## PHARMACODYNAMICS



The study of the relationship between the concentration of a drug and its pharmacological effect.

# DRUG-DOSING REGIMEN

- Route of administration
- Galenic formulation
- Unit dose
- Frequency
- Loading dose
- Length of treatment





#### PHARMACODYNAMICS (PD)

a drug effect on the body over a time-course

- E MAX: MAXIMAL EFFECT ATTAINABLE DUE TO THE DRUG
- EC50: The concentration at which half of the maximal effect is observed – DRUG POTENCY.



**EC50+ CONCENTRATION** 

#### ERYTHROPOIETIN AND ANEMIA



Eschbach et al. NEJM 316:73-8, 1987

### METFORMIN DOSE-RESPONSE



Garber et al. Am J Med 102:491-7, 1997

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#### **Diabetic peripheral neuropathy - Pain**

1) The recommended dose of duloxetine for the treatment of neuropathic pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy is 60 mg orally once daily. The maximum recommended dose is 60 mg once daily. There is no evidence that doses higher than 60 mg/day provide additional significant benefit. A lower starting dose may be considered for patients in whom tolerability is a concern. Efficacy beyond 12 weeks of treatment has not been evaluated in placebocontrolled trials [1].



#### **DOSE-EFFECT PARAMETERS**

# **POTENCY:** The sensitivity of an organ or tissue to the drug

**EFFICACY:** The maximum effect

#### Table 3 - Equivalent statin doses

Lovastatin	Pravastatin	Simvastatin	Fluvastatin	Atorvastatin	Rozuvastatin
20 mg	20 mg	10 mg	40 mg		
40 or 80 mg	40 mg	20 mg	80 mg	10 mg	
80 mg	80 mg	40 mg		20 mg	5 or 10 mg
		80 mg		40 mg	
				80 mg	20 mg
					40 mg



#### COMPARING DOSE-EFFECT CURVES



### HOW IS PD EFFECT ACHIEVED?

Drug concentration in plasma or tissue fluid drives a **reversible** interaction with a protein:

receptor,

enzyme,

ion channel

# DRUG RECEPTOR INTERACTIONS





#### DRUG-RECEPTOR BINDING

rate dependent on the concentration of the drug and receptor, and the resulting *drug–receptor complex* breaks down at a rate proportional to the number of complexes formed

$$[D] + [R] \xrightarrow[k_1]{k_2} [DR]$$

 $k_1 = association rate constant$  $k_2 = disassociation rate constant$ 

 $K_A = association equilibrium constant = [DR]$ [D][R]

 $K_D = disassociation equilibrium constant = [D][R]$  $[DR] = \frac{1}{K_A}$ 

FIGURE 3.3

Mass-action equations describing reversible interaction between a ligand (drug, toxin) and a receptor.

#### MAXIMUM BINDING CAPACITY



radioligand displacement from a receptor as non-radioactive ligand increases

#### concentration-receptor occupancy curve



#### RECEPTOR OCCUPANCY MODELING

 attempts to link the action of a drug to the proportion of receptors occupied by that drug at equilibrium

- insulin stimulates maximum glucose oxidation in adipocytes with only 2-3% of receptors bound
- LH stimulates maximum testosterone production in Leydig cells when only 1% of receptors are bound

#### WHY ARE THERE SPARE RECEPTORS?

 allow maximal response without total receptor occupancy – increase sensitivity of the system

spare receptors can bind (and *internalize*) extra ligand preventing an exaggerated response if too much ligand is present



The receptor theory assumes that all receptors should be occupied to produce a maximal response. In that case at half maximal effect EC50=kd. Sometimes, full effect4- $is_0seen$  at a fractional receptor occupation

### RECEPTOR-MEDIATED EFFECTS





Stimulate the response from the receptor



drugs that interact with <u>and</u> activate receptors; they possess <u>both affinity and efficacy</u>

two types

**Full** – an agonist with maximal efficacy

Partial – an agonist with less then maximal efficacy





#### Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup



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pure mu-agonist

differs from morphine by an additional noncompetitive antagonist activity at the Nmethyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor

# BUPRENORPHINE

Buprenorphine hydrochloride is a derivative of the morphine alkaloid **thebaine**.





# ANTAGONISTS

Antagonists interact with the receptor but do <u>NOT</u> change the receptor they have affinity but <u>NO</u> efficacy





### RECEPTOR DOWN REGULATION

 continued use and stimulation of receptors by agonist drugs may decrease the number and sensitivity of receptors

•Constant use of beta-2 agonist salbutamol inh reduces therapeutic response in ASTHMA

#### **RECEPTOR UP REGULATION**

 continued use and inhibition of receptors by antagonists may increase the number and sensitivity of receptors

 Sudden withdrawal of propranolol may precipitate angina

#### TOLERANCE AND DEPENDENCE

Tolerance – it is increasing of the dose of a drug required to produce the same effect.

It occurs rapidly with opioids (with morphine 12–24 hours, e.g. the hot plate test – in mice, after 3 days the dose of morphine required for analgesia increases 5-fold).

Important in drug addiction – may need to increase dose 50fold.

### WHY DOES TOLERANCE OCCUR?

There are several potential reasons:

-Increased metabolism of the drug

- Decreased receptor affinity



# MECHANISMS OF DRUG ACTION

### **GENERAL CATEGORIES**

- **Physical/chemical** (Mannitol, oral antacids)
  - alter, respectively, *osmolarity* and *pH*, but do not interact directly with cellular processes.

#### **Biological**

- **Receptor interaction** alters the receptor protein's threedimensional structure, triggering *signal transduction* processes within the cell and resulting in a biological effect
- Non-receptor interaction directly target enzymes, carrier proteins like ion transporters, ion channels, DNA, and cellular structures like microtubules.



# **ENZYME INHIBITORS**



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#### DIRECT INHIBITORS OF ION CHANNELS



#### DRUGS INHIBITING MEMBRANE ION TRANSPORTERS



#### DRUGS INTERACT WITH DNA



# ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

### THERAPEUTIC AND TOXIC EFFECTS



# **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

#### **Side Effects**

 Expected responses based on the pharmacologic action of the drug

#### **Allergic Reactions**

 Exaggerated immune response to a certain drug

#### **Organ Cytotoxic Effects**

• Adverse effects on organs



# **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

#### **Idiosyncratic Reactions**

 Reaction that is particular to an individual or defined group of people

#### **Drug-drug Interactions**

• Interaction of 2 or more drugs that result in a disadvantage to a patient

#### **Drug-food Interactions**

 Interaction of a drug with food that results in an adverse patient reaction



#### A Population Pharmacokinetic–Pharmacodynamic Model for Simvastatin that Predicts Low-Density Lipoprotein-Cholesterol Reduction in Patients with Primary Hyperlipidaemia

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