

## Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATPs)

**Introduction:** Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATPs, gene family: SLCO) are expressed in a variety of different tissue and mediate the uptake of a broad range of substrates. Some of them are organ specific like OATP1B1 and OATP1B3, which are only expressed in the liver. Others like OATP1A2, which is localized in brain, kidney and small intestine are ubiquitous expressed. Because of their wide tissue distribution and broad substrate spectrum, altered transport kinetics can contribute to the interindividual variability of drug effects.

**Methods:** A cell platform using stable transfected HEK293 cells expressing OATP1B1, OATP1B3 and OATP1A2, respectively, was generated. The uptake functions of OATP1B1 and OATP1B3 were analyzed with Fluorescein methotrexate (FMTX) and Cholyl-Lysyl-Fluorescein (CLF). HEK-OATP1A2 was characterized with Rhodamine. The uptake was inhibited by addition of the reference inhibitor Rifampicin.

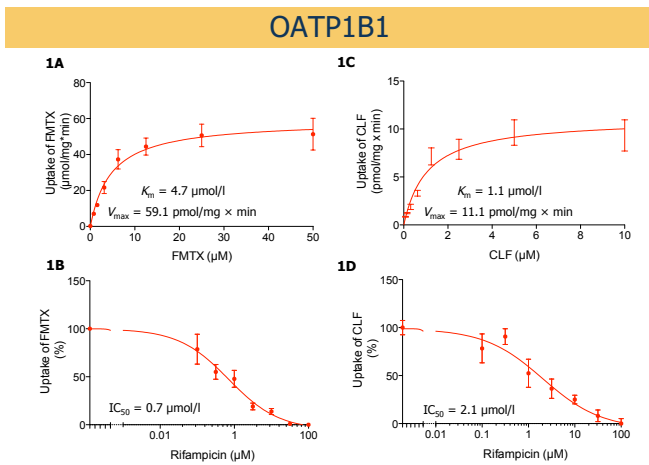


Figure 1: Concentration dependent uptake of FMTX (1A) and CLF (1C) mediated by OATP1B1. Rifampicin inhibited OATP1B1 mediated uptake of FMTX (1B) and CLF (1D)

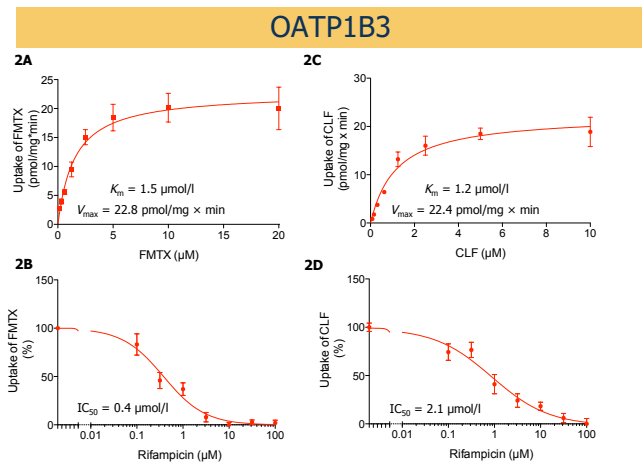


Figure 2: Concentration dependent uptake of FMTX (2A) and CLF (2C) mediated by OATP1B3. Rifampicin inhibited OATP1B3 mediated uptake of FMTX (2B) and CLF (2D)

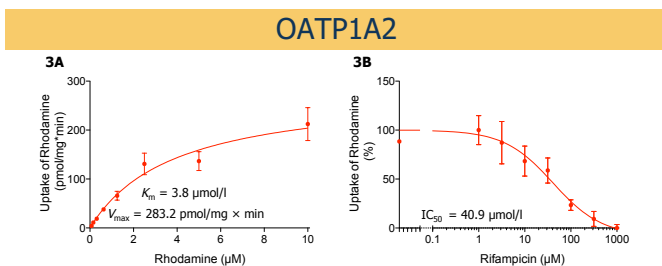


Figure 3: OATP1A2 mediated concentration dependent uptake of Rhodamine (3A). Inhibition of OATP1A2 mediated Rhodamine uptake by Rifampicin (3B)

OATP1B1			
Substrate	Inhibitor	Kinetic parameter	Literature
FMTX	-	$K_m = 4.7 \mu\text{mol/l}$	$K_m = 3.8 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (Gui C, 2010)
FMTX	Rifampicin	$IC_{50} = 0,7 \mu\text{mol/l}$	$IC_{50} = 1.5 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (Gui C, 2010)

OATP1B3			
Substrate	Inhibitor	Kinetic parameter	Literature
FMTX	-	$K_m = 1.5 \mu\text{mol/l}$	$K_m = 7.9 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (Gui C, 2010)
FMTX	Rifampicin	$IC_{50} = 0.4 \mu\text{mol/l}$	$IC_{50} = 1.5 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (Gui C, 2010)
CLF	-	$K_m = 1.2 \mu\text{mol/l}$	$K_m = 4.6 \mu\text{mol/l}$ (de Waart DR, 2010)

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