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Drug interactions with hormonal contraceptives (HCs)

Assessing potential drug interactions with HCs during drug development at Bayer

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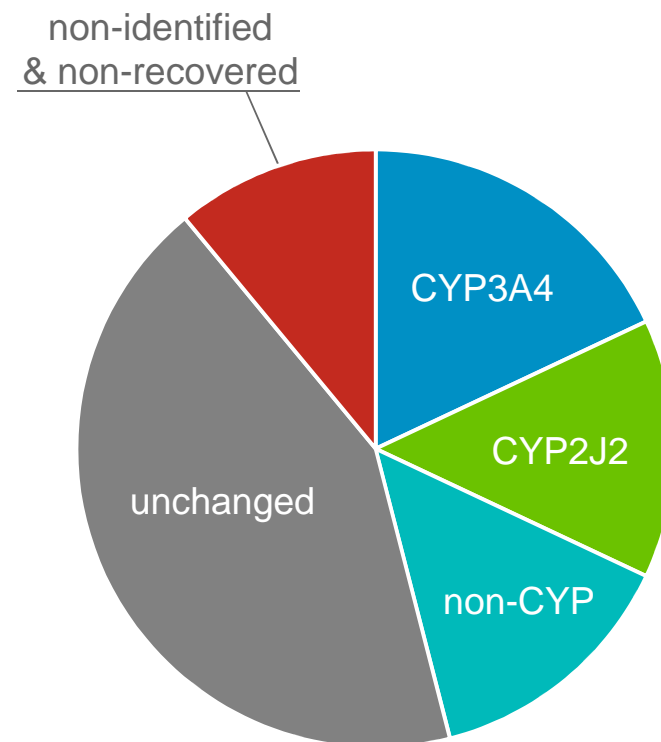
Drug development paradigm for assessing DDIs at Bayer



Investigational compound as victim drug (I)

Understanding clearance mechanisms and elimination pathways, e.g.

- ***In vitro*** (liver microsomes, human hepatocytes, recombinant isoenzymes, isoenzyme specific inhibitors, transfected cells) experiments:
 - Metabolite identification
 - CYP/UGT reaction phenotyping, other enzymes
 - Transporter substrate characteristics
- ***In vivo*** mass balance / biotransformation pathways in humans
- Absolute bioavailability study in humans



Rivaroxaban clearance
Mück et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2013

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Investigational compound as victim drug (II)

Assessment of *in vivo* DDI potential in humans, e.g.

- Evaluation of DDI potential with enzymes contributing $\geq 25\%$ of total clearance pathway (confirming *in vitro* results)
- **Mechanistic approach** (supported by physiological based PK modeling), e.g. starting with most potent inhibitor of metabolic enzymes/transporter
- Complemented by
 - Broad *in vitro* screening of potential co-medications
 - *In vivo* DDI studies for common co-medications
 - Population PK DDI covariate analysis in patient studies

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Investigational compound as perpetrator drug

Identification/exclusion of inhibitory/induction potential

- ***In vitro***
 - CYP/UGT inhibition (human liver microsomes, human hepatocytes, incl. CYP3A4 mechanism based inhibition) experiments using enzyme-selective substrates
 - CYP induction (human hepatocytes) experiments
 - Transporter inhibition
 - DDI studies (selected co-medications)

Assessment of *in vivo* DDI potential

- Mechanistic approach based on *in vitro* data using a sensitive substrate of affected metabolic enzymes or transporter
- DDI study applying therapeutic dose of perpetrator drug

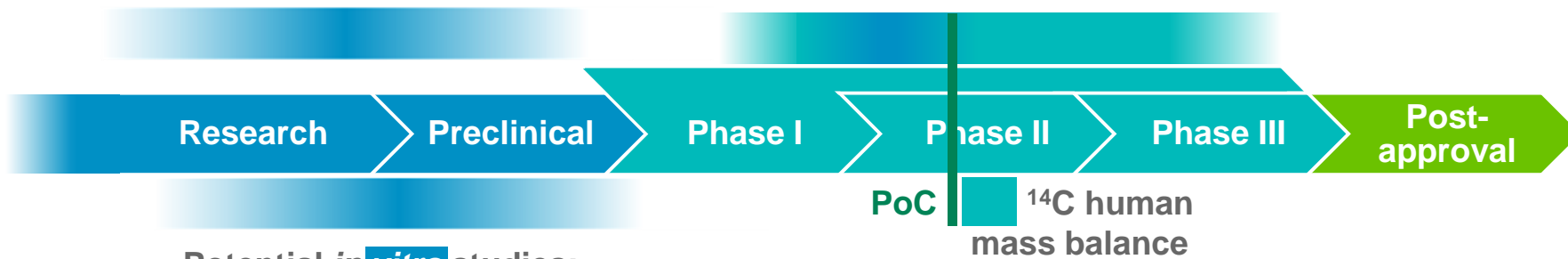
Timing of drug metabolism/ transporter studies



In vitro studies:

- Metabolite identification
- CYP & transporter
 - phenotyping
 - inhibition
- CYP induction

*Refined DDI package
in vitro & in vivo*



Potential **in vitro** studies:

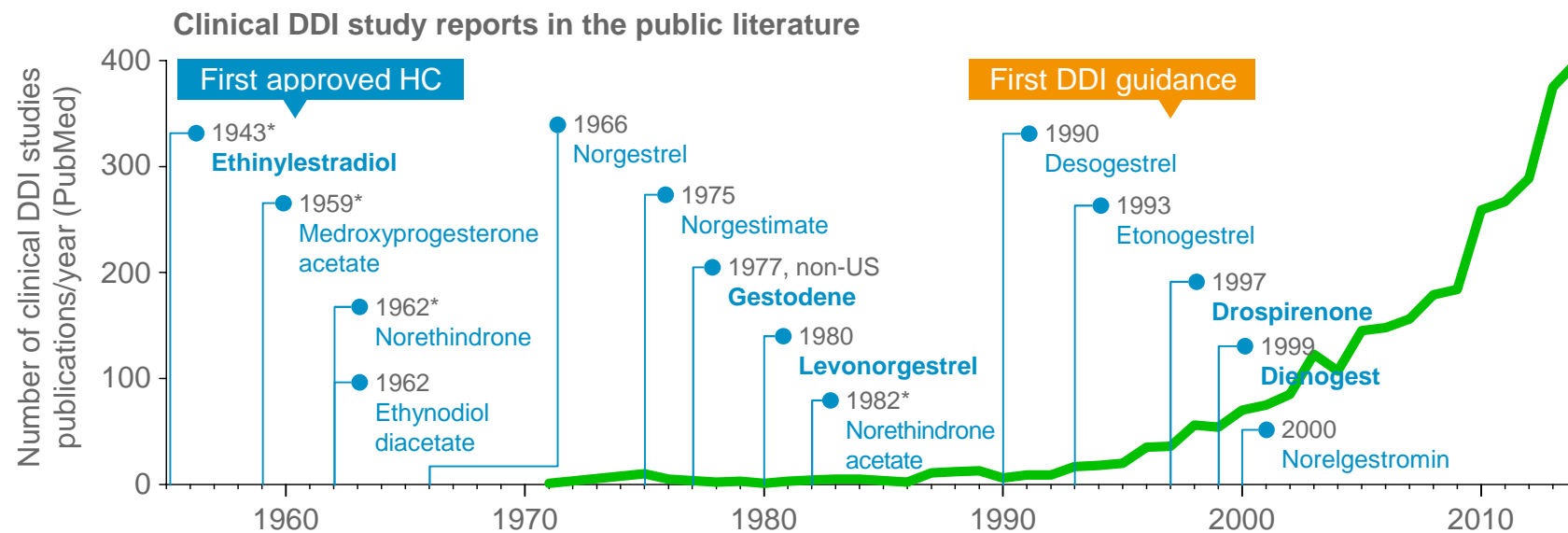
- UGT phenotyping
- UGT inhibition
- Others: e.g. AKR, SULT

Embryo-fetal toxicity studies
(before use in women of
childbearing potential)

HC development in the context of emerging DDI experience



- Most HCs developed before established availability of tools to investigate CYP enzymes and transporters and general awareness of DDIs



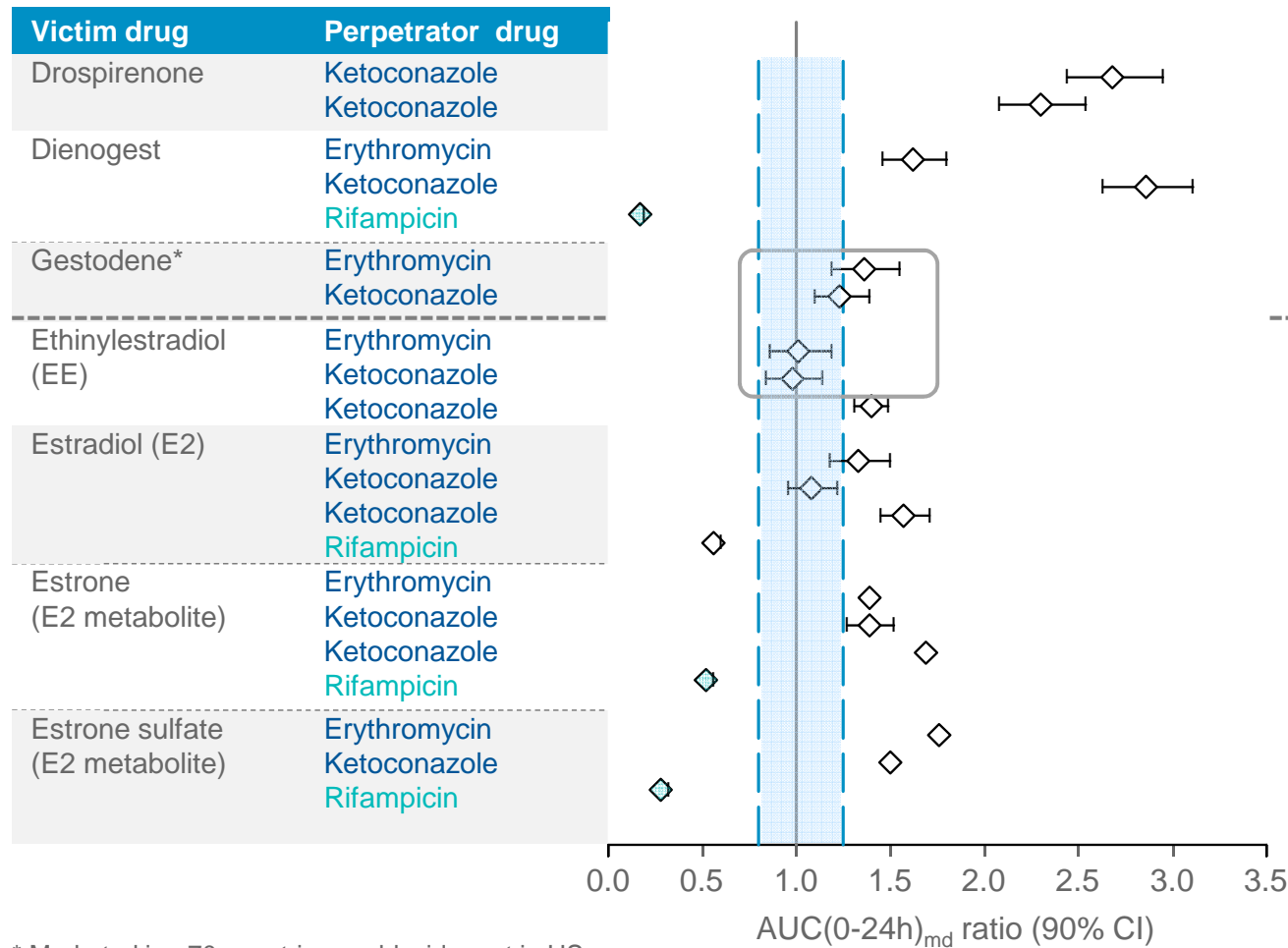
Marketed HCs in US (status Oct 2015); USAN filing year (or first FDA approval year*)



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CYP3A4 inhibition (HC as victim drug)

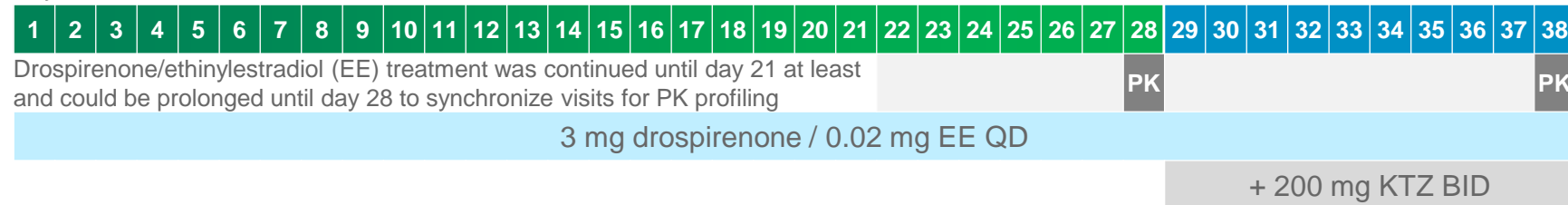
Effect of ketoconazole (KTZ) on YAZ



Study design: open-label, one-way crossover in fertile women

Cohort 1 (N=22 per arm)

Days

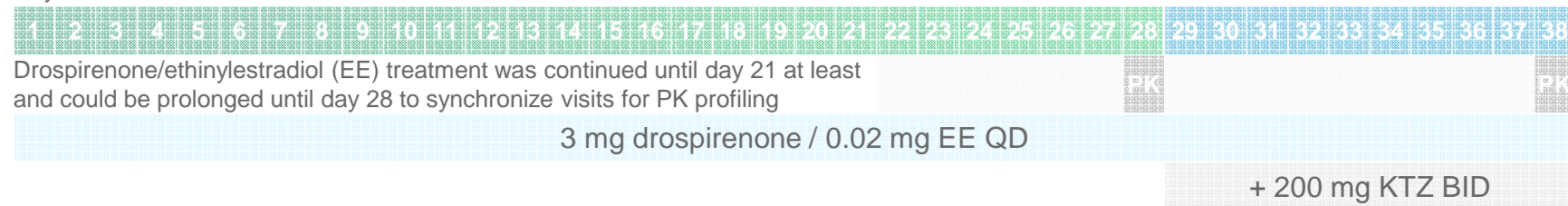


Interim analysis

The group sequential approach allowed to stop the study for futility (or success, if applicable) after the planned interim analysis

Cohort 2, optional (N=22 per arm)

Days

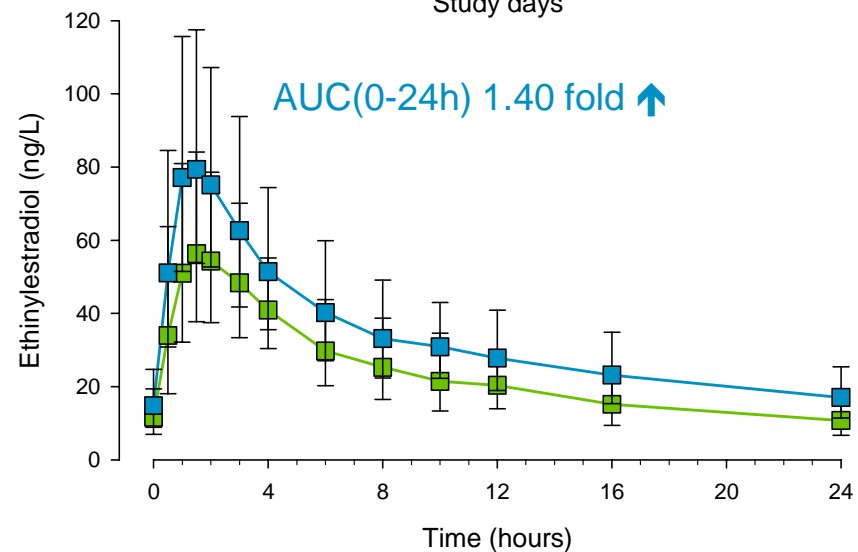
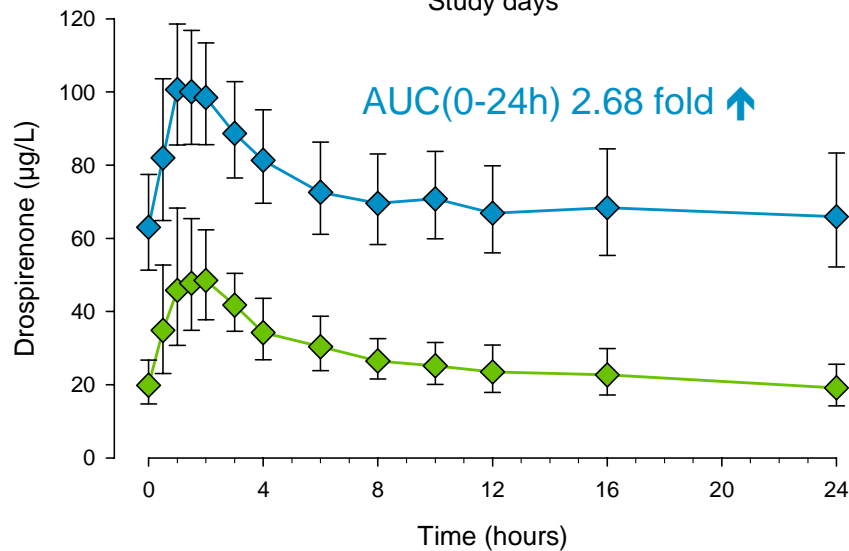
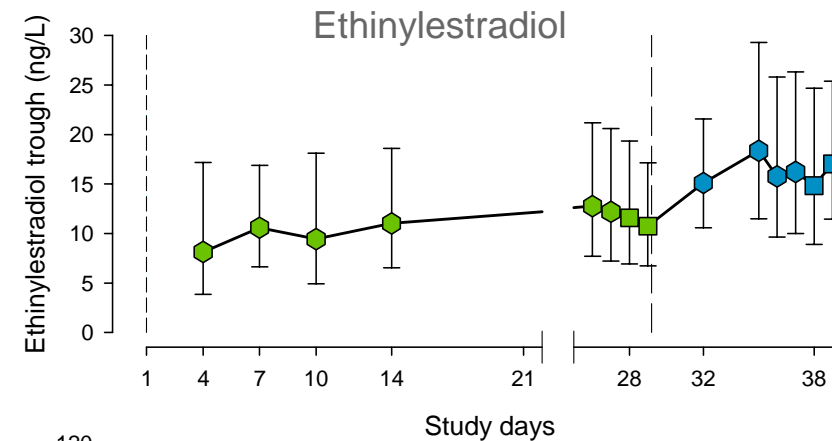
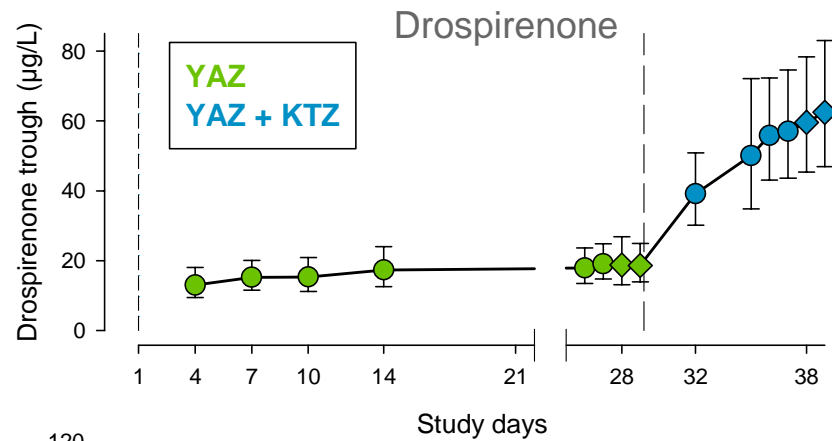


QD: once daily, BID: twice

Wiesinger et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2015

CYP3A4 inhibition (HC as victim drug)

Effect of KTZ on YAZ - Results



CYP3A4 inhibition (HC as victim drug)

Effect of KTZ on YAZ - Conclusions



- CYP3A4 contributes to elimination of EE and drospirenone
- Observed exposure increases are not expected to translate into increased safety risks
- General HC “class label” applicable (complemented by specific study data)

Drospirenone family USPI's (2015)

Section 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Substances increasing the plasma concentrations of COCs: ...

Concomitant administration of moderate or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors such as azole antifungals (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole, fluconazole), verapamil, macrolides (e.g., clarithromycin, erythromycin), diltiazem, and grapefruit juice can increase the plasma concentrations of the estrogen or the progestin or both. ...



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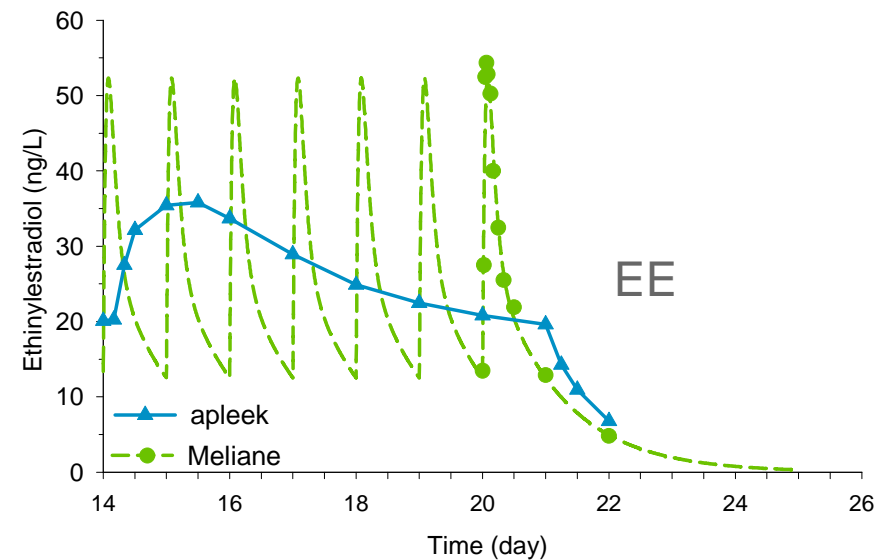
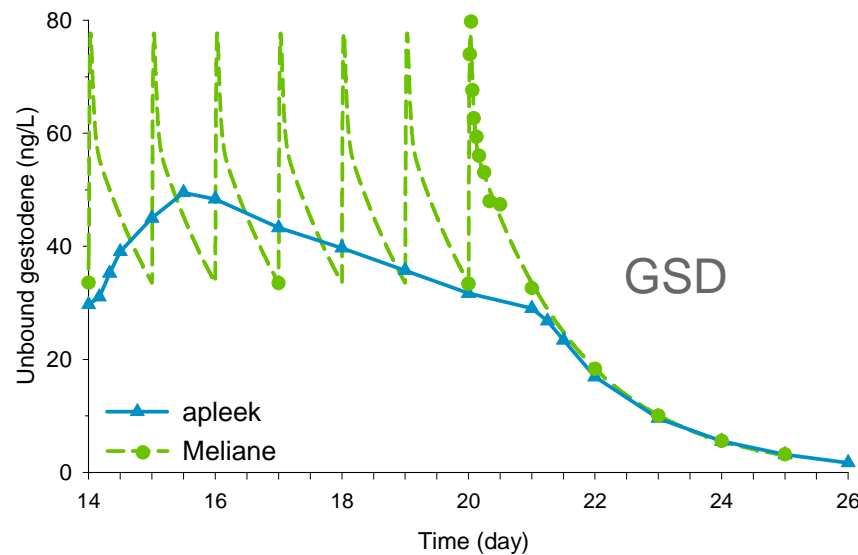
Non-oral administration Transdermal contraceptive patch



apleek a once-a-week, 21 day regimen patch for HC*

- Exposures correspond to a combined oral contraceptive containing 0.02 mg EE and 0.06 mg gestodene (GSD)

Meliane once-daily oral tablet (0.02 mg EE / 0.075 mg GSD)



* apleek contains 0.55 mg ethinylestradiol (EE) and 2.1 mg gestodene (GSD), not approved in US

CYP3A4 inhibition (HC as victim drug)

Effect of erythromycin (ERY) and KTZ on apleek



Study design: open-label, one-way crossover in fertile women

Erythromycin (ERY) Day 8-21: 500 mg TID

Period 1																				
patch							patch							patch						P K
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

Period 2																				
patch							patch + ERY							patch + ERY						P K
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

Ketoconazole (KTZ) Day 15-21: 200 mg BID

Period 1																				
patch							patch							patch						P K
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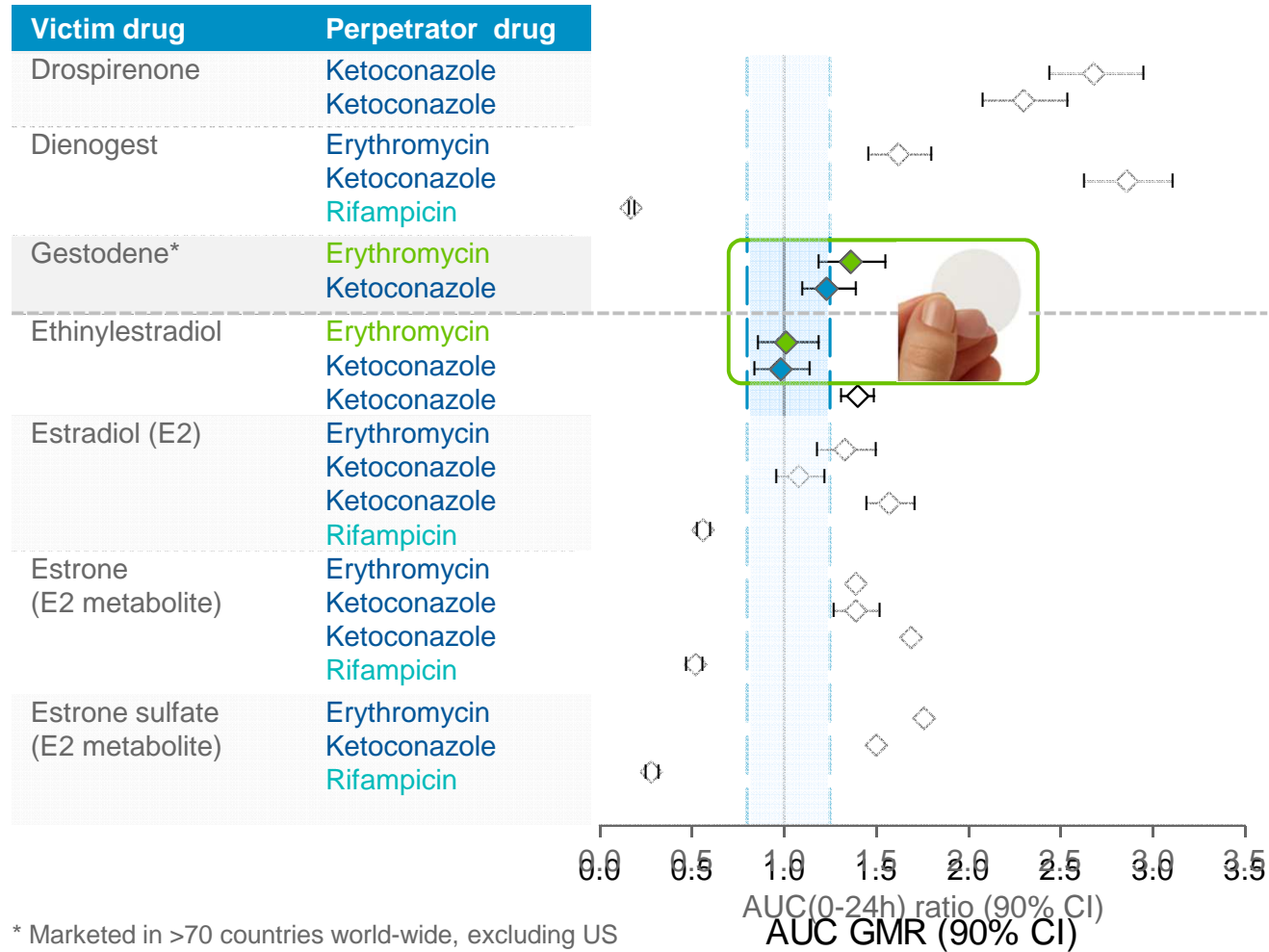
Period 2																				
patch							patch							patch + KTZ						P K
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Winkler et. al. Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet. 2014

CYP3A4 inhibition (HC as victim drug)



Effect of ERY and KTZ on apleek



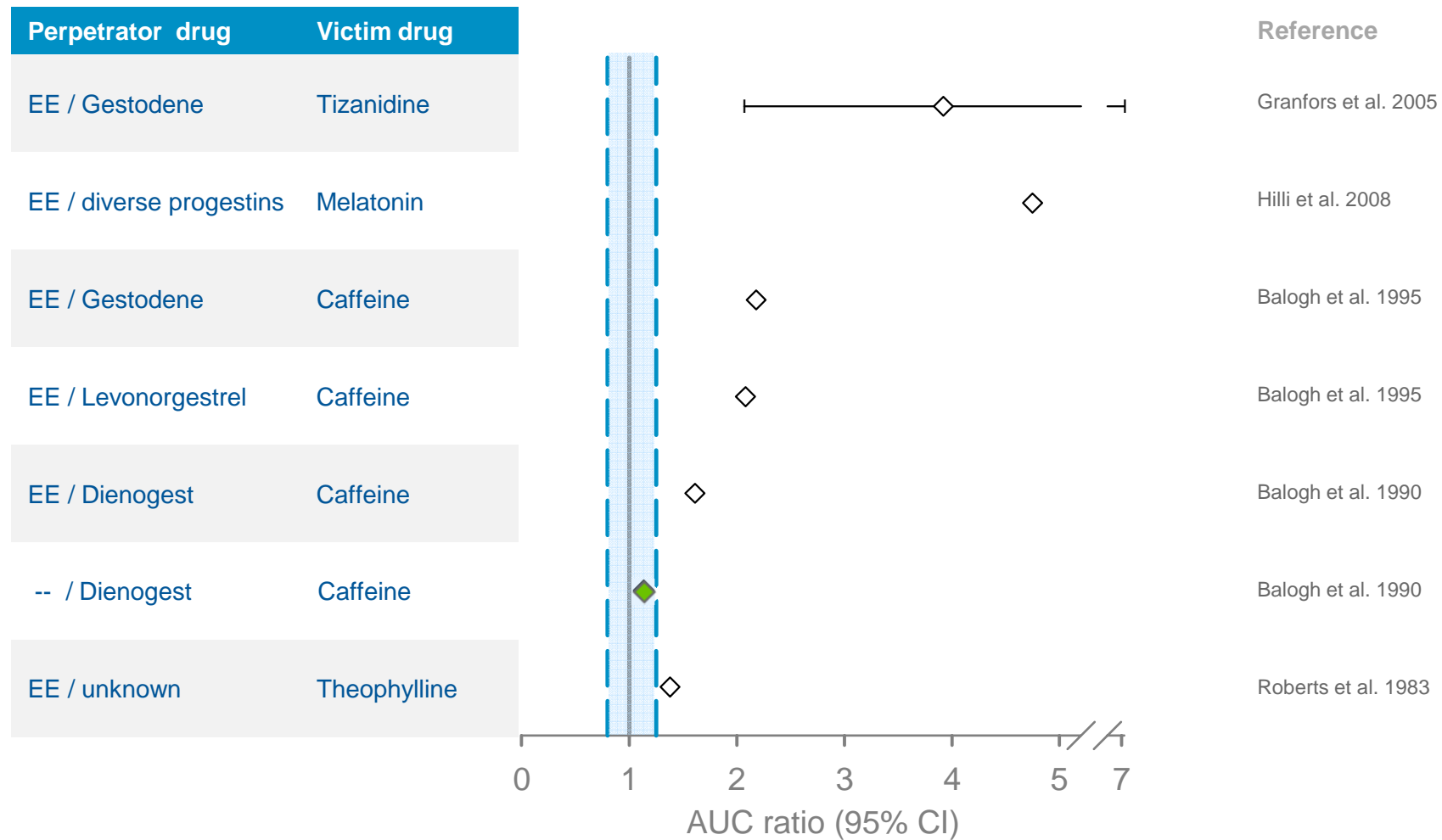


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Clinical DDI experience with HCs (literature)

HCs as perpetrator drug (CYP1A2 substrates)

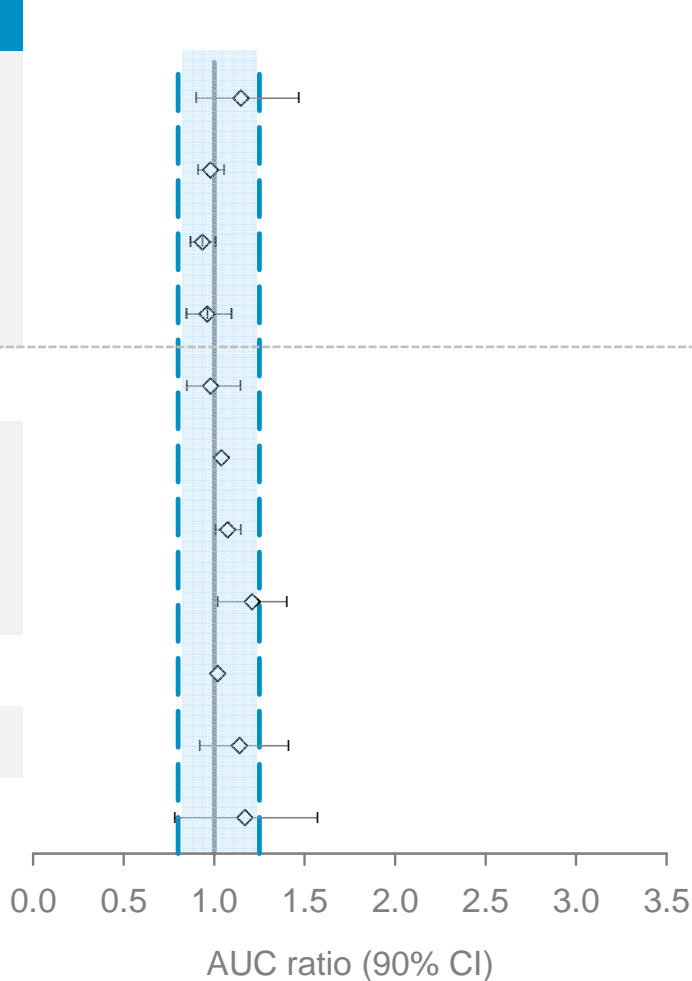


Clinical DDI experience with HCs

HCs as perpetrator drug (CYP3A4 substrates)



Perpetrator drug	Victim drug
Drospirenone	Simvastatin
	Midazolam
	5-OH Omeprazole*
	Omeprazole-SO
EE / Dienogest	Nifedipine
EE / Gestodene	Nifedipine
	Midazolam
	Midazolam**
EE / Desogestrel	Nifedipine
EE / Norgestrel	Midazolam**
EE / Levonorgestrel	Nifedipine



Reference

Palovaara et al. 2000

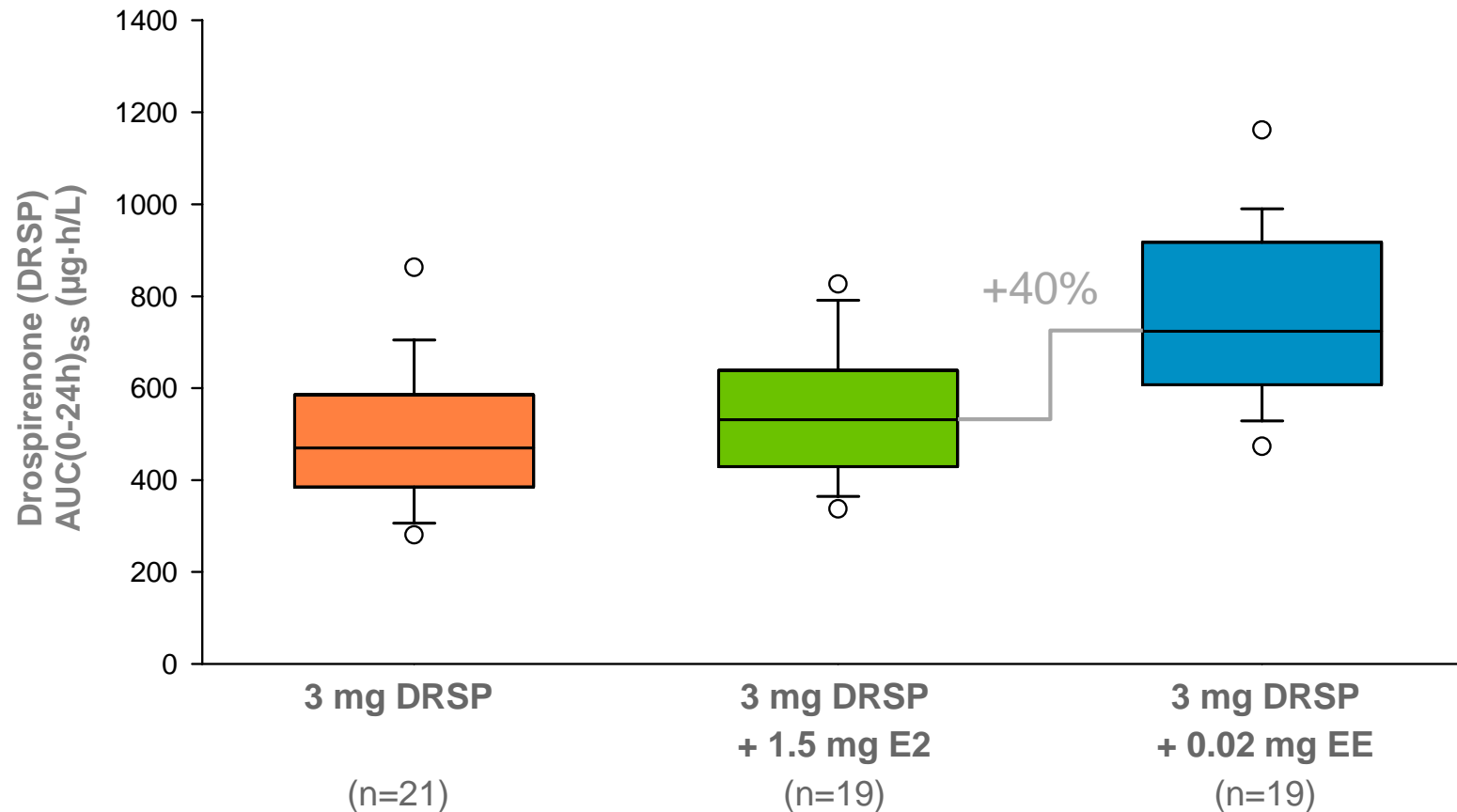
Belle et al. 2002

* CYP2C19 substrate

** arithmetic mean ratio and 95% CI
(all others geometric mean ratios)



Effect of EE and E2 on progestin PK



Box = 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles; error bars = 90th and 10th percentiles; open symbols = 5th and 95th percentiles

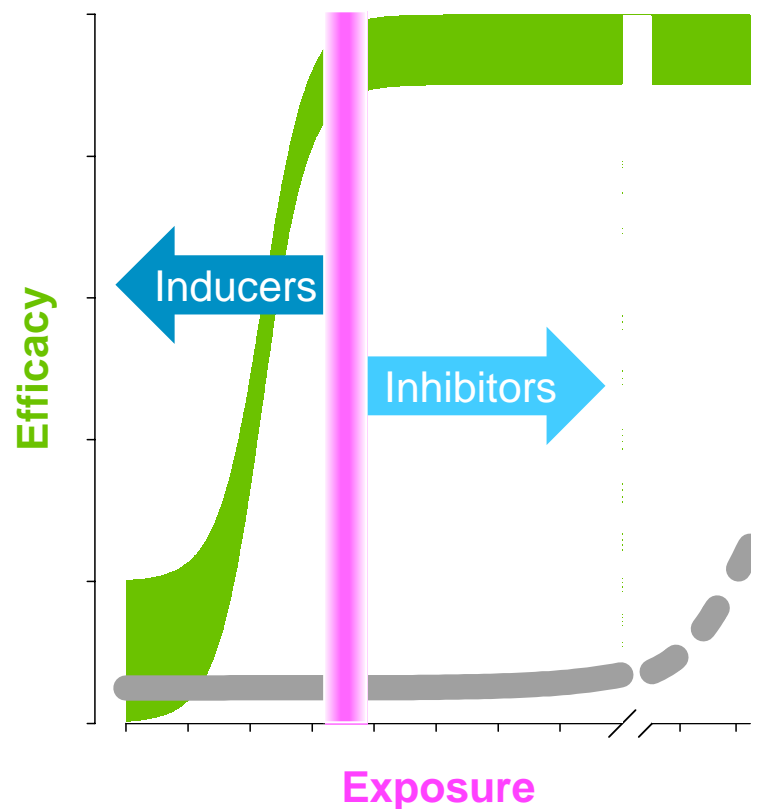


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Clinical relevance of DDIs



DDI to be assessed in totality of data on PK/PD relationship regarding efficacy and safety, including considerations of overall variability, influence of intrinsic and other extrinsic factors



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Thank you!



Abbreviations

AKR	aldoketoreductase	HC	hormonal contraceptive
AUC	area under the concentration vs. time curve from zero to infinity	KTZ	ketoconazole
AUC(0-24h)	AUC from zero to 24h	md	multiple dose
BID	bis in die (twice a day)	N	number
CI	confidence interval	OH	hydroxy
CL	clearance	PD	pharmacodynamics
COC	combined oral contraceptive	PK	pharmacokinetics
CYP	cytochrome P450	PoC	proof of concept
DDI	drug drug interaction	QD	quaque die (once a day)
DRSP	drospirenone	SO	sulfate
E2	estradiol	ss	steady state
EE	ethinylestradiol	SULT	sulfotransferase
ERY	erythromycin	UGT	uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	USAN	United States Adopted Name
GSD	gestodene	US	United States
		USPI	United States Product Insert



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