



# Developing a mechanistic *in vitro-in vivo* relationship (IVIVR) for drug A using Physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling

## Results

### 1 - PBPK absorption model

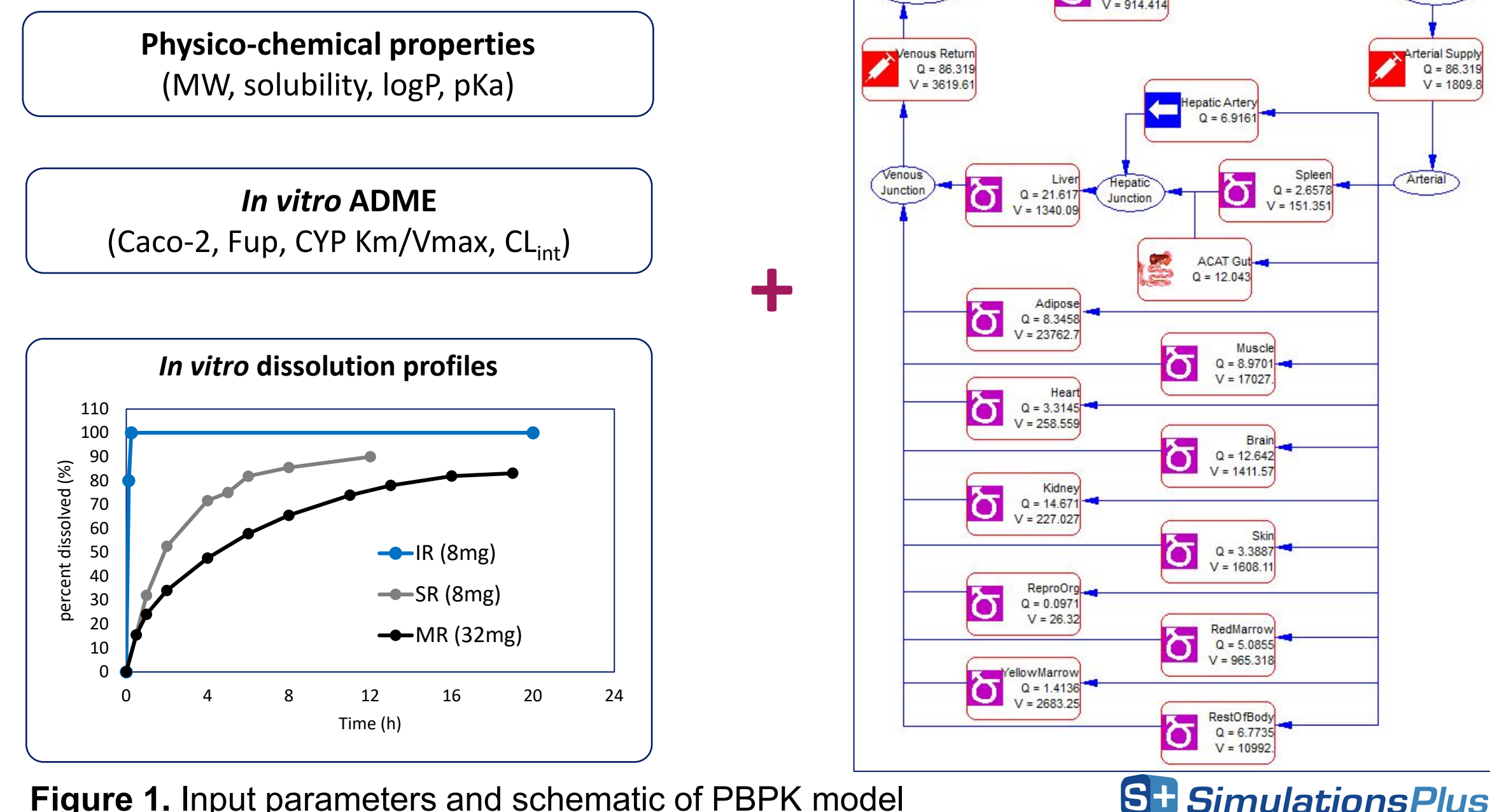


Figure 1. Input parameters and schematic of PBPK model

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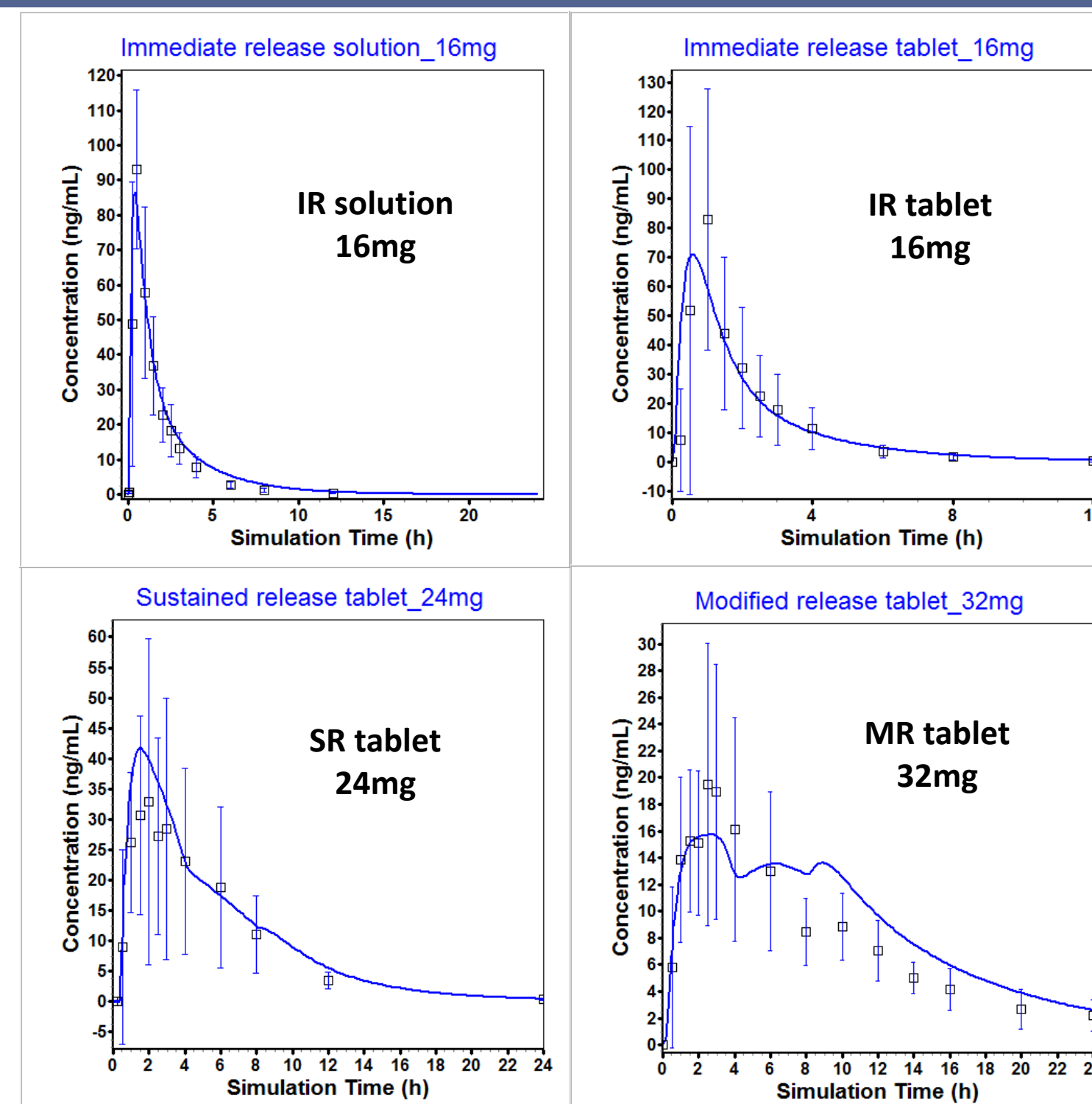


Figure 2. Simulated (line) and observed (symbols) plasma concentration-time profiles after single oral administrations fasted

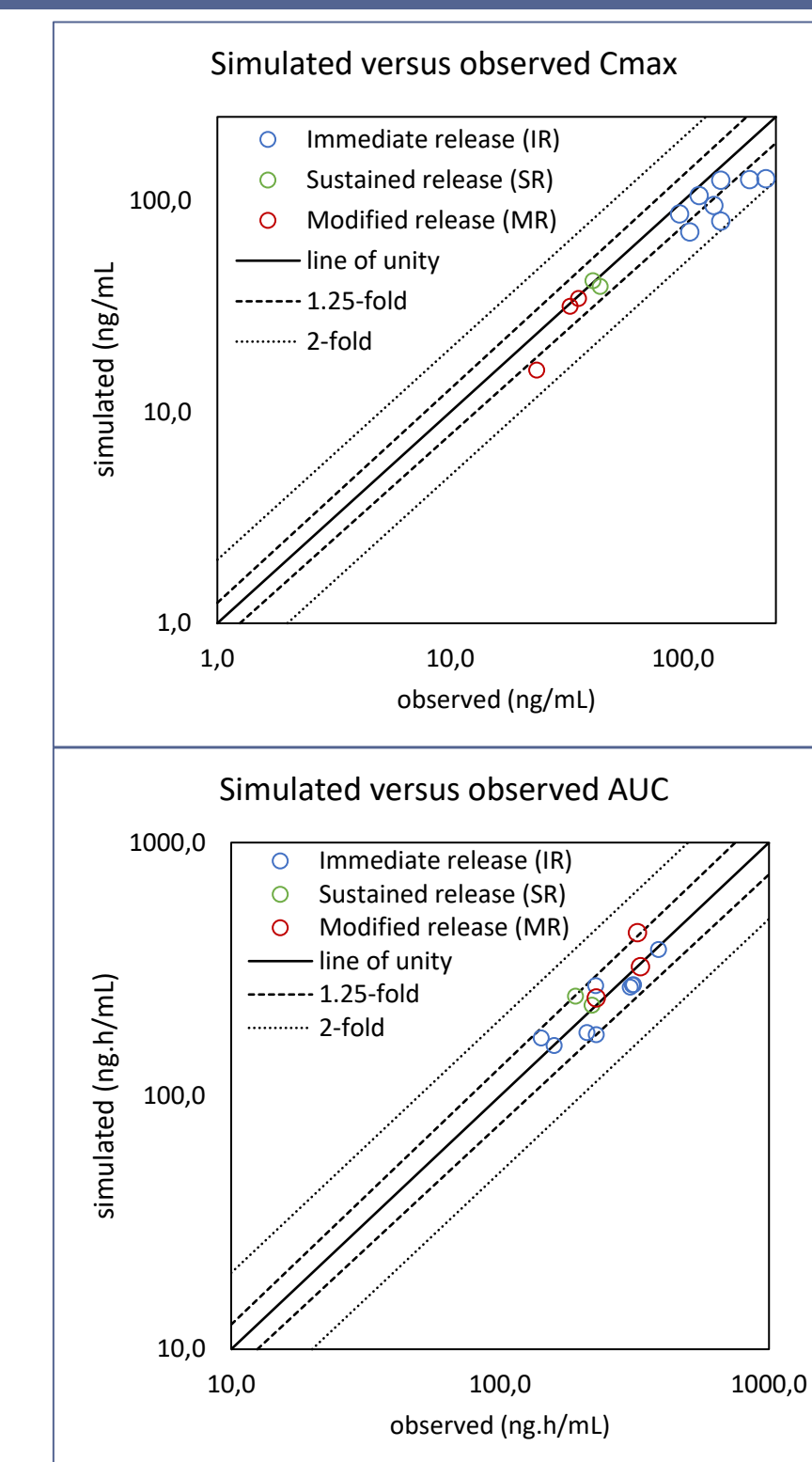


Figure 3. Comparison of simulated versus observed PK parameters

### 2 - Deconvolution and direct correlation (gastro-resistant modified release – GR/MR)

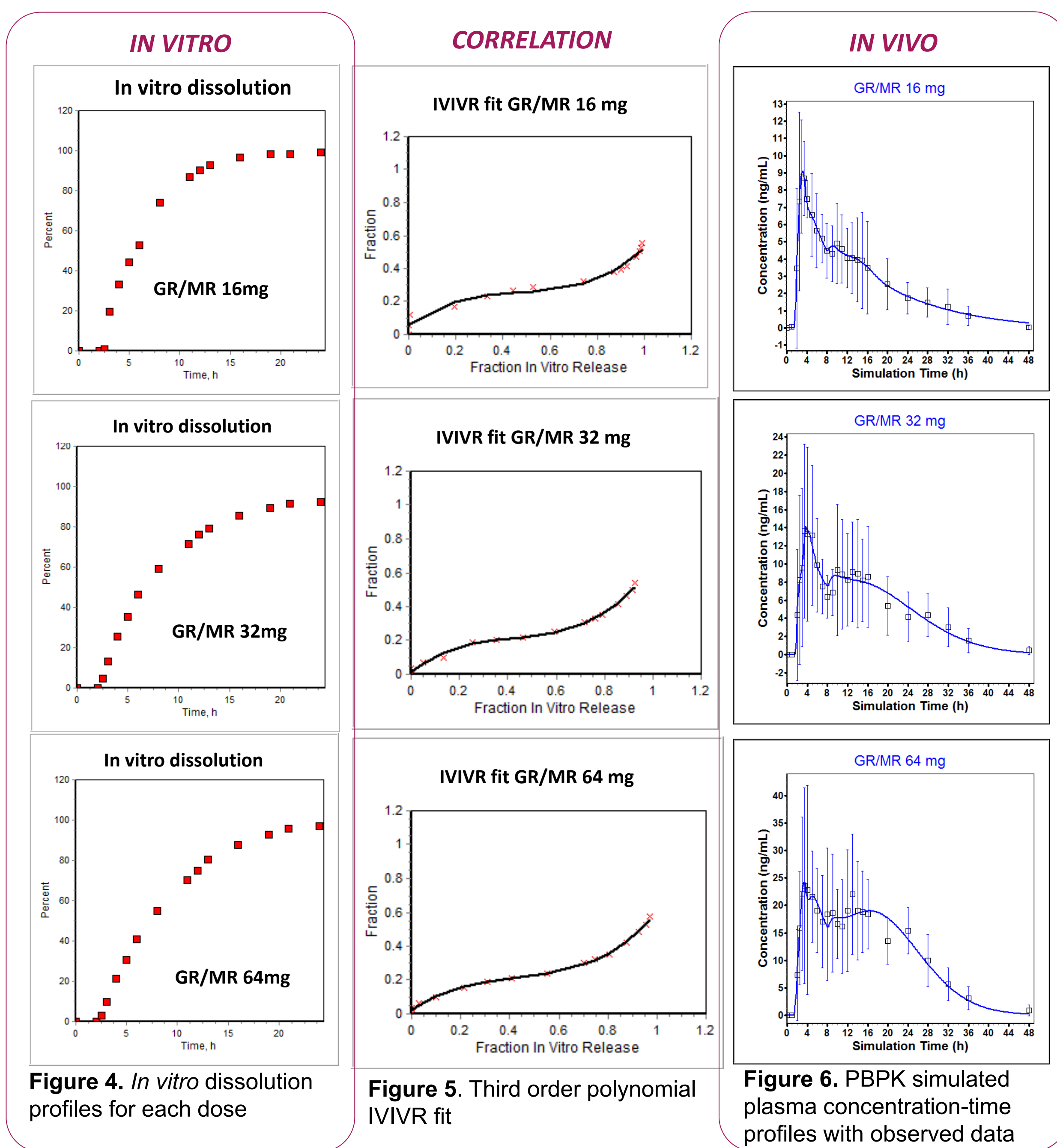


Figure 4. In vitro dissolution profiles for each dose

Figure 5. Third order polynomial IVIVR fit

Figure 6. PBPK simulated plasma concentration-time profiles with observed data

- *In vitro*, GR/MR tablets exhibit zero release for 2 h (gastric resistance) then a release rate of approximately 10 to 13 h, based on the time to reach 80% of dissolution (T<sub>80</sub>)
- A successful IVIVR was found for each dissolution profile
- The results showed that the *in vivo* release was slower than the *in vitro* release
- The simulated PK profiles matched correctly the observations
- Percent prediction errors (%PE) for C<sub>max</sub> and AUC were all below 10%
- To capture the prolonged absorption of the GR/MR formulation, the transit time in the default gut physiology model was increased from 13.5 to 40.0 h for colon [1]
- The model simulated gastro-intestinal fraction absorbed confirmed the late caecum and colon absorption of the modified release formulations compared to the immediate release formulations

| parameter                    | GR/MR 16 mg | GR/MR 32 mg | GR/MR 64 mg | Absolute average |     |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----|
| C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)     | observed    | 8.8         | 13.6        | 23.7             |     |
|                              | simulated   | 9.1         | 14.2        | 24.3             |     |
|                              | %PE         | 4           | 4           | 3                | 3.5 |
| AUC <sub>inf</sub> (ng.h/mL) | observed    | 113.8       | 233.7       | 514.9            |     |
|                              | simulated   | 117.2       | 228.3       | 503.9            |     |
|                              | %PE         | 3           | -2          | -2               | 0.5 |
| T <sub>max</sub> (h)         | observed    | 3.00        | 3.50        | 3.50             |     |
|                              | simulated   | 3.20        | 3.68        | 3.40             |     |
|                              | difference  | 0.2         | 0.2         | -0.1             | 0.1 |

Table 1. Prediction errors for the PK parameters C<sub>max</sub> and AUC

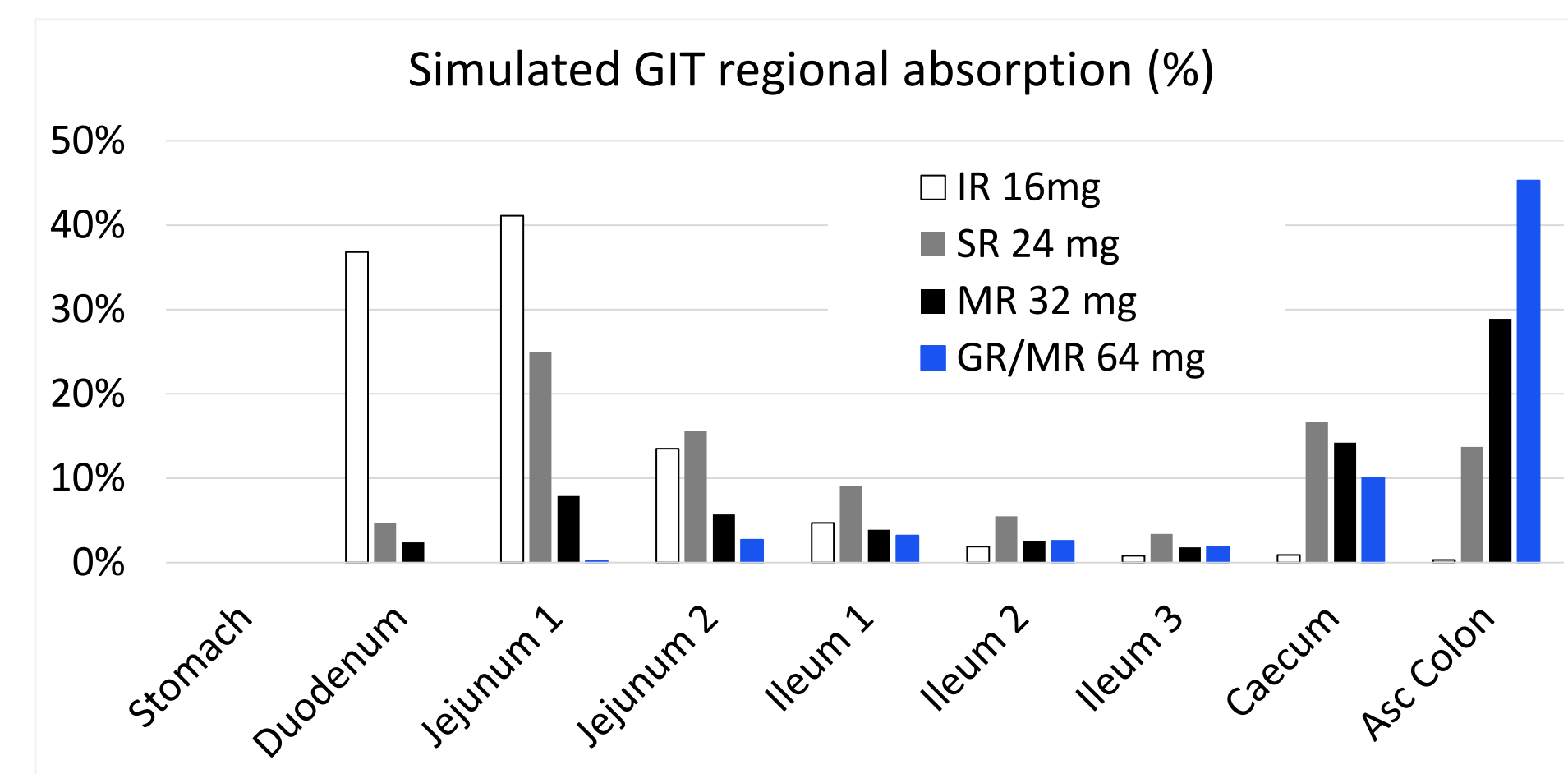


Figure 7. PBPK model simulated gastro-intestinal tract (GIT) regional absorption

## Background

- Drug A is a small molecule with good solubility and permeability (BCS class I)
- The molecule is extensively metabolized and eliminated in urine and feces
- IVIVR can be a useful tool to get relevant insight into *in vivo* dissolution and absorption

## Objectives

1. To develop a PBPK absorption model for drug A to describe oral absorption in healthy subjects based on data with immediate release (IR), sustained release (SR) and modified release (MR) formulations
2. To develop a mechanistic *in vitro-in vivo* relationship for the specific gastro-resistant modified release (GR/MR) oral formulation

## Conclusions

- ✓ A PBPK absorption model was successfully developed and validated (within 2-folds)
- ✓ Predictability of the IVIVR was evaluated and %PE were below 10%
- ✓ The results confirmed the ability of the IVIVCPlus™ module to adequately characterize the specific MR formulations (GR/MR) and to be further used to develop an IVIVC

## Materials & Methods

- GastroPlus version 9.7 was used to develop a PBPK absorption model
- Dissolution and absorption after oral dosing were predicted using the advanced compartmental absorption and transit model (ACAT)
- IVIVCPlus™ module was used to develop the IVIVR
- Mechanistic deconvolution one step procedure (Correlate Directly) was used in IVIVCPlus™ module
- The fitting optimization method set as unity with the concentration-time profile as observation weight
- Predictability of the IVIVR was evaluated according to the regulatory guidance by calculating the percent prediction errors (%PE) [2]

## References

- ✓ [1] Bouchacha et al. 2012 Colonic response to food in constipation, *Int. J. Colorectal Dis.*, vol. 21, no. 8, pp. 826-833, 2006
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