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Modelling IL-6 mediated ADME gene regulation

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Impact of inflammation on drug clearance



Infection, Cancer, Inflammation

Pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-6, IL-1β, TNFα, iNFγ)



↑Acute phase proteins (e.g., CRP)
↓P450s, phase II enzymes, transporters (ADME genes)
↓Biliary excretion (CYP7A)





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Experimental design and workflow





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IL-6-induced changes in gene expression





Conjugating Enzymes (Phase II)





- Dramatic effects (↓↑) on diverse genes
- ADME genes mostly \downarrow
- Time-profiles indicate different regulatory mechanisms.





3,0



1,0

0.3

Topological model with relevant pathways



PI3K/Akt JAK/STAT MAPK/ERK

Based on:

- Ryll et al. (2011)
- Singh et al. (2006)
- Raue et al.
- BIOBASE
- Literature



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Western Blot after IL-6 stimulation





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Chemical Inhibition of major signaling pathways



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Fuzzy logic modelling

- Model containing species (representing proteins/genes) connected by logical transitions (AND/OR/NOT)
- Problem with simple Boolean logic: possible states of proteins/genes only 0 or 1, not appropriate for most genes
- Fuzzy logic enables states in interval [0,1]
- Using fuzzy logic the influences of species on a transition can be differently high.



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Optimization process: CNORfuzzy



Creating the IL-6 model

- Prior knowledge network (PKN) constructed from literature
 - Signal transduction part from model by Ryll et al., *Mol.BioSyst.*, 2011 (already validated)
 - Connection to gene regulation based on information from several other sources
- 5 gene expression datasets with 6 different treatments

Treatment	IL-6	МАРКі	PI3Ki	STAT3i
1	+			
2	+	+		
3	+		+	
4	+			+
5	+	+		+
6	+	+	+	



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Optimized model family



- Arrow thickness: percentage of optimized models containing the transition
- Model contains key signalling proteins, genes, and AND nodes.
- MEK1 and PI3K are important.
- Most important event for ADME gene regulation : inhibition of RXR-NR by MEK1 and NF-κB
- Second important event: inhibition of HNF4a by MEK1



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Fitting results







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Model-derived hypotheses

- Two events are most relevant for IL-6 induced ADME gene regulation:
 - MAPKs and NF-kB interfere with RXR-NR complexes.

Zordoky and El-Kadi, Curr. Drug Metab. 2009 Lee et al., J.Biol.Chem. 2000 Ghose et al., Nucl. Recept. 2004



• Inhibition of HNF4a by MAPKs

Bolotin et al., Transc. Factor Encyclop., 2010 De Boussac et al., J Biol Chem., 2010







- IL-6 leads to coordinated downregulation of nearly all ADME genes.
- Fuzzy logic model based on chemical inhibition of 3 putatively involved signaling pathways in PHHs
- The model indicates important roles of MAPKs and NF-kB, both converging at the nuclear receptor level.



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Thank you for your attention!









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