

Mechanisms of Drug Toxicity & Relevance to Pharmaceutical Development

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**Evidentiary Considerations for Integration of Biomarkers
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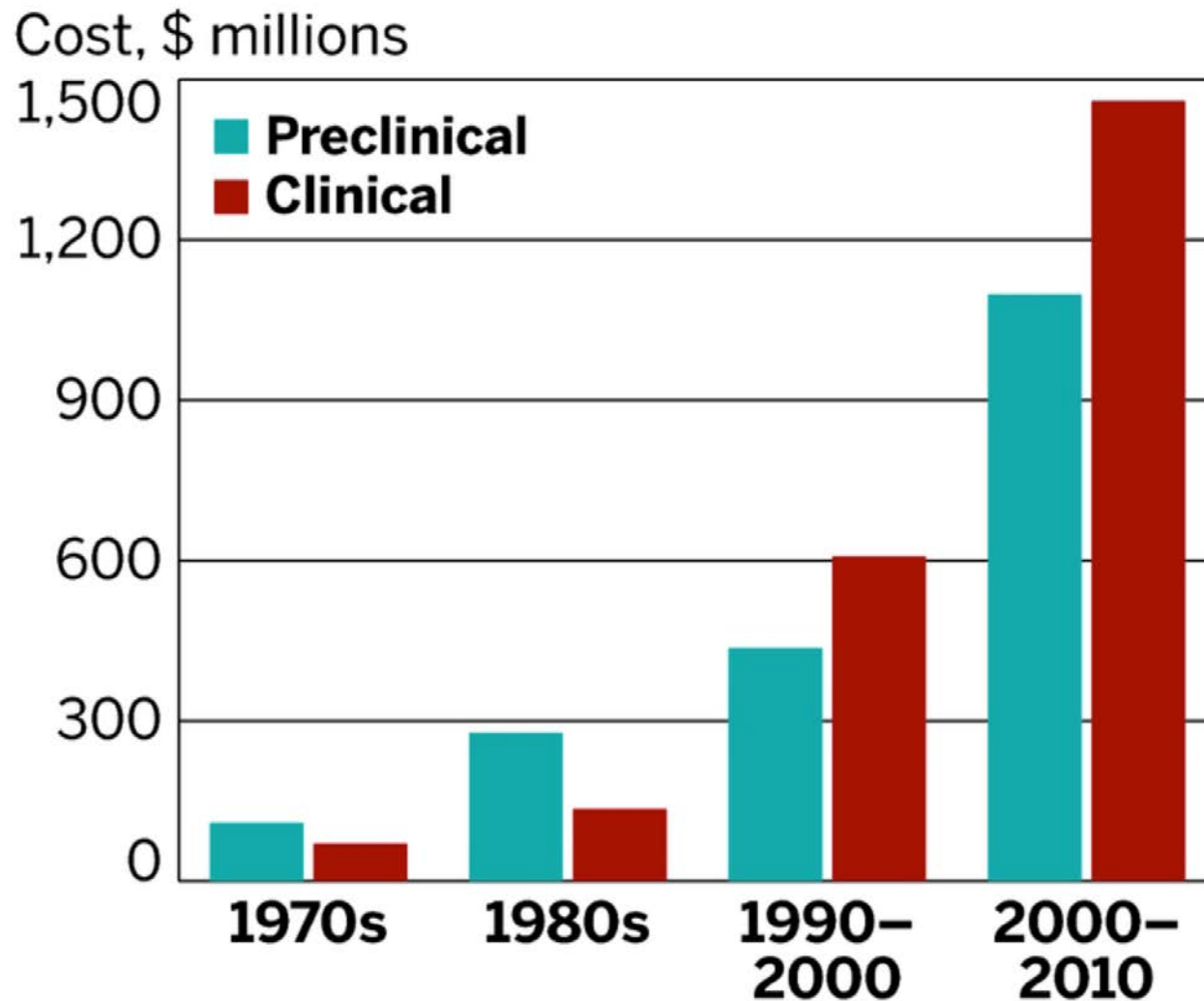
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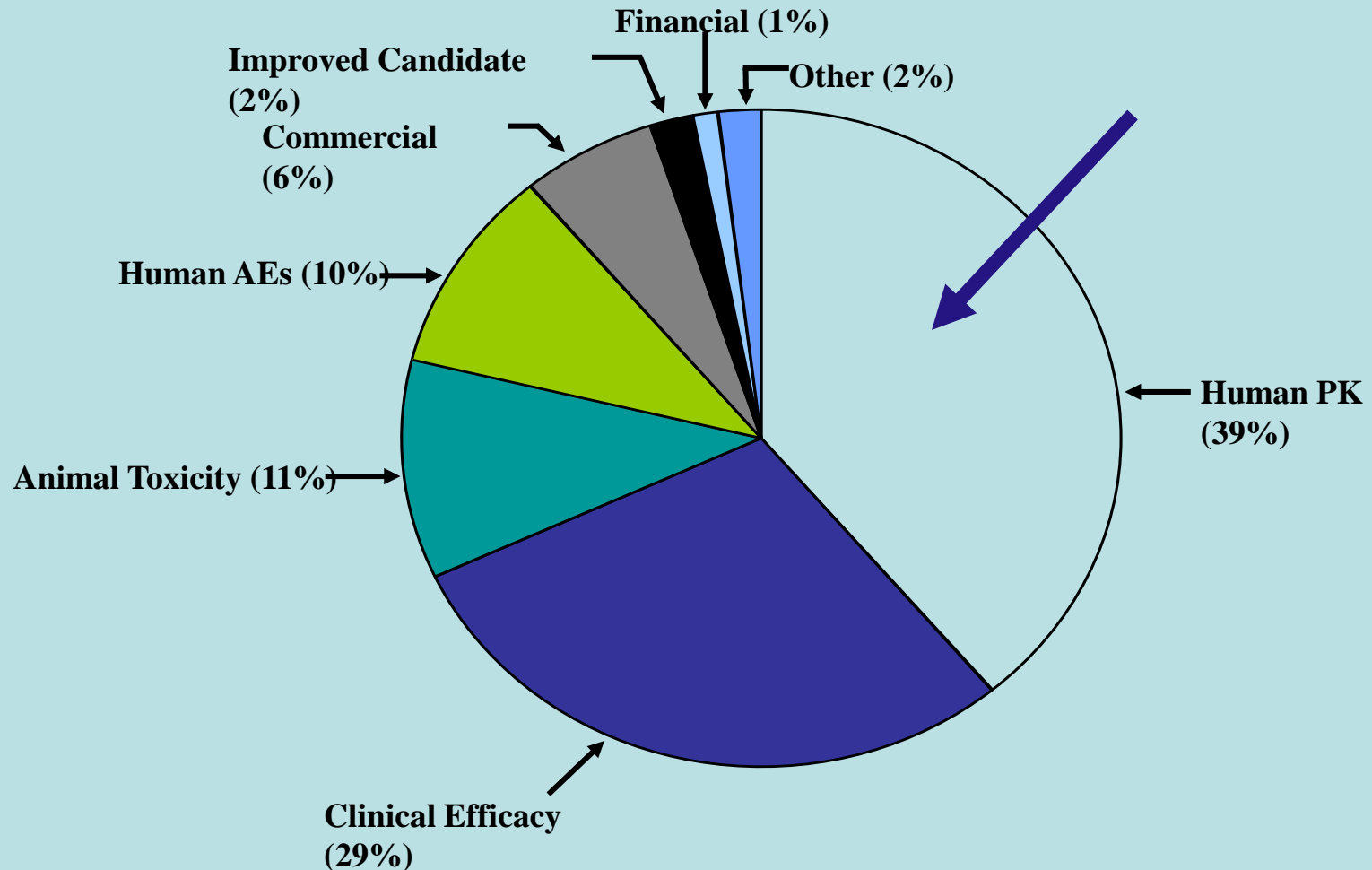


The cost of developing a new drug has skyrocketed since the 1970s. *Source: Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development.*

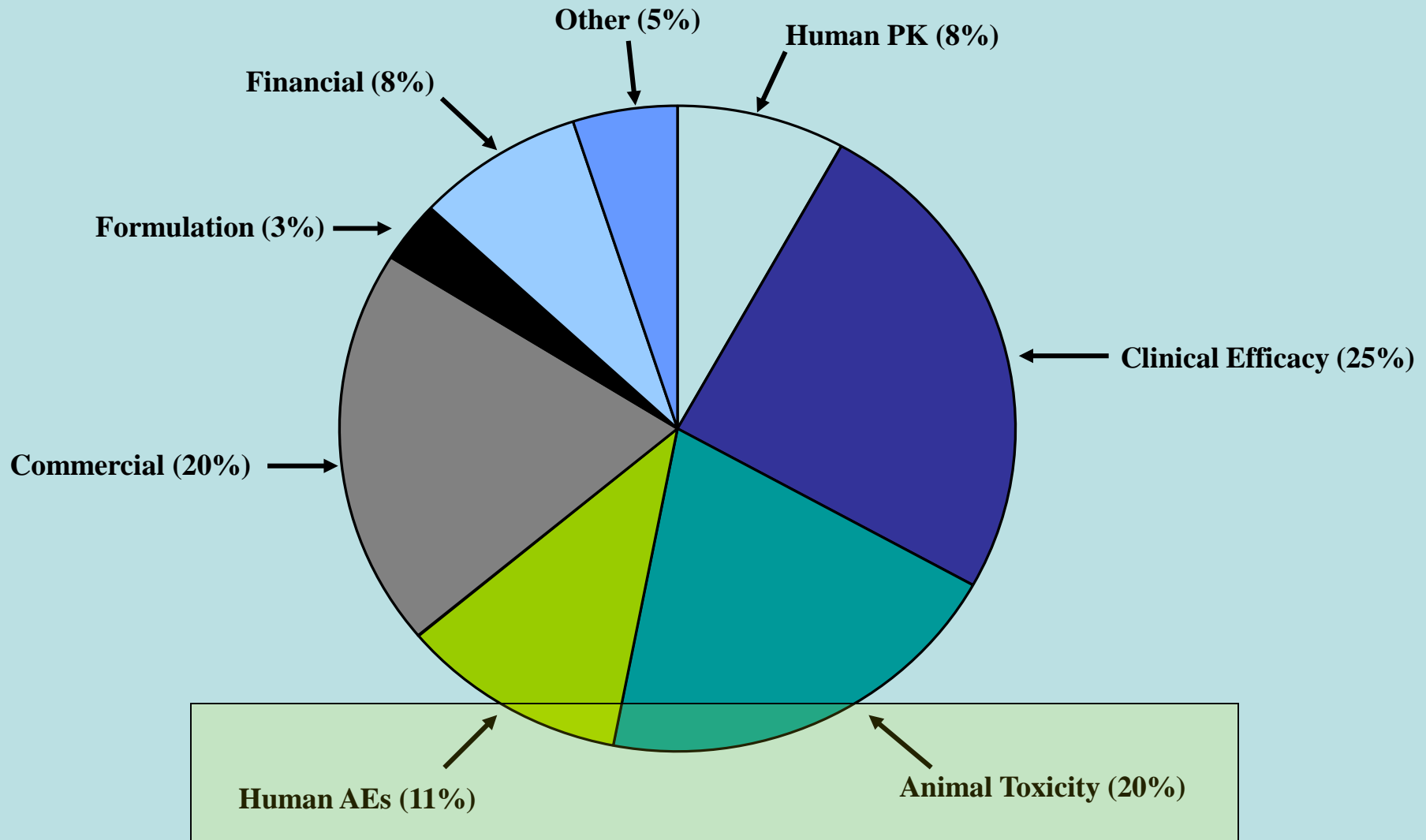
Total cost >\$2.5 billion/new drug
—and some estimates are even higher!

(Tufts Center, November 2014)

Reasons for Termination of Drug Candidates in Development (1964 - 1985)

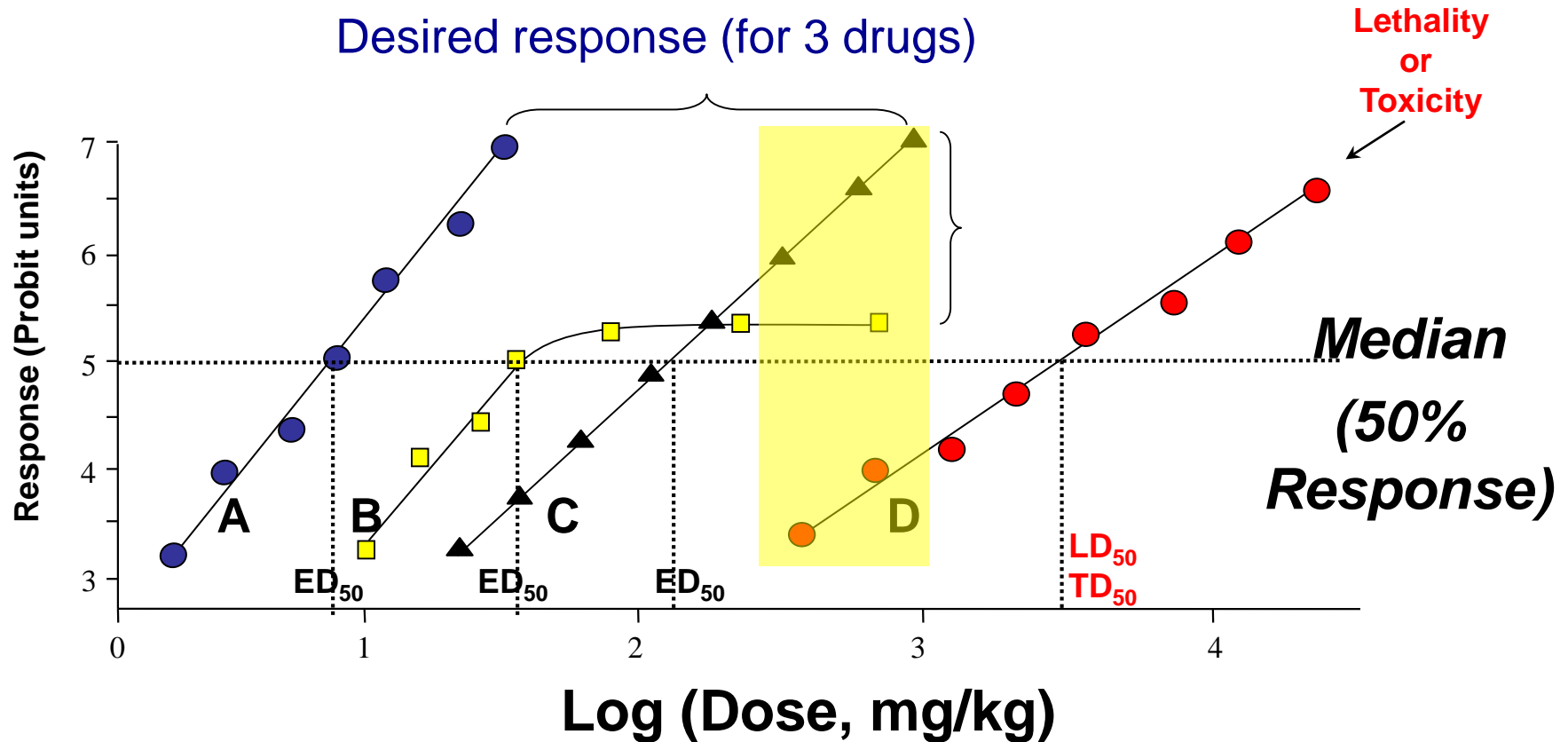


Reasons for Termination of Drug Candidates in Development (2000)



Dose-response Concepts (Paracelsus)

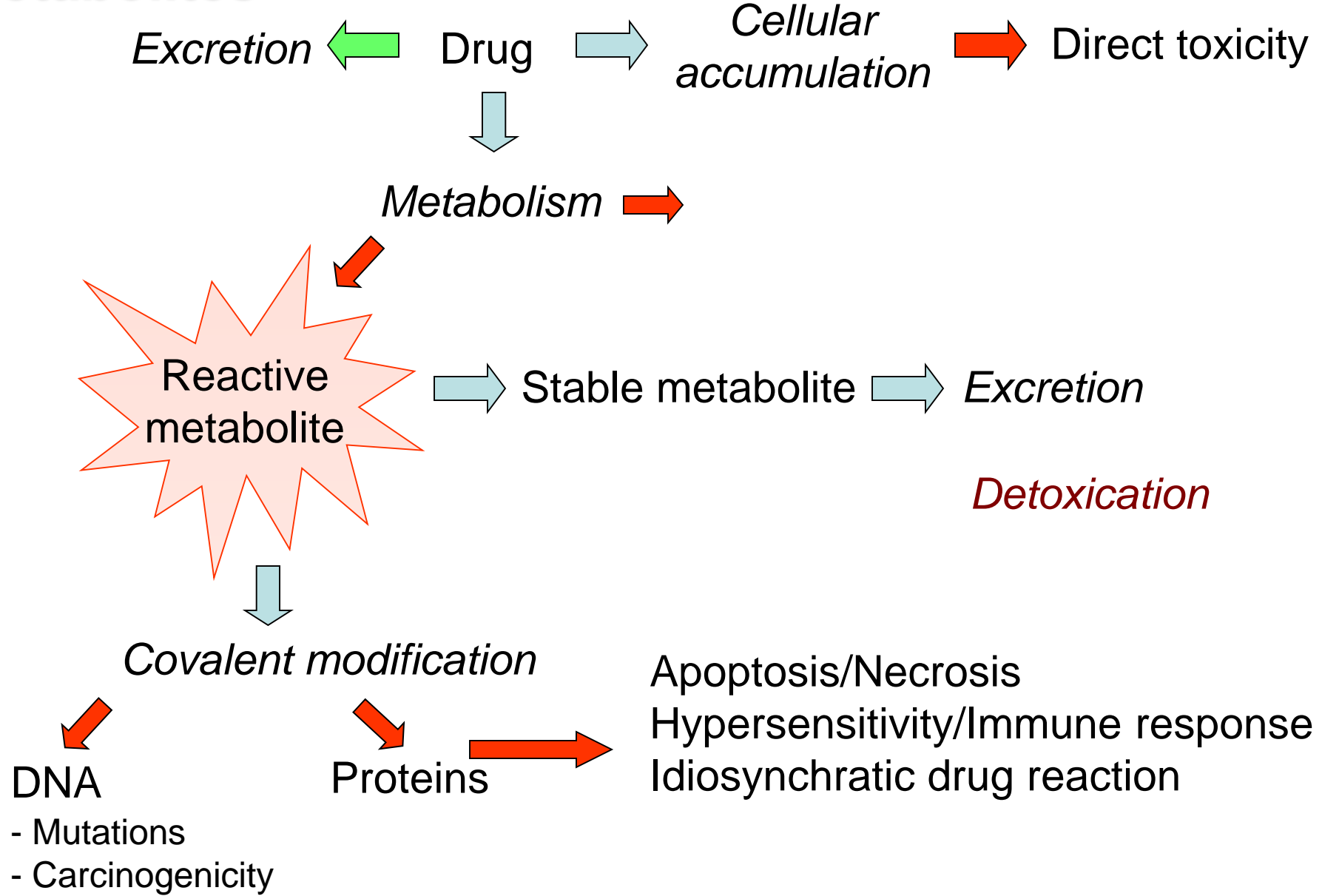
- **Definitions** - Effective dose = **ED**; Toxic dose = **TD**; Lethal dose = **LD**
- **Potency** - Range of doses over which a drug produces increasing responses
- **Efficacy** - Maximal response; plateau of the dose-response curve



Contexts of Drug Toxicity

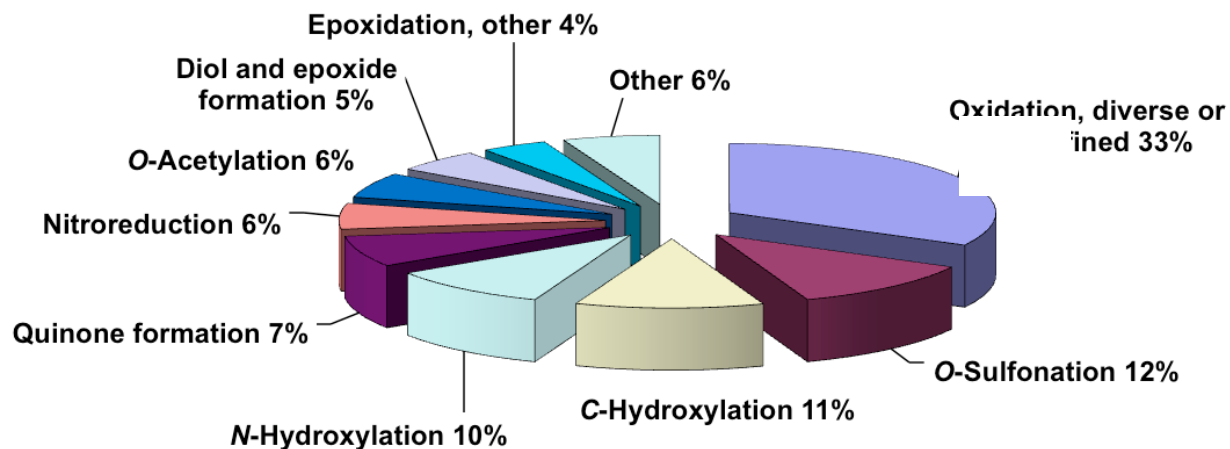
- **On-target toxicity** (mechanisms-based): same receptor, wrong tissue (e.g. statins)
- **Hypersensitivity & immunological reactions** (e.g., penicillins)
- **Off-target pharmacology** (e.g., terfenadine & hERG channel effects)
- **Bioactivation to reactive intermediates** (e.g., acetaminophen)
- **Idiosyncratic toxicities**

Metabolic Activation of Drugs—"Reactive Metabolites"

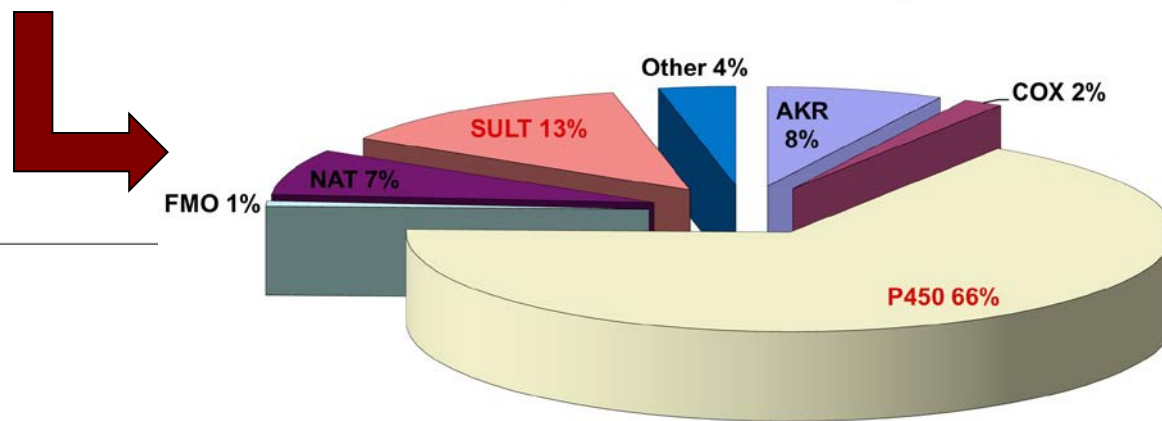


Reaction types involved in bioactivation of carcinogens (n = 799 reactions)

Fig. 6



Human Enzymes in Activation of Carcinogens, n=713



Structural Alerts for Bioactivation

Hydrazines and hydrazides

Arylacetic or aryl propionic acids

Thiophenes, furans, pyrroles

Anilines and anilides

Quinones and quinoneimines

Medium chain fatty acids

Halogenated hydrocarbons and some halogenated aromatics (Br > Cl > F)

Nitroaromatics

Moities that form $\alpha\beta$ -unsaturated enol-like structures

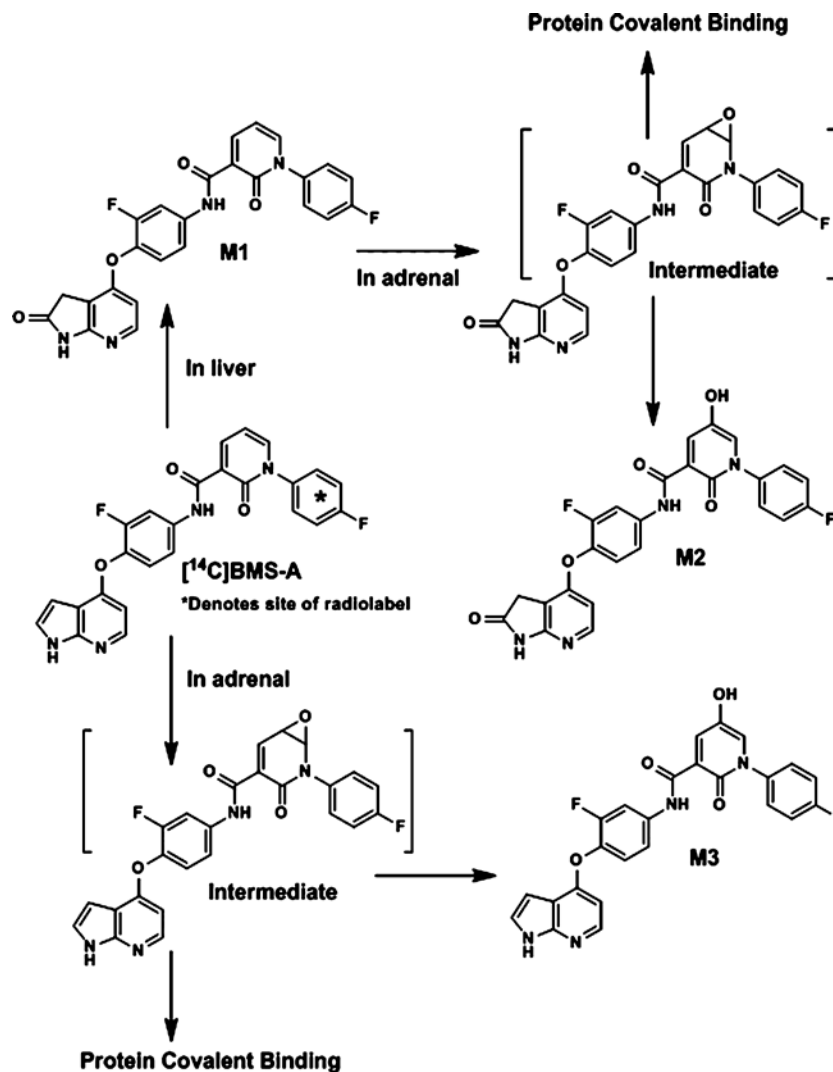
Thiols, thiono compounds, thiazolidinedione

So: What's left to work with?

Also, remember that any phenyl ring is only

1-3 steps away from a reactive intermediate.

BMS-A & P450 11A1



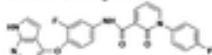
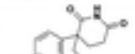
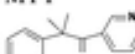
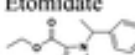
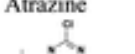
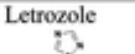

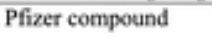
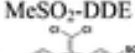
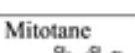

Proposed bioactivation pathway of $[^{14}\text{C}]$ BMS-A in rat adrenal gland.

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Comparison of Selected Adrenal Toxicants That Affect Steroidogenic Enzymes

Compounds	Adrenal Toxicity	Toxicity Mechanism	Reference
BMS compound 	Adrenal vacuolar degeneration and necrosis	Mitochondrial bioactivation by CYP11A1	This study
AGT 	Inhibition of cortisol secretion	Inhibition of CYP11A1	(34)
MTY 	Stimulation of ACTH release	Inhibition of CYP11B1	(16)
Etomidate 	Adrenal insufficiency	Inhibition of CYP11B2/1	(35)
Atrazine 	Adrenal weight increase	Induction of CYP19	(36)
Letrozole 	Mild adrenal suppression	Inhibition of CYP19	(25)
KTZ 	Reversible adrenal insufficiency	Inhibition of CYP17 and 11 beta hydroxylase	(37)
Pfizer compound 	Formation of vacuoles in adrenal	Inhibition of CYP21	(38)
MeSO ₂ -DDE 	Adrenal disorganization loss of central cristae of mice	Cytotoxic to parenchymal cells, bioactivation by and inhibition of CYP11B1	(39, 40)
Mitotane 	Membrane disruption and dissolution of adrenal	Bioactivation by CYP11B1 and other enzymes	(32, 41)
DMBA 	Adrenal capillary endothelial lesion to bleeding	Oxidation of mitochondrial GSH, involvement of CYP11B1	(42, 43)
Lindane Hexachloro-cyclohexane	Adrenal weight increase	Inhibition of stAR	(44)

P450s:

11A1

11B1

11B2

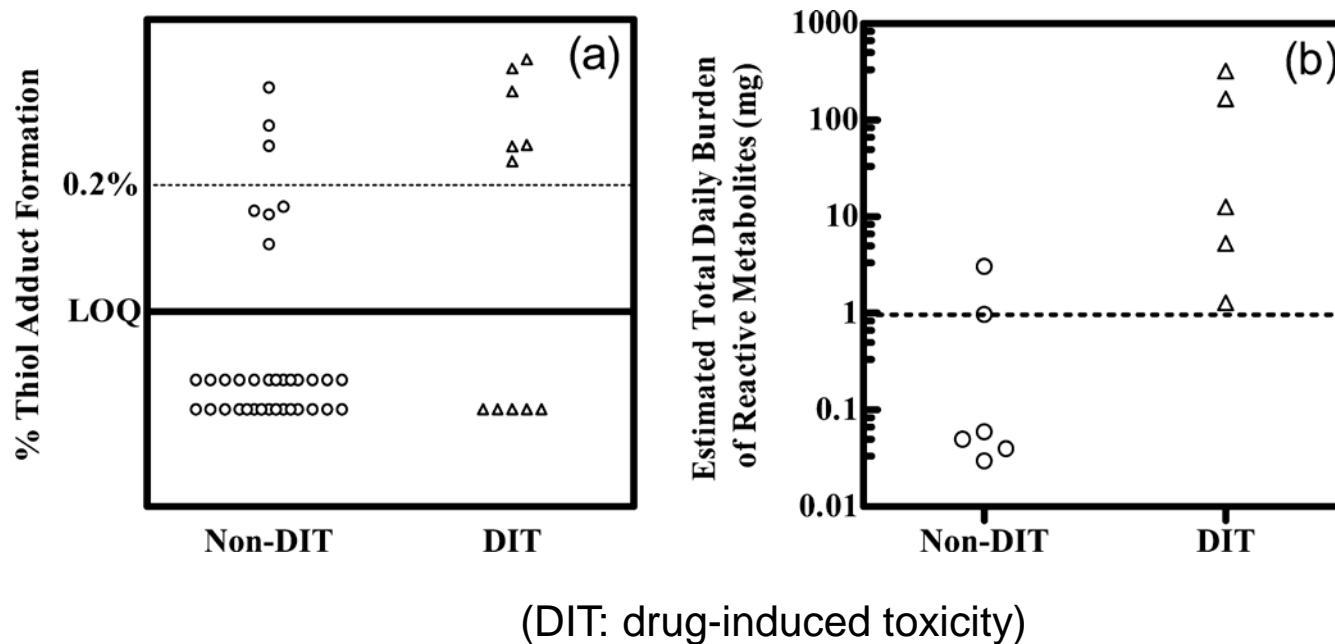
19A1

17A1

21A2

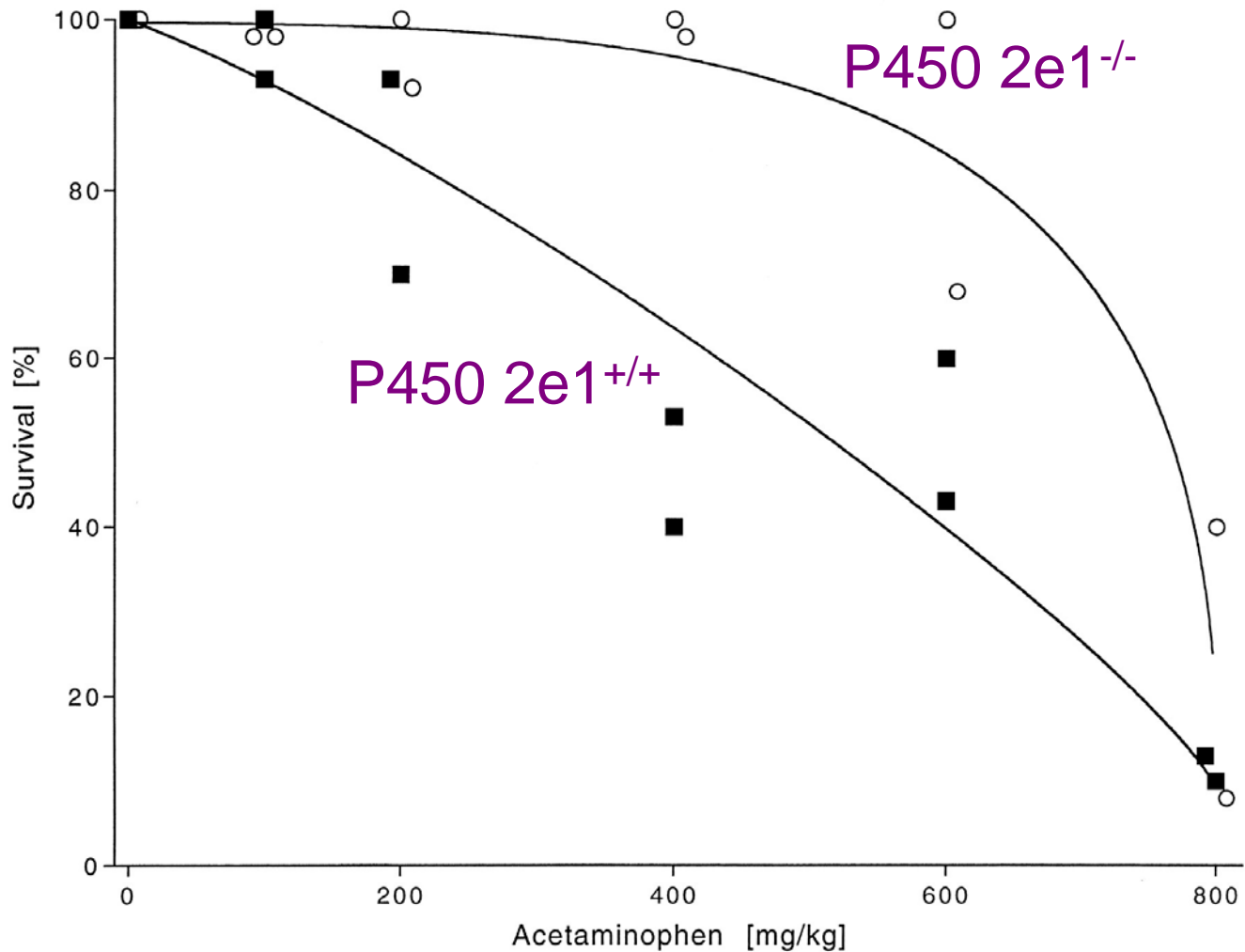
Covalent binding of chemicals to proteins: Issue or not?

- Correlates with *in vivo* toxicity
- Treatment of a purified enzyme with a chemical modifier can destroy activity
- Block covalent binding (e.g. N-Ac Cys), prevent toxicity
- Knock out P450s → prevent acetaminophen toxicity
- Idiosyncratic toxicity:
 - Majority of culprits show covalent binding
 - Only seen with higher dose drugs (>10 mg/day), consistent with binding overload
- No direct proof of involvement in toxicity
- Alternative mechanisms, e.g. ox stress, would show similar profiles re N-AcCys
- Some drugs have high covalent binding but no apparent toxicity
- Delete other genes (non-P450) & see effects on toxicity, implying downstream issues



Scatter plot of % dGSH adduct formation (a) and estimated total daily burden (b) in the DIT and non-DIT groups. The open circles and triangles represent drugs not associated and associated with DIT, respectively. For illustrational purposes, a horizontal dotted line is plotted at 0.2% adduct level in panel a, and another is plotted at the 1 mg level in panel b. Adduct levels of omeprazole, lansoprazole, and montelukast are not shown in this figure.

Significance of acetaminophen metabolism in toxicity in mice

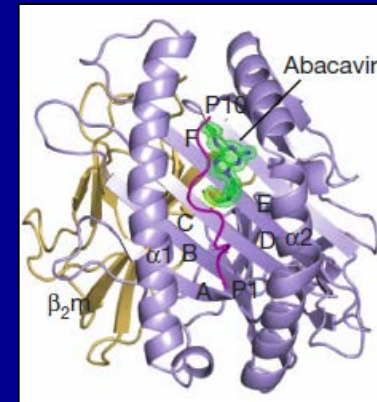
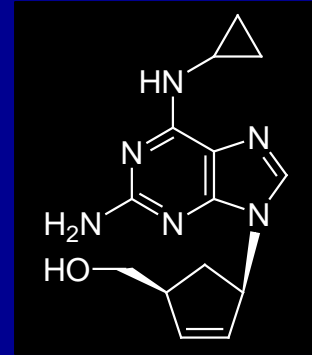


Lee, S. S. T. et al. (1996) *J. Biol. Chem.* **271**, 12063-12067

See also Zaher et al. (1998) *Toxicol. Sci.* **152**, 193-199 regarding deletion of both 2e1 and 1a2

Molecular Basis of Immune Hypersensitivity

- ◆ Abacavir use associated with immune hypersensitivity syndrome
 - occurs in individuals with *HLA-B*57:01* allele
- ◆ X-ray cocrystal of abacavir bound to *HLA-B*57:01*
 - binds to bottom of antigen binding cleft of the F pocket
- ◆ Abacavir binds to 2 amino acids unique to *HLA-B*57:01*
- ◆ Cyclopropyl moiety projects into F pocket
 - reduces pocket size; alters peptide binding preference
 - smaller Leu and Ile side chains preferred over Trp and Tyr
- ◆ Co-crystal structure of carbamazepine with *HLA-B*15:02*
 - indicates similar mechanism of hypersensitivity



Mechanistic Causes of Toxicology Attrition

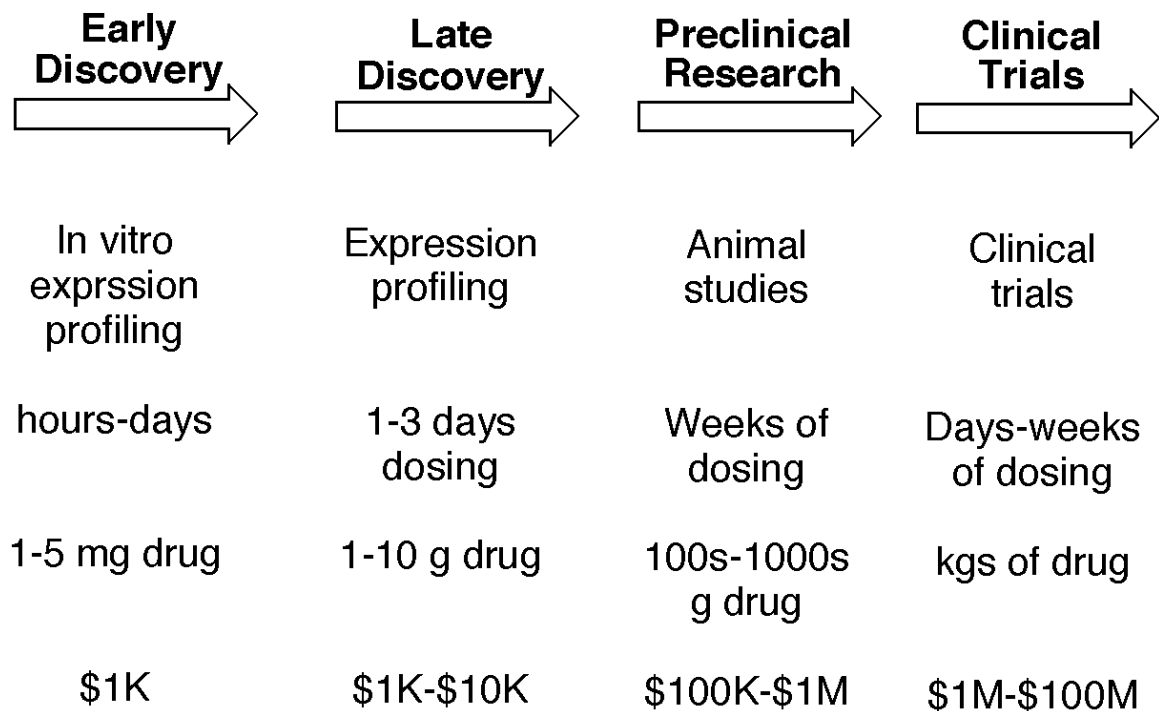
	percent of all advanced molecules ^b
biotransformation-related	27
target-based	28
single or multiple ion channel inhibition	18
immune-mediated	7
all other mechanisms	36

^aBased on experience from DuPont-Merck and Bristol-Myers Squibb, 1993-2006. Information kindly provided by B. Car.

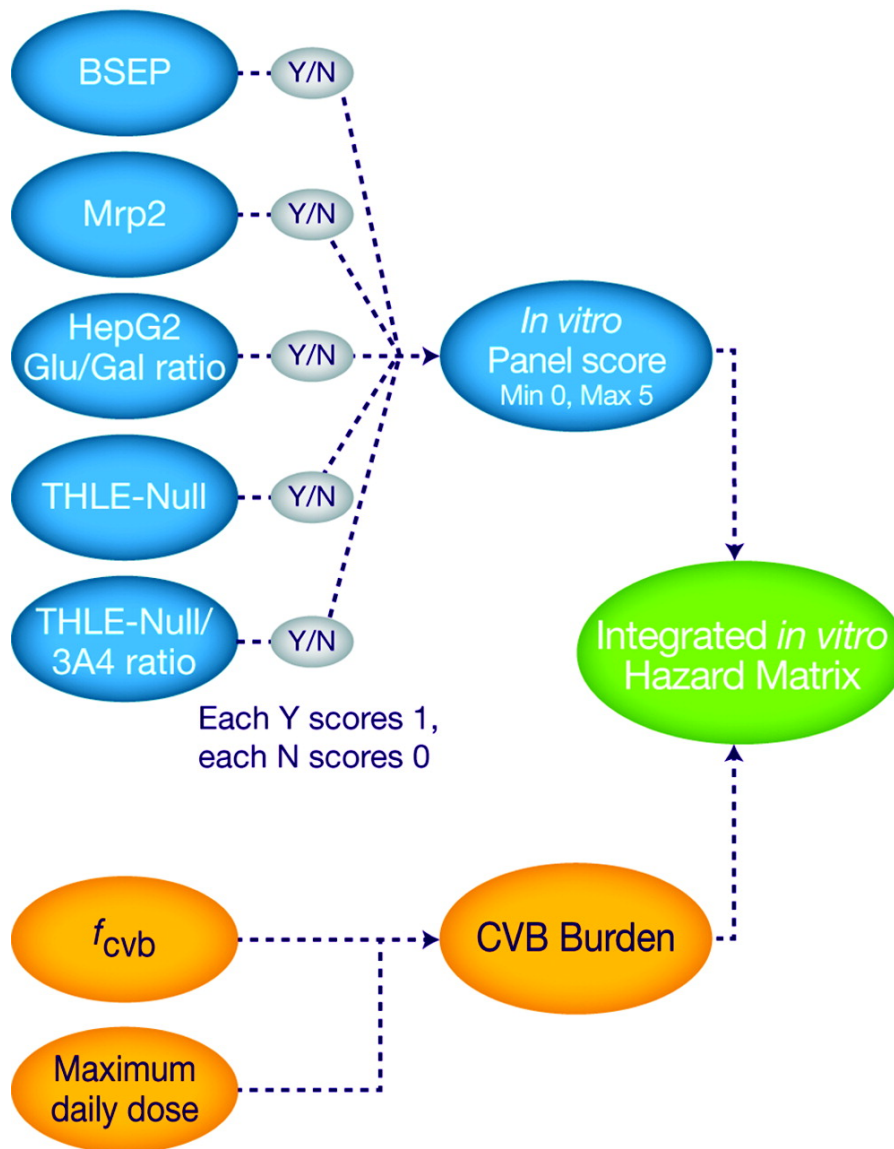
^bn=88, note as categories are partially overlapping, the total is > 100%.

Trends in safety assessment

Assessing toxicity earlier



In vitro Panel



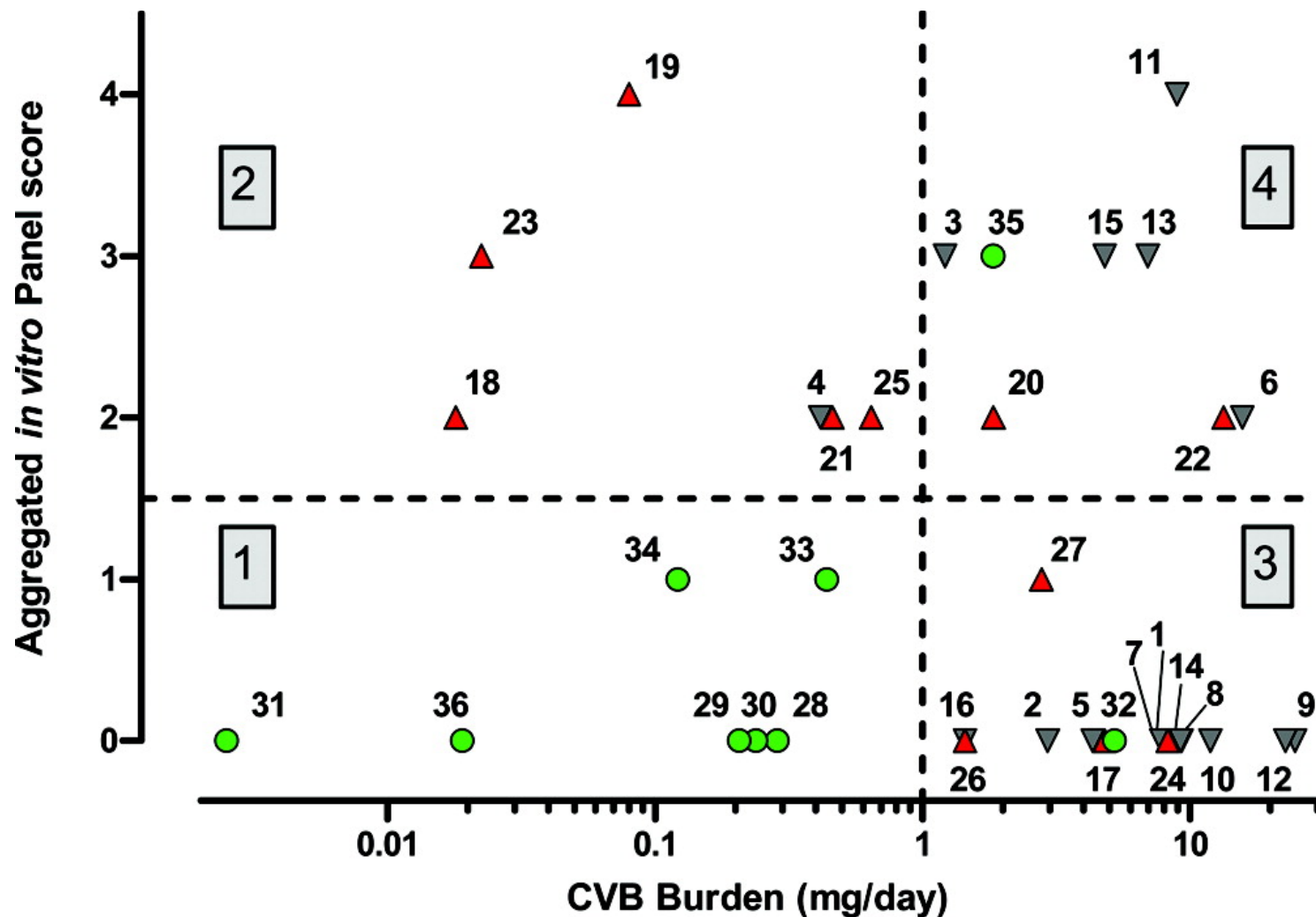
CVB in human hepatocytes

Overview of assays and their interrelationship.

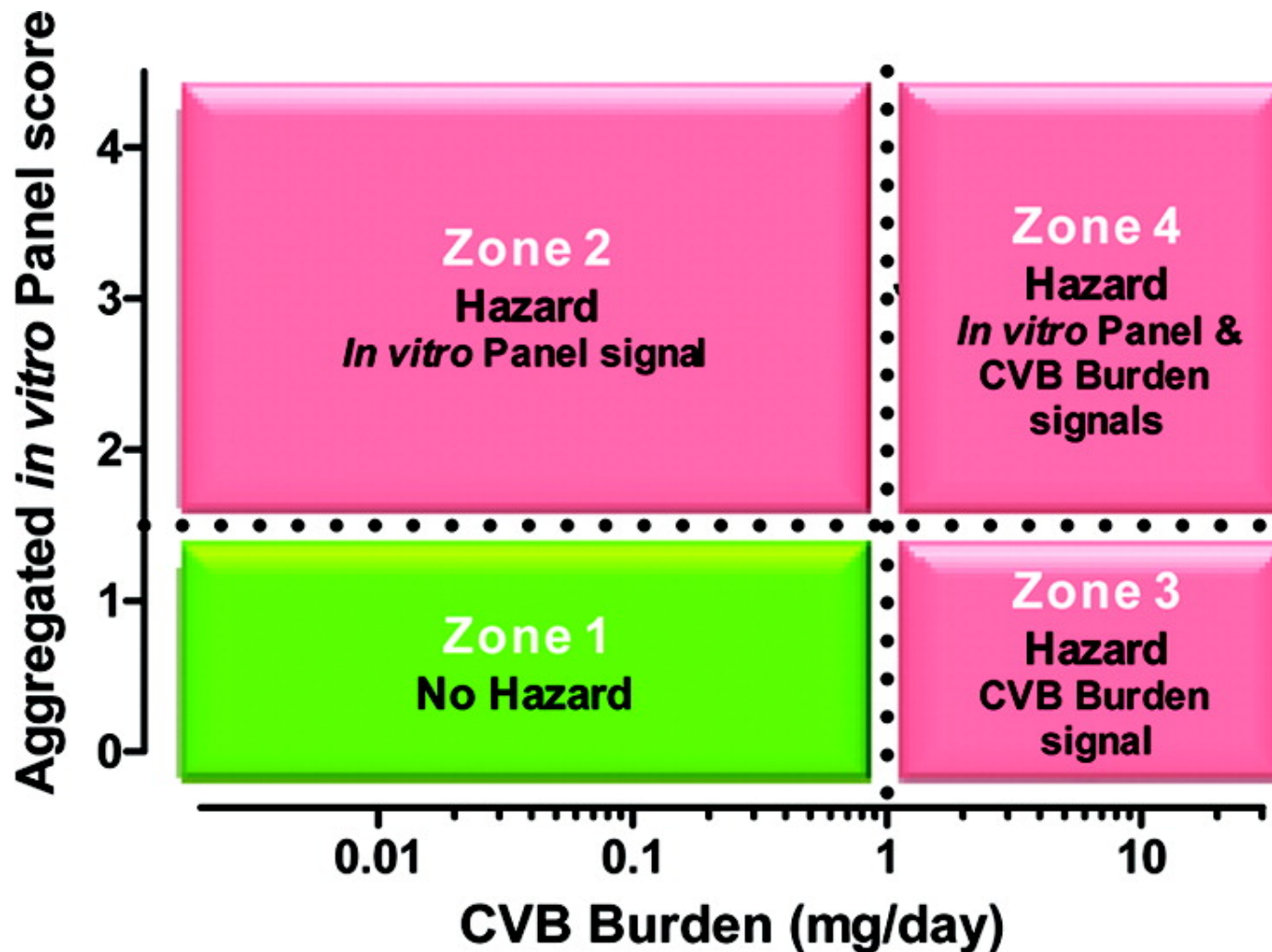
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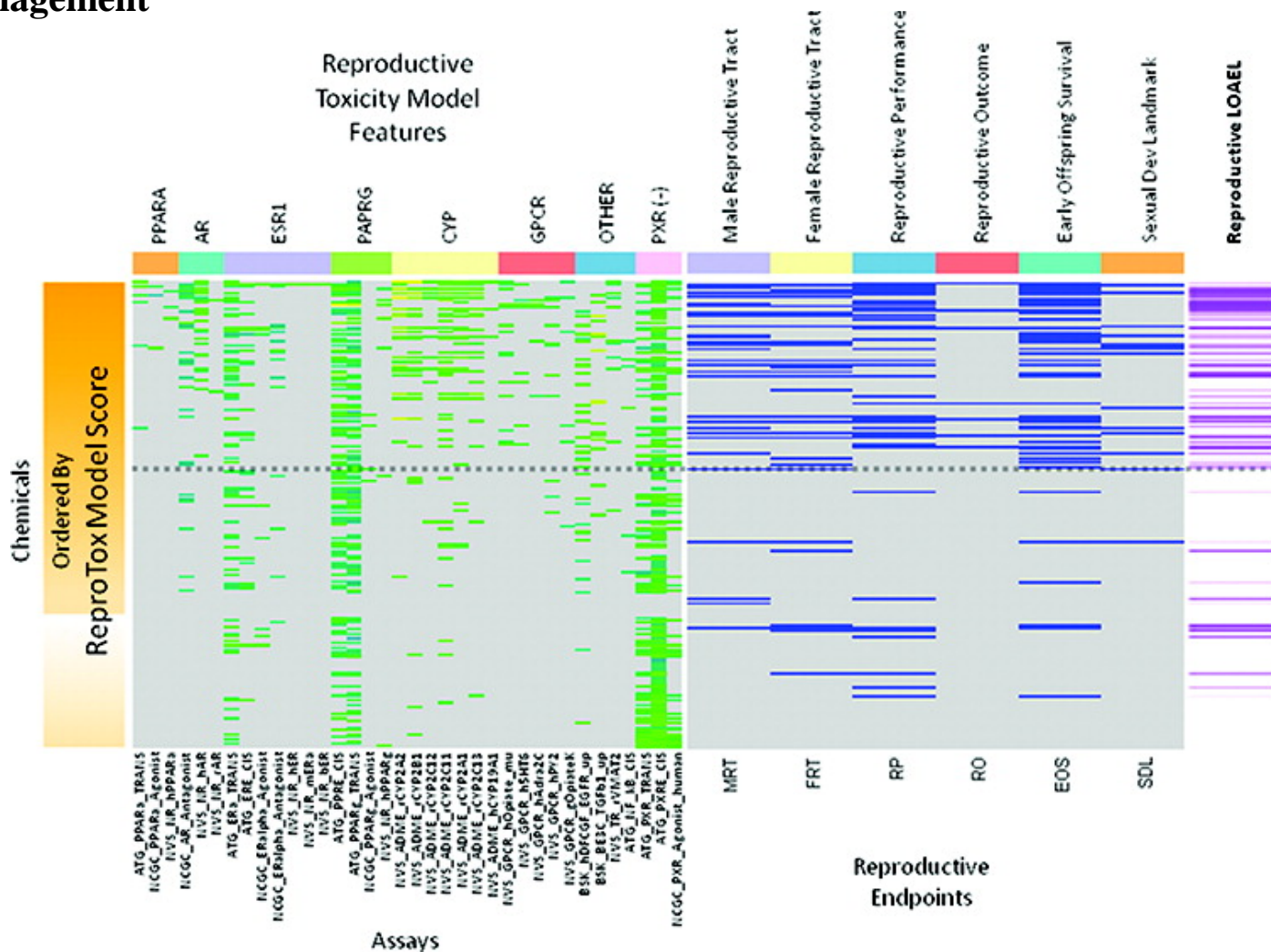
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Integrated *in vitro* Hazard Matrix. IADR categories are Severe concern (black inverted triangles), Marked concern (red triangles), and Low concern (green circles).



Update on U. S. EPA's ToxCast Program: Providing High Throughput Decision Support Tools for Chemical Risk Management



No provision for bioactivation!

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Summary

- General issues in the pharmaceutical industry
 - Toxicity/safety is a big issue
- Bioactivation is an important issue but not the only one
- Issues with “endogenous substrate” P450s
- Covalent binding: general, issues-bad, good
- *In vitro* strategies in discovery toxicology