

Physiologically based pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic model to predict the effects of formulation and food on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of esomeprazole

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Introduction

Physiologically based biopharmaceutics modeling (PBBM)

- Physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) absorption modeling
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- PBPK modeling for biopharmaceutics applications

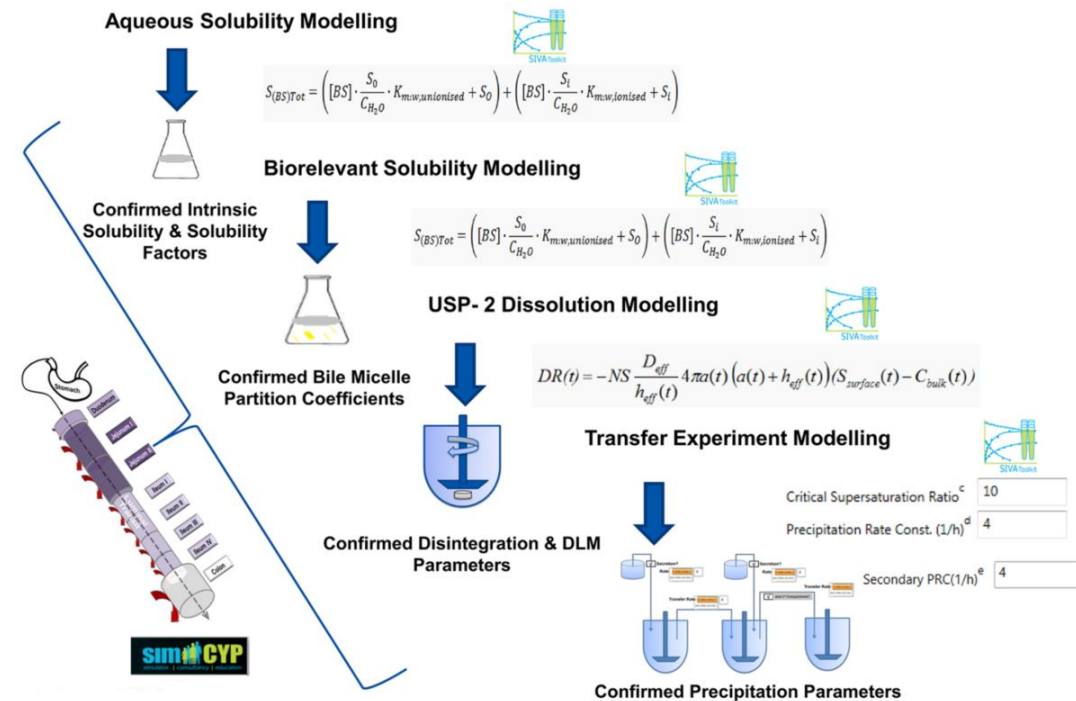
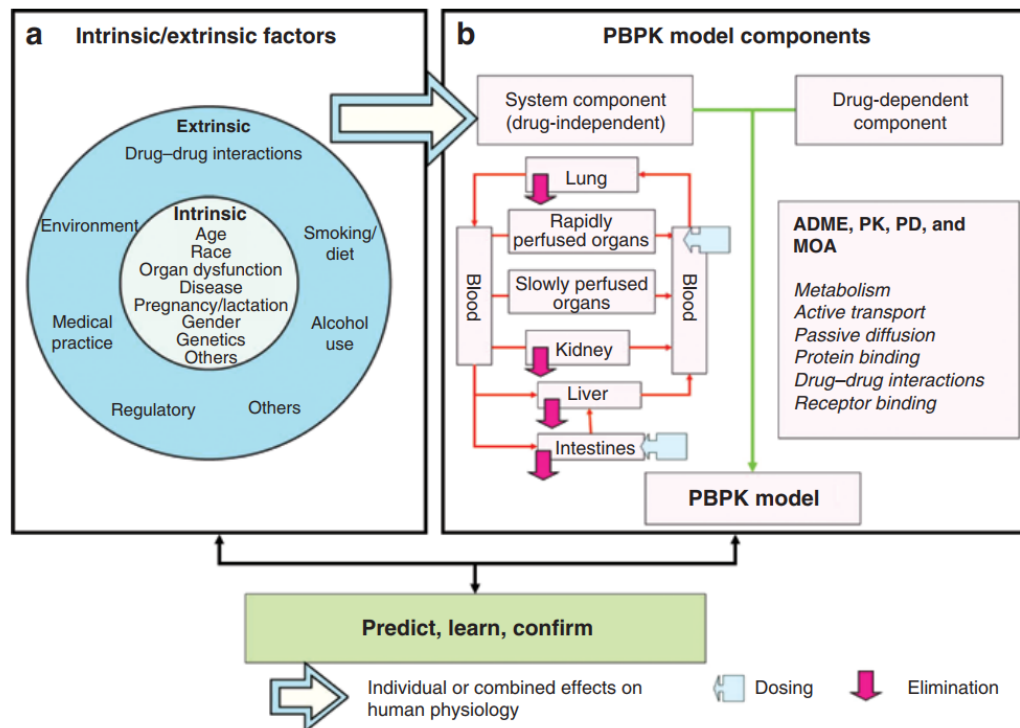
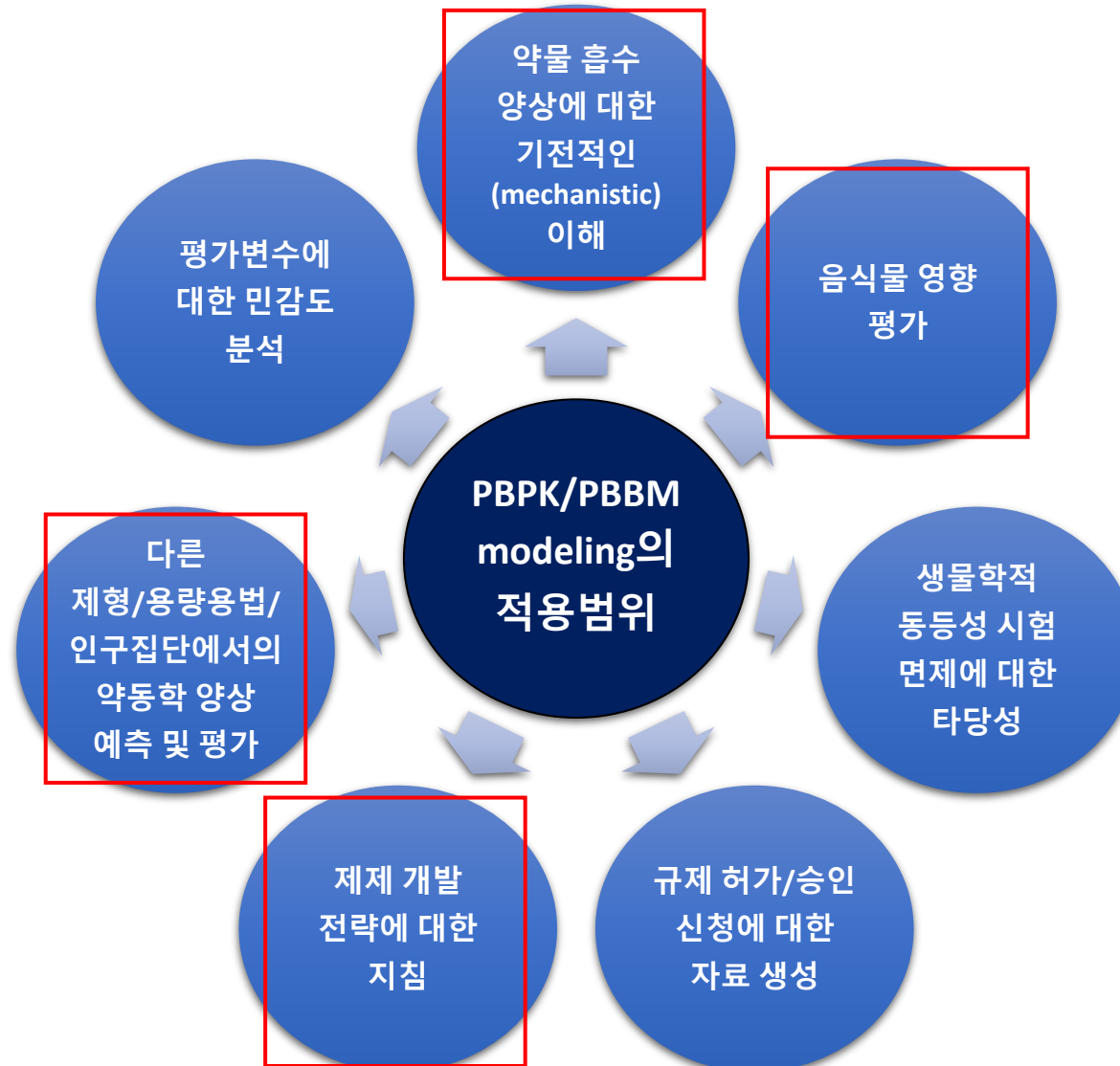


Figure 3. An integrated sequential *in vitro* modeling workflow followed within this research work.

Physiologically based biopharmaceutics modeling (PBBM)



Esomeprazole

➤ Proton pump inhibitor (PPI)

- Gastric acid secretion ↓ → Medications for controlling acid-related disorders

Table 2. Pharmacokinetic Properties of Proton Pump Inhibitors

	Omeprazole	Esomeprazole	Lansoprazole	Dexlansoprazole	Pantoprazole	Rabeprazole
Bioavailability, %	30–40	64–90	80–85	-	77	52
Time to peak plasma level (t _{max} , hr)	0.5–3.5	1.5	1.7	1–2, 4–5	2–3	2–5
Protein binding, %	95	97	97	96	98	96.3
Half-life, hr	0.5–1	1–1.5	1.6	1–2	1–1.9	1–2
Primary excretion	Hepatic	Hepatic	Hepatic	Hepatic	Hepatic	Hepatic
Liver metabolism	CYP2C19	CYP2C19	CYP2C19	CYP2C19 CYP3A4	CYP2C19 CYP3A4	CYP2C19

➤ Enteric-coated (EC) delayed-release formulation

- Common use for acid-labile PPIs to prevent degradation by gastric acid

Esomeprazole DR formulation

- New dual delayed-release (DR) capsule of esomeprazole
 - To extend the duration of gastric acid suppression, especially during the night-time

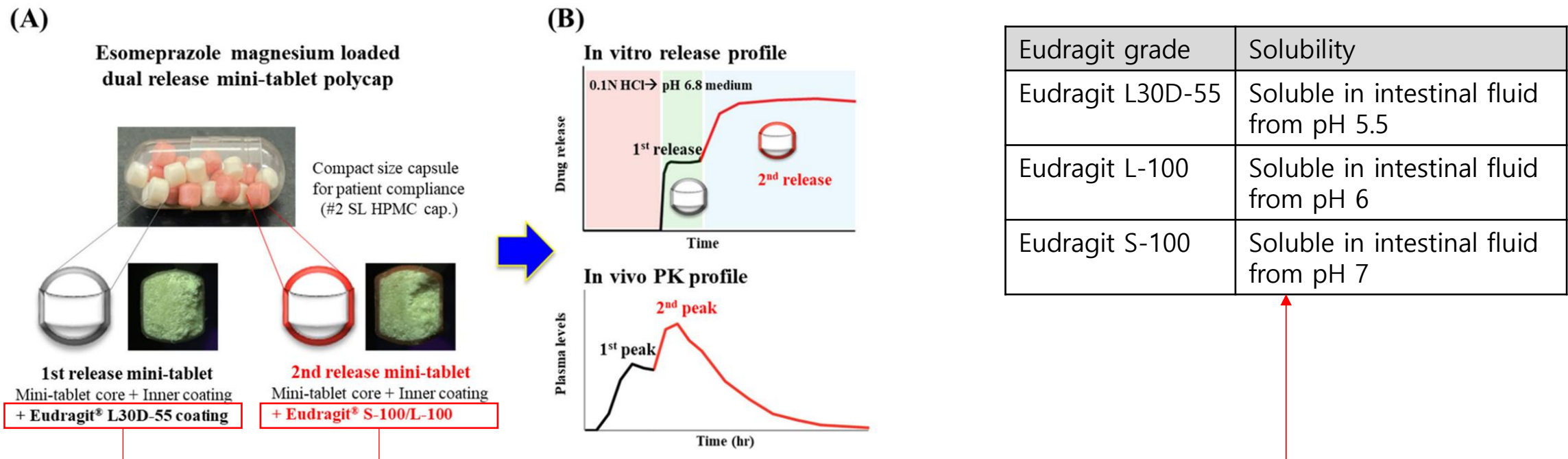


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of esomeprazole magnesium dual release mini-tablet polycap (DR polycaps). (A) image of DR polycaps. (B) In vitro release and in vivo pharmacokinetics profile of DR polycaps.

Clinical study 1 – Formulation comparison

➤ Clinical study 1 of esomeprazole DR formulation

DR: dual delayed-release
EC: enteric-coated

- To compare the pharmacokinetics (PKs) and pharmacodynamics (PDs) of the DR and EC formulations

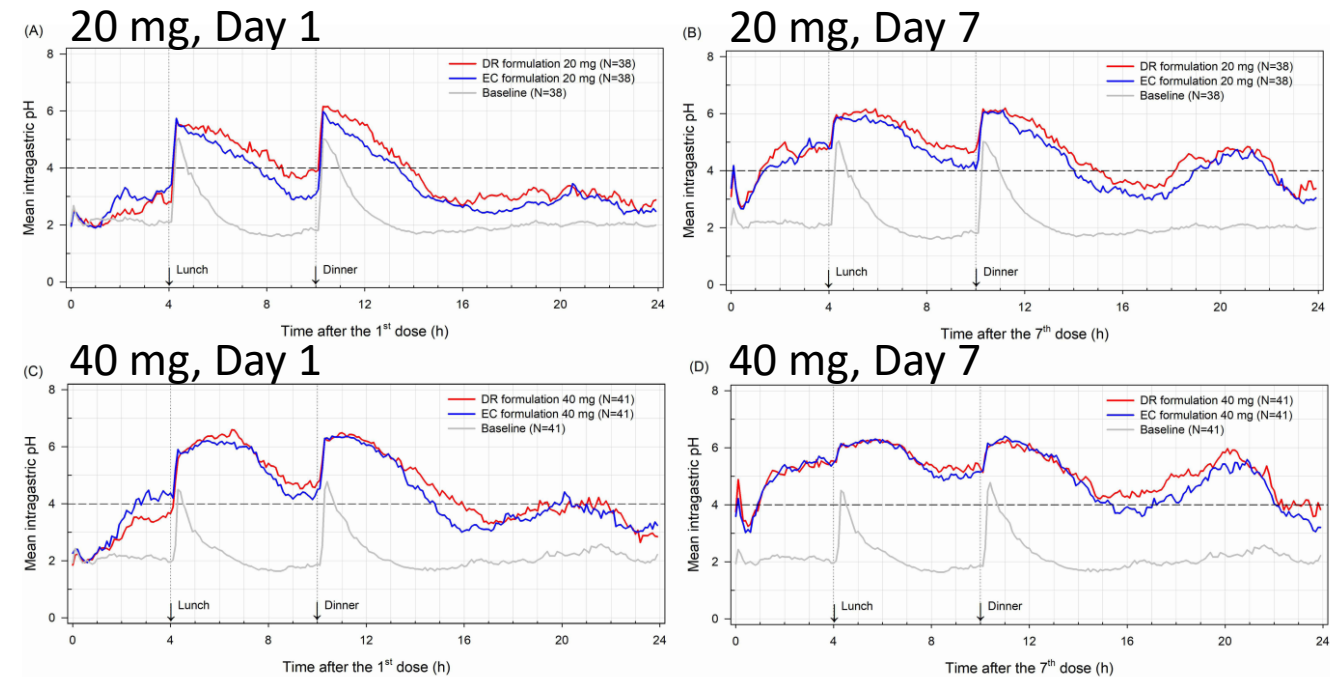
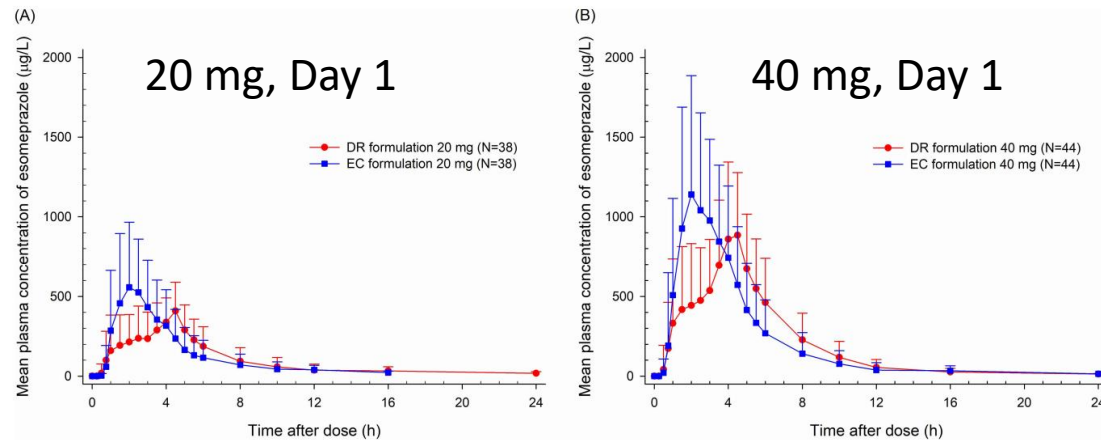
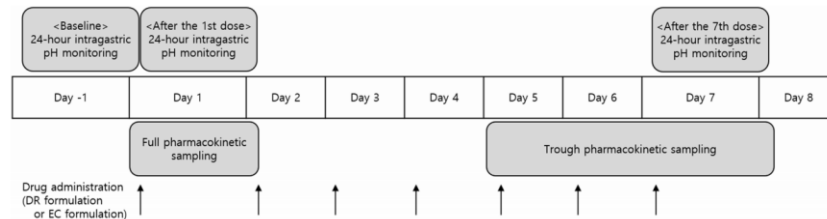


Figure 3 Mean intragastric pH-time profiles for DR formulation or EC formulation after (A) the 1st and (B) the 7th dose in 20 mg dose group and after (C) the 1st and (D) the 7th dose in 40 mg dose group.

Note: The gray line represents mean intragastric pH before the 1st dose of DR formulation or EC formulation as baseline.
Abbreviations: DR, dual delayed-release; EC, enteric-coated.

Clinical study 2 – Food effect

➤ Clinical study 2 of esomeprazole DR formulation

DR: dual delayed-release

- To compare the pharmacokinetics (PKs) and pharmacodynamics (PDs) of the DR formulation in the fasted and fed states

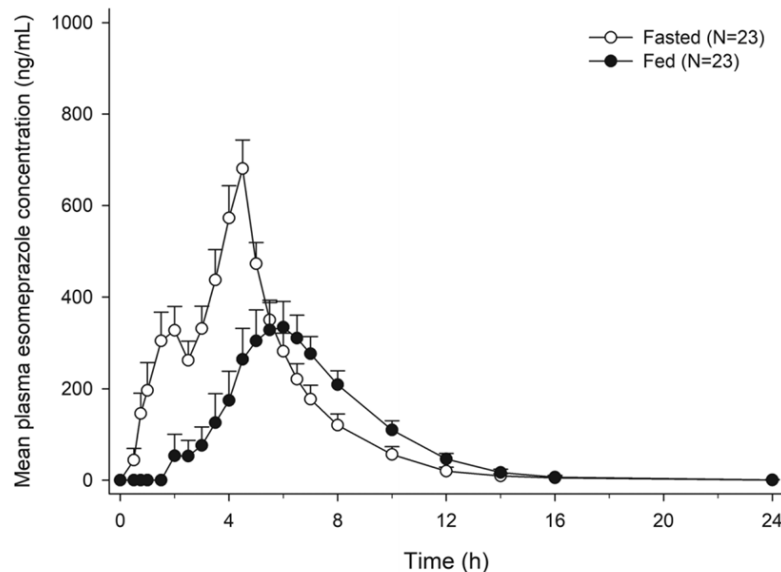


Figure 1. Mean plasma concentration–time profiles of esomeprazole after a single oral administration of 40-mg dual delayed-release formulation in a fasted or fed state. Bars represent standard errors.

Table 1. Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Esomeprazole After a Single Oral Administration of 40-mg Dual Delayed-Release Formulation in a Fasted or Fed State

Parameters	Fed (N = 23)	Fasted (N = 23)	GMR ^a (90%CI)
T_{max} (h) ^b	5.5 (2.0-10.0)	4.0 (1.0-5.0)	—
C_{max} (μg/L)	460 ± 329	768 ± 283	0.52 (0.39-0.67)
AUC_{last} (μg · h/L)	1851 ± 1585	2701 ± 1721	0.63 (0.51-0.79)
AUC_{inf} (μg · h/L)	1898 ± 1586	2745 ± 1722	—
$t_{1/2}$ (h)	1.5 ± 0.7	1.4 ± 0.5	—
CL/F (L/h)	31.6 ± 18.6	19.6 ± 10.7	—

AUC_{inf} , area under the plasma concentration–time curve from 0 to infinity; AUC_{last} , area under the plasma concentration–time curve from 0 to time of last measurable concentration; CI, confidence interval; CL/F, apparent total clearance; C_{max} , maximum concentration; GMR, geometric mean ratio; $t_{1/2}$, terminal half-life; T_{max} , time to maximum concentration.

All values are presented as the mean ± standard deviation.

^a GMR indicates the ratio of the geometric mean comparing the fed state to the fasted state.

^b Values are presented as median (minimum–maximum).

Purpose of research

- To **quantitatively** predict the **pharmacokinetics (PKs)** and **pharmacodynamics (PDs)** of the **enteric-coated (EC)** and **dual delayed-release (DR)** formulations of **esomeprazole magnesium trihydrate (EMT)** by using the PBPK/PD modeling framework

- To explore the **absorption parameters** that contribute to the **negative food effect of esomeprazole**

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Methods

Mechanistic modeling for biopharmaceutical data

➤ **Experimental data** from in vitro solubility (aqueous & biorelevant) and dissolution measurements

➤ **In vitro solubility model**

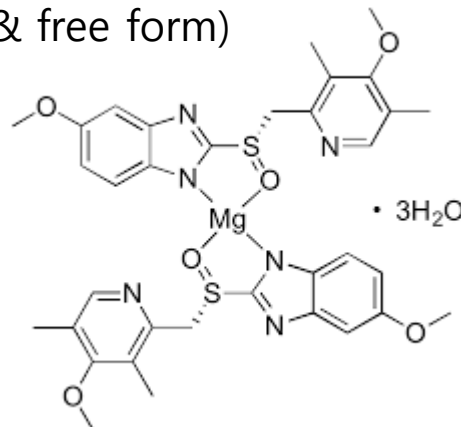
- Simcyp in vitro analysis (SIVA) toolkit (version 5)
- Esomeprazole magnesium trihydrate (EMT)
 - ✓ Salt form to improve the low solubility of esomeprazole itself
 - ✓ Solubility product (K_{sp}) model
 - ✓ Two solid states model (Salt form & free form)

Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate

에스오메프라졸마그네슘삼수화물 44.5mg

(에스오메프라졸(으)로서 40mg)

<백시움정 40 mg, 약학정보원>



<Esomeprazole magnesium trihydrate (EMT)>

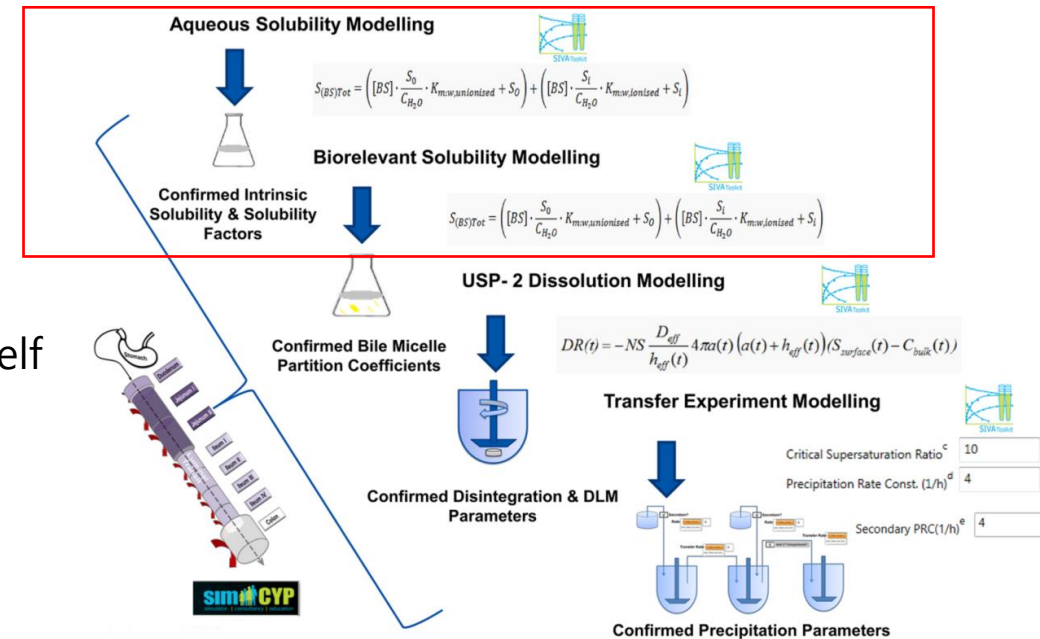


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Mechanistic modeling for biopharmaceutical data

➤ In vitro dissolution model

DR: dual delayed-release
EC: enteric-coated

- EC formulation
 - ✓ SIVA toolkit (Version 5)
 - ✓ Empirical first-order disintegration model

$$\%F_{disint,t} = \%F_{max} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-K_{d1} \cdot (t-t_{lag})}\right) \text{ when } t > t_{lag}$$

$$\%F_{disint,t} = 0 \text{ when } t \leq t_{lag}$$

- DR formulation
 - ✓ Simcyp version 23R1
 - ✓ NONMEM (Version 7.5.1)
 - ✓ Pulse function

$$\%F_{released,t} = \%F_{max} \cdot \left(1 - f_1 \cdot e^{-\frac{(t-t_{lag1})^{\beta_1}}{\alpha_1}} - (1 - f_1) \cdot e^{-\frac{(t-t_{lag2})^{\beta_2}}{\alpha_2}}\right) \text{ when } t > t_{lag1}$$

$$\%F_{released,t} = 0 \text{ when } t \leq t_{lag1}$$

- $\%F_{disint,t}$: percentage disintegrated at time t
- $\%F_{max}$: the maximum extent of release assumed to be 100%
- K_{d1} : a first-order release constant
- t_{lag} : lag time
- $\%F_{released,t}$: the percentage released at time t
- f_1 : the fraction of dose following the first part of the curve
- α_1 & β_1 : Weibull scale and shape factors for the first fraction of dose
- t_{lag1} : lag time for the start of the first pulse
- α_2 & β_2 : Weibull scale and shape factors for the second fraction of dose
- t_{lag2} : lag time for the start of the second pulse from the start of the first pulse

Development of PBPK/PD models

➤ Korean population

- Based on 'Sim-Chinese Healthy Volunteers' population from the Simcyp version 23R1
- CYP2C19 phenotype frequency
- Liver density
- Hematocrit

Table 3. Phenotypes of clinically relevant DMET markers in Korean population (n = 1,012)

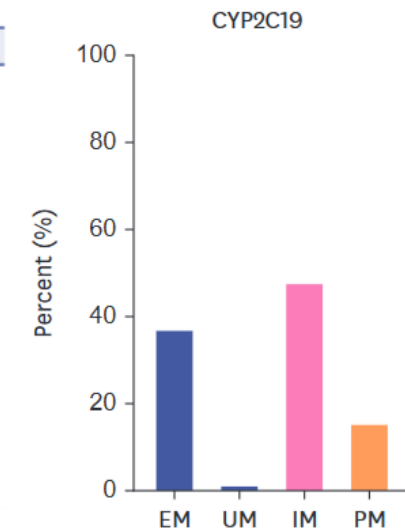
Gene*	Related drugs	Diplotype	Phenotype	Sample count (%)
CYP2C19	Amitriptyline, clopidogrel, citalopram, voriconazole	*1/*1	EM	372 (36.76)
		*1/*17	UM	9 (0.89)
		*17/*17	UM	1 (0.10)
		*1/*2A	IM	363 (35.87)
		*1/*2B	IM	0 (0.00)
		*1/*3	IM	106 (10.47)
		*2A/*17	IM	9 (0.89)
		*3/*17	IM	1 (0.10)
		*2A/*2A	PM	76 (7.51)
		*2A/*2B	PM	1 (0.10)
		*2A/*3	PM	62 (6.13)
		*3/*3	PM	12 (1.19)

Table 4 The frequency of CYP2C19 phenotypes by race^{53,57,58}

Race	CYP2C19 phenotype		
	PMs	IMs	UMs
Caucasian	1%–7%	25%	40%
Asian	13%–23%	50%	<5%
African American	1%–7%	30%	45%

Note: Patients without the PM, IM, or UM phenotype are presumably EMs.

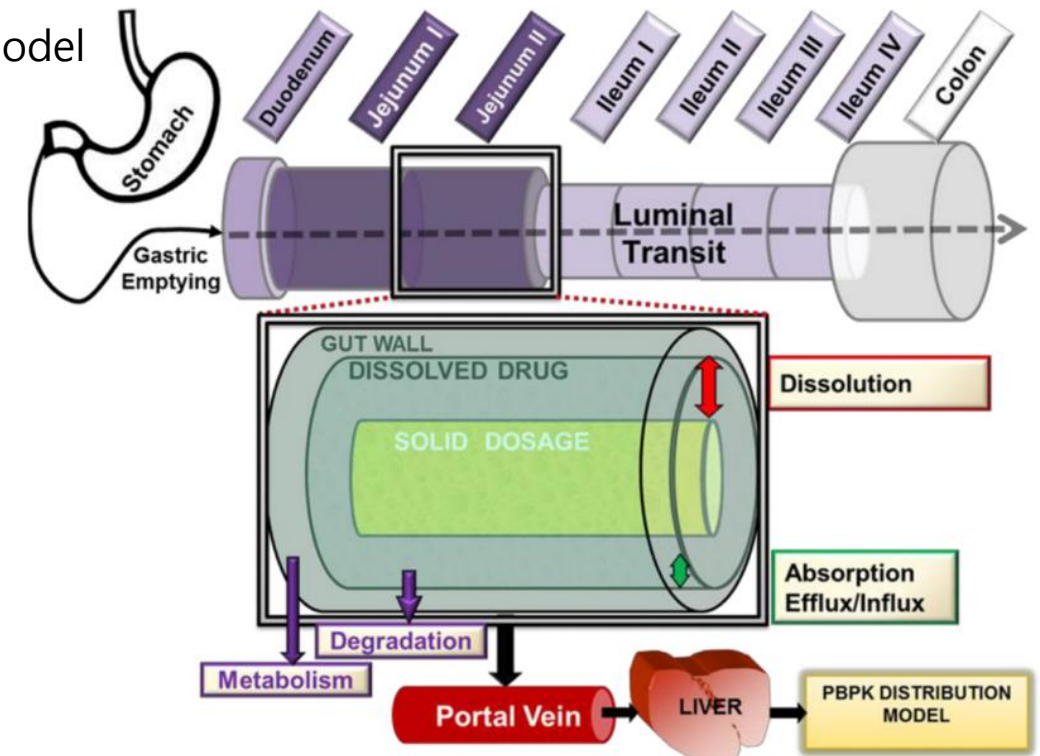
Abbreviations: PMs, poor metabolizers; IMs, intermediate metabolizers; UMs, ultrarapid metabolizers.



Development of PBPK/PD models

➤ Absorption

- Simcyp V23R1 library "SV-Esomeprazole"
- Advanced dissolution, absorption, and metabolism (ADAM) model
 - ✓ Unstirred boundary layer (UBL) fluid volume option
- Food staggering model for food effect assessment
 - ✓ Advanced bile dynamics
 - ✓ Advanced fluid volume dynamics
- Permeability
 - ✓ **Colon absorption rate scalar: 0.1**



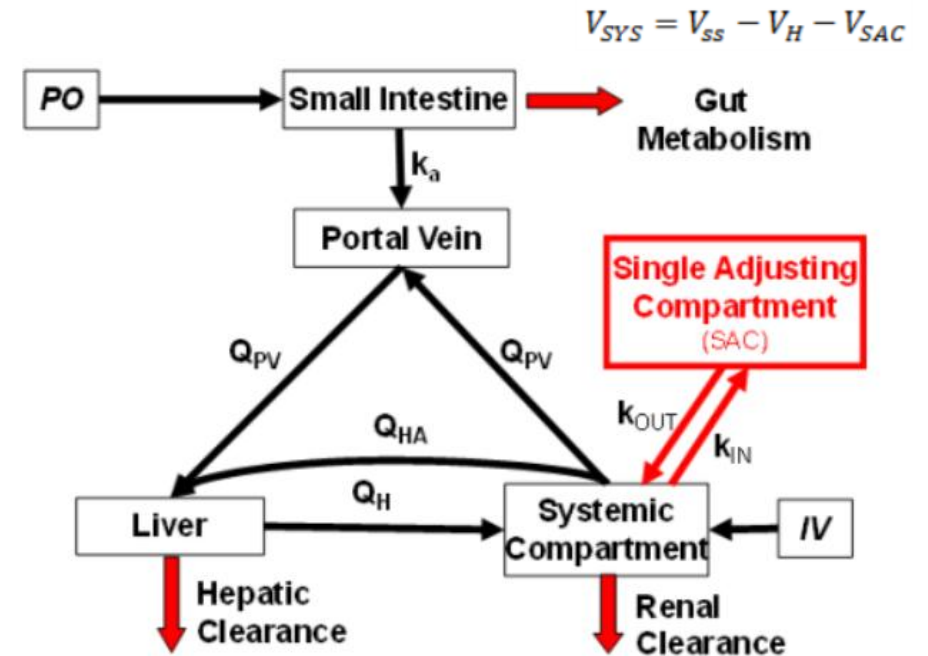
Development of PBPK/PD models

➤ Distribution

- Minimal PBPK distribution model
- V_{SAC} parameter estimated from the observations
- Other parameters
 - ✓ Simcyp V23R1 library "SV-Esomeprazole"

➤ Elimination and interaction

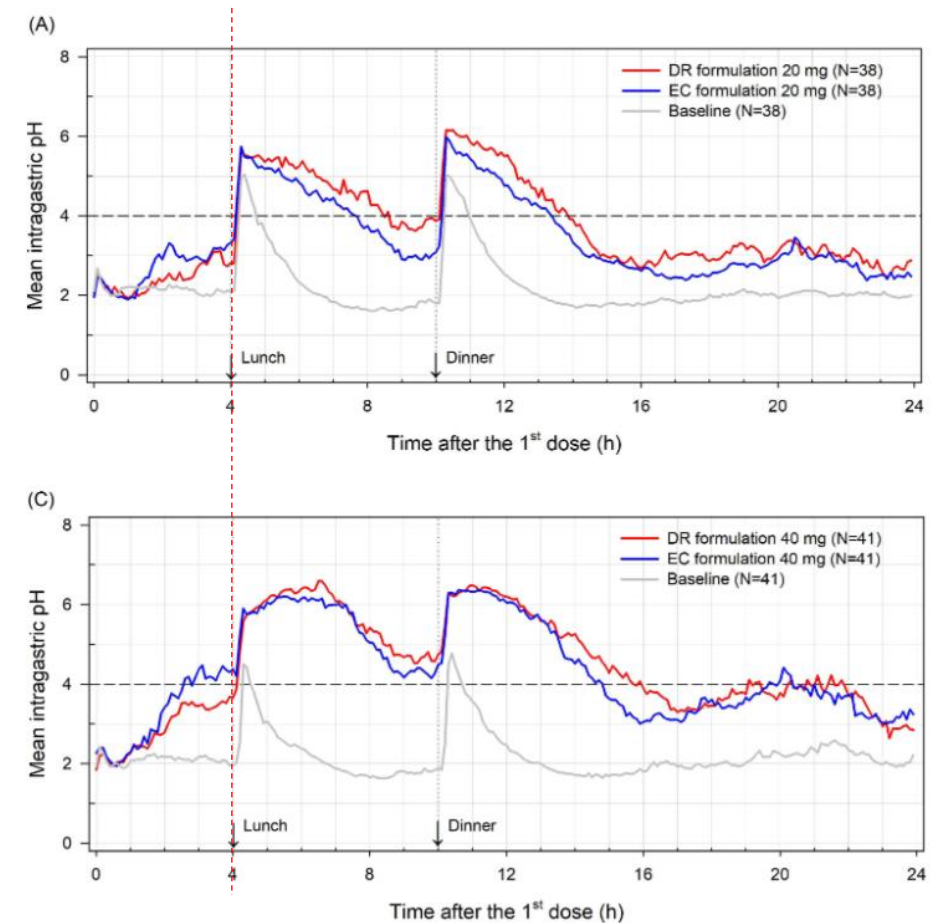
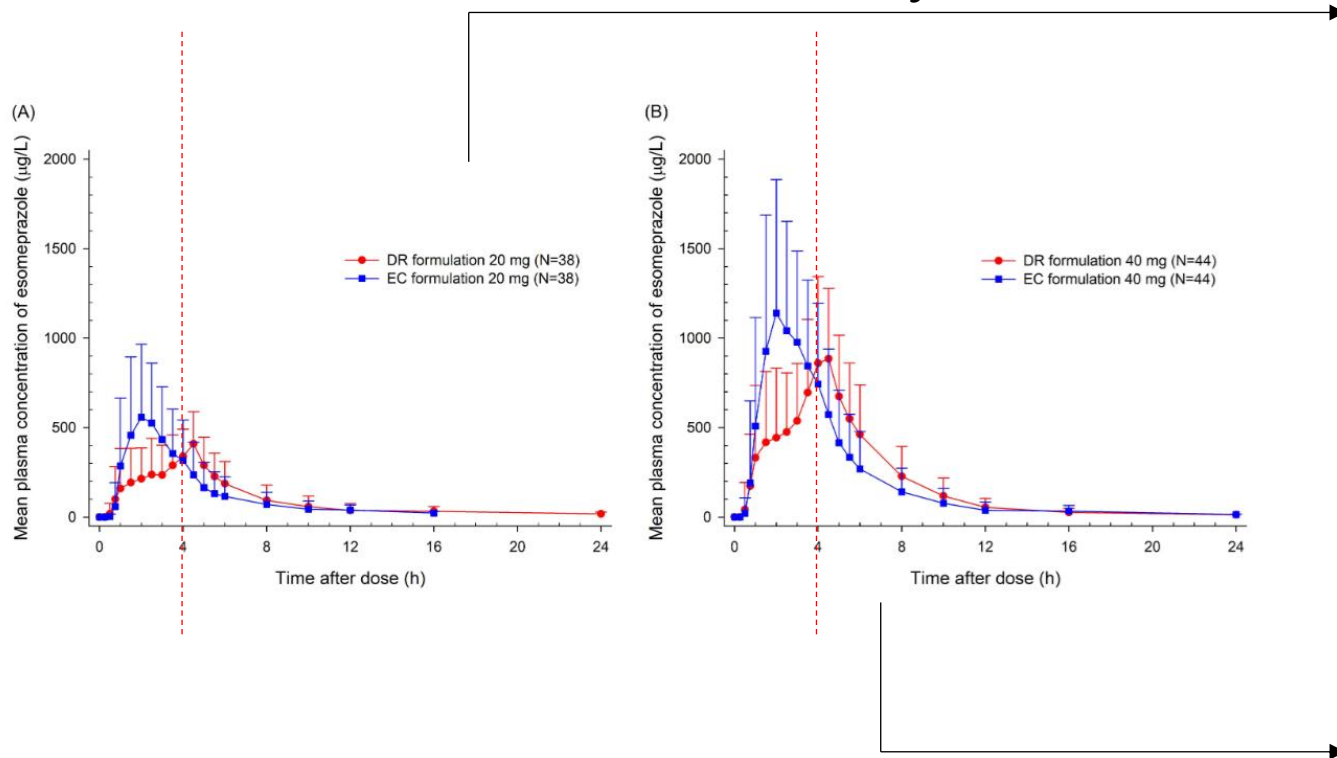
- Elimination parameters (CL_{int}) of CYP2C19 and CYP3A4
 - ✓ Simcyp V23R1 library "SV-Esomeprazole"
- Time-dependent inhibition of CYP2C19
 - ✓ Inactivation rate of CYP2C19 ($k_{inact,CYP2C19}$)
 - : sum of $k_{inact,CYP2C19}$ of hydroxyomeprazole and 5-O-desmethylomeprazole
 - ✓ Half maximal inactivation (K_{app}): parameter estimated from the observations



Development of PBPK/PD models

➤ PK/PD relationship

- Formulation-specific pharmacodynamic parameters
- Observations from 4 to 24 hours on day 1



Verification & modification of PBPK/PD models

➤ EC formulation

Dose (mg)	Study	State	Day
40	Hyun Chul Kim, et al.	Fasted	1
			1
	Sungyeun Bae, et al.	Fasted	7
			1
	Hae Won Lee, et al.	Fasted	5
			1
Fed		5	
		1	
20	Hyun Chul Kim, et al.	Fasted	1
			1
	Sungyeun Bae, et al.	Fasted	7

➤ DR formulation

Dose (mg)	Study	State	Day
40	Hyun Chul Kim, et al.	Fasted	1
		Fasted	1
	Sejung Hwang, et al.	Fed	1
20	Hyun Chul Kim, et al.	Fasted	1

DR: dual delayed-release
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Verification & modification of PBPK/PD models

➤ Parameter estimation using the observed data

- If the predicted PK profiles and parameter values were not close to the observed data
- If no data were available

➤ Simulation

- 10 trials depending on the number, age, and sex of subjects in each study
- Evaluation by comparing the predicted plasma concentration-time profiles with the observed data in each study
- If the ratio of predicted to observed PK parameters of T_{max} , AUC, and C_{max} is within two-fold range

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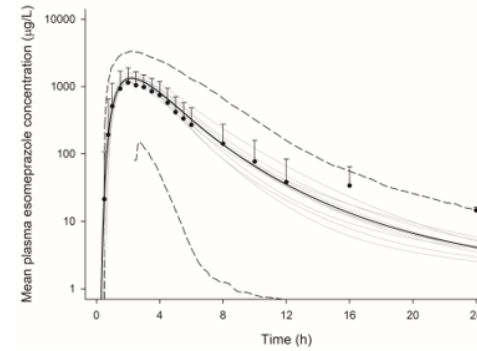
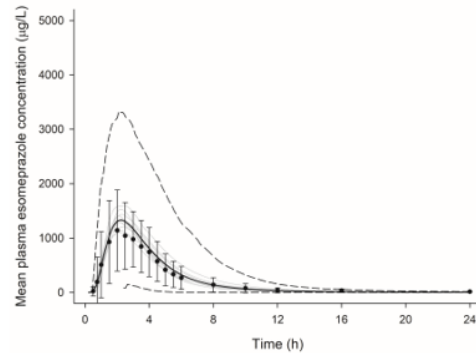
Results

Pharmacokinetic predictions of PBPK/PD model

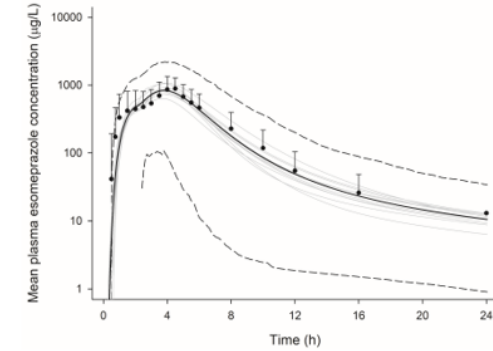
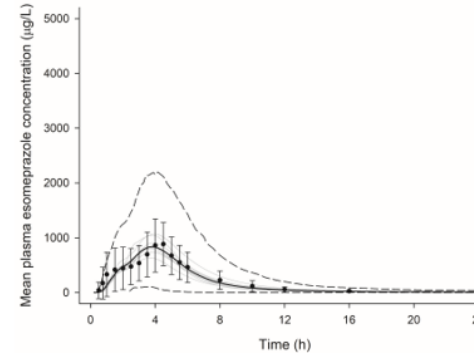
➤ Final PBPK/PD model predicted the observed data of the EC and DR formulations.

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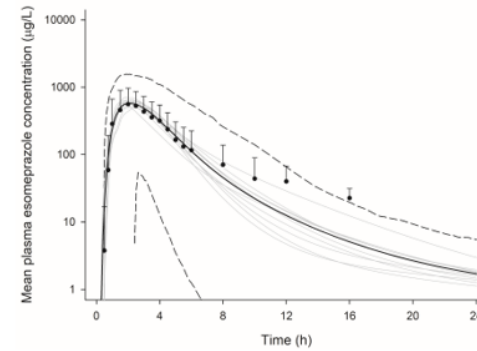
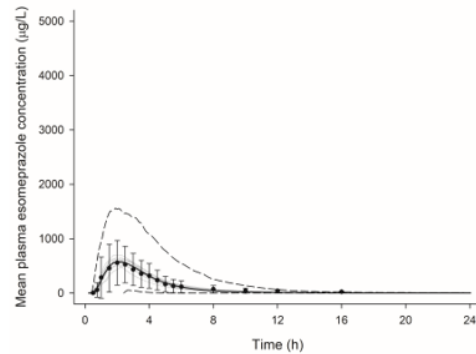
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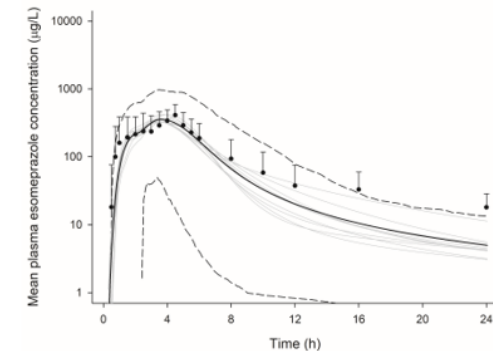
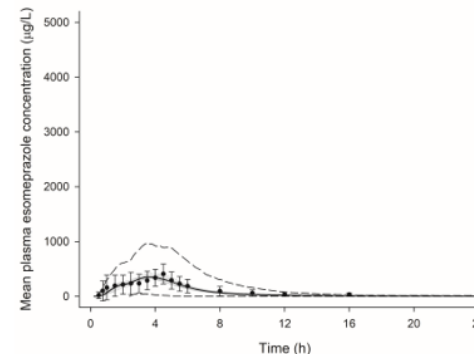
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(B) EC formulation 20 mg



(B) DR formulation 20 mg



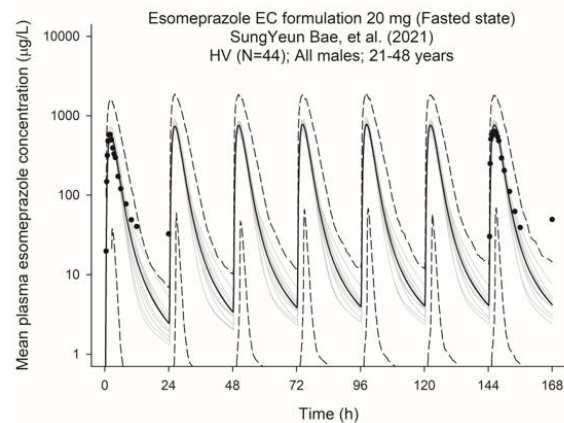
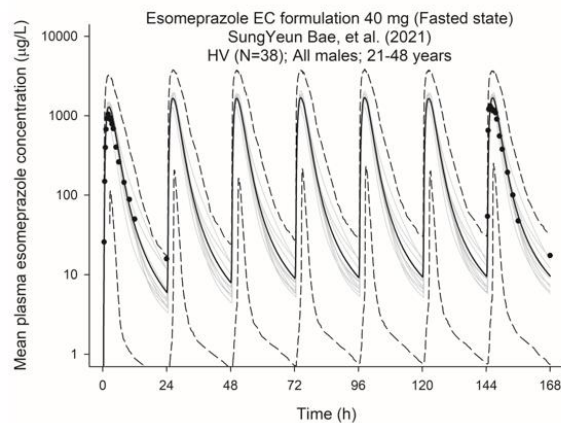
Pharmacokinetic predictions of PBPK/PD model

- Each simulated profile adequately represented other clinical results of esomeprazole.
 - With time-dependent inhibition of CYP2C19 during the multiple doses of esomeprazole
 - In both fasted and fed states

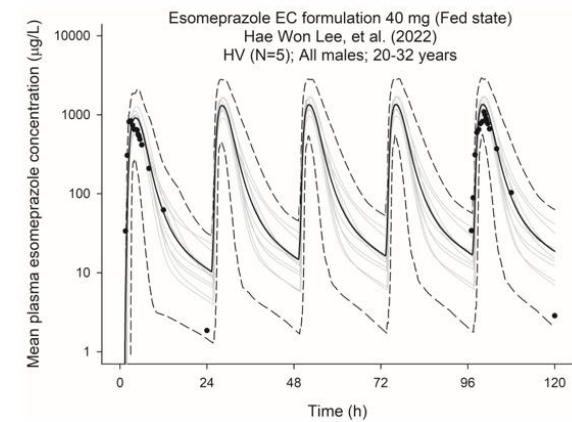
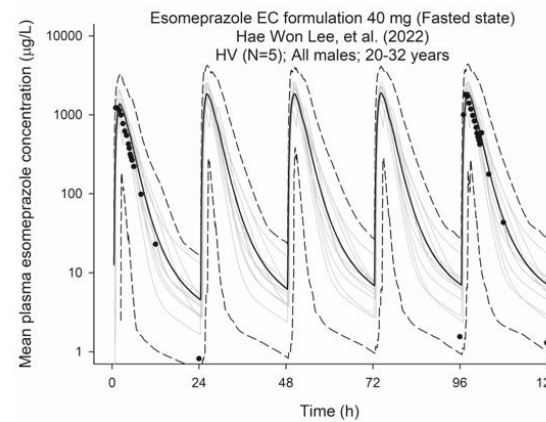
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➤ EC formulation

(A) SungYeun Bae, et al. (2021)



(B) Hae Won Lee, et al. (2022)



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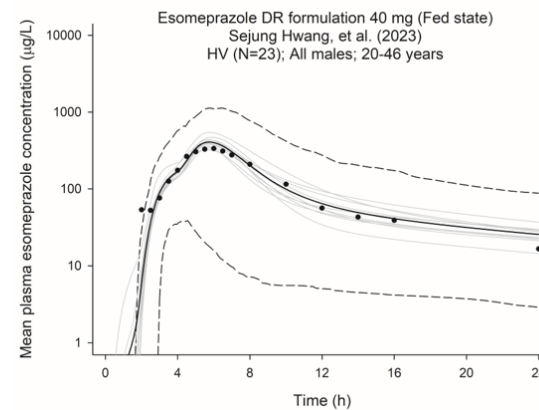
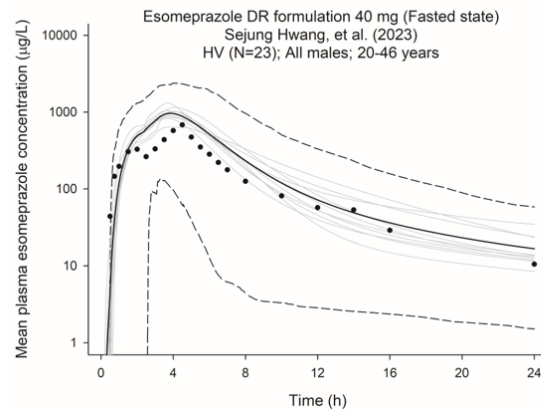
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➤ DR formulation

(C) Sejung Hwang, et al. (2023)

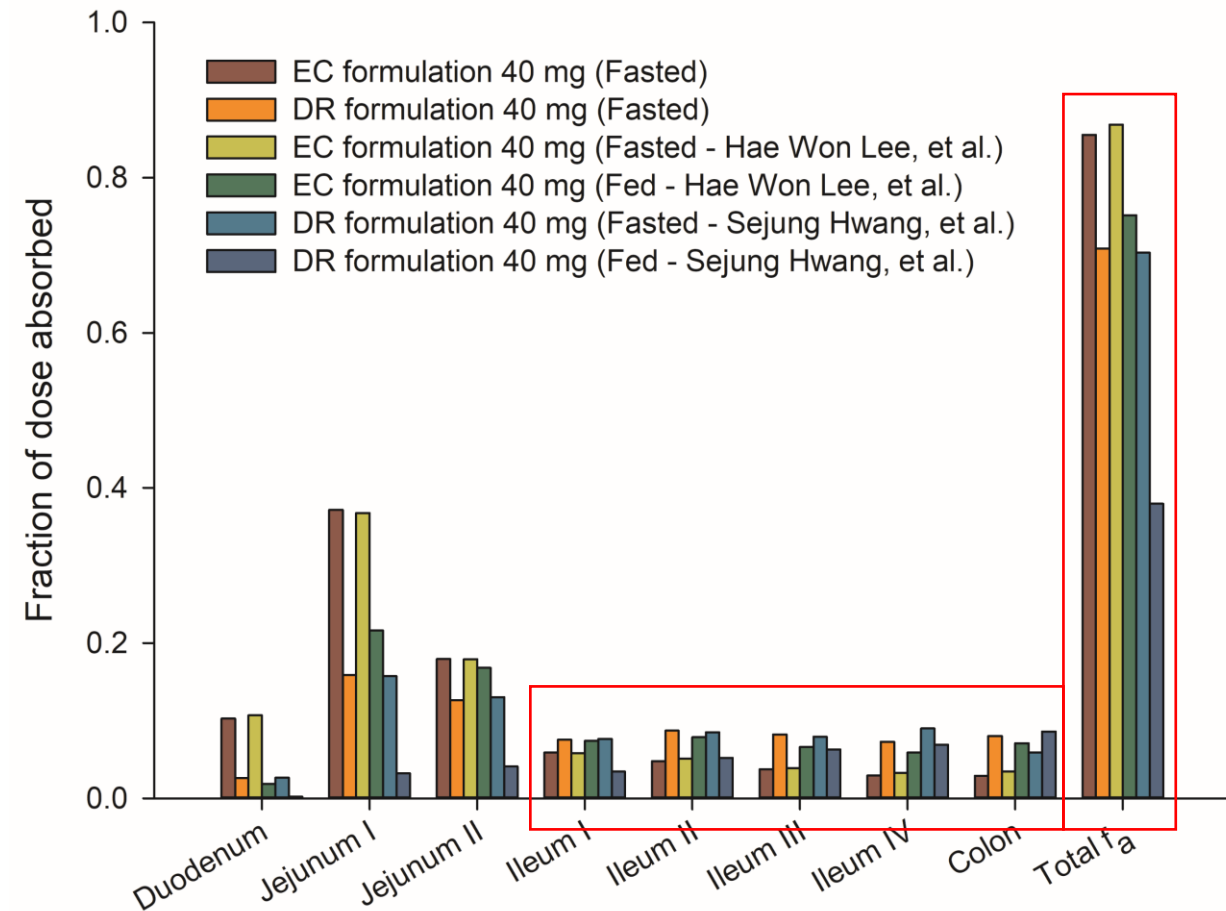


Pharmacokinetic predictions of PBPK/PD model

➤ Fraction absorbed from regional gastrointestinal (GI) segments

DR: dual delayed-release
EC: enteric-coated

- Total absorbed fraction
: EC formulation > DR formulation
: Fasted state > Fed state
- Fraction absorbed from the distal GI tract
: EC formulation < DR formulation
: Fasted state < Fed state



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Discussion

Negative food effect of esomeprazole

- The food staggering model could not capture the negative effect of food on the PKs of esomeprazole. (physiology or dissolution)
- Food viscosity can delay not only drug dissolution but also tablet disintegration.
 - Mechanism of disintegration
 - ✓ Swelling, liquid penetration
: one of the key factors in the disintegration process
 - ✓ Higher viscosity, slower disintegration

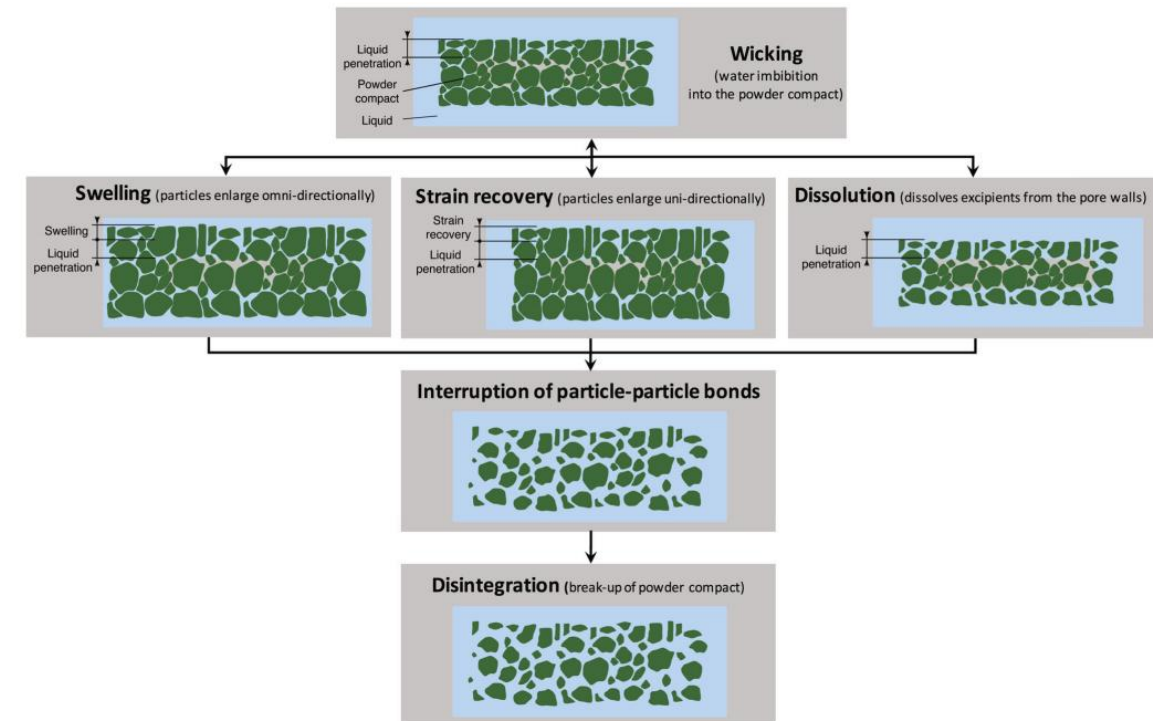


Fig. 3 Overview of mechanisms involved in disintegration of pharmaceutical powder compacts.

Negative food effect of esomeprazole

➤ Food viscosity can delay not only drug dissolution but also tablet disintegration.

- Trospium chloride

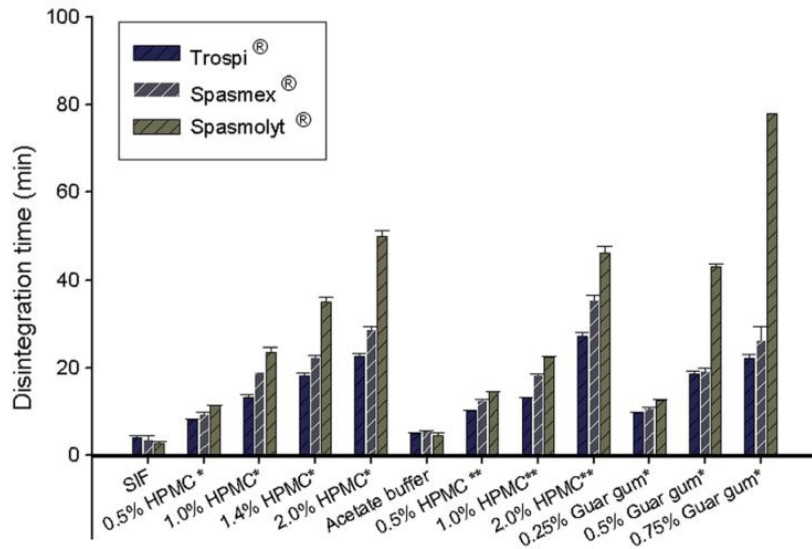
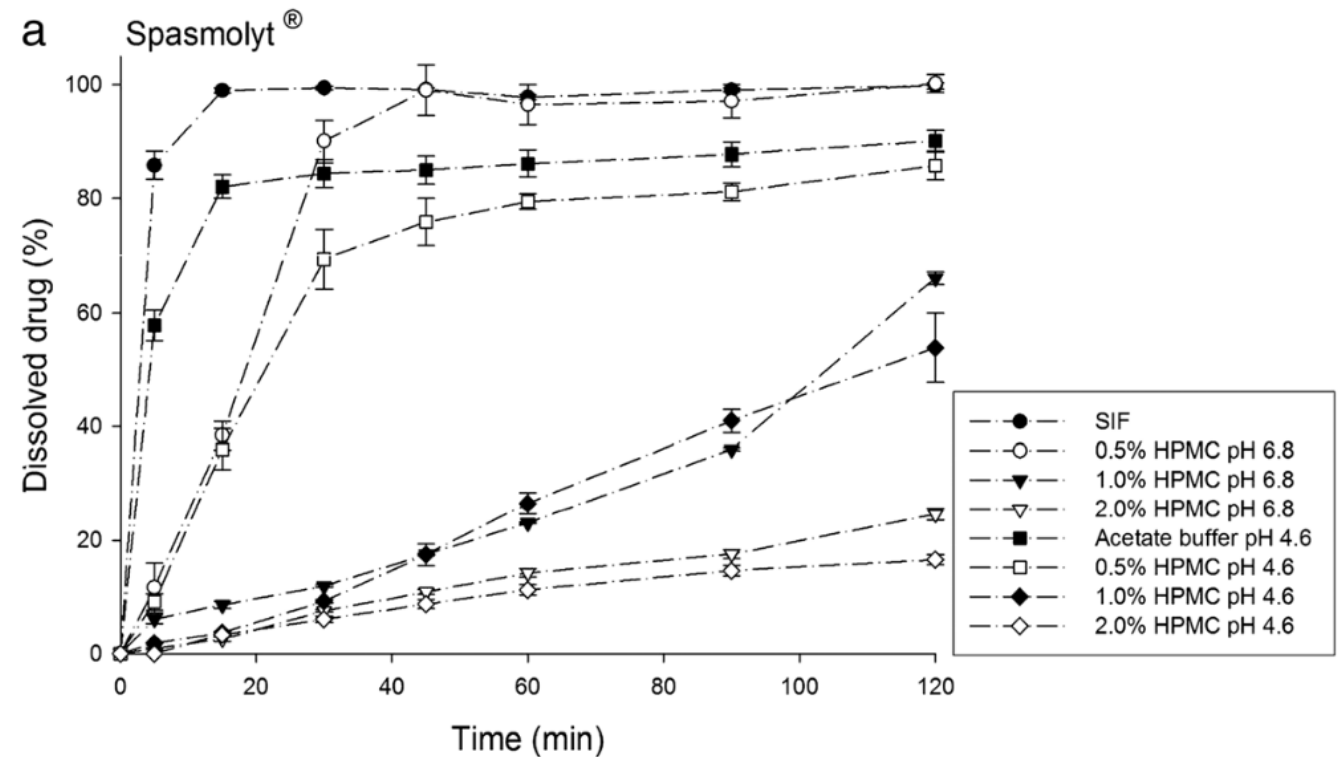


Figure 3. Disintegration times of various trospium chloride products in different disintegration media. The effects of increasing media viscosity on disintegration times were in all cases significant ($p < 0.05$), whereas the effect of change of pH for HPMC solutions at the same concentrations of VEA was insignificant ($p > 0.05$). *pH 6.8; **pH 4.6



Negative food effect of esomeprazole

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- Ciprofloxacin

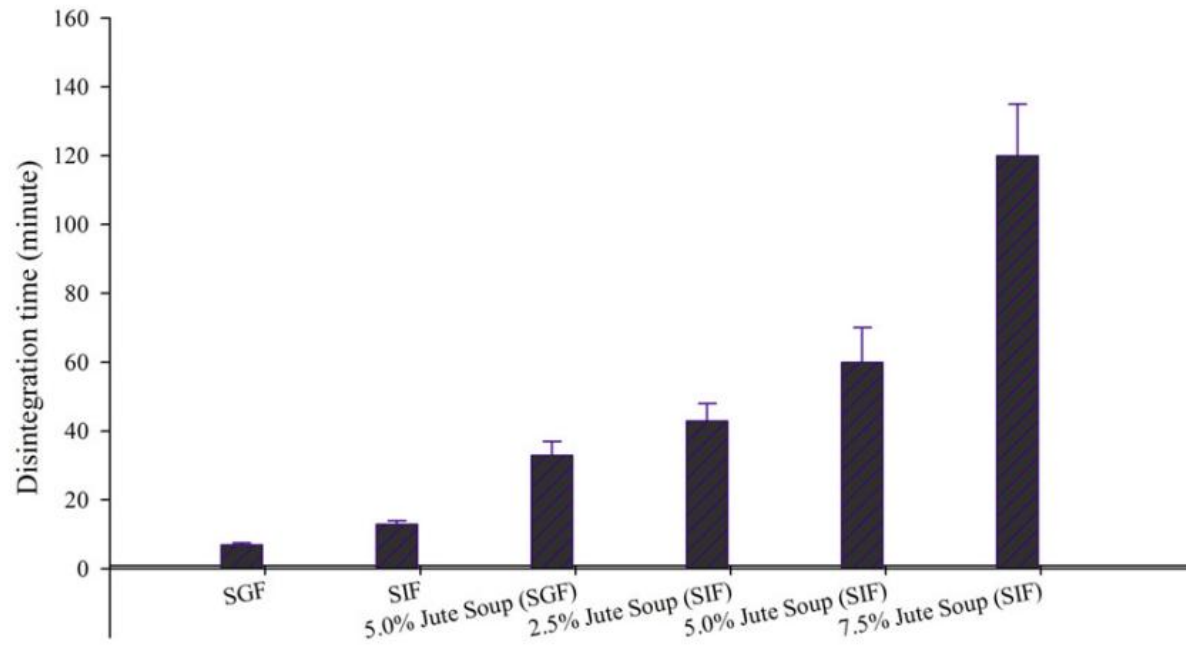


Fig. 2. Disintegration time (min) for ciprofloxacin tablet in the various media.

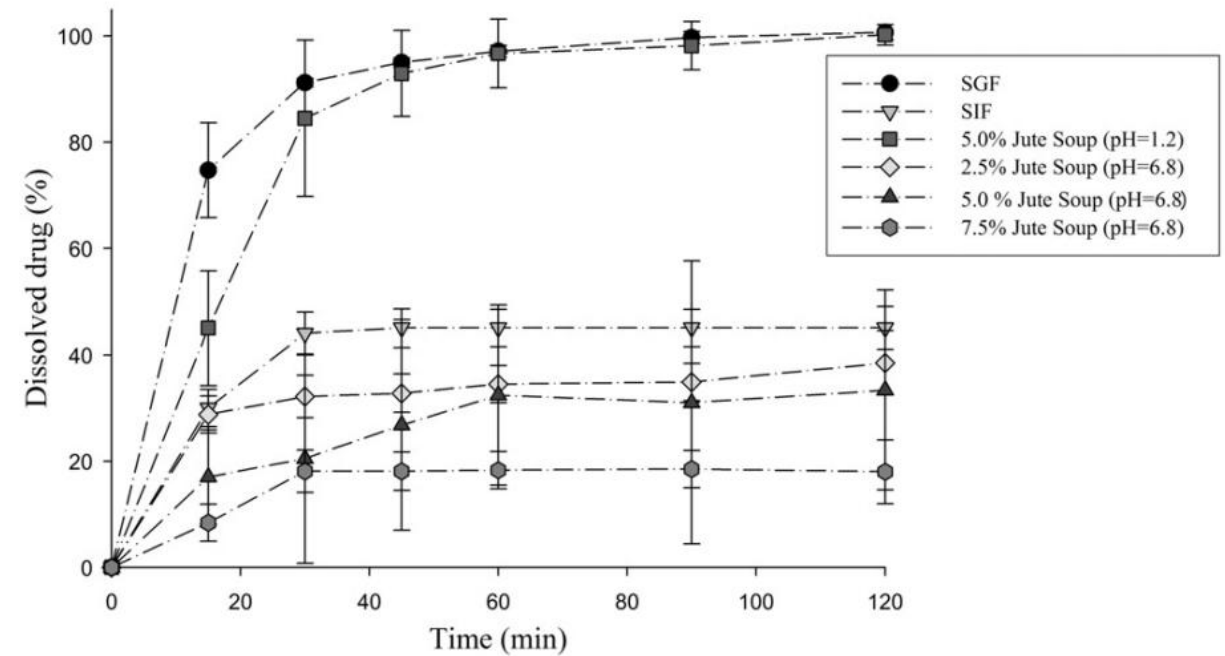
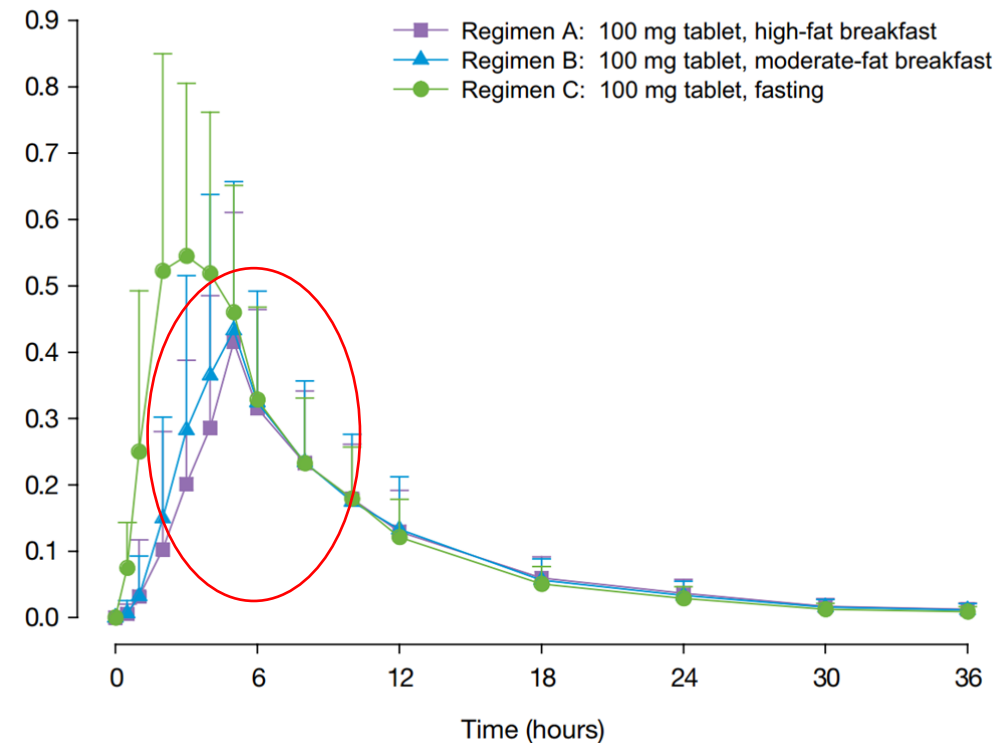


Fig. 3. Dissolution profile of ciprofloxacin at two pHs, with *C. olitaruis* leaves and without soup.

Colonic absorption

- Understanding colonic absorption is important in the delayed absorption process such as modified release (MR) formulation or food effect.
 - Several PBPK modeling studies have assumed negligible colonic absorption.
 - E.g., Ritonavir 100 mg film-coated tablet
→ Colonic absorption scalar: 0.1

Figure 1. Ritonavir Plasma Concentration-Time Profile



Colonic absorption

- Physiological transit time of oral drug
 - From stomach to colon: 4 – 10 hours
- DR and EC formulation in the fed state

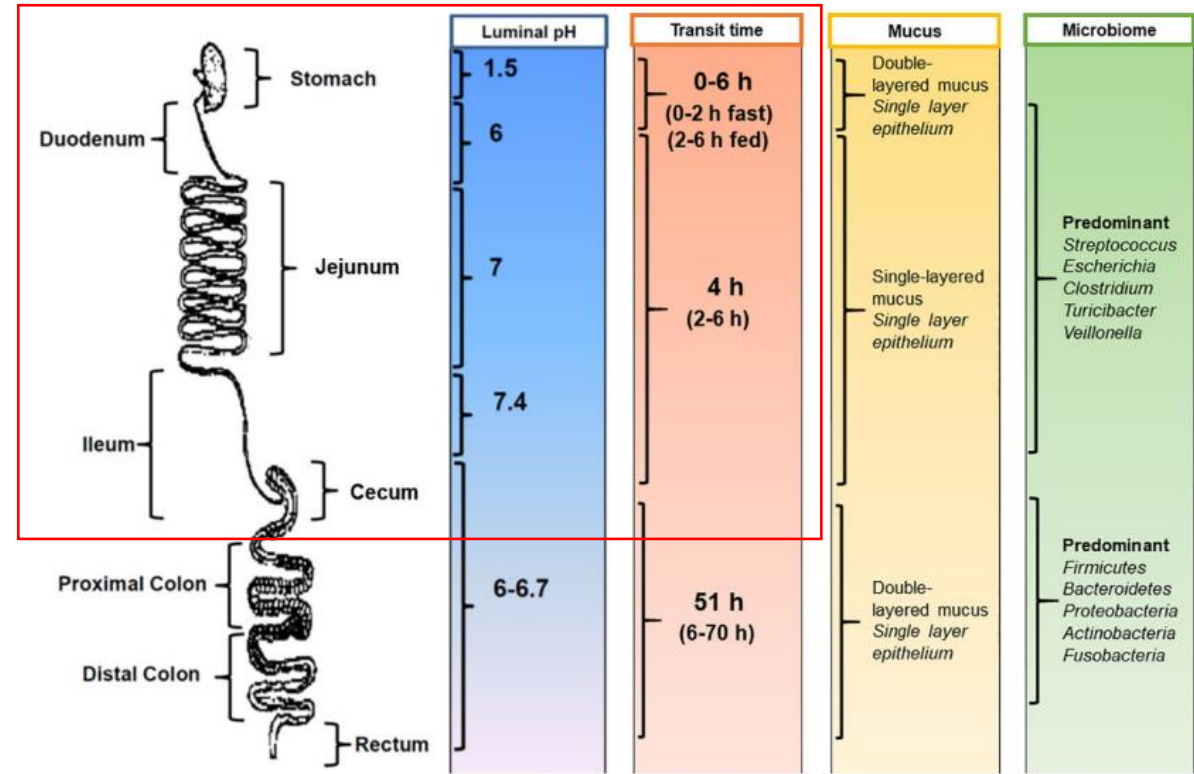
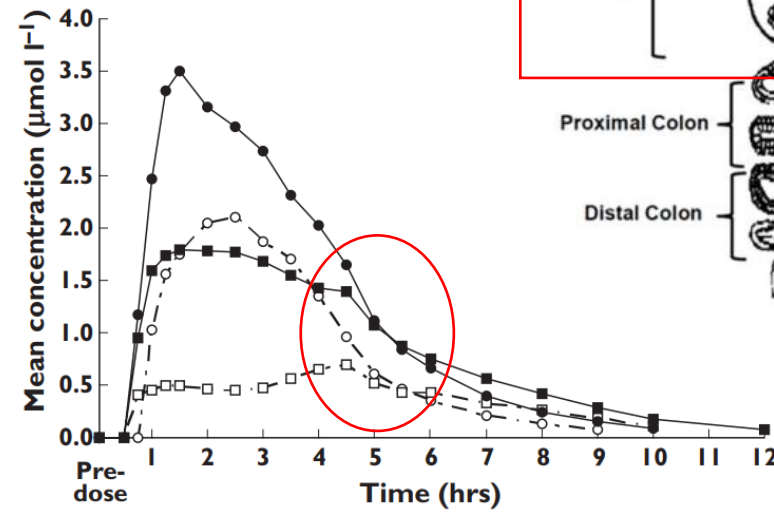
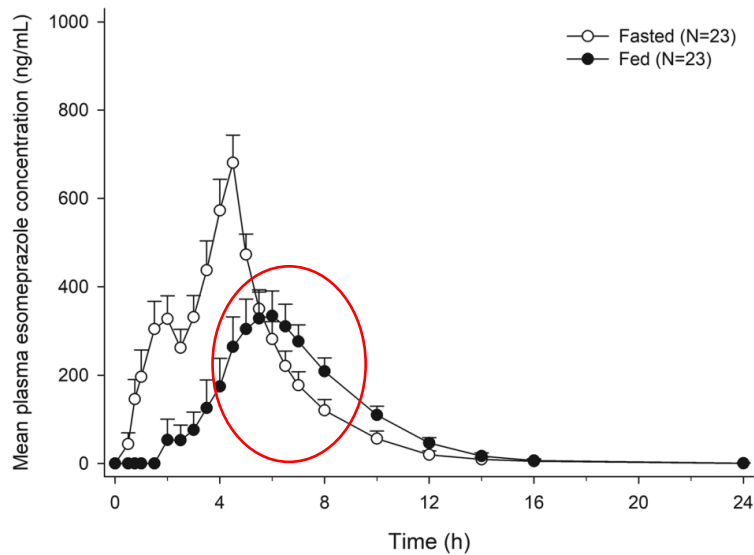
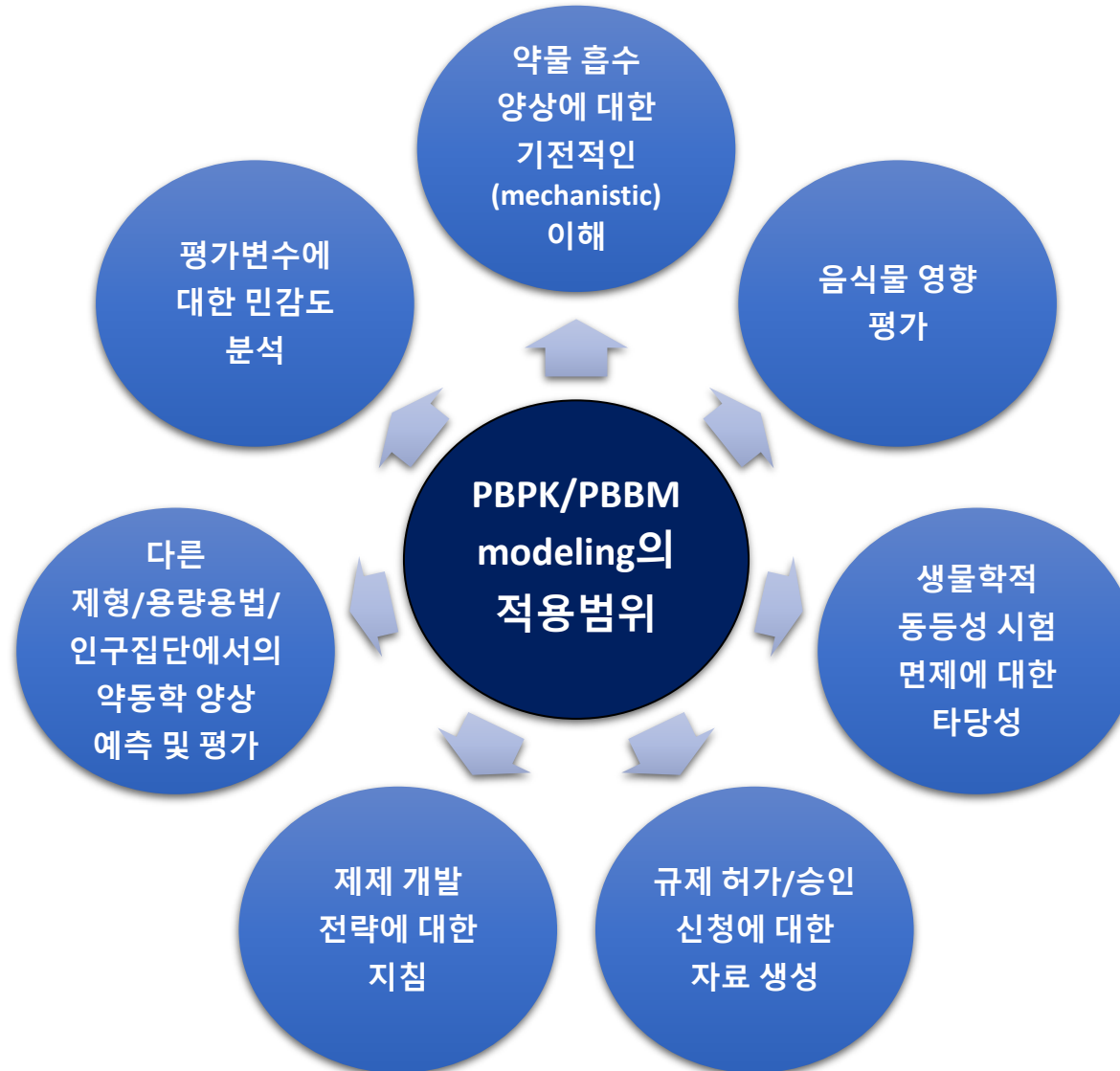


Figure 1
Mean plasma esomeprazole concentration vs. time on days 1 and 5 for subjects (N = 44) eating 15 min (fed) or 4 h (fasting) after esomeprazole administration. (—○—, Day 1 Fasting; —□—, Day 1 Fed; —●—, Day 5 Fasting; —■—, Day 5 Fed)

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Conclusion

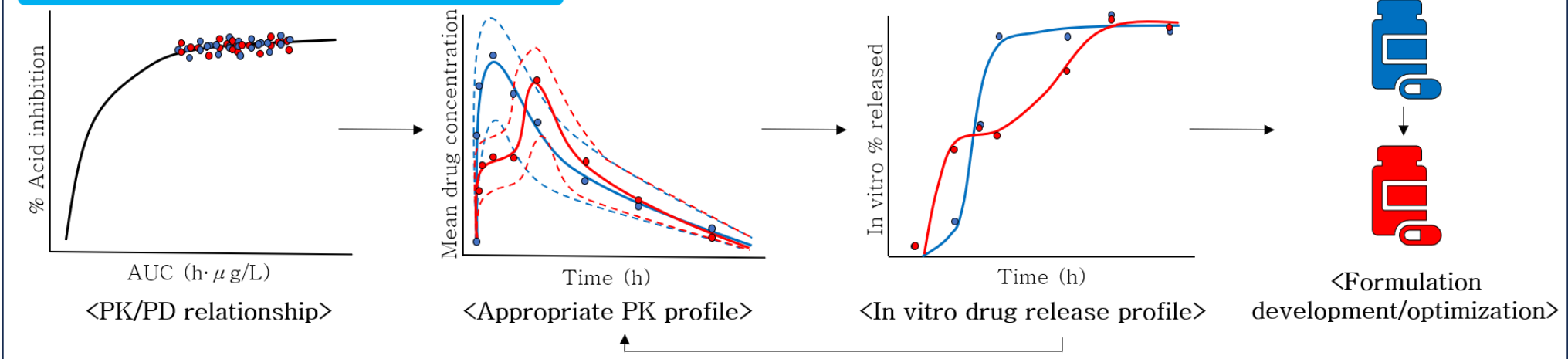
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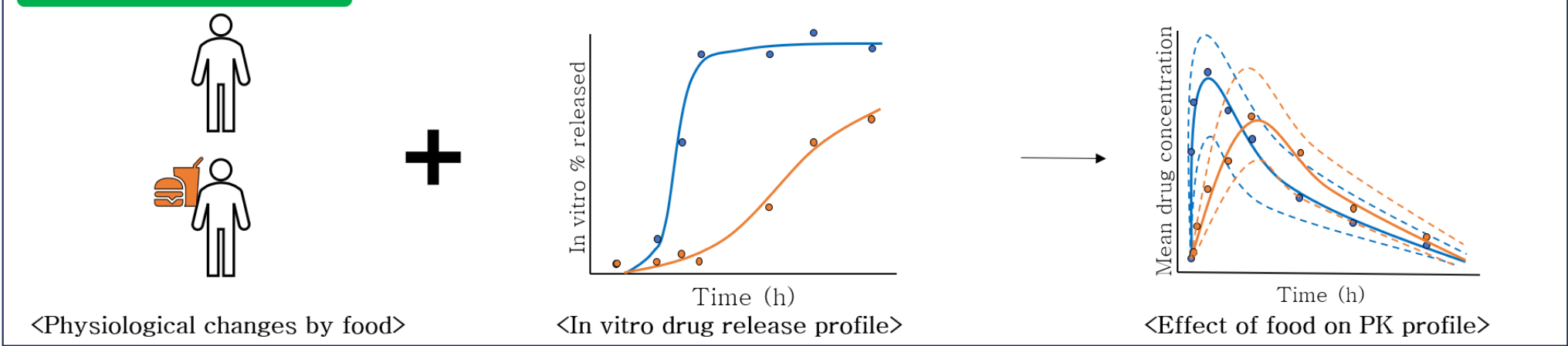
Application of PBPK/PD model

PBPK/PD model application

Formulation development and optimization



Prediction of food effect



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