Supplementary Information

Simultaneously discovering the fate and biochemical effects of pharmaceuticals through untargeted metabolomics

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Supplementary Figure 1 Distribution of peak intensity fold changes observed in untargeted metabolomics toxicity datasets. The distribution of fold changes (median exposed peak intensity compared to median biological control peak intensity per feature) observed in the untargeted metabolomics toxicity datasets measured by HILIC UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode (blue), HILIC UHPLC-MS in negative ion mode (yellow), RP C¹⁸ UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode (grey), and RP

C¹⁸ UHPLC in negative ion mode (red) discussed in this paper: a plasma from rats exposed to sunitinib (n = 29), b plasma from rats exposed to KU60648 (n = 19), c cardiac tissue of rats exposed to sunitinib (n = 5), d cardiac tissue of rats exposed to KU60648 (n = 5), e intracellular extracts of hiPSC-CMs exposed to sunitinib (n = 9), and f culture medium of hiPSC-CMs exposed to sunitinib (n = 9). Inset figures display the chart zoomed-in on y-axis. At least 98% of fold changes are below the 10-fold threshold across the 6 datasets.

Supplementary Table 1 A summary of the datasets analysed. For each dataset analysed, the experimental model and matrix, exposure (parent) substance, dose(s), measured time points, and the reason for analysis are reported.

Supplementary Table 2 Number of features in rat plasma and cardiac tissue untargeted metabolomics datasets before and after application of the three untargeted ADME/TK workflow filters. Separate full peak matrices per metabolomics assay were produced for sunitinib-exposed and corresponding biological control rat plasma samples, and KU60648-exposed and corresponding biological control rat plasma samples. Also, a single full peak matrix per metabolomics assay comprising data from both sunitinib-exposed and KU60648-exposed, and their corresponding biological control, rat cardiac tissue samples was produced. The number of putative xenobiotic-related features discovered by application of the three intensity-based filters for each xenobiotic are presented, and the number of features retained after removal of those features from the full peak matrices to generate the filtered (endogenous) peak matrices.

Supplementary Table 3 Summary of the two parent pharmaceuticals investigated in rats. The number of biotransformation products (BTPs) of sunitinib and KU60648 that have been reported in published literature are noted, in addition to how many of those are available to purchase as analytical standards, based on information found within the "Chemical Vendors" section of PubChem records. Also presented are the number of biotransformation products which were predicted by either SyGMa¹ or the "Generate Expected Compounds" tool of Compound Discoverer (Thermo Scientific) and the number of biotransformations discovered in the plasma of exposed rats through application of the untargeted ADME/TK workflow on UHPLC-MS-based metabolomics datasets.

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Supplementary Figure 2 Chromatographic peaks of sunitinib and related compounds measured in rat plasma. Extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) of sunitinib and its biotransformation products measured in the plasma of rats treated with sunitinib by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Figure 3 Mass spectra of sunitinib biotransformation products measured in rat plasma. MS² fragmentation spectra of biotransformation products of sunitinib measured in the plasma of rats treated with sunitinib by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Note 1 Untargeted workflow discovers fate of KU60648 in rat. Implementing the untargeted ADME/TK workflow to detect cardiotoxins and their biotransformation products in rat plasma and cardiac tissue – KU60648

Through application of the workflow, 147, 41, 71 and 17 putative KU60648-related features were extracted from datasets collected by four untargeted metabolomics assays: HILIC-Pos, HILIC-Neg, RP-C18-Pos and RP-C18-Neg, respectively (Supplementary Table 2). Exploratory correlation analysis highlighted the strong association of these features across the exposed rat samples, adding confidence to their predicted relationship to KU60648 (Fig. 3a).

A list of 1108 predicted biotransformation products was generated by *in silico* predictions (Supplementary Data 1) enabling the annotation of 20 biotransformation products from the lists of putative KU60648-related features, as well as KU60648 itself. One further biotransformation product was detected that was not predicted by either SyGMa¹ or the "Generate Expected Compounds" tool of Compound Discoverer (Thermo Scientific) (Fig. 3b). The majority of biotransformation products were detected by the HILIC-Pos assay (Fig. 3c; Supplementary Fig. 4). Furthermore, 17 of the detected biotransformation products were Phase I modifications of KU60648 and 4 were Phase II modifications (Fig. 3d), whilst the biotransformation step(s) that result in the formation of M21 was not elucidated. The identity of features corresponding to KU60648 itself were confirmed by comparison against the MS² fragmentation spectra of an authentic chemical standard (Fig. 3e). The $MS²$ spectra of KU60648 (from analysis of an authentic chemical standard and exposed rat plasma) were structurally-annotated using MetFrag³, discovering that peaks at *m/z* 70, 84, 127, 273, 429 and 441 represent major substructures of KU60648. Of the 22 biotransformation products annotated using accurate mass measurements, $MS²$ spectra were successfully acquired for 14 and used to confirm the presence of KU60648 substructure(s) and elucidate sites of metabolism by *in silico* structural annotation using MetFrag³ (Fig. 3f, Supplementary Data 3, Supplementary Fig. 5). This included the 4 compounds (M18, M19, M21, M22) from the list of measured putative KU60648-related features that were not predicted *in silico*. Thus, applying the untargeted ADME/TK workflow, we report the presence of KU60648 to Metabolomics Standards Initiative (MSI)⁴ and Schymanski⁵ confidence level 1 (using accurate m/z , retention time and MS² spectral match to authentic standard), and discovery of 14 biotransformation products to MSI level 2 (Schymanski confidence levels 2-3, i.e., probable or tentative structure, using accurate *m/z* and *in silico* structural annotation of MS² spectra) and a further 8 biotransformation products with putative molecular formulae (Schymanski confidence level 4, using accurate *m/z*) in the plasma of rats exposed to KU60648 (Fig. 3f, Supplementary Data 3).

The workflow was also applied to untargeted UHPLC-MS metabolomics data collected from cardiac tissue samples taken from the same KU60648-exposed rats, to demonstrate its capability to discover fingerprints of biotransformation at the site of toxicity. Following data filtering (Supplementary Table 2), 4 of the 22 biotransformations detected in plasma were also detected in cardiac tissue (Fig. 3f, Supplementary Data 3). These biotransformations include Phase 1 modifications, amide hydrolysis (M2, M10) and de-ethylation (M14), and a Phase II modification, glucuronide conjugation (M10).

Supplementary Figure 4 Chromatographic peaks of KU6068 and related compounds measured in rat plasma. Extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) of KU60648 and its biotransformation products measured in the plasma of rats treated with KU60648 by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Figure 5 Mass spectra of KU60648 biotransformation products measured in rat plasma. MS² fragmentation spectra of the biotransformation products of KU60648 measured in the plasma of rats treated with KU60648 by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Figure 6 Reliability of untargeted metabolomics peak intensity measurements of sunitinib. Relationship between peak intensity measurements of sunitinib measured by untargeted a RP C¹⁸ positive and b HILIC negative UHPLC-MS metabolomics in rat plasma sampled on day 15, and quantitative measurements of sunitinib derived from targeted HPLC-MS/MS analysis of rat plasma also sampled on day 15 (4h earlier than metabolomics samples). Pearson correlation coefficient (R) of n = 5 measurements from separate animals is displayed. Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 7 Reliability of untargeted metabolomics relative peak intensity measurements of KU60648. Relationship between peak intensity of KU60648 measured by untargeted a HILIC positive, b RP C¹⁸ positive, and c HILIC negative UHPLC-MS metabolomics, and quantitative measurements of KU60648 derived from targeted HPLC-MS/MS analysis. Rat plasma for both analyses was sampled at the same time on day 1 (orange). Rat plasma for UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics was sampled 20 hrs earlier, and 20 hrs later on days 2 (blue) and 4 (grey), respectively, compared to plasma for targeted HPLC-MS/MS analysis. Pearson correlation coefficients (R) of n = 5 (day 1 and day 2) or n = 8 (day 4) measurements from separate animals are also displayed. Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 8 Temporal distribution of KU60648 in plasma of exposed rats. Mean (cross) peak intensity of KU60648, measured by UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics, over the duration of the 4-day study. N = 5 separate animals on days 1 and 2; n = 9 separate animals on day 4. Individual data points are also displayed (open circle). Error bars show standard error. Blue arrows indicate time of dosing. Statistical analysis was conducted by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post-hoc test (p = 0.0344, day 2 vs. day 1). Systemic levels of KU60648 are significantly higher in the plasma of exposed rats by 1.5-fold 4 hrs after a second dose, compared to those observed 4 hrs after the first dose. Meanwhile, on day 4 (24 hrs after the final dose), relative levels lie between those measured on days 1 and 2. The largest inter-individual variation is observed on day 2, when systemic levels of KU60648 are at their highest. Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file.*

Supplementary Figure 9 Temporal distributions of KU60648 and its biotransformation *products in plasma of exposed rats. Median peak intensities, measured by UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics and scaled by unit-variance, of KU60648 and its biotransformation products over the duration of the 4-day study, clustered by unsupervised k-means clustering (k = 6, optimal value determined by the Elbow Method). Statistical analysis was conducted by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post-hoc test, with significance displayed as follows: * p < 0.05 vs. day 1, † p < 0.05 vs. day 2, ‡ p < 0.05 vs. day 4. Specifically, cluster 1: p = 0.0002 (day 2 vs. day 1); cluster 2: p < 0.0001 (day 2 vs. day 1), p = 0.0005 (day 4 vs, day 1), p = 0.0132 (day 4 vs. day 2); cluster 3: p < 0.0001 (day 4 vs. day 1 and day 4 vs. day 2); cluster 4: p = 0.0013 (day 4 vs. day 1); cluster 5: p = 0.0307 (day 2 vs. day 1), p = 0.0003 (day 4 vs. day 2); cluster 6: p = 0.0001 (day 2 vs. day 1), p < 0.0001 (day 4 vs. day 1), p = 0.0148 (day 4 vs. day 2). N = 5 separate animals on days 1 and 2; n = 9 separate animals on day 4. KU60648 is clustered with 6 of its biotransformation products: M4, M6, M9, M11, M18 and M19 (cluster 2). The average response of these compounds shows a significant and large increase (2.8 fold) in systemic levels between days 1 and 2 followed by a slight, but significant, decline by day 4, although levels remain significantly 1.5-fold greater than those measured on day 1. Cluster 1 (M2 and M8)* shows a similar temporal trend to Cluster 2, however the increase between day 1 and 2 is to a *lesser extent (1.8-fold compared to 2.8-fold). Cluster 3 (M12, M21, and M22) shows consistent accumulation throughout the experiment. The accumulation is significant by day 4 where levels were 9-fold greater than those measured on day 1. Cluster 4 (M7 and M17) has a similar response to Cluster 3, with significant change occurring by day 4. However, this accumulation is lesser, with day 4 levels 2.5-fold greater than those measured on day 1. M1 does not cluster with any other KU60648 biotransformation products (cluster 5). Its systemic levels significantly increase between days 1 and 2 to levels 1.7-fold greater but returns to levels comparable to day 1 by day 4. Cluster 6 (M3, M5, M10, M13, M14, M15, M16 and M20) systemic levels are significantly 4-fold greater on day 2 than on day 1, with a further 2-fold increase by day 4. Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file.* \cdots

Supplementary Figure 10 Sunitinib-induced perturbation of the plasma metabolome of rats. PCA scores and loadings plots of data acquired from plasma of rats exposed to sunitinib (red) and biological control rats (blue), after a 2 days, b 4 days and c 8 days, measured by HILIC UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode before and after removal of putative sunitinib-related features (green in the loadings plots).

Supplementary Table 4 Number of significantly changing features in plasma of rats exposed to sunitinib compared to biological controls, per time point and per analytical assay. Differences between exposed and biological control samples were evaluated using two-tailed Student's t-test with FDR correction (N = 5 separate animals for days 1, 2, 4 and 8, N = 9 separate animals for day 15). A significant difference was defined where q-value < 0.1.

Assay	Number of significant features				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 4	Day 8	Day 15
HILIC positive	25	38	9	109	524
HILIC negative	3	81		52	518
RPC_{18} positive	12	2	38	75	1389
RPC_{18} negative		0	83	227	1063

Supplementary Figure 11 Sunitinib-induced perturbation of the cardiac tissue metabolome of rats. PCA scores plots of cardiac tissue samples from rats exposed to sunitinib (red) compared to biological control rats (blue), as measured by 4 untargeted metabolomics assays: a HILIC UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode, b HILIC UHPLC-MS in negative ion mode, c RP C¹⁸ UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode and d RP C¹⁸ UHPLC-MS in negative ion mode. Analysis was carried out on the endogenous data matrices following removal of putative sunitinib-related features.

Supplementary Table 5 Number of significantly changing features in cardiac tissue of rats exposed to sunitinib compared to biological controls, per assay. Differences between exposed and biological control samples were evaluated using two-tailed Student's t-test with FDR correction (N = 5 separate animals). A significant difference was defined where q-value < 0.1.

Supplementary Table 6 Over-representation analysis of lipids significantly correlated to sunitinib levels in the cardiac tissue of exposed rats. The number of lipid species per lipid class annotated to MSI level 2 (Reference List Count), and number of those lipids significantly correlated (Spearman's, p < 0.05) to sunitinib levels in exposed samples (network count) are reported. Expected network count refers to the number of species per lipid class expected to be significantly correlated to sunitinib levels in exposed samples in the case of no lipid class enrichment. The fold enrichment of lipid classes significantly correlated (Spearman's, p < 0.05) to sunitinib levels in exposed samples was calculated as the ratio of network count to expected network count, and the significance assessed by a one-sided Fisher's Exact test (p-value).

Supplementary Figure 12 KU60648-induced perturbation of the plasma metabolome of rats. PCA scores and loadings plots of data acquired from plasma of rats exposed to KU60648 (red) and biological control rats (blue), after a 1 day, b 2 days and c 4 days, measured by HILIC UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode before and after removal of putative sunitinib-related features (green in the loadings plots).

Supplementary Figure 13 KU60648-induced perturbation of the cardiac tissue metabolome of rats. PCA scores plots of cardiac tissue samples from rats exposed to KU60648 (red) compared to biological control rats (blue), as measured by 4 untargeted metabolomics assays: a HILIC UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode, b HILIC UHPLC-MS in negative ion mode, c RP C¹⁸ UHPLC-MS in positive ion mode and d RP C¹⁸ UHPLC-MS in negative ion mode. Analysis was carried out on the endogenous data matrices following removal of putative KU60648-related features.

Supplementary Table 7 Number of significantly changing features in plasma, per time point, and cardiac tissue of rats exposed to KU60648 compared to biological controls, per time point and per analytical assay. Differences between exposed and biological control samples were evaluated using two-tailed Student's t-test with FDR correction (plasma: N = 5 separate animals for days 1, and 2, N = 9 separate animals for day 4; cardiac tissue: N = 5 separate animals). A significant difference was defined where q-value < 0.1.

Supplementary Figure 14 Association of internal relative dose of KU60648 with the cardiac tissue lipidome of exposed rats. Correlation network of KU60648 and MSI level 2 annotated lipids: acylcarnitines (AcCa), ceramides (Cer), diacylglycerols (DG), phosphatidylcholines (PC), phosphatidylethanolamines (PE), phosphatidylglycerol (PG), sphingomyelins (SM) and triacylglycerols (TG), in cardiac tissue of rats exposed to KU60648 (N = 5 individual animals). Node size is proportional to its degree of connectivity. Edges represent significant Spearman's correlation (p-value < 0.05 and, |ρ| ≥ 0.9) between compounds. All nodes displayed are significantly correlated to KU60648.

Supplementary Table 8 Over-representation analysis of lipids significantly correlated to KU60648 levels in the cardiac tissue of exposed rats. The number of lipid species per lipid class annotated to MSI level 2 (Reference List Count), and number of those lipids significantly correlated (Spearman's, p<0.05) to KU60648 levels in exposed samples (network count) are reported. Expected network count refers to the number of species per lipid class expected to be significantly correlated to KU60648 levels in exposed samples in the case of no lipid class enrichment. The fold enrichment of lipid classes significantly correlated (Spearman's, p<0.05) to KU60648 levels in exposed samples was calculated as the ratio of network count to expected network count, and the significance assessed by a one-sided Fisher's Exact test (p-value).

Supplementary Figure 15 Boxplots showing significantly increased plasma levels of 4 acylcarnitines found to be associated with KU60648 levels at the site of toxicity in rats, after 2 and 4 days of exposure to KU60648. Boxplots showing the peak intensity values of 4 acylcarnitines; AcCa(12:0), AcCa(14:0), AcCa(14:1) and AcCa(18:0), in the plasma of rats exposed to KU60648 for either 2 or 4 days, compared to time-matched biological controls. The levels of the same four acylcarnitines were found to be significantly correlated with levels of KU60648 in the cardiac tissue of rats exposed to KU60648 for 4 days. Boxes show the interquartile range (IQR), with the line *representing the median, and the whiskers showing 1.5× IQR. Day 2 and 4 data is from n = 5 and n = 9 individual animals, respectively. Fold changes and q-values (FDR-corrected p-values from Student's two-tailed t-test) are also displayed. Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file.*

Supplementary Table 9 Number of features in the untargeted metabolomics datasets of intracellular extracts and culture medium of hiPSC-CM cultures before and after application of the three untargeted ADME/TK workflow filters.

Supplementary Figure 16 Temporal distribution of sunitinib in the intracellular extracts (coral) and culture medium (light blue) of hiPSC-CM cultures exposed to sunitinib. Mean (cross) peak intensity of sunitinib, measured by UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics, over the duration of the 24hr study. N = 3 from separate vials of hiPSC-CMs. Individual data points are also displayed (open circle). Error bars show standard error. Neither intracellular nor extracellular levels of sunitinib significantly change over the duration of the 24hr exposure (one-way ANOVA, p>0.05). Source data for this figure are provided in the Source Data file .

Supplementary Table 10 UK NHS Top20 most prescribed pharmaceuticals 2014 - 2020 and their detection. The top 20 most prescribed pharmaceuticals, according to NHS reports from 2014, 2017 and 2020 are presented, alongside their molecular formula and NORMAN database identifier. Details of their measurement in human plasma samples by UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics, including the m/z, retention time (RT), ion form, and confidence of annotation (MSI annotation level) are also reported.

Supplementary Figure 17 Confident annotation of pharmaceuticals detected in human plasma. Comparison of measured MS² fragmentation spectra for a Paracetamol (acetaminophen), b ramipril, and c amitriptyline in human plasma (top) vs authentic chemical standards (bottom) and the corresponding MetFrag-annotated structures of major peaks. Comparison of MS² fragmentation spectra for d omeprazole, e morphine, f bisoprolol and g atorvastatin in human plasma (top) vs spectrum from a public database (MassBank of North America; accession codes: MoNA037611, LU138502, EA274410 and EQ301303 for omeprazole, atorvastatin, morphine and bisoprolol, respectively) (bottom) and the corresponding MetFrag-annotated structures of major peaks.

Supplementary Figure 18 Chromatographic peaks of pharmaceuticals and their biotransformation products measured in human plasma. Extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) of Paracetamol (acetaminophen), lansoprazole, amitriptyline, atorvastatin, bisoprolol and omeprazole, and their biotransformation products measured in the human plasma samples by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Figure 19 Mass spectra of pharmaceuticals and their biotransformation products detected in human plasma. MS² fragmentation spectra of the biotransformation products of Paracetamol (acetaminophen), amitriptyline, omeprazole, atorvastatin and bisoprolol measured in human plasma samples by HILIC positive UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics.

Supplementary Table 11 Implementing the untargeted ADME/TK workflow on human plasma UHPLC-MS untargeted metabolomics data. The number of samples defined as either 'exposed' or 'control' with numbers disaggregated for self-reported gender, either male (M) or female (F), in brackets, number of putative xenobiotic-related features remaining after implementing the 3 intensitybased filters, and the number of annotated biotransformation products annotated to either MSI Level 3 (MS¹ match only) or MSI Level 2 (supporting MS² spectrum) are reported for each xenobiotic confidently detected in the dataset.

Supplementary Figure 20 Confident annotation of four biotransformation products detected in human plasma. Comparison of measured MS² fragmentation spectra for a acetaminophen glucuronide (acetaminophen M3), b nortriptyline (amitriptyline M3), and c 5-hydroxyomeprazole (omeprazole M2) and d omeprazole sulfone (omeprazole M1) in human plasma (top) vs reference spectra (bottom) from a public database (a and b: MassBank of North America, accession codes: FiehnHILIC000149 and EQ369204, respectively; c and d: mzCloud, accession codes: Reference1851 and Reference2488, respectively).

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