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Advancements and Applications of Multiscale Systems Pharmacology (MSP) Modeling

# Systematic Extension of a Physiologic Model of Bone and Calcium Homeostasis

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### **Multiscale Modeling**

- Introduction
  - > Define 'Scales'
  - > Examples:
    - Guyton's Cardiovascular Model
    - A Calcium/Bone Model

### - Extensions of the Calcium/Bone Model

- > Disease Response (example: Chronic Kidney Disease)
- > Therapeutic Response
- > Ongoing R&D
- In Summary
  - > Concept: A Research Platform
  - > Parting Thoughts

### - What is a Multiscale Systems Model?



From Figure 1 of Riggs M. Multiscale Systems Models as a Knowledge Bridge Between Biology, Physiology and Pharmacology. AAPS Newsmagazine (December, 2011)



### **Schematic of Cardiovascular Model**



Guyton AC, Coleman TG, Granger HJ 1972. Circulation: overall regulation. Annu Rev Physiol 34:13-46.

### **Guyton's Cardiovascular Model**

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# 44 Years Later: Notably Few Multiscale Models of Physiology Exist (Publicly)

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# **Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone**

- Original Motivation: Denosumab (RANK-L inhibitor)

 $\checkmark$  bone resorption =  $\checkmark$ Ca from bone =  $\checkmark$  plasma Ca =  $\uparrow$ PTH





# Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone

### -Intentions

- > Represent physiology
  - ▶ Include multiscale mechanisms (signaling  $\rightarrow$  organs  $\rightarrow$  outcomes)
  - Incorporate relevant co-factors
    - » Phosphate (PO4)
    - » Parathyroid hormone (PTH)
    - » Calcitriol
    - » Cytokines (e.g. TGF<sub>beta</sub>)
    - » Cell Signaling
    - » Bone turnover markers (e.g. osteoblast/osteoclast associated)
- > Predict Ca homeostasis and bone remodeling
- Provide a platform for evaluating longitudinal therapeutic and disease state effects

Schematic of physiologic system model to describe calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling (reprinted from Figure 1 of (Peterson and Riggs, 2010))

# Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone

- Existing Research / Data
  - > 200+ references
  - > From 70+ sources (journals, texts, regulatory documents, etc.)
  - > Publications: 1959 present (5+ decades)
- > But How to Bring It All Together?

# **Integrating Existing Data and Models**





Peterson MC and Riggs MM (2010) A physiologically based mathematical model of integrated calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling. Bone 46:49-63.

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Simulated Effects of CaSR agonism



Fig.4; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale physiology-based modeling of mineral bone disorder in patients with impaired kidney function. J Clin Pharmacol, 52(1 Suppl):45S–53S, Jan 2012.

### **Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder**

**Simulated Effects of Calcitriol Infusion** 



Fig.5; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. J Clin Pharmacol. In press.



#### **EXTENSIONS:** Therapeutic Response



#### R&D

### - Ongoing Extensions

- > Bone markers  $\rightarrow$  Bone Mineral Density  $\rightarrow$  Fracture Risk
- > Vitamin D kinetics and biotransformation

### - Future Plans

- > WNT/SOST/DKK-1 pathways
- > FGF-23
- > Oncology
- > Glucocorticoid-induced bone loss

#### **R&D – Fracture Risk Modeling**

- Bayesian Joint Modeling of Bone Mineral Density and Repeated Time-To-Fracture Event for Multiscale Bone Systems Model Extension. Elodie L. Plan. PAGE 21 (2012) Abstr 2592 [www.page-meeting.org/?abstract=2592]





#### **R&D -- Vitamin D kinetics and biotransformation**



- Vitamin D input: diet and sun
- Biotransformation: involves liver and kidney
- Pharmacology: active Vit D
  = calcitriol
- Applications: disease states & trial design

\*Vitamin D can also be in the diet as vitamin  $D_{2n}$ which undergoes the same metabolic steps shown here for vitamin  $D_{2n}$ 

Figure 3-1 of Committee to Review Dietary Reference Intakes for Vitamin D and Calcium. *Dietary Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D. National Academies Press, 500 Fifth Street, N.W. Wasington, DC 20001, 2011.* 

#### R&D

### - Public Source

- > Opendiseasemodels.org
- Extensions available from individual papers and posters: see <u>www.metrumrg.com/publications</u>

# -METAMODL<sup>TM</sup>

- Subscription-Based, Therapeutic Area Model and Data Repository
- Incorporates All Current Ca-Bone Model Extensions



#### SUMMARY

### - Multiscale Models as a Knowledge Platform

- A repository of known mechanisms, hypotheses (theory), and assumptions
- Include supporting data
- Input emerging research
  - ► New data = learn/confirm hypotheses and assumptions
  - Information becomes knowledge (translational, model-based R&D)
- Sharing within and across R&D teams
  - Portable across drug and disease states
  - Expandable to new drug and disease states

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### - Parting Thoughts

- > The scales do not need to be all inclusive...
  - but should match the question(s) at hand
- > Model validation/evaluation?
  - Consider model validation at different scales
- > Team ownership: biologists, pharmacologists, clinicians
  - ► Shared consensus on assumptions
  - Appropriate representations
    - » the known
    - » the unknown
    - » the 'to be determined'
- > These models <u>are</u> complicated, but...
  - ▶ biology, pathphysiology and pharmacology are even more complicated

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### -Benefits: What's to be Gained?

- > selection of therapeutic modality
- > hypothesis driven experimentation
- > holistic drug design
- > selection of target pathways and patient populations
- > dose / regimen selection
- broad scale understanding of intended (and unintended) effects associated with disease, genetic variants and drug intervention,
- > trial (experiment) simulation/optimization
- > simultaneous predictions of all involved co-factors -- potential for biomarker identification
- can serve as repository of known, suspected, and assumed effects with supporting data ... information sharing within and across R&D teams

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# - Challenges/Barriers: What's holding us back?

- > differing role(s) on R&D teams
- > sufficient resources (time, people and/or \$)
- > training -- broad skill set required
- > leadership investment in defining opportunities for real impact
- intellectual inertia (differing discipline nomenclatures, perspectives, and motivations to develop models),
- > data (formatting, availability, quality)

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