SPECIES COMPARISON OF METABOLISM IN MICROSOMES AND HEPATOCYTES

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1 INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL ASPECTS

Species differences in metabolism may have significant impact on pharmacokinetics and toxicity of drugs. Therefore detailed knowledge of comparative metabolism across species is key for species selection in preclinical safety testing and interpretation of any animal data in respect to relevance for humans.

From the safety perspective, the primary concern is to identify any unique or major human metabolites. Early identification will allow for timely assessment of

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