

Impact of Orally Inhaled and Nasal Drug Product PBPK Models on Product Development and Regulatory Decision Making

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PBPK Modeling for the Development and Approval of Locally Acting Drug Products

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Regulatory Impacts/Applications of PBPK for OINDPs

- Generic Orally Inhaled and Nasal Drug Product (OINDP) Development
 - Inform product design and development
- Regulatory Utility
 - Product specific guidance (PSG) development
 - Potentially support alternative bioequivalence (BE) approaches including not conducting comparative clinical endpoint BE studies



Why PBPK for OINDP Development?

- Product Specific Guidance (PSG) documents for generic locally-acting OINDPs
 - Often recommend "weight of evidence" approach
 - May include pharmacodynamic or comparative clinical endpoint BE studies
- Model to integrate formulation development, device development, and increase chance of showing BE for multiple studies

Modeling Considerations for Locally-Acting OINDPs (Part 1)

Regional Deposition

Mucociliary Clearance



Single-photon emission computerized tomography (SPECT) images – Figure 1 of Kwok et al. (2019)

Mucociliary clearance mechanisms – Figure 2 of Bustamente-Marin and Ostrowski (2017)

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Modeling Considerations for Locally-Acting OINDPs (Part 2)



Transwell volume-limited dissolution apparatus – Figure 2 of Arora et al. (2010) Macrophage uptake – Figure 2 of Hirota and Terada (2012)

PBPK Modeling for Locally-Acting OINDPs – Case Studies

• Poorly soluble compounds

Regional transit due to mucociliary clearance

- Formulation changes for dry powder inhalers (DPIs)
 - Carrier particle modification

Case Study 1: Poorly Soluble OIDP Compound

- This case study describes work by Bäckman et al. (2017)
- New selective glucocorticoid receptor modulator, AZD5423
- Poorly soluble in water, highly lipophilic
- PK data available for model building
 - Study 1: Intravenous (IV), oral, two different nebulizers
 - Study 2: IV, oral, two different nebulizers, two different DPIs
- PBPK: Relationship between in vitro parameters and PK exposure
 - GastroPlus 9.0
- In vitro parameters: delivered dose, ex-mouth throat model (ex-MTM) dose, particle size distribution

Delivered Dose and Ex-MTM Dose do not Predict AUC



Figure 3 from Bäckman et al. (2017): For OIDP-delivered drug, correlations between area under the curve (AUC) and A) delivered dose to the lung, B) ex-mouth-throat-model (ex-MTM) dose, and C) peripheral dose computed using semi-empirical model.

PBPK Predictions of AUC and C_{max} Correlate Well with PK Data



Figure 4 from Bäckman et al. (2017): For OIDP-delivered drug, correlations between observed and simulated A) maximum plasma concentration (C_{max}) and B) area under the curve (AUC).

Case Study 2: Carrier Surface Modification for DPI Development



- This case study describes work by Wu et al. (2016)
- Albuterol sulfate delivered from Cyclocaps®
- Carrier particle surface modification
 - Glass beads as carrier particle substitutes
- Particle size characterized using Next Generation Impactor
- PBPK model: Relationship between particle size and PK exposure
 - GastroPlus 8.6

PK Data Available for Model Building



- IV data from Goldstein et al. (1987) used to parameterize two compartment PK model
- Oral solution data and Ventolin® MDI data (Du et al. (2002) used to validate model
 - No Cyclocaps[®] PK data available



Figure 4C from Wu et al. (2016): Comparison of model Ventolin® MDI data from Du et al. (2002), where the built-in GastroPlus regional deposition predictor was used as well as the Multiple-Path Particle Dosimetry (MPPD) for regional deposition estimates.

Predictions Show Greater C_{max} with Surface Engineered Glass Beads



Figure 3 from Wu et al. (2016): Particle size distribution data for Cyclocaps®, formulation with untreated glass beads, and formulation with treated glass beads, where standard deviation bars are given for each stage (n = 3) and results are presented with respect to emitted dose.



Figure 6 from Wu et al. (2016): Predicted plasma concentration for formulations with untreated and surface engineered glass beads using A) GastroPlus built-in regional deposition predictor and B) MPPD model.

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Enhancement for PBPK Models of OINDPs Using CFD



- Many PBPK models use semi-empirical models
 - Cannot consider formulation and device differences on regional deposition
- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD)
 - Capable of modeling product differences
 - More precise mucociliary clearance modeling

Quasi-3D CFD Model for Lung Absorption



- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD)
 - Regional deposition estimates
 - Quasi-3D absorption model
- FDA Grant #1U01FD005214
 - Generic Drug User Fee Amendments (GDUFA)
- New GDUFA-funded contract (#HHS223201810182C) based on same model



Local drug concentration predictions of solid and dissolved fluticasone propionate Fig. 15 from Kannan et al. (2018)

CFD and PBPK for Nasal Products

- PBPK model for nasal absorption
- Fully 3D CFD model predicts deposition
- FDA Grant #1U01FD005201

– GDUFA

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CFD predictions for deposition locations of fluticasone propionate droplets, from Kimbell et al. (2017)

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Pharmacokinetic (PK) predictions of fluticasone propionate nasal spray, from of Schroeter et al. (2017)

Support Alternative Bioequivalence (BE) Approaches

- Local concentration predictions may identify more precise in vitro and/or PK studies
- Evidentiary burden would be much higher than for product development
- Pre-ANDA meeting

Conclusions



- PBPK models can be used to inform product design and development of locally-acting OINDPs.
- Practical applications of PBPK for locally-acting OINDPs have considered a poorly soluble compound and a carrier particle modification.
- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) is capable of predicting regional deposition while considering product differences.
- Alternative bioequivalence (BE) approaches for locally-acting OINDPs may be potentially supported by PBPK.

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