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## Consideration of PK/ PD studies

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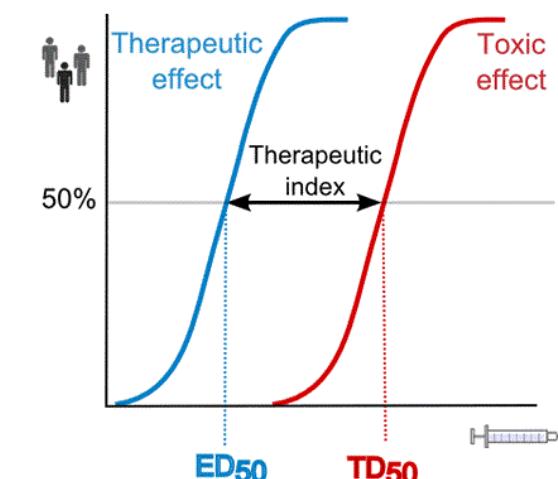
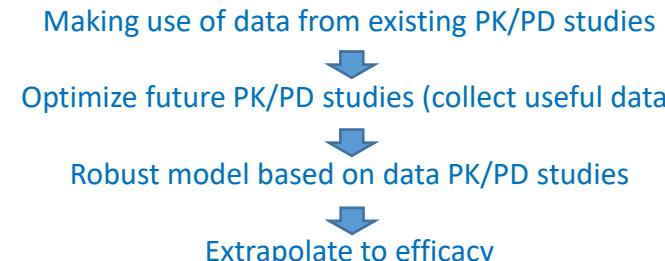
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**Analgesic Clinical Trial Designs, Extrapolation, and Endpoints in  
Patients from Birth to Less Than Two Years of Age**  
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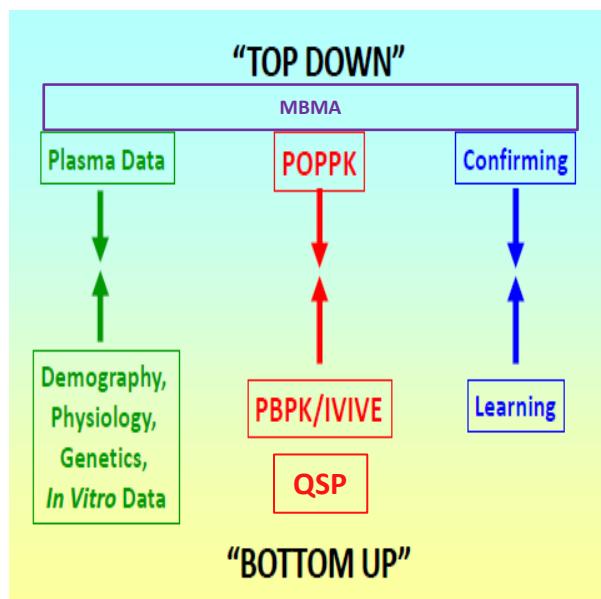
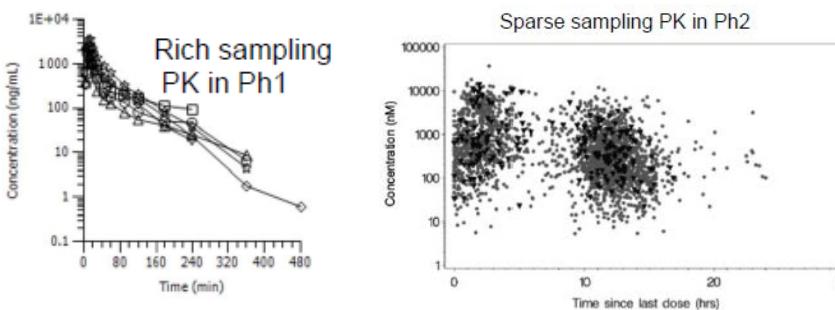
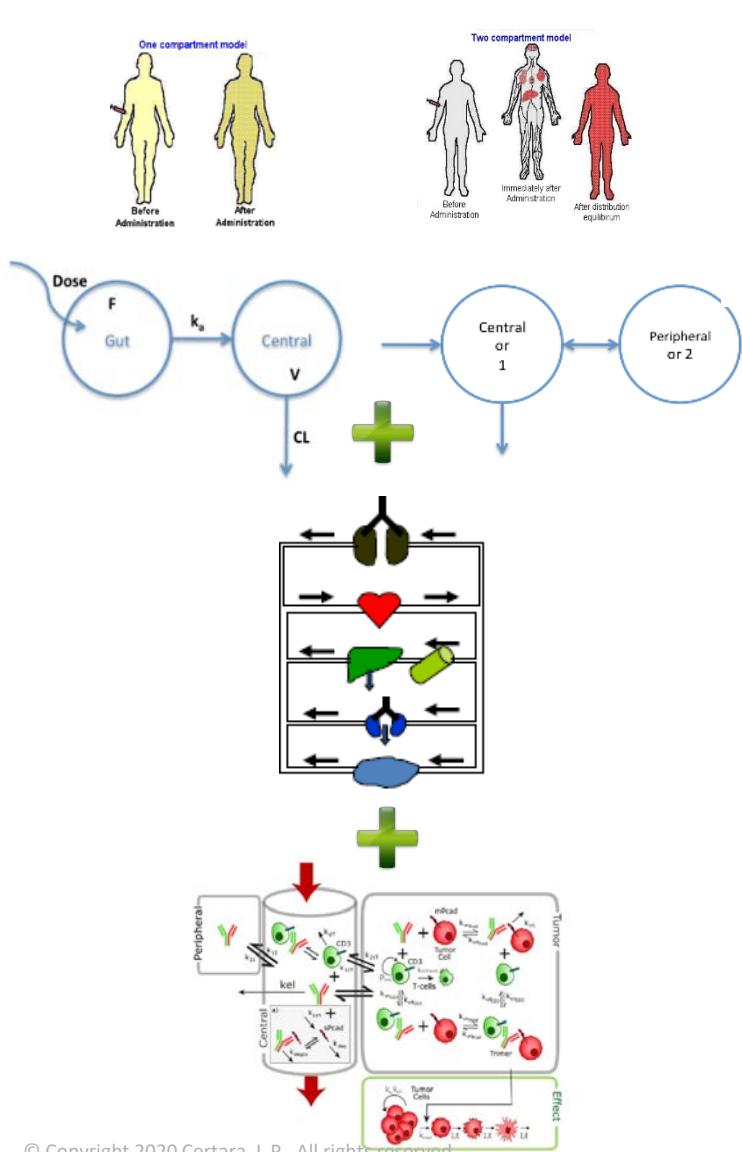
# MIDD – Model Informed Drug Development

Why MIDD useful in analgesic development for pediatric especially between birth to Less than 2yrs?

- Key Questions (KQ) -focus on why certain modeling is needed to answer clinical questions
- Data (utilize data from nonclinical to all phases in clinic from adult and older children)
- Data quality due to efficacy endpoints variations (pain perception and analgesic response)
- Assumptions setting, testing/evaluation to increase confident, especially on extrapolation and simulation study using existing PK, PD data based on assumption
- Modeling approach (tailor based on the KQ, data and assumptions)
- Accumulation of knowledge to ↑ prob. of success of new trial design to collect data or replace study
- Accelerate development with real-time quantitative assessment of emerging data
- Utilize data from similar class of MoA in various pediatric population
- Impact: Support dose finding and selection based on TI
- Support communication for sponsors and regulators decision making



# Empirical Approach vs. Mechanistic Approach for Simulation and Extrapolation?



## Consideration:

- Objective/ Key questions?
- Robustness of prior knowledge e.g. animal models, adult models etc.
- Assumption setting and evaluation!
- Amount and quality of data (sample and size)
- Describe? Extrapolation? Extend?
- Clinical trial simulation?

Usage: FTIH, pediatric, DDI and Renal and Hepatic impairment (where appropriate), formulation development

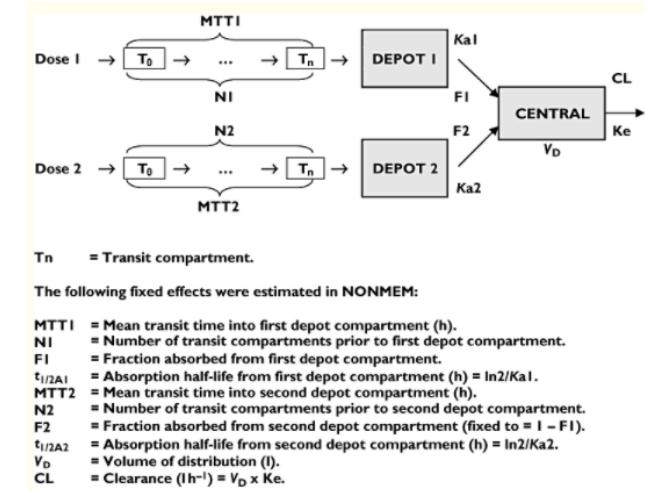




# Challenge of mathematic model development

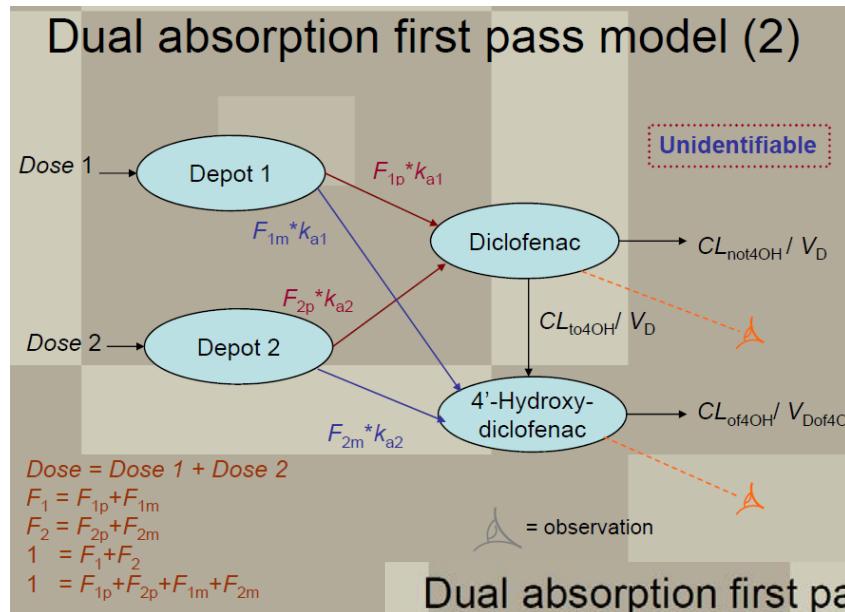
- Even we have data, there are challenges of the complexity of the mathematical model e.g. diclofenac, if we don't consider the use of PBPK but with simpler compartmental model/s
- A non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)
- Reduce pain and inflammatory
- Sodium salt
- Linear PK in adult (25mg - 100mg)
- Commonly used "off label" for acute pain in children (0.5-2.5mg/kg)
- License for pediatric oral formulation is not available
- PK model: new oral dose, 1mg/kg in pediatric patient (aged 1-12)
- Adult rich data (30 healthy volunteers) - 50mg
- 70 pediatric patients – minor surgery – pre-op dose
- Similar AUC
- Pediatric patient won't higher dose

	Frequency given as mean (range) or number (percentage) as appropriate		
	Children n = 70	Adults n = 30	Pooled n = 100
Age (years)	3 (1-12)	21 (18-28)	9 (1-28)
Weight (kg)	17 (9-37)	72 (48-94)	34 (9-94)
Height (cm)	101 (69-146)	170 (158-187)	122 (69-187)
Male	41 (59%)	14 (47%)	55 (55%)
Female	29 (41%)	16 (53%)	45 (45%)
Surgery type:			
Dermatology	54 (77%)	–	–
General *	12 (17%)	–	–
Plastic *	4 (6%)	–	–



# Diclofenac dual absorption first pass model

## Mathematical structural identifiability



- Proven that the delay mechanism occurring prior to the introduction of the absorption in the 2nd depot compartment in the model enhances the identifiability status of the model
- From an unidentifiable model to a globally identifiable model = which essential to predict unique and stable PK parameter and model to link with PD/efficacy

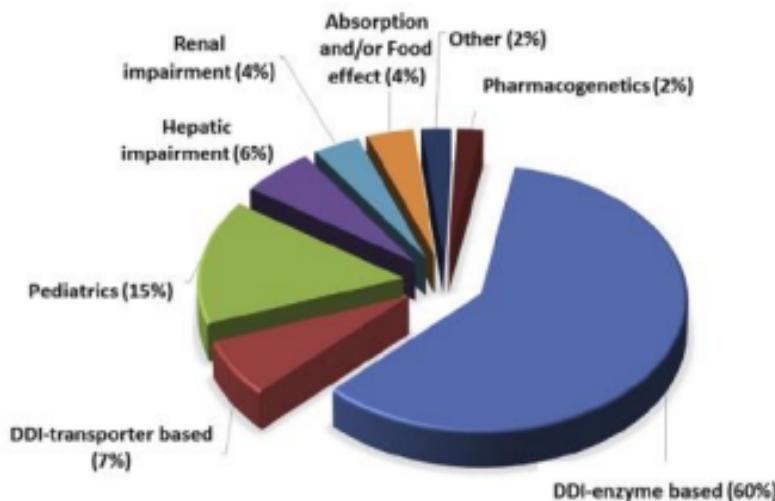
- A major metabolite 4'-hydroxydiclofenac
- (CYP2C9)
- $CL_{to4OH}$ , a useful *in vivo* marker of CYP2C9 expression
- Previous *in vitro*: CYP2C9 expression to be adult equivalent by age five months
- CYP2C9 ontogeny using the base model

# PBPK model applications in drug development Increased regulatory acceptance over the years

Number of NDA Submissions Per Year Containing PBPK Analyses and Respective Areas of Application, in the Period of 2008 to 2017

Area of Application	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Submissions	1	3	1	5	5	11	13	11	17	27	94
DDI total	1	3	0	3	3	7	9	5	15	26	72
DDI-enzyme based	1	3	0	2	3	5	9	5	12	11	52
DDI-P-gp transporter	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	12
DDI-transporter based	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	8
Specific populations											
Pediatrics	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	12
Hepatic impairment	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	8
Renal impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
Oral absorption	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	0	8
Biologics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Others	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
Total intended applications <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	110

<sup>a</sup> The total number of intended PBPK applications exceeds the number of NDA submissions containing PBPK analyses as each submission might contain more than 1 area of application.



The focus should be to PD, but PK and exposure still essential for extrapolation and linking to PD especially < 2yr

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Guideline on the reporting of physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modelling and simulation

**Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Analyses — Format and Content Guidance for Industry**

Group	Date
1	April 2016
2	May 2016
3	21 July 2016
4	29 July 2016
5	31 January 2017
6	October 2018
7	October 2018
8	13 December 2018
9	1 July 2019

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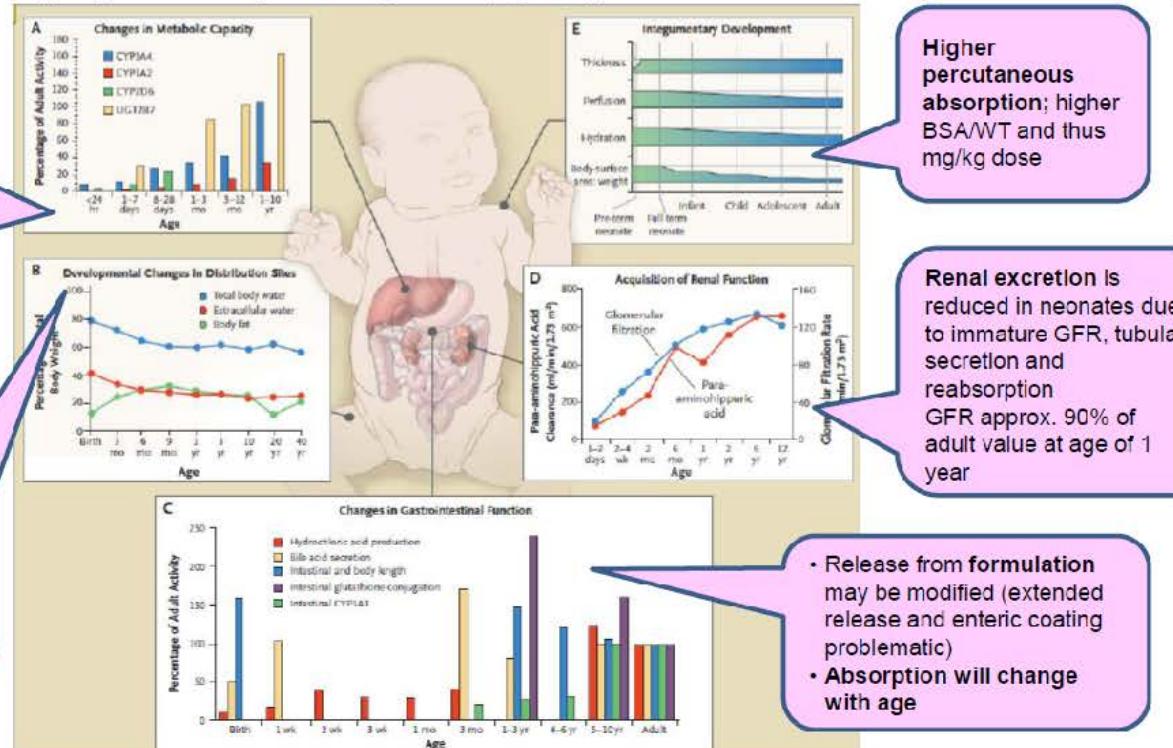
# Maturation impact to PK

## Overview of Developmental Changes of ADME

Determining appropriate dosing regimes is complex owing to the physiological and anatomical changes that occur during childhood

- Drug-metabolising enzymes show age-dependent changes in activity
- Time of maturation is enzyme-specific

Body composition depends on age – so does drug distribution: Low plasma protein concentrations and a higher body water composition Absorption can be affected by differences in gastric pH and stomach emptying time



Higher percutaneous absorption; higher BSA/WT and thus mg/kg dose

Renal excretion is reduced in neonates due to immature GFR, tubular secretion and reabsorption  
GFR approx. 90% of adult value at age of 1 year

- Release from formulation may be modified (extended release and enteric coating problematic)
- Absorption will change with age

## Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Article

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# Predictive Performance of PBPK Modeling of Drugs

- PBPK modeling is a useful tool for extrapolation of PK profiles in children with only adult clinical trial results and is exceptionally valuable to guide selection of doses in first-in-pediatric studies
- A total of 67 clinical studies from 10 CYP metabolized drugs were available across all pediatric age groups (1 month to <18 years)
- Predictive performance of PBPK modeling approach was evaluated using 10 drugs extensively metabolized by major CYP enzymes, desloratadine, **diclofenac**, itraconazole,, lansoprazole, montelukast, ondansetron, **sufentanil**, theophylline and **tramadol**

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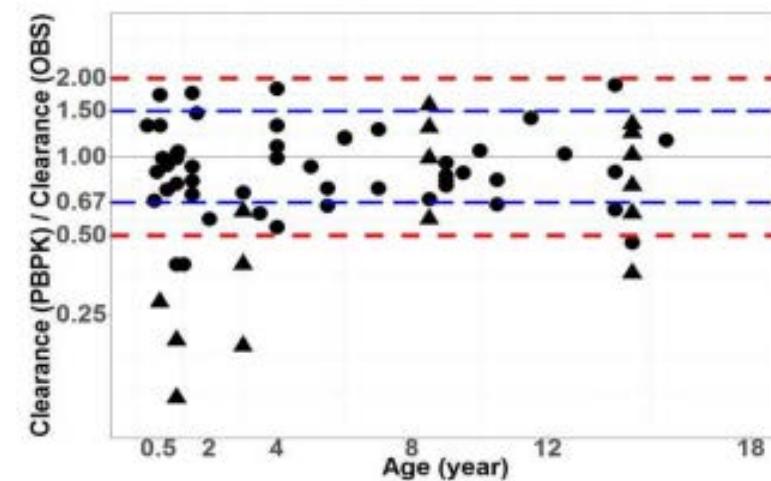
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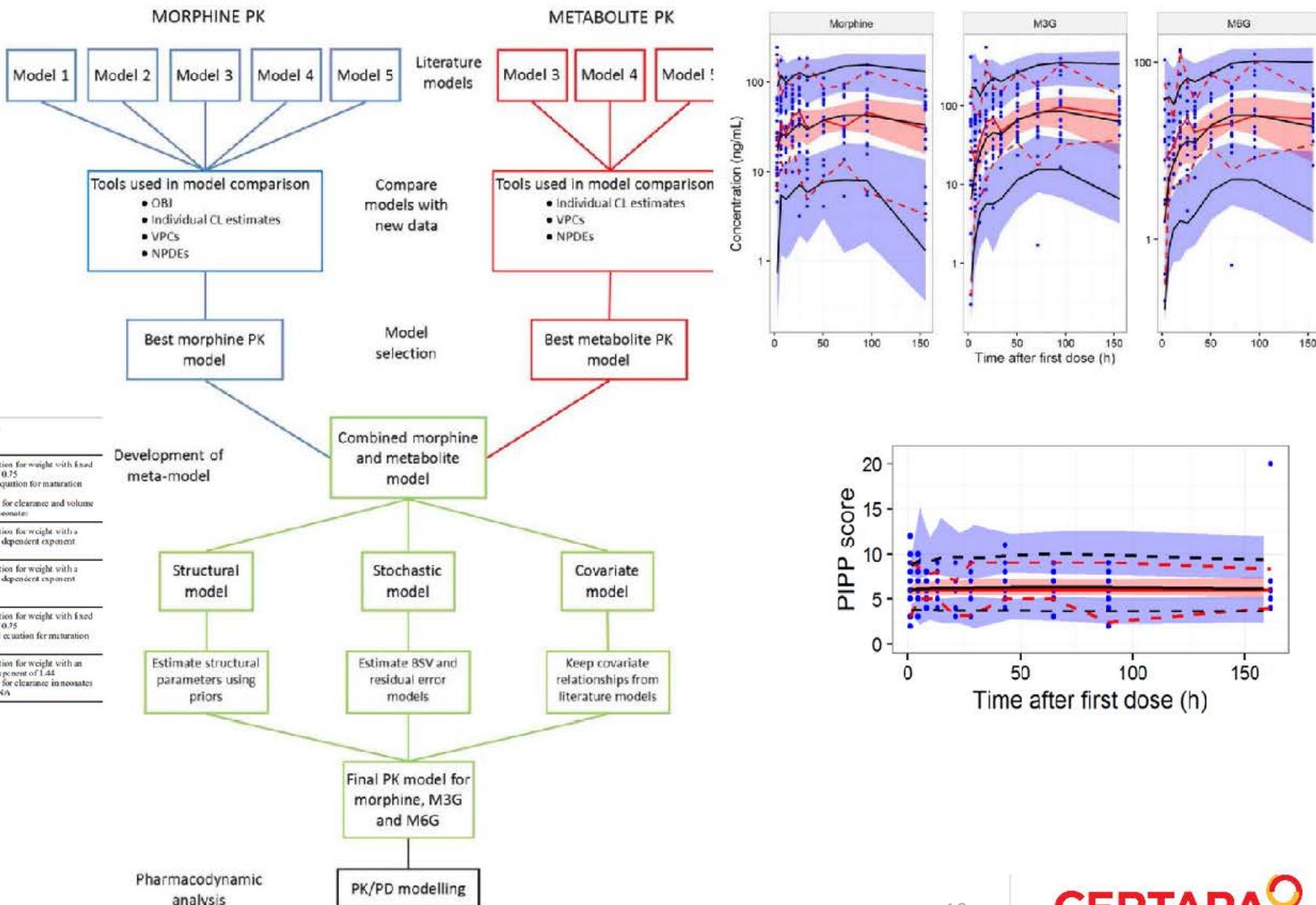
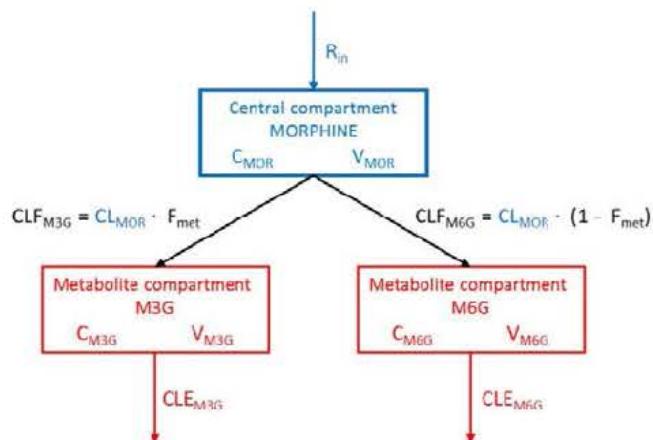
**PBPK models can reasonably predict exposure in children 1 month and older for an array of predominantly CYP metabolized drugs. The default ontogeny functions within Simcyp should be applied for all CYP enzymes except for CYP2C8, where the function proposed by Upreti and Wahlstrom should be used**

Opioid  
NSAID



**OVERALL PREDICTIVITY of PBPK MODELS:** Filled circles represent mean ratios of PBPK predicted clearance over observed clearance of all drugs (except esomeprazole, presented as filled triangles) in children 1 month to 18 years old. Blue dashed lines and red dotted lines represent the 1.5-fold and 2-fold error.

# Example Morphine neonatal PKPD model (prior and meta-model)



# Example Acetaminophen (Paracetamol) Model in preterm, neonates and infants

## Population Pharmacokinetics of Intravenous Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) in Preterm and Term Neonates: Model Development and External Evaluation

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Study information for the model-building and external evaluation datasets

	Study 1, model-building dataset	Study 2, external dataset (PARANEOP) [6]
NCT identifier	01328808	00969176
Study description	Phase II/III, multiple-dose study of intravenous paracetamol	Phase II/III, multiple-dose study of intravenous paracetamol
Study drug	Ofirmev (10 mg/mL)	Paracetamol Sintetica (10 mg/mL)
Sampling route	Arterial	Arterial
Analytical method	HPLC-MS/MS	HPLC-UV
Subjects	35 neonates	60 neonates
Samples (#)	260	436
N per subject [median (range)]	8 (3-11)	7 (2-11)
Primary indication for intravenous paracetamol [n (%)]		
Postoperative analgesia	19 (54)	33 (55)
Cardiac surgery	19 (54)	15 (25)
Thoracic surgery	0 (0)	11 (18)
Abdominal surgery	0 (0)	6 (10)
Other	0 (0)	1 (2)
Medical conditions	16 (46)	27 (45)
Alprostadil administration	0 (0)	8 (13)
Procedural/respiratory	16 (46)	8 (13)
Traumatic pain	0 (0)	5 (8)
Fever	0 (0)	3 (5)
Other	0 (0)	3 (5)
Gestational status [n (%)]		
Extreme preterm (<28 weeks' GA)	10 (29)	5 (8)
Preterm (<37 weeks' GA)	17 (49)	28 (47)
Full-term (37-42 weeks' GA)	18 (51)	32 (53)
Current body weight <sup>a</sup> (kg) by gestational age subgroup [median (range)]		
Extreme preterm (<28 weeks' GA)	0.69 (0.55-1.30)	0.90 (0.61-1.41)
Preterm (<37 weeks' GA)	0.96 (0.46-2.80)	2.08 (0.61-3.66)
Full-term (37-42 weeks' GA)	3.16 (2.70-4.20)	3.22 (1.80-4.30)
Postmenstrual age <sup>a</sup> (days) by gestational age subgroup [median (range)]		
Extreme preterm (<28 weeks' GA)	10 (1-26)	17 (6-24)
Preterm (<37 weeks' GA)	9 (1-26)	6 (1-27)
Full-term (37-42 weeks' GA)	6 (2-12)	2 (1-10)

GA gestational age, HPLC high-performance liquid chromatography, MS/MS tandem mass spectrometry, NCT National Clinical Trial, PARANEOP Paracetamol in Neonates, UV ultraviolet detection

<sup>a</sup>On the day of the first paracetamol dose

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## Randomized Population Pharmacokinetic Analysis and Safety of Intravenous Acetaminophen for Acute Postoperative Pain in Neonates and Infants

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	Intravenous Acetaminophen Groups			Control Groups			Total
	Group A	Group B	Group A+B	Group C	Group D	Group C+D	
Number of subjects randomized, total	66	72	138	35	42	77	215
Neonates	15	13	28	9	8	17	45
Younger infant	17	23	40	8	10	18	58
Intermediate-age infants	19	18	37	12	10	22	59
Older infants	15	18	33	6	14	20	53
Number of subjects completed, total (%)	52 (78.8)	55 (76.4)	107 (77.5)	26 (74.3)	26 (61.9)	52 (67.5)	159 (74.0)
Neonates	13 (86.7)	12 (92.3)	25 (89.3)	7 (77.8)	6 (75.0)	13 (76.5)	38 (84.4)
Younger infants	14 (82.4)	15 (65.2)	29 (72.5)	7 (87.5)	7 (70.0)	14 (77.8)	43 (74.1)
Intermediate-age infants	13 (68.4)	14 (77.8)	27 (73.0)	6 (50.0)	3 (30.0)	13 (59.1)	40 (67.8)
Older infants	12 (80.0)	14 (77.8)	26 (78.8)	6 (100.0)	6 (42.9)	12 (60.0)	38 (71.7)

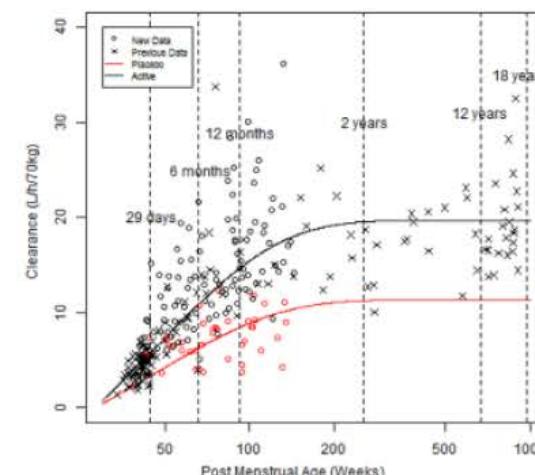
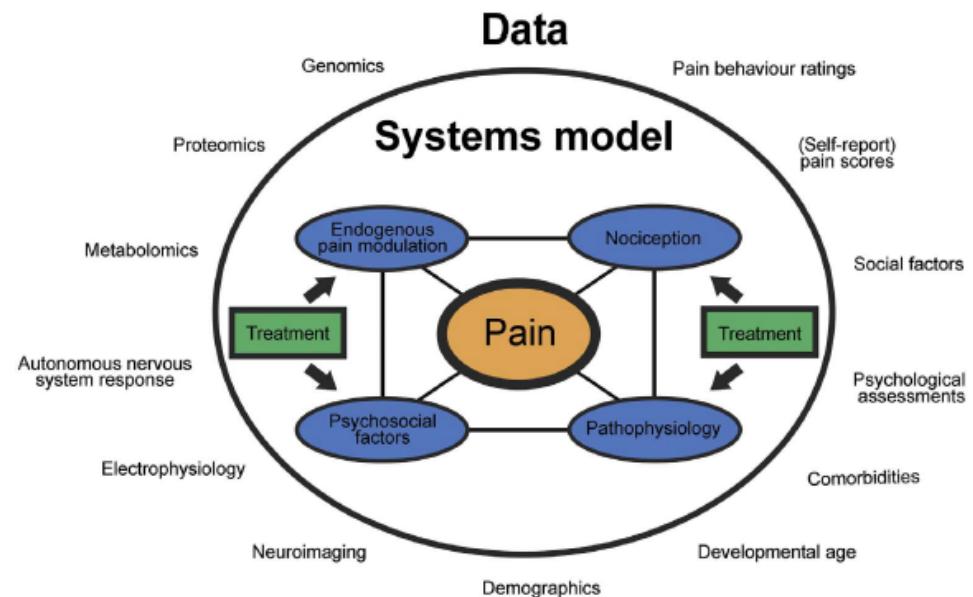


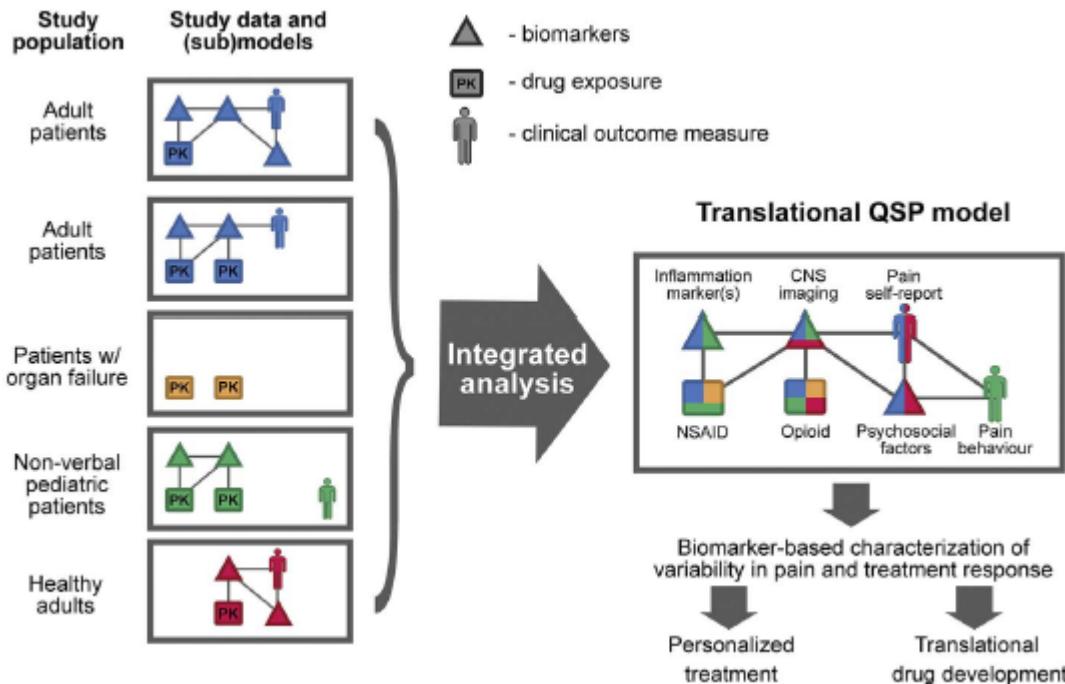
Figure 4. The relationship between clearance and postmenstrual age: a sigmoidal pattern with a clearance plateau of 18.9 L/h per 70 kg observed in neonates, infants, children, and adolescents.



# Quantitative System Pharmacology



- Systems view of the complexity and connectivity of clinical pain. A systems understanding of pain relies on a mechanistic understand of its underlying processes. Data types which can provide information on this understanding include patient-reported outcomes, psychological assessments, neuroimaging and molecular markers, of which examples are shown.



- Integration of data from different populations within a translational quantitative systems pharmacology (QSP) model to support personalized treatment and drug development.

CNS, central nervous system.

## Towards personalized treatment of pain using a quantitative systems pharmacology approach

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