

# Prediction of Human Pharmacokinetics Using Physiologically Based Modeling: A Retrospective Analysis of 26 Clinically Tested Drugs

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## ABSTRACT:

The aim of this study was to evaluate different physiologically based modeling strategies for the prediction of human pharmacokinetics. Plasma profiles after intravenous and oral dosing were simulated for 26 clinically tested drugs. Two mechanism-based predictions of human tissue-to-plasma partitioning ( $P_{tp}$ ) from physicochemical input (method Vd1) were evaluated for their ability to describe human volume of distribution at steady state ( $V_{ss}$ ). This method was compared with a strategy that combined predicted and experimentally determined *in vivo* rat  $P_{tp}$  data (method Vd2). Best  $V_{ss}$  predictions were obtained using method Vd2, providing that rat  $P_{tp}$  input was corrected for interspecies differences in plasma protein binding (84% within 2-fold).  $V_{ss}$  predictions from physicochemical input alone were poor (32% within 2-fold). Total body clearance (CL) was predicted as the sum of scaled rat renal clearance and hepatic clearance projected from *in vitro* metabo-

lism data. Best CL predictions were obtained by disregarding both blood and microsomal or hepatocyte binding (method CL2, 74% within 2-fold), whereas strong bias was seen using both blood and microsomal or hepatocyte binding (method CL1, 53% within 2-fold). The physiologically based pharmacokinetics (PBPK) model, which combined methods Vd2 and CL2 yielded the most accurate predictions of *in vivo* terminal half-life (69% within 2-fold). The Gastroplus advanced compartmental absorption and transit model was used to construct an absorption-disposition model and provided accurate predictions of area under the plasma concentration-time profile, oral apparent volume of distribution, and maximum plasma concentration after oral dosing, with 74%, 70%, and 65% within 2-fold, respectively. This evaluation demonstrates that PBPK models can lead to reasonable predictions of human pharmacokinetics.

In the drug discovery process considerable resources are required to assess the pharmacokinetic (PK) properties of potential drug candidates *in vivo* in animals. To optimize the use of such *in vivo* testing, there has been a growing interest in predicting the PK behavior of drug candidates (Theil et al., 2003; van de Waterbeemd and Gifford, 2003). If sufficiently reliable, such simulations could also help to select the most promising candidates for development and reject those with a low probability of success (van de Waterbeemd and Gifford, 2003).

The majority of the approaches to predict human PK developed to

date typically focus on the drug's behavior in individual processes of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME). The characterization of a drug's PK in a complex biological system is best described by assembling these processes in one global model. In this context, physiologically based pharmacokinetics (PBPK) models have been developed (Bischoff, 1986). PBPK models map the complex drug transport scheme onto a physiologically realistic compartmental structure (Fig. 1). The major structural elements of the PBPK disposition model are derived from the anatomical structure of the organism; therefore, the model structure is predetermined and basically independent of the drug of interest. The PBPK model input parameters include both a drug-independent and a drug-specific subset. The first subset comprises data underlying the physiological processes (e.g., blood flow), and the second subset comprises drug-specific biochem-

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**ABBREVIATIONS:** PK, pharmacokinetic(s); ACAT, advanced compartmental absorption and transit model; ADME, absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion; AUC, area under the plasma concentration-time curve; AUMC, area under the first moment curve; BCS, Biopharmaceutical Classification Scheme; CL, total body clearance from plasma; CL/F, total body clearance from plasma after oral administration; CL<sub>H</sub>, hepatic plasma clearance; CL<sub>H,blood</sub>, hepatic blood clearance; CL<sub>int</sub>, intrinsic clearance; CL<sub>R</sub>, renal clearance from plasma; C<sub>max</sub>, peak plasma concentration after oral administration; D, dose; F, absolute oral bioavailability; fu<sub>inc</sub>, unbound fraction in microsomal or hepatocyte incubation; fu<sub>p</sub>, unbound fraction in plasma; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; *in vivo* t<sub>1/2</sub>, *in vivo* terminal half-life; log P<sub>ow</sub>, *n*-octanol:water partition coefficient of the non-ionized species; PBPK, physiologically based pharmacokinetics; P<sub>tp</sub>, tissue-to-plasma partition coefficient; P<sub>tp,u</sub>, tissue-to-plasma partition coefficient of the unbound drug; Q<sub>H</sub>, hepatic blood flow; RA, ratio of albumin concentration found in tissue over plasma; R<sub>B</sub>, blood-to-plasma concentration ratio; SF, scaling factor; SIF, simulated intestinal fluid; V<sub>d</sub>/F, apparent volume of distribution after oral administration; V<sub>ss</sub>, apparent volume of distribution at steady state

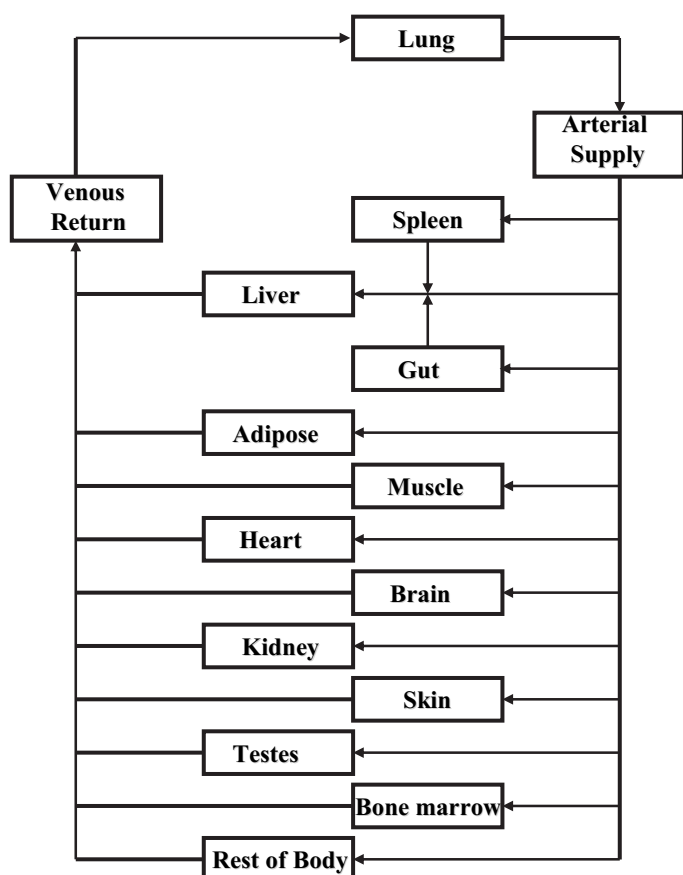


FIG. 1. Scheme of the generic disposition PBPK model for simulation of full plasma and tissue concentration-time profiles in rat and human. An overview of all physiological values is given in Table 3. Estimation of rate and extent of oral absorption from the gut was obtained using ACAT (Yu and Amidon, 1999; Agoram et al., 2001). For more details on all methods used, refer to *Materials and Methods*.

ical parameters. The latter consists of the drug's *in vivo* intrinsic clearance ( $CL_{int}$ ) of each organ involved in its elimination, in addition to estimates of the drug's tissue-to-plasma coefficient ( $P_{tp}$ ) for each model compartment. Prediction of the rate and extent of absorption can be obtained using semiphysiologically based absorption models, such as the advanced compartmental absorption and transit (ACAT) model (Yu and Amidon, 1999; Agoram et al., 2001). As depicted in Fig. 1, the ACAT model may serve as a time-dependent input function to the disposition model, thereby creating a combined absorption-distribution PBPK model.

Although PBPK models have been widely used in areas such as risk assessment to predict the PK behavior of toxic chemicals, their application in support of drug discovery and development has remained limited, most probably as a result of their mathematical complexity and the labor-intensive drug-specific input data required. However, more recently, a variety of *in vitro* based prediction tools have been developed for the estimation of PBPK model input parameters (Theil et al., 2003). Such prediction tools require commonly determined biochemical and physicochemical drug-specific input and thus allow for the prediction of ADME parameters before any *in vivo* experiment. As examples of such prediction tools, mechanistic equations have been developed for the prediction of fraction of oral dose absorbed (Agoram et al., 2001; Willmann et al., 2004), tissue partitioning ( $P_{tp}$ ) (Poulin and Theil, 2000; Poulin et al., 2001; Rodgers et al., 2005a), apparent volume of distribution at steady state ( $V_{ss}$ ) (Poulin and Theil, 2002), and hepatic plasma clearance ( $CL_H$ ) (Hous-

a previous study, we also evaluated a variety of physiologically based prediction tools for the prediction of rat PK (De Buck et al., 2007).

The aim of the present work was to further evaluate these prediction tools for their ability to predict human PK parameters by simulation of full plasma concentration-time profiles after both intravenous and oral administration. Although recent studies have addressed a similar question, the overall prediction accuracy obtained was in the lower range, particularly for predictions of  $V_{ss}$  and *in vivo* terminal half-life (*in vivo*  $t_{1/2}$ ) (Parrott et al., 2005b; Jones et al., 2006a). In the present study, a more comprehensive range of approaches toward the prediction of  $V_{ss}$  and  $CL_H$  was explored, including two mechanism-based  $V_{ss}$  predictions from physicochemical input, as well as approaches that combine the use of both predicted and experimentally determined *in vivo* rat  $P_{tp}$ . For each of the approaches tested, the influence of interspecies differences in plasma protein binding on prediction accuracy was investigated. The role of relative drug binding in plasma and *in vitro* drug matrices was also considered with respect to  $CL_H$  projection from *in vitro* metabolism data. Whereas the basic tenet of pharmacokinetics states that the unbound drug concentration in the plasma dictates clearance, our previous report in rat using microsomes has suggested that *in vitro*  $CL_{int}$  may provide a better estimate of *in vivo*  $CL_H$  of total rather than unbound drug (De Buck et al., 2007). To further investigate the effect of relative drug binding, predictions of human  $CL_H$  were performed each time under two variations, either by incorporating or disregarding such binding factors. Methods to predict  $V_{ss}$  and  $CL$  were combined to predict *in vivo*  $t_{1/2}$ , and the ACAT model was tested for its ability to predict the area under the oral concentration-time profile (AUC), the oral apparent volume of distribution ( $V_d/F$ ), and peak plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ). To determine whether a successful prediction in rat correlates with a successful prediction in human, the accuracy of each method was assessed within both species.

## Materials and Methods

**Compounds and Sources of *In Vitro* and *In Vivo* Parameters.** The set of compounds ( $n = 26$ ) included in this analysis were taken from those brought into clinical development at Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development (Beerse, Belgium). Compounds were selected based on the availability of historical data on the *in vivo* preclinical (rat) and clinical PK, as well as of each of the following experimentally determined biochemical and physicochemical parameters: unbound fraction in plasma ( $f_{up}$ ), unbound fraction in microsomal or hepatocyte incubation ( $f_{u,inc}$ ), basic and acidic dissociation constants ( $pK_a$ ), *n*-octanol:water partition coefficient of the non-ionized species ( $\log P_{ow}$ ), aqueous solubility at defined pH conditions or solubility in simulated intestinal fluid (SIF), *in vitro*  $CL_{int}$  determined in hepatic microsomes or hepatocyte suspension cultures, and the blood-to-plasma concentration ratio ( $R_b$ ). Summaries of the available *in vitro* and *in vivo* PK data are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

The 26 compounds in the data set cover a broad range of small molecules from a variety of discovery programs. The majority of compounds ( $n = 19$ ) were moderate-to-strong bases ( $pK_a$  of protonated base  $>7.0$ ); three were neutral or weakly ionized at physiological pH (weak base). The remaining compounds were one weak acid, one strong acid, and two zwitterions. The lipophilicity ( $\log P_{ow}$ ) ranged between 1.11 and 5.5, and  $f_{up}$  ranged from 0.001 to 0.867. Aqueous solubility was highly variable with values at physiological pH ranging from 0.003 mg/ml to 74 mg/ml.  $V_{ss}$  in humans varied from limited (30 L) to widespread ( $>1000$  L). In the rat, major elimination pathways included hepatic metabolism, renal excretion, or a combination of the two. In humans, total body clearance from plasma ( $CL$ ) varied from less than 10% of hepatic blood flow ( $Q_h$ ) to more than 70% of  $Q_h$ .

**Model Structure.** The Gastroplus 5.1.0 generic PBPK model and its built-in mass balance differential equations were used for all simulations (Simulations Plus Inc., Lancaster, CA). In brief, the model (Fig. 1) was composed of 14 tissue compartments, including lung, spleen, adi-

TABLE 1  
*In vitro and in silico physicochemical and biochemical properties of the 26 compounds*

JNJ No.	Generic Name	mol. wt.	pK <sub>a</sub>	Log P <sub>ow</sub>	Species	f <sub>u,p</sub>	f <sub>u,inc</sub> <sup>a</sup>	R <sub>B</sub>	In Vivo CL <sub>int</sub> <sup>b</sup>	Test System	P <sub>eff</sub> <sup>c,d</sup>	Solubility
									ml/min/kg		10 <sup>-4</sup> cm/s	mg/ml
JNJ1	Lorcainide	407	B 9.44	4.16	Rat Human	0.260 0.150	0.45	1.2 0.70	624 31.5	RLMic HLMic	4.78	265, 214, 192, 2.4, 0.18 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.2, 4.2, 5.9, 7.7 and 9.5, respectively
JNJ2	Domperidone	425	B 7.89 B 2.50	3.96	Rat Human	0.092 0.061	0.34	1.3 0.74	178 69.3	RLMic HLMic	1.88	0.31, 1.5, 0.057, 0.006, 0.001 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.3, 4.2, 6.0, 7.2, and 8.0, respectively
JNJ3	Nebivolol	405	B 8.40	4.03	Rat Human	0.015 0.020	0.12 <sup>e</sup>	1.2 1.2	89.1 11.2	RLMic HLMic	1.86	0.046, 0.071, 0.91, 0.031, 0.12 in aqueous buffer at pH 1.9, 4.0, 5.4, 6.1, and 8.1, respectively
JNJ4	Galantamine	287	B 8.20	1.11	Rat Human	0.755 0.822	0.86 <sup>e</sup>	1.0 1.2	20.8 2.49	RLMic HLMic	5.43	35, 39, 33, 38, 37, 41 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.0, 4.9, 5.2, 6.8, 7.5, and 7.7, respectively
JNJ5	Alfentanil	416	B 6.50	2.21	Rat Human	0.164 0.079	0.97	0.69 0.63	416 190	RLMic HLMic		
JNJ6	Sufentanil	386	B 8.10	4.02	Rat Human	0.069 0.075	0.87	0.74 0.74	250 184	RLMic HLMic		
JNJ7	Ketanserin	395	B 7.50	3.30	Rat Human	0.012 0.049	0.32	0.65 0.70	10.0 31.5	RLMic HLMic	7.14	0.72, 1.30, 16, 15, 11, 0.050, 0.001 in aqueous buffer at pH 1.2, 2.6, 3.1, 3.5, 4.6, 5.7, and 8.0, respectively
JNJ8	Ritanserin	478	B 8.20 B 2.07	5.20	Rat Human	0.015 0.008	0.45	0.74 0.65	139 4.91	RLMic HLMic	12.0 <sup>d</sup>	1.4, 0.063, 0.037 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.2, 4.1, and 6.1, respectively
JNJ9	Sabeluzole	415	B 7.60 B 3.40	4.63	Rat Human	0.016 0.014	0.06	0.84 0.82	43.0 5.10	RLMic HLMic	2.93	13, 5.8, 1.3, 3.9, 0.19, 0.01 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.7, 3.3, 4.2, 4.6, 6.0, and 6.9, respectively
JNJ10		297	B 9.47	4.03	Rat Human	0.141 0.115	0.12 <sup>e</sup>	2.0 1.4	312 10.5	RLMic HLMic	0.321	29, 11, 4.7, 2.9, 0.14, 0.061 in aqueous buffer at pH 3.4, 3.5, 4.5, 7.5, 9.14, and 12.8, respectively
JNJ11	Lubeluzole	433	B 7.60 B 4.27	4.88	Rat Human	0.008 0.003	0.05 <sup>e</sup>	0.76 0.58	52.0 3.90	RLMic HLMic	2.79	0.013 in aqueous buffer at pH 6.9
JNJ12		296	B 9.88 B 3.00	1.18	Rat Human	0.820 0.867	0.85 <sup>e</sup>	1.5 1.5	20.8 0.570	RLMic HLMic	0.05	20, 20, 20, 7.56, 3.09 in aqueous buffer at pH 1.8, 3.8, 4.3, 7.45, and 12.6, respectively
JNJ13	Ridogrel	366	A 4.90 B 3.84	3.54	Rat Human	0.049 0.033	1.0 <sup>f</sup>	0.80 0.77	5.10 2.20	RLHep HLHep	4.73	0.26, 0.02, 0.65, 9.8 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.1, 5.4, 7.0, and 8.1, respectively
JNJ14	Laniquidar	584	B 7.90 B 3.30	5.50	Rat Human	0.002 0.001	0.08	0.79 0.62	51.7 99.0	RLMic HLMic	4.56 <sup>d</sup>	12.4, 0.58, 0.10, 0.064 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.21, 2.78, 3.62, and 7.05, respectively
JNJ15	Mazapertine	421	B 7.06	3.96	Rat Human	0.030 0.011	0.13 <sup>e</sup>	0.63 0.52	623 231	RLMic HLMic	5.70 <sup>d</sup>	80, 43, 0.54, 0.21, 0.22 in aqueous buffer at pH 3.8, 4.7, 6.9, 8.9, and 11.5, respectively
JNJ16		686	B 7.20 B 3.10	4.12	Rat Human	0.036 0.034	0.08	0.78 0.75	28.2 20.3	RLMic HLMic	1.85	13, 1.1, 0.75, 0.04, 0.01 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.2, 3.7, 5.7, 7.5, and 8.6, respectively
JNJ17		558	B 7.26 B 6.18 B 4.00 A 8.28	3.90	Rat Human	0.028 0.009	0.14 <sup>e</sup>	1.0 1.0	416 231	RLMic HLMic		
JNJ18	Risperidone	411	B 8.24 B 3.11	3.04	Rat Human	0.118 0.100	0.34	0.85 0.67	250 7.96	RLMic HLMic	5.70	40, 4.1, 1.8, 0.25, 0.064 in aqueous buffer at pH 5.4, 6.0, 6.2, 7.5, and 8.7, respectively
JNJ19	Levocabastine	420	B 9.90 A 3.20	1.75	Rat Human	0.465 0.453	1.0 <sup>f</sup>	1.1 1.2	1.25 0.33	RLHep HLHep	2.10	0.06, 0.05, 0.02, 0.02 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.0, 3.2, 6.0, and 8.0, respectively
JNJ20	Norcisapride	313	B 9.10 B 3.00	1.51	Rat Human	0.650 0.625	0.79 <sup>e</sup>	1.5 1.6	2.43 0.88	RLMic HLMic	1.16	80, 92, 93, 74, 41 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.1, 4.8, 6.6, 7.8, and 8.0, respectively

TABLE 1—Continued

INI No.	Generic Name	mol. wt.	pK <sub>a</sub>	Log P <sub>ow</sub>	Species	f <sub>up</sub>	f <sub>unc</sub> <sup>a</sup>	R <sub>B</sub>	In Vivo CL <sub>int</sub> <sup>b</sup>	Test System	P <sub>eff</sub> <sup>cd</sup>	Solubility
									ml/min/kg		10 <sup>-4</sup> cm/s	mg/ml
NJ21		481	B 7.27	3.55	Rat	0.015	1.5	1.5	35.6	RLMic	1.96	0.05 in aqueous buffer at pH 1.2, 0.003 in SIF at pH 7.53
NJ22		570	A 8.21	4.78	Human	0.012	0.23	1.5	77.0	HLMic	0.751	0.002 and 100 in aqueous buffer at pH 6.5 and 8.7, respectively and 0.249 in SIF at pH 7.5
NJ23		359	B 7.00 B 3.10	3.40	Rat	0.001	0.74	0.74	156	RLMic	3.41	10.3, 3.9, 0.42, 0.035, 0.002 in aqueous buffer at pH 3.0, 4.2, 5.1, 6.0, and 8.1, respectively
NJ24		380	B 7.23 B 5.20	5.24	Human	0.001	0.90	0.55	116	HLMic	2.00	20, 10.2, 2.19, 0.026 in aqueous buffer at pH 1.4, 4.4, 5.2, and 6.0, respectively and 0.005 SIF at pH 7.4
NJ25		660	B 6.80 B 2.86	4.84	Rat	0.007	0.75	0.75	371	RLHep	4.54 <sup>d</sup>	1.6, 2.43, 0.52, 0.02, 0.01 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.1, 4.4, 5.0, 7.0, and 9.0, respectively
NJ26		500	B 5.95 B 3.67	4.00	Human	0.016	0.05 <sup>e</sup>	0.72	7.28	HLMic	2.07	2.3, 0.18, 0.014, 0.005 in aqueous buffer at pH 2.3, 4.5, 5.9, and 7.5

A, acid; B, base; HLHep, human liver hepatocytes; HLMic, human liver microsomes; log RLHep, rat liver hepatocytes; RLMic, rat liver microsomes.  
<sup>a</sup> Experimental values of f<sub>unc</sub> in human microsomal protein were determined according to the method of Giuliano et al. (2005). Rat f<sub>unc</sub> was assumed to equal human f<sub>unc</sub>.  
<sup>b</sup> In vivo CL<sub>int</sub> was calculated using eq. 6 as described under *Materials and Methods*.  
<sup>c</sup> Permeability was measured using a Caco-2 assay and converted to P<sub>eff</sub> using the reported correlation log P<sub>eff,human</sub> = 0.6532 · log P<sub>app,caco-2</sub> - 0.3036 (Sun et al., 2002).  
<sup>d</sup> In vitro predicted P<sub>eff</sub> (ADMETPredictor software version 1.30.2; Simulations Plus Inc.).  
<sup>e</sup> Predicted f<sub>unc</sub> value in microsomes was determined according to the method of Austin et al. (2002).  
<sup>f</sup> Hepatocyte incubation was performed in protein-free medium (f<sub>unc</sub> = 1).

marrow, and rest of the body, which were linked by the venous and arterial blood circulation. It was assumed that drug distributes instantaneously and homogeneously within each tissue compartment, and uptake of drug within each tissue compartment was limited by the blood flow (perfusion rate-limited uptake). The default Gastroplus settings of all physiological data used in the rat and human PBPK models are summarized in Table 3. The methods used for estimating the PBPK model input data on CL<sub>H</sub>, renal plasma clearance (CL<sub>R</sub>), P<sub>tp</sub> values, and absorption rate are described below.

**Prediction of Human and Rat P<sub>tp</sub> and V<sub>ss</sub>: Method Vd1.** Predicted values of rat and human P<sub>tp</sub> for each tissue compartment of Fig. 1 were obtained from drug-specific physicochemical parameters using the following mechanistic tissue composition-based equation developed by Poulin and coworkers (Poulin and Theil, 2002):

$$P_{tp} = \frac{[P \cdot (V_{NLT} + 0.3 \cdot V_{PHT}) + (V_{WT} + 0.7 \cdot V_{PHT})] \cdot fu_p}{[P \cdot (V_{NLP} + 0.3 \cdot V_{PHp}) + (V_{Wp} + 0.7 \cdot V_{PHp})] \cdot fu_t} \quad (1)$$

where P is the anti-logged value of log P<sub>ow</sub> for a nonadipose tissue or is the vegetable oil/buffer partition coefficient for both the ionized and nonionized species at pH 7.4 (D<sub>vow</sub>) for adipose tissue. D<sub>vow</sub> was calculated from log P<sub>ow</sub> using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equations and the following relationship: log P<sub>vow</sub> = 1.115 · log P<sub>ow</sub> - 1.35 (Leo et al., 1971). V is the fractional tissue volume content of neutral lipids (NL), phospholipids (PH), or water (W) in tissue (T) and plasma (p). The physiological data on human and rat values used for V<sub>NLT</sub>, V<sub>NLP</sub>, V<sub>PHT</sub>, V<sub>PHp</sub>, V<sub>WT</sub>, and V<sub>Wp</sub> have been described in the literature (Poulin and Theil, 2002). The fraction unbound in tissue (fu<sub>t</sub>) in eq. 1 was estimated as follows:

$$fu_t = 1 / (1 + (((1 - fu_p) / fu_p) \cdot RA)) \quad (2)$$

where RA is the ratio of albumin concentration found in tissue over plasma. For lipophilic and highly protein-bound compounds, it has been assumed that for adipose tissue, RA equals 0.15, whereas for nonadipose tissue, RA equal 0.5 (Ellmerer et al., 2000; Poulin and Theil, 2002).

Finally, rat and human V<sub>ss</sub> values were calculated by Gastroplus software according to the equation of Sawada et al. (1984) in which V<sub>ss</sub> equals the plasma volume in addition to the sum of each P<sub>tp</sub> multiplied by its respective tissue volume.

**Prediction of Human and Rat P<sub>tp</sub> and V<sub>ss</sub>: Method Vd2.** For rat P<sub>tp</sub> and V<sub>ss</sub>, experimental rat P<sub>tp</sub> values were determined under in vivo conditions (single oral or intravenous dose) as the ratio of the AUC calculated over a minimum of five time points, assuming pseudoequilibrium. All experimentally determined in vivo rat P<sub>tp</sub> values used within this study are summarized in Table 2. In instances where the in vivo P<sub>tp</sub> was not available for a compound, the value for that tissue compartment (Fig. 1) was predicted using the tissue composition-based equation as described by Rodgers et al. (2005a). In brief, for strong bases (pK<sub>a</sub> > 7.0), P<sub>tp</sub> of unbound drug (P<sub>tpu</sub>) was calculated using eq. 3:

$$P_{tpu} = \frac{P_{tp}}{fu_p} = \left[ \frac{V_{EW} + \frac{1 + 10^{pK_a - 7.0}}{1 + 10^{pK_a - 7.4}} \cdot V_{IW}}{1 + 10^{pK_a - 7.4}} + \frac{K_a \cdot [AP]_t \cdot 10^{pK_a - 7.0}}{1 + 10^{pK_a - 7.4}} + \frac{P_{vow} \cdot V_{NL} + ((0.3 \cdot P_{vow} + 0.7) \cdot V_{NP})}{1 + 10^{pK_a - 7.4}} \right] \quad (3)$$

where V is the fractional tissue volume of neutral lipids (NL), neutral phospholipids (NP), extracellular water (EW), and intracellular water (IW), [AP]<sub>t</sub> is the concentration of acidic phospholipids in tissue, all physiological data on V<sub>EW</sub>, V<sub>IW</sub>, V<sub>NL</sub>, V<sub>NP</sub> and [AP]<sub>t</sub> for both adipose and nonadipose tissue have been described in the literature (Rodgers et al., 2005a), pK<sub>a</sub> represents the dissociation constant of the protonated base, and P<sub>vow</sub> is the anti-logged value of log P<sub>vow</sub> (calculated from P<sub>ow</sub> as described above). K<sub>a</sub> is the association constant of the compound with the acidic phospholipids, and was calculated

TABLE 2  
Summary of the preclinical (rat) and clinical pharmacokinetic data for the 26 compounds

NJ No.	Species	Dose	Route	CL or CL/F	CL <sub>R</sub>	V <sub>ss</sub> or V <sub>d</sub> /F	In Vivo t <sub>1/2</sub>	C <sub>max</sub>	AUC	Experimentally Determined In Vivo Rat P <sub>ip</sub> <sup>a</sup>											
										Lung	Adipose	Muscle	Liver	Spleen	Heart	Brain	Kidney	Skin	Testes	Bone	
		<i>mg</i>		<i>l/h</i>		<i>liters</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>ng/ml</i>	<i>ng · h/ml</i>												
NJ1	Human	100	i.v.	71.6		413	5.10		1.40E + 03												
	Human	100	p.o.	202		1.49E + 03		60.1	494												
	Rat	2.50	i.v.	1.55		3.92	2.91		1.61E + 03	19.4	5.27	6.50	0.571	10.3	2.91	1.52	5.68				
	Rat	1.88	p.o.	4.24					442												
NJ2	Human	10.0	i.v.	34.3		157	7.59		292												
	Human	60.0	p.o.	232		2.54E + 03		102	259												
	Rat	0.625	i.v.	1.30		1.39	0.871		480	10.9	3.21	3.45	13.8		3.87		22.5	4.35			
	Rat	0.625	p.o.	6.01					104												
NJ3	Human	0.500	i.v.	80.5		1.14E + 03	10.40		6.20												
	Human	5.00	p.o.	192		2.87E + 03		2.01	26.1												
	Rat	0.313	i.v.	0.736		1.55	1.37		425	99.7	<u>2.67</u>	2.95	14.1	<u>15.6</u>	4.71	3.73	10.6	<u>7.65</u>	<u>5.32</u>	<u>7.87;14.1</u>	
	Rat	0.313	p.o.	0.925					338												
NJ4	Human	8.00	i.v.	17.8	3.93	175	7.40		482												
	Human	8.00	p.o.	18.7		200		42.6	427												
	Rat	0.625	i.v.	0.473	0.100	1.30	3.48		1.32E + 03	4.42	<u>0.476</u>	2.14	2.53	<u>2.92</u>	2.28	1.51	14.5	<u>1.14</u>	<u>1.46</u>	<u>4.79;4.81</u>	
	Rat	0.625	p.o.	0.803					778												
NJ5	Human	8.75	i.v.	21.2		28.8	1.37		510												
	Human		p.o.																		
	Rat	4.00E02	i.v.	0.464		0.110	0.146		86.2	1.11	3.01	0.440	1.43	1.05	0.791	0.181	1.18	0.512	0.481		
NJ6	Human	0.350	i.v.	49.6		128	2.47		8.10												
	Human		p.o.																		
	Rat	6.25E04	i.v.	1.04		0.967	1.05		0.604	6.18	<u>7.72</u>	1.71	0.370	2.80	1.80	2.08	1.17		1.97		
NJ7	Human	10.0	i.v.	33.9		268	14.3		298												
	Human	20.0	p.o.	71.7		1.48E + 03		71.4	279												
	Rat	2.50	i.v.	5.75E-02		0.168	2.00		4.35E + 04	<u>1.49</u>	<u>0.562</u>	<u>0.284</u>	<u>2.60</u>	<u>0.911</u>	<u>0.354</u>	<u>0.194</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>0.463</u>	<u>0.495</u>	<u>0.19;0.18</u>	
	Rat	2.50	p.o.	9.82E02					2.55E + 04												
NJ8	Human	5.00	i.v.	2.14		99.0	40.0		2.51E + 03												
	Human	10.0	p.o.	2.33		134		164	4.30E + 03												
	Rat	0.625	i.v.	0.400		2.00	2.52		1.56E + 03	27.8	<u>4.29</u>	3.02	21.8		10.5	14.1					
	Rat	0.625	p.o.	0.918					681												
NJ9	Human	10.0	i.v.	17.0		385	18.9		594												
	Human	5.00	p.o.	22.7		621		14.5	220												
	Rat	0.313	i.v.	0.538		1.46	2.13		581	29.2	<u>8.41</u>	<u>0.831</u>	37.7	<u>5.48</u>	<u>2.45</u>	5.37	10.4	<u>2.95</u>	<u>4.62</u>	<u>1.83;7.76</u>	
	Rat	0.625	p.o.	1.24					506												
NJ10	Human	1.00	i.v.	149		1.33E + 03	7.09		6.58												
	Human	8.00	p.o.	950		9.72E + 03		0.590	8.42												
	Rat	2.50	i.v.	2.02		8.37	2.77		1.24E + 03	400		20.1	150		40.2	80.3	80.1		75.1		
	Rat	10.0	p.o.	5.26					1.90E + 03												



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