



Η Συμβολή της ερευνητικής μας ομάδας στην ανάπτυξη-έρευνα/έγκριση των φαρμάκων

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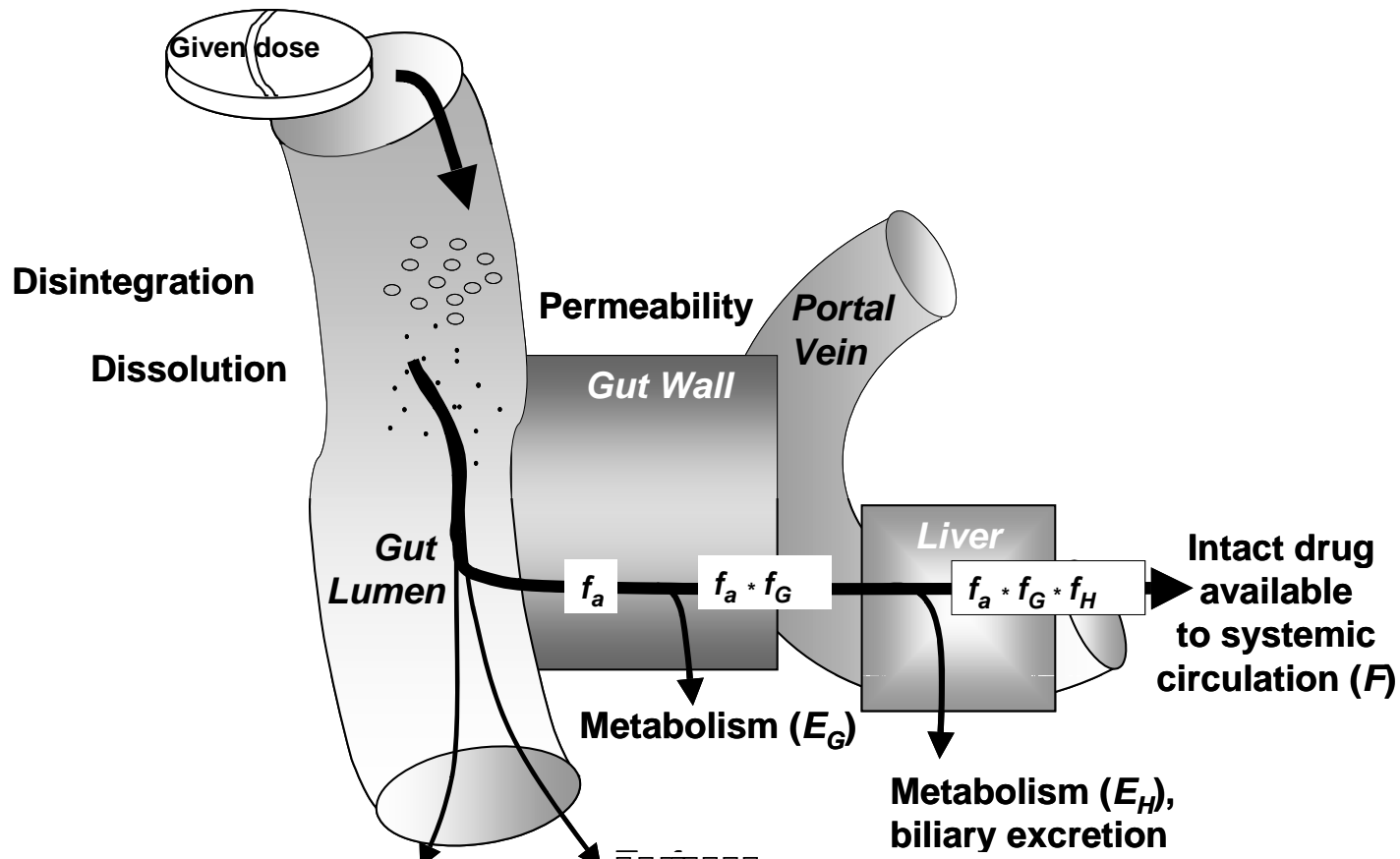
REVIEW

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Keeping a Critical Eye on the Science and the Regulation of Oral Drug Absorption: A Review

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THE DRUG (FORMULATION) SPACE

ORIGINAL (Small molecule or biotechnological product)

Proprietary drug, with data and market exclusivities

Generics

(Copy drugs, only licensed after drug's basic patent has expired)

- **Supergenerics**

- no official definition

- one of the many: improved therapeutic entities

- **Complex Drugs or Non biological complex drugs (NBCDs)**

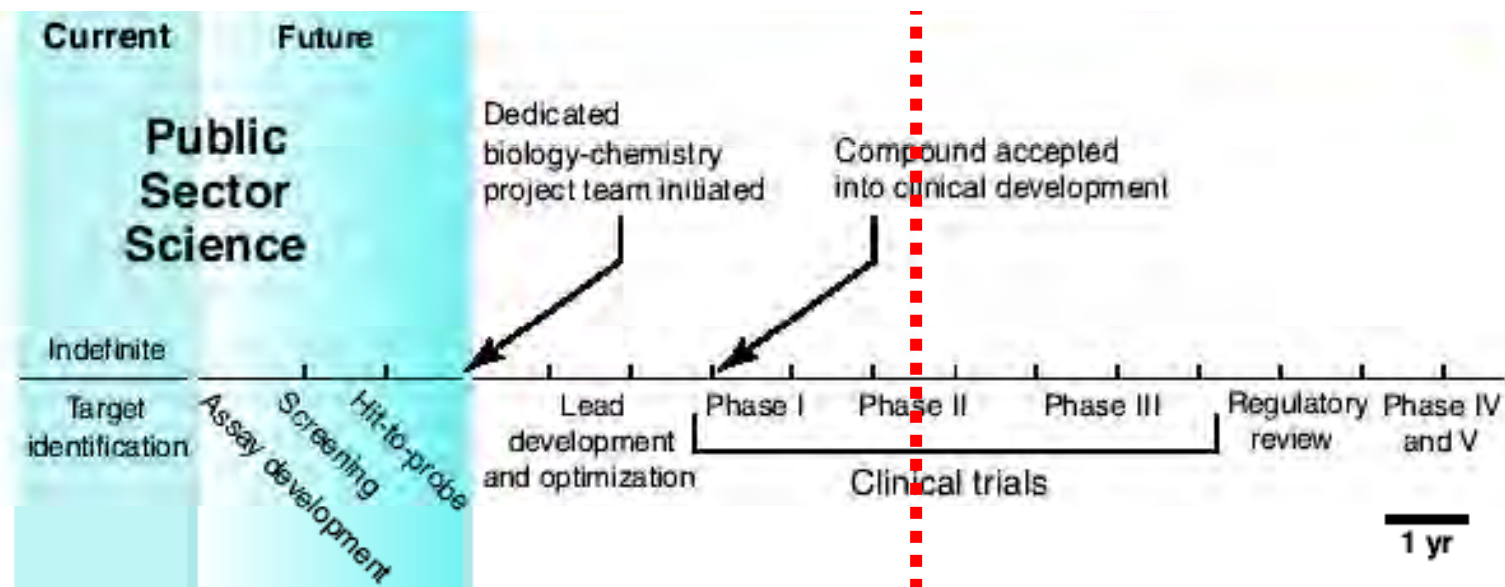
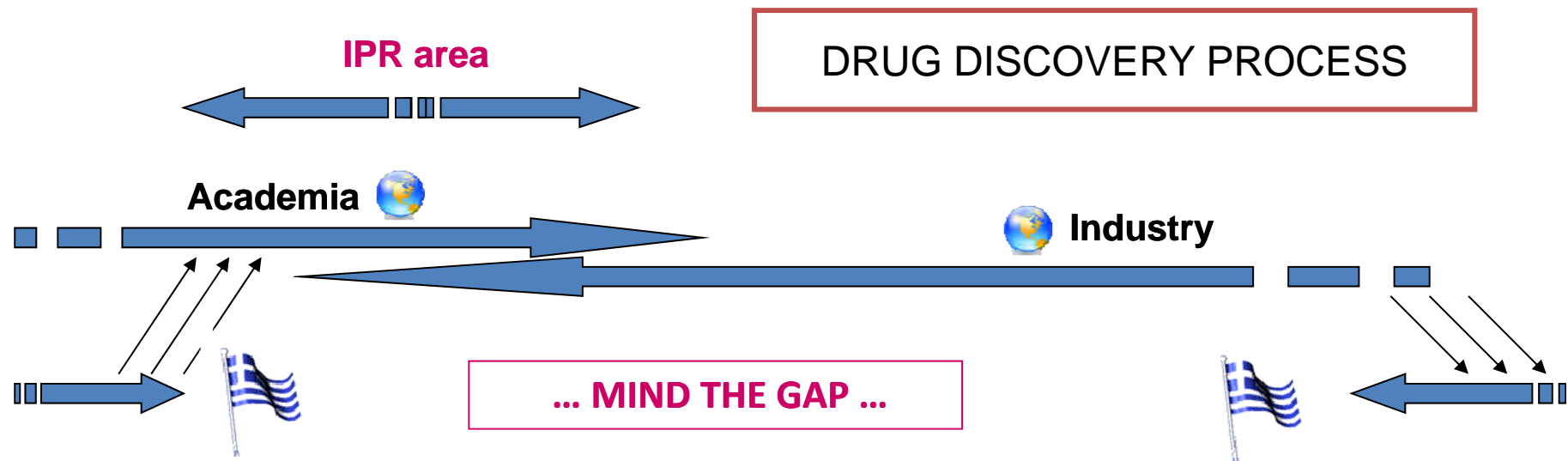
- no official definition

- not fully characterized large molecules

Biosimilars

also known as *Similar biotechnological (biological) medicinal products*. Biologic products that are intended copies of an already licensed reference Biologic Product.

**ORIGINAL (Small molecule or
biotechnological product)**



Interface of the MLI and drug development.

*By courtesy of Dr George Kollias, Academician,
Biomedical Sciences Research Center, "Alexander Fleming".*

Ανακάλυψη

➤ *Κέντρο προκλινικών μελετών
(φαρμακολογική, τοξικολογική,
βιοφαρμακευτική αξιολόγηση)*

➤ *Νομοθετικό πλαίσιο για τα
δικαιώματα της πνευματικής
ιδιοκτησίας ερευνητών και
Πανεπιστημίου*



Έγκριση

➤ *Χώρα αναφοράς*



OUTLINE

A. Generics' R&D/approval:

1. Well-Established Use (WEU)
2. Biowaivers
3. Classical route via Bioequivalence studies
4. Complex drugs
 5. SuperGenerics
- 5a. SuperGenerics: Milk Based Formulations

B. Biosimilars

C. Application of Pharmacokinetics-Pharmacometrics in Clinical Practice: Individualisation of therapy

Generics' R&D/approval:

1. Well-Established Use (USE)

DIRECTIVE 2001/83/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL OF 6 NOVEMBER 2001 ON THE COMMUNITY CODE RELATING TO
MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE

Official Journal L – 311, 28/11/2004, p. 67 – 128

Article 10a

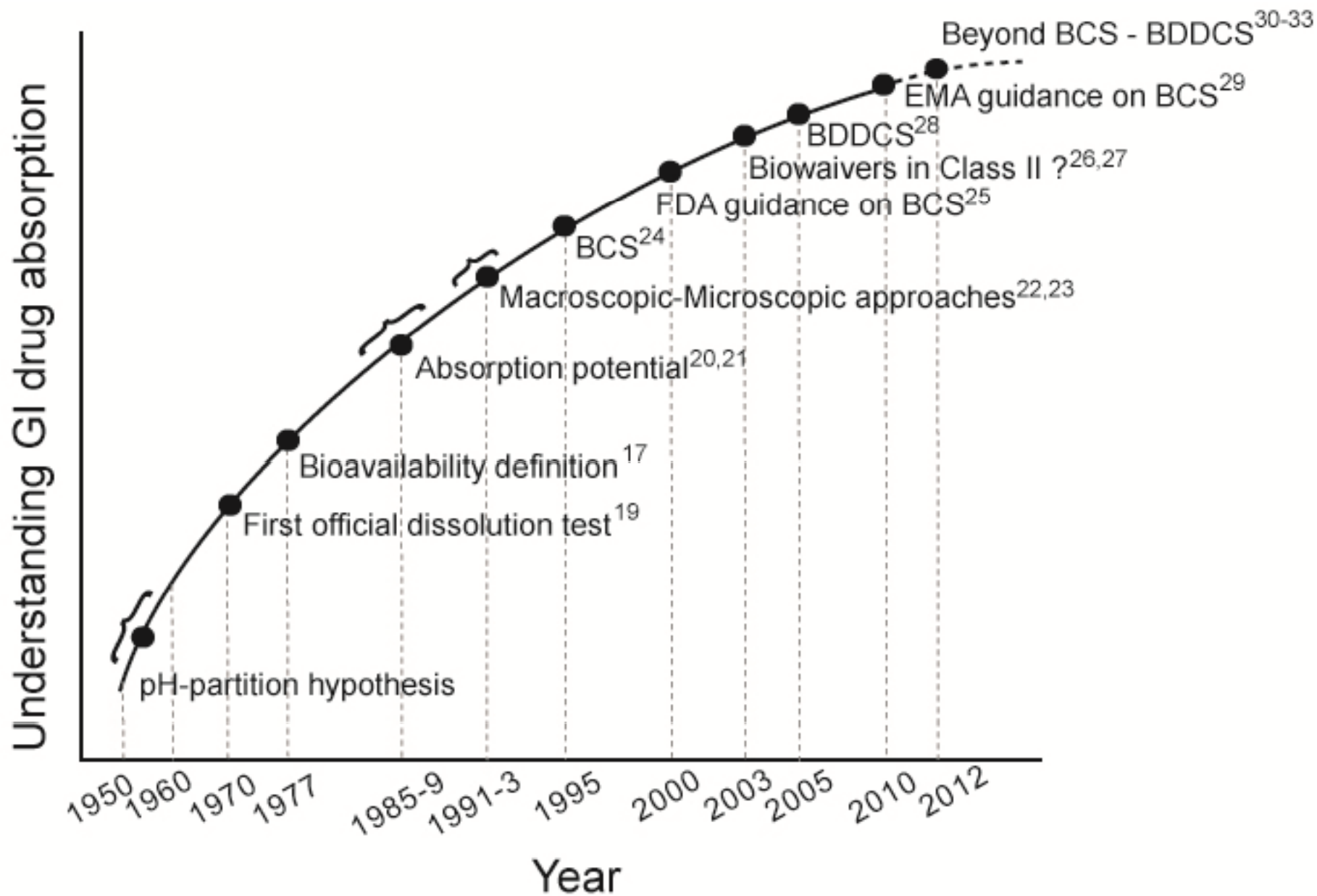
By way of derogation from Article 8(3)(i), and without prejudice to the law relating to the protection of industrial and commercial property, the applicant shall not be required to provide the results of pre-clinical tests or clinical trials if he can demonstrate that the active substances of the medicinal product have been in well-established medicinal use within the Community for at least ten years, with recognised efficacy and an acceptable level of safety in terms of the conditions set out in the Annex. In that event, the test and trial results shall be replaced by appropriate scientific literature.

Parameters to focus on:

- Years in the market
- Extent of use / Geographical basis
- Scientific interest
- Active substance (qual./quant)
- The role of excipients (qual./quant)
- Pharmaceutical formulation
- Stability issues
- Pharmacological issues: Safety, efficacy
- Regulatory issues

Generics' R/D/approval:

2. Biowaivers



<p>Class I</p> <p><i>High Permeability</i> <i>High Solubility</i></p>	<p>Class II</p> <p><i>High Permeability</i> <i>Low Solubility</i></p>
<p>Class III</p> <p><i>Low Permeability</i> <i>High Solubility</i></p>	<p>Class IV</p> <p><i>Low Permeability</i> <i>Low Solubility</i></p>

Amidon GL, Lennernas H, Shah VP, Crison JR. *Pharm. Res.* **12**: 413-20 (1995))

Guidance for Industry

Waiver of In Vivo Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms Based on a Biopharmaceutics Classification System

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
(CDER)
August 2000



**COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE
(CHMP)**

GUIDELINE ON THE INVESTIGATION OF BIOEQUIVALENCE

APPENDIX III

BCS-based Biowaiver

III.2 Absorption

The demonstration of complete absorption in humans is preferred for BCS-based biowaiver applications. For this purpose complete absorption is considered to be established where measured extent of absorption is $\geq 85\%$. Complete absorption is generally related to high permeability.

Complete drug absorption should be justified based on reliable investigations in human. Data from

- absolute bioavailability or
- mass-balance

studies could be used to support this claim.

When data from mass balance studies are used to support complete absorption, it must be ensured that the metabolites taken into account in determination of fraction absorbed are formed after absorption. Hence, when referring to total radioactivity excreted in urine, it should be ensured that there is no degradation or metabolism of the unchanged drug substance in the gastric or intestinal fluid. Phase 1 oxidative and Phase 2 conjugative metabolism can only occur after absorption (i.e. cannot occur in the gastric or intestinal fluid). Hence, data from mass balance studies support complete absorption if the sum of urinary recovery of parent compound and urinary and faecal recovery of Phase 1 oxidative and Phase 2 conjugative drug metabolites account for $\geq 85\%$ of the dose.

Identification of Biowaivers among Class II Drugs: Theoretical Justification and Practical Examples

E. Rinaki, A. Dokoumetzidis, G. Valsami, P. Macheras. *Pharm Res.* 2004 Sep;21(9):1567-72.

QBCS

Quantitative Biopharmaceutics Classification System (QBCS): The Central Role of Dose/Solubility Ratio

E. Rinaki, G. Valsami, P. Macheras.
Pharm. Res. 20: 1917-1925 (2003)

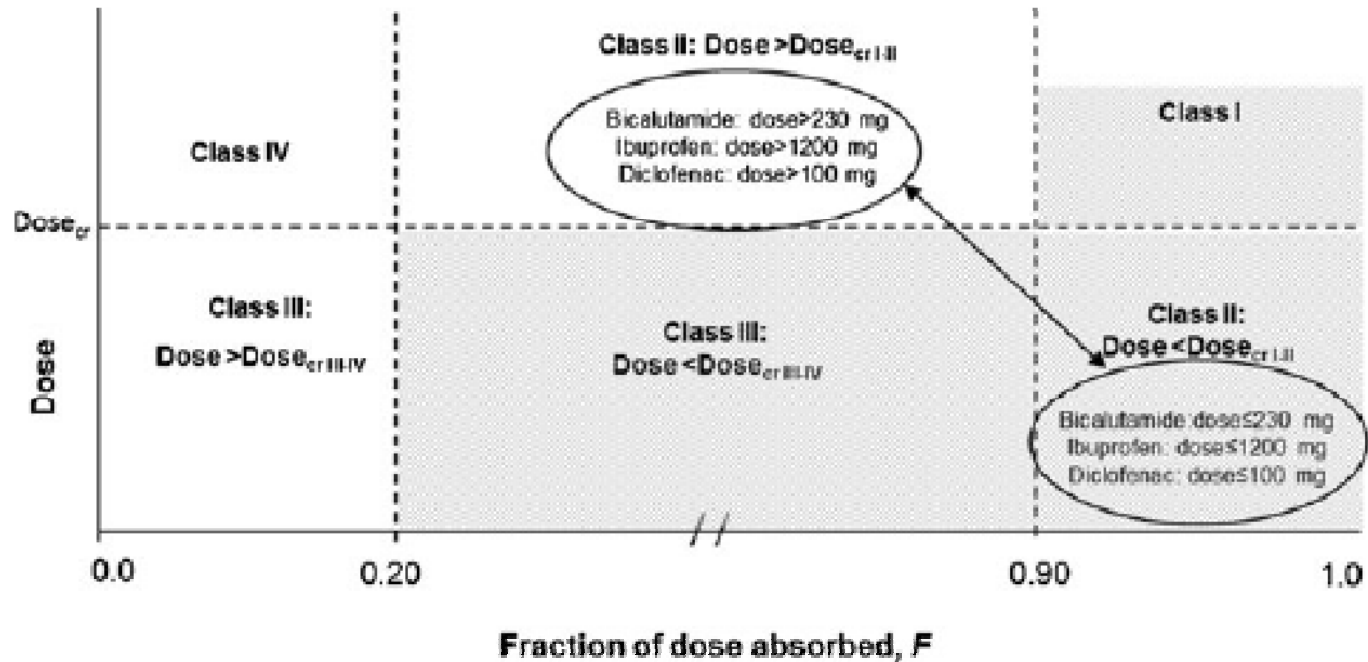
Dose Dependent Biopharmaceutic Classification System (DDBCS)

Pharm Res
DOI 10.1007/s11095-012-0815-4

RESEARCH PAPER

Elucidating the Role of Dose in the Biopharmaceutics Classification of Drugs: The Concepts of Critical Dose, Effective *In Vivo* Solubility, and Dose-Dependent BCS

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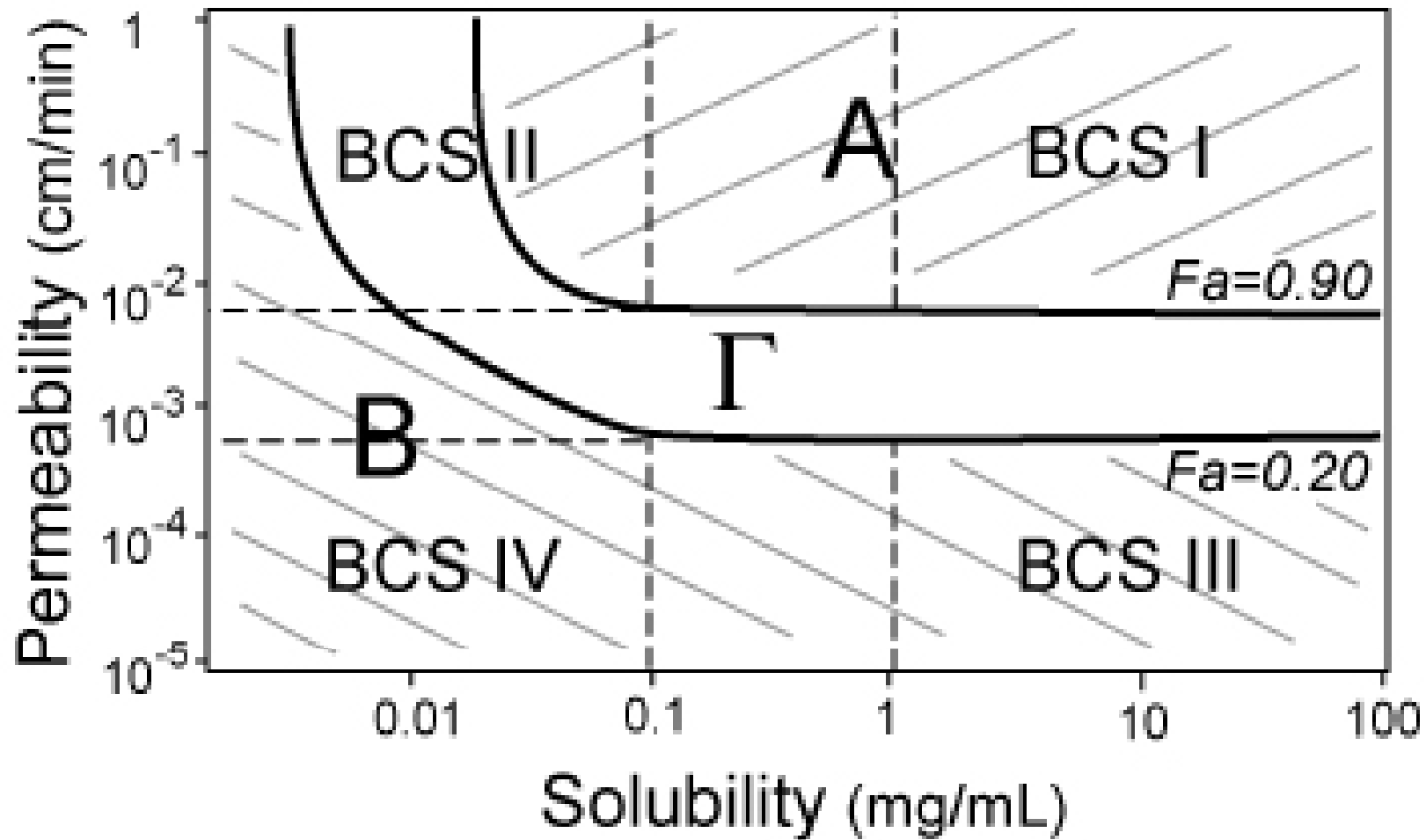
A non-binary biopharmaceutical classification of drugs: The ABΓ system

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The **AB Γ** system is co-plotted with a continuous version of BCS. The latter was constructed using the cutoff values of high, low solubility and permeability estimates. The dose and particle size values were set equal to 10 mg and 10 μm , respectively.

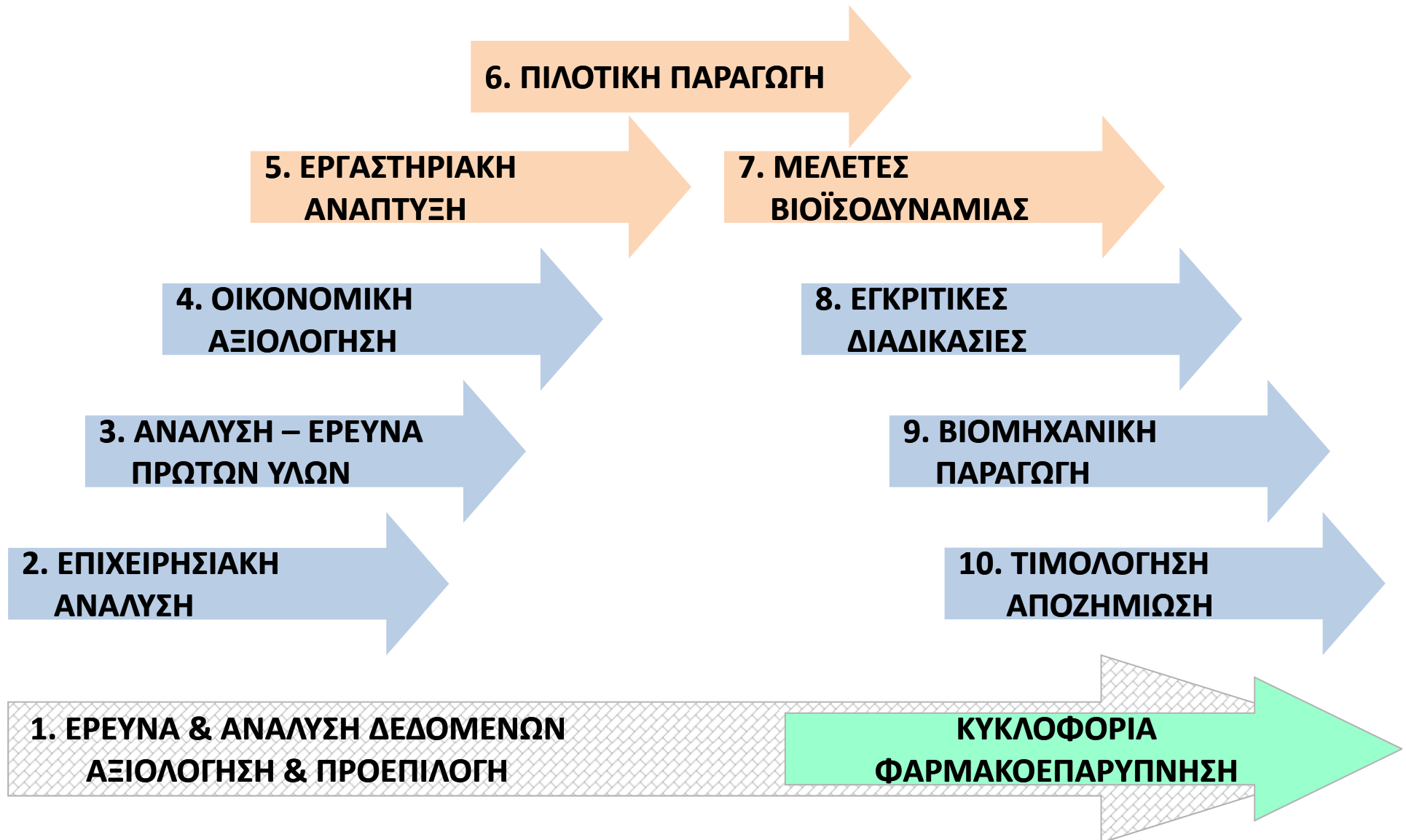


Με βάση biowaiver report από το
εργαστηριό μας σήμερα κυκλοφορεί
στην Ευρώπη Ελληνικό φαρμακευτικό
προϊόν

Generics' R&D/approval:

3. Classical route via Bioequivalence studies

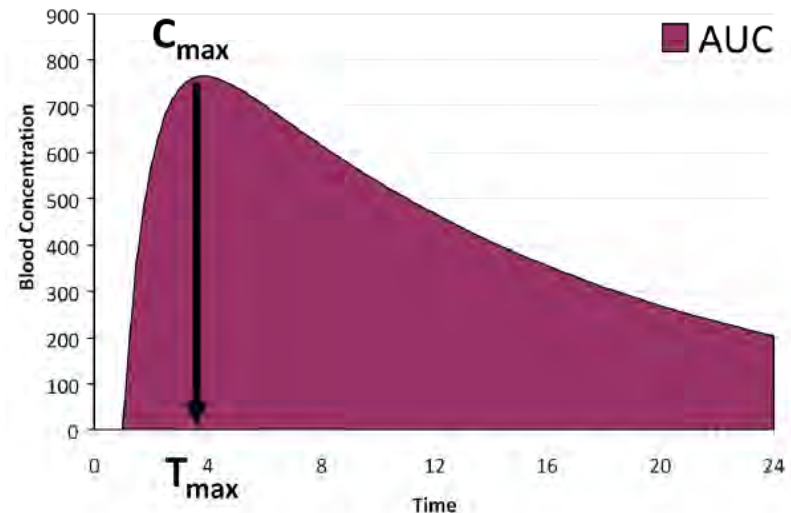
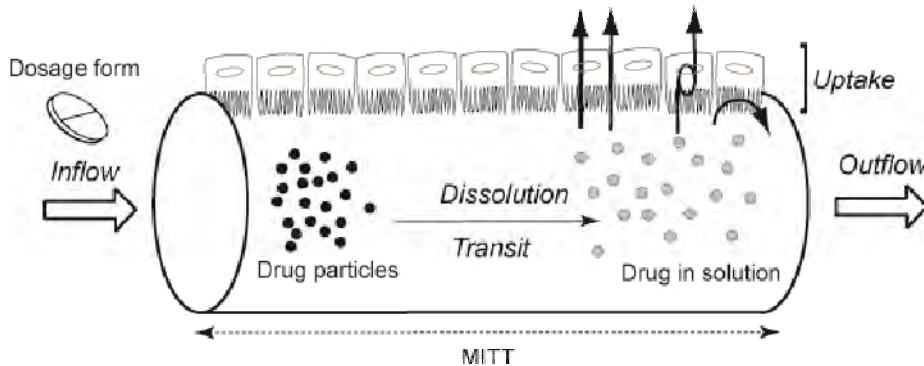
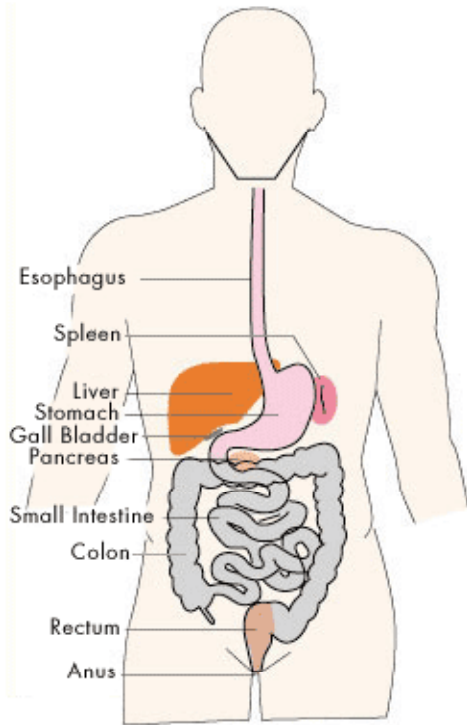
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Μελέτες Βιοϊσοδυναμίας

Έκταση και ρυθμός απορρόφησης

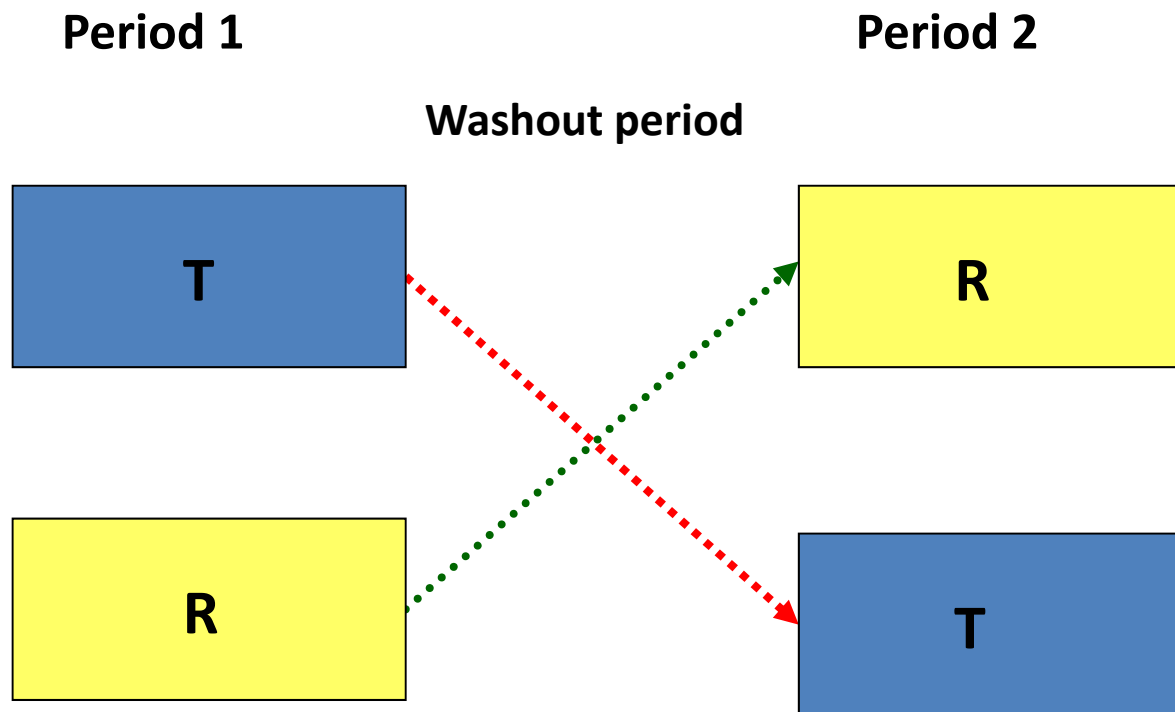
“ Εκτιμώνται έμμεσα με βάση φαρμακοκινητικές παραμέτρους (*metrics*) που υπολογίζονται από δεδομένα C,t , μετά από χορήγηση των σκευασμάτων σε υγιείς εθελοντές “



Μελέτες Βιοϊσοδυναμίας

Διασταυρωτός Σχεδιασμός Μελετών
Βιοδιαθεσιμότητας-Βιοϊσοδυναμίας

2 x 2 cross-over design



EMA Guideline on Bioequivalence



European Medicines Agency

London, 20 January 2010

Doc. Ref.: CPMP/EWP/QWP/1401/98 Rev. 1/ Corr **

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CPMP/EWP/QWP/1401/98 Rev. 1/ Corr **

Highly Variable Drugs or Drug Products



European Medicines Agency

London, 20 January 2010

Doc. Ref.: CPMP/EWP/QWP/1401/98 Rev. 1/ Corr **

EMA
European Medicines Agency
London, 20 January 2010

Within-subject CV (%)*	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
30	80.00	125.00
35	77.23	129.48
40	74.62	134.02
45	72.15	138.59
≥50	69.84	143.19

$$* CV(\%) = 100 \sqrt{e^{s_{WR}^2} - 1}$$

$$[U, L] = \exp [\pm k \cdot s_{WR}]$$

Research Paper

Novel Scaled Bioequivalence Limits with Leveling-off Properties

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On the leveling-off properties of the new bioequivalence limits for highly variable drugs of the EMA guideline

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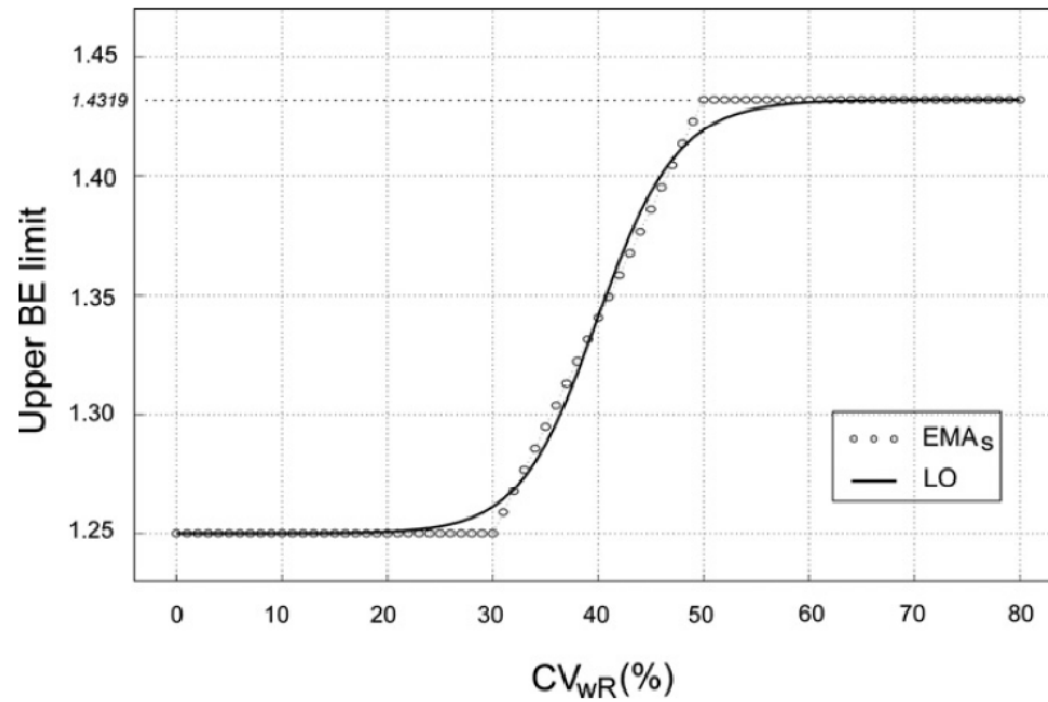


Fig. 2. Fitting of LO limits (Eq. (4)) to the EMA_s approach.

Μελέτες Βιοϊσοδυναμίας στην Ελλάδα ?

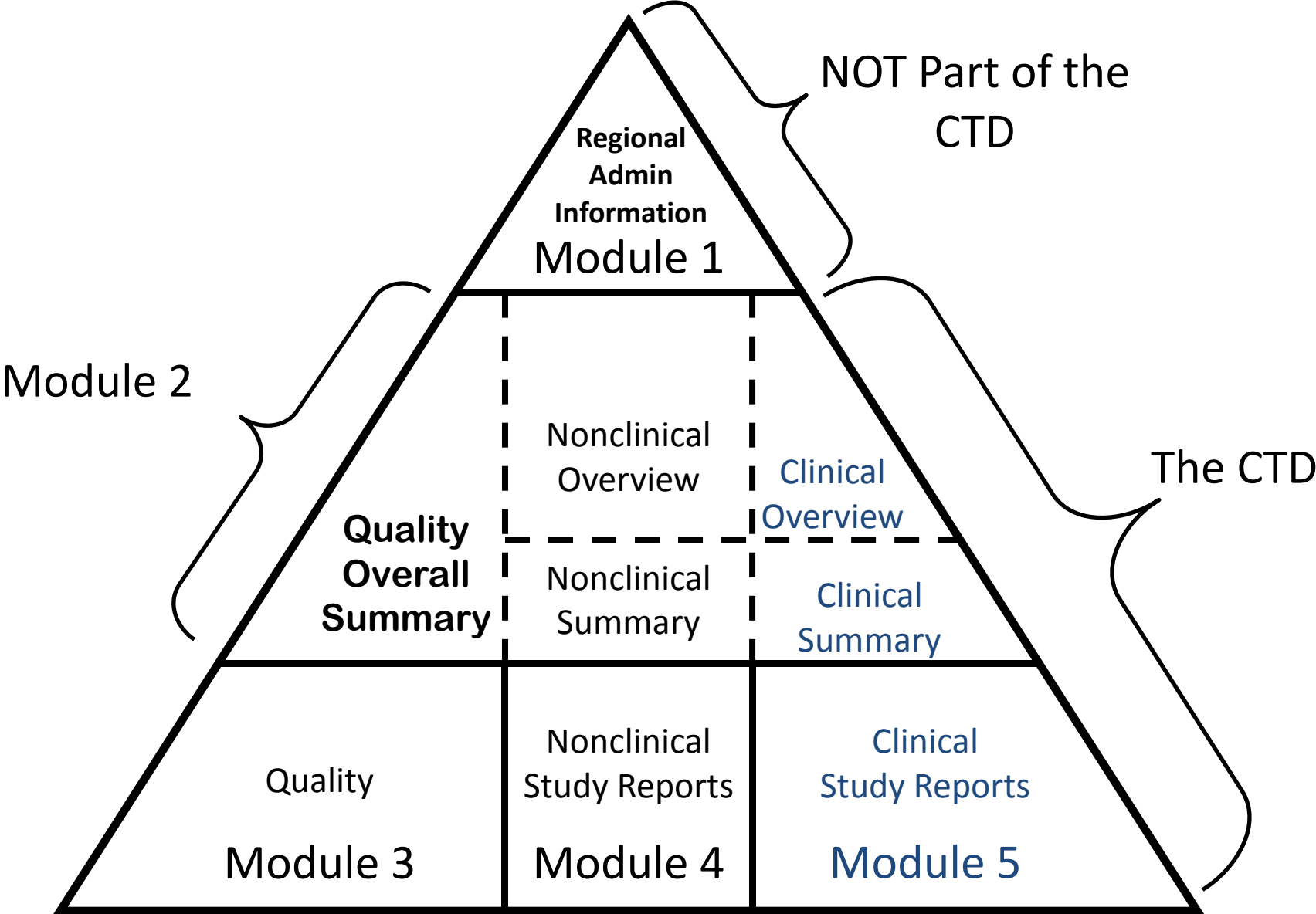
ΝΑΙ, αρκεί να μας υποστηρίξετε.

Ήδη δεχόμαστε αιτήματα και προετοιμάζουμε
όλα τα κανονιστικά θέματα: GLP, GCP

Ρυθμιστικές Εγκριτικές Διαδικασίες

- Οι εταιρείες ανάπτυξης και παραγωγής γενοσήμων είναι υποχρεωμένες να δημιουργήσουν και να καταθέσουν στον ΕΟΦ φάκελο (**eCTD**) με πλήρη στοιχεία (π.χ. ποιοτική-ποσοτική σύνθεση, ενδείξεις-αντενδείξεις, δοσολογία, κλινικές μελέτες κ.λ.π.)

The CTD Triangle



A. Generics' development/approval:

4. Complex drugs

Complex drugs: Similar but not the same

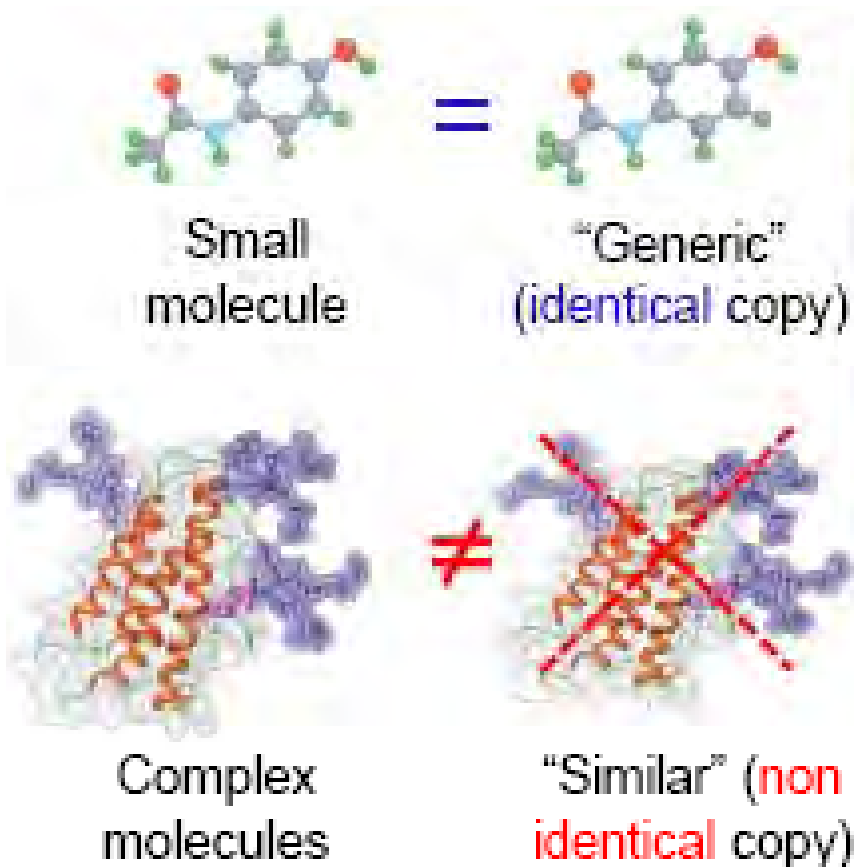
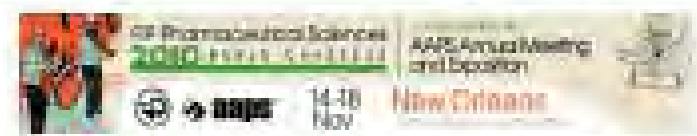


Table 1: Substantial differences between conventional and complex drugs

	Conventional Drugs	Complex Drugs
Size	Small (single molecule)	Large (mix)
Structure	Simple, defined	Complex, defined by the exact manufacturing process
Modification	Well defined	Many options
Manufacturing	Predictable chemical process - identical copy can be made	- Difficult to control local starting material to final API - Impossible to ensure an identical copy
Characterization	Easy to characterize fully	Cannot be characterized fully (mixture of related molecules)



Schellekens et al. Poster AAPS (FIP) 2010
 Non-biological complex drugs:
 How to show therapeutic equivalence
http://www.aapsj.org/abstracts/AM_2010/16341.pdf

Non-biological complex drugs

Liposomal drugs (formulation)

Vesicles composed of phospholipid bilayers that can be formed from a great variety of lipid constituents (EMA reflection paper 2011)

Low molecular weight heparins

(Non-biotechnology biological product)

Mixture of heteropolymers obtained by proprietary depolymerisation processes of unfractionated heparin (EMA guideline on LMWH similars 2009)

Glatiramoids

Synthetic polypeptide mixtures with immunomodulatory activity containing four L-amino acids (glutamic acid, alanine, lysine, tyrosine)

Iron carbohydrates

Colloidal IV iron preparations comprising a polynuclear iron-oxohydroxide core complexed with a carbohydrate to stabilize and prevent iron toxicity and facilitate uptake and processing in macrophages



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The therapeutic equivalence of complex drugs [☆]

Huib Schellekens ^{a,b,*}, Ety Klinger ^{c,1}, Stefan Mühlebach ^{d,2}, Jean-Francois Brin ^{e,3}, Gert Storm ^{f,g},
Daan J.A. Crommelin ^{f,g,h,i}

Εκπονούμε φαρμακοκινητική μελέτη
με ένα complex drug της RAFARM

Generics' development/approval:

5. SuperGenerics

'Supergenerics'

'improved therapeutic entities'

'added value Generics'

'innovative Generics'

Developing Supergenerics: aspects of an existing drug product that you may alter aiming to create a new slightly different product

- Route of administration
- Dosage form
- Dose strength
- Formulation and release profile
- Improved safety
- Improved Patients compliance
- Improved Bioavailability
- Different pK profile
- Combination product
- Different Indication
- Slight modification to the active moiety
- Different manufacturing process
- Prescription status



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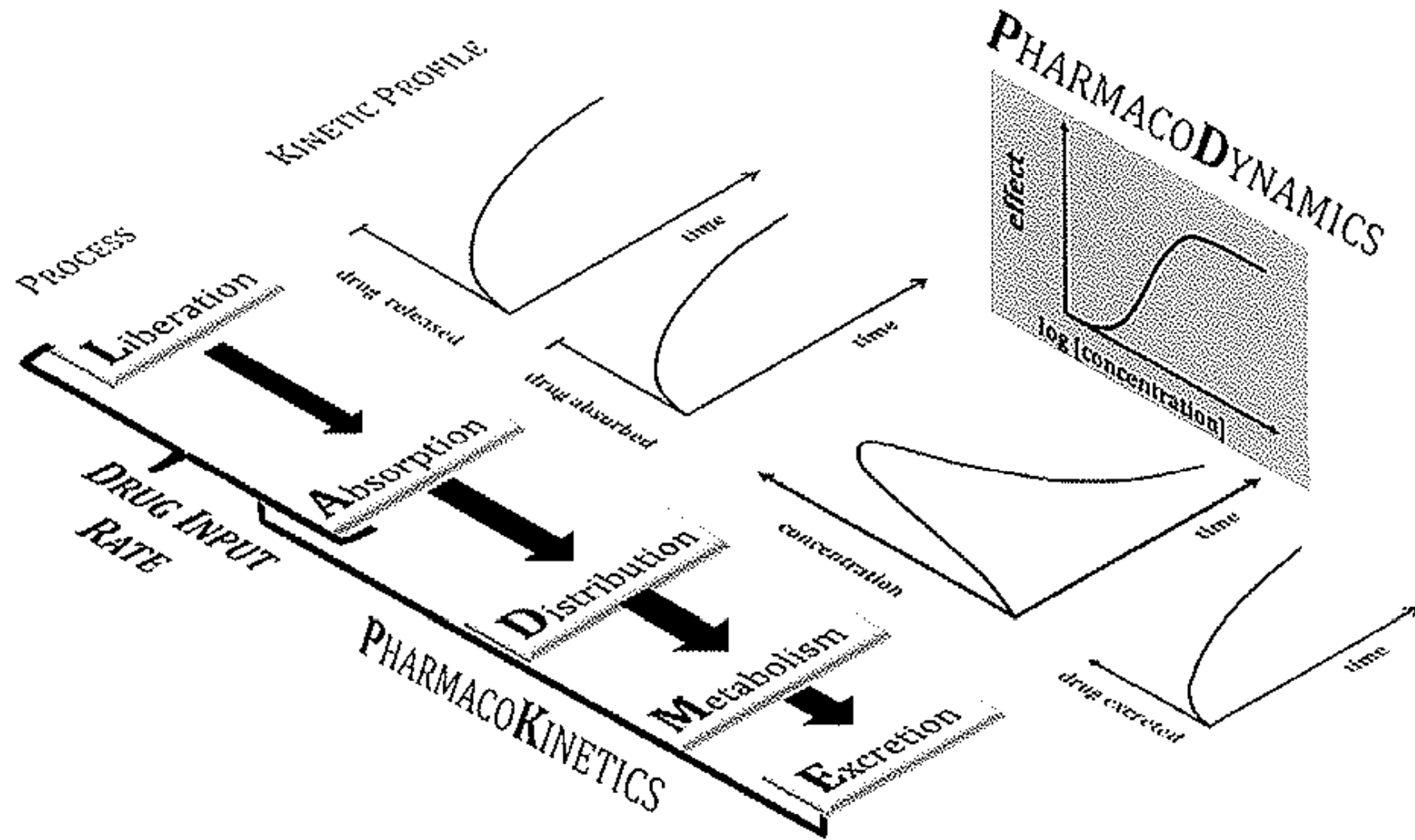
Review

Improved therapeutic entities derived from known generics as an unexplored source of innovative drug products ☆

Sven Stegemann ^{a,*}, Imre Klebovich ^b, István Antal ^b, Henning H. Blume ^c, Kálmán Magyar ^d, György Németh ^e, Tamás L. Paál ^f, Willibald Stumptner ^g, György Thaler ^e, Armand Van de Putte ^a, Vinod P. Shali ^h

Principles of pharmacokinetic optimization.

S. Stegemann et al./European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences 44 (2011) 447–454



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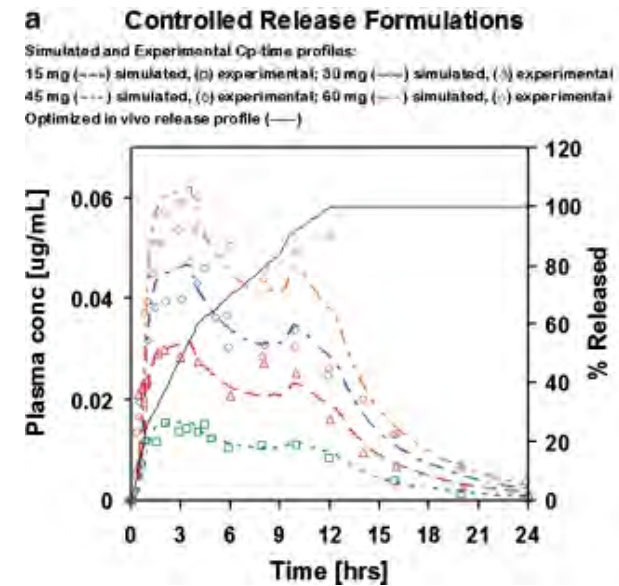
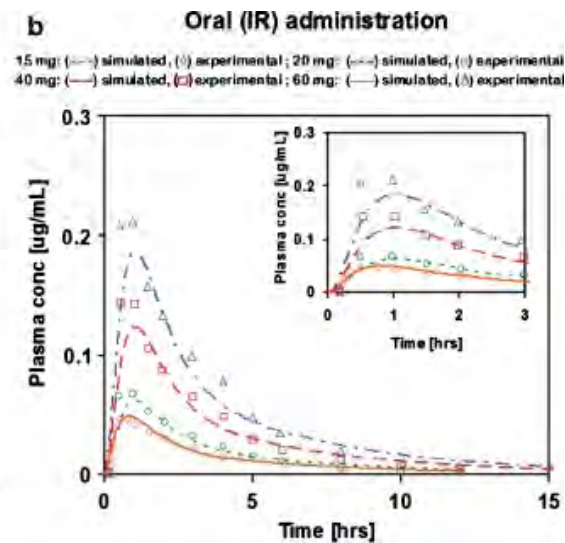
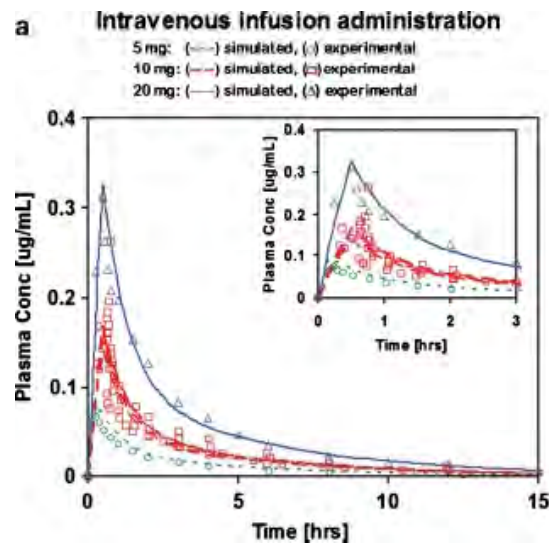
The AAPS Journal, Vol. 11, No. 2, June 2009 (© 2009)
DOI: 10.1208/s12248-009-9107-2

Research Article

Theme: Towards Integrated ADME Prediction: Past, Present, and Future Directions
Guest Editors: Lawrence X. Yu, Steven C. Sutton, and Michael B. Bolger

Prediction of Modified Release Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics from *In Vitro*, Immediate Release, and Intravenous Data

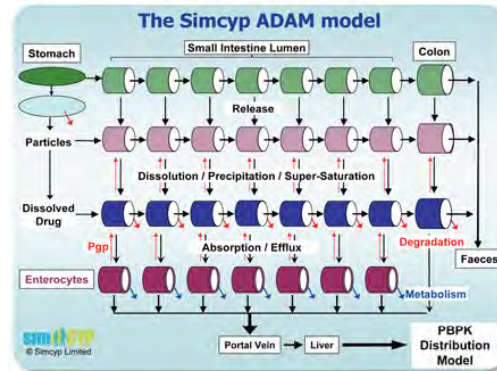
Viera Lukacova,^{1,2} Walter S. Woltosz,¹ and Michael B. Bolger¹



In vitro innovator's formulation



Calibration

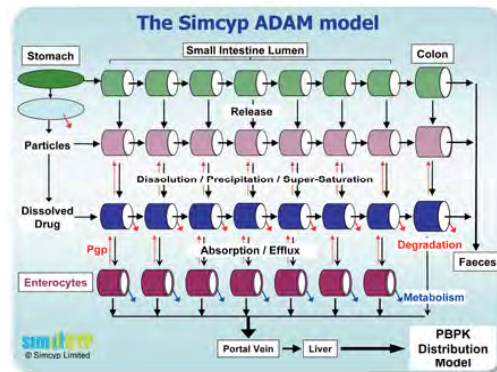


In vivo innovator's formulation

In vitro new formulation



Validation



Failed in vivo new formulation

1. Εφαρμογή MODELING AND SIMULATION

για την ανάπτυξη σκευασμάτων:

Υπάρχει πρόγραμμα συνεργασίας με τη
PHARMATHEN

2. Εφαρμογή πληθυσμιακών προσεγγίσεων

(population approaches) στην ανάλυση

δεδομένων μελετών βιοϊσοδυναμίας: Υπάρχει
πρόγραμμα συνεργασίας με την ELPEN

A. Generics' development/approval:

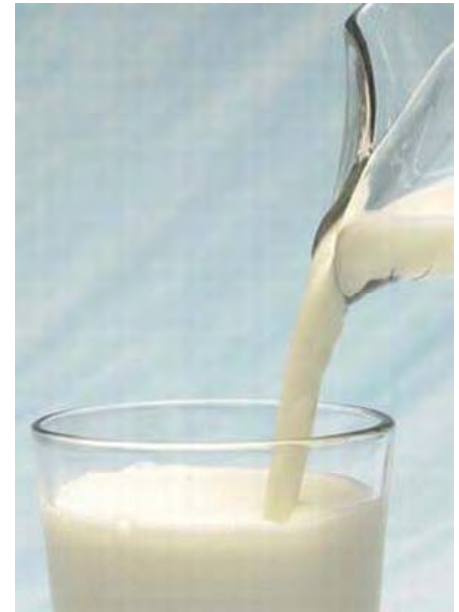
5a. SuperGenerics: Milk Based
Formulations

Research in our LAB

- **Drug-milk studies (solubility, dissolution, binding)**
- **Freeze dried drug milk formulations**
- **Simple Milk-based formulations for ionized and un-ionized drugs**
- **Paediatric formulations**

Milk

- A natural, abundant and inexpensive carrier with the desired characteristics for oral drug delivery.
- Oil-in-water natural emulsion
- Fat milk is in separate small globules



Report

Drug Binding and Solubility in Milk

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Received June 12, 1989; accepted December 9, 1989

The binding and solubility of nitrofurantoin, piroxicam, indomethacin, prednisolone, diazepam, dicumarol, and griseofulvin in milk were determined at 15, 25, and 37°C in bovine milk samples with fat contents of 0.75 and 3.50%. Drug binding to milk components was independent of drug concentration over the drug concentration studied, and the fat content of milk strongly affected binding values of most of the listed drugs. Further, drug binding increased with decreasing temperatures for most of the drugs examined. The solubility of all drugs is greatly enhanced in milk compared to their aqueous solubility (pH 6.5 phosphate buffer). The high solubility cannot be accounted for solely on the basis of drug binding to milk components. An attempt is made to correlate the binding and solubility data with physicochemical properties of the drugs ($\log P$, pK_a , aqueous solubility). The potential significance of these findings is discussed with regard to preparation and *in vivo* delivery of drugs from drug-milk formulations.

KEY WORDS: binding; solubility; drug; milk.

Studies on Drug–Milk Freeze-Dried Formulations I: Bioavailability of Sulfamethizole and Dicumarol Formulations

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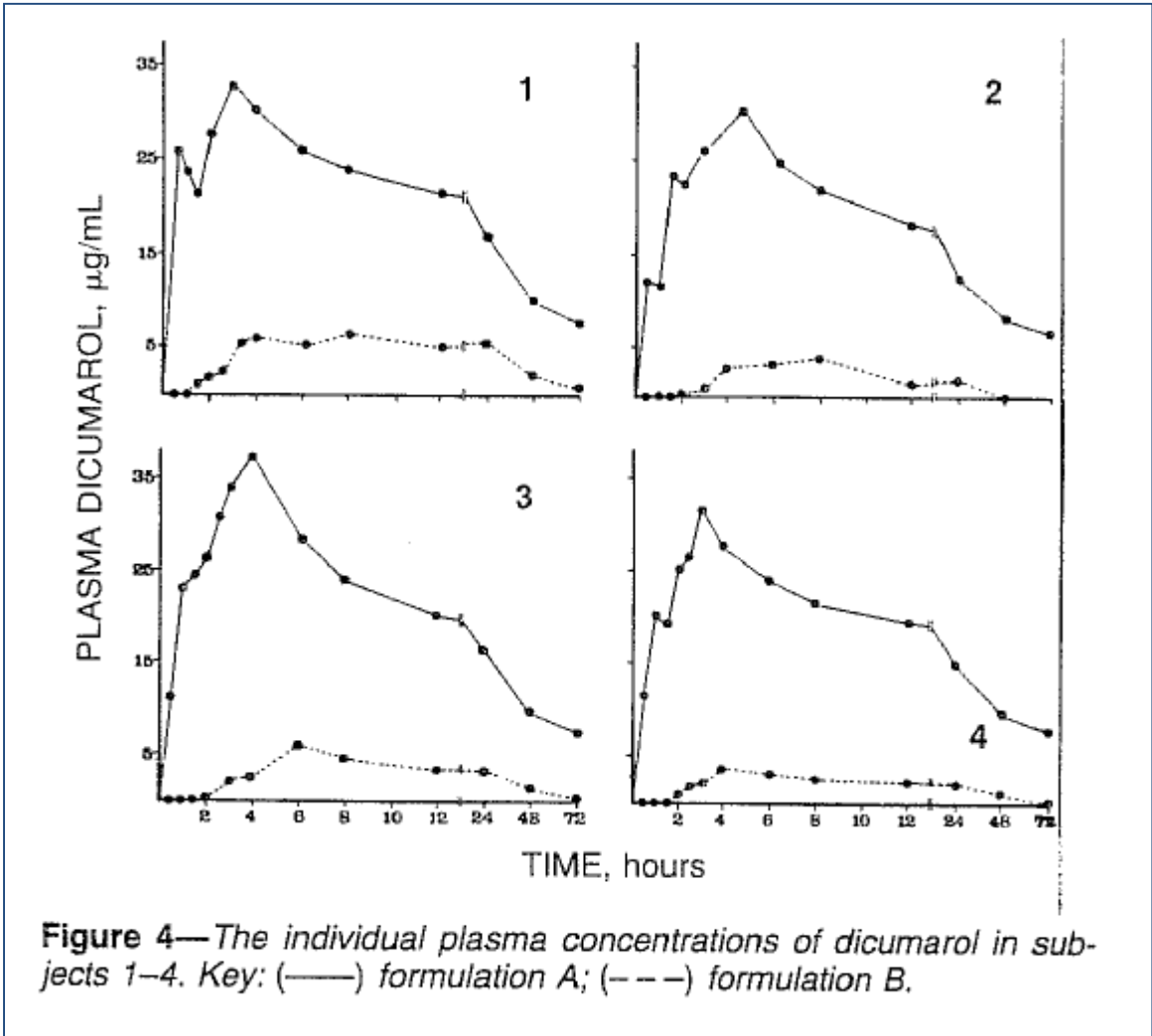


Figure 4—The individual plasma concentrations of dicumarol in subjects 1–4. Key: (—) formulation A; (---) formulation B.

Studies on Freeze-Dried Drug–Milk Formulations II: Effect of Regenerated Fluid Volume on Nitrofurantoin Bioavailability

PANAYOTIS E. MACHERAS^x AND CHRISTOS I. REPPAS

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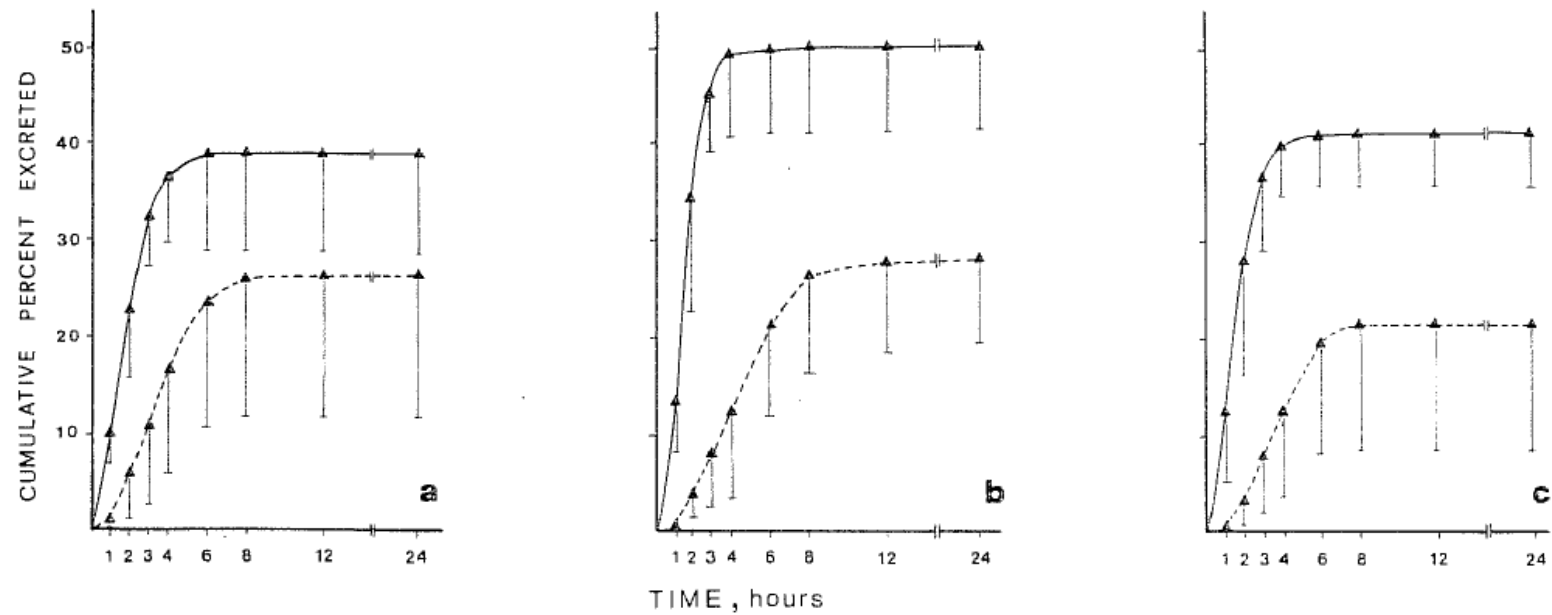


Figure 5—Mean cumulative percent of nitrofurantoin excreted following the administration of a freeze-dried formulation (—) or a capsule (---). Each point is the mean \pm SD of the cumulative percent excreted for all four subjects. Volume of milk used: (a) 100 mL; (b) 200 mL; (c) 400 mL.

IJP 01210

Dissolution of 4 controlled-release theophylline formulations in milk

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Key words: Dissolution study; Dynamic dialysis; Milk; Theophylline; Controlled-release formulation

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An in vitro model for exploring CR theophylline– milk fat interactions

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P. Macheras, C. Reppas, and G. Ismailos.

Pharmaceutical Research 11, S-283 (1994), AAPS, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, USA.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ORAL ABSORPTION OF CYCLOSPORIN A BY A FREEZE-DRIED CYCLOSPORIN A-MILK FORMULATION IN DOGS

Department of Pharmacy, University of Athens

Numerous attempts have been made to increase oral cyclosporin A (CsA) bioavailability. Based on previous results from our laboratory, a freeze-dried CsA-milk formulation (FDCsA) was prepared and tested *in vivo* using the canine model. Four female mongrel dogs in a four-period randomized crossover design received:

1. 3x100mg CsA as Sandimmune® soft gelatin capsules, and
- 2, a regenerated FDCsA product which contained 300mg CsA at two different milk volume levels, i.e., 150mL and 350mL (3.5% fat)

The mean SD PK parameters, based on plasma measurements, are summarized as follows:



<u>Treatment</u>	AUC_{0-24} (ng/mL/h)	C_{max} (ng/mL)	T_{max} (h)
<i>Caps/150</i>	6938(1704)	1285(351)	2.7(1.2)
<i>FDCsA/150</i>	10660(4032)	1731(649)	2.2(0.5)
<i>Caps/350</i>	7275(2517)	1365(906)	3.7(1.9)
<i>FDCsA/350</i>	13434(5102)	1977(562)	3.7(0.5)

C_{max} and AUC_{0-24} were significantly higher after the administration of the regenerated CsA-milk product by an average 40% and 70%, respectively.

Int J Pharm. 2010 May 10;390(2):150-9. doi: 10.1016/j.ijpharm.2010.01.038. Epub 2010 Feb 1.

Novel milk-based oral formulations: proof of concept.

Charkoftaki G, Kytariolos J, Macheras P.

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Int J Pharm. 2013 Feb 28;444(1-2):128-38. doi: 10.1016/j.ijpharm.2013.01.022. Epub 2013 Jan 20.

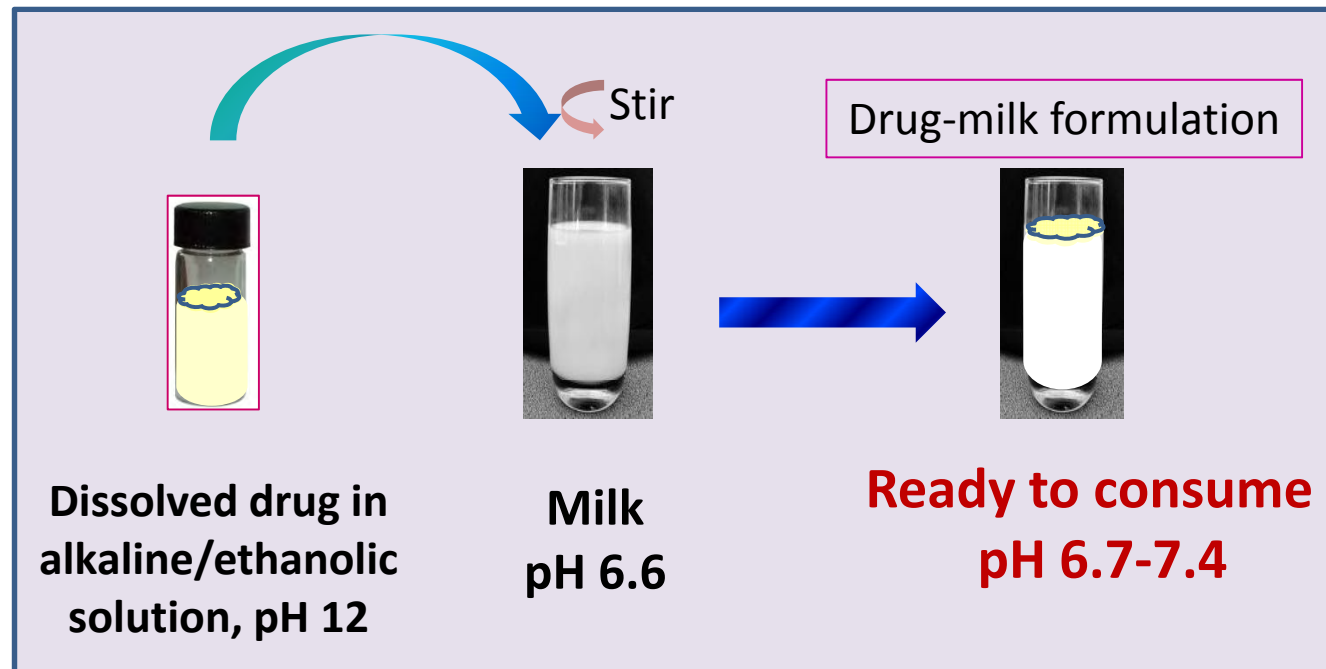
Stability and physicochemical characterization of novel milk-based oral formulations.

Kytariolos J, Charkoftaki G, Smith JR, Voyiatzis G, Chrissanthopoulos A, Yannopoulos SN, Fatouros DG, Macheras P.

Laboratory of Biopharmaceutics-Pharmacokinetics, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Athens, Panepistimiopolis, GR-15771, Athens, Greece.

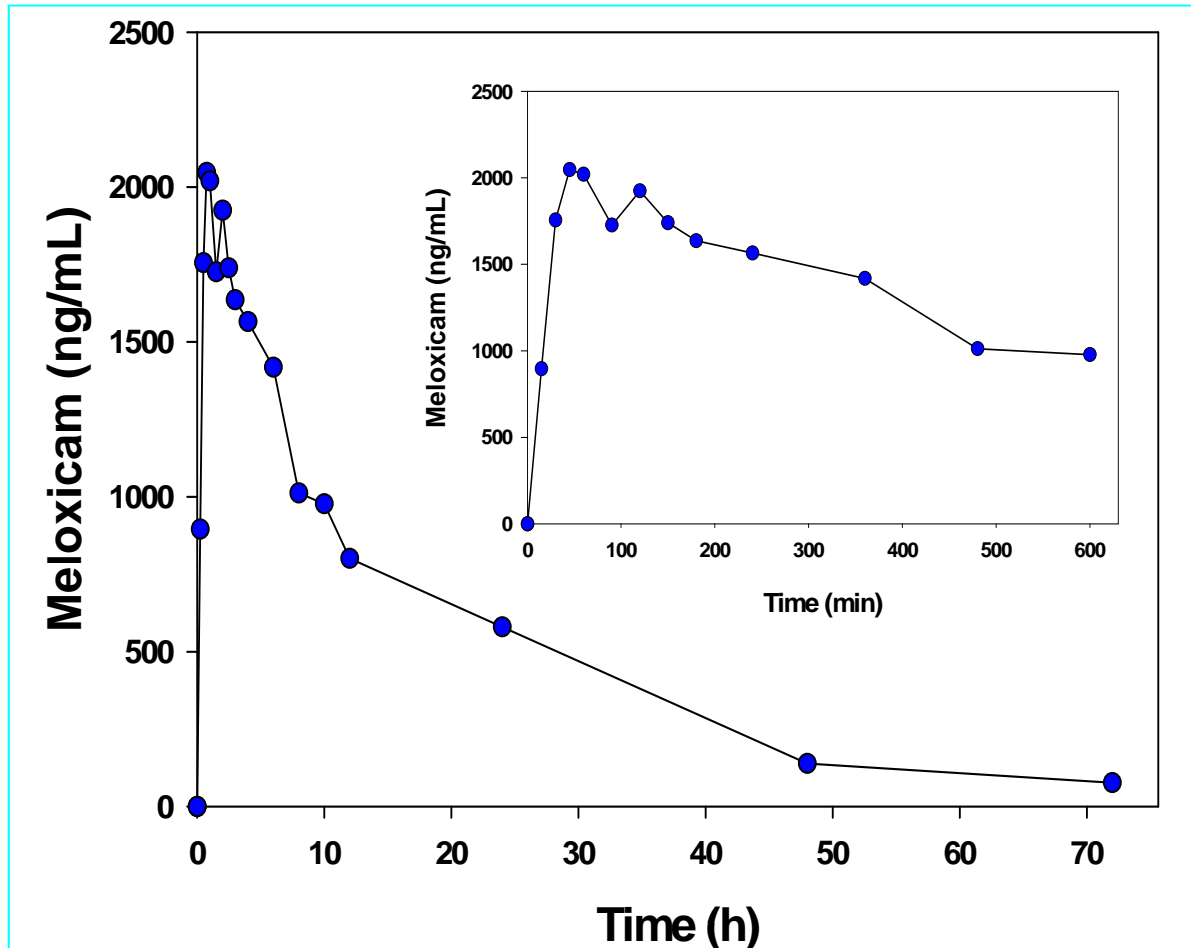
Preparation of the drug–milk formulations

1. Dissolve the compound in the appropriate volume of aqueous alkaline buffer solution pH 12 (2-12.5 mL)/or ethanolic solution.
2. Add the drug-alkaline/ethanolic solution into 150 mL of milk.
3. Stir with a spoon for a few seconds.
4. Ready to consume.



Ionized compounds

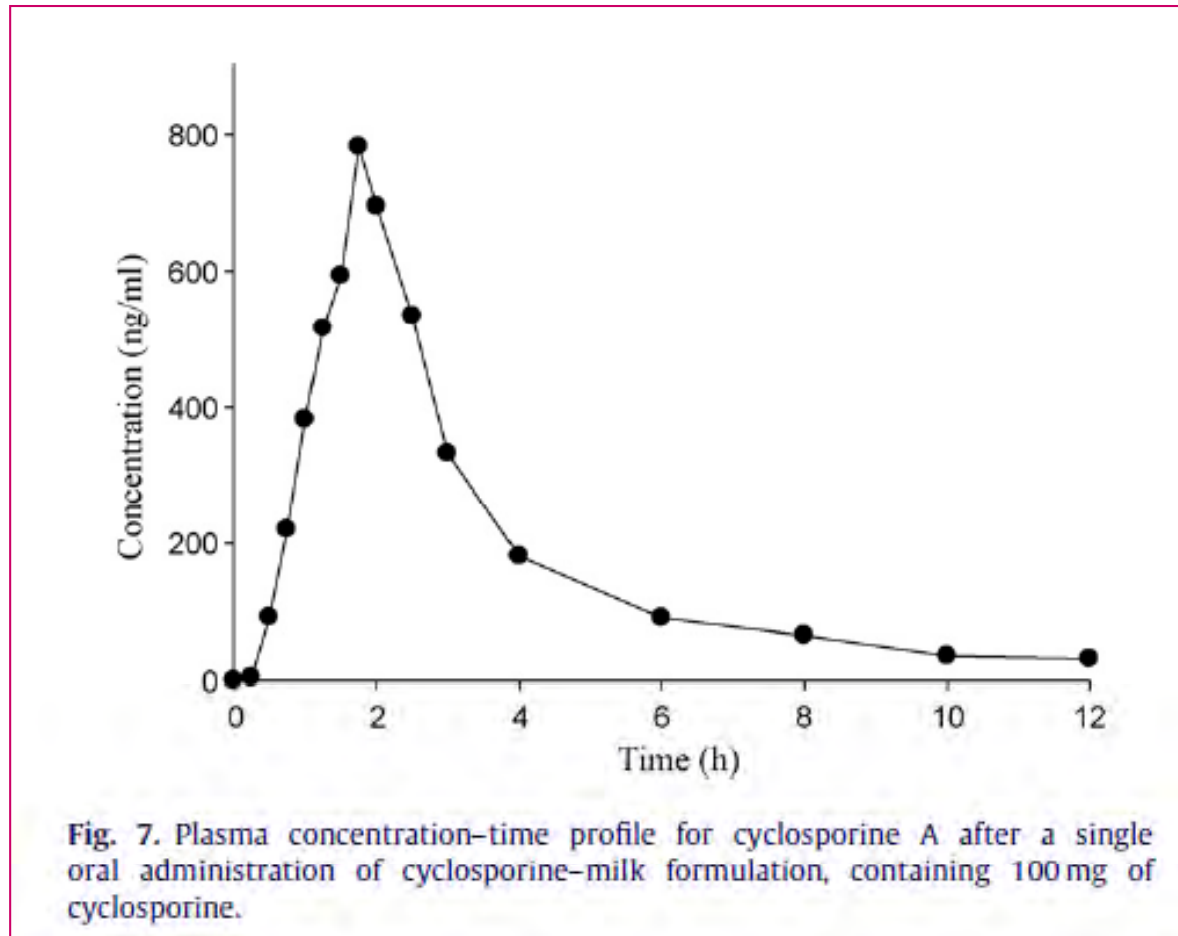
In vivo study: Meloxicam/milk formulation



$t_{\max} = 45 \text{ min}$

Non-ionized compounds

In vivo study: Cyclosporine/milk formulation



Milk based formulations

- Υπάρχει μία πατέντα στις απλές milk based formulations με τη PHARMATHEN (US 8435982 B1)- granted patent in US καθώς επίσης:

Pending patent application in EPO (EP 2 224 907 A1)

Pending patent application in USPTO (US 2013/0190252 A1)

- Υπάρχει ενδιαφέρον από τη Galenica για ανάπτυξη προϊόντος
- Υπάρχει συνεργασία με τη Vianex στο πεδίο των freeze dried drug-milk formulations αντικαρκινικών
- Ονειρεύομαι και αναζητώ συνεργασία με τη βιομηχανία ΓΓΕΤ-ογκολόγους-λοιμοξιολόγους για
 - ι) την αντικατάσταση της ενδοφλέβιας αγωγής με per os χορήγηση freeze dried anticancers-milk formulations
 - ιι) ανάπτυξη σκευασμάτων αντιρετροϊκών (και για παιδιατρική χρήση -υφίσταται provisional patent)

*Potential applications of milk based
formulations for Paediatric use*

Paediatric formulations

AAPS J. 2013 Aug 2. [Epub ahead of print]

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1 August 2013
EMA/CHMP/QWP/805880/2012 Rev. 2
Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)
Paediatric Committee (PDCO)

Guideline on pharmaceutical development of medicines for paediatric use

Draft agreed by QWP	February 2011
Draft agreed by SWP	March 2011
Draft agreed by PDCO	April 2011
Adoption by CHMP for release for consultation	May 2011
End of consultation (deadline for comments)	31 December 2011
Revised version agreed by QWP for release for second consultation	September 2012
Revised version agreed by PDCO for release for second consultation	November 2012
Revised version adopted by CHMP for release for second consultation	November 2012
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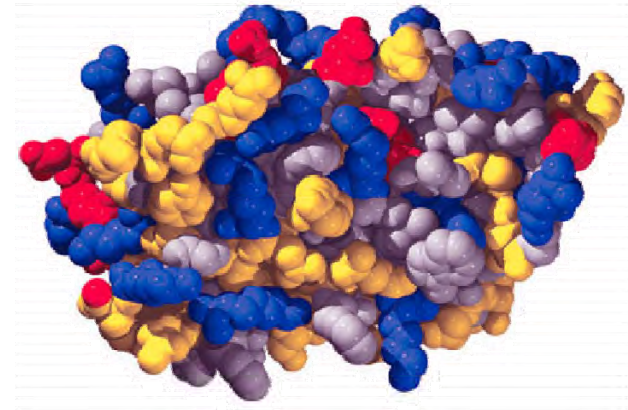
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B. Biosimilars

Why biopharmaceuticals are different

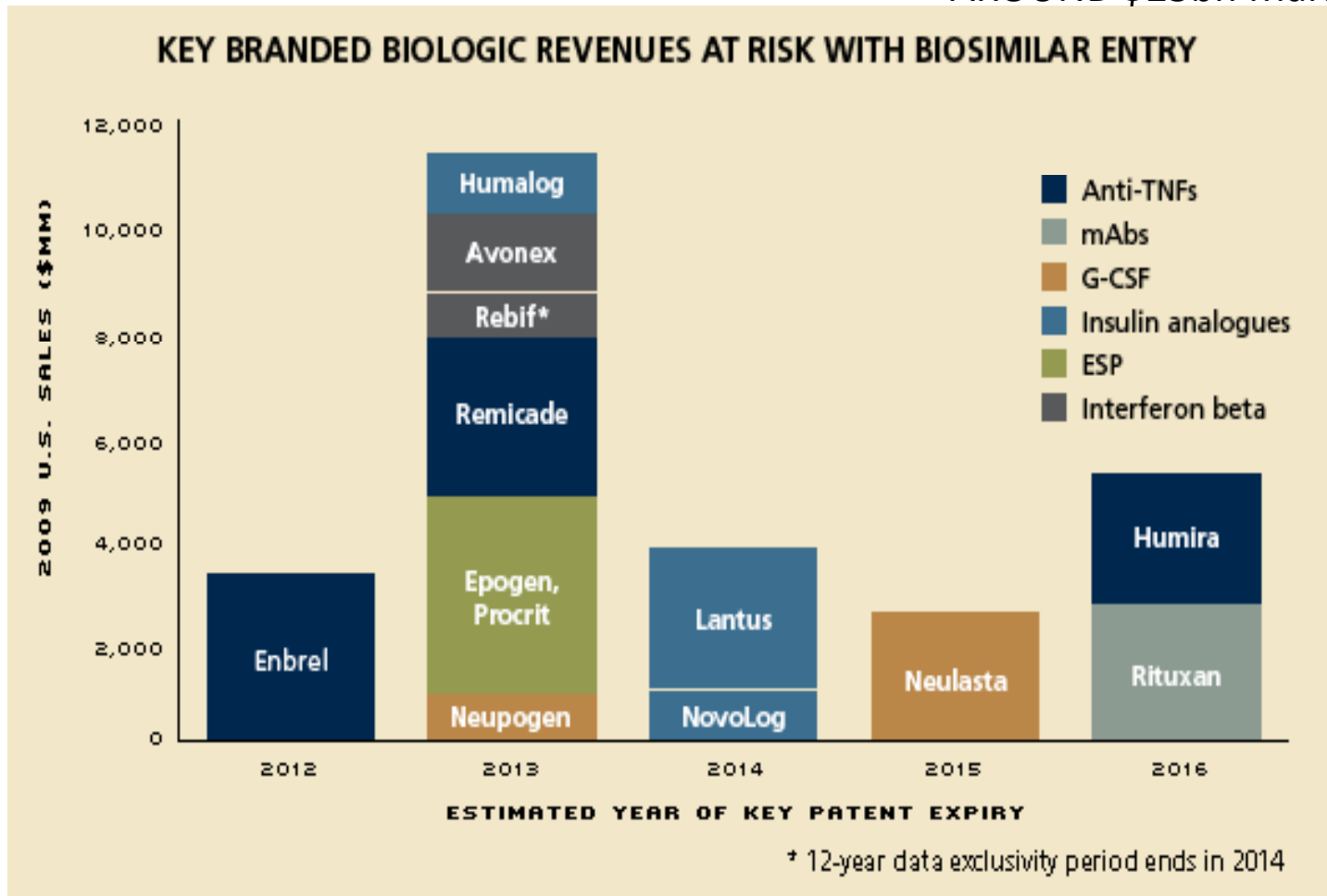
- High MW
- Complex 3D structure
- Difficult to characterize completely by physico-chemical methods
- Produced by living organisms (... often heterogeneous)
- Complex manufacturing process
- Biological activity depends on:
 - reproducibility of the production process
 - in-house standards
 - maintenance of cold-chain integrity
- Inherent risk of immunogenicity



**Biotechnological drugs and
Biosimilars:
R&D in our country (?)**

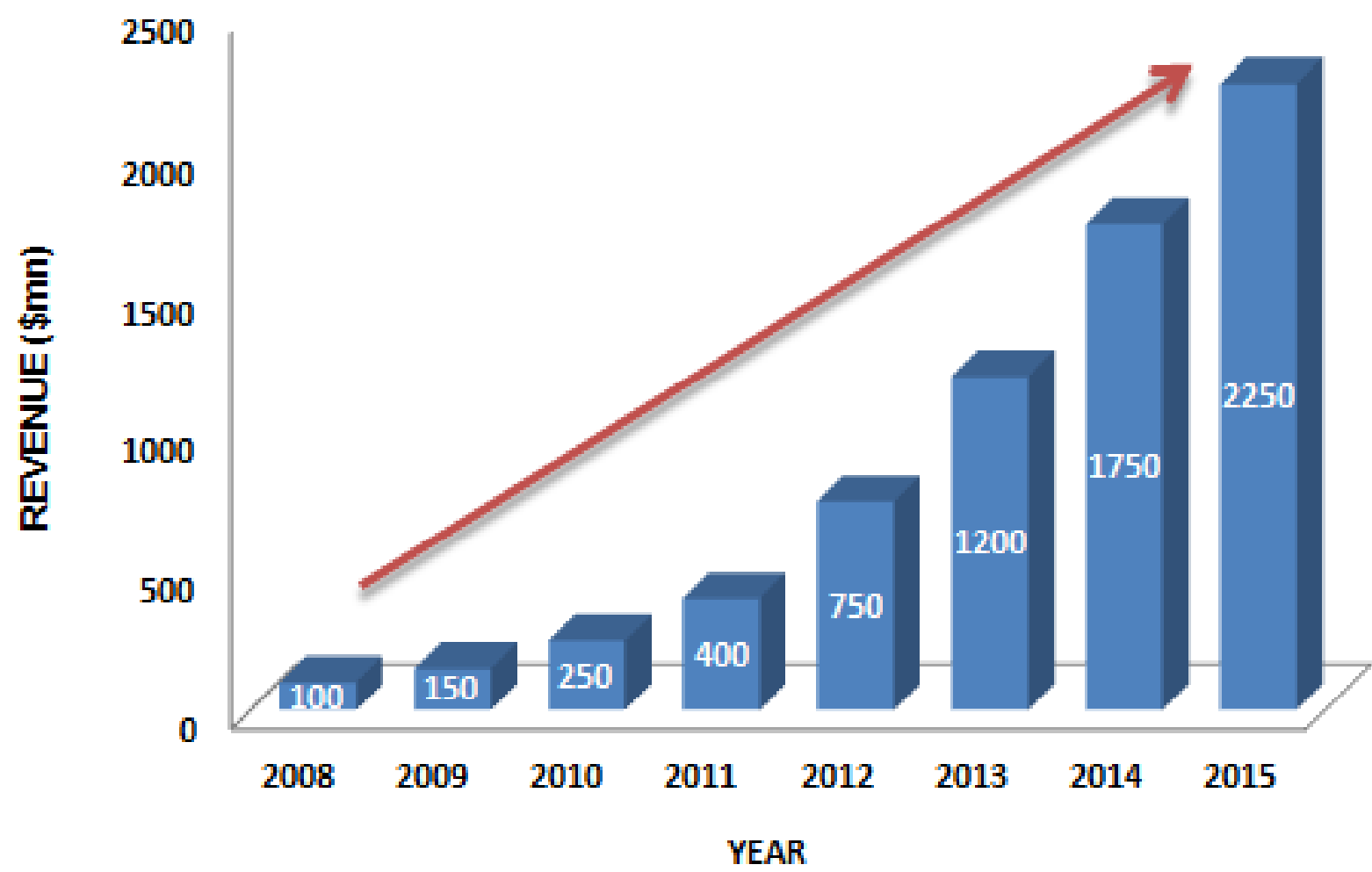
Loss of Patent Protection

AROUND \$25bn Market



Source : Analysis Group Health Care Consulting Bulletin (Fall/Winter 2010)

Biosimilars Global Revenue forecasts



Can we succeed?

- **New phase in biomedical innovation**
- **Not alone – EU networking!**
- **Excellent Greek scientists all over the world
(including Greece)**
- **Small country providing advantages on focus and synergies**

Two approaches for success:

1. Create a National Research Platform on functional Genomics and Biotechnology

- build on existing capacities
- invest in infrastructures/human capital/technology transfer
- estimated seed fund: 10^6 euros per year

2. Create a supportive environment for biotech SMEs

- incubate and cluster R&D Innovation and SMEs
- start with a lab focusing on the quality and the assessment of immunological properties of Biotechnological drugs and Biosimilars to attract international interest and investors

**Computational-Experimental, Scientific-Regulatory Advances
in Drug Discovery, Formulation Strategies, Drug Delivery,
ADMET for Small Molecules (Generics) and Biotechnological
(Biosimilar) Drugs**

The Congress is organized by the "*Controlled Release Society-
Greek local chapter*", Athens, Greece, May 31st -June 1st 2015.

C. Application of Pharmacokinetics-
Pharmacometrics in Clinical Practice:
Individualisation of therapy

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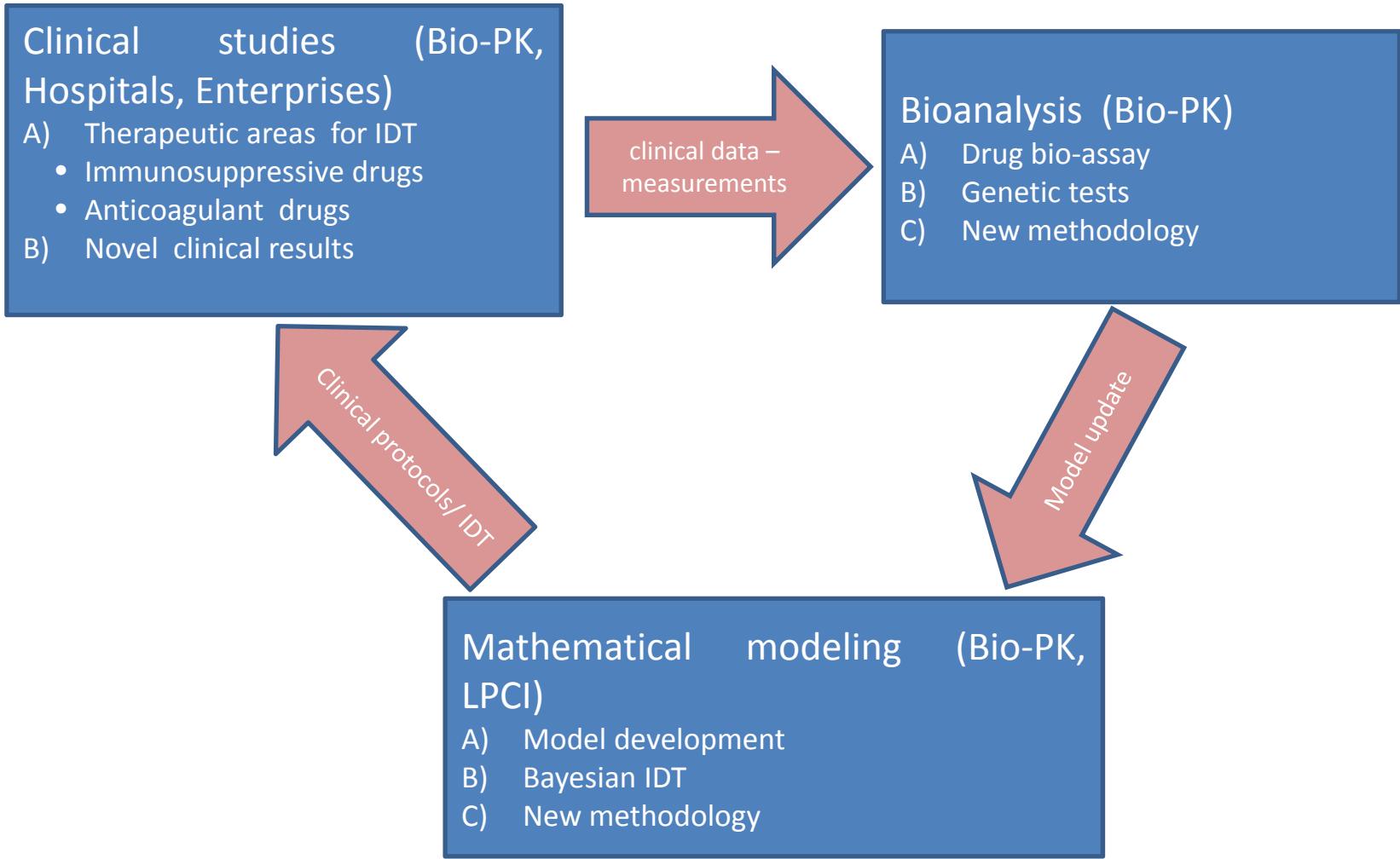
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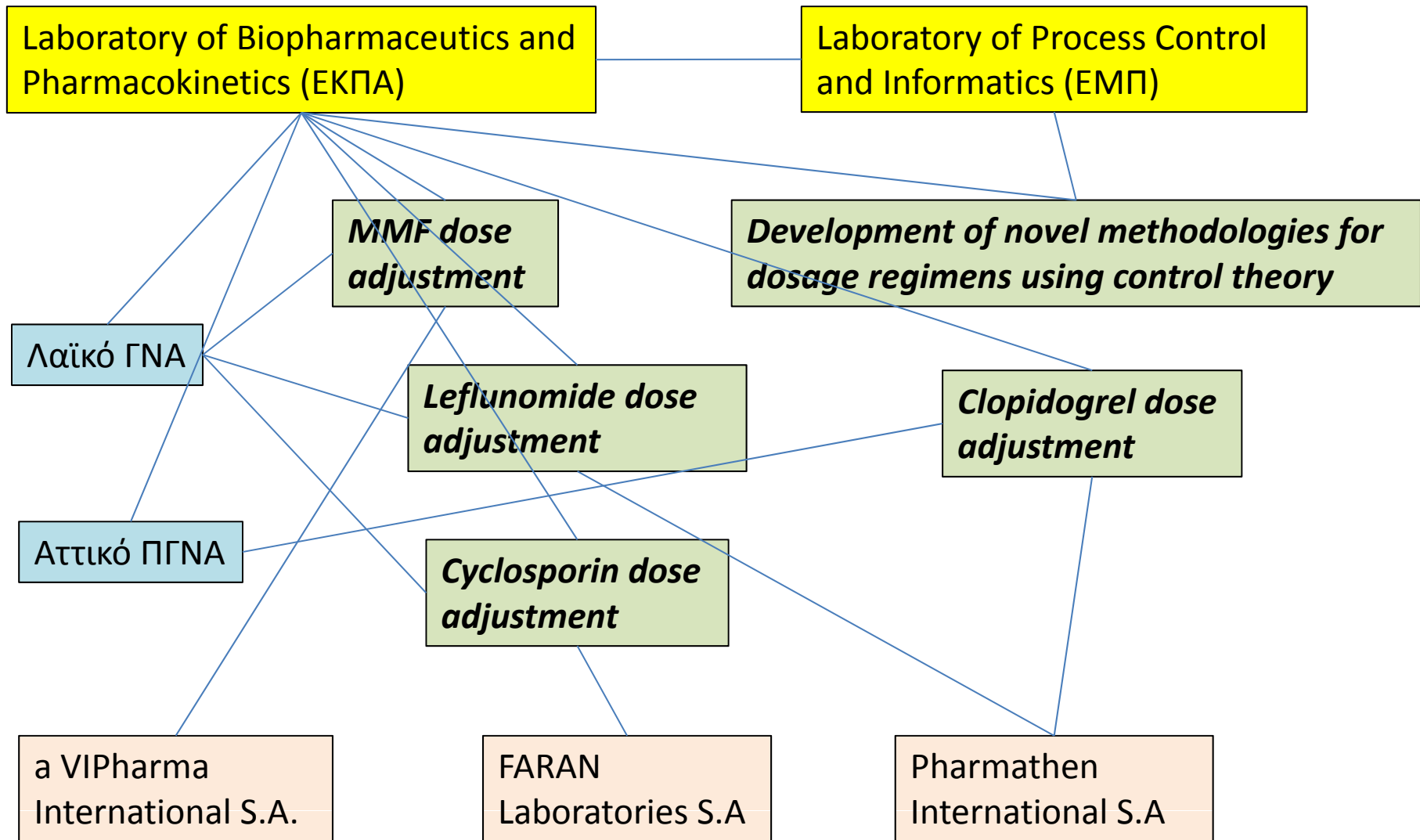
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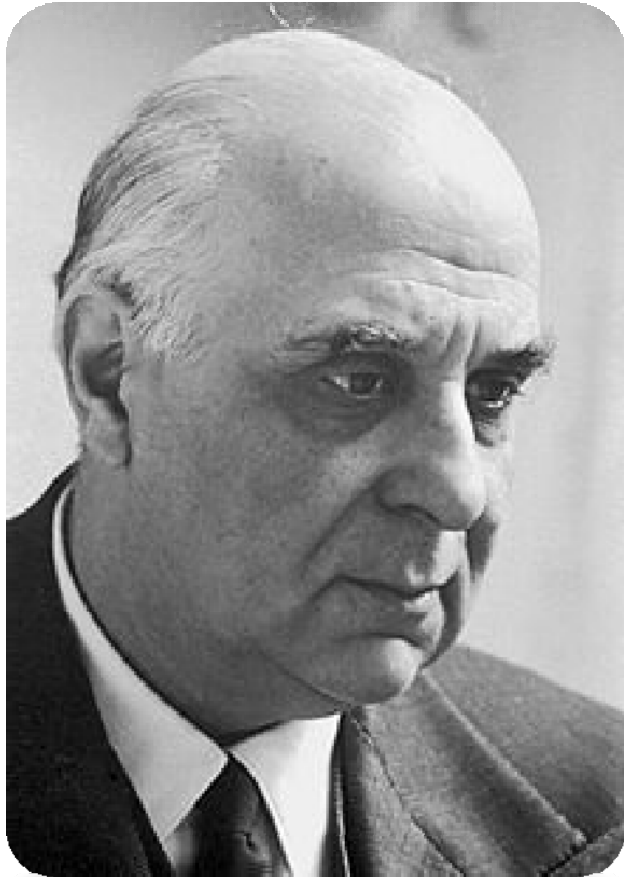


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Νοσοκομεία

Giorgos Seferis

13 March 1900 – 20 September 1971



*“Καταλαβαίνει κανείς πως δουλεύει καλά,
όταν κάθε περιστατικό, το πιο μικρό και
ασήμαντο, της καθημερινής ζωής του και της
σκέψης του, έρχεται, σαν μοναχό του, και
βάζει ένα πετραδάκι στο πράγμα που
φτιάχνει.”*

Nobel Prize in Literature 1963