

# Drug Doses - Clinical Response



- The prescriber → must understand how Drug-receptor interaction  
 ↳ To make rational therapeutic decisions

Underlie :-

- <sup>①</sup> Nature + <sup>②</sup> Cause of Variation in pharmacologic responsiveness

↳ Ex → 2 patients → take same dose of drug → 1 patient  $\xrightarrow{\text{response}}$  in 10 min  
 2 patient  $\xrightarrow{\text{response}}$  in an hour

- Clinical implications of selectivity of drug action

↳ Higher selectivity → less side effects - good therapeutic

- The relation between Dose + Response in patients :- Dose amount → Perfect response

Relations  
 ↓

- 1 Graded doses (individual)

Response → Graded effect  
 gradual  
 Continuous

↳ Ex

هو الدواء الذي يكون له عدة جرعات  
 وجرعة الدواء تتغير من وقت لآخر  
 baseline : 250g → one dose : 230g  
 insulin many doses : 180g

- 2 Quantal dose (population)


Response → All - yes - NO

↳ Ex

Infection : pneumonia  
 Drug : anti-biotic  
 ↙ ↘  
 NO yes  
 Healing

# Graded - Dose



increase  pharmacologic effect  
 ○ Magnitude of drug response  $\xrightarrow{\text{depends on}}$  Drug concentration (Dose) at receptor site

Determined by: ① Dose of drug

② factors characteristics of the drug **pharmacokinetics** profile  
 ↓ rate ↓ of ↓  
 absorption distribution Metabolism  
 Intestine - stomach - liver fat - blood - All body

○ Graded dose - Response Curve :- graph

- General shape :- Rectangular hyperbola
- USE :- plotting
  - magnitude of response ↑
  - Concentration - doses of drug ↑

- It's determined 2 properties :-

(high potency - higher affinity - low dose)

	Potency	Efficacy
<b>Definition</b>	A measure of the amount of drug necessary to produce an effect of given magnitude - (necessary magnitude) - (lower drug amount)	The ability of drug to elicit a response to receptor (no amount needed)
<b>Effected by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Receptor concentration - Density</li> <li>↑ Efficiency: Stimulation response mechanism</li> <li>↑ Affinity: strength of interaction - binding ligand-receptor</li> <li>↑ Efficacy <math>\xrightarrow{E_v}</math> metabolism spread is varies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Number of drug-receptor complex</li> <li>↑ Efficiency of the coupling receptor activation to cellular response</li> </ul>

# Potency

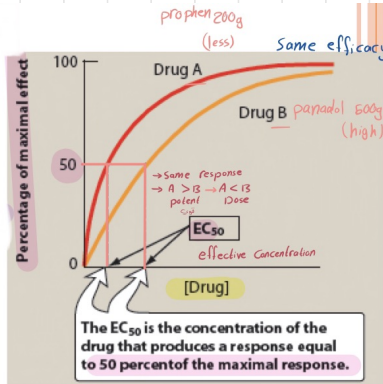
# Efficacy



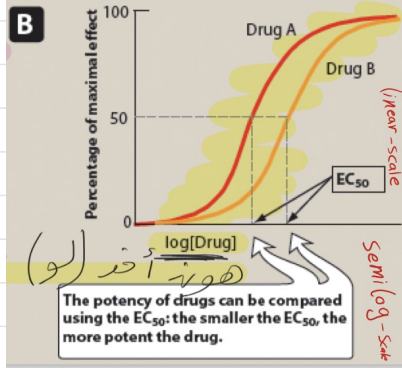
Explain

Concentration of drug produce an effect that is 50 percent of maximum used to determine potency

$EC_{50}$

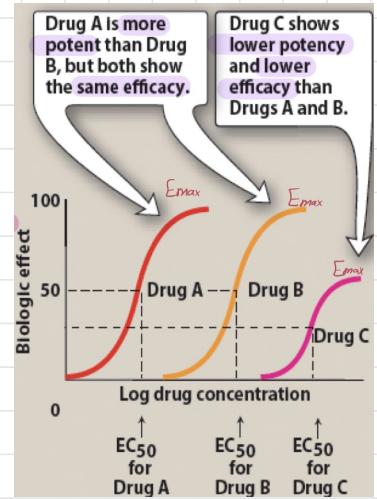


Example



- Maximum efficacy:
  - o All receptors are occupied by drugs
  - o No increase in response if more drugs are added

- The height of maximal response use to → measure maximal efficacy of agonist drug  
Used to Compare efficacy of Similar acting agonists



- Curve shift to left
- more potent
- smaller EC<sub>50</sub>

→ A drug great efficacy (full agonist) than more potent  
more therapeutically beneficial

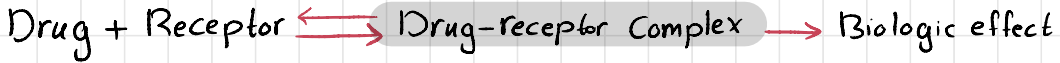


Drug concentration  $\xrightarrow{\text{on}}$  Receptor binding



occupancy

## ○ Quantitative relationship



[free drug]  $\uparrow$  : Ratio of [Binding receptor to Total receptors]

Approachs Unity

○ بشكل أدق :- لا تتحدث عن عدد و إنما نسبة Bound  $\rightarrow$  Total receptors

○

$$\frac{[DR]}{[R_t]} = \frac{[D]}{K_d + [D]}$$

[D] = the concentration of free drug,

[DR] = the concentration of bound drug,

[R<sub>t</sub>] = the total concentration of receptors and is equal to the sum of the concentrations of unbound (free) receptors and bound receptors,

K<sub>d</sub> = the equilibrium dissociation constant for the drug from the receptor.

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Determine it

○  $\uparrow K_d \rightarrow \downarrow \text{Affinety} \rightarrow \downarrow \text{interaction}$

# Types of antagonists



## 1 Chemical Antagonists :-

Defintion → Combined with agonist + inactivates it way from Receptor - Tissue

Examples →

- Alkaline anti-acids : Nuetralize HCl in stomach of peptic ulcer
- Protamine (base) : Nuetralize anti-coagulent Heparin in plasma
- Chelating agents : Binding with higher affenity heavy metals (lead-mercury-arsenic) in plasma-tissue preventing their tissue toxicity

Same receptor - Drug  
↑ similarity in chemical structure to agonist

## 2 physiological Antagonists :-

Defintion → □ It's agonist in Same tissue  
□ Act by mechanisms - Receptor different from specific agonist  
□ Quickly reverse it's action

Examples →

- Adrenaline : □ IM taking  
□ quick acting as antagonist  
□ to Histamine → Released from mast cells - basophile  
□ In Anaphylactic shock

Different receptor - Endogenous ligand

## 3 pharmacological antagonist :-

Defintion → ○ The Antagonist is high affinity to the receptor  
○ The Anta gonist has NO efficacy - intrinsic activity → of drug determine

active  
full partially

- If their no agonist → The antagonist has no affect
- If their agonist function → Decrease the effect of agonist

- 1) Blocking drug ability to bind to receptor
- 2) Blocking drug ability to activate receptor



Antagonists

Potency

Efficacy

Site of receptor

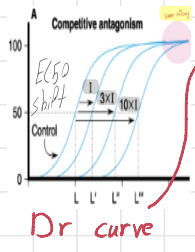
Graph

Competitive reversible

Decrease  
increase  
 $EC_{50}$

Constant

Same site of agonist receptor  
↓  
because of it's similarity structure



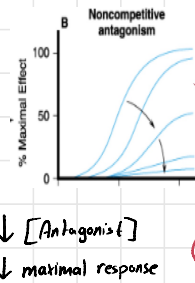
- Ionic bond
- Shift to right
- The  $E_{max}$  can restore  $\rightarrow$  increase [agonist]
- $\uparrow$  [Antagonist]  $\uparrow$  shift to right

non-Competitive irreversible

no shift  
Constant  
Constant  
 $EC_{50}$

Decrease

Same site of same agonist receptor



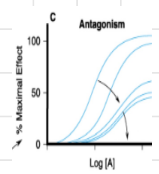
- Covalent bond
- strong binding or dissociate very slowly
- response curve shift slightly right
- $E_{max}$  can't restore  $\downarrow$  remaining available receptors

non-Competitive Allosteric

Constant  
-  
Constant  
 $EC_{50}$

Decrease

Different site of same receptor



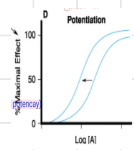
- Covalent bond

enhancement

Increase  
-  
decrease  
 $EC_{50}$

Constant

Different site of same receptor



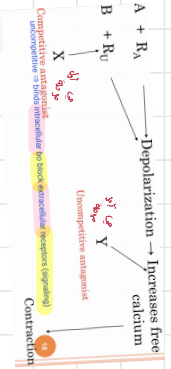
- Covalent bond
- $\uparrow$  bind of agonist with receptor

Uncompetitive

Constant

Decrease

Different receptor



- Located more distally in the effector mechanism
- Dose-response curve = noncompetitive irreversible

# Competitive reversible:



Propranolol (inalderal 10,20,40 mg) مثال الدكتور للفهم، اسم الدواء  
e.g: inderal 10 mg half 🍌 for stress, Antagonist for adrenaline/ Beta 2 receptor blocker  
⇒ in situation makes you feel stressed you get half 🍌 to block adrenaline from binding to beta2 receptors, but if the situation gets more terrible, the secretion of adrenaline will increase, in turn the concentration of adrenaline raise above the antagonist, so you will need higher dose (from graph get higher dose 3x1 times), so you will get inderal 20 mg to decrease your stress and so on  
move terrible ⇒ inderal 40 mg (to graph its 10x1 dose)  
(competitive between inderal and adrenaline)

➤ The affinity of competitive antagonist  $K_I$  to its receptors is calculated from:

$$C^*/C = 1 + [I] / K_I$$

where  $C^*$  is concentration of agonist that restores response in presence of antagonist concentration  $[I]$ , and  $C$  is agonist concentration giving this response in absence of antagonist.

## Examples:

- atropine is a competitive reversible antagonist to Ach at muscarinic receptors;
- Beta-blockers are competitive antagonists to adrenaline at beta-adrenergic receptors.

) → Up-regulation

# Non-Competitive Allosteric Enhancements:

benzodiazepines to GABA-A receptors can enhance the depressant GABA effect on brain neurons.

# Receptor regulation



## UP-regulation

- ↑ use of Antagonists
- ↑ number-effinity of specific receptors

(supersensitivity)

reason  
↓

1) prolonged used of Antagonist

↓  
lack binding receptors to agonist  
for long period

↓ Ex

Using of Atrophine (sympathetic)

Abolishing of parasympathetic stimulation  
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2) Disease :

↓ Ex

Hyperthyrodism :

1) excess thyriod H

2) proliferation  $\beta$ -adrenergic receptors (heart<sup>in</sup>)

3) increase risk of Cardiac arrythmia  
from 1) Adrenaline

2)  $\beta$ -adrenoceptor ↻ (agonist)

build new receptor ← →

## Down-regulation

(Tolerance)

- ↑ use of Agonist
- ↓ number-effinity of specific receptor  
(prolonged use of agonist)  
↓  
Days - weeks

Decrease in respond to agonist

- To restore intensity of response  
↓  
Increase dose of agonist

# Tachyphylaxis

⊖ - Rapidly developing tolerance



- Not due to Down-regulation
- Because of Repeated use of large doses of direct agonist ⊖
  - short dose interval
  - Continuous IV infusion of agonist

↓ Due to

- Desensitization of receptors :

→ Change in receptor

Lead to : phosphorylation of receptor

Result : Diminishes the ability of receptor Bind to G-protein  
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- Depletion of intracellular stores of transmitters :

↳ Ex → Depletion of Noradrenaline in vesicles in sympathetic nerve ends

↓ reason

Repeated use of indirect sympathomimetic amphetamine

- Restore response :

↳ Agonist drug must be stopped for short time to ⊖

- 1) Recovery receptors
- 2) Stores of transmitters

○ Different receptor of agonist → physico

Same receptor of agonist → pharma.. / chemical

○ physio...gnist → Not a Drug

## 2. INDIVIDUALS USUALLY SHOW VARIATION IN INTENSITY OF RESPONSE TO DRUGS DUE TO :

**1. Variation in concentration of drug that reaches the tissue receptors :** due to pharmacokinetic factors

**2. Abnormality in receptor number or function :** either genetically-determined or acquired due to up-regulation or down-regulation

**3. Post-receptor defect inside cells :**

This is an important cause of response variation

**4. Variation in Concentration of an Endogenous Receptor Ligand**

contributes greatly to variability in responses to pharmacologic antagonists.

1. variation ⇒ e.g: عندك واحد ماكل منسف والثاني مش ماكل اشي ،  
and both of them got vitamin D , the amount of drug reached the target tissue in first guy is higher than in second guy

Due to the high amount of lipids helped absorption of drug  
this called ⇒ gastric retention time حنو خده القدام بالتفصيل

3. post-receptor defect ⇒ mean that signaling (biological response ) may differ from Patient to another

4. Endogenous receptor ligand ⇒ as Ach, which is endogenous substance, may differ in amount between Patients, So if we give atropine 10mg , someone will have Emax while other will have lower due to the low amount of Ach or the endogenous receptor