Design Considerations for Pharmacokinetic Studies during Pregnancy

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Conflicts of Interest

• None
Disclosure of Unlabeled/Unapproved Uses

• Glyburide and metformin are not FDA approved for management of gestational diabetes mellitus.
  • Glyburide: adjunct to diet and exercise for adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM)
  • Metformin: adjunct to diet and exercise for adults and children with T2DM

• Alternate dosage strategies for glyburide, metformin and oseltamivir during pregnancy are not FDA approved.
  • FDA approved dosage:
    • Glyburide: 1.25-20 mg/day in single or divided doses
    • Metformin: 850-2550 mg/day in single or divided doses
  • Oseltamivir
    • Treatment dose: 75 mg twice daily for 5 days and
    • Prophylaxis: 75 mg once daily for at least 10 days (Community outbreak: 75 mg once daily for up to 6 weeks)
Dedicated Pharmacokinetic Studies

**Advantages**

- Feasibility
  - Limit expectation of subjects that are receiving the drug for therapeutic reasons
- Risks
  - Generally minimal if blood volume needs are low and patient already receiving the drug
- Recruitment
  - Fairly easy if patient is already receiving the drug

**Disadvantages**

- Feasibility
  - Requires giving the drug if patients are not already receiving it (new drugs, older drugs of interest if patient not already receiving the drug)
- Minimal risk requirements
Nested Studies

Advantages

• Efficiency
  • Gather efficacy and safety data at the same time as pharmacokinetic data

• Recruitment
  • If the population that needs the drug is small, might be the only way to collect the data

• Risks
  • Patients will be receiving the drug anyway for therapeutic reasons

Disadvantages

• Feasibility
  • The more that pregnant women are asked to do, the harder it is to recruit...particularly if they also have small children
Dose Selection

• Opportunistic study
  • Currently used dosage for therapeutic reasons

• Not opportunistic studies
  • Consider the consequences of under- and over-dosing
Oseltamivir

• Influenza/H1N1 in pregnancy
  • Morbidity and mortality higher in pregnant women
• Wide margin of safety
• PK
  • Oseltamivir
    • Well absorbed
    • Rapidly converted to the active metabolite oseltamivir carboxylate by carboxylesterase-1
    • Less than 5% excreted in the urine unchanged.
  • Oseltamivir carboxylate
    • Primary route of elimination: kidney
      • Filtered
      • Secreted by OAT1

Oseltamivir in Pregnancy (n=16 pregnant women and n=23 non-pregnant female controls)

- No change in oseltamivir CL/F
- 44% increase in oseltamivir carboxylate CL/F (p = 0.006)

Metformin starting dosage?

Pregnant vs. Non-pregnant 500 mg bid

Metformin in Pregnancy

# Metformin PK in GDM vs T2DM

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<td>Half-life (h)</td>
<td>4.2 ± 1.1</td>
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<td>Tmax (h)</td>
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<td>V_B/F (l)</td>
<td>368 ± 133</td>
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<td>V_B/F (l/kg)</td>
<td>4.00 ± 1.68</td>
<td>3.19 ± 1.10</td>
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<td>V_B (l)</td>
<td>242 ± 138</td>
<td>134 ± 23</td>
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<td>CL/F (ml/min)</td>
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<td>854 ± 230</td>
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<td>1678 ± 574</td>
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<td>11.7 ± 3.8</td>
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<td>Percent of dose recovered in the urine unchanged (%)</td>
<td>64 ± 20</td>
<td>49 ± 8</td>
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<td>CrCL (ml/min)</td>
<td>233 ± 68</td>
<td>148 ± 41</td>
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<td>166 ± 25</td>
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<td>CLsec (ml/min)</td>
<td>497 ± 312</td>
<td>296 ± 97</td>
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<td>5.4 ± 3.6</td>
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Glyburide Drug Exposure in GDM vs. T2DM

Dose-normalized, steady-state, mean glyburide plasma concentration–time profiles in subjects with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) (n = 40) and in nonpregnant control subjects with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) (n = 25). Error bars represent SDs.

### Glyburide PK in GDM vs T2DM

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<th>T2DM</th>
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<td>$AUC_{0\rightarrow12,\text{dose normalized}}$ (ng·h/ml)</td>
<td>$72 \pm 27$</td>
<td>$153 \pm 69^a$</td>
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<td>$C_{\text{max, dose normalized}}$ (ng/ml)</td>
<td>$15 \pm 8$</td>
<td>$33 \pm 21^a$</td>
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<td>$CL/F$ (l/h)</td>
<td>$17.1 \pm 11.5$</td>
<td>$8.3 \pm 4.8$</td>
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<td>$CL/F$ (ml/h/kg)</td>
<td>$170 \pm 88$</td>
<td>$85 \pm 53$</td>
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<td>$CL/F_{\text{unbound}}$ (l/h)</td>
<td>$1,103 \pm 749$</td>
<td>$537 \pm 313$</td>
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<td>$10.9 \pm 5.8$</td>
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<td>Percent unbound (%)</td>
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<td>$T_{\text{max}}$ (h)</td>
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<td>$CL_{\text{form, 4-trans-OH-gly}}$ (l/h)</td>
<td>$4.7 \pm 2.6$</td>
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<td>$CL_{\text{form, 4-trans-OH-gly}}$ (ml/h/kg)</td>
<td>$48.9 \pm 28.7$</td>
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<td>$CL_{\text{unbound form, 4-trans-OH-gly}}$ (l/h)</td>
<td>$303 \pm 184$</td>
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<td>$3.2 \pm 2.0$</td>
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<td>$AUC_{\text{4-trans-OH-gly}/AUC_{\text{gly}}}$</td>
<td>$0.26 \pm 0.22$</td>
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How much glyburide do you need to give in pregnancy to match non-pregnant dosage range?

Semilogarithmic plot of simulated steady-state glyburide plasma concentration–time curves in subjects with gestational diabetes, denoted by red lines (1.25–23.75 mg glyburide every 12 h) and nonpregnant control subjects with type 2 diabetes (1.25–10 mg of glyburide every 12 h) with the 99% confidence interval bordered by blue lines. The simulations are based on 100 sets of parameters at each dosage, with dosage being increased in increments of 1.25 mg within the dosage range for both groups. GDM, gestational diabetes mellitus; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Glucose and Insulin Concentrations in Pregnant and Nonpregnant Subjects

Hyperbolic relationship

**Insulin Secretion \( \times \) Insulin Action = Disposition Index (Constant)**

- **Insulin sensitivity ↓**
- **Compensated by Beta-cell function ↑**

**Disposition Index (DI):**
- An index of beta-cell secretion that accounts for insulin sensitivity.
- Ability of the pancreatic beta-cells to compensate for insulin resistance by increasing beta-cell responsivity.

Metformin PD GDM vs. T2DM

![Graph showing the comparison between GDM MET, T2DM, SD1, and SD2 arms in terms of insulin sensitivity and insulin cell response. The graph indicates a significance level of P = 0.01.]

Effects of GLY, MET and GLY/MET Combo in GDM