

An overview of clinically significant drug interactions between medications used to treat psychiatric and medical conditions

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ABSTRACT

Prescription rates and polypharmacy are increasing, resulting in a greater potential for drug interactions. Psychiatric patients frequently have co-morbid medical conditions, which further increases the risk of polypharmacy and drug interactions. Drug interactions that affect drugs with narrow therapeutic windows are of particular concern. This review presents some of these drug interactions and provides strategies for identifying and resolving them.

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INTRODUCTION

Co-morbid medical illnesses are common in psychiatric patients. Health conditions such as diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity and high blood pressure all contribute to increased prescription medication rates in the United States. These are common medical conditions in the psychiatric patient. Over four billion prescriptions were written in the United States in 2011, which yields on average 13 prescriptions per person.¹ Drugs that affect the central nervous system top the list of prescribed medications, with certain antipsychotics and antidepressants among the top 10 drugs (in sales) in the United States in 2011.¹ According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2010, 48.5% of Americans took at least one prescription medication, 21.7% took three or more prescription medications and 10.6% took five or more prescription medications.² The risk of drug interactions increases as the number of prescriptions and the rate of polypharmacy increase.

Drug interactions are confusing to say the least, with an abundance of conflicting drug interaction data. Drug interaction software often flag not only contraindicated co-prescribed medications, but also theoretical interactions that have no specific case report or study data supporting them. The various drug interaction programs provide variable and even conflicting interaction information. Prescribers and pharmacists may become fatigued by the volume of drug interaction messages and may overlook important warnings while ordering or verifying medications in computerized order systems.

It is not possible to test every new medication that enters the market for interactions with every other drug. The pharmacokinetic data required by the FDA approval process provides the basis for most reported interactions, based upon the known pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic characteristics of the new medication and that of other medications on the market. Drug interaction case reports filter into the drug interaction software over time, providing more substantive drug interaction warnings.

Of particular concern are interactions with medications that have a narrow therapeutic window and those with significant consequences if levels or therapeutic effects are altered. While this article reviews some of the more important drug interactions between psychiatric medications and medications used to treat general medical conditions, it is not intended to be a complete list of all possible drug interactions. The following information will provide some tools and a mechanism for evaluating drug interactions.

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH ANTICOAGULATION MEDICATIONS

Warfarin is a medication that has both a relatively narrow therapeutic window (as measured by International Normalized Ratio or INR) and has significant consequences if an interaction occurs. The S-warfarin enantiomer, roughly five times more active than the R-warfarin enantiomer, is metabolized by cytochrome P450 (CYP450) 2C9 predominantly and to a lesser extent 3A4.³ R-warfarin is metabolized by CYP450 1A2 predominantly and to a lesser extent 2C19 and 3A4.³ Medications that induce or inhibit 2C9 or 3A4 can interfere with warfarin

metabolism and affect the patient's INR. Carbamazepine and phenobarbital are potent inducers of 2C9 and 3A4³ and are known to decrease the INR.⁴ Valproic acid and disulfiram are strong 2C9 inhibitors³ and are associated with reports of increased INR.⁴ Fluvoxamine, fluoxetine and modafinil are weaker 2C9 inhibitors³ and may affect warfarin metabolism and INR.³

Apixaban, and rivaroxaban are metabolized by CYP450 3A4, with metabolism increased by strong 3A4 inducers such as carbamazepine and phenobarbital.³ Thus, these medications may decrease apixaban and rivaroxaban effectiveness and increase the risk of stroke.^{5,6}

Concomitant anticoagulants and antidepressants can result in pharmacodynamic interactions. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors and serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors may block platelet uptake of plasma serotonin.^{7,8} Platelets cannot produce serotonin, thus they rely on the uptake mechanism to provide serotonin needed for platelet aggregation.^{7,8} These medications can increase the risk of bleeding when used with anticoagulants, without affecting the INR or prothrombin time (PTT).⁷ Of note, tricyclic antidepressants, trazodone and nefazodone may not generate an interaction warning of this type, but some have a similar mechanism of action.

Clopidogrel requires metabolism through 2C19 to an active metabolite.^{3,9} Medications that inhibit 2C19, such as fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, modafinil and oxcabazepine, and to a lesser extent topiramate and armodafinil,³ can decrease the effectiveness of clopidogrel.^{7,9} It is best to avoid concomitant use of clopidogrel and 2C19 inhibiting medications and to select other therapies if possible.

Also of concern are medications with the potential to cause thrombocytopenia, which would increase the risk of bleeding in an anticoagulated patient. Antipsychotic medications,⁸ carbamazepine and valproic acid have all been associated with thrombocytopenia.¹⁰

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

Tacrolimus, cyclosporine, sirolimus and prednisone are metabolized exclusively through CYP450 3A4.³ Carbamazepine and phenobarbital are potent inducers of 3A4,³ which warrants following immunosuppressant levels closely when these medications are introduced or discontinued. Other barbiturates, modafinil, oxcabazepine and topiramate are less potent inducers³ but also warrant close immunosuppressant monitoring during introduction or discontinuation.

Potent 3A4 inhibitors such as nefazodone, fluvoxamine and, to a lesser extent fluoxetine may increase immunosuppressant levels, again making it necessary to monitor immunosuppressant drug levels when introducing or discontinuing one of these medications.^{3,11,12}

Concomitant use of clozapine and mycophenolic acid medications may increase the risk of agranulocytosis.¹²

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH CANCER MEDICATIONS

Tamoxifen is a prodrug that requires CYP450 2D6 metabolism to become an active metabolite.^{3,13} Although tamoxifen is metabolized through other CYP450 enzymes as well as 2D6,³ these metabolic routes fail to produce the necessary active metabolite.¹⁴ Bupropion, fluoxetine, and paroxetine are potent 2D6 inhibitors and citalopram, desvenlafaxine, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluvoxamine, risperidone, sertraline, clomipramine, diphenhydramine, doxepin, chlorpromazine, methadone, perphenazine and haloperidol are less potent 2D6 inhibitors.¹⁵ A retrospective analysis of breast cancer patients found a 1.9 fold increase in breast cancer recurrence rate in patients taking concomitant tamoxifen and potent 2D6 inhibiting medication.¹⁶ Thus, it is best to avoid using 2D6 inhibiting medications with tamoxifen.^{15,17}

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH HIV MEDICATIONS

Protease inhibitors (atazanavir, darunavir, fosamprenavir, ritonavir etc) are strong 3A4 inhibitors.³ Some are contraindicated with midazolam, triazolam and pimozide.^{10,18} Concomitant use will likely increase the effects of alprazolam, clonazepam, clorazepate, diazepam, lorazepam and flurazepam.¹⁸ Protease inhibitors may also increase olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, chlorpromazine, haloperidol, trifluoperazine, fluphenazine, clozapine, ziprasidone and aripiprazole effects.¹⁸

Efavirenz inhibits 2C9, 2C19 and 3A4 and will likely increase midazolam exposure (contraindicated).^{10,18} Zolpidem and eszopiclone can increase protease inhibitor and decrease nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor levels.¹⁸

Etravirine and maraviroc may increase methadone levels, while efavirenz, nevirapine, darunavir, fosamprenavir, lopinavir, saquinavir and ritonavir may lower methadone levels.¹⁸ Methadone can increase zidovudine levels.¹⁸

Ritonavir and atazanavir may increase buprenorphine levels while efavirenz and nevirapine may decrease buprenorphine effectiveness.¹⁸

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH BETA BLOCKING MEDICATIONS

Fluoxetine, paroxetine, duloxetine and bupropion are CYP₄₅₀ 2D6 inhibitors³ that can increase exposure of some beta blocking medications.¹⁰ Carvedilol, metoprolol, nebivolol, propranolol and timolol are metabolized through 2D6,³ thus their effects may be increased when used with 2D6 inhibiting antidepressants. When adding or discontinuing a 2D6 inhibiting antidepressant, monitor blood pressure and heart rate.

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH ANTIFUNGALS

Many antifungals such as fluconazole, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole and voriconazole are strong 3A₄ inhibitors.³ These are contraindicated with many medications including pimozide, midazolam and triazolam.¹⁰ Voriconazole is contraindicated with carbamazepine, and concomitant carbamazepine use with itraconazole or ketoconazole is not recommended.¹⁰ Itraconazole use is contraindicated with methadone.¹⁰

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH DIABETIC MEDICATIONS

Carbamazepine and phenobarbital may decrease linagliptin exposure through CYP₄₅₀ 3A₄ induction.^{3,10} Carbamazepine induction of 3A₄³ may also decrease repaglinide exposure.¹⁰ Phenobarbital may decrease canagliflozin exposure through uridine 5'-diphosphate glucuronosyltransferases (UGT) induction.¹⁰ Topiramate may decrease pioglitazone exposure.¹⁰ Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) may stimulate insulin secretion lowering blood glucose when added to insulins, acarbose, miglitol, metformin, nateglinide, repaglinide, canagliflozin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide and tolbutamide.⁹ Fluoxetine may increase blood glucose lowering effects of some medications (insulins, glimepiride, and glyburide) through an unknown mechanism.¹⁰ Propranolol (and other beta-blockers) may alter glucose metabolism and mask symptoms of hypoglycemia.¹⁰ Use with caution in diabetic patients.¹⁰ It is best to monitor blood glucose more closely when adding or discontinuing these medications that can alter blood glucose.

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH CONTRACEPTIVES

Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, topiramate, and phenobarbital decrease the effectiveness of oral contraceptives by inducing metabolism of estrogen or progesterone.¹⁹ Alternative methods of birth control are necessary with concurrent use of these medications. Conversely, oral contraceptive UGT induction decreases the effectiveness of lamotrigine.^{19,20}

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH LITHIUM

A 2010 retrospective analysis of adverse drug reactions in hospitalized psychiatric patients found lithium to be the most common psychiatric medication involved in ADRs.²¹ Lithium is not metabolized; interactions are through other mechanisms. Diuretics are contraindicated and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors can be used cautiously with lithium as they can increase the lithium level leading to toxicity.^{9,10} Drugs that reduce renal elimination of lithium such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, cyclooxygenase inhibitors type 2 and metronidazole can increase lithium levels as well.¹⁰ Lithium toxicity has been reported when calcium channel blockers, methyl dopa and carbamazepine are used concomitantly with lithium.^{10,22} Decreased lithium levels have been associated with acetazolamide, alkalizing agents, and xanthines (aminophylline, dyphylline, and theophylline).¹⁰ Lithium can be used cautiously with nephrotoxic medications such as cyclosporine.¹² Finally, lithium may prolong the effects of neuromuscular blocking agents used in surgeries and ECT.⁹

DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH MONOAMINE OXIDASE INHIBITORS

Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) interact with many medications including some internal medicine, psychiatric and over the counter medications and supplements/herbals. MAOIs (isocarboxazid, phenelzine, selegiline transdermal, tranylcypromine) interact with medications with serotonin activity, resulting in the risk of serotonin syndrome. Cyclobenzaprine, dextromethorphan, fentanyl, meperidine, milnacipran, tapentadol, tetrabenazine, and tramadol may have serotonergic activity.¹⁰ Meperidine is contraindicated with MAOIs.^{9,10}

Medications with sympathomimetic activity also interact with MAOIs through norepinephrine or dopaminergic effects, including cocaine, dopamine, ephedrine, epinephrine, norepinephrine, phenylephrine, isometheptene, phenmetrazine, phentermine, pseudoephedrine, and tapentadol.⁹ When used with a MAOI, the result can be severe hypertension, hyperpyrexia, arrhythmia and even death.^{9,10} Some sympathomimetics are contraindicated with MAOIs.¹⁰ Anesthetics with sympathomimetic vasoconstriction effects can have increased hypotensive effects when coadministered with MAOIs.⁹

Beta-blockers with MAOIs can have exaggerated hypotensive and bradycardic effects, requiring careful

coadministration.^{9,10} The hypoglycemic effects of insulin and sulfonylurea may be potentiated by MAOI, requiring close blood glucose monitoring when used concomitantly.¹⁰ Apraclonidine is contraindicated with MAOIs, as it potentiates MAOI effects.¹⁰

Linezolid is a weak MAOI that interacts with monoamine oxidase inhibiting and other antidepressants. The FDA Adverse Event Reporting System includes reports of serotonin syndrome with linezolid when used in combination with citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, desvenlafaxine, duloxetine and venlafaxine.²³ Other medications with serotonergic action such as TCAs, trazodone, nefazodone, bupropion, buspirone, maprotiline, mirtazapine will generate warnings with linezolid as well, though interactions have not been reported to the FDA.²³ Carbamazepine is also contraindicated with linezolid,^{9,10} though there are literature reports of safe concurrent use.⁹ Methylene blue, rasagiline and selegiline are MAOIs as well and should not be combined with nonselective psychiatric MAOIs and are subject to many of the interactions listed previously.¹⁰

MEDICATIONS THAT PROLONG THE QTc INTERVAL

Many medications can prolong the QTc interval and when used in combination, prolong in an additive fashion. QTc prolongation effects of some medications are dose related. Thus, when adding a medication that inhibits the metabolism of the QTc prolonging medication, the risk of QTc prolongation and potentially torsades de pointes, increases.

CredibleMeds (formerly AZCERT - Arizona Center for Education and Research) has three very helpful tables that list medications with known torsades de pointes (TdP) risk, with possible TdP risk and with conditional TdP risk. These tables can be found at www.crediblemeds.org. Some antipsychotic medications, antidepressant medications, antihistamines, lithium and methadone appear on these lists.

MEDICATIONS THAT LOWER THE SEIZURE THRESHOLD

Medications can additively lower the seizure threshold. TCAs (especially clomipramine,) atypical antipsychotics (especially clozapine,) antidepressants (especially bupropion,) psychostimulants, narcotics, some immunosuppressants (e.g. cyclosporine, chlorambucil, prednisone), some antibiotics (e.g. isoniazid, lindane, metronidazole, nalidixic acid, penicillins), oral hypoglycemic agents, anticholinergics (e.g. dimenhydrinate, diphenhydramine, cyclizine, meclizine,

scopolamine, trimethobenzamide), anticholinesterases and lithium may lower the seizure threshold.^{24,25}

MEDICATIONS WITH ANTICHOLINERGIC EFFECTS

Anticholinergic medications can additively lead to toxicity with symptoms that include confusion, hypertension, tachycardia, flushing, pyrexia, etc.²⁶ Antihistamines (e.g. chlorpheniramine, cyproheptadine, diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine), some antidepressants (especially the TCAs and paroxetine), some antipsychotics (e.g. clozapine, olanzapine, chlorpromazine, thioridazine), antidiarrheals (e.g. diphenoxylate, atropine), antiemetics (e.g. prochlorperazine, promethazine), antivertigo agents (e.g. cyclizine, dimenhydrinate, meclizine, scopolamine, trimethobenzamide) and some H₂ blockers (e.g. cimetidine, ranitidine) are anticholinergic.^{26,27} Some cardiac medications (e.g. digoxin, disopyramide, furosemide, nifedipine, atropine), some GI medications (e.g. dicyclomine, glycopyrrolate, hyoscyamine, mepenzolate, methscopolamine, propantheline), some Parkinson's medications (e.g. amantadine, benztropine, trihexyphenidyl), some muscle relaxants (e.g. cyclobenzaprine, dantrolene, orphenadrine) some urinary antispasmodics (e.g. fesoterodine, flavoxate, oxybutynin, solifenacin, tolterodine, trospium) also have anticholinergic properties.^{26,27} Monitor for signs and symptoms of anticholinergic toxicity when using multiple anticholinergic medications, especially in older adults and those with intellectual disabilities who may be more susceptible.²⁷

MEDICATIONS WITH SEROTONERGIC EFFECTS

Using multiple medications with serotonergic effects can lead to serotonin syndrome, the risk of which increases with the number of medications that increase serotonin. Triptans, SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs, MAOIs, nefazodone, tramadol, fentanyl, meperidine, tapentadol, cyclobenzaprine, carbamazepine, lithium, ondansetron, granisetron, lorazepam, dextromethorphan, procarbazine all have serotonergic effects which could contribute to serotonin toxicity.^{9,10}

RECOGNIZING INTERACTIONS

When adding or removing a medication from a patient's regimen, it is important to examine the impact of that change in the terms of drug interactions. Knowing the mechanisms of metabolism of the added or removed medication will help to determine the impact to the other medications in the patient's regimen. Adding a CYP450 enzyme inducer will decrease the level of other medications metabolized by the same enzyme. In addition, an enzyme inducer will increase the metabolites

of those medications.²⁰ Conversely, discontinuing a CYP450 enzyme inducer will increase the level of other medications metabolized by the same enzyme. Adding a CYP450 enzyme inhibitor will increase the level of other medications metabolized by the inhibited enzyme. In addition, an enzyme inhibitor will decrease the metabolites of those medications.²⁰ Conversely, discontinuing a CYP450 enzyme inhibitor will decrease the level of the other medications metabolized by the inhibited enzyme. Enzyme induction involves increased production of the enzyme and takes some time to occur and resolve.²⁰ Thus, the onset of an induction drug interaction is slow, and upon discontinuation of the inducing medication, will resolve slowly, as well. Enzyme inhibition can occur and resolve rather quickly and is more dependent on the dose and half-life of the enzyme inhibiting medication.²⁰

There is inter-patient variability in CYP450 metabolic capacity, called polymorphism.²⁰ Poor metabolizers have reduced metabolic capacity resulting in higher drug levels that may result in increased side effects and toxicity.²⁰ This situation resembles enzyme inhibition, as described above. Ultraextensive metabolizers have excess metabolic capacity and may have treatment failures or need higher doses of medications to achieve the desired effect.²⁰ Patients with average metabolic capacity are called extensive metabolizers.²⁰ Polymorphism has been identified in CYP450 1A2, 2A6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19 and 2D6.²⁰ Genetic testing is available to determine enzyme capacity, but this does not correlate with known medication dose adjustments.

There are many resources available to help identify drug interactions. There are a number of computer software tools designed to check for drug interactions. After entering the patient's medication list, the software will flag interactions, providing levels of severity for each. These tools tend to vary some in the interactions they flag. Some of these software tools are built into computerized medication ordering systems to allow for real-time interaction identification.

There are also a number of tables on the internet and in drug interaction books that provide metabolism information on the medications known to induce, inhibit or that are substrates of the various CYP450 enzymes. These can be very helpful as one can use them to assess the metabolism of specific medications and identify potential drug interactions.

The course of action as the result of a drug interaction depends upon the severity of the result of that

interaction. Some interactions can be managed with additional side effect monitoring, dose adjustments or with additional drug levels. Others, with the potential for more serious effects, are best avoided by choosing alternative therapies that do not interact.

SUMMARY

With the increased number of prescriptions written on an annual basis and the prevalence of polypharmacy, drug interactions are becoming more common. Drug interactions may present in a patient as treatment failure or as troublesome side effects. Not all drug interactions are life-threatening. Fortunately, we are learning more and more about drug metabolism and can be proactive in preventing these treatment failures and adverse effects. There are several software programs available that allow one to enter a list of medications and obtain a list of drug interactions, including the severity of each. The resolution of a drug interaction depends upon the severity of the possible outcome, and may include monitoring for side effects, adjusting doses, following drug levels or choosing alternate therapies.

The following tables were constructed using data from a number of sources. Prodrugs were identified through reference 14. Inducers, inhibitors and substrates were identified through references 3, 13, 14, 28 and 29. Preferred routes of metabolism were identified through reference 3. Metabolism of vortioxetine was identified through references 30, 31 and 32. Metabolism of levomilnacipran was identified through reference 33.

Table 1. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 1A₂

Psychiatric Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates
Deferasirox	Barbiturates		Fluvoxamine	Amitriptyline
	Carbamazepine			Asenapine
	Phenobarbital			Chlorpromazine
	Cigarette smoking			Clomipramine
	Char-grilled meats			Clozapine
	Cruciferous vegetables			Diphenhydramine
				Duloxetine
				Fluvoxamine
				Imipramine
				Melatonin
				Mirtazapine
				Olanzapine
				Pimozide
				Propranolol
				Ramelteon
				Thioridazine
				Zolpidem
Other Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates*
	Phenytoin	Caffeine	Artemisinin	Anagrelide
	Primidone	Ethinyl Estradiol	Atazanavir	Bendamustine
	Rifampin	Norfloxacin	Cimetidine	Caffeine
	Cigarette smoking		Ciprofloxacin	Flutamide
	Char-grilled meats		Enoxacin	Frovatriptan
	Cruciferous vegetables		Mexiletine	Lidocaine
			Tacrine	Ondansetron
			Thiabendazole	Rasagiline
			Ticlopidine	Riluzole
			Vemurafenib	Ropinirole
			Zileuton	Ropivacaine
				Tacrine
				Theophylline
				Thiabendazole
				Tizanidine
				Triamterene
				R-Warfarin
				Zileuton
				Zolmitriptan

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 1A₂

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 1A₂

*There are many additional substrates for 1A₂

Table 2. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 2B6

Psychiatric Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates
				Bupropion
				Clobazam
				Ketamine
Other Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates
Rifampin	Efavirenz	Thiotepa	Clopidogrel	Artemisinin
	Ritonavir		Cyclophosphamide	Cyclophosphamide(p)
			Ticlopidine	Efavirenz
				Ifosfamide(p)
				Ketamine
				Methadone
				Nevirapine
				Prasugrel
				Propofol
				Selegiline

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 2B6

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 2B6

(p) indicates a prodrug

Table 3. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 2C8

Psychiatric Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates
				Carbamazepine
				Clonazepam
				Levomilnacipran
				Zopiclone
Other Medications				
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates
			Amiodarone	Cabazitaxel
			Clopidogrel	Chloroquine
			Co-trimoxazole	Diclofenac
			Deferasirox	Fluvastatin
			Gemfibrozil	Gemfibrozil
			Lapatinib	Ibuprofen
			Trimethoprim	Loperamide
				Montelukast
				Paclitaxel
				Phenytoin
				Pioglitazone
				Repaglinide
				Rosiglitazone
				Treprostinil

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 2C8

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 2C8

Table 4. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 2C9

Psychiatric Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates	
	Carbamazepine	Fluoxetine	Disulfiram	Doxepin	Fluoxetine
	Phenobarbital	Fluvoxamine	Valproic Acid	Melatonin	Phenobarbital
	Barbiturates	Modafinil		Ramelteon	Vortioxetine
				Zolpidem	
Other Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates	
Aprepitant	Aminoglutethimide	Fluvastatin	Alcohol	Alosetron	Amprenavir
	Barbiturates	Gemfibrozil	Amiodarone	Azapropazone	Azilsartan
	Griseofulvin	Toremifene	Azapropazone	Bosentan	Candesartan
	Phenytoin		Berberine	Carvedilol	Celecoxib
	Primidone		Bosentan	Chlorpropamide	Clopidogrel
	Rifampin		Capecitabine	Co-trimoxazole	Diclofenac
	Rifapentine		Co-trimoxazole	Dronabinol	Etravirine
	Ritonavir		Delavirdine	Flurbiprofen	Fluvastatin
			Doxifluridine	Glimepiride	Glipizide
			Efavirenz	Glyburide	Ibuprofen
			Etravirine	Indomethacin	Irbesartan
			Fluconazole	Ketamine	Losartan [#]
			Fluorouracil	Meloxicam	Montelukast
			Imatinib	Naproxen	Nateglinide
			Leflunomide	Prasugrel	Phenytoin
			Metronidazole	Pioglitazone	Piroxicam
			Miconazole	Pitavastatin	Rosiglitazone
			Nafcillin	Rosuvastatin	Sildenafil
			Sulfamethizole	Sulfamethoxazole	Tolbutamide
			Sulfamethoxazole	Torsemide	Valdecoxib
			Sulfaphenazole	Valsartan	Voriconazole
			Sulfinpyrazone	S-Warfarin	Zafirlukast
			Tamoxifen		
			Voriconazole		
			Zafirlukast		

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 2C9

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 2C9

indicates the metabolite produced is responsible for the majority of drug effect

Table 5. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 2C₁₉

Psychiatric Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates	
	Barbiturates	Armodafinil	Fluoxetine	Amitriptyline	<i>Citalopram</i>
	Phenobarbital	Topiramate	Fluvoxamine	Clobazam	Clomipramine
	St. John's Wort		Modafinil	Clozapine	Desipramine
			Oxcarbazepine	<i>Diazepam</i>	Diphenhydramine
				Doxepin	<i>Escitalopram</i>
				Fluoxetine	Imipramine
				Levomilnacipran	Phenobarbital
				Propranolol	<i>Sertraline</i>
				Venlafaxine	Vilazodone
				Vortioxetine	
Other Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates*	
	Artemisinin	Etravirine	Chloramphenicol	<i>Carisoprodol</i>	
	Phenytoin		Cimetidine	<i>Clopidogrel(p)</i>	
	Primidone		Clopidogrel	<i>Esomeprazole</i>	
	Rifampin		Delavirdine	<i>Etravirine</i>	
			Efavirenz	<i>Lacosamide</i>	
			Esomeprazole	<i>Omeprazole</i>	
			Felbamate	<i>Pantoprazole</i>	
			Fluconazole	<i>Pentamidine</i>	
			Isoniazid	<i>Proguanil(p)</i>	
			Moclobemide	<i>Rabeprazole</i>	
			Omeprazole	<i>Thalidomide</i>	
			Oxcarbazepine		
			Ticlopidine		
			Voriconazole		

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 2C₁₉

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 2C₁₉

(p) indicates a prodrug

*There are many additional substrates for 2C₁₉

Table 6. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 2D6

Psychiatric Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates	
		Asenapine	Bupropion	<i>Amitriptyline</i>	Amoxepine
		Citalopram	Chlorpromazine	<i>Aripiprazole</i>	Atomoxetine
		Desvenlafaxine	Clobazam	Citalopram	<i>Clomipramine</i>
		Duloxetine	Diphenhydramine	Clozapine	<i>Desipramine</i>
		Escitalopram	Fluoxetine	Diphenhydramine	<i>Doxepin</i>
		Fluvoxamine	Haloperidol	Duloxetine	<i>Escitalopram</i>
		Risperidone	Paroxetine	<i>Fluoxetine</i>	<i>Fluvoxamine</i>
		Sertraline	Perphenazine	<i>Haloperidol</i>	<i>Iloperidone</i>
			Thioridazine	<i>Imipramine</i>	Levomilnacipran
				Maprotiline	Mesoridazine
				Methamphetamine	Mianserin
				Mirtazapine	<i>Nortriptyline</i>
				Olanzapine	Paliperidone
				Paroxetine	Perphenazine
				<i>Propranolol</i>	Protriptyline
				<i>Risperidone</i>	Sertraline
				<i>Thioridazine</i>	<i>Trazodone</i>
				<i>Venlafaxine</i>	Vilazodone
				Vortioxetine	
Other Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates*	
Rifampin		Cimetidine	Abiraterone	Alprenolol	Clonidine
		Methadone	Amiodarone	Codeine(p)	Debrisoquin
		Pazopanib	Berberine	<i>Dextromethorphan</i>	Dihydrocodeine
		Ranolazine	Celecoxib	<i>Diphenhydramine</i>	<i>Dolasetron(p)</i>
		Vemurafenib	Chlorquine	Encainide	<i>Flecainide</i>
			Chlorpheniramine	Hydrocodone(p)	Metoclopramide
			Cinacalcet	Metoprolol	<i>Mexiletine</i>
			Cobicistat	Nebivolol	<i>Palonsetron</i>
			Darifenacin	Perhexiline	Promethazine
			Diphenhydramine	<i>Propafenone</i>	Propranolol
			Dronedarone	Tamoxifen(p)	Tetrabenazine
			Flecainide	Timolol	<i>Tolterodine</i>
			Halofantrine	<i>Tramadol</i>	
			Hydroxychloroquine	Treprostinil	
			Imatinib		
			Lumefantrine		
			Promethazine		
			Propafenone		
			Quinacrine		
			Quinidine		
			Quinine		
			Ritonavir		
			Terbinafine		

Italics indicate medications whose preferred route of metabolism is through 2D6

Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 2D6

*There are many additional substrates for 2D6

(p) indicates a prodrug

Table 7. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 3A₄

Psychiatric Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates	
Clobazam	Armodafinil	Fluoxetine	Fluvoxamine	Alprazolam	Amitriptyline
Oxcarbazepine	Barbiturates		Nefazodone	Armodafinil	Buspirone
Topiramate	Carbamazepine			Carbamazepine	Citalopram
	Modafinil			Clobazam	Clomipramine
	Phenobarbital			Clonazepam	Clozapine
	St. John's Wort			Desvenlafaxine	Diazepam
				Escitalopram	Estazolam
				Eszopiclone	Guanfacine
				Haloperidol	Iloperidone
				Imipramine	Levomilnacipran
				Lurasidone	Mirtazapine
				Modafinil	Nefazodone
				Nortriptyline	Olanzapine
				Pimozide	Quazepam
				Quetiapine	Ramelteon
				Risperidone	Thioridazine
				Topiramate	Trazodone
				Triazolam	Vilazodone
				Venlafaxine	Vortioxetine
				Zaleplon	Zolpidem
				Ziprasidone	
Other Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates*	
Deferasirox	Aminoglutethimide	Basiliximab	Amiodarone	Abiraterone	Alfentanil
Oxcarbazepine	Artemether	Cilostazol	Amprenavir	Alfuzosin	Aliskiren
	Bexarotene	Deferasirox	Aprepitant	Amlodipine	Amprenavir
	Bonsetan	Interleukin-10	Atazanavir	Aprepitant	Artemether
	Dexamethasone	Ivacaftor	Berberine	Astemizole	Atazaniver
	Efavirenz	Linagliptin	Boceprevir	Atorvastatin	Avanafil
	Etravirine	Nicardipine	Choramphenicol	Bepidil	Bexaroten
	Griseofulvin	Nilotinib	Ciprofloxacin	Boceprevir	Bortezomib
	Mitotane	Pazopanib	Clarithromycin	Brentuximab	Bromocriptine
	Nafcillin	Ranolazine	Cobicistat	Budesonide	Bupivacaine
	Nevirapine	Ticagrelor	Conivaptan	Buprenorphine	Cabazitaxel
	Phenytoin		Crizotinib	Cabozantinib	Cobicistat
	Primidone		Cyclosporine	Colchicine	Conivaptan
	Rifabutin		Dalfopristin	Crizotinib	Cyclosporine
	Rifampin		Danazol	Dapsone	Darunavir
	Rifapentine		Darunavir	Dastinib	Delavirdine
	Vemurafenib		Dasatinib	Dexamethasone	Dihydroergotamine
			Delavirdine	Diltiazem	Disopyramide
			Diltiazem	Docetaxel	Donepezil
			Dronedarone	Doxorubicin	Dronedarone
			Erythromycin	Droperidol	Dutasteride
			Ethinyl Estradiol	Ebastine	Eletriptan
			Fluconazole	Elvitegravir	Eplerenone
			Fosamprenavir	Ergotamine	Erlotinib
			Grapefruit	Erythromycin	Ethinyl Estradiol
			Imatinib	Ethosuximide	Etoposide
			Indinavir	Everolimus	Exemestane

Table 7. CYTOCHROME P₄₅₀ 3A₄ (continued)

Other Medications					
Inducers	Strong Inducers	Inhibitors	Strong Inhibitors	Substrates*	
			Isoniazid	Felodipine	Fentanyl
			Itraconazole	<i>Fesoterodine</i>	Finasteride
			Ketoconazole	Fosamprenavir	<i>Fovatriptan</i>
			Lapatinib	<i>Galantamine</i>	Granisetron
			Miconazole	Guanfacine	Halofantrine
			Mifepristone	Ifosfamide	Imatinib
			Nelfinavir	Indacaterol	Indinavir
			Posaconazole	Irinotecan	Isradipine
			Primidone	Itraconazole	Ivabradine
			Quinupristin	Invacator	Ixabepilone
			Ritonavir	Ketaconazole	Lapatinib
			Saquinavir	Levomethadyl	Lopinavir
			Tamoxifen	<i>Loratidine</i>	<i>Lovastatin</i>
			Telaprevir	Lumefantrine	Maraviroc
			Telithromycin	Mefloquine	Methylprednisolone
			Troleandomycin	Midazolam	Mifepristone
			Verapamil	Mometasone	Nicardipine
			Voriconazole	Nifedipine	Nilotinib
			Zafirlukast	Nimetidine	Nisoldipine
				Nitrendipine	Oxybutinin
				<i>Oxycodone</i>	Paricalcitol
				Prednisolone	Praziquantel
				Prednisone	Quinacrine
				Quinidine	Quinine
				<i>Ranolazine</i>	Regorafenib
				Rifabutin	Rilpivirine
				Ritonavir	Rivaroxaban
				Romidepsin	Ruxolitinib
				Salmeterol	Saquinavir
				Saxagliptin	<i>Sildenafil</i>
				Sildosin	<i>Simvastatin</i>
				Sirolimus	Sitagliptin
				Solifenacin	<i>Sorafenib</i>
				<i>Sufentanil</i>	Sunitinib
				Tacrolimus	Tadalafil
				<i>Tamoxifen</i>	Telaprevir
				Temsirolimus	Teniposide
				Terfenadine	Testosterone
				Tiagabine	Ticagrelor
				Tinidazole	Tipranavir
				Tolvaptan	Toremifene
				Triamcinolone	Ulipristal
				Vandetanib	Vardenafil
				Vemurafenib	Verapamil
				Vesnarinone	Vinblastine
				<i>Vincristine</i>	<i>Vinorelbine</i>

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Bold indicates medications whose solitary route of metabolism is through 3A₄

*There are many additional substrates for 3A₄

(p) indicates a prodrug

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