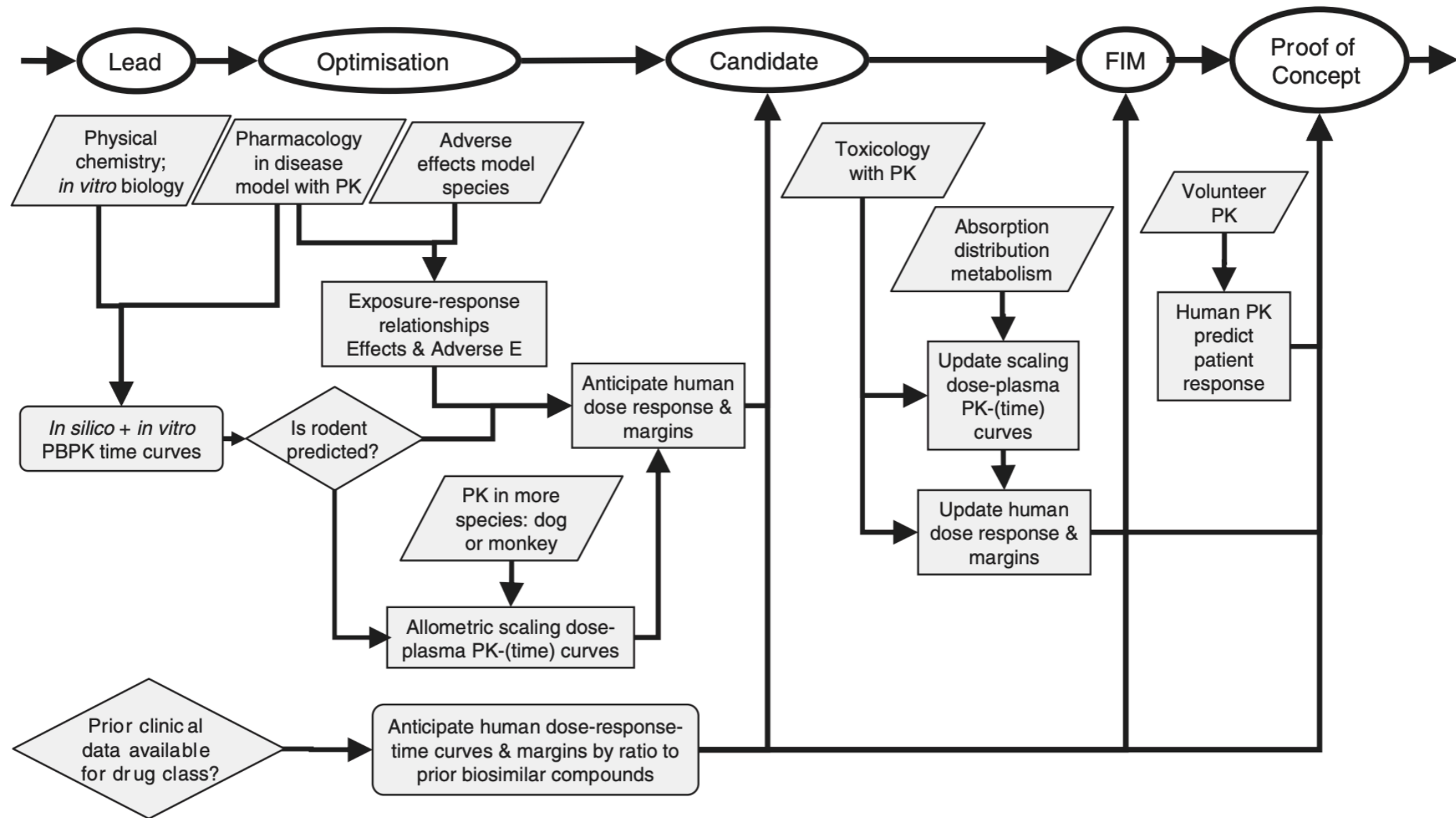


Human Dose Projections in Drug Discovery



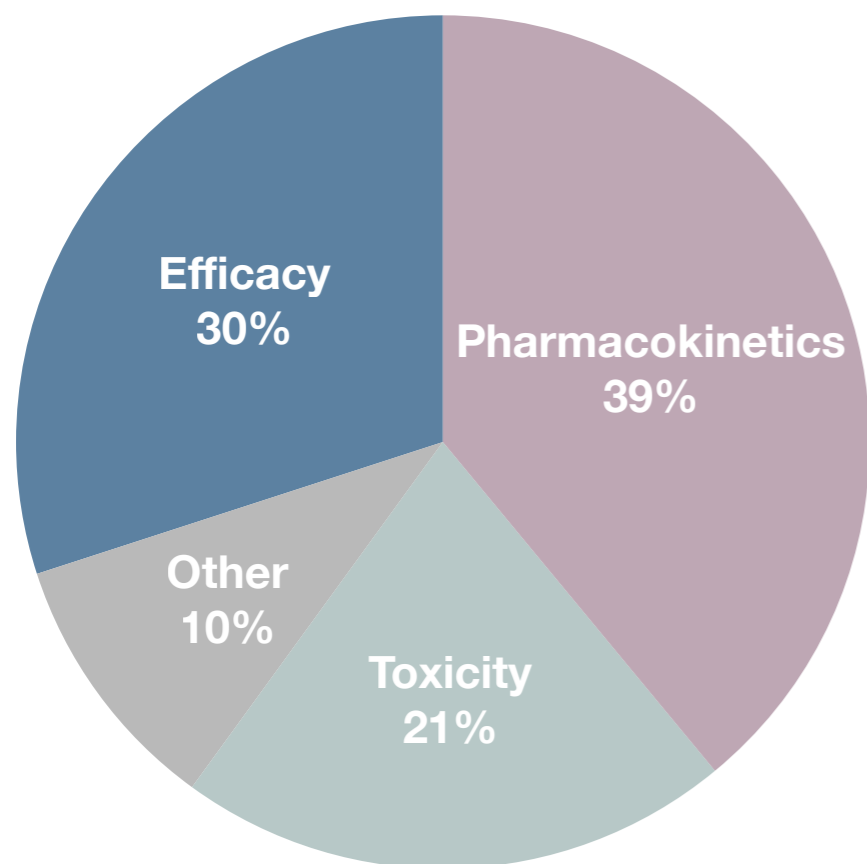
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Evolution of Clinical Trial Attrition

Key Drivers of Attrition



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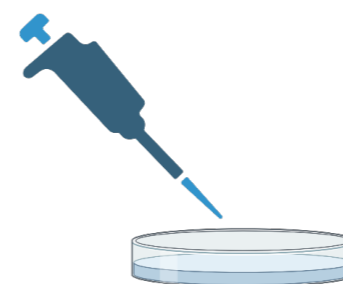
poor understanding of metabolism

labor intensive clearance models

lack of in vivo PK



Integration of
Pharmacokinetics/Drug Metabolism
(PK/DM) in to Drug Discovery



high throughput
in vitro clearance

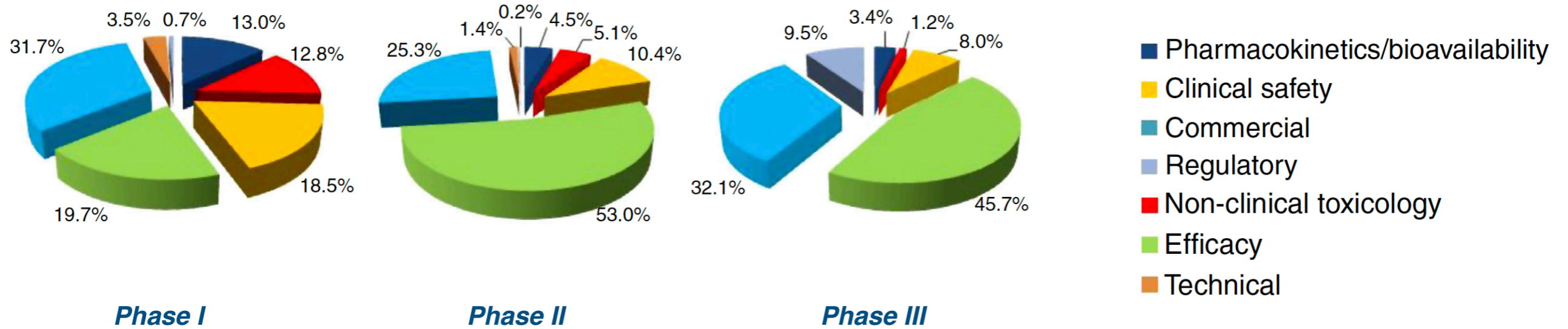
prioritize compounds

by in vivo PK



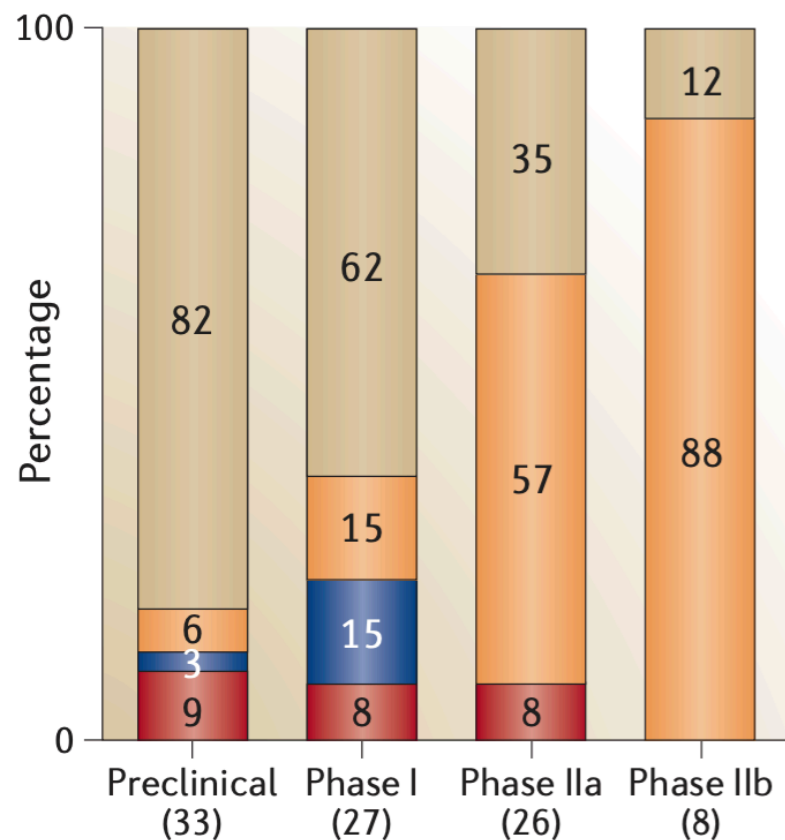
ADME models for
physiochemical properties

Attrition from 2006 – 2010: An Efficacy Crisis



Failure to demonstrate efficacy is now the dominant driver of attrition

Lessons Learned From AstraZeneca's Pipeline



*clearly demonstrate
pharmacological engagement*

*therapeutic hypothesis has
been tested with confidence*

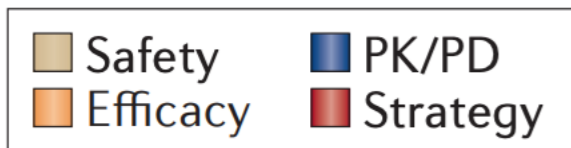
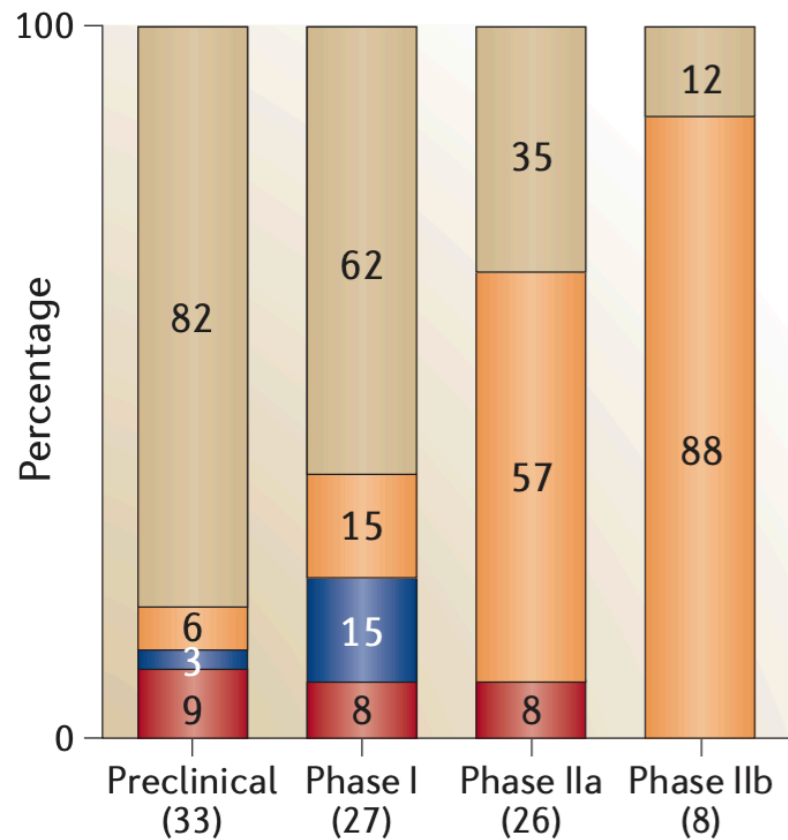
Therapeutic hypothesis:

Modulation of a particular biological pathway

by a novel therapeutic agent will result

in improvement of a given disease state

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*compound properties
limited dose and exposure*

*failed to validate or invalidate
therapeutic hypothesis*

Lessons Learned From AstraZeneca's Pipeline

How can we eliminate “Bad Efficacy Failures”

Guidelines for Drug Candidate Profiles

AstraZeneca 


MERCK





Five “R”s

TxM Guide

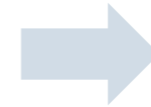
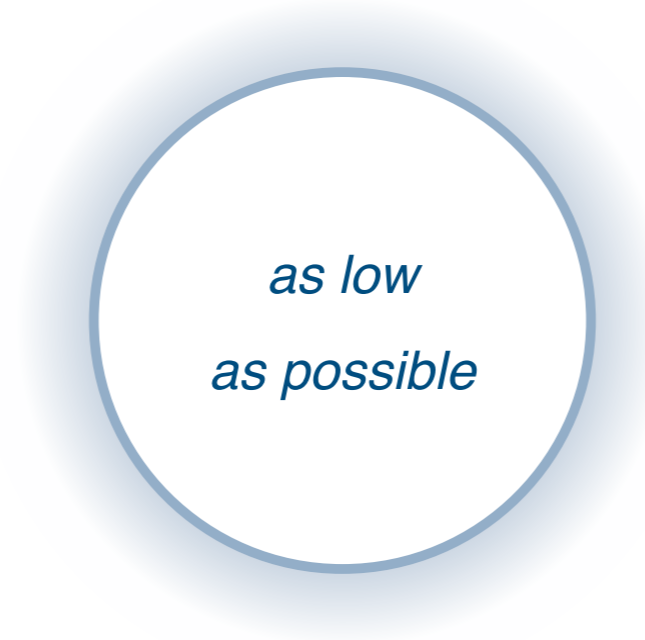
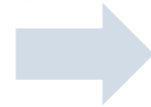
*Model Based
Drug
Development*

“Three Pillars”

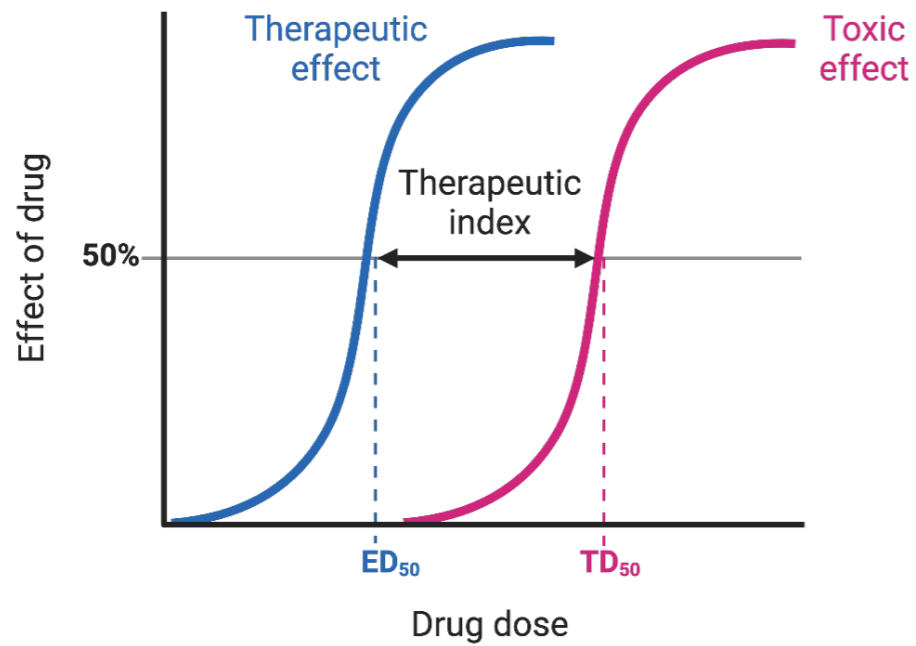


Optimize structure toward a molecule capable of achieving **sustained target engagement** at the site of action for the **required duration of time** at a **clinically acceptable and safe oral dose**

What Makes a “Good Dose”?



1) Safety Considerations



“focusing on low dose requirements is perhaps the most generally effective means of ensuring safety”

What Makes a “Good Dose”?

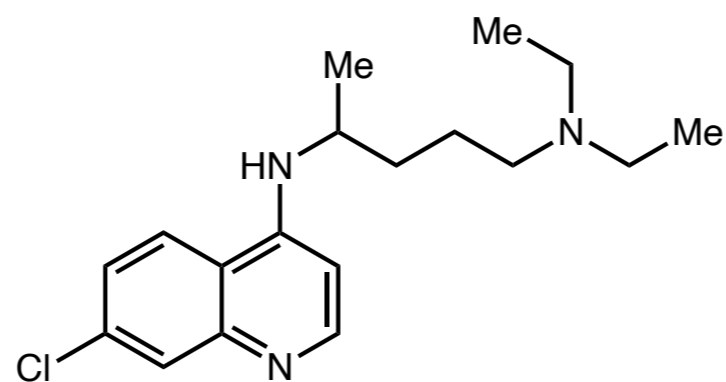


*as low
as possible*

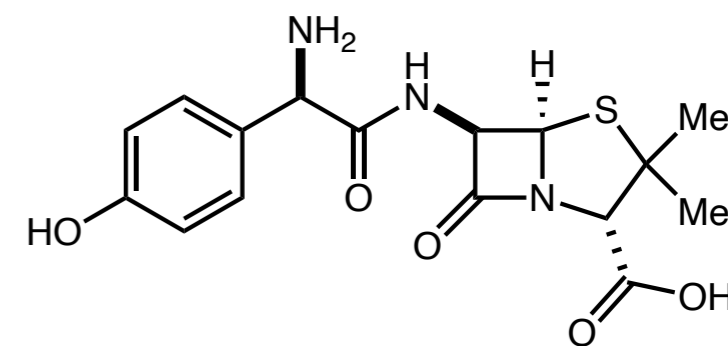


2) Cost of goods

*Most important for
developing **new anti-infectives**
for the developing world*

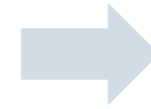
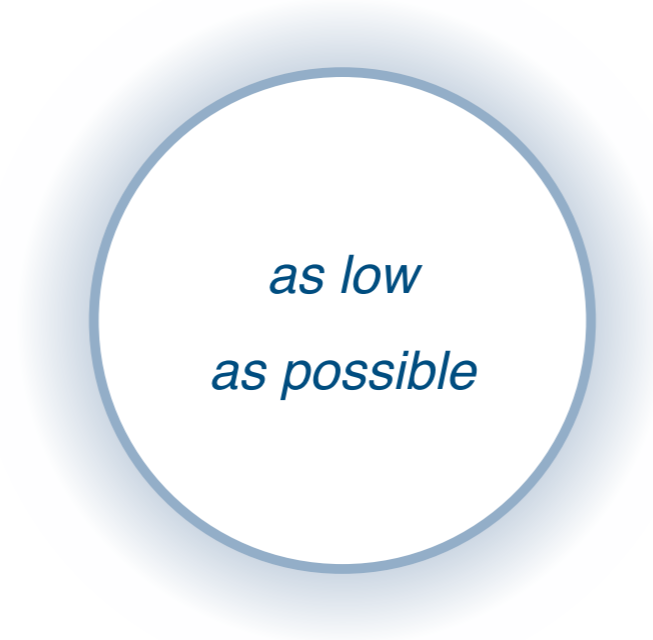
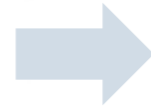


chloroquine
anti-malarial



amoxicillin
antibiotic

What Makes a "Good Dose"?



3) Patient Compliance



*small dose, once a day
is easy to remember
and easy to stick to*



Getting it Right



***Test the
therapeutic hypothesis***

Good Failure

Bad Failure

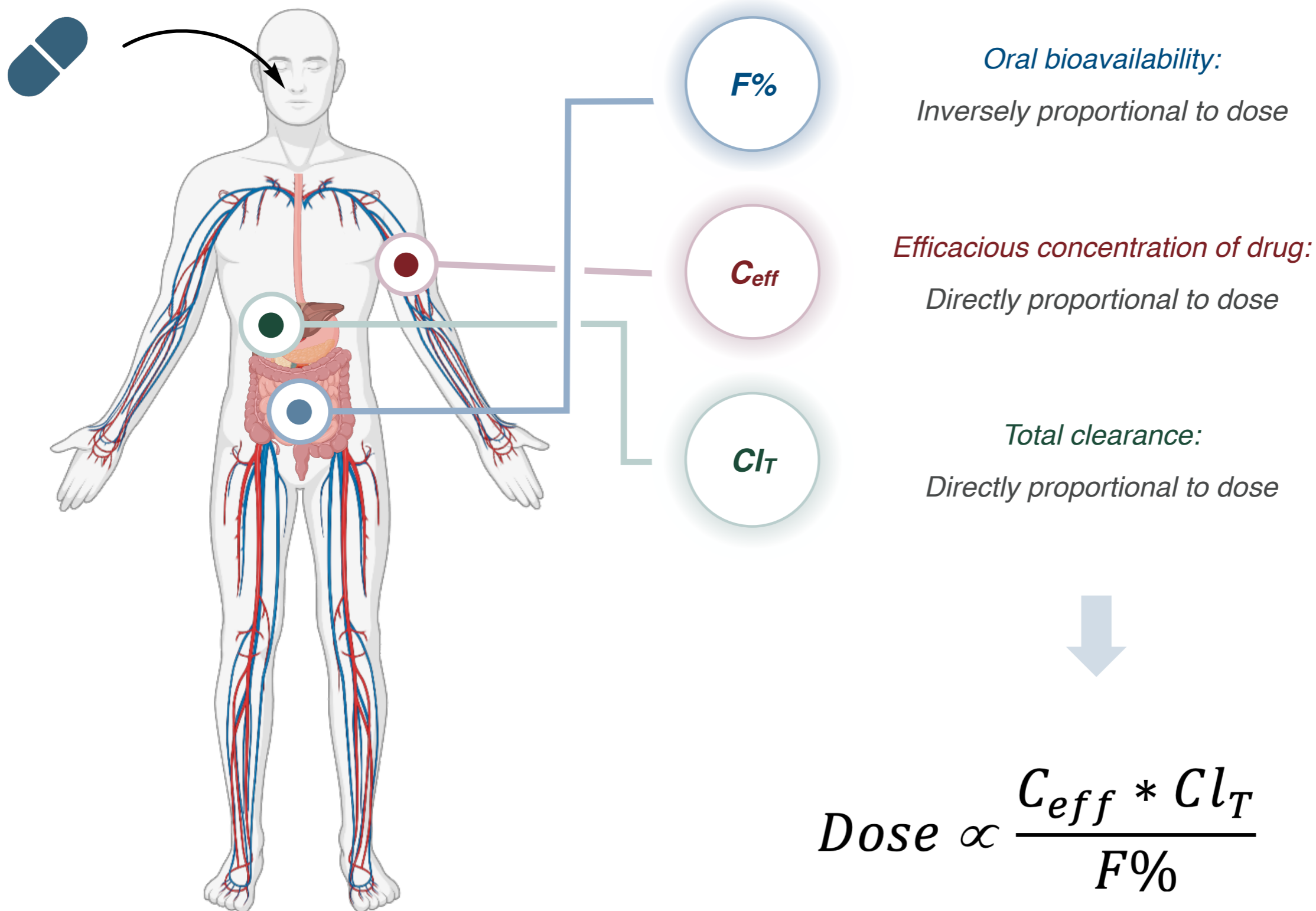
Walk away with no regrets

Waste of time, money and resources

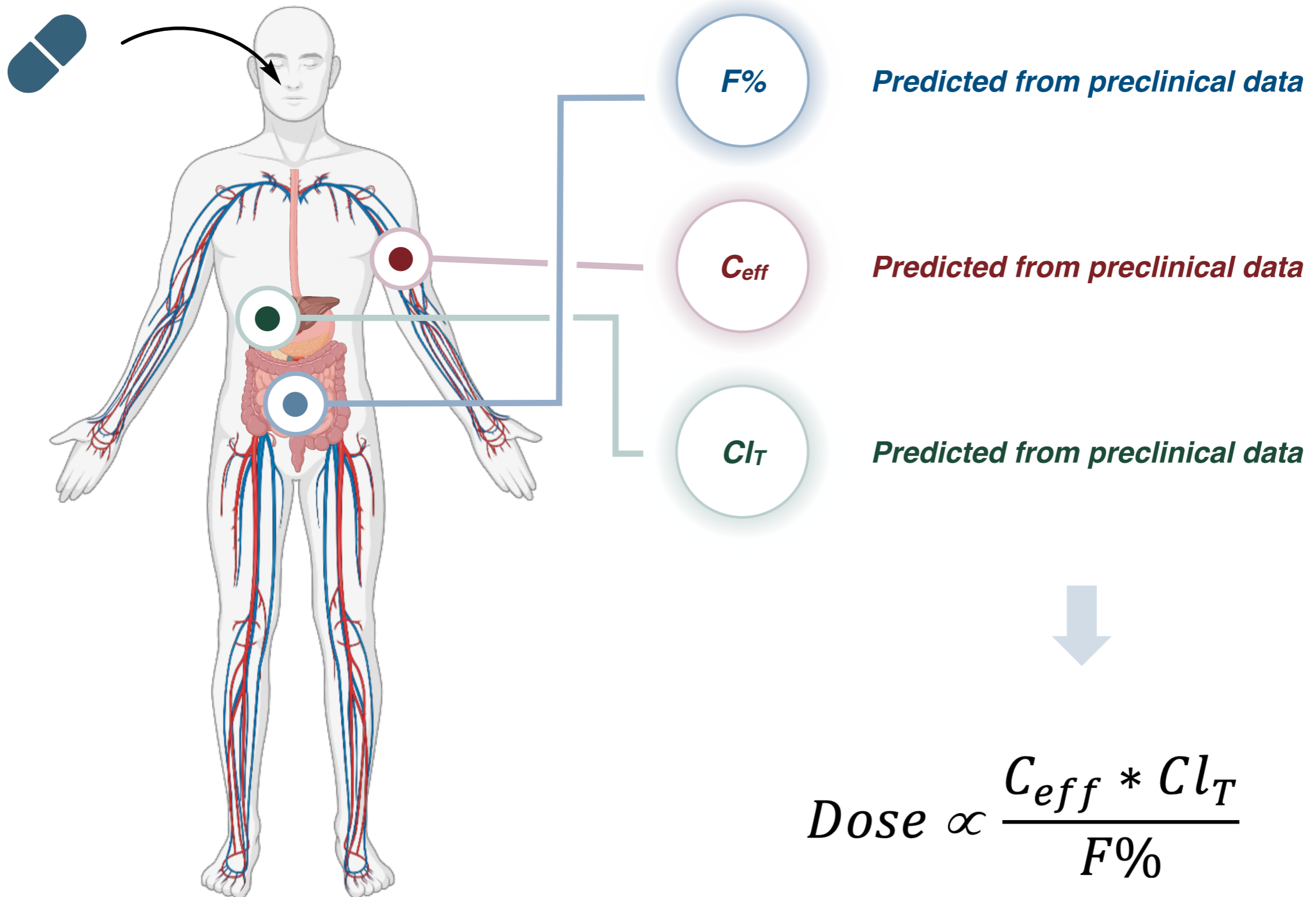
*Learn something fundamentally
New about the disease pathology*

*Put patients at risk without furthering
Our understanding of the disease*

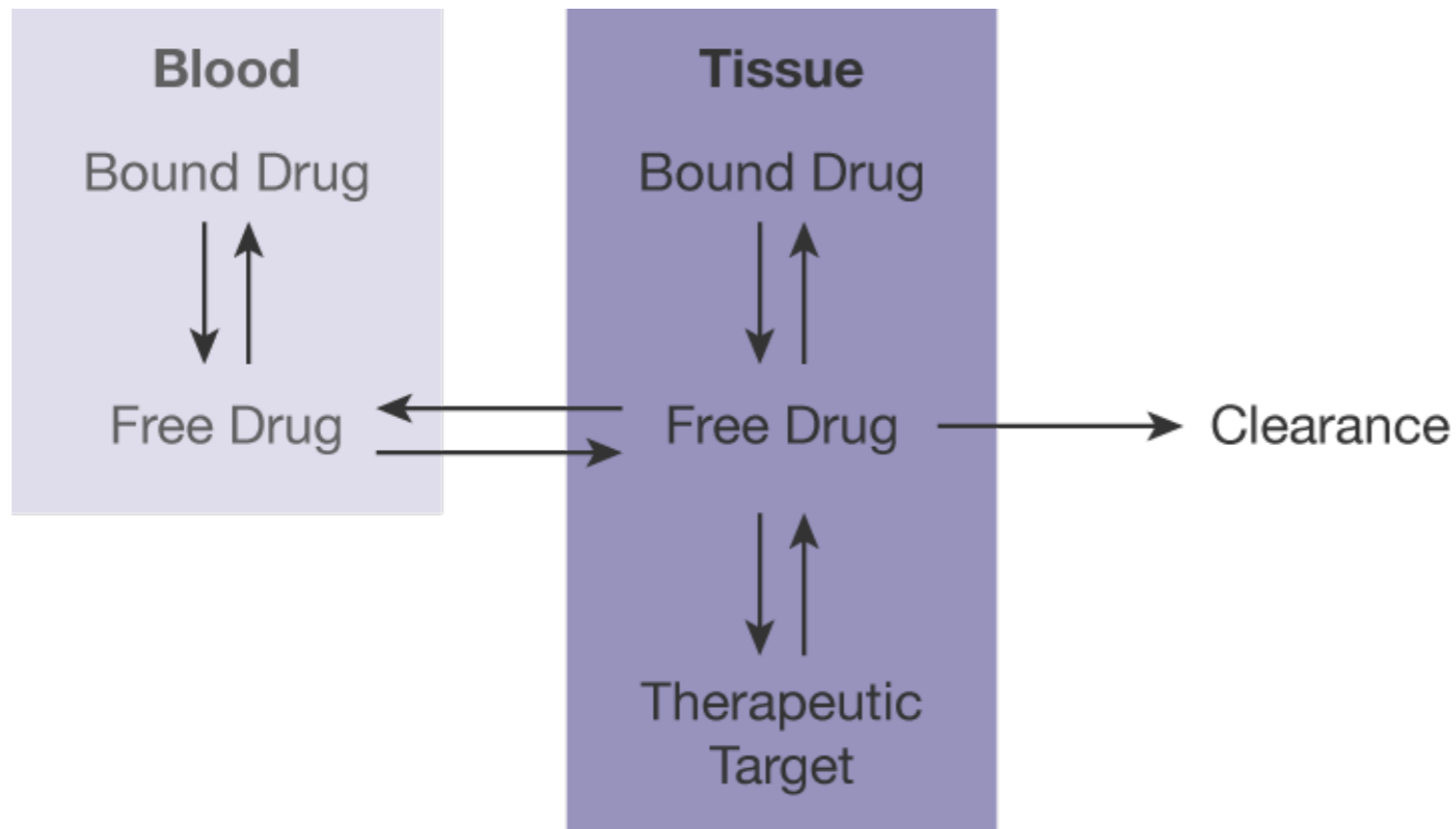
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Free Drug Hypothesis

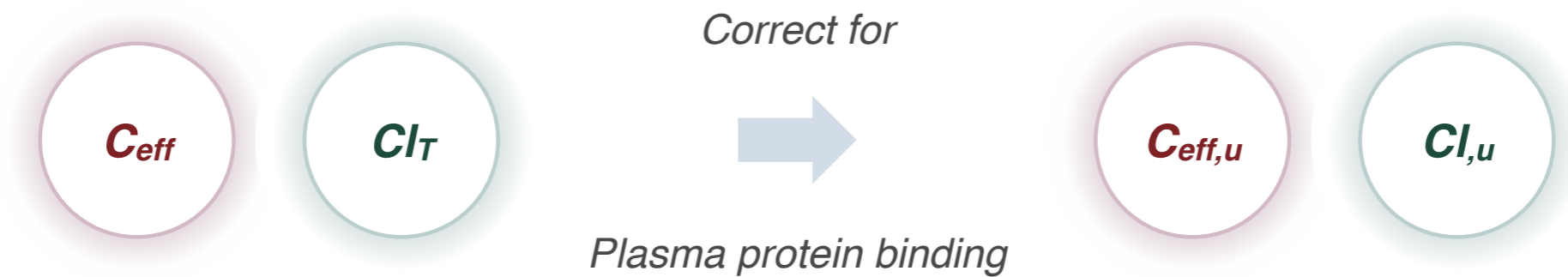


Assumption #1

Free diffusion through biomembranes

Assumption #2

Only free drug is able to elicit pharmacological effects or be cleared from the body



Defining an Efficacious Concentration

$C_{eff,u}$

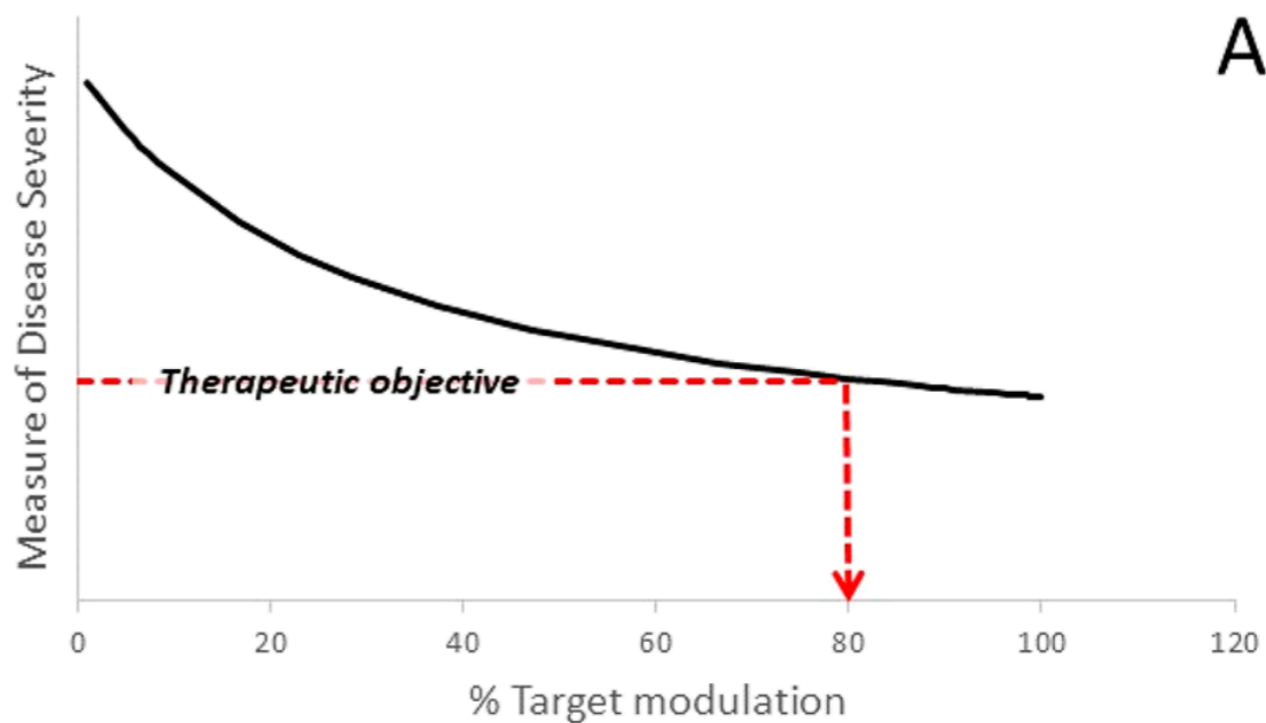
$$\propto \frac{IC_{50} * (\text{coverage multiple})}{f_u}$$

Coverage multiple:

How high does [Drug] have to be with
Respect to IC_{50} ?

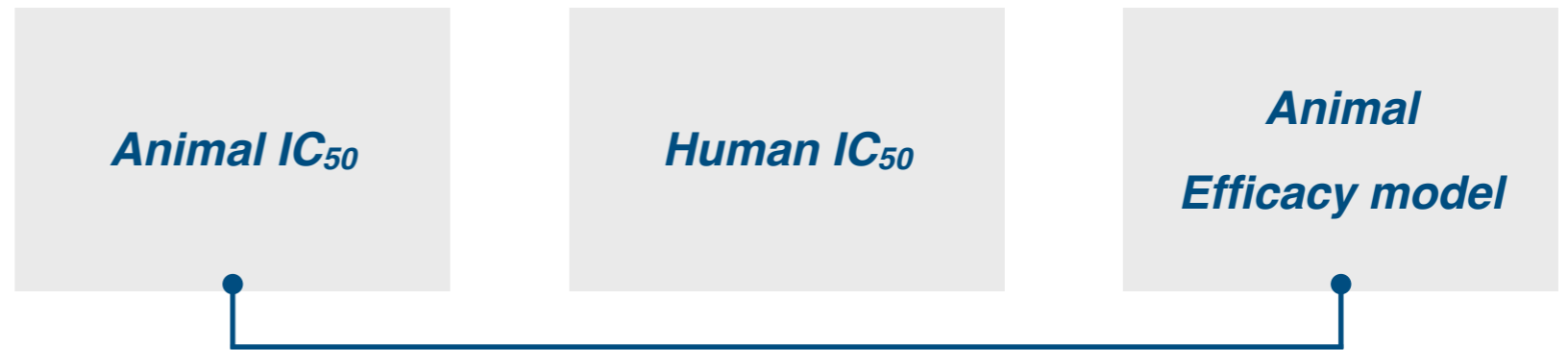
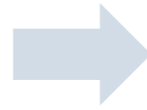
Well defined targets:

Leverage previous
clinical data



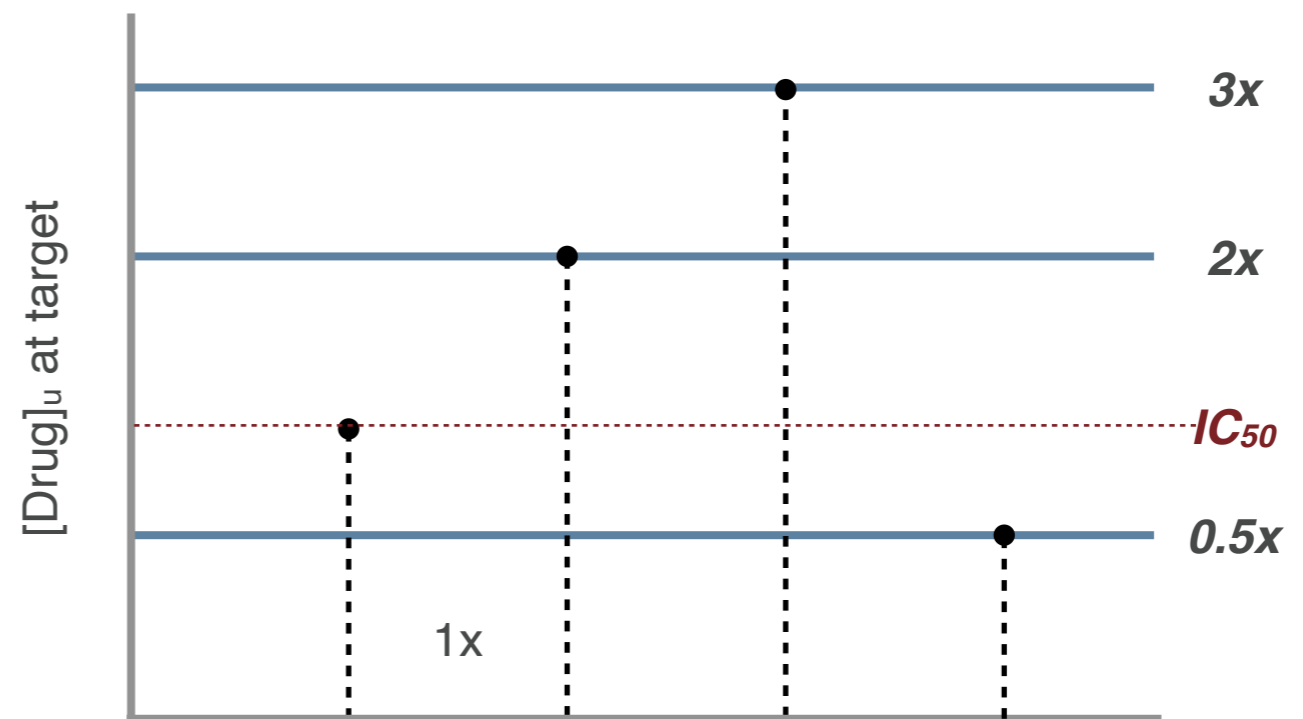
Pharmacodynamic experiments

What information
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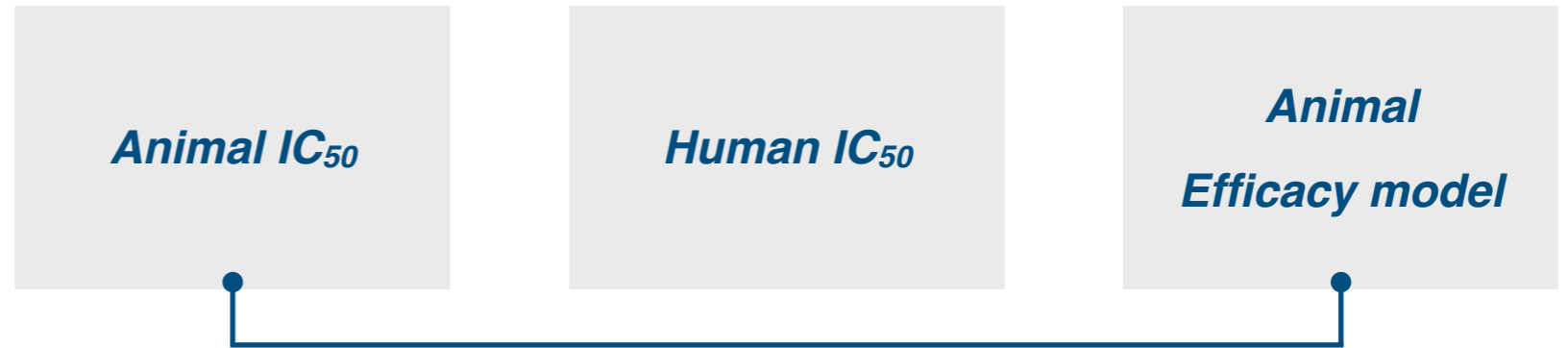
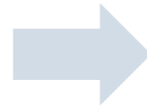
Step 1: Define $C_{eff,u,animal}$

Relate efficacy in animal
model back to
in vitro animal potency



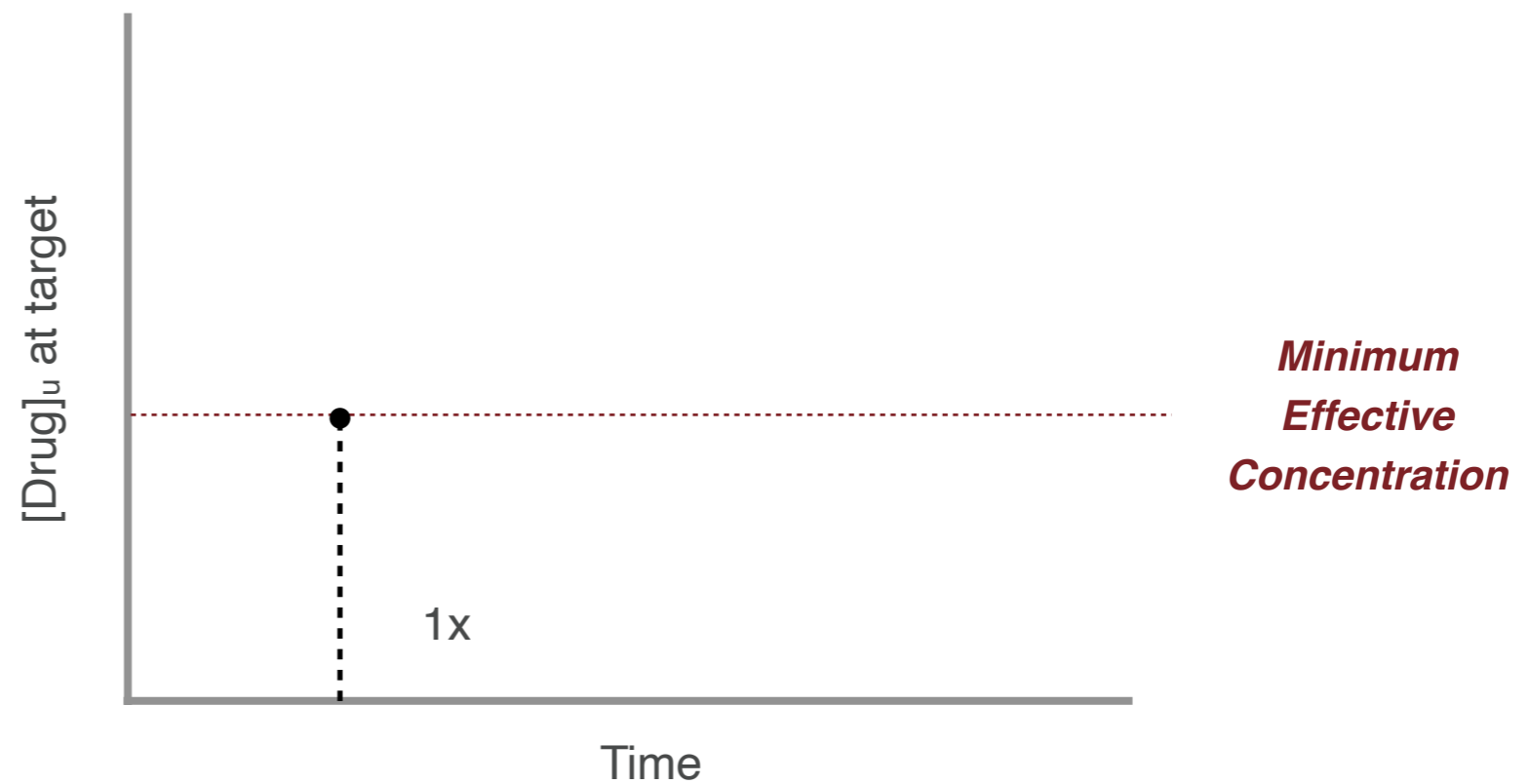
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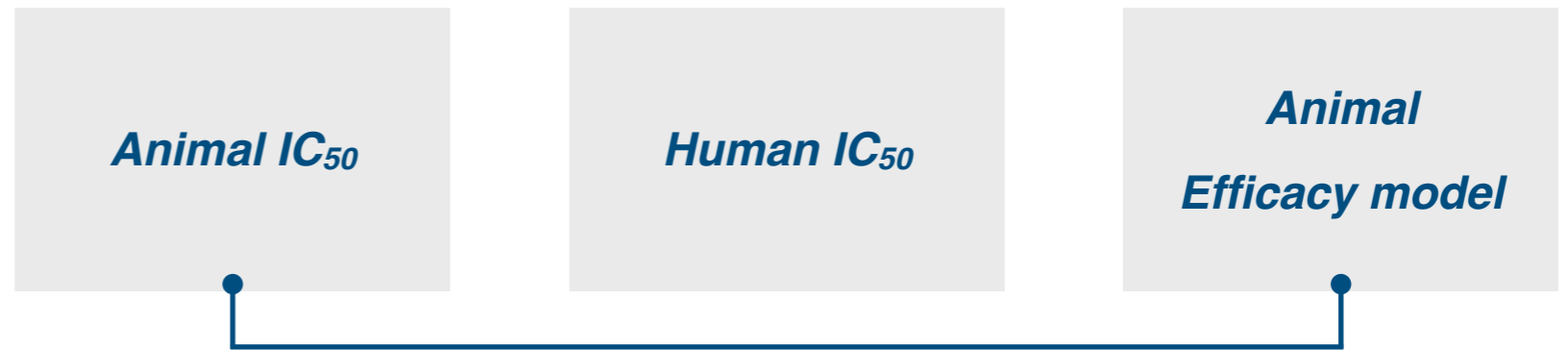
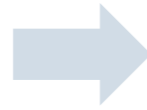
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Coverage multiple = 1x



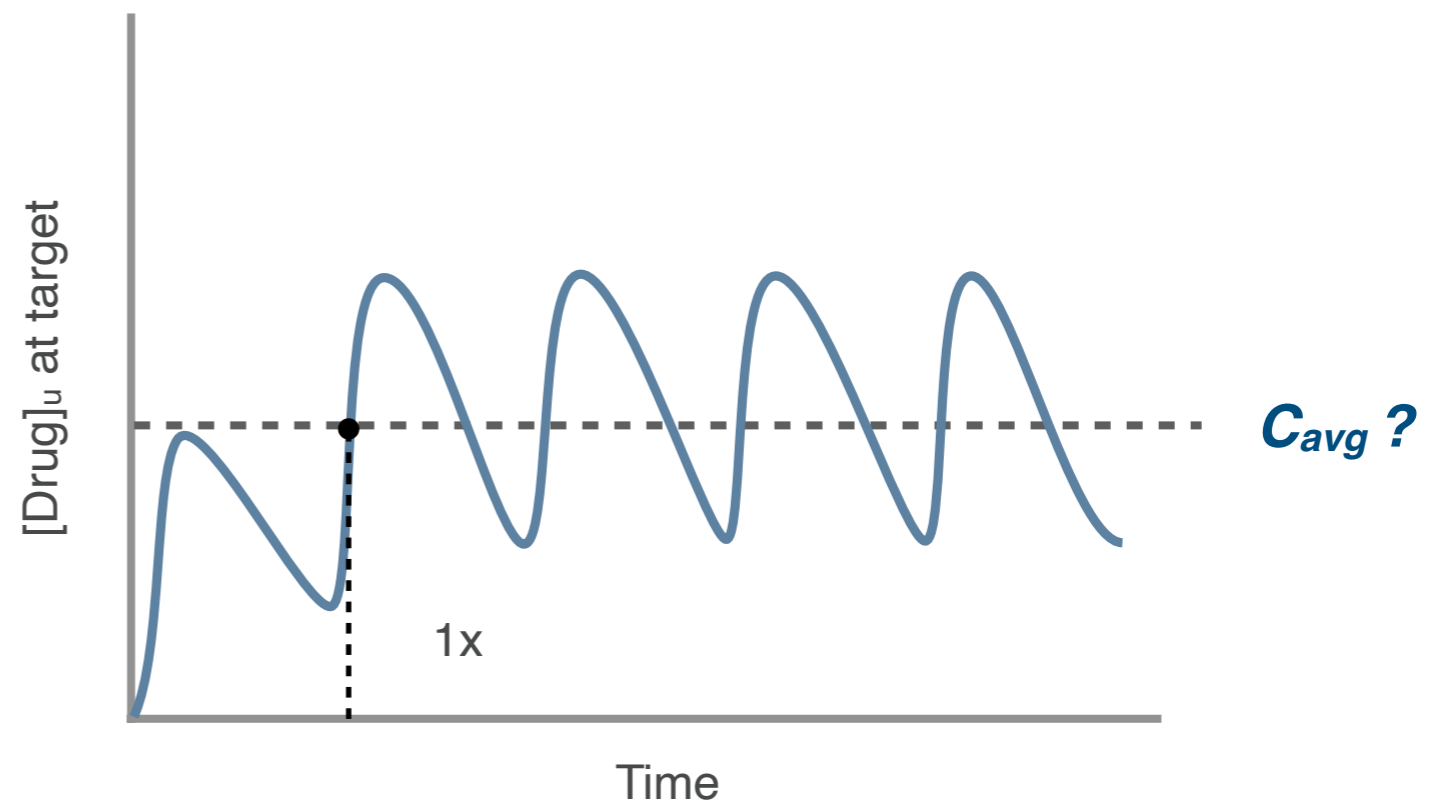
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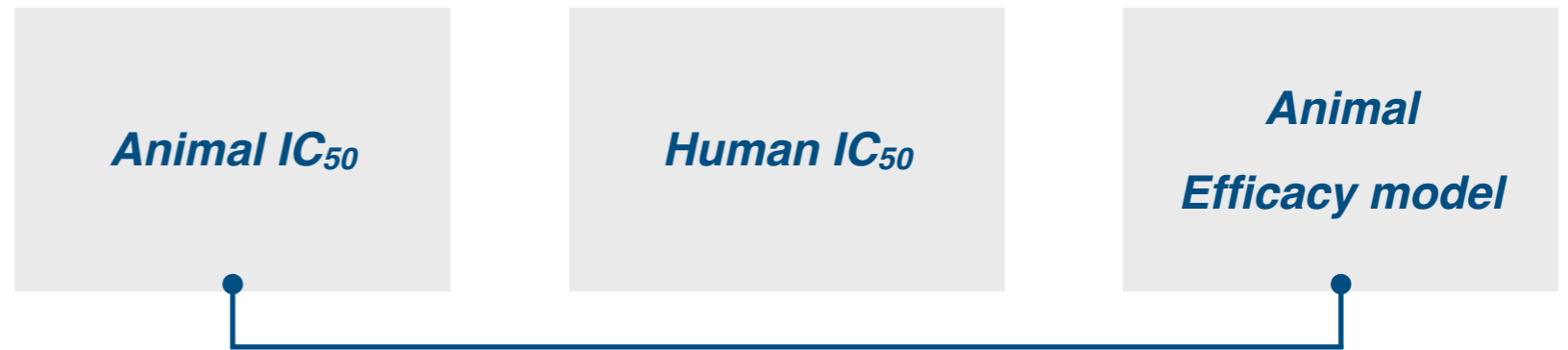
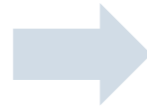
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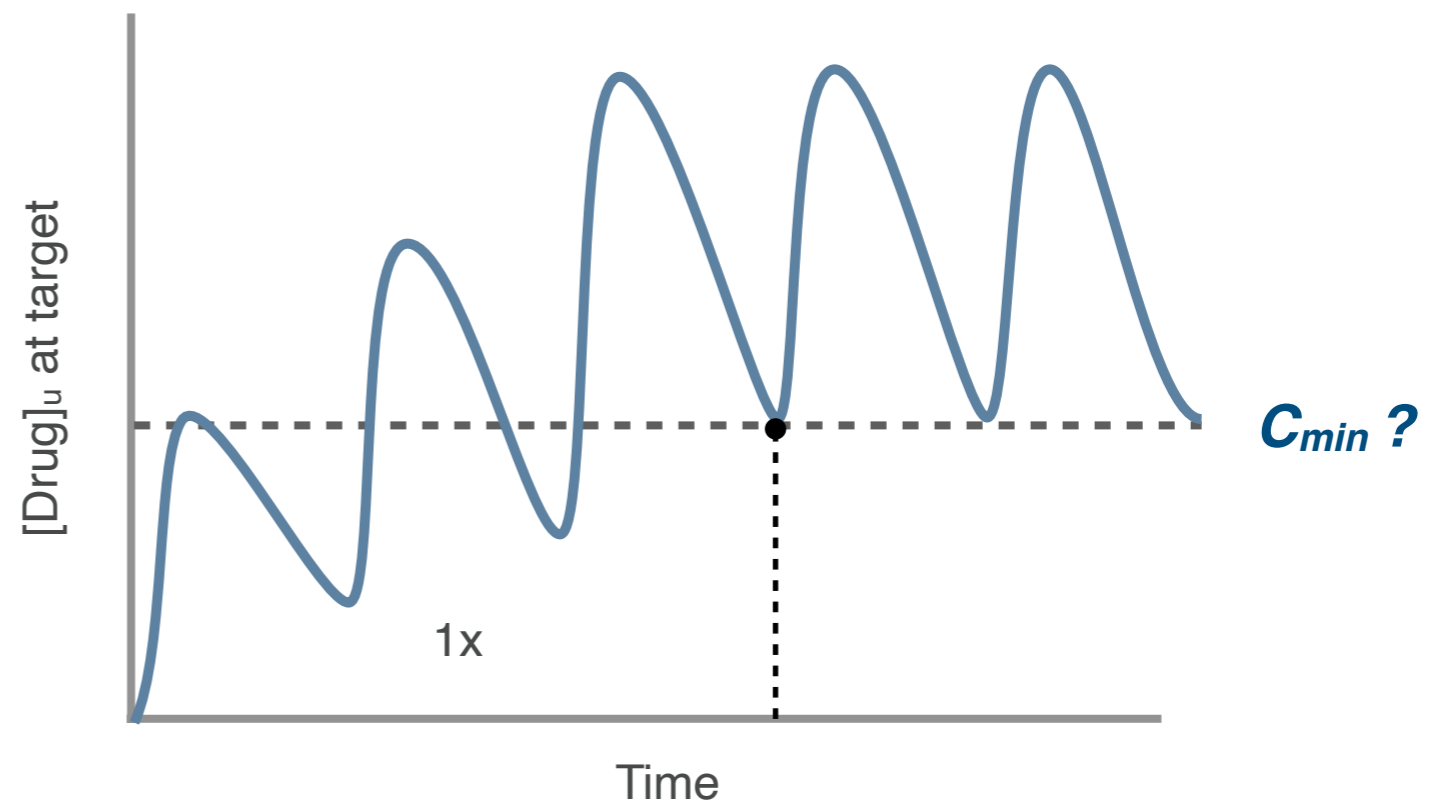
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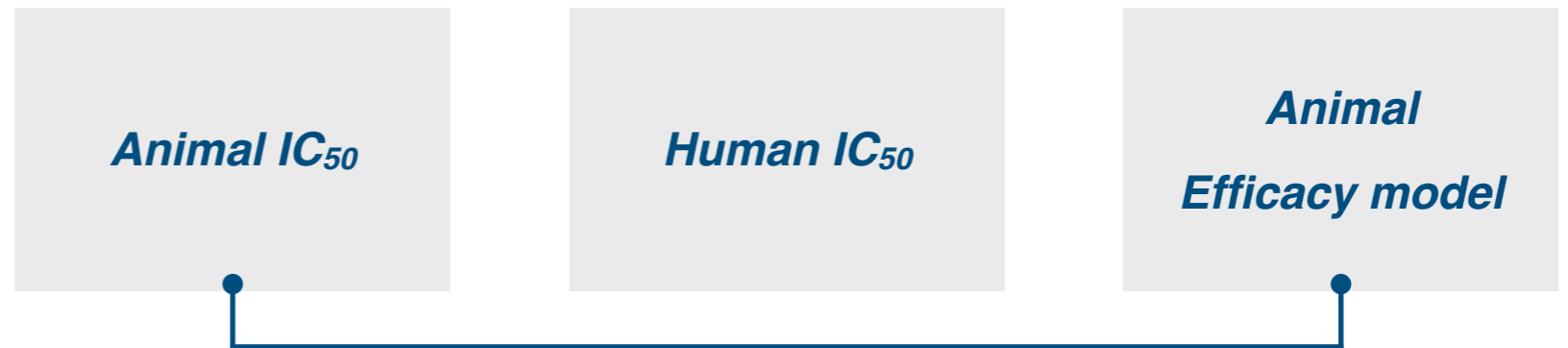
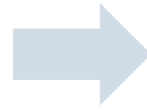
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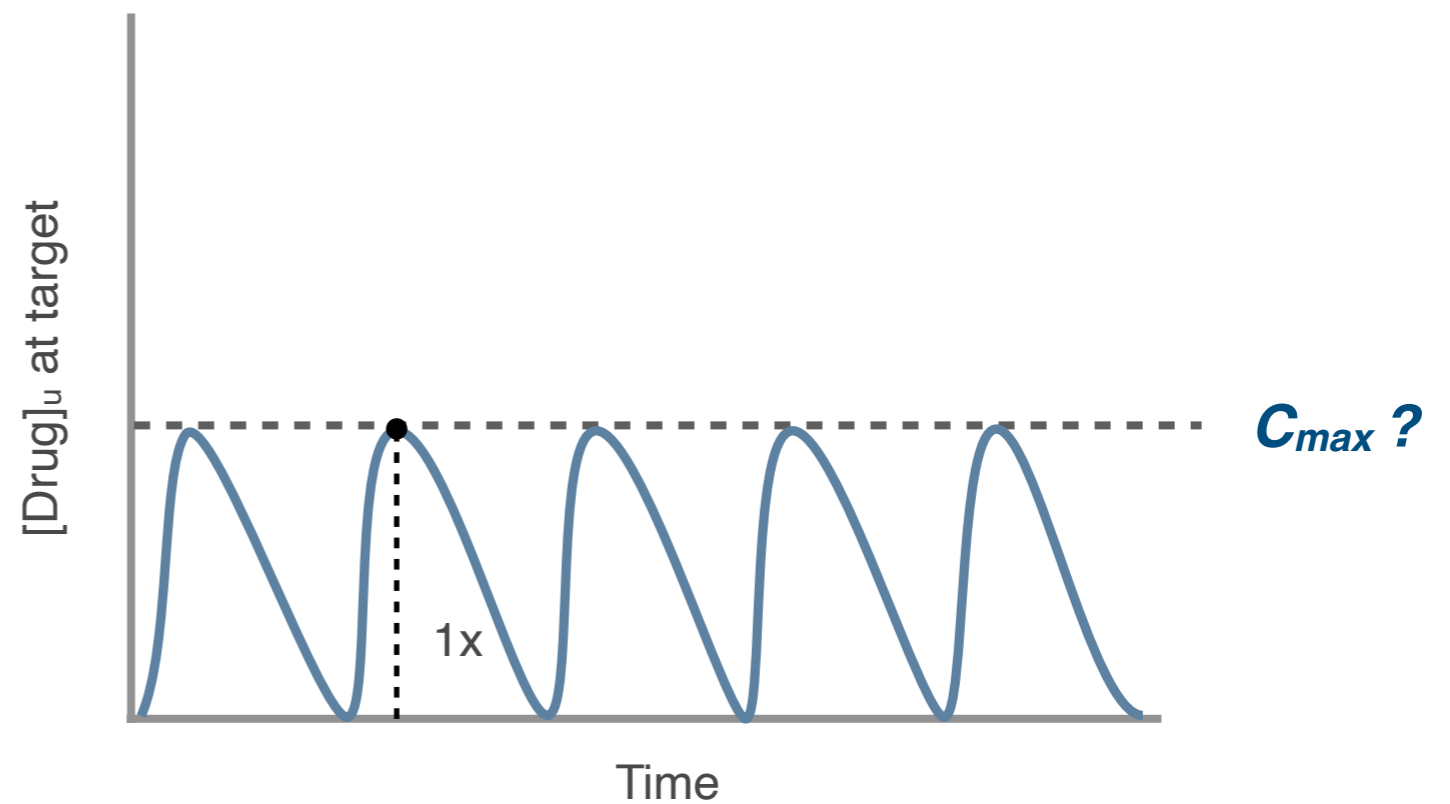
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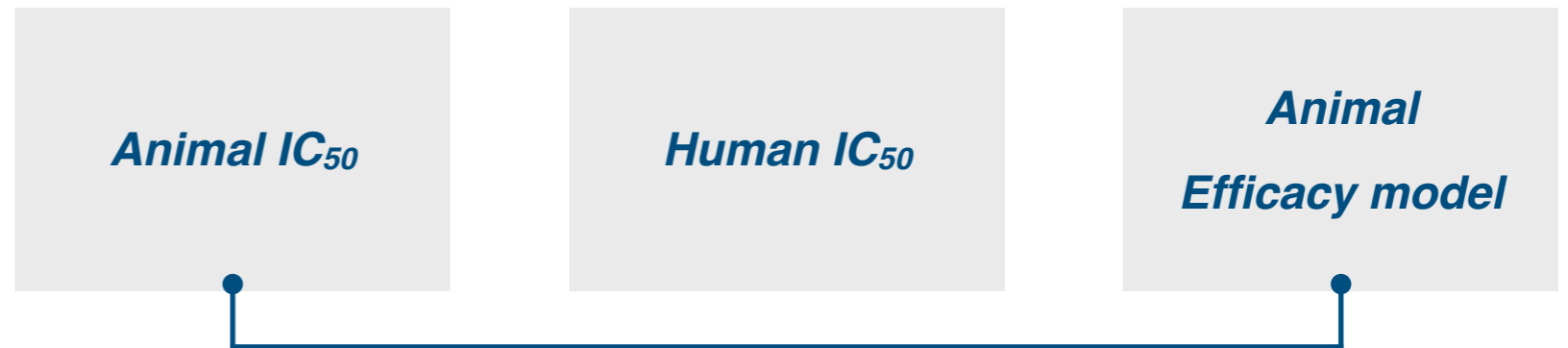
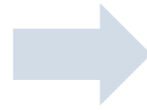
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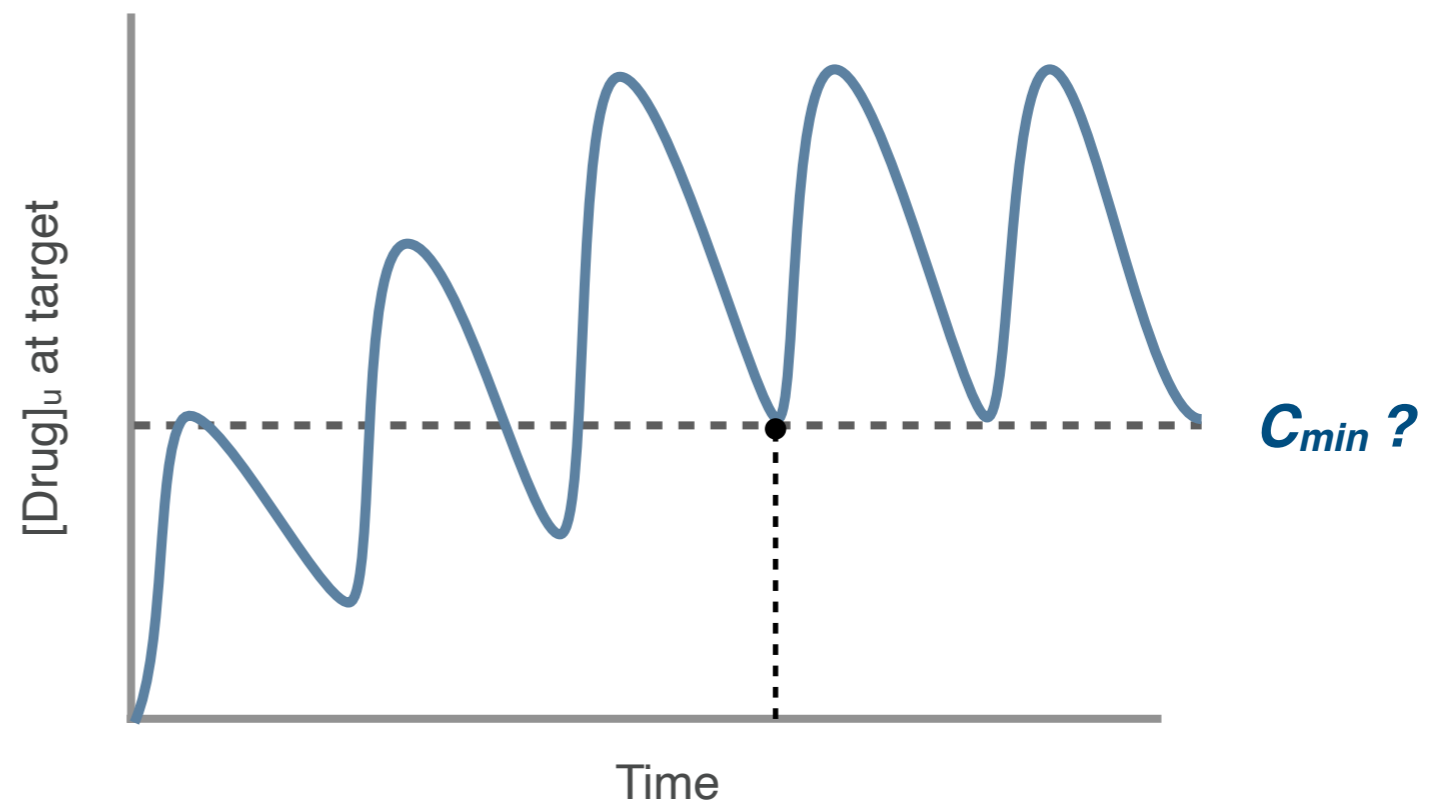
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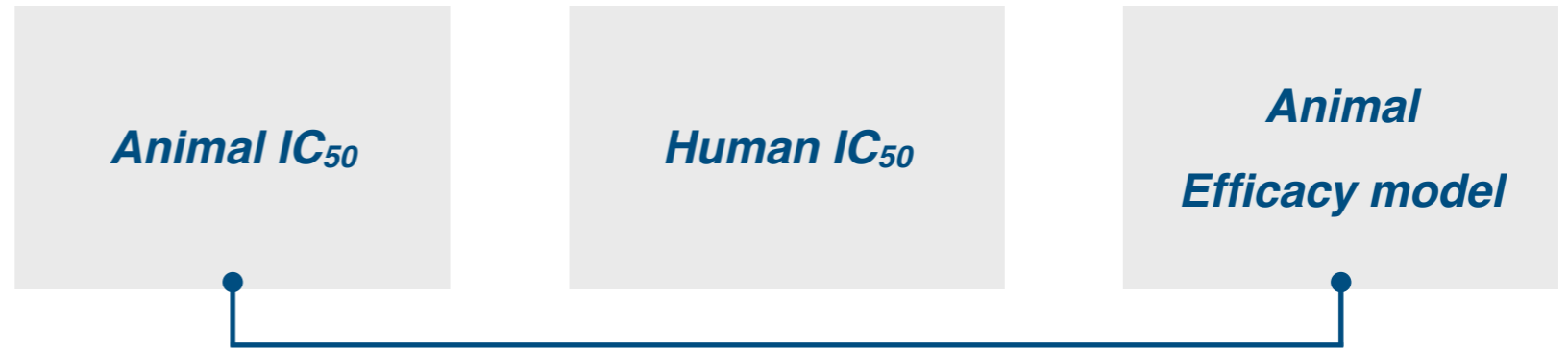
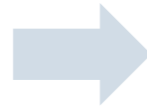
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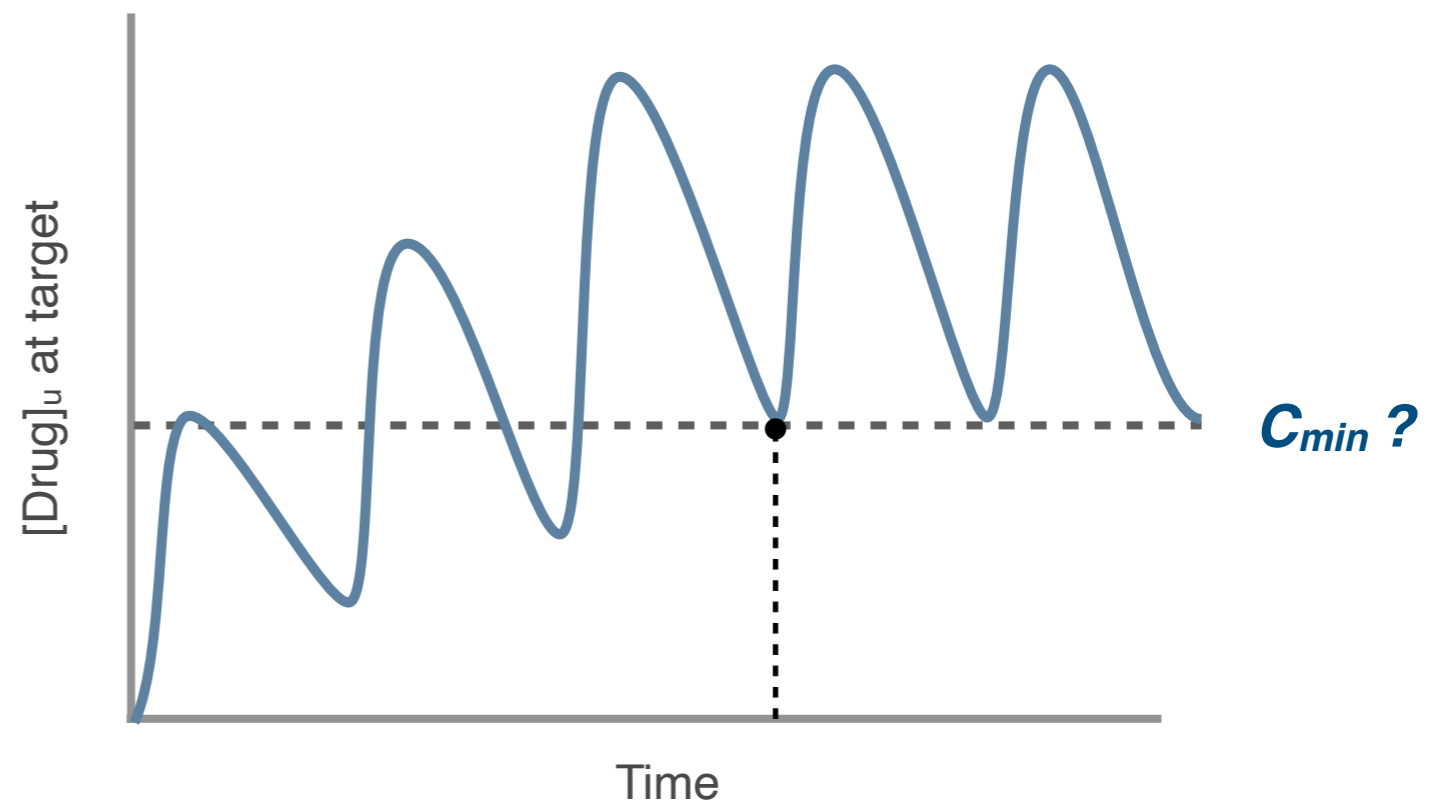
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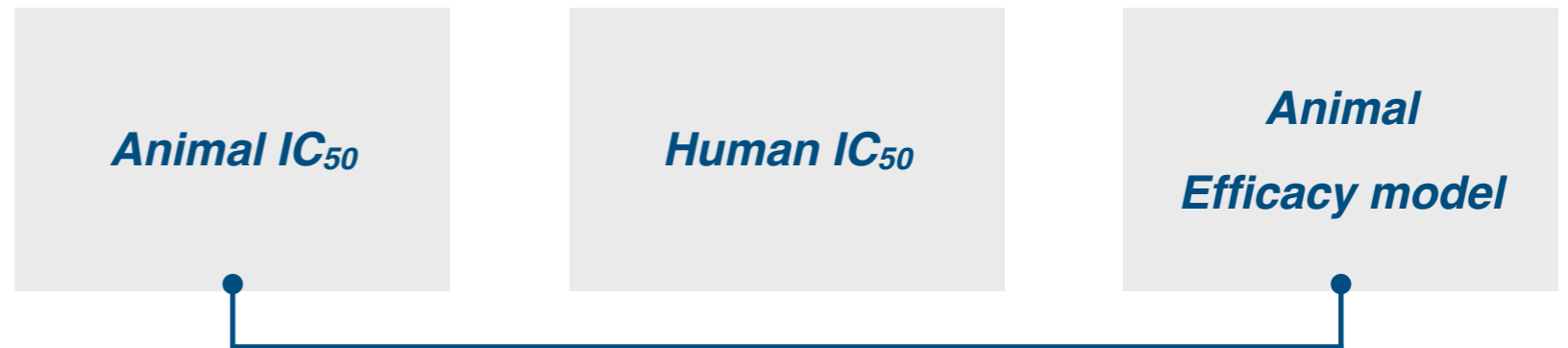
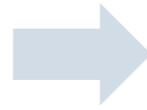
Higher risk for toxicity

Best chance of testing hypothesis



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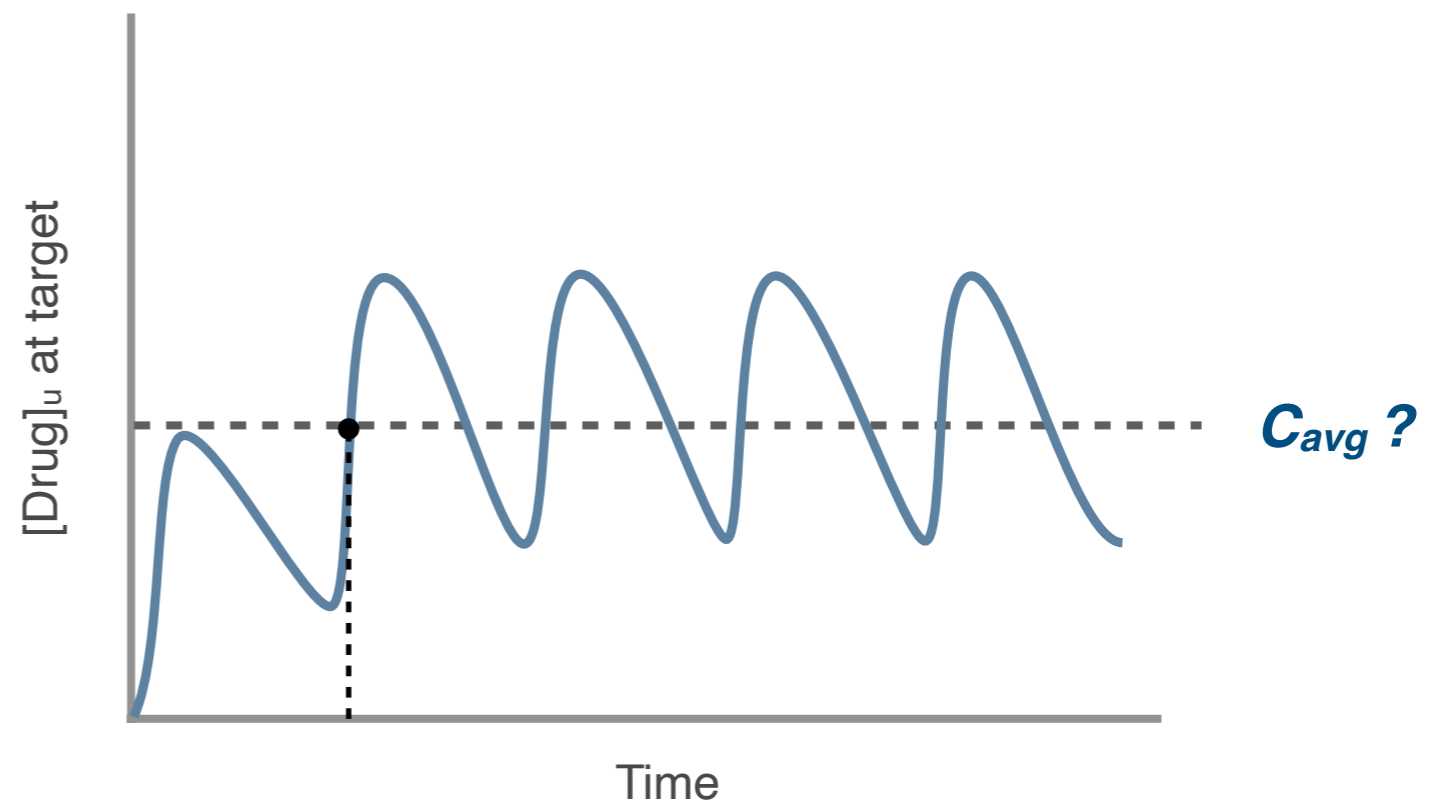


C_{avg} driven efficacy:

driven by total drug
exposure (AUC). Dropping
below MEC is tolerated

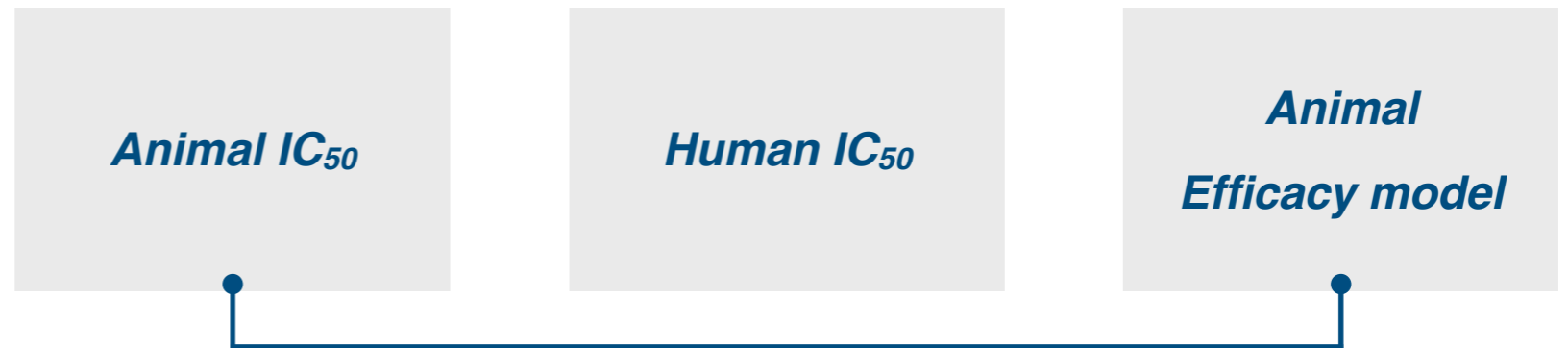
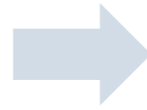
Medium required dose

Must be confident in assignment
to have confidence in testing hypothesis



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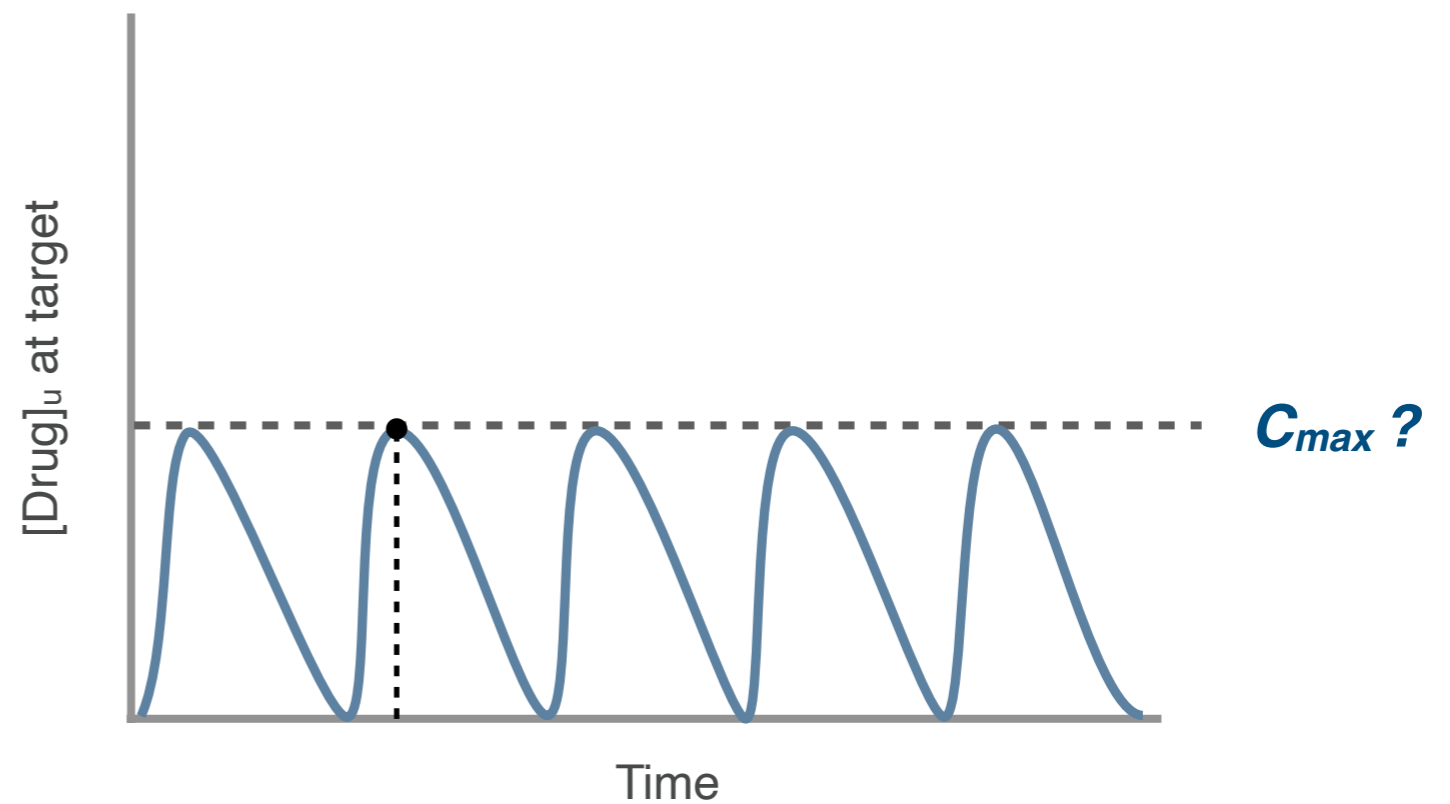
C_{max} driven efficacy:

Efficacy driven by peak
exposure periods

Lowest required dose

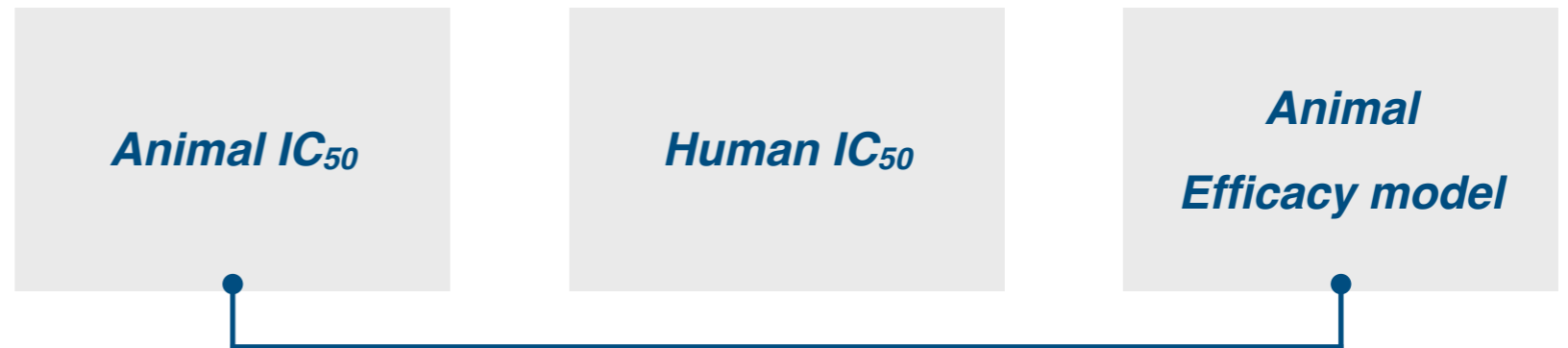
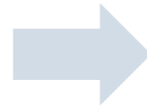
Not common driver of efficacy

More often invoked for tox studies

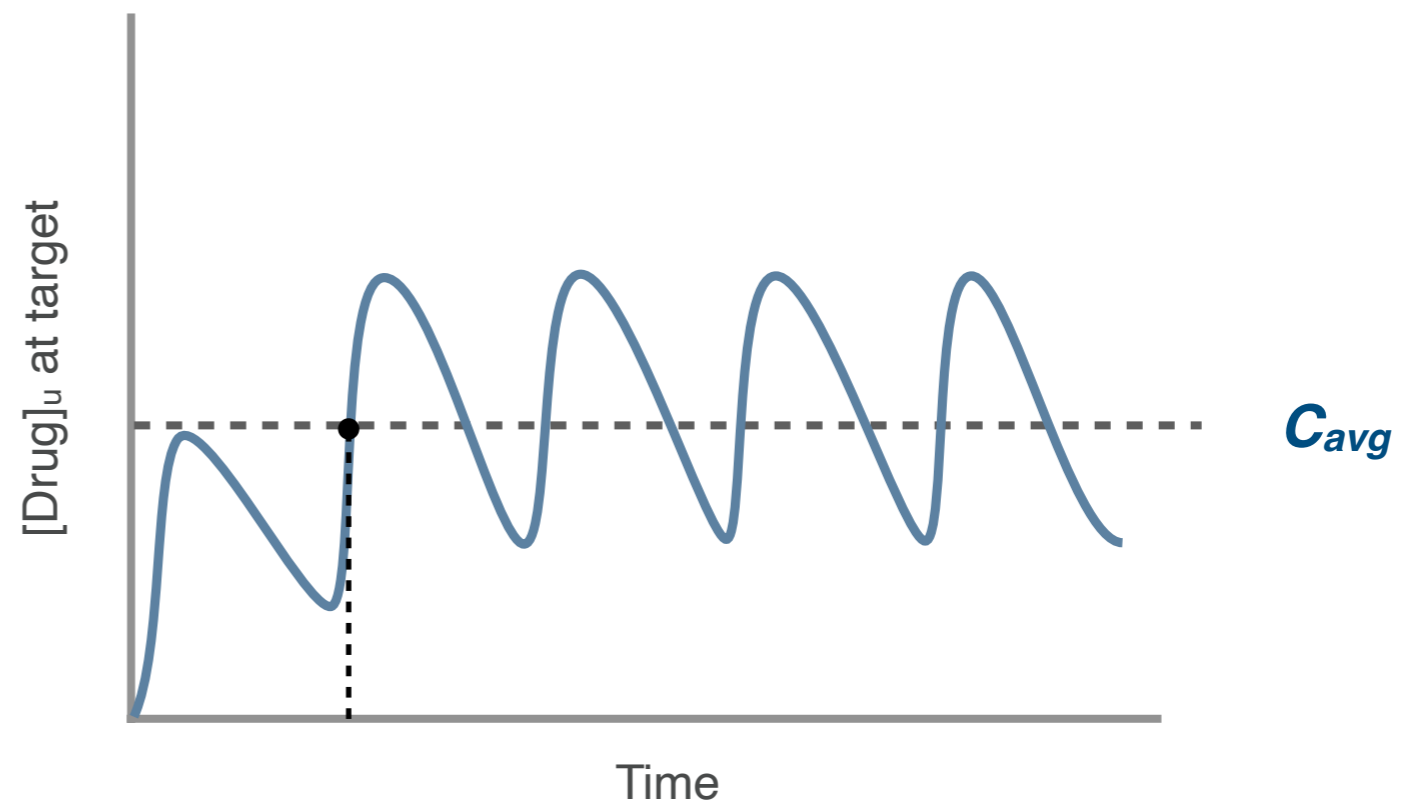


Pharmacodynamic experiments

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Step 3: Assume coverage
multiple at chosen [Drug]
(C_{avg}) will translate to
humans



Pharmacodynamic experiments

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$$\text{coverage multiple} = \frac{C_{eff,u,animal,avg}}{\text{in vitro } IC_{50,animal}}$$

Pharmacodynamic experiments

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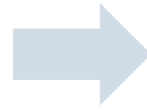
$C_{eff,u,h}$

=

$$\frac{IC_{50,human} * coverage\ multiple}{f_{u,human}}$$

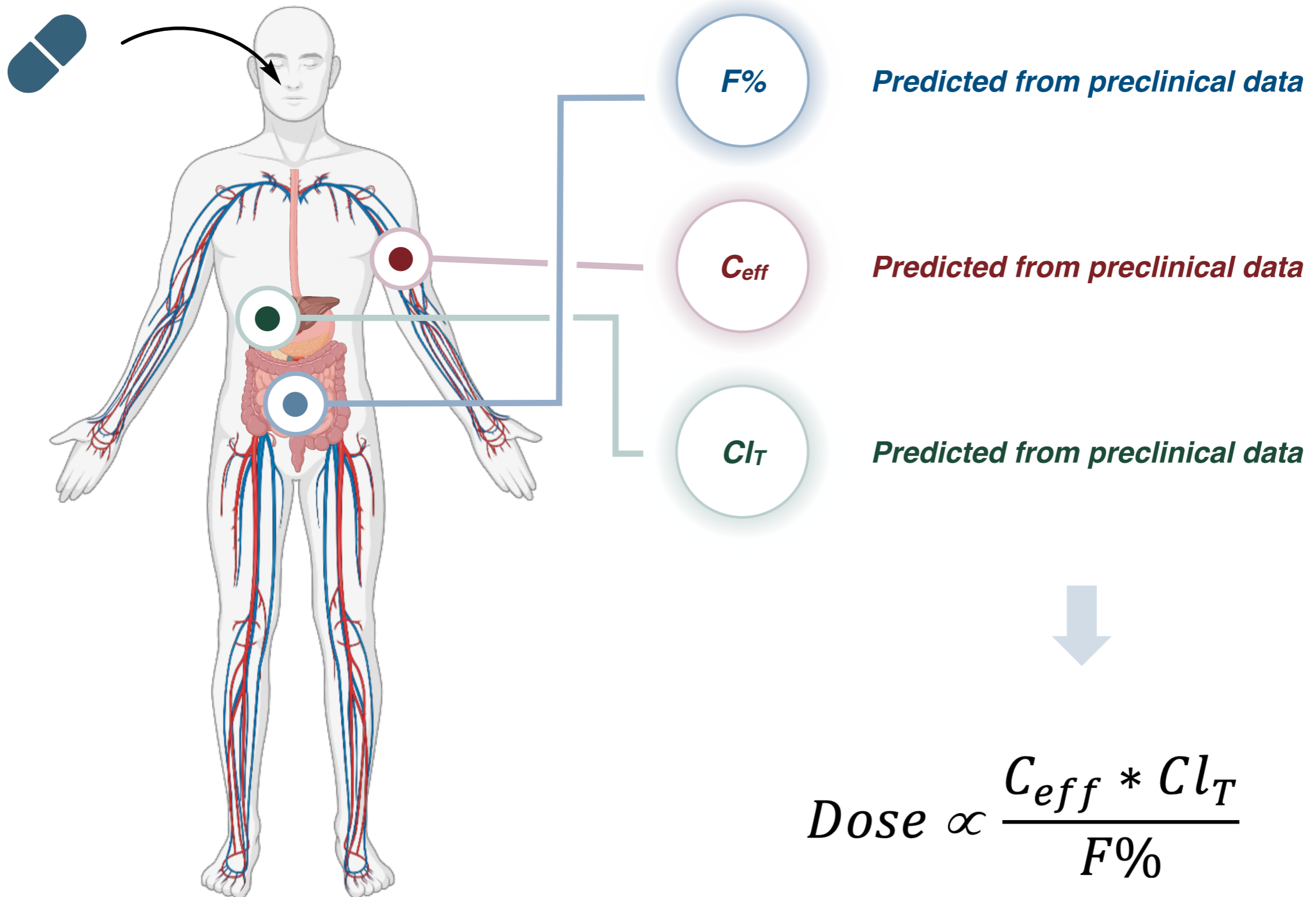
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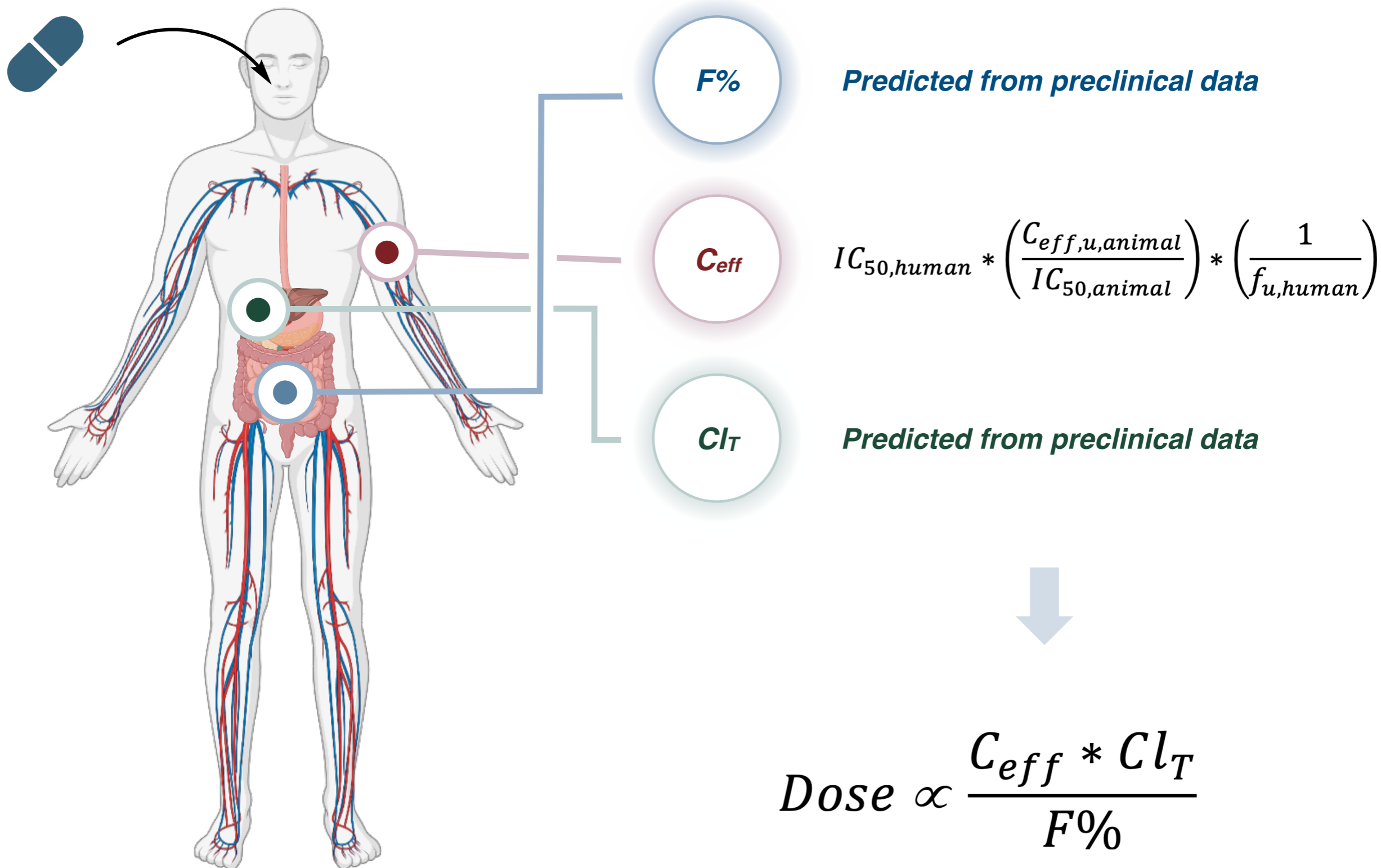


$$C_{eff,u,h} = IC_{50,human} * \left(\frac{C_{eff,u,animal}}{IC_{50,animal}} \right) * \left(\frac{1}{f_{u,human}} \right)$$

How much drug do you actually need?



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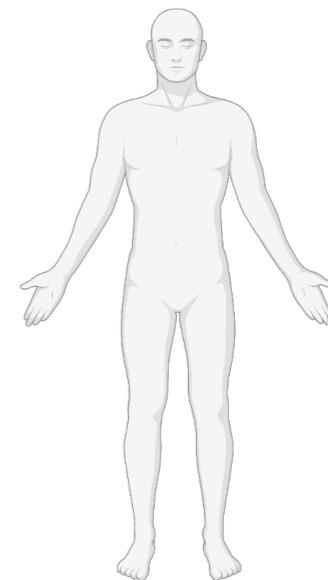
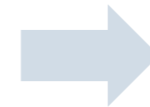
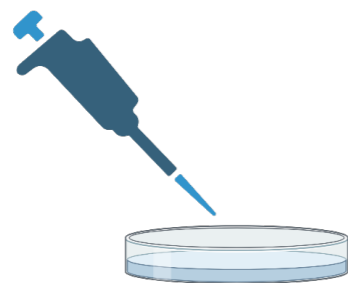


Projecting Human Clearance: 3 Methods

*In vitro – in vivo
correlation (IVIVC)*

*Multispecies
Allometric Scaling*

*Single Species
Allometric Scaling*



Scaling Intrinsic Clearance through IVIVC

*In vitro – in vivo
correlation (IVIVC)*

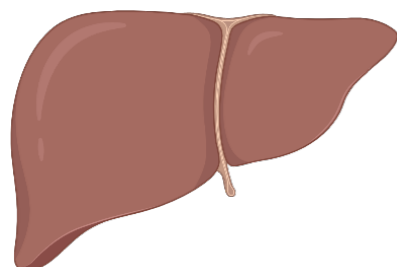


Generally **most preferred method**

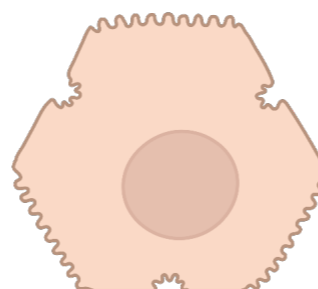
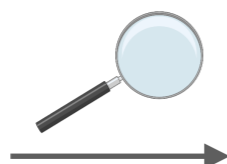
Fast turnaround time

Direct **calculation from in vitro data**

Generally **only applicable to CYP450 clearance**

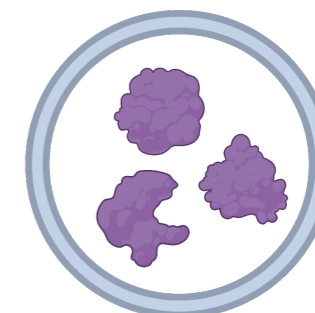
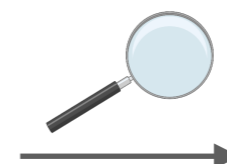


Liver



Hepatocyte

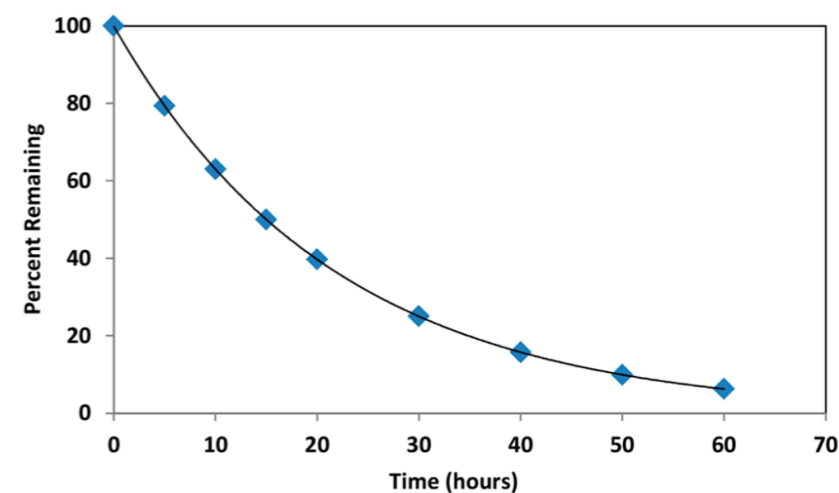
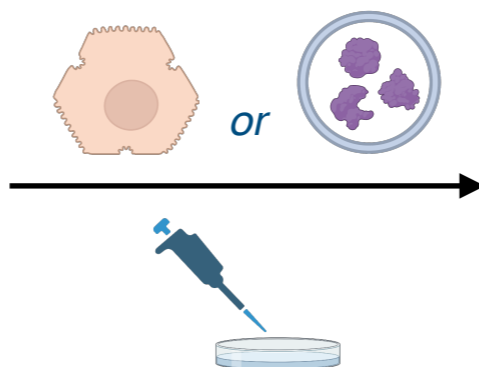
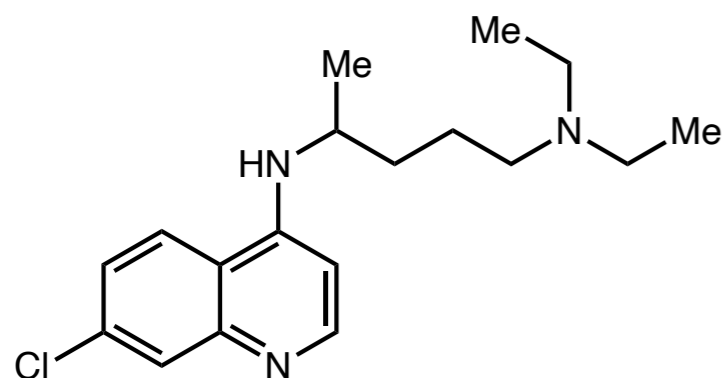
*In-tact liver cell containing
metabolizing enzymes and
membrane transporters*



Microsome

*“vesicle - like” molecules,
high concentration of
CYP 450 Enzymes*

Scaling Intrinsic Clearance through IVIVC



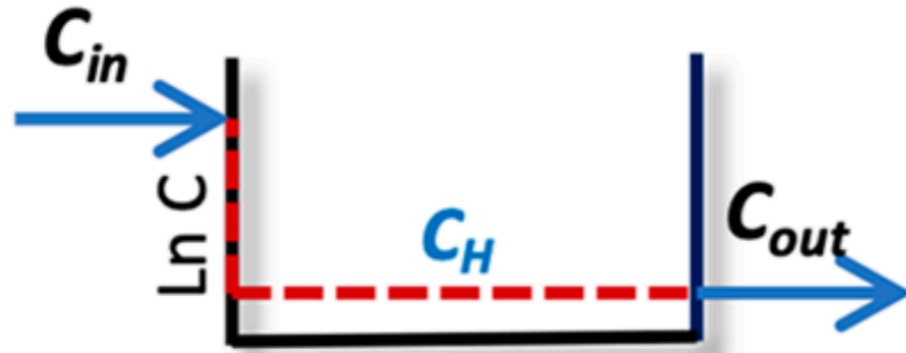
$$Cl_{int,u,in\ vitro} = \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{1/2}} * \frac{V_{inc}}{\text{cell number or [protein]}} * \frac{1}{f_{u,inc}}$$

*Intrinsic ability of hepatocyte or microsomes to remove the drug
In the absence of organ blood flow or protein binding*

$$Cl_{int,u,in\ vivo} = Cl_{int,u,in\ vitro} * \frac{\# \text{ enzymes or cells in whole liver}}{\# \text{ enzymes or cells in incubation}}$$

*Predicted unbound
clearance In vivo*

Applying the Well Stirred Model



Assumptions:

Free passive diffusion

Drug is evenly distributed throughout liver

Enzymes are evenly distributed throughout liver

$$Cl_{\text{Hepatic, total}} = \frac{Q_H * f_{u, \text{blood}} * Cl_{\text{int, u, in vivo}}}{Cl_{\text{int, u, in vivo}} * (Q_H + f_{u, \text{blood}})}$$

**Total in vivo hepatic clearance
predicted from in vitro data**

Checking for positive in vitro in vivo correlation (IVIVC)

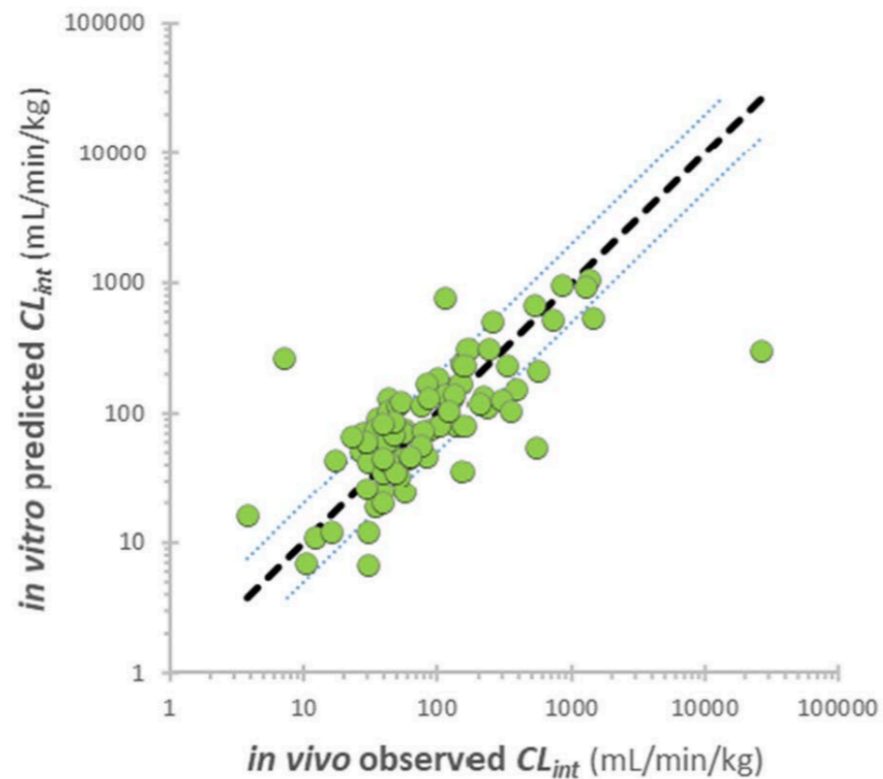
Perform predictions for *at least 2 preclinical species* and compare calculated total clearance to *real in vivo data*



Mouse



Rat



If in vitro data for preclinical species **predicts in vivo clearance within 2x** human **in vitro data can be scaled to**

Predict human clearance

Checking for positive in vitro in vivo correlation (IVIVC)

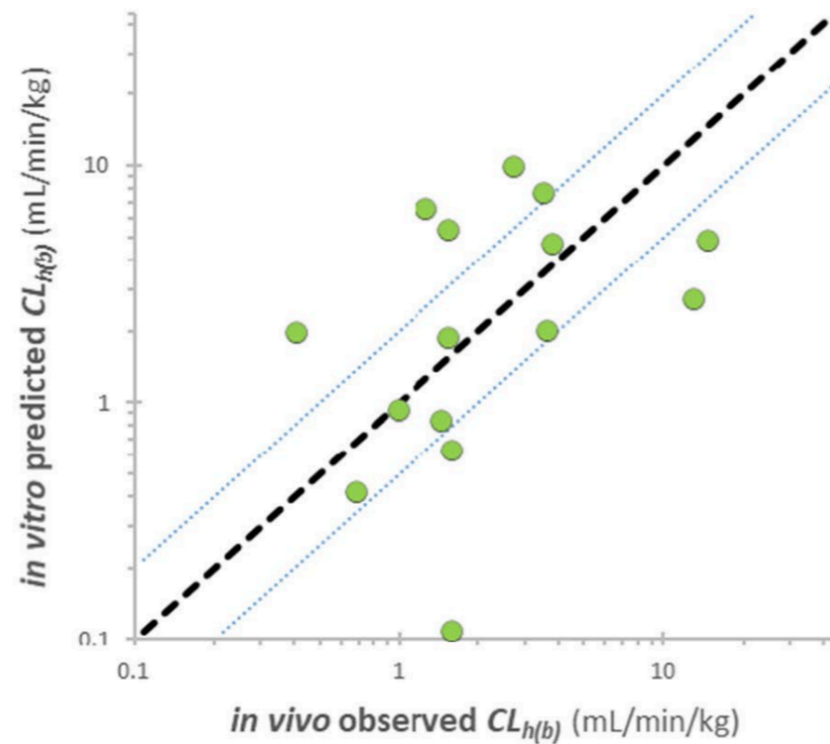
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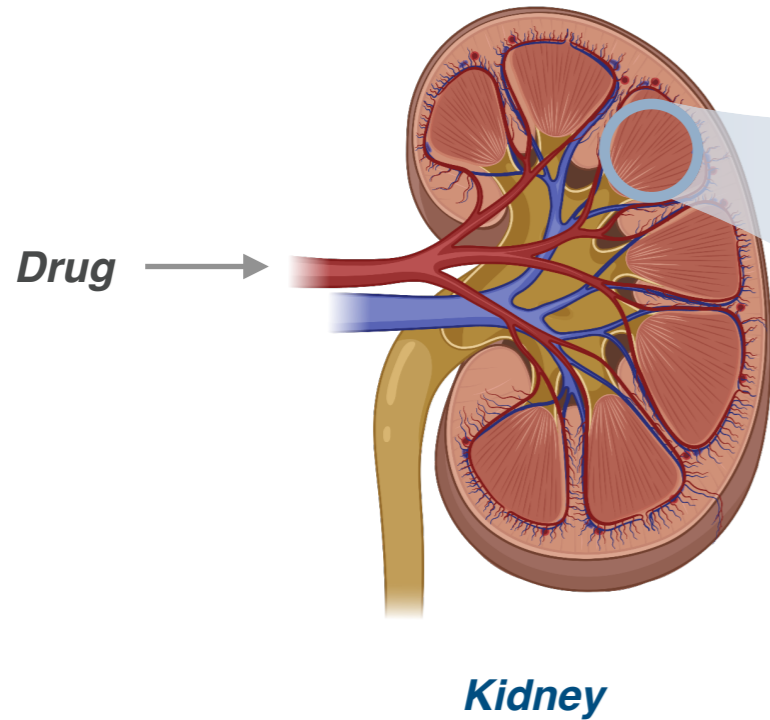
If in vitro data fails to predict in vivo data within 2 fold **IVIVC cannot be used**



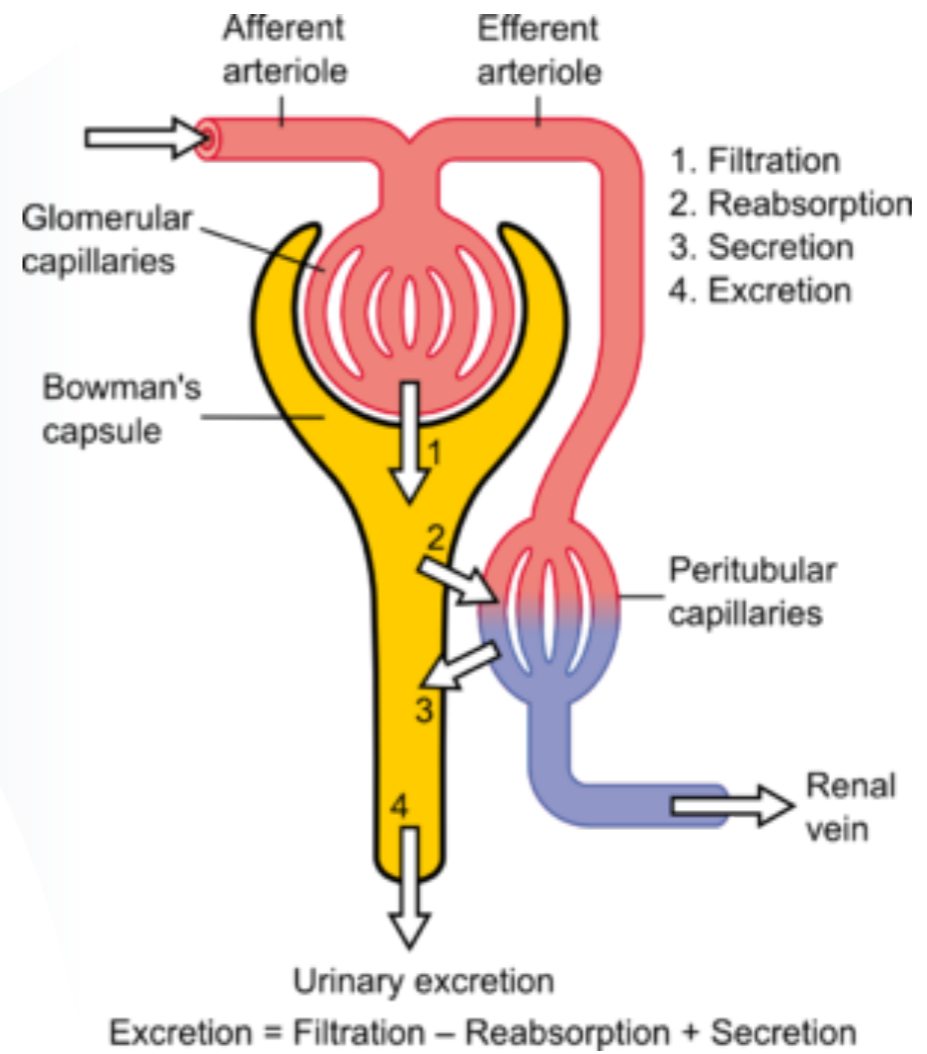
Indicative of alternate mechanism of clearance

i.e. **Renal or Biliary clearance**

Clearance in the Kidney



Renal Clearance



Passive clearance via rate of glomerular filtration (GFR)

polar and poorly permeable compounds

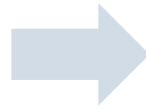
Clearance **bounded by flow rate**

Can we relate flow rate between species?

$$Cl_{r,u} = f_{u,blood} * GFR$$

Interspecies Allometry

**Multispecies
Allometric Scaling**

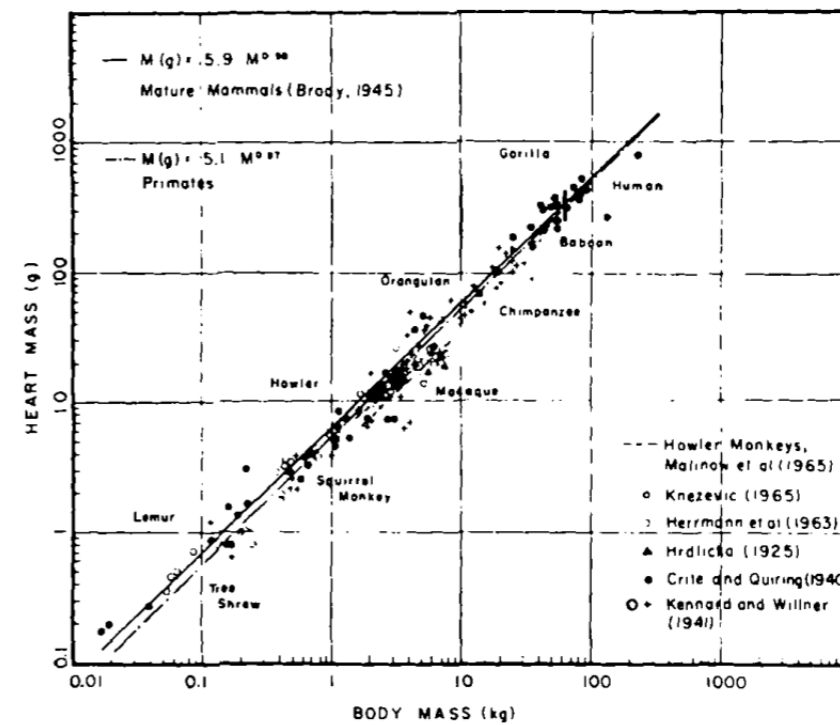
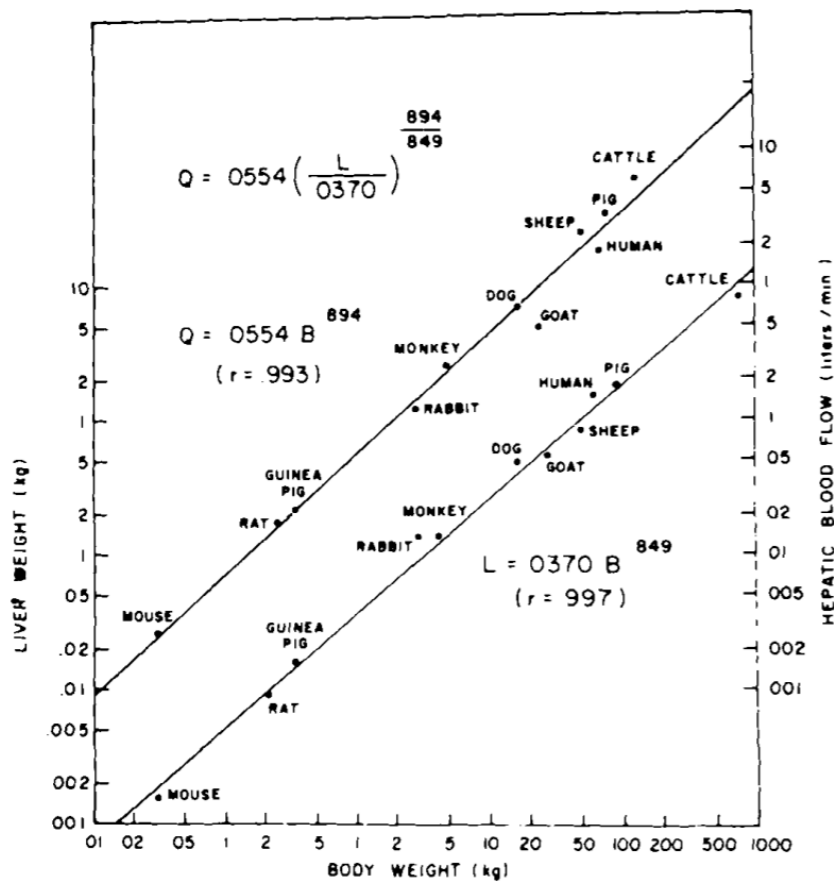


$$X_{phys} = a * (body\ weight)^b$$

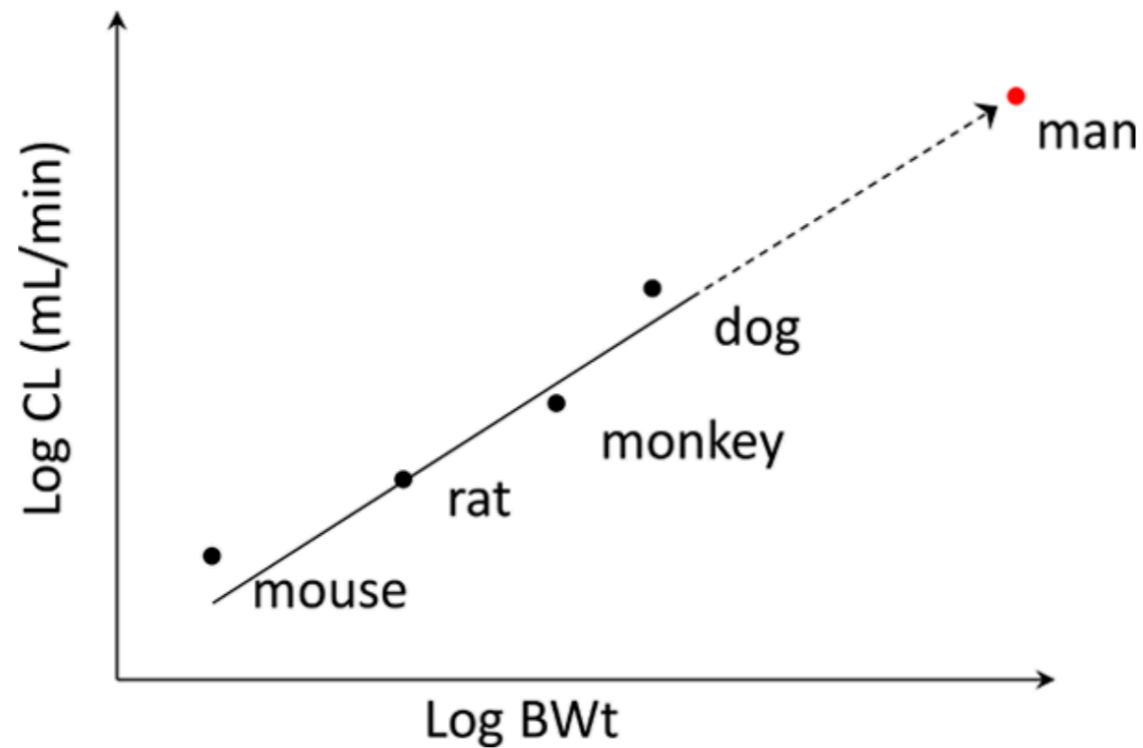
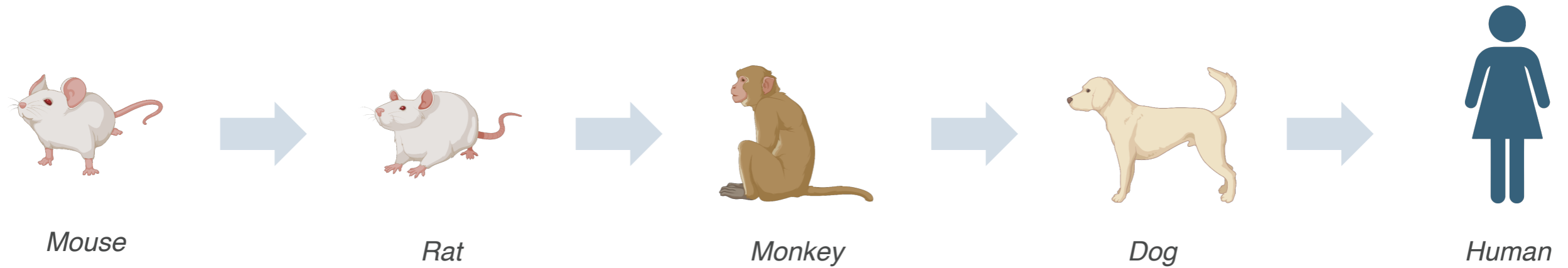


$$\log(X_{phys}) = ab * \log (body\ weight)$$

X_{phys} – physiological parameter
“a” and “b” – correction factors



Allometric Scaling of Clearance

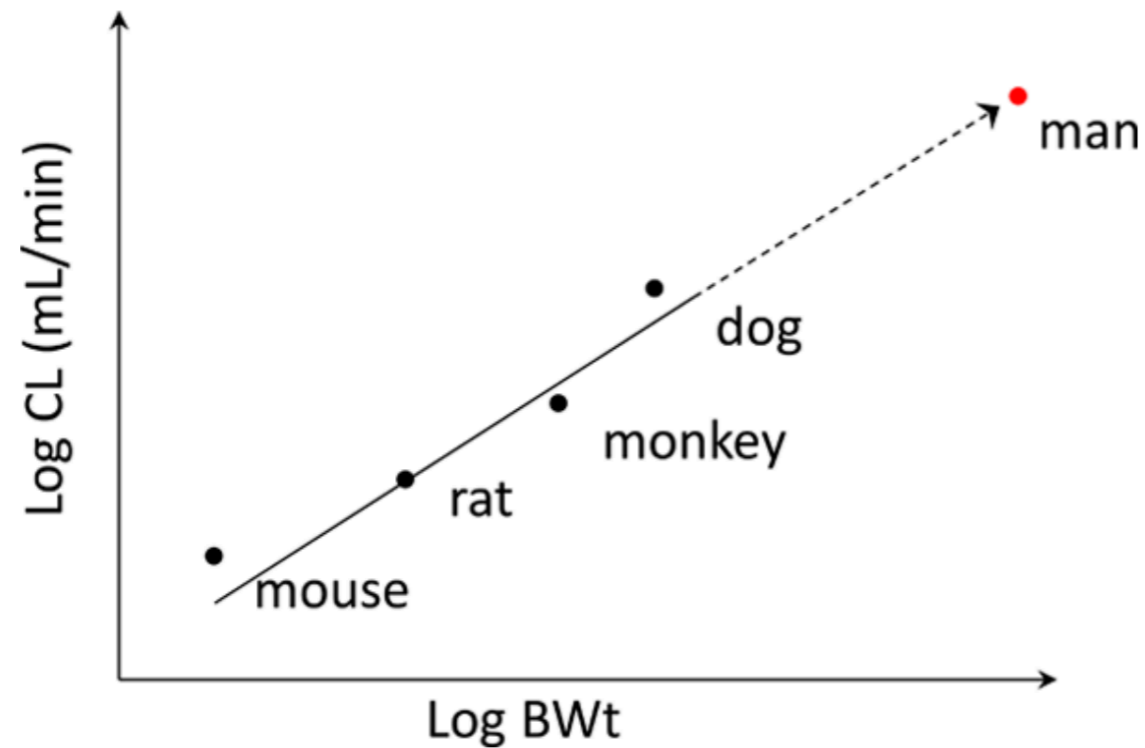
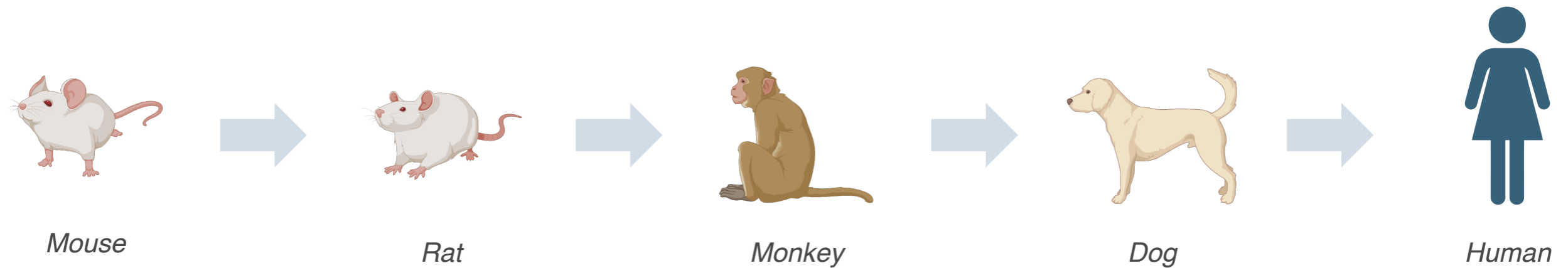


Allometric Scaling for Human PK

$$\log(Cl) = ab * \log(\text{body weight})$$

correction factors "a" and "b" are
adjusted to correct for error

Allometric Scaling of Clearance



Allometric Scaling for Human PK

Oldest method for prediction of human PK

Preferred for compounds with renal or biliary clearance

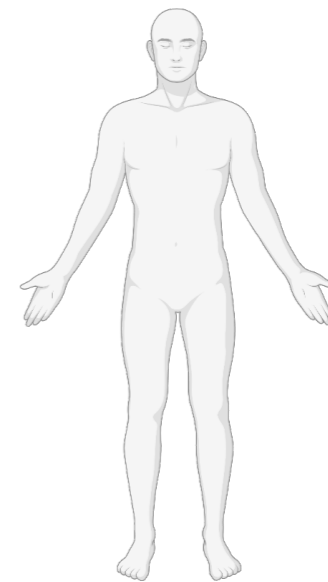
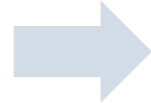
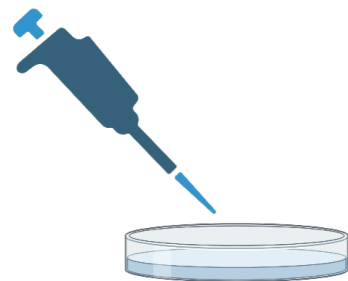
Labor intensive and expensive

Projecting Human Clearance: 3 Methods

*In vitro – in vivo
correlation (IVIVC)*

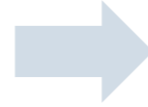
*Multispecies
Allometric Scaling*

*Single Species
Allometric Scaling*



Single Species Scaling

**Single Species
Allometric Scaling**



Rat



Human

$$Cl_{human} = Cl_{animal} * \left(\frac{BW_{human}}{BW_{animal}} \right)^{0.75}$$

Single Species Scaling for Human PK

Assumes exponential factor of 0.67 - 0.75

Low cost but imposes more uncertainty

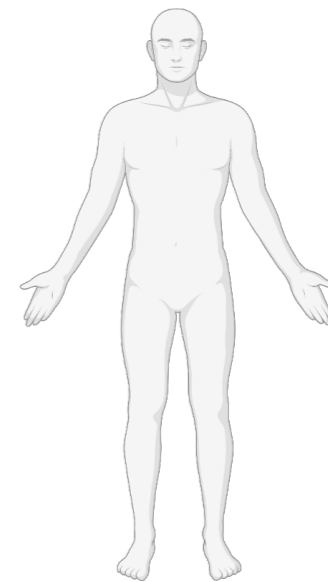
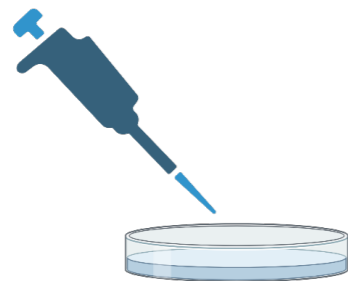
controversial yet widely employed

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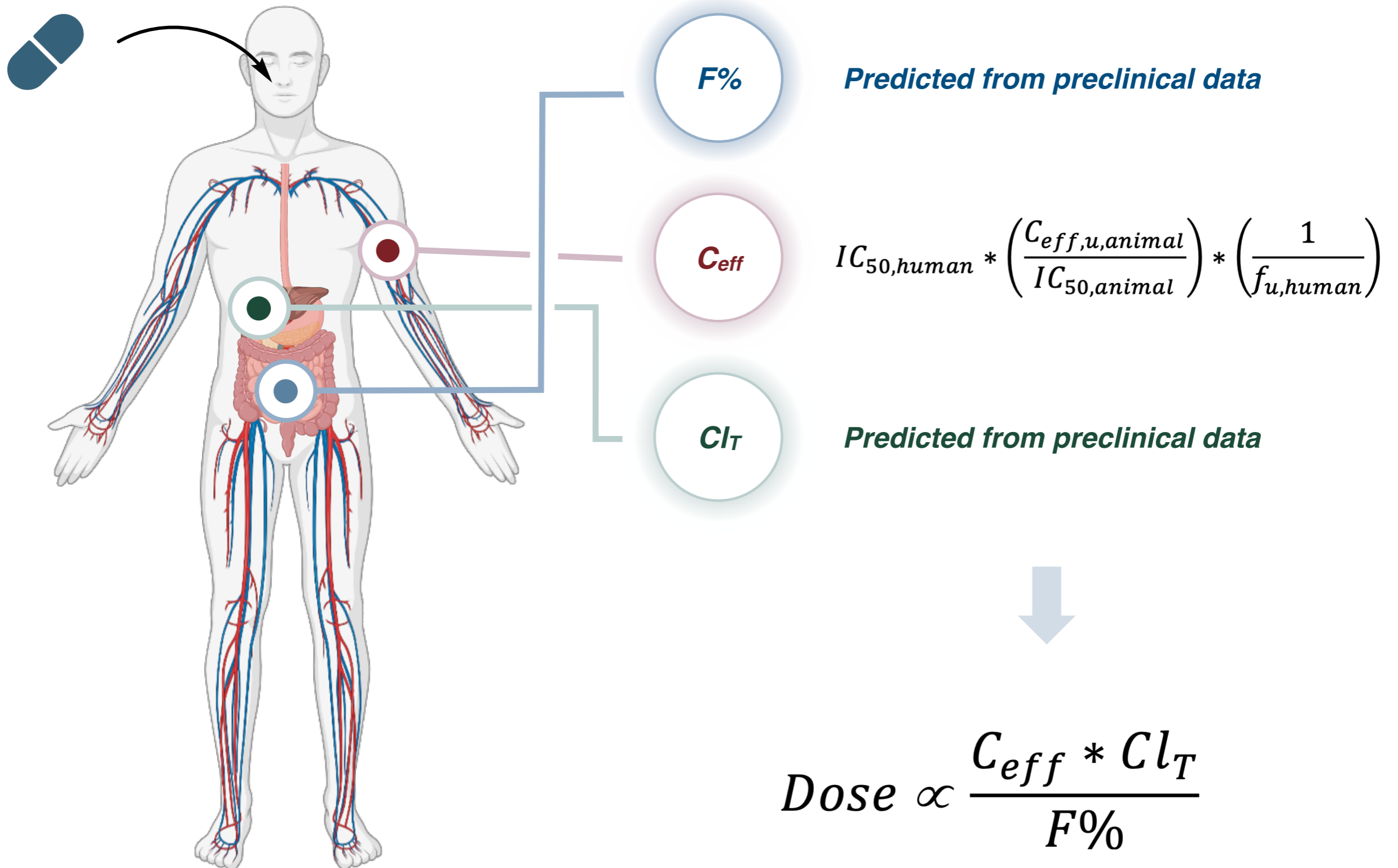
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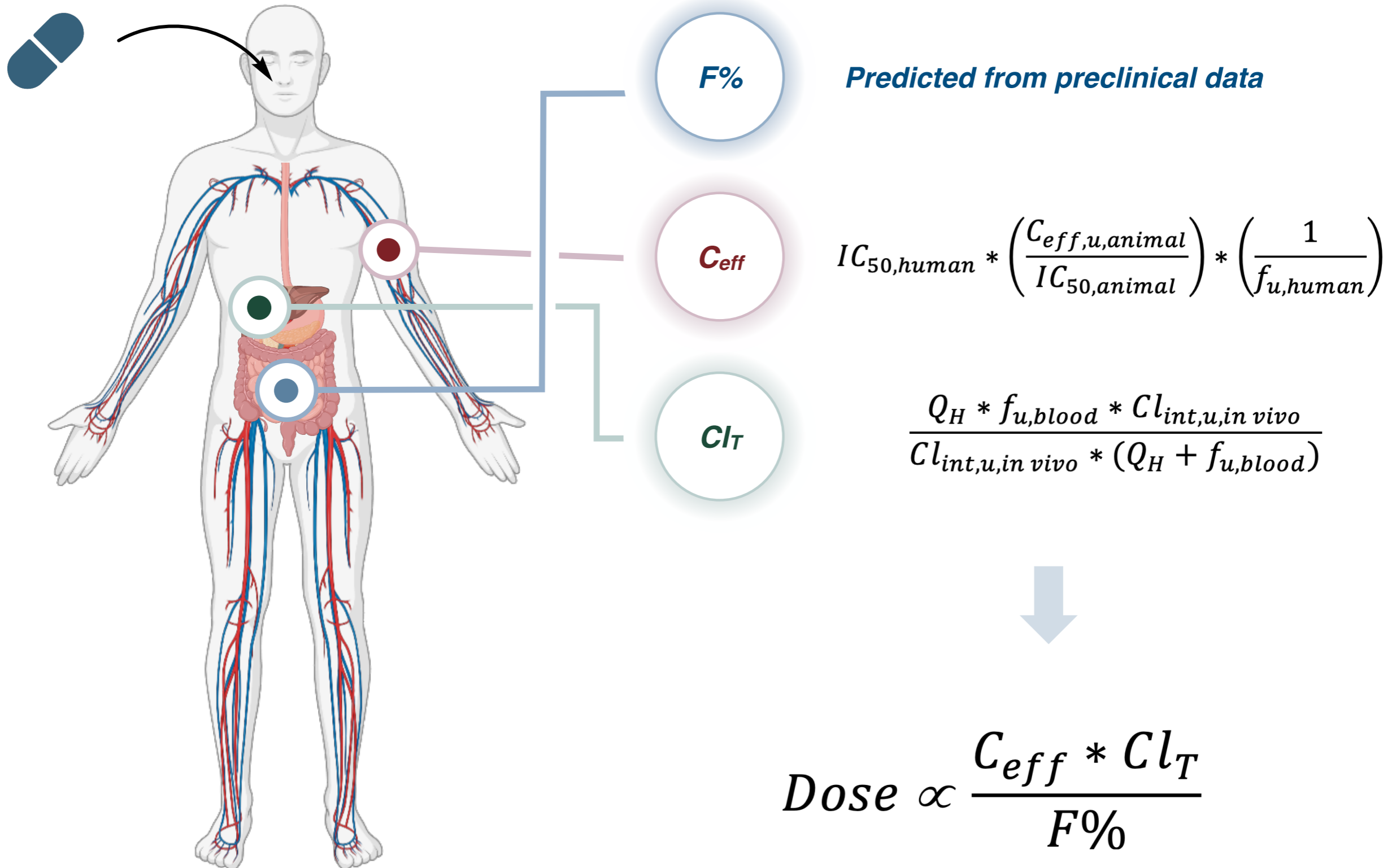
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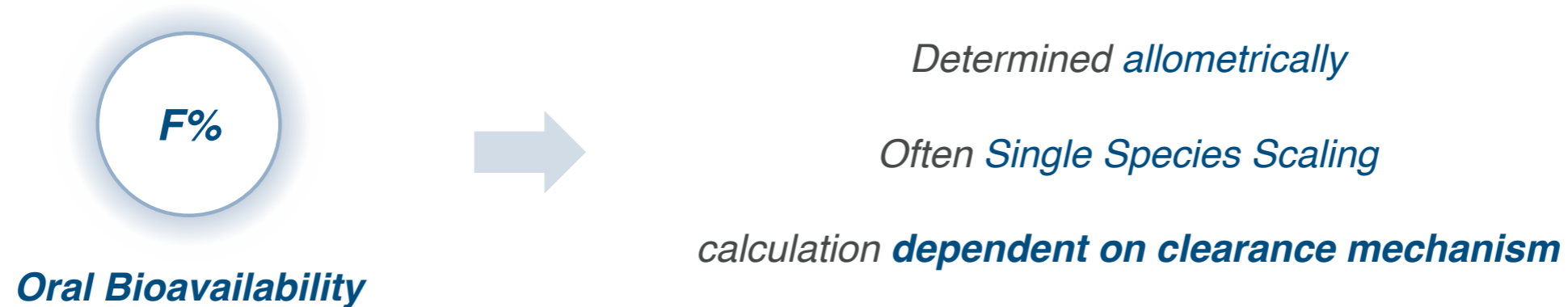
How much drug do you actually need?



How much drug do you actually need?



Predicting Oral Bioavailability from Preclinical Species



Hepatic clearance and high E_h

$$F\% = f_a * f_g * \left(1 - \frac{Cl_h}{Q_h}\right)$$

Assumptions:

$(f_a * f_g)$ = is consistent across species
Clearance prediction is accurate

Renal/biliary/other clearance mechanism

$$F\% = f_a * f_g$$

Assumptions:

$(f_a * f_g)$ = is consistent across species
Hepatic extraction is negligible

Oral Bioavailability



Fraction of drug (%) that makes it in to systemic circulation

Oral Bioavailability

$$F\% = f_{absorbed} * f_g * (1 - E_h)$$



• F_a = fraction absorbed

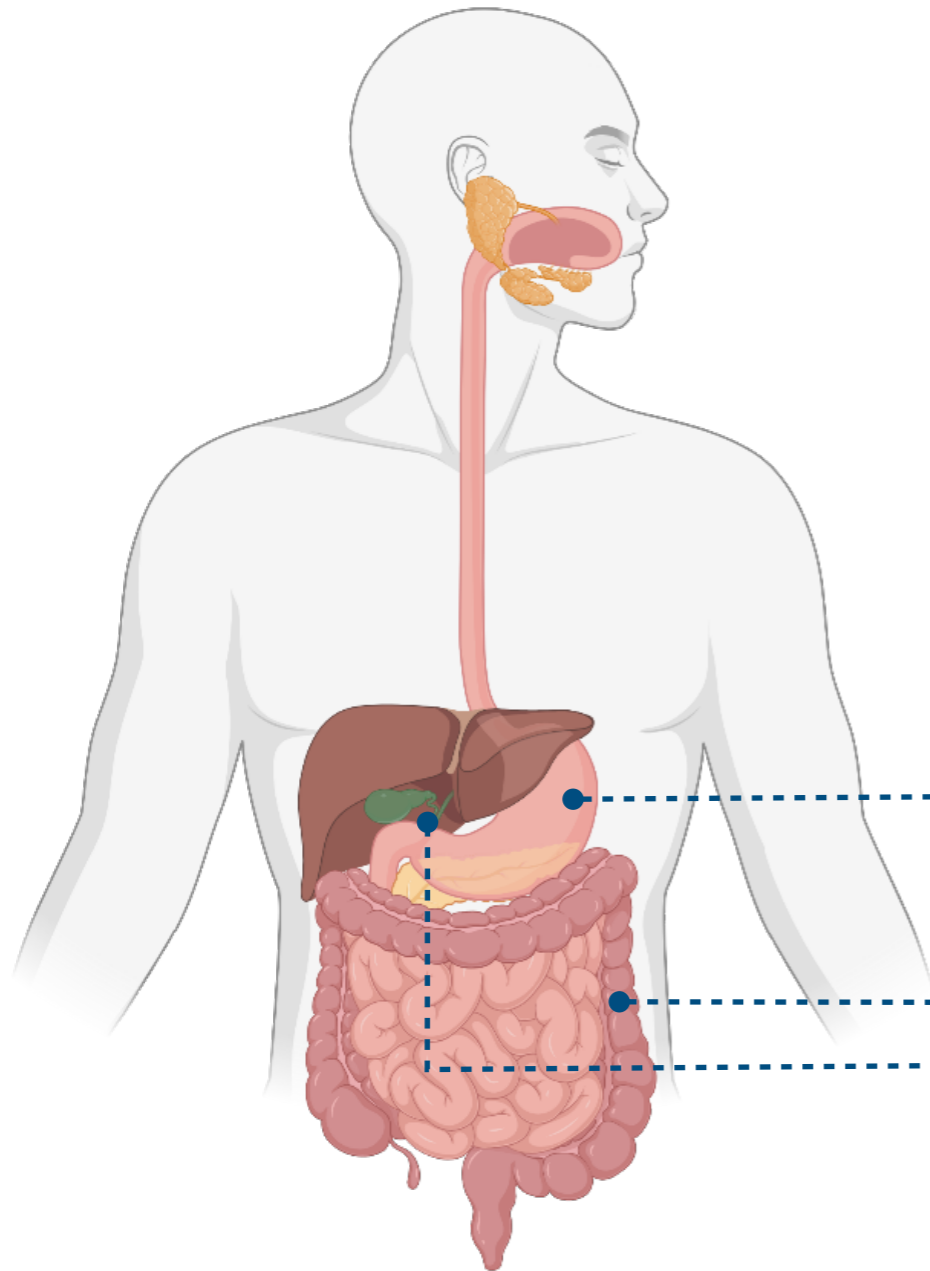
• F_g = fraction escaping gut metabolism

• E_h = hepatic extraction ratio (first pass metabolism)

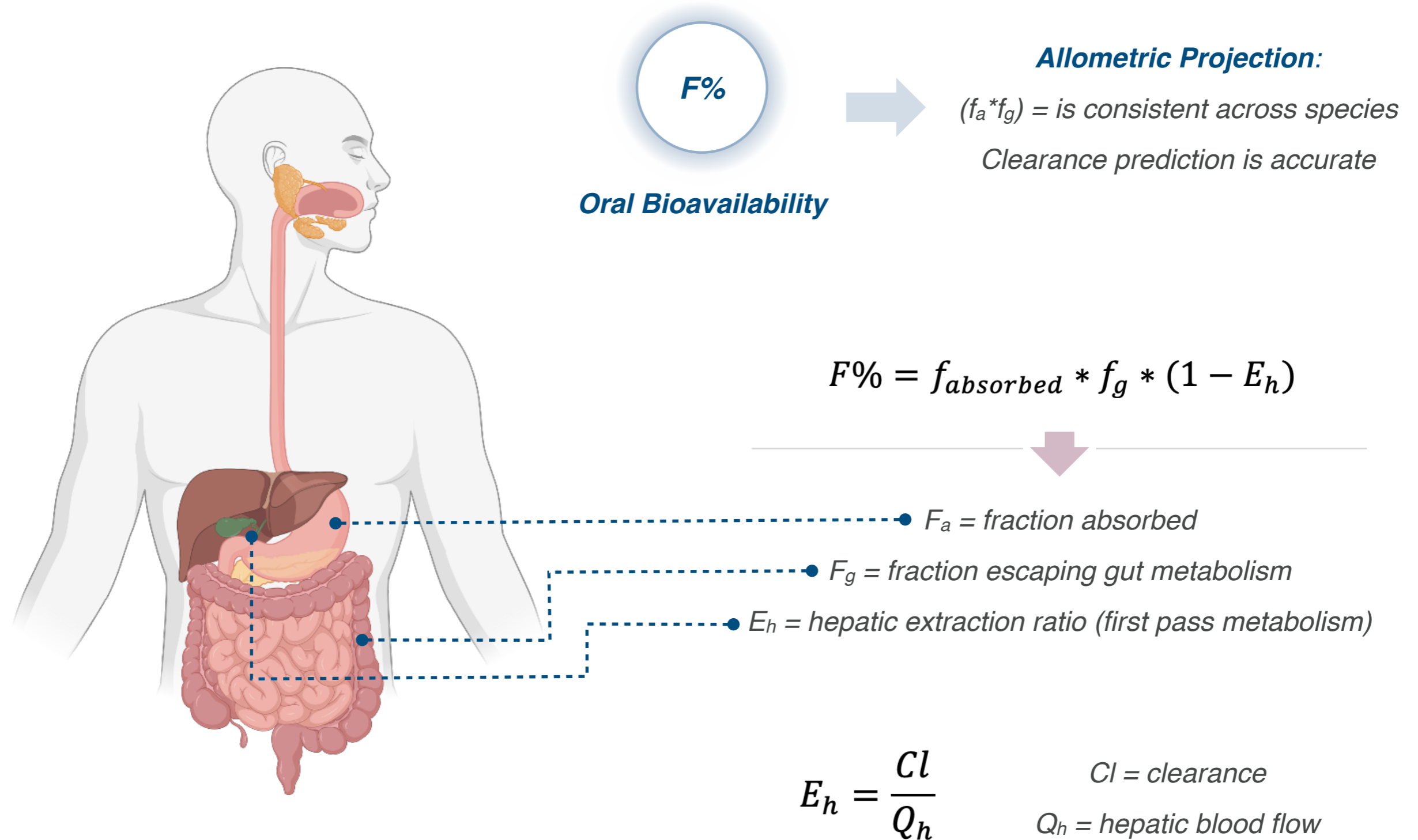
$$E_h = \frac{Cl}{Q_h}$$

Cl = clearance

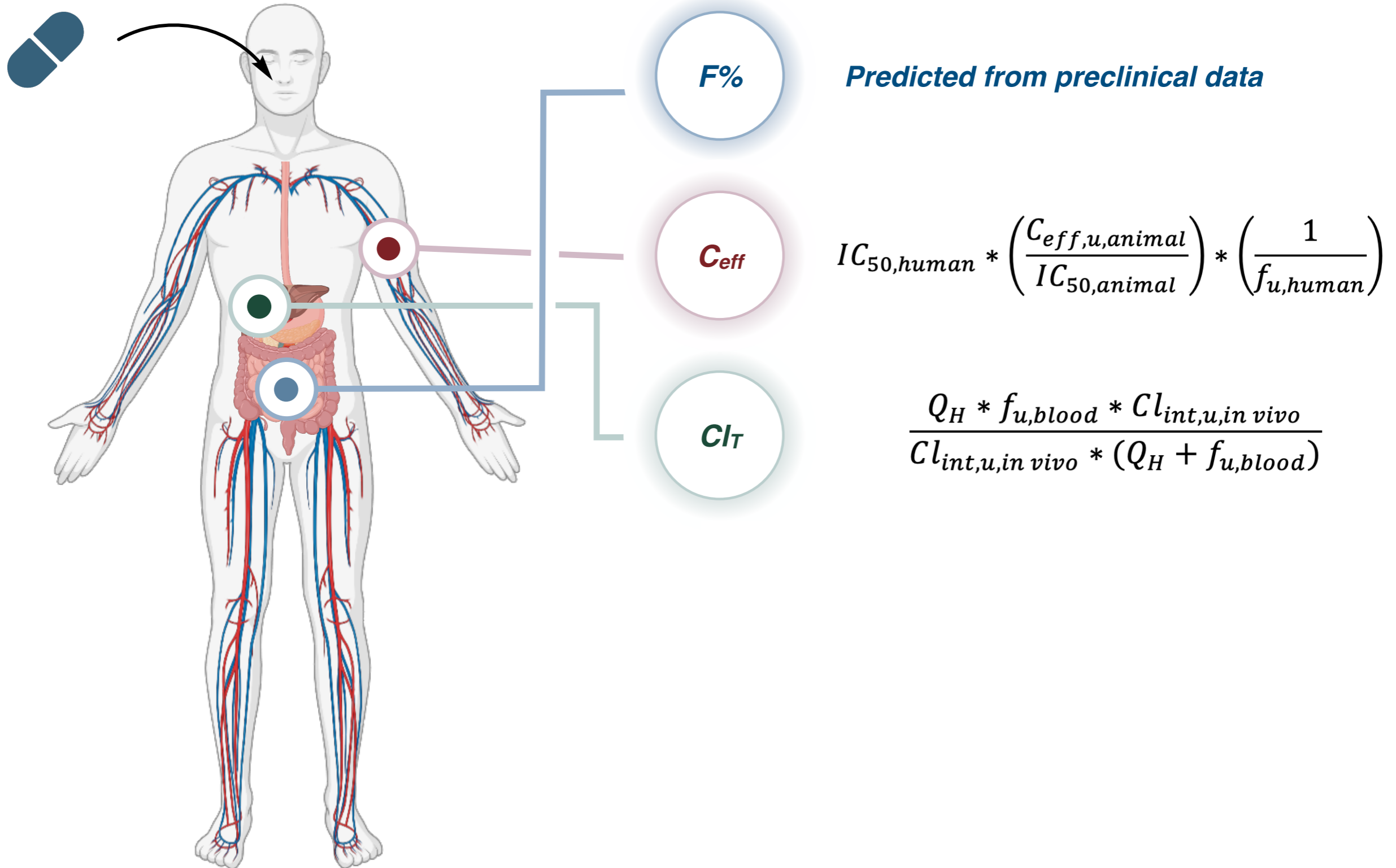
Q_h = hepatic blood flow



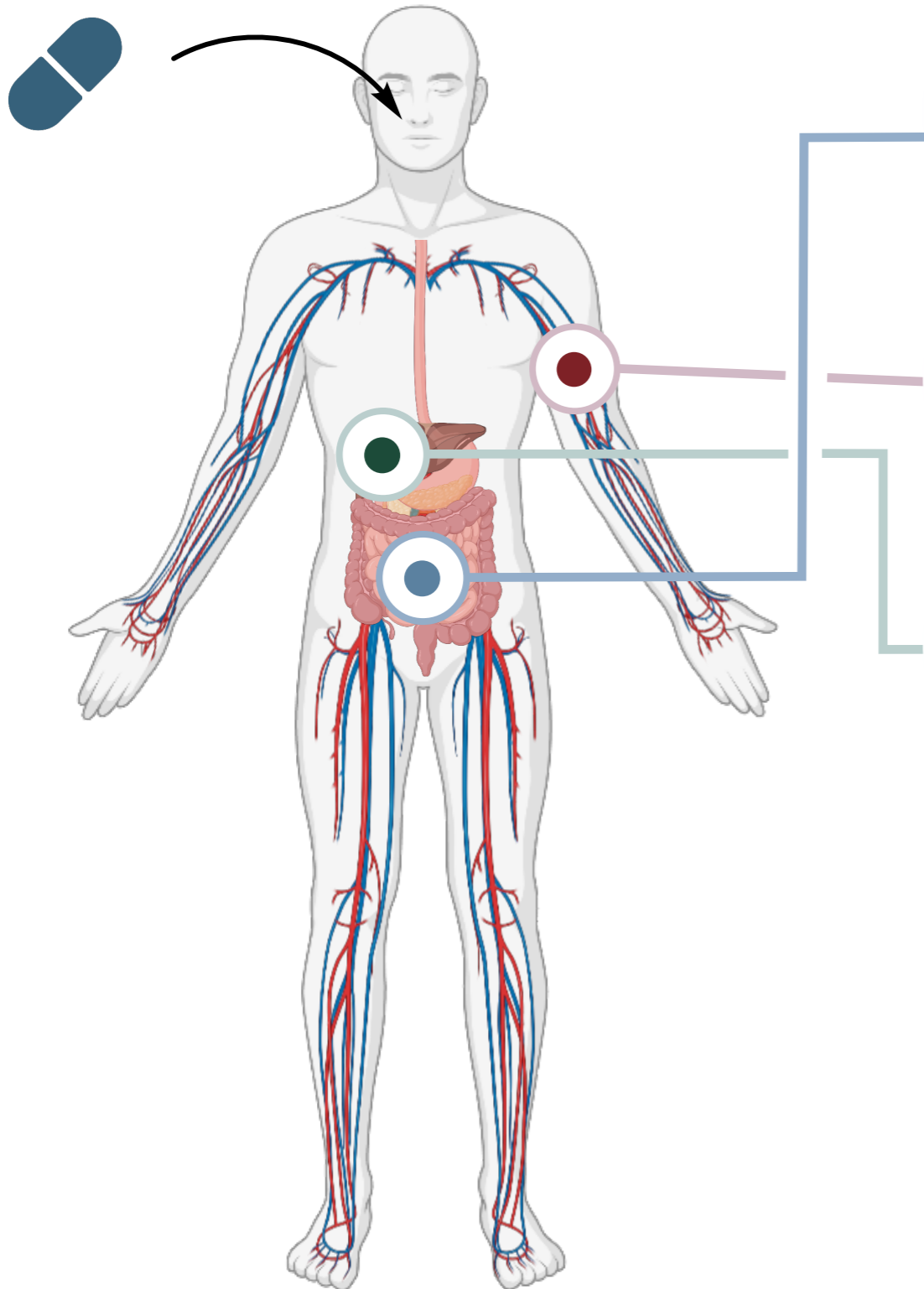
Oral Bioavailability



How much drug do you actually need?



How much drug do you actually need?



F%

$$f_a * f_g * \left(1 - \frac{Cl_h}{Q_h}\right)$$

C_{eff}

$$IC_{50, human} * \left(\frac{C_{eff, u, animal}}{IC_{50, animal}}\right) * \left(\frac{1}{f_{u, human}}\right)$$

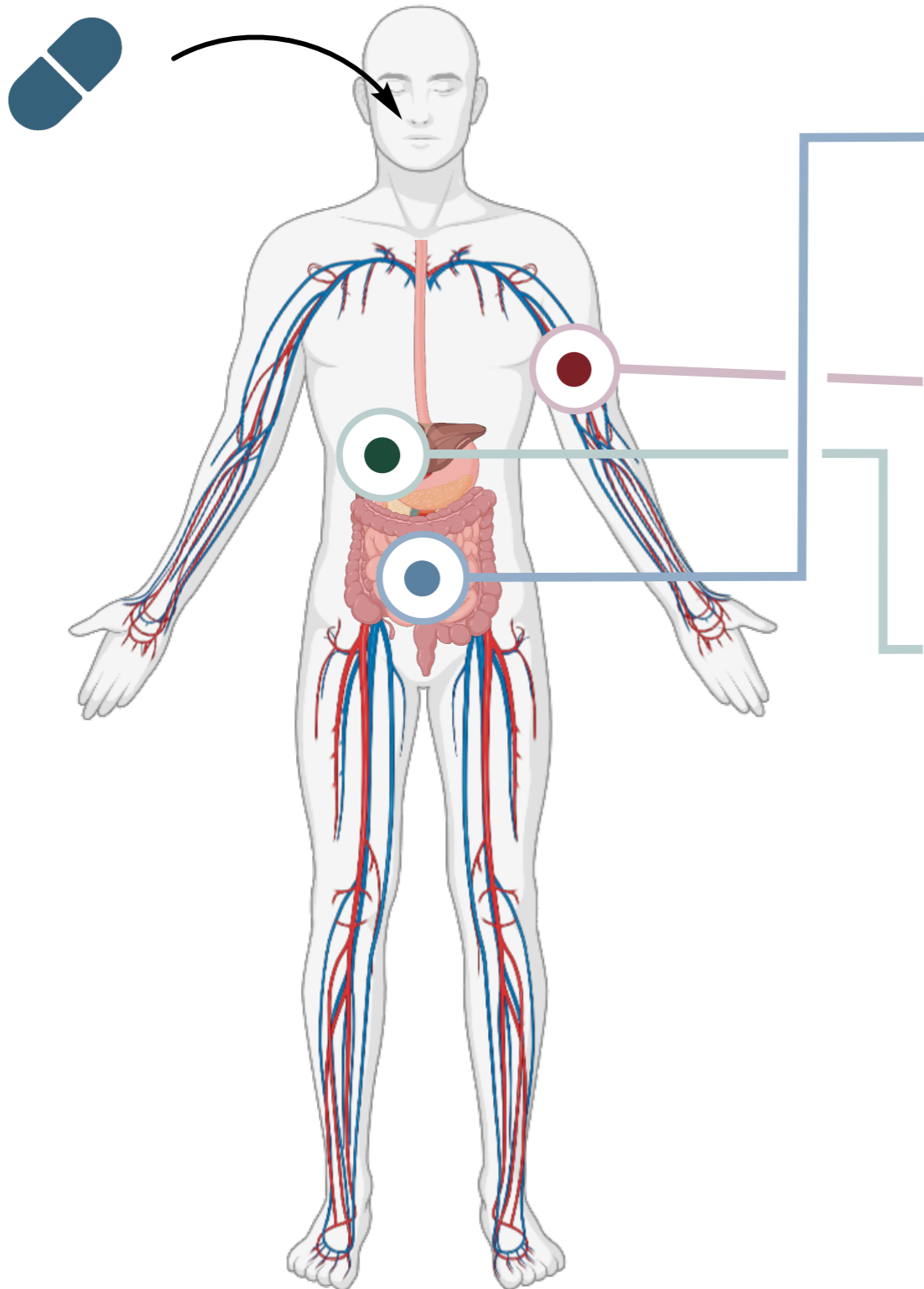
Cl_T

$$\frac{Q_H * f_{u, blood} * Cl_{int, u, in vivo}}{Cl_{int, u, in vivo} * (Q_H + f_{u, blood})}$$



$$Dose = \frac{C_{eff, avg, ss} * Cl_h}{F\%}$$

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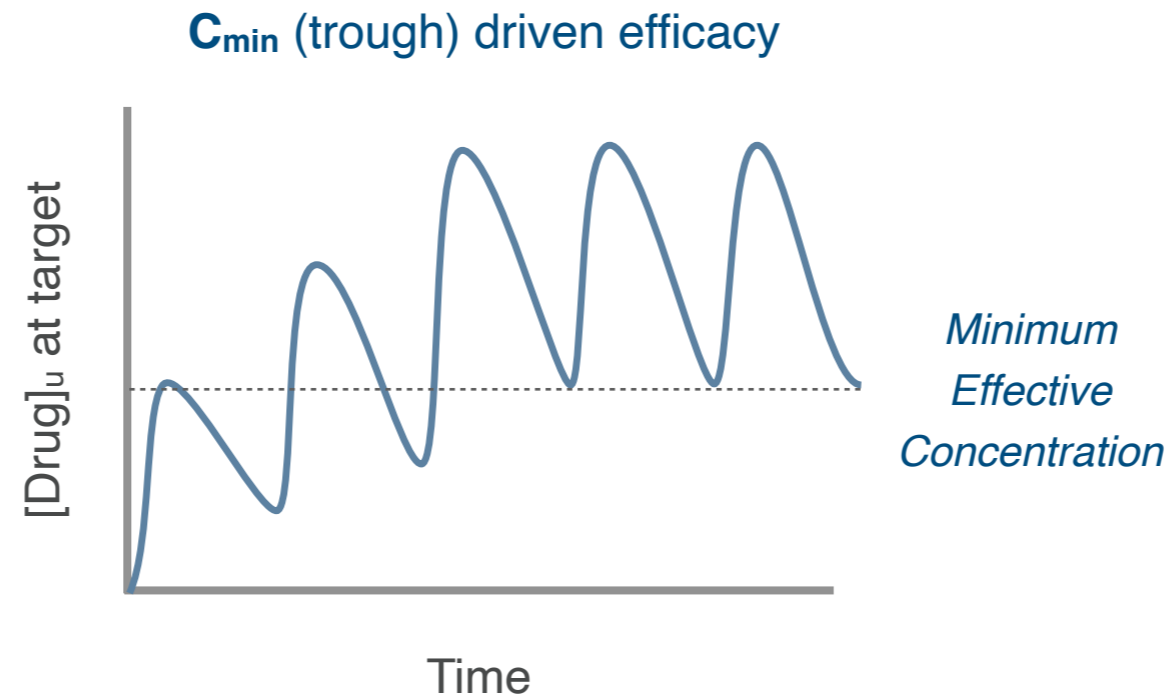
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How much drug do you actually need? – C_{min} and C_{max}

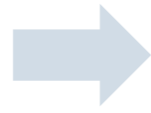
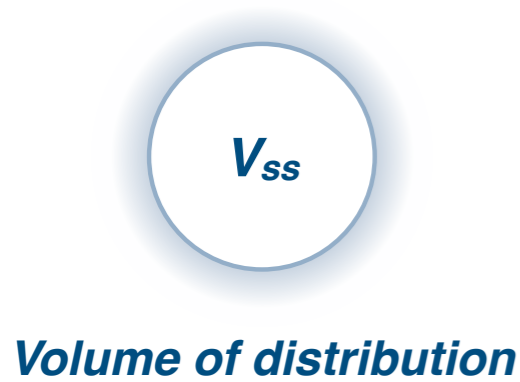


Must account
for *half life*



$$t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \ln(2) * \left(\frac{V_{ss}}{Cl} \right)$$

Volume of Distribution

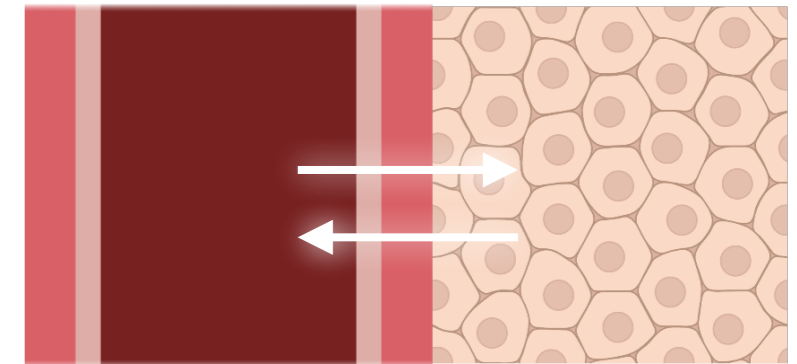


drug distribution *between blood and tissues*

Large V_{ss} = highly distributed in tissues

Low V_{ss} = centrally located in the blood

Must also consider unbound fraction in tissues ($f_{u,t}$)



Blood stream

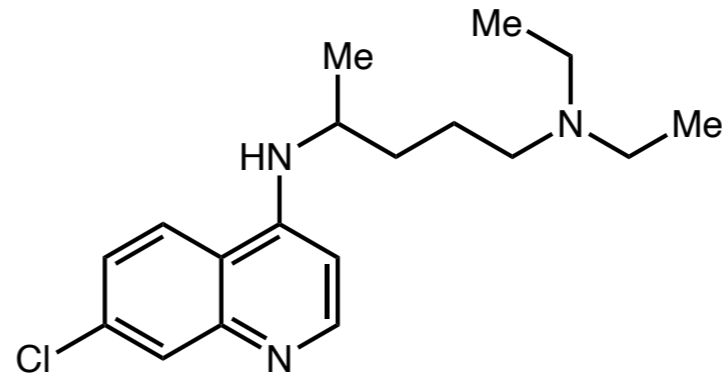
Tissues

Basic compounds

High volume of distribution:

Partition in to acidic phospholipids in tissues

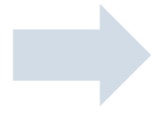
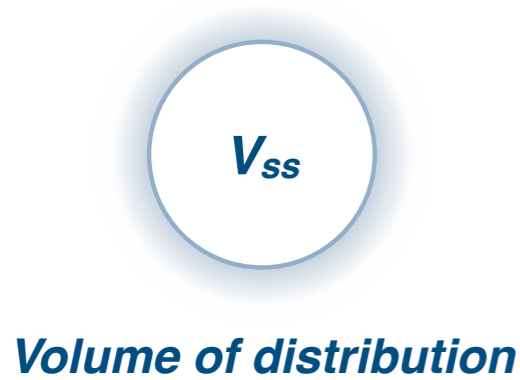
Low fraction unbound in tissues



chloroquine

$V_{ss} = 200 \text{ L/kg}$

Volume of Distribution

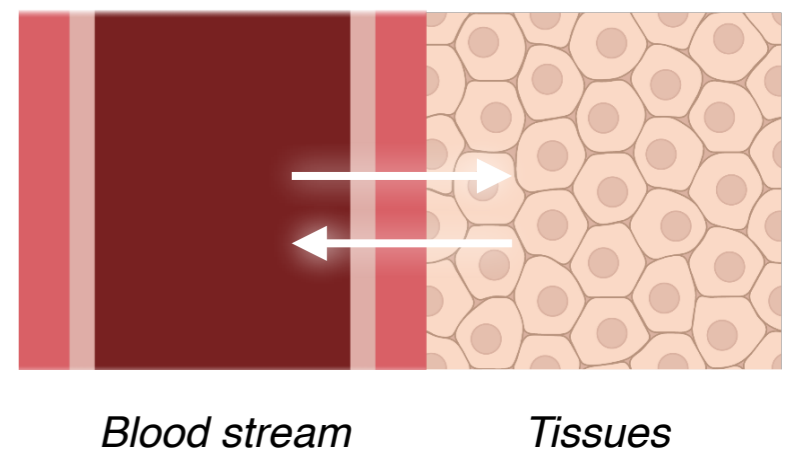


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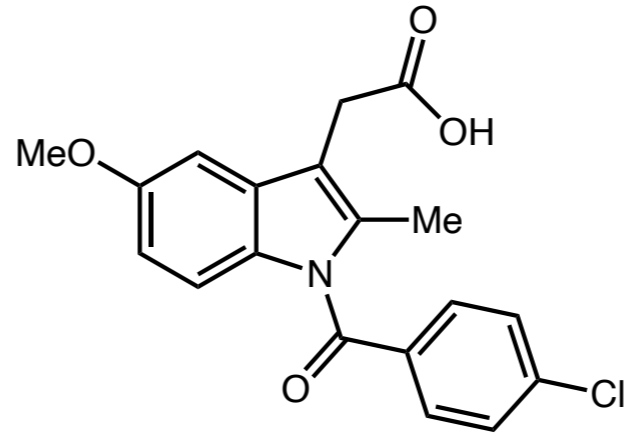


Acidic compounds

Low volume of distribution:

Bind strongly to albumin in plasma

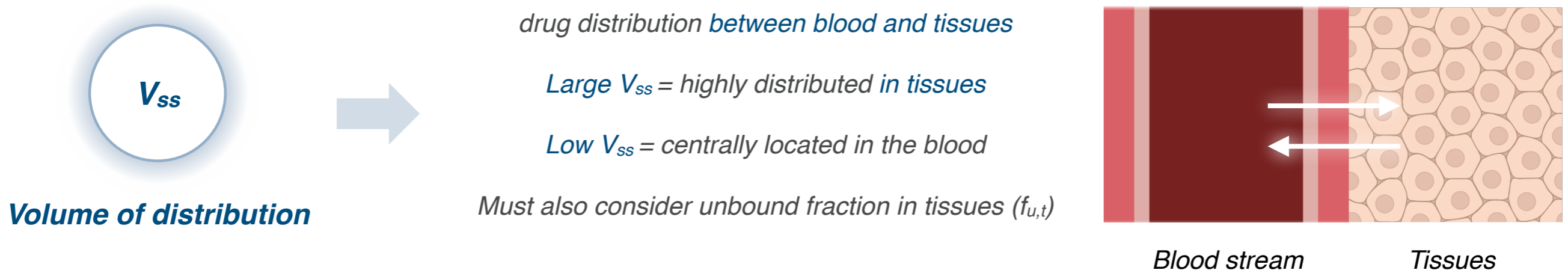
Low fraction unbound in plasma



indometacin

$V_{ss} = \sim 2 \text{ L/kg}$

Volume of Distribution



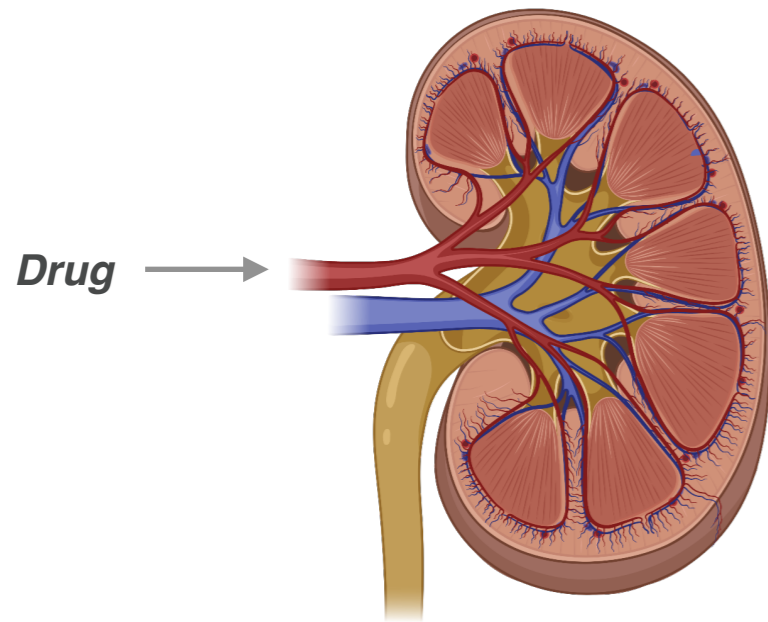
**Multispecies
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$$\log(V_{ss}) = ab * \log(BW)$$

$$V_{ss, human} = f_{u,p, human} * \left(\frac{V_{ss, animal}}{f_{u,p, animal}} \right)^{1.0}$$

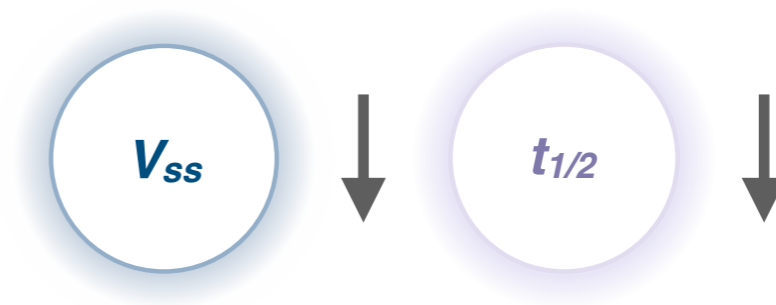
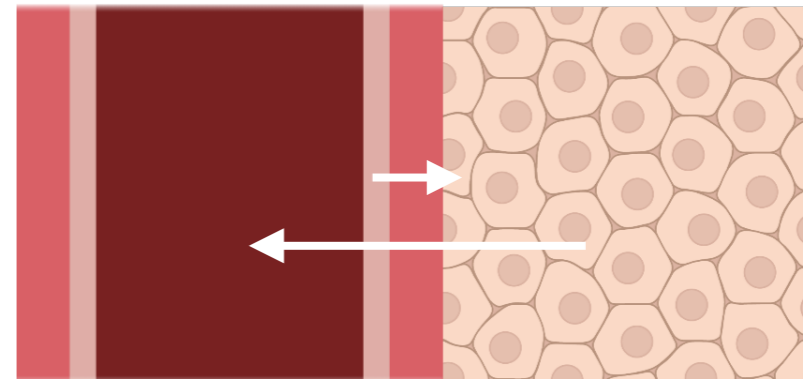
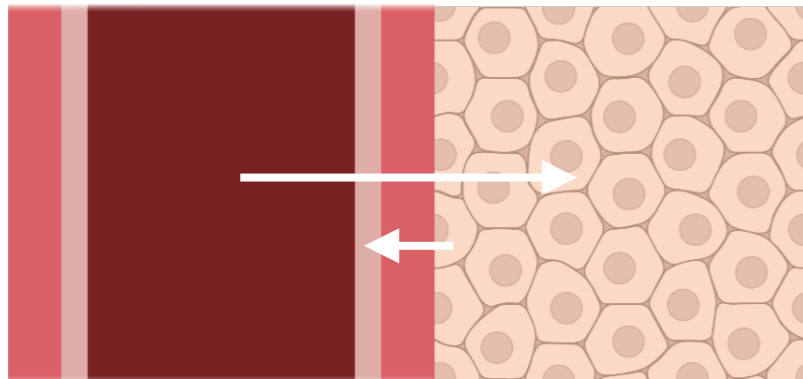
Clearance, volume of distribution and half life



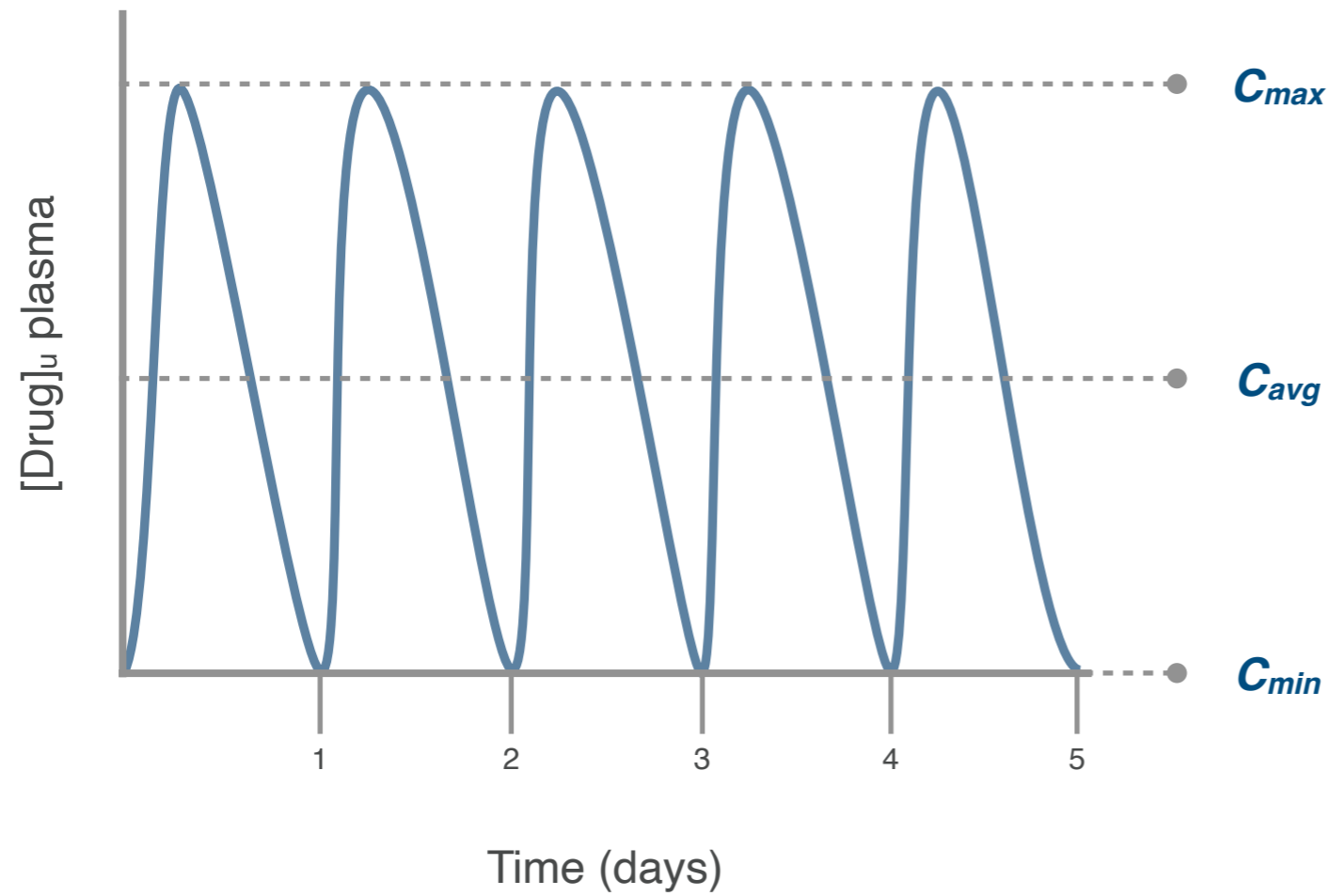
Renal Clearance

only clears **unbound**
drug in plasma

$$t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \ln(2) * \left(\frac{V_{ss}}{Cl} \right)$$



Volume of Distribution and half life

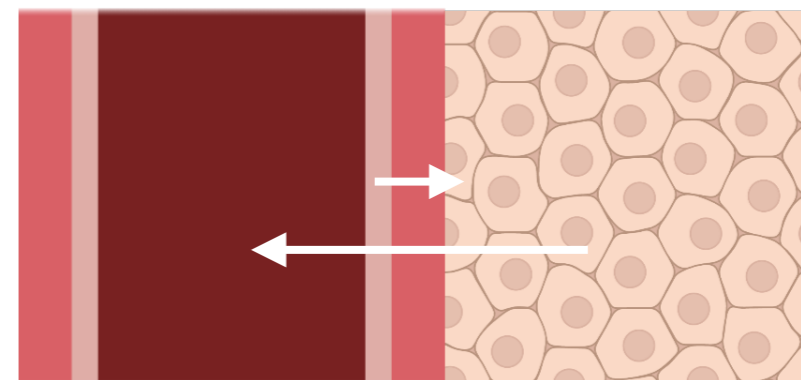
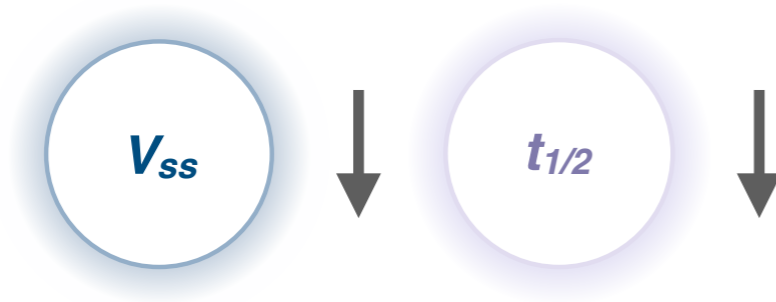


Low volume of distribution

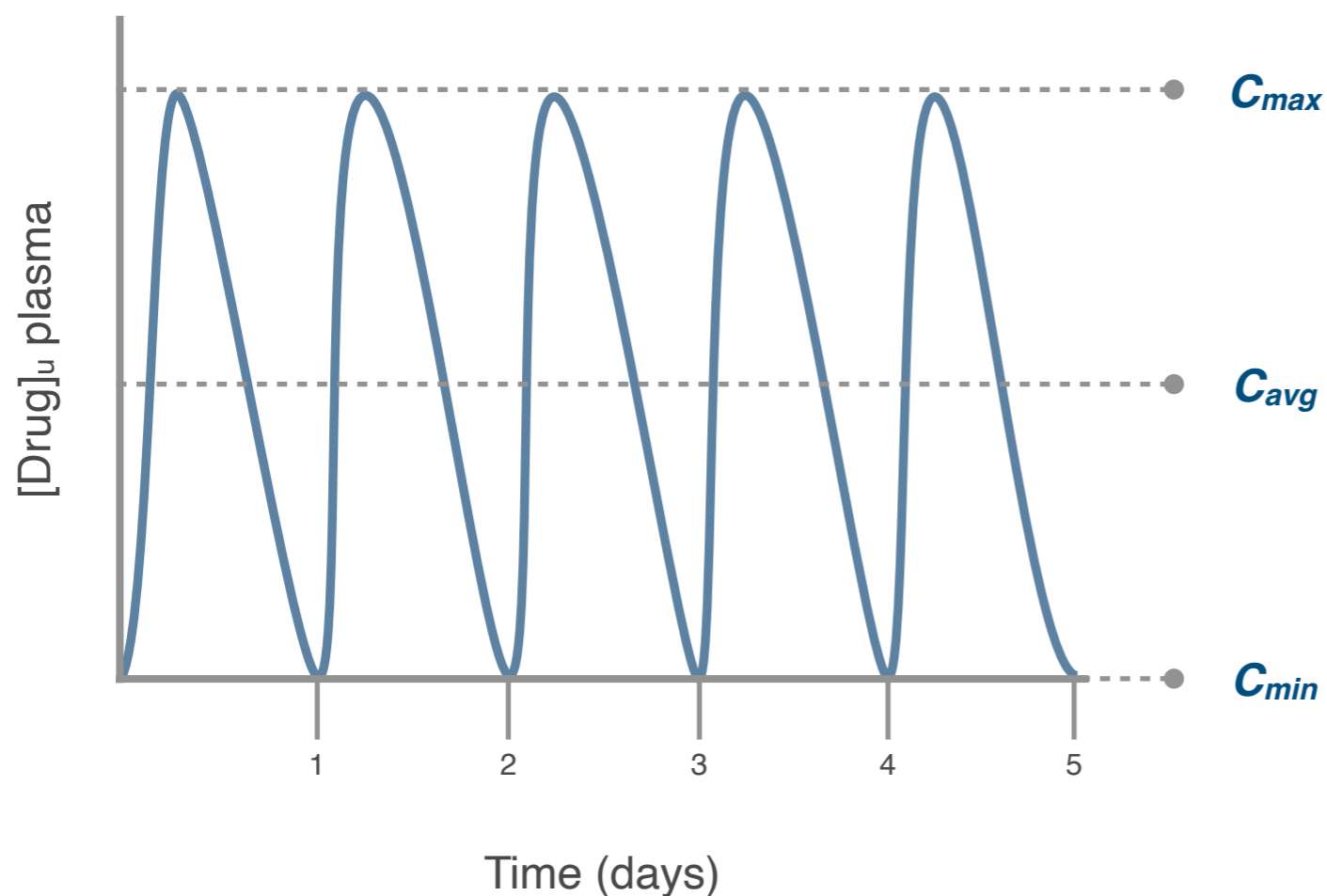
Very high C_{max} / Very low C_{min}

All drug is localized in plasma

Half life controlled by clearance



Volume of Distribution and half life



Low volume of distribution

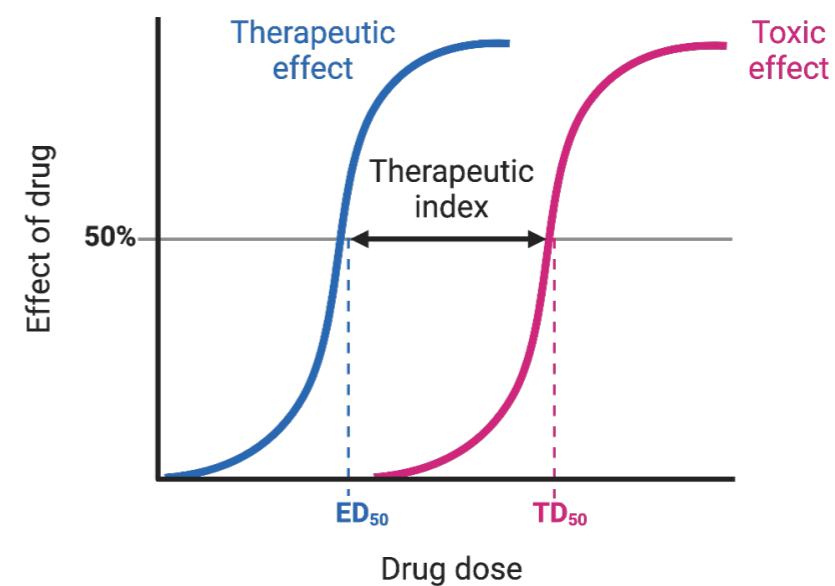
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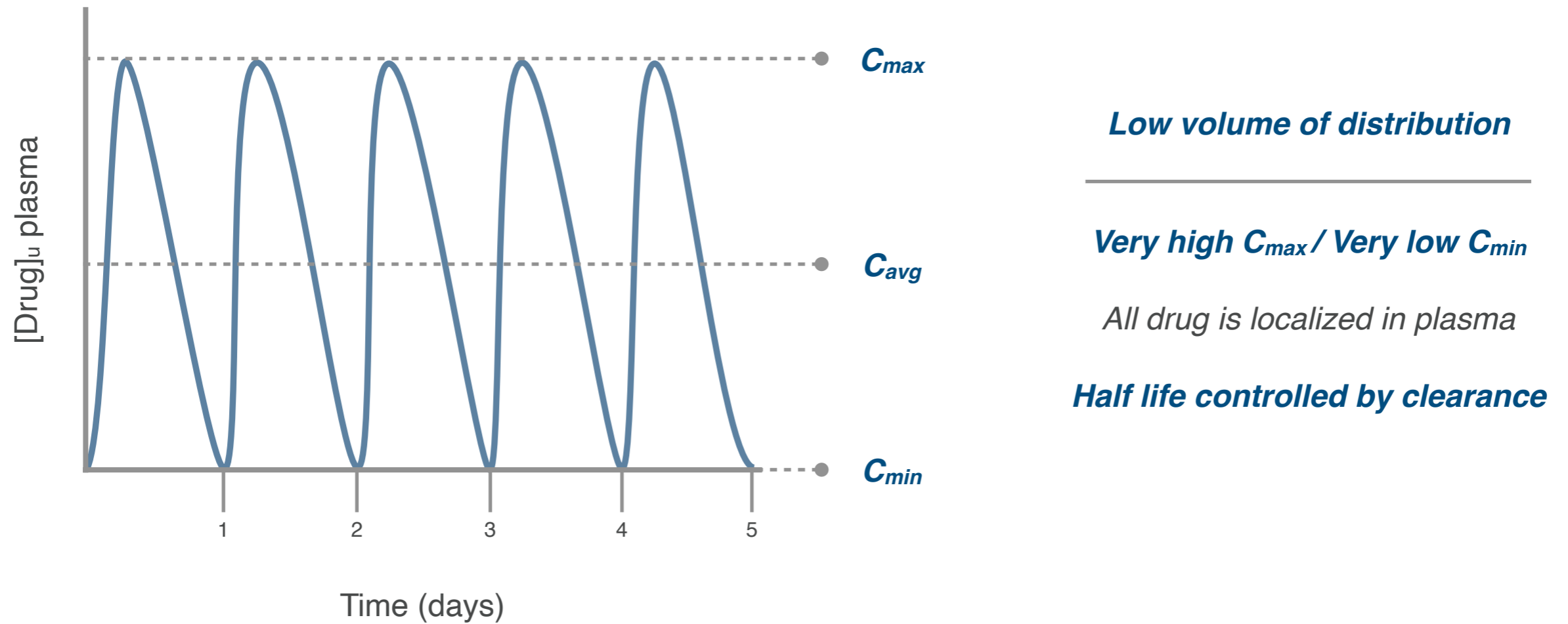
Half life controlled by clearance

High swings in concentration undesirable

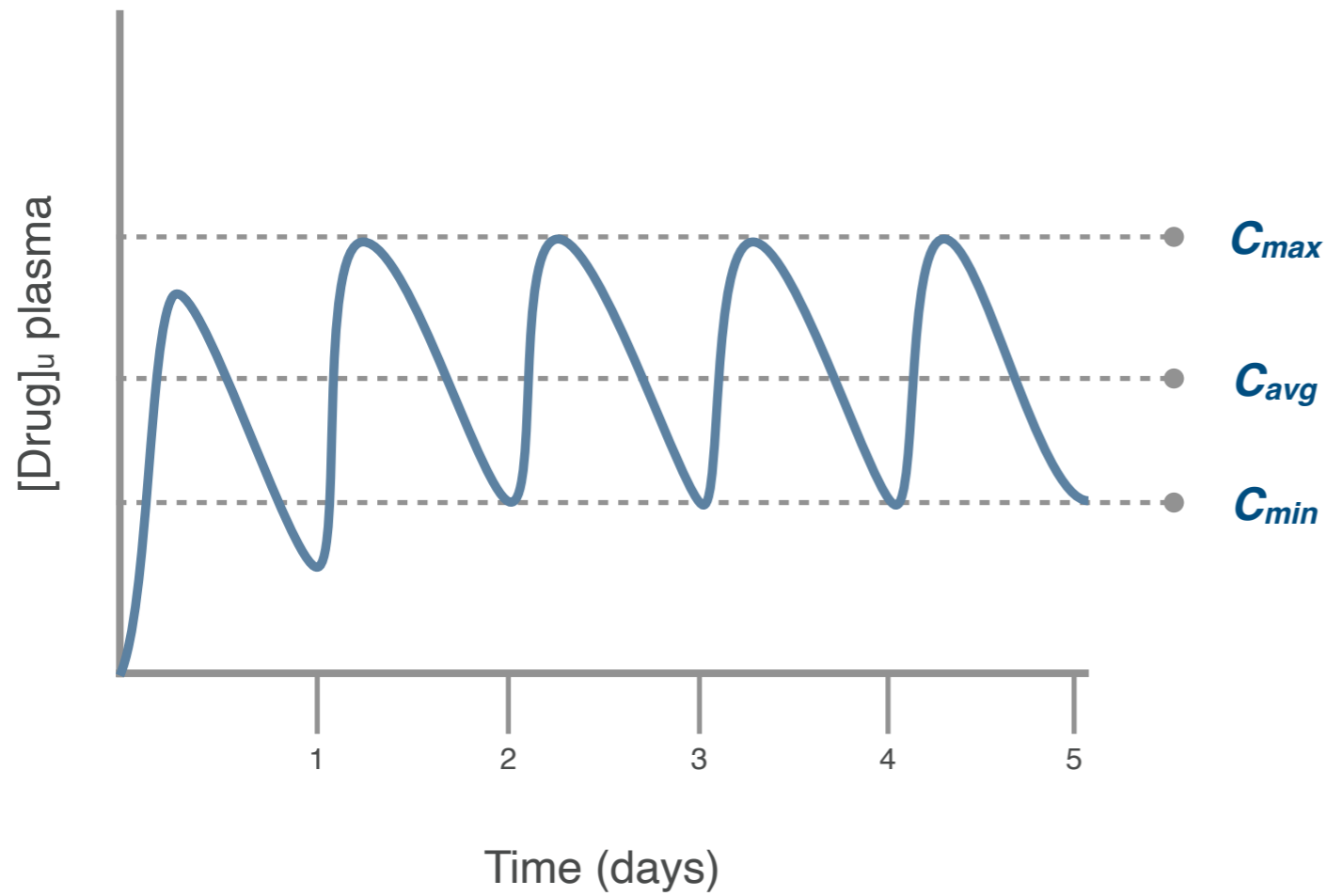
High max concentration risk for idiosyncratic toxicity



Volume of Distribution and half life



Volume of Distribution and half life



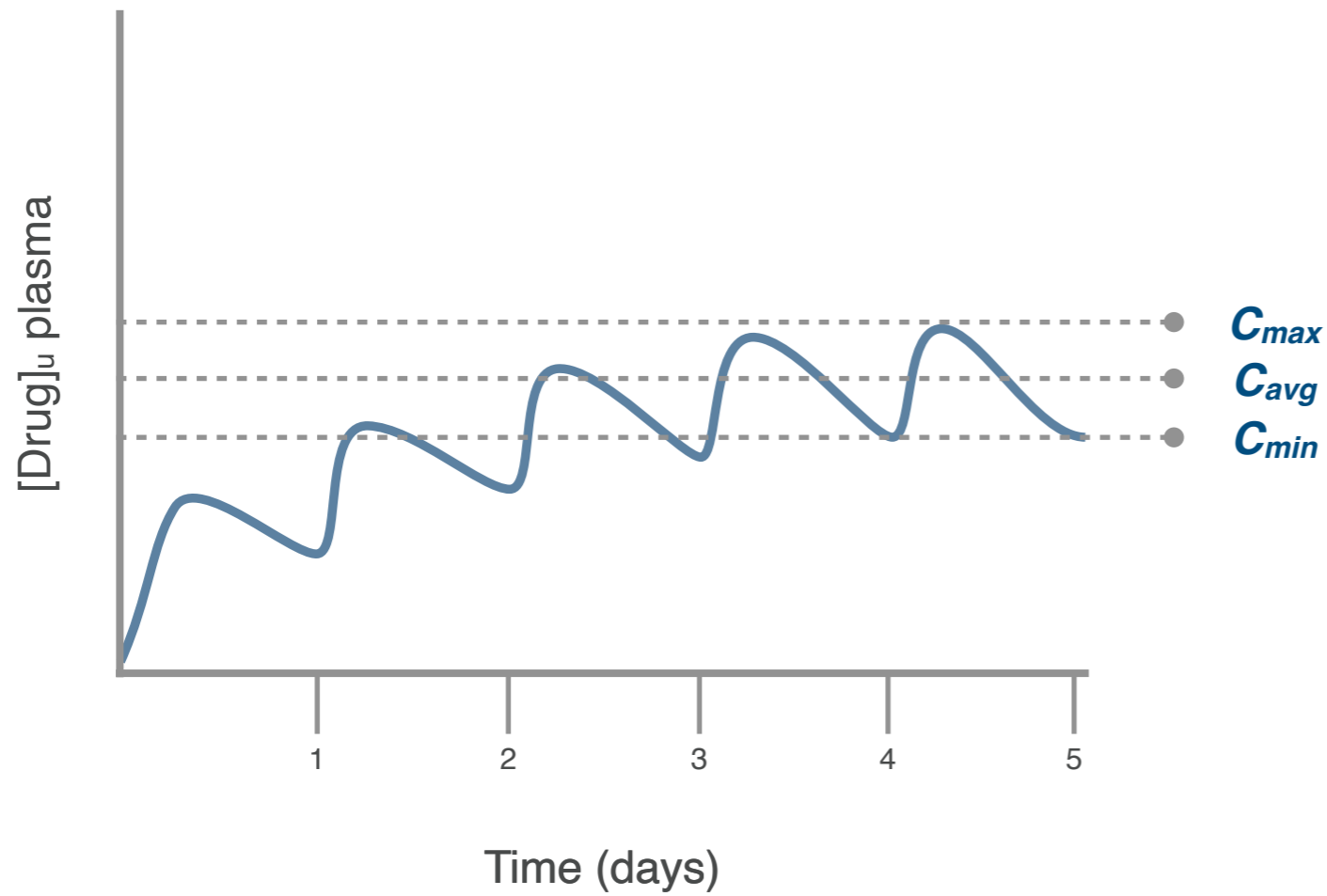
Medium volume of distribution

Moderate C_{max} / moderate C_{min}

drug is partially distributed

Half life controlled by clearance and V_{ss}

Volume of Distribution and half life

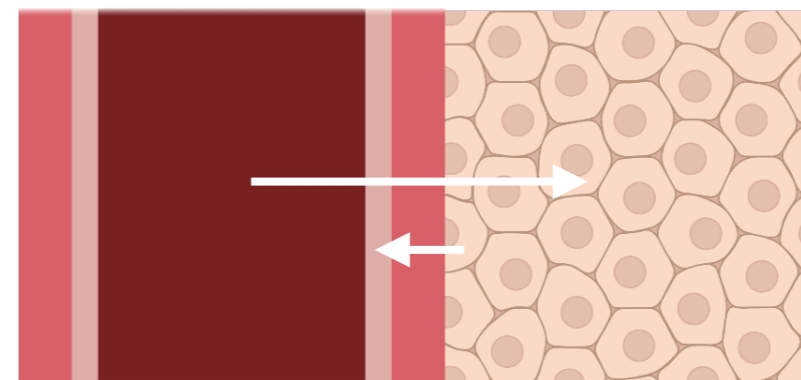


High volume of distribution

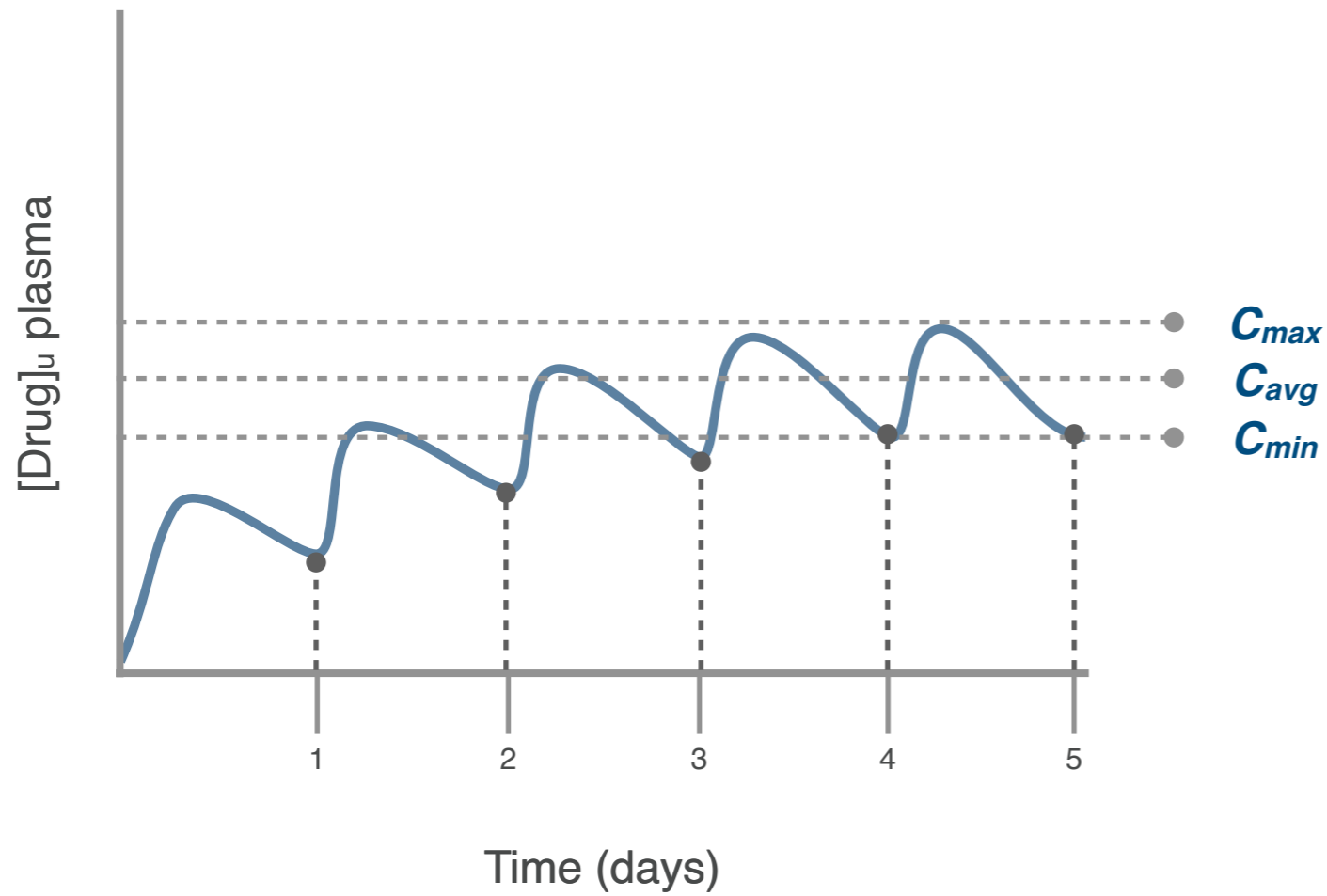
Low C_{max} / High C_{min}

drug is highly distributed

Half life controlled by clearance and V_{ss}



Volume of Distribution and half life

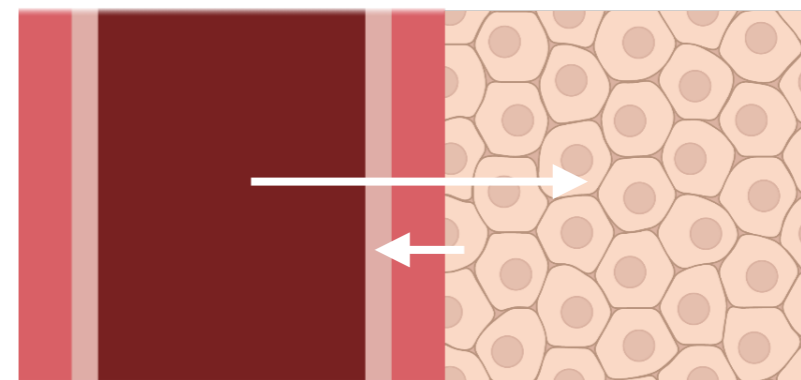
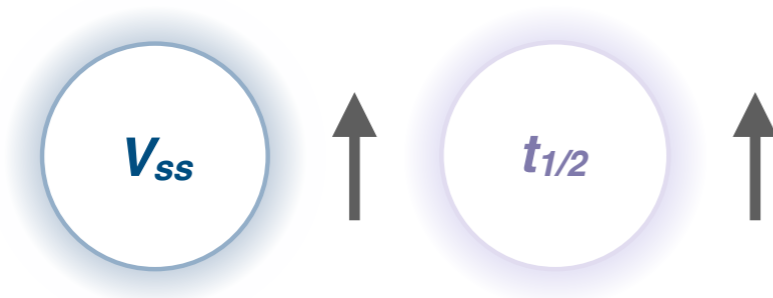


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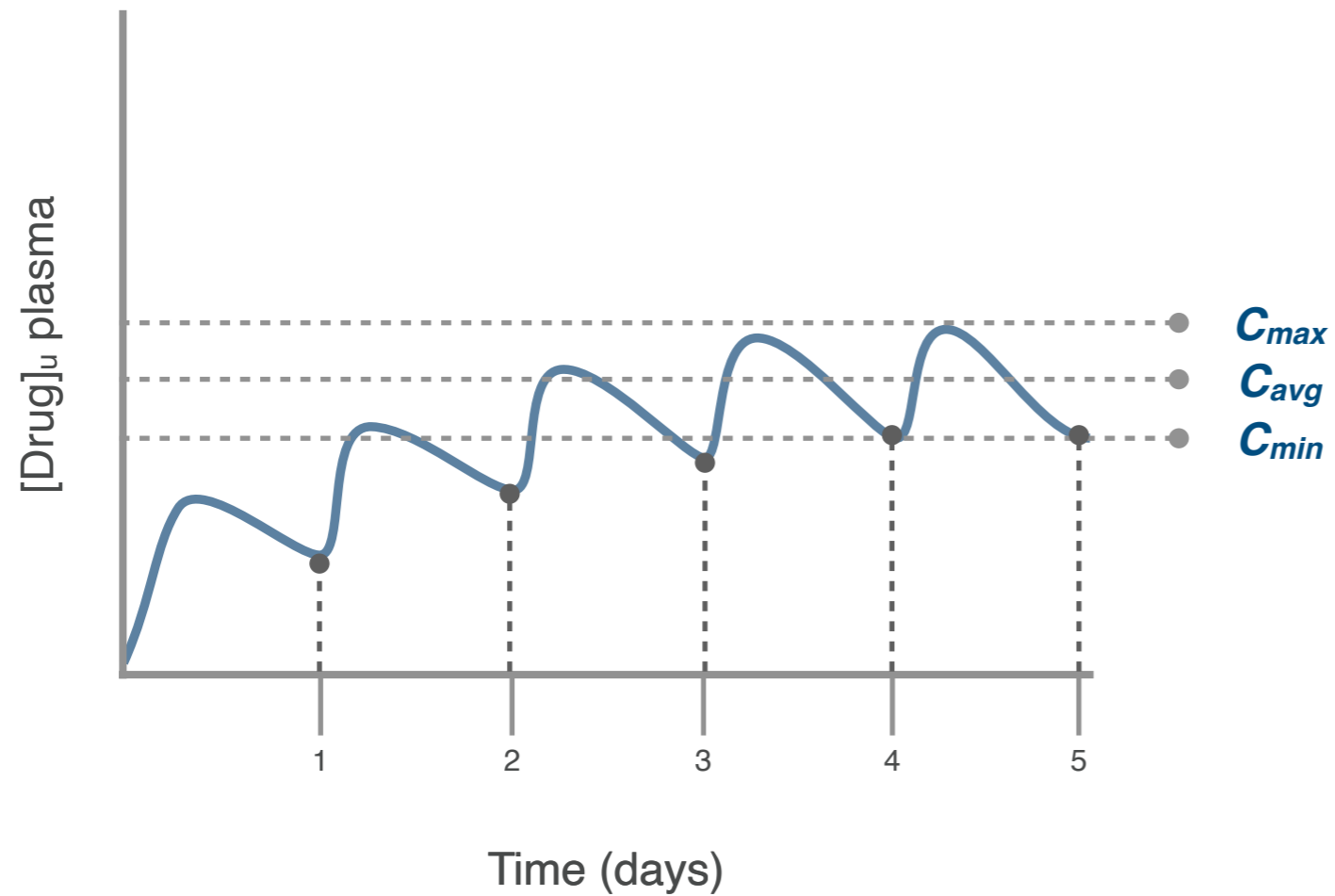
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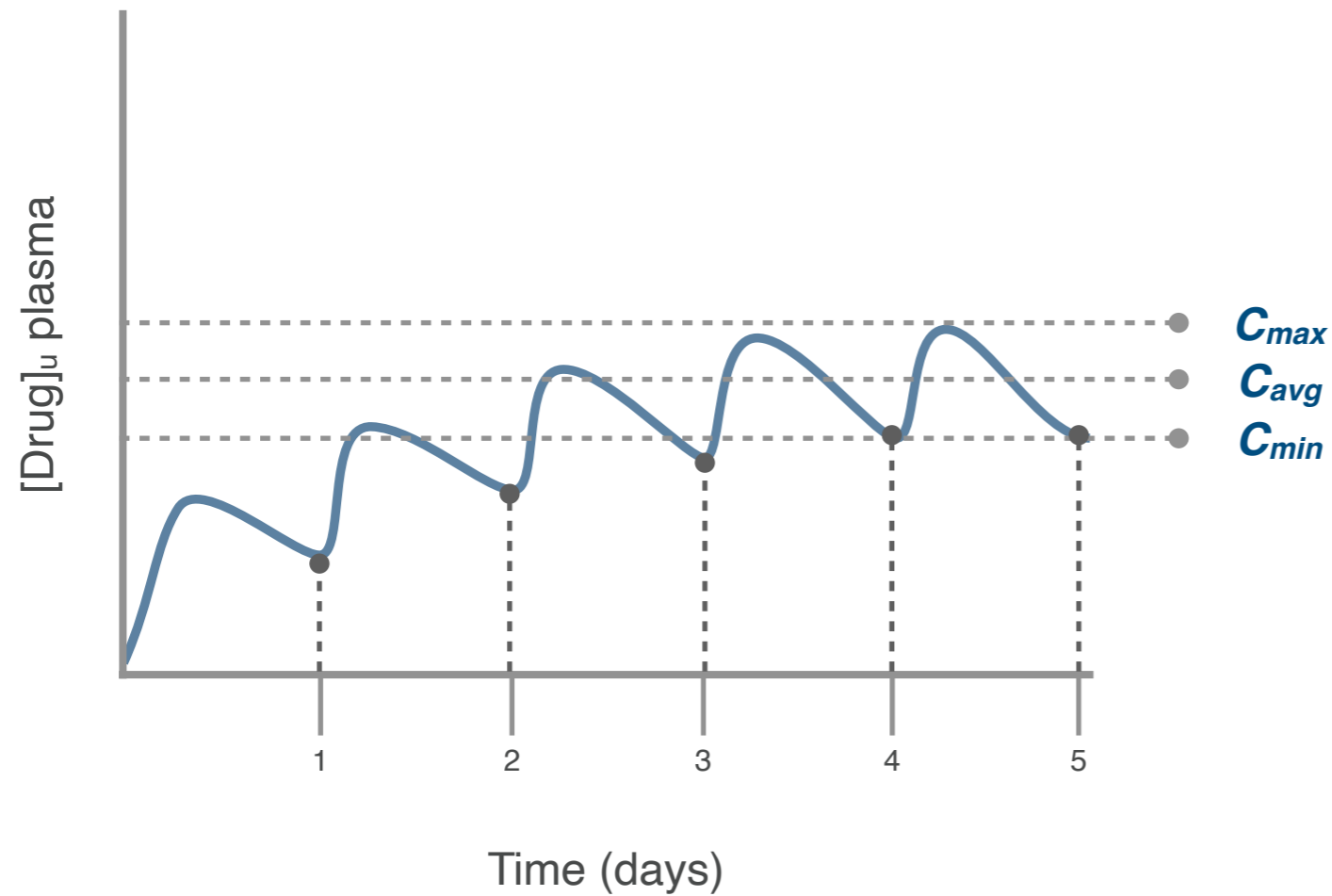
Low C_{max} / High C_{min}

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Small Dose Required to achieve high C_{min}

Volume of Distribution and half life



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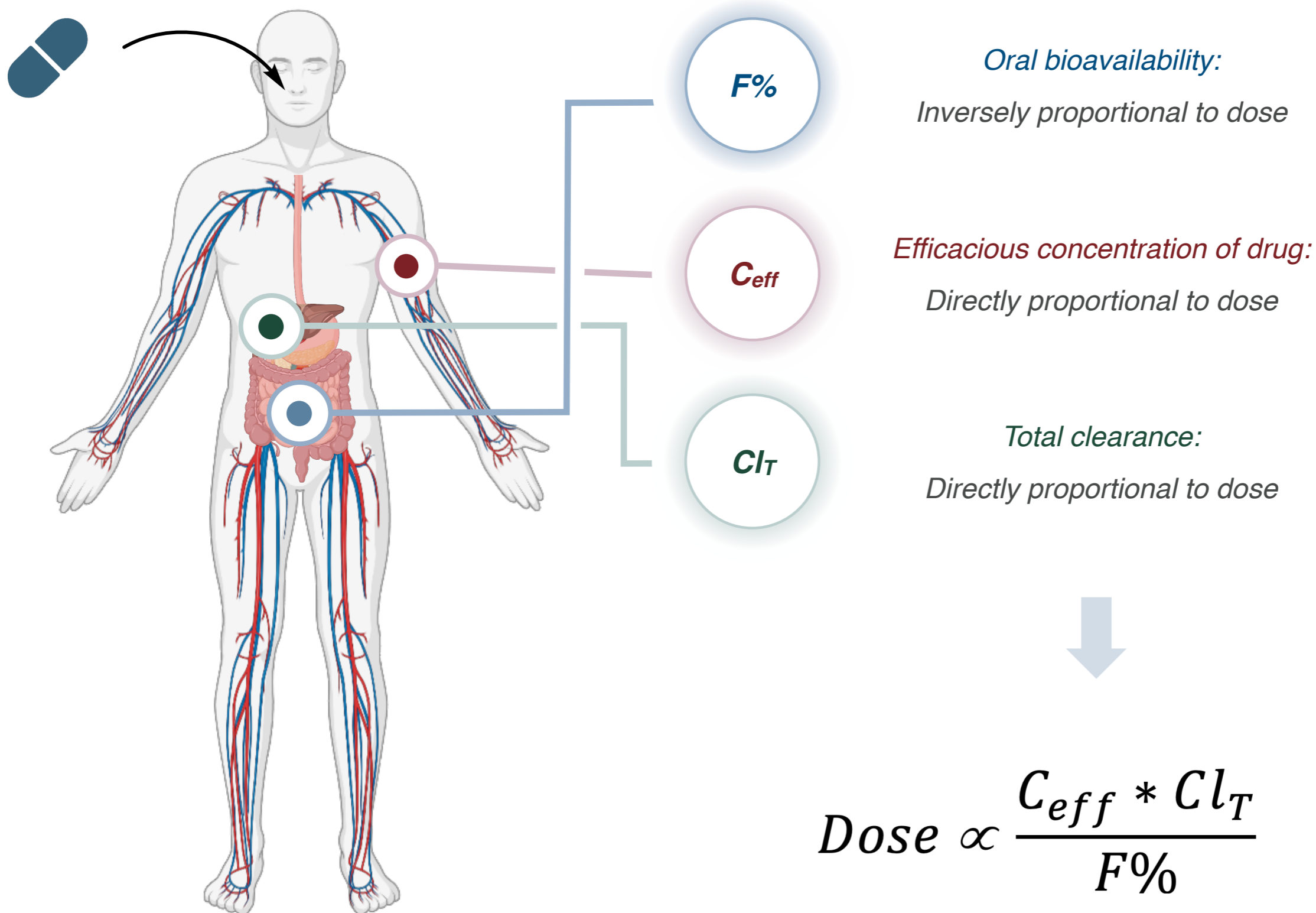
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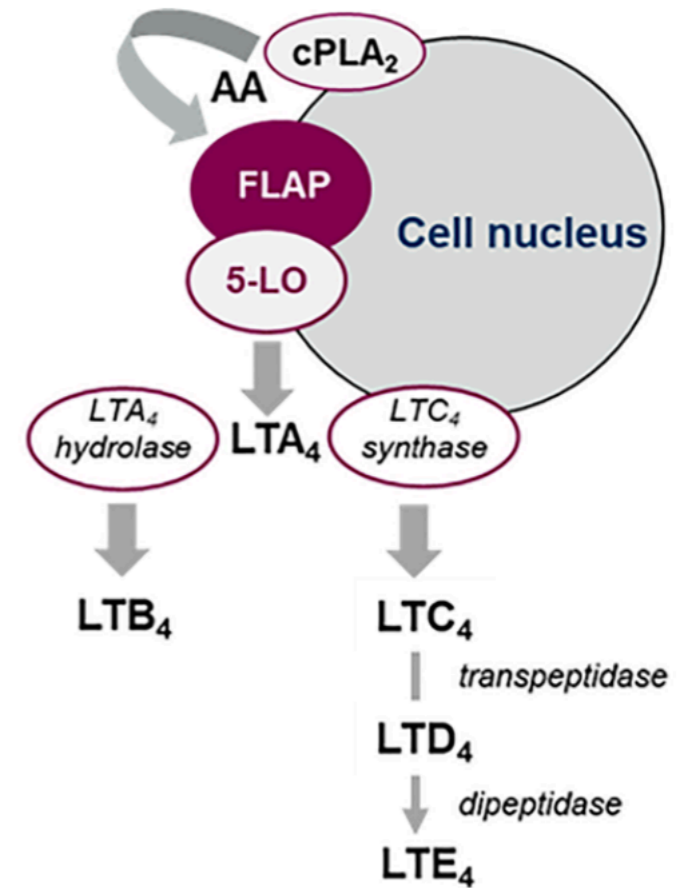
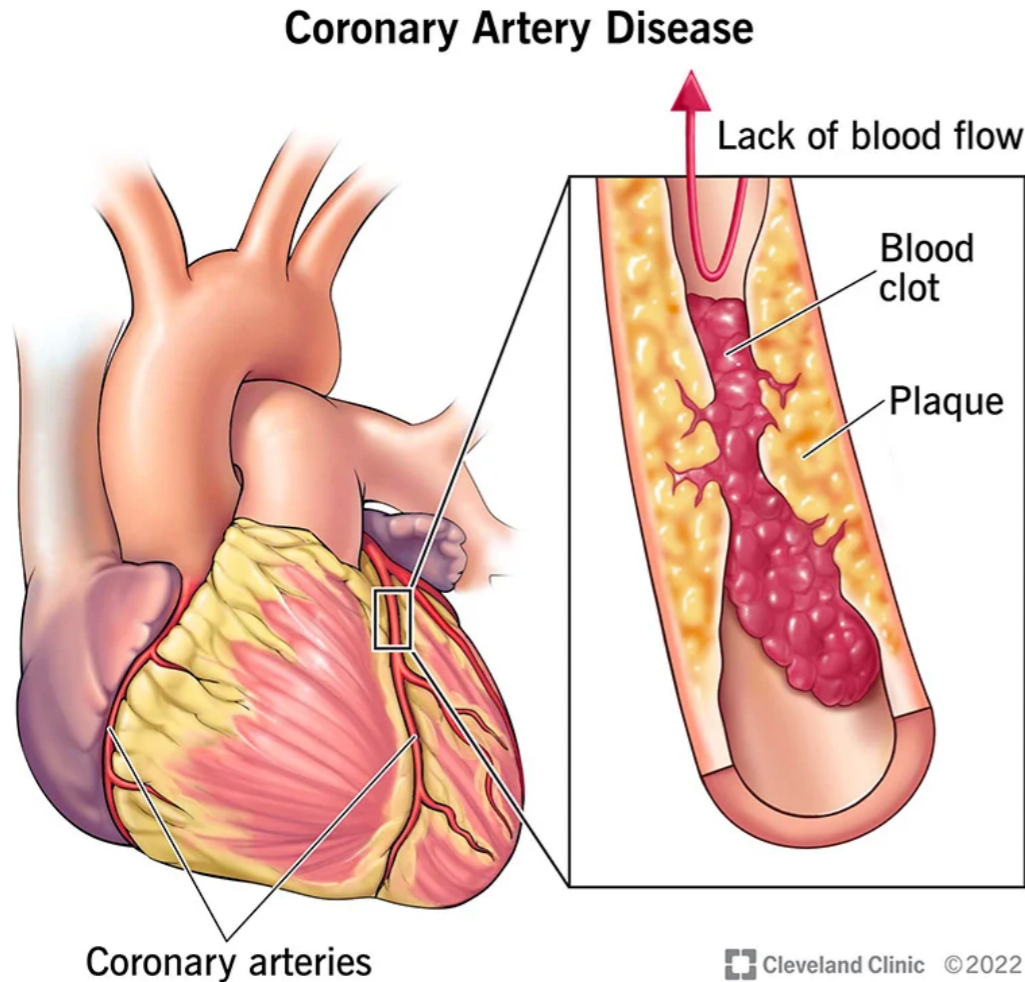
Half life controlled by clearance and V_{ss}

$$\text{Dose for } C_{min} = \frac{C_{min} V_{ss} (k_a - k_{el})}{F * k_a} \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-k_{el}\tau}} - \frac{1}{1 - e^{-k_a\tau}} \right)^{-1}$$

How much drug do you actually need?



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Therapeutic Hypothesis

Associated with chronic inflammation

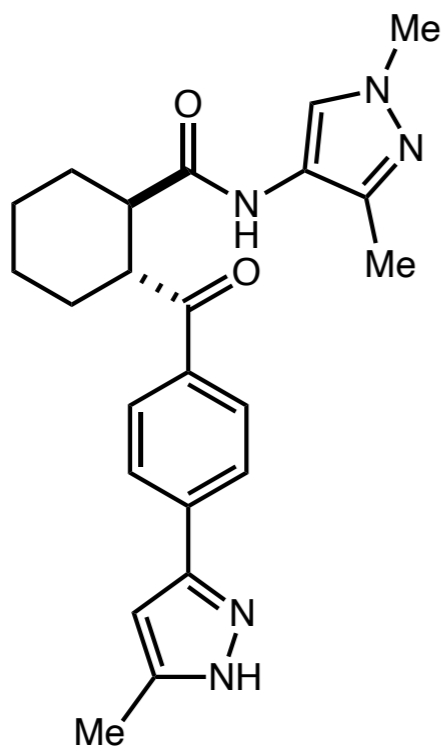
Treatments: Lifestyle changes and blood thinners



Reduction of inflammatory leukotrienes

Via FLAP inhibition will reduce disease severity

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FLAP IC₅₀



7.4 nM

Cl_{int, human, hep}



4.0 ul/min/10⁶ cells

Mutagenic in
Ames test?

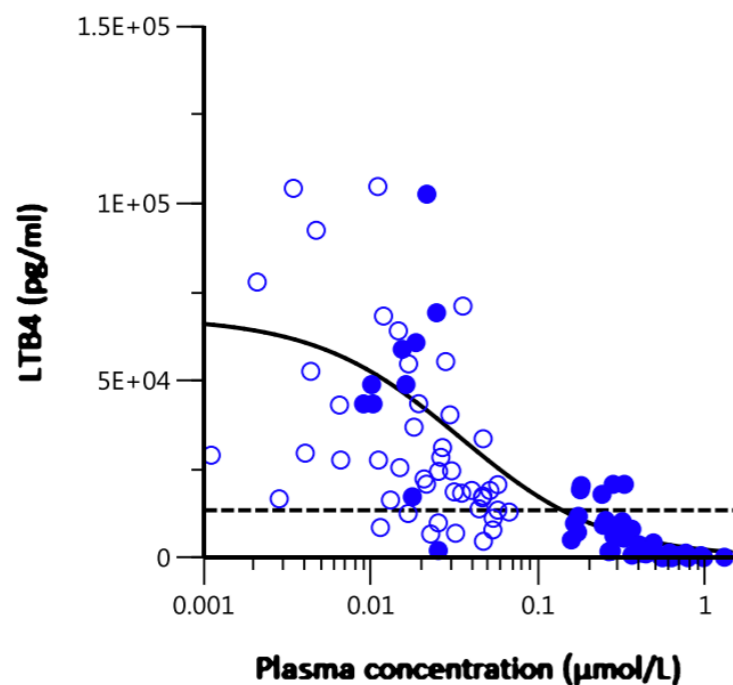


Negative

Early predicted
Human dose



1900 mg



Followup Goals:

Lower predicted human **dose**

Improve **safety margins**

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C_{min}

3x coverage of IC_{50} at trough
Over 24 hour period

$F\%$

Assume f_a , and $f_g = 1$
only E_h considered

Cl_{hep}

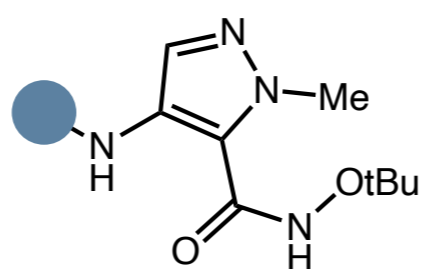
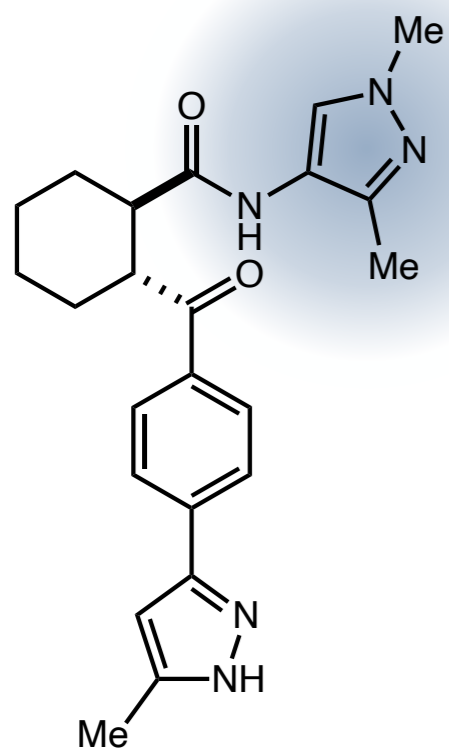
IVIVC scaling from
human hepatocytes

V_{ss}

Single species
Scaling

$$\frac{C_{ss,min}[\mu\text{mol/L}] \cdot V_{ss,hum,pred}[L/kg] \cdot (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau[h]}) \cdot (k_a - k_e) \cdot MW[g/mol] \cdot BW_{hum}[kg]}{k_a \cdot (e^{-k_e \cdot \tau[h]} - e^{-k_a \cdot \tau[h]}) \cdot F \cdot 1000}$$

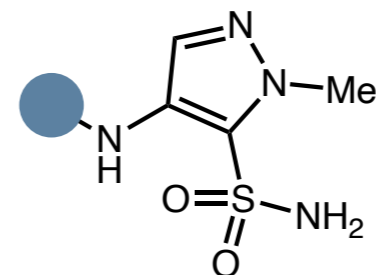
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Predicted Human Dose

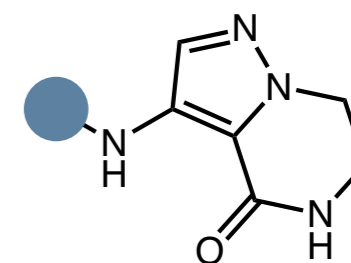
55 mg QD



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Predicted Human Dose

80 mg QD



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Predicted Human Dose

44 mg QD



Development halted
due to **Cardiovascular
Toxicity** in dogs

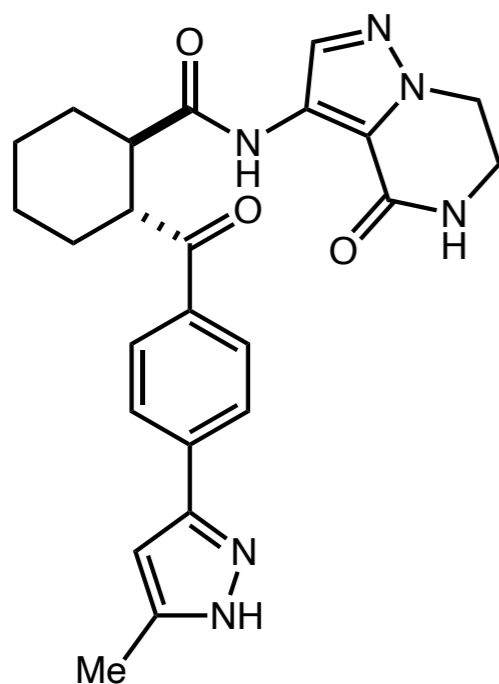


Development halted
for **off target toxicity**
observed in dogs



No adverse effects
Observed up to 110 x
predicted human C_{max}

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AZD5718



Phase II Clinical Trial:

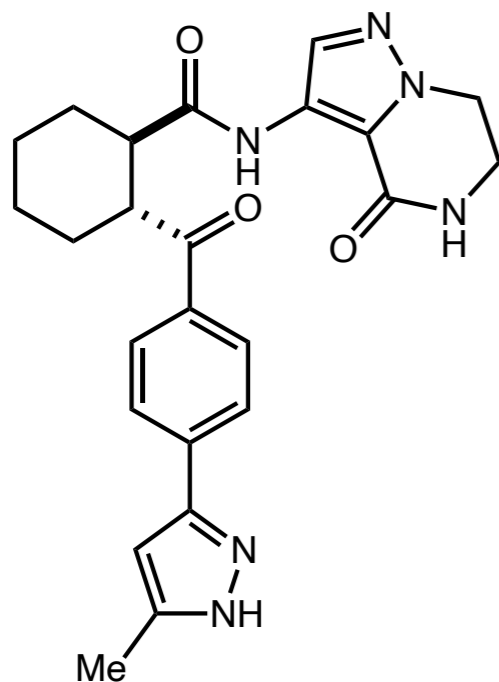
Dose dependent inhibition

Of leukotrienes



***No improvement in coronary
microvascular function observed***

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*clearly demonstrate
pharmacological engagement*

*therapeutic hypothesis has
been tested with confidence*

Questions?

