

Do Phospholipids Boost or Attenuate Oral Drug Absorption? In Vitro- and In Vivo- Studies on Mono- and Diacyl Phospholipid-Based Solid Dispersions of Celecoxib

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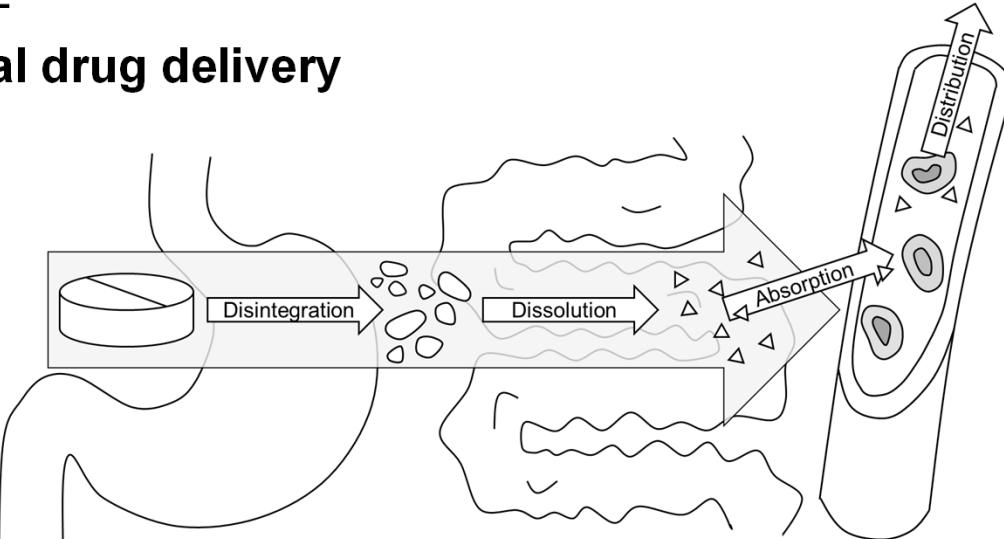
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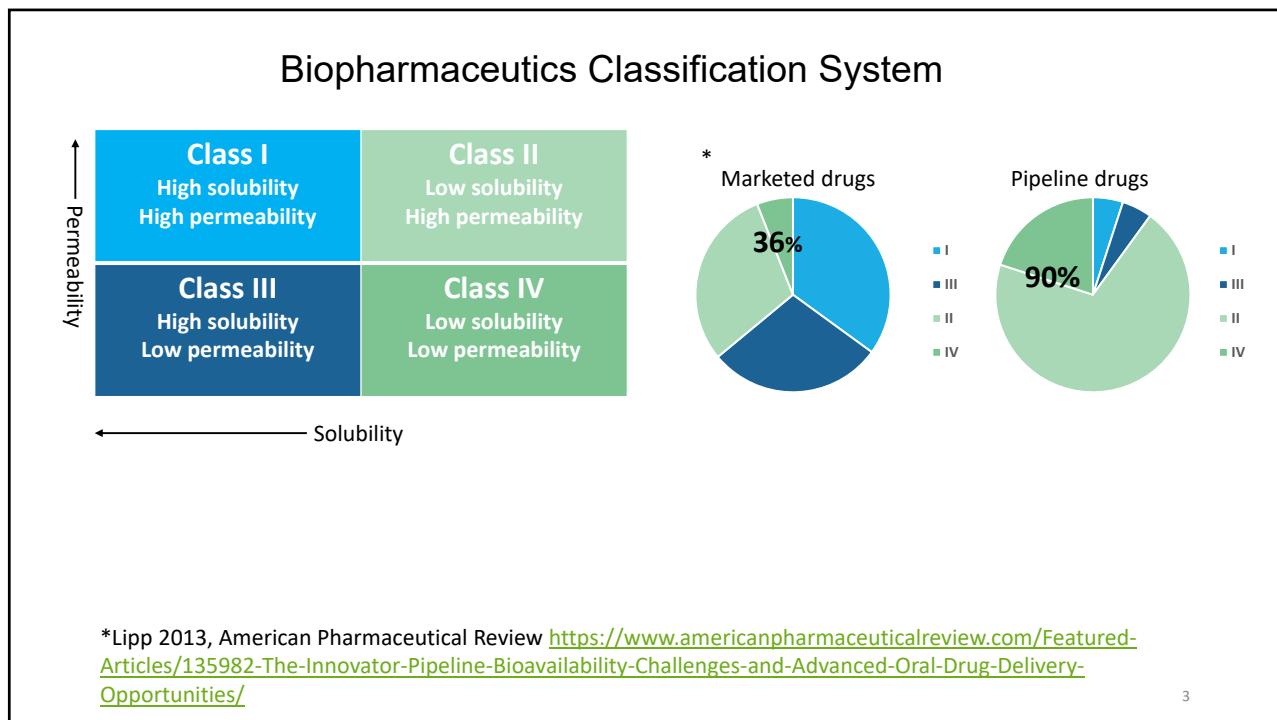
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Oral drug delivery



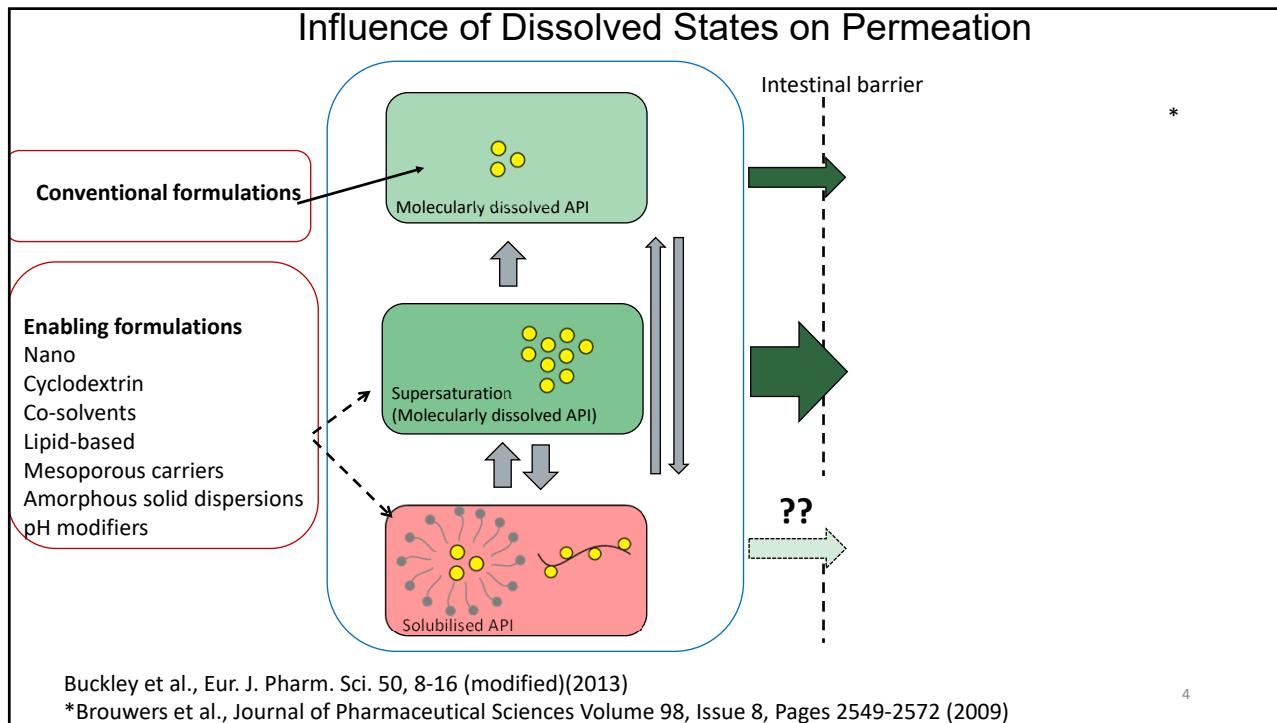
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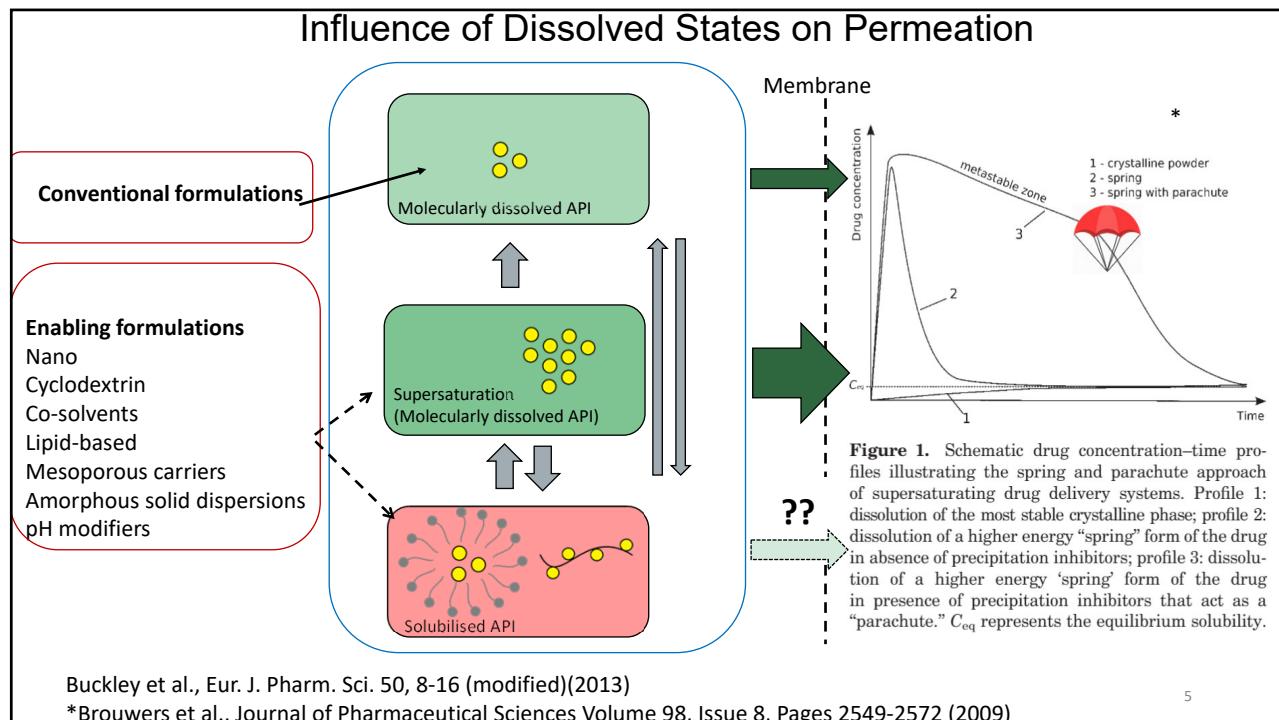
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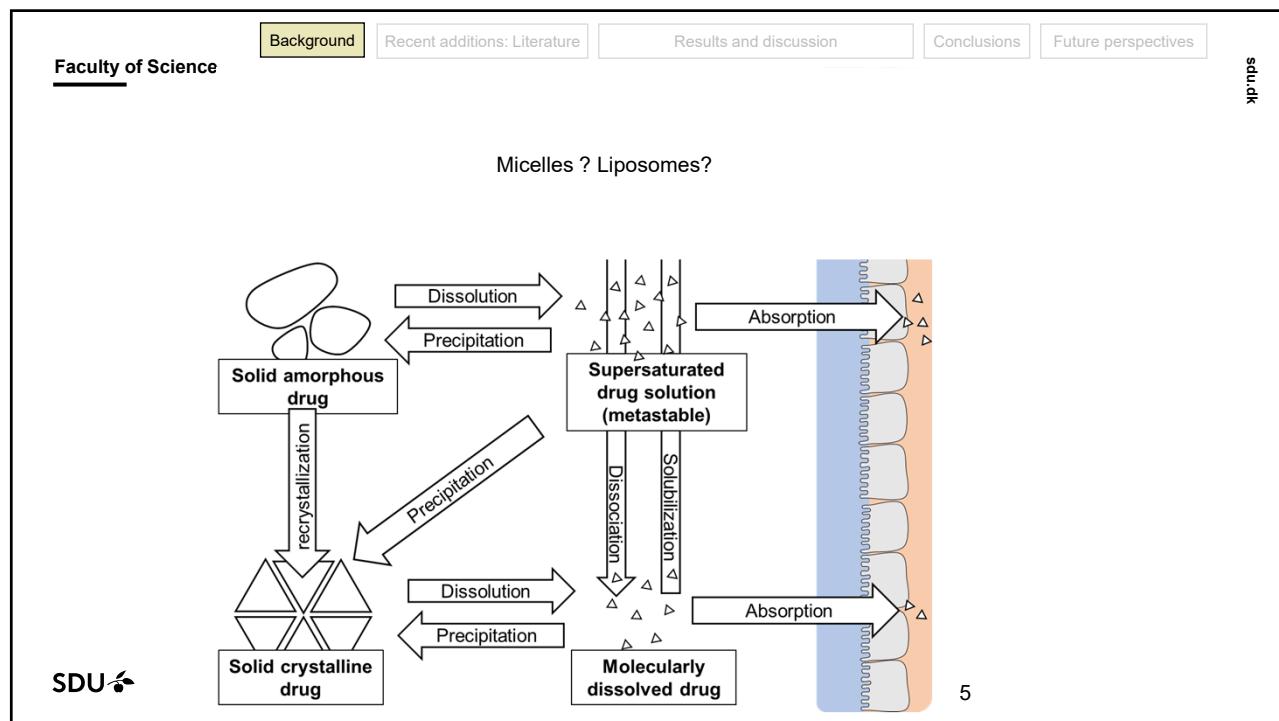


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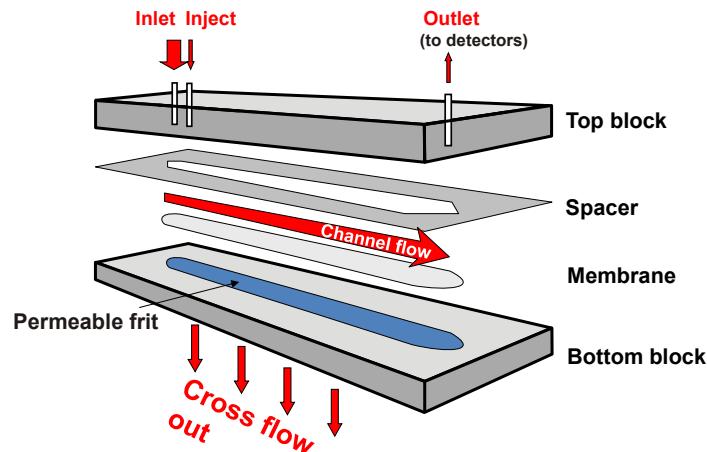
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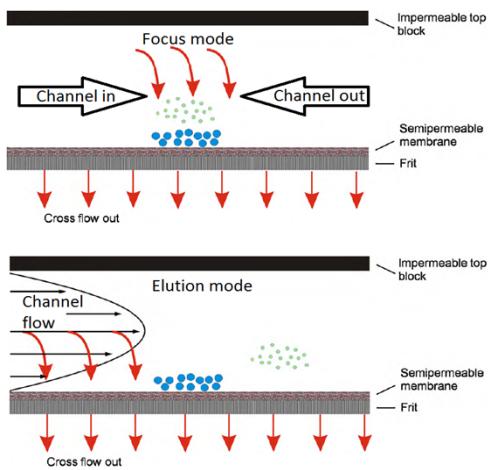
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AF4 Channel Design



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Asymmetrical flow field-flow fractionation AF4

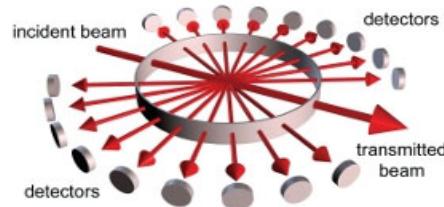


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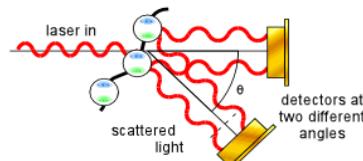
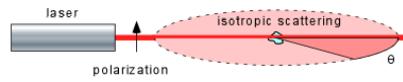
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Multi-angle Laser Light Scattering (MALLS)



<http://www.americanlaboratory.com/913-Technical-Articles/147482-The-Story-of-MALS/>



Particles > 15 nm
=> angular dependence of scattered light

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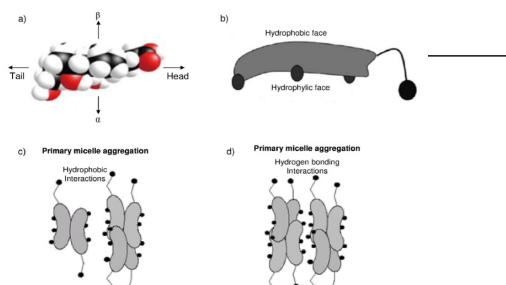
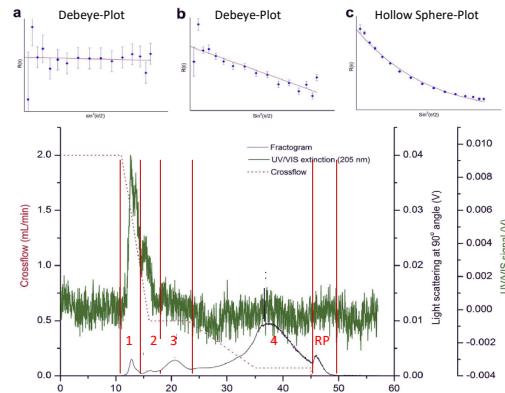
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Nanoparticulate lipid assemblies

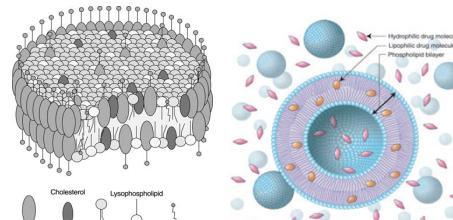
Fasted state aspirated human intestinal fluid

Sample/Peak No.	Time Interval (min)	AF4/MALLS				UV Absorption (205 nm)
		D_{10} (nm)	D_{50} (nm)	D_{90} (nm)	D_z (nm)	
FaHIF/1	12-14	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	+
FaHIF/2	15-17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	+
FaHIF/3 ^a	18-23	40.3	48.0	54.7	48.6	(+)
FaHIF/4 ^b	30-45	114.5	237.1	337.1	287.0	-
FaHIF/R.P. ^b	45-47	377.9	406.7	455.5	413.8	-

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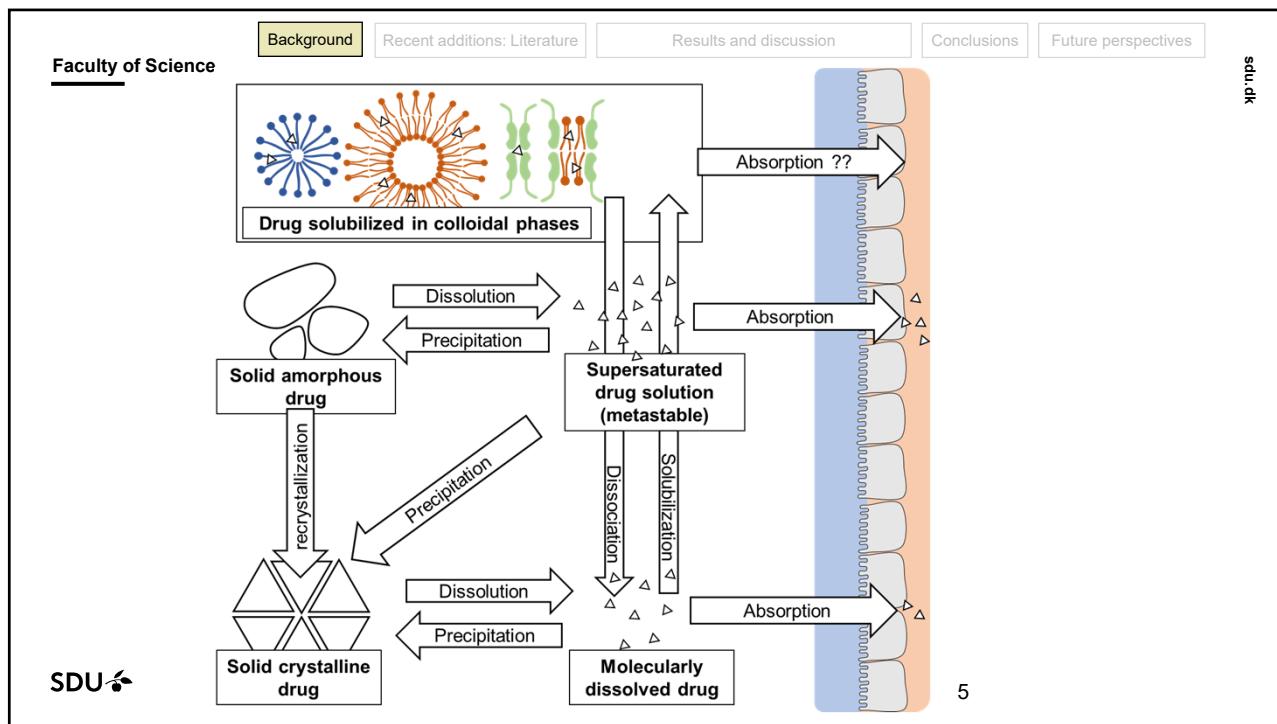


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Picture from: <https://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/biology/biochemistry-if/fatty-acid-oxidation/dietary-fat-absorption>

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Enabling formulations – Phospholipid-based solid dispersions

- The (amorphous) drug dispersed in an amorphous phospholipid matrix
- Solubilizing colloidal phases are formed in contact with aqueous media

Diacyl phosphatidylcholine (PC)

Monoacyl phosphatidylcholine (L-PC)

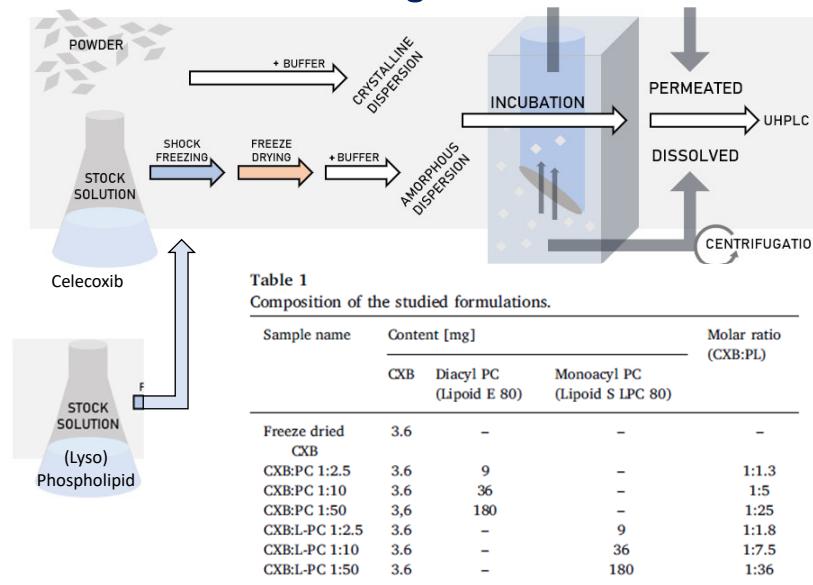
Vesicle **Micelle**

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Preparation of Amorphous Solid Phospholipid - Dispersions of Model Drug Celecoxib



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Dissolution/permeation testing of diacyl- and monoacyl-phospholipid-based solid dispersions of celecoxib

Permeation barrier:
Permeapad®

Dispersion medium:
PBS or FaSSIF

Acceptor medium:
1% SDS in FaSSIF
blank buffer

The diagram shows the experimental setup for permeation testing. On the left, a schematic of the permeation barrier is shown, labeled A through D. A is a support sheet with a yellow phospholipid layer. B is a circular disk, C is a cylindrical component, and D is a rectangular frame containing a grid of small wells (D1, D2, D3). On the right, a photograph shows a circular permeation barrier being held over a test tube, with two other test tubes labeled 'PERMEGEAR' standing nearby.

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Diacyl phosphatidylcholine (PC)

Monoacyl phosphatidylcholine (L-PC)

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Apparent solubility after 24 h

Dispersion	PBS (μg/ml)	FaSSIF (μg/ml)
CXB suspension	~5	~10
Freeze dried CXB	~10	~50
CXB PC 1:2.5	~10	~60
CXB PC 1:10	~10	~120
CXB PC 1:50	N/A	~115
CXB L-PC 1:2.5	~135	~100
CXB L-PC 1:10	~140	~140
CXB L-PC 1:50	~145	~145

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Permeation data from D/P experiment

A)

Dispersion	PBS (μg/cm²·h)	FaSSIF (μg/cm²·h)
CXB suspension	~0.04	~0.04
Freeze dried CXB	~0.09	~0.18
CXB PC 1:2.5	~0.15	~0.25
CXB PC 1:10	~0.21	~0.22
CXB PC 1:50	N/A	~0.16
CXB L-PC 1:2.5	~0.16	~0.20
CXB L-PC 1:10	~0.03	~0.21
CXB L-PC 1:50	~0.06	~0.06

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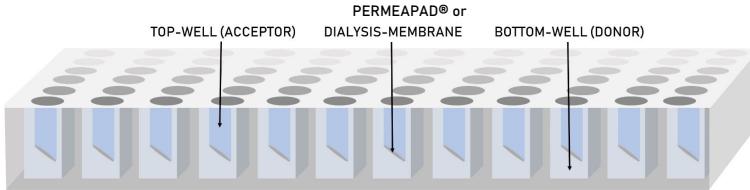
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High-throughput dissolution/permeation testing

Starting point → 96-well format

Advantages:

- High number of samples in a single experiment
- Compatible with standard laboratory equipment (e.g. multichannel pipettes, liquid handling stations)



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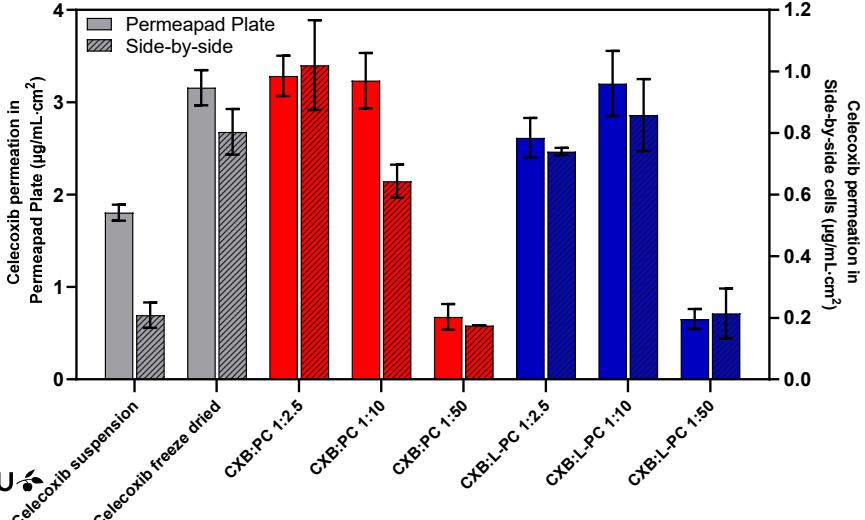
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Dissolution/permeation testing in 96-well format

Cumulative amount permeated

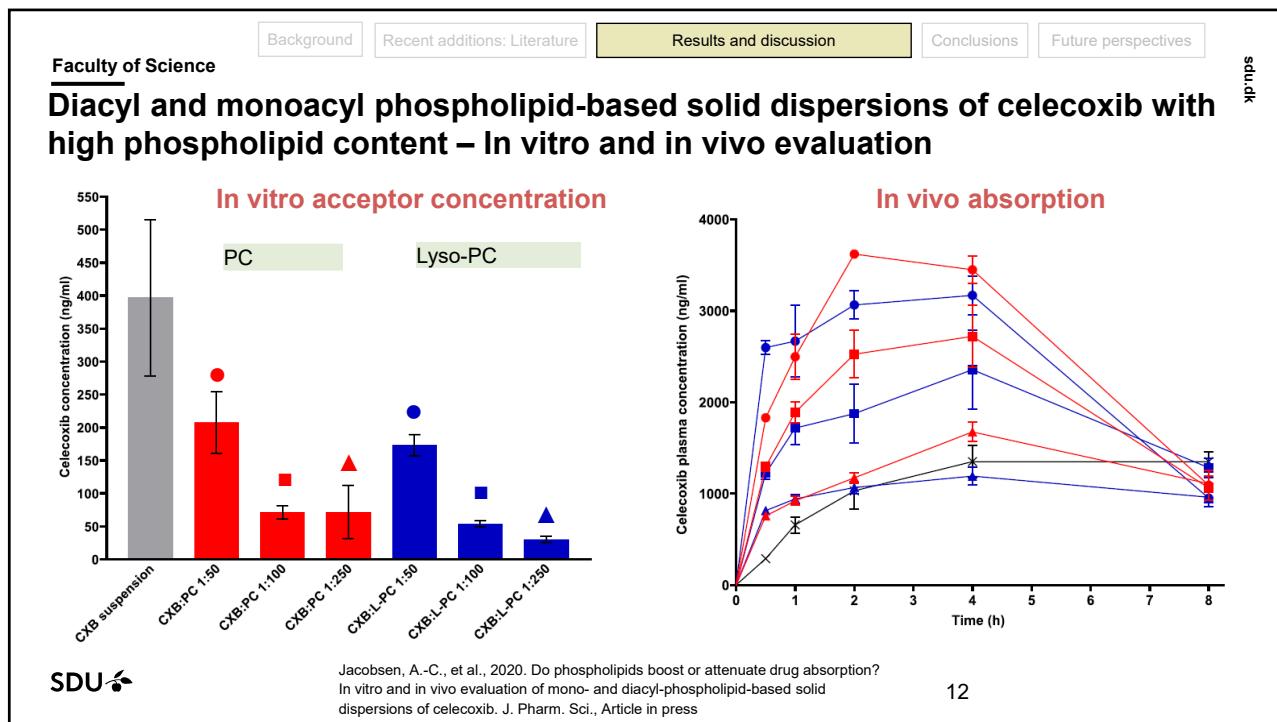


Sample	Permeapad Plate (μg/mL·cm ²)	Side-by-side cells (μg/mL·cm ²)
Celecoxib suspension	~1.8	~0.7
Celecoxib freeze dried	~3.2	~2.7
CXB:PC 1:2.5	~3.4	~3.4
CXB:PC 1:10	~3.2	~2.2
CXB:PC 1:50	~0.7	~0.6
CXB:L-PC 1:2.5	~0.8	~0.7
CXB:L-PC 1:10	~0.9	~0.8
CXB:L-PC 1:50	~0.7	~0.7

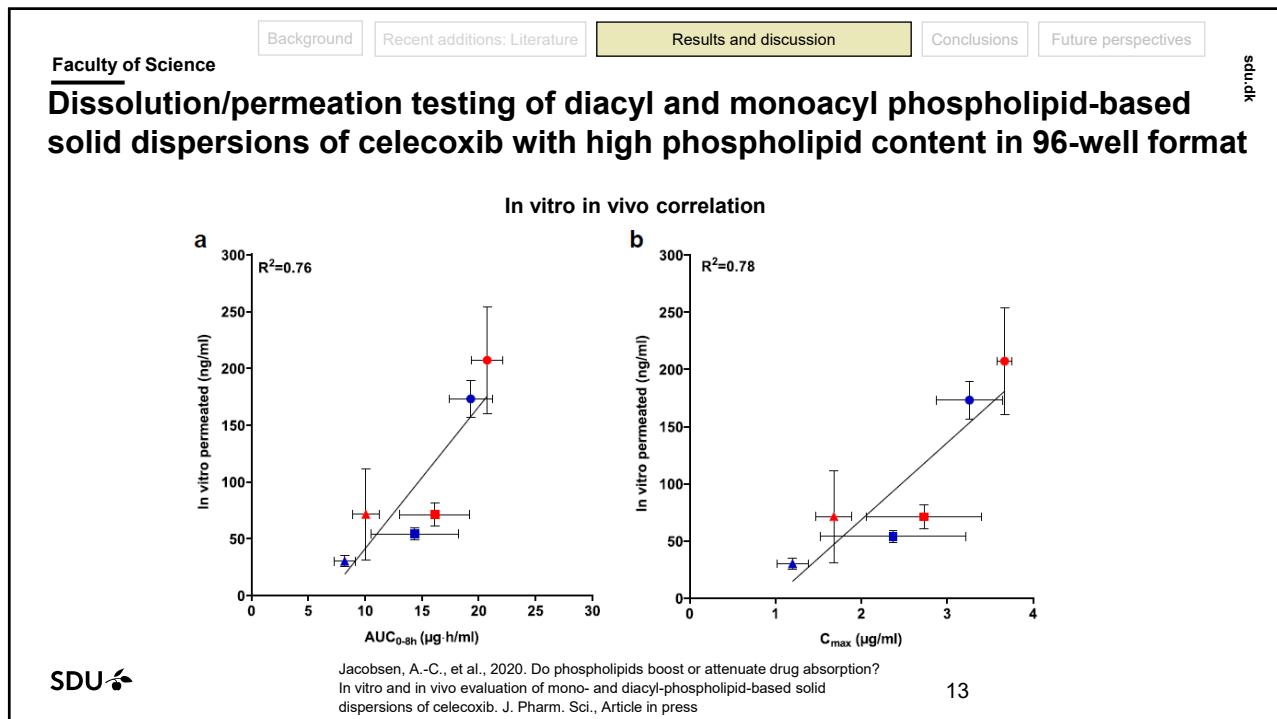
Experimental parameters:
Permeation barrier: Permeapad®
Dispersion medium: FaSSIF
Acceptor medium: 1% SDS in FaSSIF blank buffer
Donor concentrations: Side-by-side → 0.45 mg/mL
 96-well plate → 5 mg/mL

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Conclusions

- Phospholipid-based Celecoxib formulations appear promising for enhancing oral bioavailability
- For Celecoxib PL-based ASDs, in vitro and in vivo performance depend on phospholipid/drug-ratio
- Dissolution/permeation testing
 - gave better mechanistic insights than mere dissolution testing
 - helped to screen for best performing formulation
- Even high throughput dissolution/permeation screening was feasible

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Future perspectives

- Investigation of
 - more drugs in PL-based ASDs is needed
 - to see if the observed Celecoxib case is representative for other BCS II drugs

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