{Specific binding in trt group}{Spcific binding in ctr group}$ 



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## Pulmonary Targeting In Rat Ex-vivo Receptor Binding Assay





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# Summary

- Array of preclinical methods is available to evaluate NCI for inhalation therapy
- Further improvements necessary to predict *regional deposition* with higher resolution
- Further improvements necessary to identify *pulmonary retainment*



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