

# Pharmacologie générale:

## 7. Pharmacocinétique et métabolisme

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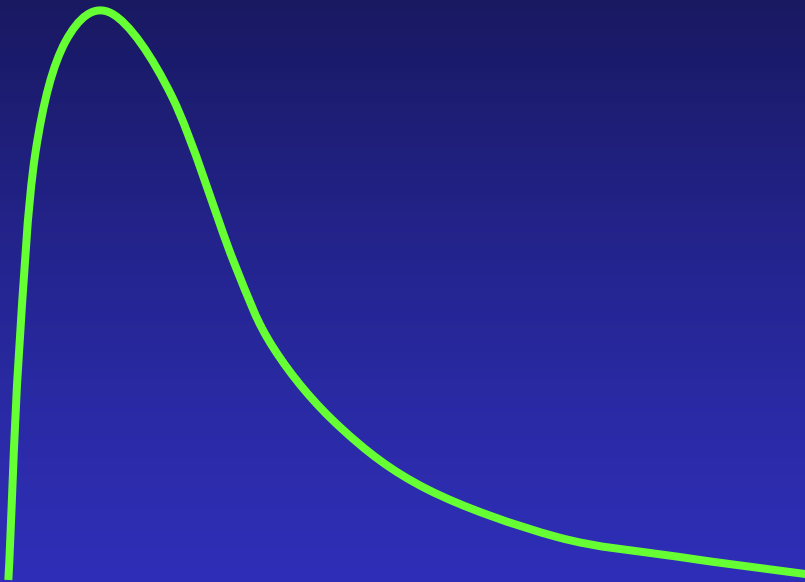
# Pharmacocinétique et métabolisme:

- Concepts généraux
- Absorption
- Distribution
- Élimination
- Métabolisme
- Analyse pharmacocinétique (\*)

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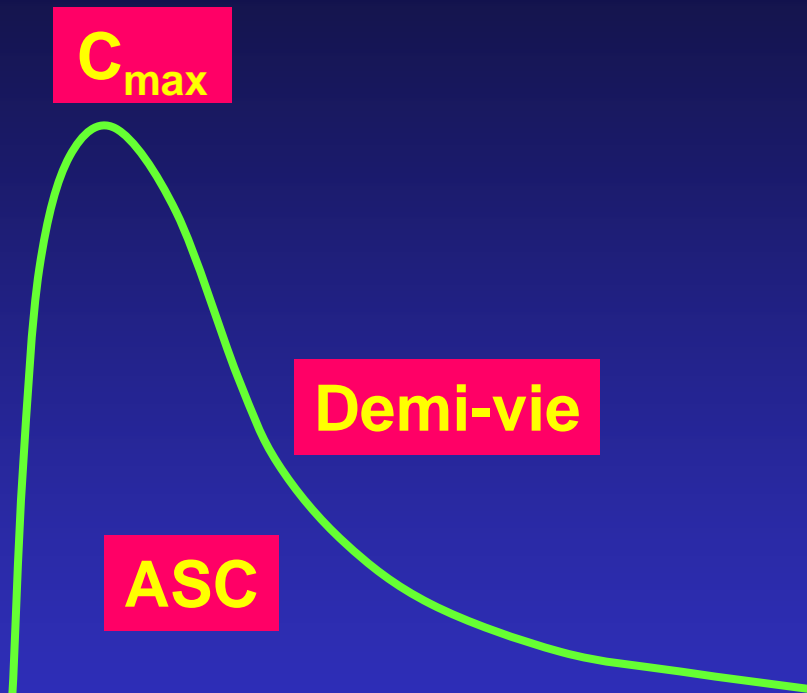
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A quoi cela sert-il ?

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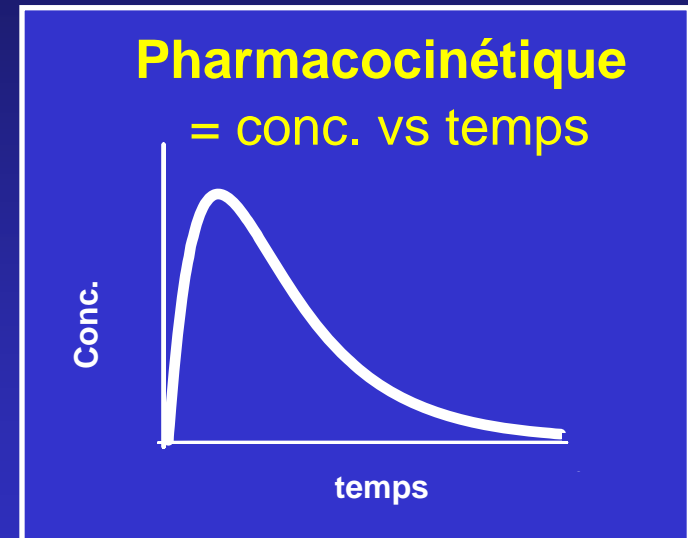
ensemble ... à l'assaut !!!

# En quoi consiste la pharmacocinétique ?

- " ce que le corps fait au médicament "

- Devenir du médicament dans l'organisme, en termes de

- Absorption
- Distribution
- Métabolisme
- Excrétion



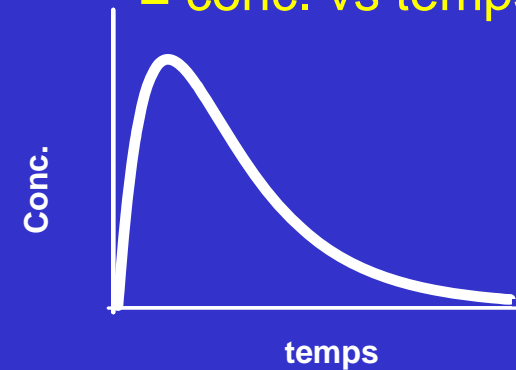
- Variations temporelles des concentrations en médicament et en métabolites

# A quoi sert la pharmacocinétique ?

PK est un moyen de voir si le médicament peut être utilisable ...

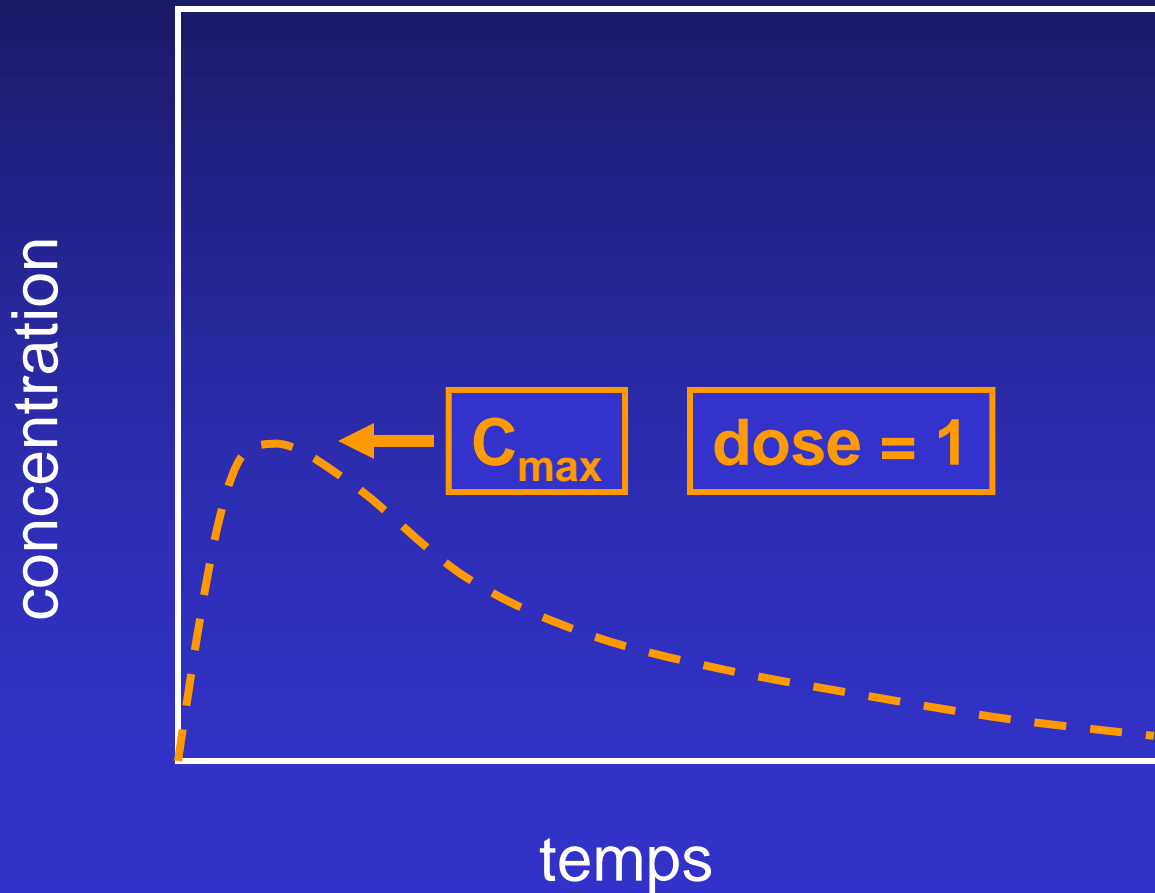
- atteint-il sa **cible** en **concentration** suffisante ?
- pour un **temps assez long** ?
- atteint-il des cibles **non souhaitables** ?

Pharmacocinétique  
= conc. vs temps

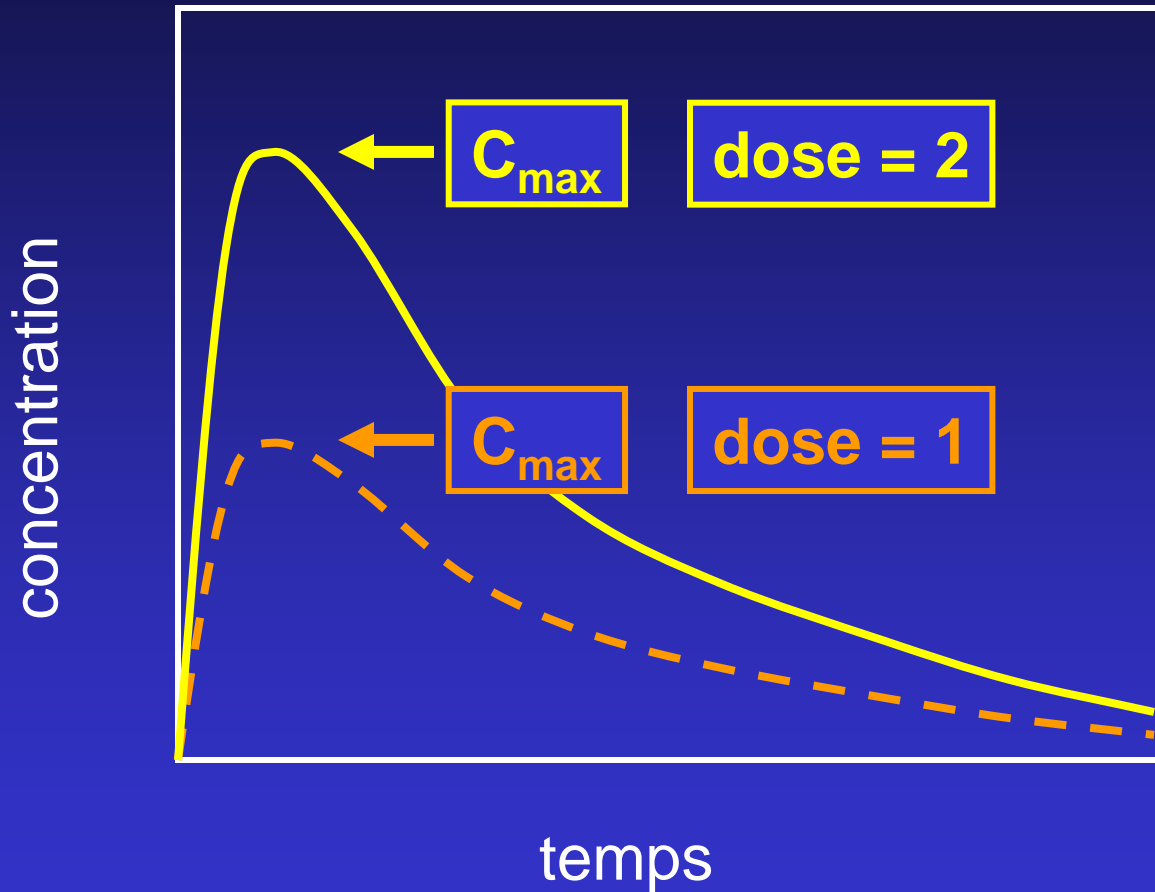


# $C_{max}$

Le  $C_{max}$  est la concentration la plus élevée atteinte dans le plasma après administration du médicament ...



Le  $C_{max}$  ... est proportionnel à la dose ...







## Quelle est la signification du $C_{\max}$ ?

- un médicament avec un  $C_{\max}$  (trop) faible peut être inefficace si son activité est concentration-dépendante
- Un médicament avec un  $C_{\max}$  (trop) élevé peut devenir toxique si sa toxicité est liée au  $C_{\max}$  (ce qui n'est PAS toujours le cas.... !)
- Il faut donc ajuster la dose pour atteindre le  $C_{\max}$  adéquat!

# Clairance (Cl)



$$\rightarrow C_o < C_i$$

la vitesse à laquelle le médicament est éliminé est proportionnelle

- au flux sanguin dans l'organe d'élimination (Q)
- à la capacité d'extraction de cet organe (E)



**la clairance est donc  $Q \times E$  (= L/h or ml/min)**



## Quelle est la signification de la clairance ?

- Un médicament à clairance rapide ne reste pas longtemps dans l'organisme... et peut donc nécessiter des administrations répétées...
- Mais un médicament peut montrer une clairance lente à cause de sa liaison aux protéines, qui empêche son élimination (voir plus loin ...)
- Si la clairance diminue pendant le traitement (ou est anormale dès le début du traitement), le patient sera “surdosé” !!

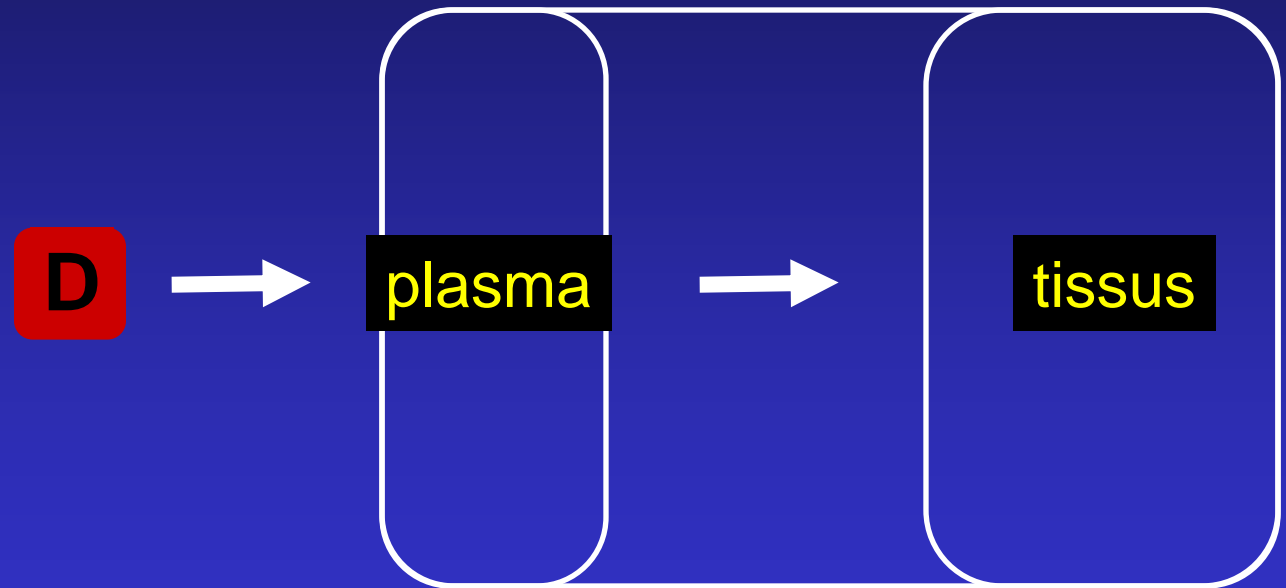
# Volume de distribution ( $V_d$ )

- Quantifie l'accès du médicament aux différents compartiments de l'organisme
- Relie la concentration sérique (C) à la quantité de médicament introduite dans l'organisme (= Dose)

$$V_d = \text{Dose} / \text{Concentration sérique}$$

# Qu'est-ce que le $V_d$ ?

Considérons le corps comme un grand "récipient"  
à multiples compartiments  
dans lequel on déverse un médicament (D) ...

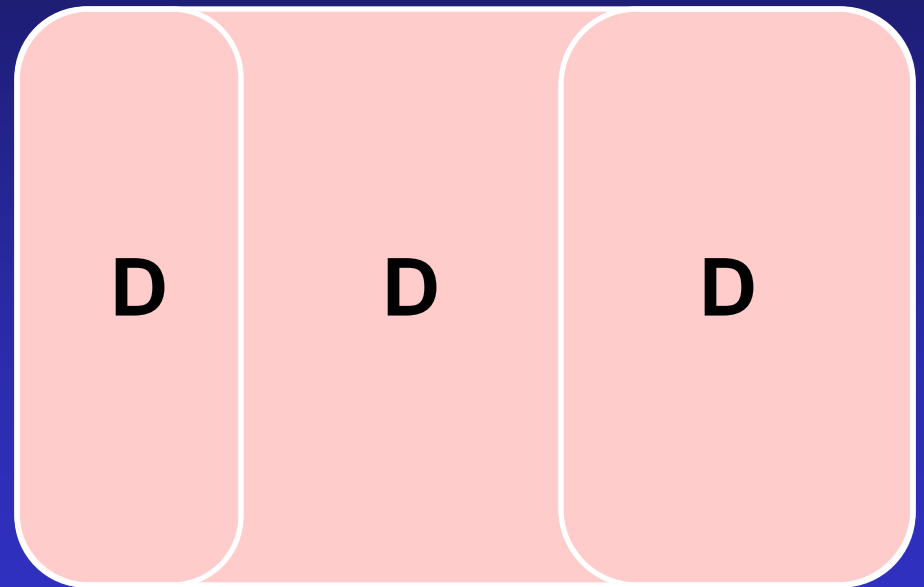


# Qu'est-ce que le $V_d$ ?

Si le médicament diffuse et se répartit **uniformément** dans l'organisme ...

$$V_d = 1 \text{ L/kg}$$

$$C_{\max} = \text{dose} / \text{poids}$$

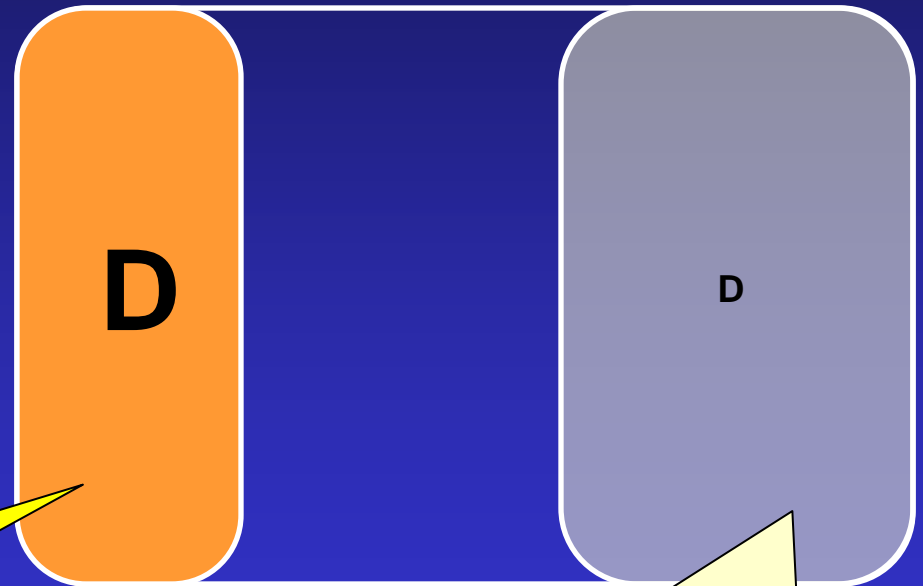


concentration sérique = concentration tissulaire

# Qu'est-ce que le $V_d$ ?

Si le médicament n'atteint que le plasma et les liquides extracellulaires ...

$V_d < 1 \text{ L/kg}$   
 $C_{\max} > \text{dose} / \text{poids}$

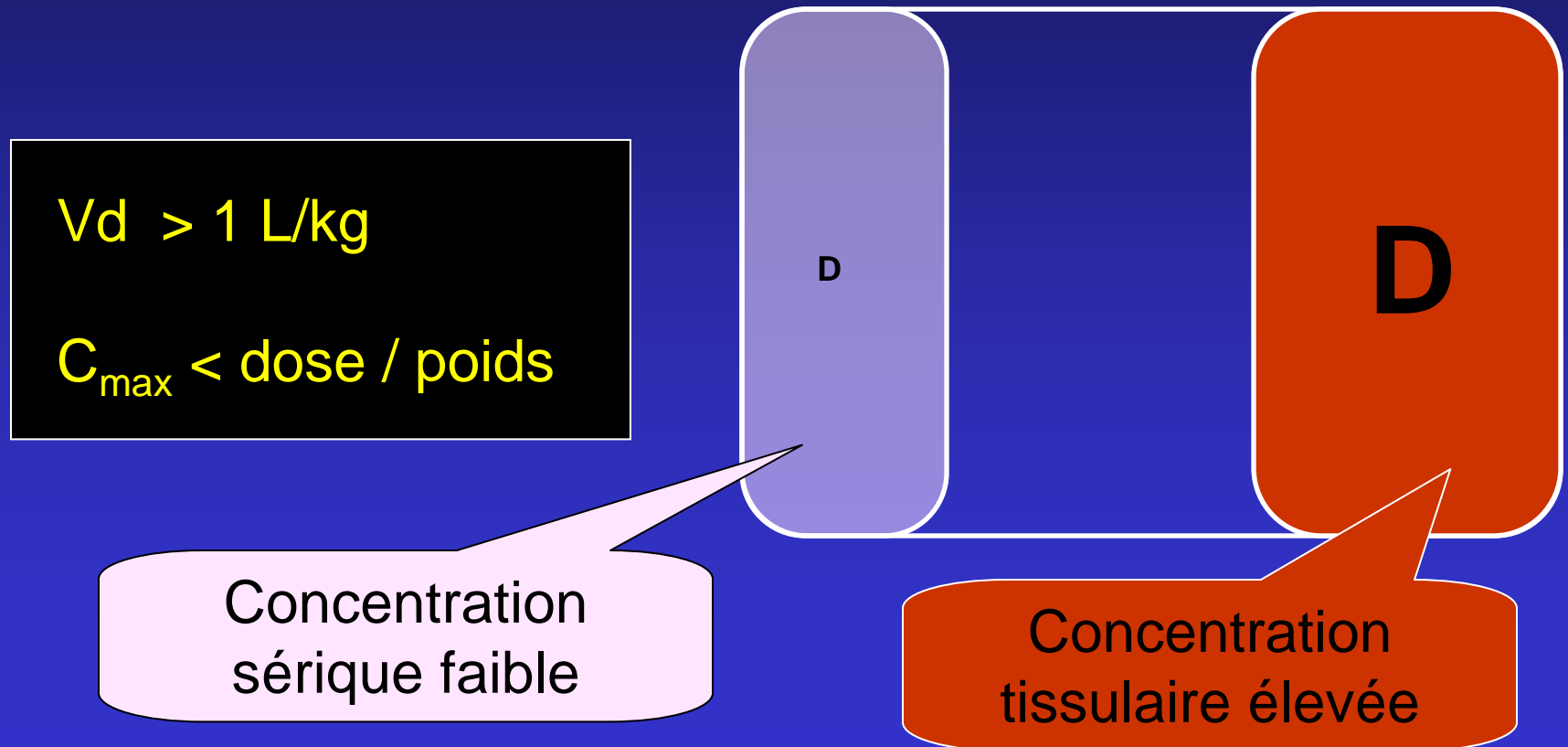


Concentration  
sérique élevée

Concentration tissulaire  
faible ou nulle

# Qu'est-ce que le $V_d$ ?

Si le médicament **s'accumule** dans les tissus...





# Quelques valeurs de $V_d$ typiques pour les antibiotiques

	L/kg
• dicloxacilline (sérum uniquement)	0.1
• gentamicine (serum +liquides extracell.)	0.25
• ciprofloxacine (fluides extracell. + accumul.tissulaire modérée)	1.8
• azithromycine (accumulation tissulaire marquée)	31



# Quelle est la signification clinique du $V_d$ ?

- Un médicament à faible  $V_d$  aura une concentration sérique initiale élevée mais n'atteindra pas les tissus...
- Un médicament à  $V_d$  élevé aura des taux sériques initiaux faibles ...
  - Si le  $V_d$  élevé est lié à des **facteurs propres au patient** (par ex, patient brûlé), il faut augmenter la dose de médicament
  - Si le  $V_d$  élevé est une **propriété du médicament**, les taux sériques peuvent devenir infra-thérapeutiques

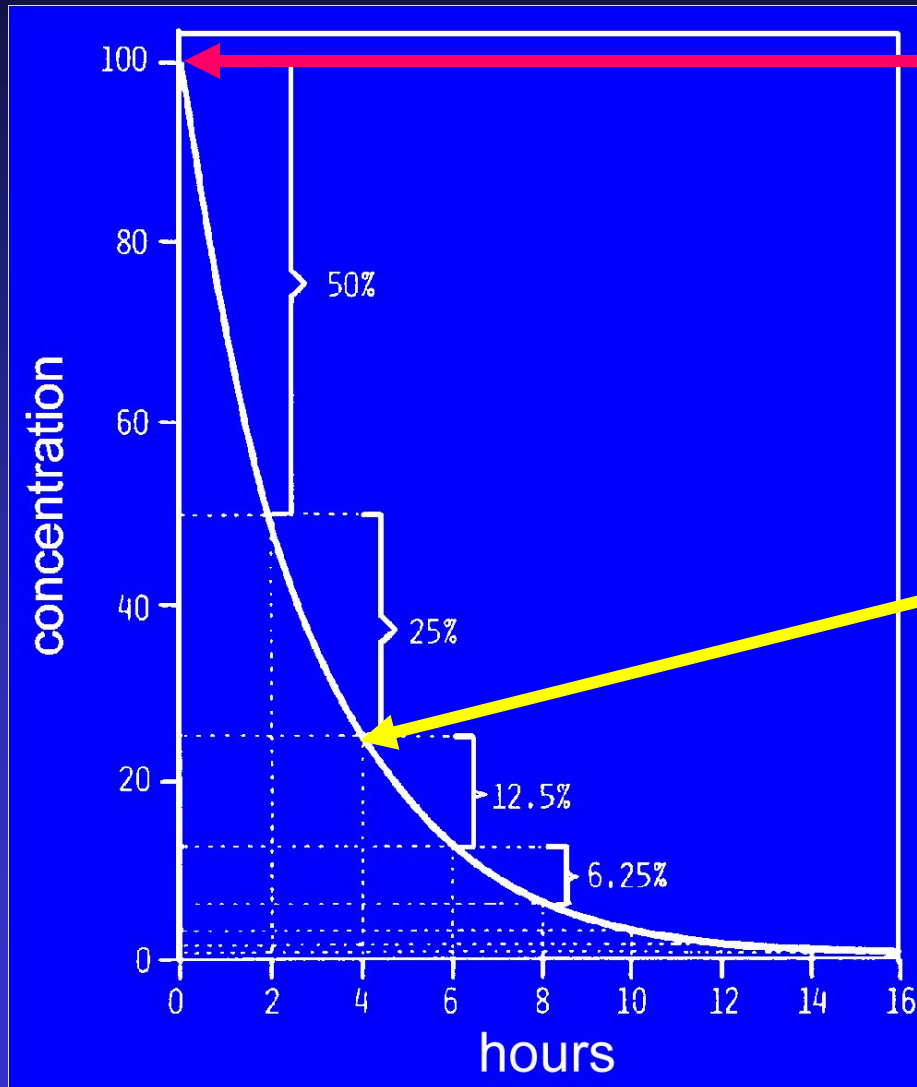
# Demi-vie ( $t_{1/2}$ )

- La demi-vie est le temps nécessaire pour que la concentration du médicament diminue de moitié
- C'est un paramètre facile à mesurer (il suffit de quelques échantillons sanguins...)

MAIS ...

- C'est un paramètre pharmacocinétique **secondaire** car il dépend de la clairance ET du volume de distribution

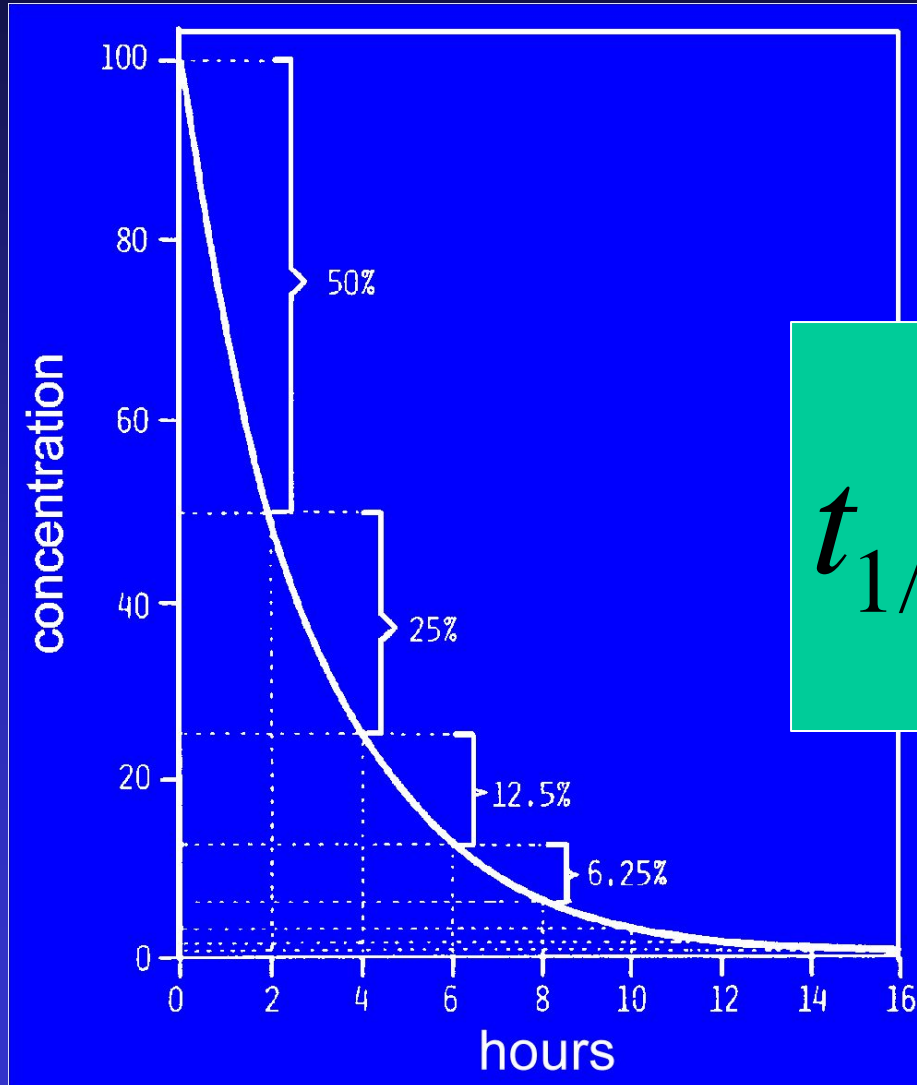
# Pourquoi $t_{1/2}$ est-elle un paramètre secondaire ?



Vous partez d'ici ...  
C'est le  $C_{max}$ ,  
c.à.d Dose /  $V_d$

Et vous suivez une  
courbe définie par la  
vitesse d'élimination du  
produit,  
càd sa clairance totale

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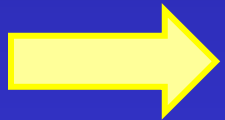
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693 \cdot Vd}{CL}$$



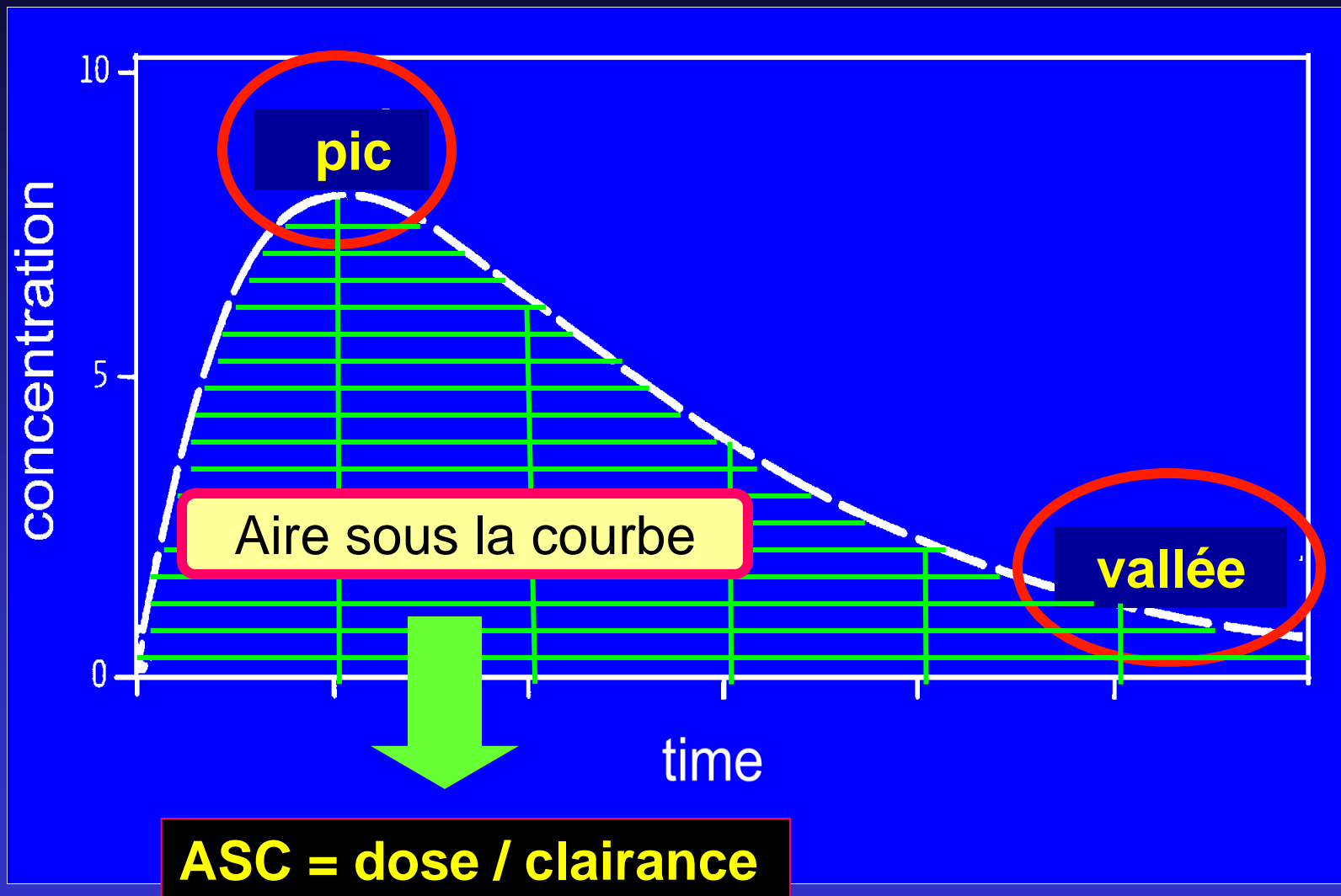
# Pourquoi $t_{1/2}$ est un paramètre utile au clinicien?

- information directe sur la vitesse à laquelle la concentration diminue dans le temps ... et atteint un seuil défini ... Si vous connaissez le  $C_{\max}$  (càd votre point de départ)
- Comparaison directe de médicaments ... s'ils ont un  $V_d$  similaire ...

Vous pouvez comparer entre elles les demi-vies des  $\beta$ -lactames, ...  
MAIS vous ne pouvez PAS comparer directement les  $\beta$ -lactames (faible  $V_d$ ) à l'azithromycine ( $V_d$  élevé), par exemple.



# Surface sous la courbe (ASC ou AUC\*)



\* Area Under the Curve

# Surface sous la courbe (ASC)

- combine
  - Un paramètre directement lié à la décision médicale: **la dose du médicament** !
  - Un paramètre lié au médicament ET au patient: la **clairance** ...
- Sa valeur est indépendante du schéma d'administration ...
- Ce paramètre est utile pour évaluer l'exposition totale au médicament



# 24h-ASC des fluoroquinolones (p.o.)

médicament (mg/24h)	Dose (mg/L x h)	24h-ASC
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norfloxacin	800	14 <sup>*, #</sup>
ciprofloxacin	500	12 <sup>*</sup>
ofloxacin	400	31 to 66 <sup>*, +</sup>
levofloxacin	500	47 <sup>*</sup>
moxifloxacin	400	48 <sup>*</sup>

Peu si CMI ↑

Bien mieux !!

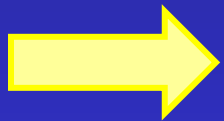
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# données de la littérature

+ première dose à l'équilibre

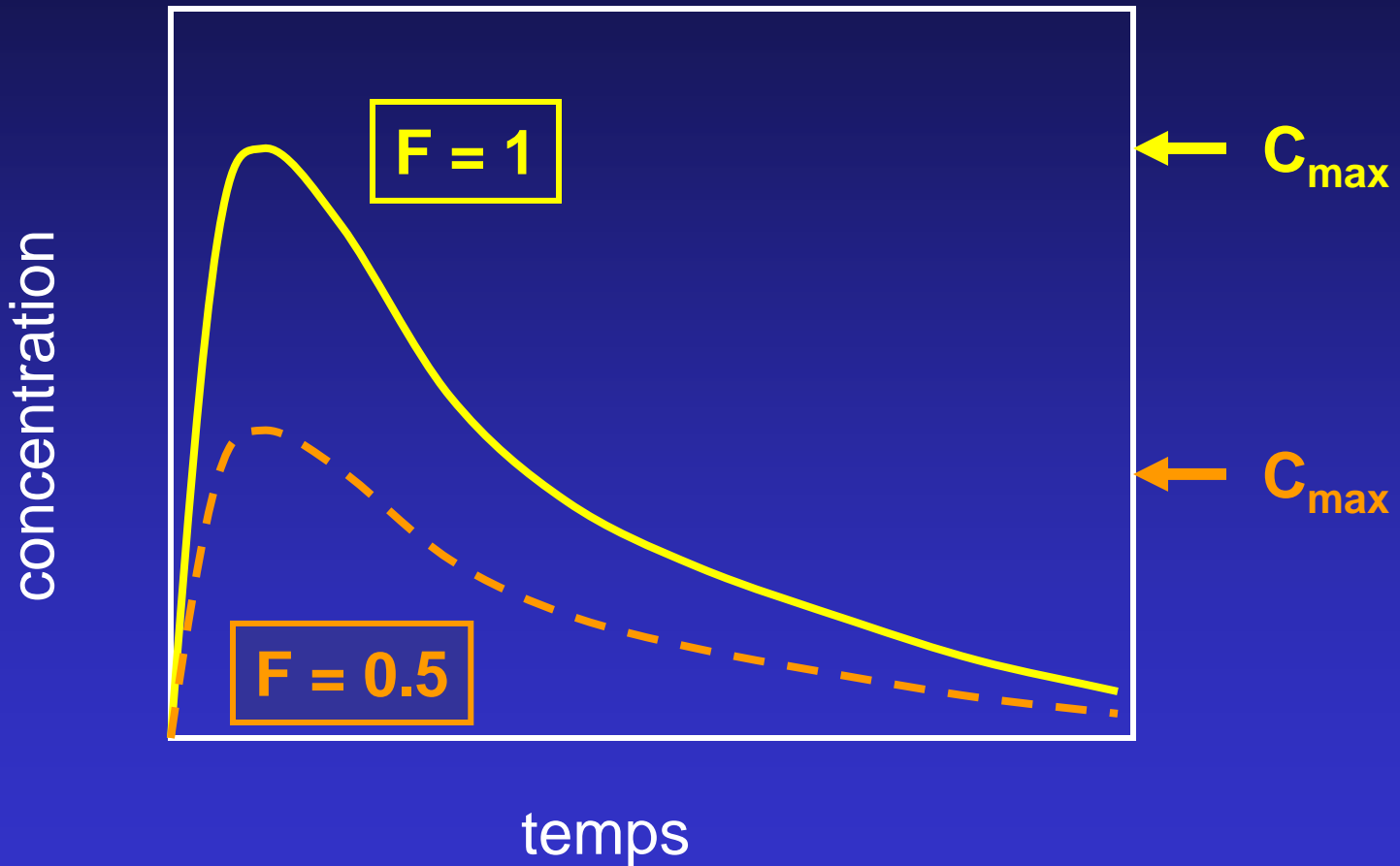
# Biodisponibilité

- quantifie l'**ABSORPTION** depuis le site d'administration jusqu'au **sang**
- est mesurée en comparant la voie orale (ou autre) à la voie intra-veineuse



Une biodisponibilité faible réduit à la fois le  $C_{\max}$  et l'ASC ... et conduit donc à une diminution de l'efficacité !!!

# Une faible biodisponibilité ( $F$ ) réduit à la fois le $C_{\max}$ et l'ASC



# Fluoroquinolones : biodisponibilité (p.o.) et $C_{max}$

médicament	Dose (mg/24h)	Biodisp. (%)	$C_{max}$ (mg/L)
norfloxacin	800	~ 35	2.4 *
ciprofloxacine	500	~ 70	2.4 *
ofloxacine	400	~ 95	3-4.5 *, +
levofloxacine	500	~ 99	5-6 *, +
moxifloxacine	400	~ 90	4.5 *

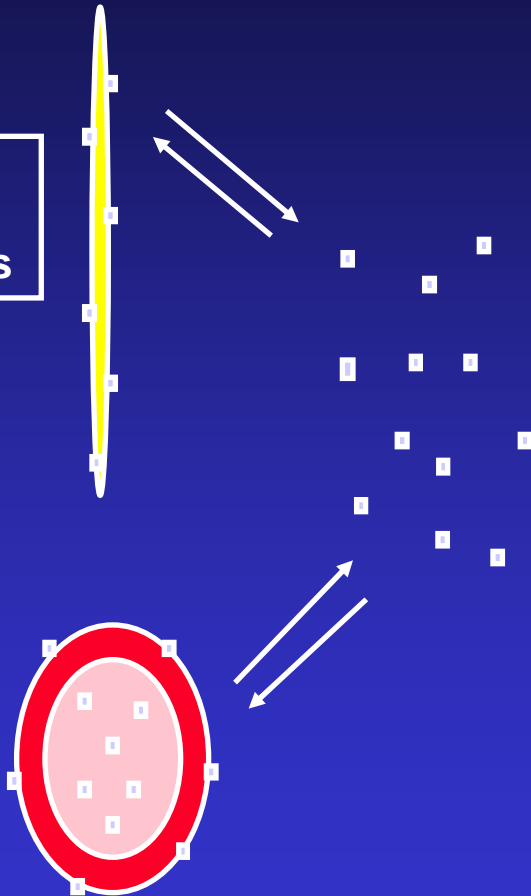
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+ première dose à l'équilibre

# Liaison aux protéines: c'est (quasi toujours) la forme du libre du médicament qui agit ...

## vaisseau

Liaison aux protéines plasmatiques



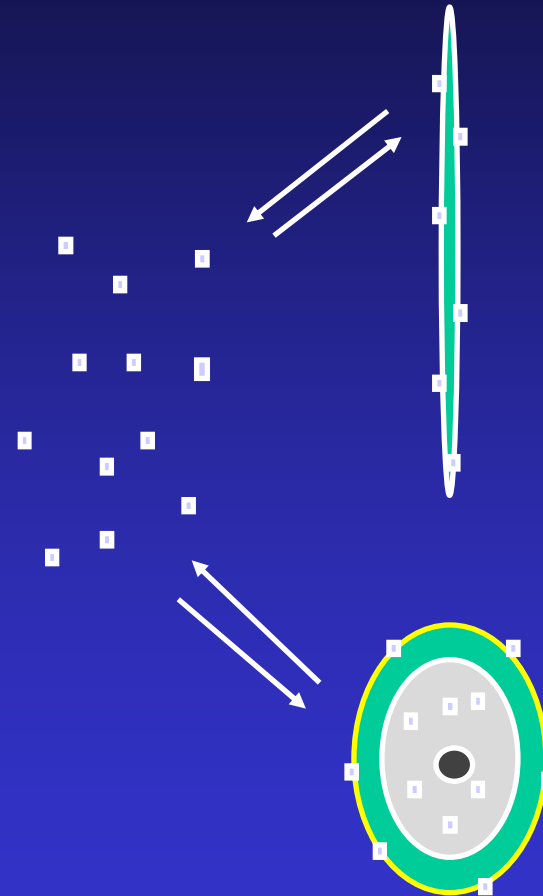
Liaison aux cellules sanguines,

Diffusion dans les cellules sanguines,

Liaison au matériel biologique intracellulaire

## espace extravasculaire

Liaison au matériel biologique extracellulaire



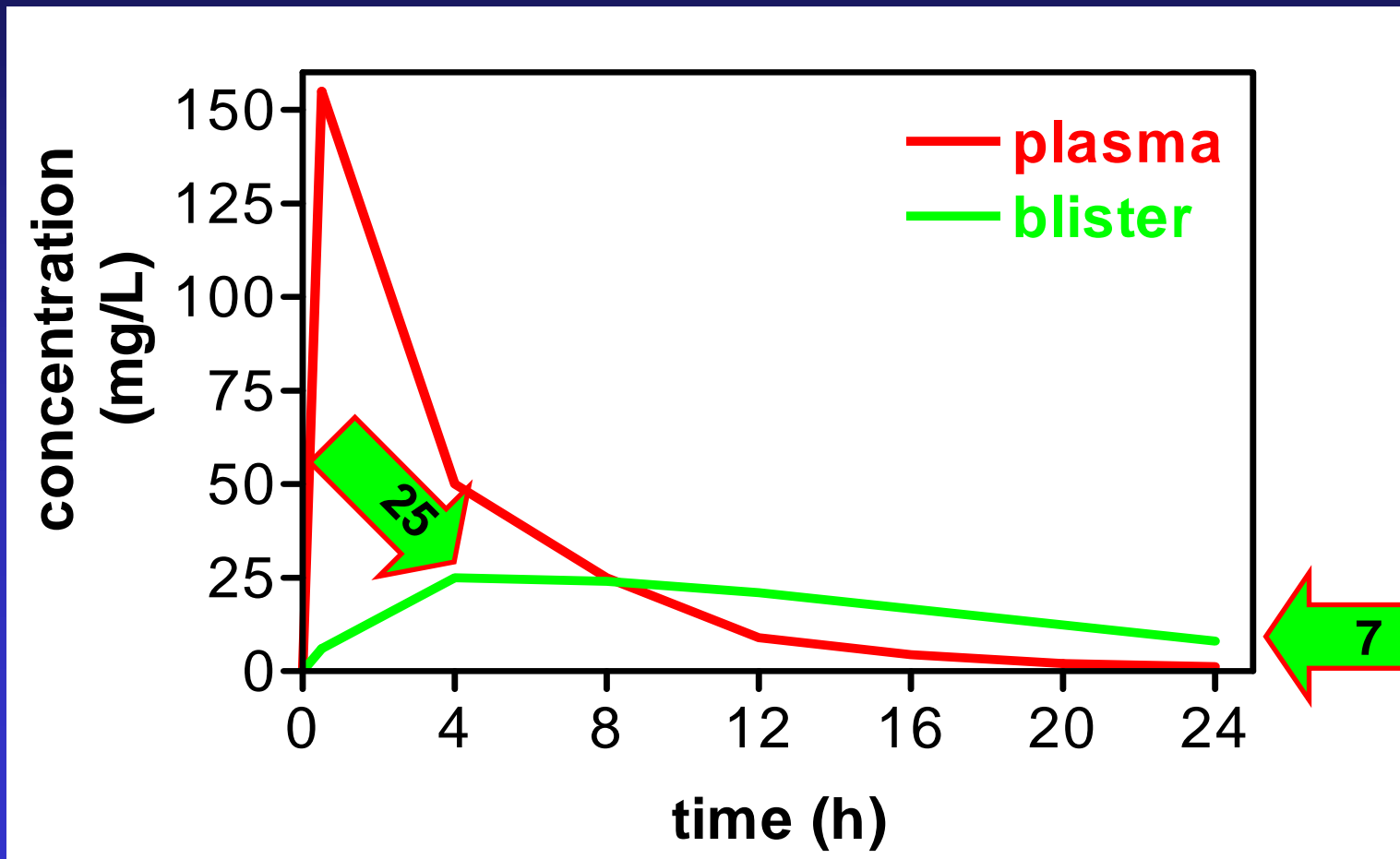
Liaison aux cellules des tissus,

Diffusion dans les cellules des tissus,

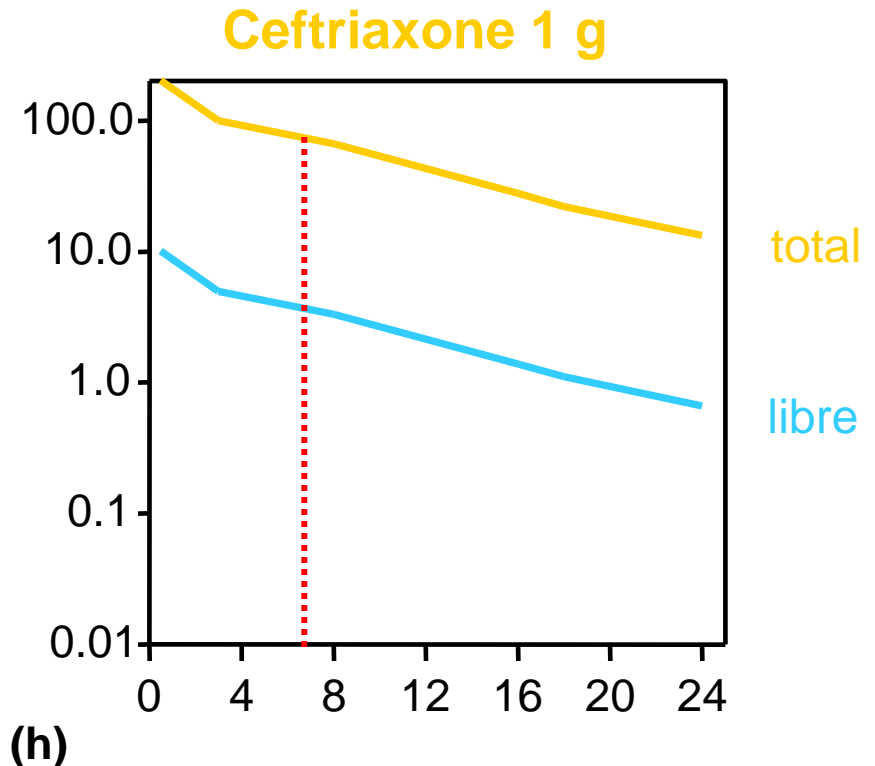
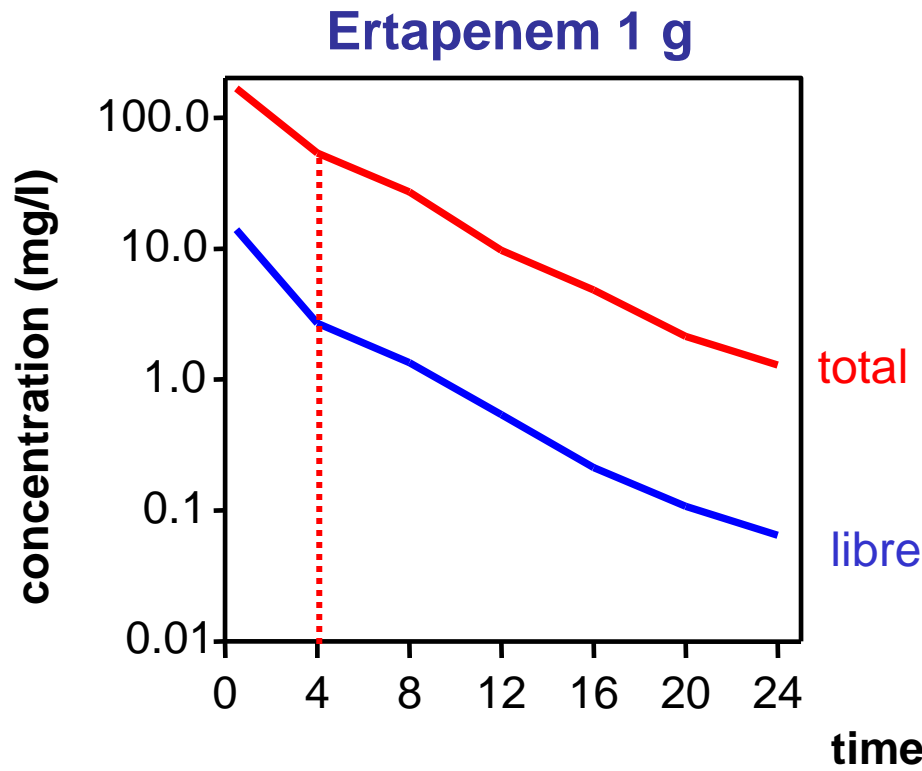
Liaison au matériel biologique intracellulaire

# La liaison aux protéines empêche et ralentit la diffusion tissulaire...

Concentration TOTALE de l'ertapenem  
(une  $\beta$ -lactame fortement liée aux protéines plasmatiques)  
dans le plasma et le liquide d'exsudat après 3 jours de traitement

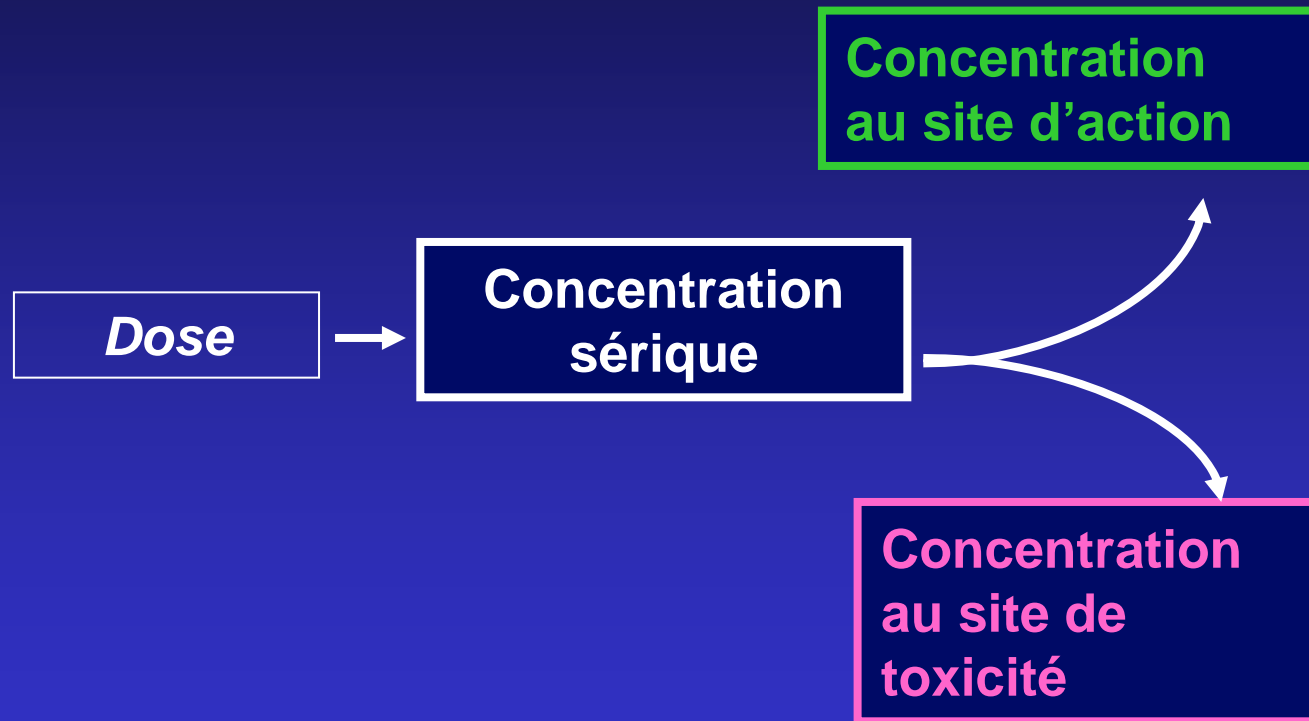


# Mais la liaison aux protéines prolonge la demi-vie



ceftriaxone data: Paradis *et al*, AAC 1992, 36: 2085-2092  
Perry & Schentag, Clin Pharmacokinet. 2001, 40: 685-694

# Voilà où nous en sommes ...



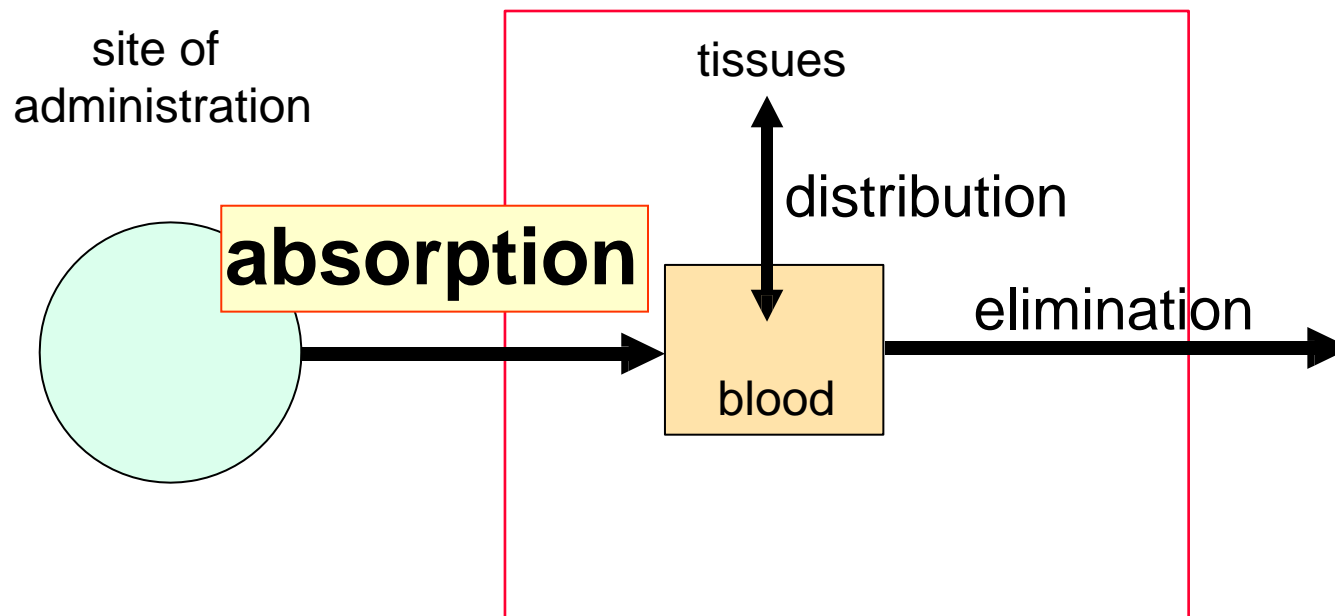


# Mais maintenant ...

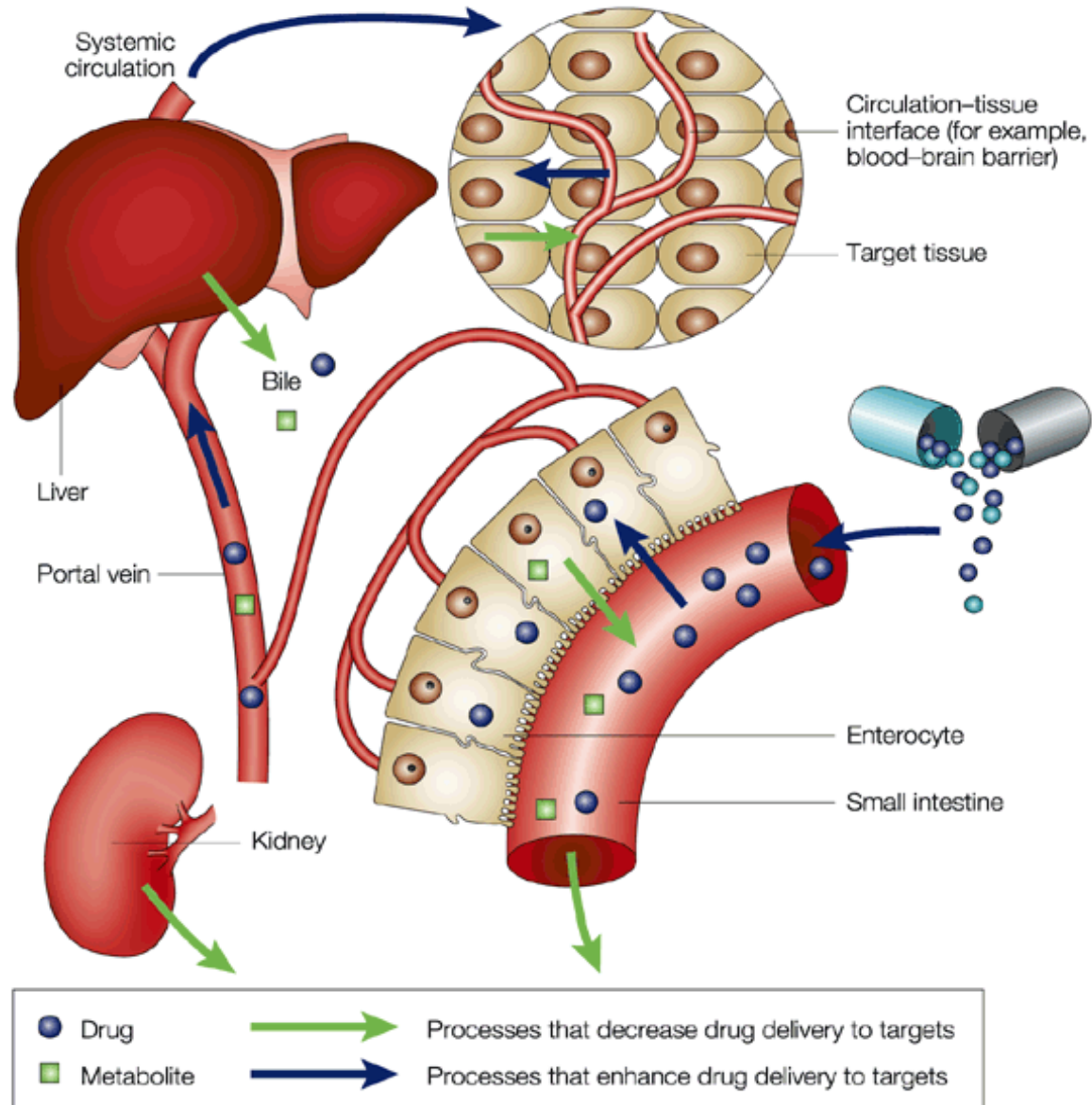


## Voyons les étapes...

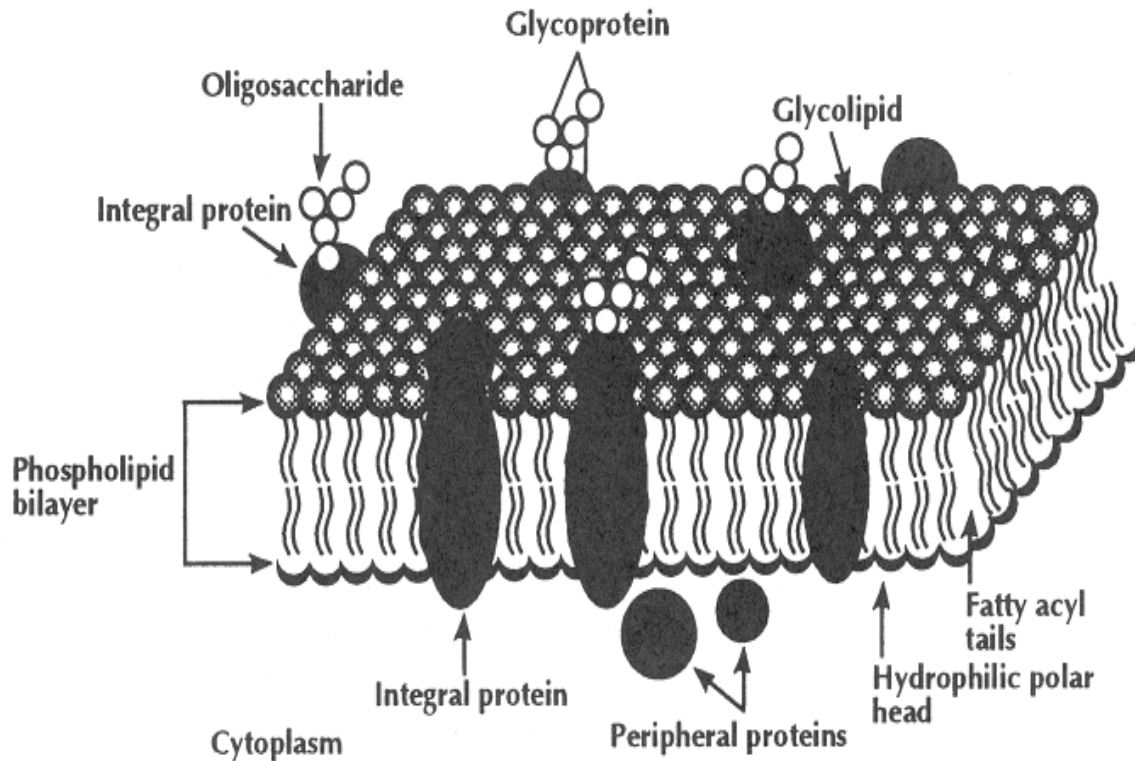
# Absorption



# Le parcours du médicament



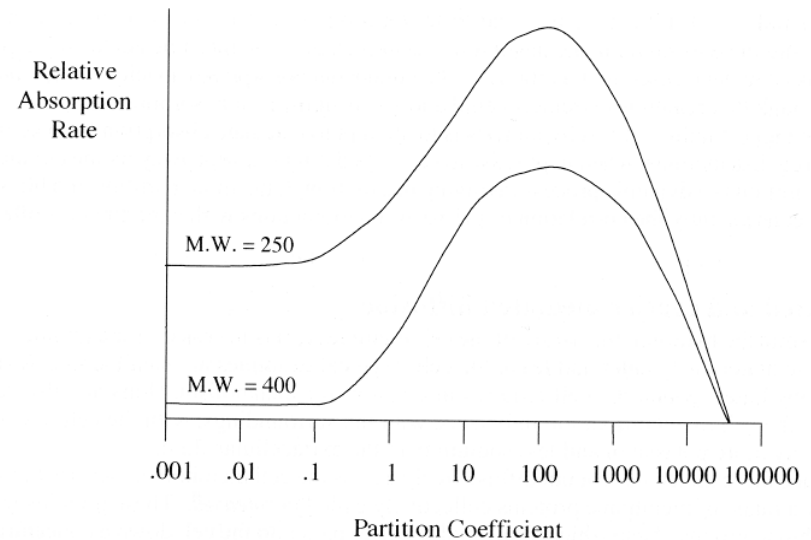
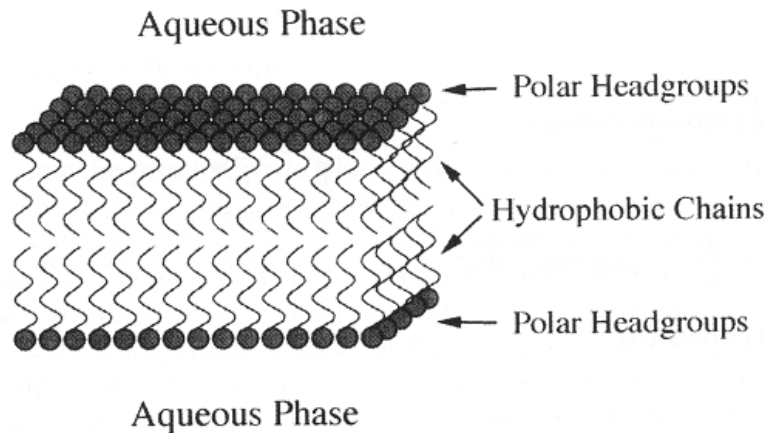
# MOVEMENT ACROSS MEMBRANES



- passive diffusion
- facilitated diffusion
- active transport
- cotransporters/antiporters
- efflux pumps
- pinocytosis/endocytosis

# MOVEMENT ACROSS MEMBRANES

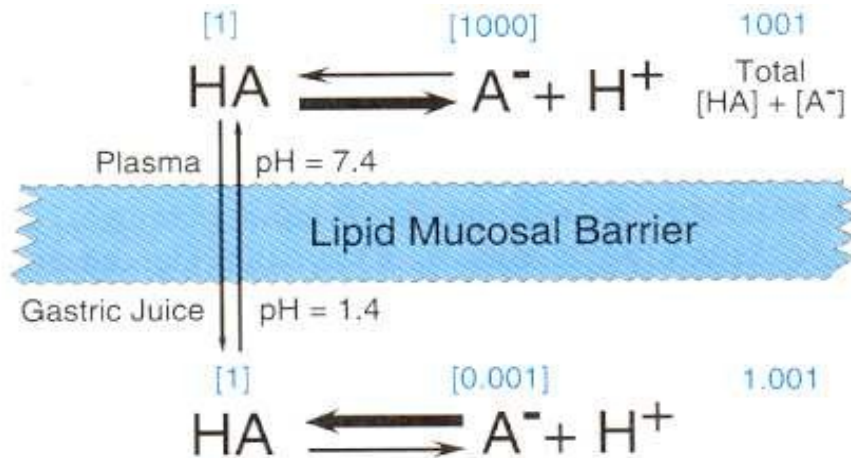
## 1. *lipophilicity*



**Lipophilicity** and **molecular weight** are two factors influencing passive diffusion across biological membranes

# MOVEMENT ACROSS MEMBRANES

## 2. ionization



Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

$$pH = pK_a + \log \left[ \frac{[ionized]}{[non - ionized]} \right]$$

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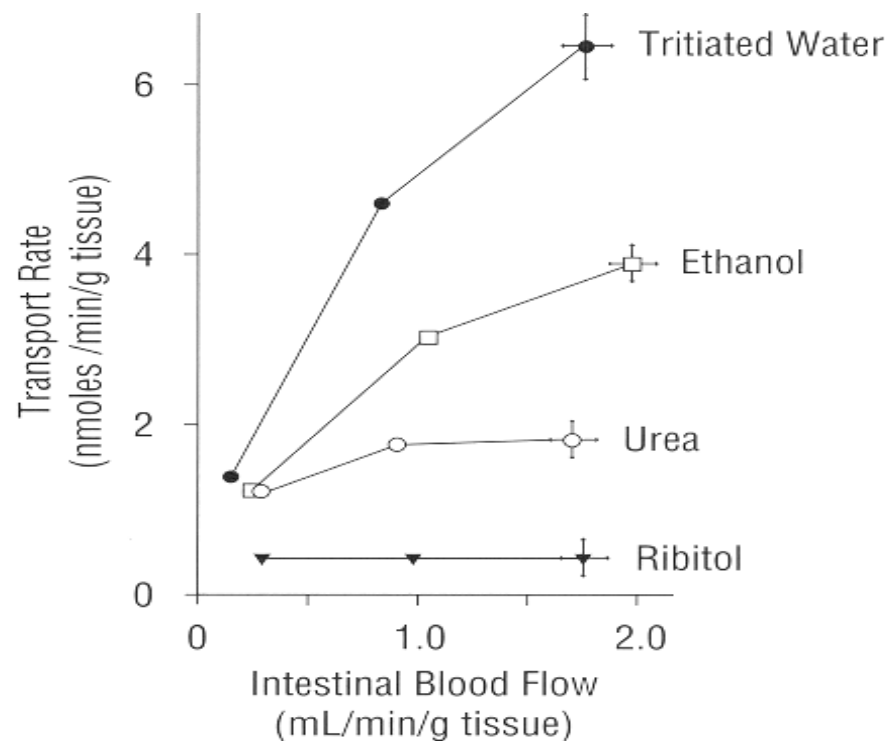
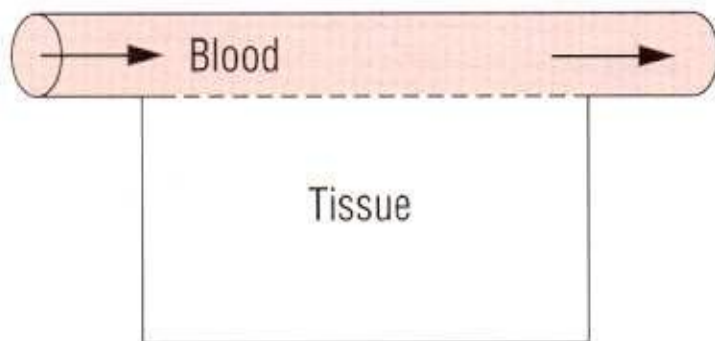
The weak acid will tend to accumulate by ion trapping in the compartment where its ionization is favored.

Exercice: faites le même raisonnement pour une base faible

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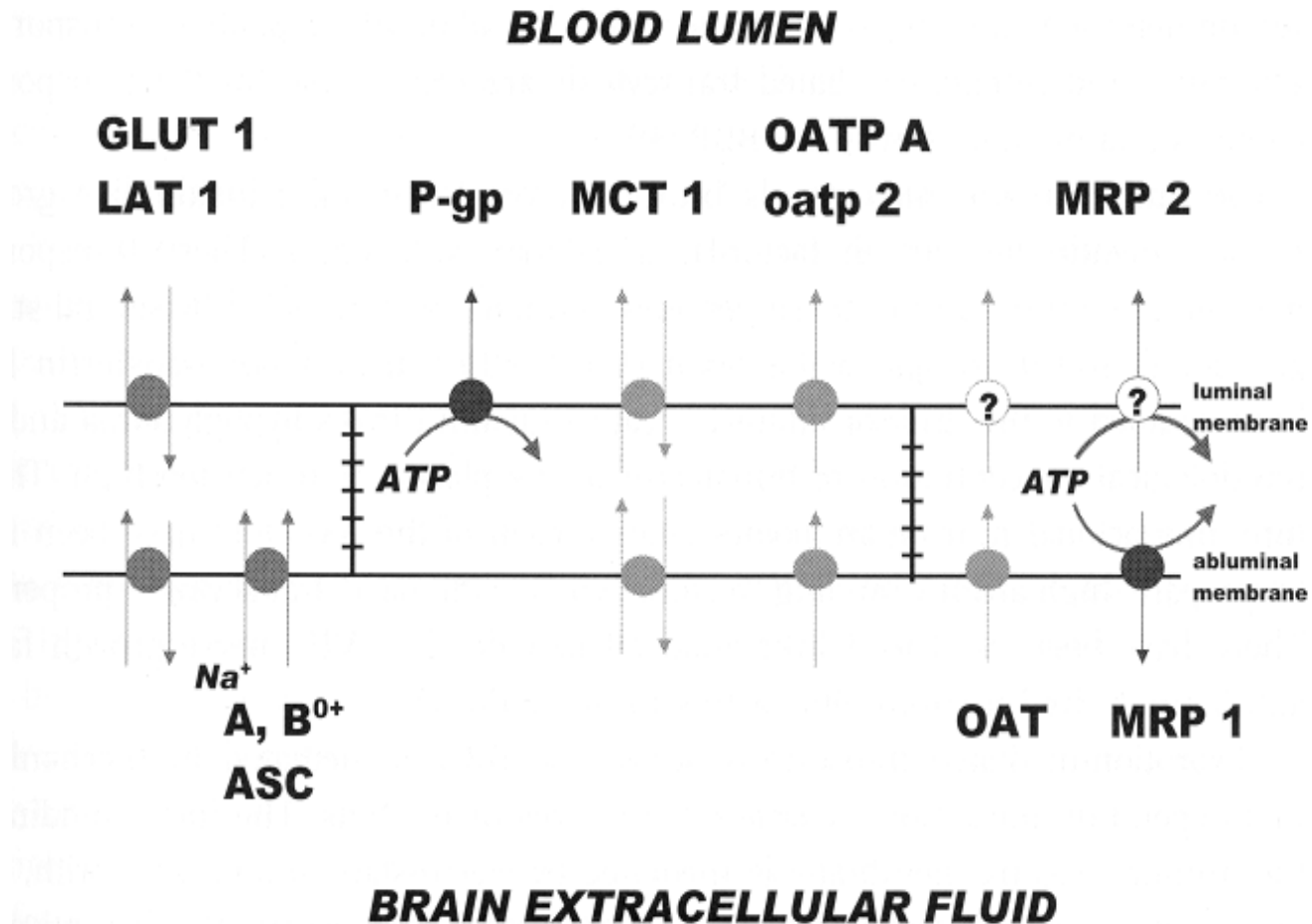
## 3. blood flow

### A. Perfusion-Rate Limitation



# MOVEMENT ACROSS MEMBRANES

## 4. drug transport processes



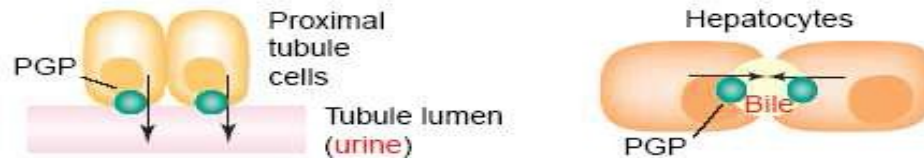


# IMPORTANCE OF P-GLYCOPROTEIN

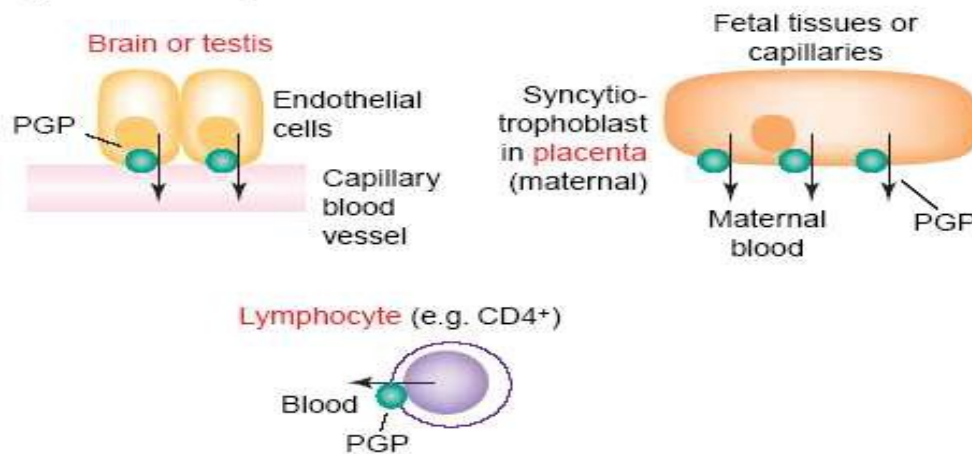
## (a) Limited drug absorption



## (b) Active drug elimination



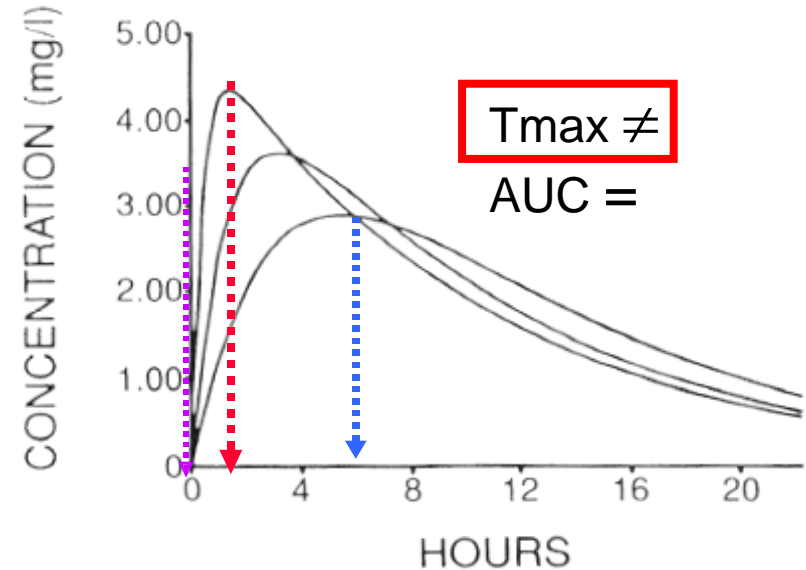
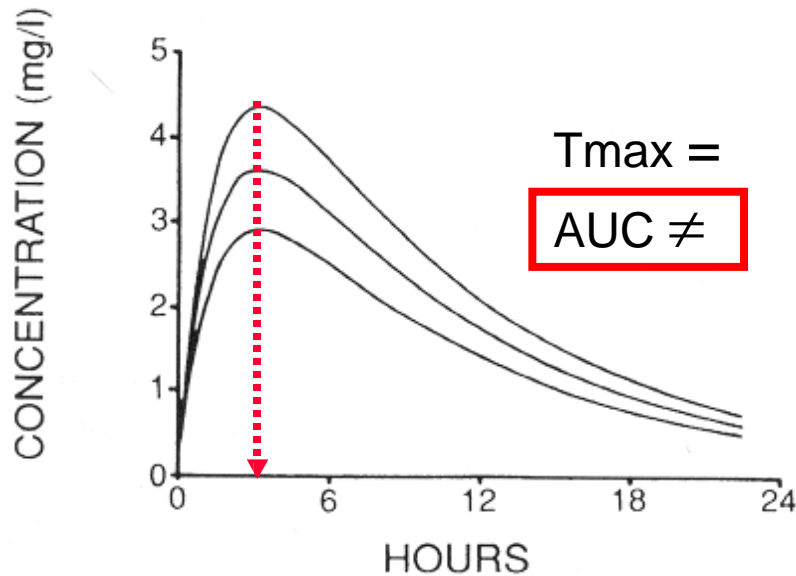
## (c) Limited drug distribution into tissues



P-glycoprotein (P-gp) is the product of the MDR1 gene. It translocates a broad variety of xenobiotics out of cells. P-gp was first described in tumor cells that were resistant to various anticancer agents as a result of P-gp overexpression.

P-gp is not only expressed in tumor cells but also in a broad variety of normal tissues with excretory function (small intestine, liver and kidney) and at blood-tissue barriers (blood-brain barrier, blood-testis barrier and placenta).

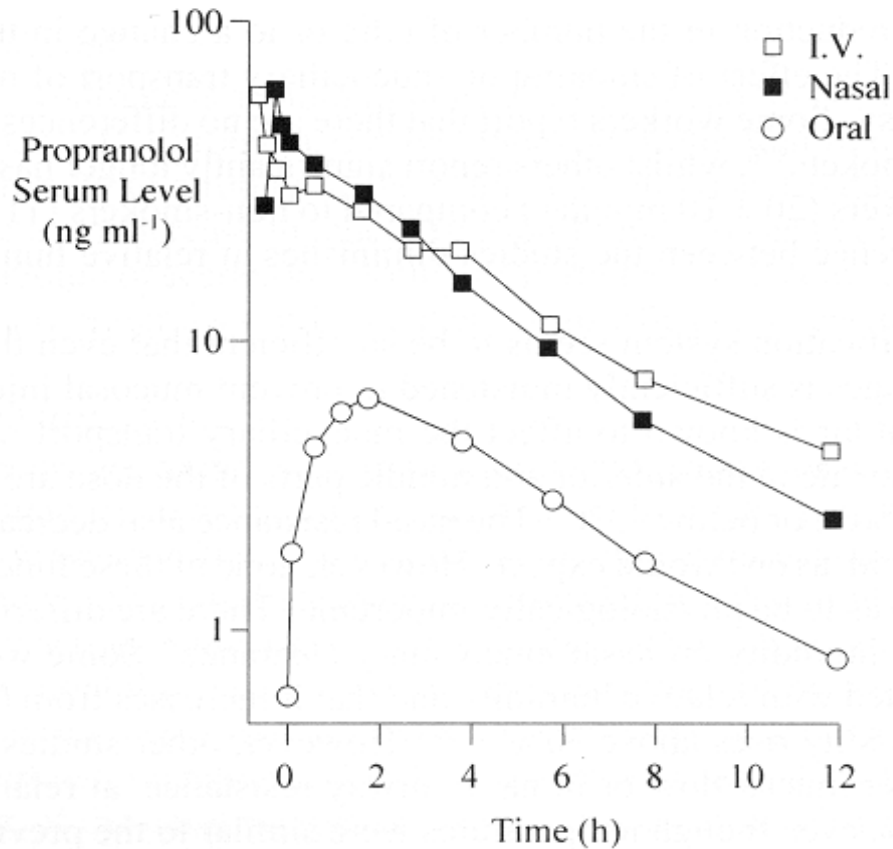
# ORAL ABSORPTION



both extent (AUC) and rate ( $T_{max}$ ) of absorption influence the plasma concentration-time profile of a drug and hence therapeutic efficacy and safety

# ORAL ABSORPTION

*absolute bioavailability*

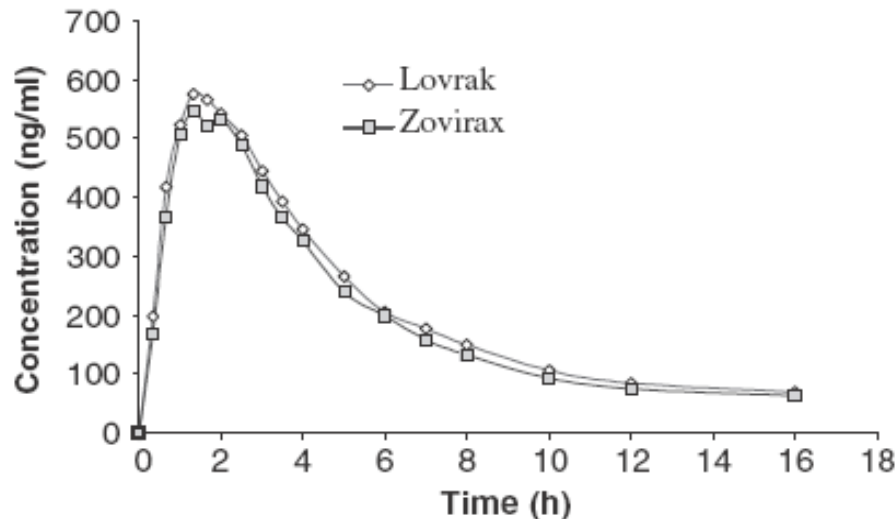


$$F = \frac{AUC_{\text{oral}}}{AUC_{\text{iv}}} \times \frac{\text{DOSE}_{\text{iv}}}{\text{DOSE}_{\text{oral}}}$$

# ORAL ABSORPTION

## *relative bioavailability*

Très important pour les génériques



$$F_{\text{rel}} = \frac{\text{AUC}_{\text{formA}}}{\text{AUC}_{\text{formB}}}$$

In a bioequivalence (BE) study the bioavailability of a test medicinal product (e.g. LOVRAK®) is compared to the bioavailability of a reference medicinal product (ZOVIRAX®). A BE study is a relative bioavailability study.

# ORAL ABSORPTION

factors affecting oral bioavailability

crystal form  
particle size  
absorption  
enhancers  
dissolution rate  
dosage forms

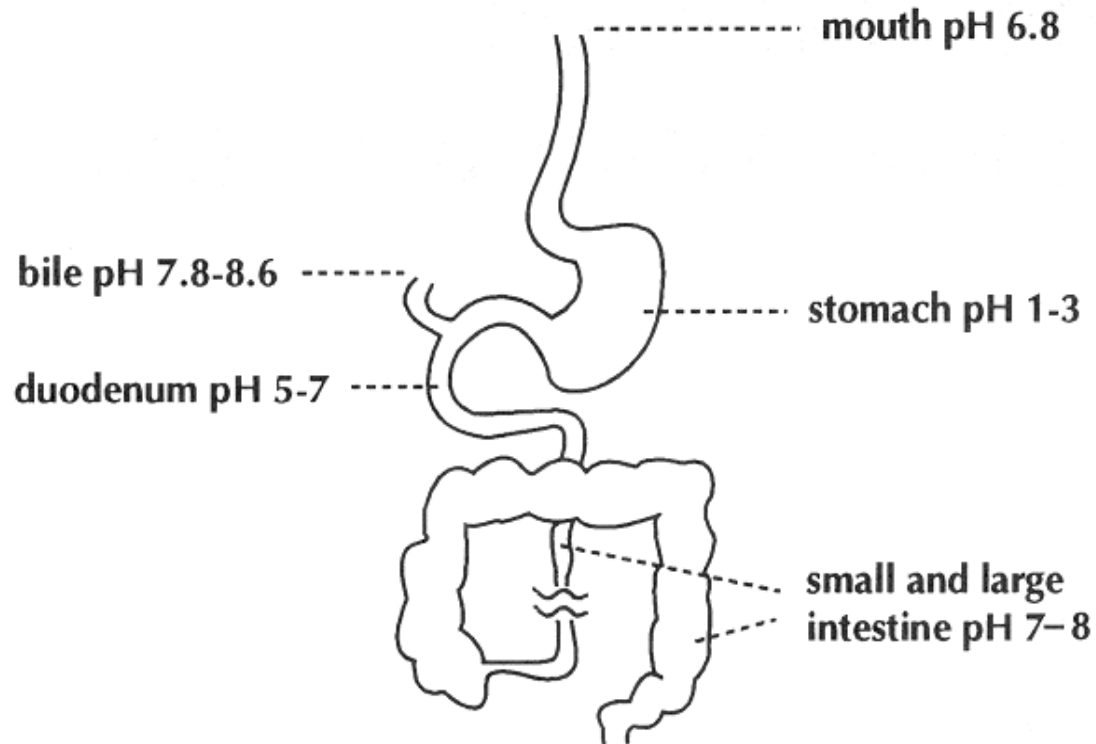
GI motility membrane  
transport gastric  
emptying  
splanchnic blood flow  
disease states

lipophilicity  
solubility  
 $pK_a$  and ionization  
molecular size and  
shape hydrogen  
bonding

GI and liver metabolism  
chemical instability  
absorption  
distribution/elimination

# ORAL ABSORPTION

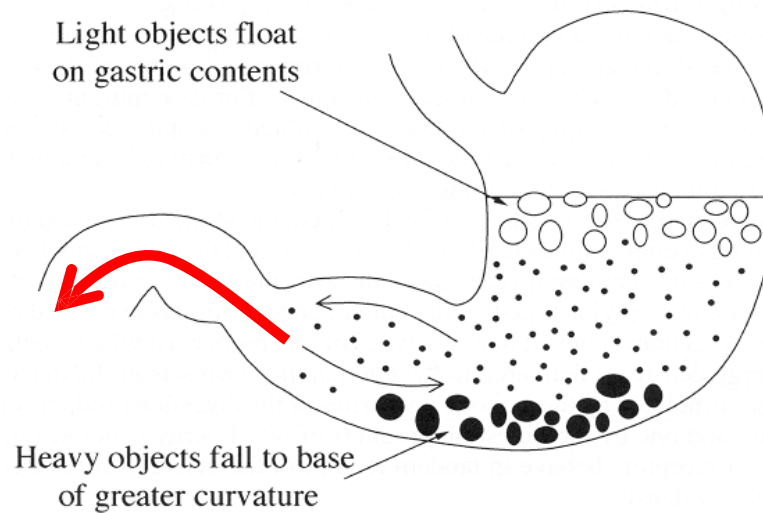
## *GIT physiology*



the small intestine is the most important site of drug absorption:  
→ blood flow much larger (**200 m<sup>2</sup>**, 1 L/min) compared to the stomach (**1 m<sup>2</sup>**, 0.15 L/min)

# ORAL ABSORPTION

## *GIT physiology*



the effect of particle size and  
density on gastric  
distribution

# ORAL ABSORPTION

*gastric emptying favors fast drug reabsorption*

GE is retarded by

- meals
- lying on the left side
- mental depression
- psychic stress
- physical activity
- drugs that slow down gastric movements (narcotic, analgesics)

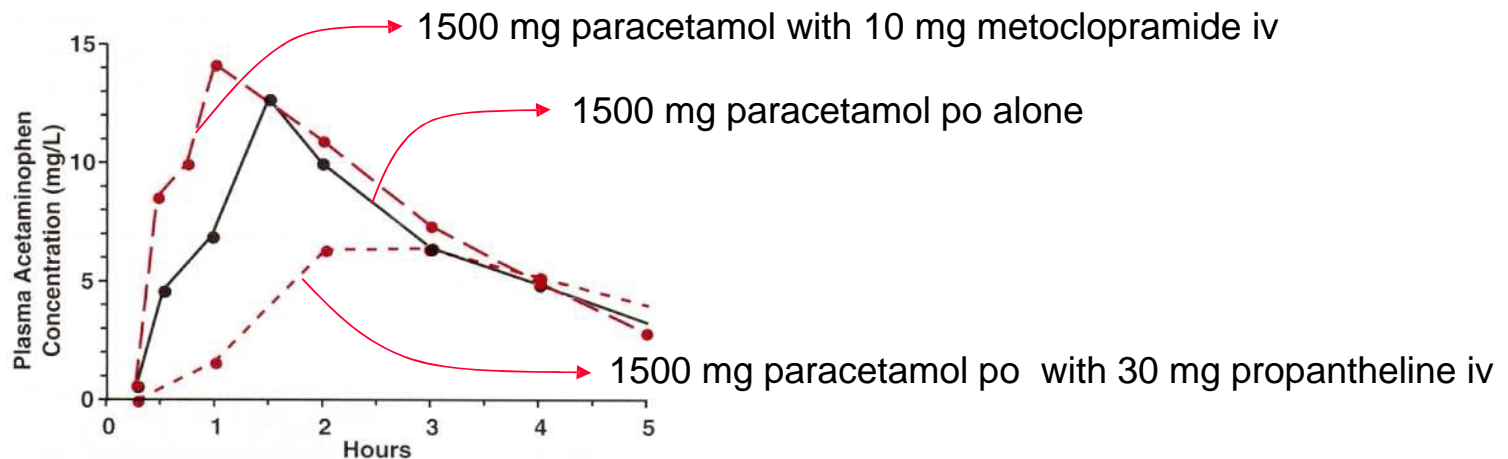
GE is promoted by

- fasting
- alkaline buffer solutions
- lying on the right side
- drugs that stimulate gastric emptying (e.g. metoclopramide)



# ORAL ABSORPTION

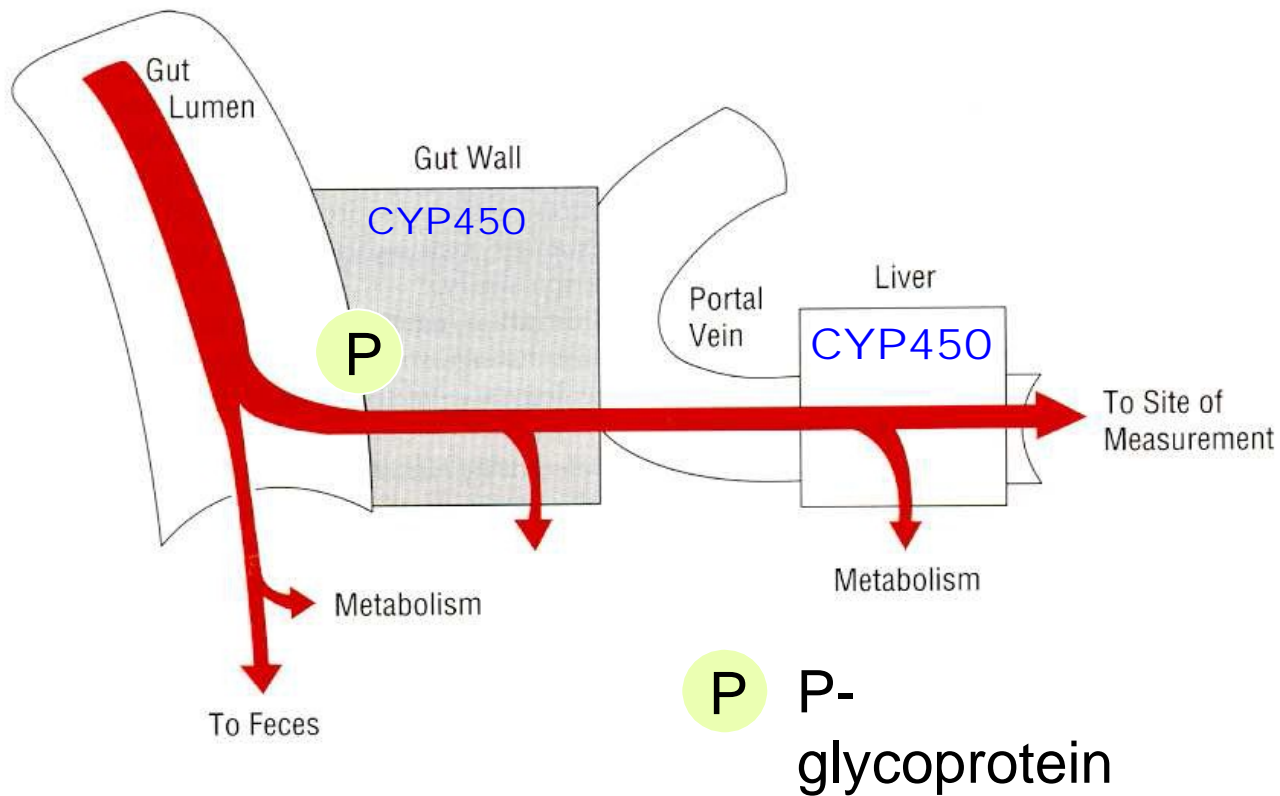
## impact of gastric emptying



Slowing gastric emptying by propantheline (30 mg iv) slows the rate of absorption of paracetamol (1500 mg dose) ingested orally by a 22-year old man as seen by a decrease in  $C_{max}$  and a longer  $T_{max}$  compared with values when paracetamol is given alone. Metoclopramide (10 mg iv) which shortens the time for gastric emptying, increases the absorption rate of paracetamol.

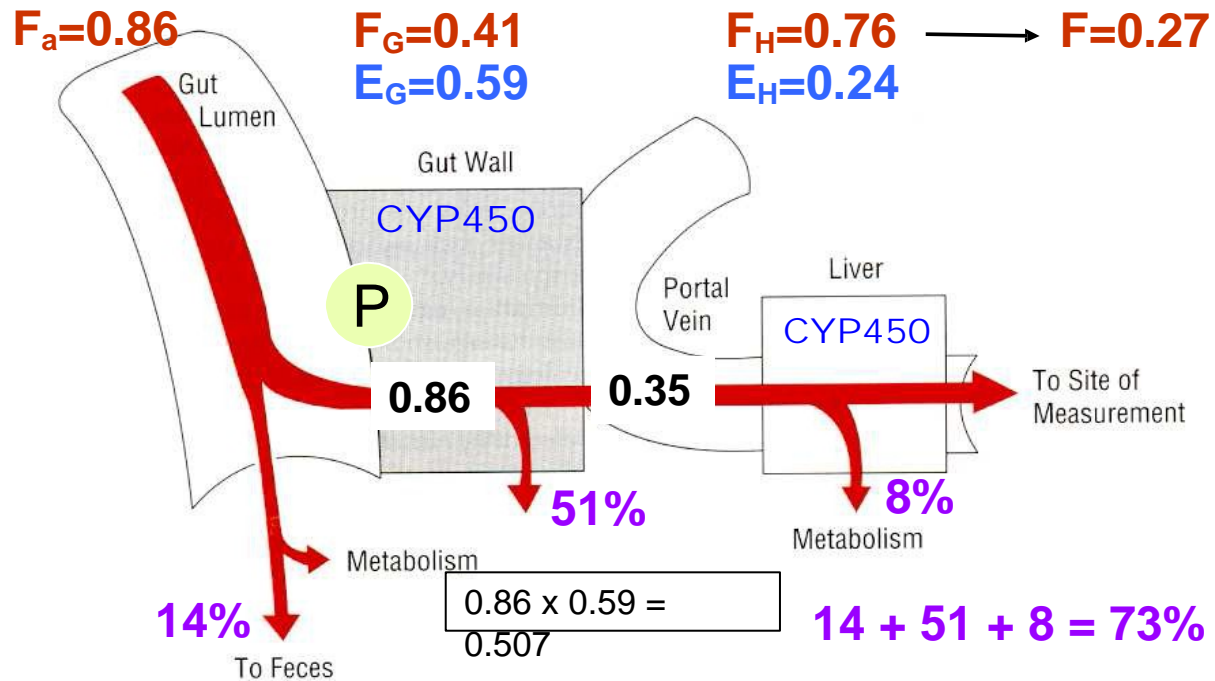
# ORAL ABSORPTION

*first pass effect*



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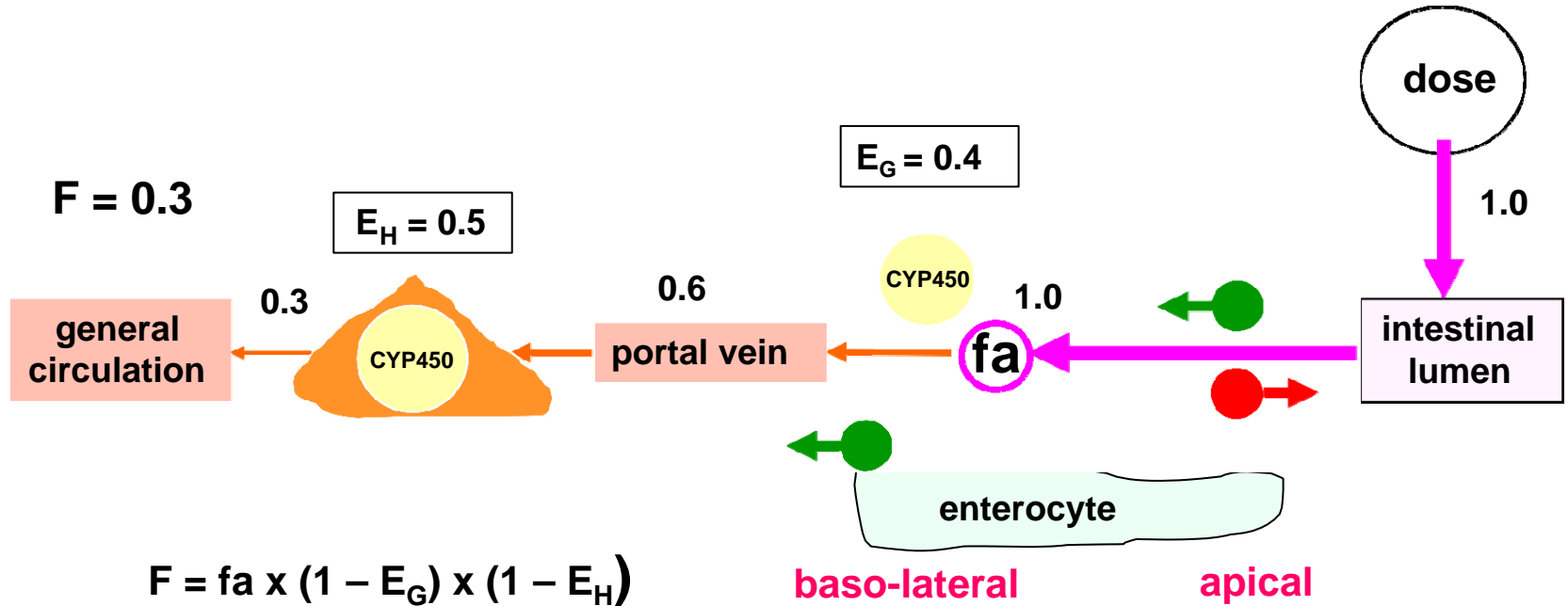
## *cyclosporine*



**P** P-glycoprotein

73% of the orally administered cyclosporine dose does not reach the systemic circulation

# How much drug reaches the target ?



$f_a$  is the fraction of the dose transported (absorbed) across the apical cell membrane into the cellular space of the enterocyte according to scientific and regulatory definitions

# ABSORPTION

## *example of drugs with major oral absorption problems*

<b>general mechanism</b>	<b>drug</b>	<b>specific situation</b>
<i>complexation</i>	quinolones digitoxin	polyvalent cations if cholestyramine
<i>hydrolysis</i>	penicillin G erythromycin insulin	acid hydrolysis acid hydrolysis peptidases
<i>1st pass effect</i>	cyclosporin isoproterenol	CYP3A4 sulfoconjugation
<i>efflux pump</i>	cyclosporin	P-glycoprotein

# ABSORPTION

## *oral vs non-oral routes of administration*

- oral ingestion is the most common method of drug administration: safest, most convenient, most economical
- disadvantages to the oral route include: limited absorption of some drugs, emesis, destruction of drug by digestive enzymes or low gastric pH, ...
- enteral: oral, sublingual, buccal, rectal
- parenteral administration (for systemic action): intravenous (iv), intra-arterial (ia), subcutaneous (sc), intramuscular (im), pulmonary, nasal, transdermal
- topical application: skin, eye, ear, vagina, ...

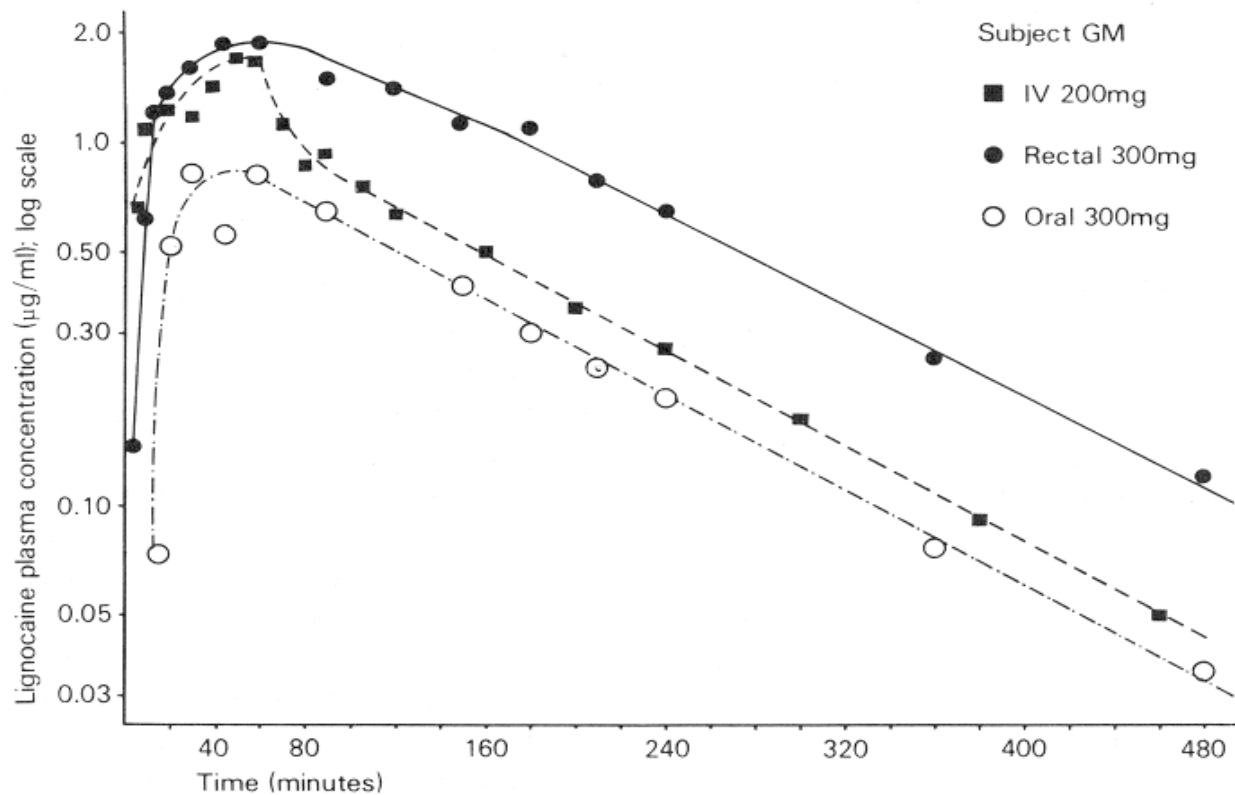
# ABSORPTION

## *rectal*

- useful route of administration when patient is unconscious or has a tendency to vomit
- $\pm 50\%$  of the absorbed drug will bypass the liver
  - ⇒ first pass effect is less pronounced than following oral administration
- rectal absorption is often irregular and incomplete
- many drugs cause irritation of the rectal mucosa

# ABSORPTION

## *rectal*



Plasma concentrations of lidocaine in a healthy subject following administration of lidocaine via intravenous perfusion (200 mg), oral (300 mg) and rectal (300 mg) administration.



# ABSORPTION

## *intramuscular*

- drugs in aqueous solution are absorbed quite rapidly after im injection depending upon the rate of blood flow to the injection site (but can be quite variable !)
- the rate of absorption following im injection of an aqueous solution of a drug is faster from the deltoid and vastus lateralis compared to the gluteus maximus; for females the absorption rate is slower following injection into the gluteus maximus compared to males
- very slow, constant absorption can be obtained when the drug is injected in solution in oil or suspended in various other repository vehicles ⇒ depot preparations
- avoids degradation of the drug in the GIT and hepatic FPE

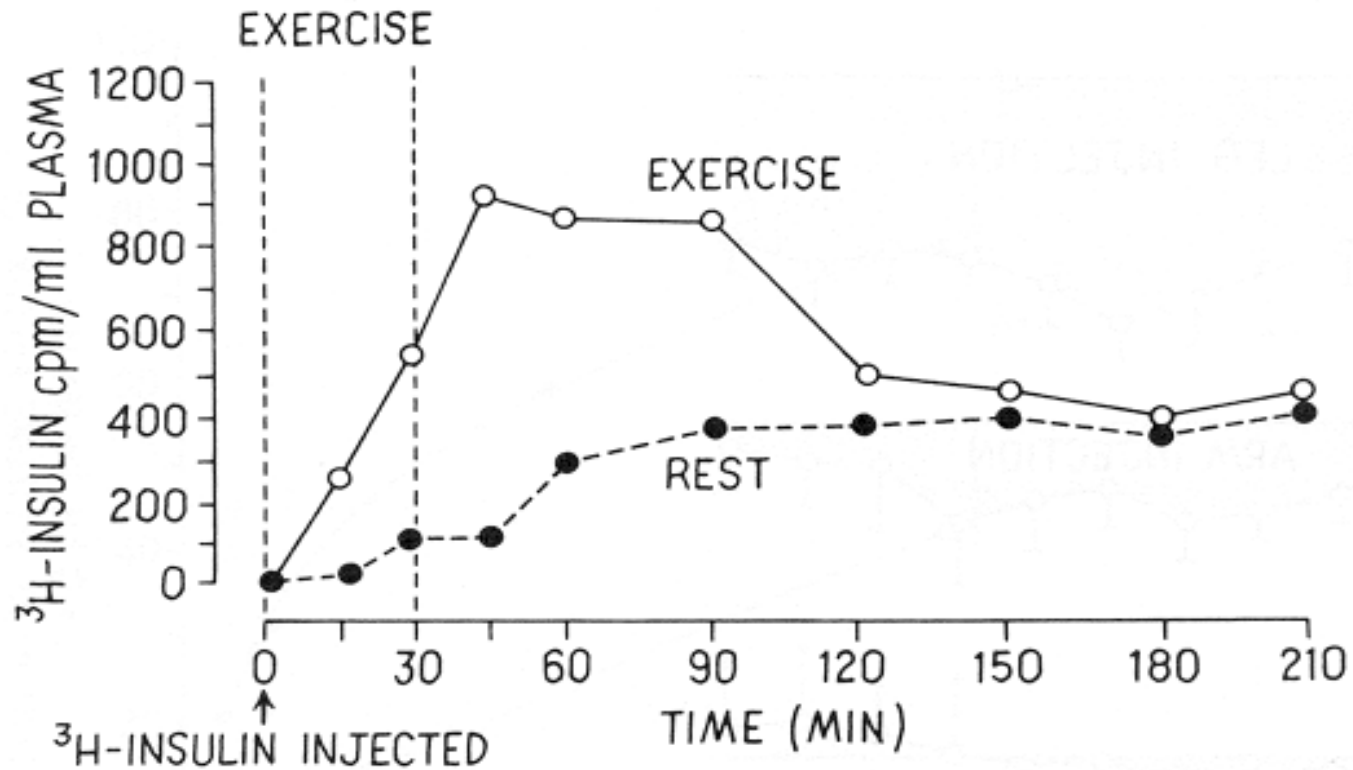
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# ABSORPTION

## *subcutaneous*



Exercise (cycling) increases the absorption of insulin injected subcutaneously in the leg.

# ABSORPTION

## *transdermal*

- may be used for local or systemic effects
- few drugs penetrate the intact skin: lipid solubility of the compound is very important
- systemic absorption of drugs occurs more readily through abraded, burned, denuded or inflamed skin
- controlled release transdermal delivery systems are becoming increasingly available, e.g. scopolamine, fentanyl, estradiol, nitroglycerin, ...
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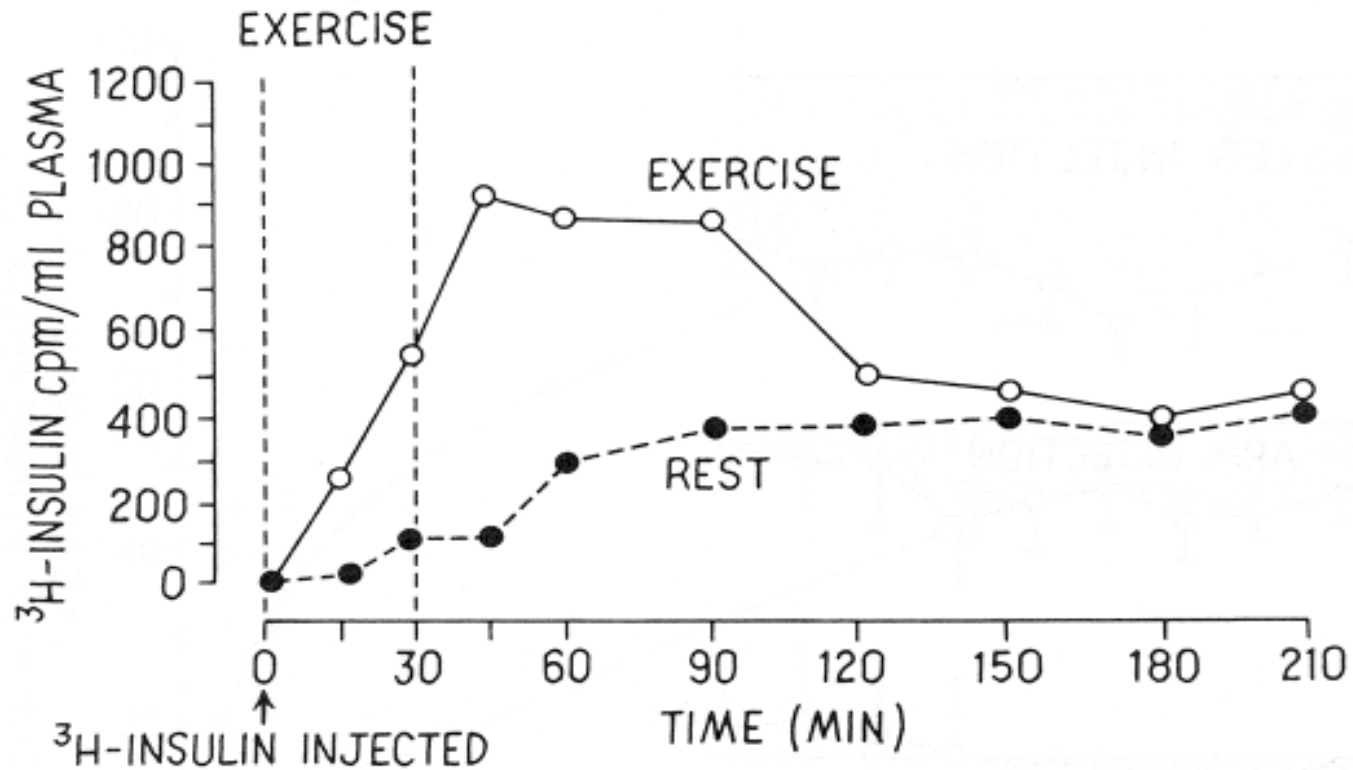
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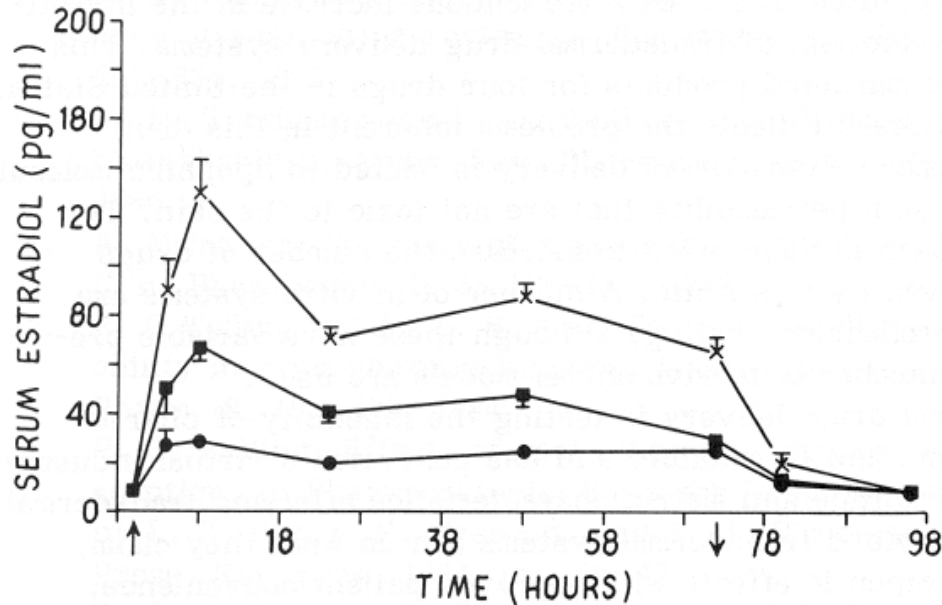
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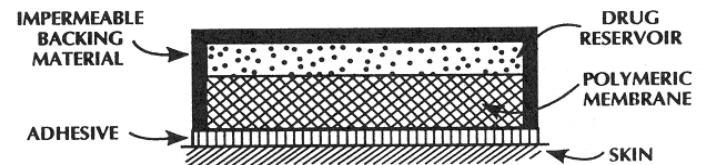


# ABSORPTION

## *transdermal*



Plasma concentrations of estradiol following application to the skin of ESTRADERM 0.025 (5 cm<sup>3</sup>), ESTRADERM 0.05 (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) or ESTRADERM 0.1 (20 cm<sup>3</sup>).



The absorption rate from a transdermal patch is controlled by a permeable polymeric membrane. Therefore, it is possible to obtain relatively stable and sustained concentrations of the active substance in the circulation.

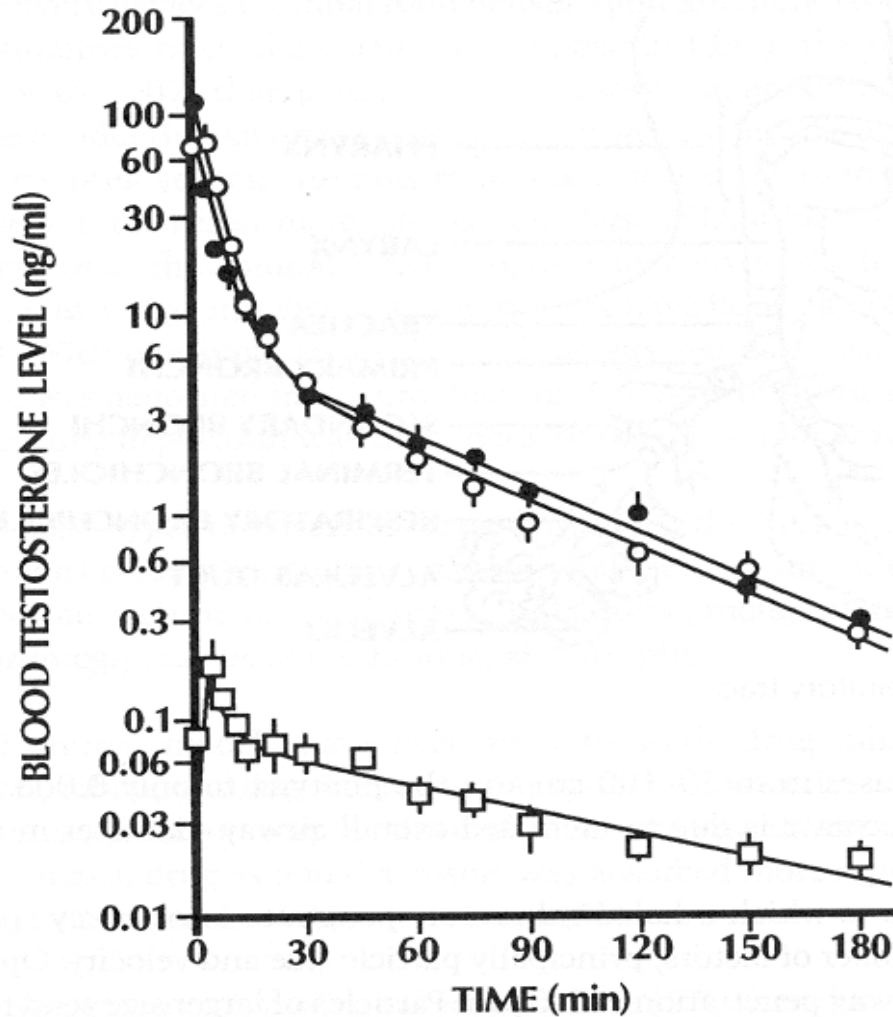
# ABSORPTION

## *intranasal*

- may be used for local or systemic effects
- the use of intranasal delivery is currently the focus of considerable activity but the limited surface area of the nasal cavity and the local toxicity of many compounds limit its usefulness
- promising results are obtained for some small peptides, e.g. vasopressin, oxytocin, ...
- avoids degradation by GIT and hepatic/intestinal FPE

# ABSORPTION

## *intranasal*



blood concentrations of testosterone in rats following iv (●), intranasal (○) and intraduodenal (◐) administration of 25  $\mu$ g testosterone per rat

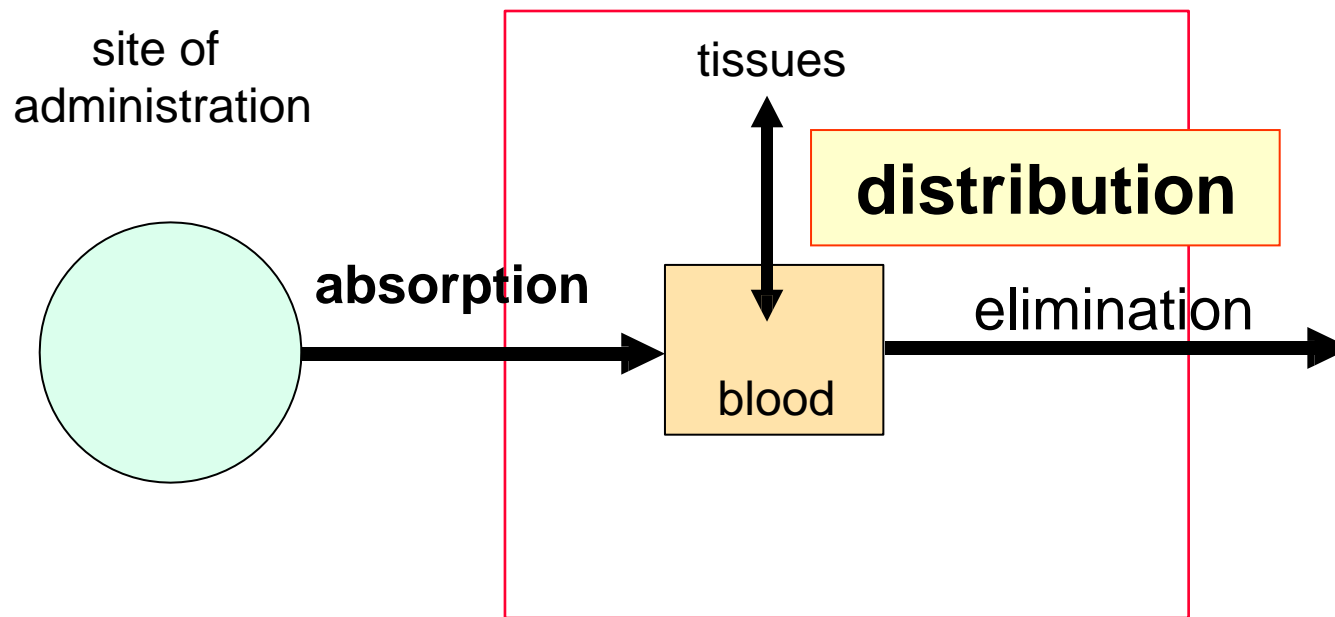
Hussain et al., J. Pharm. Sci. 73: 1300-1301, 1984.

# ABSORPTION

## *buccal, sublingual*

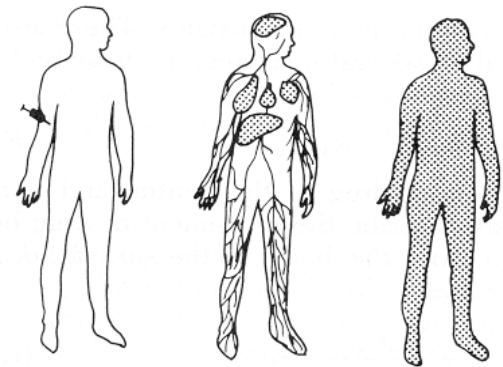
- avoids degradation in the GIT and intestinal/hepatic first pass effect
- the oral cavity is well perfused and the mucosa is very thin (0.15 mm)  $\Rightarrow$  both factors favor rapid absorption
- in many cases buccal absorption from a special buccal dosage form can result in the same bioavailability as when the active substance is injected intravenously
- examples: nitroglycerin, isosorbide dinitrate, oxytocin, ...

# Distribution



# DISTRIBUTION

- distribution refers to the **reversible transfer** of drug from one location to another within the body
- distribution of drug to and from blood and other tissues occurs at various rates and to various extents
- several factors determine the distribution pattern of a drug with time: delivery of drug to tissues by blood, ability to cross tissue membranes, binding within blood and tissues, partitioning into fat
- tissue uptake, commonly called extravasation, continues toward equilibrium of the diffusible form between tissue and blood perfusing it



- lipophilicity
- tissue perfusion
- reversible binding

# DISTRIBUTION

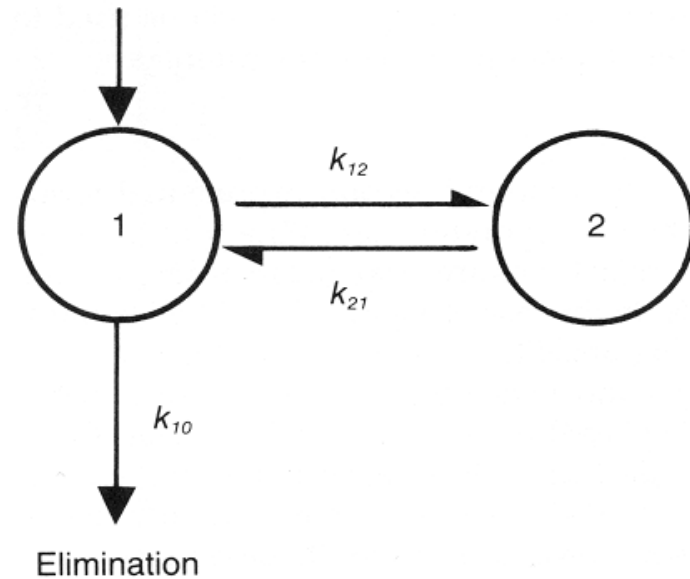
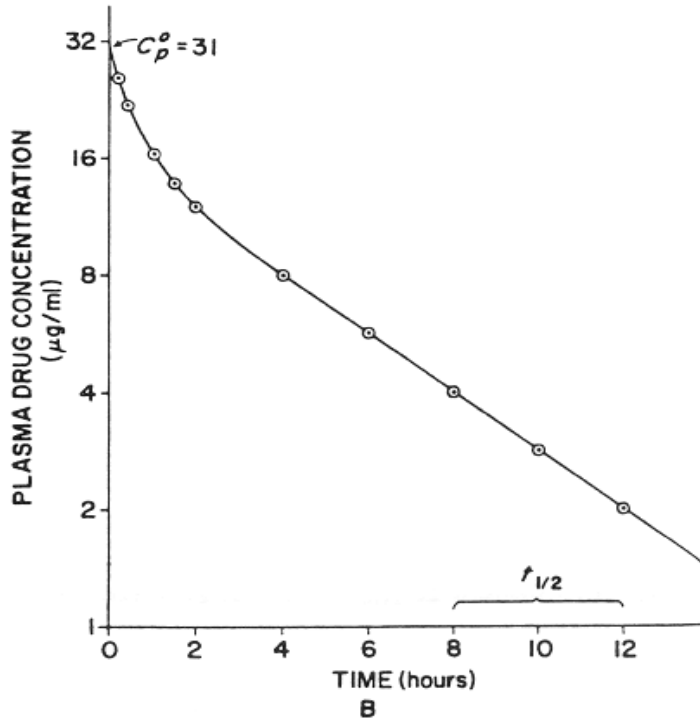
## *perfusion limitation*

Organ	Percent of Body Volume	Blood Flow (ml/minute)	Percent of Cardiac Output	Perfusion Rate (ml/minute per ml of tissue)
1. Adrenal glands	0.03	25	0.2	1.2
2. Blood	7	(5000) <sup>b</sup>	(100)	—
3. Bone	16	250	5	0.02
4. Brain	2	700	14	0.5
5. Fat	10	200	4	0.03
6. Heart	0.5	200	4	0.6
7. Kidneys	0.4	1100	22	4
8. Liver	2.3	1350	27	0.8
Portal		(1050)	(21)	
Arterial		(300)	(6)	
9. Lungs	0.7	(5000)	(100)	10
10. Muscle (inactive)	42	750	15	0.025
11. Skin (cool weather)	18	300	6	0.024
12. Thyroid gland	0.03	50	1	2.4
Total Body	100	5000	100	0.071

blood flow, perfusion rate and relative size of different organs and tissues under basal conditions in a standard 70-kg human

# DISTRIBUTION

## *disposition kinetics*

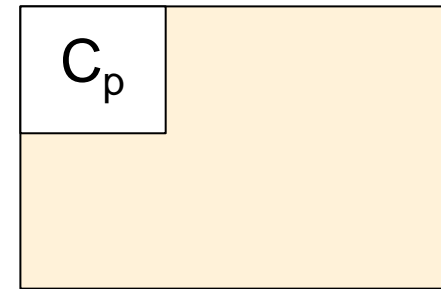


following iv bolus administration drug plasma concentrations decline bi-exponentially and the body can be represented by a two-compartment model in which drug distributes between compartments 1 and 2 and is eliminated via compartment 1



# plasma protein binding and volume of distribution

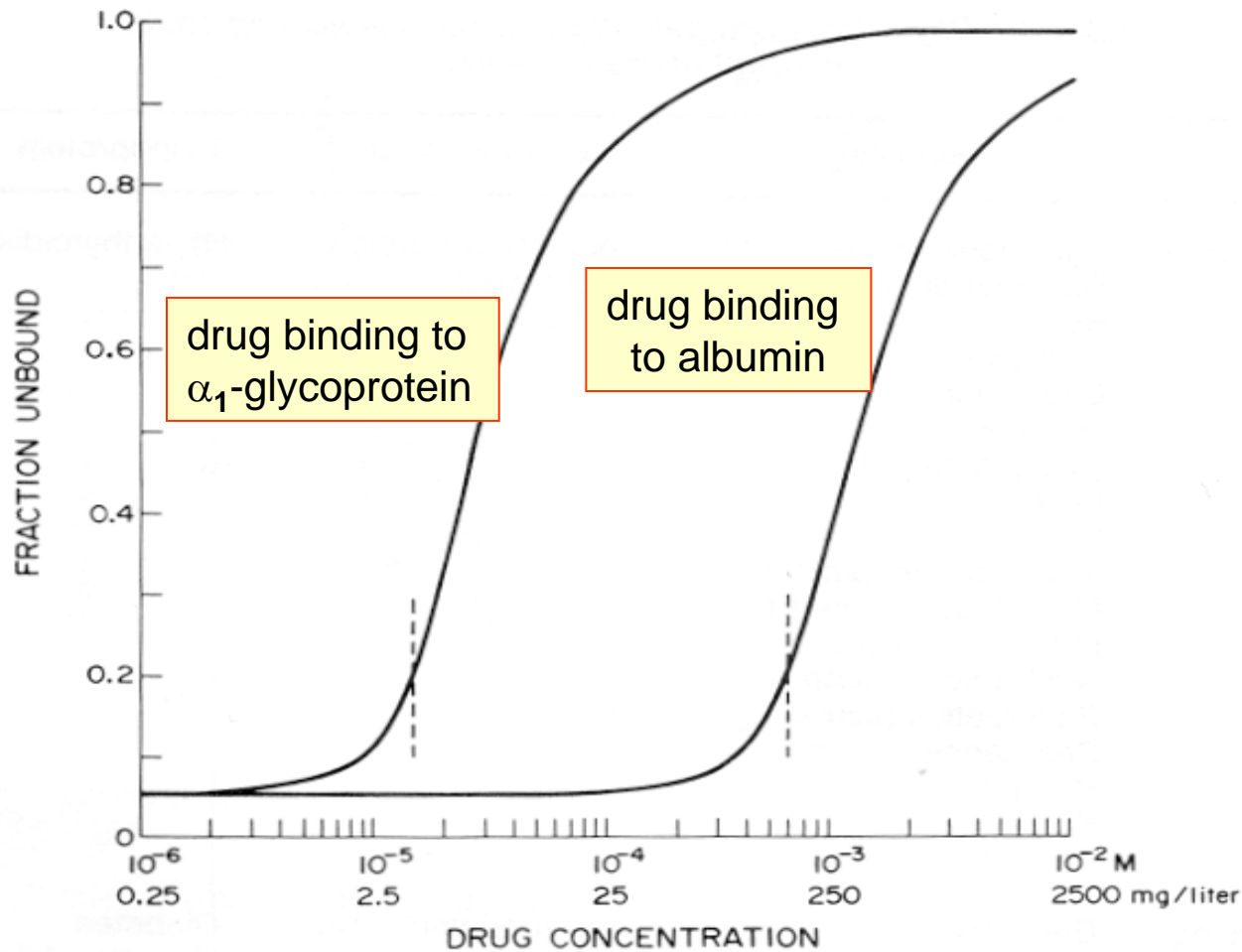
drug	V L/70 kg	$f_u$	% bound in plasma
naproxen	10	0.002	99.8
warfarin	10	0.01	99.0
cephalexin	18	0.86	14.0
amikacin	19	0.96	4.0
indomethacin	20	0.10	90.0
erythromycin	55	0.16	84.0
tetracycline	105	0.35	65.0
verapamil	350	0.10	90.0
labetalol	660	0.50	50.0
fluoxetine	2500	0.06	94.0
chloroquine	13 000	0.39	61.0



$$V = \frac{A_b}{C_p}$$

# PLASMA PROTEIN BINDING

*saturation of binding sites*



Pharmacokinetic Basis for Drug Treatment (Benet et al., eds), p. 178, Raven Press, 1984.

# DISTRIBUTION

## *blood-brain barrier (BBB)*

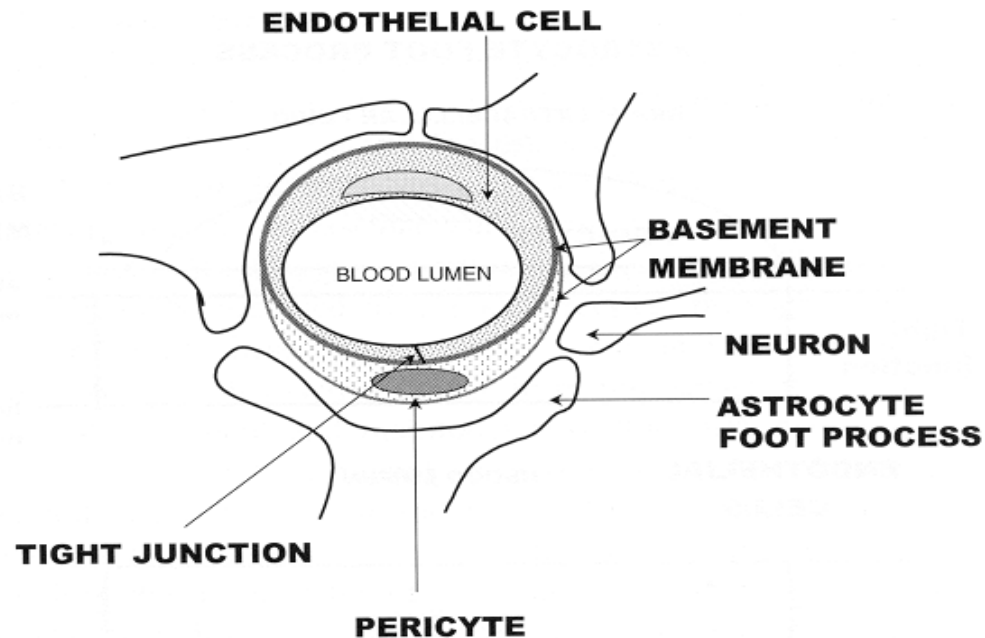
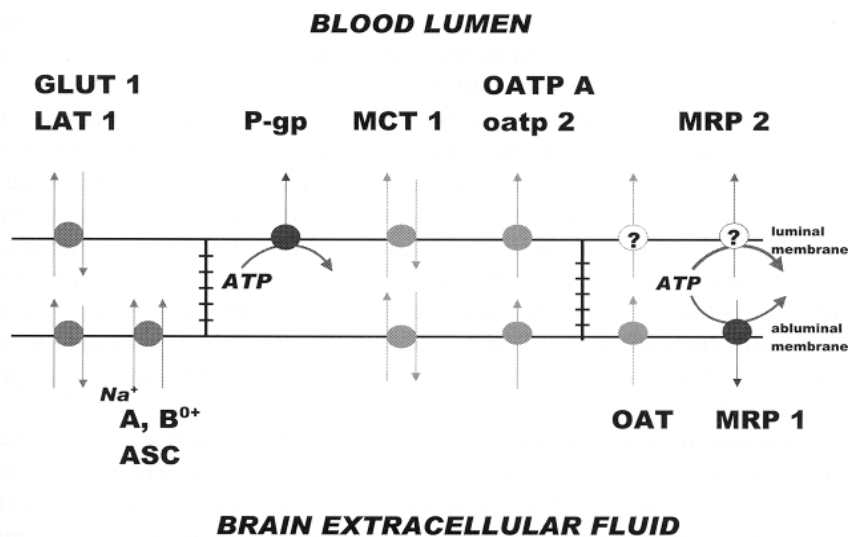


Diagram showing a transverse cross-section of a cerebral capillary. The endothelial cells, responsible for the main barrier properties of the blood-brain barrier, are separated from the astrocytes foot processes, pericytes and occasional neurons by the basement membrane. All these components make up the BBB.

# DISTRIBUTION

## *blood-brain barrier (BBB)*



GLUT: glucose transporter

LAT: large neutral amino acid transporter

MCT: monocarboxylic acid transporter

OATP: organic anion transport protein

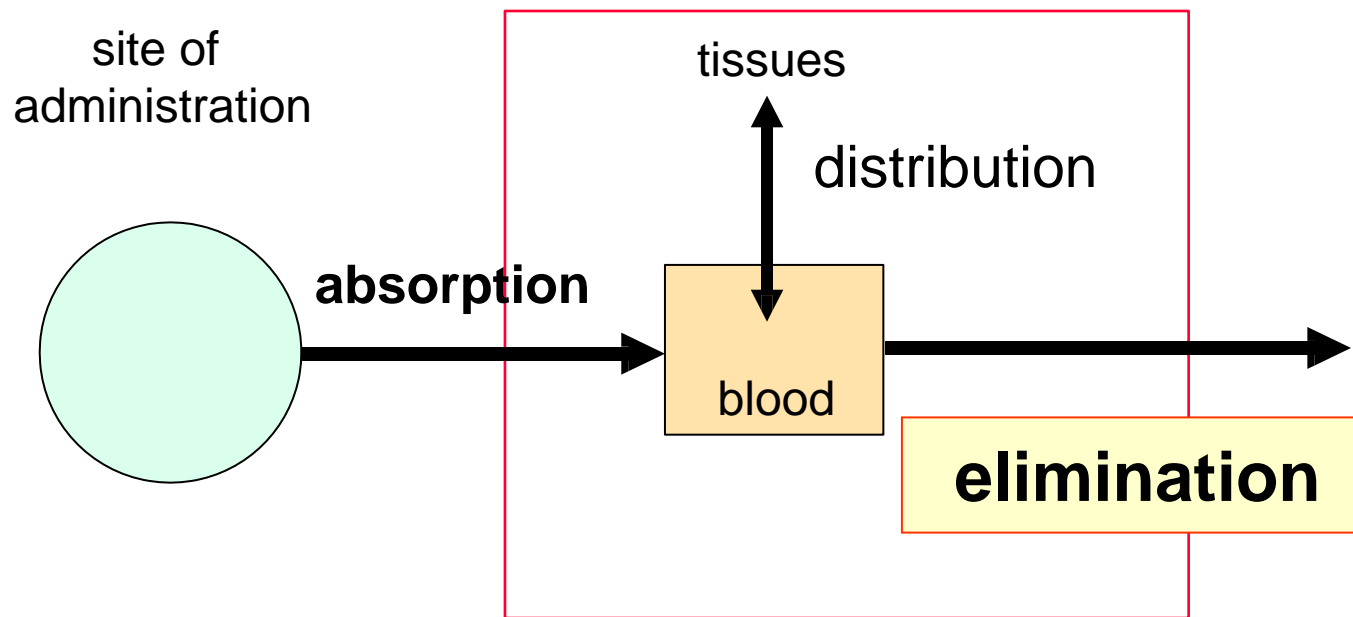
OAT: organic anion transporter

MRP: multidrug resistance associated protein

P-gp: permeability glycoprotein

Diagram showing some of the nutrient and drug transport processes associated with the brain capillary endothelial cells from the BBB. Note that transport may be unidirectional or bidirectional.

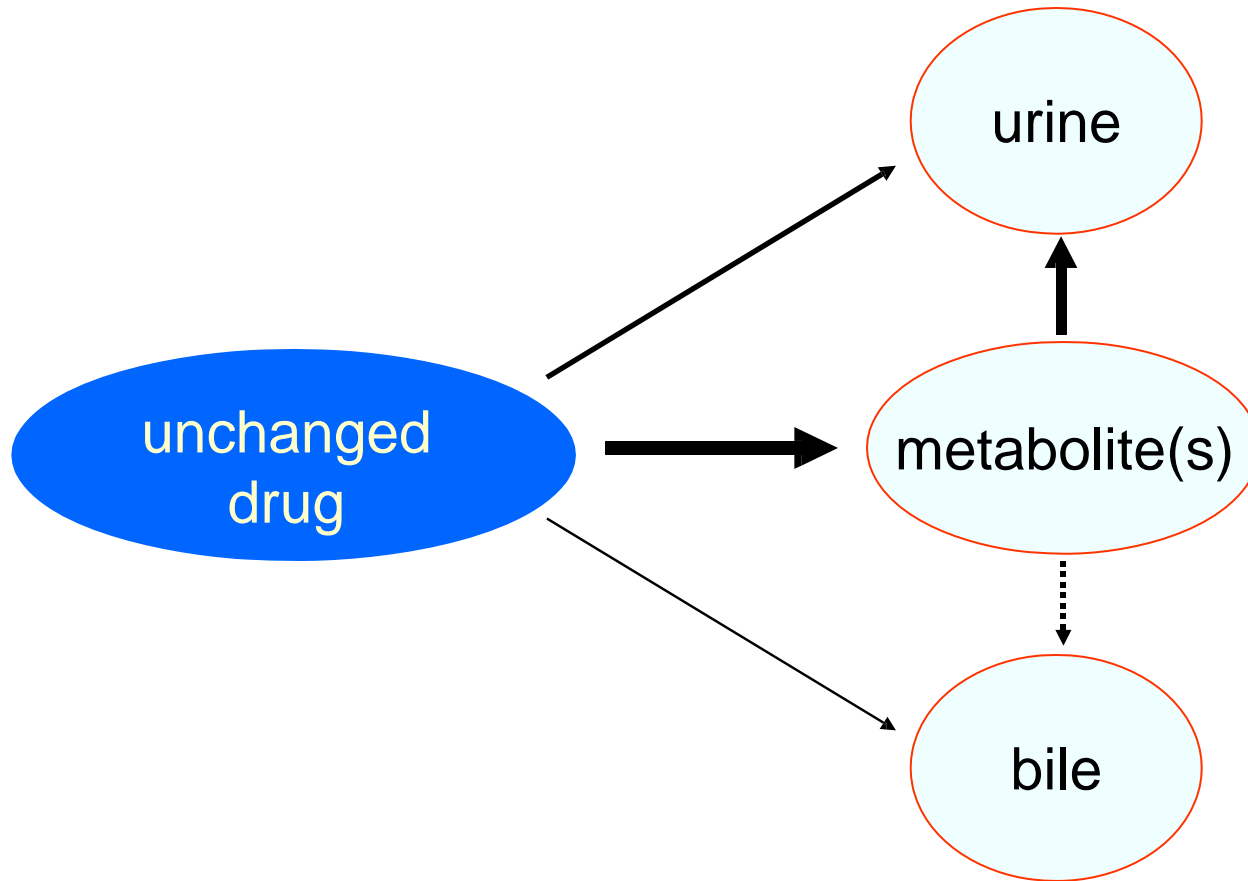
# Distribution



# ELIMINATION

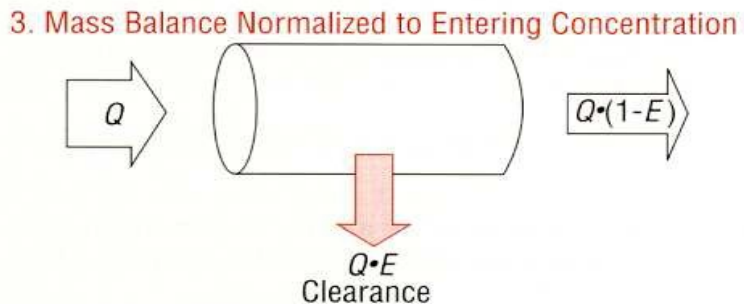
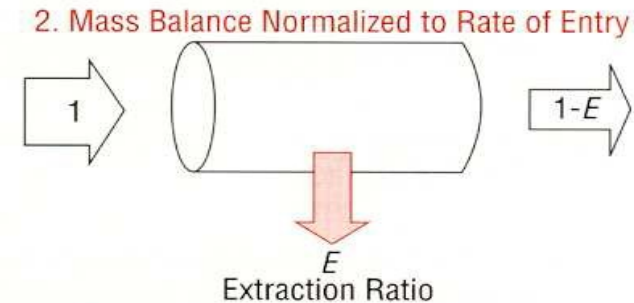
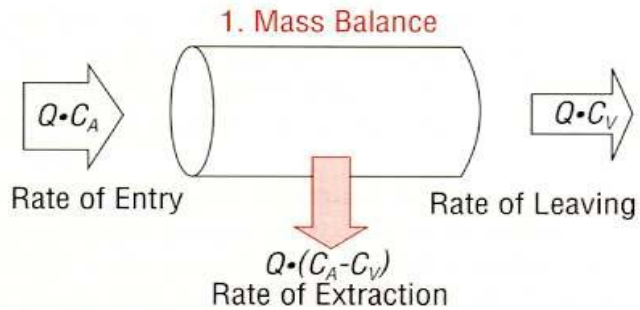
- elimination is the irreversible loss of drug from the site of measurement (circulation)
- elimination occurs by two processes, **metabolism** and **excretion**
- metabolism is the conversion of one chemical species to another
- excretion is the irreversible loss of chemically unchanged drug and can occur via urine, bile, sweat, saliva, ...

# ELIMINATION



# ELIMINATION

## *organ clearance*



$$CL = \frac{Q \times (C_A - C_V)}{C_A}$$

$$CL = Q \times E = \frac{Q \times fu \times CL_{int}}{Q + fu \times CL_{int}}$$

CL = organ clearance

Q = organ blood flow

E = extraction ratio

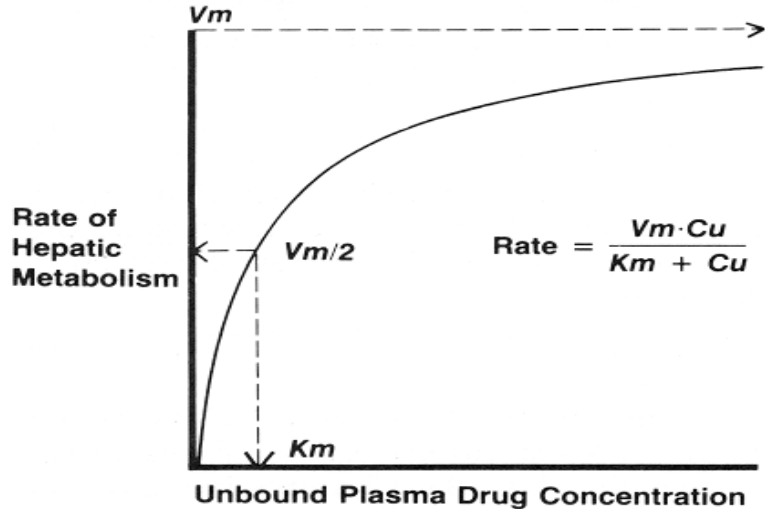
fu = unbound drug

CL<sub>int</sub> = intrinsic clearance

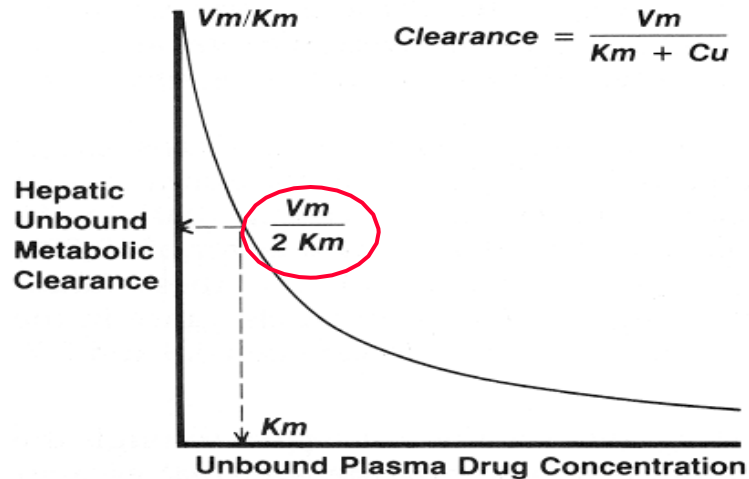


# ELIMINATION

## *saturation and intrinsic clearance*



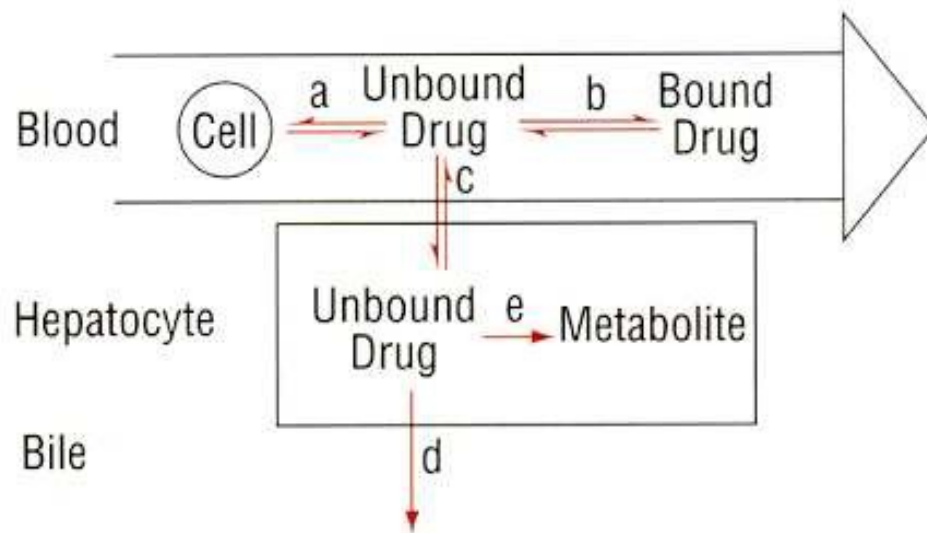
$$CL_u = \frac{V_{\max}}{K_m + C_u}$$



The highest value for (unbound) clearance is found when  $C_u \ll K_m$ . This maximum value is  $V_{\max}/K_m$  and is called *intrinsic clearance*.

# ELIMINATION

## *hepatic clearance and excretion*



Drug in blood is bound to blood cells (process a) and to plasma proteins (process b).

However, it is the unbound drug that diffuses (process c) into the hepatocytes.

Within the hepatocyte, the unbound drug is subject to secretion into bile (process d) or to biotransformation (process e)

# ELIMINATION : *extraction ratio*

		Extraction Ratio		
		Low ( $<0.3$ )	Intermediate ( $0.3-0.7$ )	High ( $>0.7$ )
Hepatic <sup>a</sup> extraction	Carbamazepine		Aspirin	Alprenolol
	Diazepam		Quinidine	Arabinosyl-cytosine
	Digitoxin		Codeine	Desipramine
	Indomethacin		Nortriptyline	Doxepin
	Phenobarbital			Isoproterenol
	Phenytoin			Lidocaine
	Procainamide			Meperidine
	Salicylic Acid			Morphine
	Theophylline			Nitroglycerin
	Tolbutamide			Pentazocine
	Valproic Acid			Propoxyphene
	Warfarin			Propranolol
	Renal <sup>a</sup> extraction	Atenolol		Cimetidine
Cefazolin			Cephalothin	Hippurates
Chlorpropamide			Procainamide	(Some) Penicillins
Digoxin			(Some) Penicillins	(Many) Sulfates
Furosemide				
Gentamicin				
Lithium				
Phenobarbital				
Sulfisoxazole				
Tetracycline				

<sup>a</sup>At least 30 percent of the drug is eliminated by this route.

# ELIMINATION

## *clearance*

- drug clearance can be described in terms of the eliminating organ (hepatic, renal, pulmonary, ...), the elimination process (metabolic, excretory) or the site of measurement (blood, plasma, serum)
- the total body clearance is the sum of the clearances by each of the eliminating organs
- for practical purposes, the total body clearance of a drug can be considered as the sum of its renal and nonrenal clearances; the nonrenal clearance is most often hepatic

# ELIMINATION

*systemic clearance*

$$CL_{iv} = CL_R + CL_{NR}$$

$$CL_{iv} = \frac{DOSE_{iv}}{AUC_{0-\infty}}$$

$$CL_R = \frac{A_u^{0-\infty}}{AUC_{0-\infty}}$$

$CL_{NR}$  is for most  
drugs hepatic  
metabolic clearance

$$CL_R = fe \times CL_{iv}$$

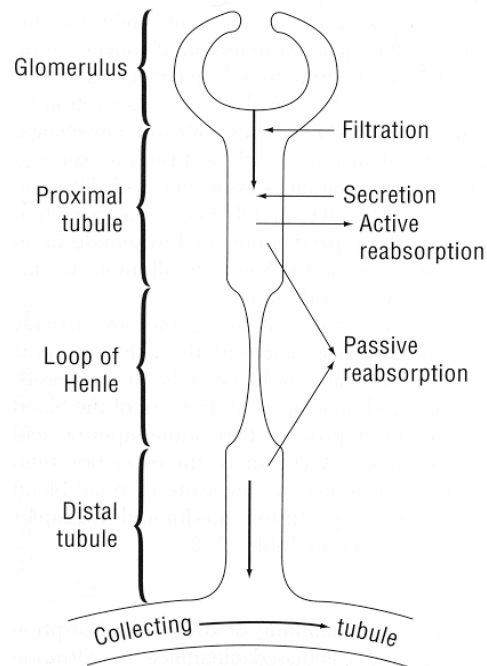
# ELIMINATION

## *biliary excretion*

1. Bile flow is relatively steady at 0.5 – 0.8 ml/min.
2. Bile is not a product of filtration but rather of secretion: transporters.
3. Molecules with relatively high MW are more likely to be excreted into bile.
4. Biliary excretion of a molecule may be followed by reabsorption from the small intestine: enterohepatic cycling

# ELIMINATION

## *renal excretion*



- glomerular filtration
- tubular secretion
- tubular reabsorption

renal excretion = filtration + secretion - reabsorption

# RENAL EXCRETION

## *glomerular filtration*

- glomerular filtration rate (GFR) = 120 ml/min
- only unbound drug in plasma can be filtered

⇒  $CL_{\text{filtration}} = \text{GFR} \times f_u$  (where  $f_u$  is the % unbound)

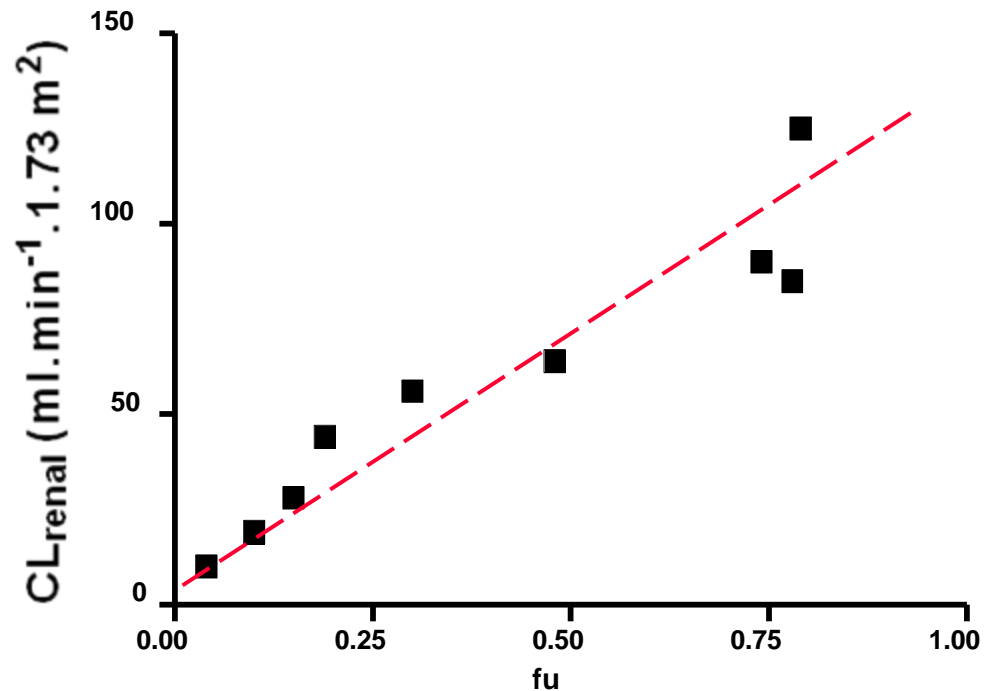
creatinine clearance serves as a reference value



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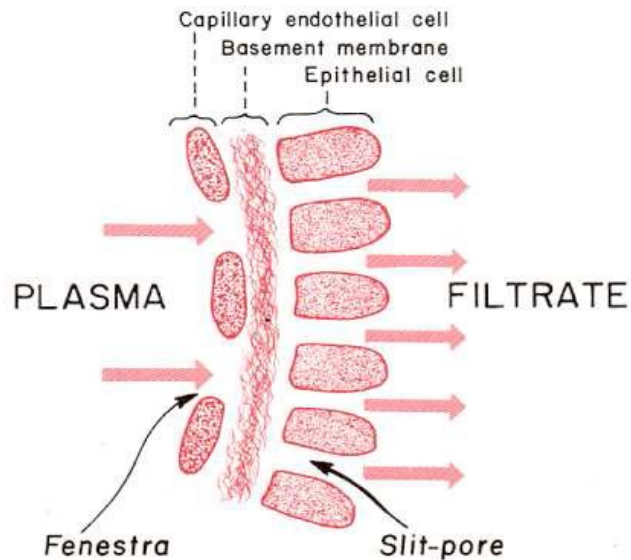
*glomerular filtration: importance of protein binding*

drug	fu	CL <sub>renal</sub> ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
Ceftriaxone	0.04	10
Cefoperazone	0.10	19
Cefotetan	0.15	28
Ceforanide	0.19	44
Cefazolin	0.30	56
Moxalactam	0.48	64
Cefsulodin	0.74	90
Ceftazidime	0.78	85
cefaloridine	0.79	125



# RENAL EXCRETION

## *glomerular filtration: importance of the molecule size*



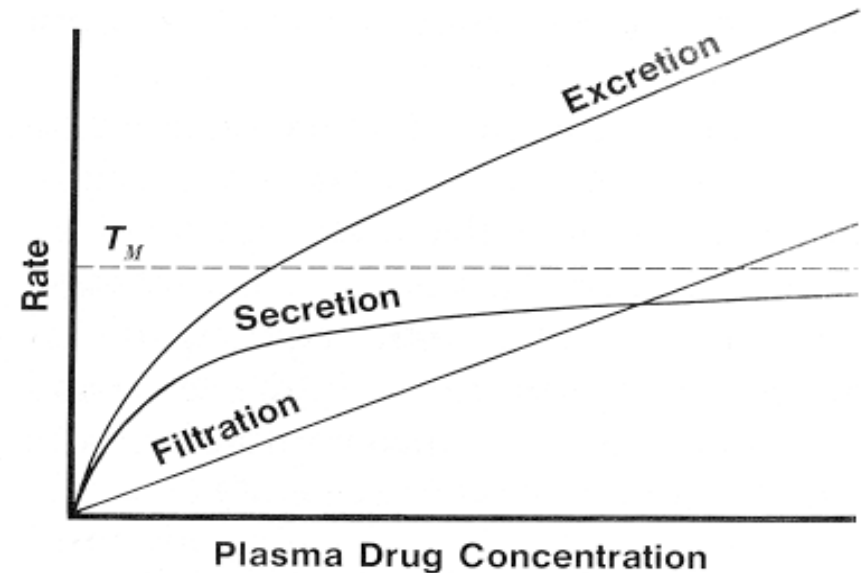
- the basement membrane prevents the filtration of most substances with a MW equal to or greater than the plasma proteins
- low molecular weight proteins are substantially filtered in the glomerulus and are metabolized in the proximal tubule

<u>protein</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>filtrate/plasma</u>
insulin	6 000	0.89
myoglobin	16 900	0.75
superoxide dismutase	32 000	0.33
albumin	69 000	0.001

# ELIMINATION

## *tubular secretion*

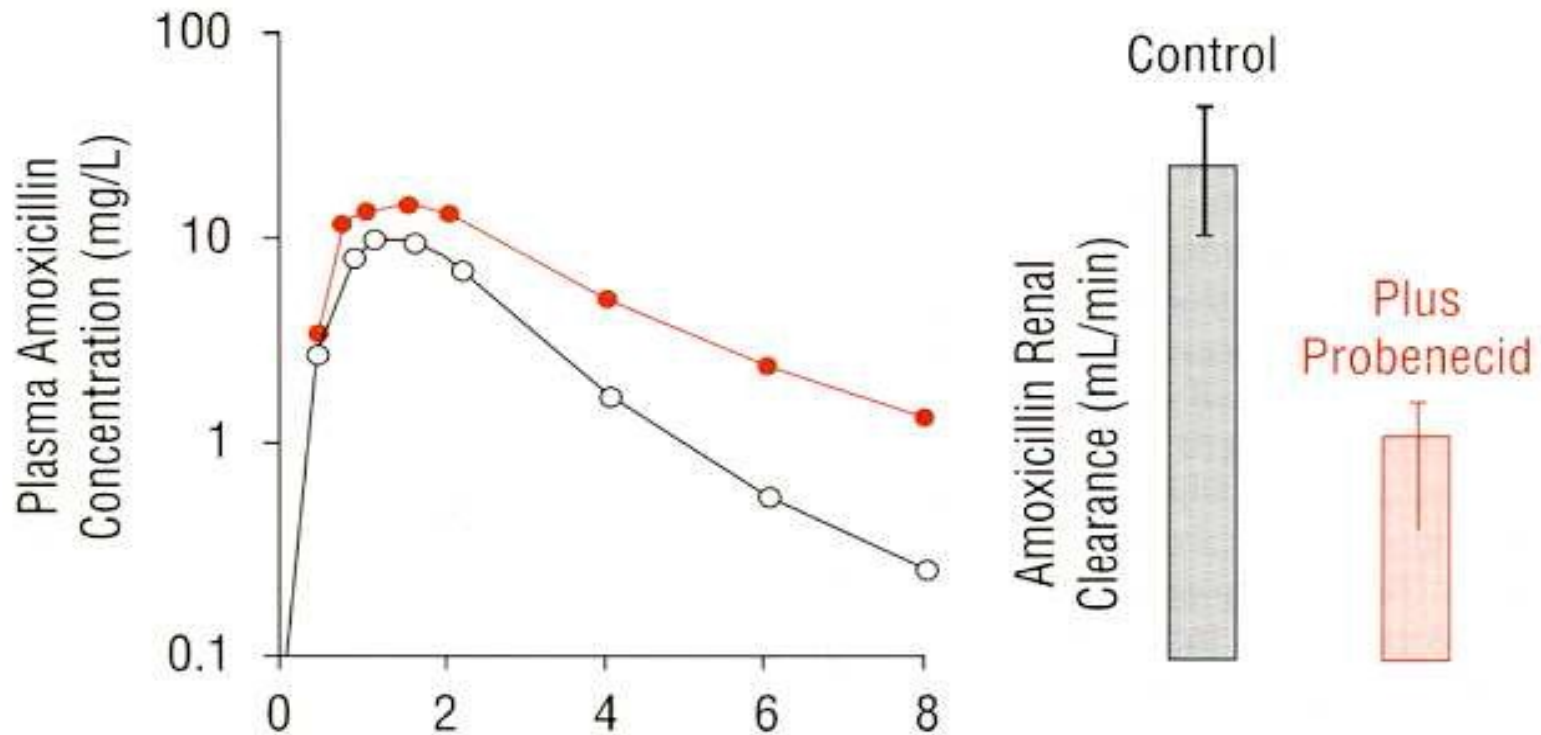
- tubular secretion is an active process involving specific transport proteins
- active transport is specific (competition between 2 or more substrates is possible) and saturable (Michaelis-Menten kinetics)



$$\text{secretion rate} = \frac{T_{\max} \times C_u}{K_d + C_u}$$

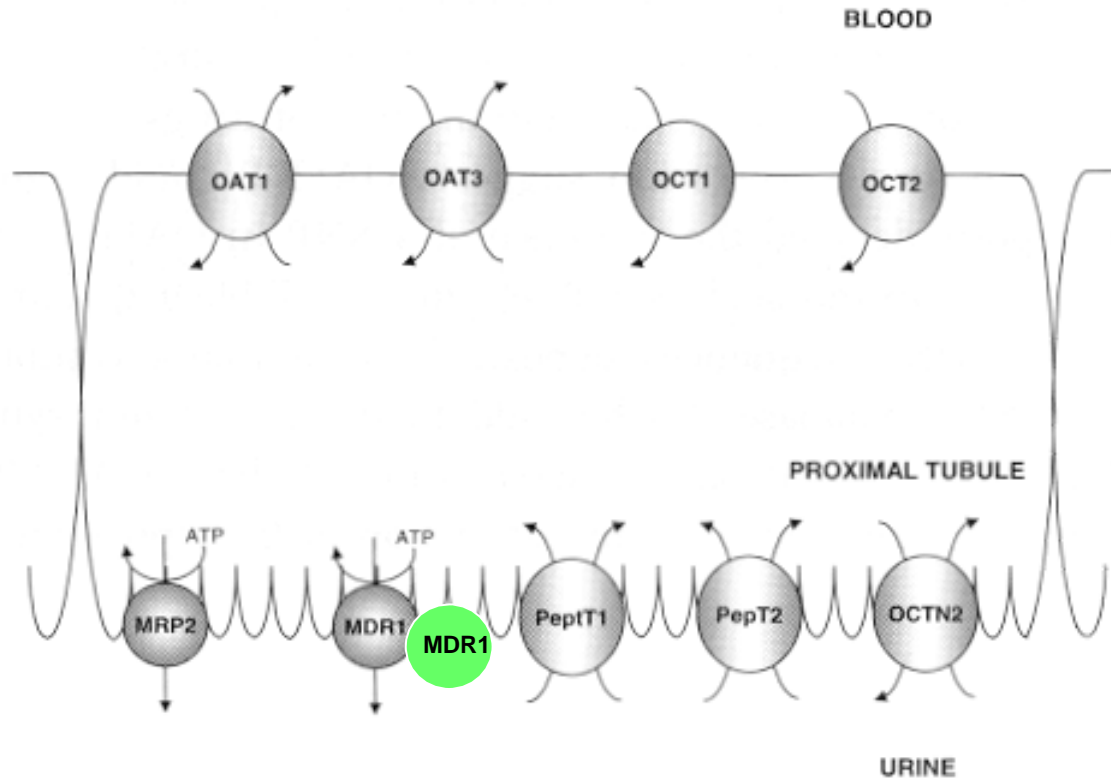
# ELIMINATION *and tubular secretion*

amoxicillin-probenecid interaction



# ELIMINATION

## *tubular secretion*



OAT organic anion Ts

OCT organic cation Ts

MDR multidrug  
resistance proteins

MRP multidrug resistance  
related proteins

PepT peptide transporters

OCTN novel organic  
cation transporters

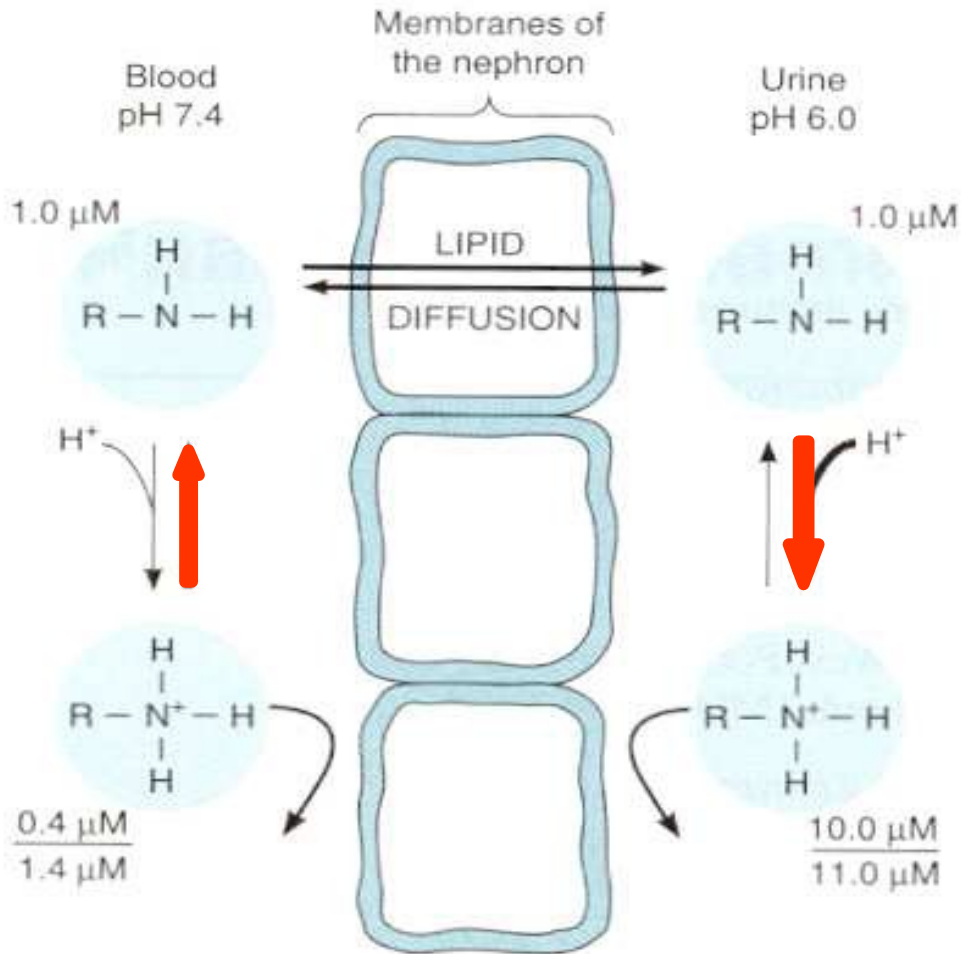
# ELIMINATION

## *tubular reabsorption*

- tubular reabsorption of drugs is a passive process occurring mainly in the distal renal tubule
- it depends on the gradient between the concentration of drug in the filtrate present in the tubular lumen and in the surrounding blood
- since only unionized drug molecules can pass across biological membranes, the degree of ionization of the drug at the pH of the fluid ('urine') in the distal tubular lumen together with the pKa of the drug will determine its reabsorption

# ELIMINATION

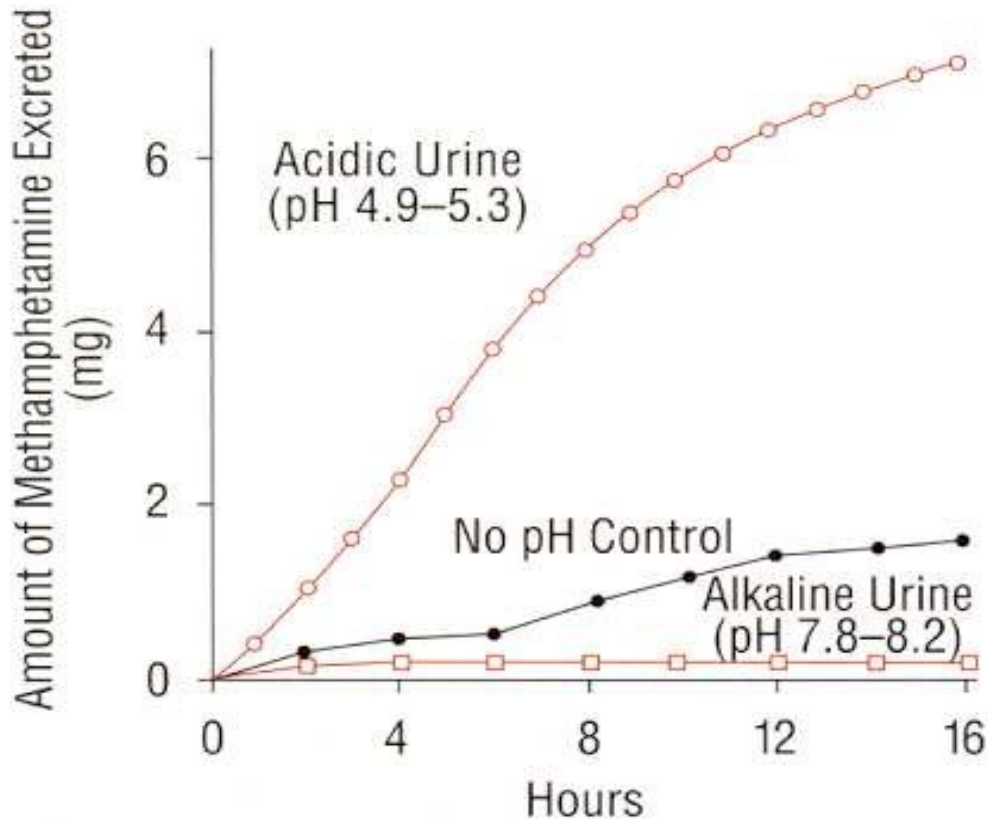
## *tubular reabsorption*



A weak base ( $\text{pK}_a = 7.0$ ) will be more ionized at the lower pH and therefore at pH 6.0 tubular reabsorption will be smaller and renal excretion rate will be higher.

# ELIMINATION

## *tubular reabsorption*



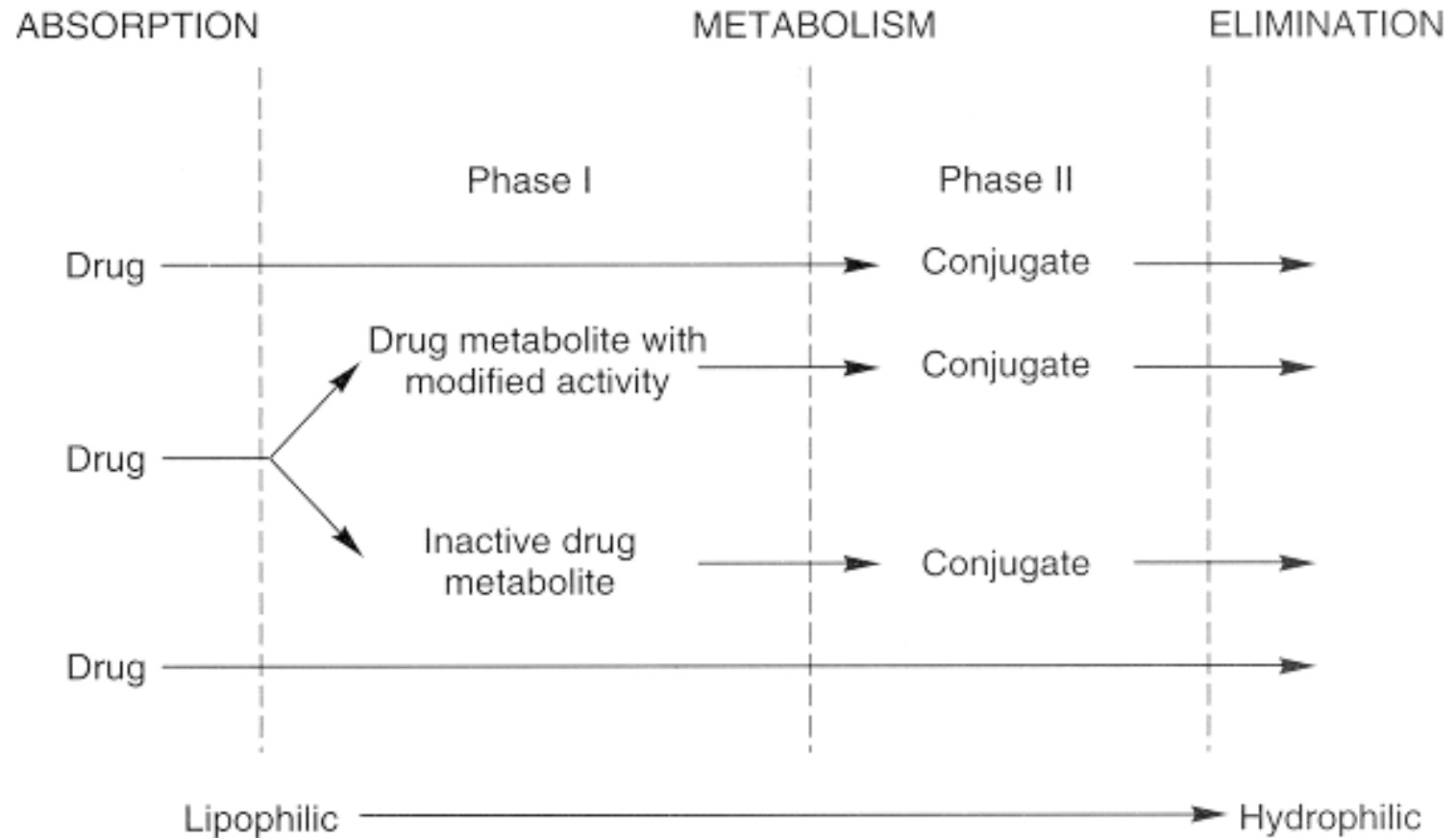
Methamphetamine is a weak base ( $pK_a = 10.0$ ). Its cumulative urinary excretion (oral dose: 11 mg) in man varies with urine pH.

Beckett and Rowland: Urinary excretion kinetics of methylamphetamine in man. Nature 206: 1260-1261, 1965.

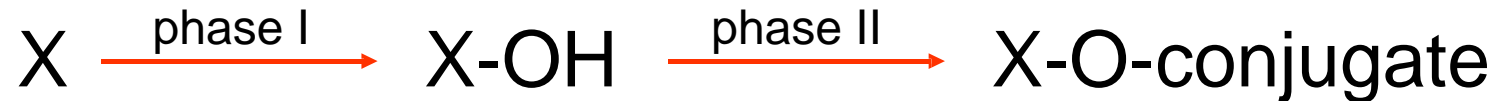


# ELIMINATION

## *metabolism*

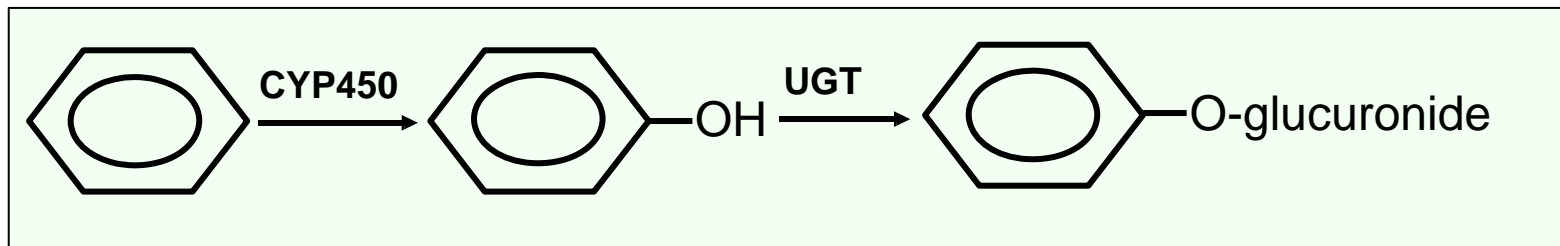


# ELIMINATION *metabolism*



- major elimination mechanism
- leads to inactive and/or active (toxic) metabolites
- generally increases polarity
- major site for drug metabolism: liver

# DRUG METABOLISM



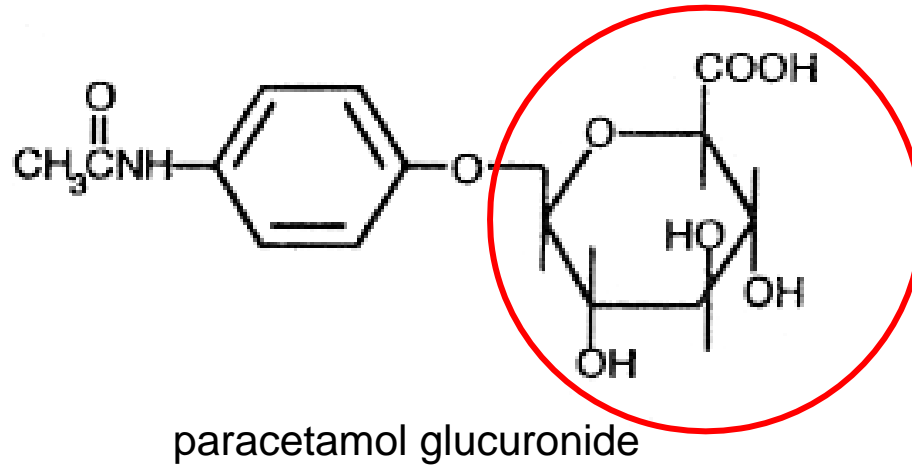
benzene

phenol

phenyl-β-  
glucuronide

phase I/phase II metabolism of benzene

# DRUG METABOLISM

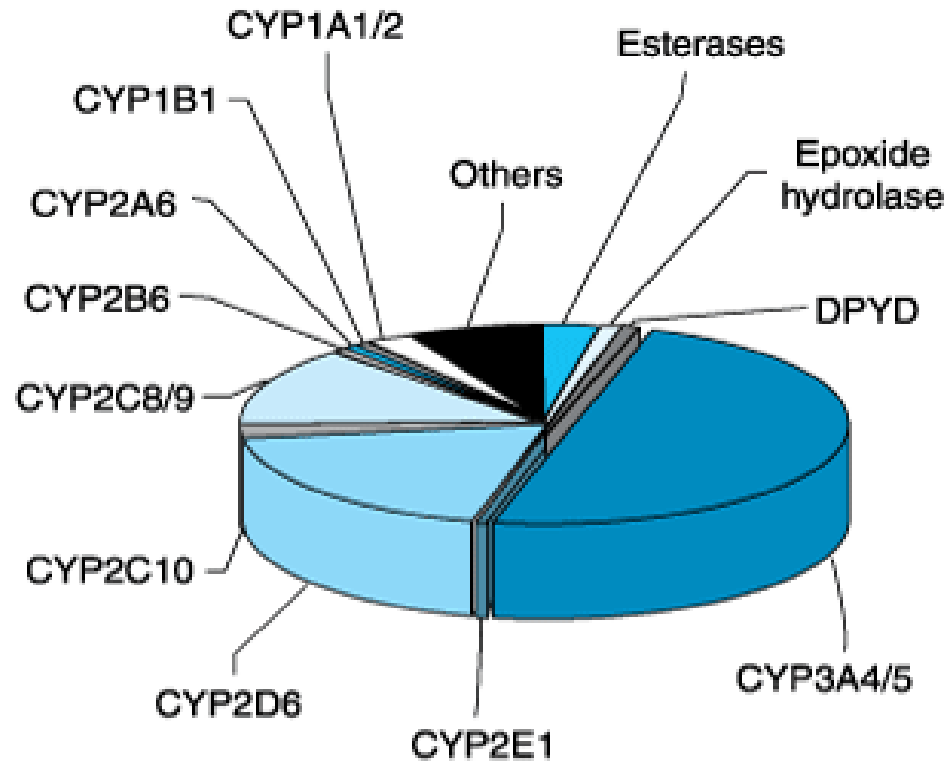


- increased hydrosolubility: pKa 3-4      ⇒ renal excretion
- increased MW: + 176 daltons ⇒ biliary excretion
- in most cases inactive/nontoxic

# ELIMINATION

*phase I metabolism*

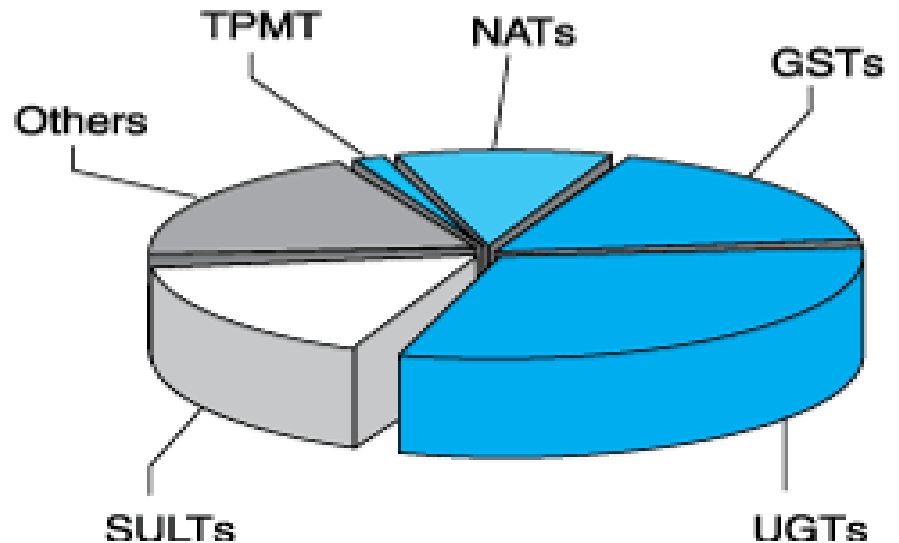
oxidation  
reduction  
hydrolysis



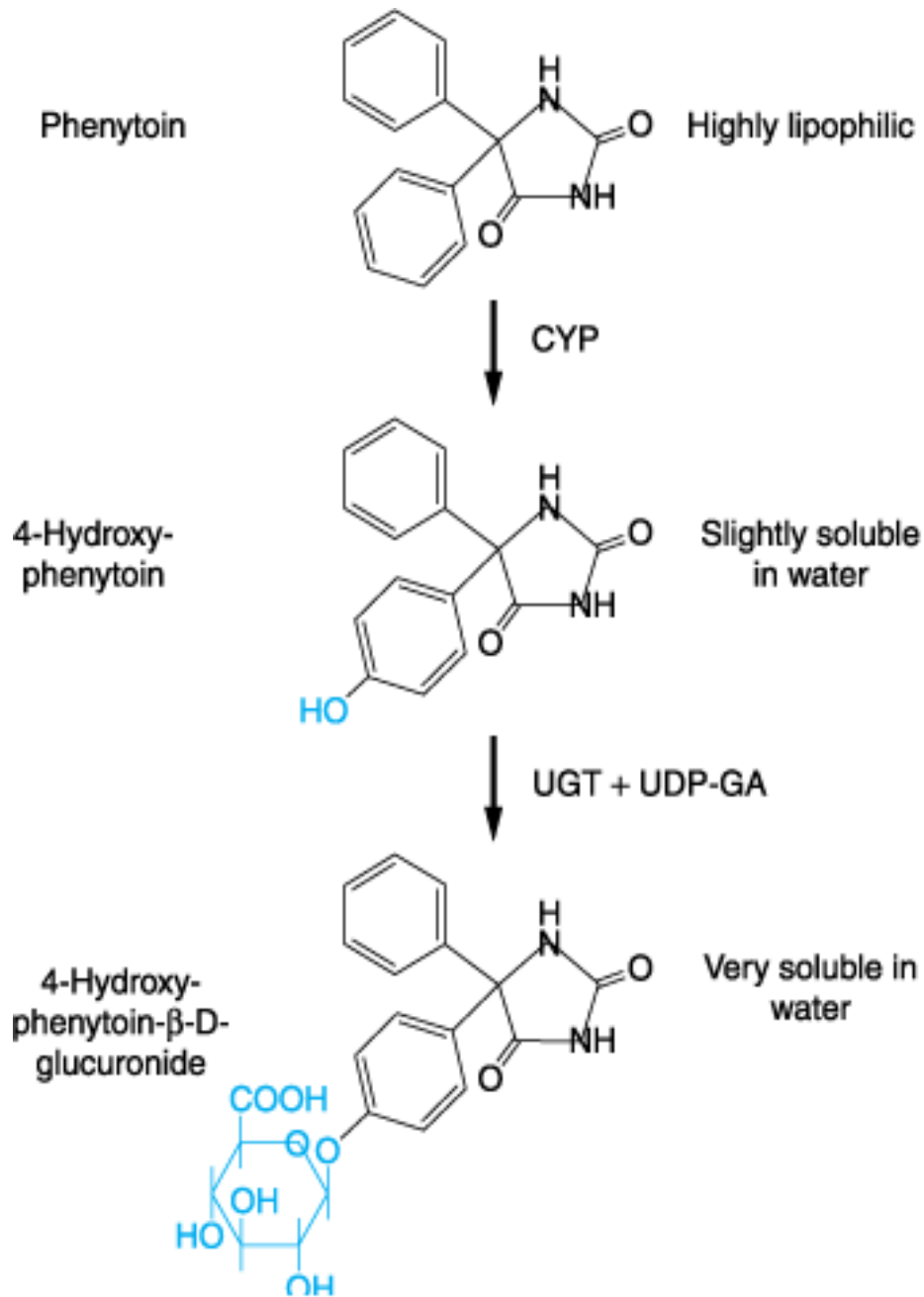
# ELIMINATION

## *phase II metabolism*

- glucuronidation (UGTs)
- sulfation (SULTs)
- acetylation (NATs)
- glutathione conjugation (GSTs)
- methylation (TPMT)
- others



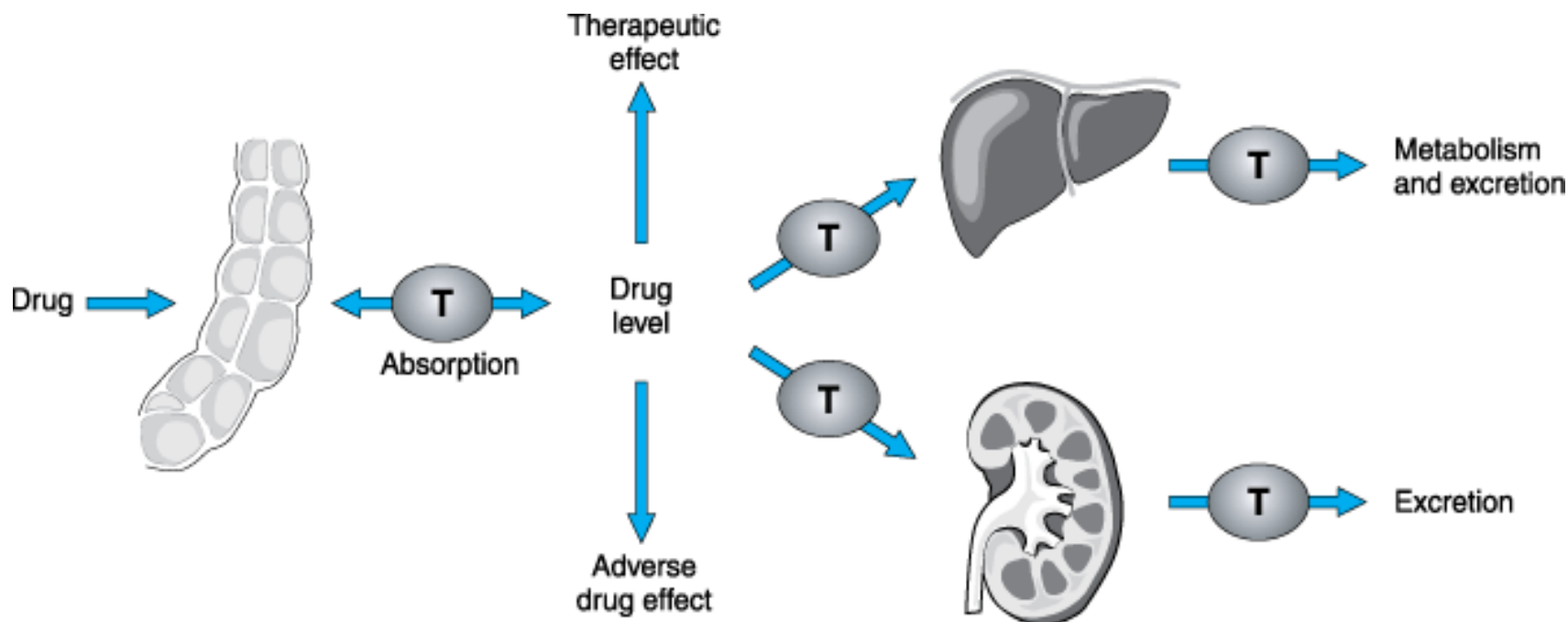
# ELIMINATION *metabolism*



from lipophilic  
to hydrophilic

# ELIMINATION

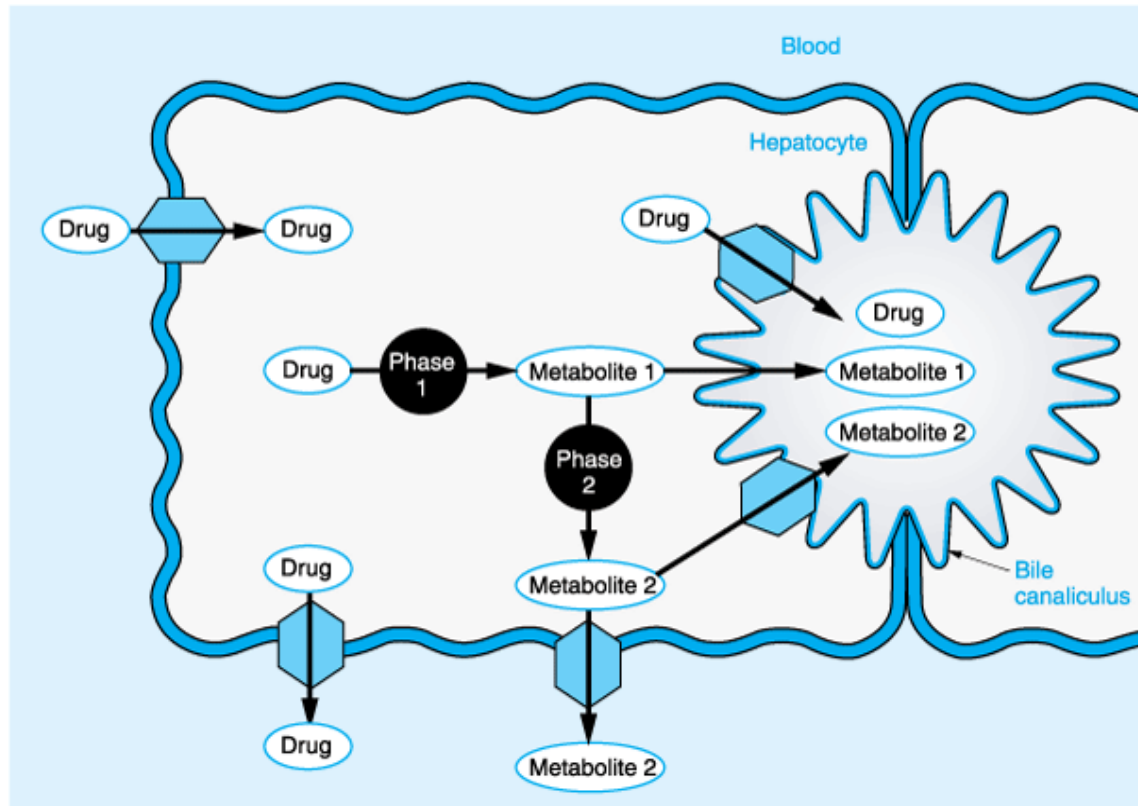
## *metabolism and transporters*



Membrane transporters (T) play roles in pharmacokinetic pathways (drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion), thereby setting systemic drug levels. Drug levels often drive therapeutic and adverse drug effects.



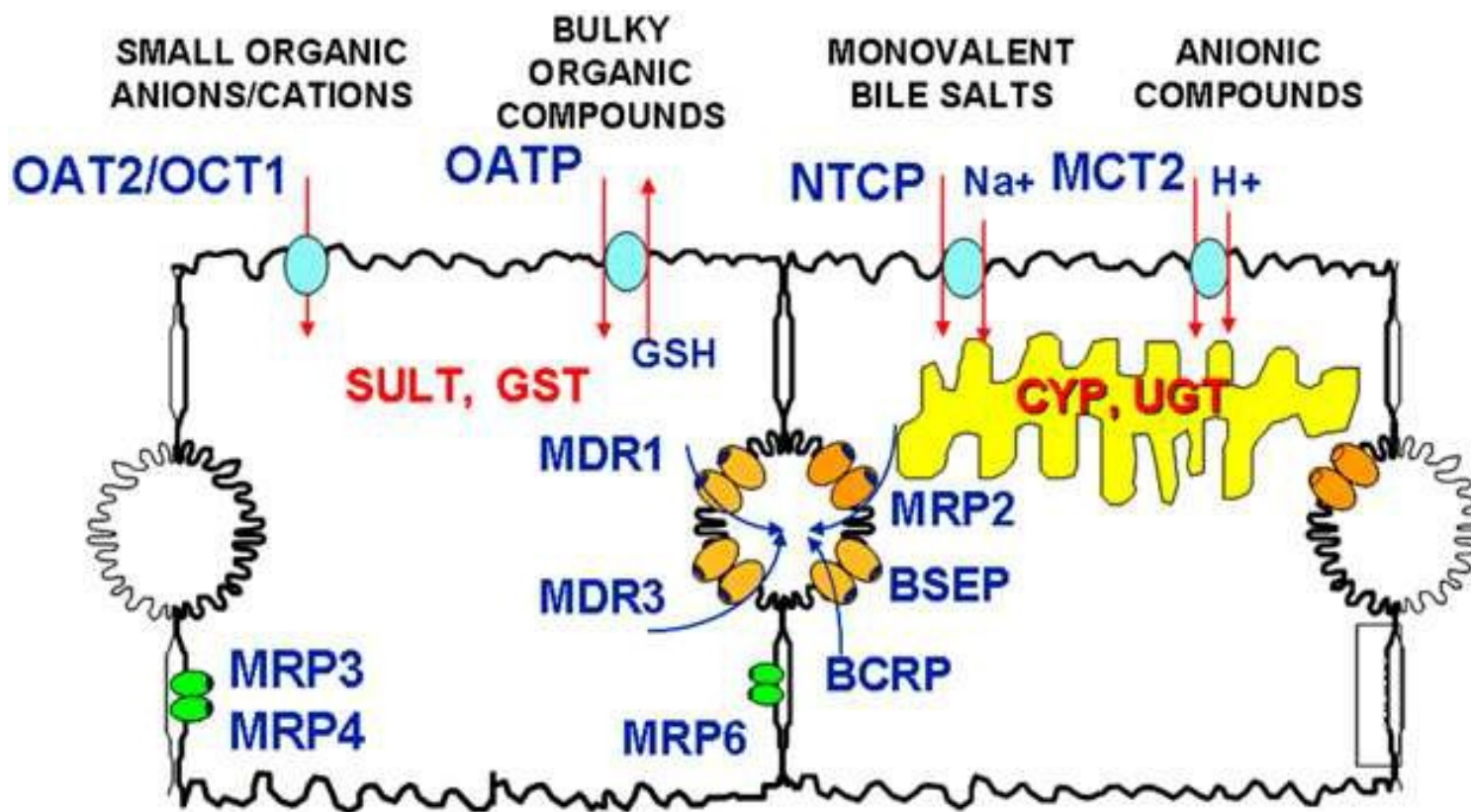
# MEMBRANE TRANSPORTERS



Membrane transporters, shown as hexagons with arrows, work in concert with phase 1 and phase 2 drug-metabolizing enzymes in the hepatocyte to mediate the uptake and efflux of drugs and their metabolites.

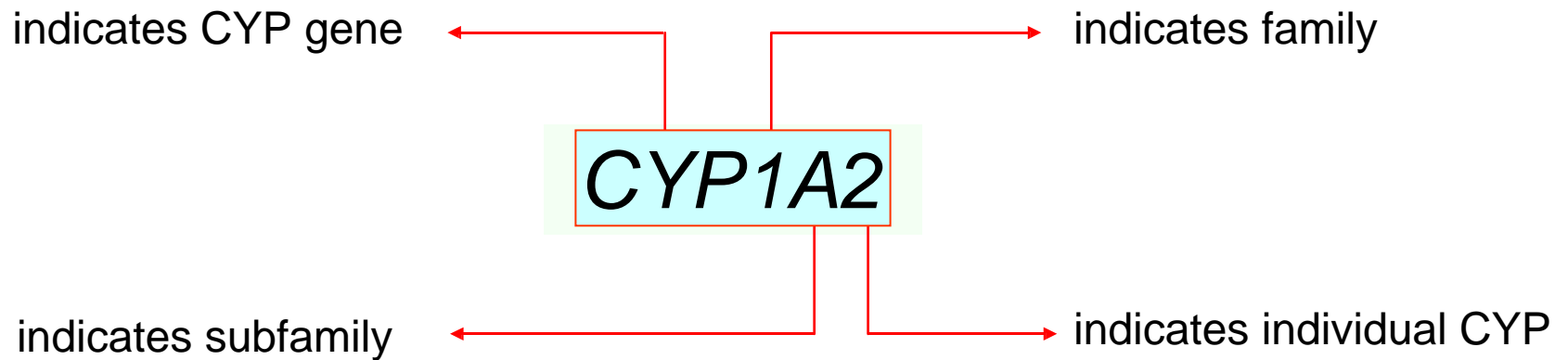
# ELIMINATION

## *metabolism and transporters*



Schematic diagram of transport and metabolism of drugs in the hepatocyte that shows influx transporters, such as OATP, NTCP, OAT2, OCT1, and MCT2 at the sinusoidal membrane, and efflux transporters such as MRP3, MRP4, and MRP6 at the basolateral membrane, and efflux transporters, such as Pgp or MDR1, MDR3, MRP2, BSEP, BCRP at the canalicular membrane. The enzymes, such as CYP, UGT, SULT, and GST are present to mediate intracellular metabolism.

# cytochrome P450 *nomenclature*



- CYP450 enzymes within a family are  $\geq 40\%$  identical
- CYPs within a subfamily are  $\geq 60\%$  identical

# CYTOCHROME P450 SUPERFAMILY

Family	Subfamilies	No. of enzymes	Best-described substrates
1	A, B	3	Drugs/xenobiotics
2	A, B, C, D, E, F, J	12	Drugs/xenobiotics
3	A	3	Drugs/xenobiotics
4	A, B, F	4	Fatty acids/leukotrienes
5	A	1	Thromboxane
7	A	1	Cholesterol
8	—	1	Prostacyclin
11	A, B	3	Steroids
17	A	1	Steroids
19	—	1	Estrogen
21	A, B	2	Steroids
24	—	1	Vitamin D/steroids
27	—	1	Vitamin D/steroids
51	—	1	Steroids

only the P450's in families 1, 2 and 3 appear to be responsible for the metabolism of drugs

# DRUG METABOLISM

## *hepatic/extrahepatic*

tissue	1A2	2A6	2C	2D6	2E	3A
hepatic	x	x	x	x	x	x
lung		x	x		x	x
kidney						x
GIT			x	x		x
placenta					x	x
nasal		x				

Clin. Pharmacokinet. 42: 969-984, 2003

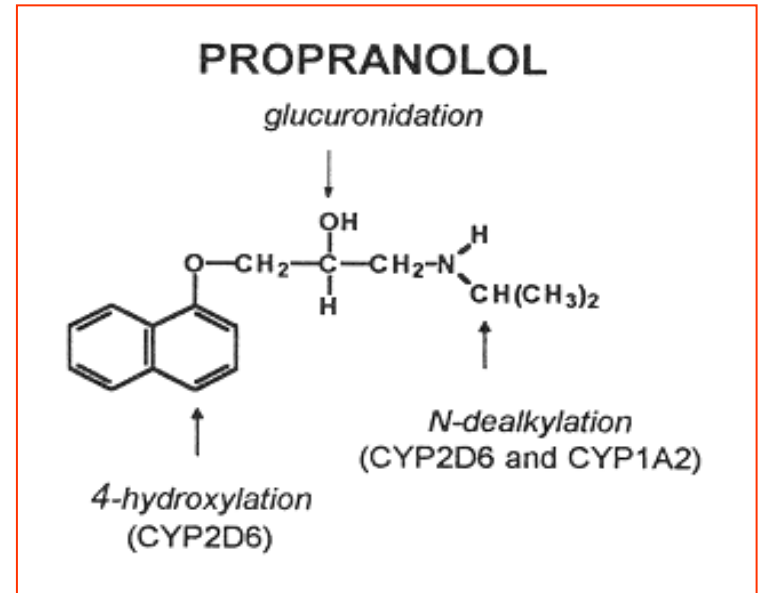
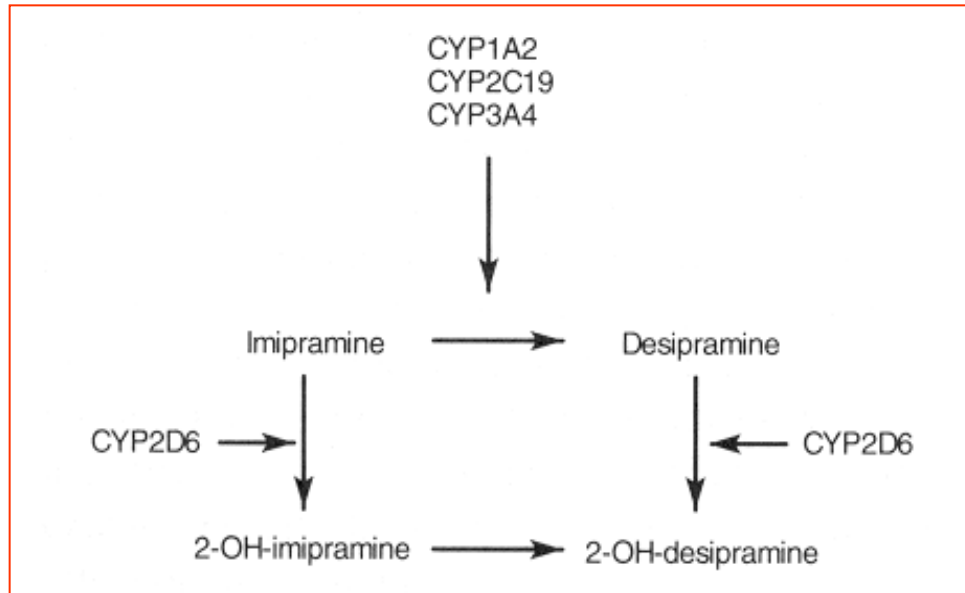
# DRUG METABOLISM

## *CYP450 superfamily*

- classified in families, subfamilies and specific isoenzymes
- broad and overlapping substrate specificity
- tissue distribution: liver, small intestine, kidney, lung, skin, ...
- **high interindividual variability in enzyme activity: genetic and epigenetic factors**
- **many clinically significant CYP450 metabolism-based drug-drug interactions**

# DRUG METABOLISM

## *CYP450 superfamily*



- two or more CYP450 enzymes can contribute to the metabolism of a single compound (broad substrate specificity)
- it is also possible for a single pathway to be catalyzed by several CYP450 enzymes

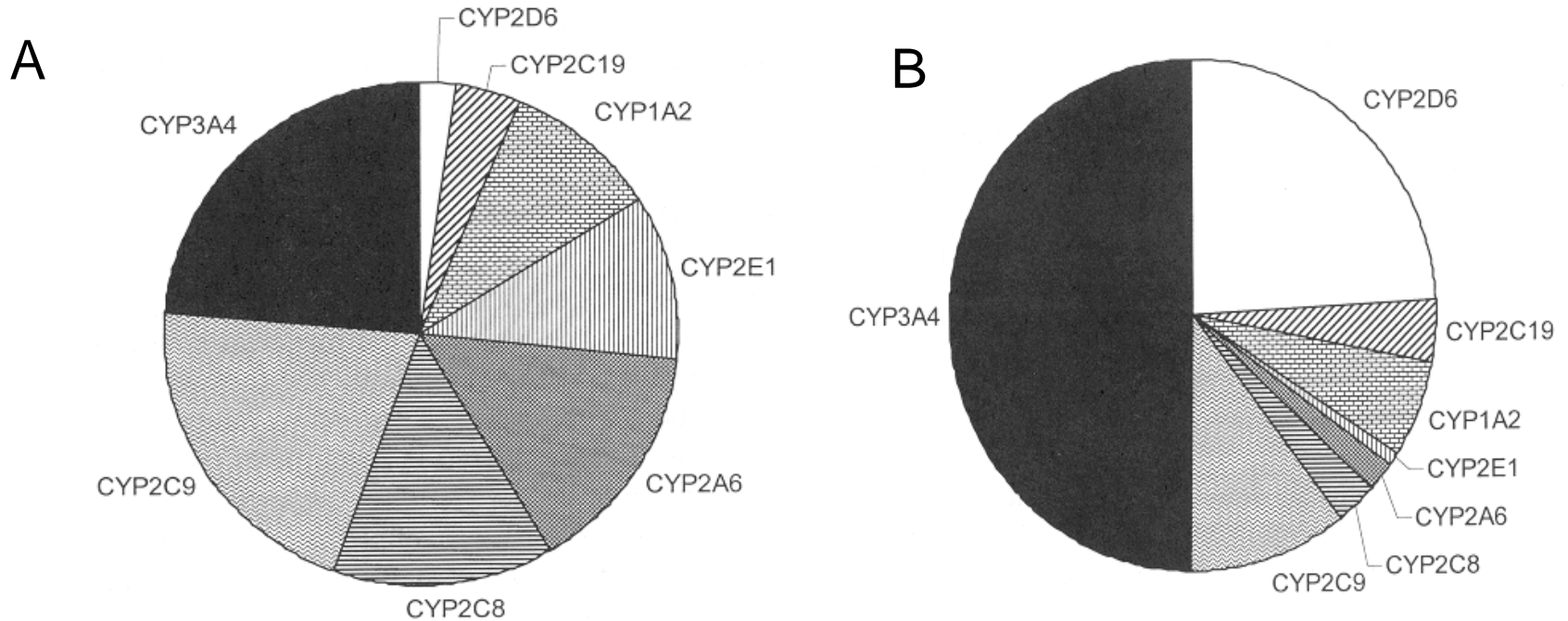
# DRUG METABOLISM

## *CYP450 superfamily*

- CYP1A2 acetaminophen, caffeine, estradiol, theophylline
- CYP2C9 diclofenac, phenytoin, piroxicam, tolbutamide, S-warfarin
- CYP2C19 diazepam, phenytoin, S-mephenytoin, omeprazole, propranolol
- CYP2D6 captopril, codeine, debrisoquine, desipramine, dextromethorphan, metoprolol
- CYP3A4 acetaminophen, cyclosporin, diazepam, erythromycin, lidocaine, midazolam, nifedipine, quinidine, tacrolimus, verapamil, warfarin



# DRUG METABOLISM

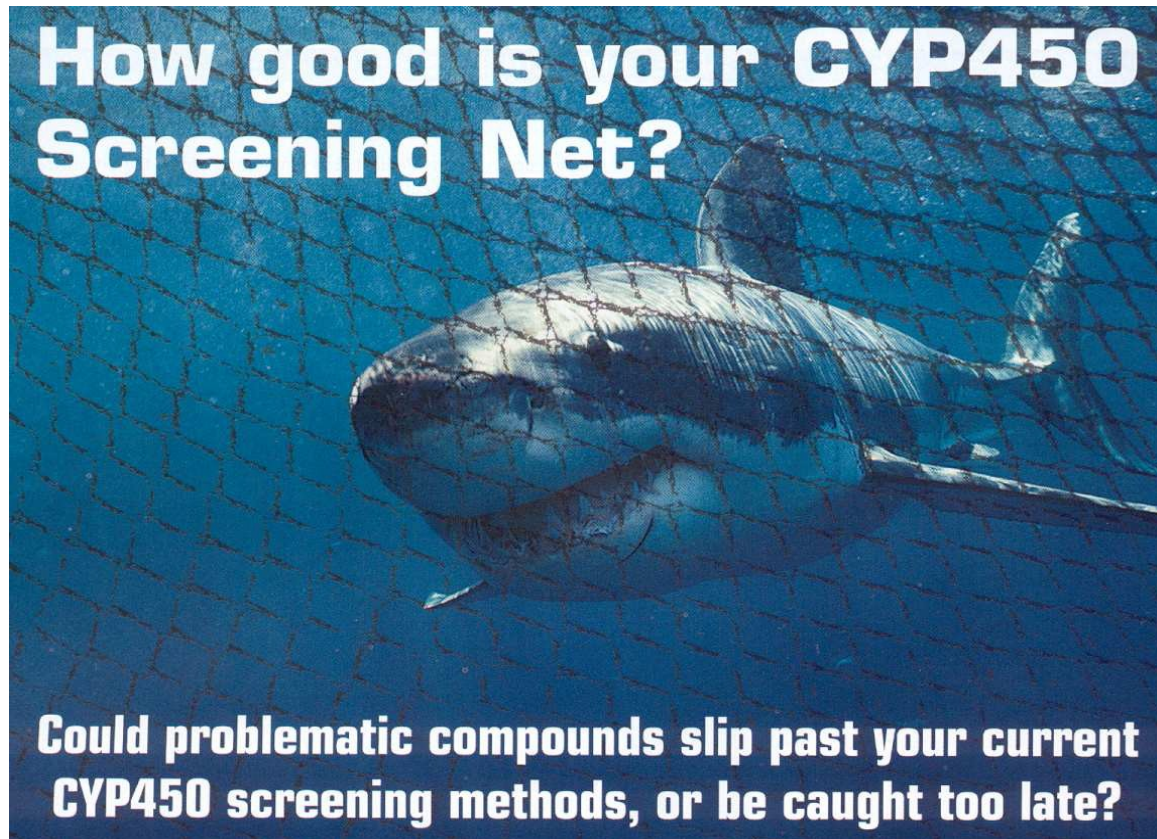


A: relative hepatic abundance of the major cytochrome P450's in man

B: relative significance of the major hepatic CYP450's in the P450 mediated clearance of drugs marketed in the USA and/or Europe

DRUG-DRUG INTERACTIONS (A.D. Rodrigues ed.), p. 58, Marcel Dekker Inc., New York, 2002

# IN VITRO METABOLISM



# IN VITRO METABOLISM

- aim: which metabolites are formed? which isoenzyme(s) is (are) involved? what is the activity/toxicity profile of the metabolites?
- in vitro methods
  - animal liver, intestine, kidney, ... human liver, intestine, kidney (biopsies, autopsies, organ donors)
  - subcellular fractions (tissue homogenate, 9000 x g supernatant, microsomes, cytosol)
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découvertes  
souvent  
intéressantes !

# IN VITRO METABOLISM

Which best predicts human drug metabolism?  
A or B

A. ↓  
Cryopreserved Human Hepatocytes

B. ↓  
Rat



Hint: [It's not the rat.]

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*Products (human and animal-derived):*  
• Cryopreserved hepatocytes • Plated hepatocytes • Microsomes & S9  
*Contract Research Services (in vitro):*  
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# METABOLIC DRUG INTERACTIONS

# ENZYME INHIBITION

## *competitive inhibition*

- most CYP450 catalyzed reactions show hyperbolic saturation kinetics (Michaelis-Menten kinetics)
- competitive inhibition is the most common inhibition mechanism
- drug interactions can be predicted from in vitro inhibition studies

# COMPETITIVE INHIBITION

- the binding of the inhibitor prevents binding of substrate to the active site of free enzyme

$$v_0 = \frac{V_{\max} \cdot S}{K_m + S}$$

velocity of the enzymatic reaction  
in the absence of inhibitor

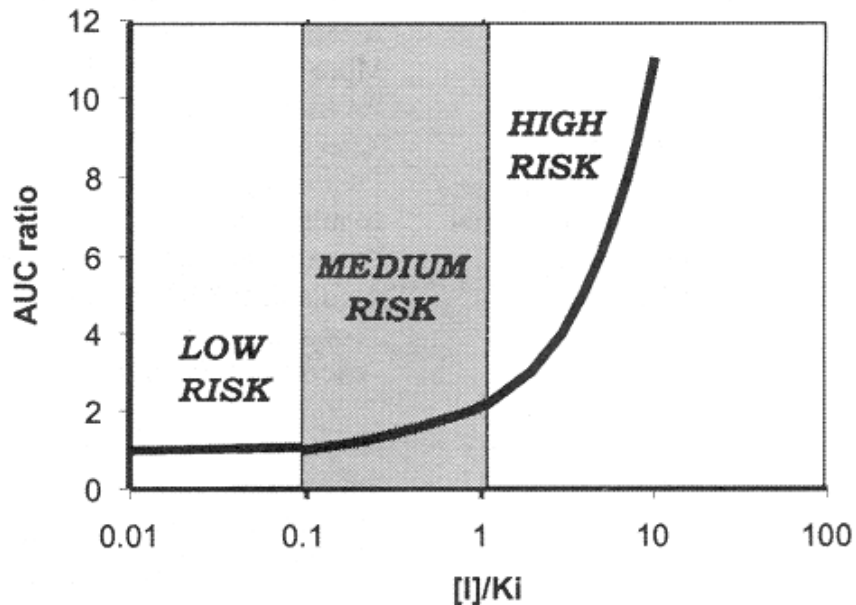
$$v_i = \frac{V_{\max} \cdot S}{K_m \left(1 + \frac{I}{K_i}\right) + S}$$

velocity of the enzymatic reaction  
in the presence of inhibitor I



# IN VITRO/IN VIVO EXTRAPOLATION

$$AUC_i / AUC = 1 + [I]/K_i$$

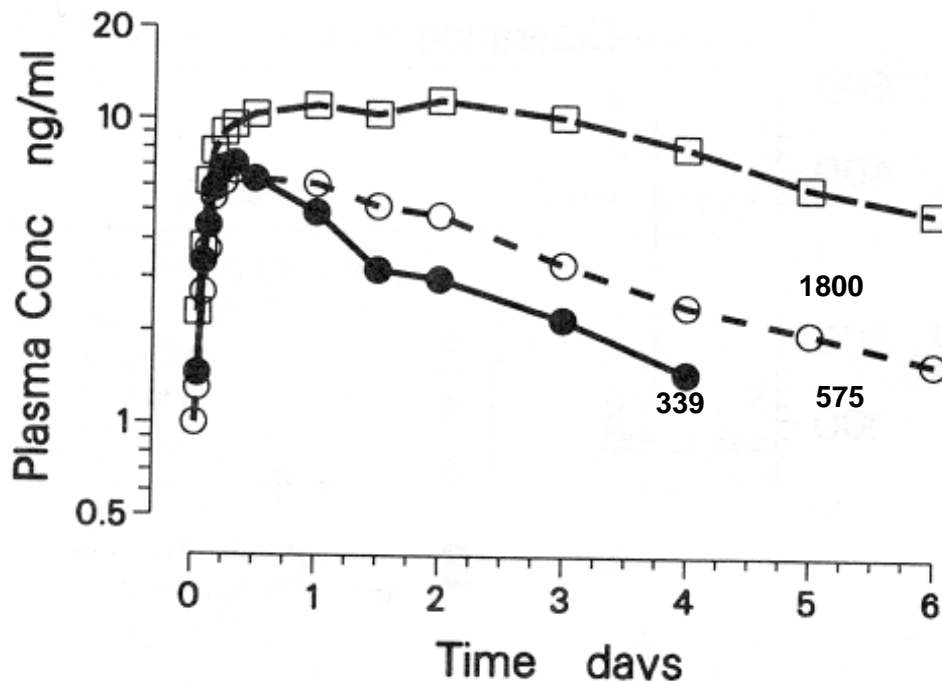


## Prediction of in vivo CYP inhibition

**potential:** a tentative guideline for evaluating risk on the basis of the impact of  $[I]/K_i$  on the change in the AUC of substrate when inhibitor is present (competitive inhibition) is illustrated.

Tucker et al., Clin. Pharmacol. Ther. 70: 103-114, 2001.

## IN VITRO / IN VIVO EXTRAPOLATION



Mean plasma concentration-time profiles in 6 healthy volunteers after a 50 mg desipramine oral dose given alone (●), 3 hours following 60 mg fluoxetine (○), 3 hours following the 8<sup>th</sup> dose of 60 mg fluoxetine given once daily (□). The  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  values (ng.h/ml) are shown on the graph.

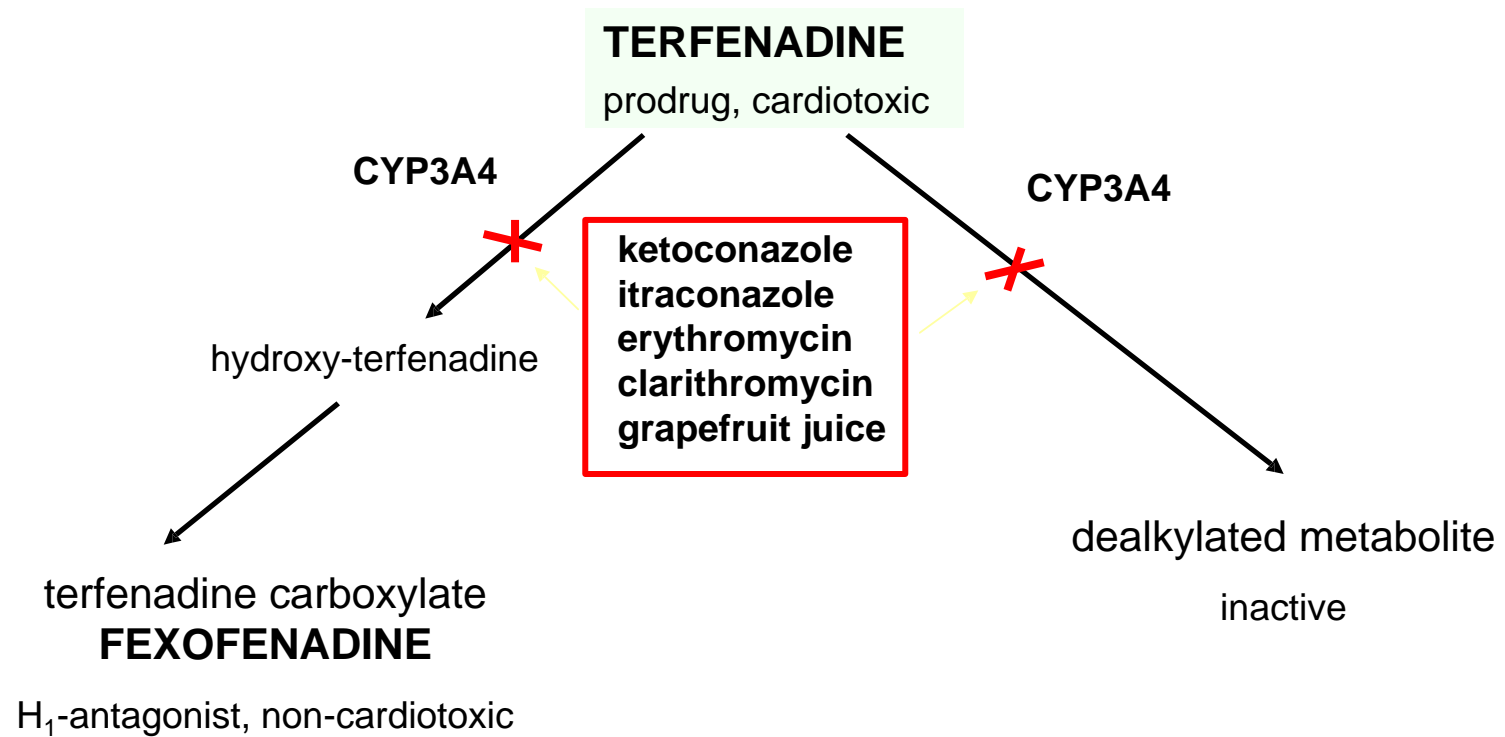
Bergstrom et al., Clin. Pharmacol. Ther. 51: 239-248, 1992.

# DRUG-DRUG INTERACTIONS

- the issue of drug-drug interactions has generated significant concern within the pharmaceutical industry and among regulatory authorities in recent years
- this has arisen with respect to early termination of clinical development (e.g. furafylline, a xanthine derivative and potent inhibitor of CYP1A2), refusal of approval, severe prescribing restrictions and withdrawal from the market (e.g. terfenadine) and threatened litigation
- **It is a major problem with HIV protease inhibitors and antifungals**

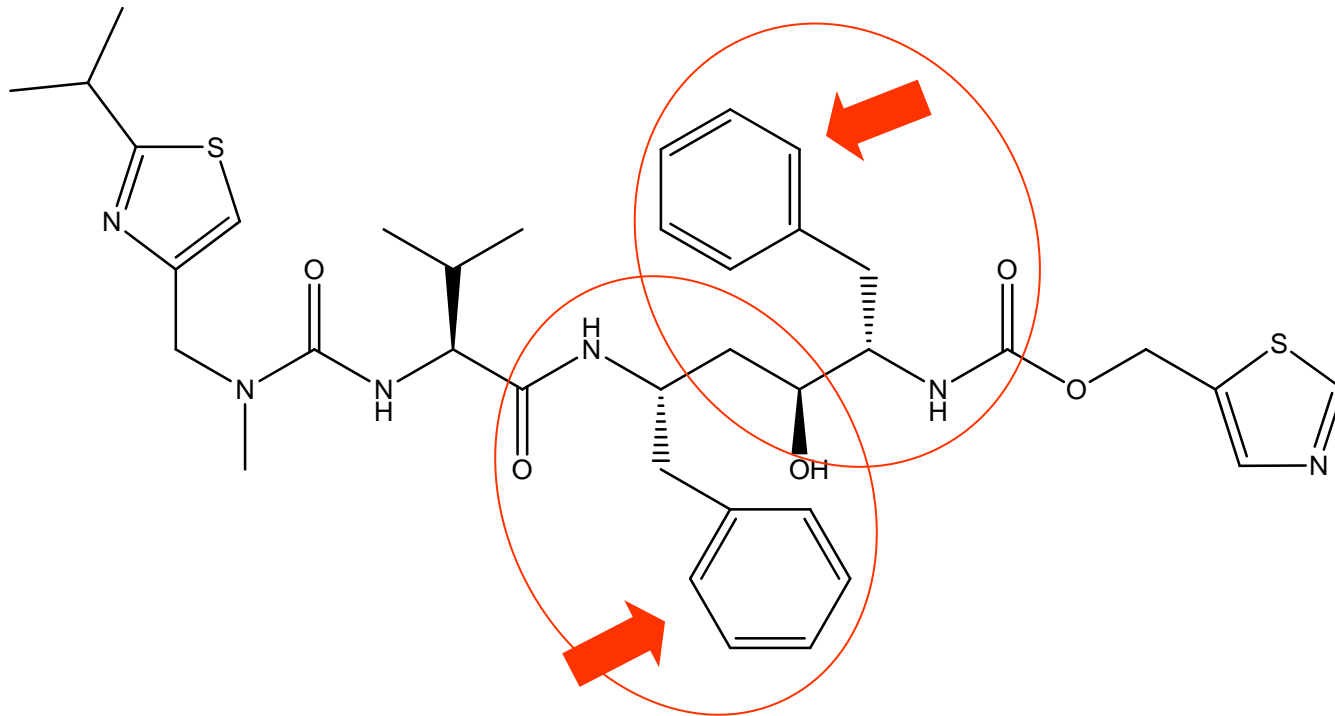
# DRUG INTERACTIONS

## *enzyme inhibition*



# DRUG INTERACTIONS

*enzyme inhibition for protease inhibitors*



ritonavir

# DRUG INTERACTIONS

## *enzyme inhibition for protease inhibitors*

	ATV	DRV	FPV	IDV	LPV	NFV	RTV	SQV	TPV
<b>Antiarrhythmics</b>									
Amiodarone	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bepidil	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	●
Disopyramide	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	●	■
Flecainide	○	■	●	●	○	◆	●	●	●
Lidocaine (Lignocaine)	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	●	■
Mexiletine	■	■	■	■	■	◆	■	■	■
Propafenone	○	■	●	●	■	■	●	●	●
Quinidine	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●

### Key to symbols

Filled symbols indicate further information on the interaction is available at [www.hiv-druginteractions.org](http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org).

Empty symbols indicate the combination has not been studied; an interaction has been predicted based on the metabolic profiles of the drugs.

●/○	These drugs should not be coadministered
■/□	Potential interaction – may require close monitoring, alteration of drug dosage or timing of administration
◆/◇	No clinically significant interaction expected
✦/✧	There are no clear data, actual or theoretical, to indicate whether an interaction will occur

### Key to abbreviations

ATV	Atazanavir (Reyataz <sup>®</sup> )	LPV	Lopinavir (Kaletra <sup>®</sup> )
DRV	Darunavir (Prezista <sup>®</sup> )	NFV	Nelfinavir (Viracept <sup>®</sup> )
FPV	Fosamprenavir (Telzir <sup>®</sup> , Lexiva <sup>®</sup> )	RTV	Ritonavir (Norvir <sup>®</sup> )
		SQV	Saquinavir (Invirase <sup>®</sup> )
IDV	Indinavir (Crixivan <sup>®</sup> )	TPV	Tipranavir (Aptivus <sup>®</sup> )

source: <http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org>.

# DRUG INTERACTIONS

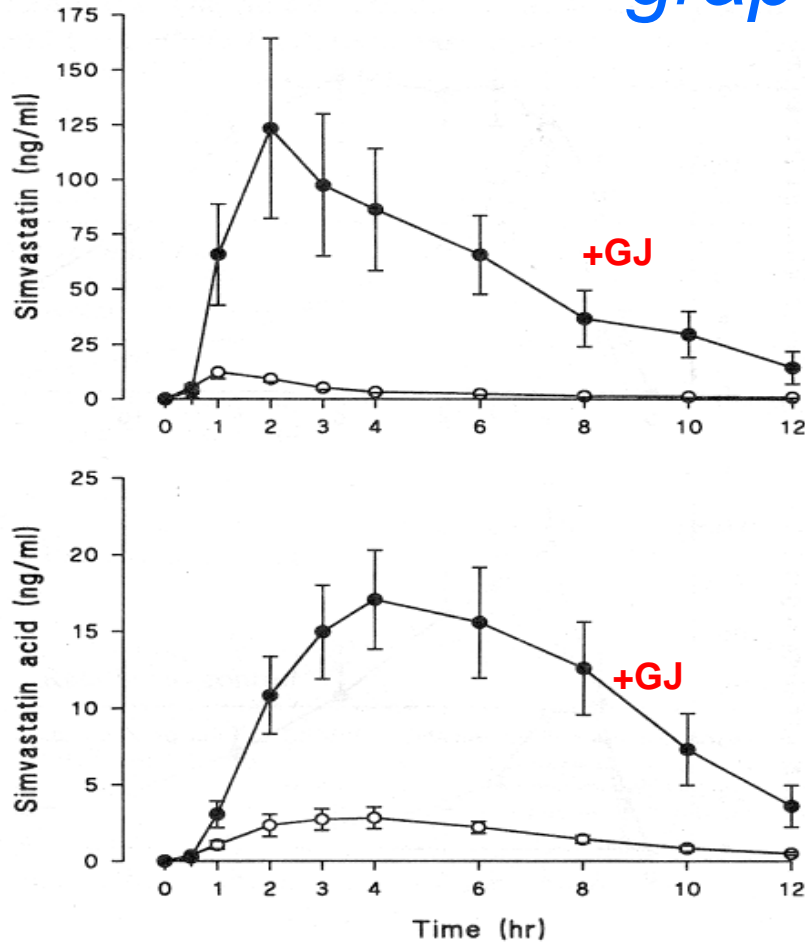
## *dietary effects*

- A relatively large number of metabolic (transporter) food-drug interactions have been reported recently.
- Foods that contain complex mixtures of phytochemicals: e.g. fruits, vegetables, herbs, spices and teas, ...
- CYP3A appears to be especially sensitive to dietary effects as demonstrated by reports of potentially clinically important interactions involving orally administered drugs that are substrates of this enzyme.
- Food-drug interactions involving CYP1A2, CYP2E1, UGTs, GSTs have also been documented.

Harris et al., Clin. Pharmacokinet. 42: 1071-1088, 2003.

# DRUG INTERACTIONS

## *grapefruit juice*



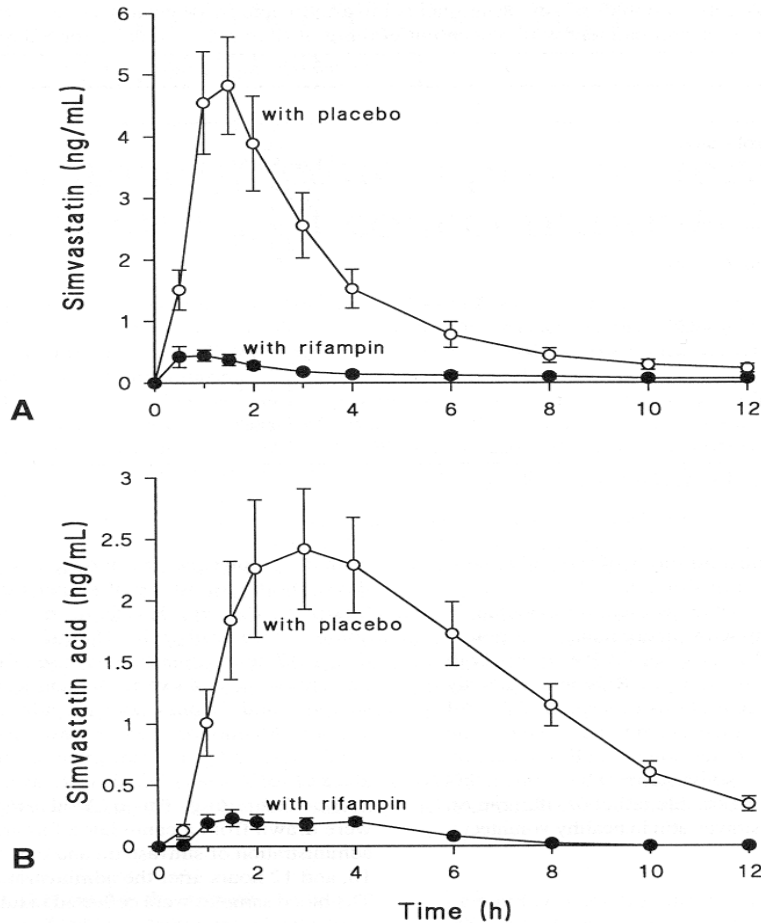
Mean  $\pm$ SEM serum concentrations of simvastatin (upper panel) and simvastatin acid (lower panel) in 10 healthy volunteers after a single oral dose of 60 mg simvastatin, after ingestion of 200 ml double-strength grapefruit juice (solid circles) or water (open circles) 3 times a day for 2 days and on day 3 with simvastatin and 0.5 h and 1.5 hours later.

Lilja et al., Clin. Pharmacol. Ther. 64: 477-483, 1998).



# DRUG INTERACTIONS

## *enzyme induction*



Plasma concentrations (mean  $\pm$  SEM) of simvastatin (A) and simvastatin acid (B) in 10 healthy subjects after administration of 40 mg of simvastatin following pretreatment with 600 mg of rifampin (solid circles) or placebo (open circles) once daily for 5 days.

Kyrklund et al., Clin. Pharmacol. Ther. 68: 592-597, 2000.

# DRUG-DRUG INTERACTIONS

## *inhibitions vs. induction*

Mechanistic comparison of CYP450 inhibition and induction.

	Inhibition	Induction
Mechanism	Direct chemical effect on enzyme	Indirect effect through enhanced quantities of CYP protein
Onset and reversibility	Rapid	Slow
Immediate exposure	Needed	Not needed
Prior exposure	Not needed	Needed
In vitro study	Straightforward	Difficult

# PHARMACOGENETICS

# interindividual variability

- interindividual variability may be due to:

- pharmacodynamics

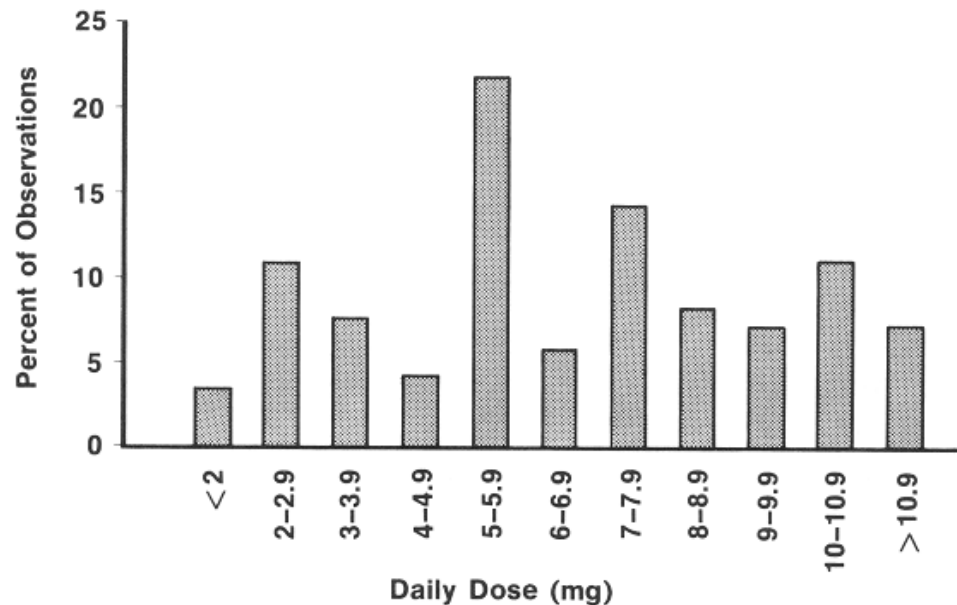
- pharmacokinetics

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graph LR; PK[pharmacokinetics] --> M[metabolism]; PK --> T[transporters];
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# interindividual variability

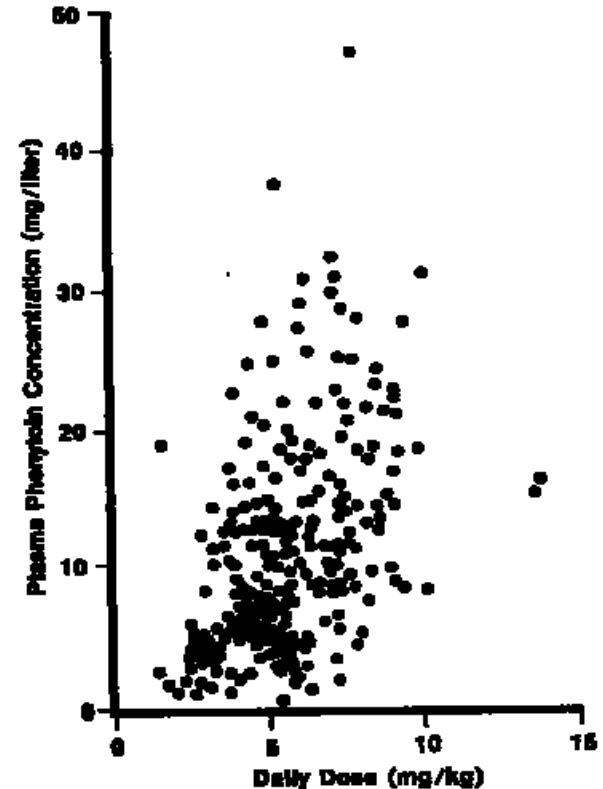
- the daily dose of warfarin, required to produce similar prothrombin times in 200 adult patients, varies widely

*(Eur J Clin Pharmacol 9:1-8, 1975)*

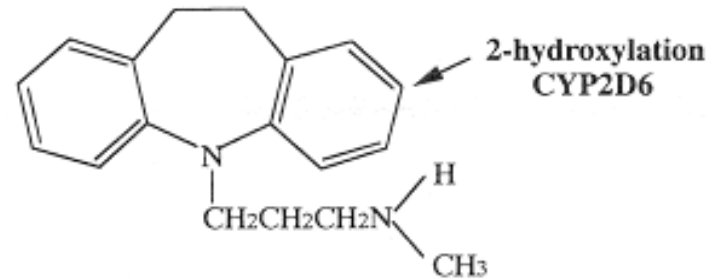
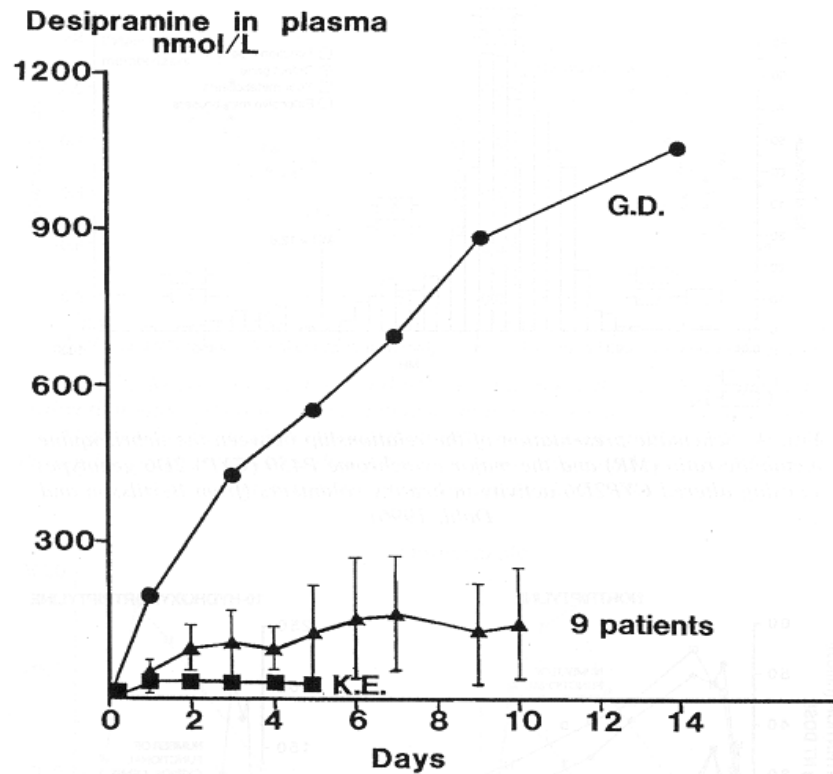


# interindividual variability

- plasma concentrations of phenytoin vary considerably between patients even when they are administered the same daily dose due to ***pharmacokinetic variability***



# interindividual variability



plasma concentrations of desmethylimipramine after dosing 25 mg t.i.d. to 11 patients (*Sjöqvist et al., 1967*)

# interindividual variability

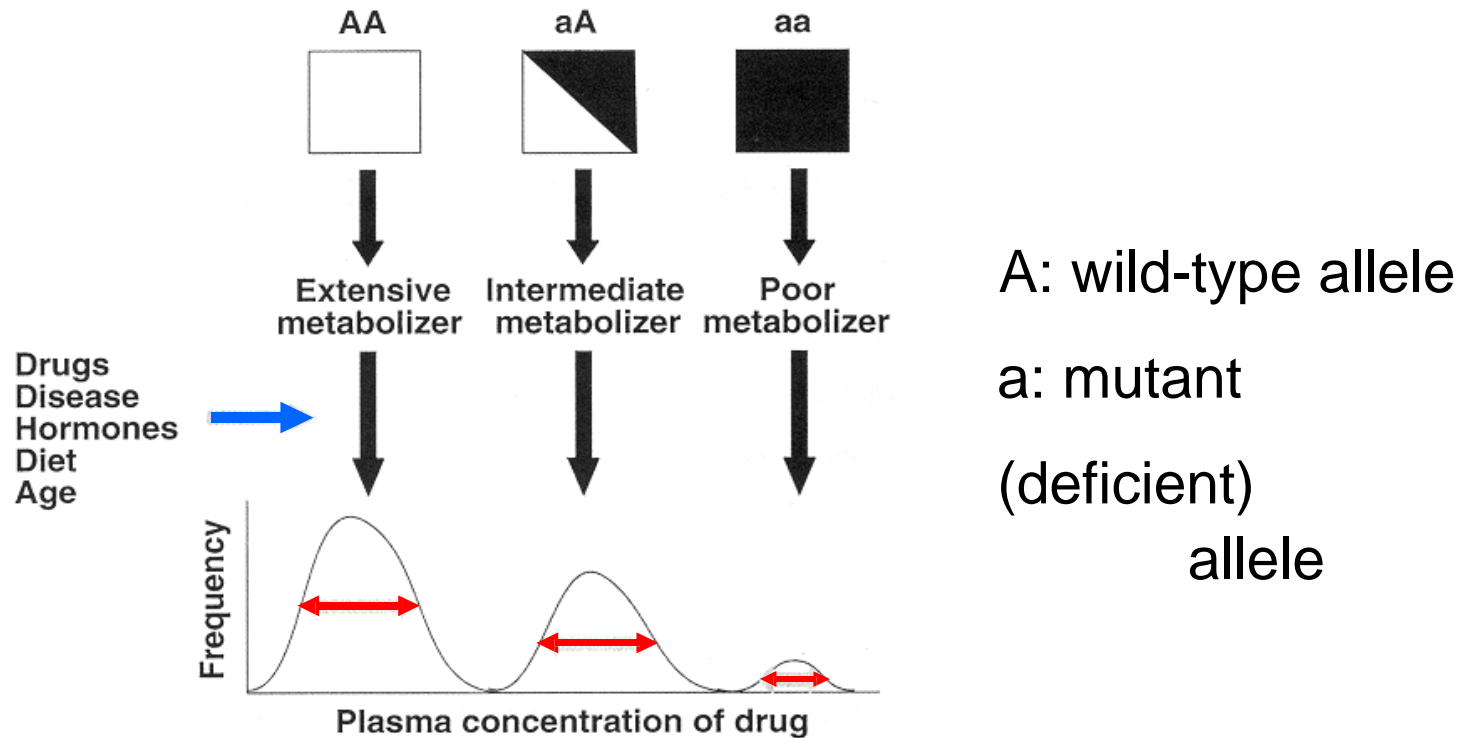
- individual variation in drug response is a major problem in clinical practice and in drug development
- variation can lead to therapeutic failure or adverse, or even fatal, effects of drugs in some patients
- adverse drug reactions (ADR) are the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US (~100,000 deaths per year)
- **pharmacogenetics** and **pharmacogenomics** help to understand and prevent the inherited risk of an individual patient to develop an ADR or to have no beneficial drug effect



# interindividual variability

- **pharmacogenetics**: the study of variability in drug response due to heredity
- **pharmacogenomics**: reflects the change of the human technical ability to investigate and pinpoint variations in DNA, a change that encouraged geneticists to study the genome rather than merely single genes

# interindividual variability

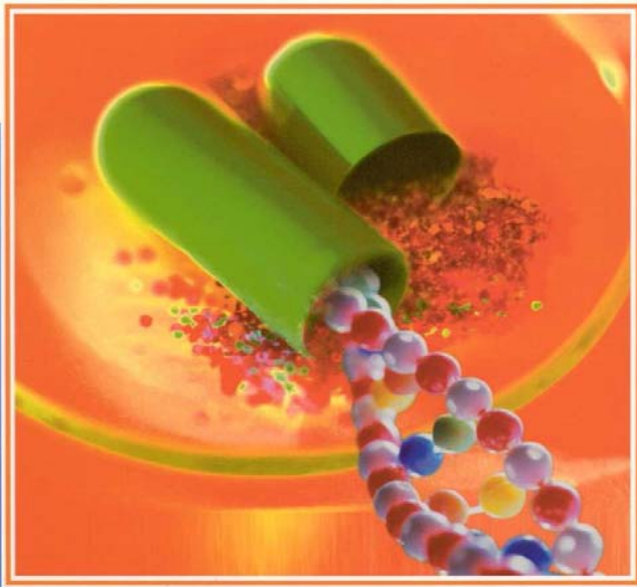


interaction between genetic and epigenetic factors in the determination of drug metabolizing activity

Julio Licinio and Ma-Li Wong (Eds.)

# Pharmacogenomics

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