



Leveraging HTTK, Tox21, and ExpoCast for Prioritizing Potential Human Health Risk

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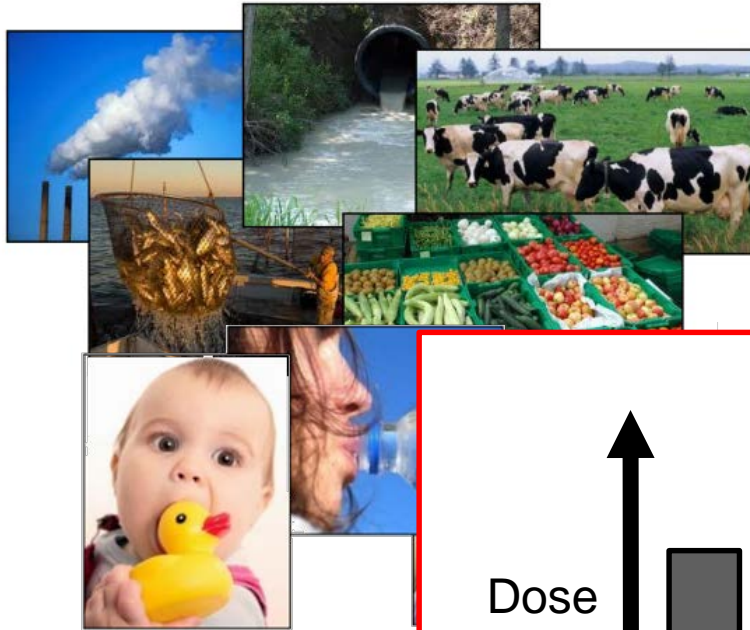
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Examining Human Toxicity Risk

Exposure



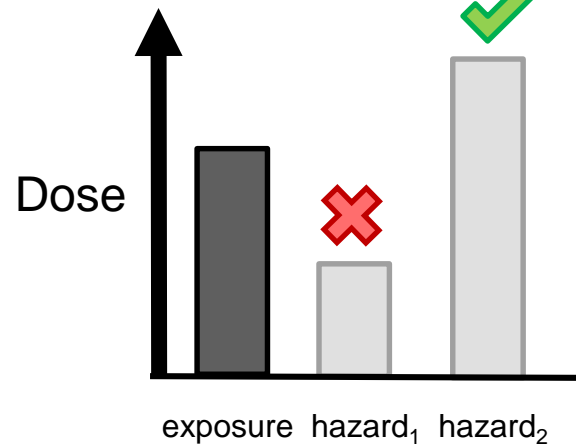
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vs

compare
External
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Hazard



Assume
toxicokinetics & biology are
similar between
humans & animal models



Predicting Human Toxicity Risk

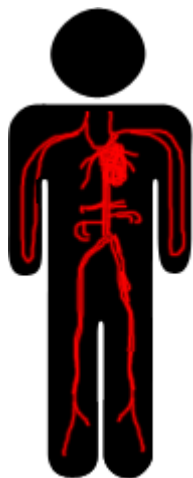
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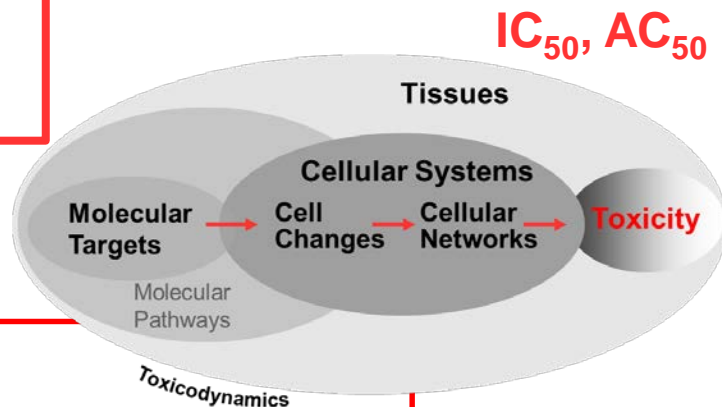
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Internal
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Toxicokinetics



plasma
concentration
(C_{max})



$$\frac{[I]}{K_i} \sim \frac{[I]}{IC_{50}} \sim \frac{C_{max}}{AC_{50}}$$



Estimating likelihood of *in vivo* interaction

$$\frac{[I]}{K_i} \sim \frac{[I]}{IC_{50}} \sim \frac{C_{max}}{AC_{50}}$$

As this ratio increases, the likelihood of an interaction increases

‘likely’	Ratio ≥ 1
‘possible’	$1 > \text{Ratio} > 0.1$
‘remote’	Ratio ≤ 0.1
efficacy $> 40\%$	



Applying this approach to the Tox21/ToxCast dataset



<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/tox21>

C_{max}

AC₅₀

10,000 chemicals

- including environmental & pharmaceutical
- *in vitro* HTS assays (>60)
- chemical subset (>1,000) tested in >800 HTS assays (US EPA's ToxCast)
 - **AC₅₀ values, efficacy (filtered)**
 - Hsieh JH et.al.,(2015). *J Biomol Screen* 20(7):887-97
 - Filer DL et.al.,(2016). *Bioinformatics* 33(4):618-20
 - **C_{max} values: *in vivo* human (~500)**
 - DrugMatrix

1. Evaluate with pharmaceuticals
2. Apply approach to the entire dataset



Glucocorticoid Receptor (GR)

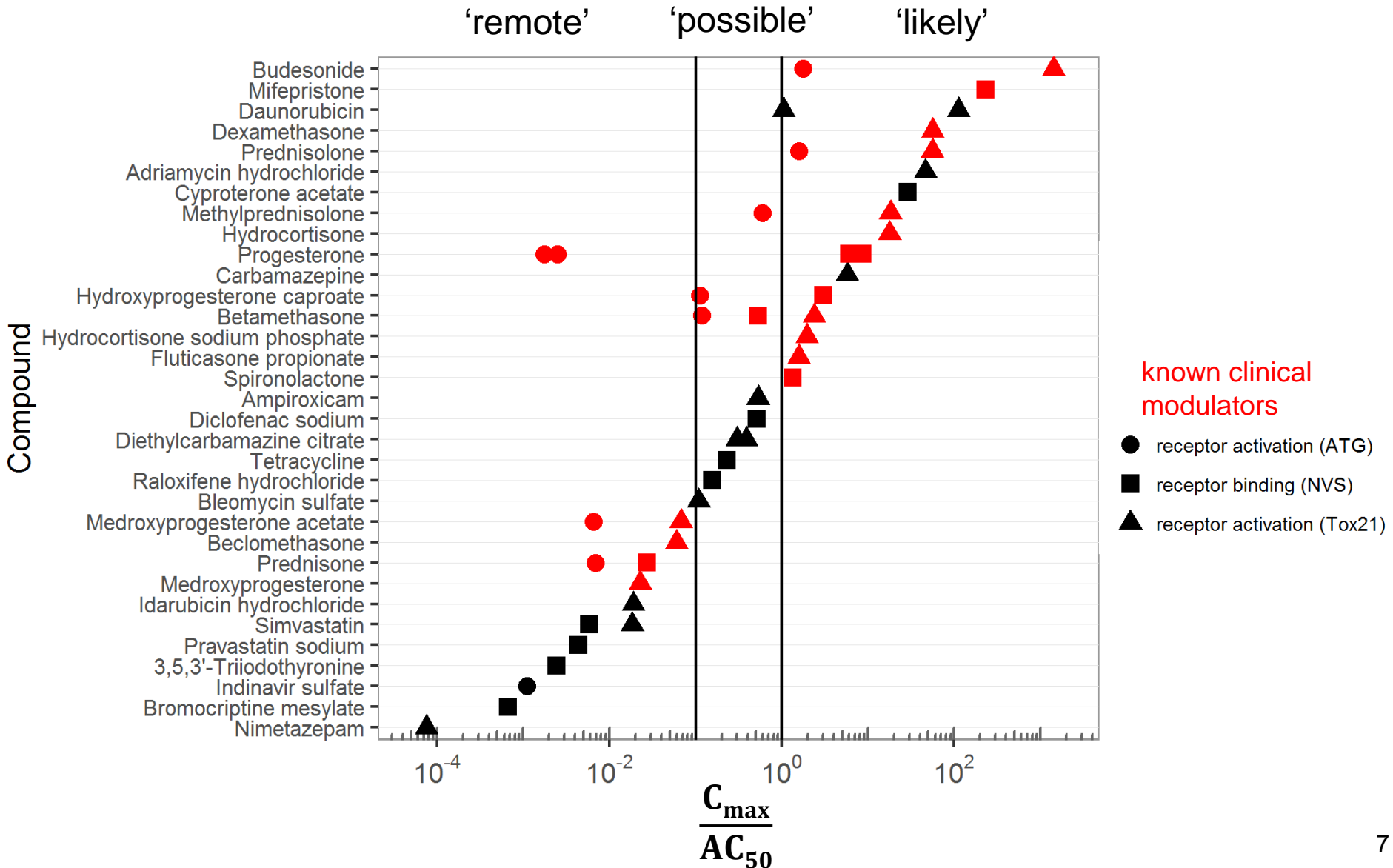
- 3 HTS assays
 - receptor activation (HepG2, HeLa), receptor binding
- 30 pharmaceuticals
- Positive controls: dexamethasone and other corticosteroids

Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor Gamma (PPAR γ)

- 5 HTS assays
 - receptor activation (HepG2, Hek293T), receptor binding
- 45 pharmaceuticals
- Positive controls: pioglitazone, rosiglitazone, troglitazone

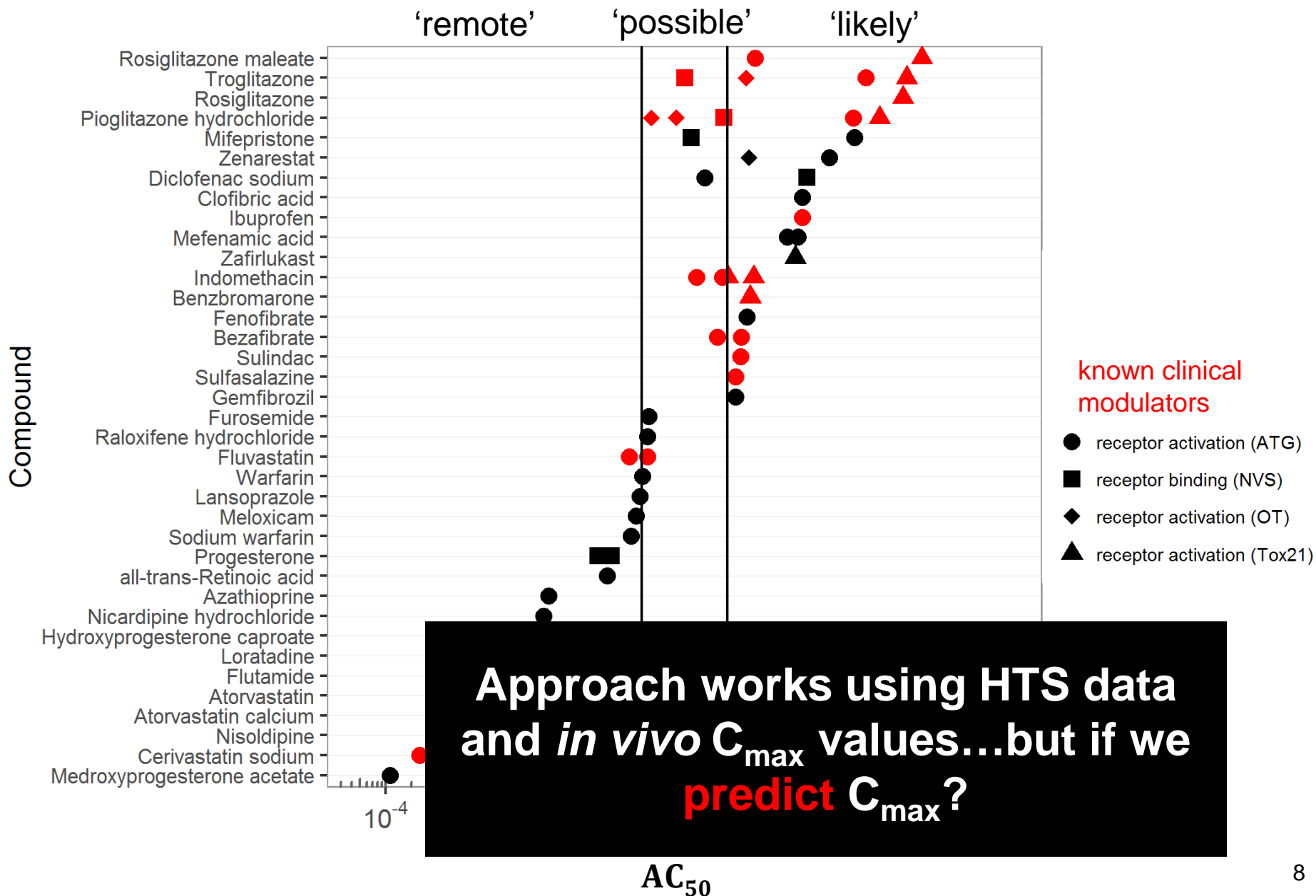


Known GR modulators sort to the top





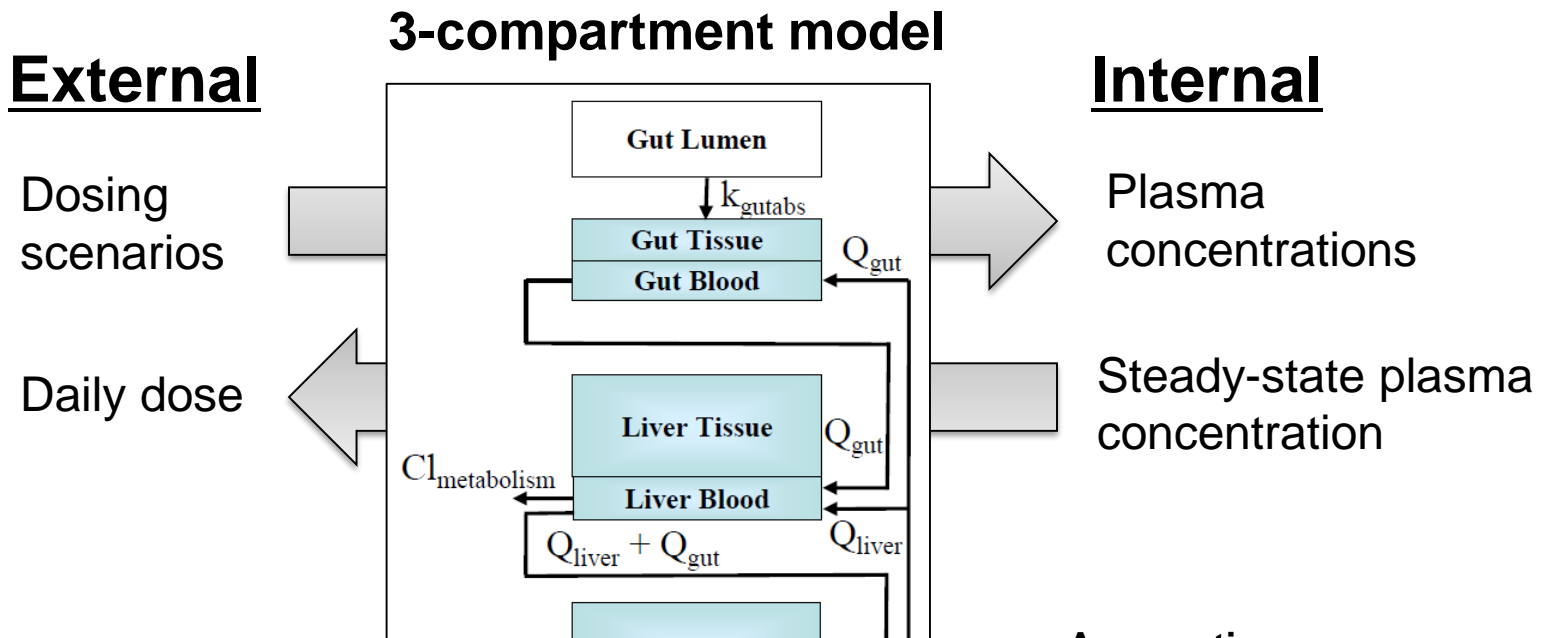
Known PPAR γ modulators sort to the top





High-throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK) to estimate C_{\max}

Models parameterized using physicochemical properties (QSARs) and *in vitro* parameters (i.e., f_{up} & CL_{int})



only available for ~500 chemicals

Need to **estimate *in silico***

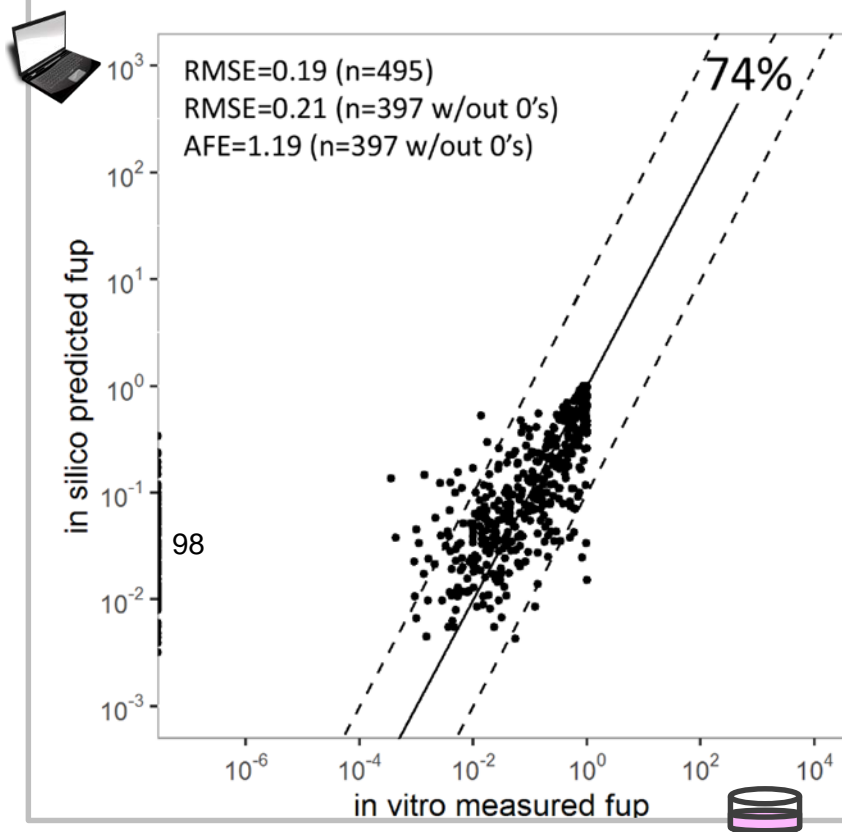
- *in silico* predictions: Simulations Plus, ADMET Predictor™ 7.2
- f_{up} & CL_{int} (Σ CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4)

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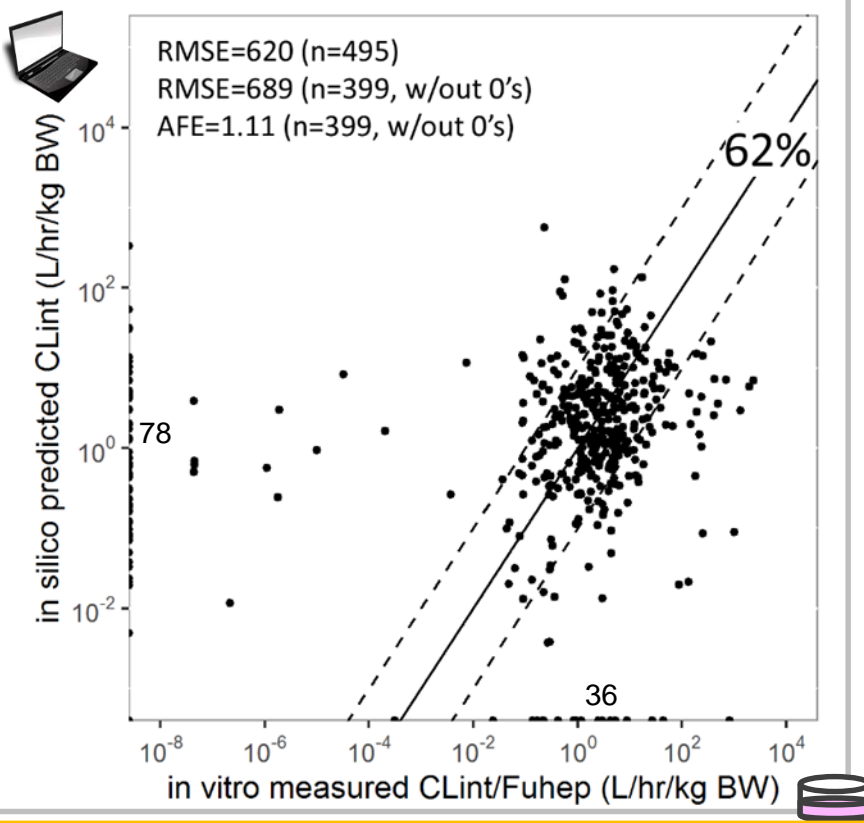


In silico f_{up} & CL_{int} values are comparable to *in vitro*

f_{up} – plasma protein binding



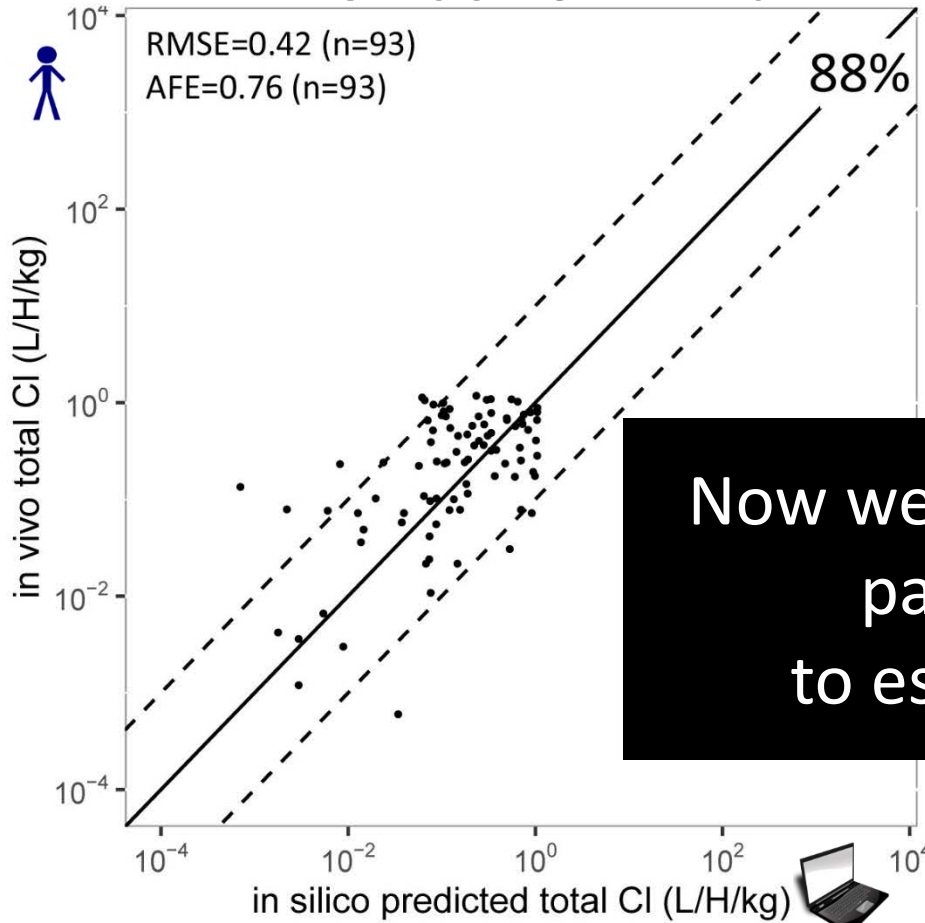
CL_{int} – intrinsic metabolic clearance



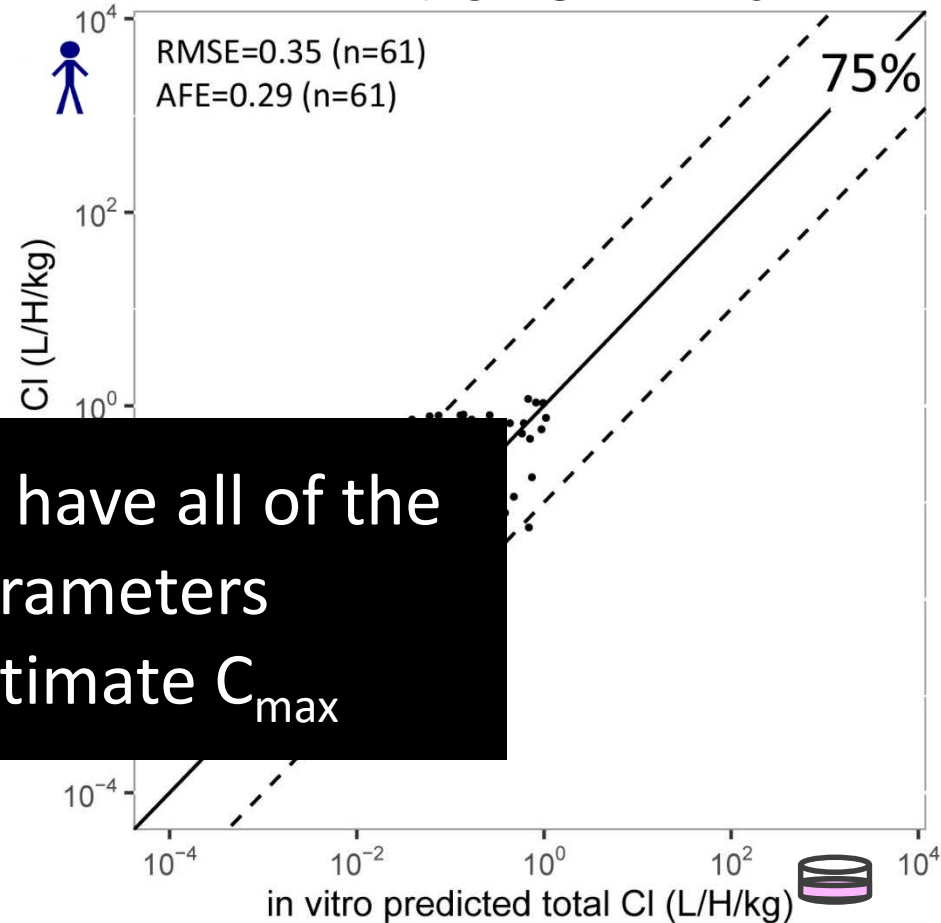


Total CL values are comparable: *in silico*, *in vitro*, *in vivo*

in silico vs *in vivo*



in vitro vs *in vivo*

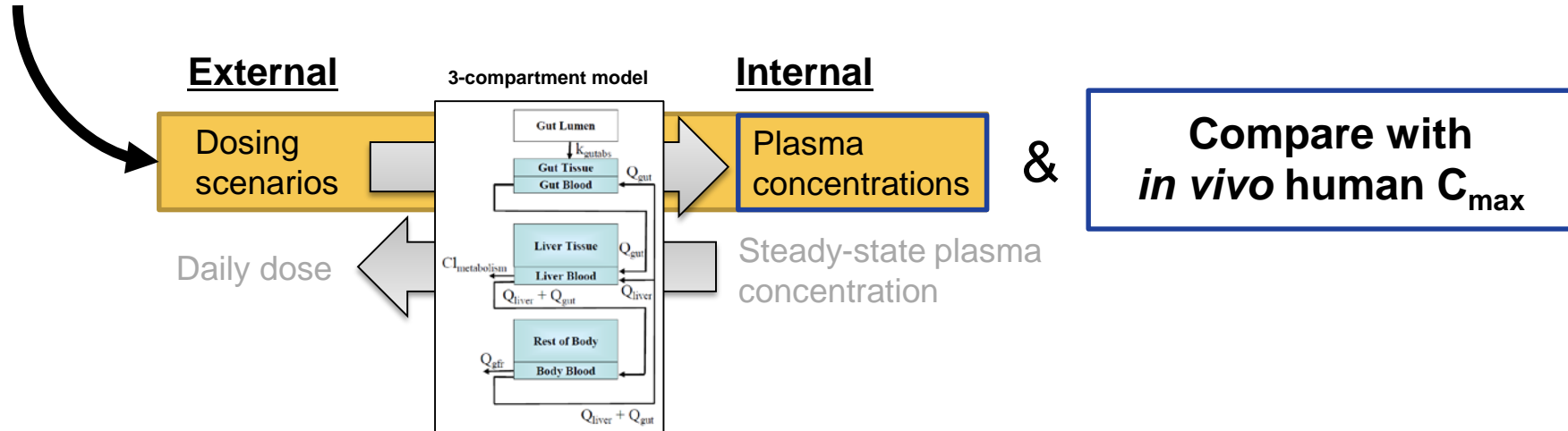




Comparing C_{\max} using therapeutic scenario

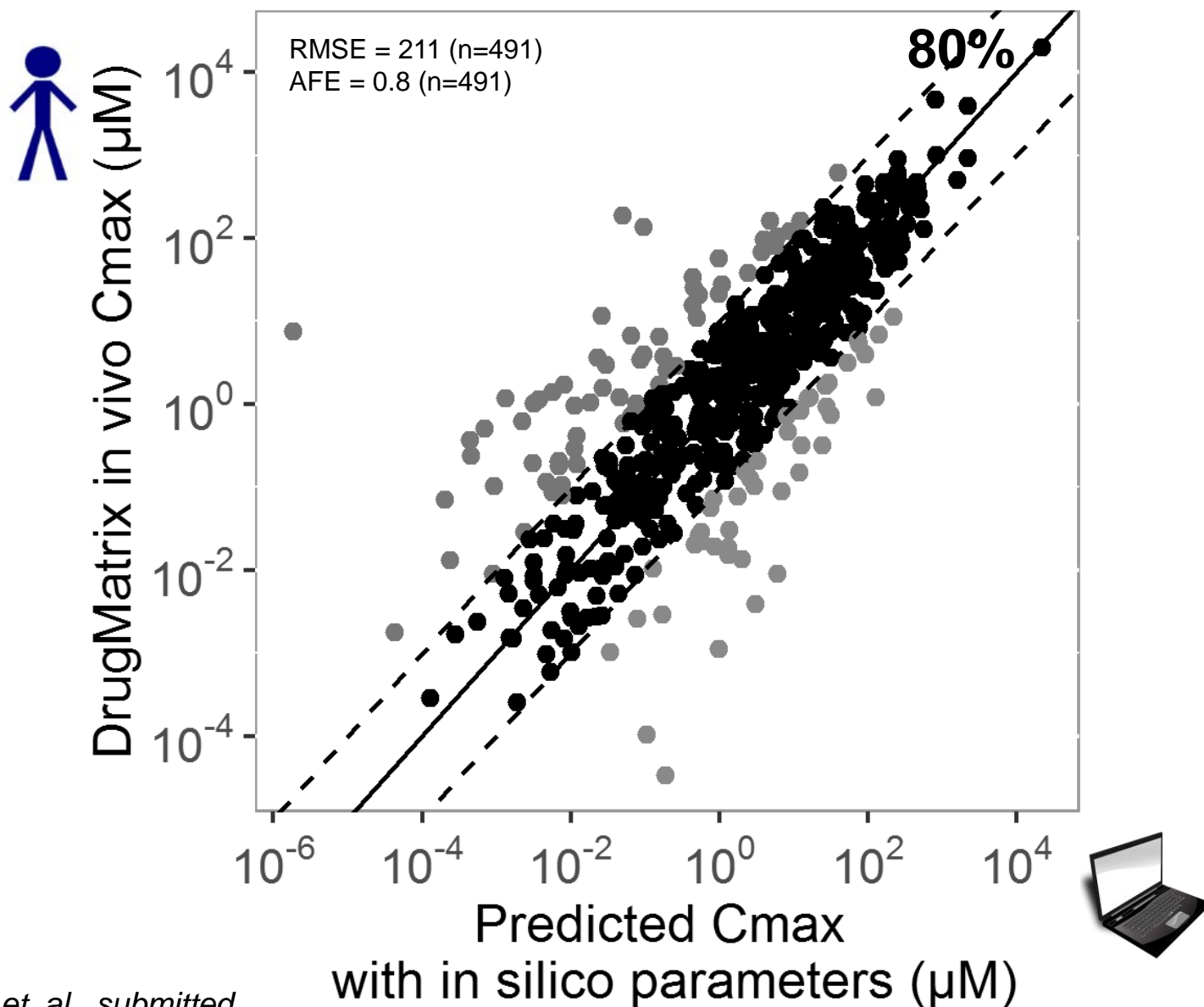
Therapeutic dosing scenarios

corresponding to *in vivo* C_{\max}





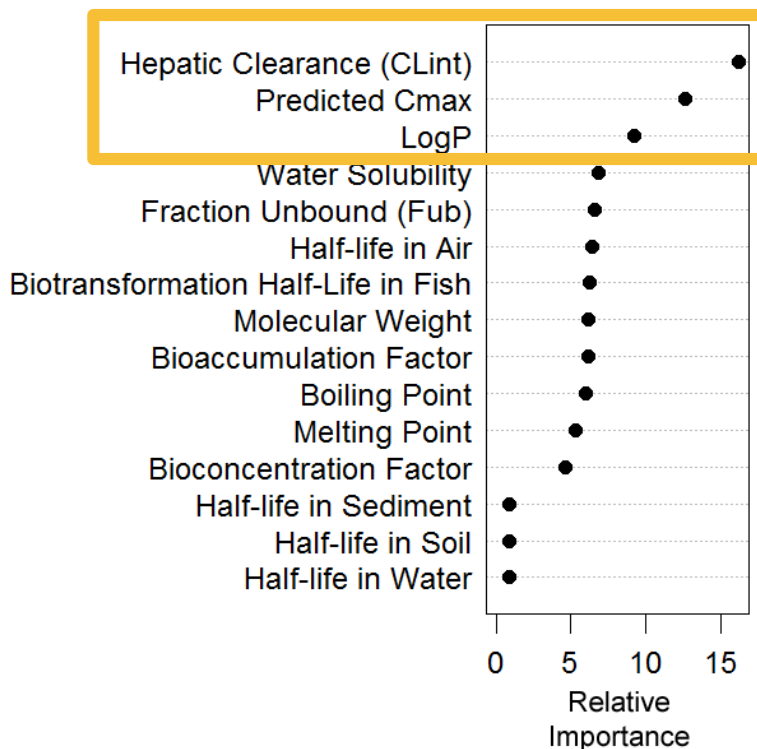
In silico C_{\max} predictions are comparable to *in vivo*





Characterizing confidence in estimating C_{max}

importance based on the random forest model



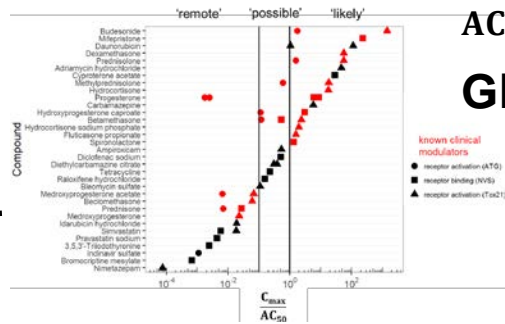
	10 fold under predicted	within 10 fold	10 fold over predicted
Sensitivity	85%	66%	40%
Specificity	82%	68%	87%
Balanced Accuracy	82%	66%	83%



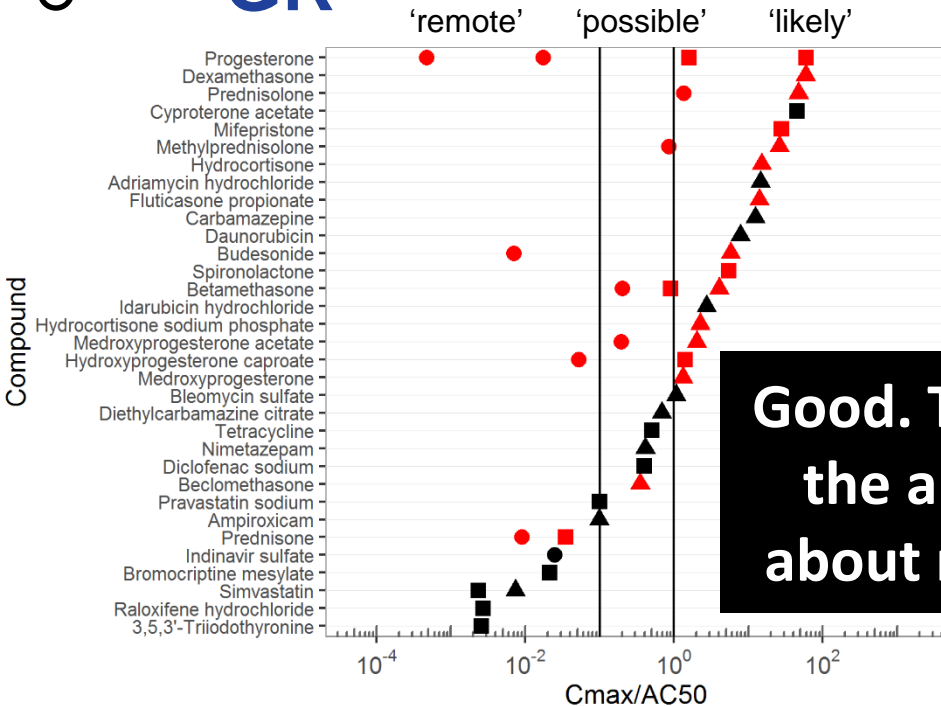
How do $\frac{C_{\max}}{AC_{50}}$'s look when

using predicted C_{\max} ?

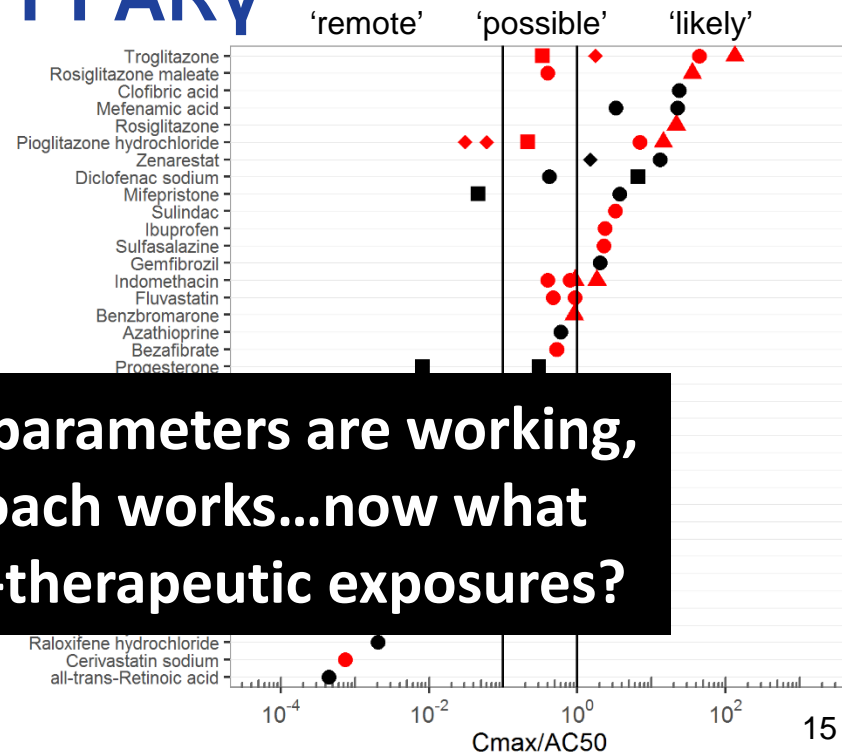
$\frac{C_{\max}}{AC_{50}}$ case studies
GR & PPAR γ



GR



PPAR γ



Good. The parameters are working,
the approach works...now what
about non-therapeutic exposures?



What is the likelihood of *in vivo* activity based on HTS data at estimated median daily exposures?

‘likely’

$$\frac{C_{\max}}{AC_{50}} \geq 1.0$$



$$C_{\max} \geq AC_{50}$$

‘possible’

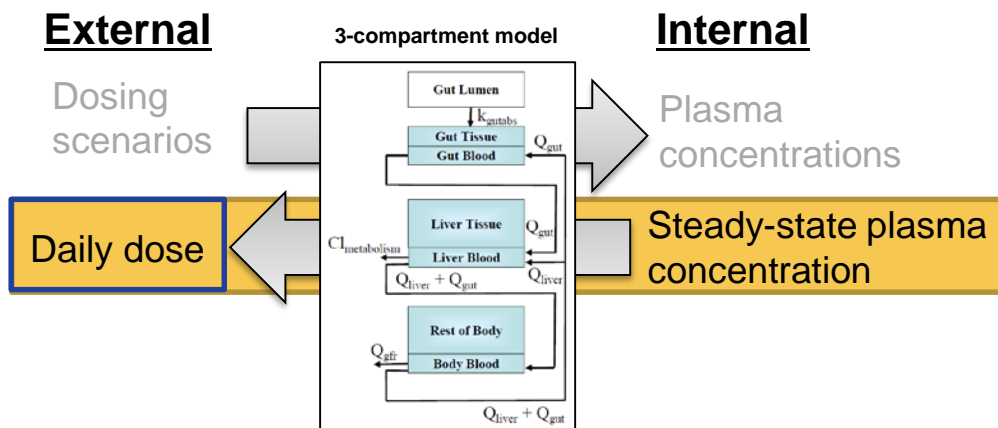
$$1 > \frac{C_{\max}}{AC_{50}} > 0.1$$



$$AC_{50} >$$

$$C_{\max} > 0.1 * AC_{50}$$

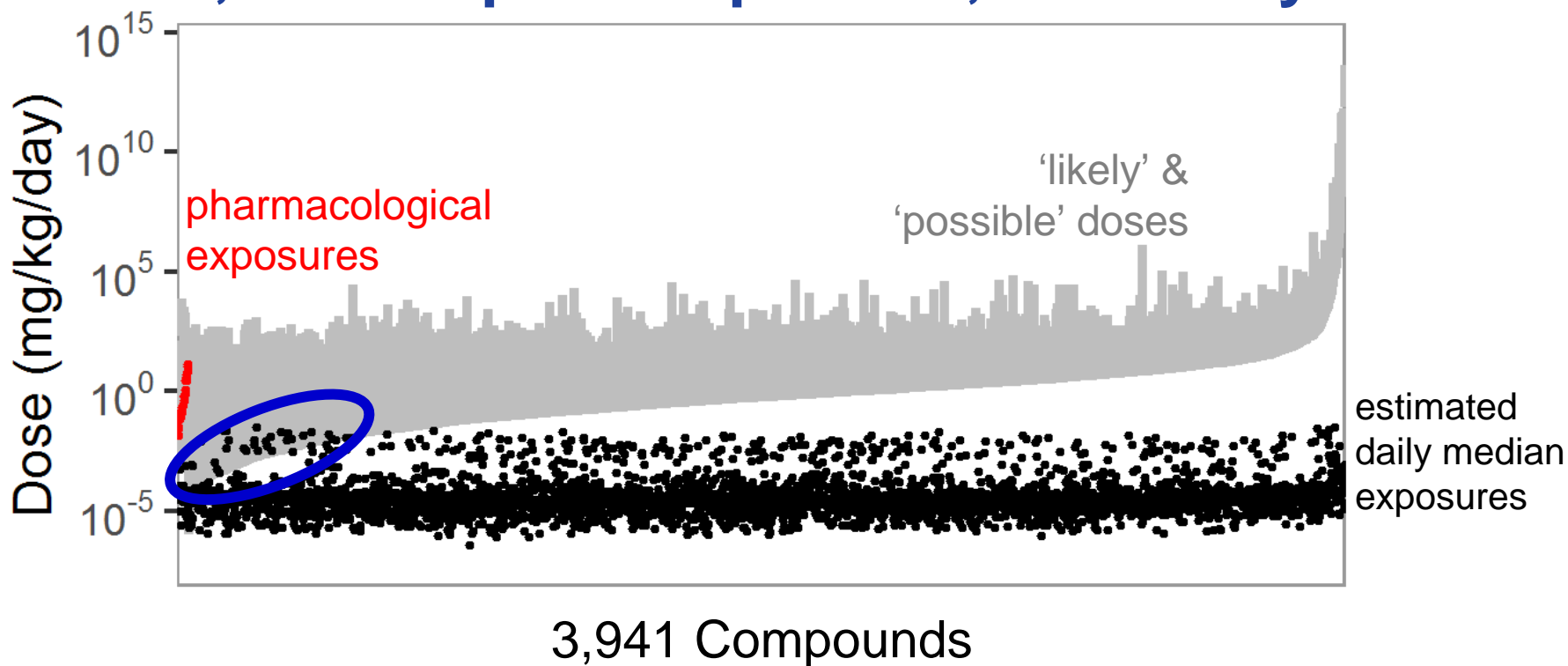
Compare with
US EPA’s ExpoCast &
estimated median
exposures





49,789 active compound-assay pairs

3,941 unique compounds, 746 assays

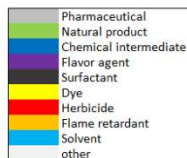


	'likely' & 'possible'
chem-assay pairs	114
unique chemicals	56
unique assays	65

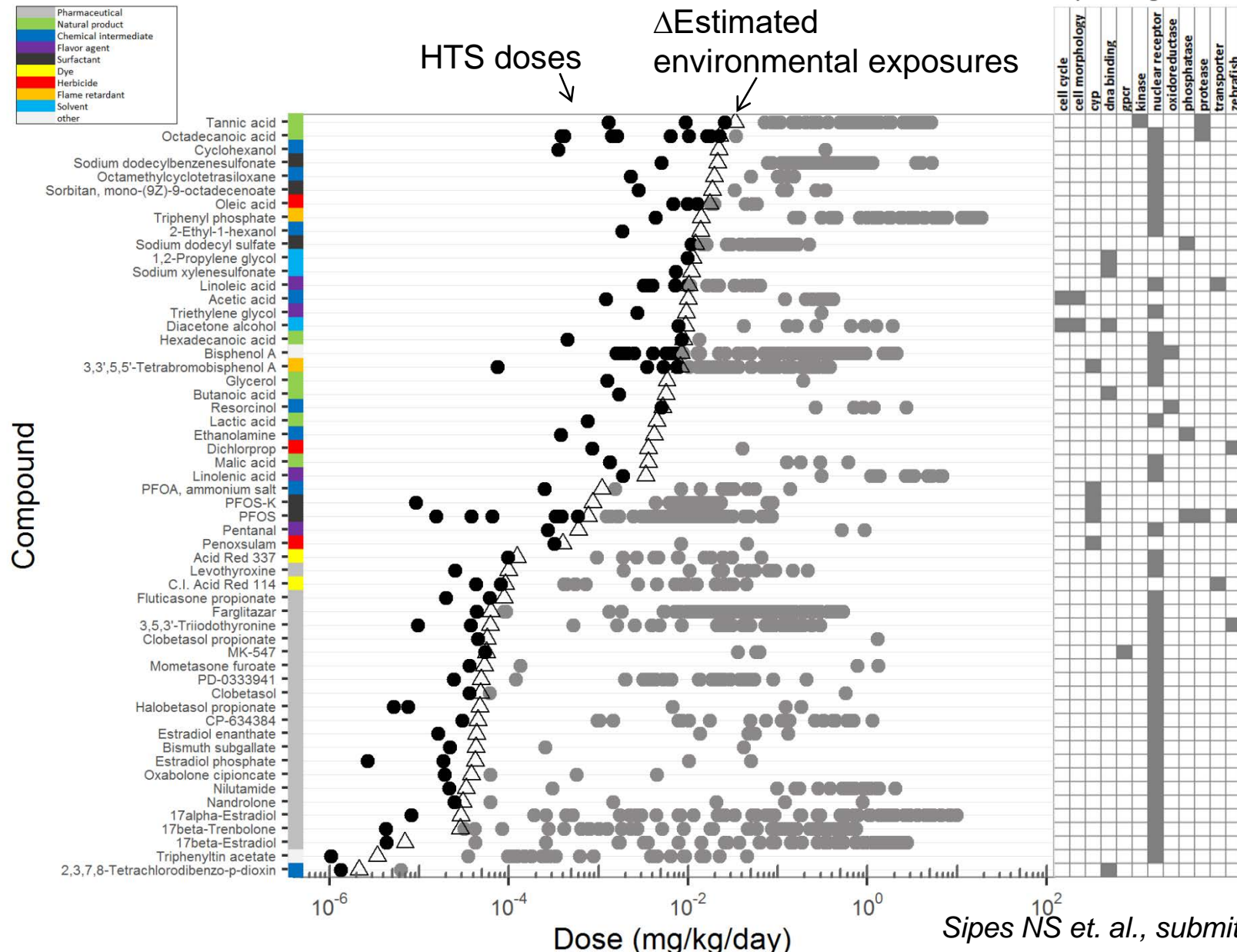


'likely' & 'possible' doses for human *in vivo* interaction compared with estimated daily exposure

Chemical Use Category



Assay Biological Targets



Sipes NS et. al., submitted



Gather more information via literature or experiments

- chemical-biological interactions (*in vitro* & *in vivo*)
- exposures (environmental & occupational)
- parameter estimations



Models will continue to improve with the generation of more publicly available data on thousands compounds

Limited to current biological targets & assay conditions

- Phase III Tox21 includes expanding assays to evaluate toxicogenomics approaches, potentially revealing lower chemical-target potencies

Universal cutoff for C_{\max}/AC_{50} – does it exist?

Human variability

Domain of applicability

- QSAR models for f_{up} & CL_{int}
- Likely route of metabolism

Other methods and/or parameters

- AUC - FDA Guidance for Industry: Drug Interaction Studies (2012)
- POD vs AC_{50}



Intuitive fit-for-purpose framework to prioritize chemicals for a simple risk assessment framework

Novelty

- Uses approach similar to FDA by considering *in vivo* plausibility, estimating likelihood of compound-biological target interaction *in vivo*
- Relies on *in silico* TK parameters
- Applies approach to entire Tox21/ToxCast data, while featuring a conservative plasma concentration estimate



Tox21/ToxCast IVIVE Web Application



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High-Throughput IVIVE Daily Dose Equivalent

A goal within the Tox21 collaboration is to research, develop, validate, and translate innovative test methods that will better predict how chemicals may affect humans and the environment. Tox21 and ToxCast efforts have screened ~10,000 chemicals with limited biological information in hundreds of high-throughput screening (HTS) *in vitro* assays. Translating these HTS data into a common language among toxicologists, specifically risk assessors, is an important next step toward making the data useful. This website allows users to estimate doses at which chemical-biological interactions are "likely", "possible", and "possible w/10-fold safety factor" for humans *in vivo*.

This web-application is a companion to Sipes NS et. al.: [in review]

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Fenofibrate (49562-28-9)



Rosiglitazone (122320-73-4)



Rosiglitazone maleate (155141-29-0)



Tesaglitazar (251565-85-2)



Troglitazone (97322-87-7)



Pioglitazone hydrochloride (112529-15-4)



Farglitazar (196808-45-4)



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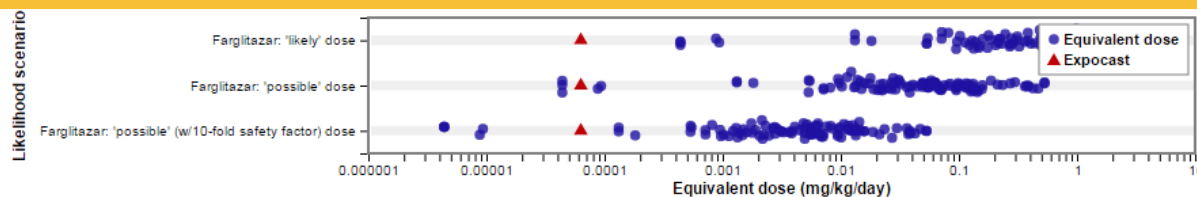
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Active in **106** Tox21/ToxCast HTS assays (filtered data)

Raw data

Assay summaries

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Assay-specific results:

Chemical	Assay name	Intended target family	AC ₅₀ (μM)	Expocast dose (mg/kg/day)	'Likely' equivalent dose (mg/kg/day)	'Possible' equivalent dose (mg/kg/day)	'Possible' (w/10-fold safety factor) equivalent dose (mg/kg/day)
Farglitazar	ATG_ERE_CIS_up	nuclear receptor	0.01	6.30E-5	4.39E-4	4.39E-5	4.39E-6
Farglitazar	ATG_PPARg_TRANS_up	nuclear receptor	0.01	6.30E-5	4.39E-4	4.39E-5	4.39E-6
Farglitazar	ATG_PPRE_CIS_up	nuclear receptor	0.01	6.30E-5	4.39E-4	4.39E-5	4.39E-6
Farglitazar	NVS_NR_hPPARg	nuclear receptor	0.02	6.30E-5	8.78E-4	8.78E-5	8.78E-6
Farglitazar	NVS_NR_hPPARa	nuclear receptor	0.021	6.30E-5	9.34E-4	9.34E-5	9.34E-6
Farglitazar	OT_PPARg_PPARgSRC1_0480	nuclear receptor	0.3	6.30E-5	0.013	0.001	1.32E-4
Farglitazar	OT_PPARg_PPARgSRC1_1440	nuclear receptor	0.3	6.30E-5	0.013	0.001	1.32E-4
Farglitazar	ATG_PPARa_TRANS_up	nuclear receptor	0.414	6.30E-5	0.018	0.002	1.82E-4
Farglitazar	NVS_ENZ_hBACE	protease	1.216	6.30E-5	0.053	0.005	5.34E-4



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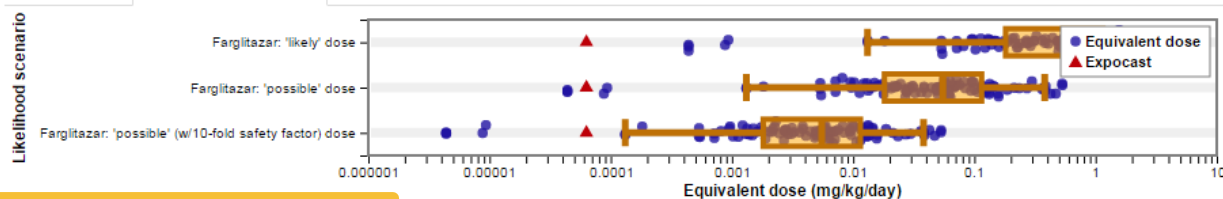
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Summary statistics across assays:

Chemical	Equivalent dose (mg/kg/day)	Number of assays	Percentiles				
			5th	25th	50th	75th	95th
Farglitazar	'Likely'	106	0.013	0.181	0.55	1.149	3.817
Farglitazar	'Possible'	106	0.001	0.018	0.055	0.115	0.382
Farglitazar	'Possible' (w/10-fold safety factor)	106	1.32E-4	0.002	0.006	0.011	0.038

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Detailed Tox21/ToxCast data processing workflow

