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## 1-Aminobenzotriazole: A Mechanism-Based Cytochrome P450 Inhibitor and Probe of Cytochrome P450 Biology

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### Abstract

1-Aminobenzotriazole (1-ABT) is a pan-specific, mechanism-based inactivator of the xenobiotic metabolizing forms of cytochrome P450 in animals, plants, insects, and microorganisms. It has been widely used to investigate the biological roles of cytochrome P450 enzymes, their participation in the metabolism of both endobiotics and xenobiotics, and their contributions to the metabolism-dependent toxicity of drugs and chemicals. This review is a comprehensive evaluation of the chemistry, discovery, and use of 1-aminobenzotriazole in these contexts from its introduction in 1981 to the present.

### Keywords

Cytochrome P450; Mechanism-based inhibition; Heme adducts; 1-Aminobenzotriazole; Benzyne; Arachidonic acid oxidation; Estradiol; Xenobiotics; Drug metabolism

### Introduction

The inhibition of cytochrome P450 enzymes to study their roles in the metabolism of endogenous compounds and xenobiotics, and for potential practical purposes, began as soon as this class of enzymes was recognized in the early 1960s [1]. Initially, the most commonly used inhibitors were SKF-525A, which inhibits multiple isoforms [2], and metyrapone, which inhibits what became known as the CYP2B class of P450 enzymes, but was primarily utilized as an inhibitor of P450 enzymes in the steroid biosynthetic pathway [3]. With increasing understanding of the native complement of cytochrome P450 enzymes in humans and other species, particularly the understanding provided by genomic data, the search for cytochrome P450 inhibitors diverged into two tracks.

One direction for this search was the identification of inhibitors that are isoform specific, or as close to that as possible, as these can be used to probe the biology and/or exploit the

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inhibition of individual cytochrome P450 enzymes. These inhibitors could be competitive, non-competitive, quasi-irreversible, or mechanism-based [4,5]. On the other hand, agents have also been sought that are pan-specific, i.e., that broadly inhibit the complement of cytochrome P450 enzymes involved in drug metabolism, while minimally perturbing the P450 enzymes involved in biosynthetic processes. These agents include SKF-525A and ketoconazole [6,7], but this review focuses on 1-aminobenzotriazole (1-ABT), a widely employed mechanism-based inhibitor. Comparisons of 1-ABT and SKF-525A in investigations of drug metabolism by cytochrome P450 enzymes delineate the advantages of 1-ABT. For example, SKF-525A disrupts autophagy in primary rat hepatocytes, whereas 1-ABT and several other P450 inhibitors do not [8]. In another study, SKF-525A and ketoconazole were shown to inhibit CCK-induced  $[(Ca^{2+})]$ -induced oscillations in rat pancreatic acinar cells, whereas 1-ABT did not [9].

The currently available reviews on cytochrome P450 inhibition take a horizontal perspective that surveys the breadth of the field (e.g., [5,10,11]). This review pursues a vertical, comprehensive analysis of the relevant chemistry, biochemistry, and biology associated with 1-aminobenzotriazole.

## Chemistry of 1-Aminobenzotriazole (1-ABT)

1-Aminobenzotriazole, abbreviated as 1-ABT, was first prepared in 1960 [12], but a more practical synthesis was subsequently described by Campbell and Rees [13]. These authors also demonstrated that oxidation of 1-ABT by lead tetra-acetate resulted in the release of nitrogen gas and the essentially quantitative formation of benzyne, as established by its dimerization and trapping by other substrates. For example, it reacts with tetraphenylcyclopentadienone to give 1,2,3,4-tetraphenylnaphthalene after loss of CO from the initial adduct (Figure 1) [14]. As Campbell and Rees also showed that the oxidation of 1-ABT by other chemical agents gave similar results [15].

## Discovery of 1-ABT as a Cytochrome P450 Inactivating Agent

In view of the chemistry of 1-ABT, its biological oxidation by cytochrome P450 enzymes was examined to determine if this would produce benzyne within a biological environment. In effect, incubation of rat liver microsomes with 1-ABT in the presence of the cofactor NADPH led to rapid loss of the cytochrome P450 chromophore and the accumulation of a novel porphyrin [16]. Cytochrome P450 inactivation requires NADPH and is inhibited by CO, features which implicate an autocatalytic process. Glutathione does not prevent cytochrome P450 loss, which suggests that this is a mechanism-based process in which benzyne generated within the enzyme active site reacts with the heme before diffusing away from the active site cavity [16]. Exposure of isolated perfused rabbit lungs or microsomes from such lungs showed that 1-ABT caused loss of both specific P450 content and the ethoxyresorufin O-deethylation and benzphetamine N-demethylase activities [17]. These losses were detectable at concentrations of 1-ABT above 10  $\mu$ M, with maximum losses occurring at concentrations above 1 mM. At the higher concentrations of 1-ABT, the losses of P450 and benzphetamine N-demethylase activity were similar. Furthermore, covalent binding of radiolabeled 1-ABT to lung microsomes (0.3 nmol/mg protein) was similar to the

spectroscopically measured loss of cytochrome P450 (0.3 nmol/mg protein) [17], suggesting a stoichiometric process. 1-ABT also inhibited the metabolism of resorufin ethers in the livers and skin of mice [18] and of ethoxycoumarin by rat liver slices, isolated hepatocytes, and hepatic microsomes [19].

Based on its UV-visible spectrum, resistance to forming a zinc complex, and mass spectrometric molecular ion, the accumulated porphyrin was tentatively identified as protoporphyrin IX with a benzene group forming a bridge between two nitrogen atoms of the porphyrin (Figure 2) [20]. NMR analysis of the modified porphyrin isolated from rats treated *in vivo* with 1-ABT unambiguously confirmed this structure. In addition, a second minor fluorescent product was isolated that was identified as N-phenylprotoporphyrin IX, in which a phenyl group is attached to only one of the nitrogens of the porphyrin. It was estimated that less than 12 molecules of 1-ABT were consumed per molecule of P450 inactivated.

The oxidation of 1-ABT by P450 enzymes could be envisaged to proceed via either (path a) initial N-hydroxylation followed by dehydration and then fragmentation, or (path b) sequential hydrogen abstractions from the exocyclic nitrogen followed by fragmentation (Figure 3). Relevant experimental data is scarce, but DFT computational studies favor the two hydrogen abstraction model (path b) of Figure 3 [21]. However, as will be discussed in a later section on derivatives of 1-ABT, N-monoalkyl 1-aminobenzotriazoles also inactivate cytochrome P450 [22]. It is possible that these agents act by a different mechanism than 1-ABT itself, but if not, it would suggest that, at least in some instances, sequential removal of two hydrogens is not required for benzyne generation.

## Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics of 1-ABT

The major metabolite observed in the plasma of male rats after oral administration of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled 1-ABT was the N-acetyl derivative, but the N-glucuronides of 1-ABT and of benzotriazole were also found in the urine (Figure 4) [23]. N-acetylation of 1-ABT by human N-acetyltransferases NAT1 and NAT2 has been confirmed by *in vitro* incubations in studies, which also demonstrated that 1-ABT is a time-independent inhibitor of the N-acetyltransferases in rat liver [24]. In contrast, 1-ABT was not found to be a measurable inhibitor of rat liver glucuronosyl transferases or sulfotransferases, as judged by its failure to inhibit the action of these enzymes on acetaminophen and 7-hydroxycoumarin, respectively. The absence of glucuronosyl transferase inhibition in rats was independently reported [25].

Although the benzotriazole glucuronide (Figure 4) was detected in the urine of rats, benzotriazole was not observed in the serum or urine [23]. However, benzotriazole itself was reported as the primary detectable metabolite in incubations of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled 1-ABT with guinea pig hepatic or pulmonary microsomes [26]. The authors postulated a plausible mechanism in which hydroxylation of the exocyclic nitrogen is followed by elimination of HNO to give benzotriazole (Figure 5).

Oral administration of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled 1-ABT to male rats showed that the compound is absorbed slowly, 50% of the radioactivity remaining in the stomach 6 h after dosing, with

maximum plasma and tissue concentrations observed at 24 h [23]. Of the initial dose, 71% was excreted in the urine and 12% in the feces over a period of 72 h. Measurement of radioactivity in the various tissues showed that the highest tissue-to-plasma ratios were in the liver, adrenals, and kidneys, with half-lives of elimination from these tissues of ~24, 16, and 24 h, respectively. The plasma half-life was ~9 h.

Comparison of the effect of oral and intravenous 1-ABT on the bioavailability of midazolam in rats revealed that bioavailability was much lower with oral administration, which led to the conclusion that 1-ABT inactivated intestinal P450 enzymes, which are responsible for most of midazolam metabolism [27]. This led to the proposal that 1-ABT can be used to evaluate gut versus liver clearance of drugs. Using metoprolol as a probe, the AUC was found to increase 16- and 6.5-times when 1-ABT was co-administered orally and intravenously, respectively [28]. This difference was interpreted as being due to a delay in the absorption of 1-ABT. However, a different study concluded from the fact that concentration-time curves were linear and proportional to the dose that 1-ABT is rapidly absorbed into the systemic circulation in rats and has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 8–13 h [29]. It has also been reported that 1-ABT delays gastric emptying in rats and can alter systemic exposure and  $T_{max}$  of coadministered agents [30]. The observation that 50 mg/kg of 1-ABT inhibited antipyrine clearance by 88% when given shortly before the antipyrine, but only by 29% when given 24 h before, suggested that the duration of 1-ABT was relatively short [31]. However, The pharmacokinetic profiles of oral doses of 1-ABT ranging from 5 to 200 mg/kg, determined in rats, dogs, and monkeys, showed that a single dose of 50 mg/kg in rats and 20 mg/kg in dogs and monkeys produced high plasma concentrations that were sustained over 24 hours [32]. This resulted in inhibition of the plasma clearance of antipyrine by 88% in rats, 96% in dogs, and 83% in monkeys. Using a serial sampling method after administration of 50, 100, and 150 mg/kg oral doses to mice and guinea pigs revealed that the plasma 1-ABT concentrations were maintained at levels of 5–100  $\mu\text{M}$  for at least 12 hours in both species [33]. *In vitro* studies indicated that the  $K_i$  values for 1-ABT as a mechanism-based inactivator were 45.6 and 193  $\mu\text{M}$  in mice and guinea pigs, respectively, with the corresponding  $k_{inact}$  values of 0.089 and 0.075  $\text{min}^{-1}$ . Administration of 1-ABT 2 hours before intravenous antipyrine decreased plasma antipyrine clearance by approximately 95% in mice and 84–95% in guinea pigs at all the doses of 1-ABT examined [33]. Osmotic pumps can be used to maintain maximum blood concentrations of 1-ABT for at least 6 days [31]. Indeed, ALZET osmotic pumps were able to maintain the 1-ABT plasma concentration above 4.1 mg/ml over 336 hours without overt toxicity [34]. A convenient LC/MS/MS assay for the quantitation of 1-ABT in pharmacokinetic studies has been reported [35]. On the other hand, a test of the residual effects of 1-ABT and quinidine on drug disposition in rats after a 7-day washout period suggested that this period suffices to return to the original pharmacokinetics observed with naive rats [36].

## Specificity of 1-ABT

### Cytochrome P450

Early work showed that the cytochrome P450 enzymes induced in rat liver by phenobarbital and 3-methylcholanthrene were similarly inactivated by 1-ABT [37]. Furthermore, similar

amounts of N,N'-aryl bridged porphyrin adducts were obtained from male and female rat livers after treatment with 1-ABT [38]. Other early studies supported the conclusion that 1-ABT was a relatively non-selective inactivating agent for cytochrome P450 enzymes. It inactivated the liver, lung, and kidney P450 enzymes of uninduced, phenobarbital pretreated, and  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone-pretreated guinea pigs [39], the rat liver and lung enzymes before and after pretreatment with  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone [40], and recombinant human P450 enzymes in microsomes from baculovirus infected insect cells [7]. The use of isoform selective probe substrates indicated that pooled human liver microsomes incubated with 1 mM 1-ABT for 30 min resulted in complete inactivation of CYP2A6 and CYP3A4, but retention of a residual activity of up to 20% with CYP1A2, -2B6, -2C8, -2C9, -2C19, and -2D6 [41]. In this study, CYP2C9 was particularly resistant, with 60% of the activity remaining. A separate study indicated that 1-ABT caused a concentration dependent inhibition of CYP1A2, -2B6, -2C9, -2C19, -2D6, and -3A4 [32]. A later study showed, however, that addition of (S)-warfarin together with 1-ABT resulted in potent inactivation of CYP2C9, presumably because 1-ABT is displaced from the (S)-warfarin binding site to one more favorable for its oxidation [42]. In accord with catalysis-dependent inactivation, inhibition of baculovirus-expressed P450 enzymes is less differentiated from those of ketoconazole and SKF-525A in the absence of preincubation under turnover conditions [6].

The inactivation of CYP2E1 by 1-ABT has been extensively investigated. An early study demonstrated that 1-ABT caused loss of CYP2E1 activity but not loss of the protein, whereas CCl<sub>4</sub> caused loss of both the activity and the protein [43]. The modification of CYP2E1 by 1-ABT thus does not trigger rapid degradation of the P450 protein, in contrast to modification by CCl<sub>4</sub>. The inactivation of CYP2E1 by 1-ABT has been used to establish the role of this enzyme in the metabolism of acrylamide [44], methacrylonitrile [45], 1,3-butadiene [46], urethane [47], and chlorzoxazone [48].

CYP4A11, a human fatty acid  $\omega$ -hydroxylase, is inactivated by 1-ABT, but interestingly, its L131F mutant is not [49]. In the case of CYP4A1, the homologous rat enzyme, the wild-type enzyme and its E320A mutant are not inactivated by 1-ABT, but the D323E and E320A/D323E mutants are inactivated [50]. Suppression of inactivation of CYP4A11 by the L131F mutation, and enabling of inactivation of CYP4A1 by a D323A mutation, are ascribed to alterations in steric interference to the productive binding of 1-ABT. These results are reminiscent of the finding that occupying the (S)-warfarin site of CYP2C9 enables its much more effective inactivation by 1-ABT [42].

The cytochrome P450 enzymes involved in sterol biosynthetic pathways appear to be resistant to the action of 1-ABT. In incubations with guinea pig adrenal microsomes it did not inhibit the 11-, 17 $\alpha$ - or 21-sterol hydroxylases [51,52]. However, 1-ABT did inhibit the activities of these enzymes when administered *in vivo* to rats or guinea pigs [53–55]. It was postulated that an extra-adrenal metabolite of 1-ABT was responsible for the *in vivo* inactivation of the adrenal enzymes despite their resistance to inactivation *in vitro*. Inactivation of CYP51 has been cited [56], but no evidence for this is available in the published literature.

It is important to note that cytochrome P450 reductase, the electron donor partner of most cytochrome P450 enzymes, is not inactivated in rats by incubation with 1-ABT in the presence of NADPH [57]. Similarly, 1-ABT does not inhibit cytochrome b<sub>5</sub>, which is an alternative electron donor for some P450 enzymes [25]. Comparable results were obtained in studies of P450 inactivation in a plant enzyme system [58]. The loss of P450 activities is thus due to inactivation of the hemoproteins themselves rather than their electron donor partners.

Species differences in susceptibility to inactivation of P450 metabolism have been reported. The oxidation of ketamine by human and canine liver microsomes was markedly inhibited, but little inhibition was seen with equine microsomes [59].

1-ABT has been used to inactivate cytochrome P450 enzymes in non-mammalian species, including plants, insects, fungi, and bacteria. This aspect of 1-ABT specificity is addressed in the section that describes inactivation in these species.

### Proteins other than cytochrome P450

The interactions of proteins other than the cytochrome P450 enzymes with 1-ABT has been examined to provide a context for any physiological observations that may be made when this agent is used to inactivate P450 enzymes in intact cells, tissues, or animals. Inhibition of oxidative enzymes other than the cytochromes P450, for example, would complicate specific attribution of a physiological consequence to inactivation of cytochrome P450 enzymes. The flavin monooxygenase (FMO) family of enzymes is of concern in this regard, as their oxidative activities towards heteroatomic substrates resemble those of the P450 enzymes. However, a number of studies have established that 1-ABT is neither a substrate nor an inhibitor of the FMO enzymes. Thus, 1-ABT has no effect on lung or liver FMO enzymes [17,22,60,61]. One consequence of this is that 1-ABT has been used to determine the relative roles of FMO and P450 enzymes in the oxidative metabolism of xenobiotics (Table 1).

1-ABT is reported to not be an inhibitor of horseradish peroxidase, as it does not inhibit the oxidation of o-anisidine by this enzyme [68], but measurements of the binding of benzo[a]pyrene to serum bovine albumin in the presence of horseradish peroxidase and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> suggested that this process is inhibited by 1-ABT [69]. Based on indirect evidence, the inference has been made that 1-ABT interacts with hemoglobin [70]. However, clear and convincing evidence that 1-ABT actually inhibits horseradish peroxidase or interacts with hemoglobin is not available. In contrast, chloroperoxidase, a cytochrome P450-like enzyme with a thiolate iron ligand clearly oxidizes 1-ABT to phenol and is inactivated in the process [20].

1-ABT is a substrate for N-acetyltransferases and inhibits these enzymes [71]. 1-ABT is also reportedly a non-competitive inhibitor of mouse, rat, and human monoamine oxidases with K<sub>i</sub> values of 7.87, 8.61, and 65.2 μM, respectively, when measured *in vitro* with S9 liver fractions [56]. It does not, however, inhibit aldehyde oxidase [72], α,β-ketone reductase [73], or 3β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase [53]. Although the glucuronide of 1-ABT has been observed in rat urine [23], 1-ABT has no inhibitory activity against the rat glucuronosyl



transferases and sulfotransferases [24] and little if any against the human glucuronosyl transferases [74]. Indeed, in rat hepatocytes, treatment with 1-ABT increased the formation of the 1-*O*-acyl glucuronides of gemfibrozil, tolmetin, mefenamic acid, and diclofenac, and the *S*-acyl glutathione conjugates of mefenamic acid and diclofenac [75]. 1-ABT also does not significantly alter the glutathione transferase activities or glutathione levels in rat liver or kidney [25].

Studies with sandwich-cultured human hepatocytes indicate that 1-ABT does not alter the hepatic transport of rosvastatin, atorvastatin, or midazolam [71]. Work published in a poster supported the inference that 1-ABT does not interfere with transporters, as concentrations of 1-ABT up to 1 mM did not inhibit the MDR1, Bcrp1, and MRP2 transporters [76]. In another study, the *in vivo* clearance of GNE1, an inhibitor of the p21-activated kinase PAK1, was lower than predicted [77]. The use of transporter knockout rats with and without 1-ABT administration indicated that the clearance of this agent is determined by uptake transporters rather by metabolism. These results indicate that 1-ABT does not interfere with transporters. However, 1-ABT can interact with transporter inhibitors by inhibiting the metabolism of drugs whose concentration is elevated due to transporter inhibition. As a case in point, the toxicity of nefazodone, which inhibits bile acid transport, is due to the unmetabolized drug. The toxicity of this drug is potentiated by 1-ABT, which prevents metabolism of nefazodone [78]. Similarly, inhibition of the bile acid export pump, which results in accumulation of bile acids in hepatocytes, can be potentiated by inhibition of the metabolism of pump inhibitors by 1-ABT [79].

## Induction of Cytochrome P450 Enzymes

In an early study, administration of 1-ABT to rats was not found to induce the mRNA or P450 protein levels for what were then known as cytochromes P450b and P450e, nor did 1-ABT prevent the elevation of P450 mRNA levels caused by co-administration of phenobarbital or 3-methylcholanthrene [80]. However, two decades later 1-ABT was found to upregulate the expression of CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 mRNA in a concentration dependent manner in freshly isolated human hepatocytes. Indirect data suggested that 1-ABT is a CAR, but not PXR activator [81]. In another study with primary cultured rat hepatocytes, 1-ABT was found to indirectly increase CYP2B mRNA levels, possibly by inhibiting the initial step in the conversion of monocarboxylic to dicarboxylic fatty acids, thereby decreasing peroxisomal  $\beta$ -oxidation and increasing intracellular fatty acid levels [82].

## Toxicity of 1-ABT

1-ABT has been reported to have no readily observable toxicity when administered to houseflies [83], wheat seedlings [84], beagle dogs [85], rats [85,86], or mice [86]. Furthermore, administration of 1-ABT to mice via an ALZET osmotic pump for 16 days caused no overt toxicity [34]. The results of a more detailed 13-week toxicological and pathologic evaluation of the effects of 1-ABT generally agree with this conclusion [87]. This study showed that in male Sprague-Dawley rats hepatic P450 levels and resorufin dealkylation activity were reduced to less than 30% of control values without obvious signs of toxicity such as changes in body weight, food consumption, or clinical appearance.

Hemoglobin, hematocrit, and erythrocyte counts decreased slightly, whereas mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration, mean corpuscular volume, red cell distribution width, and mean corpuscular hemoglobin were slightly increased. Some accumulation of lipids was suggested by an increase in liver weight, centrilobular hypertrophy, and intracytoplasmic vacuolization. Thyroid stimulating hormone was slightly elevated and triiodothyronine and thyroxin were slightly decreased. Adrenal weight was increased and hypertrophy of the zona fascicularis of the adrenal gland was observed. Some increase in kidney weight was also noted. It is likely that the changes observed are secondary to the persistent decrease in cytochrome P450 activities. The authors concluded that the effects of daily 1-ABT administration “over a 13 week period were well-tolerated under controlled laboratory conditions”.

Moorthy et al. reported that administration of 1-ABT to rats, followed by exposure for 24-, 28-, or 60-hours to >95% oxygen caused the 1-ABT-treated animals to die between 48 and 60 hours, whereas no control rats exposed to similar hyperoxic conditions died at up to 60 hours of exposure [88]. 1-ABT thus potentiated hyperoxic lung injury.

## Analogues of 1-ABT

A number of analogues of 1-ABT have been examined to explore the range of structures compatible with mechanism-based inactivation of P450 enzymes. Efforts to alter the core 1-ABT structure have yielded mixed results. Compounds **3** and **4** (Figure 6) cause catalysis-dependent loss of the P450 content in microsomal incubations, but do not appear to result in the formation of a covalent heme adduct, while compound **2** causes NADPH-independent conversion of the P450 to a P420 chromophore [20].

Modifications of the aromatic hydrocarbon ring and of the exocyclic amino group, however, are tolerated. Thus, replacement of the benzene ring of 1-ABT by a naphthyl ring as in compound **7** (Table 2) yields an analogue that interacts with cytochrome P450 in much the same way as 1-ABT [20], causing both catalysis-dependent loss of the P450 chromophore and accumulation of a hepatic pigment. Although the structure of the pigment was not established, it had properties very similar to those of the N,N'-bridged porphyrin adduct obtained with 1-ABT (Figure 2).

The N-mono- and N,N-diacetyl derivatives of 1-ABT, compounds **8** and **9**, cause NADPH-dependent loss of P450 content and the formation *in vivo* of a porphyrin pigment analogous to that obtained with 1-ABT. The same is observed with the N-methyl, N-acetyl derivative **10**, N-methyl analogue **11**, and the N-butyl derivative **12** [20,22]. A porphyrin pigment was formed *in vivo* with these agents, but its identity was not determined. Compounds **13-15** represent the introduction of even larger substituents on the exocyclic nitrogen. These agents, which are more lipophilic and are generally active at lower concentrations than 1-ABT, cause catalysis-dependent loss of both P450 content and catalytic activities. In the case of the N-benzyl derivative **13**, it has been explicitly demonstrated that a hepatic pigment similar to that formed with 1-ABT is formed in phenobarbital-pretreated rats [20]. This indicates that inactivation by the N-benzyl derivative, as with 1-ABT itself, involves formation of a benzyne that adds to the P450 heme group. Although it is conceivable that the



N-benzyl compound is first oxidized to 1-ABT, which then is the actual inactivating agent, it is more likely that benzyne formation is directly initiated from the N-benzyl derivative by electron abstraction from the nitrogen.

Compound **5** (Figure 6), a putative possible intermediate in the inactivation mechanism of 1-ABT (Figure 5), does not cause detectable P450 loss [20]. This indicates that this N-hydroxyl compound is not an intermediate in the action of 1-ABT. The N-nitro compound **6** could not be properly evaluated because it is a powerful electron acceptor that interferes with the P450 assay and, upon administration to rats *in vivo*, causes asphyxia [20].

Analysis of the effects of compounds **13-15** suggests that, in addition to heme adduct formation, there are alternative, isoformdependent inhibitory mechanisms. Thus, incubation of these agents with liver microsomes from untreated, phenobarbital-induced, or  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone-induced guinea pigs led to the observation of a complex with an absorption maximum at approximately 455 nm [90]. This corresponds to the formation of a metabolite-intermediate (MI) complex comparable to that formed with other amines, an inference consistent with the fact that the complex was disrupted by addition of 50  $\mu$ M potassium ferricyanide or, in the case of **14** and **15**, by sedimentation and resuspension. The formation of this complex was highest with the microsomes from phenobarbital-induced guinea pigs, and was attenuated in the presence of 1 mM glutathione. Interestingly, formation of this complex was not observed with pulmonary microsomes from guinea pigs or rabbits. Formation of the MI complex is therefore only observed with some P450 enzymes in some tissues. Further work suggested that mechanism-based inactivation was favored by CYP1A1 and CYP2B, and reversible inhibition by CYP1A2 [91]. The nature of this complex was not further characterized, but it was postulated that it might result from formation of an alkyl nitroso species according to the scheme in Figure 7. Coordination of the electron pair in the nitrogen of the nitroso group to the heme iron would then explain the MI complex. In any case, this process is ancillary and independent from that associated with the direct action of 1-ABT.

Rat CYP2B1 is completely inactivated *in vitro* by incubation of liver microsomes with 1  $\mu$ M N-benzyl compound **13**. Benzaldehyde, benzotriazole, 1-ABT, and an unknown metabolite of **13** tentatively assigned to a “dimer” of the inhibitor were isolated from these incubations [92]. However, the Gly478Ala mutant of CYP2B1 was not inactivated and only produced the “dimeric” metabolite. Modeling studies suggested that the Gly478Ala mutation prevented oxidation of the 1-amino group, favoring instead oxidation of the 7-benzyl carbon and preventing formation of the inactivating metabolite. Mechanistic studies of CYP2B1 inactivated by the N-benzyl derivative of 1-ABT indicated that the inactivated enzyme was reduced more slowly by NADPH-cytochrome P450 reductase [93]. The data also indicated that differences existed in the extent to which the metabolism of several compounds was inhibited. N-benzyl 1-ABT also inhibited the 7-ethoxyresorufin O-deethylase and 7-methoxyresorufin O-demethylase activities by 88 and 71%, respectively, in microsomes from  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone-induced guinea pig heart [94]. These activities were attributed to CYP1A1.

Both enantiomers of N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)-1-aminobenzotriazole [14] inactivated guinea pig hepatic CYP2B and CYP1A enzymes, with small differences in enantiospecificity [95].

Inactivation of guinea pig lung and liver CYP1A1, CYP2B4, and CYP4B1 by the N-benzyl and N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl) analogues **13** and **14** has been compared by measuring changes in the oxidation of 7-ethoxyresorufin (CYP1A1), 7-pentoxyresorufin (CYP2B4) and 4-aminobiphenyl N-hydroxylation (CYP4B1) [96]. In uninduced and phenobarbital induced guinea pigs the order of inactivation was 2B1>1A1>>4B1. However, in  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone induced animals, the  $\alpha$ -methyl compound inhibited lung CYP2B4, whereas even at concentrations 100-fold higher, it did not inhibit CYP4B1 and CYP1A1. The  $\alpha$ -methyl compound was also much more active *in vivo* in inactivation of lung CYP2B4 than of the liver enzymes. In contrast, 1-ABT exhibited little isoform or tissue specificity. The authors postulated that the lung specificity of the N-substituted compounds **13** and **14** reflected selective absorption by the lipophilic aromatic amine uptake system of the lung. In these studies, inhibition by compounds **13** and **14** was not paralleled by comparable losses in P450 content, whereas with 1-ABT the activity and P450 losses were comparable. This indicates that the inhibition caused by the substituted 1-ABT analogues included mechanisms other than heme alkylation.

Inhibition of at least some cytochrome P450 enzymes by much lower concentrations of compounds **13-15** than of 1-ABT, and greater isoform and tissue selectivity, have also been reported in a number of studies [97–99]. Of particular note is the observation that N-benzyl 1-ABT inhibits CYP1A1 in guinea pig kidney in preference to the enzyme that oxidizes arachidonic acid, and in lung primarily inhibits epoxidation of arachidonic acid, whereas 1-ABT itself inhibits both epoxidation and  $\omega$ -hydroxylation [100,101]. N-( $\alpha$ -methyl)-1-ABT has been shown to selectively inhibit dog CYP2B11 relative to CYP3A12 [102].

Incidentally, derivatives of 1-ABT obtained by laccase-catalyzed reaction of 1-ABT with 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid methyl ester and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid ethyl ester were found to have low antimicrobial activities [103].

### 1-ABT in Analysis of Xenobiotic Metabolism Bioavailability and first pass metabolism

The use of 1-ABT in a rat *in vivo* pharmacokinetic screen has been proposed as a tool for determining the relative extent to which absorption and metabolism contribute to low oral systemic exposure of a drug [104]. The model drugs used in validating this approach were propranolol, metoprolol, and cimetidine. In another study, the low oral (19%) bioavailability of an undefined drug in Sprague Dawley rats was examined by comparing bioavailability in rats pretreated with 50 mg/kg 1-ABT 2 hours prior to both intravenous and oral administration of the drug [105]. 1-ABT caused a 71% increase in plasma clearance, a 100% increase in half-life, and a marked increase in bioavailability. Similarly, a comparison of bioavailability of oral danazol in rats with and without 1-ABT pretreatment showed that the bioavailability of danazol rose from 2% to 60% and was primarily limited by first pass metabolism [106]. Comparison of the bioavailability of a  $\beta$ -glucuronidase inhibitor in mice before and after pretreatment with 1-ABT established that its low bioavailability (21%) was due to first pass metabolism [107]. An investigation of intestinal permeability and first-pass metabolism of acetaminophen, verapamil, and midazolam using single-pass intestinal

perfusion showed that 1-ABT increased the intestinal availability of these three drugs to 0.8–0.85 in cyanomologous monkeys, confirming that they are extensively metabolized in the intestine [108]. A significant increase in the exposure of mice to midazolam was observed when the mice were pretreated with 1-ABT [109]. The use of 1-ABT also demonstrated that intestinal metabolism, at least in part by CYP2J2, diminished the bioavailability in rats of AZ'0908, a prostaglandin E synthase-1 inhibitor [110]. Using a serial blood sampling method, the administration of 1-ABT (50–150 mg/kg) 2 hours prior to a single intravenous dose of antipyrine (20 mg/kg) was shown to increase the AUC from 27.3 to upto 333  $\mu\text{g h/ml}$  and the half-life from 0.51 to up to 2.2 hours [111].

1-ABT can be used to potentiate (or “boost”) the action of a drug by decreasing its P450 metabolism. Thus, a series of 5-substituted 4-anilinoquinazolines, potent inhibitors of the erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinase, inhibited tumor growth in a mouse xenograft model when 1-ABT was employed to potentiate their action [112]. In this instance, 1-ABT increased exposure to the tumor inhibitors approximately 100-fold.

Human hepatocytes can be used to assay time-dependent inhibition of cytochrome P450 enzymes. These assays correctly distinguished the inactivation of CYP3A4 by 1-ABT and erythromycin from inhibitors that were not time-dependent: for 1-ABT, the values obtained were  $K_I=22.0 \mu\text{M}$  and  $k_{\text{inact}}=0.09 \text{ min}^{-1}$  [113]. 1-ABT was employed in the development of this high throughput assay system [114,115].

### Clarification of oxidative mechanisms

The conversion by rat liver microsomes of the esterified pesticide thiazopyr to the free acid is inhibited by 1-ABT and is thus mediated by a cytochrome P450 enzyme rather than by an esterase (Figure 8) [116]. Using 1-ABT, cytochrome P450 catalysis in the endoplasmic reticulum was found in another instance to contribute to the instability of a TGR5 receptor agonist with a central amide bond [117]. A more exotic transformation in the metabolism of GNE-892 by rats produces two ring-contracted pyrazole compounds as minor metabolites (Figure 8). This ring contraction is inhibited by 1-ABT and is thus cytochrome P450-dependent [118].

1-ABT was recently used to establish that the deimination of the sulfoximine moiety in the ATR inhibitor AZD6738 to a sulfoxide and sulfone, a nominally reductive event, is mediated by cytochrome P450 (Figure 9) [119]. A reasonable oxidative mechanism for this transformation was postulated.

In contrast, the reductive metabolism of the dinitrobenzamide mustard anticancer prodrug PR-104, which is activated to its cytotoxic form in the liver, is not inhibited by 1-ABT, indicating that cytochrome P450 itself is not involved in this reductive transformation [120]. 1-ABT was similarly employed to establish that the metabolism of a vasoactive drug, SK&F 86466, in isolated, perfused rat lungs was not mediated by cytochrome P450 enzymes [121]. In these studies, 1-ABT administered to the rats before the lung study was shown to suppress P450 activities completely without any effect on the metabolism of the drug. A comparison of the effects of 1-ABT and inhibitors of epoxide hydrolases on the metabolism of

oprozomib, an oral proteasome inhibitor, confirmed that the major metabolic pathway was epoxide hydrolysis rather than P450-catalyzed oxidation [122].

### Oxidation of pharmaceutical agents

The use of 1-ABT in studies of the action of a variety of agents is summarized in Table 3.

#### 1-ABT as a Probe of Physiological Processes Fatty acid oxidation

Cytochrome P450 enzymes oxidize fatty acids and these oxidative reactions can be inhibited by 1-ABT. HPLC analysis of the oxidation of radiolabeled lauric acid by control and clofibrate-induced rat liver microsomes showed that 1-ABT inhibits the oxidation of lauric acid to the  $\omega$ -,  $\omega$ -1, and  $\omega$ -2 hydroxylated derivatives [20,144,145]. Comparison with more specific inhibitors implied the presence of at least one lauric acid  $\omega$ -hydroxylase and two  $\omega$ -1 hydroxylases [145,146]. However, 1-ABT did not alter the ability of clofibrate to decrease serum triglyceride levels in rats, which showed that fatty acid hydroxylation was not critical for the antihyperlipidemic action of this drug [144]. Furthermore, work with primary hepatocyte cultures indicated that induction of peroxisomal  $\beta$ -oxidation and liver fatty acid binding protein is mediated by a 1-ABT-insensitive mechanism subsequent to P450 oxidation of long-chain fatty acids to dicarboxylic acids [147].

#### Arachidonic acid oxidation

The oxidation of arachidonic acid to both epoxyeicosatrienoic acids and 16- through 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acids by pulmonary microsomes from  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone-induced guinea pigs was inhibited by more than 95% after preincubation with 1 mM 1-ABT [101]. Formation of the epoxide metabolites was attributed in this study largely to the guinea pig orthologue of CYP2B4. 1-ABT causes dose-dependent loss of renal cytochrome P450 content, arachidonic acid oxidation, and CYP4A protein content when administered intraperitoneally to Sprague-Dawley rats [148]. In the cortex and outer medulla, 1-ABT was a potent inhibitor of the formation of 19-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (19-HETE) and 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (20-HETE). The activity losses caused by 1-ABT returned to control levels after 72 hours. Interestingly, renal arachidonic acid epoxygenase activity was not impaired under the same conditions. A single dose of 1-ABT given to 7-week old spontaneously hypertensive rats caused an acute reduction in mean arterial pressure that persisted for at least 12 hours. The role of 20-HETE in this antihypertensive effect is supported by the finding that an analogue of 1-ABT, 1-hydroxybenzimidazole, which does not inhibit 20-HETE formation has no effect on mean arterial pressure [148]. A fluorescent 20-HETE HPLC assay, which distinguishes this metabolite from other HETEs, dihydroxyeicosatrienoic acids, and epoxyeicosatrienoic acids, was used to demonstrate that 1-ABT reduces the excretion of 20-HETE in rats and inhibits its formation by renal microsomes [149]. *In vivo*, a daily 50 mg/kg injection of 1-ABT to rats over five days greatly lowered the urinary excretion of 20-HETE and the ability of renal cortical microsomes to oxidize arachidonic acid to 20-HETE and epoxyeicosatrienoic acids [150–152]. These examples are part of an extensive body of data (Table 4) indicating that 1-ABT is a mechanism-based cytochrome P450 inactivating agent of the enzymes that oxidize arachidonic acid to its diverse metabolites.

## Estradiol

As discussed in the section on 1-ABT toxicity, this inhibitor does not directly inhibit cytochrome P450 enzymes of the sterol biosynthetic pathway [51,52], although an *in vivo* study suggested that inhibition may occur via an indirect mechanism [53–56]. The further metabolism of estradiol, however, is mediated by P450 enzymes that are also involved in drug metabolism. This metabolism has a complicated effect on cell proliferation and growth, as shown in the summary of the studies of these effects carried out with the help of 1-ABT as a cytochrome P450 inhibitor (Table 5).

## Hypothermia

Studies of the effects of hypothermia on the *in vivo* pharmacokinetics of midazolam in rats showed that the  $K_m$  value for CYP3A2 remained unchanged at 37, 32, and 28°C, but the  $V_{max}$  decreased at the lower temperature [205]. 1-ABT was used in these studies to determine the contribution of this enzyme to the observed changes in pharmacokinetics.

## Other endogenous pathways

SKF-93479, a histamine H2 antagonist, caused thyroid lesions in rats linked to increased plasma clearance of thyroxine and elevated TSH concentrations. Inactivation of cytochrome P450 in hepatocytes by 1-ABT did not alter the effect of SKF-93479 on the accumulation of thyroxine, indicating that the enhancement was due to the parent drug and not a metabolite [206]. Temelastine (SK&F 93944), a histamine H1 antagonist, caused thyroid lesions associated with hypertrophy and colloid depletion in rats [207]. Again, 1-ABT was used to establish that the effect of the drug was due to the parent and not an oxidatively generated metabolite. In another area,  $\omega$ -hydroxyceramides are the major lipids on the corneocyte envelop in the epidermis. 1-ABT was shown to inhibit incorporation of radiolabeled acetate into this lipid in cultured human keratinocytes [208]. 1-ABT also inhibited recovery of the skin when damaged in hairless mice. These results confirmed the importance of  $\omega$ -hydroxyceramides in determining the epidermal permeability of skin.

A V79-derived cell line overexpressing CYP2E1 and SULT1A1 was found to undergo much higher rates of spontaneous gene mutations and sister chromatid exchanges than control V79 cells [209]. These elevated rates were completely prevented by 1-ABT or pentachlorophenol, a SULT1A1 inhibitor, suggesting that CYP1A1 in combination with SULT1A1 activates an endogenous molecule to a mutagenic product.

## Toxicity Studies

### Sepsis

Sepsis is a common, sometimes fatal condition during which cytochrome P450 enzymes are significantly downregulated due to a decrease in the levels of the AhR and Arnt receptors [210–212]. 1-ABT has provided evidence that cytochrome P450 enzymes are important for the prevention of hepatic dysfunction during sepsis [212–214]. Thus, treatment with 1-ABT enhanced the levels of proinflammatory cytokines in adult male Sprague-Dawley rats after induction of sepsis [213,214]. In sepsis induced by administration of low doses of zymosan,

58% mortality was observed when 1-ABT was co-administered, in contrast to no mortality in the absence of 1-ABT [215].

### Acetaminophen/Phenacetin

Intravenously administered phenacetin is oxidized in rats to acetaminophen, but this transformation is inhibited by pretreatment with 1-ABT [216], which changes the half-life of phenacetin from 34 to 230 min. In contrast, in this same system 1-ABT has little effect on the clearance, half-life, or distribution of intravenously administered acetaminophen. Both intravenous and intraperitoneal pretreatment of rat with 1-ABT greatly inhibited the systemic clearance of phenacetin, with an intraperitoneal dose of 50 mg/kg of 1-ABT resulting in 79% inhibition [85]. To determine if metabolism differences contributed to the finding that female Sprague-Dawley rats are more susceptible than male rats to acetaminophen-induced nephrotoxicity, incubations of hepatic and renal S9 fractions with radiolabeled acetaminophen in the presence of either 1-ABT or the reversible carboxyesterase inhibitor *bis*-(*p*-nitrophenyl)phosphate were carried out [217]. No sexdependent differences in covalent binding to protein of acetaminophen were observed and 1-ABT was found to inhibit covalent binding equally in both, whereas the carboxyesterase inhibitor had no effect on covalent binding. In a follow-up experiment, blood urea nitrogen was measured as an index of nephrotoxicity in rats after administration of radiolabeled acetaminophen. In this instance, pretreatment with either 1-ABT or tri-*o*-tolylphosphate, an irreversible carboxyesterase inhibitor, prevented elevation of blood urea nitrogen and decreased covalent binding [218]. Thus, both P450-catalyzed oxidation and deacetylation appear to contribute to nephrotoxicity. An analysis of the toxicity of acetaminophen to sinusoidal endothelial cells versus hepatocytes in C3H-HEN and Swiss Webster mice showed that it was more toxic to the sinusoidal cells, but the toxicity was suppressed by 1-ABT [219]. Studies with primary mouse hepatic parenchymal cells revealed that 1-ABT prevented covalent binding and toxicity when acetaminophen was present at concentrations lower than 5 mM, but at higher concentrations a P450-independent toxicity mechanism also intervened that appeared to be related to the presence of *p*-aminophenol [220]. This second toxicity mechanism was alleviated by a carboxyesterase inhibitor.

### Cyclophosphamide

Classical P450 inhibitors such as SKF-525A did not attenuate pulmonary thymidine incorporation, a marker of tissue injury, associated with administration of cyclophosphamide, whereas pretreatment with 1-ABT lowered thymidine incorporation into lung DNA on days 3 and 10, but not on day 7. Agents, such as indomethacin and aspirin, which inhibit arachidonic acid pathways independent of cytochrome P450, similarly reduced levels of thymidine incorporation in the lung. Although differences were found in the protective effects of these agents in liver and lung, it appears that oxidation of cyclophosphamide by the cytochrome P450 system is not essential for the development of pulmonary toxicity associated with cyclophosphamide [221]. Gene therapy to increase expression of CYP2B in tumors provides a strategy for increasing tumor rather than systemic toxicity of cyclophosphamide [222]. 1-ABT, which is more inhibitory to CYP2C than CYP2B cyclophosphamide activation, increases the  $C_{max}$  and half-life of the activated anti-tumor metabolite of cyclophosphamide in rats [222].



## Nevirapine

Nevirapine, a reverse transcriptase inhibitor, causes skin rash and hepatotoxicity. The 12-hydroxy metabolite causes the skin rash and deuterium incorporation of the 12-methyl in the parent drug, which inhibits 12-hydroxylation, suppresses rash formation [223]. However, blood levels of the deuterated compound were unexpectedly low due to formation of a quinone methide, which inactivates cytochrome P450. Comparable levels of nevirapine and the deuterated analogue were observed when the rats were pretreated with 1-ABT. The results led to the proposal that the quinone methide formed in the liver is responsible for the hepatotoxicity of nevirapine, whereas the skin rash is due to formation of the 12-hydroxy metabolite in the skin, probably followed by sulfation to make it a more reactive species. The role of the quinone methide in liver toxicity was substantiated by a subsequent study, again using 1-ABT and the deuterated nevirapine analog, which showed that *in vivo* the quinone methide bound covalently to liver proteins, and *in vitro* specifically to rat CYP3A1 and CYP2C11, and human CYP3A4 (Figure 10) [224].

## Tienilic acid

Tienilic acid is a hepatotoxic agent that forms a glutathione adduct (Figure 11), decreases glutathione levels, and upregulates toxicity marker genes [225]. All of these effects are blocked by pretreatment with an intraperitoneal dose of 66 mg/kg of 1-ABT. The metabolism of tienilic acid, as well as several other drugs, by human hepatocytes was shown to be inhibited by 1-ABT [226]. As tienilic acid itself inactivates CYP2C9, and other studies indicate that 1-ABT is a good inactivator of most drug metabolizing forms of P450, but less so of CYP2C9 [41], a cocktail of tienilic acid and 1-ABT has been employed to approach pan-P450 inactivation [227]. A study of the cytotoxicity of bosentan in sandwich-cultured human hepatocytes showed that tienilic acid, as a CYP2C9-specific inhibitor, plus 1-ABT helped to preserve cell viability [228].

## Valproic acid

To explore the mechanism by which valproic acid causes liver damage its effects on levels of 15-F<sub>2t</sub>-isoprostane, a measure of oxidative stress, and the possible role of cytochrome P450 in the process, have been investigated [229]. Phenobarbital pretreatment was found to increase plasma and liver concentrations of 15-F<sub>2t</sub>-isoprostane in valproic acid-treated rats by several fold. Cytochrome P450 metabolites of valproic acid were also increased. However, 1-ABT attenuated the formation of valproic acid metabolites, but did not lower the levels of 15-F<sub>2t</sub>-isoprostane, suggesting that phenobarbital exacerbated liver damage by a mechanism independent of the P450 oxidation of valproic acid. An extension of this study confirmed that the (*E*)-2,4-diene metabolite of valproic acid did not contribute to the toxicity of the parent compound in hepatocytes, as shown by the failure of 1-ABT to diminish the toxicity despite its inhibitory effect on formation of the metabolite [230].

## Loratadine

Desloratadine, a non-sedating antihistamine, is converted *in vivo* to 3-hydroxydesloratadine, but efforts to reproduce this transformation *in vitro* were unsuccessful. More recent work showed that cryopreserved human hepatocytes yield both 3-hydroxydesloratadine and its *O*-

glucuronide [231]. 1-ABT and gemfibrozil glucuronide, a CYP2C8 inhibitor, prevented 3-hydroxydesloratadine formation. Furthermore, the formation of this metabolite required both NADPH and UDPglucuronic acid, leading to the conclusion that 3-hydroxydesloratadine was generated by a sequence involving initial N-glucuronidation, CYP2C8 hydroxylation of the glucuronide, and glucuronidase release of the 3-desloratadine metabolite (Figure 12). The glucuronide, indicated by Glu in the figure, could conceivably be located on the other nitrogen of the molecule.

In a different vein, 1-ABT was used to demonstrate that the drug-induced phospholipidosis caused by loratadine in three-dimensional cultures of hepatocytes was due to the cytochrome P450-catalyzed formation of desloratadine [232].

### Precocene

Precocene, a naturally occurring regulator of insect development, causes P450-dependent hepatic necrosis. Comparison of 24-hour cultures of rat hepatocytes with and without added calf serum showed that addition of serum decreased the toxicity of precocene and prevented glutathione loss [233]. However, although precocene was also toxic to 72-hour cell cultures, the effect of serum was attenuated and the toxicity was relatively insensitive to inhibition of P450 enzymes by 1-ABT, suggesting that a different mechanism of toxicity might be operative in the older cultures [233,234]. A later study of the metabolism of precocene by rat liver slices showed that differences exist in the metabolite profiles obtained with the slices versus *in vivo* in rats, particularly in the amount of dihydrodiol products generated from the epoxide metabolite (Figure 13) by epoxide hydrolases [235]. 1-ABT decreased the extent of metabolite formation and decreased the observed toxicity of precocene, and was more effective in doing so than ketoconazole and other isoform selective P450 inhibitors.

### 3-Methylindole

The pneumotoxicity of 3-methylindole in cattle, goats, sheep, horses, and other species appears to be mediated by a P450-generated electrophilic metabolite [236]. Thus, 1-ABT decreased 3-methylindole metabolism and its covalent binding to proteins in goat lung by 50 and 100% when present at a concentration of 10 and 100  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. 1-ABT also inhibited the toxicity of 3-methylindole in isolated rabbit lung cells [237,238], and abrogated the toxicity of 3-methylindole in human bronchial epithelial cells lines [239,240]. As 3-methylindole with a trideuterated methyl group is much less cytotoxic, it appears that oxidation of the methyl group produced the electrophilic metabolite involved in covalent binding and toxicity (Figure 14) [237].

## 10 Acrylamide/acrylonitrile

The oxidation by mice of acrylonitrile ( $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCN}$ ) and acrylamide ( $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCONH}_2$ ) to the epoxides glycidamide and cyano ethylene oxide, respectively, was suppressed by pretreatment with 1-ABT or when CYP2E1-null mice were employed. The data suggested that in mice CYP2E1 is the principal cytochrome P450 enzyme responsible for formation of these metabolites [44]. Other work showed that P450 enzymes other than CYP2E1 contribute to the oxidative metabolism of acrylonitrile and methacrylonitrile, as 1-ABT lowered the formation of cyanide derived from these compounds even in CYP2E1-null mice

[241]. 1-ABT and CYP2E1-null mice were also used to show that CYP2E1 plays a major, but not exclusive, role in the oxidative metabolism of methacrylonitrile [45]. Acrylamide is a mutagen with clastogenic effects in mice. Pretreatment with 1-ABT prior to acrylamide administration greatly reduced this mutagenesis, providing strong support for the conclusion that the epoxide is the mutagenic metabolite [242]. However, 1-ABT was not found to decrease the morphological transformation of Syrian hamster embryo cells caused by acrylamide, a process that was inhibited by N-acetylcysteine. This led the authors to postulate that acrylamide itself, not its oxidative metabolite, was responsible for cell transformation [243]. In another study, the incidence of adrenal, testicular, and thyroid neoplasia in rats upon chronic exposure to acrylamide was investigated [244]. Acrylonitrile was found to increase DNA synthesis in these tissues, but not in the liver or adrenal cortex, which are not target tissues for acrylamide carcinogenesis. Pretreatment with 1-ABT reduced DNA synthesis caused by acrylamide in the adrenal medulla, but not in the testicular mesothelium or thyroid. Acrylonitrile increases oxidative stress in rat brain and cultured rat glial cells. A study of the possible causes for this effect showed that acrylonitrile decreased the activity of catalase, and increased that of xanthine oxidase, but 1-ABT pretreatment counteracted these effects [245], suggesting that these protein alterations contribute to the increase in oxidative stress caused by acrylonitrile. Related studies in which 1-ABT was shown to decrease the extent of oxidative damage caused by acrylonitrile in rat brain concurred with the view that its P450-catalyzed oxidation was at the root of the oxidative damage [246].

*Cis*-2-pentenenitrile triggers permanent behavioral defects in rodents. These behavioral changes were prevented by pretreatment with 1-ABT, implicating oxidative metabolism of this substrate in its deleterious effects [247]. 1-ABT also decreased the mortality and vestibular toxicity of allylnitrile [248].

## 11 Halocarbons

A comparison of the toxicity of chloroform in male B6C3F<sub>1</sub>, Sv/129 wild-type mice, and CYP2E1-null mice showed that the pathological changes caused by chloroform were only observed in wild-type mice. Furthermore, pretreatment of wild-type mice with 1-ABT completely protected against the cytotoxic effects of chloroform [249], leading to the conclusion that CYP2E1 was largely responsible for bioactivation of chloroform to a cytotoxic species. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) is known to confer some protection against chloroform-induced liver injury. To determine if this protection was due to inhibition of cytochrome P450 enzymes or some other phenomenon, the protective activities of DMSO and 1-ABT were evaluated in male Sprague-Dawley rats [250]. 1-ABT decreased covalent binding of <sup>14</sup>C-chloroform to liver proteins by 35% and reduced the amount of radiolabel in blood 10 hours after radiolabeled chloroform administration by 50%, whereas DMSO had no effect on these parameters even though it also protected the liver. Thus, DMSO confers protection by mechanisms other than inhibition of the bioactivation of chloroform.

The metabolism of inhaled 1-bromopropane by male F344 rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice resulted in exhaled radiolabeled CO<sub>2</sub> and several glutathione-derived conjugates in the urine: *N*-acetyl-*S*-propylcysteine, *N*-acetyl-3-(propylsulfinyl)alanine, *N*-acetyl-*S*-(2-hydroxypropyl)-

cysteine, 1-bromo-2-hydroxypropane-*O*-glucuronide, *N*-acetyl-*S*-(2-oxopropyl)cysteine, and *N*-acetyl-3-[(2-oxopropyl)sulfinyl]alanine (Figure 15) [251]. In rats pretreated with 1-ABT, oxidative metabolism was decreased and the single urinary metabolite was that formed by glutathione displacement of bromide from the parent compound. 1-Bromopropane also has neurotoxic effects that are difficult to study *in vivo* due to the hepatotoxicity of the compound. Administration of 1-ABT (50 mg/kg) to rats for three days inhibited 92–96% of the hepatic microsomal CYP2E1 activity, but only 62–64% of the same activity in brain microsomes. Under these conditions, it was possible to administer higher doses of 1-bromopropane and to examine their effect on the brain [252].

1,1-Dichloro-2,2-*bis*(4'-chlorophenyl)ethane (DDD), 1,2-dibromoethane, and trichloroethylene are toxic to rabbit lung Clara cells, alveolar type II cells, and alveolar macrophages [253]. 1-ABT diminished the cytotoxicity of DDD and 1,2-dibromoethane to Clara cells, indicating that cytotoxic metabolite formation was mediated, at least in part, by cytochrome P450 enzymes.

The oxidative metabolism of trichloroethylene, a carcinogen present in the environment, was suggested by *in vitro* studies to be mediated by CYP2E1. To better assess the role of this enzyme, the metabolism of trichloroethylene in wild-type and CYP2E1-null mice was investigated [254]. The excretion of trichloroethylene as urinary metabolites and CO<sub>2</sub> was much lower, and excretion of the parent compound higher, in the CYP2E1-null than wild-type mice. Pretreatment of both types of mice with 1-ABT inhibited the metabolism of trichloroethylene. These results indicated that CYP2E1 is important in trichloroethylene metabolism, but other P450 enzymes also make a contribution.

## 12 Oxidative stress

Pretreatment with 1-ABT attenuated the DNA fragmentation and cell death caused by 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole plus mercaptosuccinic acid in primary cultures of rat hepatocytes. This led to the conclusion that endogenous oxidative stress was directly related to the activity of cytochrome P450 enzymes [255]. The role of cytochrome P450, particularly CYP2E1, in the cellular injury caused by ethanol has been examined in rats, Cyp2e1-knockout mice, and p47(phox)-null mice lacking nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate oxidase [256]. The extent of oxidative DNA adducts, mutagenic apurinic/ apyrimidinic sites, and expression of DNA repair genes was measured. Ethanol caused an increase in these parameters in the wild-type rat and mice, and the p47(phox)-null mice, but not in the Cyp2e1-null mice. The increase in DNA repair genes was completely abolished by pretreatment with 1-ABT, implicating CYP2E1 and possibly other cytochrome P450 enzymes in ethanol-induced liver injury. The story is not simple, however, as an earlier study by the same group indicated that 1-ABT did not prevent oxidative stress-associated liver injury in rats and mice caused by alcohol, as judged by examination of liver pathology [86]. Interestingly, vitamin E and 1-ABT offered protection against oxidative stress, hepatic apoptosis, and necroinflammation associated with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis [257].

Schisandrin B (Figure 16) from the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis*, a traditional Chinese medicine, protects against CCl<sub>4</sub>-induced hepatotoxicity and myocardial ischemia-reperfusion injury in rodents by enhancing mitochondrial glutathione status and inducing

expression of the heat shock proteins Hsp25 and Hsp70 [258,259]. The finding that 1-ABT pretreatment significantly delays the *in vivo* time-course of the Schisandrin B-induced glutathione and Hsp25/70 responses in Balb/c mice suggests that cytochrome P450 enzymes facilitate the generation of reactive oxygen species in this system [259].

To determine whether cytochrome P450 enzymes contribute *in vivo* to oxidative stress through the production of reactive oxygen species, various cytochrome P450 inducers ( $\beta$ -naphthoflavone, phenobarbital, Aroclor 1254, isoniazid, pregnenolone 16 $\alpha$ -carbonitrile, and clofibrate) were examined in male Sprague-Dawley rats with and without pretreatment of the rats with 1-ABT [260]. Aroclor 1254 and phenobarbital, but not the other agents, enhanced the formation of malondialdehyde and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> formation as well as NADPH oxidation both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. These two agents also increased the formation of F<sub>2</sub>-isoprostanes, which are markers of oxidative stress, and these changes were attenuated by pretreatment with 1-ABT.

Methyl 3-(4-nitrophenyl)propiolate induces tumor cell apoptosis [261]. 1-ABT inhibited the formation of reactive oxygen species and cell apoptosis, implying a role for cytochrome P450 enzymes in the process.

### 13 Free radical formation

1-ABT has been used to rule out a role for cytochrome P450 in the formation of certain carbon radicals. Thus, neither 1-ABT nor CO attenuated the amplitude of the ESR spectrum of the phenyl radical produced in incubations of rat hepatic microsomes or cecal microflora with 1,3-diphenyl-1-triazene [262]. Phenyl radical formation, however, was decreased by antibodies to NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase, pointing to a reductive role of this protein in radical formation. 1-ABT and CO also did not attenuate the formation of phenyl radicals from diazoaminobenzene in incubations with liver microsomes. Furthermore, the radicals were formed on incubation of diazoaminobenzene with NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase, confirming a role for this enzyme rather than cytochrome P450 in the process [263]. In contrast, 1-ABT did inhibit the formation of the CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> radical in the metabolism of sodium formate. However, allopurinol, an inhibitor of xanthine oxidase, also inhibited this reaction, which suggested that H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was involved in the process [264]. This inference is supported by the finding that 3-aminotriazole, a catalase inhibitor, significantly increased the level of spin trapped CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> radical. As noted earlier, exposure for 24-, 28-, or 60-hours to greater than 95% oxygen after administration of 1-ABT to rats resulted in the death of the 1-ABT-treated animals between 48 and 60 hr, whereas no control rats exposed to similar hyperoxic conditions died at up to 60 hours of exposure [88]. 1-ABT thus markedly potentiates hyperoxic lung and brain injury. In accord with this, the inhibition by 1-ABT of oxygen radical production by CYP2E1 in the brain of mice, assayed as the delay in the onset of convulsions in a hyperbaric chamber, was not effective and had undesirable side-effects [265].

### 14 Other uses of 1-ABT in analysis of xenobiotic toxicology

Many studies have been carried out that employ 1-ABT as a tool to elucidate the roles of cytochrome P450 enzymes in xenobiotic and drug toxicological processes. A summary of

these is presented in Table 6. On the other hand, some toxicological processes have not been found to involve cytochrome P450, as 1-ABT did not inhibit them, and these results are summarized in Table 7.

## Non-Mammalian P450 Enzymes

### Plant P450 enzymes

**Endogenous substrates:** Cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase is a cytochrome P450 enzyme involved in phenylalanine metabolism and the biosynthesis of phenylpropanoids in plants (Figure 15). 1-ABT efficiently inactivated this enzyme in *Helianthus tuberosus* (Jerusalem artichoke) [58], but much more slowly inactivated the enzyme responsible for the hydroxylation of lauric acid. 1-ABT also exhibited a low activity for inactivation of the lauric acid  $\omega$ -hydroxylase of *Vicia sativa* L cv. *Septimane*, in contrast to the inactivation caused by 11-dodecynoic acid [301]. Microsomes from marine microalgae were have P450 enzymes that oxidize cinnamic acid, fatty acids, 3-chlorobiphenyl, and isoproturon, and 1-ABT was specifically shown to abolish the oxidation of 3-chlorobiphenyl in intact cells [302].

The flavonoid 3',5'-hydroxylase of petunia hybrid flowers was inhibited by both 1-ABT and the growth regulator tetcyclasis [303]. In a more detailed study in *Solanum lycopersicum* (tomato), 1-ABT was shown to strongly inhibit the formation of flavonoids such as caffeic acid, kaempferol, and quercetin [304]. This is consistent with inhibition of cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase. Furthermore, 1-ABT caused the accumulation of 9,12,13-trihydroxy-10(*E*)octadecanoic acid (Figure 17), probably by blocking further oxidative metabolism of this intermediate, whereas tetcyclasis completely suppressed its formation. These results provided clear evidence for differential roles of P450 enzymes in tomato plants.

The oxidation of tabersonine to hörhammericine in *Catharanthus roseus* hairy root cultures (Figure 18) was inhibited by 1-ABT, although it did not appear to inhibit the formation of lochnericine [305]. In contrast, clotrimazole inhibited the formation of lochnericine, indicating that different P450 enzymes catalyze these two transformations. Both agents inhibited the growth of the root cultures. Inhibition of these reactions is of potential importance in biotechnological channeling of tabersonine into the production of vindoline and the anticancer agents derived from it.

**Xenobiotic metabolism:** 1-ABT strongly, but differentially, inhibited the *O*-dealkylation of 7-ethoxycoumarin and 7-ethoxyresorufin by microsomes from manganese-induced Jerusalem artichoke, implying the action of two different P450 enzymes [306]. 1-ABT has found wide use in studies of the metabolism of herbicides by plants and the role of this process in herbicide resistance. Thus, 1-ABT inhibits the metabolism of chlortoluron and isoproturon and synergizes the activities of these agents in wheat [84,307]. It also inhibits the metabolism of diclofop in wheat, but less effectively than tetcyclasis [308]. Work with suspension cultures of soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.) and rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) demonstrated that 1-ABT inhibited the metabolism of the herbicide bentazon in rice, although the data suggested that it could also reduce the uptake of bentazon by the cells



[309]. The oxidation of bentazon (Figure 19) was also inhibited by 100  $\mu\text{M}$  1-ABT in maize cell suspension cultures, although less effectively than inhibition by the alternative P450 inhibitors tetcyclacis, phenylhydrazine, and piperonyl butoxide [310]. 1-ABT also synergized the activity of the herbicides clodinafop, haloxyfop, and fenoxaprop by inhibiting their P450 metabolism in blackgrass (*Aloecurus myosuroides* Huds.) [311]. Analysis of the metabolism of cinnamic acid, lauric acid, metolalchlor, bentazon, and diazinon by microsomes from grain sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench) demonstrated differential inhibition of the metabolism of these agents by tetcyclacis, piperonyl butoxide, 1-ABT, SKF-525A, and tridiphan [312]. Resistance to the herbicidal activity of metamiltron (Figure 19) has been observed in the weed *Chenopodium album* (common lambsquarters). A study of the resistant and sensitive strains of this weed taken from sugar beet fields demonstrated that the resistance was due to enhanced metabolism of metamiltron in the resistant strains [313]. 1-ABT inhibited this metabolism, even though piperonyl butoxide did not. 1-ABT was used to establish that the tolerance of *Agrostis stolonifera* (creeping bentgrass) to the herbicide topramezone is due to rapid metabolism of the herbicide [314].

1-ABT was used to establish that 4-monochlorobiphenyl, an environmental pollutant, is metabolized in poplar trees by cytochrome P450 enzymes [315].

### Fish P450 enzymes

The inhibition of lauric acid  $\omega$ -1 hydroxylation, 7,12-dimethylbenz[a]anthracene hydroxylation, and progesterone 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylation in trout was examined using several inhibitory agents [316]. These activities were used as functional markers for the trout enzymes CYP2K1, CYP1A1, and CYP3A27, respectively. 1-ABT only slightly inhibited dimethylbenz[a]anthracene hydroxylation, but potently inhibited testosterone 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylation.

Diazinon is an organophosphate pesticide that is converted to a metabolite in which the sulfur attached to the phosphorus is replaced by an oxygen atom. This metabolite is a more potent inhibitor of acetylcholinesterase than diazinon itself. In early life stages of medaka (*Oryzias latipes*), 1-ABT decreased acetylcholinesterase inhibition, presumably by inhibiting the oxidation of diazinon to the more toxic metabolite [317].

The absence of inhibition by 1-ABT provided evidence that sulfoxidation of the thiourea herbicide eptam by liver microsomes from striped bass was mediated by a flavoprotein monooxygenase rather than by a cytochrome P450 enzyme [318].

### Insect P450 enzymes

1-ABT, which caused a loss of spectroscopically measurable cytochrome P450 and the accumulation of an N-N-bridged porphyrin in housefly microsomes [83], potentiated the activity of a carbamate insecticide in live houseflies. Based on evidence that methanol oxidation in *Drosophila melanogaster* is partially mediated by cytochrome P450 enzymes, the effect of 1-ABT and other enzyme inhibitors on methanol toxicity has been evaluated [319].

## Fungal and microbial P450 enzymes

**Endogenous substrates:** Inhibition of the growth of *Fusarium* on cereals and their production of mycotoxins is desirable, as it results in loss of crop yield and poses a health threat to livestock and humans. 1-ABT was shown to inhibit production of the toxin 3-acetyldeoxynivalenol and the growth of the mycelia of *Fusarium graminearum* 4528 [320].

The antimicrobial sesquiterpenes enokipodins A, B, C, and D are obtained from mycelial cultures of the edible mushroom *Flammulina velutipes*. Studies of the biosynthesis of these agents using 1-ABT as a probe led to identification of three intermediates (shown in the boxes) in the biosynthetic sequence (Figure 20) [321].

A strain of *Rhodococcus erythropolis* developed by using  $\beta$ -myrcene as the sole carbon source showed that the major product formed by the cells from this precursor was geraniol [322]. 1-ABT decreased the production of geraniol by 73%.

**Xenobiotics:** 1-ABT has been used to implicate cytochrome P450 enzymes in the degradation by white-rot fungi of many compounds. In *Phlebia lindtneri*, this included the demonstration that P450 enzymes participate in the degradation of dibenzo-*p*-dioxin, dibenzofuran, diphenyl ether, chloronaphthalenes, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons [323,324].

1-ABT inhibited the degradation of various chemicals by *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* and related species, including diclofenac and mefenamic acid [325], ketoprofen [326], norfloxacin and ciprofloxacin [327], diuron [328], and dibenzyl sulfoxide [329]. The growth of *P. chrysosporium* on diesel fuel was inhibited by 1-ABT, indicating that P450 enzymes are involved in the utilization of this carbon source for biomass production [330].

The degradation of xenobiotics by *Trametes versicolor*, another white-rot fungus, was also inhibited by 1-ABT, pointing to the involvement of cytochrome P450 enzymes in the degradative pathways. This included the degradation of trichloroethylene [331], 1,2,3- and 1,2,4-trichlorobenzenes [332], ibuprofen [333], naproxen [334], and diclofenac [335]. *Pleorotus ostreatus* oxidizes phenanthrene to phenanthrene *trans*-9,10-diol and this degradation is inhibited by 1-ABT [336].

1-ABT inhibited the metabolism by the filamentous fungus *Cunninghamella elegans* of phenanthrene [337], dibenzothiophene [338], and amitriptyline [339]. 1-ABT inhibited the oxidation of 4-(cyclohexylamino)benzophenone and other organic compounds by *Beauveria bassiana* [340]. A comparison of the product distribution obtained with this inhibitor versus other inhibitors indicated the involvement of more than one P450 enzyme. The oxidation of adamantane by *Streptomyces griseoplanus* was inhibited by 1-ABT [341], as was the degradation of 2,5-dimethylpyrazine by *Rhodococcus erythropolis* [342], and the degradation of polychlorinated biphenyl by *Ceriporia* sp. ZLY-2010 [343].

## Conclusion

1-ABT is an easily administered, mechanism-based inhibitor of most of the drug metabolizing isoforms of the cytochrome P450 family of enzymes, albeit with somewhat

different sensitivities for the individual isoforms. Toxicity studies indicate that it is a relatively benign agent, even though *in vivo* it may interfere with sterol biosynthesis. It has been utilized in studies of mammals, insects, fish, and plants, using microsomal assays, intact cells, and *in vivo*. It has proven to be highly useful in situations where a pan-specific agent is required to inhibit the broad range of drug-metabolizing isoforms of cytochrome P450.

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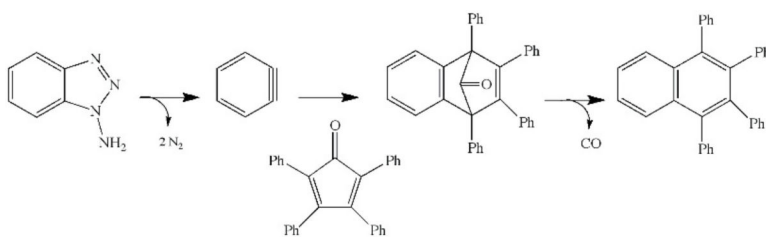
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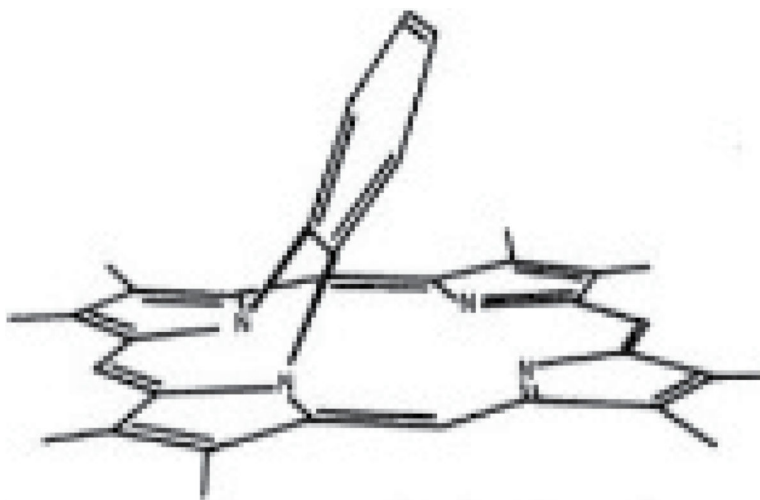
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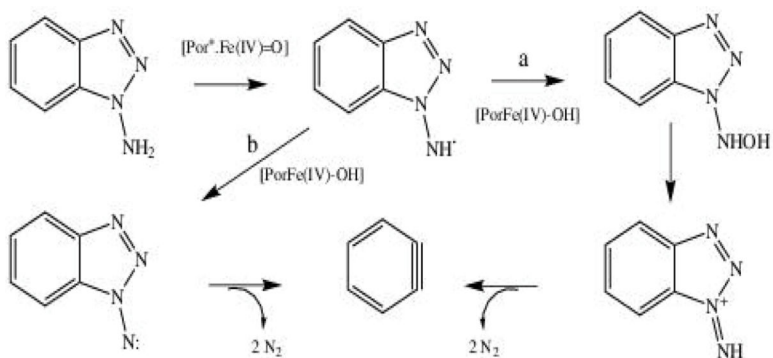
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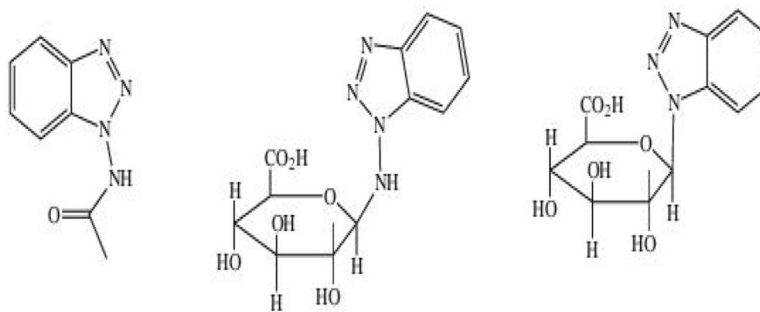


**Figure 2:** Heme adduct formed by reaction of the heme of cytochrome P450 with autocatalytically activated 1-ABT. The peripheral substituents on the porphyrin are only shown schematically, as isomeric structures that differ in the pattern of peripheral substitution are possible.

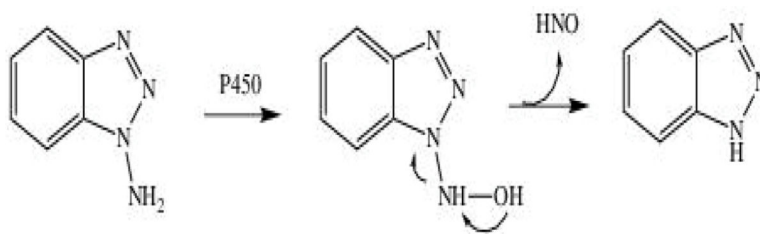


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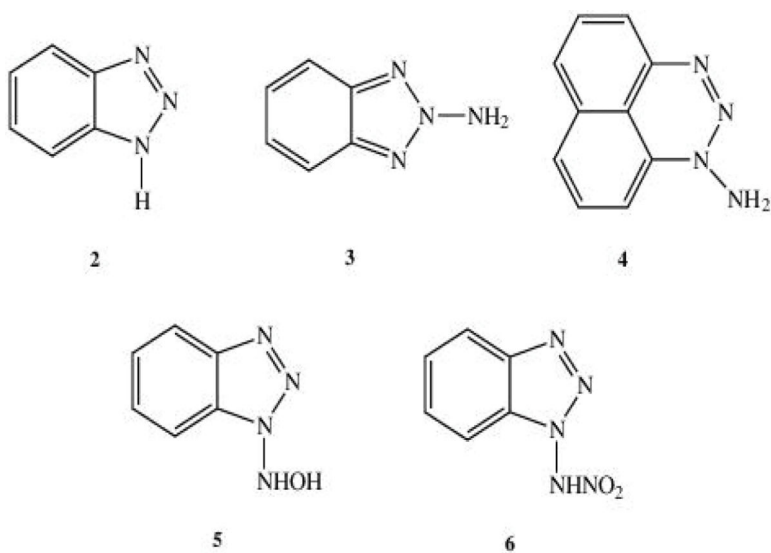




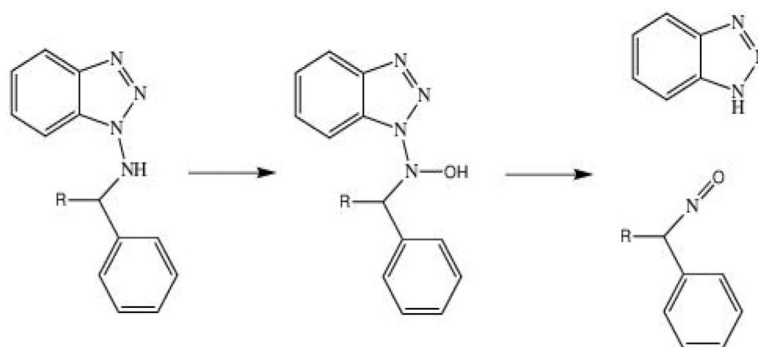
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Metabolites of 1-ABT formed *in vivo* in rats.



**Figure 5:**  
Possible mechanism for the P450-catalyzed conversion of 1-ABT to benzotriazole.

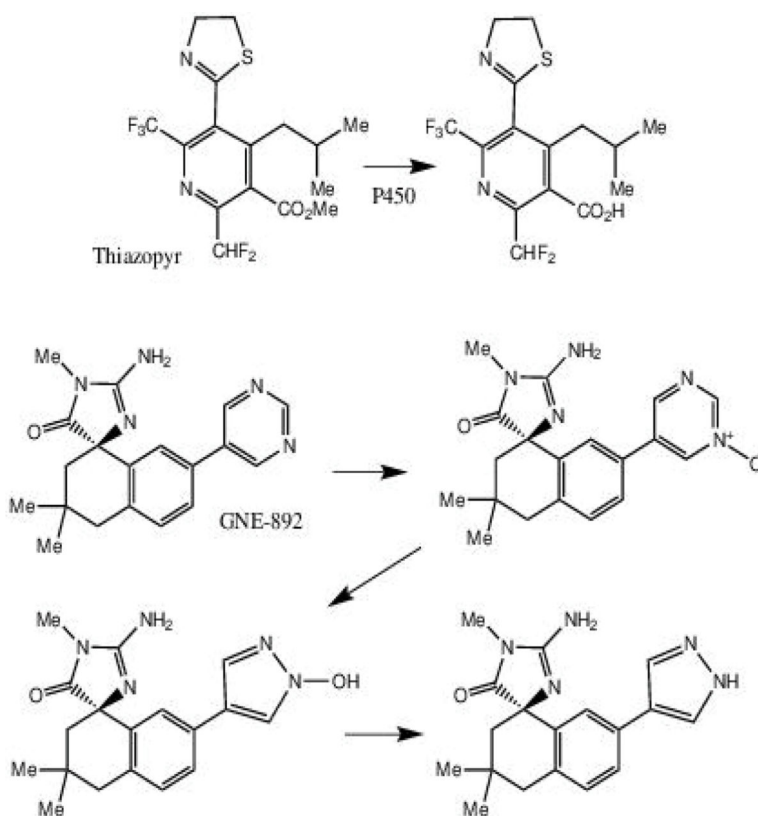


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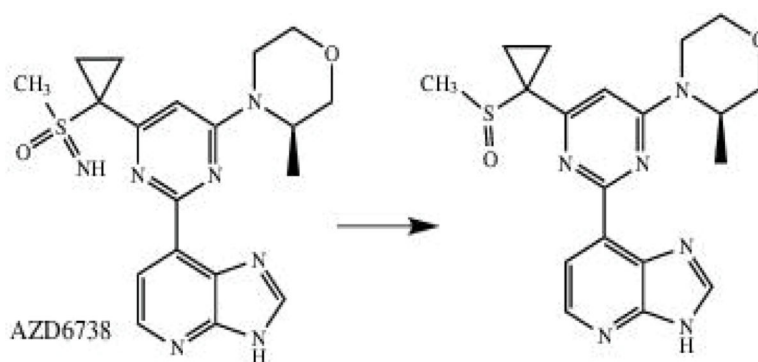


**Figure 7:**

A possible mechanism for the formation of a nitroso compound that could coordinate to the heme iron of P450, resulting in observation of MI complexes. The reaction scheme shown is a modified version of that proposed by Sinal and Bend [90]. The R stands for H, Me, or Et, depending on whether it refers to experiments with compound **13**, **14**, or **15** (Table 2), respectively.

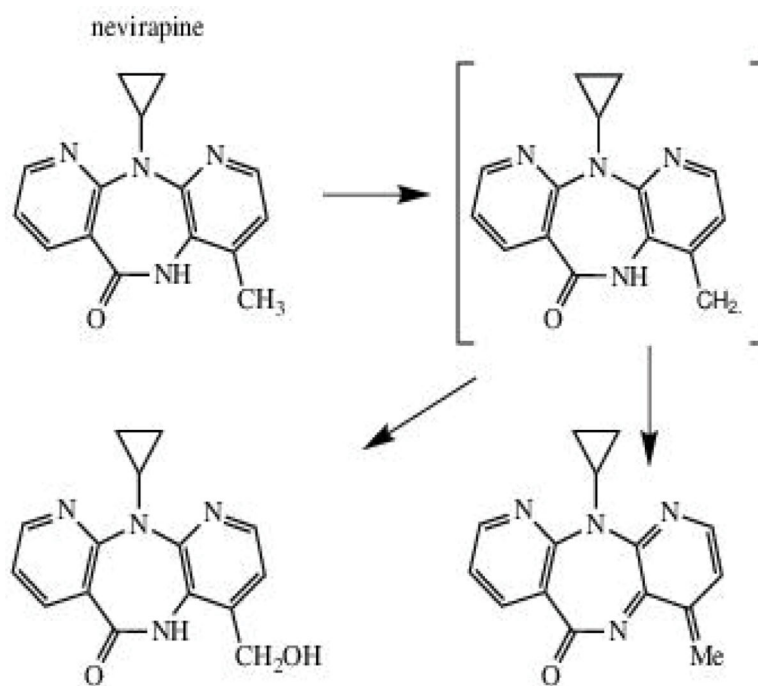


**Figure 8:**  
Metabolites of thiazopyr and GNE-892 produced by cytochrome P450.



**Figure 9:**  
Cytochrome P450 catalyzed oxidation resulting in a reduced metabolite.

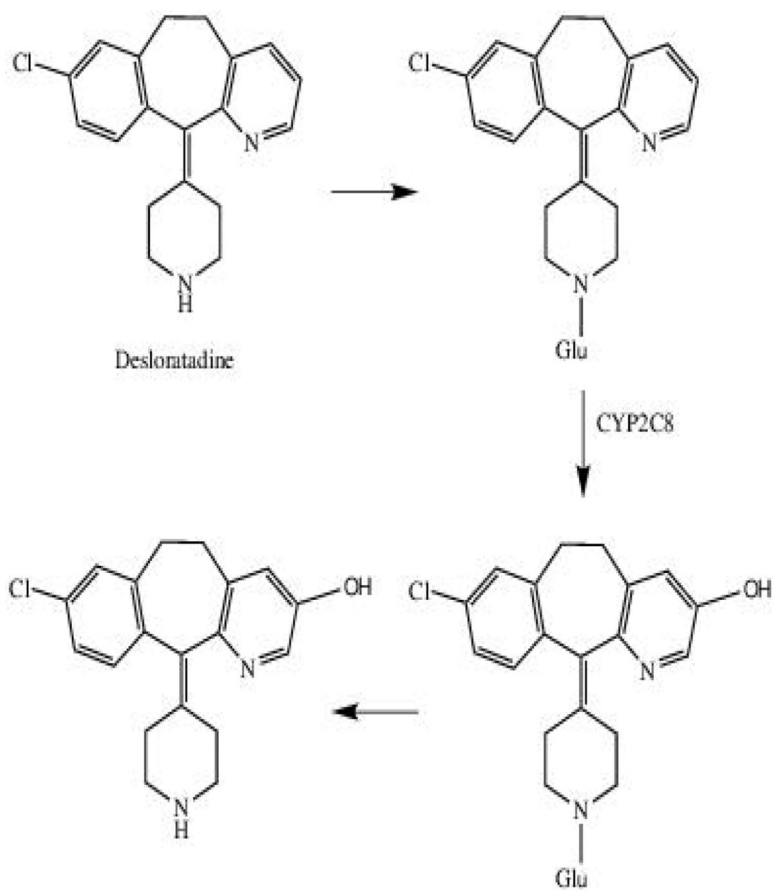




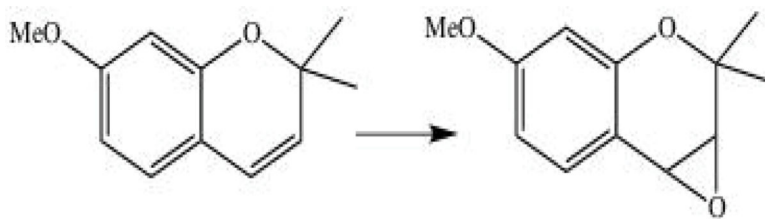
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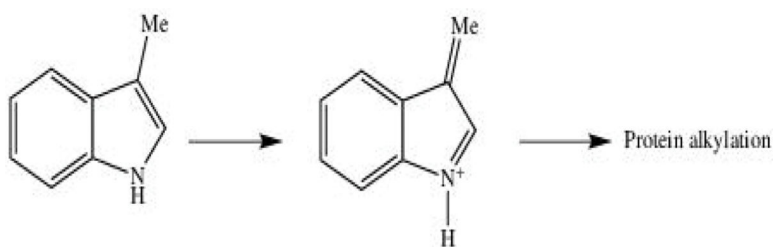
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The cytochrome P450-catalyzed transformation of tienilic acid to a glutathione conjugate is inhibited by 1-ABT.



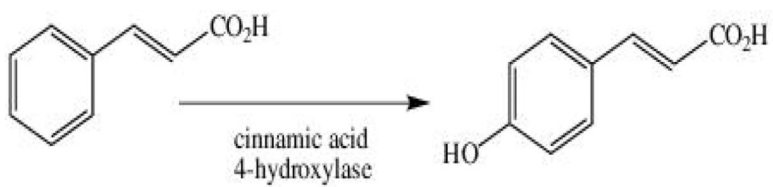
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The hepatic metabolism of desloratadine elucidated with the help of 1-ABT.



**Figure 13:**  
Epoxidation of precocene.

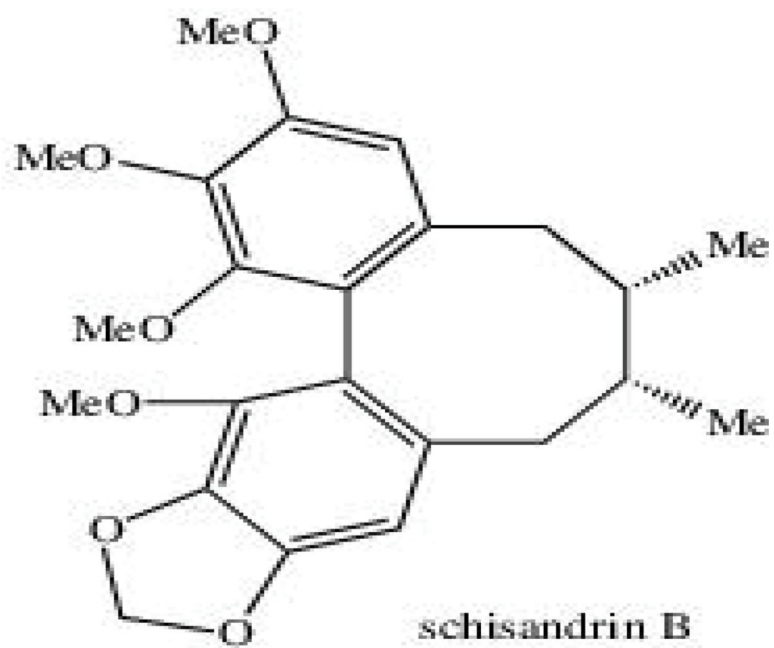


**Figure 14:** Oxidation of 3-methylindole to a reactive methylene iminium product that alkylates proteins.

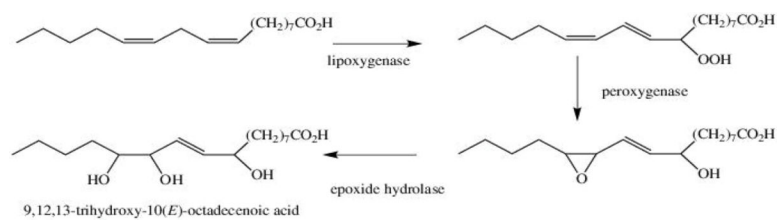


**Figure 15:** Oxidation of cinnamic acid by cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase in the biosynthesis of phenylpropanoids in plants.

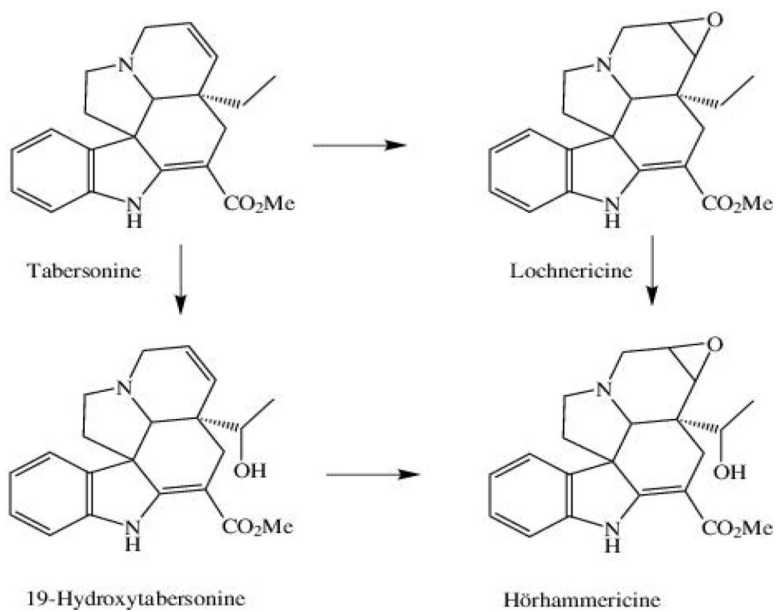




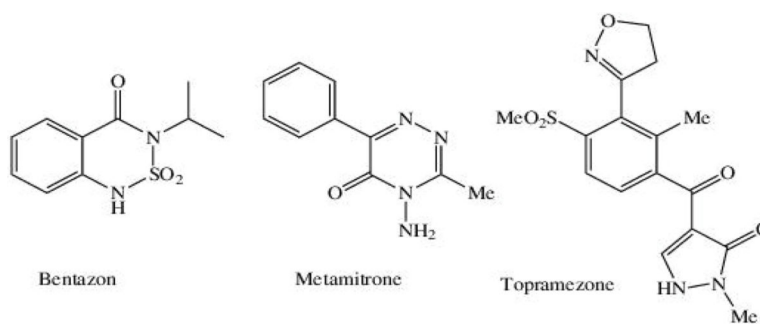
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Structure of schisandrin B.



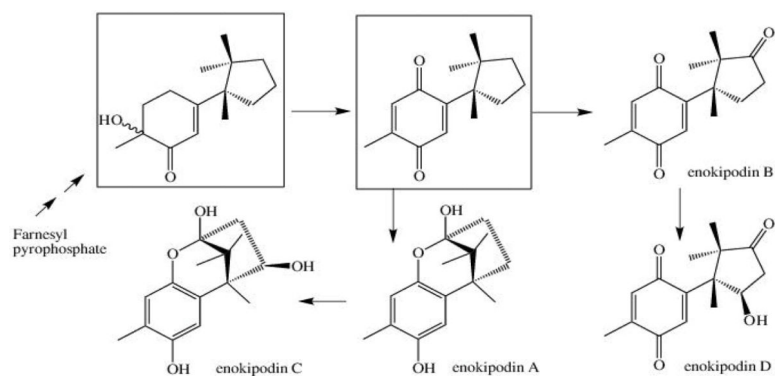
**Figure 17:**  
Formation of 9,12,13-trihydroxy-10(*E*)-octadecenoic acid in *Solanum lipoersicum* (tomato).



**Figure 18:** Pathways for the biosynthesis of hörhammericine from tabersonine in the biogenesis of vindoline.



**Figure 19:**  
Structures of some of the herbicide agents whose metabolism is shown by studies with 1-ABT to involve cytochrome P450 enzymes.



**Figure 20:** Two intermediates in the biosynthesis of enokipodin A, B, C, and D identified as a result of inhibition of P450 enzymes by 1-ABT. The two intermediates are shown in the boxes.

**Table 1:**

Some compounds for which the role of P450 versus FMO has been investigated using 1-ABT as a P450 inactivating agent.

Substrates	Enzyme source	Reference
2-Aryl-1,3-dithiolanes	Rabbit lung	[62]
Alkyl <i>p</i> -tolylsulfides	Rabbit lung/mini pig liver	[63]
Thiocarbamides	Rat liver	[64]
Benzimidazole-2-thiones	Rat liver	[65]
2-(Alkylthio)-1,3,4-thiadiazoles 2-(Alkylthio)-1,3-benzothiazoles	Human liver	[66]
Thiouracil derivative	Rat / dog liver	[67]

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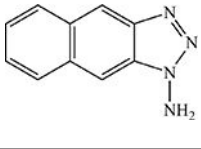
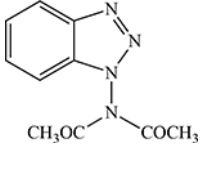
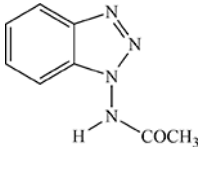
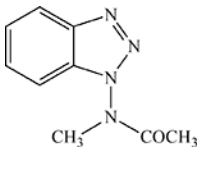
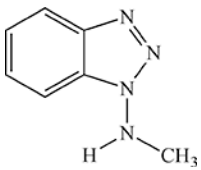
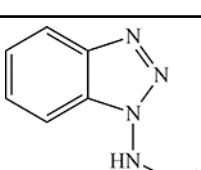
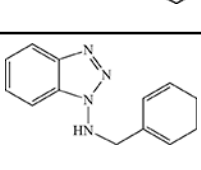
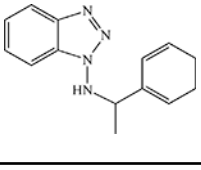
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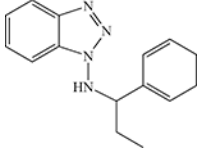
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**Table 2:**

Analogues of 1-ABT shown to inactivate cytochrome P450 enzymes.

Compound number	Analog	%P450 loss <i>in vitro</i>	Porphyrin pigment <i>in vivo</i>	Reference
1	1-ABT	86 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20]
7		65 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20]
8		32 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20]
9		20 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20]
10		10 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20]
11		43 <sup>a</sup>	yes	[20,22]
12		37 <sup>b</sup>	nd <sup>d</sup>	[22]
13		25 <sup>c</sup> 30 <sup>b</sup>	nd <sup>d</sup>	[22,89]
14		31 <sup>c</sup> 37 <sup>b</sup>	nd <sup>d</sup>	[22,89]

Compound number	Analog	%P450 loss <i>in vitro</i>	Porphyrin pigment <i>in vivo</i>	Reference
15		2 <sup>c</sup>	nd <sup>d</sup>	[89]

<sup>a</sup>Loss of P450 content on incubation of phenobarbital-induced rat liver microsomes with 1 mM inhibitor for 30 min.

<sup>b</sup>Loss of P450 content on incubation of  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone induced rabbit lung microsomes with 10  $\mu$ M inhibitor.

<sup>c</sup>Loss of P450 content on incubation of untreated guinea pig pulmonary microsomes with 10  $\mu$ M inhibitor for 45 min.

<sup>d</sup>nd=not determined

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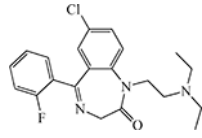
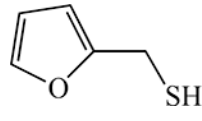
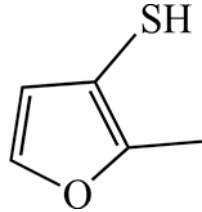
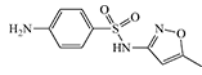
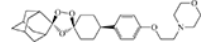
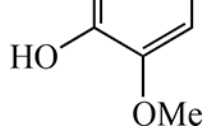
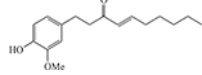
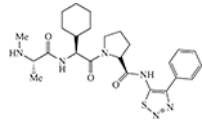
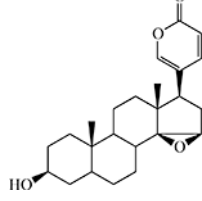
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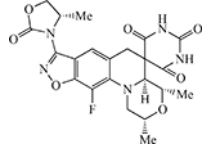
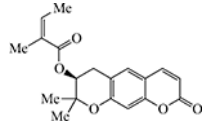
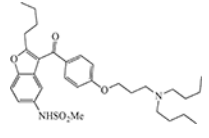
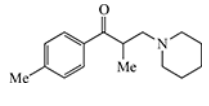
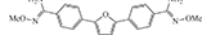
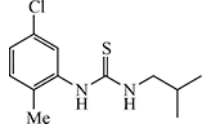
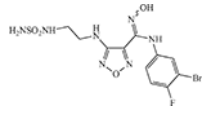
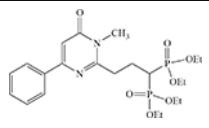
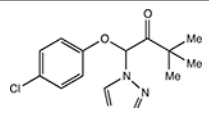
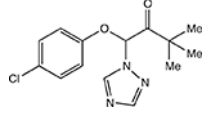
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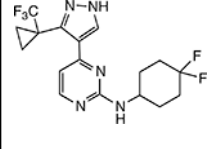
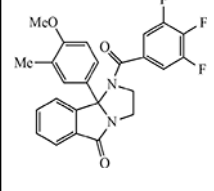
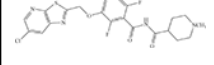
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**Table 3:**

Consequences of the inhibition of 1-ABT-mediated P450 metabolism of a range of compounds.

Compound		Effect of 1-ABT	Reference
Flurazepam		Raised flurazepam brain concentration, confirming the parent drug is the active species	[123]
Furfuryl mercaptan		Inhibited oxidation by rat to thiofuran methyl sulfoxide	[124]
2-Methyl-3-furanthiol		Inhibited oxidation by rat to thiofuran methyl sulfoxide	[124]
Sulfamethoxazole		Partially inhibited oxidation to hydroxylamine	[125]
OZ439		Partially inhibited clearance of drug in rats	[126]
CDRI 99/411		Showed two metabolites are cytochrome P450-dependent	[127]
[6]-Shogaol		Showed P450 involved in formation of desaturated metabolites	[128]
GDC-0152		Inhibited the formation of a novel metabolite	[129]
Rebisofugenin		Implicated CYP3A4 in AB-ring hydroxylation	[130]

Compound		Effect of 1-ABT	Reference
ETX0914		Inhibited <i>in vivo</i> formation of several metabolites	[131]
Decursinol angelate		Inhibited metabolism of the drug by human liver microsomes	[132]
Droneradone		Almost completely inhibited metabolic clearance	[133]
Tolperisone		Inhibited metabolite formation and intrinsic clearance by human liver microsomes	[134]
DB289		Inhibited metabolite formation	[135]
N-(5-chloro-2-methylphenyl)-N'-(2-methylpropyl)-thiourea		<i>In vivo</i> , decreased GSH adduct formation by 95%	[136]
Epacadostat		Showed gut bacteria reduced the =N-OH to =NH, but liver P450s catalyzed N-dealkylation	[137]
U-91502		Showed parent drug is responsible for the cardiopulmonary toxicity	[138]
Dipeptide VLA-4 antagonist		Showed oxidative metabolism not rate limiting in excretion of this drug	[139]
Triadimefon		Established keto reduction to triadimenol is not by a P450 enzyme	[140]

Compound		Effect of 1-ABT	Reference
Pan JNK inhibitors		Brain exposure required for therapy achieved when 1-ABT coadministered	[141]
ML375		Increased plasma exposure of the drug when administered with 1-ABT	[142]
TXY541		1-ABT increased $t_{1/2}$ and reduced the dose required for efficacy	[143]

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**Table 4:**

Effect of 1-ABT on arachidonic acid pathways.

Effector	System	Finding	Reference
<b>Endothelin-1</b>	Foetal lambs, guinea pigs	1-ABT inhibits contraction of ductus arteriosus by oxygen, implicating a P450based mechanism	[153]
<b>Acetylcholine</b>	Isolated rat hearts	1-ABT inhibits cardiodepression by acetylcholine, implying a role for P450 and EETs	[154]
<b>Acetylcholine leveromakalim</b>	Rat mesenteric artery	1-ABT, unlike miconazole, did not influence endothelium-dependent hyperpolarization	[155]
<b>Endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor (EDHF)</b>	Rat mesenteric artery	As 1-ABT did not counteract the effect, EDHF released by acetylcholine is not a P450-derived arachidonic acid metabolite	[156]
<b>High salt diet, acetylcholine</b>	Rats	1-ABT abolished the blood pressure increase due to intrarenal acetylcholine; implicates 20-HETE but not EETs in the process	[157]
<b>Bradykinin</b>	Isolated rat hearts	1-ABT abolished cardiodepression by bradykinin, implying a role for P450 and 14,15-EET	[158]
<b>Bradykinin</b>	Perfused rat kidney	1-ABT does not inhibit bradykinin increases in perfusion of the medulla mediated by the NO system and K(Ca) channels	[159]
<b>Bradykinin</b>	Isolated rat heart	1-ABT prevented the decrease in left ventricular pressure caused by bradykinin	[160]
<b>Cyclosporin A, NO</b>	Rats	1-ABT inhibited cyclosporin A mediated increases of 20-HETE, systolic blood pressure, and renal damage	[161]
<b>NO</b>	Rats	1-ABT blocked the renal vasodilatory response to NO and reduced its diuretic and natriuretic effects	[162]
<b>ATP, NO</b>	Rats	1-ABT and NO synthase inhibitors blunted ATP mediated increases in renal arterial blood flow	[163]
<b>Endotoxin hypotension, NO</b>	Rats	1-ABT diminished CYP4A activity but did not prevent the NO mediated decrease in mean arterial pressure (MAP)	[164]
<b>NO</b>	Rats, pregnant	1-ABT prevented the increases in systolic blood pressure caused by an NO donor, suggesting a role for 20-HETE	[165]
<b>NO, Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup>-2Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransport</b>	MMDD1 cells	1-ABT reversed inhibition of Na <sup>+</sup> -K <sup>+</sup> -2Cl <sup>-</sup> cotransport caused by NO, implying a role for a P450-enzyme	[166]
<b>NO interaction</b>	Rats, hypertensive	1-ABT attenuated elevation of blood pressure caused by L-NAME and lowered organ damage	[167]
<b>O<sub>2</sub> sensing, K<sup>+</sup> channel</b>	Rat carotid body type I cells	1-ABT inhibited hypoxic depression of K <sup>+</sup> currents, suggesting a P450 enzyme is involved	[168,169]
<b>Arachidonic acid, K<sup>+</sup>/Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels</b>	Rat carotid body type I cells	1-ABT did not alter the effects of arachidonic acid on K <sup>+</sup> currents, suggesting they are not mediated by a P450 enzyme	[170]
<b>EDHF</b>	Rat aorta smooth muscle cells	1-ABT, unlike miconazole, does not interfere with K <sup>+</sup> channel activation, negating a general P450 effect	[171]
<b>K<sup>+</sup> channels</b>	Rabbit portal vein myocytes	1-ABT, unlike ketoconazole, had no effect on native KDR or RPV Kv1.5 current, implying P450 inhibition not critical for ketoconazole effect	[172]



Effector	System	Finding	Reference
<b>K<sup>+</sup> channels</b>	Pulmonary arterial myocytes	1-ABT reversibly inhibited steady-state K <sub>v</sub> <sup>+</sup> channel currents and membrane potential, but interpretation unclear	[173]
<b>Angiotensin</b>	Rats	1-ABT inhibited the doubling of mean arterial blood pressure mediated by angiotensin	[174]
<b>Angiotensin</b>	Rats	Chronic blockade of EETs and 20-HETE with 1-ABT attenuated the ANG II-induced rise in MAP by 40%	[175]
<b>Angiotensin</b>	Rats, hypertensive	1-ABT, angiotensin II, and endothelin individually reduced blood pressure to similar levels, and more in combination	[176]
<b>Diabetes</b>	Rats, diabetic	1-ABT attenuated vasoconstrictor responses to norepinephrine, endothelin-1, and angiotensin II	[177]
<b>Postmenopause</b>	Rats, hypertensive	1-ABT decreased blood pressure in postmenopausal, but not young, spontaneously hypertensive rats, implicating a 20-HETE contribution to postmenopausal hypertension	[178]
<b>Pregnancy</b>	Rats, pregnant	1-ABT decreased systolic blood pressure, urinary sodium, urinary 20-HETE, renal 20-HETE	[179]
<b>Pregnancy</b>	Rats, pregnant	1-ABT decreased MAP in rats with reduced uterine perfusion pressure and lowered both 20-HETE formation and CYP4A expression	[180]
<b>Diabetes, endothelin streptozotocin</b>	Rats, diabetic	Blockade of CaMKII, Ras-GTPase or the production of 20-HETE by 1-ABT normalized the altered vascular reactivity to ET-1 and carbachol in the carotid artery of streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats	[181]
<b>Insulin resistance</b>	Rats	In the presence of testosterone, the 1-ABT inhibitable Cyp4A/20-HETE system plays a key role in elevating blood pressure secondary to insulin resistance	[182]
<b>Natriuresis, Pressure response</b>	Rats	1-ABT decreased the pressure-natriuretic response by 50% and renal formation of 20-HETE and ETAs by 90% and 50%, respectively	[183]
<b>Natriuresis, dopamine</b>	Rats	1-ABT reduced the natriuretic response to dopamine by 65% and markedly reduced urine flow and sodium excretion	[184]
<b>Deoxycorticosterone (DOCA)- salt</b>	Rats	1-ABT reduced hypertension in a DOCA-salt model but did not prevent organ hypertrophy and proteinuria	[185]
<b>20-HETE vs EETs</b>	Rats	1-ABT decreased renal artery flow without altering medullary perfusion, whereas medullary NO increased	[186]
<b>Renin Hypertension</b>	Ren-2 transgenic rats	1-ABT in Ren-2 transgenic rats decreased blood pressure and cardiac hypertrophy, but not glomerulosclerosis, implicating P450 metabolites	[187]
<b>Pressure response</b>	Perfused dog renal arcuate arteries	1-ABT partially inhibited the myogenic response to elevated perfusion pressure; suggested a role for 20-HETE in the myogenic response	[188]
<b>Balloon injury</b>	Rat carotid arteries	1-ABT prevents the increase in 20-HETE levels caused by balloon injury and attenuated vascular smooth muscle cell remodeling,	[189]
<b>VEGF</b>	Rat muscle	1-ABT blocked the increase in 20-HETE and angiogenesis caused by electrical stimulation	[190]

Effector	System	Finding	Reference
<b>Type II Phospholipase A2 (sPLA2-II)</b>	Guinea pig alveolar macrophages	1-ABT prevented the inhibition of sPLA2-II expression caused by low (5 $\mu$ M) but not high (30 $\mu$ M) concentrations of arachidonic acid	[191]
<b>GABA receptor</b>	HEK 293 cells	1-ABT did not block the inhibitory effect of arachidonic acid on currents due to the $\alpha$ 1 $\beta$ 2 $\gamma$ 2 GABA(A) receptor	[192]
<b>Fetal bovine serum (FBS)</b>	Murine 3T6 fibroblasts	1-ABT decreased 12( <i>S</i> )-HETE levels, 3T6 fibroblast growth, and DNA synthesis induced by FBS	[193]
<b>Cholecystokinin octapeptide (CCK)</b>	Rat pancreatic acinar cells	1-ABT, unlike ketoconazole, did not alter baseline $[Ca^{2+}]$ or CCK-evoked oscillations	[9]
<b>Pulmonary vasodilation</b>	Isolated perfused rat lung	1-ABT partially inhibited immediate arachidonic acid-induced pulmonary vasodilation, suggesting a role for P450 enzymes	[194]
<b>Pulmonary vasodilation</b>	Rat lung	1-ABT inhibited vasoconstriction caused by hypoxia and angiotensin II, but not when 1-ABT was washed out first-conclude 1-ABT does not act through a P450 mechanism	[195]
<b>Pulmonary vasoconstriction</b>	Isolated perfused rabbit lung	Hypoxia-induced vasoconstriction was inhibited by 1-ABT, but similar inhibition was observed under normoxia with a thromboxane analogue.	[196]
<b>Ozone hyper-responsiveness</b>	Mouse lung	1-ABT greatly attenuated airway sensitivity and the increases in 20-HETE caused by ozone	[197]

**Table 5:**

Effect of 1-ABT on estradiol-dependent pathways.

Growth inhibition	Cardiac fibroblasts	Inhibition by 1-ABT suggests estradiol inhibits cardiac fibroblast growth via an estrogen receptor-independent pathway involving metabolism of estradiol to methoxyestradiols	[198]
Growth inhibition	Human glomerular mesangial cells	Estradiol inhibited, serum-induced, proliferation of glomerular mesangial cells was enhanced by P450 inducers and diminished by 1-ABT	[199]
Growth inhibition	Aortic vascular smooth muscle cells	Estradiol inhibited, serum-induced, proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells was enhanced by P450 inducers and diminished by 1-ABT	[200]
Growth inhibition	Human coronary artery smooth muscle cells	Estradiol inhibited, serum-induced, proliferation of smooth muscle cells was enhanced by P450 inducers and diminished by 1-ABT	[201]
Growth inhibition	Human cardiac fibroblasts	Estradiol inhibited, serum-induced, proliferation of human cardiac fibroblasts was enhanced by P450 inducers and diminished by 1-ABT	[202]
Cell proliferation	Cultured rat vascular smooth muscle cells	1-ABT increased the growth promoting effect of 17 $\beta$ -estradiol by inhibiting formation of 2- and 4-hydroxyestradiol and reactive oxygen species	[203]
Smooth muscle contraction	Rat aortic smooth muscle	17 $\beta$ -estradiol inhibition of phenylephrine-induced contraction was not prevented by 1-ABT, suggesting a P450-independent mechanism	[204]

**Table 6:**

Some toxicological processes in which cytochrome P450 enzymes were implicated though inhibition by 1-ABT.

Xenobiotic	End point inhibited	Referen
Acebutolol	Antinuclear antibody production	[266]
Amodiaquine	Toxicity of amodiaquine	[267]
Carbamazepine	Protein-reactive metabolite formation	[268,269]
Clopidogrel	Hepatic injury	[270]
Efavirenz	Inhibition of 8-hydroxy-efavirenz formation and hepatic cell death	[271]
Leflunomide	Cytotoxicity	[272]
Leflunomide	Hepatotoxicity	[273]
Methapyrilene	Formation of reactive metabolite and genotoxic potential	[274,275]
Ticlopidine	Protein covalent binding and hepatotoxicity	[276]
Aflatoxin B1	Cytotoxicity to 3T3 cells	[277]
	Toxication due to CYP2C19	[278]
Capsaicin	Formation of toxic metabolite	[279]
$\beta$ -Carotene / $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenal	Formation of DNA strand breaks	[280]
White snake root constituents	Cytotoxicity	[281]
Aromatic and heterocyclic amines	Genotoxicity	[282]
Benzene	Induction of micronuclei	[283]
Butylated hydroxytoluene	Quinone methide formation	[284]
Tetrahydrofuran	Hepatocellular proliferation	[285]
Dimethylbenz[a]anthracene	Pre-B lymphocyte apoptosis	[286]
Mono- and di-chlorobiphenyls	Mutagenicity assays in Chinese hamster V79 cells expressing CYP2E1 and SULT 1A1	[287]
N-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-succinimide	Nephrotoxic metabolite formation and renal damage	[288]
N-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-succinimide	Protein covalent binding and nephrotoxicity	[289]
3-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione	Hepatotoxicity	[290]
2-Nitropropane	Micronucleus and multinuclei formation	[291]
N-Nitrosodimethylamine	Micronucleus and multinuclei formation	[291]
NNK (4-(Methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone)	DNA strand breaks	[292]
5-Nitrobenzo[b]naphtho[2,1-d]thiophenes.	DNA adduct formation	[293]
(N-(4-((1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl) 2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxamide)	Vacuolar degeneration and necrosis of adrenal cortex	[294]
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	Decreased biliary excretion of the compound in rats	[295]

**Table 7:**

Some toxicological processes not inhibited by 1-ABT and therefore unlikely to involve cytochrome P450 enzymes as active participants.

Xenobiotic	End point not inhibited	Reference
Dapsone	Formation of protein adducts in normal human epidermal keratinocytes	[296]
MRL-A	Formation of protein adduct	[297]
Nimesulide	Toxicity to human and rat primary hepatocytes	[298]
<i>p</i> -Aminophenol	<i>p</i> -Aminophenol mediated changes in renal proximal tubules	[299]
Carbaryl, Quinalphos, Benomyl Carbendazim	Cytotoxicity to Fa32 and human Hep G2 cells	[300]

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