

# International Conference on Systems Biology 2023

Systems Pharmacology - 10:30 AM - Room 12/13

Chair: Matthew Riggs

- 10:30-10:50 [Pharm.01](#) Matthew Riggs (invited): Quantitative Systems Pharmacology in Model-Informed Drug Development
- 10:50-11:05 [Pharm.02](#) Julien Olivet: Interactome editing with small molecules: from networks to hot spots
- 11:05-11:20 [Pharm.03](#) Ginte Kutkaite: Systematic identification of pan-cancer single-gene expression biomarkers in drug high-throughput screens
- 11:20-11:35 [Pharm.04](#) Jacques Hermes: Opening up new strategies for personalized Interferon (IFN) treatment governed by a mechanistic understanding of pathway sensitization in IFN signaling.
- 11:35-11:45 [Pharm.06](#) K V Venkatesh: Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic Modeling of Nutraceutical Combinations for Managing Subclinical Inflammation: A Systems Biology Approach
- 11:45-11:55 [Pharm.07](#) Yun Min Song: Accurate Prediction of Drug Interactions Through Cytochrome P450 Induction

# Matthew Riggs, PhD

- Experienced and passionate developer of therapeutics for rare and metabolic diseases.
- 20+ years of experience applying modeling and simulation methods to clinical and drug development decision support
- Founded MetrumRG's Systems Pharmacology group
- As CSO, works closely with our PKPD, Systems Pharmacology, Statistics, Data Science, and HPC (Metworx™) teams to continually advance our quantitative decision support

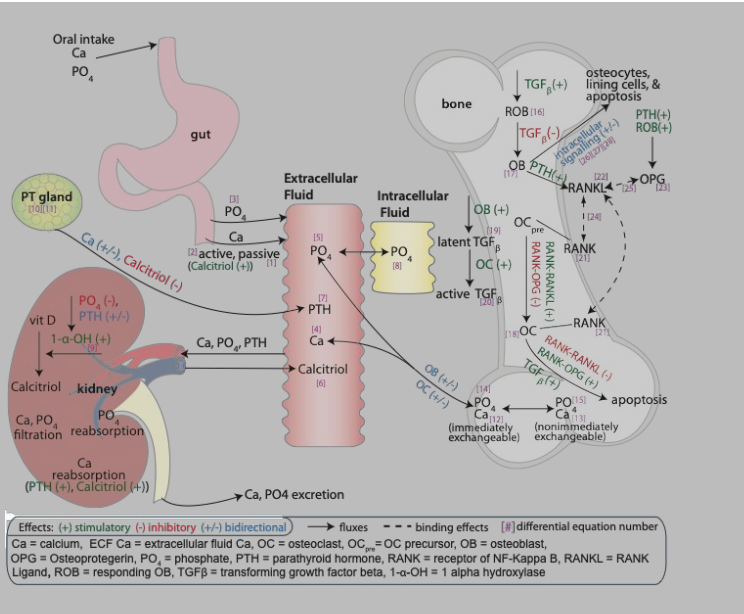


# Quantitative Systems Pharmacology (QSP) in Model-Informed Drug Development

## Integrating Evidence Across Theory and Observation

12-Oct-2023

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# Key Points: QSP Models for Integrative Evidence

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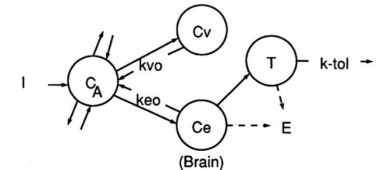
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Clinical pharmacology and the choice  
between theory and empiricism

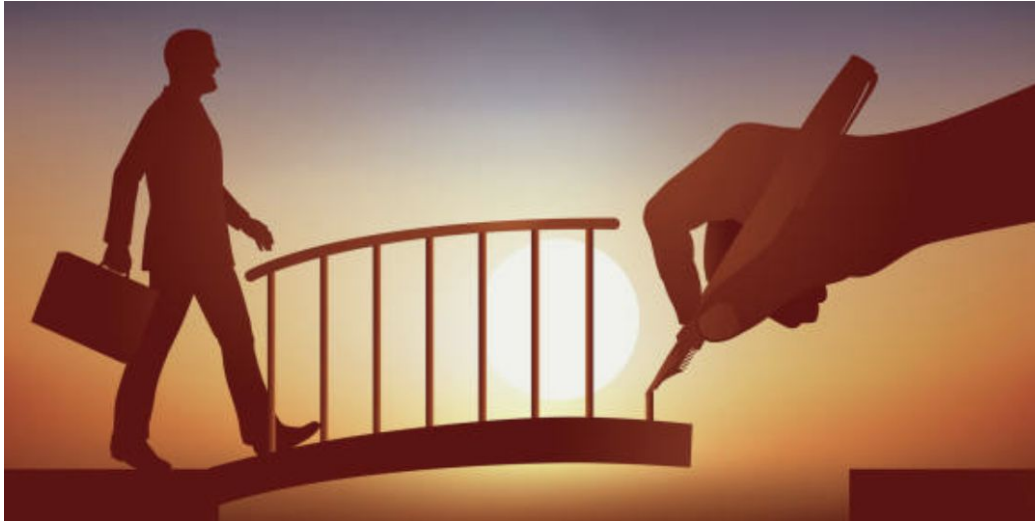
Lewis B. Sheiner, MD *San Francisco, Calif.*

“Thus, by going beyond empiricism and stressing understanding, not data collection, we not only answer our first question, but we also gain far more. For clinical pharmacology,

“...the goal is  
theory,  
not data.”



# Modeling & Simulation: Moving beyond information



Data

Knowledge

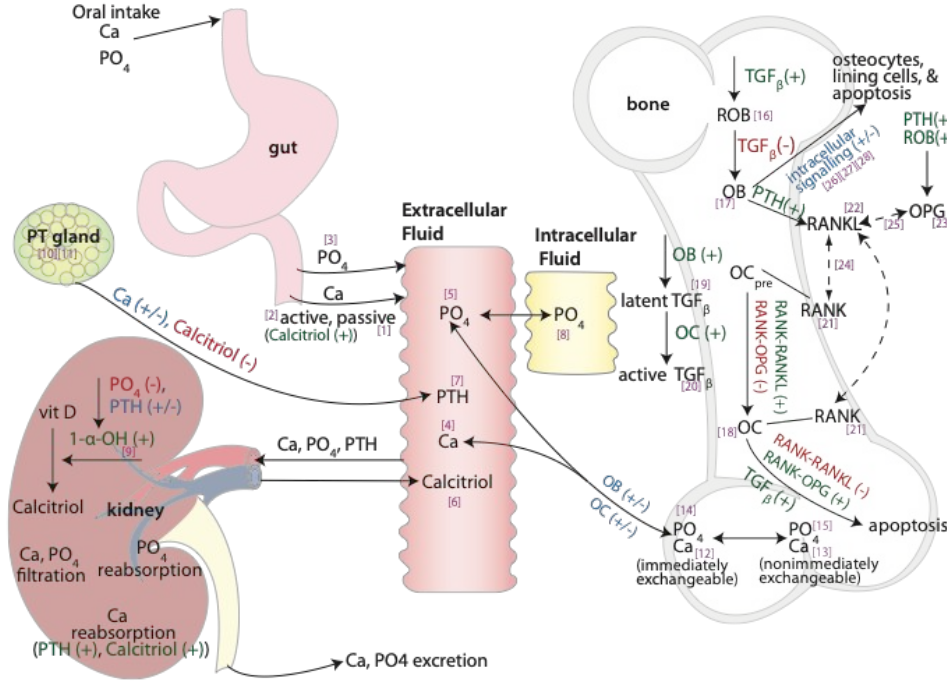
Understanding

Decisions

Modeling and Simulation

# Expand/Understand: A Case Study

The question: Can we better understand (and predict) the inter-rational effects of dmab and the time-courses of on/off t effects?



Effects: (+) stimulatory (-) inhibitory (+/-) bidirectional → fluxes --- binding effects [#] differential equation number  
 Ca = calcium, ECF Ca = extracellular fluid Ca, OC = osteoclast, OC<sub>pre</sub> = OC precursor, OB = osteoblast,  
 OPG = Osteoprotegerin, PO<sub>4</sub> = phosphate, PTH = parathyroid hormone, RANK = receptor of NF-Kappa B, RANKL = RANK  
 Ligand, ROB = responding OB, TGFβ = transforming growth factor beta, 1-α-OH = 1 alpha hydroxylase

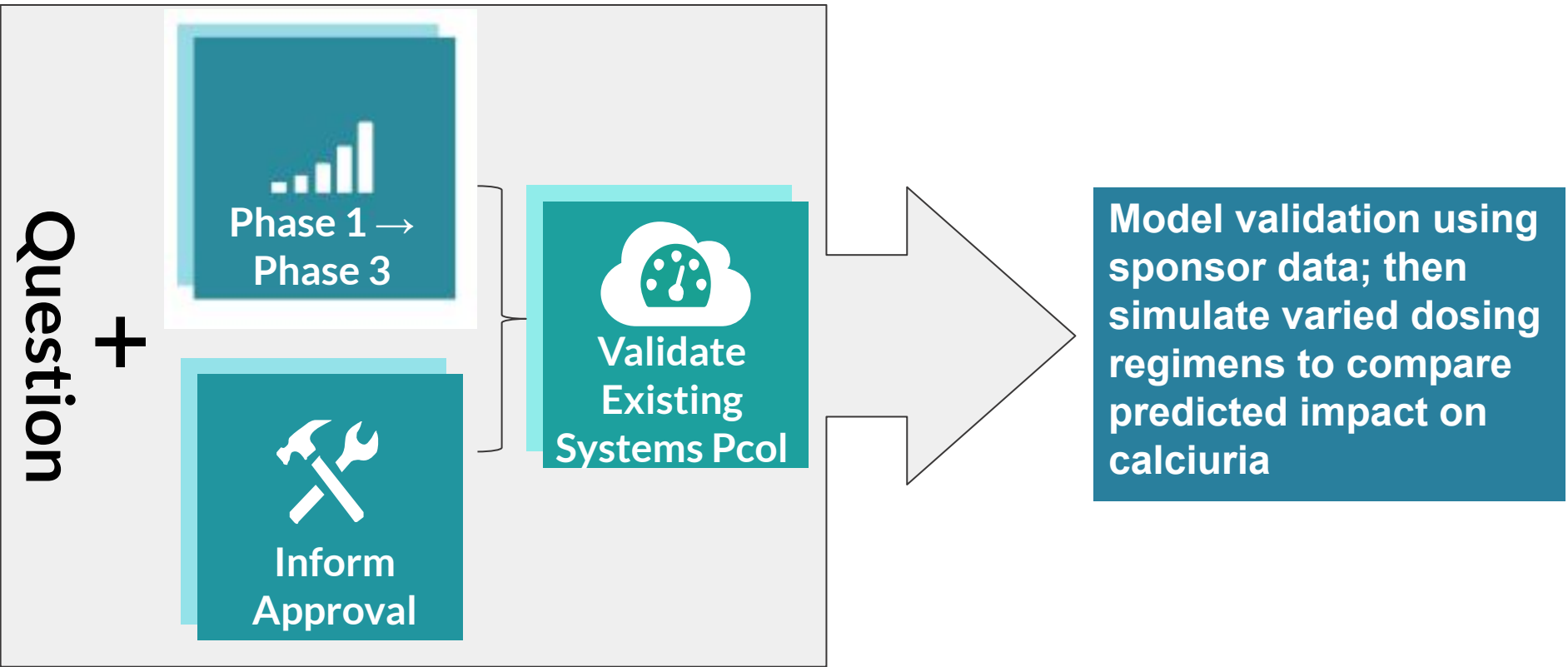
## Multiscale QSP Model

Peterson MC and Riggs MM (2010) A physiologically based mathematical model of integrated calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling. Bone 46:49-63.



Example: PTH endogenous, replacement tx in hypoPTH

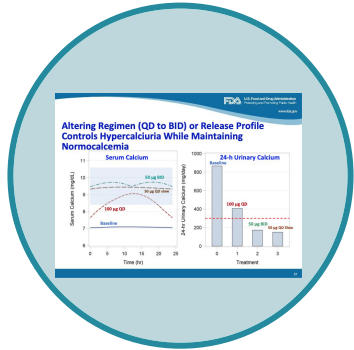
Question: Is QD dosing the safest and most effective dosing regimen?





# Model Evaluation First, Understand the Question

Open science opens doors



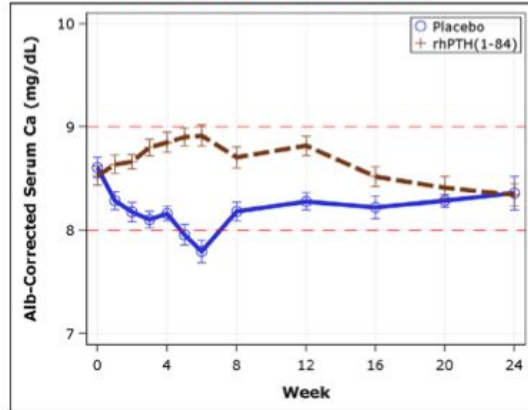
## PTH for Hypoparathyroidism

### Clinical data

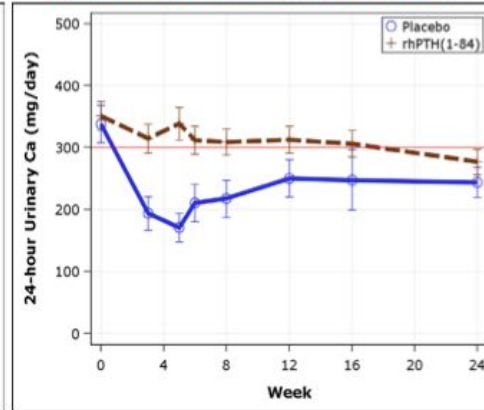
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## Control on 24-hour Urinary Calcium was Not Apparent with Natpara in the Registration Trial (CL1-11-040)

Mean (±SE) Serum Calcium



Mean (±SE) 24-hr Urinary Calcium

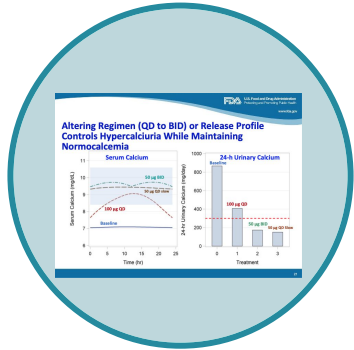


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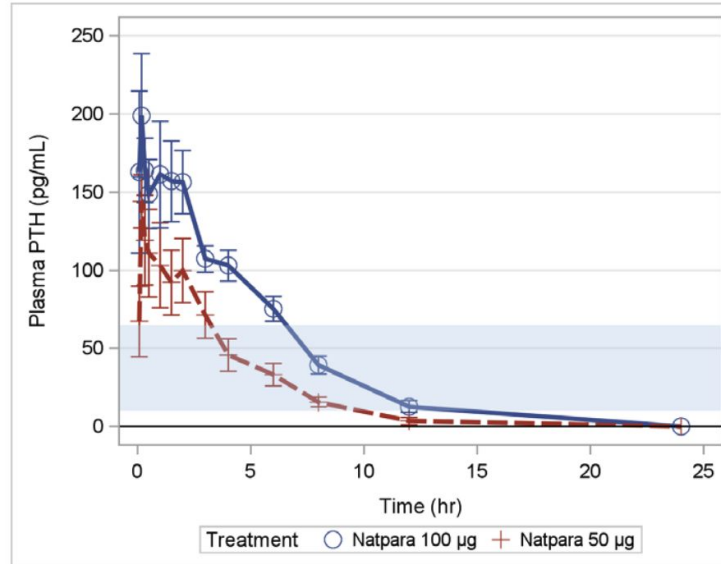


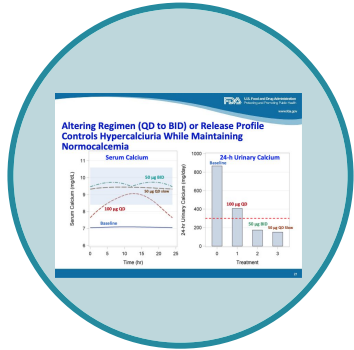
Figure 4 Mean plasma concentration versus time profile of Natpara (single 50 and 100 µg SC doses in the thigh of same subjects, minimum 7 days washout between 2 periods)

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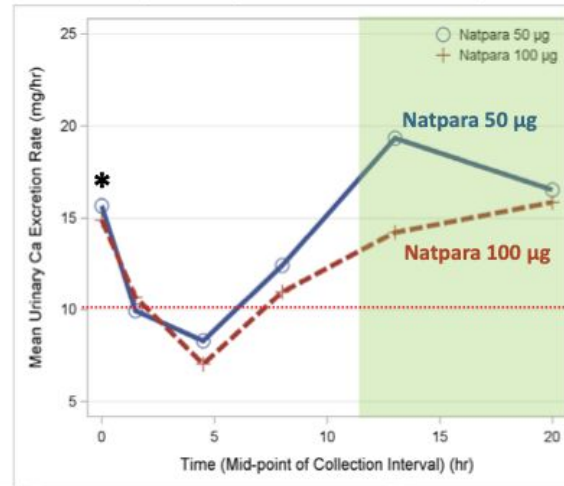
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## Reduction in Urinary Calcium Excretion is Short-lived

### C09-002 Study – Natpara Pharmacodynamics: Urinary Calcium



Modest ↓24-h Ca excretion:

50 µg – 13%

100 µg – 23%

\* Day -1, 16-24h data

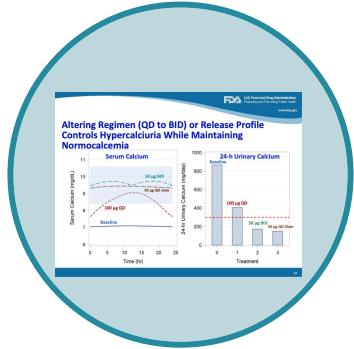
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# Model Evaluation With added confidence, investigate the question

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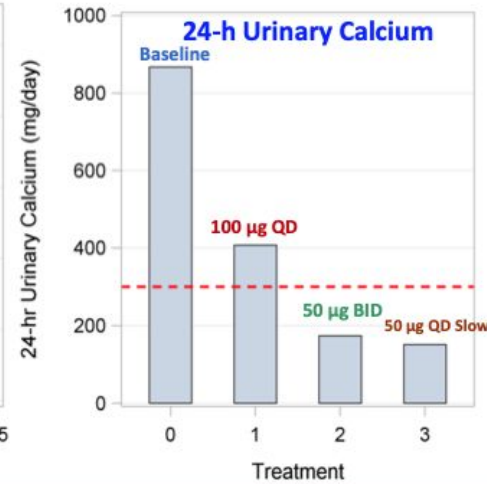
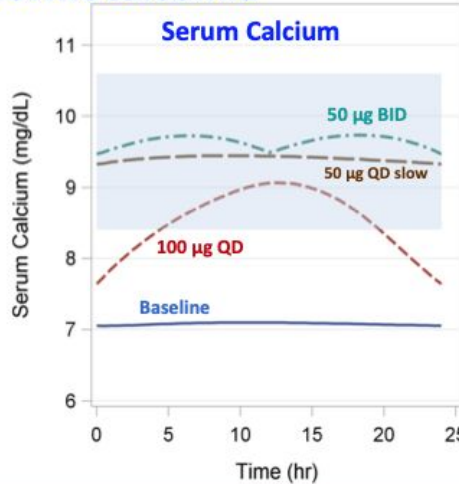
## Altering Regimen (QD to BID) or Release Profile Controls Hypercalciuria While Maintaining Normocalcemia



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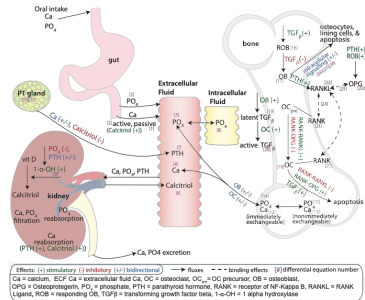


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# Integrating Evidence Across Theory and Observations

We know a lot about bone, bone minerals, and the mechanisms that control them.



But what if... we are faced with an epic challenge and know very little?

How could prior, shared knowledge of systems (theory) help to solve that challenge?



When there's theory and very few observations?

In March 2020... Covid-19 was happening

There were no treatments, we knew so much less about the virus, treatments were mainly empiric.

Monoclonal antibodies carried hope: but which one(s), how much to give, and how can we develop them (and manufacture them) quickly enough?



# Integrating Evidence: 1. Understand the Problem

**“When we have a solution, we want it to be available for as many patients as possible, and the better the antibody, the lower the dose you need. And given manufacturing capacities, the more patients you can help.” Dan Skovronsky, CSO, Eli Lilly and Company [April 30, 2020](#)**

From: <https://www.insideindianabusiness.com/articles/skovronsky-lilly-aims-to-test-covid19-therapy-by-summer> Last accessed 27-July-2022

In another [briefing](#) he stated: **"It's good to have two antibodies. The downside is that manufacturing is precious. We have limited manufacturing capacity. If two antibodies are required, half as many people will get treated," Skovronsky said. "So our goal is to see if we can do one antibody at as low a dose as possible."** June 10, 2020

From: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-lilly-exclusive/exclusive-lilly-covid-19-treatment-could-be-authorized-for-use-as-soon-as-september-chief-scientist-idUSKBN23H35S>  
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# Integrating Evidence: 2. Gather What You Know

There will be about 5 candidate mAbs from which to choose

There will be NO *in vivo* data before needing to decide on candidate and its dose for June '20 FIH

We may have some *in vitro* experimental neutralization data available just prior to selection

We are NOT the first researchers predicting mAb exposures given limited early info.

We are NOT the first researchers predicting exposure-response impact on viral dynamics.





## Enter... Shared Science; and the lives it impacted

J Pharmacokinet Pharmacodyn (2012) 39:67–86  
DOI 10.1007/s10928-011-9232-2

ORIGINAL PAPER

**Towards a platform PBPK model to characterize the plasma and tissue disposition of monoclonal antibodies in preclinical species and human**

Dhaval K. Shah · Alison M. Betts



J Pharmacokinet Pharmacodyn. 2013 October ; 40(5): . doi:10.1007/s10928-013-9332-2.

**Second-generation minimal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic model for monoclonal antibodies**

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<sup>1</sup>Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 14214, USA



Citation: CPT Pharmacometrics Syst. Pharmacol. (2019) 8, 738–747; doi:10.1002/psp4.12461

ARTICLE

**A Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic Model for the Prediction of Monoclonal Antibody Pharmacokinetics From *In Vitro* Data**

Hannah M. Jones<sup>1\*</sup>, Zhiwei Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Paul Jasper<sup>2</sup>, Haobin Luo<sup>2</sup>, Lindsay B. Avery<sup>3</sup>, Lindsay E. King<sup>4</sup>, Hendrik Neubert<sup>4</sup>, Hugh A. Barton<sup>5</sup>, Alison M. Betts<sup>1</sup> and Robert Webster<sup>1</sup>

Monoclonal antibody (mAb) pharmacokinetics (PK) have largely been predicted via allometric scaling with little consideration for cross-species differences in neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) affinity or clearance/distribution mechanisms. To address this, we developed a mAb physiologically-based PK model that describes the intracellular trafficking and FcRn recycling of mAbs in a human FcRn transgenic homozygous mouse and human. This model uses mAb-specific *in vitro* data together with species-specific FcRn tissue expression, tissue volume, and blood-flow physiology to predict mAb *in vivo* linear PK *a priori*. The model accurately predicts the terminal half-life of 90% of the mAbs investigated within a twofold error. The mechanistic nature of this model allows us to not only predict linear PK from *in vitro* data but also explore the PK and target binding of mAbs engineered to have pH-dependent binding to its target or FcRn and could aid in the selection of mAbs with optimal PK and pharmacodynamic properties.



# Integrating Evidence: 3. Gather What Others Know

Enter... Shared Science; and the lives it impacted

## Virus Dynamics

Mathematical Principles of Immunology and Virology

By Martin A. Nowak, Martin Andreas Nowak, Robert McCredie May · 2000



*J Theor Biol.* 2007 July 7; 247(1): 23–35.

### Modeling the mechanisms of acute hepatitis B virus infection

Stanca M. Ciupe\*, Ruy M. Ribeiro†, Patrick W. Nelson‡, and Alan S. Perelson\* †,0

\*Santa Fe Institute, 1399 Hyde Park Rd., Santa Fe, NM, 87507

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History: March 27, 2020.

### Modelling SARS-CoV-2 Dynamics: Implications for Therapy

Kwang Su Kim,  Keisuke Ejima, Yusuke Ito, Shoya Iwanami, Hirofumi Ohashi, Yoshiki Koizumi, Yusuke Asai, Shinji Nakaoka, Koichi Watashi, Robin N. Thompson, Shingo Iwami

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# Integrating Evidence: 4. Apply to Problem at Hand

## Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

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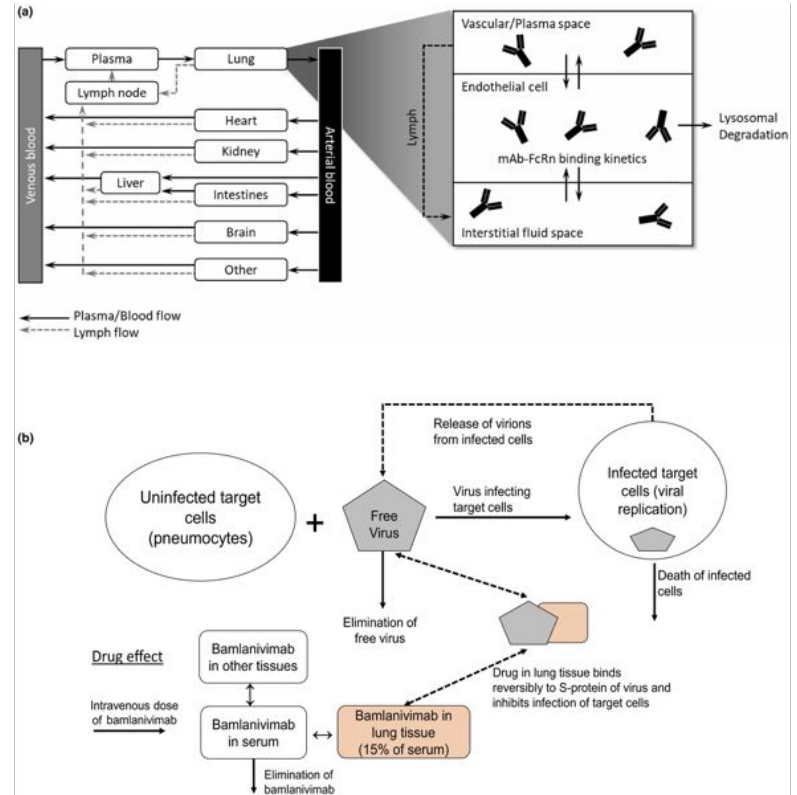
### A Quantitative Modeling and Simulation Framework to Support Candidate and Dose Selection of Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Monoclonal Antibodies to Advance Bamlanivimab Into a First-in-Human Clinical Trial

Emmanuel Chigutsa, Eric Jordie, Matthew Riggs, Ajay Nirula, Ahmed Elmokadem, Tim Knab, Jenny Y. Chien

✉ ... See fewer authors ^

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- The PBPK model-based approach suggested that a clinical dose between 175 and 500 mg of bamlanivimab would maintain target mAb concentrations in the lung tissue over 28 days in 90% of patients.
- The viral dynamic model suggested a 700 mg dose would achieve maximum viral elimination.



# Integrating Evidence: 5. Reflect on How We Did...

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibody LY-CoV555 in Outpatients with Covid-19**

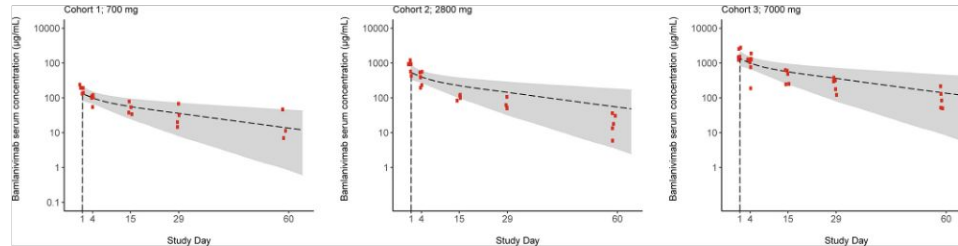
Peter Chen, M.D., Ajay Nirula, M.D., Ph.D., Barry Heller, M.D., Robert L. Gottlieb, M.D., Ph.D., Joseph Boscia, M.D., Jason Morris, M.D., Gregory Huhn, M.D., M.P.H.T.M., Jose Cardona, M.D., Bharat Mocherla, M.D., Valentina Stosor, M.D., Imad Shawa, M.D., Andrew C. Adams, Ph.D., Jacob Van Naarden, B.S., Kenneth L. Custer, Ph.D., Lei Shen, Ph.D., Michael Durante, M.S., Gerard Oakley, M.D., Andrew E. Schade, M.D., Ph.D., Janelle Sabo, Pharm.D., Dipak R. Patel, M.D., Ph.D., Paul Klekotka, M.D., Ph.D., and Daniel M. Skovronsky, M.D., Ph.D., for the BLAZE-1 Investigators\*

“The doses of LY-CoV555 that were evaluated in this trial were based on pharmacologic modeling that predicted that the 700-mg dose would be efficacious. (Details about dose selection are provided in the Supplementary Appendix, available at NEJM.org.)”

January 21, 2021 N Engl J Med 2021; 384:229-237 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2029849

[https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/bioPBPk/tree/main/mAb\\_bamlanivimab](https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/bioPBPk/tree/main/mAb_bamlanivimab)

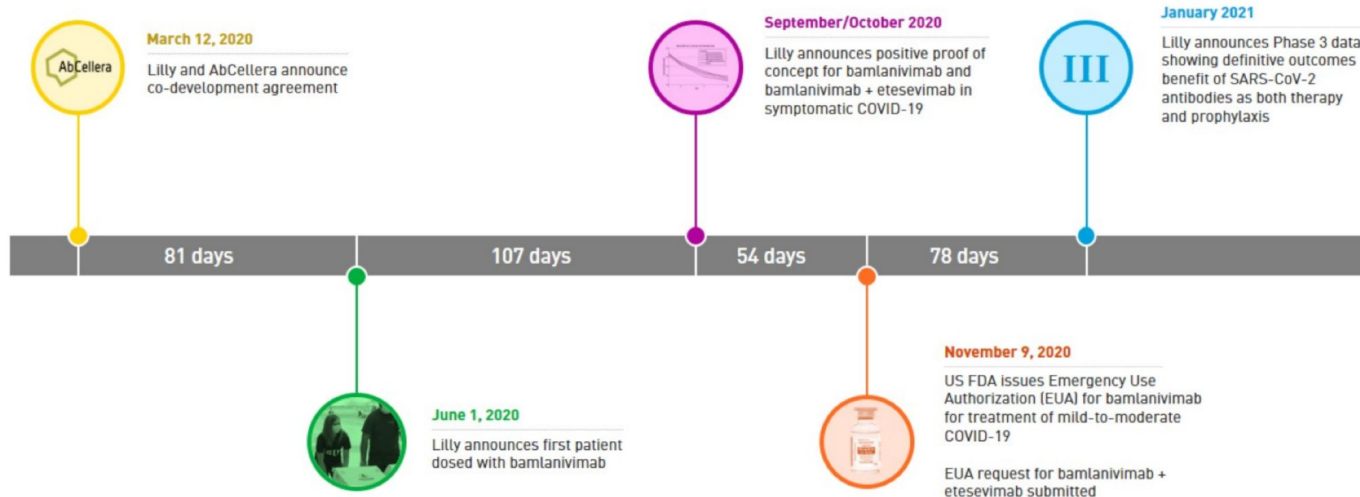
Overlay of pharmacokinetic (PK) profiles as predicted a priori using the physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model with observed data from the first-in-human trial. Bamlanivimab serum concentrations from cohorts of patients receiving 700, 2,800, or 7,000 mg of bamlanivimab. Red data points are the observed clinical data from each of the respective three cohorts. The grey shaded area represents the 90% prediction interval from PBPK modeling with the black dotted line representing the median.



Clin Pharma and Therapeutics, Volume: 111, Issue: 3, Pages: 595-604, First published: 22 October 2021, DOI: (10.1002/cpt.2459)



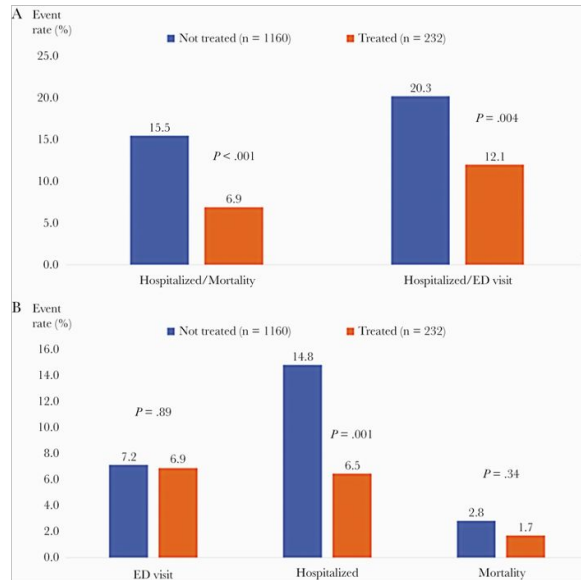
## NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODY PROGRESS



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**Figure 1.** Frequency of 28-day study outcomes among propensity-matched patients receiving and not receiving bamlanivimab ...



**Table 2.** Primary and Secondary Outcomes From Propensity-Matched Models Stratified by Age

Outcome All Patients	Number of Events		28-Day Event Rate (%)		Odds Ratio Estimates		
	Treated (n = 232)	Not Treated (n = 1160)	Treated	Not Treated	Odds Ratio	(95% CI)	P Value
Hospitalization or mortality	16	180	6.9	15.5	0.40	(0.24–0.69)	<.001
Hospitalization or ED visit without hospitalization	28	235	12.1	20.3	0.54	(0.35–0.82)	.004
ED visit without hospitalization	16	83	6.9	7.2	0.96	(0.55–1.67)	.89
Hospitalization	15	172	6.5	14.8	0.40	(0.23–0.69)	.001
Mortality	4	33	1.7	2.8	0.60	(0.21–1.71)	.34



# Example 3: QSP in Oncology

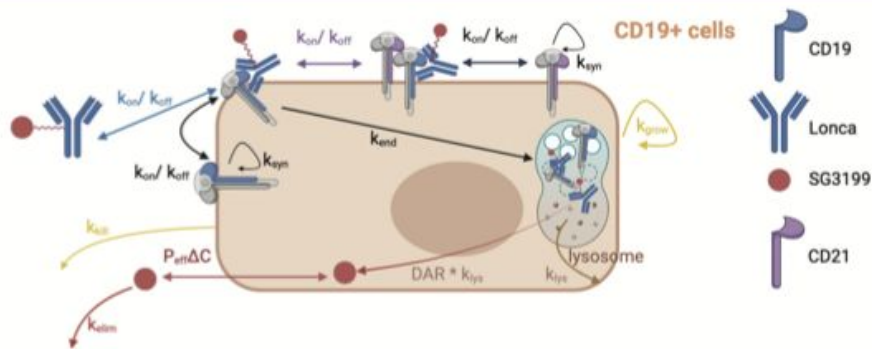
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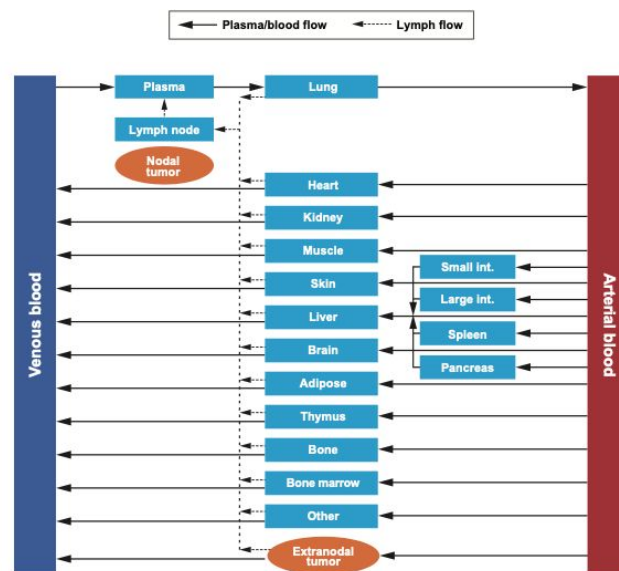
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Figure 1. Receptor-mediated endocytosis of the ADC



- The tumor is composed of CD19+ and CD19-/low cells, expressing high/low amounts of surface CD19 antigens
- Binding of the ADC-CD19 complex with CD21 inhibits the drug's internalization<sup>2</sup>
- Diffusion of the payload into neighboring cells leads to bystander cell killing
- Payload has a short half-life and is eliminated in the extracellular space<sup>3</sup>

Figure 3. QSP model describing ADC biodistribution and tumor dynamics



ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; int., intestine; QSP, quantitative systems pharmacology.





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Figure 5. Simulation of patient with undetectable CD19 expression

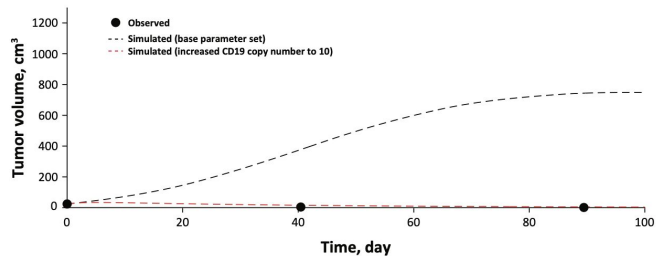
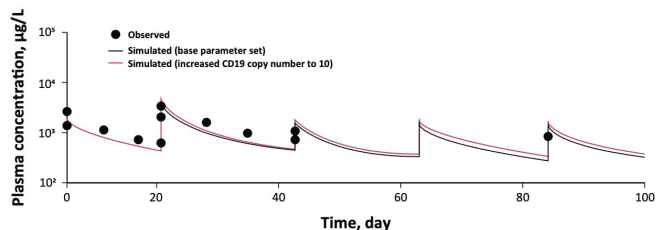
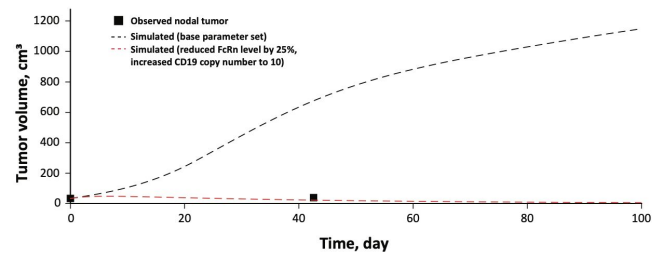
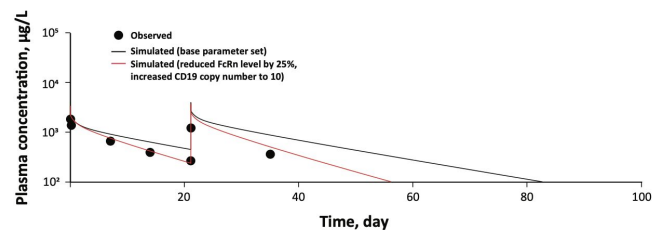


Figure 7. Simulation of a patient with hypoalbuminemia and low levels of CD19 expression





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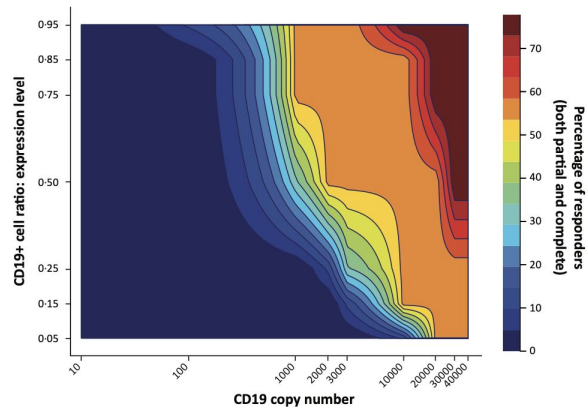
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**Figure 4.** QSP model-generated Lonca heat map profile of CD19+ cell ratio of expression (proportion of the tumor cells that were CD19+) versus CD19 surface density and response



## CONCLUSIONS

- A novel QSP framework integrating PBPK modeling with tumor dynamics was developed using literature and in-house data
- By employing a virtual population reflecting patients treated with Lonca, it is possible to evaluate indication, clinical population selection, influence of clinical study covariates, disease phenotypes, and CD19 expression levels on clinical responses

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Our turn to Expand and Understand...

