

# Drug transporters

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# Transporters

- membrane proteins able to facilitate flux of molecules into and out of cells
- primary function is to transport nutrients (sugars, aminoacids, nucleotides, vitamins) inside or to efflux endogenous and exogenous toxins outside the cell
- drugs bearing similar parts to natural substrates can be carried too – problems with bioavailability, efficiency and toxicity (substrate competition)

# Transporters

**Passive transporters** (facilitated transporters):  
move molecules down their electrochemical  
gradient

**Active transporters** works against electrochemical  
gradients

Primary transporters – move molecules  
consuming ATP

Secondary transporters – use energy of facilitated  
transport (e.g. of ions)

-co-transporters (in same way)

-exchangers (in opposite way)

# Transporters

Most transporters are expressed on barrier cells:

- liver
- kidney
- intestine
- placenta
- brain

Different transporters on inner and outer part of cells

# Transporters classification

## cellular level:

*influx tr.*

*efflux tr.*

## pharmacological level:

*absorptive tr.* (absorption into bloodstream)

*secretory tr.* (transport from bloodstream into urine, bile or gut lumen)

conventionally, transporters enhancing absorption into brain and fetus are *absorptive*

## **Substrate classification**

Organic cation transporter (OCT)

Organic cation/carnitine transporter (OCTN)

Organic anion transporter (OAT)

Organic anion transporter polypeptides (OATP)

Peptide transporter (PEPT)

Monocarboxylate transporter (MCT, SMCT)

Nucleoside transporter (CNT, ENT)

Bile acid transporter (NTCP, ASBT, BSEP, OST)

Multidrug resistance protein (MDR)

Multidrug resistance associated protein (MRP)

Breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP)

# **Mechanistical classification**

presence of ATP consumption

**ABC (ATP-binding cassette)** – e.g. MDR, MRP, BCRP)

**SLC (Solute carrier)** – most of transporters

# **Organic cation transporters (OCT)**

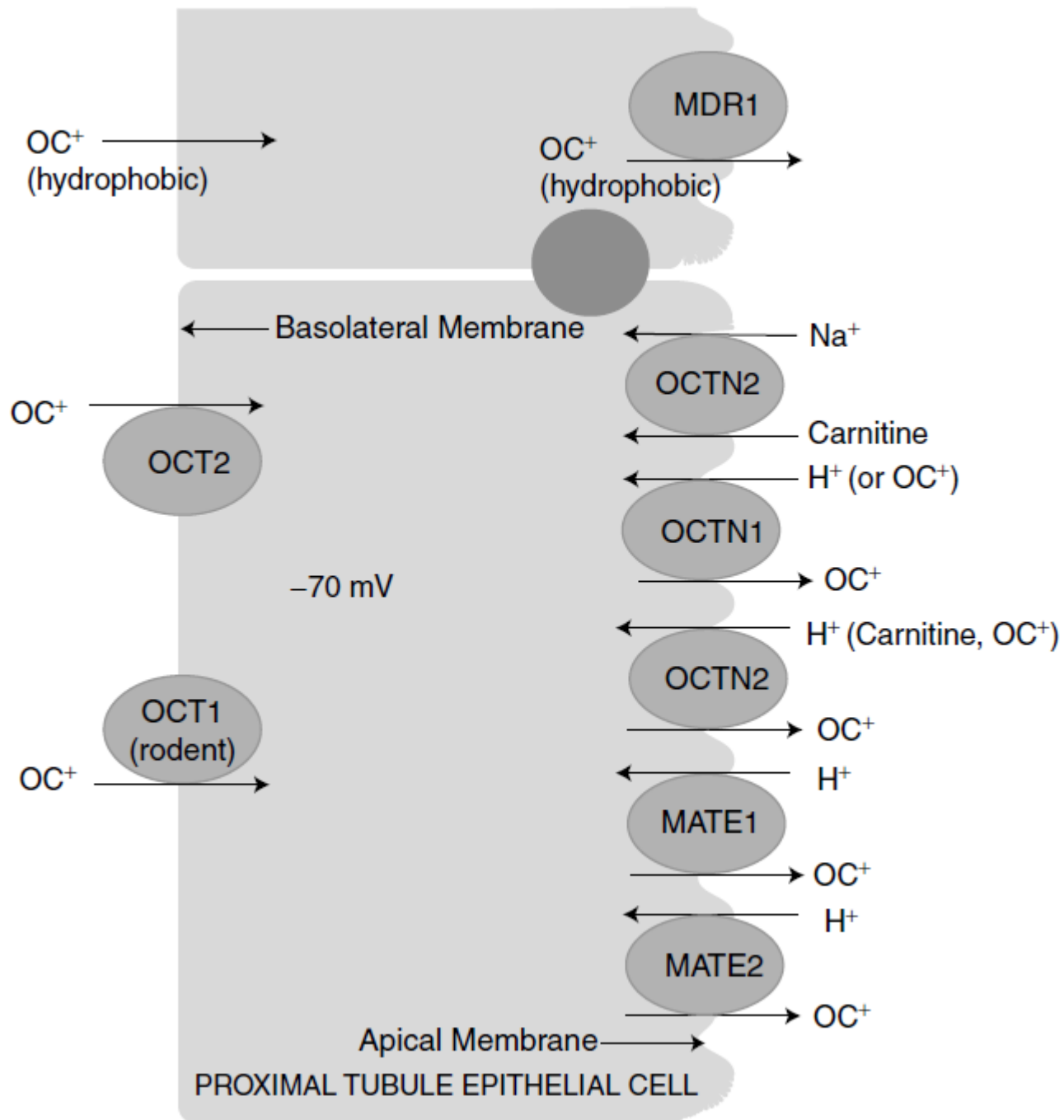
OCT 1, OCT 2, OCT 3

similar transmembrane topology

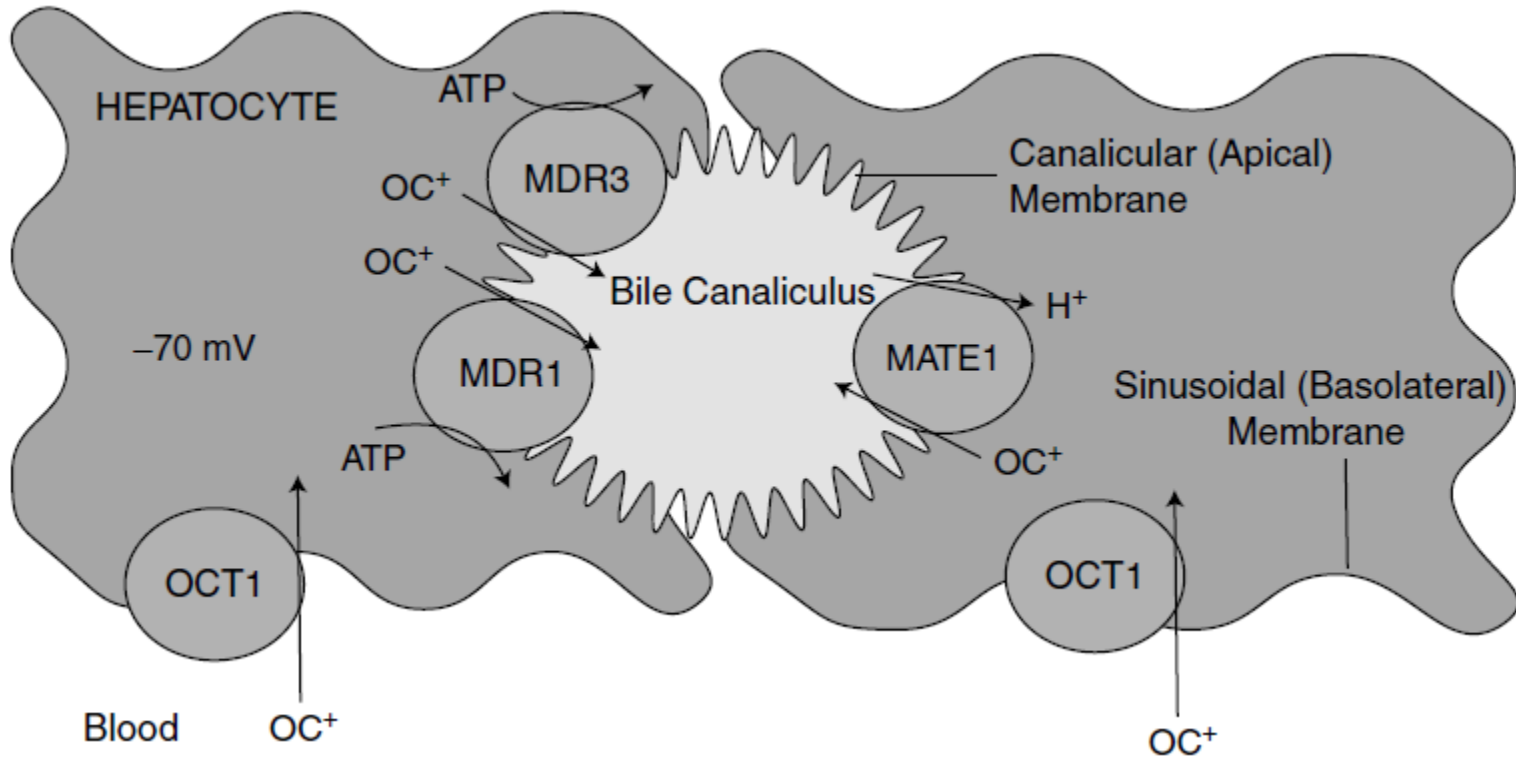
shared group of substrates

common transport mechanism





# Organic cation transporter (OCT)



# **Organic cation transporter (OCT)**

common substrates

generally low molecular weight

relatively hydrophilic

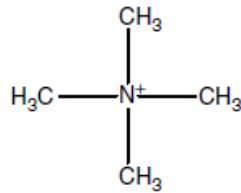
organic cation

(positive charge not necessary:

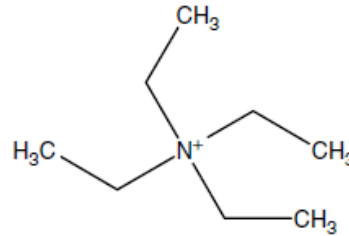
anions – prostaglandines

neutral – beta estradiol)

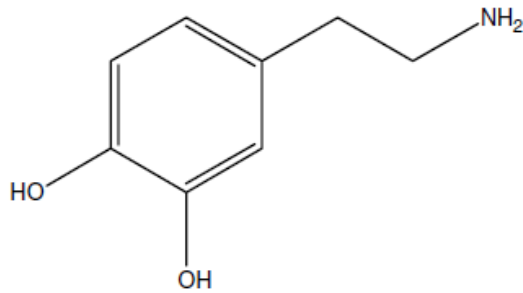
# Organic cation transporter (OCT)



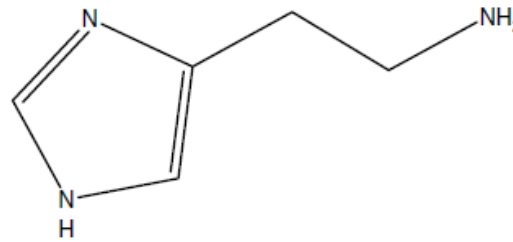
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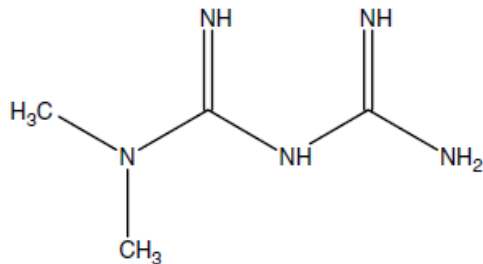
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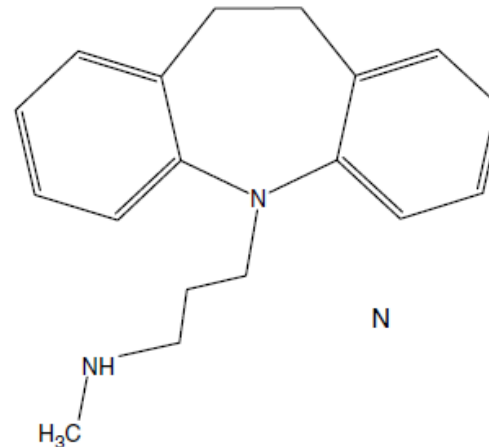
Dopamine



Histamine



Metformin



Desipramine

# Organic cation transporter (OCT)

TABLE 2.2. Tissue Distribution of Human OCT Isoforms

|                 | OCT1 | OCT2 | OCT3 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Liver           | +++  | -    | +    |
| Kidney          | -    | +++  | +    |
| Lung            | +    | -    | +    |
| Trachea         | -    | -    | -    |
| Heart           | +    | -    | ++   |
| Skeletal Muscle | ++   | -    | ++   |
| Placenta        | +    | -    | ++   |
| Pancreas        | -    | -    | -    |
| Brain           | -    | -    | +    |
| Spinal cord     | -    | -    | +    |
| Adrenal gland   | +    | -    | -    |
| Testis          | -    | -    | -    |
| Ovary           | +    | -    | +    |
| Fetal liver     | +    | -    | -    |
| Fetal lung      | +    | -    | -    |
| Fetal brain     | +    | -    | -    |

# Organic cation transporter (OCT)

| Compound           | OCT1      |           | OCT2      |           | OCT3      |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | Inhibitor | Substrate | Inhibitor | Substrate | Inhibitor | Substrate |
| Acebutolol         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Acyclovir          | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Agmatine           | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Amantadine         | +         | N.D.      | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Aquinavir          | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Choline            | +         | N.D.      | +         | +         | N.D.      | -         |
| Cimetidine         | +         | N.D.      | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Clonidine          | +         | -         | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | -         |
| Cocaine            | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Corticosterone     | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Creatinine         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | -         |
| Cyanine-863        | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Debrisoquine       | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Decynium-22        | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Desipramine        | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Disopyramide       | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Disprocynium-24    | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Dopamine           | +         | N.D.      | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Epinephrine        | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         |
| $\beta$ -Estradiol | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Famotidine         | +         | +         | +         | -         | +         | -         |
| Ganciclovir        | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Guanidine          | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | -         |
| Histamine          | +         | -         | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Indinavir          | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Memantine          | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Mepiperphenidol    | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |

# Organic cation transporter (OCT)

| Compound             | OCT1      |           | OCT2      |           | OCT3      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | Inhibitor | Substrate | Inhibitor | Substrate | Inhibitor | Substrate |
| Metformin            | +         | +         | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| O-Methylisoprenaline | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Midazolam            | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| MPP <sup>+</sup>     | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Nelfinavir           | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| NMN                  | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         | N.D.      |
| Norepinephrine       | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Phenformin           | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Phenoxybenzamine     | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Prazosin             | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Procainamide         | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Progesterone         | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      |
| Quinidine            | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Quinine              | +         | N.D.      | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Ranitidine           | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         | -         |
| Ritonavir            | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Saquinavir           | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Serotonin            | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Tetrabutylammonium   | +         | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Tetraethylammonium   | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         | +         |
| Tetraheptylammonium  | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Tetramethylammonium  | +         | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Tetrapropylammonium  | +         | +         | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Tyramine             | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | +         | +         |
| Vecuronium           | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |
| Verapamil            | +         | N.D.      | +         | N.D.      | N.D.      | N.D.      |

# Organic cation/carnitine transporters (OCTN)

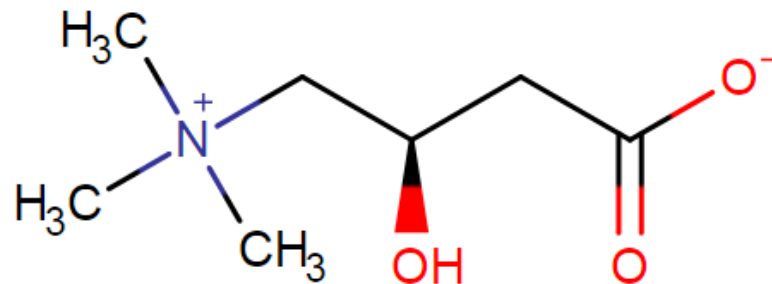
Carnitine  
zwitterion

essential cofactor in the lipid metabolism

involvement in beta-oxidation

absorbed from diet by OCTN

reabsorbed in distal tubulus by OCTN



*L-Carnitine*



# Organic cation/carnitine transporters (OCTN)

OCTN 1

H<sup>+</sup> antiporter

OCTN 2

Na<sup>+</sup> cotransporter or cation uniporter

substrates:

quinidine, verapamil, small compounds with  
quarternary N

s. are competetive inhibitors and causes secondary  
carnitine deficiency

# Organic anion transporters (OAT)

- organic acids secretory system – excretion of acidic metabolites into urine
- utilizes electrochemical gradient of substrate itself or another solute
- mechanism of action:

organic anion – dicarboxylate exchange

organic anion – urate exchange

# **Organic anion transporters (OAT)**

OAT is mainly expressed in kidney

multispecific transporters binds very vast array of substrates

specificity based on general physicochemical properties:

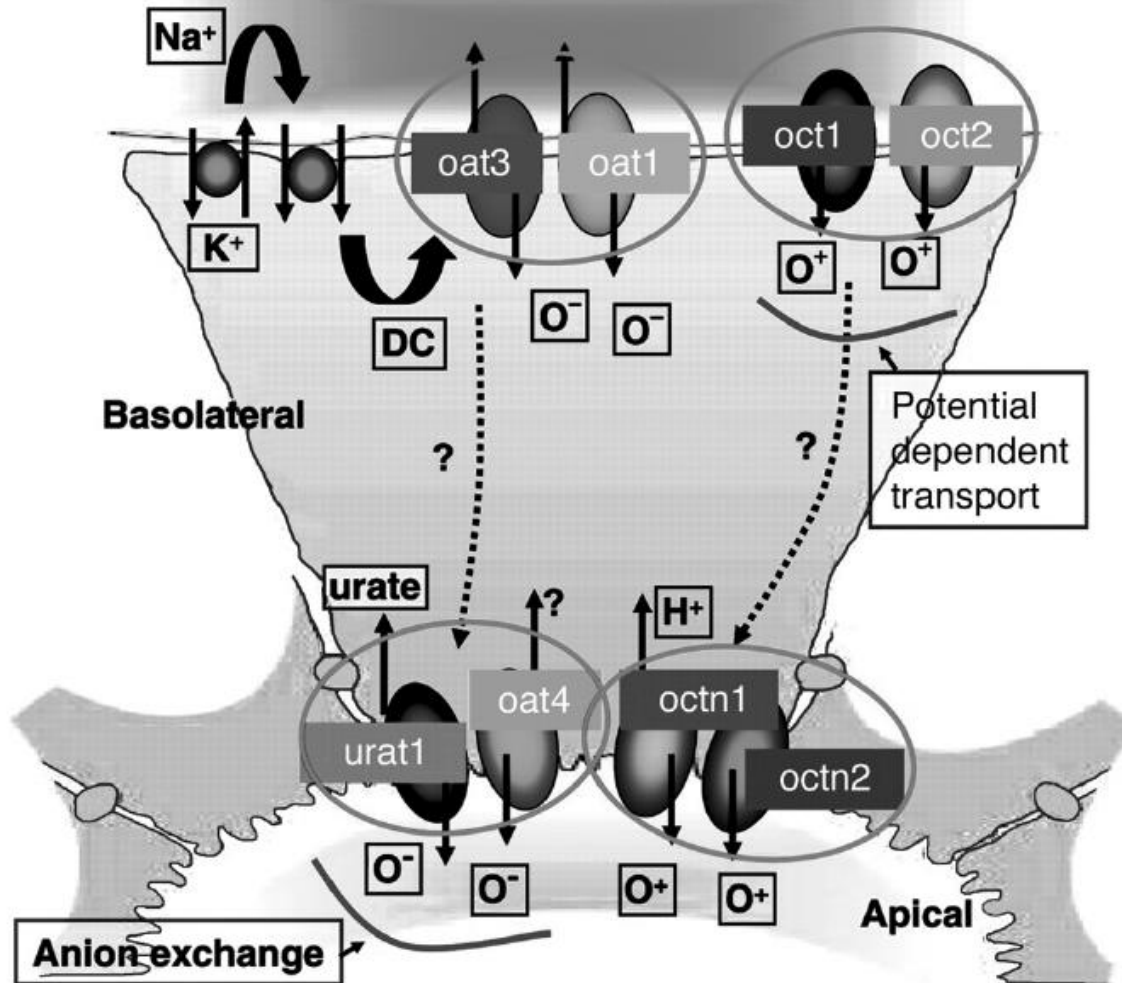
charge

hydrophobicity

hydrogen bonding ability

# Organic anion transporters (OAT)

Mechanism coupled with ion exchange:



# Organic anion transporters (OAT)

**TABLE 4.2. Examples of Nephrotoxic and Neurotoxic Agents Demonstrated to Interact with OATs**

|                   |                               |                              |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nonsteroidal      | Uremic toxins                 | Antivirals                   |
| anti-inflammatory | Hippuric acid                 | Acyclovir                    |
| drugs             | Indoleacetic acid             | Adefovir                     |
| Acetaminophen     | Indoxyl sulfate               | Azidothymidine               |
| Diclofenac        | Chemotherapeutics             | Cidofovir                    |
| Ibuprofen         | Methotrexate                  | Ganciclovir                  |
| Indomethacin      | Heavy Metals                  | Mycotoxins                   |
| Ketoprofen        | Cadmium                       | Ochratoxin A                 |
| Naproxen          | Mercury                       | Neurotransmitter metabolites |
| Phenacetin        | Chlorinated phenoxyacetates   | 3,4-Dihydroxymandelic acid   |
| Piroxicam         | 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic     | 3,4-Dihydroxyphenylacetic    |
| Salicylate        | acid                          | acid (DOPAC)                 |
| Antibiotics       | Chlorinated haloalkenes       | Miscellaneous                |
| Cephalosporins    | 1,2-Dichlorovinyl-L-cysteines | Homovanillic acid (HVA)      |
| Penems            |                               | Hydroxyindoleacetic          |
| Penicillins       |                               | acid (5-HIAA)                |

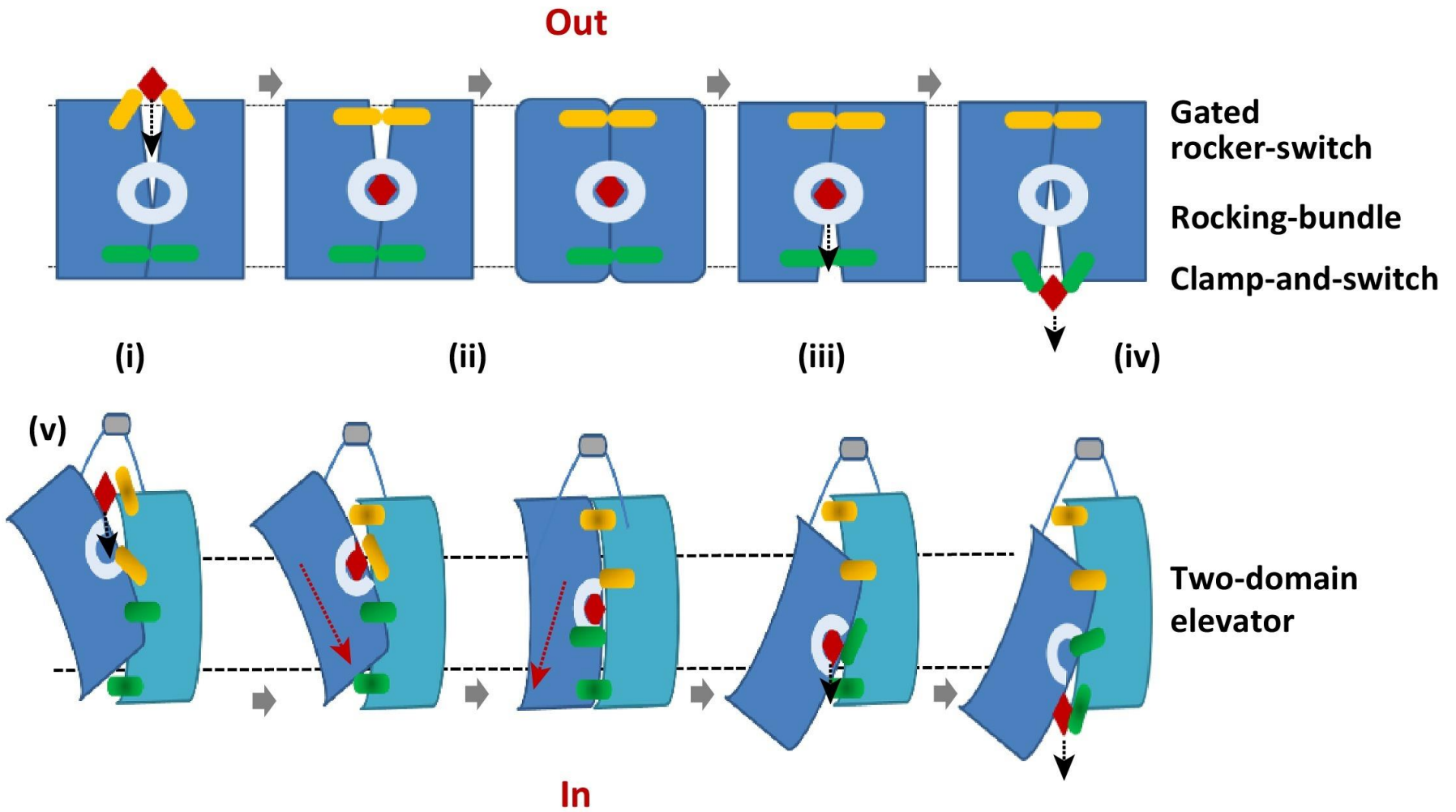
# **Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP)**

Mechanisms are diverse

all possess rocker-switch type of mechanism,  
exchanging different co-substrates

Substrates are relatively large (from benzylpenicillin  
334 to cholecystokinin octapeptide 1143)

In general, substrates are steroid or cyclic peptide  
compounds, often negatively charged



# **Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP)**

Endogenous substrates are:

thyroid hormones

bile acids

steroid hormones

bilirubin

prostaglandines

Whole drug families are substrates:

Statins

Sartans

ACE inhibitors (Prils)

Cardiac glycosides



# Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP)

| Transporter | Substrates   | Nonsubstrates   | Inhibitors   |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| OATP1A2     | Fexofenadine <sup>124</sup> , BSP <sup>15,27,125</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>27,125</sup> , GCA <sup>15</sup> , TCA <sup>15,27</sup> , DHEAS <sup>27</sup> , deltophin <sup>27</sup> , DPDPE <sup>27</sup> , BQ-123 <sup>27</sup> , oubain <sup>27,125</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>27</sup> , <i>N</i> -methylquinine <sup>27</sup> , rosuvastatin <sup>39</sup> , pitavastatin <sup>126</sup> , MTX <sup>127</sup> , microcystin-LR <sup>128</sup>   | Digoxin <sup>27</sup> , LTC <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup>  | Grapefruit juice <sup>94</sup> , orange juice <sup>94</sup> , apple juice <sup>94</sup>  |
| OATP1B1     | E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>27</sup> , benzylpenicillin, PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>27</sup> , BSP <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>27</sup> , GCA, TCA <sup>27</sup> , DHEAS <sup>27</sup> , DPDPE <sup>27</sup> , BQ-123 <sup>27</sup> , cerivastatin <sup>73,129</sup> , atorvastatin <sup>73,130</sup> , rosuvastatin <sup>39</sup> , pitavastatin <sup>126</sup> , caspofungin <sup>131</sup> , phalloidin <sup>132,133</sup> , troglitazone-sulfate <sup>134</sup> , rifampin <sup>66</sup> , bilirubin <sup>96,97</sup> , bilirubin-glucuronides <sup>96</sup> , arsenic <sup>135</sup> , atrasentan <sup>81</sup> , valsartan <sup>136</sup> , olmesartan <sup>137</sup> , enalapril <sup>138</sup> , MTX <sup>38</sup> , temocaprilat <sup>75</sup> , DADLE <sup>64</sup> , microcystin-LR <sup>128</sup> , SN-38 <sup>74</sup> | Digoxin <sup>27</sup> , oubain <sup>27</sup> , <i>N</i> -methylquinine <sup>27</sup> , deltophin <sup>27</sup>  | CyA <sup>66,67</sup> , FK-506 <sup>67,132</sup> , rapamycin <sup>132</sup> , glycyrrhizic acid <sup>139</sup> , glibenclamide <sup>67</sup> , ketoconazole <sup>140</sup> , gemfibrozil <sup>129</sup> , gemfibrozil-glucuronide <sup>129</sup> , ciprofibrate <sup>141</sup> , bezafibrate <sup>67,141</sup> , clarithromycin <sup>67</sup> , erythromycin <sup>67</sup> , indinavir <sup>66</sup> , nelfinavir <sup>66</sup> , ritonavir <sup>66</sup> , saquinavir <sup>66</sup> , probenacid <sup>67</sup> , rifamycin SV <sup>142</sup> , digoxin <sup>67</sup> , verapamil <sup>67</sup> , warfarin <sup>67</sup> , MK-571 <sup>141</sup> , biochanin A <sup>143</sup> , Genistein <sup>143</sup> , epigallocatechin-3-gallate <sup>143</sup> , hyperforin <sup>66</sup> |
| OATP1B3     | Fexofenadine <sup>144</sup> , BSP <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>27</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>27</sup> , GCA <sup>27</sup> , TCA <sup>27</sup> , TUDC <sup>145</sup> , GUDC <sup>145</sup> , DHEAS <sup>27</sup> , deltophin <sup>27</sup> , DPDPE <sup>27</sup> , BQ-123 <sup>27</sup> , oubain <sup>27</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> , digoxin <sup>27</sup> , rosuvastatin <sup>39</sup> , valsartan <sup>136</sup> , pitavastatin <sup>126</sup> , fluo-3 <sup>146</sup> , docetaxel <sup>140</sup> , paclitaxel <sup>140</sup> , CCK-8 <sup>147</sup> , phalloidin <sup>132,133</sup> , rifampin <sup>66,146</sup> , MTX, bilirubin <sup>97</sup> , repaglinide, telmisartan <sup>65</sup> , olmesartan <sup>137</sup> , enalapril <sup>138</sup> , temocaprilat <sup>75</sup> , microcystin-LR <sup>128</sup>  | <i>N</i> -Methylquinine <sup>27</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>27</sup> , caspofungin <sup>131</sup> , folate  | Ketoconazole <sup>140</sup> , glycyrrhizic acid <sup>139</sup> , rifamycin SV <sup>142</sup>   |
| OATP1C1     | BSP <sup>9</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>9</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>9</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>9</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>9</sup>   | GCA <sup>9</sup> , TCA <sup>9</sup> , DHEAS <sup>9</sup> , deltophin <sup>9</sup> , DPDPE <sup>9</sup> , BQ-123 <sup>9</sup> , digoxin <sup>9</sup> , oubain <sup>9</sup> , LTC <sub>4</sub> <sup>9</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>9</sup> , <i>N</i> -Methylquinine <sup>9</sup> , MTX <sup>9</sup> , folate <sup>9</sup> |  |

# Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP)

| Transporter | Substrates  | Nonsubstrates  | Inhibitors   |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| OATP2A1     | PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>118</sup> , PGE <sub>1</sub> <sup>118</sup> , PGF <sub>2α</sub> <sup>118</sup> , PGD <sub>2</sub> <sup>118</sup> , TXB <sub>2</sub> <sup>118</sup>  | Iloprost <sup>118</sup>  | Furosemide <sup>118</sup> , TGBz T34 <sup>148</sup>  |
| OATP2B1     | E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>116</sup> , benzylpenicillin <sup>116</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>116</sup> , BSP <sup>27</sup> , DHEAS <sup>27</sup> , pravastatin <sup>22</sup> , fluvastatin, rosuvastatin <sup>39</sup> , glybenclamide <sup>149</sup> , fexofenadine <sup>17</sup> | E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>116</sup> , GCA <sup>27</sup> , TCA <sup>27</sup> , oubain <sup>27</sup> , digoxin <sup>27</sup> , LTC <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>27</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup> , deltophin <sup>27</sup> , DPDPE <sup>27</sup> , BQ-123 <sup>27</sup>  | Benzoate <sup>22</sup> , nicotinate <sup>22</sup> , phthalate <sup>22</sup> , PAH <sup>150</sup> , indomethacin <sup>150</sup> , TCA <sup>150</sup> , cimetidine <sup>150</sup> , salicylate <sup>150</sup> , valproate <sup>150</sup> , rifamycin SV <sup>142</sup> , grapefruit juice <sup>149</sup> , orange juice <sup>149</sup> , naringin <sup>149</sup> , naringenin <sup>149</sup> , quercetin <sup>149</sup> , bergamottin <sup>149</sup> , dihydroxybergamottin <sup>149</sup> , tangeritin <sup>149</sup> , nobelitin <sup>149</sup> , bilberry <sup>151</sup> , echinacea <sup>151</sup> , green tea <sup>151</sup> , banaba <sup>151</sup> , grape seed <sup>151</sup> , ginkgo <sup>151</sup> , soybean <sup>151</sup> , mulberry <sup>151</sup> , black cohosh <sup>151</sup> , and Siberian ginseng <sup>151</sup> |
| OATP3A1     | PGE <sub>1</sub> <sup>121</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>116,121</sup> , PGF <sub>2α</sub> <sup>121</sup> , benzylpenicillin <sup>116</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>116</sup>  | PGD <sub>2</sub> <sup>121</sup> , TBX <sup>121</sup> , iloprost <sup>121</sup> , MTX <sup>121</sup> , TCA <sup>116</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>116</sup>   | PGD <sub>2</sub> <sup>121</sup> , PAH <sup>121</sup>   |
| OATP4A1     | T <sub>3</sub> <sup>152</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>152</sup> , TCA <sup>152</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>116</sup> , benzylpenicillin <sup>116</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>116</sup> , E <sub>1</sub> S <sup>116</sup>  | PAH <sup>152</sup> , PGE <sub>1</sub> <sup>152</sup> , PGD <sub>2</sub> <sup>152</sup> , PGF <sub>2α</sub> <sup>152</sup>  | BSP <sup>152</sup>   |
| OATP4C1     | Digoxin <sup>147</sup> , oubain <sup>147</sup> , T <sub>3</sub> <sup>147</sup> , T <sub>4</sub> <sup>147</sup> , MTX <sup>147</sup> , cAMP <sup>147</sup>   | TCA <sup>147</sup> , E <sub>2</sub> G <sup>147</sup> , PGE <sub>2</sub> <sup>147</sup> , PAH <sup>147</sup> , pravastatin <sup>147</sup> , temocaprilat <sup>147</sup> , ASA <sup>147</sup> , salicylate <sup>147</sup> , urate <sup>147</sup> , acyclovir <sup>147</sup> , ochratoxin <sup>147</sup> , benzylpenicillin <sup>147</sup> , cGMP <sup>147</sup> , TEA <sup>147</sup> | Digitoxin <sup>147</sup> , Digitoxigenin <sup>147</sup>  |
| OATP5A1     | ?   | ?  | ?  |
| OATP6A1     | rGST1 (T <sub>3</sub> , T <sub>4</sub> , DHEAS, TCA) <sup>106</sup>   |  | rGST1 (β-estradiol, testosterone) <sup>106</sup>   |

# Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP) pharmacogenetics is very important

TABLE 5.5. *SLCO1B1* Genotype and Pharmacokinetics

| Drug                  | <i>SLCO1B1</i> Genotype        | Ethnicity                   | PK Effect in Comparison with Reference Genotype <sup>a</sup> | Ref.        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| Pravastatin           | *15/*15                        | Asian                       | AUC↑ 187%  | 69          |
|                       | *1a/*5                         | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 143%  | 70          |
|                       | *1b/*1b                        | Caucasian                   | AUC↓ 40%   | 70          |
|                       | *17/*17                        | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 130%  | 71          |
|                       | *1b/*1b                        | Asian                       | AUC↓ 35%   | 75          |
|                       | *5, *15, *17 variant haplotype | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 110%  | 89          |
|                       | *15/*15                        | Caucasian, African American | AUC ↑ 92 %   | unpublished |
| Rosuvastatin          | 521CC                          | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 217%  | 77          |
| Pitavastatin          |                                | Asian                       | AUC↑ %   | 76          |
| Repaglinide           | 521CC                          | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 188%  | 78          |
| Nateglinide           | 521CC                          | Asian                       | AUC↑ 108%  | 79          |
| Atrasentan            | Low-activity genotype          | Caucasian, non-caucasian    | AUC↑ 73%   | 81          |
| Valsartan             | *1b/*1b                        | Asian                       | AUC↓ 27%   | 75          |
| Fexofenadine          | 521CC                          | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 127%  | 80          |
| Irinotecan            | *15 carriers                   | Asian                       | AUC↑ 182%  | 82          |
| Ezetimibe-glucuronide | *15 carriers                   | Caucasian                   | AUC↑ 305%  | 83          |

# Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP)

drug interactions very common  
 facilitating of fexofenidate excretion  
 suppression of statins first-pass effect

**TABLE 5.6. Drug Interactions Implicating a Role for OATPs in the Mechanism**

| OATP Implicated | Drug Affected | Interacting Substance | PK Impact on Affected Drug | Ref.                        |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OATP1A2         | Fexofenadine  | Grapefruit juice      | AUC↓ 63%                   | 94                          |
|                 | Fexofenadine  | Orange juice          | AUC↓ 70%                   | 94                          |
|                 | Talinolol     | Grapefruit juice      | AUC↓ 44%                   | 156                         |
| OATP1B1         | Pravastatin   | Orange juice          | AUC↑ 152%                  | 157                         |
|                 | Pravastatin   | Cyclosporine A        | AUC↑                       | Pravachol product monograph |
|                 | Pravastatin   | Gemfibrozil           | AUC↑ 202%                  | 158                         |
|                 | Rosuvastatin  | Cyclosporine A        | AUC↑ 710%                  | 95                          |
|                 | Rosuvastatin  | Gemfibrozil           | AUC↑ 188%                  | 159                         |
|                 | Cerivastatin  | Cyclosporine A        | AUC↑ 3 to 5-fold           | 160                         |
| Cerivastatin    | Gemfibrozil   | AUC↑ 559%             | 161                        |                             |

## **Mammalian oligopeptide transporters (PEPT)**

Aminoacids are mainly absorbed from the intestine in the form of di- and tri-peptides.

These are cleavaged by cytosolic peptidases and free aminoacids are transported into bloodstream (by other transporters).

4 isoforms:

PEPT1, PEPT2

PHT1, PHT2 (peptide-histidine transporters)

# Mammalian oligopeptide transporters (PEPT)

Mechanism of action:

utilizing  $H^+$  membrane gradient

- neutral and anionic peptides requires  $H^+$  cotransport
- cationic peptides do not need  $H^+$

# Mammalian oligopeptide transporters (PEPT)

Molecular requirements for substrate molecules:

PEPT1: L-aminoacid

acid or hydrophobic moiety at C terminus

weakly basic group in  $\alpha$  position of N terminus

ketomethylene / peptidic bond

PEPT2: as PEPT1

aminocarbonyl group in  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  position

PHT: not elucidated yet

Endogenous substrates:

all aminoacid di- and tri-peptides

# **Mammalian oligopeptide transporters (PEPT)**

Exogenous substrates:

$\beta$ -lactam antibiotics, ACE inhibitors,  
L-DOPA prodrugs, valacyclovir, valgancyclovir,  
aminoacid prodrugs of bisphosphonates,  
peptide analogs (e.g. linezolid)

Activity and expression of PEPTs are dependent on  
diet volume and composition

insulin / leptin regulation involved



## **Monocarboxylate transporters (MCT, SMCT)**

MCT1-14 isoforms

MCT1-4 transports metabolic monocarboxylates  
(e.g. lactate, pyruvate, butyrate, acetoacetate)

other MCTs involved in aminoacids transport

MCT8 transports T3 and T4 thyroid hormones

Mechanism of action: H<sup>+</sup> cotransporters

## **Sodium-dependent monocarboxylate transporters (SMCT)**

Mechanism of action: Na<sup>+</sup> cotransporters

Exogenous substrates: acidic  $\beta$ -lactams, statins,  
valproic acid crossing blood-brain barrier

## **Nucleoside transporters (CNT, ENT)**

Nucleosides are hydrophilic and has low membrane permeability

two classes of transporters:

Concentrative nucleoside transporters (CNT)

Equilibrative nucleoside transporters (ENT)

Many therapeutic nucleoside analogues rely on these transporters to enter or exit cells

# **Concentrative nucleoside transporters (CNT)**

mechanism of action: Na<sup>+</sup> cotransporter

3 isoforms:

CNT1, CNT2, CNT3

## **CNT1**

typically found in epithelium of intestine, kidney and liver

mainly pyrimidine nucleosides, limited transport of adenosine

anticancer gemcitabine, cytarabine, capecitabine

antivirotic zidovudine, lamivudine, zalcitabine

cotransport nucleoside : Na<sup>+</sup> (1 : 1)

# **Concentrative nucleoside transporters (CNT)**

## **CNT2**

widely distributed in organism

purine nucleosides, limited transport of uridine  
ribavirin, 5-fluorouridine

cotransport nucleoside : Na<sup>+</sup> (1 : 1)

## **CNT3**

widely distributed in organism

purine and pyrimidine nucleosides

many nucleoside analogs are substrates too

cotransport nucleoside : Na<sup>+</sup> (1 : 2)

# **Equilibrative nucleoside transporters (ENT)**

mechanism of action:

concentration-dependent facilitated transport

## **ENT1**

ubiquitous distribution in organism

both purine and pyrimidine nucleosides

gemcitabine, fludarabine, cytarabine, ribavirin

dipyridamol is potent ENT1 inhibitor

## **ENT2**

most abundant in muscle, but present in other tissues

lower affinity for guanosine and cytidine

transports also free nucleotide bases

# **Equilibrative nucleoside transporters (ENT)**

## **ENT3**

broadly selective for all nucleosides  
and their analogues

located on lysosomal membrane

## **ENT4**

in fact OCT, transports selectively adenosin

## **Bile acid transporters**

primary bile acids: cholic acid

chenodeoxycholic acid

secondary bile acids: deoxycholic acid

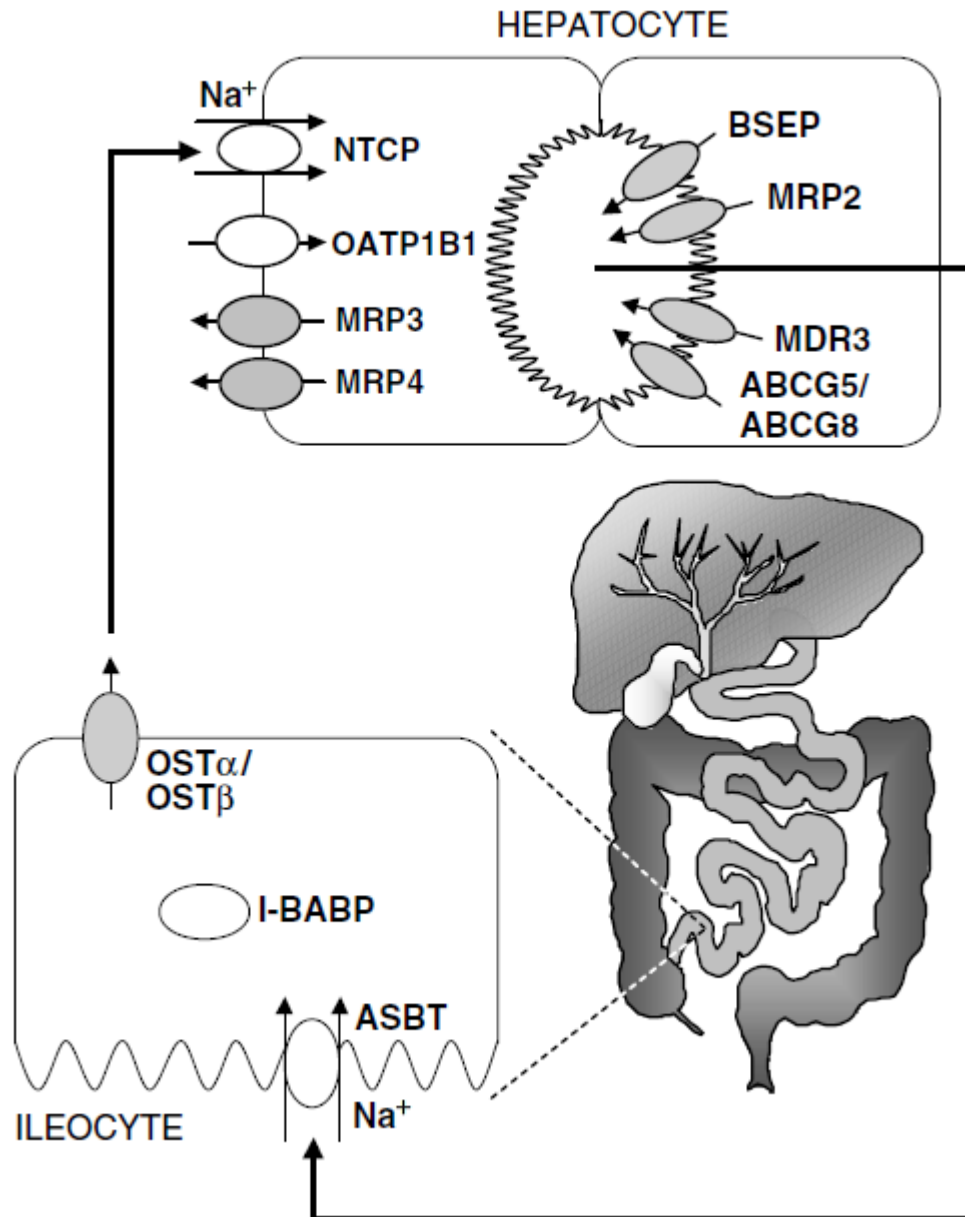
lithocholic acid

produced from primary acids by intestinal microflora

amphipatic detergents crucial for lipid absorption

hepatobiliary circulation – one molecule of bile acid is secreted and reabsorbed approximately 12X a day

# Bile acid transporters





## **Bile acid transporters**

### **Bile salt export pump (BSEP)**

secretes monovalent bile acid salts into bile

ATP binding cassette transporter

### **Multidrug resistance protein 2 (MDR2)**

secretes divalent and glucuronated bile acids,  
glucuronated and sulfatated drug metabolites,

chemotherapeutics and antibiotics

ATP binding cassette transporter

### **Multidrug resistance protein 3 (MDR3)**

secretes phospholipids

## **Bile acid transporters**

### **Apical sodium-dependent bile acid transporter (ASBT)**

absorbs bile acid from ileum to enterocyte

Na<sup>+</sup> cotransporter

### **Organic solute transporter (OST $\alpha$ /OST $\beta$ )**

transports bile acids from enterocyte to blood stream

### **Sodium-taurocholate cotransporting polypeptide (NTCP)**

transports bile acids into hepatocytes

Na<sup>+</sup> cotransporter

### **Organic anion transporters (OATPs)**

transports bile acids as well

# **Multidrug resistance protein (P-glycoprotein)**

two main human isoforms: MDR1, MDR2

present in all tissues, predominantly in secretory organs

ATP binding cassette transporters

systems are saturable

## **MDR1**

transports broad spectrum of xenobiotics

substrates generally nonpolar, weakly amphipathic

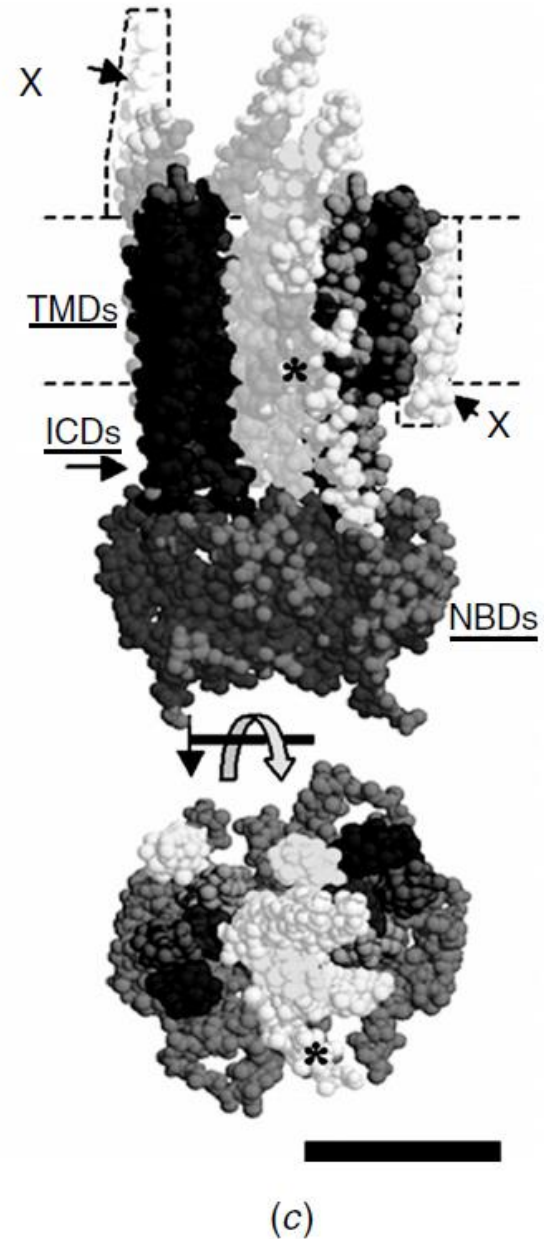
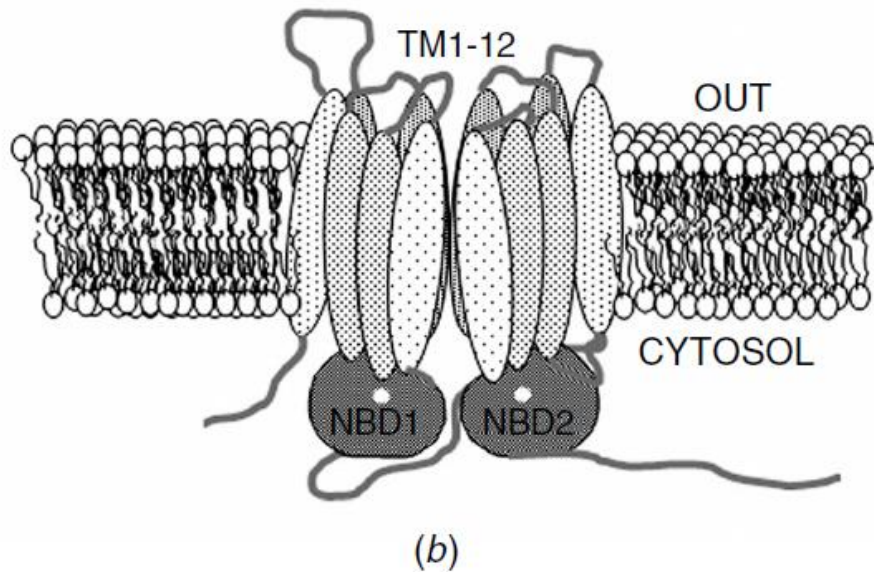
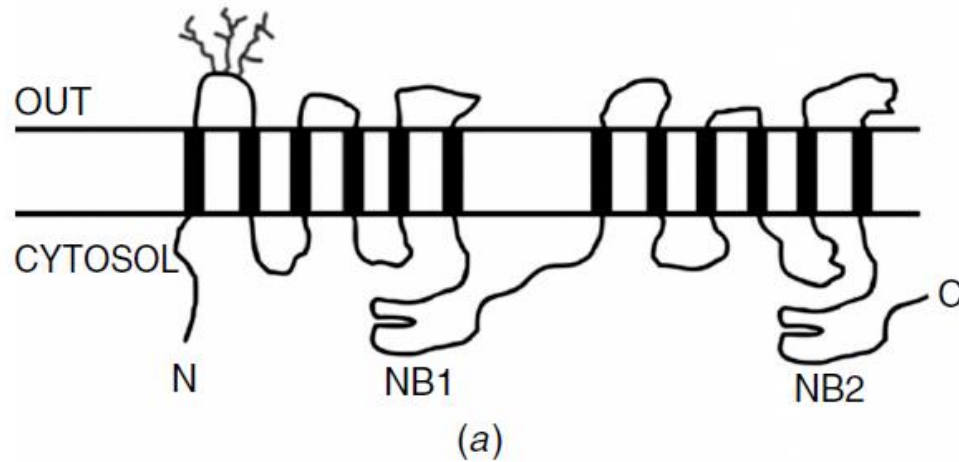
## **MDR2**

transports acetylcholin and other fosfolipids into bile

# Multidrug resistance protein (P-glycoprotein)

| Substrates                     |                               | Modulators                              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>Vinca alkaloids</i>         | <i>Detergents</i>             | <i>Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel blockers</i> |
| vinblastine                    | Triton X-100                  | verapamil                               |
| vincristine                    | nonylphenol ethoxylate        | nifedipine                              |
| <i>Anthracyclines</i>          | <i>Fluorescent dyes</i>       | azidopine                               |
| doxorubicin                    | rhodamine 123                 | dexniguldipine                          |
| daunorubicin                   | tetramethylrosamine           | <i>Calmodulin antagonists</i>           |
| <i>Taxanes</i>                 | Hoechst 33342                 | trifluoperazine                         |
| paclitaxel                     | LDS-751                       | chlorpromazine                          |
| docetaxel                      | calcein acetoxymethyl ester   | <i>trans</i> -flupenthixol              |
| <i>Epipodophyllotoxins</i>     | <i>Linear/cyclic peptides</i> | <i>Cyclic peptides</i>                  |
| etoposide                      | ALLN                          | cyclosporin A                           |
| teniposide                     | NAC-LLY-amide                 | PSC833                                  |
| <i>Steroids</i>                | leupeptin                     | <i>Steroids</i>                         |
| aldosterone                    | pepstatin A                   | progesterone                            |
| dexamethasone                  | <i>Ionophores</i>             | tamoxifen                               |
| <i>HIV protease inhibitors</i> | gramicidin D                  | cortisol                                |
| indinavir                      | nonactin                      | <i>Miscellaneous</i>                    |
| saquinavir                     | beauvericin                   | GF120918                                |
| nelfinavir                     | <i>Cytotoxic agents</i>       | LY335979                                |
| ritonavir                      | colchicine                    | XR9576                                  |
| <i>Analgesics</i>              | actinomycin D                 | OC144-093                               |
| morphine                       | mitoxantrone                  | disulfiram                              |
| <i>Cardiac glycosides</i>      | <i>Miscellaneous</i>          | quinidine                               |
| digoxin                        | loperamide                    | chloroquine                             |
| <i>Anthelmintics</i>           | cimetidine                    | reserpine                               |
| ivermectin                     |                               | amiodarone                              |
|                                |                               | terfenadine                             |

# Multidrug resistance protein (P-glycoprotein)



# **Multidrug resistance proteins (MRP)**

12 isoforms

## **MRP1-9**

cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator  
(**CFTR**)

sulfonylurea receptors (**SUR1, SUR2**)

- all ATP binding cassette proteins
- effluxes many endogenous and xenobiotic lipophilic organic anions
- predominant localization in renal epithelia, hepatocytes and blood-tissue barriers

# **Multidrug resistance proteins (MRP)**

## **MRP1**

ubiquitous transporter

substrates:

glucuronates of leucotriens, estradiol, bilirubin,  
cholic acid, methotrexate

## **MRP2**

main hepatocytar transporter

similar substrates as MRP1

## **MRP3**

hepatocytar transporter

similar substrates as MRP1 and MRP2

# **Multidrug resistance proteins (MRP)**

## **MRP4**

ubiquitous transporter

substrates as MRP1, additionally prostanooids, urate, topotecan

## **MRP5**

urogenital tract and vascular system epithelium

substrates: cAMP, cGMP, fluorouracil, methotrexate

## **MRP6**

kidney, liver

low affinity, same substrates as MRP1



# **Multidrug resistance proteins (MRP)**

## **MRP7, MRP9**

little known

## **MRP8**

predominant in periferal neurons

substrates similar to MRP1,

additionally cAMP and cGMP

# **Breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP)**

ATP binding cassette protein

located in GIT, genitals, placenta, liver  
and blood-brain barrier

overexpressed in some carcinoma cells  
substrates:

anticancers: mitoxantron, etoposide, topotecan,  
irinotecan, methotrexate

tyrosin kinase inhibitors: gefitinib, imatinib

photodynamic therapeutics: porphyrins, chlorins

steroids, antivirals, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors,  
antibacterial quinolones, macrolides, nitrofurantoin