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Macro & Micro Autoradiography

One of QPS' main services in DMPK is the combined mass balance, biliary excretion, PK, and QWBA studies.

- Increased efficiency by using a single study protocol
- ▶ Better study oversight with an integrated study report
- Elimination of the possibility of radiolabel degrading over an extended period of time between the two studies
- Metabolite profiling and identification can be done using the samples from the same study
- Micro-autoradiography provides insight into sub-cellular tissue distribution

Biotransformation

QPS biotransformation studies determine how a molecule may be altered by the action of enzymes. These study types include:

- In vitro metabolic stability in hepatic subcellular fractions to determine intrinsic clearance
- In vitro comparison of metabolite formation in animal and human hepatic preparations, using non-labeled and radio-labeled test articles
- In vivo metabolite profiling, identification and quantification using samples collected from animal PK, mass balance excretion studies, and human AME studies to satisfy Metabolites in Safety Testing (MIST)

Protein Binding

QPS protein binding studies determine the extent of protein binding in various plasma species and tissues.

- Methods: equilibrium dialysis (RED, Harvard device, 96well HTD), ultrafiltration, and ultracentrifugation
- Discovery screening, in vitro protein binding for IND, and ex vivo studies in clinical phases
- Experience in compounds with very high binding, stability issues, or non-specific issues

Drug-Drug Interaction

QPS drug interaction studies determine the potential of a substance to alter cytochrome P450 activity. Studies conducted to assess inhibition and induction potential to support discovery and development of new drug candidates are:

- In vitro inhibition characterization in human liver microsomes or hepatocytes to determine reversible or time dependent IC50
- In vitro mechanistic characterization of reversible inhibitory rate constants K,
- Identification of the reversible mechanism of inhibition as competitive, non-competitive or uncompetitive
- \blacktriangleright In vitro mechanistic characterization of time dependent inhibition K_{inact} and K_{i}
- ▶ Identification of the mechanism of time dependent inhibition as metabolite mediated via covalent modification or due to tight binding effect of substrate
- In vitro characterization of CYP1A2, CYP2B6, and CYP3A4 induction potential in human hepatocytes based on mRNA and/or CYP activity using isoform selective probe substrates

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