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# Variability Due to Genetic Differences

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## Objectives

- Understand how between individual variation may contribute to :
  - » drug effectiveness
  - » adverse reactions
  - » drug interactions
  
- Understand how identification of genes that contribute to disease pathophysiology can be used to:
  - » identify new targets for drug therapy and the
  - » potential to "customise" pharmacotherapy

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## Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacogenetics

ICH-E15 Guideline : "Terminology and Definition in Pharmacogenomics", Step-4, 2007

- **Pharmacogenomics** (PGx) is defined as the investigation of variations of DNA and RNA characteristics as related to drug response (genome science)
  
- **Pharmacogenetics** (PGt) is a subset of PGx and is defined as the influence of variations in DNA sequence on drug response (clinical relevance)
  - » PGx and PGt are applicable to activities such as drug discovery, drug development, and clinical practice.
  - » Drug response includes drug disposition (pharmacokinetics) and drug effect (pharmacodynamics).

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<http://www.ich.org/products/guidelines/efficacy/efficacy-single/article/definitions-for-genomic-biomarkers-pharmacogenomics-pharmacogenetics-genomic-data-and-sample-cod.html>

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## Variability

- “Predictable”
  - » 50% of total
  - » Genetic
    - eg fast acetylator
  - » Environmental
    - eg renal function
- “Unpredictable”
  - » 50% of total

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## Predictable Variability

- Pharmacokinetics (Clearance)
  - » Cytochrome P450
    - CYP1A1
    - CYP2C9,19
    - CYP2D6
    - CYP2E1
    - CYP3A4, CYP3A5
  - » Non-Cytochrome Metabolism
    - Acetylation
    - Glucuronidation
    - Purine breakdown
    - Alcohol/Acetaldehyde Dehydrogenase
  - » Transporter
    - P-Glyco-Protein
    - Organic Anion
- Pharmacodynamics (C50)
  - » Vitamin K Epoxide Reductase VKORC1
  - » Vitamin K1 Oxidase CYP4F2

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## CYP3A5

- **Marker Drug:** Tacrolimus
- Clinically Relevant Drugs
  - » Tacrolimus
  - » Used as an immunosuppressant e.g. kidney transplant
- Clearance by CYP3A5
  - » \*1/1 genotype “expressors” have 2 fold increased CL
  - » \*3/\*3 “non-expressors”
- Genotype guided dosing leads to better achievement of tacrolimus target concentration
  - » No difference in clinical outcome (study too small?) (Thervet 2010)
- Ethnicity:
  - » 80% Caucasians but only 25% of African descent are \*3/\*3

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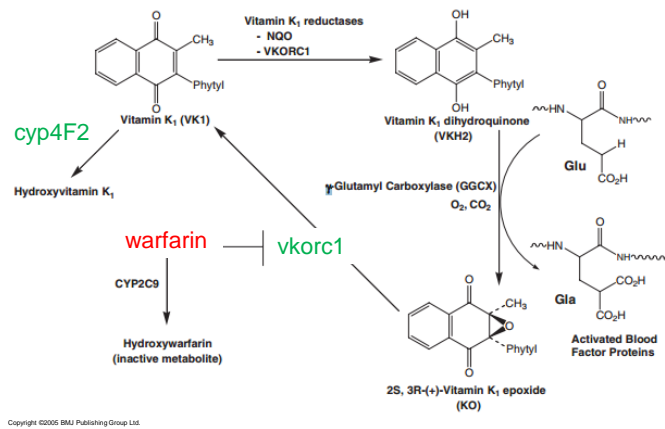
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<p>Slide 7</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">N-acetyl-transferase Acetylation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Marker Drug            <b><i>procainamide</i></b></li>   <li>□ Clinically Relevant Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» anti-arrhythmic (procainamide)</li> <li>» anti-tuberculous (isoniazid)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ NAT genotype</li>   <li>□ Ethnicity (% with low clearance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Caucasian                    50%</li> <li>» African                        30%</li> <li>» Asian                          10%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><small>©NHG Holland, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	
<p>Slide 8</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">UDP-Glucuronosyl-transferase Glucuronidation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Marker Drug            <b><i>bilirubin?</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Hereditary hyperbilirubinaemia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gilbert syndrome (3-10% of population)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ Clinically Relevant Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Anti-cancer drug (Irinotecan)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ Active metabolite (SN-38) is eliminated by glucuronidation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Severe neutropenia and diarrhoea in 25% of patients</li> <li>» UGT1A1*28 predicts those who will get toxicity</li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ Ethnicity (UGT1A1*28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» African-American 40%</li> <li>» Caucasian 35%</li> <li>» Asian 5% (also UGT1A1*6 variant)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><small>©NHG Holland, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	<p>UGT1A1*28 and UGT1A1*6 ethnic frequencies:  <a href="http://www.wjgnet.com/1948-9366/full/v2/i1/14.htm">http://www.wjgnet.com/1948-9366/full/v2/i1/14.htm</a></p>
<p>Slide 9</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Thio-Purine-Methyl-Transferase Purine Metabolism</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Marker Drug: <b>6-mercaptopurine</b></li>   <li>□ Clinically Relevant Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 6-mercaptopurine</li> <li>Childhood acute lymphocytic leukaemia</li> <li>» Azathioprine (prodrug for 6-MP)</li> <li>Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis</li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ Severe toxicity (diarrhoea and neutropenia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Thio-Purine-Methyl-Transferase (TPMT) genotype <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Homozygote deficiency 1 in 300</li> <li>– Heterozygote partial deficiency 1 in 10</li> <li>– 10 fold dose reduction required in homozygotes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li>   <li>□ Ethnicity?</li> </ul> <p><small>©NHG Holland, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	<p>No clear benefit of using TPMT genotype or 6-thioguanine-nucleotide phenotype in irritable bowel disease in children.  Konidari A, Anagnostopoulos A, Bonnett LJ, Pirmohamed M, El-Matary W. Thiopurine monitoring in children with inflammatory bowel disease: a systematic review. <i>Br J Clin Pharmacol.</i> 2014;78(3):467-76.</p>

<p>Slide 10</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Alcohol/Acetaldehyde Dehydrogenase</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Marker Drug <span style="float: right;"><i>ethanol</i></span></li> <li>□ Clinically Relevant Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Recreational drug (ethanol)</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Alcohol Dehydrogenase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» ADH1B*1/*1 is normal ethanol metabolism</li> <li>» ADH1B*2 increases ethanol metabolism</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Aldehyde Dehydrogenase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» ALDH2*1/*1 is normal acetaldehyde metabolism</li> <li>» ALDH2*1/*2 decreases acetaldehyde metabolism</li> <li>» ADH1B*2 + ALDH2*1/*2 -&gt; very low ethanol/very high acetaldehyde</li> <li>» ADH1B*2 + ALDH2*1/*1 -&gt; lower ethanol/normal acetaldehyde</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Ethnicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 40% of Asians have excessive flushing with ethanol because of increased acetaldehyde formation</li> <li>» Others can tolerate larger quantities of ethanol</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><small>©NEHG Hofford, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	<p>Wall TL, Peterson CM, Peterson KP, Johnson ML, Thomasson HR, Cole M, et al. Alcohol metabolism in Asian-American men with genetic polymorphisms of aldehyde dehydrogenase. <i>Ann Intern Med.</i> 1997;127(5):376-9.</p> <p><a href="http://themedicalbiochemistrypage.org/ethanol-metabolism.php">http://themedicalbiochemistrypage.org/ethanol-metabolism.php</a></p> <p>Yokoyama A, Tsutsumi E, Imazeki H, Suwa Y, Nakamura C, Yokoyama T. Polymorphisms of alcohol dehydrogenase-1B and aldehyde dehydrogenase-2 and the blood and salivary ethanol and acetaldehyde concentrations of Japanese alcoholic men. <i>Alcohol Clin Exp Res.</i> 2010;34(7):1246-56.</p>
<p>Slide 11</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">P-Glyco-Protein Transporter</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Multi-drug resistance to treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Cancer</li> <li>» Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>» Inflammatory Bowel Disease</li> <li>» Epilepsy</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Common Mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Increased activity of PGP transporter</li> <li>» Drug absorption decreased</li> <li>» Transport out of brain &amp; tumour increased</li> <li>» PGP activity associated with ABCB1 polymorphism? ABC=ATP Binding Cassette</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Ethnicity?</li> </ul> <p><small>©NEHG Hofford, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	
<p>Slide 12</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Organic Anion Transporter</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Statins are among the most widely used and effective medicines in New Zealand</li> <li>□ Myopathy (rhabdomyolysis, myositis) occur 1 in 10,000</li> <li>□ <i>SLCO1B1</i> gene encodes the organic anion-transporting polypeptide OATP1B1, which has been shown to regulate the hepatic uptake of statins</li> <li>□ Transporter deficiency leads to lower statin clearance and higher statin concentrations</li> <li>□ 16 x higher risk of myopathy with <i>SLCO1B1</i> mutation 'CC'</li> </ul> <p><small>©NEHG Hofford, 2021, all rights reserved.</small></p>	<p>The SCG. <i>SLCO1B1</i> Variants and Statin-Induced Myopathy -- A Genomewide Study. <i>N Engl J Med.</i> 2008;NEJMoa0801936.</p>

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## Warfarin VKORC1 and CYP4F2



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## Warfarin Sensitivity and Resistance

- Genetic differences in VKOR
  - » "Normal Daily Dose"
    - 5 mg/day
  - » Sensitivity Vitamin K epOxide Reductase
    - Decreased VKORC1 activity
    - 80% of Asians
    - 3 mg/day
  - » Resistance Vitamin K1 Oxidase
    - Decreased CYP4F2 activity
    - 60% Caucasians
    - Perhaps also mutant enzyme does not bind warfarin well
    - 6 mg/day (but some need much higher doses)

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There are two kinds of VKOR genes:

**Sensitivity:** These patients have a VKORC1 mutation with altered recycling of inactive vitamin K epoxide to active vitamin K<sub>1</sub>. This makes them more sensitive to the action of warfarin. For this reason they need a lower dose.

**Resistance:** These patients include those who have been previously called familial warfarin resistance. They appear to have reduced CYP4F2 activity which is an elimination pathway for vitamin K<sub>1</sub>.

It is also possible that some VKOR mutants do not bind warfarin efficiently and thus higher concs (and thus doses) are needed to give the required degree of inhibition.

See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warfarin> and

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## HLA-B

- Phenytoin is contraindicated in individuals with the HLA-B\*1502 variant allele because of an increased risk of adverse skin reactions (Stevens Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis) <https://www.pharmgkb.org/guideline/PA166122806>.
- This can be considered a form of pharmacodynamic source of phenytoin variability.
- Other drugs have also been associated with HLA-B genotype variants (\*1501 carbamazepine, \*5801 allopurinol) and increased risk of these skin adverse effects.

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## Body size, renal function and post-menstrual age are the most important determinants of drug dose

- In comparison to these factors other covariates such as **genotype often pale into insignificance.**
- Quantitative pharmacology can help put the role of using covariates to predict drug dose into **a realistic perspective.**

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## Pharmacogenetics Personal View

