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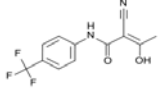
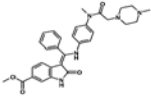
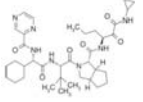
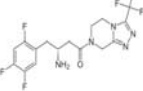
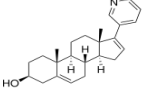
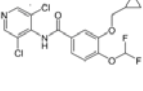
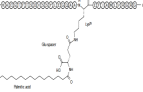
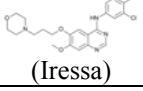
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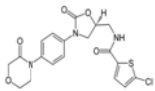
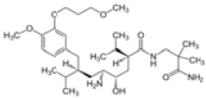
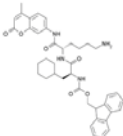
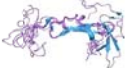
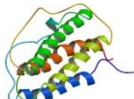
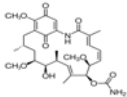

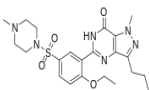
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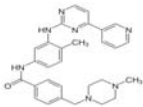
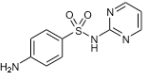
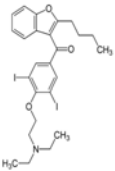
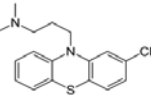
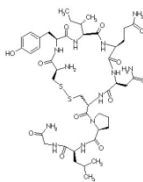
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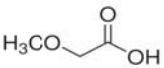
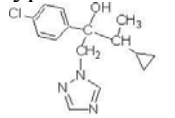
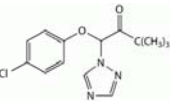
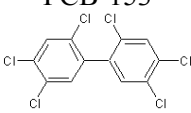
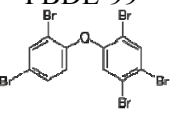

**Supplemental Material, Figure S1:
Chemical and pharmacological characteristics of the group of medical drugs**

Compound	Pharmacological characteristics	Chemical characteristics	Supplier/ Catalog No.
<p>Teriflunomide</p> 	<p>Immunomodulatory drug, inhibiting pyrimidine de novo synthesis by blocking the enzyme dihydroorotate dehydrogenase</p>	Amide	Enzo Life sciences/ ALX-430-096-M005
<p>Nintedanib (BIBF1120;Vergatef)</p> 	<p>Tyrosin kinase inhibitor developed for tumor therapy, inhibits signaling of three growth factor receptors involved in angiogenesis (VEGFR, PDGFR and FGFR)</p>	Nucleotide mimetic	Selleckchem/ S1010
<p>Telaprevir</p> 	<p>Antiviral drug for the treatment of hepatitis C; protease inhibitors</p>	Peptide mimetic	Selleckchem/ S1538
<p>Sitagliptin</p> 	<p>Oral anti-hyperglycemic (antidiabetic) of the dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor class</p>	Peptide mimetic	Selleckchem/ S4002
<p>Abiraterone</p> 	<p>Antiandrogen; inhibits 17 α-hydroxylase/C17,20 lyase (CYP17A1), an enzyme which is involved in steroid (testosterone) synthesis</p>	Steroid	Selleckchem/ S1123
<p>Roflumilast</p> 	<p>Selective, long-acting inhibitor of PDE-4; isoform of phosphodiesterases</p>	Benzamide	Selleckchem/ S2131
<p>Exenatide</p> 	<p>Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist (GLP-1 mimetic); treatment of diabetes mellitus type 2</p>	Peptide/Protein	Prospec/ HOR-246
<p>Gefitinib (Iressa)</p> 	<p>Inhibitor of epidermal growth factor receptor's (EGFR) tyrosine kinase domain</p>	Nucleotide mimetic	Selleckchem/ S1025

<p>Rivaroxaban</p> 	<p>Oral anticoagulant; inhibition of the factor Xa protease</p>	<p>Peptide mimetic</p>	<p>Selleckchem/ S3002</p>
<p>Aliskiren</p> 	<p>Inhibitor of renin protease; treatment of essential (primary) hypertension (preventing of the conversion of angiotensinogen to angiotensin I)</p>	<p>Peptide mimetic</p>	<p>Selleckchem/ S2199</p>
<p>Galnon</p> 	<p>Selective agonist at the galanin receptors GALR. Anticonvulsant, anxiolytic, anorectic and amnesic effects in animal models</p>	<p>Peptide mimetic</p>	<p>Sigma-Aldrich/ G4419</p>
<p>Neuregulin</p> 	<p>Endogenous agonist of the erbB family of tyrosine kinase receptors; plays multiple essential roles in neuronal development and disease</p>	<p>Peptide/Protein</p>	<p>R&D Systems/ 378-SM-025</p>
<p>Erythropoietin</p> 	<p>Glycoprotein hormone that acts as agonist of EpoR and controls erythropoiesis and neurogenesis</p>	<p>Peptide/Protein</p>	<p>R&D Systems/ 287-TC-500</p>
<p>Geldanamycin</p> 	<p>Benzoquinone ansamycin antibiotic that binds to Hsp90 (heat shock protein 90) and inhibits its function. Antitumor effects by acting on v-Src, mutant p53 proteins, Raf-1 and EGFR signalling</p>	<p>Amide</p>	<p>Selleckchem/ S2713</p>
<p>G-CSF</p> 	<p>Protein hormone that stimulates granulopoiesis and with neuroprotective effects</p>	<p>Peptide/Protein</p>	<p>R&D Systems/ 214-CS-005</p>
<p>IFNβ</p>	<p>Protein hormone (cytokine); multiple sclerosis treatment</p>	<p>Peptide/Protein</p>	<p>R&D Systems/ 11415-1</p>
<p>Sildenafil</p> 	<p>Inhibitor of the PDE5 isoform of phosphodiesterases; used to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).</p>	<p>Nucleotide mimetic</p>	<p>Sigma-Aldrich/ PZ-0003</p>

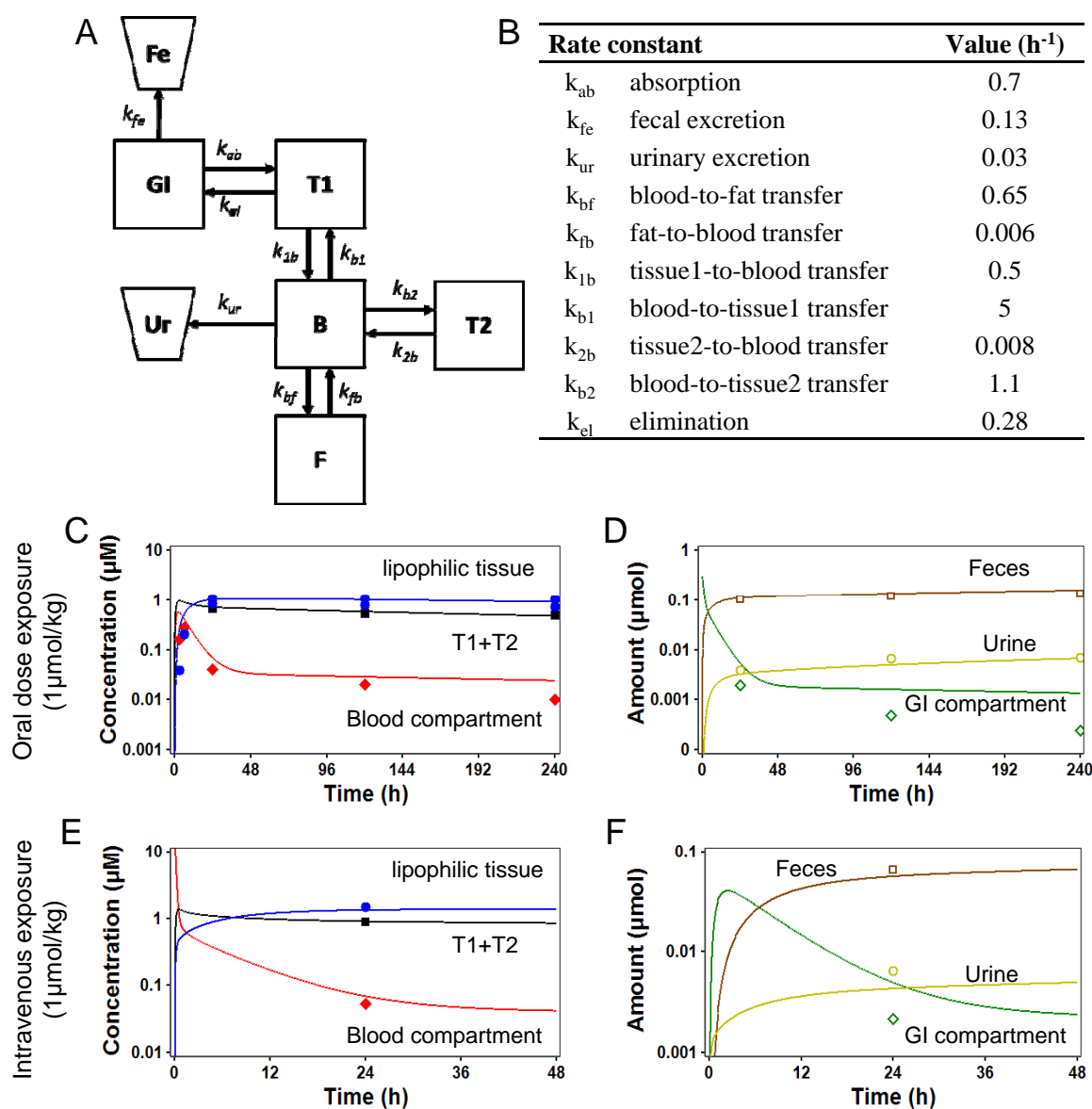
<p>Imatinib</p> 	<p>Tyrosin-kinase inhibitor used in the treatment of multiple cancers; inhibits c-kit and PDGF-R (platelet-derived growth factor receptor) signaling</p>	<p>Peptide mimetic</p>	<p>Selleckchem/ S1026</p>
<p>Sulfadiazine</p> 	<p>Sulfonamide antibiotic; stops the production of folic acid in parasites</p>	<p>Benzene sulfonamide</p>	<p>Sigma-Aldrich/ S8626</p>
<p>Amiodarone</p> 	<p>Class III of antiarrhythmic agents; blocks sodium channels</p>	<p>Tertiary amine</p>	<p>Sigma-Aldrich/ A8123</p>
<p>Chlorpromazine</p> 	<p>Dopamine antagonist possessing additional antiadrenergic, antiserotonergic, anticholinergic and antihistaminergic properties used to treat schizophrenia</p>	<p>Tertiary amine</p>	<p>Sigma-Aldrich/ C8138</p>
<p>Oxytocin</p> 	<p>Peptide hormone; stimulates uterine contraction and lactation</p>	<p>Peptide/ Protein</p>	<p>R&D Systems/ 1910</p>

**Supplemental Material, Figure S2:
Chemical and pharmacological characteristics of the group of environmental pollutants**

Compound	Pharmacological characteristics	Chemical characteristics	Developmental toxicity/Neurotoxicity evidences		Supplier info
			In vitro	In vivo	
<p>Methoxyacetic acid</p> 	Phthalate ester (DMEP) and methoxyethanol metabolite formed rapidly formed in vivo from industrial solvents	Carboxylic acid	(1) (2)	(3) (4) (5)	Sigma-Aldrich/ 194557
<p>Cyproconazole</p> 	Pesticide, showing various teratogenic effects, via inhibition of cyp enzymes and reduction of steroidogenesis	Triazole	(6) (7) (8)	(9)	Sigma-Aldrich/ 46068
<p>Triadimefon</p> 	Pesticide; various teratogenic effects observed in rats	Triazole	(10) (11)	(12) (13)	Bayer Crop Science
<p>PCB-153</p> 	Non-planar polychlorinated biphenyl (environmental toxicant); acts on Ca ²⁺ homeostasis and is teratogenic/ neurotoxic	Polychlorinated biphenyl	(14)	(15) (16)	
<p>PBDE-99</p> 	Flame retardant which belongs to the group of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs); acts on Ca ²⁺ homeostasis	Polybrominated diphenyl ether	(17) (18) (19)	(20) (21) (22) (23) (24)	
<p>Arsenic trioxide</p> 	Targets cellular SH groups, and has multiple toxic effects; used for the treatment of certain leukemias.	Arsenite (As ₂ O ₃)	(25)	(26)	Sigma-Aldrich/ 11099

(1) Daston et al. (1991); (2) Robinson et al. (2010); (3) Hermsen et al. (2011); (4) Scott et al. (1989); (5) Welsch et al. (2005); (6) Robinson et al. (2012); (7) Theunissen et al. (2012); (8) Heusinkveld et al. (2013); (9) Machera (1995); (10) Di Renzo et al. (2011a); (11) Zimmer et al. (2012); (12) Menegola et al. (2005); (13) Di Renzo et al. (2011b); (14) Johansson et al. (2006); (15) Piedrafita et al. (2008); (16) He P et al. (2011); (17) Madia et al. (2004); (18) Schreiber et al. (2010); (19) Alm et al. (2010); (20) Darnerud (2008); (21) Costa et al. (2008); (22) Eriksson et al. (2002); (23) Eriksson et al. (2006); (24) Branchi et al. (2005); (25) Vahidnia et al. (2007); (26) Golub et al. (1998)

**Supplemental material, Figure S3:
PBPK modeling for the polybrominated diphenyl ethers PBDE-99**



Supplemental material, Figure S3:

a Schematic representation of the PBPK model for PBDE-99, which was constructed based on data on tissue distribution, metabolism and excretion of PBDE-99 as described by Hakk et al. (2002) and Chen et al. (2006). The model contains a gastrointestinal lumen compartment (GI), two rapid equilibrium compartments (T1 and T2), a blood compartment (B), a lipophilic tissues compartment (F) representing adipose tissue and skin, and compartments for urinary and fecal excretion (Ur and Fe). **b** The exchange between blood and tissue compartments is described by first order rate constants which are reported with their parameter estimates. **c-f** Comparison between the PBPK model simulations and the values reported from Chen et al. (2006) is shown: upper panels show simulated (curves) and observed (symbols) **c** concentrations of PBDE-99 after a single oral dose of 1 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{kg}$, in blood, lipophilic and rapid equilibrium compartments and **d** the simulated and observed amounts of PBDE-99 in gut, feces and urine. Lower panels show simulated and observed **e** concentrations and **f** amounts of PBDE-99 after an intravenous dose of 1 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{kg}$, in blood, lipophilic and rapid equilibrium compartments and in gut, feces and urine, respectively.

**Supplemental Material, Figure S4:
Information about clinical concentration ranges and free concentration ranges
for chemicals belonging to the test battery compound list**

For each compound tested in the test battery, clinical and epidemiological studies were chosen in order to determine a realistic clinical concentration range (CC) of the substance (total drug concentration in plasma). The free concentration range (FCC) was then calculated based on the plasma protein binding value. In case of environmental pollutants, it was not always possible to obtain data from human exposure studies; in these cases, in vivo and in vitro animal studies reporting developmental toxicity effects have been used to calculate the exposure range of interest.

Teriflunomide

MW: 270	CC: 10.8 μ M	FCC: 54.0 nM
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In Parekh et al. (2010), the mean pharmacokinetic parameters of teriflunomide are calculated following oral administration of 20 mg leflunomide tablet formulation in 12 healthy human subjects. The clinical concentration range extrapolated from the average maximal concentration (C_{max}) observed was of 2543 – 3299 ng/ml (9.4 – 12.2 μ M).

The pharmacologically active metabolite is reported being extensively bound to plasma proteins (>99.3), primarily to albumin, with almost constant portion (0.5%) of free teriflunomide.

Based on these data, the free concentration range calculated was of 12.7 – 16.5 ng/ml (47.0 – 61.1 nM).

Nintedanib (BIBF 1120)

MW: 539	CC: 74.2 nM	FCC: 70.8 nM
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In Mross et al. (2010), sixty-one patients with advanced cancers received BIBF 1120 in successive cohorts. Twenty-five subjects received 50 to 450 mg once daily and 36 received 150 to 300 mg twice daily in 4-week treatment courses interspersed by 1 week of washout.

The clinical concentration range extrapolated from the average C_{max} observed was 30 - 50 ng/ml (55.6 – 92.8 nM).

The portion of free nintedanib in plasma is predicted being 95.5%.

Based on these data, the free concentration range calculated was 28.6 – 47.7 ng/ml (53.1 – 88.5 nM).

Telaprevir

MW: 681	CC: 5.1 μ M	FCC: 1.6 μ M
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In a phase 1b study, Yamada et al. (2012) examine safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics of telaprevir in 10 patients infected with hepatitis C virus genotype 1b with high viral load (> 5 log₁₀ IU/mL) and receiving 750 mg telaprevir every 8 h for 12 weeks.

The clinical concentration range observed, basing on the C_{max} values, is: 2 – 5 μ g/ml (2.9 – 7.3 μ M).

Telaprevir binds primarily to alpha 1-acid glycoprotein and albumin, in a concentration dependent manner. The drug is approximately 59% to 76% bound to human plasma proteins (compound data sheet).

Based on these values, the free concentration range calculated was 0.6 – 1.6 μ g/ml (0.9 – 2.3 μ M).

Sitagliptin

MW: 407	CC: 1.9 μ M	FCC: 1.2 μ M
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In Herman et al. (2006b), the pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and tolerability of sitagliptin are examined after administration of single oral doses (25 or 200 mg) in a cohort of 58 patients with type 2 diabetes, not exposed to anti-hyperglycemic agents.

The clinical concentration range calculated basing on observed C_{max} was: 1.3 – 2.6 μ M.

The level of binding to plasma proteins is of 38%. as reported in the pharmacokinetic study by Herman et al. (2006a).

The free concentration range was calculated, basing on the reported values and was of 0.8 - 1.6 μ M.

Abiraterone

MW: 349	CC: 647.3 nM	FCC: 7.8 nM
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Abiraterone is a novel potent, selective, irreversible inhibitor of CYP 17 α -hydroxylase/C17,20-lyase enzyme. In Gurav et al. (2012), metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer patients were followed after oral administration of abirateron acetate (4*250 mg tablet).

The clinical concentration range calculated basing on the observed C_{max} was of 48 - 404 ng/ml (137.5 – 1157.6 nM). The ART is highly bound (>98.8%) to plasma proteins.

The free concentration range calculated from the reported values was 0.6 – 4.8 ng/ml (1.7 – 13.9 nM).

Roflumilast

MW: 403	CC: 18.0 nM	FCC: 0.2 nM
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In de Mey et al. (2011), healthy men are treated with 500 μ g tablet roflumilast once daily, for 16 days. The steady-state plasma pharmacokinetics of roflumilast as well as pharmacodynamics is evaluated on day 11.

Basing on the C_{max} observed, the clinical concentration range is of 4.94 – 9.64 ng/ml (12.2 – 23.9 nM).

The plasma protein binding of Roflumilast is 99% (Pinner et al. 2012).

Using the reported values, the free concentration range was calculated and was 0.0494 – 0.0964 ng/ml (0.12 – 0.24 nM).

Exenatide

MW: 4187	CC: 44.7 nM	FCC: 0.3 nM
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In the assessment report compiled by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for the evaluation of medicines for human use, the maximal recommended human dose is 1.8 mg/day, which gives rise to a C_{max} of 44.7 nM.

In the study of Plum et al. (2013), *in vitro* protein binding of the drug in human plasma is evaluated and estimated being of 99.4%.

Based on these evidences, the calculated free concentration range was of 0.3 nM.

Gefitinib

MW: 446	CC: 1.2 μ M	FCC: 34.0 nM
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In Scheffler et al. (2011), maximum plasma concentration of gefitinib is evaluated after administration of multiple oral doses of 250 mg in patients with solid tumors.

The clinical concentration range reported from the obtained C_{max} is 265 – 814 ng/ml (594.1 – 1825.1 nM). In whole blood from cancer patients, 2.8% of free drug is observed.

Based on these evidences, the free concentration range calculated was of 7.4 – 22.8 ng/ml (16.6 – 51 nM).

Rivaroxaban

MW: 435	CC: 689.6 nM	FCC: 41.4 nM
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In Mueck et al. (2011), a population pharmacokinetic model is developed using plasma samples from patients with acute deep-vein thrombosis. The clinical relevant peak concentration range is 200 – 400 ng/ml (459.8 – 919.5 nM).

In Grillo et al. (2012), a PBPK model is developed to simulate rivaroxaban pharmacokinetics in young (20 – 45 years) or older (55 – 65 years) subjects with normal renal function, mild, moderate and severe renal impairment, with or without concomitant use of the combined P-glycoprotein and moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor, erythromycin. The unbound fraction in plasma calculated in this study is of 6%.

Based on these values, the free concentration range calculated was of 12 – 24 ng/ml (27.6 – 55.2 nM).

Aliskiren

MW: 551	CC: 326.5 nM	FCC: 166 nM
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Aliskiren pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters have been analyzed in the research of Tapaninen et al. (2011). In a randomized crossover study, 100 mg of the antifungal drug itraconazole, a P-glycoprotein and CYP-3A4 inhibitor, or placebo is given to 11 healthy volunteers twice daily for 5 days. On day 3, they ingest a single 150-mg dose of aliskiren, a renin inhibitor used in the treatment of hypertension. The extrapolation of the results from the average C_{max} showed a clinical concentration range of: 60 – 300 ng/ml (109.0 – 544.5 nM).

Protein binding of Aliskiren is reported to be moderate, in the range of 47-51% (Vaidyanathan et al. 2008). The free concentration range calculated using the reported values was 30.6 – 153 ng/ml (55.5 – 277 nM).

Galnon

MW: 679	CC: n.a.	FCC: n.a.
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Neuregulin

MW: 40000	CC: 6.3 μ M	FCC: n.a.
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In Moondra et al. (2009), the mean serum neuregulin-1 β levels in 9 healthy men range from 32 to 473 ng/ml (0.8 nM – 11.8 μ M).

Erythropoietin

MW: 34000	CC: 0.3 nM	FCC: n.a.
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In Xuereb et al. (2011), level of recombinant human erythropoietin is analyzed in whole blood from anonymous healthy volunteers. The clinical concentration range calculated was of 0.1 – 0.5 nM.

Geldanamycin

MW: 616 (17-DMAG)	CC: 0.8 μ M	FCC: 0.5 μ M
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In Kummar et al. (2010), phase I dose-escalation study is used to determine the toxicity and maximum tolerated dose of 17-dimethylaminoethylamino-17-demethoxygeldanamycin (17-DMAG), a geldanamycin derivative, administered on a twice weekly schedule in patients with advanced cancer. The clinical concentration range was calculated from the C_{max} value and it was 225 – 773 ng/ml (0.4 – 1.2 μ M).

In Egorin et al. (2002), mice or rats were exposed to 17-DMAG i.v. bolus doses of 33.3, 50, and 75 mg/kg in order to perform pharmacokinetic studies.

From this study the level of 17-DMAG bound to plasma proteins is calculated as 30 – 45%.

The free concentration range predicted by using the reported values was: 140.6 – 483.1 ng/ml (0.2 – 0.8 μ M).

G-CSF

MW: 19600	CC: 1.3 pM	FCC: n.a.
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Laske et al. (2009) show that G-CSF (granulocyte colony-stimulating factor) plasma concentrations range from 10-40 pg/ml (average ~20 pg/ml) in 50 patients affected of Alzheimer's disease, compared to 5-80 pg/ml (average ~28 pg/ml) in 50 healthy controls.

Clinically relevant concentration calculated from the reported evidences was of 25 pg/ml (1.3 pM).

Interferon- β

MW: 22500	CC: 0.4 pM – 7.5 nM	FCC: 0.4 pM – 7.5 nM
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The therapeutic concentration of IFN- β depends on the indication. Yung et al. (1991) demonstrate activity of IFN- β in patients with recurrent malignant glioma upon intravenous dose of 90 MIU three times per week, increasing the dose to 180 MIU after two weeks. Neurotoxicity is dose-limiting, with adverse events noted at and above this active dosing pattern.

Kappos et al. (2004) recommend treatment with 8 MIU subcutaneous on alternating days for patients affected by multiple sclerosis (MS). Though not significant, a higher rate of spontaneous abortion is noted in presence of *in utero* IFN- β exposure. Similar effects during pregnancy are also noted in cynomolgus monkey in an unpublished study reported by the US FDA (1999). In this study pregnant cynomolgus monkeys exposed to intramuscular doses of 0.2 MIU or 0.033 nmol IFN- β /kg/day from gestation day 90 through term show an increase in spontaneous abortions and/or fetal loss. Although the effects show no apparent dose-response, they can be considered treatment-related in view of the reported abortifacient effects of other interferons.

We estimated the concentrations corresponding to these clinical and/or neurotoxic IFN- β 1a doses using the PK-PD models for cynomolgus monkey and human published by Mager et al. (Mager and Jusko 2002, Mager et al. 2003). Simulated exposure to intravenous dose reported to be used in glioma patients by Yung et al. (1991) lead to a maximum free IFN- β plasma concentration of 7.5 nM.

Simulation of the MS therapeutic dosing regimen of s.c. 8 MIU- IFN- β resulted in a maximum free plasma concentrations of 0.44 pM. Simulation of the subcutaneous dose of 0.033 nmol IFN- β /kg/day from GD 90 to term (GD 160) related to spontaneous abortions resulted in maximum plasma concentrations of IFN- β increasing from 1.9 on the first day to 3 pM at term.

Since aspecific binding is considered negligible, the free concentration range was considered corresponding to the clinical one.

Sildenafil

MW: 475	CC: 221.0 nM	FCC: 11.0 nM
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In the study of Vachiere et al. (2011), the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of a 10 mg intravenous sildenafil bolus is assessed in pulmonary arterial hypertension patients. The clinical concentration range observed is 30 – 180 ng/ml (63.1 – 378.9 nM).

In Purvis et al. (2002), a total of 17 healthy male volunteers are randomized to receive a single 100 mg dose of sildenafil for two periods and a single dose of placebo for two periods, with each period separated by a minimum of 5 – 7 days. Blood samples are collected before each dose and at different time points after dose for measurement of sildenafil and metabolite concentrations. In this study the plasma protein binding is reported being as approximately 95%.

Using the reported values, the calculated free concentration range was of 1.5 – 9.0 ng/ml (3.2 – 18.9 nM).

Imatinib

MW: 494	CC: 3.0 μ M	FCC: 224.0 nM
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In Di Gion et al. (2011), the reported clinical concentration range is 1000 – 2000 ng/ml (2.0 – 4.0 μ M). In Kretz et al. (2004) the blood distribution and protein binding of imatinib are determined *in vitro* using 14 C labelled compounds. Blood samples are taken from healthy males exposed to 300-500 ng/ml, 5000 ng/ml, 12000 ng/ml and 26000 ng/ml of imatinib. The average level of unbound fraction of compound in plasma calculated is 7.4 %.

The free concentration range calculated using the reported values was of 74 – 148 ng/ml (149.7 – 299.6 nM).

Oxytocin

MW: 1007	CC: 2.0 nM	FCC: 2.0 nM
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Evaluating different studies (Opacka-Juffry and Mohiyeddini 2012; Pierrehumbert et al. 2010; Scantamburlo et al. 2007), the average clinical concentration range was estimated as 10 – 4000 pg/ml (0.01 – 4.0 nM).

In Fabian et al. (1969) study, it is stated that oxytocin in plasma remains unbound.

The free concentration range calculated basing on the reported studies was 0.01 – 4.0 nM (2.0 nM).

Sulfadiazine

MW: 250	CC: 320.0 μM	FCC: 160.0 μM
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In Jordan et al. (2004), the pharmacokinetics of a dose of 2000 mg of sulfadiazine administered twice daily versus those of 1000 mg administered four times every day are compared in eight human immunodeficiency virus-infected patients. Serial blood samples are collected following administration of the morning dose on the fifth day after the initiation of each new regimen. Plasma samples are collected over 48 h and assayed by a validated high-performance liquid chromatography method.

The average C_{max} showed a clinical concentration range of 50 – 110 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (200.0 – 440.0 μM).

In Mannisto et al. (1982), the pharmacokinetic of sulphadiazine/trimethoprim (1000 mg/320 mg) is evaluated after intravenous infusion of the drugs over a 60 min period to six young, healthy volunteers. In this study the degree of protein binding is evaluated as 50%.

Based on the reported studies, the free concentration range calculated was 25 – 55 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (100.0 – 220.0 μM).

Amiodarone

MW: 645	CC: 2.3 μM	FCC: 0.5 nM
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In the study of Shiga et al. (2011), thirty-two healthy Japanese male volunteers (20–32 years) are randomized to three single-dose groups (1.25, 2.5 and 5.0 mg/kg) of intravenous amiodarone. The average value of plasma concentration range is of 1 – 2 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (1.5 – 3.1 μM).

In Veronese et al. (1988), the plasma protein binding of amiodarone is measured by erythrocyte partitioning, and found to be the same in six healthy subjects and eight patients being treated for cardiac arrhythmias; the average value is of 99.98%.

Using the values reported from these studies, the free concentration range calculated was 0.2 – 0.4 ng/ml (0.31 – 0.62 nM).

Chlorpromazine

MW: 318	CC: 393.1 nM	FCC: 58.9 nM
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In Borges et al. (2011), the values of plasma concentration of chlorpromazine is evaluated in 72 healthy volunteers of both sexes aged between 18-50 years, exposed to a single oral dose of 100 mg chlorpromazine. The clinically relevant concentration reported is of 100 – 150 ng/ml (314.5 – 471.7 nM).

In Yeung et al. (1993), the pharmacokinetics of chlorpromazine is investigated in 11 healthy young men after a bolus intravenous (i.v.) dose (10 mg) and three single oral doses (25, 50 and 100 mg), with a washout period of two weeks between doses. The drug is revealed being bound to the plasma protein albumin with a percentage around 85%.

The free concentration range calculated from the reported values was 15 – 22.5 ng/ml (47.2 – 70.7 nM).

Methoxyacetic acid

MW: 90	Human exposure concentration: 60 μ M	DT concentration: 7.5 mM
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Methoxyacetic acid (MAA) is the major metabolite of ethyl glycol monomethyl ether (EGME) a compound, widely used in the working environment (Henley and Korach 2010). Like valproic acid, chemically related to MAA, it inhibits histone deacetylases and alters gene expression via histone hyperacetylation. MAA is an endocrine disruptor and supposed to be responsible for the reproductive toxicity of EGME (Foster et al. 1984). The mode of action is mainly via perturbations of estrogen signaling, a mechanism that could be used to link this compound to DNT. Estimation of human blood concentration for MAA due to EGME permitted occupational exposure is approximately 60 μ M (Welsch 2005). PBPK simulation of *in vivo* adverse effects doses (in rats and mice) show a maternal plasma MAA maximal concentration of 6 – 9 mM (Welsch 2005).

In vitro studies confirm this concentration range; in Piersma et al. (2008), the BMC₅ of MAA in the whole embryo culture morphological assay is reported being of 1.6 mM, while the BMC₅₀ in the embryonic stem cell differentiation assay of the Embryonic Stem cell Test (EST) is of 2.4 mM (de Jong et al. 2009).

Cyproconazole

MW: 292	Human exposure concentration: n.a.	DT concentration: 65-118 μ M
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Cyproconazole is an azole fungicide that inhibits ergosterol biosynthesis in fungi. The toxic mode of action of azole fungicides is mainly based on the inhibition of mammalian cytochrome P450 enzymes with a possible impact on retinoic acid (RA) concentration. No human data are available on teratogenic effects of cyproconazole (Giavini and Menegola 2010). In a rat study, cleft palate and hydrocephaly are identified as the most common malformations of the fetuses exposed to the fungicide, with a suggested NOEL of 20 mg/kg (Machera 1995). In an *in vivo* study by Hermsen et al. (2012), the exposure of zebrafish embryos to 65 μ M cyproconazole shows an increase in teratogenic effects such as pericardial edema and malformations of head and heart. In Robinson et al. (2012), the teratogenic effects of cyproconazole are shown in rat whole embryo culture; the exposure to concentrations of 1 and 1.7 mM for 48 hours leads, respectively, to 50% and the 100% of malformations. In another *in vitro* study by Heusinkveld et al. (2013), the neurotoxicity of cyproconazole is analyzed in dopaminergic PC12 cells by cell viability and intracellular calcium concentration level analysis; the inhibitory concentration of the azole fungicide on depolarization-evoked intracellular calcium concentration is 65 μ M. In an *in vitro* study by Theunissen et al. (2012), neural embryonic stem cell test (ESTn) is used to evaluate the transcriptomic concentration-response to cyproconazole; concentration reducing cell viability to 80% is of 117.6 μ M; the fungicide also showed to regulate genes within the neuron development GO-term (dendrite microtubule formation, early ectodermal development transcription factors).

Triadimefon

MW: 293.75	Human exposure concentration: n.a.	DT concentration: 27 – 500 μM
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Triadimefon is a fungicide belonging to the conazole class, together with cyproconazole and its metabolite triadimenol. These pesticides are known to disturb steroid homeostasis in mammals (Crowell et al. 2011). A range of toxic effects is observed in rats at doses around 50 mg/kg/day, including effects on male fertility and CNS toxicity. Goetz et al. (2007) report increased testosterone levels and related effects (reduced testes weight, increased anogenital distance) in male offspring of Wistar rats perinatally exposed to 47 mg/kg/day.

Crofton et al. (2011) report that adult male Long-Evans rats exposed to a single dose of 50 mg/kg triadimefon or triadimenol by oral gavage show transient CNS toxicity as indicated by hyperactivity and stereotyped behavior. The same neurotoxic symptoms are observed upon chronic dietary exposure of male Wistar rats to 54.6 mg/kg/day (US EPA (2006)). Our simulation of this exposure suggested a corresponding central nervous system C_{max} of 27 μM and 196 μM (for dietary and acute exposure, respectively) (see in the text). Di Renzo et al. (2011) observe the induction of abnormalities (craniofacial defects, bent forebrain and abnormal hindbrain segmentation) in *Xenopus laevis* embryos treated during early neurulation phases with 500 μM triadimefon. In vitro studies in rat embryos confirmed this toxic concentration range (Menegola et al. 2000, Di Renzo et al. 2009).

PCB-153

MW: 361	Human exposure concentration: 0.3 – 1.8 nM	DT concentration: 388 pM
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The range of human exposure to the PCB-153 is showed by Covaci et al. (2002) where the level of PCB-153 in maternal serum concentrations of 670 ± 350 pg/ml (0.3 - 1.8 nM).

In a study by Govarts et al. (2012), the PCB-153 concentration in maternal and cord blood is measured in a cohort of 7990 women. The median concentration of cords serum PCB-153 is 140 ng/l (388 pM). Linear regression of birth weight on estimated of cord serum concentrations show that low-level exposure to PCB impairs fetal growth, with an inverse association corresponding to a 150 g reduction per 1 $\mu\text{g/l}$ increase in cord serum PCB-153.

PBDE-99

MW: 568	Human exposure concentration: 5 – 97 pM	DT concentration: 0.1 – 1.3 μM
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The toxicity of PBDE-99 is reviewed by US EPA in 2008 (US EPA (2008)); this document collects diverse epidemiological studies, reporting the PBDE-99 concentration in different human biological samples. The concentration range in serum is between 0.6 ng/g lw and 11 ng/g lw. Under the assumption that there is 0.5% lipid in blood, total blood concentrations can be calculated; the resulting concentration range was between 3 ng/l and 55 ng/l (5 pM- 97 pM).

In the study by Eskenazi et al. (2013), the combined effect of PBDEs on neurobehavioral readouts is investigated; especially high exposed children show pronounced deficits. The geometric mean of PBDE-99 concentration in maternal serum is of 4.5 ng/g, corresponding to 25 ng/l (44 pM). After PBDE-47, this congener yields the highest concentration in maternal serum and in child serum samples collected at 7 years of age. In Gascon et al. (2012), PBDE-99 concentrations in breast milk samples are provided; the average concentration is 0.27 ng/g lw, corresponding to 1 ng/l (1.8 pM). In

both human developmental neurotoxicity studies, the behavioral effects are caused by mixed exposures and the specific contribution of this congener to the effects is unclear

A simpler exposure situation has been reproduced in *in vivo* studies; effects on neurodevelopment and fertility in adult rodents after perinatal exposure to low doses of PBDE-99 have been observed. Kuriyama et al. (2005) find hyperactivity and impaired spermatogenesis in Wistar rat offspring after exposure of the dams to a single oral dose of 0.11 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ on gestational day 6. Viberg et al. (2005) observe effects on spontaneous behavior of Sprague-Dawley rats exposed to doses between 1.4 and 14 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ on postnatal day 10. The simulation of this exposure suggested a corresponding C_{max} of 0.10 μM and 1.3 μM (respectively for the two studies) in the rapid equilibrium compartment (see in the text).

Arsenic Trioxide

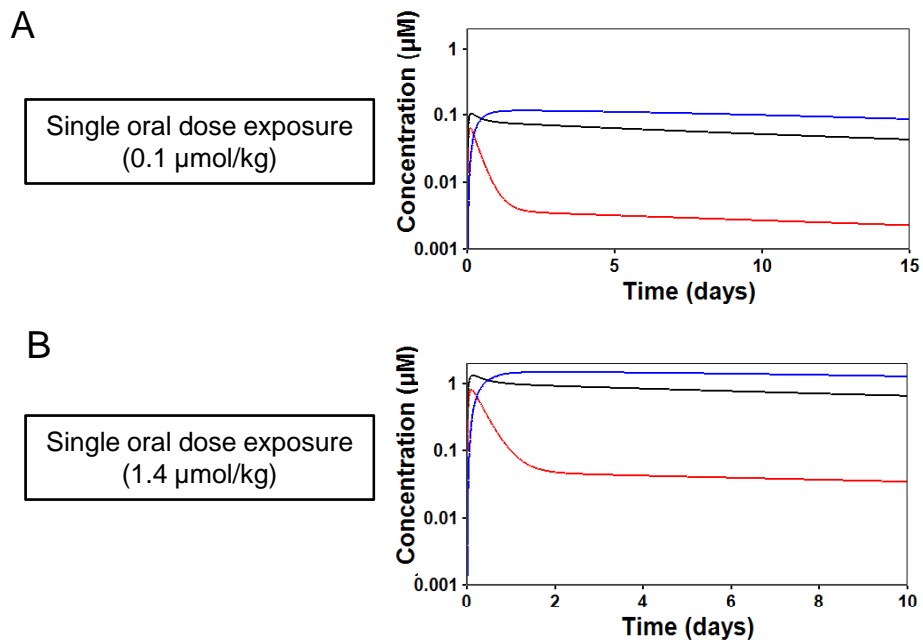
MW: 198	Human exposure concentration: 0.2 –1.1 μM	DT concentration: 0.2 – 1.1 μM
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Many case studies on arsenic poisoning have been reported, but they include the contribution of mixtures of various inorganic arsenic compounds. Inorganic arsenic compounds differ markedly with respect to their water solubility and arsenic trioxide belongs to the more water-soluble compounds, normally associated to a lower accumulation in soft tissues.

Arsenic is also used for its therapeutic effects in the treatment of acute promyelocytic leukaemia (APL); as side effects, many APL patients show development of neuropathological symptoms after injection with arsenic trioxide (up to 0.15 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ daily) (Vahidnia et al. 2008). The toxicity mode of action of this drug is still unknown; in an *in vivo* study in rats, induction of axonal degeneration has been hypothesized as a possible toxicity-inducing mechanism (Vahidnia et al. 2008).

In the study by Hua et al. (2011), 10 mg arsenic trioxide is administered intravenously over a 4 hour period to Chinese primary hepatocarcinoma patients. Arsenic peak plasma concentrations are reported to be 47 – 225.8 ng/ml; (237.0 nM - 1140.4 nM). These doses have also been reported to be toxic. However, the therapeutic effect (anticancer) outweighs the toxic side effects, to a certain extent (Au and Kwong 2008). Zhang et al. (1998) show a ratio of 5.6% of total arsenic bound to serum proteins. Free plasma protein concentration range can be calculated as 233.7 – 1078.8 nM.

**Supplemental material, Figure S5:
Simulation of toxic exposure to PBDE-99 by a PBPK modeling approach**



Supplemental material, Figure S5: Simulation of PBDE concentration in blood (red line), lipophilic (blue line) and rapid equilibrium (black line) compartment induced by a single oral dose of a 0.1 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ or b 1.4 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ in rats, using the PBPK model described in Fig. S3.

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