

**Supplementary Table S1.** Literature reports and pharmacokinetic parameters of metformin given intravenously in different species

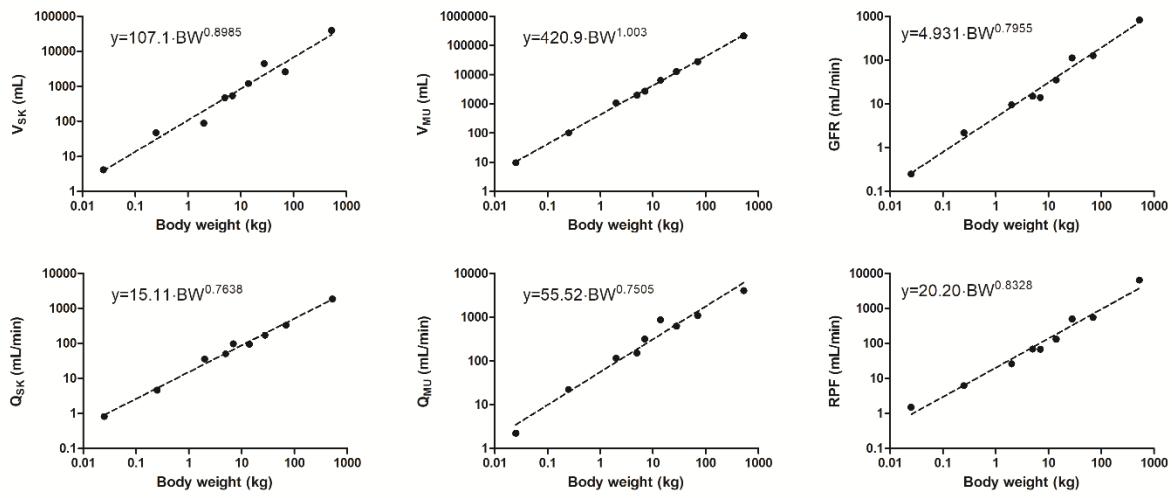
| Reference                   | Species | Strain         | Sex | Dosing route | Dose (mg/kg)        | Assay    | $CL$ (mL/min/kg) | $CL_R$ (mL/min/kg) | $V_{SS}$ (mL/kg) |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Tsuda et al (2009) [26]     | Mouse   | C57BL/6        | M   | IV           | 5                   | HPLC-UV  | 40.7             | 37.2               | 994              |
| Higgins et al (2012) [27]*  | Mouse   | FVB            | M   | IV           | 5                   | LC-MS/MS | 81.7             | 40.0               | 1840             |
| Nakamichi et al (2013) [28] | Mouse   | C57BL/6J       | M   | IV(+IF)      | 6 (+0.12 mg/min/kg) | HPLC-UV  | 60.7             | 60.3               | -                |
| Chen et al (2015) [29]      | Mouse   | C57BL/6J       | M   | IV           | 50                  | LSC      | 18.6             | -                  | 1480             |
| Shirasaka et al (2016) [30] | Mouse   | FVB            | M   | IV           | 8                   | LSC      | 12.7             | -                  | 1740             |
| Kakemi et al (1983) [31]    | Rat     | Wistar         | M   | IV           | 50                  | GC-MS    | 42.8**           | -                  | 1920**           |
|                             |         |                |     |              | 100                 | GC-MS    | 14.5**           | -                  | 1020**           |
|                             |         |                |     |              | 200                 | GC-MS    | 7.73**           | -                  | 880**            |
| Choi et al (2006) [32]*     | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley | M   | IV           | 50                  | HPLC-UV  | 26.4             | 19.5               | 693              |
|                             |         |                |     |              | 100                 | HPLC-UV  | 24.5             | 18.7               | 586              |
|                             |         |                |     |              | 200                 | HPLC-UV  | 23.6             | 17.8               | 586              |
| Choi and Lee (2006) [33]    | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley | M   | IV           | 100                 | HPLC-UV  | 17.2-23.0        | 10.5-13.4          | 566-844          |
| Choi et al (2007) [34]      | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley | M   | IV           | 100                 | HPLC-UV  | 20.2             | 11.7               | 797              |
| Choi et al (2007) [35]      | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley | M   | IV           | 100                 | HPLC-UV  | 21.7             | 13.6               | 444              |
| Choi et al (2007) [36]      | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley | M   | IV           | 30 $\mu$ mol/mL/kg  | HPLC-UV  | 19.0             | -                  | 426              |

|                             |     |                |   |    |     |          |           |            |         |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------|---|----|-----|----------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Maeda et al<br>(2007) [37]  | Rat | Wistar         | M | IV | 1   | LSC      | 12.3      | -          | 764     |
| Lee et al<br>(2008) [38]    | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 19.6      | 11.7       | 655     |
| Choi et al<br>(2008) [39]   | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 20.3-22.6 | 11.7-12.4  | 651-826 |
| Choi et al<br>(2008) [40]   | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 16.8      | 9.46       | 539     |
| Jin et al<br>(2008) [41]    | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 5   | HPLC-UV  | 21.4      | 17.6       | 766     |
| Cho et al<br>(2009) [42]    | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 14.6      | 10.9       | 307     |
| Lee et al<br>(2010) [43]    | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 22.3      | 6.67       | 755     |
| Choi et al<br>(2010) [44]   | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 14.7      | 11.6       | 383     |
| Choi and Lee<br>(2012) [45] | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 100 | HPLC-UV  | 21.3      | 14.9       | 764     |
| Lee et al<br>(2013) [46]    | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 50  | HPLC-UV  | 33.8      | 25.8       | 929     |
| Kwon et al<br>(2015) [47]   | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 2   | LC-MS/MS | 25.9      | -          | 867     |
| Ma et al<br>(2016) [48]     | Rat | Wistar         | M | IV | 25  | HPLC-UV  | 8         | 28.6-74.2% | 3250    |
|                             |     |                | F | IV | 25  | HPLC-UV  | 6         | 26.7-57.6% | 3530    |
| Gabr et al<br>(2017) [49]   | Rat | Sprague-Dawley | M | IV | 30  | LC-MS    | 29.5      | 27.2       | 2320    |
| Ma et al<br>(2018) [50]     | Rat | Wistar         | M | IV | 25  | HPLC-UV  | 23.3      | 70.3%**    | 3050    |
| Yang et al<br>(2018) [51]   | Rat | Wistar         | M | IV | 25  | LC-MS/MS | 9.07      | 7.05       | 1040    |

|                                |         |                    |         |    |        |           |        |      |        |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----|--------|-----------|--------|------|--------|
| Nishizawa et al (2019) [52]    | Rat     | Wistar             | M       | IV | 30     | LC-MS/MS  | 41.2   | 23.0 | 1320   |
| Han and Choi (2020) [53]       | Rat     | Sprague-Dawley     | M       | IV | 30     | HPLC-UV   | 24.2   | 16.1 | 349    |
| Bouriche et al (2020) [54]*    | Rabbit  | New Zealand        | F       | IV | 5      | HPLC-UV   | 2.05   | -    | 413    |
| Michels et al (1999) [55]*     | Cat     | Domestic shorthair | -       | IV | 25     | HPLC-UV   | 2.5    | 2.17 | 550    |
| Shen et al (2016) [56]*        | Monkey  | Cynomolgus         | M       | IV | 3.9    | LC-MS/MS  | 11.2   | 10.7 | 980    |
| Morse et al (2017) [57]        | Monkey  | Cynomolgus         | M       | IV | 2.5    | LC-MS/MS  | 8.06** | 86%  | 353**  |
| Patel et al (2017) [58]        | Minipig | Yucatan            | M       | IV | 0.5    | LC-MS/MS  | 10.1   | -    | -      |
|                                |         | Hanford*           | M       | IV | 0.5    | LC-MS/MS  | 9.7    | -    | 2260   |
|                                |         | Sinclair           | M       | IV | 0.5    | LC-MS/MS  | 8.7    | -    | 991    |
|                                |         | Gottingen          | M       | IV | 0.5    | LC-MS/MS  | 19.6   | -    | 695    |
| Johnston et al (2017) [59]*    | Dog     | Mixed              | -       | IV | 24.8   | FIA-MS/MS | 24.1   | -    | 10100  |
| Sirtori et al (1978) [60]*     | Man     | Healthy            | 4 M 1 F | IV | 926 mg | GC-MS     | 6.13   | 4.65 | 432**  |
| Pentikäinen et al (1979) [61]* | Man     | Healthy            | 1 M 2 F | IV | 500 mg | LSC       | 7.61   | 7.52 | 856**  |
| Tucker et al (1981) [62]*      | Man     | Healthy            | M       | IV | 250 mg | GC-EC     | 10.1   | 7.83 | 511**  |
| Hustace et al (2009) [63]*     | Horse   | -                  | -       | IV | 6 g    | HPLC-UV   | 10.8   | -    | 2250** |

\* Dataset used for minimal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic model fitting across 9 species

\*\* Calculated from digitized data



**Supplementary Figure S1.** Physiological and anatomical information (i.e.,  $V_{SK}$ ,  $V_{MU}$ ,  $Q_{SK}$ ,  $Q_{MU}$ ,  $RPF$ , and  $GFR$ ) collected from different sources (Supplementary Table S2) showed an allometric relationship among 9 species [i.e., mouse (0.025 kg), rat (0.25 kg), rabbit (2 kg), cat (5 kg), monkey (7 kg), minipig (14 kg), dog (28 kg), man (70 kg), and horse (530 kg)]

**Supplementary Table S2.** Summary of physiological input variables for meta-analysis of metformin pharmacokinetics in various species

|                         | Mouse              | Rat              | Rabbit             | Cat               | Monkey            | Minipig           | Dog               | Man               | Horse              |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| $BW$ (kg)               | 0.025              | 0.25             | 2                  | 5                 | 7                 | 14                | 28                | 70                | 530                |
| $V_B$ (mL)              | 1.64               | 15.3             | 120                | 300               | 420               | 875               | 2520              | 5200 <sup>a</sup> | 39800              |
| $V_{SK}$ (mL)           | 4.13               | 47.5             | 88 <sup>a</sup>    | 469 <sup>b</sup>  | 540 <sup>c</sup>  | 1200 <sup>d</sup> | 4480              | 2600              | 39200              |
| $V_{MU}$ (mL)           | 9.6                | 101              | 1080 <sup>a</sup>  | 1980 <sup>b</sup> | 2750 <sup>c</sup> | 6390              | 12800             | 28000             | 213000             |
| $Q_{CO}$ (mL/min)       | 14.0               | 80.0             | 395                | 786               | 1010              | 1700              | 2860              | 5690              | 26000              |
| $Q_{SK}$ (mL/min)       | 0.813              | 4.64             | 35.6 <sup>e</sup>  | 50.4 <sup>b</sup> | 96.4 <sup>c</sup> | 94.8 <sup>d</sup> | 172               | 330               | 1840 <sup>f</sup>  |
| $Q_{MU}$ (mL/min)       | 2.23               | 22.2             | 116 <sup>a</sup>   | 151 <sup>b</sup>  | 315 <sup>c</sup>  | 863 <sup>d</sup>  | 621               | 1090              | 4040 <sup>f</sup>  |
| $GFR$ (mL/min)          | 0.25               | 2.18             | 9.6                | 15 <sup>g</sup>   | 14                | 35 <sup>d</sup>   | 112               | 126               | 820 <sup>h</sup>   |
| $RPF$ (mL/min)          | 1.50 <sup>i</sup>  | 6.20             | 26.1 <sup>e</sup>  | 69.2 <sup>b</sup> | 67.3 <sup>c</sup> | 131 <sup>d</sup>  | 500 <sup>j</sup>  | 547               | 6400 <sup>k</sup>  |
| Gut radius ( $R$ ) (cm) | 0.135 <sup>l</sup> | 0.2              | 0.246 <sup>m</sup> | 0.35 <sup>n</sup> | 0.6               | 1 <sup>d</sup>    | 1.25 <sup>d</sup> | 2.5               | 3 <sup>o</sup>     |
| $V_{Lumen}$ (mL)        | 0.4                | 6.18             | 74.5               | 145 <sup>p</sup>  | 894               | 754               | 1000              | 330               | 15500 <sup>p</sup> |
| $T_{SI}$ (min)          | 96.2 <sup>q</sup>  | 103 <sup>r</sup> | 80 <sup>s</sup>    | 144 <sup>t</sup>  | 180               | 210               | 111               | 238               | 240 <sup>u</sup>   |

$V_{SK}$ ,  $V_{MU}$ ,  $Q_{SK}$ ,  $Q_{MU}$ ,  $RPF$ , and  $Q_{CO}$ (=  $0.235 \cdot BW^{0.75}$ ) from Brown et al (1997) [1],  $V_B$  from Wolfensohn & Lloyd (2003) [2],  $GFR$  from Lin (1995) [3], and gut radius from Kararli (1995) [4], unless otherwise noted

<sup>a</sup>Davies & Morris (1993) [5]; <sup>b</sup>Lindstedt & Schaeffer (2002) [6]; <sup>c</sup>Values adopted in Simcyp V19 (Simcyp Ltd. Sheffield, UK) [7];

<sup>d</sup>Suenderhauf & Parrott (2013) [8]; <sup>e</sup>Sweeny et al (2009) [9]; <sup>f</sup>Staddon et al (1984) [10]; <sup>g</sup>Von Hendy-Willson&Pressler (2011) [11]; <sup>h</sup>Walsh and Royal (1992) [12]; <sup>i</sup>Thuesen et al (2014) [13]; <sup>j</sup>Wesolowski et al (2019) [14]; <sup>k</sup>Holdstock et al (1998) [15]; <sup>l</sup>Ferraris et al (1989) [16]; <sup>m</sup>Merchant et al (2011) [17]; <sup>n</sup>Bettini et al (2003) [18]; <sup>o</sup>Clauss et al (2003) [19]

$V_{Lumen}$  as the sum of fluid volume in stomach and small intestine, obtained from Hatton et al (2015) [20]; <sup>p</sup>cat and horse values were estimated by the interpolation and extrapolation from allometric relationship between  $V_{Lumen}$  and  $BW$  in the 7 species ( $V_{Lumen} = 28.9 \cdot BW^{1.00}$ ,  $R^2=0.88$ )

$T_{SI}$  is the small intestinal transit time obtained from Hatton et al (2015) [20]; <sup>q</sup>Myagmarjalbuu et al (2013) [21]; <sup>r</sup>Quini et al (2012) [22]; <sup>s</sup>Davies and Davies (2003) [23], considering jejunum and ileum; <sup>t</sup>Chandler et al (1997) [24]; <sup>u</sup>Steinmann et al (2020) [25]

**Supplementary Table S3.** Literature information collected for tissue distribution and blood partitioning of metformin

| Species | Tissue | Value  | Sex | Comments                          | Source                         |
|---------|--------|--------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $K_p$   |        |        |     |                                   |                                |
| Mouse   | Liver  | 4.47   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (0.5 hr)                | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         |        | 4.95   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (1 hr)                  | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         |        | 4.86   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (2 hr)                  | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         |        | 7.10   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (4 hr)                  | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         |        | 1.72   | M   | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         |        | 1.82   | F   | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         |        | 3.35   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 3.69   | F   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 2.52   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 3.90   | F   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
| Mouse   | Brain  | 4.20   | M   | Median (10-300 mg/kg, 1.5-2.5 hr) | Higgins et al (2012) [27]*     |
|         |        | 2.30   | M   | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Ito et al (2012) [67]          |
|         |        | 1.81   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 98)             | Chae et al (2019) [68]         |
|         |        | 1.88   | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr)              | Toyama et al (2012) [69]*      |
|         |        | 2.13   | M   | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
|         |        | 4.83   | F   | $C_t/C_p$ (at 10 min)             | Wang et al (2002) [70]*        |
|         |        | 0.184  | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 0.257  | F   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 0.174  | M   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         |        | 0.237  | F   | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
| Mouse   | Kidney | 0.0354 | M   | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
|         |        | 3.35   | M   | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         |        | 3.55   | F   | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |

|         |       |   |                                   |                                |
|---------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|         | 5.30  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 6.64  | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 4.90  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 6.44  | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 11.8  | M | Median (10-300 mg/kg, 1.5-2.5 hr) | Higgins et al (2012) [27]*     |
|         | 5.00  | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Ito et al (2012) [67]          |
|         | 16.0  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 98)             | Chae et al (2019) [68]         |
|         | 7.84  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr)              | Toyama et al (2012) [69]*      |
|         | 13.6  | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
|         | 20.5  | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at 10 min)             | Wang et al (2002) [70]*        |
| Muscle  | 0.537 | M | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         | 0.582 | F | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         | 1.38  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 2.06  | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 7)              | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 1.00  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 1.59  | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at day 30)             | Chaudhari et al (2020) [66]    |
|         | 0.771 | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr)              | Toyama et al (2012) [69]*      |
|         | 0.359 | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
| Heart   | 0.599 | M | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         | 0.712 | F | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)            | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|         | 0.519 | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
| Adipose | 0.471 | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$               | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
| Stomach | 5.25  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 0.5 hr)             | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         | 4.67  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)               | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         | 6.57  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)               | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|         | 9.03  | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 4 hr)               | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |

|     |                 |             |   |                                     |                                |
|-----|-----------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|     | Small intestine | 13.7-15.3   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 0.5 hr)               | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 14.6-21.1   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 9.57-21.3   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 12.3-17.7   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 4 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 4.42        | M | $C_{t,ss}/C_{p,ss}$                 | Nakamichi et al (2013) [28]*   |
|     |                 | 0.837       | F | $C_t/C_p$ (at 10 min)               | Wang et al (2002) [70]*        |
|     | Colon           | 4.52        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 0.5 hr)               | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 6.17        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 6.29        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     |                 | 13.9        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 4 hr)                 | Wilcock and Bailey (1994) [64] |
|     | Salivary gland  | 2.60        | M | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)              | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
|     |                 | 3.45        | F | $AUC_t/AUC_p$ (0-8 hr)              | Lee et al (2014) [65]          |
| Rat | Liver           | 2.91        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                 | Ma et al (2016) [71]*          |
|     |                 | 3.40        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr of day 7)        | Ma et al (2016) [71]*          |
|     |                 | 3.04-3.47   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                 | You et al (2018) [72]          |
|     |                 | 3.09-3.53   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 3 hr)                 | You et al (2018) [72]          |
|     |                 | 0.368-0.502 | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 12 hr)                | You et al (2018) [72]          |
|     |                 | 6.83        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                 | Maeda et al (2007) [37]        |
|     |                 | 0.773       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 0.5 hr)               | Han and Choi [53]              |
|     |                 | 2.43        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                 | Han and Choi [53]              |
|     |                 | 3.81        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 3 hr)                 | Han and Choi [53]              |
|     |                 | 3.50        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 6 hr)                 | Han and Choi [53]              |
|     |                 | 0.491       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr), diabetic rats | Wu et al (2019) [73]*          |
|     | Kidney          | 5.15        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                 | Ma et al (2016) [71]*          |
|     |                 | 5.84        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr of day 7)        | Ma et al (2016) [71]*          |
|     |                 | 16.6        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 4 hr)                 | Nishizawa et al (2019) [52]    |

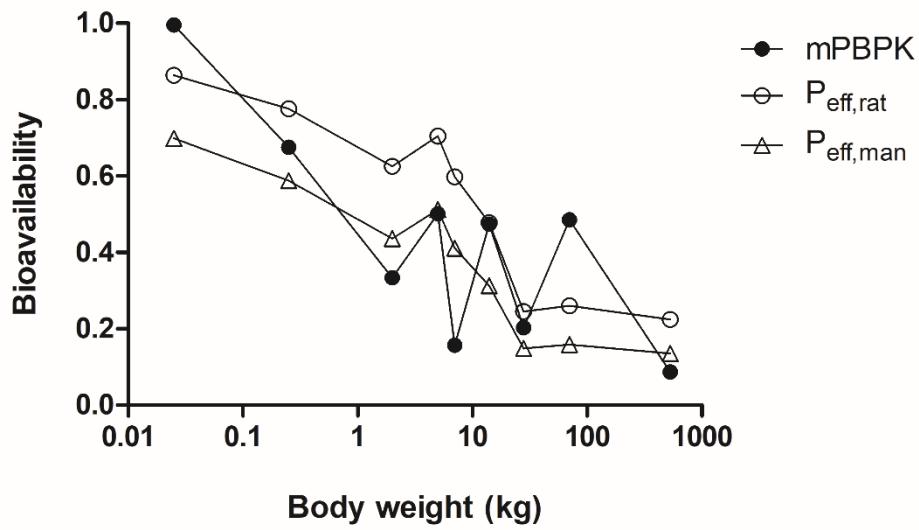
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|--------|-------|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|        |       | 4.16-5.92   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                   | You et al (2018) [72]     |
|        |       | 4.86-5.64   | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 3 hr)                   | You et al (2018) [72]     |
|        |       | 0.604-0.861 | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 12 hr)                  | You et al (2018) [72]     |
|        |       | 24.9        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                   | Maeda et al (2007) [37]   |
|        |       | 0.128       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 0.5 hr)                 | Han and Choi [53]         |
|        |       | 3.39        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                   | Han and Choi [53]         |
|        |       | 4.92        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 3 hr)                   | Han and Choi [53]         |
|        |       | 5.92        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 6 hr)                   | Han and Choi [53]         |
|        |       | 0.923       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr), diabetic rats   | Wu et al (2019) [73]*     |
| Brain  |       | 0.2         | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 1 hr)                   | Łabuzek et al (2010) [74] |
|        |       | 0.69        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 4 hr)                   | Łabuzek et al (2010) [74] |
|        |       | 0.99        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 6 hr)                   | Łabuzek et al (2010) [74] |
|        |       | 0.64        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 12 hr)                  | Łabuzek et al (2010) [74] |
|        |       | 1.48        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr)                  | Łabuzek et al (2010) [74] |
| Heart  |       | 0.761       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr), diabetic rats   | Wu et al (2019) [73]*     |
| Spleen |       | 0.956       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                   | Maeda et al (2007) [37]   |
| Gut    |       | 4.63        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                   | Maeda et al (2007) [37]   |
|        |       | 1.00        | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr), diabetic rats   | Wu et al (2019) [73]*     |
| Muscle |       | 0.455       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr)                   | Ma et al (2016) [71]*     |
|        |       | 0.738       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 2 hr of day 7)          | Ma et al (2016) [71]*     |
|        |       | 0.640       | M | $C_t/C_p$ (at 24 hr), diabetic rats   | Wu et al (2019) [73]*     |
| Monkey | Liver | 15          | M | Fitted (equivalent to $AUC_t/AUC_p$ ) | Morse et al (2017) [57]   |

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|        |        |         |   |                      |                            |
|--------|--------|---------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Mouse  | Kidney | 0.0953  | M | Kidney slice         | Ito et al (2012) [67]      |
| Rat    | Liver  | 0.231   |   | In vitro hepatocytes | Umeshara et al (2007) [75] |
|        |        | 0.345   | M | In vivo              | Kimura et al (2005) [76]*  |
|        |        | 0.236   | F | In vivo              | Kimura et al (2005) [76]*  |
|        |        | 0.261   | M | In vivo              | Jin et al (2009) [41]      |
|        |        | 0.0172  |   | In vitro hepatocytes | Liao et al (2019) [77]     |
| Kidney |        | 0.443   | M | In vivo              | Kimura et al (2005) [76]*  |
|        |        | 0.334   | F | In vivo              | Kimura et al (2005) [76]*  |
|        |        | 0.00806 | M | Kidney slice         | Ma et al (2016) [71]*      |

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|----------------------|--------|------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
|                      |        | 0.262      | M | In vivo                                | Jin et al (2009) [41]         |
|                      |        | 0.996      | M | Kidney slice                           | Umehara et al (2008) [78]     |
| Monkey               | Liver  | 0.0428     |   | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
|                      |        | 0.0722     | M | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
|                      |        | 0.0342     | F | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
| Dog                  | Liver  | 0.0250     |   | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
| Man                  | Liver  | 0.0269     |   | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Umehara et al (2007) [75]     |
|                      |        | 0.0285     |   | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
|                      |        | 0.0185     | M | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
|                      |        | 0.0370     | F | In vitro hepatocytes                   | Liao et al (2019) [77]        |
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| <i>f<sub>u</sub></i> |        |            |   |  |                               |
| Rat                  | Plasma | 0.849      |   | Equilibrium dialysis (10 µg/mL)        | Choi et al (2006) [32]        |
|                      |        | 0.874      |   | Equilibrium dialysis (5 µg/mL)         | Choi and Lee (2012) [45]      |
|                      |        | 0.897      |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.1 – 200 µg/mL) | Choi et al (2010) [44]        |
| Dog                  | Plasma | 0.93       |   | Centrifugal filtration (0.05 – 10 mM)  | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
|                      |        | 0.83-0.951 |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.05 – 10 mM)    | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
|                      |        | 0.92       |   | Centrifugal filtration (0.05 – 10 mM)  | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
| Man                  | Plasma | 1          |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.05 – 5 µg/mL)  | Sirtori et al (1978) [60]     |
|                      |        | 1          |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.05 – 50 µg/mL) | Pentikäinen et al (1979) [61] |
|                      |        | 1          |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.1 – 10 µg/mL)  | Tucker et al (1981) [62]      |
|                      | Blood  | 0.899      |   | Centrifugal filtration (0.05 – 10 mM)  | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
|                      |        | 0.75-0.98  |   | Equilibrium dialysis (0.05 – 10 mM)    | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
|                      | Blood  | 0.932      |   | Centrifugal filtration (0.05 – 10 mM)  | Garrett et al (1972) [79]     |
| <hr/>                |        |            |   |  |                               |
| <i>R<sub>b</sub></i> |        |            |   |  |                               |
| Rat                  |        | 0.76-0.98  |   | In vitro (0.1 – 10 µg/mL, 72 hr)       | Xie et al (2015) [80]         |
|                      |        | 0.98-1.37  |   | In vitro (0.1 – 10 µg/mL, 168 hr)      | Xie et al (2015) [80]         |
| Man                  |        | 0.83-1.23  |   | In vitro (0.1 – 10 µg/mL, 168 hr)      | Xie et al (2015) [80]         |

\*Calculated from digitized data



**Supplementary Figure S2.** ACAT model-based estimation of bioavailability using  $F_a = 1 - (1 + 2P_{eff}T_{SI}/7R)^{-7}$  (7-enteric compartments), assuming that the effective intestinal permeability ( $P_{eff}$ ) of the 9 species is the same with that of rat ( $P_{eff,rat}$ ), and that of man ( $P_{eff,man}$ ) predicted from Caco-2 cell permeability, which were compared with bioavailability determined from our mPBPK modeling (1-enteric compartment as a cylinder).

**Supplementary Table S4.** Calculation of the steady-state volume of distribution ( $V_{SS}$ ) using *in vivo* tissue  $K_p$  values based on the equation  $V_{SS} = V_B + \sum V_{T,i}K_{p,i}$  [81]. Tissue  $K_p$  values were assumed to be muscle  $K_p$  (1.03 for mouse and 0.597 for rat) if unavailable in Table 6.

| Tissue          | Mouse (0.025 kg)       |       |                      | Tissue          | Rat (0.25 kg)        |       |                      |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|
|                 | $V_T$ (mL)             | $K_p$ | $V_T \cdot K_p$ (mL) |                 | $V_T$ (mL)           | $K_p$ | $V_T \cdot K_p$ (mL) |
| Adipose         | 1.88                   | 0.471 | 0.885                | Adipose         | 16.7                 | 0.597 | 9.97                 |
| Bone            | 1.51                   | 1.03  | 1.56                 | Bone            | 15.7                 | 0.597 | 9.37                 |
| Brain           | 0.45                   | 0.213 | 0.0959               | Brain           | 1.24                 | 0.8   | 0.992                |
| Gut             | 2.56                   | 11.3  | 28.9                 | Gut             | 6.19                 | 4.63  | 28.7                 |
| Heart           | 0.12                   | 0.610 | 0.0732               | Heart           | 1.05                 | 0.597 | 0.627                |
| Kidney          | 0.34                   | 8.74  | 2.97                 | Kidney          | 2.19                 | 4.04  | 8.85                 |
| Liver           | 1.19                   | 3.47  | 4.13                 | Liver           | 8.57                 | 3.07  | 26.3                 |
| Lung            | 0.15                   | 1.03  | 0.155                | Lung            | 1.24                 | 0.597 | 0.740                |
| Muscle          | 9.5                    | 1.03  | 9.79                 | Muscle          | 116                  | 0.597 | 69.3                 |
| Skin            | 3.07                   | 1.03  | 3.16                 | Skin            | 39.4                 | 0.597 | 23.5                 |
| Spleen          | 0.11                   | 1.03  | 0.113                | Spleen          | 0.57                 | 0.956 | 0.545                |
| Blood ( $V_B$ ) | 1.64                   |       |                      | Blood ( $V_B$ ) | 15.3                 |       |                      |
|                 | $V_{SS,mouse}$ (mL/kg) | 2140  |                      |                 | $V_{SS,rat}$ (mL/kg) | 777   |                      |

<sup>a</sup> $V_T$  obtained from Simcyp V19

**Supplementary Table S5.** Model fitting results using a tri-exponential function [ $C_p(t) = C_1 e^{-\lambda_1 t} + C_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} + C_3 e^{-\lambda_3 t}$ ] for metformin PK in various species (CV% obtained by fitting). It is noted that five parameters ( $C_1$ ,  $\lambda_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$ ) were optimized while  $C_3$  values were estimated as a secondary parameter ( $C_3 = C_0 - C_1 - C_2$ ;  $C_0 = \text{Dose}/V_B$ )

| Species<br>(body weight, kg) | Source                        | $C_0$<br>( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) | $C_1$<br>( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) | $\lambda_1$<br>( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) | $C_2$<br>( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) | $\lambda_2$<br>( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) | $C_3$<br>( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) | $\lambda_3$<br>( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) | $CL_D$<br>( $\text{mL}/\text{min}$ ) <sup>a</sup> | $Q_{CO}$<br>( $\text{mL}/\text{min}$ ) <sup>b</sup> | $CL$<br>( $\text{mL}/\text{min/kg}$ ) <sup>c</sup> | $V_{SS}$<br>( $\text{mL}/\text{kg}$ ) <sup>c</sup> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Mouse (0.025)                | Higgins et al (2012) [27]     | 76.2                                 | 69.1 (3.18)                          | 2.49 (324)                           | 6.52 (32.9)                          | 0.197 (22.0)                         | 0.601 (18.3)                         | 0.0219 (12.0)                        | 2.32 (455)  | 14.0  | 56.7 (97.4)  | 918 (189)  |
| Rat (0.25)                   | Choi et al (2006) [32]        | 817                                  | 789 (0.404)                          | 0.647 (5.56)                         | 27.3 (11.5)                          | 0.0414 (6.94)                        | 1.01 (15.1)                          | 0.00543 (8.21)                       | 3.52 (10.7)                                       | 80.0  | 24.2 (3.25)  | 611 (6.79)   |
|                              |                               | 1630                                 | 1550 (0.459)                         | 0.572 (4.39)                         | 80.6 (8.77)                          | 0.0524 (4.54)                        | 1.85 (8.78)                          | 0.00547 (4.99)                       | 2.90 (8.65)                                       |   | 21.8 (2.50)  | 456 (4.99)   |
|                              |                               | 3270                                 | 2990 (1.49)                          | 0.863 (19.7)                         | 277 (16.0)                           | 0.0494 (7.54)                        | 3.85 (19.7)                          | 0.00600 (8.49)                       | 6.99 (29.7)                                       |   | 20.6 (6.90)  | 477 (12.2)   |
| Rabbit (2)                   | Bouriche et al (2020) [54]    | 83.3                                 | 56.8 (6.48)                          | 0.336 (17.5)                         | 17.9 (18.7)                          | 0.0389 (21.6)                        | 8.63 (9.21)                          | 0.00475 (5.63)                       | 24.5 (15.4)                                       | 395   | 2.05 (1.87)  | 330 (3.72)   |
| Cat (5)                      | Michels et al (1999) [55]     | 417                                  | 355 (1.31)                           | 0.127 (7.88)                         | 59.5 (7.58)                          | 0.0114 (5.28)                        | 2.17 (13.7)                          | 0.00123 (11.3)                       | 20.2 (11.0)                                       | 786   | 2.55 (2.43)  | 501 (8.43)   |
| Monkey (7)                   | Shen et al (2016) [56]        | 65.0                                 | 62.6 (0.726)                         | 0.210 (9.20)                         | 2.35 (19.2)                          | 0.0201 (11.5)                        | 0.0422 (27.9)                        | 0.00138 (9.61)                       | 23.9 (19.9)                                       | 1010  | 8.75 (5.39)  | 576 (13.0)   |
| Minipig (14)                 | Patel et al (2017) [58]       | 8.0                                  | 7.24 (2.15)                          | 0.752 (21.2)                         | 0.744 (20.8)                         | 0.0250 (14.7)                        | 0.0176 (21.8)                        | 0.00122 (16.5)                       | 468 (25.5)  | 1700  | 9.29 (7.69)  | 2240 (19.7)  |
| Dog (28)                     | Johnston et al (2017) [59]    | 275                                  | 266 (0.175)                          | 0.201 (4.66)                         | 8.96 (5.15)                          | 0.0123 (3.03)                        | 0.217 (6.24)                         | 0.00105 (4.47)                       | 183 (8.33)  | 2860  | 10.9 (2.56)  | 1270 (5.65)  |
| Man (70)                     | Tucker et al (1981) [62]      | 48.1                                 | 43.1 (1.47)                          | 0.164 (6.91)                         | 4.56 (13.0)                          | 0.0175 (9.43)                        | 0.404 (19.9)                         | 0.00395 (8.68)                       | 373 (11.1)  | 5690  | 5.71 (2.64)  | 387 (5.02)   |
|                              | Pentikäinen et al (1979) [61] | 96.1                                 | 79.7 (0.725)                         | 0.930 (19.4)                         | 13.5 (4.05)                          | 0.0325 (4.21)                        | 2.91 (4.10)                          | 0.00658 (1.48)                       | 3500 (21.5)                                       |   | 7.57 (1.62)  | 643 (3.00)   |
|                              | Sirtori et al (1978) [60]     | 178                                  | 136 (7.01)                           | 0.513 (36.4)                         | 34.5 (25.8)                          | 0.0391 (25.6)                        | 7.40 (25.3)                          | 0.00768 (9.25)                       | 1640 (39.6)                                       |   | 6.27 (4.96)  | 441 (8.22)   |
| Horse (530)                  | Hustace et al (2009) [63]     | 150                                  | 125 (4.32)                           | 0.208 (28.0)                         | 25.2 (21.5)                          | 0.0297 (8.87)                        | 0.119 (fixed)                        | 0.000599 (fixed)                     | 3460 (44.5)                                       | 26000   | 6.86 (8.54)  | 1510 (16.7)  |

<sup>a</sup> $CL_D = \text{Dose} \left( \frac{\sum C_i \lambda_i}{C_0^2} - \frac{1}{AUC} \right)$  estimated as a secondary parameter

<sup>b</sup> $Q_{CO}$  obtained from Supplementary Table S1

<sup>c</sup> $CL$  and  $V_{SS}$  estimated as a secondary parameter where  $CL = \frac{\text{Dose}}{AUC}$  and  $V_{SS} = \frac{\text{Dose} \cdot AUMC}{AUC^2}$

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