

# Pharmacokinetics (Equation Sheet)

## -Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation:

$$\log \frac{[\text{protonated}]}{[\text{unprotonated}]} = \text{pKa} - \text{pH}$$

## -Fick's Law of Diffusion: (theoretical)

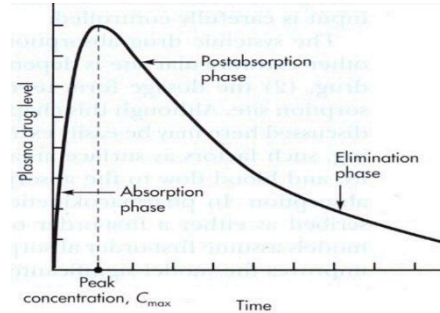
$$\text{Flux} = C_1 - C_2 \times \frac{(\text{Area} \times \text{Permeability coefficient})}{\text{Thickness}}$$

## -Bioavailability (F):

$$F = f \cdot (1 - ER)$$

F: Bioavailability      f: absorption extent      ER: extraction rate

\*Can be calculated by area under the curve of Plasma conc. vs. time graph.



## -Volume of Distribution (Vd):

$$Vd = \frac{\text{amount of drug in the body (total conc.)}}{\text{plasma drug conc.}}$$

$$\text{Loading Volume} = \text{plasma conc.} \times Vd$$

## -Drug Clearance (CL):

$$\text{Total CL} = \frac{\text{rate of elimination}}{C_p}$$

C<sub>p</sub>: drug plasma conc.

### 1) Renal Clearance (CL<sub>R</sub>):

$$CL_R = \frac{C_u \cdot V}{C_p}$$

C<sub>u</sub>: urine drug conc.      V: urine flow rate      C<sub>p</sub>: drug plasma conc.

### 2) Hepatic Clearance (CL<sub>H</sub>):

$$CL_H = Q \cdot ER$$

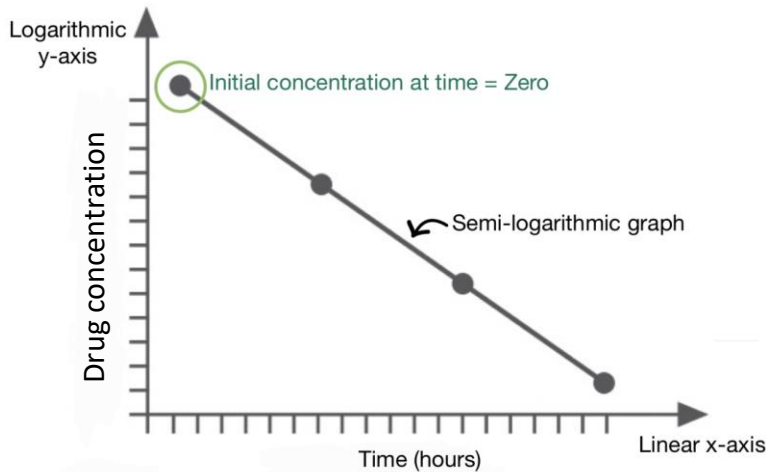
Q: liver blood flow      ER: extraction rate of the liver

$$\rightarrow ER = \frac{\text{liver clearance (CL}_H)}{\text{liver blood flow (Q)}} \quad \text{**derived equation}$$

$$ER = \frac{C_i - C_o}{C_i}$$

C<sub>i</sub>: drug conc. in portal vein (into the liver).  
C<sub>o</sub>: drug conc. in hepatic artery (out of liver).

## First Order Elimination (Linear Pharmacokinetics)



- after 4 half-lives → steady state is achieved.
- after 1  $t_{1/2}$  → 50% of the steady state is achieved.

values that can be directly calculated from the graph:

1) Volume of distribution:

$$V_d = \frac{\text{total amount of drug}}{\text{initial conc. (at time=zero)}}$$

2) Half-life  $t_{1/2}$

3) elimination rate constant (K):

by calculating the slope

or using →  $K * t_{1/2} = 0.693$

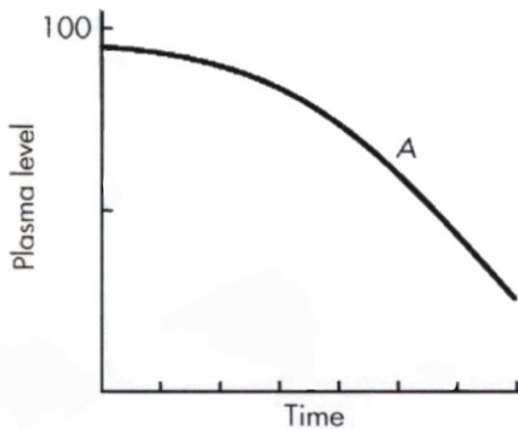
4) Drug Clearance (CL):

$$CL = k * V_d$$

$$\rightarrow t_{1/2} = 0.693 V_d / CL$$

## Zero Order Elimination (Non-linear Pharmacokinetics)

- Rate of Elimination =  $\frac{V_{max} \cdot C}{K_m + C}$



semi-logarithmic graph

Side note:

C: plasma concentration can be obtained from the graph

$V_{max}$  &  $K_m$ : given values from the question

- half life isn't constant → steady state can't be determined

## Steady-State related calculations

### -Maintenance Dose (MD):

$$MD = CL \cdot C_{ss}$$

$C_{ss}$ : target conc./ desired drug conc./ steady state conc.

\*Needs to be multiplied by the dosing interval (example: every 8 h, 24h, etc....)

### -Loading Dose (LD):

$$LD = V_d \cdot C_{ss}$$

Final note: for all previous calculations related to pharmacokinetics consider units conversion (mL/L), (mg/g/kg), (mins/h)

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