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## In Silico Pharmacogenetics: Warfarin Metabolism

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### Abstract

A recently developed murine haplotype-based computational method was used to identify genetic factors regulating the metabolism of warfarin, a commonly prescribed anticoagulant with a narrow therapeutic index and a large variation in individual dosing. The amount of warfarin and 9 identified metabolites in plasma was quantitated after dosing 13 inbred mouse strains. Strain-specific differences in drug metabolism through generation of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites were computationally correlated with genetic variation within a chromosomal region encoding cytochrome P450 2C enzymes. This computational prediction was experimentally confirmed by showing that the rate limiting step in biotransformation of warfarin to its 7-hydroxylated metabolite was inhibited by a *Cyp2c* isoform specific substrate (tolbutamide) and was mediated by expressed recombinant *Cyp2c29*. Genetic variants responsible for inter-individual pharmacokinetic differences for clinically important drugs can be identified by computational genetic analysis in mice.

### Abbreviations

HPLC: high pressure liquid chromatography; LC: liquid chromatography; MS: mass spectrometry; *Cyp2c29*: cytochrome P450 2c29; PK: pharmacokinetics; IS: internal standard; NMR: nuclear magnetic resonance; IP: intraperitoneal; QC: quality control; MRM: multiple reaction monitoring; AUC<sub>0-8</sub>: area under concentration-time curve within the first 8 h; SNPs: single nucleotide polymorphisms

## INTRODUCTION

It is widely anticipated that pharmacogenomic information will have a large impact on drug development, and subsequently on clinical practice. Using pharmacogenomic information can increase efficacy, reduce side effects, and improve treatment outcome for patients<sup>1</sup>. However, a major barrier to increased use of pharmacogenomics in clinical practice is our limited knowledge about the genetic variables that regulate the mechanism of action or disposition of most commonly prescribed medications. It is essential that efficient strategies are developed and utilized to identify genetic factors affecting the metabolism or response to current and future therapies.

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Because of this need, we wanted to determine if a recently described murine haplotype-based computational genetic analysis method<sup>2–5</sup> in mice could be utilized to quickly identify factors affecting the metabolism of commonly prescribed medications. This method computationally predicts causal genetic factors by identifying genomic regions where the pattern of genetic variation correlates with the distribution of trait values among the inbred strains analyzed<sup>2–4</sup>. Clearly, pharmacogenomic information can have its largest impact on clinical decision making when applied to commonly prescribed drugs that have a large variation in dose or a narrow therapeutic index in the treated population<sup>6</sup>. Therefore, we chose warfarin metabolism in mice as an initial model system for assessing the utility of this computational pharmacogenetic approach. Warfarin is a commonly prescribed anticoagulant that has a very narrow therapeutic index, and is a leading cause of iatrogenic complications. It inhibits a  $\gamma$ -carboxylation reaction required for the synthesis of several blood clotting factors<sup>7–9</sup>. The dose can vary by as much as 120-fold among individuals in the treated population<sup>10,11</sup>. Warfarin is a racemic mixture of *R*- and *S*-enantiomers. The *R*-warfarin enantiomer has a more complex pattern of metabolism than *S*-warfarin<sup>12</sup>. Warfarin is differentially metabolized by a variety of cytochrome P450 enzymes into different hydroxylated metabolites<sup>12</sup>, which then undergo phase II enzyme biotransformation to glucuronidated or sulfated metabolites prior to excretion<sup>13</sup>. Genetic variation within CYP2C9 and VKOR1 affect the rate of warfarin metabolism or alter the required dose, respectively, in treated patients<sup>14,15</sup>.

The complexity of the drug metabolism process could preclude the use of a computational genetic method that is dependent upon a single genetic change having a large impact on the phenotypic trait. Simulations have shown that an individual genetic factor must be responsible for at least 40% of the phenotypic variation for it to be identified by this computational method when 13–15 inbred strains are analyzed<sup>2,3</sup>. In contrast, warfarin metabolism is a very complex process. Its biotransformation to over 9 different metabolites in rats and humans is mediated by many different enzymes<sup>12,16</sup>. Each individual genetic difference could be responsible for only a small portion of the inter-strain differences in warfarin pharmacokinetics. Therefore, we developed an experimental strategy that reduced the complexity of this metabolic process. To do this, the rate of clearance of *R*-warfarin and each of 9 different metabolites produced after administration of <sup>14</sup>C-labeled *R*-warfarin to 13 inbred strains was characterized in detail. Computational analysis of this data enabled the identification and experimental characterization of a genetic difference that regulated a rate limiting step in *R*-warfarin metabolism. This demonstrates that a complex process involving multiple different pathways affecting the disposition of a drug can be experimentally dissected in a model experimental organism, which enables haplotype-based computational genetic analysis to rapidly identify genetic factors.

## RESULTS

### Analysis of *R*-warfarin metabolites in inbred mouse strains

Following the administration of a 10 mg/kg <sup>14</sup>C-labeled *R*-warfarin, the total amount of radio-labeled drug in plasma peaked at 1 hour, and then declined with time in each strain (Figure 1). The peak plasma concentration varied by 3-fold among the inbred strains, indicating that the inbred strains metabolized *R*-warfarin at different rates. Because of the complexity of this process, genetic factors responsible for inter-strain differences in the overall rate of *R*-warfarin clearance shown in Figure 1 could not be identified by haplotype-based computational genetic analysis. To identify a causative genetic factor, the complexity of this metabolic process had to be reduced, so that individual steps in *R*-warfarin metabolism could be analyzed. Therefore, the concentration of *R*-warfarin and 9 identified metabolites in plasma samples obtained from each inbred strain was quantitatively determined using HPLC-radioflow analysis. These included the 4'-, 6-, 7-, 8-, and 10-hydroxylated metabolites of warfarin (4'-, 6-, 7-, 8- and 10-

OH), and four with unknown identities that were labeled as **M6** through **M9** (see representative chromatograms in Figure 2). The inbred strains had very distinct profiles of warfarin and the 9 metabolites in their plasma. This strain-specific pattern of metabolite production was reproducibly observed in 3 independently performed experiments (Supplemental Tables IIIa, IIIb and IV), confirming that *R*-warfarin was differentially metabolized in a strain-specific manner.

M8 was a major metabolite that accounted for 3–15% of the total amount of drug-related radioactivity present in the plasma of the 13 strains (Supplemental Tables IIIa and IIIb). Enzymatic digestion studies (Supplemental Figure 1) and subsequent structural characterization by mass spectrometry (data not shown) confirmed that M8 is a glucuronidated metabolite of 7-hydroxywarfarin. This result is consistent with the fact that glucuronidation is a major pathway for converting hydroxylated warfarin to more water-soluble metabolites<sup>13, 16</sup>. The amount of 7-hydroxywarfarin (**7-OH**) and its glucuronidated metabolite (**M8**) were summed in all subsequent analyses, because these two metabolites have a substrate-product relationship that forms a distinct drug elimination pathway. This (%**M8** + **7-OH**) represents the combined amount of the two metabolites and is expressed as a percentage of drug-related radioactivity in plasma (Figure 3A). Among the 9 metabolites in plasma, the 13 inbred strains had the greatest statistical difference in the combined amount of these two metabolites ( $p < 0.01$ ); and two closely related inbred strains (C57B/6J and B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ) produced the lowest amount of this material (Supplemental Table IIIa and IIIb). The differential pattern of M8+7-OH generation across strains was consistently observed throughout the first 8 hours after dosing (Supplemental Figure 3). Moreover, the amount of M8 and 7-OH in plasma decayed at the same rate as warfarin within 8 hr after dosing (Supplemental Figure 2), indicating the rate limiting step for elimination of these metabolites is their rate of formation<sup>17</sup>. Taken together, formation of glucuronidated 7-hydroxywarfarin (M8) is a major pathway for *R*-warfarin disposition among these inbred strains. Since there are strain-specific differences in utilization of this elimination pathway, it was selected for computational genetic analysis.

### Computational genetic identification of *Cyp2c* enzymes

Haplotype-based computational genetic analysis<sup>2–5</sup> was used to identify genetic factors contributing to the strain-specific differences in warfarin metabolism. It identified 34 genomic regions where the two closely related strains (C57B/6J and B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ) with the lowest rate of production of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites shared a unique haplotype that was distinct from the other 11 strains (Supplemental Table V). Since these haplotype blocks had the strongest correlation with the pharmacokinetic data, genes within any of these regions could potentially be responsible for differential warfarin metabolism among the inbred strains. However, the list was quickly narrowed by determining which of these blocks contained genes that were expressed in liver. Analysis of gene expression data indicated that only 19 of these haplotype blocks encoded genes that were expressed in the liver. Furthermore, a 0.52 Mb region (38.44 to 39.10 Mb) on chromosome 19 that encodes several *Cyp2c* P450 enzymes was of particular interest (Figure 3B). It was the only region that encoded a phase I biotransformation enzyme, and polymorphisms in human CYP2C9 affect the rate of warfarin metabolism in treated patients<sup>12</sup>. This computationally identified region encodes 3 murine cytochrome P450 enzymes: *Cyp2c55*, *Cyp2c29* and *Cyp2c39*. There were two distinct haplotypes within this block, the C57BL/6 and B10.D2 strains shared a haplotype that differed from the other 11 strains (Figure 4A). This pattern of genetic variation had a very high degree of correlation with the pattern of metabolite generation ( $p = 0.0007$ ), since there was no overlap between the two genetically and phenotypically distinct strain groupings. Among the 93 SNPs located within this computationally identified haplotype block, 9 SNPs are in coding regions, but only one encodes an amino acid change (Val113Ile) in *Cyp2c39* (<http://mousesnp.roche.com>). Of note, there was a distinct haplotype block in an immediately adjacent region on chromosome 19

(39.54 Mb to 39.66 Mb) that encodes two other cytochrome P450 enzymes: *Cyp2c37* and *Cyp2c50*. However, the C57BL/6, B10.D2, DBA/2J and C3H strains all share the minor haplotype in this block, making it unlikely that *Cyp2c37* and *Cyp2c50* are responsible for the observed difference in metabolite production. In summary, the computational genetic analysis suggested that genetic variation within *Cyp2c55*, *Cyp2c29* and/or *Cyp2c39* may be responsible for the strain-specific differences in the rate of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolite production.

### ***Cyp2c29* mediates warfarin biotransformation**

Experimental testing was required to assess this computational prediction and to determine which cytochrome P450 enzyme(s) played a role in *R*-warfarin biotransformation. As an initial test, the role of murine *Cyp2c* enzymes in *R*-warfarin metabolism was investigated using an *in vitro* system. After incubation with *R*-warfarin, mouse liver microsomes biotransformed *R*-warfarin into several hydroxylated metabolites in a concentration-dependent manner. Of importance, 7-hydroxywarfarin was a major metabolite produced by the microsomal enzymes (Figure 5A). Tolbutamide, a specific inhibitor of *Cyp2c* enzyme activity<sup>18</sup>, inhibited the formation of 7-hydroxywarfarin in a concentration-dependent manner (Figure 5B). These *in vitro* results indicate that biotransformation to 7-hydroxylated metabolites is an important pathway for *R*-warfarin metabolism in liver, and confirm the computational prediction that a *Cyp2c* enzyme is a critical part of this elimination pathway.

To determine which *Cyp 2C* enzyme(s) was responsible for the strain-specific difference in *R*-warfarin biotransformation, the pattern of gene expression in liver tissue obtained from 13 inbred strains was analyzed. *Cyp2c55* and *Cyp2c39* were eliminated as candidate genes because they were not expressed in liver tissue from any inbred strain analyzed (Figure 4B). In contrast, *Cyp2c29* was the most abundantly expressed *Cyp 2c* mRNA in liver tissue. Although there were strain-specific differences in *Cyp2c29* mRNA expression, it varied among strains sharing the common haplotype, and could not explain the observed difference in 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolite production among the inbred strains (Figure 4B). However, quantitative immunoblot analysis of *Cyp2c29* protein in liver tissue obtained from a set of inbred strains indicated that there was a much better correlation between the amount of this protein and the haplotype of the inbred strain. The amount of *Cyp2c29* protein in liver obtained from 5 strains (AKR/J, MRL/MpJ, Balb/cJ, Balb/cbyJ, and 129x1/svJ) sharing the common haplotype was 2 to 7.4 fold higher than in the two (C57BL/6 and B10.D2) strains with a unique haplotype and a low rate of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolite generation (Figure 6).

To determine which enzyme mediated *R*-warfarin biotransformation to its 7-hydroxylated metabolite, recombinant *Cyp2c* enzymes within the computationally predicted block (*Cyp2c29* and *Cyp2c39*) and a *Cyp2c* enzyme (*Cyp2c37*) adjacent to this block were prepared. For each of these *Cyp2C* enzymes, allelic forms from a strain with a high (Balb/cbyJ) and a low (B10.D2) rate of generation of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites were expressed. The rate at which these recombinant enzymes converted *R*-warfarin to hydroxylated metabolites *in vitro* was then measured. Expressed recombinant murine *Cyp2c29* converted *R*-warfarin to 6-, 7- or 8-hydroxywarfarin, but could not generate 4- or 10-hydroxywarfarin. However, the rate of formation of 7-hydroxywarfarin was higher than that of the 6- or 8-hydroxywarfarin metabolites (Supplemental Table VI). In contrast, neither allelic form of *Cyp2c39* nor *Cyp2c37* generated measurable amounts of 7-hydroxywarfarin under the same *in vitro* conditions (Figure 5C). In addition, the measured *K<sub>m</sub>* for 7-hydroxywarfarin formation in liver microsomes was comparable to that of recombinant *Cyp2c29*, which further supports a role for *Cyp2c29* in *R*-warfarin metabolism in liver (Supplemental Table VI)<sup>19</sup>. These results confirm the computational prediction and indicate that genetic variation within *Cyp2c29* is responsible for the strain-specific differences in the rate of production of 7-hydroxywarfarin. The amino acid sequence of *Cyp2c29* is not altered by polymorphisms among the inbred strains.

However, the 63 SNPs within *Cyp2c29* do produce a significant strain-specific difference in *Cyp2c29* protein expression. Taken together, strain-specific differences in *R*-warfarin elimination via formation of 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites result from differences in the amount of *Cyp2c29* protein.

## DISCUSSION

This is the first detailed functional and genetic characterization of the metabolism of a commonly prescribed medication using multiple inbred mouse strains. The rate of clearance of *R*-warfarin and 9 different metabolites in 13 inbred strains was characterized, and then analyzed using a haplotype-based computational genetic analysis method. *Cyp2c29* was computationally identified as a candidate gene, and experimentally shown to contribute to strain-specific differences in *R*-warfarin metabolism. Although other genetic variables also contribute to the inter-strain differences in *R*-warfarin pharmacokinetics, *Cyp2c29* was computationally identified because it is the rate-limiting enzyme within a major pathway for elimination of this drug. There is limited information available about *R*-warfarin metabolism in mice, but a role for murine *Cyp2c29* in *R*-warfarin metabolism is consistent with available information. Murine *Cyp2c29* is known to metabolize endogenous compounds such as arachidonic acid<sup>20</sup> and scoparone<sup>21</sup>, as well as other drugs. We now find that *R*-warfarin is an additional substrate for this enzyme. Warfarin metabolism in humans is catalyzed by a variety of cytochrome P450 enzymes, and polymorphisms in CYP2C9 alter the rate of warfarin metabolism in the human population<sup>12,14</sup>. *Cyp2c29* is a murine homologue of human CYP2C9, and it may utilize similar mechanisms for biotransformation of warfarin.

Of broader significance, this study demonstrates how genetic changes in a rate-limiting component of a metabolic pathway can be successfully identified using murine haplotype-based computational genetic analysis. This required experimental dissection of a very complex, multi-component drug disposition process into its component parts. Warfarin metabolism is a complex process in which at least nine different intermediate metabolites were produced. Several different enzymes may be involved in the production of each metabolite, and genetic variation within each of these enzymes can contribute to the strain-specific differences in *R*-warfarin metabolism. An individual genetic change must be responsible for at least 40% of the phenotypic variation for it to be identified by this computational method using data obtained from 13 to 15 inbred strains<sup>3</sup>. It is therefore not surprising that this computational method could not analyze the overall rate of *R*-warfarin disappearance across the inbred strains. To reduce the complexity, the rate of production of each individual metabolite was carefully quantitated. The rate of production of an individual metabolite is regulated by a much more limited set of genetic variables. Because of the reduced genetic complexity, the haplotype-based computational method could successfully analyze the strain-specific pattern of *R*-warfarin elimination through a single metabolic pathway. It is likely that a thorough analysis of the rate of formation of intermediate metabolites will also be required to uncover the genetic factors responsible for differences in the pharmacokinetic response to other drugs.

In addition to identifying a genetic variant regulating a major pathway for *R*-warfarin elimination, several other findings in this study are of general significance. First, there was substantial variation in the pattern of intermediate metabolites of *R*-warfarin generated by the panel of inbred strains analyzed. The pattern of metabolism of other commonly used drugs may also vary among inbred strains, which may enable genetic factors regulating their disposition to be identified using this approach. Secondly, it is likely that this experimental approach can also be used to uncover the mechanism of drug-induced toxicity. Drug-induced toxicity is often caused by intermediate metabolites, rather than by the parent drug itself. Correlation of the strain-specific pattern of drug-induced toxicity with the production of certain

metabolites, as well as with a pattern of genetic variation within a gene can be used to identify a genetic susceptibility factor for a toxic response.

It is also important to emphasize that this murine experimental approach and genetic analysis tool may not always generate results that directly translate to human drug metabolism. For example, *R*- and *S*-warfarin are metabolized by different cytochrome P450 enzymes in different species. CYP1A2 and CYP3A4 are the major contributors to *R*-warfarin metabolism in humans<sup>12</sup>, which differs from our findings in mice. Despite these differences, this computational mouse genetic approach can quickly identify polymorphisms in drug metabolizing enzymes that contribute to differential drug responses among a panel of inbred mouse strains. The drug metabolizing enzymes identified in mouse provide important information that indicates which genes are likely to play an important role in the human population. We believe that this first example illustrates how murine haplotype-based computational genetic analysis can be used for pharmacogenetic analysis; and hope that it will be used to analyze many other commonly used medications.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Chemicals, reagents and equipment

*R*-Warfarin, the 4<sup>-</sup>, 6<sup>-</sup>, 7<sup>-</sup>, 8<sup>-</sup>, and 10-hydroxylated metabolites of *R*-Warfarin, and deuterium-labeled 7-hydroxywarfarin (>98% chemical purity) as the internal standard (IS) for the LC/MS/MS analysis were purchased from Ultrafine Chemicals (Manchester, UK). <sup>14</sup>C-*R*-warfarin used to dose mice and 4-glucuronide 7-hydroxywarfarin used as the standard for quantitation of M8 were synthesized in the Chemical Services (Roche Palo Alto, Palo Alto, CA). Tolbutamide was obtained from Alta Aesar (Ward Hill, MA). Methanol and acetonitrile were purchased from Burdick & Jackson (Muskegon, MI) and formic acid was from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, USA). All solvents used for HPLC and LC/MS/MS were of chromatographic grade. Liquid scintillation counting of plasma samples was carried out on a Beckman LS-6500 multi-purpose scintillation counter (Beckman Coulter, Fullerton, CA).

### Drug dosing and plasma harvesting from inbred strains

7–8 week old males of inbred mouse strains were obtained from Jackson Laboratory (Bar Harbor, ME) and acclimatized for an additional week in the Laboratory Animal Technology (Roche Palo Alto, Palo Alto, CA). Mice were housed under pathogen-free environment and provided food and water *ad libitum* with a 12 h:12 h light: dark cycle. The 13 different inbred mouse strains used were Balb/cJ, DBA/2J, A/J, AKR/J, A/HeJ, 129x1/svJ, Balb/cbyJ, B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ, C57B/6J, NZW/LaCJ, NZB/BinJ, MRL/MpJ, C3H/HeJ. All mice were administered a single 10 mg/kg of <sup>14</sup>C-*R*-warfarin (specific activity: 18.6 μCi/mg) suspended in PBS (pH 7.4) via intraperitoneal (IP) route. For each strain, blood samples were collected from 3 mice at the 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8 h, and 5 mice at the 24 h time point following treatment to obtain individual plasma samples. Pooled urine samples from the 5 mice within each strain were collected for 24 hours. Animal studies have been replicated once. All animal experiments were implemented under the protocols approved by our Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

### HPLC-radiometric analysis

All samples were extracted using an acetonitrile/methanol (4:1 v/v) mixture to precipitate proteins prior to bioanalyses<sup>22</sup>. HPLC-radioflow analysis utilized a HP1100 HPLC system (Hewlett Packard Corp., Waldbronn, Germany) with an online Radiomatic Series 500TR (Packard Instruments Co.) equipped with a 0.1-ml flow cell, and a Shimadzu UV detector set at 310 nm. Empower Pro Software Build 1154 (Waters, Milford, MA) was applied to control the instrument operation as well as the data acquisition and analysis. *R*-warfarin and its metabolites were separated on a Thermo® BDS Hypersil-C18 (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μm) with

HPLC guard column (Thermo Electron Corporation, Bellefonte, PA) at a flow rate of 0.5 ml/min. The mobile phases were 5 mM ammonium formate in 0.1 % formic acid (A), and 0.1% formic acid in methanol (B). The gradient of B was as follows: 60% (0–22 min), 65% (23–30 min), 90% (45–46 min), and 60% (47–60 min). The radioflow detector sampled every 6 sec with a 3:1 mixing ratio of scintillation fluid (Beta-Blend, ICN) and HPLC effluent.

### LC/MS/MS analysis

The LC/MS/MS system was equipped with Analyst software (Applied Biosystems) for data acquisition and calibration, and consisted of a Shimadzu LC system, a vacuum degasser, an autoinjector, and a Sciex API 4000 triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (MS/MS) (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA). Chromatographic separation was achieved on a reversed-phase Luna C18 (100 × 2.0 mm, 3 μm) (Phenomenex, Torrance, USA) as described previously<sup>23</sup>. The MS was operated under negative ionization in the multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode for quantitative analysis and synchronized with the HPLC. The parameters of MRM are listed in the Supplemental Table I. Calibration curves were developed by spiking blank plasma with appropriate amounts of *R*-warfarin and its metabolites using eight different concentrations in the range of 5–3000 ng/ml (*R*-warfarin) and 5–2000 ng/ml (metabolites), respectively. The peak area ratio of *R*-warfarin or metabolites over that of IS was quantitated, and correlation coefficients were calculated by least-square regression analysis.

### Metabolite identification

Warfarin conjugates were hydrolyzed by incubation of plasma or urine samples with β-glucuronidase (Sigma, St. Louis, USA) according to a modified method<sup>16,24</sup>. Then the HPLC-radioflow profiles of samples before and after enzymatic treatments were compared to identify peak intensity shifts. The identity of conjugates was verified by mass spectrometry with a scanned mass range of 200–800 amu as described before<sup>25</sup> using the chromatographic separation method described in the previous HPLC-radioflow analysis.

### Computational genetic mapping

The computational genetic analysis of the inbred strain data was performed as previously described<sup>2–5</sup>. In brief, allelic data from multiple inbred strains was analyzed and a haplotype block map of the mouse genome was constructed<sup>4,5</sup>. SNPs were organized into haplotype blocks; and only a limited number of haplotypes—typically 2, 3 or 4—are present within a haplotype block. The haplotype-based computational analysis identifies haplotype blocks in which the haplotypic strain grouping within the block correlates with the distribution of phenotypic data among the inbred strains analyzed. To do this, a p-value that assesses the likelihood that genetic variation within each block could underlie the observed distribution of phenotypes among the inbred strains is calculated<sup>2,4</sup>. The haplotype blocks are then ranked based upon the calculated p-value. The genomic regions within haplotype blocks that strongly correlated with the phenotypic data are then analyzed. When this computational analysis was performed, the haplotype map had 5,454 haplotype blocks generated from 193,914 SNPs characterized across 19 inbred strains covering 2,363 genes. Polymorphisms within 40 Cyp450 enzymes and 110 transporter (Abc or Slc) or transferase genes were included in the Roche SNP database. The p-values for the numerical phenotype evaluated in this experiment were calculated as described using ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)<sup>2–4</sup>. Since ANOVA-based computational analysis requires homogeneity of variance, the measured amount of %M8+7-OH for each strain was normalized by logarithmic transformation before the computational analysis was performed.

## cDNA cloning strategy and baculovirus expression

cDNAs for mouse *Cyp2c29*, *Cyp2c39* and *Cyp2c37* from Balb/cbyJ and B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ were generated by RT-PCR using primers described in Supplemental Table II, and cloned into pVL1392 Univ *ccdB*. Recombinant baculovirus was produced using Rapid Suspension Transfection methods, and the infection time was 72 h. Lysates of Sf9 cells expressing recombinant cDNAs were prepared, and protein concentration and total CYP content measurements were performed as described<sup>26,27</sup>.

## *In vitro* metabolic assays

*In vitro* *R*-warfarin biotransformation using CD-1 mouse liver microsomes incubated for 30 minutes were performed as previously described<sup>28</sup>. *In vitro* CYP inhibition assays used 0.01–1 mM tolbutamide and 0.15 mM *R*-warfarin. Samples were processed for LC/MS/MS analysis as described above. CYP biotransformation assays were reconstituted by mixing cell lysate of individual cDNA-expressed Sf9 cells (20 mg/ml protein) and human NADPH-P450 oxidoreductase (BD Gentest, Bedford, MA) at 1:8 molar ratio<sup>29</sup> for 30 min in the presence of 0.02–0.5 mM *R*-warfarin before LC/MS/MS analysis.

## Gene expression analysis and Immunoblotting

Total liver RNA was prepared as previously described<sup>4</sup>. *Cyp450 2c* mRNA was analyzed by Taqman as described by the manufacturer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) using primers specified in Supplemental Table II. *Cyp2c29* protein in liver S9 fractions was fractionated on NuPage 4–12% Bis-tris gels and determined by immunoblotting<sup>30</sup>. A polyclonal anti-murine *Cyp2c29* IgY antibody was raised with a peptide covering amino acids 99–112 (SFPMAEKMIKGFV) by GenWay (San Diego, CA).

## Supplemental Material

### Analysis of *R*-warfarin metabolites in inbred mouse strains

A single intraperitoneal (IP) injection of a 10 mg/kg dose of <sup>14</sup>C-labeled *R*-Warfarin was administered to male mice of 13 inbred strains; and plasma samples were collected 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 24 hours after dosing. Moreover, the strain-specific pattern of *R*-warfarin metabolism in plasma was independently confirmed through analysis of a second set of drug-treated males of 13 inbred mouse strains (Supplemental Table IIIb and IV). In these two independently performed studies, the most abundant metabolites in plasma were 6-hydroxywarfarin, M6, M8 and M9. These metabolites accounted for 5–6%, 0–14% and 5–17%, respectively, of the total amount of drug-related radioactivity present in the plasma of the 13 strains (Supplemental Figure IIIa and IIIb).

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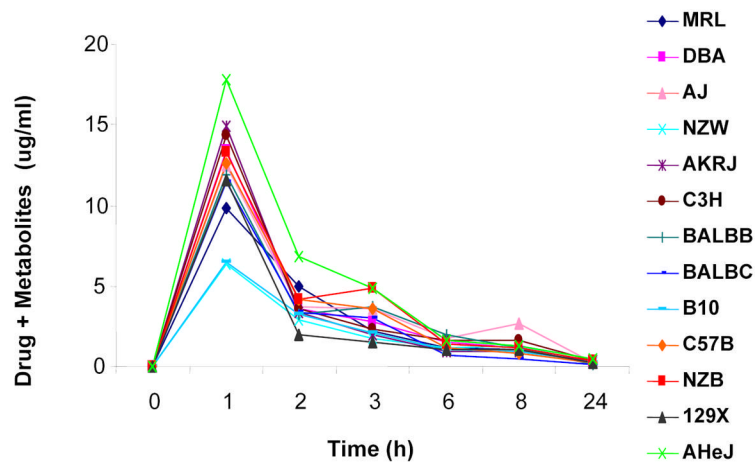
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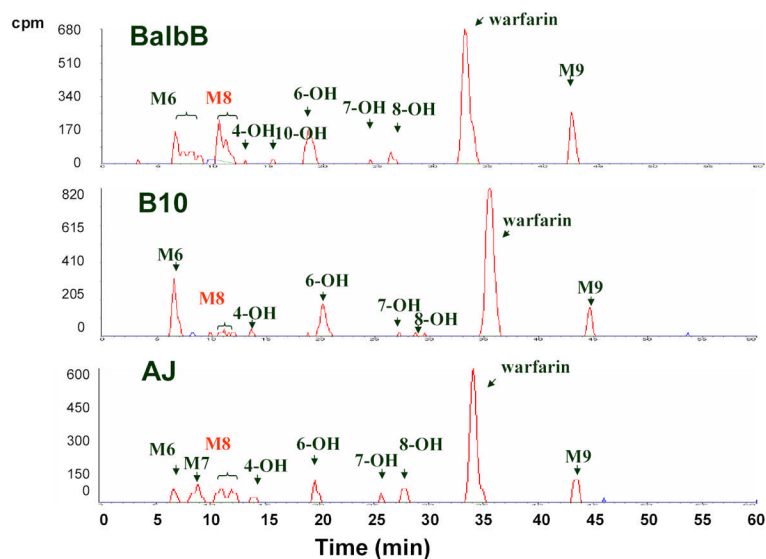
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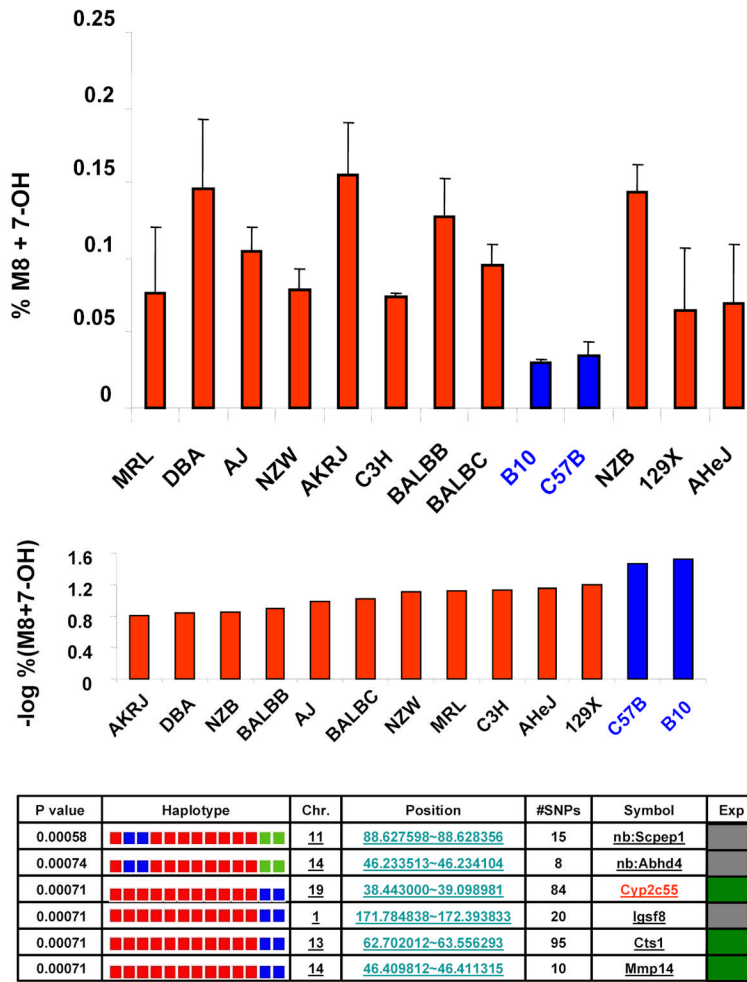


**Figure 1.**

*R*-warfarin metabolism in males of 13 inbred mouse strains. The mean concentration of parent drug and all metabolites in pooled plasma samples, as determined by liquid scintillation counting, is plotted as a function of time after administration of one intraperitoneal (IP) dose of 10 mg/kg of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -*R*-warfarin to each of 13 inbred mouse strains. Each data point represents the average of two independent measurements performed on a pooled plasma sample prepared three independently treated mice. The similar profile was observed in plasma samples obtained from a second set males of 13 inbred mouse strains that were independently administered the same dose of drug (data not shown).

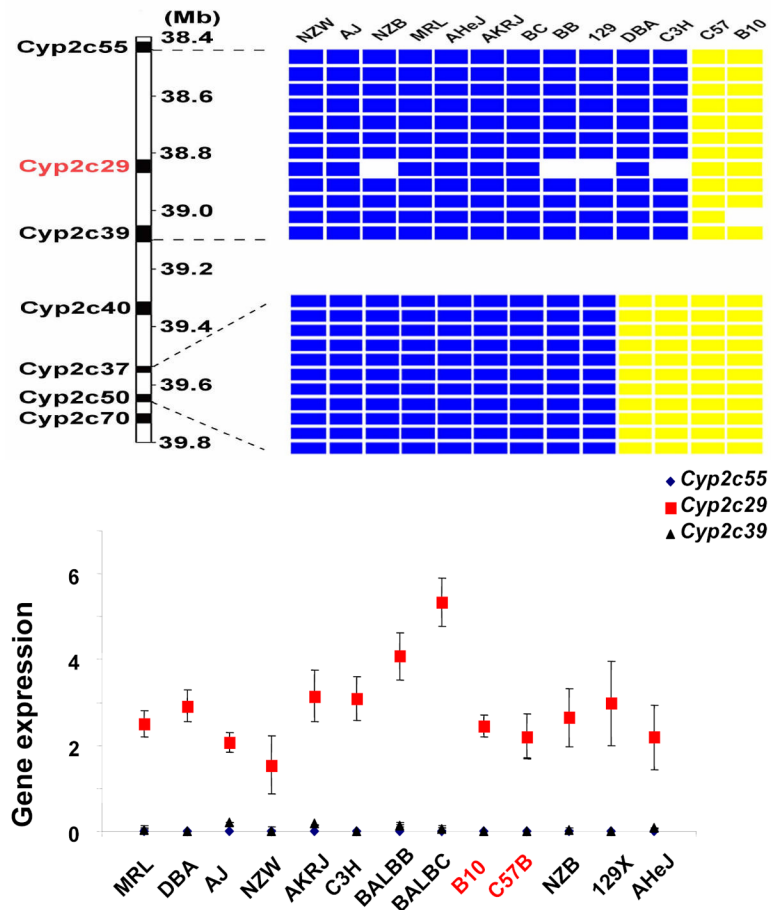


**Figure 2.** Analysis of *R*-warfarin metabolites. Pooled plasma samples obtained 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 h after a single IP dose of 10 mg/kg  $^{14}\text{C}$ -*R*-warfarin to males of 13 inbred mouse strains were analyzed by reversed-phase HPLC-radiometric methods. Each distinct peak on the chromatograms represents one of 9 different metabolites identified. The plasma metabolites identified in the Balb/cbyJ, B10.D2J and A/J strains are shown.



**Figure 3.** Haplotype-based genetic analysis of warfarin metabolites. Panel (A) shows the combined amount of 7-hydroxywarfarin (**7-OH**) and its glucuronidated metabolite (**M8**) as a % of the total amount of drug and metabolites, which is indicated as the **% M8 + 7-OH** for each inbred strain. The data obtained from two independently performed dosing studies is expressed as average + standard deviation. (B) The log-transformation of the measured **% M8 + 7-OH** for each of 13 inbred strains is shown in the top panel. A representative set of haplotype blocks having the highest correlation with this data set are shown in the lower panel. For each predicted block, the chromosomal location, number of SNPs within a block, its gene symbol and an indicator of gene expression in liver are shown. The haplotype for each strain is represented by a colored block, and is presented in the same order as the phenotypic data in the top panel. The calculated p-value measures the probability that strain groupings within an individual block would have the same degree of association with the phenotypic data by random chance. In the gene expression column, a green square indicates the gene is expressed in liver tissue, while a gray square indicates that it is unknown. The complete list of haplotype blocks is shown in supplemental table V.

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**Figure 4.**

(A) The location of *Cyp2c* genes on chromosome 19 and the haplotypes for 13 inbred mouse strains in this region are shown. On the left, the chromosomal position of each *Cyp2c* gene is indicated as base pairs downstream of the centromere. The right panel shows two distinct haplotype blocks that extend from *Cyp2c55* to *Cyp2c39* (38,443,000 to 39,098,981), and from *Cyp2c37* to *Cyp2c50* (39,536,137 to 39,658,804). The genomic position of each haplotypic block was determined using mouse genome NCBI build 33. Within a block, each column represents one inbred mouse strain, and each box represents the corresponding allele for the indicated mouse strain. A blue box indicates that the strain has the most common (or major) allele, a yellow the minor allele, and an empty box indicates that the allele is unknown. (B) The level of *Cyp2c* gene (*Cyp2c55*, 29 and 39) expression in liver among males of 13 inbred mouse strains measured by RT-PCR. Each data point is the average  $\pm$  standard error of 3 measurements performed on 3 liver samples, and was normalized relative to the expression level of actin.

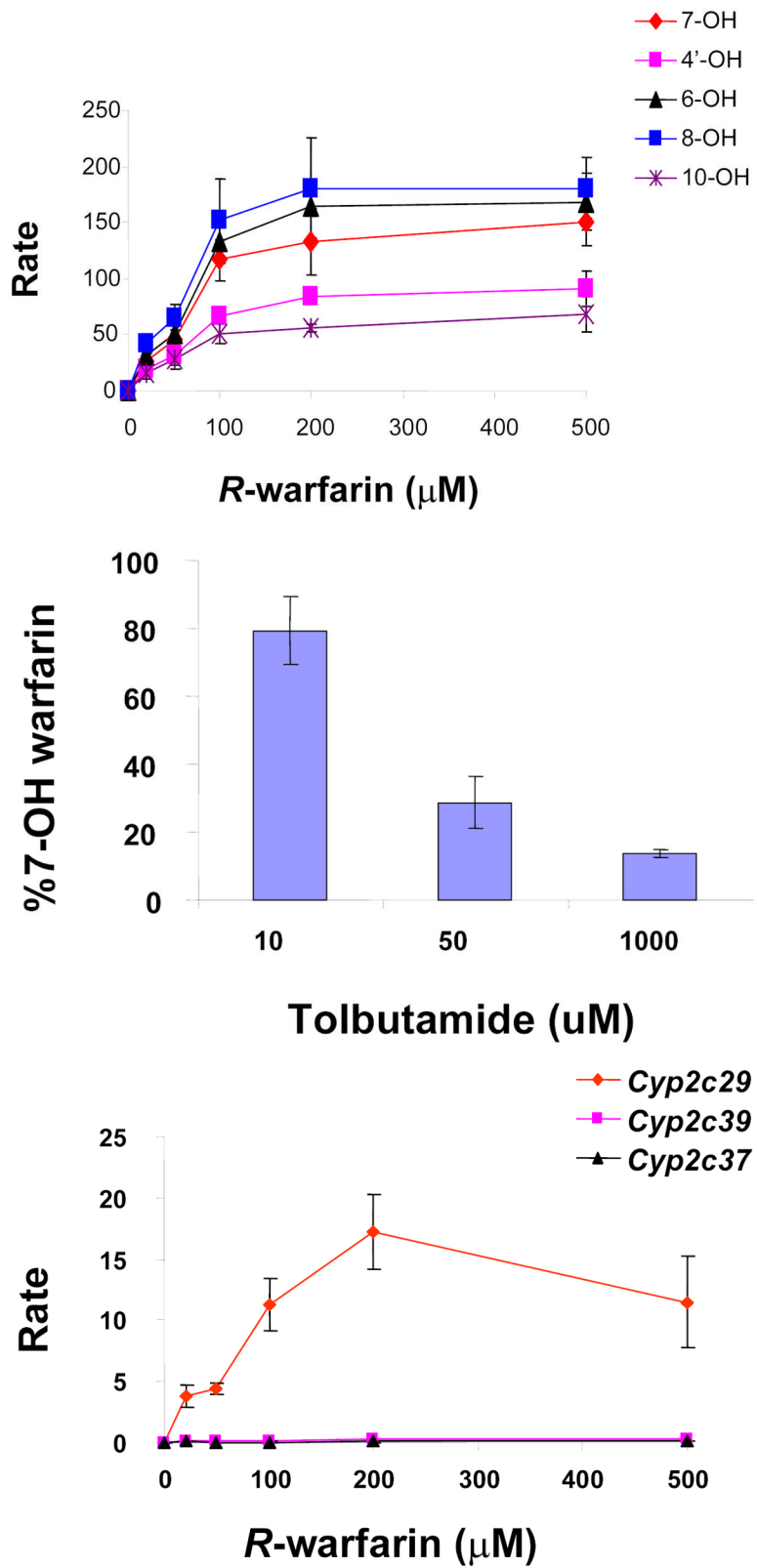
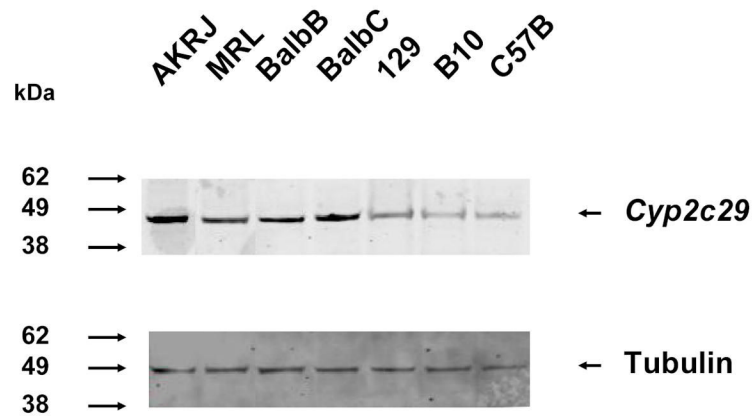


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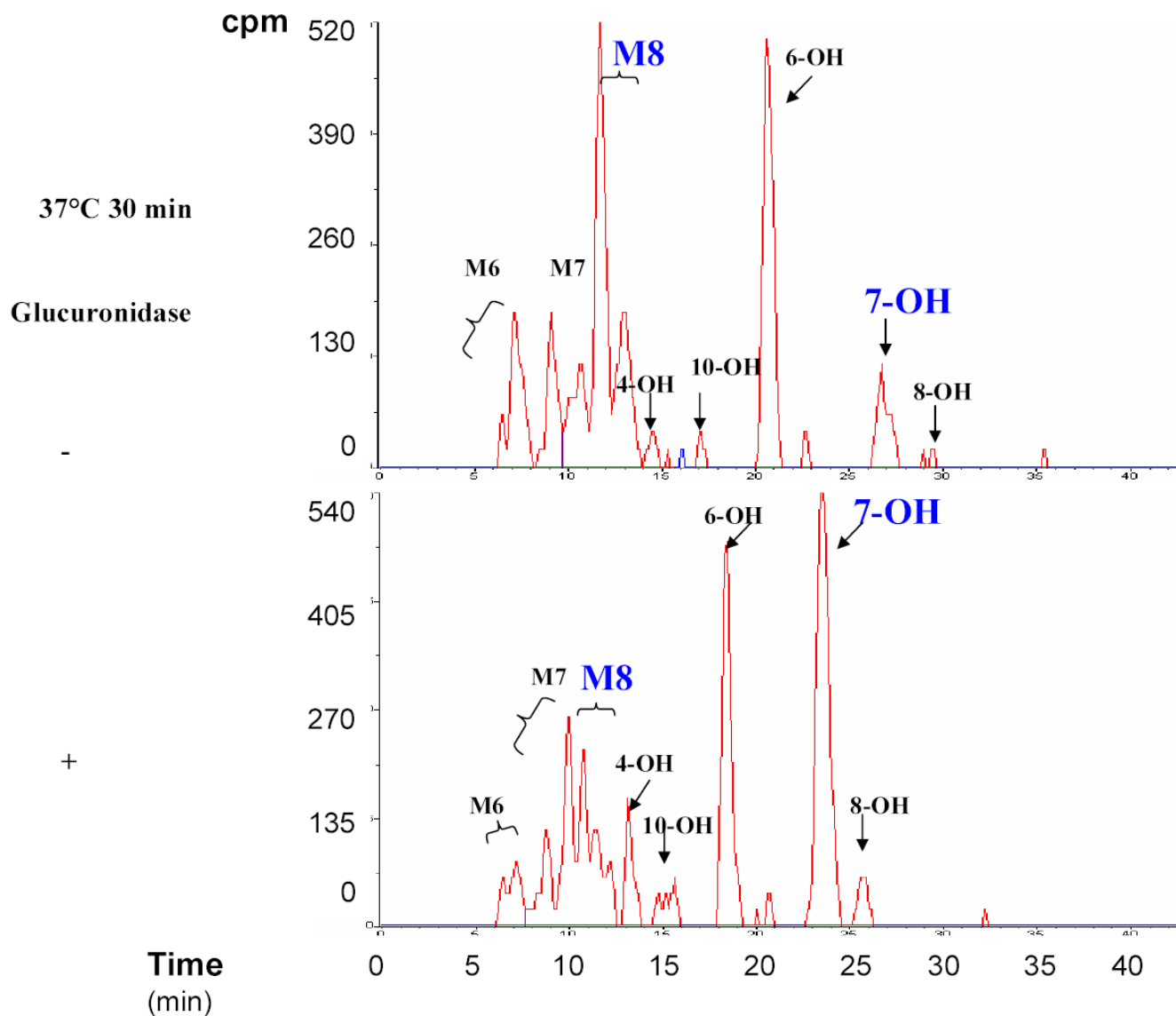
(A) *In vitro* biotransformation of *R*-warfarin in mouse liver microsomes. The rate (pmol/min/nmol CYP) of formation of the indicated metabolites was measured after incubation with the indicated concentrations of *R*-warfarin in CD-1 mouse liver microsomal preparations. Each data point represents the average  $\pm$  standard deviation of 3 individual measurements. (B) The effect of a *Cyp2c* isoform-specific inhibitor (**tolbutamide**) on the rate of formation of 7-hydroxywarfarin from *R*-warfarin (150  $\mu$ M) in mouse liver microsomes was measured. Each data point represents the average  $\pm$  standard error of 3 individual measurements. (C) *In vitro* biotransformation of *R*-warfarin by expressed recombinant murine *Cyp2c29*, *Cyp2c39* and *Cyp2c37* cDNAs. The rate (pmol/min/nmol CYP) of formation of 7-hydroxywarfarin was measured after incubation with the indicated concentrations of *R*-warfarin. cDNAs were generated from a strain with a high rate (Balb/cbyJ) and a low rate (B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ) of generation of 7-hydroxywarfarin and M8 metabolites. *Cyp2c29* biotransformed *R*-warfarin to 7-hydroxywarfarin, while *Cyp2c39* and *Cyp2c37* lacked this activity. Each data point represents the average  $\pm$  standard deviation of 4 individual measurements.



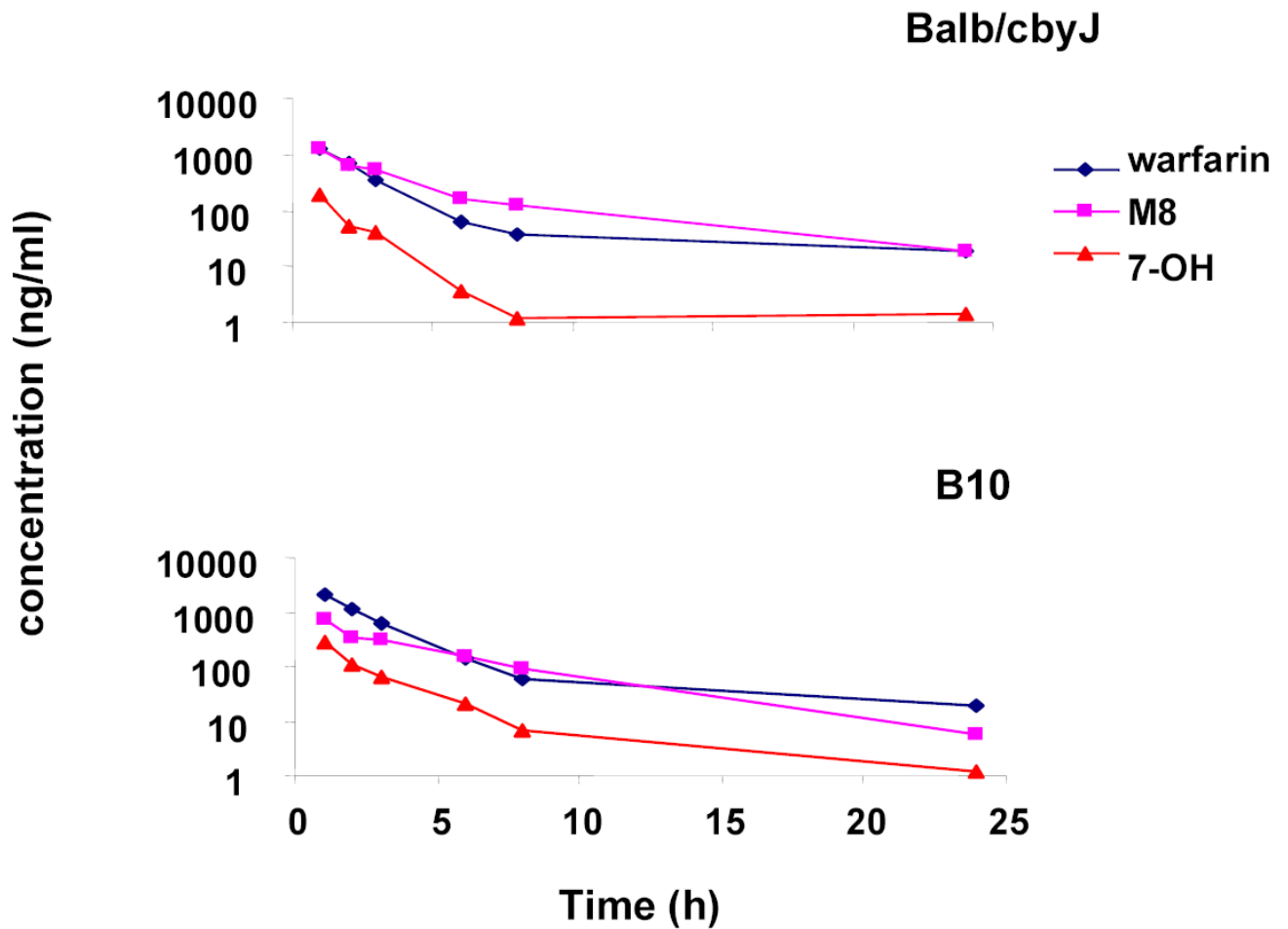


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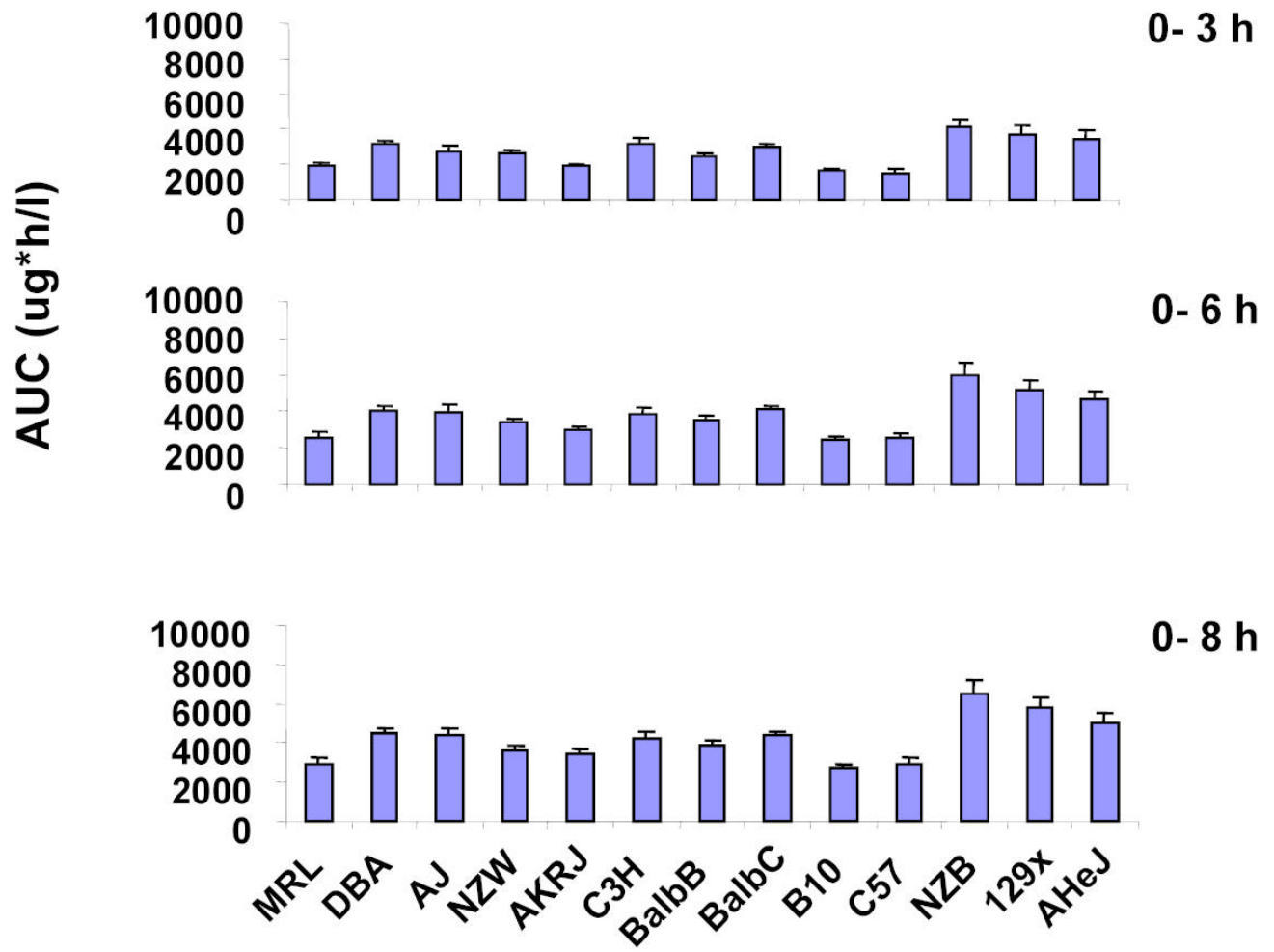
Immunoblot analysis of *Cyp2c29* protein in liver extracts prepared from 7 inbred strains. Liver microsomal extracts prepared from 5 strains (AKRJ: AKR/J; MRL: MRL/MpJ; BalbB: Balb/cyB; BalbC: Balb/cJ; 129x: 129x1/svJ) with a high rate, and 2 strains with a low rate (B10: B10.D2; C57B: C57B/6J) of 7-hydroxywarfarin generation. Immunoblotting was performed on 25  $\mu$ g of protein per lane using a polyclonal anti-murine *Cyp2c29* IgY antibody (upper panel). The blot was then stripped and re-probed with an anti-tubulin antibody as a control for the amount of protein in each lane (lower panel). The relative mobility of molecular weight markers is shown on the left.

**Supplemental Figure 1.**

$\beta$ -glucuronidase hydrolysis of **M8** (putative warfarin conjugates). Urine samples obtained from drug-treated MRL/MpJ mice were hydrolyzed with  $\beta$ -glucuronidase, and the HPLC-radiometric chromatograms of samples before and after enzymatic hydrolysis are shown. Comparison of these chromatograms indicate that there is a decrease in **M8** and a proportional increase in 7-hydroxywarfarin after enzymatic digestion. The indicated metabolites were identified by retention time, sensitivity to  $\beta$ -glucuronidase, and ultraviolet spectra.

**Supplemental Figure 2.**

A logarithmic plot comparing the plasma concentrations of *R*-warfarin, 7-hydroxywarfarin and M8 in strains with a high rate (Balb/cbyJ) and a low rate (B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ) of generating 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites. A single IP 10 mg/kg dose of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -*R*-warfarin was administered to males of 13 inbred mouse strains. The concentrations of *R*-warfarin and the two metabolites in plasma samples were quantitated by LC/MS/MS. Each data point represents the average of 3–5 different mice analyzed at each time point.



**Supplemental Figure 3.**

The Area Under Concentration-time Curve (AUC) for 7-hydroxywarfarin metabolites (7-OH + M8) within 8 hr after a 10 mg/kg IP dose of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -R-warfarin was administered to males of 13 inbred mouse strains. The concentrations of the indicated metabolite in plasma were measured by LC/MS/MS analysis. Each data point is the average  $\pm$  the standard deviation of 3 samples.

## Supplemental Table 1

MRM parameters for the detection of warfarin, 4', 6-, 7-, 8-, 10-hydroxywarfarin, deuterium-labeled 7-hydroxywarfarin (IS) and 7-hydroxywarfarin-4-glucuronide. The LC/MS/MS conditions used here: curtain gas: 10; nebulizer gas: 40; turbo gas: 40; collision-activated dissociation collision gas: 4; source temperature: 350°C; ion spray voltage: -4200V. CE: collision energy; EP: entrance potential; DP: declustering potential; CXP: cell exit potential.

MRM	Parent (m/z)	Daughter (m/z)	CE	EP	DP	CXP
warfarin	307.0	161.5	-30	-10	-90	-31
4', 6-hydroxywarfarin	323.9	266.1	-30	-10	-75	-7
7-, 8-hydroxywarfarin	324.0	177.1	-26	-10	-75	-11
Deuterium-labeled 7-hydroxywarfarin (IS)	327.9	177.1	-30	-10	-80	-11
10-hydroxywarfarin	324.0	250.7	-28	-10	-50	-15
7-hydroxywarfarin-4-glucuronide	499.0	323.1	-18	-10	-80	-7

## Supplemental Table II

PCR primers used in the cDNA cloning and RT-PCR experiments.

Gene	Primer Orientation	Sequence
cDNA cloning	5'-forward	ACGTGGCCCGCTATGGATCTGGTGGTCTCTAGCGCTCACT
	3'-reverse	GATCGCCCTGAAGGCCTCATTAGAGAGGAATGAAGCAGAGCTGGTAAGGGGGT
	5'-forward	ACGTGGCCCGCTATGGACCTTGTCCACATTCCTAGTGTCA
Cyp2c39	3'-reverse	GATCGCCCTGAAGGCCTCACACAATCAAAATCAAGTATTATTG
	5'-forward	ACGTGGCCCGCTATGGATCCAAATCCTGGTCTCTGGTGTCACT
Cyp2c37	3'-reverse	GATCGCCCTGAAGGCCTCATCAGGAAGGAATGAA GCAGAGCTGGA
	5'-forward	GCCAATACCTTTGGCCGTGA
Cyp2c55	3'-reverse	ATAGCAACAGCCAGTGTCTTG
	5'-forward	CCCTCCCTATCAGGGATATGG
Cyp2c29	3'-reverse	CTGTATGTCTTTCCTGGGTCTTG
	5'-forward	GGTCTTATTTTACCTCTTTACTTATCAGGAA
Cyp2c39	3'-reverse	AACCAGATGTGTTTGTAGGTCCTT

*R*-warfarin metabolic profiles determined by radiometric methods in pooled plasma samples (1–8 h postdose) after an IP dose 10 mg/kg of <sup>14</sup>C-*R*-warfarin to males of 13 inbred mouse strains. The amount of radioactivity in each metabolite was analyzed to determine its concentration, and expressed as the concentration equivalent of *R*-warfarin. The data obtained in two independently performed studies, with n=3 samples per data point, is shown. M6 through M9 are unknown metabolites, and “Total” represents the amount of remaining drug and all metabolites.

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Mouse Strain	Warfarin	Concentration (µg-eq/mL)								Total			
		4'-OH Warfarin	10-OH Warfarin	6-OH Warfarin	7-OH Warfarin	8-OH Warfarin	M6	M7	M8		M9		
MRL	1.3949	0.0194	0.0000	0.1114	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0872	0.1066	0.2180	0.1066	0.1066	2.0440
DBA	1.0946	0.0000	0.0097	0.1841	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0145	0.3051	0.1017	0.1017	1.7098
AJ	1.1043	0.0291	0.0000	0.1114	0.0242	0.0000	0.0000	0.0727	0.1502	0.2034	0.1695	0.1695	1.9665
NZW	0.8428	0.0775	0.0000	0.1679	0.0000	0.0323	0.0000	0.3778	0.0065	0.1550	0.0807	0.0807	1.7405
AKRJ	0.8525	0.0000	0.0000	0.2276	0.0145	0.0000	0.0000	0.0484	0.0436	0.2567	0.0678	0.0678	1.5112
C3H	2.2135	0.0387	0.0000	0.2664	0.0000	0.0097	0.0097	0.1114	0.0533	0.2325	0.1308	0.1308	3.0563
BALBB	1.3949	0.0048	0.0000	0.3148	0.0581	0.0000	0.0581	0.4020	0.0000	0.4214	0.3439	0.3439	2.9497
BALBC	1.5402	0.0000	0.0000	0.1162	0.0242	0.0000	0.0242	0.1889	0.0823	0.1986	0.3390	0.3390	2.5090
B10	1.1980	0.0161	0.0000	0.1970	0.0065	0.0000	0.0065	0.2131	0.0000	0.0517	0.1195	0.1195	1.8018
C57B	2.1360	0.0387	0.0000	0.1259	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0630	0.0242	0.0920	0.1502	0.1502	2.6446
NZB	1.3562	0.0000	0.0000	0.1647	0.0145	0.0000	0.0145	0.1308	0.1695	0.3778	0.2906	0.2906	2.5041
129x	1.4272	0.0355	0.0000	0.2260	0.0420	0.0000	0.0420	0.7847	0.0743	0.2357	0.1388	0.1388	2.9643
AHeJ	3.2064	0.0823	0.0000	0.3923	0.0920	0.0727	0.0920	0.3487	0.0000	0.3681	0.1695	0.1695	4.7322
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MRL	0.6140	0.0146	0.0000	0.0869	0.0135	0.0000	0.0135	0.0278	0.0112	0.0281	0.0886	0.0886	0.8848
DBA	0.9477	0.0295	0.0000	0.1214	0.0335	0.0000	0.0335	0.0000	0.0260	0.1170	0.0621	0.0621	1.3372
AJ	1.2274	0.0508	0.0000	0.2583	0.0636	0.0149	0.0636	0.0000	0.0523	0.1146	0.1363	0.1363	1.9182
NZW	0.7885	0.0297	0.0000	0.1032	0.0227	0.0041	0.0227	0.0147	0.0330	0.0520	0.0630	0.0630	1.1107
AKRJ	0.3613	0.0356	0.0000	0.1140	0.0041	0.0074	0.0041	0.0041	0.0000	0.0855	0.0702	0.0702	0.6820
C3H	0.7332	0.0560	0.0000	0.1104	0.0262	0.0081	0.0262	0.0122	0.0053	0.0499	0.0599	0.0599	1.0612
BALBB	0.3871	0.0225	0.0000	0.0742	0.0151	0.0041	0.0151	0.0081	0.0206	0.0636	0.1212	0.1212	0.7165
BALBC	0.4109	0.0354	0.0042	0.0774	0.0151	0.0042	0.0151	0.0042	0.0148	0.0707	0.1754	0.1754	0.8230
B10	1.0354	0.0072	0.0041	0.0333	0.0041	0.0000	0.0041	0.0041	0.0153	0.0302	0.0923	0.0923	1.2259
C57B	0.9219	0.0337	0.0112	0.0590	0.0081	0.0041	0.0081	0.0000	0.0223	0.0258	0.1109	0.1109	1.1970
NZB	0.8364	0.0000	0.0000	0.1221	0.0184	0.0000	0.0184	0.0133	0.0385	0.1483	0.1258	0.1258	1.3029
129x	0.9328	0.0297	0.0151	0.1400	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0186	0.0376	0.0444	0.0816	0.0816	1.2998
AHeJ	0.6561	0.0190	0.0000	0.0812	0.0147	0.0081	0.0147	0.0112	0.0143	0.0256	0.0929	0.0929	0.9231

The calculated AUC<sub>0-8h</sub> for *R*-warfarin and its metabolites following a single IP dose of 10 mg/kg of <sup>14</sup>C-*R*-warfarin to males of 13 inbred mouse strains. In this independently performed drug dosing experiment, the concentration of each drug and metabolite was determined by LC/MS/MS methods.

Supplemental Table IV

	Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	10-OH Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	4-OH Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	6-OH Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	7-OH Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	8-OH Warfarin AUC (0-8)	SD	M8 AUC (0-8)	SD
MRL	4899.73	337.10	74.52	2.99	560.33	55.40	2018.97	131.06	747.50	103.14	367.77	52.00	2126.67	280.44
DBA	5012.63	341.99	76.46	4.96	192.36	15.43	2647.53	195.58	1314.55	101.67	232.52	48.35	3147.30	189.42
AJ	5269.07	482.44	131.50	6.45	542.95	45.47	2904.44	258.70	1458.30	148.58	738.58	78.68	2890.74	275.77
NZW	4893.43	401.93	75.74	4.53	814.85	74.06	2471.50	165.35	1032.28	72.20	335.93	35.89	2596.10	166.23
AKRJ	4250.77	565.81	56.95	7.05	539.33	56.97	3231.33	306.39	907.47	72.44	789.80	87.27	2538.27	156.38
C3H	3179.43	217.84	87.39	9.75	386.41	30.70	3010.20	337.93	645.15	87.62	782.81	64.12	3566.03	382.21
BALBB	2879.73	186.21	56.41	3.36	181.17	33.52	1492.93	118.47	326.33	42.01	219.19	22.03	3510.77	239.05
BALBC	2743.50	344.04	37.82	4.35	255.34	21.57	1432.78	161.63	532.02	57.09	339.19	36.16	3846.07	104.90
B10	4957.50	184.77	205.00	12.12	807.00	77.77	1528.54	66.18	581.44	55.43	431.98	26.06	2166.90	97.62
C57	5632.27	428.77	113.41	10.33	881.45	74.81	1382.73	89.04	374.18	38.10	404.93	20.30	2550.83	265.41
NZB	5108.30	462.14	116.82	16.35	781.55	28.94	3455.87	354.23	848.99	123.28	609.21	85.73	5662.13	601.58
129x	4920.93	413.97	153.71	10.56	1175.43	113.06	3915.63	407.41	1459.82	92.87	517.88	98.26	4328.67	479.82
AHeJ	3608.10	256.85	51.56	5.34	447.27	57.54	2520.40	188.35	1193.15	193.22	329.11	50.79	3818.20	318.89



## Supplemental Table V

All genomic regions where the C57B/6J and B.10.D2-H2/oSnJ share a unique haplotype that differs from the other 11 strains. For each predicted block, the chromosomal location, number of SNPs within a block, its gene symbol and an indicator of gene expression in liver are shown. In the gene expression column, a green square indicates the gene is expressed in liver tissue, a blue square indicates that it is not, while a gray square indicates unknown.

Chr.	Position	#SNPs	Symbol	Exp
1	171,784,838-172,393,833	20	<u>Igstf8</u>	x
1	172,401,363-172,402,495	14	<u>Kenj9</u>	n
1	172,411,182-172,441,610	12	<u>Kenj10</u>	n
1	191,803,831-191,804,563	5	<u>Slc30a1</u>	y
1	192,308,111-192,330,794	25	<u>Kenh1</u>	n
4	146,486,668-146,487,963	11	<u>Masp2</u>	y
6	108,729,673-108,740,188	7	<u>Ipr1</u>	y
6	135,789,559-135,837,639	32	<u>Grn2b</u>	n
7	75,445,831-75,479,860	25	<u>Clsc</u>	y
7	89,539,751-89,548,616	20	<u>Art5</u>	y
7	89,549,379-89,552,004	8	<u>Trpc2</u>	n
7	89,971,746-89,977,619	30	<u>Rrm1</u>	y
8	23,738,182-23,757,223	37	<u>Adam9</u>	y
8	67,905,037-67,932,681	16	<u>Lpl</u>	y
9	92,171,716-92,181,097	10	<u>Mimp2</u>	y
9	48,705,110-48,720,039	33	<u>Nimnt</u>	n
9	106,225,659-106,382,186	51	<u>2510040D 07Rik</u>	y
9	106,382,628-106,387,453	19	<u>Acy1</u>	n
11	41,642,067-41,642,325	8	<u>Gabrg2</u>	y
11	88,594,872-88,625,049	83	<u>Scnp1</u>	x
11	107,466,993-107,544,794	27	<u>Caeg5</u>	y
13	62,702,012-63,576,703	147	<u>Clsl</u>	y
14	42,503,988-43,515,434	40	<u>Adprl2</u>	y
14	46,234,374-46,245,543	42	<u>Abhd4</u>	x
14	46,409,812-46,411,315	10	<u>Mmp14</u>	y
14	46,588,681-46,937,718	21	<u>Psm5</u>	y
15	80,719,225-80,726,633	20	<u>Caena1i</u>	x
16	98,369,827-98,412,517	18	<u>Timpr2</u>	y
18	53,334,388-53,351,991	8	<u>Sncap</u>	n
18	57,023,242-57,036,757	56	<u>Aldh7a1</u>	y
19	38,443,000-39,098,981	84	<u>Cyp2e5</u>	y
19	43,146,384-43,148,069	10	<u>Abcc2</u>	y
19	47,208,472-47,209,159	5	<u>4930463G 05Rik</u>	x
X	63,821,007-63,834,359	33	<u>Gabre</u>	n

## Supplemental Table VI

Kinetic parameters for *in vitro* biotransformation of *R*-warfarin to 6-, 7- and 8-hydroxywarfarin by recombinant *Cyp2c29* and the CD-1 mouse liver microsomes.

Recombinant	K <sub>m</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	V <sub>max</sub> (pmol/min/nmol CYP)	V <sub>max</sub> /K <sub>m</sub> (pmol/min/nmol CYP/ $\mu$ M)
Cyp2c29 6-OH	68.0 $\pm$ 19.3	9.5 $\pm$ 1.8	0.14
7-OH	115.3 $\pm$ 37.3	20.2 $\pm$ 7.2	0.18
8-OH	37.1 $\pm$ 22.9	6.1 $\pm$ 2.8	0.16
Microsomes 6-OH	189.1 $\pm$ 101.3	289.2 $\pm$ 59.2	1.5
7-OH	240.6 $\pm$ 141.2	276.9 $\pm$ 88.3	1.2
8-OH	97.2 $\pm$ 2.6	241.2 $\pm$ 54.3	2.5