

Drug Transporter Induction:

**Can We Leverage P450 Data to
Streamline Our Clinical Pharmacology
Programs?**

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 - Can one P450 induction study tell us anything about transporters?

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- ◆ Is there a relationship between transporter and P450 induction?

Verification Step 1: Carbamazepine (CBZ) and Rifabutin (RBT)

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Verification Step 2: Sofosbuvir (SOF), a P-gp Substrate

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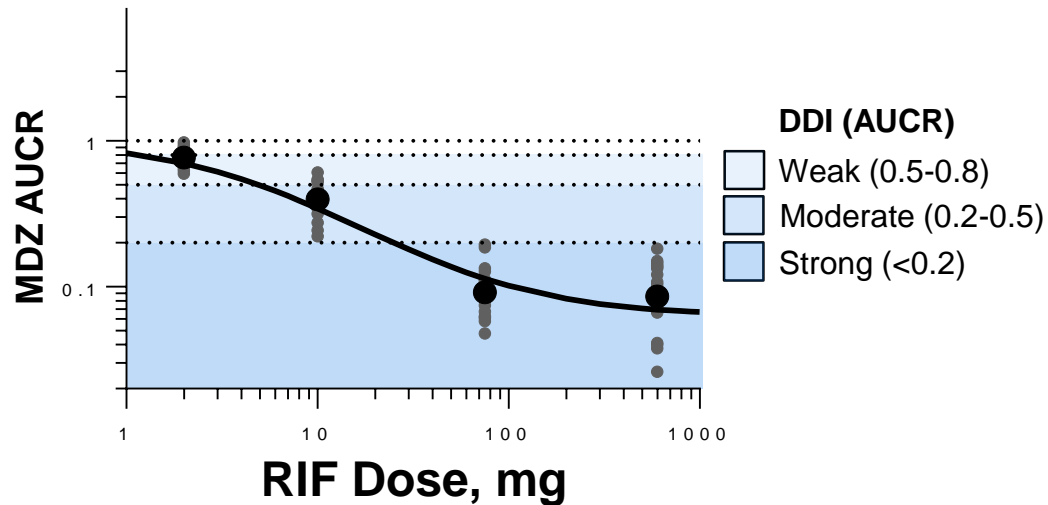
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Probe Induction As a Function of RIF Dose

- Individual observed
- Mean observed

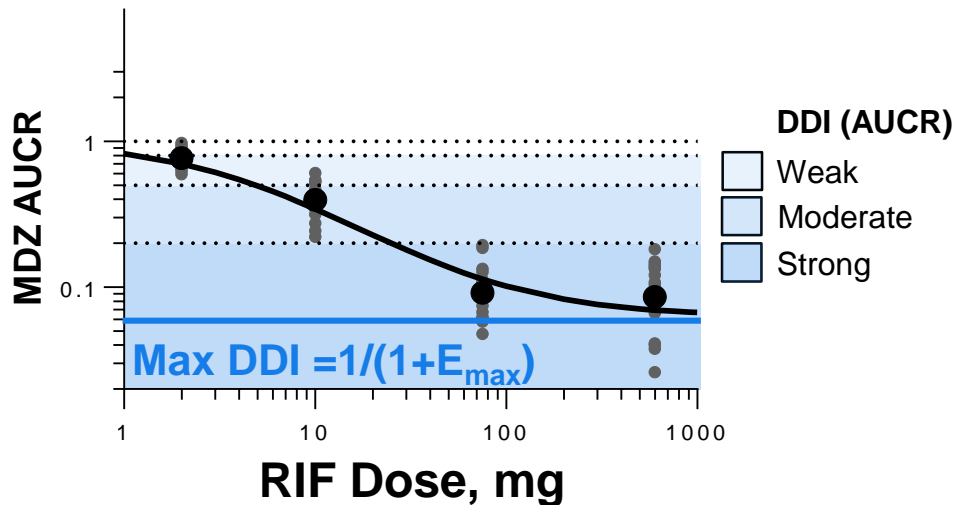


E_{\max} and ED_{50} values were estimated for each probe

- Individual observed
- Mean observed

$$ED_{50} = 68 \text{ mg}$$

$$E_{\max} = 15$$



- ◆ ED_{50} and E_{\max} : Induction affinity versus capacity

Midazolam Exposure is Decreased More Than Dabigatran

● Individual observed ●— Mean observed

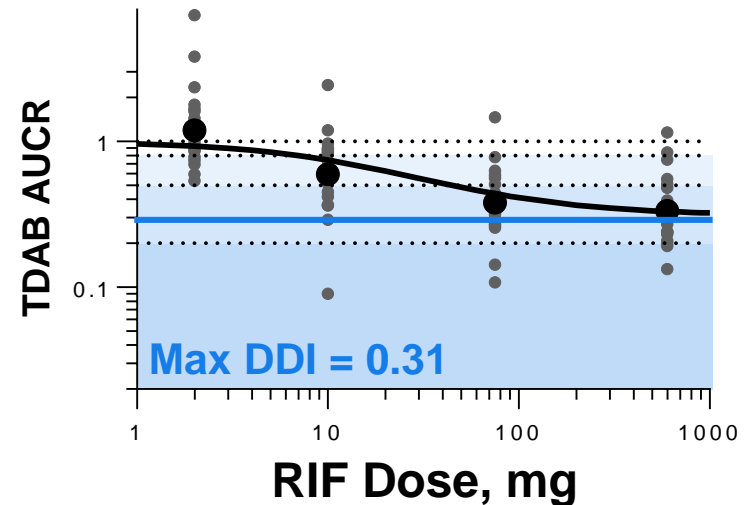
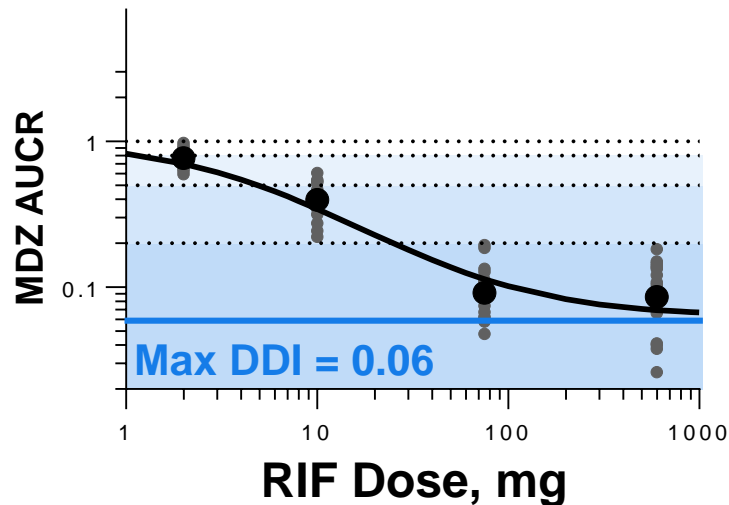
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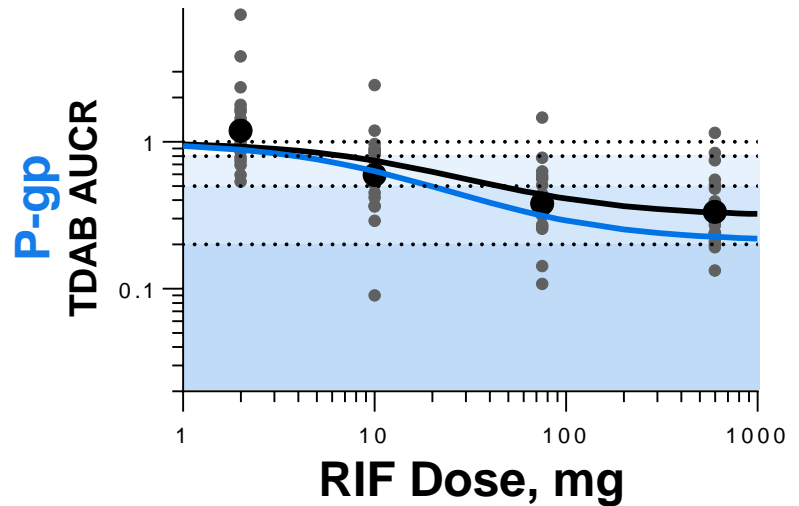
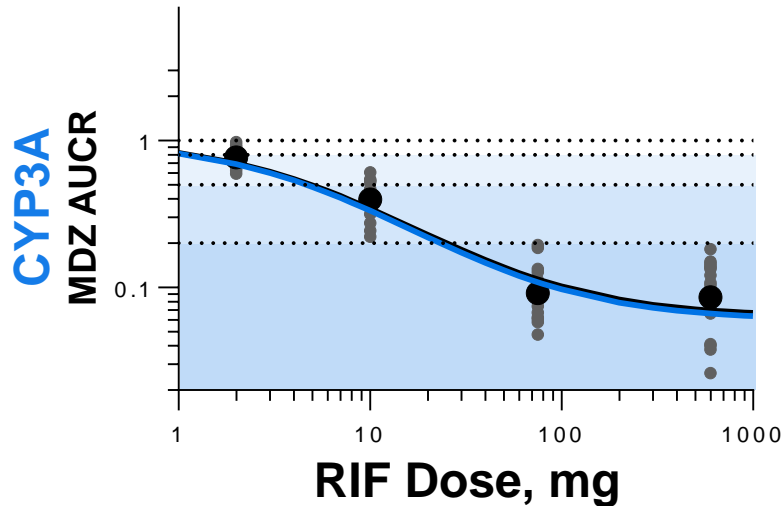
◆ Are differences due to probe sensitivity?

P-gp is Less Inducible than CYP3A

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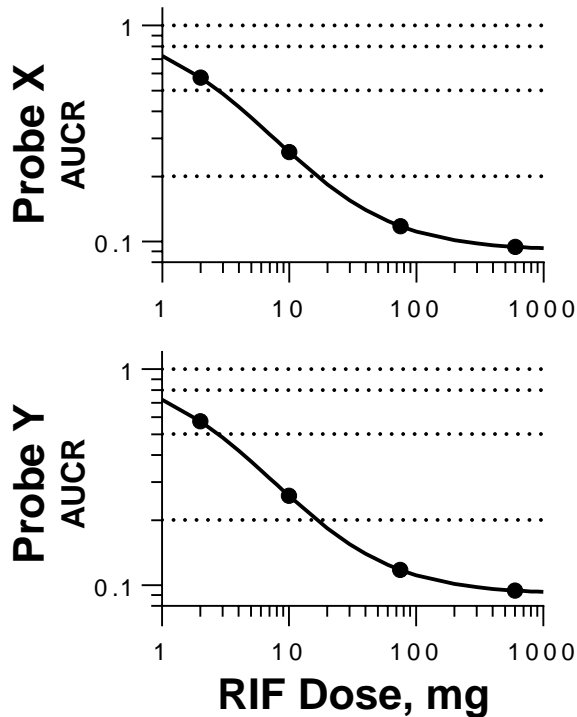
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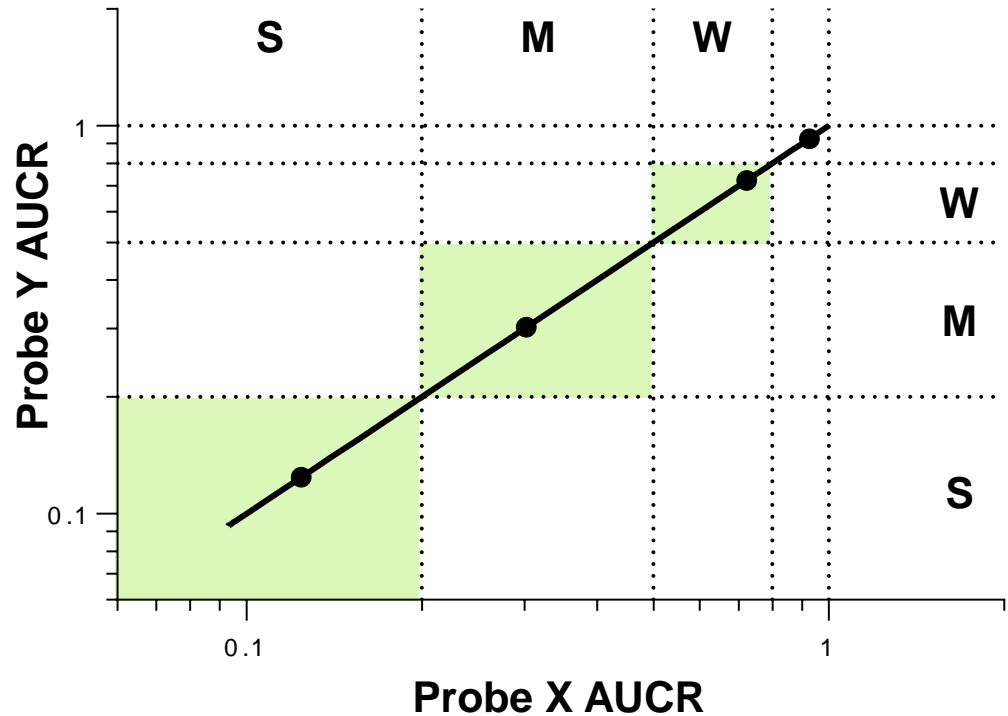
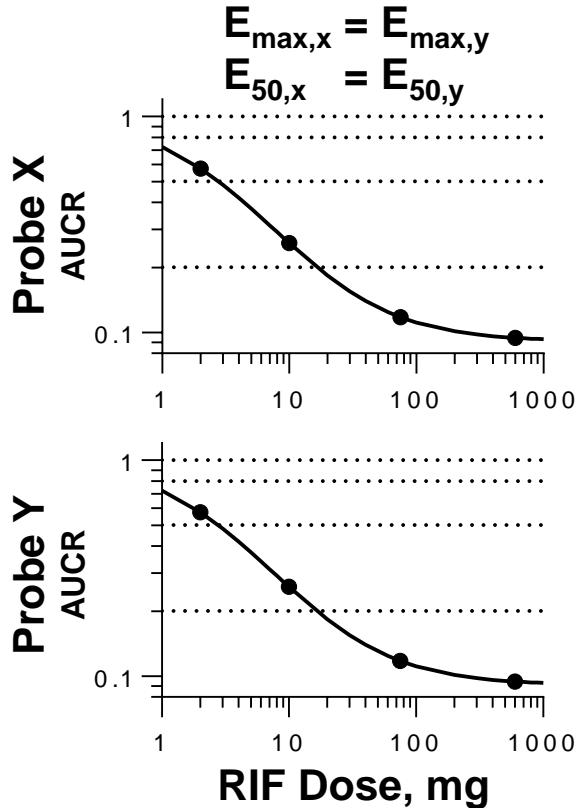
- ◆ Strong P-gp induction (>5-fold CL increase) is unlikely to be observed

How Do We Characterize and Interpret Relationships Between Probes?



- ◆ Can we predict Probe Y induction based on Probe X?

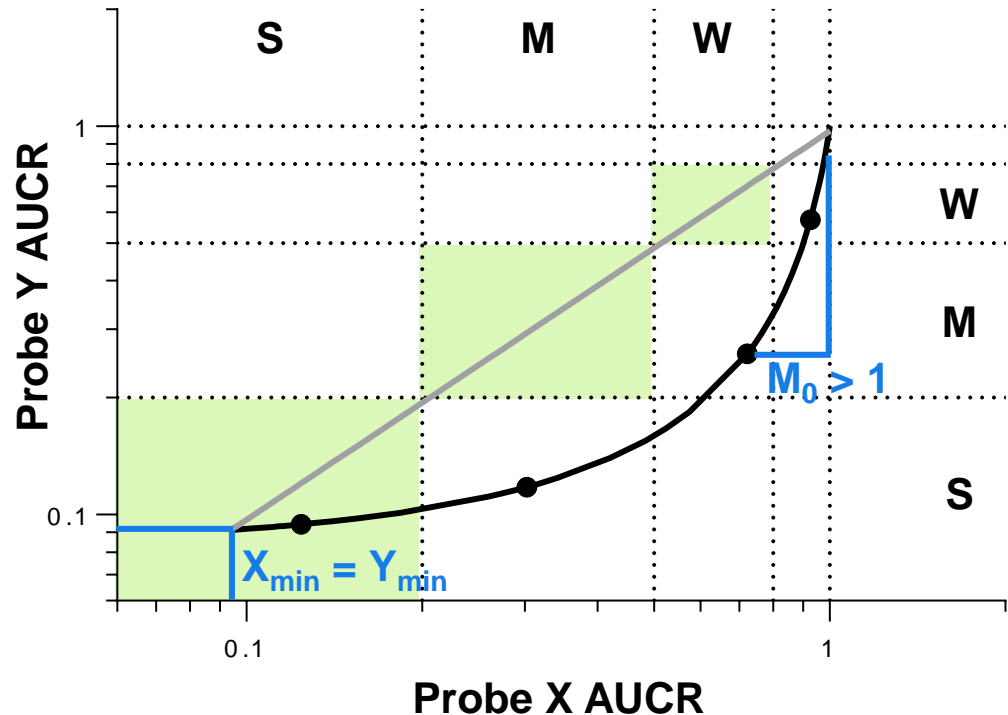
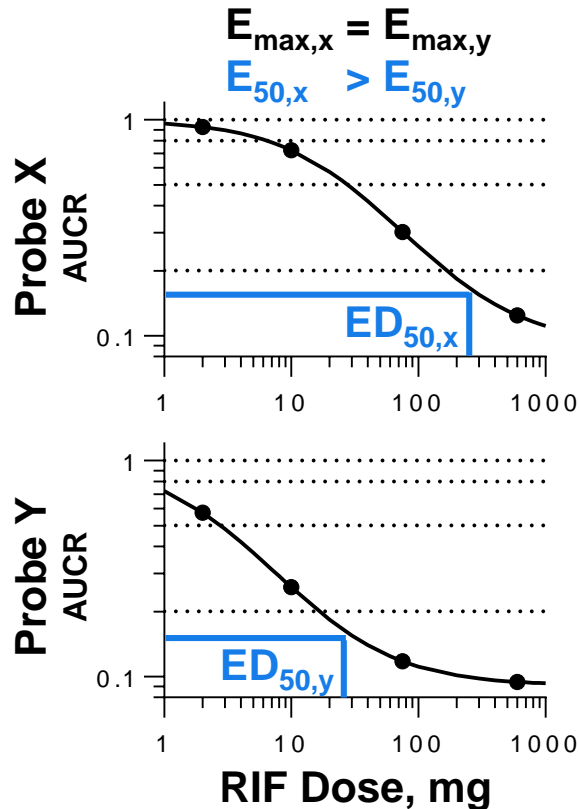
Example 1: Induction Parity Only Occurs When E_{max}/ED_{50} Are Similar



Green areas represent similar induction between probes

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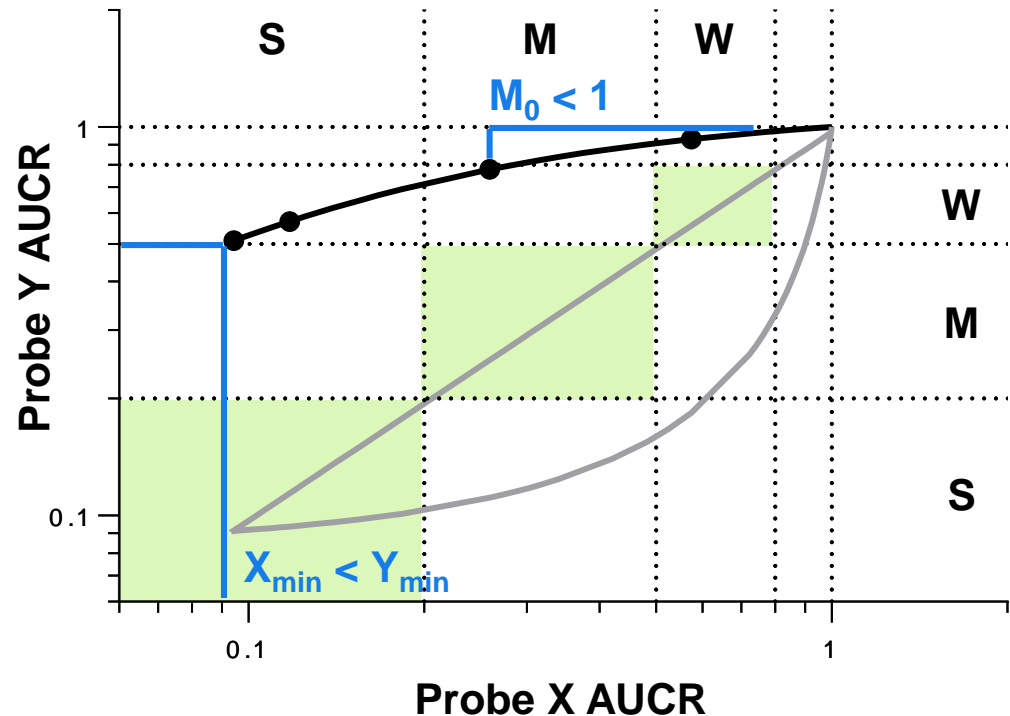
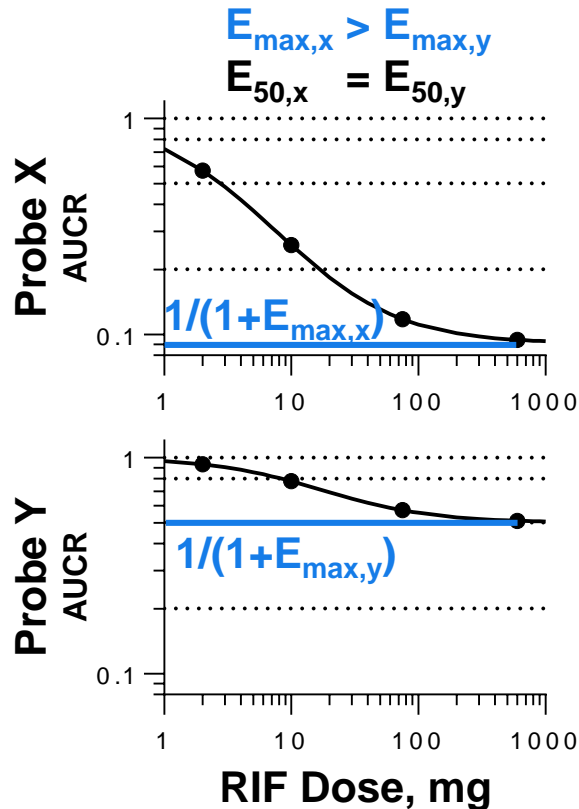
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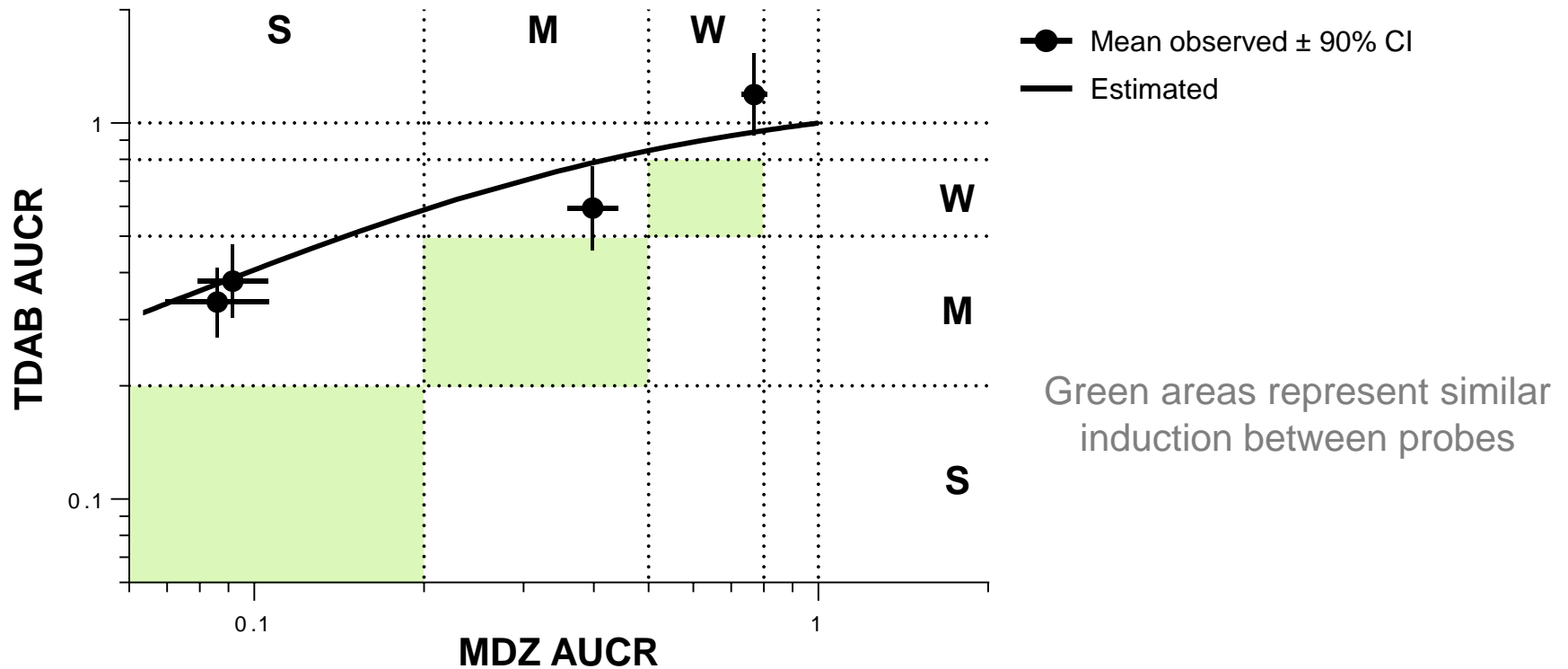
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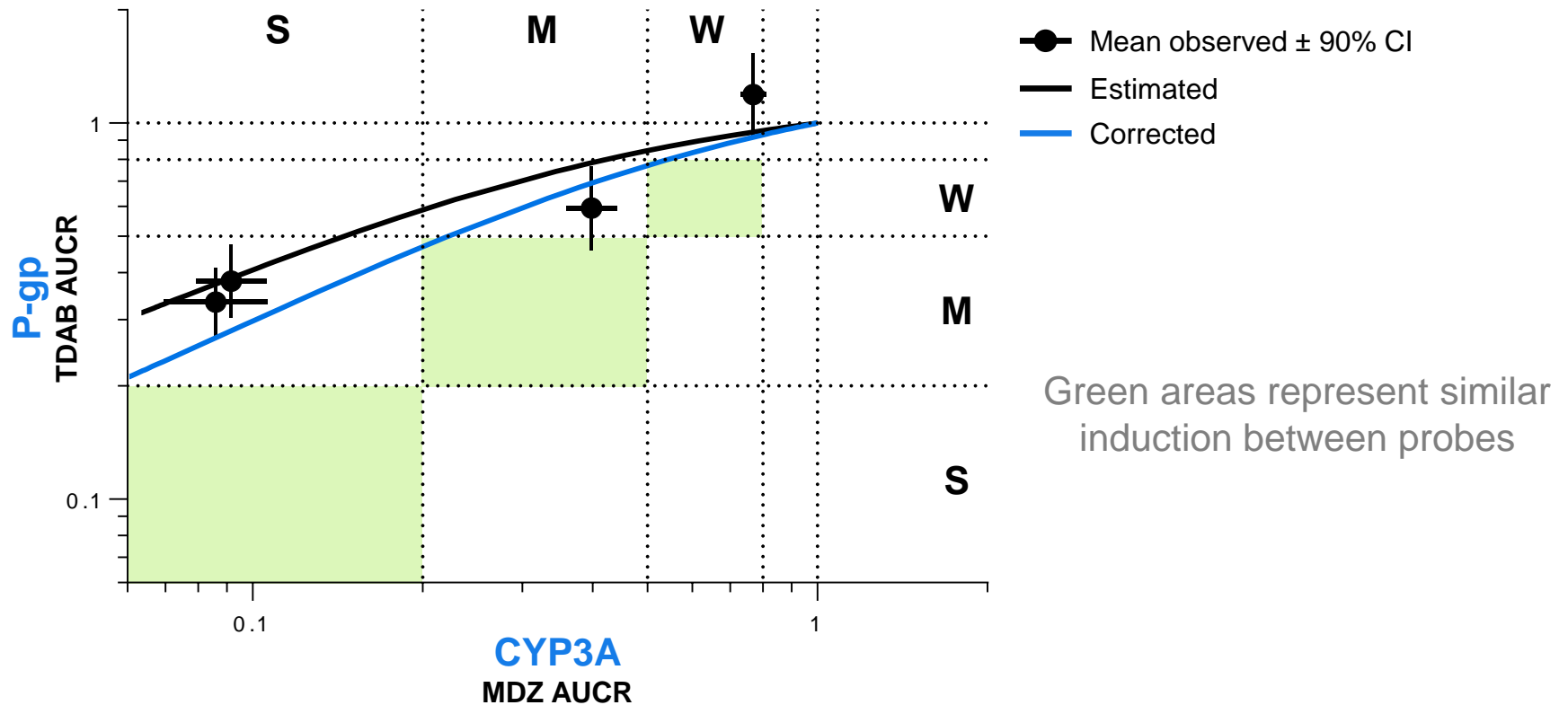
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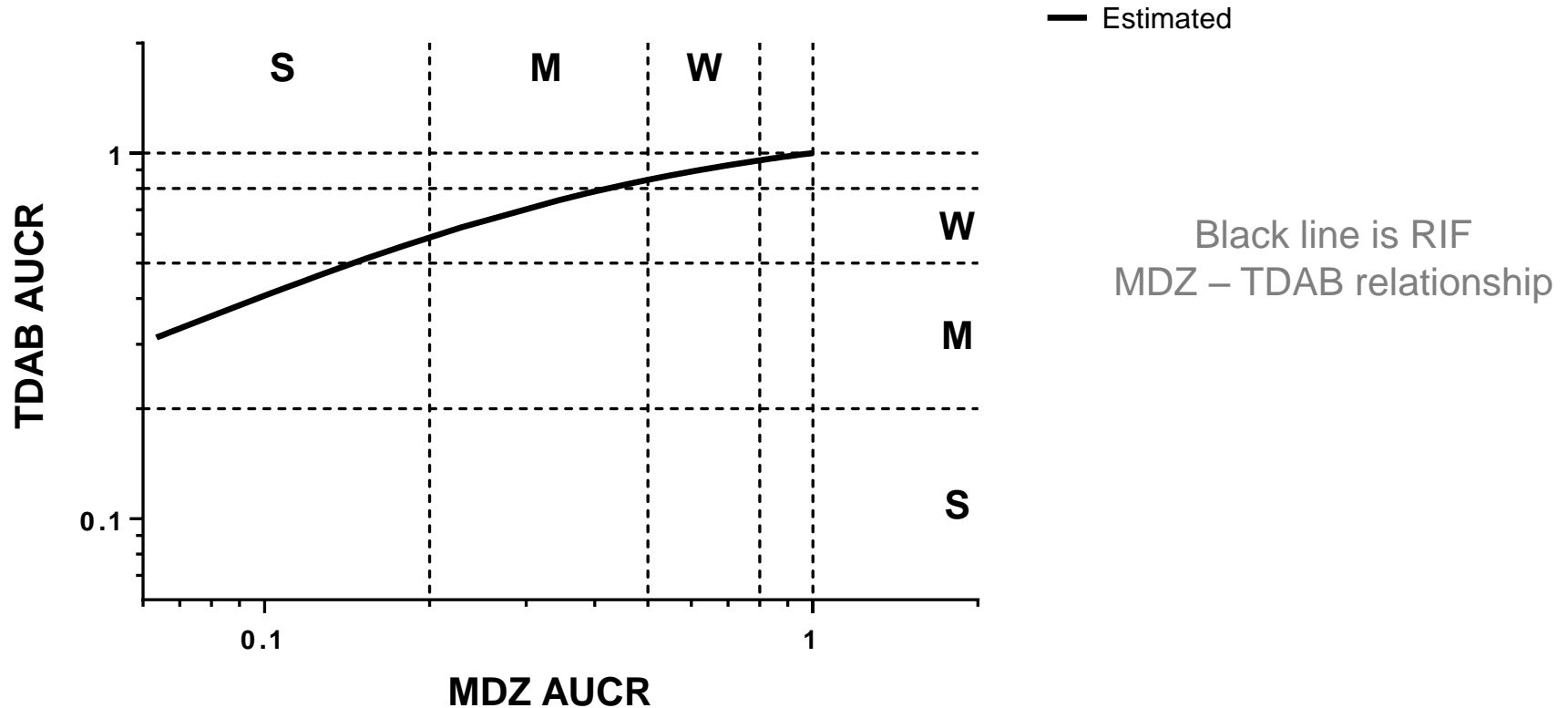


Induction of P-gp is One DDI Category Weaker Than CYP3A

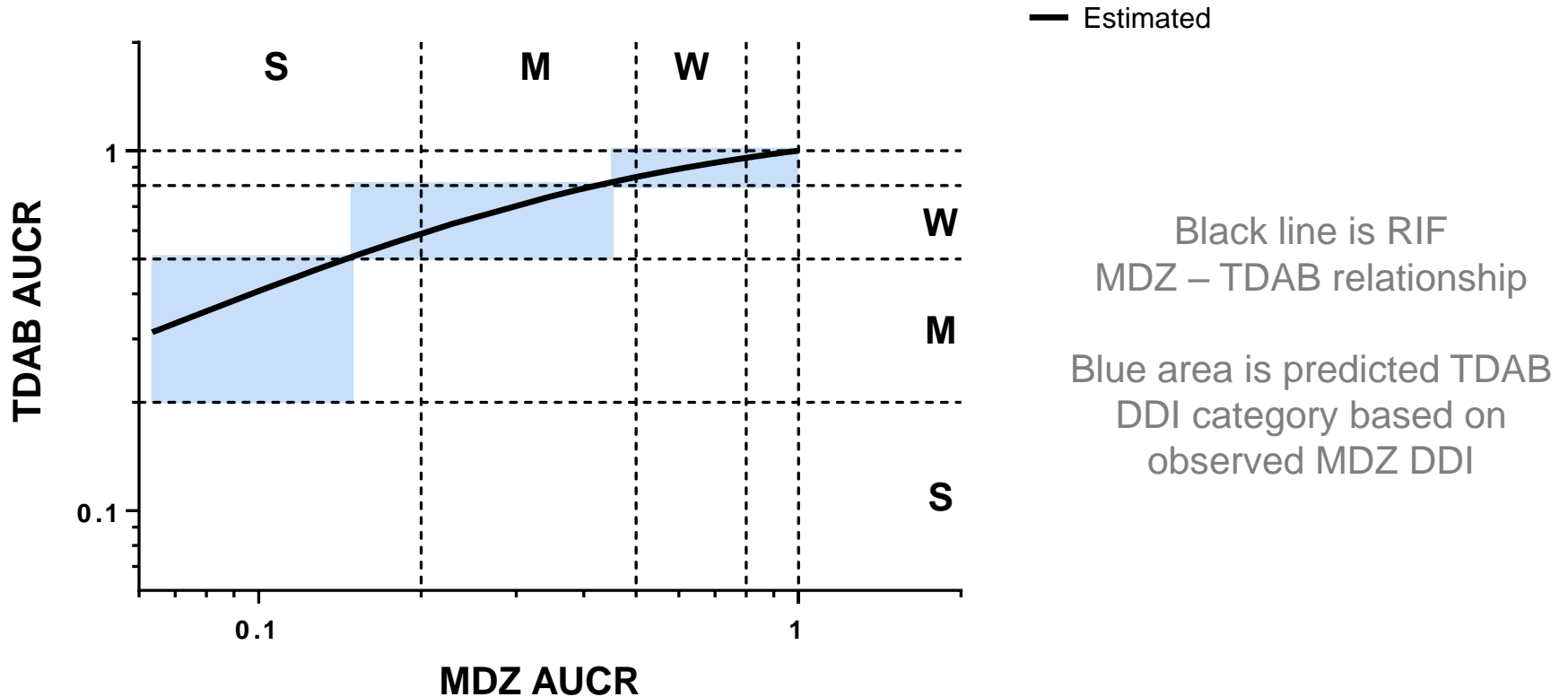


- ◆ This relationship holds true when correcting for probe fraction metabolized/transported ($f_{m/t}$)

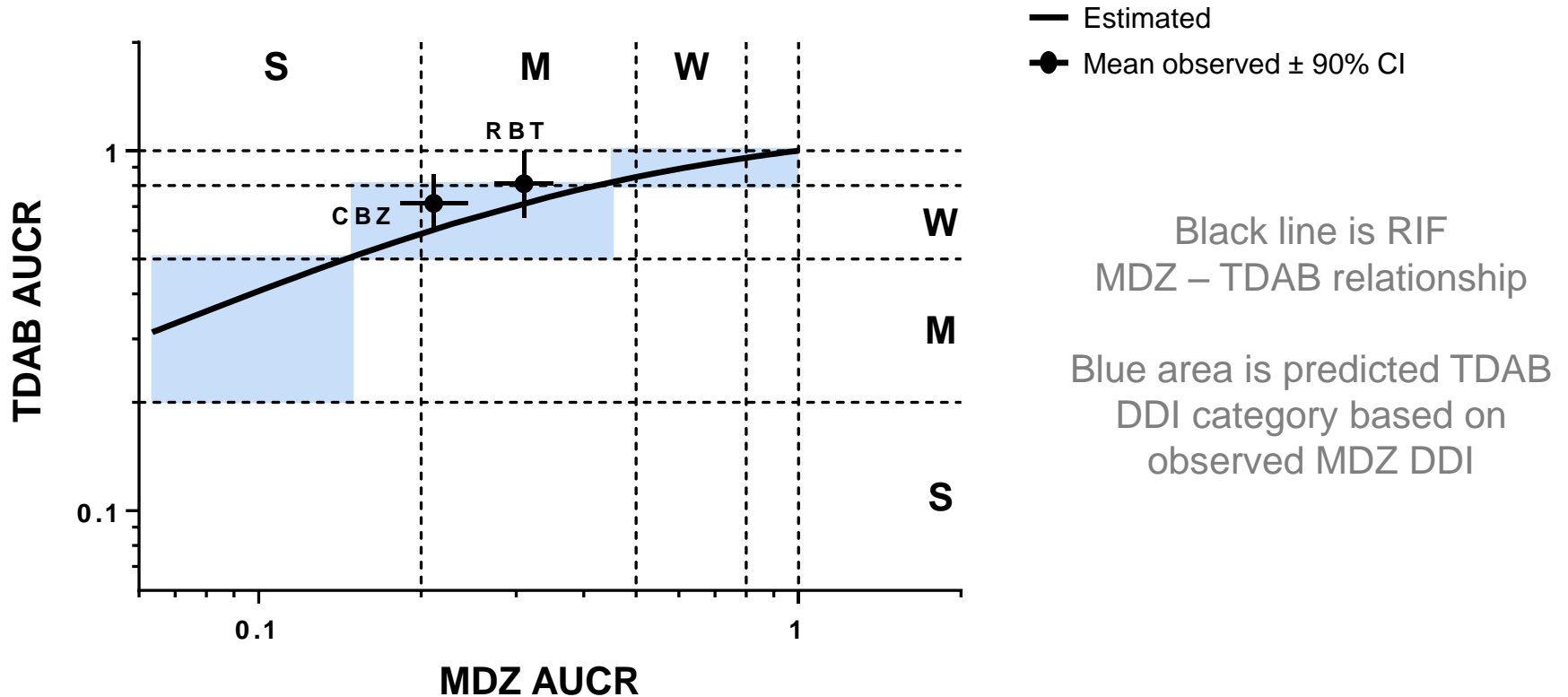
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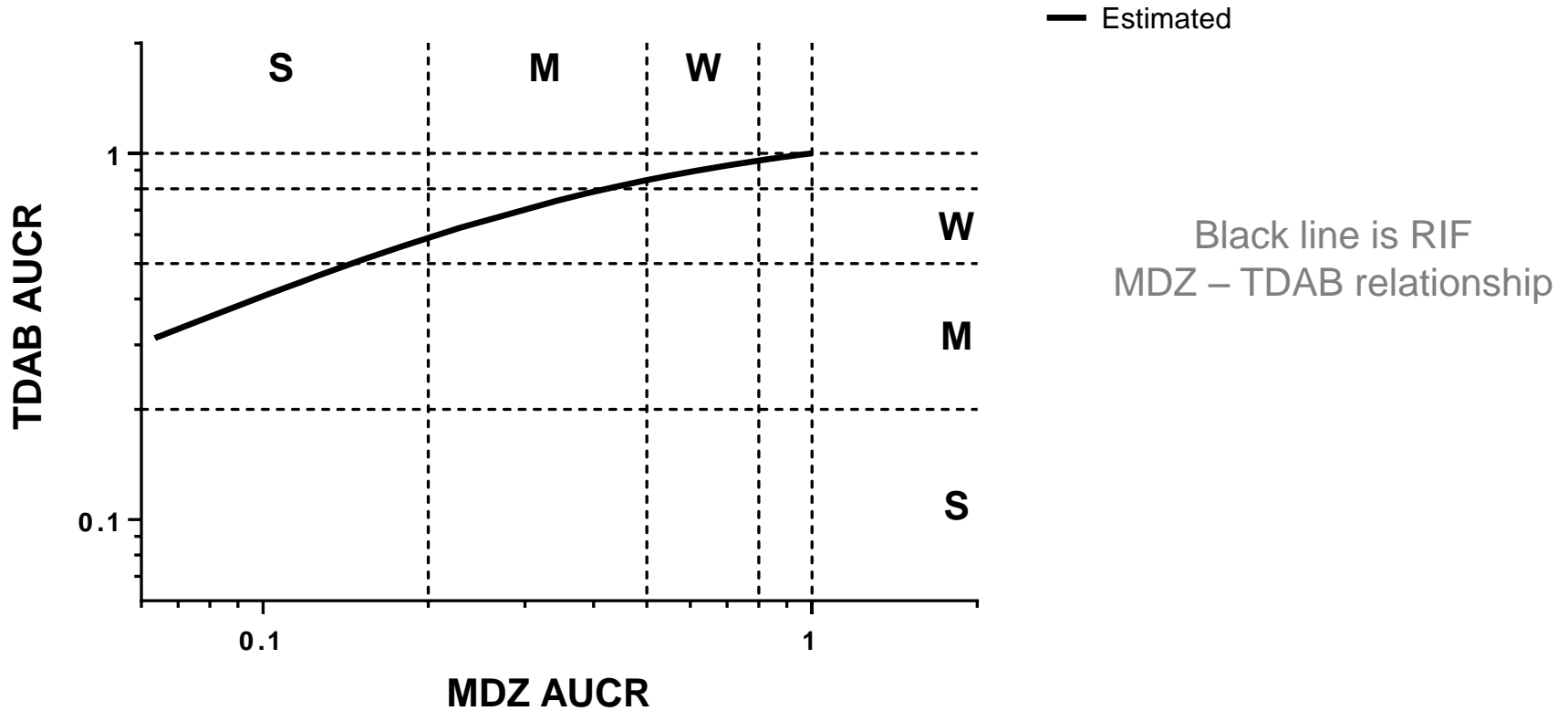
RIF Induction Relationship: Directly Applied for CBZ and RBT Prediction



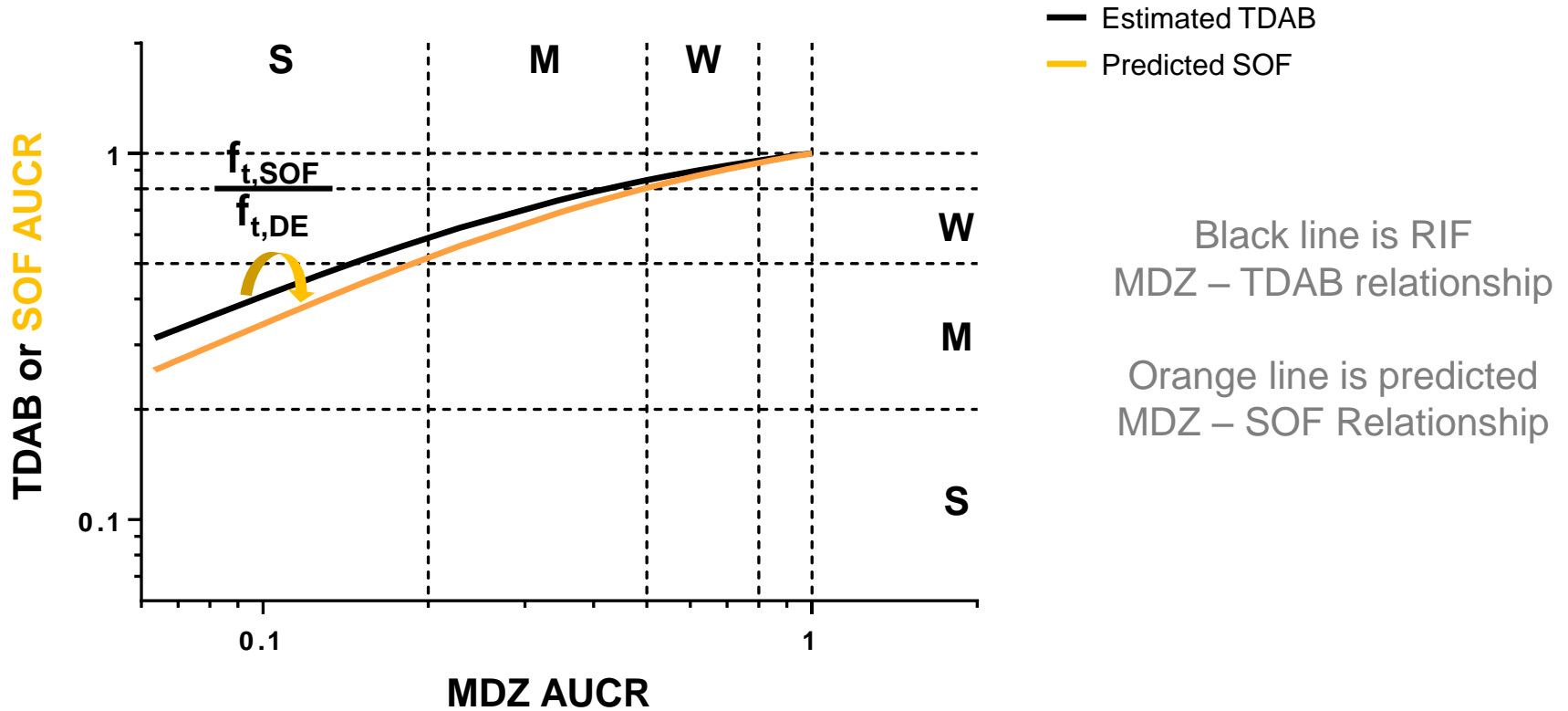
P-gp Induction by CBZ and RBT is Predicted by the RIF CYP3A – P-gp Relationship



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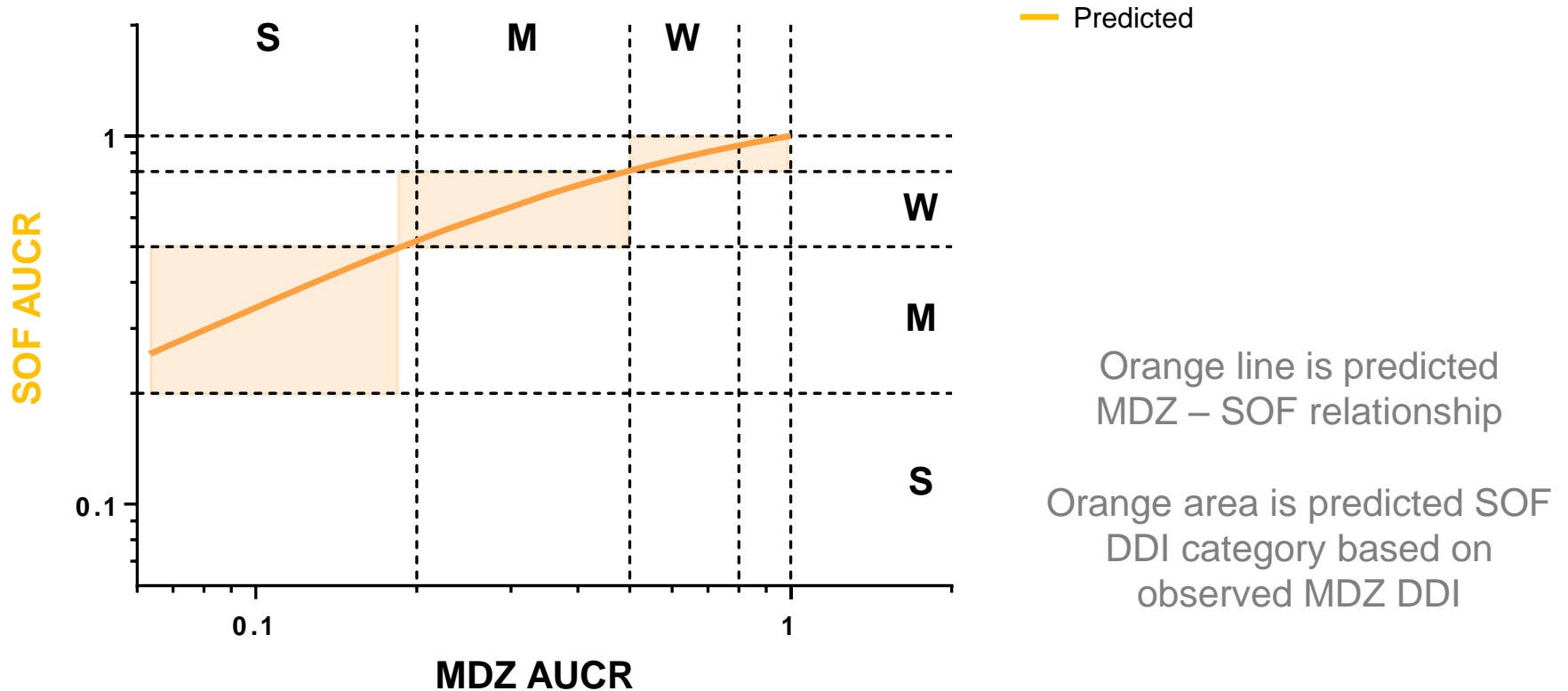
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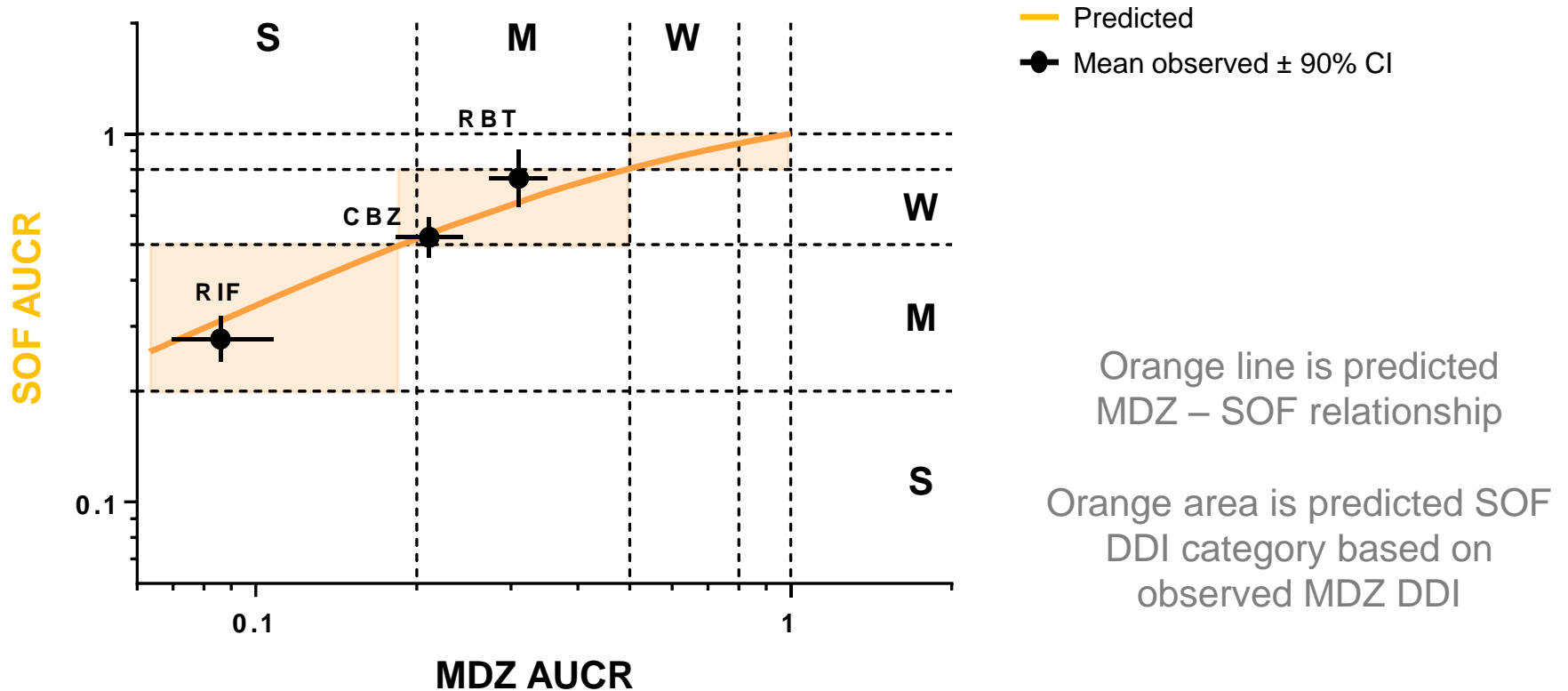
Black line is RIF
MDZ – TDAB relationship

Orange line is predicted
MDZ – SOF Relationship

“New SOF Relationship” Determines the SOF DDI Category at any MDZ AUCR



Effect of RIF, CBZ and RBT on SOF is Predicted by MDZ – TDAB Relationship



- ◆ CBZ and RBT considered moderate CYP3A inducers based on MDZ
Elicit weak induction of SOF CL/F ($AUC \geq 0.50$)

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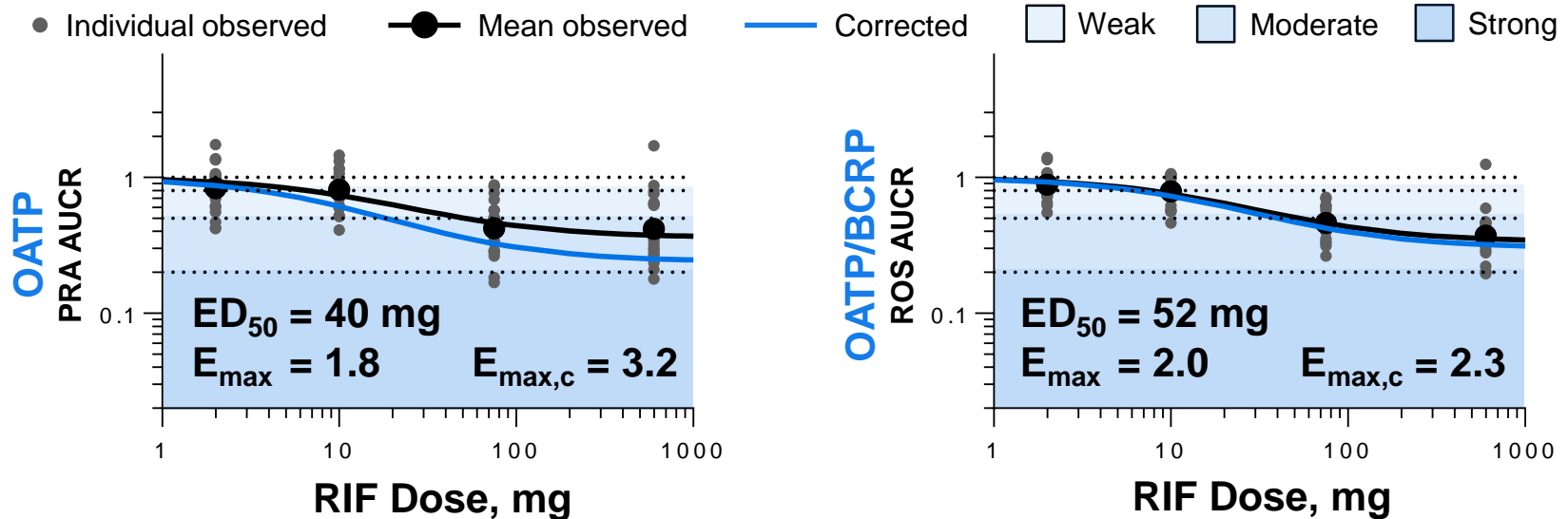
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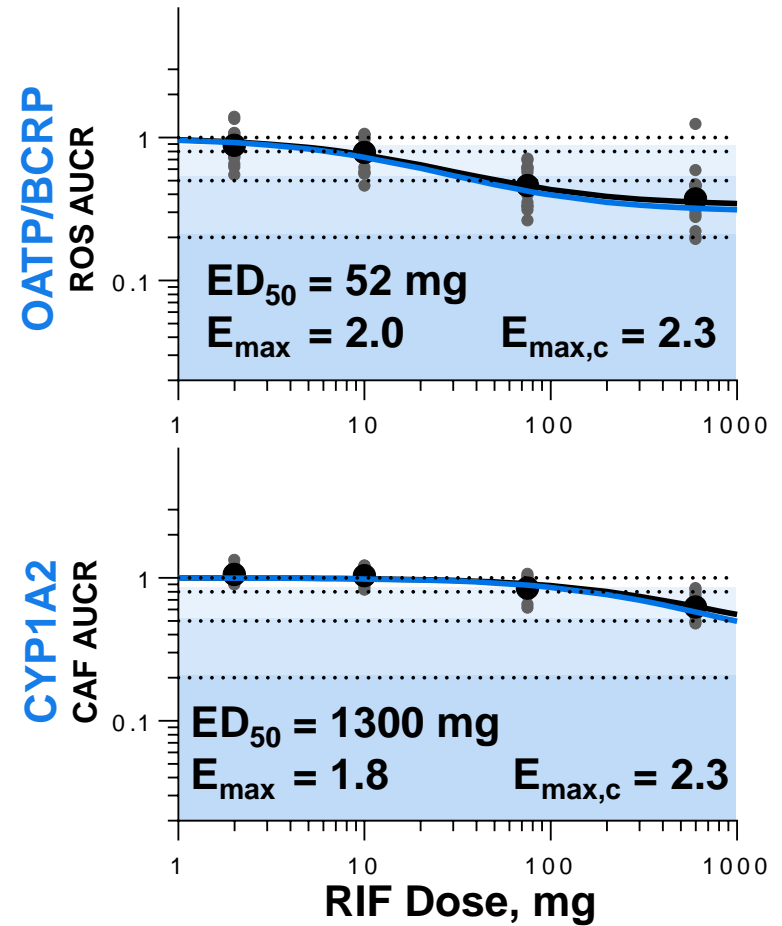
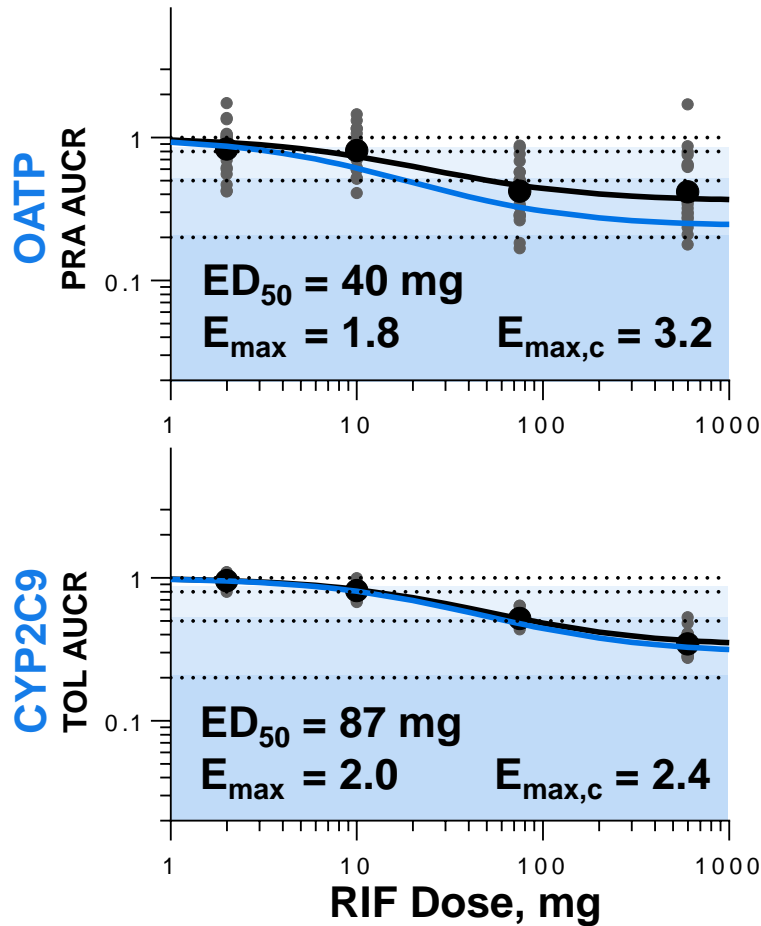
Like P-gp, Only Moderate Induction of OATP After High Dose RIF



- ◆ PRA and ROS results suggest that OATP, but not BCRP, is induced
- ◆ OATP induction is a working hypothesis
 - No change in PRA/ROS renal CL
 - More data is needed to substantiate

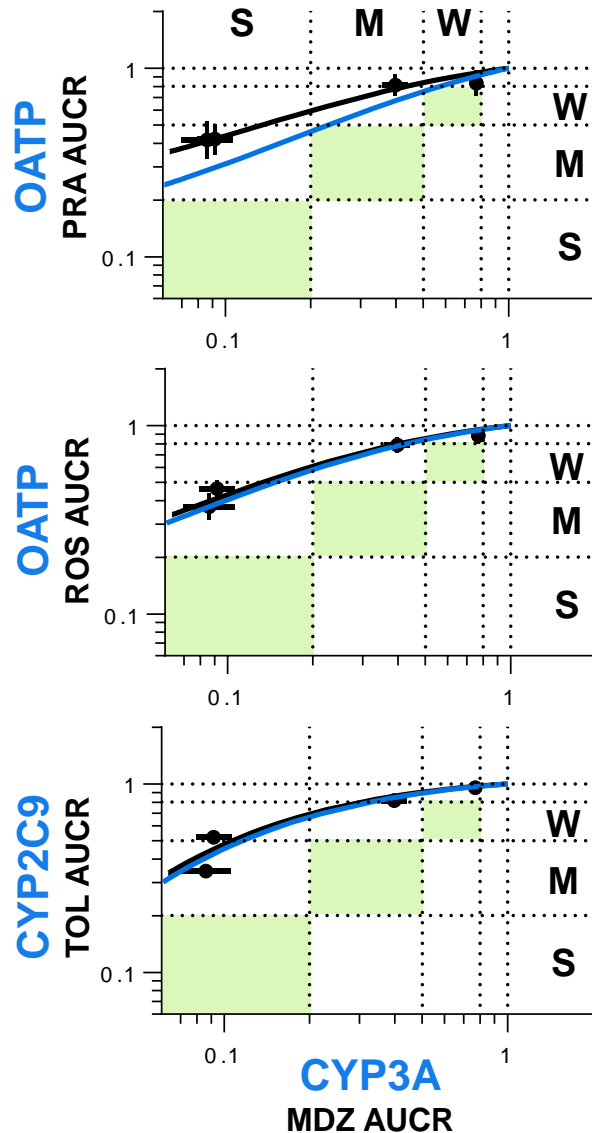
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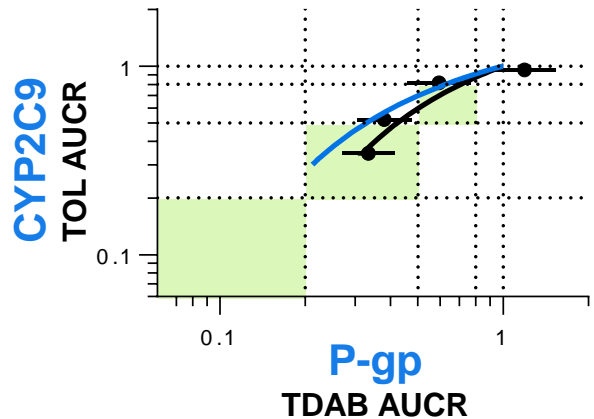
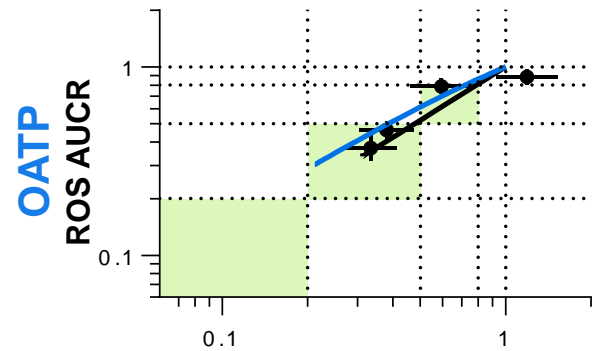
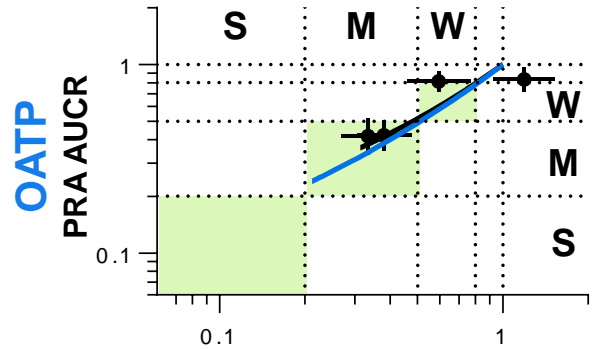
◆ Weak induction of CYP1A2 was expected

OATP and CYP2C9 Induction Is Less than CYP3A

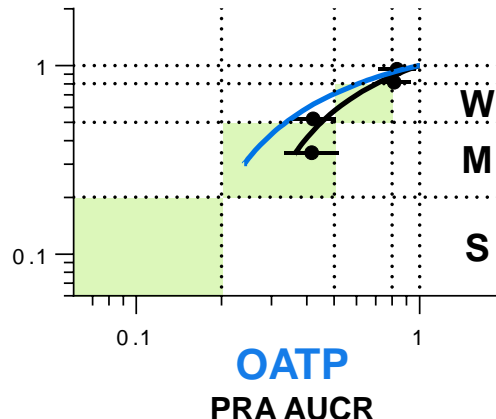
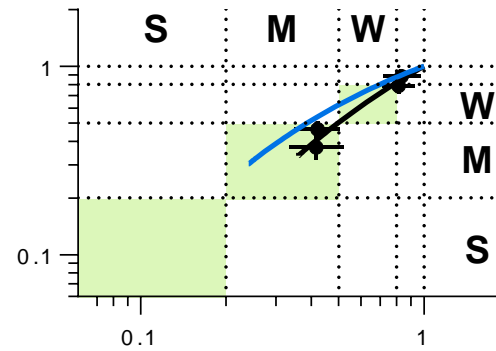


◆ Both observed and corrected relationships fall above the area of parity

P-gp, OATP and CYP2C9 Demonstrate Induction DDI Classification Parity

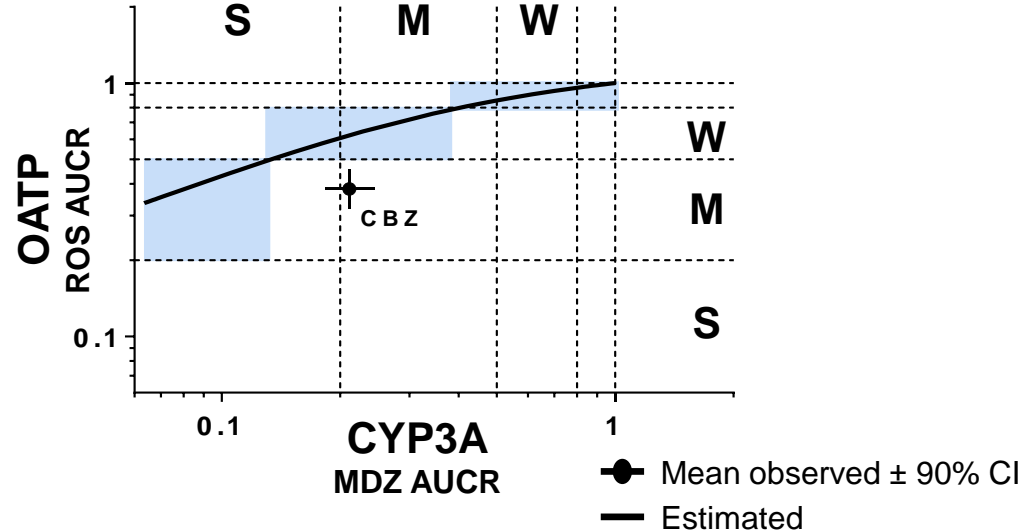
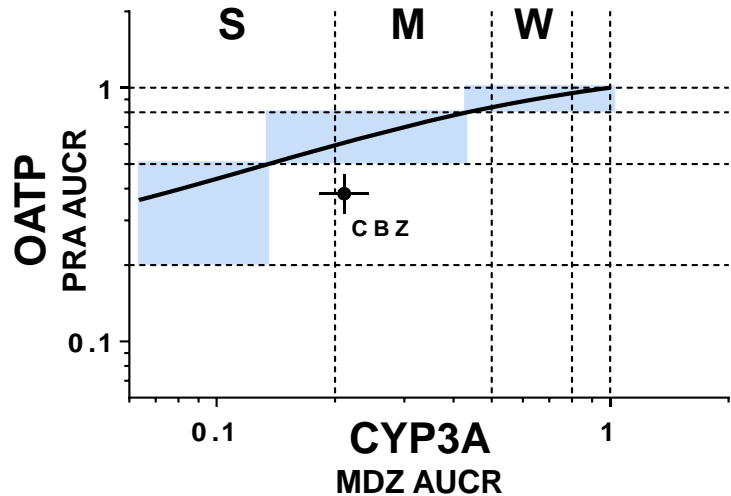


- ◆ The relationships between P-gp, OATP and CYP2C9 approximate the line of unity
- ◆ Suggests that induction is similar for all three



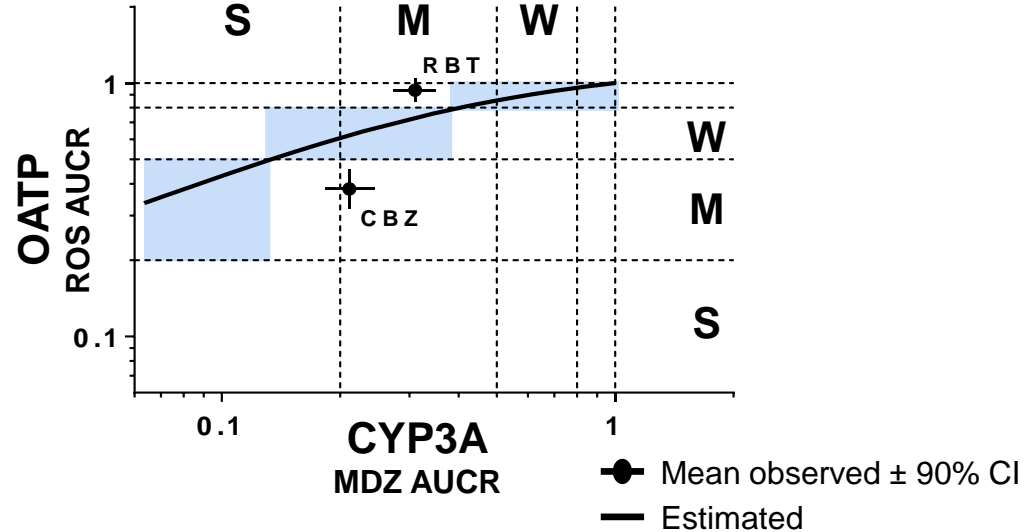
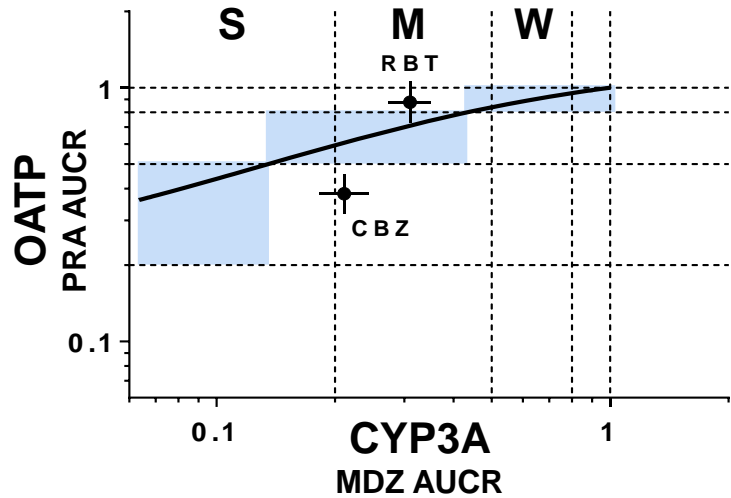
- Mean observed \pm 90% CI
- Estimated
- Corrected

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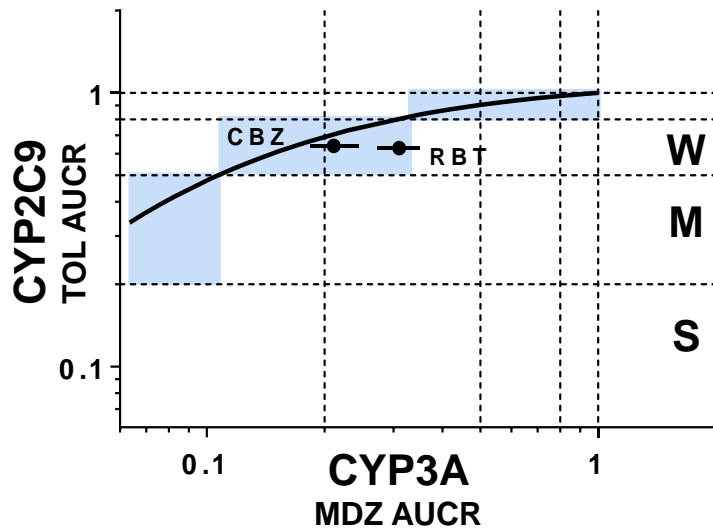
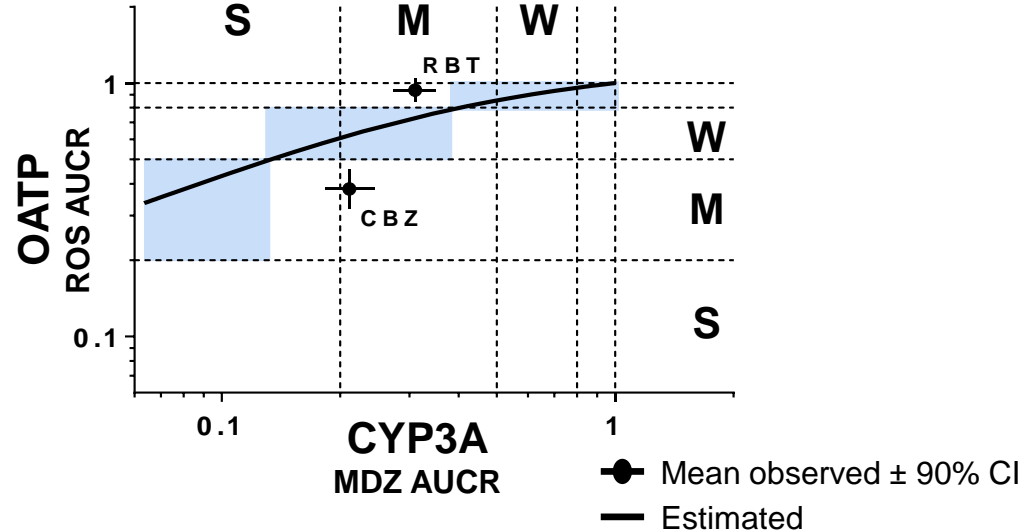
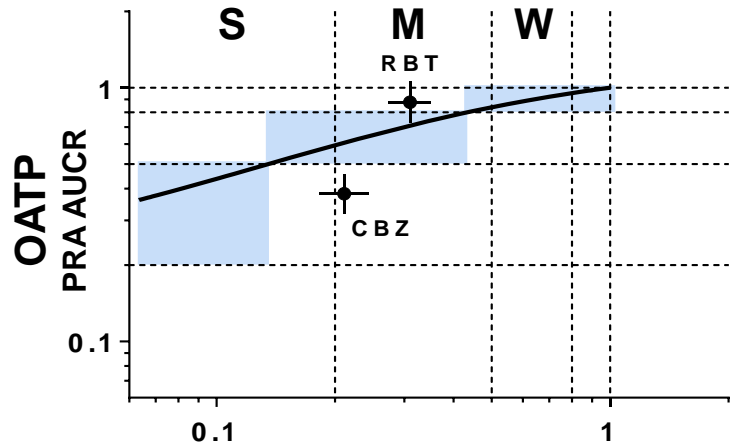
- ◆ CBZ: CYP3A – OATP parity
 - Both moderate
 - Is CBZ inducing via a non-PXR pathway?
OATP is regulated by several non-PXR pathways

CBZ-Mediated OATP Induction is Under-Predicted, Unlike RBT



- ◆ RBT: Induction follows RIF CYP3A – OATP relationship
Over-prediction is of less concern than under-prediction

RBT Induces OATP and CYP2C9 As Expected From the RIF Induction Relationships



- ◆ P-gp, CYP2C9 and CYP3A are all primarily PXR regulated
Simple co-regulatory system allows for accurate predictions

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	CYP3A	P-gp	OATP	CYP2C9	CYP1A2
Carbamazepine	Moderate*	Weak	Moderate	Weak	Weak
Rifabutin	Moderate	Weak	None	Weak	None

*Strong CYP3A inducer as per FDA DDI Guidance

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