

EPTRI developmental pharmacology TRP



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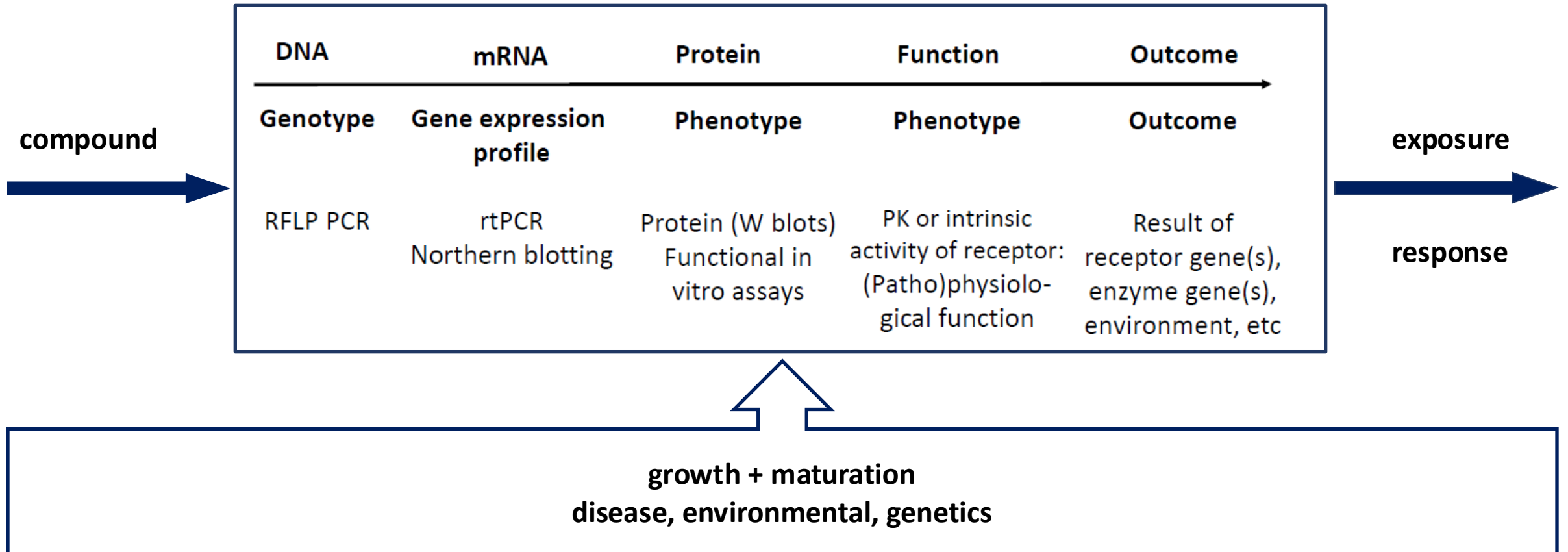
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developmental pharmacokinetics and -dynamics



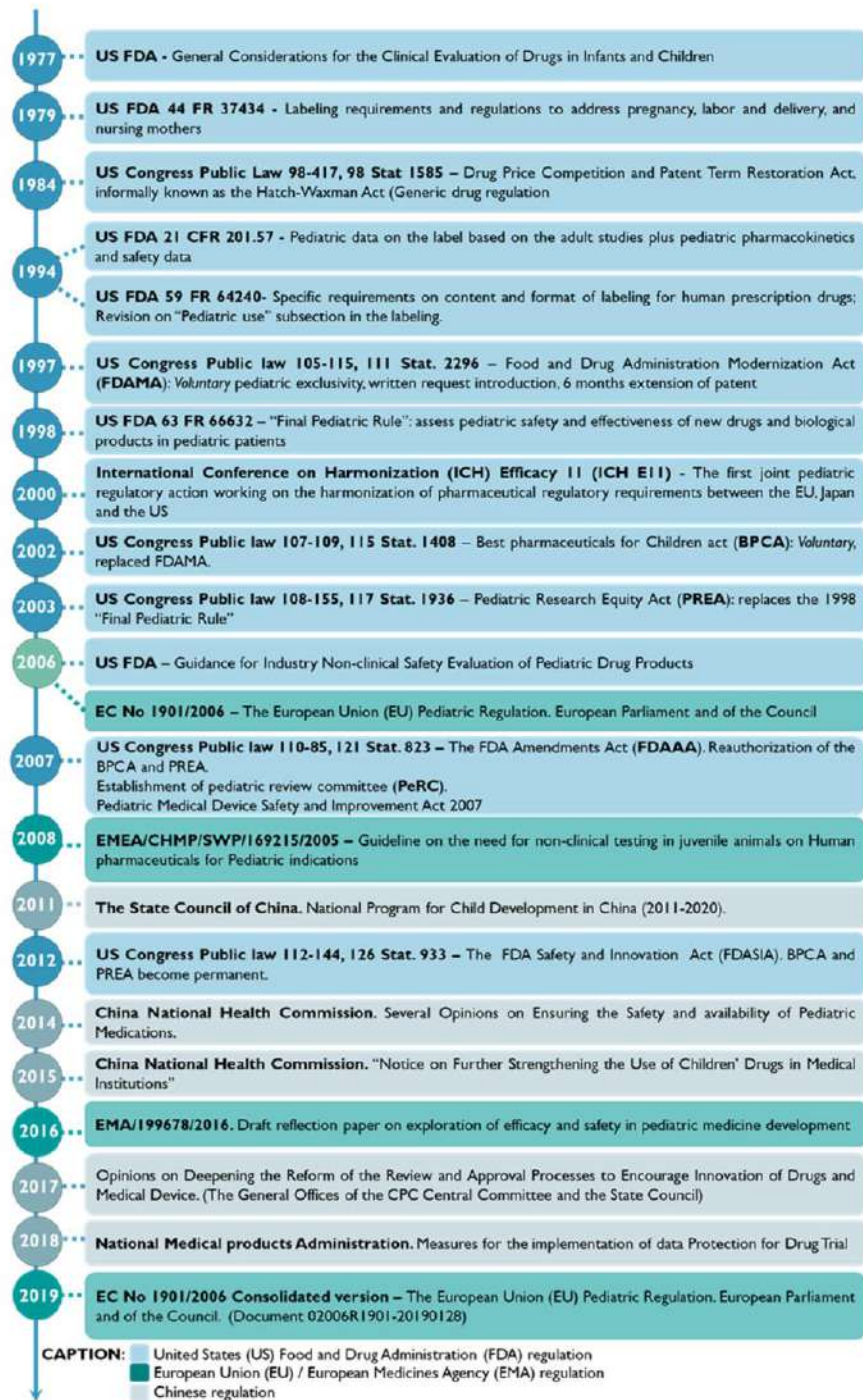
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Figure 2. A summary of the factors impacting pharmacotherapy practice and the development of therapeutics aimed at pediatric patients.



Considerations for
Mechanism of Action /
Molecular Target PIP

Art 75 EC proposal of legislation - Waivers

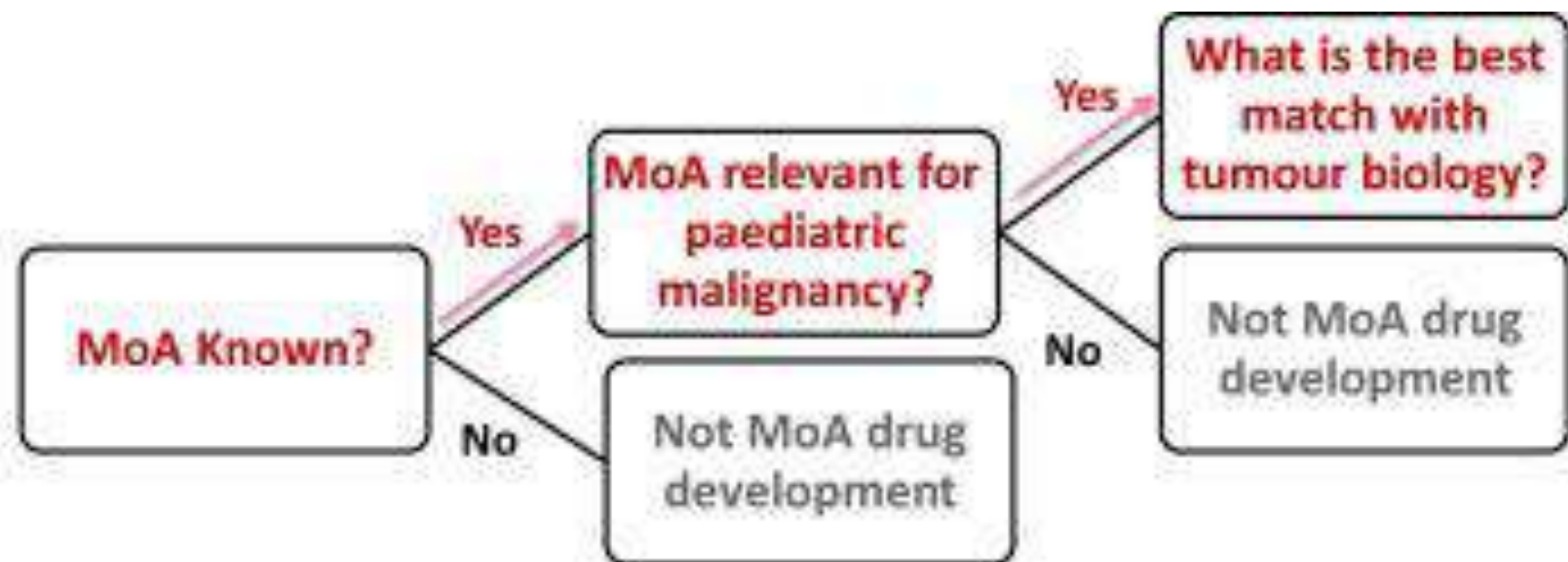
1. In accordance with the procedure set out in Article 78, the Agency may decide that the production of the information referred to in, Article 6(5), point (a), of [revised Directive 2001/83], shall be waived for products or for classes of medicinal products, if there is evidence showing any of the following:
 - (a) that the specific medicinal product or class of medicinal products is likely to be ineffective or unsafe in part or all of the paediatric population;
 - (b) that the disease or condition for which the specific medicinal product or class is intended occurs only in adult populations, **unless when the product is directed at a molecular target that on the basis of existing scientific data**, is responsible for a different disease or condition in the same therapeutic area in children than the one for which the specific medicinal product or class of medicinal products is intended for in the adult population;
 - (c) that the specific medicinal product is likely to not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments for paediatric patients.
2. The waiver provided for in paragraph 1 may be issued with reference either to one or more specified subsets of the paediatric population, or to one or more specified therapeutic indications, or to a combination of both.
3. On the basis of the **experience acquired as a result of the operation of this Article or of scientific knowledge the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts** in accordance with Article 175 to amend the grounds for granting a waiver detailed in paragraph 1.

Art 76 Validation of a paediatric investigation plan or of a waiver

1. A paediatric investigation plan or an application for waiver shall be submitted to the Agency with a request for agreement, except in duly justified cases, before the initiation of safety and efficacy clinical studies so as to ensure that a decision on use in the paediatric population of the medicinal product concerned can be given at the time of the marketing authorisation or other application concerned.
2. Within 30 days following receipt of the request referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency shall verify the validity of the request and communicate the result to the applicant.
3. Whenever appropriate, the Agency may ask the applicant to submit additional particulars and documents, in which case the time-limit of 30 days shall be suspended until the supplementary information requested has been provided.
4. In consultation with the Commission and with interested parties, the Agency shall draw up and publish guidelines for the practical application of this Article.

Rationale

- The guidance will be a regulatory document with implications for the sponsors, the clinicians and the patients
- Therefore the „Mechanism of Action / Molecular Target PIP“ needs careful consideration preferably before any guidance will be discussed
- E.g. scientific questions, operational challenges, ethical considerations and patients' views to be explored
- EFGCP is in our view an ideal convener for such multi-stakeholder discussions



- **Aggregated database of paediatric tumour targets** defines the information required to underpin selection of a paediatric MoA informed approach
- Drugs are selected based on the presence and prioritization of their molecular targets as key drivers of paediatric malignancies

Definition Molecular target vs Mechanism of Action (MoA)

- “how the product works” (its mechanism of action)
- “The term “target” is used most often in the scientific literature to describe the specific molecular target (protein, RNA molecule, etc.) that a drug interacts with to initiate a biological response”.
- MoA “is often used synonymously with “target,” but it is also used “to describe the drug's action at a higher level of biological complexity, referring to a cell signaling system or processes that are impacted by the drug through its interaction with a specific molecular target”

Davis RL. Mechanism of Action and Target Identification: A Matter of Timing in Drug Discovery. iScience 2020; 23(9):101487; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2020.101487>

- **Scientifically and clinically meaningful, doable R&D** that benefits paediatric patients, e.g. preclinical models
- **Feasibility of clinical trials**, specifically in small geographically dispersed populations including rare diseases
- **Summary: Components of a robust framework** for the implementation of Art 75b underpinned by science and ethical principles of research in a vulnerable population

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ICH E11A Guideline on pediatric extrapolation

Step 5

Transmission to CHMP	8 March 2022
Adoption by CHMP	24 March 2022
Release for public consultation	06 April 2022
Deadline for comments	06 August 2022
Final adoption by CHMP	25 July 2024
Date for coming into effect	25 January 2025

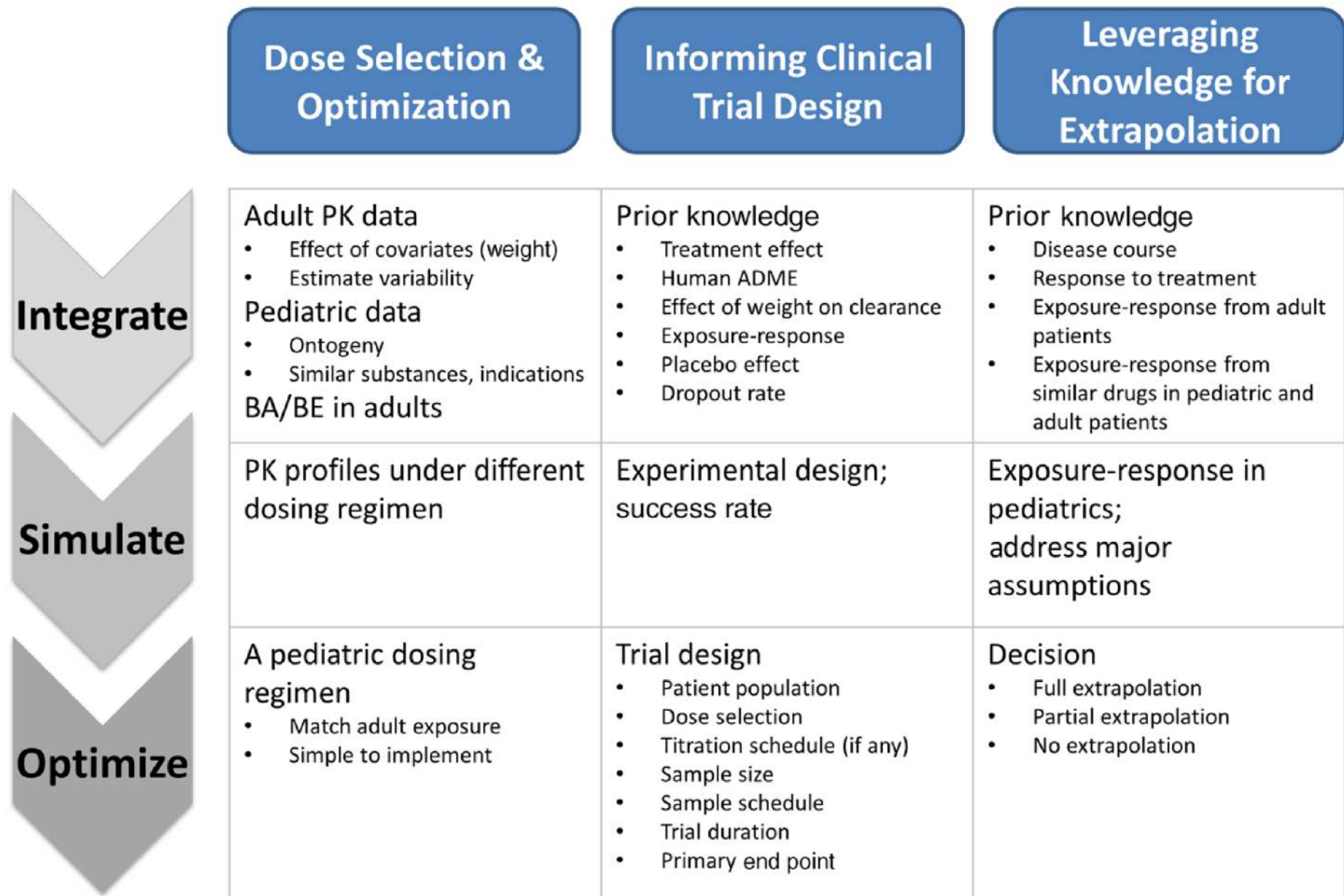
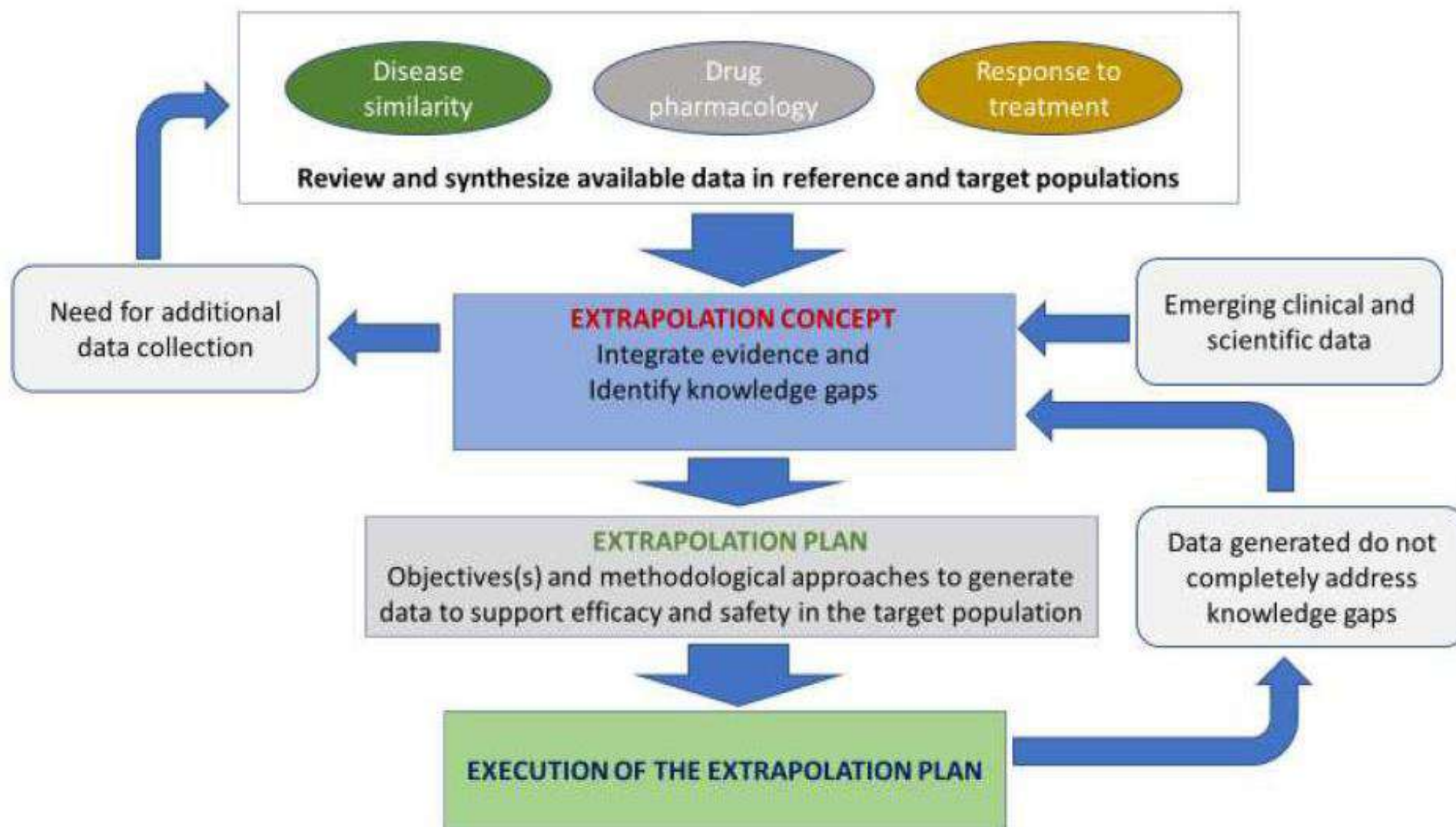
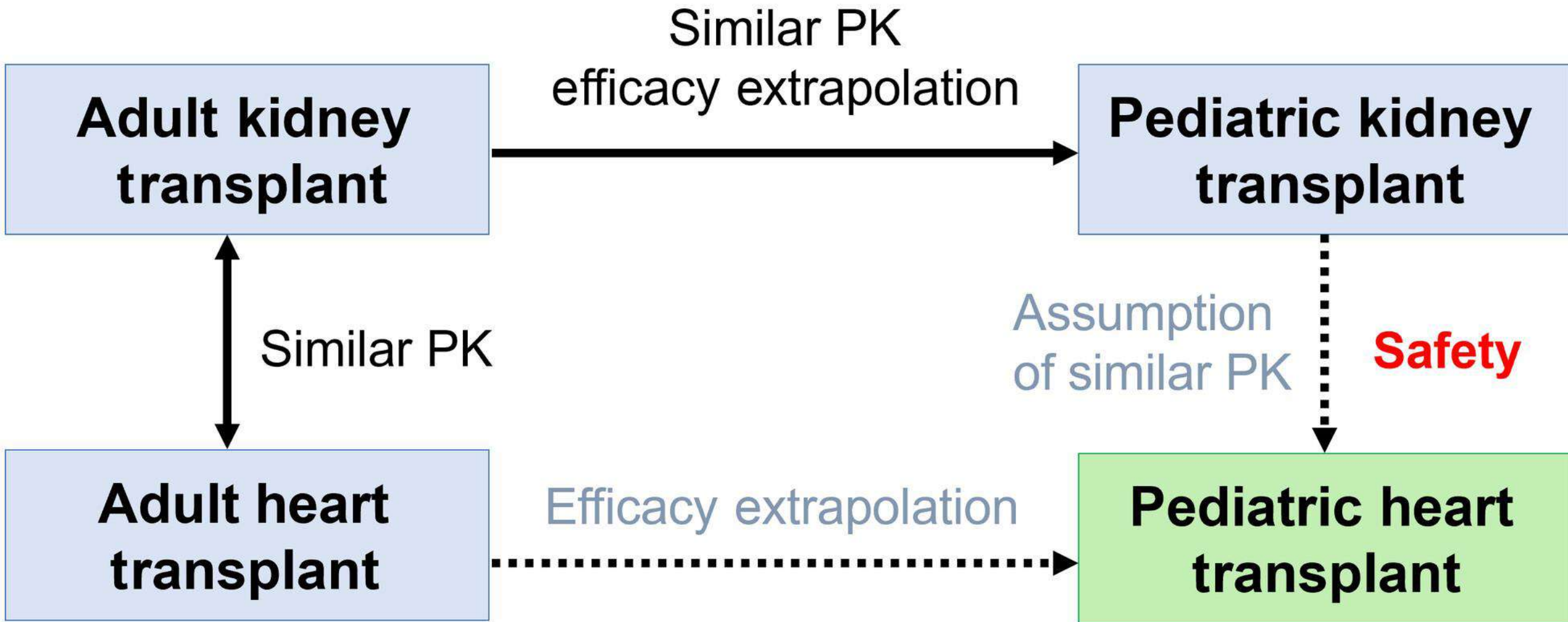


Figure 3. Suggested workflow of applying MIDD in pediatric drug development. The figure illustrates the suggested workflow for drug developers to consider when applying MIDD methods in pediatric drug development. The bullets cover some common considerations at each “Integrate-Simulate-Optimize” procedure. BA, bioavailability; BE, bioequivalence; PK, pharmacokinetic.

Figure 2: Pediatric Extrapolation Framework



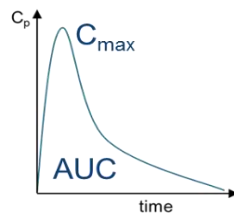


“TOP DOWN”
Clinic to mechanistic
(population-based)

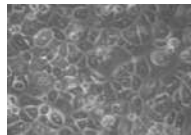
“BOTTOM UP”
In vitro* to *In vivo
(IVIVE)

Data gathering

Plasma Data

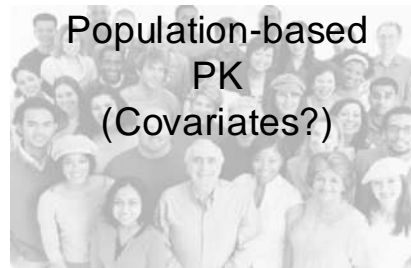


Demography
Physiology
Genetics
In vitro data

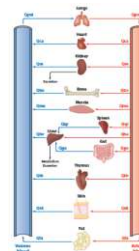


Modelling

Population-based
PK
(Covariates?)



PBPK/IVIVE



Clinical implications

Confirming

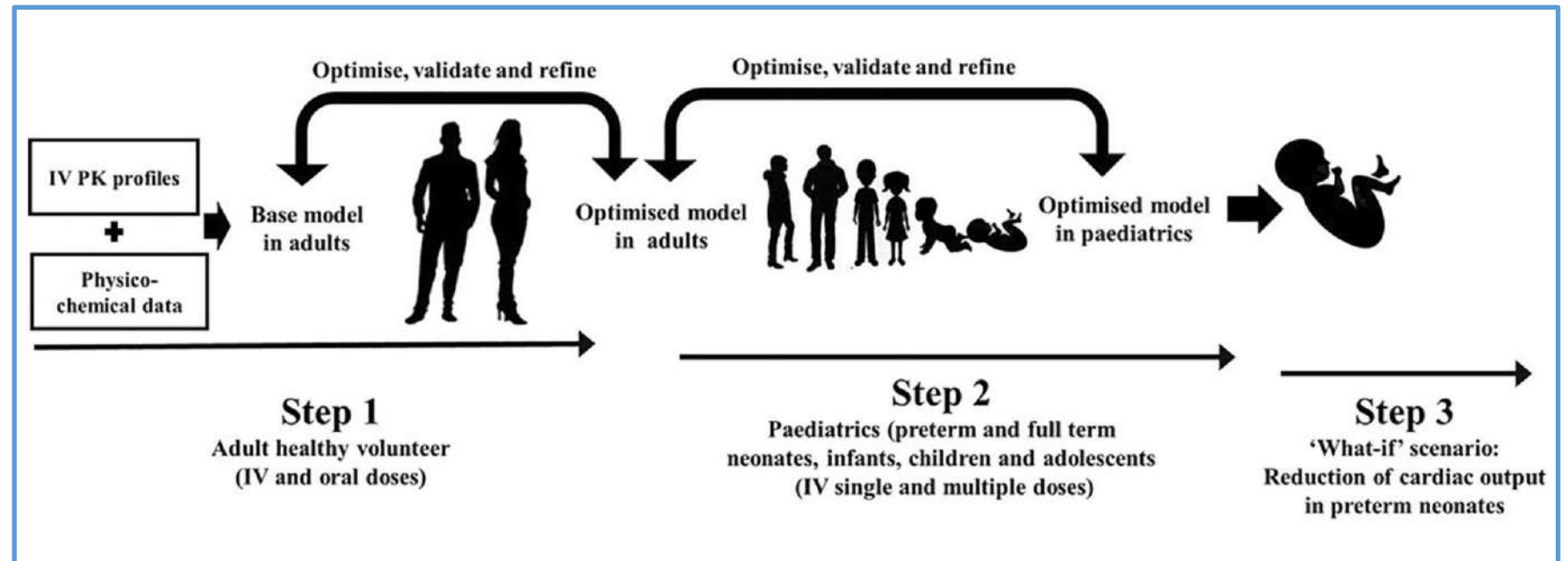
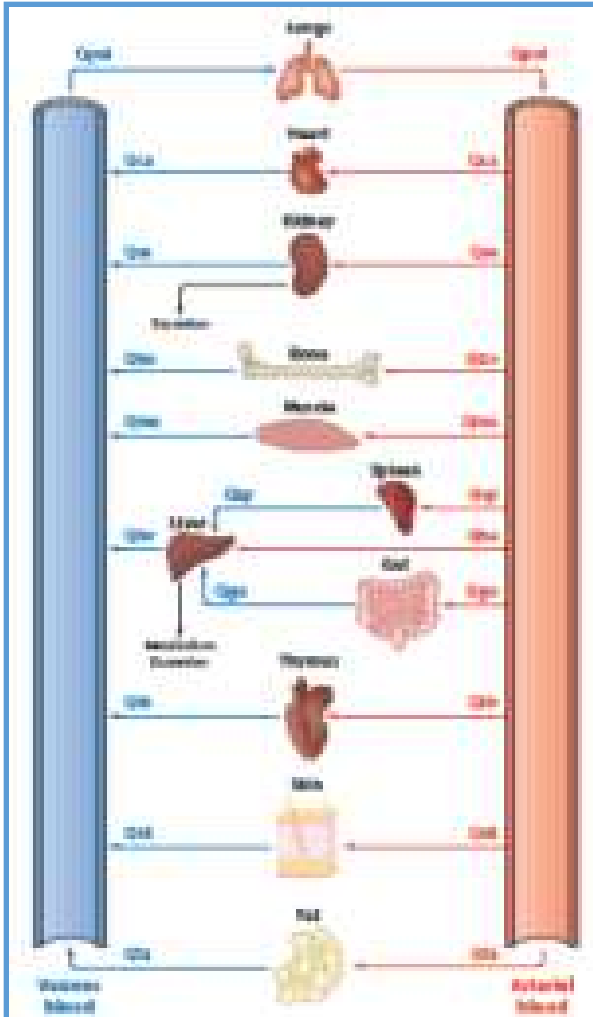


Learning



how to integrate PK/PD, and safety

we can use what we already know, bottom up (*'in silico'*, PBPK)



Pharmacokinetics, -dynamics and dosing considerations in children

