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# Development of an Open and General Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic Model to Predict Maternal-Fetal Exposures for Drugs Metabolized by CYP Isoenzymes

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# Clinical Pharmacology in Pregnancy

- Several unaddressed questions
  - Drug development
  - Clinical therapeutics
- Orphan population
- Limited data available
- Ethical issues
- Logistically difficult to study



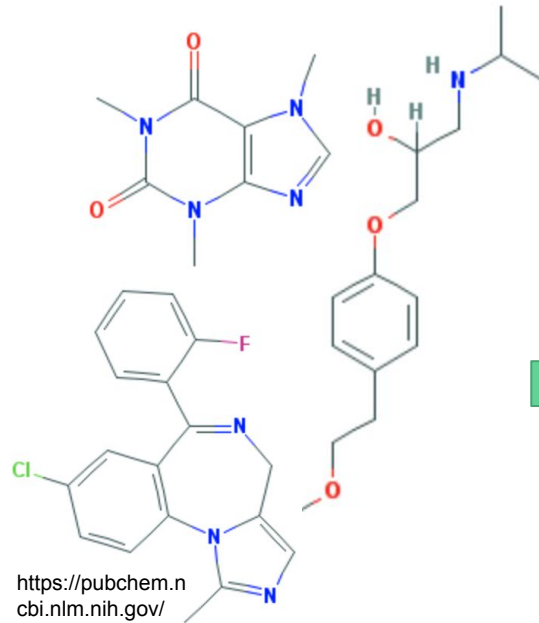
<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/317397.php>

Judgement Call in the Face of Large Uncertainty

# Possible Solution



<http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/giving/11772>

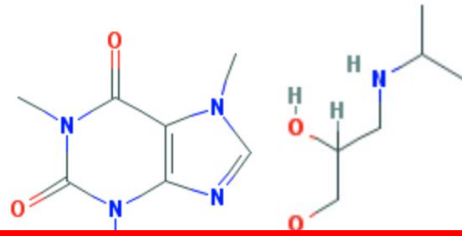
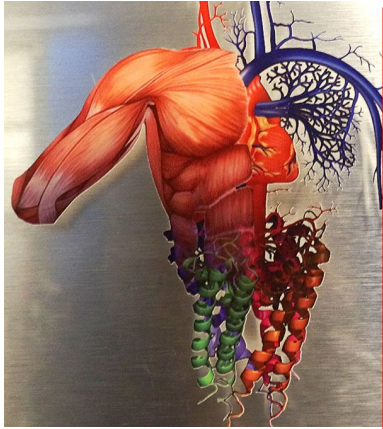


<https://www.kisspng.com/png-pregnancy-woman-mother-clip-art-1410225/>



$$\frac{dA_T}{dt} = Q_T \cdot \left( C_{art} - \frac{C_T}{\frac{K_{pT}}{B:P}} \right)$$

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This Approach Allows Us To:

- Integrate knowledge across multiple sources for decision-making in clinical therapeutics and drug development
- Explore answers to questions that are not directly addressed in clinical studies



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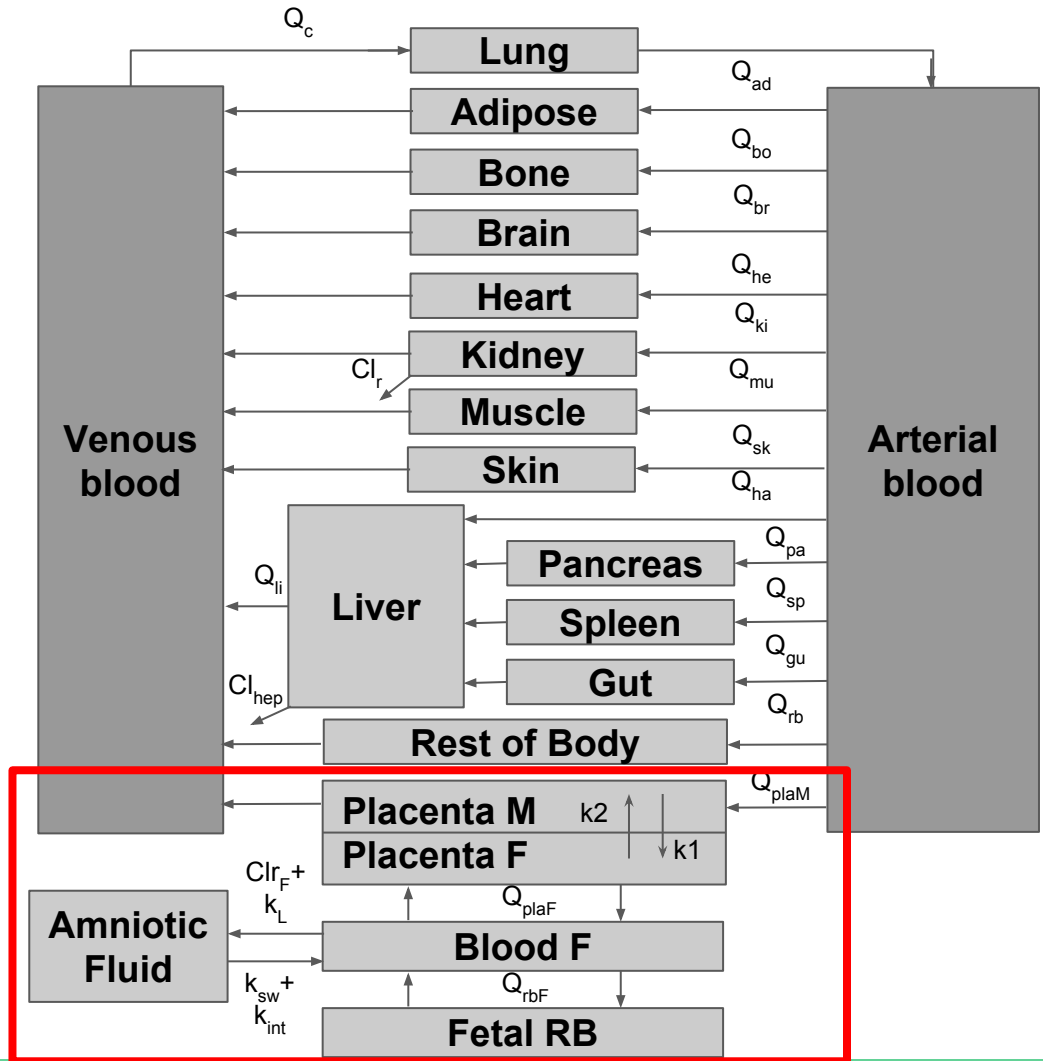
# General Physiological Model Structure

Non-Pregnant:

- 15 Compartments
- 17 Differential Equations

Pregnant:

- 20 Compartments
- 22 Differential Equations
- 5 Compartments for Fetoplacental Unit



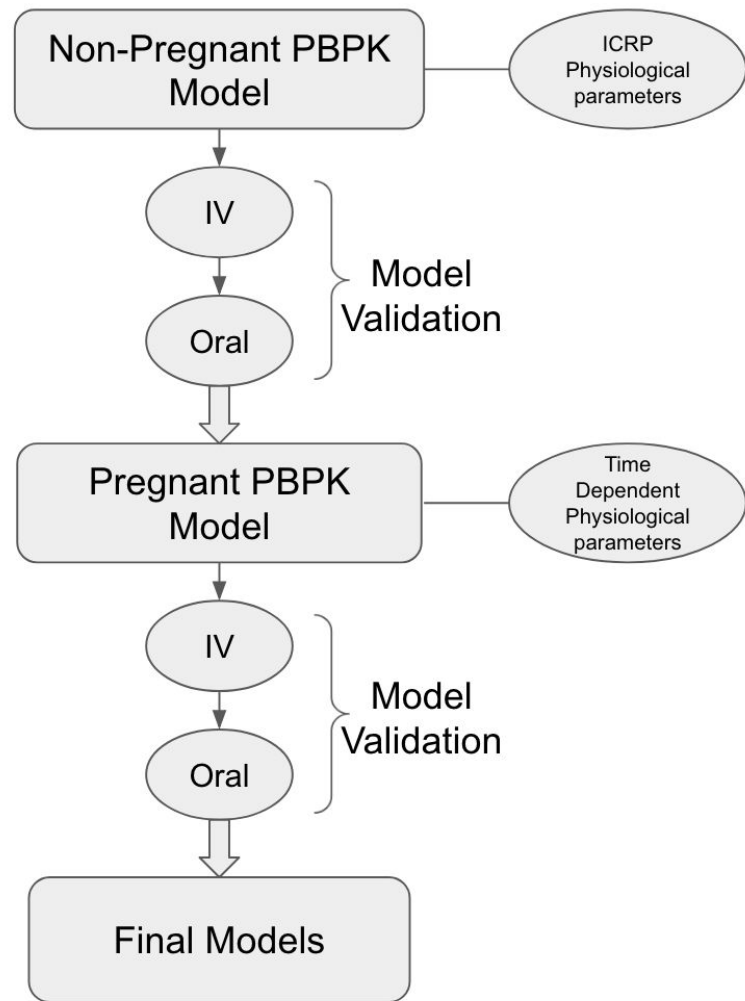
# Modeling Workflow

Isoenzyme	Substrate	Validation Data
CYP3A4	Midazolam	Gaohua et al.
CYP2D6	Metoprolol	Gaohua et al.
CYP1A2	Caffeine	Gaohua et al.
CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP2B6	Nevirapine	Mendes et al.

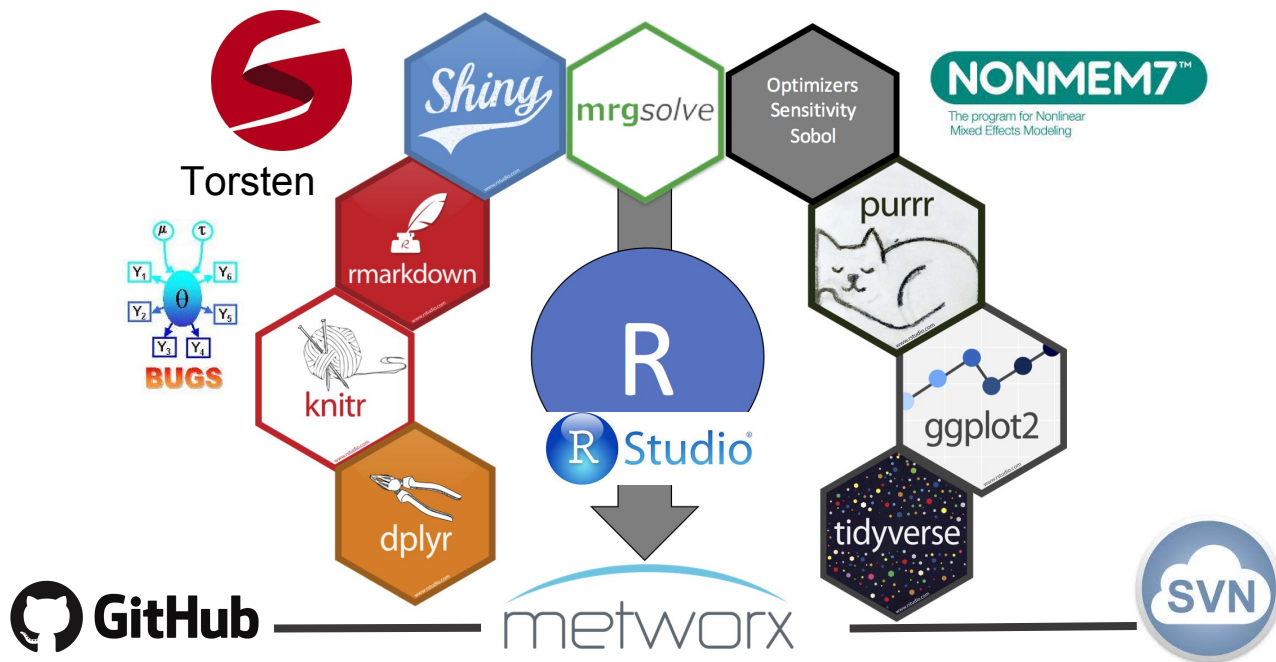
- Other drugs tested: Nifedipine, Artemether, Indinavir, Buprenorphine, Codeine, Methadone

Gaohua L, Abduljalil K, Jamei M, Johnson TN, Rostami-Hodjegan A. A pregnancy physiologically based pharmacokinetic (p-PBPK) model for disposition of drugs metabolized by CYP1A2, CYP2D6 and CYP3A4. *Br J Clin Pharmacol.* 2012;74: 873–885.

De Sousa Mendes M, Lui G, Zheng Y, Pressiat C, Hirt D, Valade E, et al. A Physiologically-Based Pharmacokinetic Model to Predict Human Fetal Exposure for a Drug Metabolized by Several CYP450 Pathways. *Clin Pharmacokinet.* 2017;56: 537–550.



# Computation Platform



- ODE model in R using *mrgsolve*
  - Rcpp and BH packages
  - Boost [c++ library]
  - <https://mrgsolve.github.io/>
  - <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mrgsolve/index.html>
- Maximize utility of the R ecosystem for data manipulation, graphics, interactive visualization



### Choose Drug

Metoprolol

### Choose Model

Pregnant

Graph Fetal Plasma Concentration

### Dose Type

IV

### Dose Amount (mg)

10

### Interval Between Doses (h) Additional Doses

0

0

### Infusion Rate

0

### Y-axis Upper Bound

1

### Simulation End

12

Graph Therapeutic Index

### Upper Bound of Index

0

### Lower Bound of Index

0

### Partition Coefficient Method

Rodgers and Rowland

Optimized Parameters?

### Gestational Age



### Initial B:P



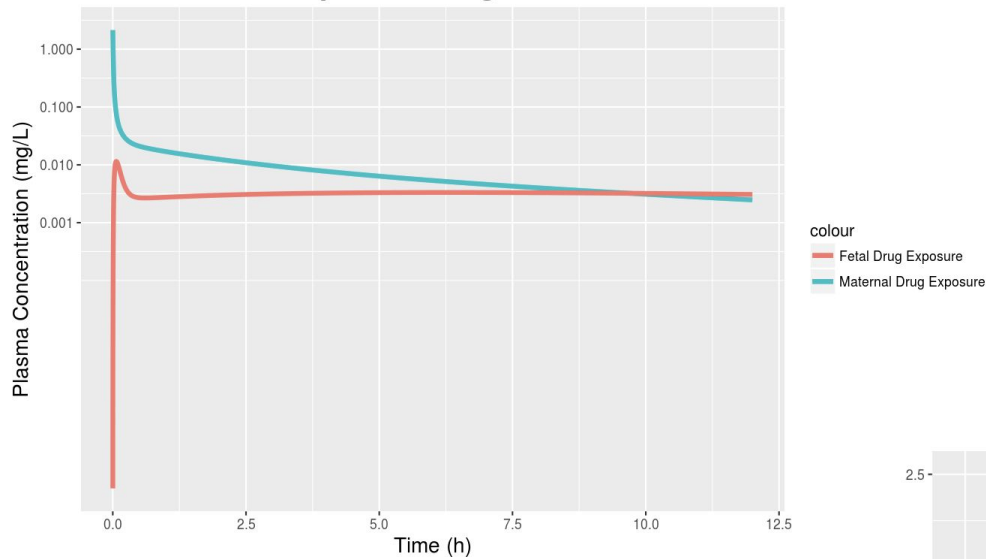
### Initial Fraction of Unbound Drug in Plasma



### Initial Intrinsic Hepatic Clearance



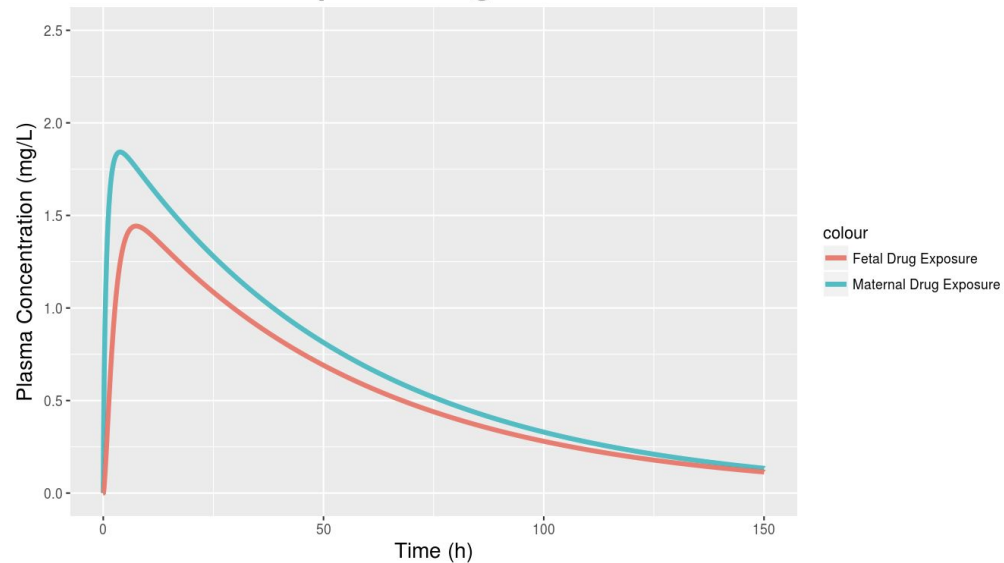
## Metoprolol 10 mg IV Dose



Useful in healthcare setting and drug development

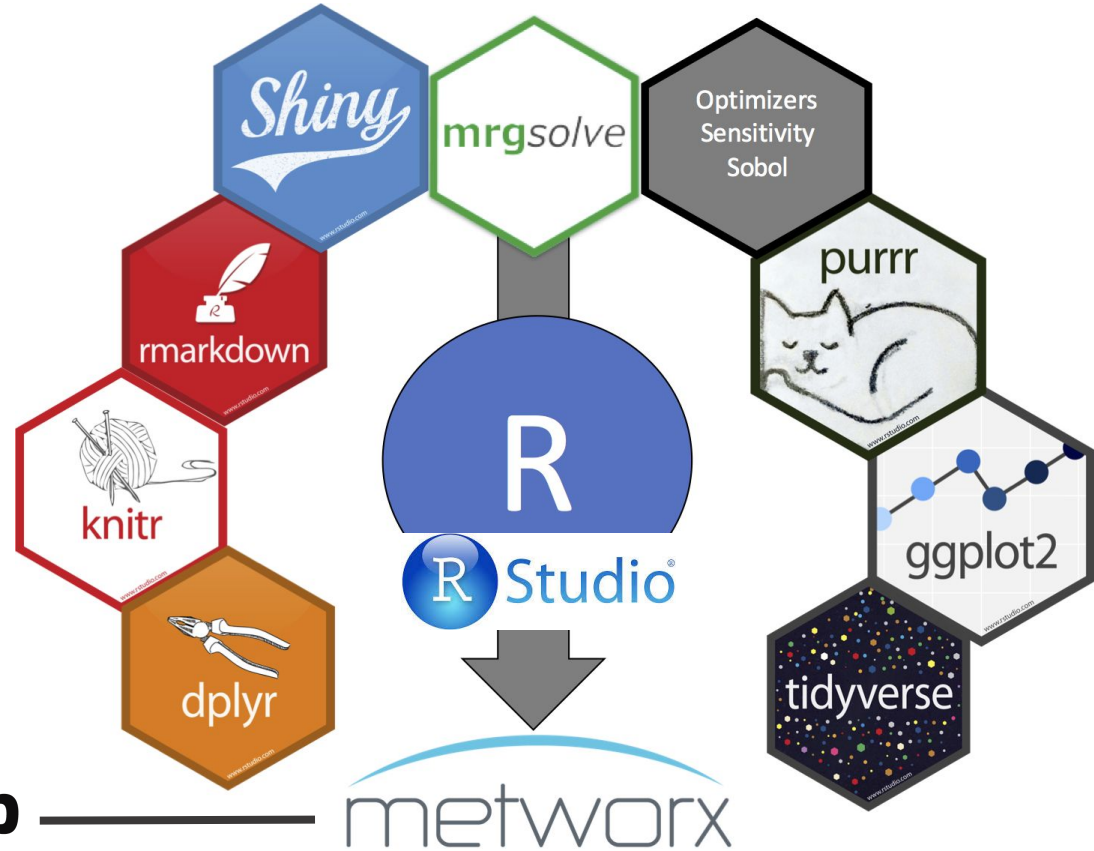
- Easy for non-technical users
- Interactive plots
- Real time simulations with Shiny and cloud computing

## Nevirapine 200 mg Oral Dose



# Why R?

- Easy integration with cloud computing and parallelization
  - Model is computationally intensive
  - Interactive simulation with Shiny
- Facilitates open science
  - Accessible tools and code
  - Easily extensible
  - Traceability/reproducible
- Interoperability with other open science projects



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# Interoperability of Open Models

- R/Pharma Presentation
- Lightning Talk - 3.32 The Use of R in the Development of Physiological Model for Healthy Growth

