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### Abstract

- 1. Liver enzymes and transporters play an essential role in xenobiotic metabolism, distribution and elimination. Pre-clinical safety assessment relies on studies on animal models, including the (mini)pig. The pig shares many anatomical and physiological characteristics with humans, and there is currently a gap in information about porcine metabolism and disposition pathways and their similarities and differences from human ones.
- 2. Three different sample preparation methods (filter-aided sample preparation (FASP), enhanced FASP (eFASP) and in-solution sample preparation) were used to prepare porcine liver tissue (two samples) for proteomic analysis. The analysis relied on rapid-separation liquid chromatography coupled to Orbitrap mass spectrometry in data-dependent acquisition mode. MASCOT was used for identification and relative label-free quantification was based on spectral counting.
- 3. The three sample preparation methods provided complementary results, allowing characterisation of approximately 70 pharmacologically relevant proteins. The main quantified proteins included 16 cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes, 5 UGT enzymes, and 11 transporters. In addition, 20 Phase I and 14 Phase II enzymes were also characterised. Inter-operator differences were negligible and the pig liver pies for CYP, UGT and efflux transporter proteins were established. Human homologues of the quantified CYP, UGT and transporter proteins were identified.

Keywords: Enzymes, Transporters, Proteomics, Pig, Quantification

#### Introduction

Hepatic enzymes and transporters play a key role in xenobiotic biotransformation, distribution and elimination, and therefore these proteins govern drug safety and efficacy (Heikkinen et al., 2015). Pre-clinical safety assessment has traditionally relied on animal models, such as rats, beagle dogs and cynomolgus monkeys. Fuelled by efforts by the RETHINK consortium, the (mini)pig has recently started to be more widely used as a model for toxicology and translational medical research (Forster et al., 2010; Suenderhauf & Parrott, 2013). This is mainly because these animals share many characteristics with humans, especially in anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry (Forster et al., 2010; Helke & Swindle, 2013).

In addition, the pig has a significant agricultural value, accounting for about 38% of consumed meat products. Therefore, drugs used to improve animal health and meat production (e.g., antibiotics), along with other xenobiotics and their metabolites, are easily transferred onto human metabolism through the food cycle (Chang et al., 2015). These xenobiotics are metabolised and eliminated by metabolic and disposition pathways, mediated by drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters. Recently, the domestic pig genome was successfully sequenced (Groenen et al., 2012), and studies have demonstrated extensive homology between human and pig cytochrome P450 (CYP) sequences ranging between 60% and 95% (Achour et al., 2011). Despite this level of interest in the pig, there is little information about other porcine metabolism and disposition pathways.

LC-MS proteomics has increasingly been applied to generate reliable quantitative information about enzymes and transporters in various systems (Al Feteisi et al., 2015). Advantages of proteomics include sensitivity, selectivity, reproducibility, wide dynamic range and ability to quantify various targets in the same experiment (Couto et al., 2019). Label-free proteomic quantification offers a low cost approach to protein characterisation

with reasonably high reliability (Ishihama et al., 2005). Quality of the generated data however tends to be dependent on availability of high quality samples and on the suitability of sample preparation methodology (Prasad et al., 2019).

We have previously attempted to characterise pig liver cytochrome P450 enzymes using label-free proteomic methodology and reported relative abundance levels (Achour et al., 2011). To build on this study, the present work aimed to identify and relatively quantify pig liver proteins involved in drug metabolism and disposition. The identification and quantification of porcine analogues of human proteins involved in drug metabolism and disposition is intended to shed light on pharmacological pathways that can best be studied using the pig as a model. For this assessment, three different sample preparation techniques were used to provide complementary data about pig liver proteomic profiles, and quantitative characterisation focused on Phase I and Phase II enzymes and transporters.

#### **Material and Methods**

### **Chemicals and Reagents**

All chemicals and materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Poole, Dorset, UK) unless otherwise specified. Lysyl endopeptidase (Lys-C) was purchased from Wako (Osaka, Japan) and proteomic-grade trypsin was supplied by Roche Applied Science (Mannheim, Germany). Solvents were supplied by Thermo Fisher Scientific (Paisley, UK) and were of analytical grade or higher.

#### **Preparation of Porcine Liver Microsomal Fractions**

Two individual pig livers (female, adult, Large White) were sourced from a local butcher (Manchester, UK). Tissue was cleaned and cut into pieces smaller than 1 cm<sup>3</sup> and stored at -

 $80^{\circ}$ C until further use. Tissue samples were defrosted on ice, and 1 g of tissue from each sample was minced and processed by homogenisation using a mechanical tissue homogeniser in 10 ml homogenisation buffer (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 0.2 mM Pefabloc and 0.15 mM KCl) as previously described (Langenfeld et al., 2009). Microsomal fractions were prepared by differential centrifugation (Beckman Coulter, Inc., Fullerton, CA) at 10000 g for 20 min, followed by centrifugation at 100000 g for 75 min. The microsomal pellet was then resuspended in phosphate buffer (0.25 M potassium phosphate, pH 7.25) at 1 ml per gram tissue.

# Determination of Microsomal Protein Content and Assessment of Recovery

Microsomal protein content was measured by bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay according to the manufacturer's protocol. The activity of NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase was monitored at 550 nm using a Jenway UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Staffordshire, UK) in kinetic mode, according to the manufacturer's instructions. The protein content was corrected for loss from processing using recovery ratios estimated from the initial linear phase of cytochrome P450 reductase activity in microsomes relative to homogenates, corresponding to 1 mg of tissue as previously described (Achour et al., 2011).

### Sample Preparation of Microsomal Protein for Mass Spectrometry

Protein (50  $\mu$ g) from each liver microsomal sample (Liver 1 and 2) was prepared for LC-MS analysis by two different operators (Operator 1 and 2) using three different sample preparation methods, namely filter-aided sample preparation (FASP), enhanced filter-aided sample preparation (eFASP) and in-solution sample preparation.

*FASP.* Filter-aided preparation of samples followed the method published by Wiśniewski et al. (2009) with some modifications. Briefly, microsomal proteins were solubilised in 10% (w/v) sodium deoxycholate in protein LoBind tubes (Eppendorf, Stevenage, UK), followed

by reduction of protein disulfide bridges in 0.1 M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.5, containing 60 mM dithiothreitol and 8 M urea and incubation with mixing at 56°C for 30 min. Ultracel centrifugal filter units (Amicon Ultra, Merck) were washed twice with 200 µl of 8 M urea in 0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, followed by centrifugation at 14000 *g* for 20 min for each wash step. Samples were then added to filter units and centrifuged at 14000 *g* for 30 min, followed by alkylation with 50 mM iodacetamide in 8 M urea and 0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, in the dark at room temperature for 20 min. Buffer exchange to 1 M urea in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate buffer, pH 8.0, was performed. Sequential digestion with Lys-C (2% w/w, 4 h, 30°C), followed by trypsin (5% w/w, 16 h, 37°C) was carried out before collection of peptides by centrifugation into fresh collection microcentrifuge tubes. The use of Lys-C before trypsin serves to reduce miscleavages and increase the depth of proteomic analysis (Achour & Barber, 2013; Wiśniewski, 2016).

*eFASP.* The same procedure as FASP was followed with some modifications; filter units and collection tubes were passivated overnight in 5% (v/v) Tween® 20 on a shaker before being rinsed, and washed twice in MS-grade water for 30 min. 50 µg of microsomal protein was mixed with 1 M dithiothreitol in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate and incubated at 56°C for 40 min. The protein solution was mixed with 8 M urea and 0.2% deoxycholic acid in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH 8.0, and transferred to the passivated filter units and centrifuged at 14000 g for 10 min. Successive solubilisation and alkylation were performed using 0.2% deoxycholic acid and 50 mM iodoacetamide, respectively, before filters were transferred to passivated collection tubes for sequential digestion by Lys-C and trypsin as described for FASP. Deoxycholic acid was removed at the end of the protocol by phase transfer using ethyl acetate and trifluroacetic acid as a white, visible precipitate. Tubes were then filled with ethyl acetate, sonicated and centrifuged and the upper organic layer was discarded. After repeating the previous step 3-5 times, tubes were incubated for 5 min in a

thermo-mixer at  $60^{\circ}$ C to remove ethyl acetate before the samples were concentrated in a vacuum centrifuge (Erde et al., 2014).

*In-solution digestion*. Microsomal protein was solubilised with sodium deoxycholate, and samples were reduced, alkylated, and digested as previously described (Harwood et al., 2015). Detergent was removed by precipitation with trifluoroacetic acid (0.1% v/v) before collection of peptides by centrifugation (14000 rpm at 4°C for 15 min).

## Samples Desalting and Purification

For the FASP and in-solution preparation methods, desalting of samples was performed using C18 ZipTips (Millipore, Watford, UK), according to the manufacturer's protocol. For eFASP, this step was unnecessary because of the phase transfer step performed at the end of the protocol as described above.

# LC-MS/MS Analysis of Prepared Liver Samples

*LC-MS data acquisition.* Digested microsomal samples were analysed by LC-MS/MS on an UltiMate® 3000 Rapid Separation LC (RSLC, Dionex Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA) coupled to an Orbitrap Elite (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) mass spectrometer. Peptides were separated using a multistep gradient from 95% Buffer A (0.1% formic acid (FA) in water) and 5% Buffer B (0.1% FA in acetonitrile) to 7% B at 1 min, 22% B at 58 min, 30% B at 73 min and 60% B at 75 min, at a flow rate of 300 nl min<sup>-1</sup>. Peptides were eluted from a CSH C18 analytical column (75 mm x 250  $\mu$ m i.d., 1.7  $\mu$ m particle size) (Waters, UK). MS/MS data were collected in data-dependent mode to automatically select the 10 most abundant peptides in each scan for fragmentation by collision-induced dissociation.

*Proteomic data analysis and protein quantification.* Data were searched using Mascot (Matrix Science Ltd., London, UK) using the following criteria; databases: Swissprot + TrEMBL, enzyme: trypsin/P, taxonomy: Sus scrofa, fixed modifications: carbamidomethyl

(C), variable modification: oxidation (M) + deamidation (N, Q), peptide charge states: 2+ and 3+, and allowing up to 2 missed cleavages. Relative abundance was estimated for the proteins of interest (Phase I and II drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters) using label-free quantification based on the exponentially modified protein abundance index (emPAI) (Ishihama et al., 2005). The observed peptides from each protein were identified for each sample and duplicates were removed. Wherever there was more than one accession code for any protein, the presence of isoforms for such protein was investigated. The relative abundance of enzymes and transporters was calculated using the Equations (1) and (2).

 $PAI = \frac{Number of observed peptides}{Number of observable peptides}$ 

$$emPAI = 10^{PAI} - 1$$

For cytochrome P450 (CYP), uridine 5'-diphospho-glucuronosyltransferase (UGT) and ATPbinding cassette (ABC) transporters, the percentage relative abundance was calculated based on Equation (3).

Protein abundance (%) = 
$$\left( \text{emPAI}_{\text{Protein}_{i}} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{emPAI}_{\text{Protein}_{i}} \right) \times 100$$
 (3)

Where the percent molar abundance of protein i is measured relative to the total abundance of n proteins quantified in each family (CYP, UGT enzymes and ABC transporters). The number of observable peptides was generated using in silico digests of protein sequences using MS-Digest tool on ProteinProspector version 2.6.1 (University of California, San Francisco, CA).

#### Sequence Homology between Porcine and Human Enzymes and Transporters

A search was performed for each pig protein sequence against UniProt and NCBInr databases using its accession code, and FASTA files were obtained. The presence of unique peptides was confirmed by searching identified peptide sequences using basic local alignment search tool (BLAST) against UniProtKB database for mammals. Human homologues of the identified pig proteins were determined using the EMBOSS (European Molecular Biology Open Software Suite) Needleman-Wunsch pairwise alignment algorithm (Needleman & Wunsch, 1970) by iterative alignment. Sequences were matched against human isoform sequences for enzymes and transporters within the same families of the porcine proteins. Matching homologues were identified based on percentage identity and similarity as previously described (Achour et al., 2011).

### Results

# Microsomal Protein Content of Porcine Liver (MPPGL)

The microsomal fraction was isolated from two pig livers using differential centrifugation of tissue homogenates. Microsomal protein content was measured for the two samples using a BCA assay. Protein loss during processing was estimated using NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase activity (microsomal membrane marker), where homogenates and microsomal fractions from the same tissue samples were assayed. Recovery of microsomal protein was calculated using the ratio of the linear initial rate of reaction (Achour et al., 2011). The recovery of microsomal protein ranged from 46.3% to 49.3%, and enrichment of microsomal fractions was 2.0-3.6 fold for the two liver samples. The recovery was used to estimate loss in microsomal protein and microsomal protein per gram liver (MPPGL), which is used as a scaling factor in *in vitro-in vivo* extrapolation (IVIVE), was estimated. The mean MPPGL for the two samples was 29.1 mg protein per gram of porcine liver tissue (individual values, 34.6 and 23.6 mg g<sup>-1</sup> liver tissue in Liver 1 and 2, respectively).

# Global Reproducibility of Pig Liver Proteomic Analysis

Microsomal fractions isolated from the two pig liver samples were prepared by three distinct sample preparation protocols to compare the range of proteins that can be identified using each of the three methods (filter-aided sample preparation (FASP), enhanced FASP (eFASP) and in-solution sample preparation). Each sample preparation method was performed by two operators. Data generated for each liver by each protocol and by each operator are supplied in Supplementary Information. A summary of the numbers of proteins and peptides identified by each method and each operator is provided in Table S1.

The number of identified proteins was similar between FASP and solution-based protocols (approximately 1250 proteins on average), and this was consistently lower with eFASP (approximately 950 proteins). The data showed high reproducibility by all methods (10-16% variability in identified proteins) and comparable performance by the two operators (12% and 18% variability). This led to limited technical variability (<20% variability in identified proteins) in the analysis of both livers.

# Complementarity of Identified Enzymes and Transporters between Sample Preparation Methods

Data generated by the three different protocols were analysed and pig liver drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters were identified and relatively quantified. The ranges of pharmacologically relevant proteins quantified using the three methods and their overlap are shown in Figure 1. Quantified cytochrome P450, UGT and transporter proteins are listed in Table 1.

# <Table 1>

# <Figure 1>

Qualitative data presented in this study represent a combination of the results from the two pig livers processed by the three sample preparation methods and by the two operators. Some of the identified drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters could be isolated from the samples prepared only by one or two of the sample preparation protocols. For example, in the case of ABCG2 (BCRP), razor/unique peptides related to this transporter could be detected using the FASP protocol, while no peptides were observed when the other two methods were followed (Table S2). On the other hand, CYP2C42 and ABCC1 (MRP1) peptides were found only in samples processed by eFASP. Similarly, some proteins were identified only when FASP and in-solution preparation methods were used, including CYP3A29 and CYP3A46. Proteins quantified by one or two of these methods are presented in the Venn diagram in Figure 1B. There were very little inter-operator differences.

# Identification and Annotation of Porcine Liver Enzymes and Transporters

Proteomic analysis by LC-MS/MS allowed identification of approximately 150 database entries as drug-metabolising enzymes and transporters in total. After removal of duplicated entries and truncated proteins, this number decreased to approximately 70. The list of proteins also included the basolateral membrane marker (Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase) and cytochrome P450 auxiliary proteins (NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase and cytochrome b5). In total, 16 cytochrome P450 enzymes, 5 UGT enzymes, and 11 transporters could be identified (Table 2). In addition to CYP and UGT enzymes, the numbers of identified drugmetabolising enzymes were 20 and 14 for Phase I and Phase II, respectively (Table 3).

Several of the identified proteins were not completely annotated by available repositories, and were shown in database searches as uncharacterised proteins. For these proteins, unique peptides were searched using a basic local alignment search tool (BLAST) against the UniProtKB database to determine the most probable candidate pig proteins, and subsequently these were putatively identified using iterative Needleman-Wunsch pairwise alignment with the corresponding mammalian enzyme and transporter subfamily sequences. Three of the identified UGT enzymes (UGT1A1, UGT1A3 and UGT2B17) and two transporters (ABCA8 and ABCC1) could be assigned using this approach. For UGT2B31, no suggested entry could be found in UniProtKB, and therefore the NCBInr database was searched instead and the protein was assigned as the listed isoform (Table 2).

# Relative Quantification of Porcine Liver Enzymes and Transporters using Spectral Counting

The exponentially modified protein abundance index (emPAI) was calculated for each protein and used as a relative quantification measure. Values are reported in Table 2A, B and C for CYPs, UGTs and transporters, respectively, and in Table 3 for additional Phase I and Phase II drug-metabolising enzymes. Out of the quantified proteins, 12 CYP enzymes were considered as drug-metabolising proteins, belonging to families 1-3 (CYP pie chart in Figure 2A). The CYP families of highest abundance were CYP2A (14%), CYP2C (32%), CYP2D (22%), CYP2E (10%), and CYP3A (17%). The most abundant individual CYP enzymes were CYP2D25, CYP2A19 and CYP2C49 with relative abundance of 22%, 14% and 11.5%, respectively. Similar pie charts for the quantified UGT enzymes and ABC transporters are shown in Figure 2B and C, respectively. Relative quantification of Phase I and phase II drug-metabolising enzymes was carried out using the same methodology, and their relative expression values are presented in Figure 3. Variability between the levels of CYPs, UGTs and transporters in the two pig livers was lower than 25% (Table 2).

<Table 2>

<Table 3>

<Figure 2>

#### <Figure 3>

# Identification of Human Homologues of Porcine Enzymes and Transporters

The human homologues of each of the identified porcine proteins could be assigned using the EMBOSS pairwise alignment tool provided by the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI). Human homologues with the highest identity and similarity are listed in Table 4. Many of the porcine CYP enzymes were equivalent to human homologues sharing the same nomenclature; namely, CYP1A2, CYP2E1, CYP2S1, CYP4V2, CYP20A1 and CYP51A1. In addition, CYP2A19 and CYP2D25 were shown to be highly similar (>75% identity, >85% similarity) to human CYP2A6/13 and CYP2D6, respectively, whereas CYP2C33 was similar to human CYP2C9 (>60% identity, >75% similarity). CYP2C34, CYP2C42 and CYP2C49 were highly similar to human CYP2C18. All identified porcine CYP3A subfamily showed high homology to the same human subfamily. Similarly, porcine CYP4A21 was the equivalent of human CYP4A11. Several of the identified UGT enzymes and some transporters were putatively identified. For this, only few sequences could be compared to their human homologues. The sequence of UGT1A6 was shown to be conserved between pig and human. Similarly, all identified porcine transporters that had a UniProtKB annotation were equivalent to their human homologues except porcine OATP1B4 which was shown to be highly similar to human OATP1B3.

The relative abundance of pig liver enzymes and transporters were compared to their identified human homologues (Table 4). The human data were collated from recently published meta-analyses for CYPs (Achour et al., 2014a), UGTs (Achour et al., 2014b) and transporters (Burt et al., 2016). Differences between pig and human expression profiles were most apparent in the absence of various enzymes and transporters in pig liver, including CYP2B6, CYP2J2, CYP4F and OATP1B1. Another contrast is that the homologues of the most abundant CYP enzymes in pig liver [CYP2A19 (14%) and CYP2D25 (22%)] are

expressed at low abundance in human liver [CYP2A6 (7%) and CYP2D6 (3%)]. The most abundant CYP family of enzymes in human liver, CYP3A (32%), was of considerably lower abundance in pig liver (17%). CYP2C represents the main similarity in abundance between pig and human (32% and 25%, respectively). Likewise, UGT2B (48% and 54%, respectively) and hepatic efflux transporters, MRPs (29% and 35%, respectively) and P-gp (5% and 3%, respectively), showed very similar trends of relative expression in pig and human liver.

<Table 4>

### Discussion

Pigs have received considerable attention not only because to their agricultural importance as a food source, but also owing to their value in research. Conventional pigs and minipigs are widely used as laboratory animals for biomedical and pharmaceutical research, mainly because they are physiologically similar to humans (Colleton et al., 2016; Lunney, 2007). Although there is evidence that pigs have a comparable metabolic system (Lunney, 2007), little is known about the genomic and proteomic similarities and differences between pigs and humans, and how these translate into similarities or difference in drug metabolism and disposition. In this study, we adopted a qualitative and quantitative approach to investigate the protein expression of Phase I and II drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters in pig liver.

The MPPGL of the two pig livers was estimated to be approximately 29.1 mg per gram liver tissue (range: 23.6-34.6 mg g<sup>-1</sup> liver tissue ), which confirms the results obtained by Achour et al. (2011), who reported a mean of 34.4 mg g<sup>-1</sup>. This value is comparable to the mean human MPPGL of 32 mg g<sup>-1</sup> reported previously (Barter et al., 2007). However, our results seem to be somewhat lower than the reported values, possibly due to protein loss in centrifugation steps (Harwood et al., 2014).

In proteomics, a variety of sample preparation and quantitative methods have been developed to identify and quantify proteins, and each has its advantages and limitations (Al Feteisi et al., 2015). The strategy adopted in this study used three different sample preparation methods (FASP, eFASP and in-solution) to compare the ability of each to extract liver proteins. Two consecutive steps were followed, identification and relative quantification. The number of identified enzymes and transporters by each of the three methods was comparable for each protein set; 14 CYP and 5 UGT enzymes were identified by each of the three methods, while the number of identified transporters was 10 with FASP and eFASP, and 8 with in-solution sample preparation. This does not necessarily imply that the three methods were always able to isolate the same proteins. In spite of the extensive overlap, different methods tended to identify specific proteins consistently. For example, CYP2C42 and ABCC1 (MRP1) could only be identified when eFASP was used, while CYP3A29 and CYP3A46 were successfully isolated by the two other methods. ABCG2 (BCRP) was consistently isolated by FASP, and the uptake transporter SLCO1B4 (OATP1B4) was not observed with the solution-based protocol. We therefore propose a new definition of replication, for practical purposes, where the same sample is prepared using different protocols, which provide complementary results, and this can then be used to construct a more comprehensive qualitative and quantitative description of the expression patterns of pharmacologically relevant proteins.

The identification step indicated the expression of 7 drug-metabolising CYP subfamilies, CYP1A, CYP2A, CYP2C, CYP2D, CYP2E, CYP2S, and CYP3A, comprising 12 isoforms. Quantitatively, CYP2C was the most abundant subfamily (at 32% of hepatic CYP content) followed by CYP2D (22%), CYP3A (17%), CYP2A (14%) and CYP2E (10%). This finding is in line with previously reported pig liver pie (Achour et al., 2011), where CYP2A, CYP2D, CYP2C and CYP3A were the most abundance subfamilies. This trend is also in agreement with more recent proteomic studies on the pig and minipig (Millecam et al., 2018; Rasmussen

et al., 2019). The most abundant individual CYP enzymes were also the same as previously reported; CYP2D25 (22%), CYP2A19 (14%) and CYP2C49 (11.5%). Compared to the previous pig liver CYP pie (Achour et al., 2011), more isoforms could be identified and quantified; namely, CYP2C34, CYP2C42, CYP2S1, CYP3A22, and CYP3A46; however, CYP3A39 was not quantified in this study.

To identify human homologues, analysis of CYP sequence homology was carried out. Our results agreed with the sequence homology analysis of CYP enzymes reported by Achour et al. (2011). The findings showed 72-95% identity and 80-98% similarity for all porcine CYP enzymes, with the exception of CYP2C33, which showed low identity of 63% with high similarity of 80% to human CYP2C9. CYP2C49 was highly similar to both human CYP2C18 and CYP2C8. Porcine CYP2D25 was homologous to human CYP2D6. Previously detected CYP3A29 and 3A46 had similarity and identity up to 88% and 77% to human CYP3A4/5. This was also the case with porcine CYP3A22. Newly identified CYP2C34 and 2C42 showed high similarity and identity to human CYP2C18. CYP1A2 and CYP2E1 are conserved in pig and human, in line with previous research (Gonzalez, 2002). This was also the case for CYP2S1, CYP4V2, CYP2OA1, and CYP51A1. High sequence homology between human and pig isoforms suggest similar substrate specificity, as previously reported (Anzenbacher et al., 1998).

Upon comparison of our findings with the human liver cytochrome P450 pie (Michaels & Wang, 2014, Achour et al., 2014a), some differences could be identified. First, CYP3A is the most abundant human CYP subfamily followed by CYP2C and CYP2E, which is not the case in the pig. Moreover, one of the most significant inter-species differences is the case of the highly abundant porcine CYP2D25 (22%), which is the pig counterpart of the low abundance human CYP2D6, expressed in human liver at 3% of total drug-metabolising CYP content.

Other human subfamilies include CYP2B, CYP2J and CYP4F, which were not identified in pig liver. These discrepancies can be attributed to inter-species differences and some variability may be due to the different techniques used in quantification in the two sets, where human data were generated using targeted quantitative proteomics, either by QconCAT (Achour et al., 2014c) or stable isotope-labeled peptides (Michaels & Wang, 2014). The pig proteomic data remain to be confirmed by targeted analysis, which will enable better comparison of human and porcine expression profiles using absolute abundance levels.

Uridine 5'-diphospho-glucuronosyltransferases (UGTs) are the most important Phase II drugmetabolising enzymes responsible for xenobiotic glucuronidation; these enzymes have high sequence homology and overlapping substrate specificities (Guillemette et al., 2014). Because they are membrane-bound enzymes with their sequences located on the luminal side of the membrane, their isolation can be challenging. Only five porcine UGT enzymes could be identified in these experiments, four of which (UGT1A1, UGT1A3, UGT2B17, and UGT2B31) were identified as uncharacterised proteins in the UniProtKB database. We putatively identified these isoforms using iterative Needleman-Wunsch pairwise alignment against the corresponding human UGT enzyme sequences. For these putatively identified proteins, sequence homology with human counterparts reached 70-81% identity and 83-90% similarity, while the database-annotated UGT1A6 had identity and similarity of 80% and 87%, respectively. The main similarity between the expression levels of pig and human UGT enzymes was the dominant contribution of UGT2B subfamily (at 48% and 54%, respectively). The results obtained for UGTs should be considered preliminary and may need to be revisited when better annotated and more comprehensive databases are available.

To date, proteomic analysis conducted in pig has only focused on drug-metabolising enzymes, with no previous reports investigating porcine drug transporters; this may be due to the difficulty in isolating these membrane-embedded proteins and lack of established proteomic methods targeted at pig transporters. In this study, 11 transporters were identified, out of which 9 were of the ABC family. Relative quantification of ABC transporters was as follows: ABCA8 (8%), ABCB1 (5%), ABCB11 (15%), ABCC1 (2%), ABCC2 (13%), ABCC3 (14%), ABCF1 (7%), ABCE1 (31%) and ABCG2 (5%). ABCA8 and ABCC1 were putatively identified by sequence alignment. Other transporters identified included uptake transporters SLCO1B4 and SLCO2B1; however, the main human SLCO transporter, SLCO1B1, was not identified in pig liver. Similarity in expression levels between pig and human was observed mainly for efflux MRP (ABCC) and P-gp (ABCB1) transporters.

In conclusion, this study employed complementary sample preparation methods in conjunction with label-free proteomics to identify and quantify a large number of enzymes and transporters in pig liver. The putative identification undertaken in this study highlights the need for further annotation of existing mammalian databases. Abundance data, such as those reported in this study, can serve to populate translational quantitative systems pharmacology models used to predict drug pharmacology and toxicity in patients (Suenderhauf & Parrott, 2013). Limitations of the current study include the low sample size (2 livers) and the level of quantification achieved (relative quantification).

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	FASP	eFASP	In-solution	Total	
Cytochrome P450 enzymes	14	14	14	16	
UGT enzymes	5	5	5	5	
Transporters	10	10	8	11	
B)					
	FASP	eFASP		In-solution	
	CYP1A2	CYP1A2		CYP1A2	
	CYP2A19	CYP2A19		CYP2A19	
	CYP2C33	CYP2C33		CYP2C33	
•	CYP2C34	CYP2C34		CYP2C34	
Cyt	-	CYP2C42		-	
oct	CYP2C49	CYP2C49		CYP2C49	
Iro	CYP2D25	CYP2D25		CYP2D25	
ne	CYP2E1	CYP2E1		CYP2E1	
P4	CYP2S1	CYP2S1		-	
50	CYP3A22	CYP3A22		CYP3A22	
enz	CYP3A29	-		CYP3A29	•
У <b>н</b>	CYP3A46	_		CYP3A46	
es	CYP4A21	CYP4A21		CYP4A21	
	-	CYP4V2		CYP4V2	
	CYP20A1	CYP20A1		CYP20A1	
	CYP51A1	CYP51A1		CYP51A1	
	UGT1A1*	UGT1A1*		UGTIA1	
e	UCT1A2*	UCT1A2*		UCT1 A2*	
	UGIIA3* UGTIA6	UGIIA3*		UGIIA3* UGT1A6	
TIME ST	UCT2P17*	UCT2P17*		UCT2P17*	
č.		UGI2BI			
	UGI2B31*	UGT2B31*		UGT2B31*	
	ATPIA1 <sup>8</sup>	ATPIA1*		ATPIA1 <sup>8</sup>	
	ATP1B1 <sup>§</sup>	ATP1B1 <sup>§</sup>		ATP1B1 <sup>§</sup>	
	ABCA8*	ABCA8*		ABCA8*	
_	ABCB1	ABCB1		ABCB1	
	ABCB11	ABCB11		ABCB11	
ans	-	ABCC1*		-	
por	ABCC2	ABCC2		ABCC2	
·ter	ABCC3	ABCC3		ABCC3	
<i>i</i> vi	ABCF1	ABCF1		ABCF1	
	ABCE1	ABCE1		ABCE1	
(	ABCG2	-		-	
	OATP2B1	OATP2B1		OATP2B1	
	OATP1B4	OATP1B4		-	

 Table 1 The number (A) and list (B) of identified cytochrome P450, UGT and transporter proteins in pig liver microsomes using three different proteomic sample preparation methods

 (A)

\* Porcine enzymes and transporters were putatively identified using iterative Needleman-Wunsch pairwise alignment against corresponding mammalian subfamily sequences

ATP1A1 and 1B1 are Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ion transporters and markers for the basolateral membrane of hepatocytes

**Table 2** Cytochrome 450 enzymes (A), UGT enzymes (B), and transporters (C) identified by LC-MS/MS and their relative quantification. emPAI is calculated based on combined data from the analysis of two livers. The individual data represent values for each sample considered separately (Liver 1, Liver 2)

(A)					
CYP450 enzyme	UniProt accession code	No. of observed peptides	No. of unique peptides	emPAI (individual values)	Examples of unique peptides
CYP1A2	F1SJ26	9	7	0.87 (0.75, 0.87)	HSEENSSTSGGLISQEK, NCIQDITSALFK, DTTI NGEYIPK – FLTADGTAIHK
CYP2A19	Q8SQ68	21	16	2.57 (2.16, 2.16)	IVVLCGYDAVK, DFIDSFLIR, DLQGLEDFIAR, GAFIDPTYFI SR
CYP2C33v4	Q8SQ66	16	12	2.05 (2.05, 2.05)	HPEVQAK, PISVGLFNLPPPFK, OYGPVCTVYFGSOPAVVI HGYFAVK
CYP2C34	Q5S8C4	10	2	1.42 (1.22, 1.42)	YGLLLMLK, EALIGGEEFSGR
CYP2C42	P79402	5	1	0.42 (0.42, 0.32)	GTTILTSLTSVLYDCK
CYP2C49	Q8SQ65F1S C62	18	7	2.16 (2.16, 1.78)	EALIDGGEEFSGR, FTLEPVVDLK, GHGIIFSSGK, YIDLIPISVPHAVTR
CYP2D25	O46658	23	21	4.23 (4.23, 4.23)	DLAQPPR, PFSPNNLLNK, QVLEAMPVLR, AFLVMIDELITEHK
CYP2E1	P79383	18	14	1.82 (1.51, 1.82)	DFTDTLLMEMEK, FIDLIPSNLPHEATR, GTVVIPTLDSVLYDSQEFPEPEK
CYP2S1	M3VK37	1	1	0.10 (0.10, 0.10)	RVCLGEGLAR
CYP3A22	A0A0H4I V24	10	2	1.05 (0.81, 0.95)	DPFVQYAR, DSINPYTYLPFGTGPR
CYP3A29	P79401	6	1	0.56 (0.56, 0.45)	LTTQGLTQPEKPVVLK
CYP3A46	A7KZR2	12	2	1.59 (0.89, 1.04)	LQEEIDATFPNK, MWGFFDGR
CYP4A21	Q9GJX5	15	4	1.68 (1.68, 1.51)	IPVPIQGIVLK, MENGNSLSDTDVR, VVVALTLLR
CYP4V2	A0A0B8R TT2	6	3	0.48 (0.39, 0.48)	KVDNELDEVFGK, DFFQQLIR, NIGAQSNDDSEYVR
CYP20A1	A0A0H4IR A9	7	6	0.68 (0.45, 0.56)	IDTFIIPK, LYEEIDQVFGK, SVTQMVMGSTFEDEQEVIR, TSDPFETMLK
CYP51A1	O46420	6	6	0.58 (0.58, 0.58)	DLNLLDR, NEDLNAEDVYSR, SPIEFLENAYEK
<b>(B)</b>					
UGT enzyme	UniProt accession code	No. of observed peptides	No. of unique peptides	emPAI (individual values)	Examples of unique peptides
UGT1A1*	M1VEG8	12	7	2.32 (1.72, 2.32)	DSALLLSACSHLLHNK, GHDTVVVAPDATMYIK, NDFVNNYPR, PIMPNTVFIGGINCASK
UGT1A3*	F1SM17	11	4	1.33 (1.00, 1.15)	LLTMNSDHMTFFQR, SYATPYTQDEFDDLMVR, VFLMFER
UGT1A6	A0A0D6A 5J1	16	6	1.96 (1.76, 1.76)	DAATLSFLR, LLVVPQDGSHWLSMK, TPSPTSYVPR, VANFLTR
UGT2B17*	F1RUR0	16	7	2.41 (2.16, 1.93)	DSLWTHLLK, GHEVTVLTSPAAVVVDVNK, IQNFFWK
UGT2B31*	F1RUQ8	16	10	2.73 (2.16, 2.73)	ANTIASAFAQIPQK, ITTAQNIFSELSDVSLK, QVINNPFYK, TDLVNALK
(C)					
Transporter	UniProt accession code	No. of observed peptides	No. of unique peptides	emPAI (individual values)	Examples of unique peptides
ABCA8*	I3LDW8	9	6	0.32 (0.32, 0.24)	EMSVCQQTGALLCK, LSQTAYLENISK, RSDVCPNPEEPEGEDEDVOMER
ABCB1	A0A0E3M Y68	5	4	0.18 (0.18, 0.18)	LYDPTEGVVSIDGQDIR, IATEAIENFR
ABCB11	F1S1W3	15	12	0.58 (0.58, 0.58)	AGSVADEVISSIR, GGGSQVGLFQLFR, VNDAIADQMAIFIQR
ABCC1*	F1RLT0	3	2	0.09 (0.06, 0.03)	LSSVLDCAR, ITIIPQDPILFPGSLR
ABCC2	F1S8V9	13	12	0.49 (0.40, 0.40)	ATYQNSDIYILDDPLSAVDAHVGR, GTVAYVPQQSWIQNGTIK

ABCC3	F1RTA1	14	11	0.54 (0.40, 0.54)	GALVAVVGPVGCGK, IDGLNVADIGLHDLR, SSLVSALLGEMEK		
ABCF1	Q767L0	5	5	0.28 (0.22, 0.28)	IGFFNQQYAEQLR, LQGQLEQGDDTAADR, NQDEESQEAPELLK		
ABCE1	K9J4N5	13	13	1.20 (1.07, 1.07)	CPFGALSIVNLPSNLEK, PADVYLIDEPSAYLDSEQR, TOAIVCQOLDLTHLK		
ABCG2	Q8MIB3	2	1	$0.17^{\ddagger}$	SSLLDVLAAR		
OATP1B4	A0A0E8P PJ7	5	5	0.37 (0.28, 0.28)	SSLTQIER, AVNEANLEPIR, LTLVGIAK, TVNGFIQSLK		
OATP2B1	A0A0B8R Z43	5	5	0.56 (0.56, 0.56)	ATMSSPGLQQQLLVSGPK, VEYLTPCHAGCTSR, GEDSPSEQSPGASPEK		
Membrane Mark	ker						
ATP1A1 <sup>§</sup>	AT1A1	33	33	3.71 (3.09, 2.56)	GVGIISEGNETVEDIAAR, SPDFTNENPLETR, VDNSSLTGESEPQTR, QGAIVAVTGDGVNDSPALK		
ATP1B1 <sup>§</sup>	AT1B1	7	6	1.74 (1.74, 1.37)	AYGENIGYSEK, DDMIFEDCGNVPSELK, TEISFRPNDPQSYESYVVSIVR		
<ul> <li><sup>a</sup> Porcine transporters were putatively identified using iterative Needleman-Wunsch pairwise alignment against corresponding manufalan transporter subfamily sequences</li> <li><sup>b</sup> Detected only in one sample (Liver 1) using one method (FASP)</li> <li><sup>b</sup> ATP1A1 and 1B1 are Na'/K' ion transporters and markers for the basolateral membrane of hepatocytes</li> </ul>							

**Table 3** Additional Phase I and Phase II drug metabolising enzymes and accessory proteins identified by LC- MS/MS and their relative quantification. Accessory electron-transfer proteins (CYB5 and POR) are necessary for the function of cytochrome P450 enzymes. emPAI is calculated based on integrated data from the analysis of two livers. The individual data represent values for each sample considered separately (Liver 1, Liver 2)

Protein/Enzyme	UniProt Accession code	No. of observed peptides	No. of unique peptides	emPAI (individual values)	Examples of unique peptides
Phase I		• •	• •	· · · · · ·	
Oxidation					
Flavin-containing mono	oxygenases				
FMO1	P16549	21	19	4.30 (3.52, 3.18)	HEDFNTTGQWDVVTLCEGK, MNSWFNHANYGLIPEDR, VAIVGAGVSGLASIK
FMO3	I3LS94	12	10	1.37 (1.05, 0.91)	NNLPTVISDWWYTK, SCLEEGLEPTCFER, KEPVFNDELPACILR
FMO5	P49109	14	9	1.34 (0.95, 0.83)	CCLEEGLEPICFER, EFTETAAIFEDGSR, LAFQLLWGPCTPIQYR
Alcohol dehydrogenases	5				
AK1A1	P50578	6	4	0.74 (0.74, 0.74)	ALEALVAK, GLEVTAYSPLGSSDR, SPAQILLR
ADH4	F1S0Y8	16	14	5.31 (5.31, 4.62)	ALGATDCLNPR, FNLDALVSHTLPFDK, VCLLGCAFSTGYGAVVNTAK
Aldehyde dehydrogenas	es				
ALDH1B1	F1ST54	14	8	1.74 (1.37, 1.74)	ILGYIQLGQK, LAPALATGNTVVMK, VAEQTPLSALYLASLIK
ALDH1L1	I3LEN7	35	28	5.24 (4.06, 4.62)	AGFTIFWADDGLDTGDLLLQK, DAFEHGLWGR, LPQPEEGATYEGIQK
ALDH5A1	F1RUE3	16	14	2.16 (2.16, 1.94)	AMEVGEALCTDPLVSK, EETFGPLAPVIK, ISFTGSTATGK, TDGFVGGR
ALDH6A1	F1S3H1	22	18	3.64 (3.04, 2.27)	AEMDAAVSSCK, AISFVGSNQAGEYIFER, IVNDNPYGNGTAIFTTNGATAR
ALDH8A1	I3LQA1	11	8	3.44 (2.87, 3.44)	NPAIIFEDANLEECVPTTVR, LADLLEESLEELAQAESK, IAPAIAAGNTVIAK
ALDH9A1	F1S232	18	14	2.07 (1.71, 1.88)	ANDTTFGLAAGVFTR, GALMANFLTQGEVCCNGTR, FTEEVVK
ALDH16A1	F1RHZ9	9	7	1.00 (0.85, 1.00)	ASLENWSTLPGAFR, AWDQEAEGAGPELGLR, EALALANGTPGGGSASVWSER
ALDH2	Q2XQV4	21	19	4.62 (4.18, 4.18)	TFPTVNPSTGDVICHVAEGDK, VAFTGSTEVGHLIQVAAGK, RLDASDR
Monoamine oxidases					
MAOA	Q6Q2J0	5	3	0.43 (0.43, 0.43)	NENVDYVDVGGAYVGPTQNR, FVGGSGQVSER, VNVNECLVQYVK
MAOB	Q6PLK3	14	12	1.45 (1.30, 1.30)	LERPVVHIDQTGENVLVETLNHEVYEAK, LCDLYAK
AOC3	F1S1G8	9	8	0.66 (0.66, 0.57)	VLETEEQAAFPVGGAAPR, LGPGLVDAAQAR, EYLDIDQMIFR
Hydrolysis					
Esterases	C				
EST1	Q29550	21	10	5.42 (5.42, 5.42)	AISESGVALTVALVR, DFNTVPYIVGINK, ESHPFLPTVVDGVLLPK
Amidases N-acylethanolamine- hydrolysing acid amidase (NAAA)	A0A0B8RZC6	1	1	0.14 (0.14, 0.14)	NLDYAFGR
Epoxide hydrolases					
EPHX1	HYEP	24	16	5.72 (4.74, 4.74)	LGFQEFYLQGGDWGSLICTNMAQLVPSHVK, FHYGFNSNYLK
EPHX2	HYES	12	7	1.25 (1.25, 1.11)	ELGGLFVGTPEEPSLSR, GFLNEAFK, GFSTCILTNNWLDDSAQR
Phase II – Conjugation Methylation Methyltransferases	1				
AMT	I3LIR4	7	5	1.34 (1.34, 1.07)	CGYTGEDGVEISVPAAEAVR, LATALLENPEVK, MVAFAGWSLPVQYR

BHMT	E7D6R2	22	16	6.02 (4.38, 4.88)	AHLMSQPLAYHTPDCGK, IASGRPYNPSMSKPDAWGVTK
BHMT-2	E7D6R3	14	5	4.01 (2.16, 3.47)	GDALVAGGLCQTSLYK, GGFVDLPEYPFALEPR, YIGGCCGFEPYHIR
METTL7A	A0A0B8RSL6	4	2	0.93 (0.93, 0.93)	LSLLELGCGTGTNFK, ELFSNLQEFAGSSGK
SHMT2	F1SL74	12	11	1.20 (1.06, 1.20)	GWSGQESLSDSDPEMWELLR, ISATSIFFESMPYK, LGTPALTSR
Sulfation					
Sulfotransferases					
SULT1C4	I3LC84	10	7	1.85 (1.31, 1.31)	IPFLESGLEQAEAMPSPR, VCWGSWYDHVR, FDEDYGK
SULT2A1	Q3S3F7	11	11	2.01 (2.01, 1.72)	KLEPEELSSVVENSSFQVMK, FEGIFFPK, EEDVLILTFPK
Glutathione conjugat	ion				
Glutathione S-transfera	ases				
GSTK1	F1SRV4	11	8	2.79 (1.98, 2.36)	AGMSTGQAR, DEDITEPQSVLAAAEK, YGAFGLPITVAHLDDK
GSTA1	F1S7D3	10	10	3.64 (3.64, 3.64)	LTNDGSLLFQQVPMVEIDGMK, LEEAKNIFRIK, VSNLPTVK
GSTA2	A0A0K1TR52	10	10	3.22 (3.22, 2.65)	NDGSLLFQQVPMVEIDGMK, PILHYFNGR, WLLAAAGVEFEEK
GSTO1	Q9N1F5	9	4	2.16 (1.45, 1.78)	AFNDLYLQNSPEACDYGL, DPAVSALHIEPR, TLLVLNAK
MGST1	P79382	4	3	2.16 (2.16, 2.16)	IYHTIAYLTPLPQPNR, KVFANPEDCSSFGK, MMFMSTATAFYR
MGST2	A0A0K1TQQ0	2	2	1.51 (0.58, 1.51)	VMPPAVSGSPEFER, YFWGYSEAPK
MGST3	Q2EN77	2	1	0.78 (0.78, 0.78)	VLYAYGYYTGEPSK
CYP450 auxiliary	proteins				
CYB5	CYB5	5	5	0.69 (0.69, 0.69)	STWLILHHK, FLEEHPGGEEVLR
NADPH CYP450 reductase	NCPR	15	10	1.54 (1.39, 1.54)	EELAQFHAK, EVGETLLYYGCR, NPFLAVVTTNR

**Table 4** The identified porcine cytochrome P450 enzymes (A), UGT enzymes (B) and transporters (C), and their human homologues with the highest primary sequence identity and similarity. Relative abundance of porcine drug-metabolising enzymes and drug transporters and their human homologues are listed. Where individual human homologues could not be decided due to extensive homology, the relative abundance of the enzyme subfamily in pig and human was compared (A)

Porcine CYP450	Equivalent human CYP450	Identity	Similarity	Relative abundance in pig*	Relative abundance of human homologue*
CYP1A2	CYP1A2	81%	91%	5%	10%
CYP2A19	CYP2A13	90%	95%	1.4.04	70/
	CYP2A6	87%	94%	14%	7 70
CYP2C33	CYP2C9	63%	80%		
CYP2C34	CYP2C18	78%	90%		
CYP2C42	CYP2C18	82%	92%	32% (CYP2C)	25% (CYP2C)
CYP2C49	CYP2C18	81%	90%		
	CYP2C8	76%	86%		
CYP2D25	CYP2D6	78%	87%	22%	3%
CYP2E1	CYP2E1	79%	91%	10%	17%
CYP2S1	CYP2S1	78%	87%	-	2
CYP3A22	CYP3A4	76%	87%		
	CYP3A5	72%	87%		
CYP3A29	CYP3A4	77%	87%		220/ (CVD2 A)
	CYP3A5	76%	88%	1/% (CYP3A)	32% (CYP3A)
CYP3A46	CYP3A4	77%	88%		
	CYP3A5	75%	88%		
CYP4A21	CYP4A11	73%	83%	-	-
CYP4V2	CYP4V2	79%	90%	-	-
CYP20A1	CYP20A1	92%	97%	-	-
CYP51A1	CYP51A1	95%	98%	-	-
( <b>B</b> )					

Porcine UGT	Equivalent human UGT	Identity	Similarity	Relative abundance in pig <sup>‡</sup>	Relative abundance of human homologue <sup>‡</sup>
UGT1A1	UGT1A1	81%	90%	22%	10%
UGT1A6	UGT1A6	80%	87%	18%	9%
UGT1A3	UGT1A3	80%	87%	12%	7%
UGT2B17	UGT2B4	72%	84%		
	UGT2B17	71%	87%		
	UGT2B15	70%	86%	48% (UGT2B)	54% (UGT2B)
UGT2B31	UGT2B4	71%	83%		
	UGT2B17	71%	84%		
(C)					
Porcine Transporter	Equivalent human Transporter	Identity	Similarity	Relative abundance in pig <sup>#</sup>	Relative abundance of human homologue <sup>#</sup>

ATP1A1 <sup>§</sup>	ATP1A1	99%	99%	-	-
ATP1B1 <sup>§</sup>	ATP1B1	92%	97%	-	-
ABCA8	ABCA8	75%	82%	8%	7%
ABCB1	ABCB1	83%	89%	5%	3%
ABCB11	ABCB11	88%	93%	15%	11%
ABCC1	ABCC1	75%	84%		
ABCC2	ABCC2	82%	90%	29% (MRPs)	35% (MRPs)
ABCC3	ABCC3	84%	91%		<b>X</b>
ABCF1	ABCF1	97%	98%	7%	-
ABCE1	ABCE1	99%	99%	31%	
ABCG2	ABCG2	84%	90%	5%	1%
OATP1B4	SLCO1B3	72%	84%	39%	40%
OATP2B1	SLCO2B1	80%	88%	60%	14%

\*Relative abundance to total hepatic drug-metabolising CYP450 content; human data were collected from Achour et al. (2014a); abundance of subfamilies is used when individual homologues could not be decided (CYP2C, CYP3A)

<sup>‡</sup>Relative abundance to total hepatic drug-metabolising UGT content; human data were taken from Achour et al. (2014b); abundance of

<sup>#</sup>Relative abundance to total hepatic darg inclusioning 0.01 content, name take who taken non neuron control (control), abundance of <sup>#</sup>Relative abundance to total hepatic ABC drug transporters content (for ABC transporters) or total hepatic OATP drug transporters content (for OATP transporters); human data were taken from Burt et al. (2016); abundance data for ABCC subfamily of transporters (multi-drug resistance proteins, MRPs) were combined

ATP1A1 and 1B1 are Na+/K+ ion transporters and markers for the basolateral membrane of hepatocytes

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**Figure 1** The total number of Phase I enzymes, Phase II enzymes and drug transporters identified by each sample preparation method based on unique peptides (A), and Venn diagram showing the overlap between cytochrome P450, UGT and transporter proteins that could be isolated by specific sample preparation protocols (B). FASP, filter-aided sample preparation; eFASP, enhanced FASP; in-solution, solution-based sample preparation

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**Figure 2** CYP450 (A), UGT (B), and ABC transporters (C) pig liver pie charts based on data from LC-MS/MS analysis and label-free quantification. The relative abundance values were calculated using spectral counting. The UGT pie represents the UGTs that could be identified in the experiments



**Figure 3** Relative abundances of porcine Phase I (A) and Phase II (B) drug-metabolising enzymes and transporter proteins (C) in two pig livers using LC-MS spectral counting methodology. Results represent the combined quantification for each liver using the three different sample preparation methods. AU, arbitrary units based on the number of identified peptides using data-dependent acquisition (DDA)