

# **PHARMACOKINETICS**



# Basic principles of pharmacokinetics

**Pharmacokinetics is aimed on this processes:**

absorption

distribution

biotransformation

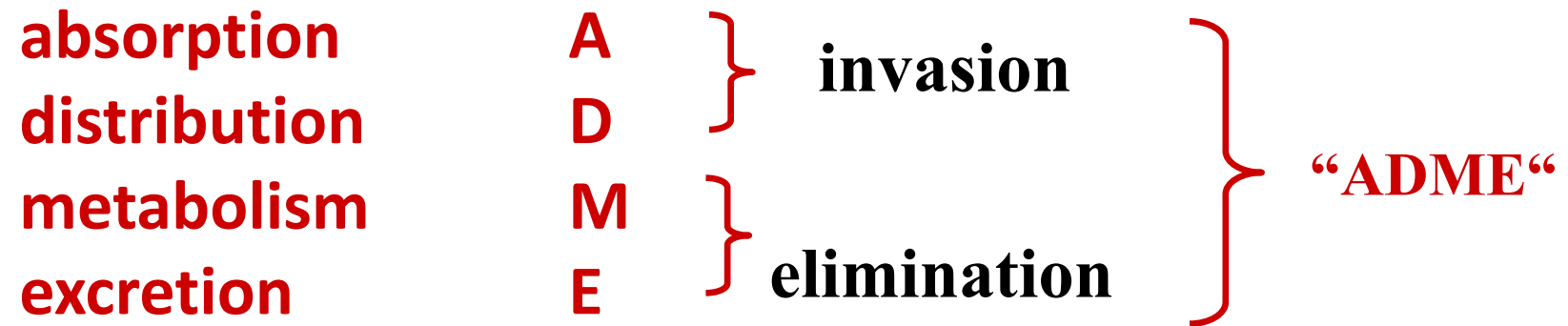
excretion of drugs

and their relation to pharmacologic (therapeutic or toxic)

effects



# Pharmacokinetics

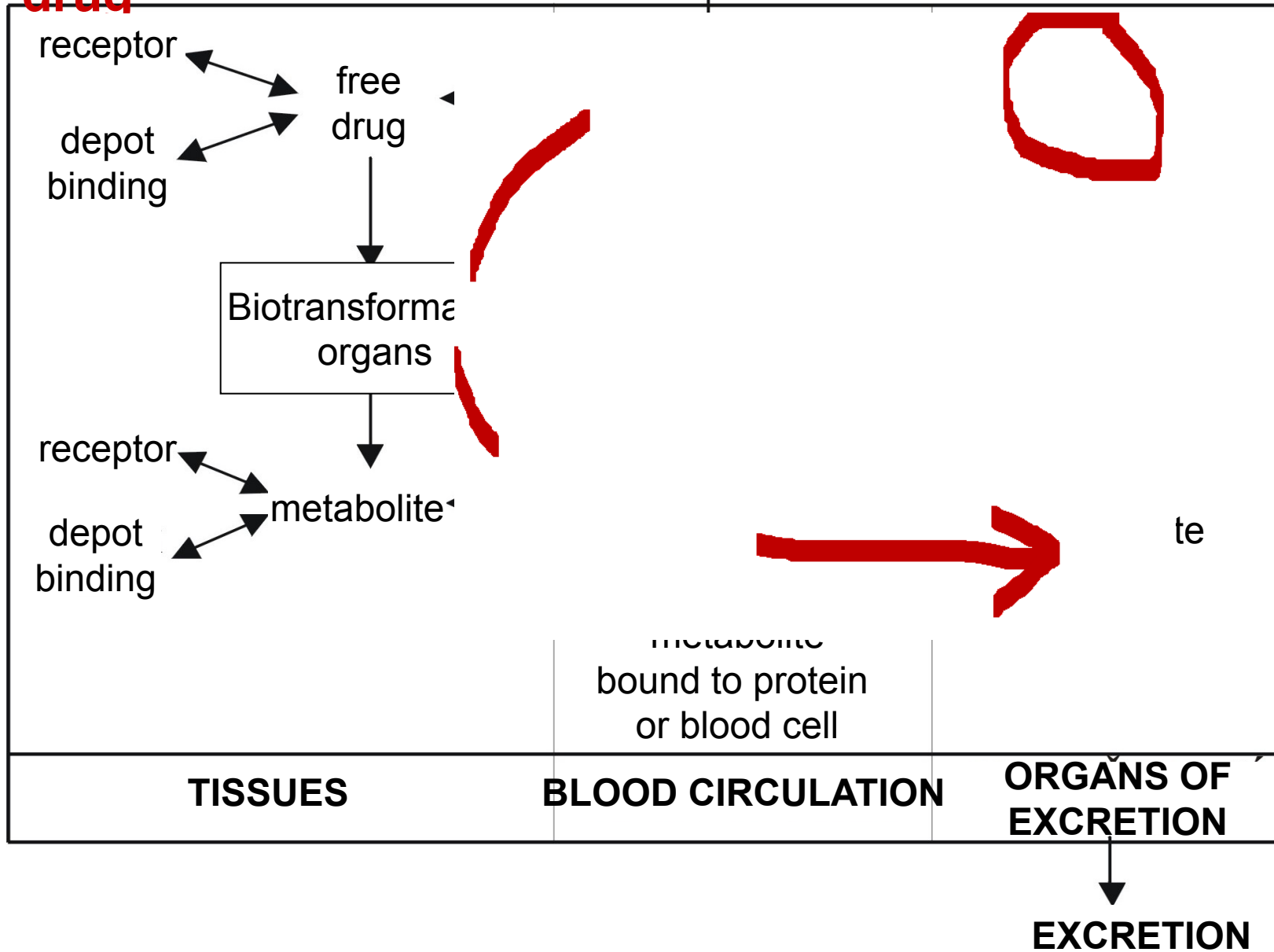


- processes of **ADME**



# Administration of drug

Absorption



# General features of drug movement across the body

## 1. Physical-chemical characteristic of drug

lipophilic vs hydrophilic, MW, charge, pKa, solubility

## 2. Drug transmission through biological barriers

lipophilic - pasive diffusion

hydrophilic- pore transmission

active transport, vesicular transport – pinocytosis, phagocytosis

## 3. Drug binding

plasmatic prot

blood cells

tissue binding

## 4. Tissue perfusion

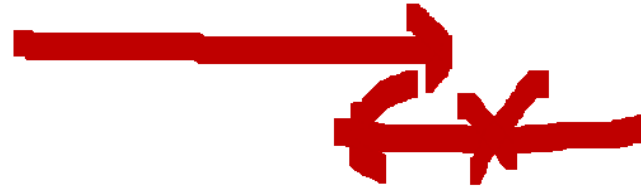
brain, heart, liver and kidney

adipose tissue



Stomach pH 1-2

Parietal cell+ vascular endothelial cell



# Absorption – routes of administration

penetration of **dissolved** drug from the site of administration to blood (systemic circulation) – necessary for **general effect– systemic effect**

## Local effect:

on skin, mucosas or ventricles  
absorption is undesirable – possible AE  
ie. local corticoids, local anesthetics

**Speed** and **extent** of absorption are described by P-kinetic parameters:

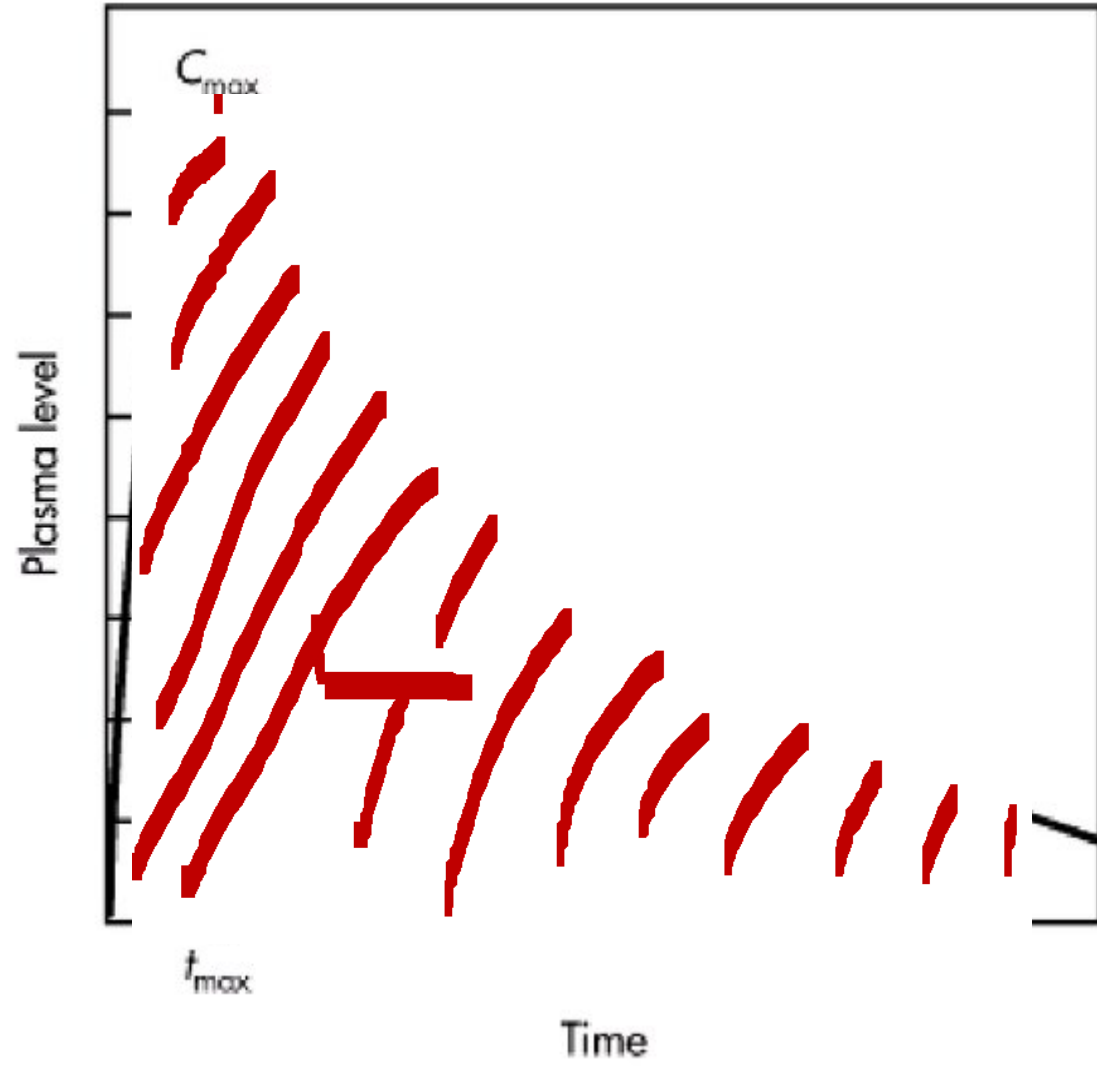
**C<sub>max</sub>** max. concentration of drug in plasma after single dose

**T<sub>max</sub>** time, when drug reach  $c_{max}$  (speed)



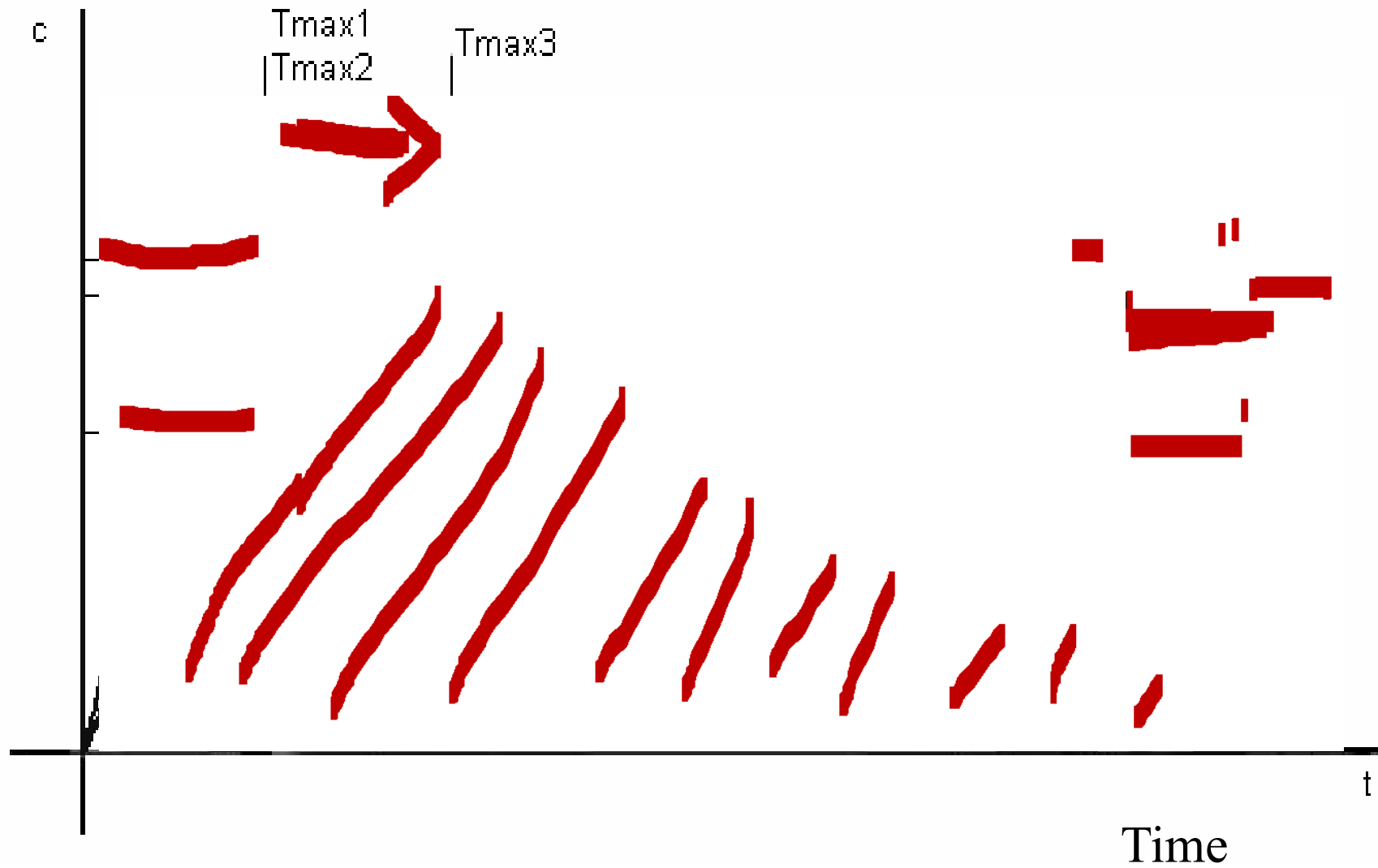
bioavailability (extent)







# Concentration of drug



# Bioavailability- F

**how much from the administered dose get to circulation**

extravascular administration - 0-100% (resp. 0-1)

intravenous (intravascular) - 100% = 1



administer the drug by this  
rough that - SET,

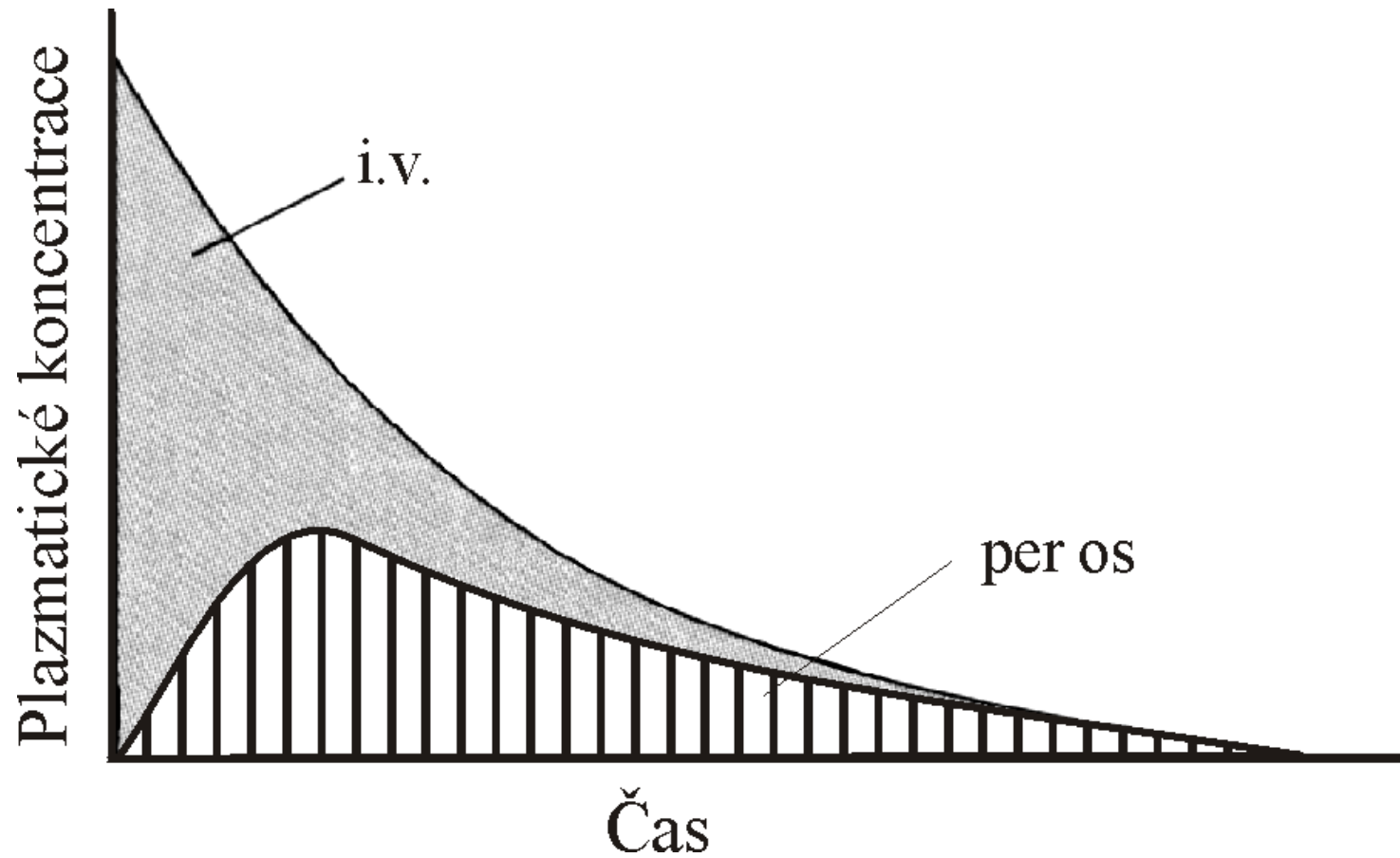
**under the curve (AUC)**



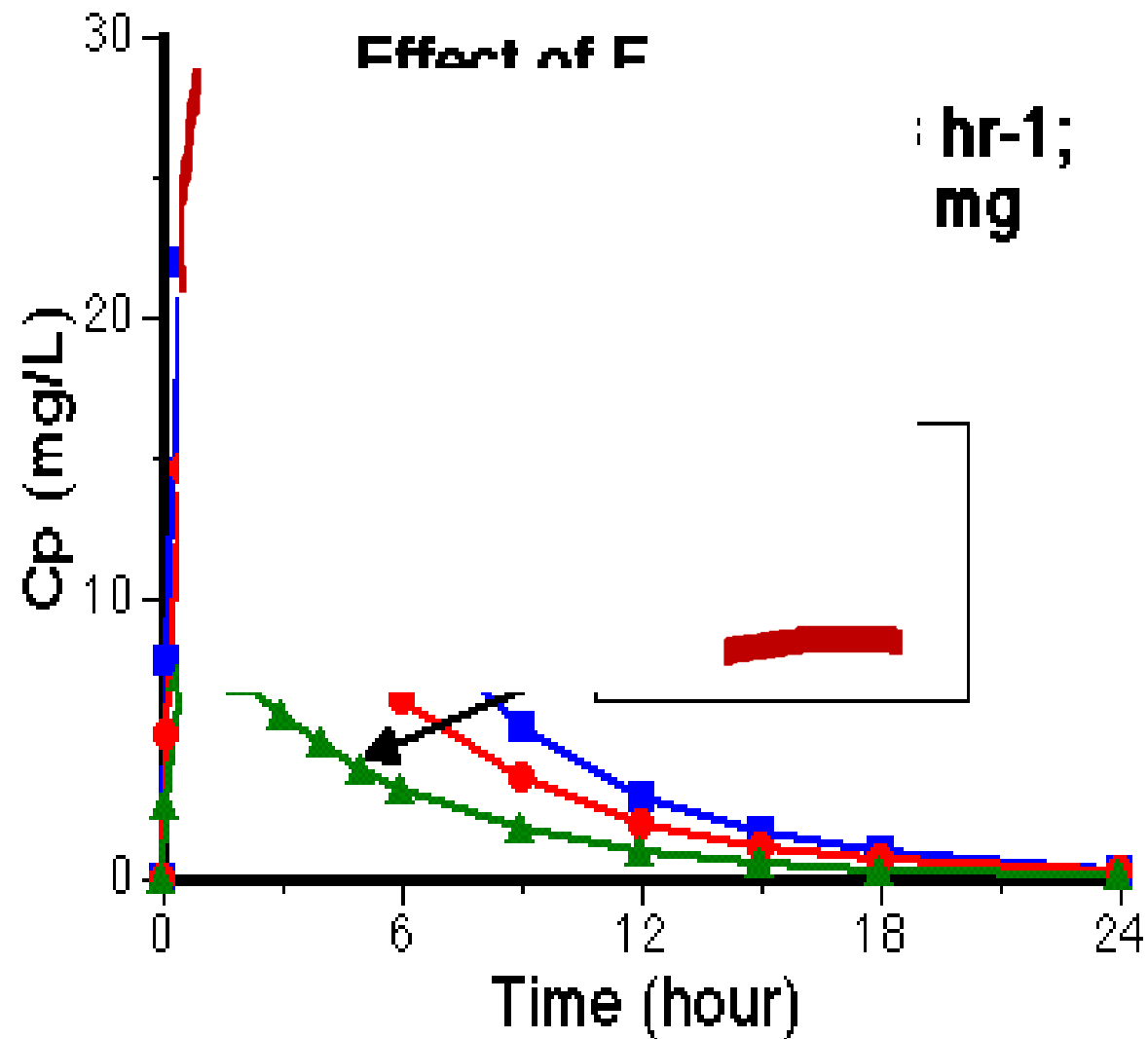
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# AUC – area under the curve



# Effects of different bioavailability (F) on the pharmacokinetics



# Bioavailability- F

## Absolute bioavailability

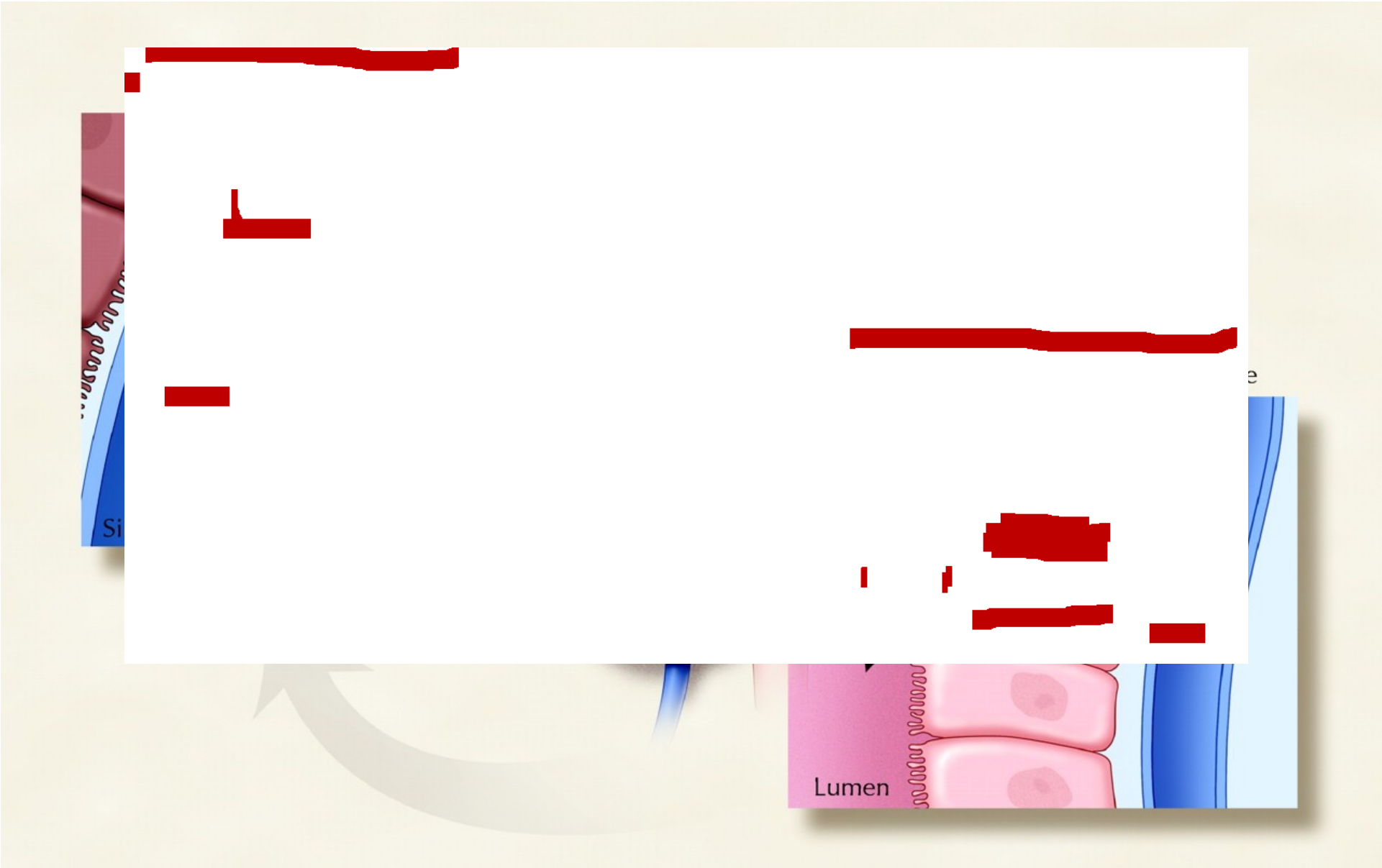
comparing the AUC of administered drug in the test dosage form and the AUC after i.v. drug administration

## Relative bioavailability

assess the expected biological equivalence of two preparations of a drug

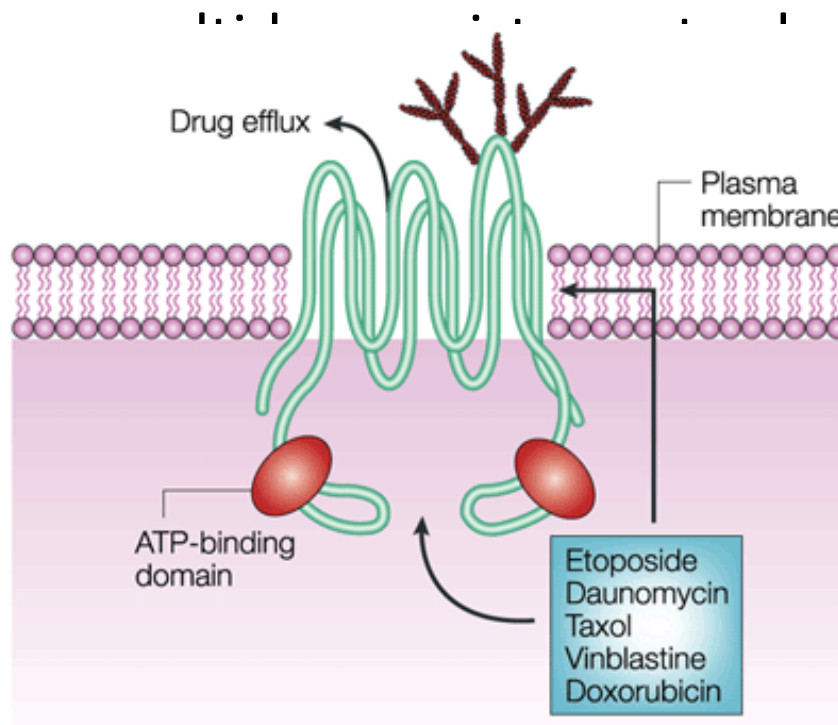
if the relative bioavailability = 1 (100%) → tested preparation is bioequivalent to the reference





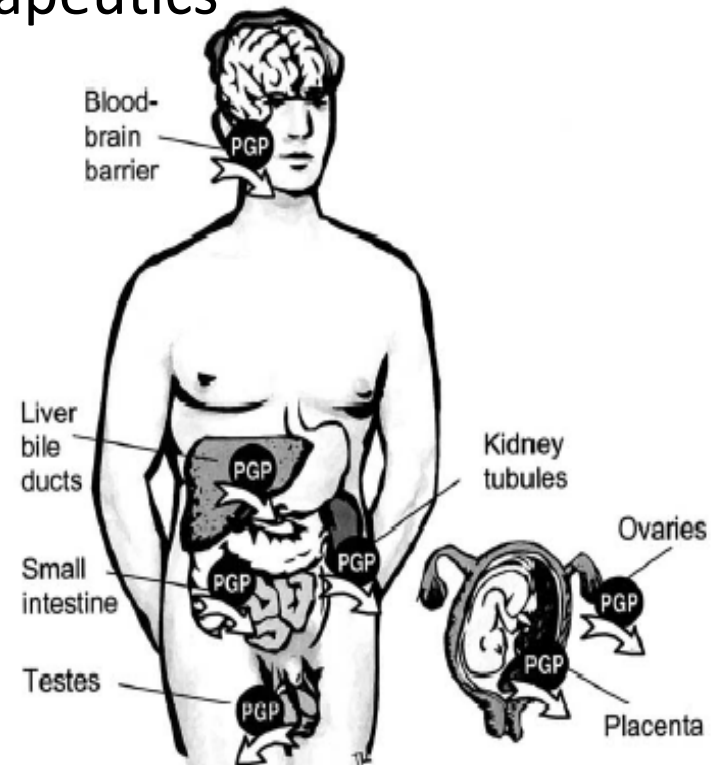
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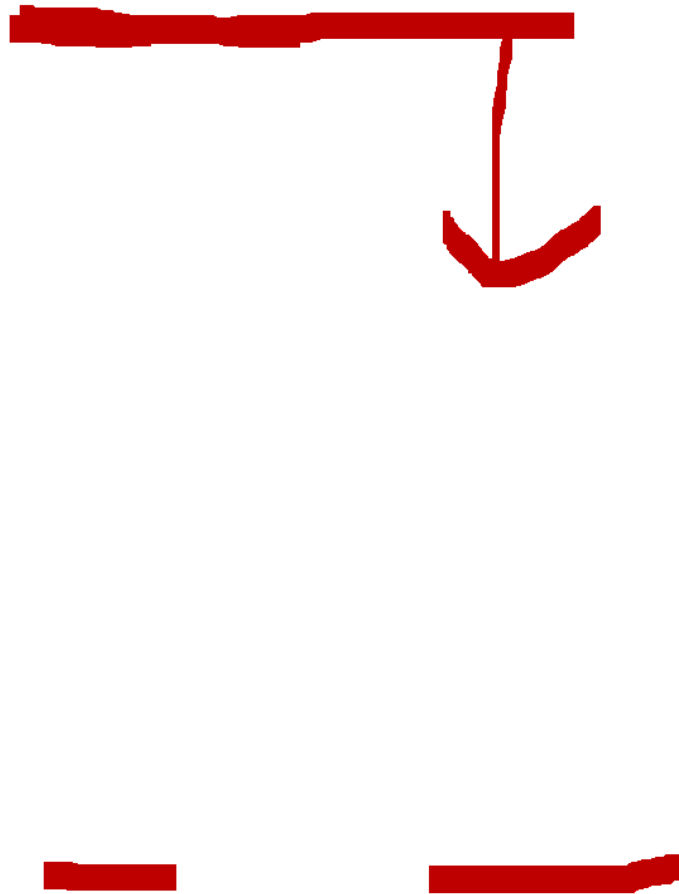
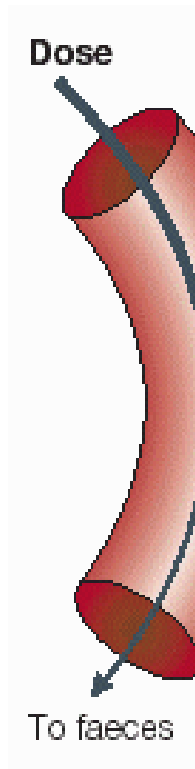
- transmembrane pump encoded by *MDR1*, *ABCB1*
- drug efflux pump for xenobiotics



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➔ Bioavailability






# Other factors influencing drug absorption

gender, weight, plasmatic volume, speed of gastric discharging

age - pH, bile, enzymes

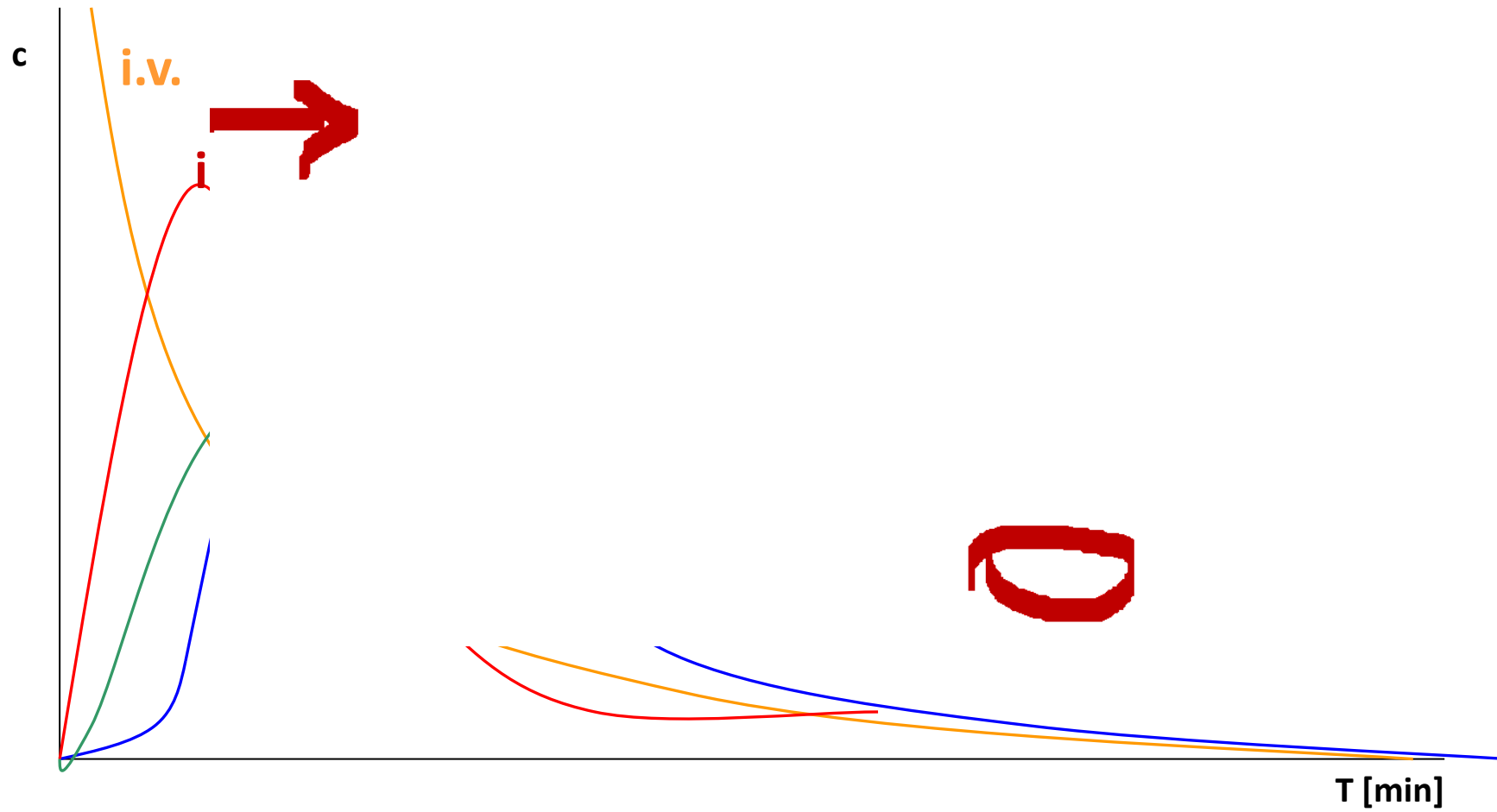
pathophysiological  diseases of liver, inflammation ...

Body constitution (E 

diet

- acceleration/ deceleration
  - chemical incompatibilities
  - GIT functionality





# Distribution

Penetration of drug from blood to tissues, dynamic proces where we are interested in:

**speed of distribution**- depends on:



free fractions of drug are equal



plasmatic concentration

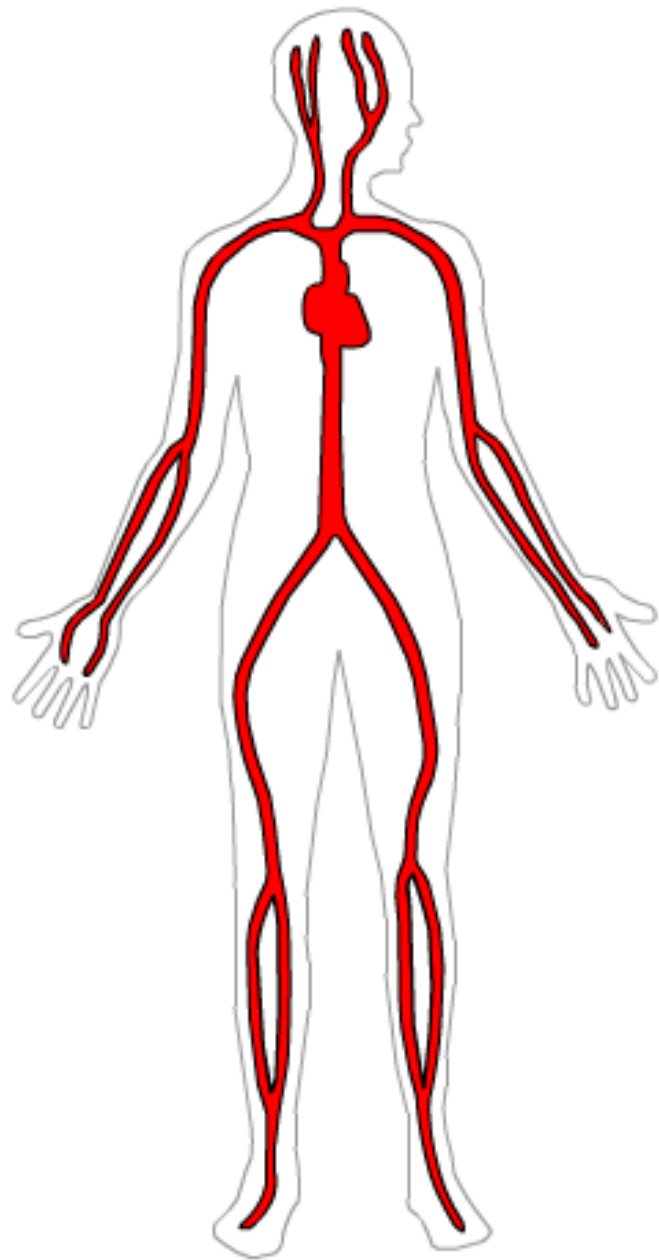
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**The apparent volume of distribution,  $V_d$ , is defined as the volume that would contain the total body content of the drug at a concentration equal to that present in the plasma**





Vd

5 L

Drug concentrated  
in blood stream

Drug in blood and  
extracellular space

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in blood and tissues

Drug moderately  
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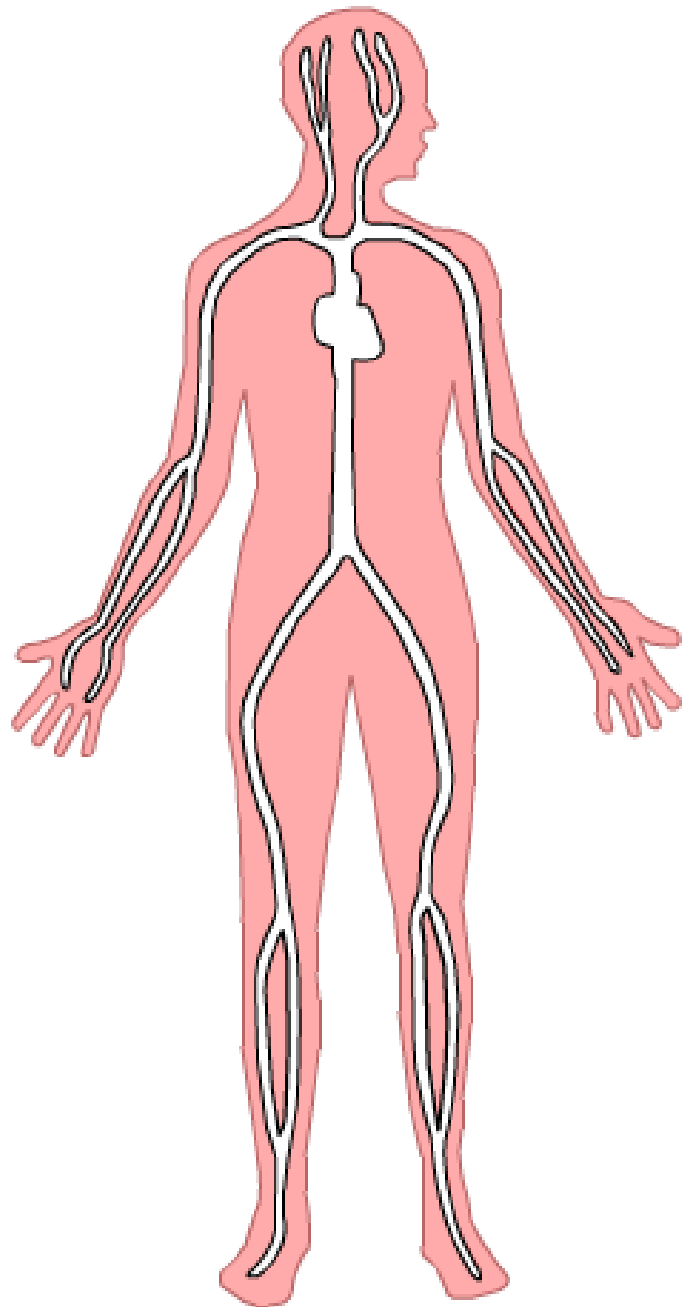
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(usually adipose)

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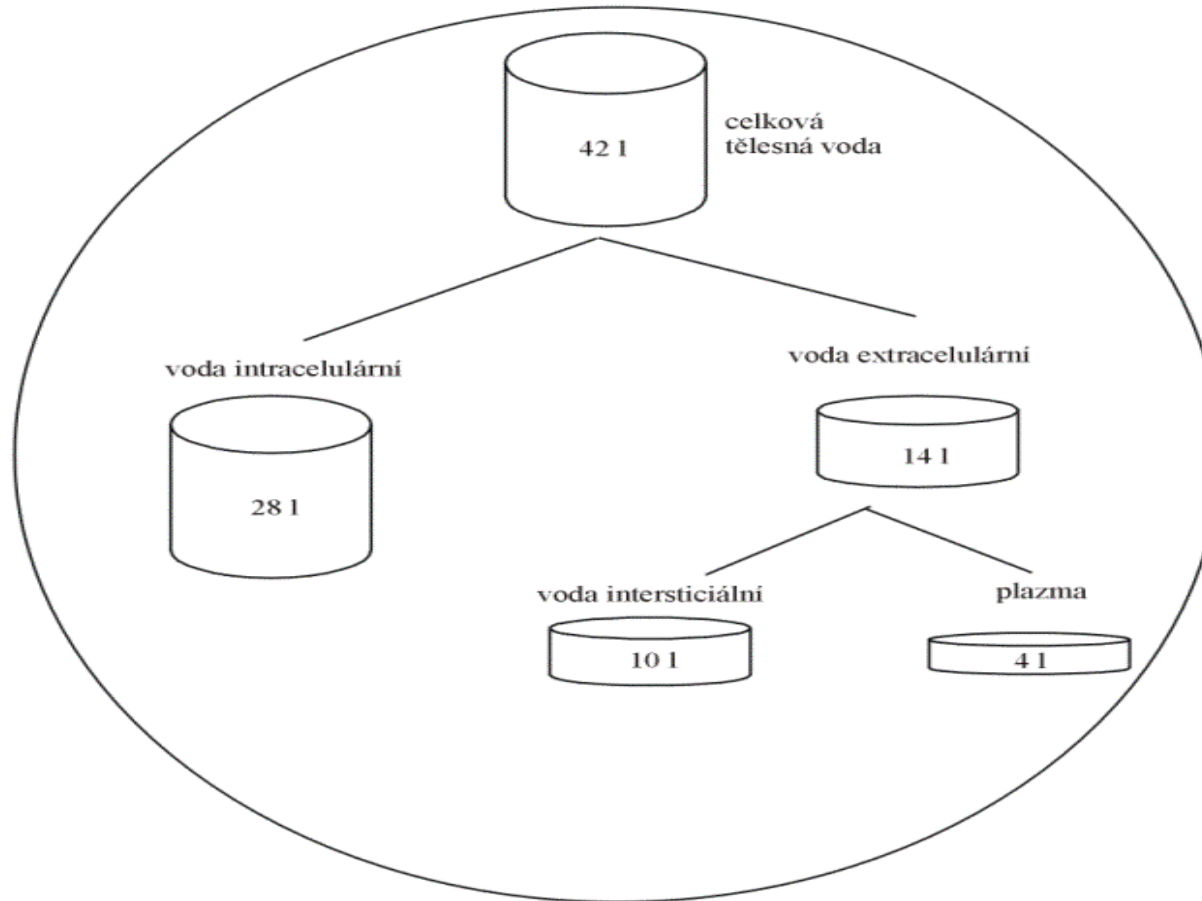


$V_d =$  **hypothetical volume**,

Final value of  $V_d$  can be even 50000 liters (antimalarial drugs).

What does this value tell us: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

**We can assess distribution of the drug in the body.**

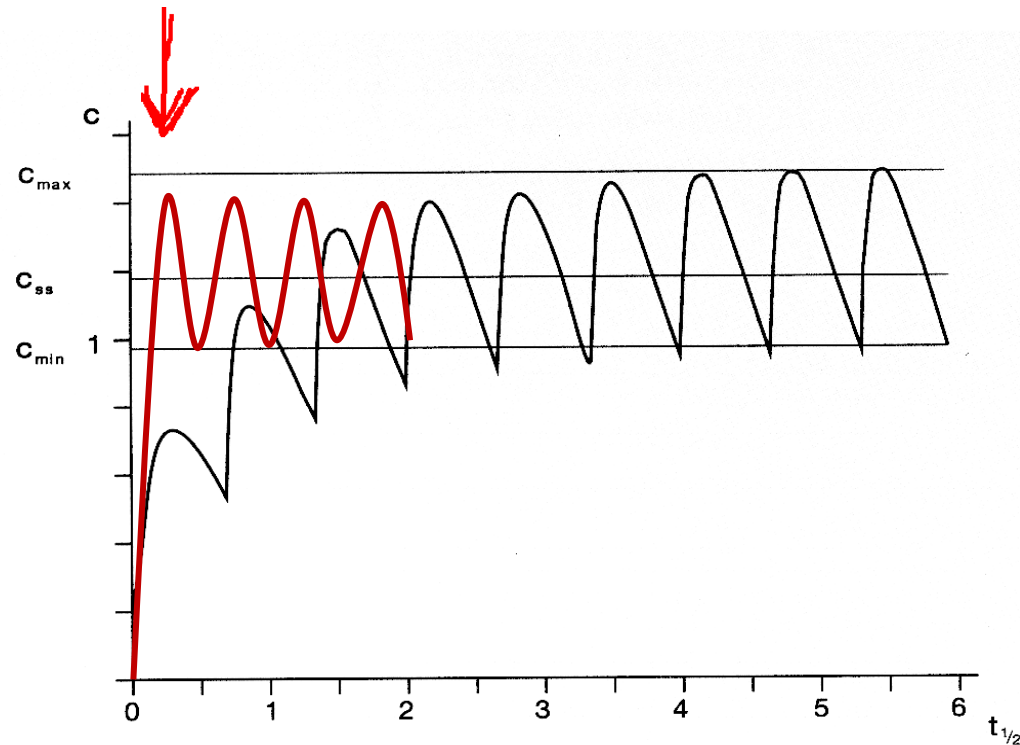


# Distribution

Distribution volume - use:

**Calculation of loading dose:**

$$D = Vd \cdot c_T$$





# Distribution

**Estimate the amount of drug in the body**

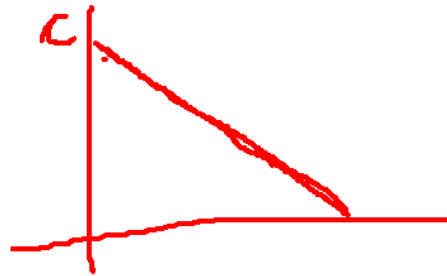
$$M = Vd \cdot C$$

**Assessment of the effect of hemodialysis and hemoperfusion**

drugs with higher  $Vd$  can not be eliminate from the body by these technics



# Elimination of drugs

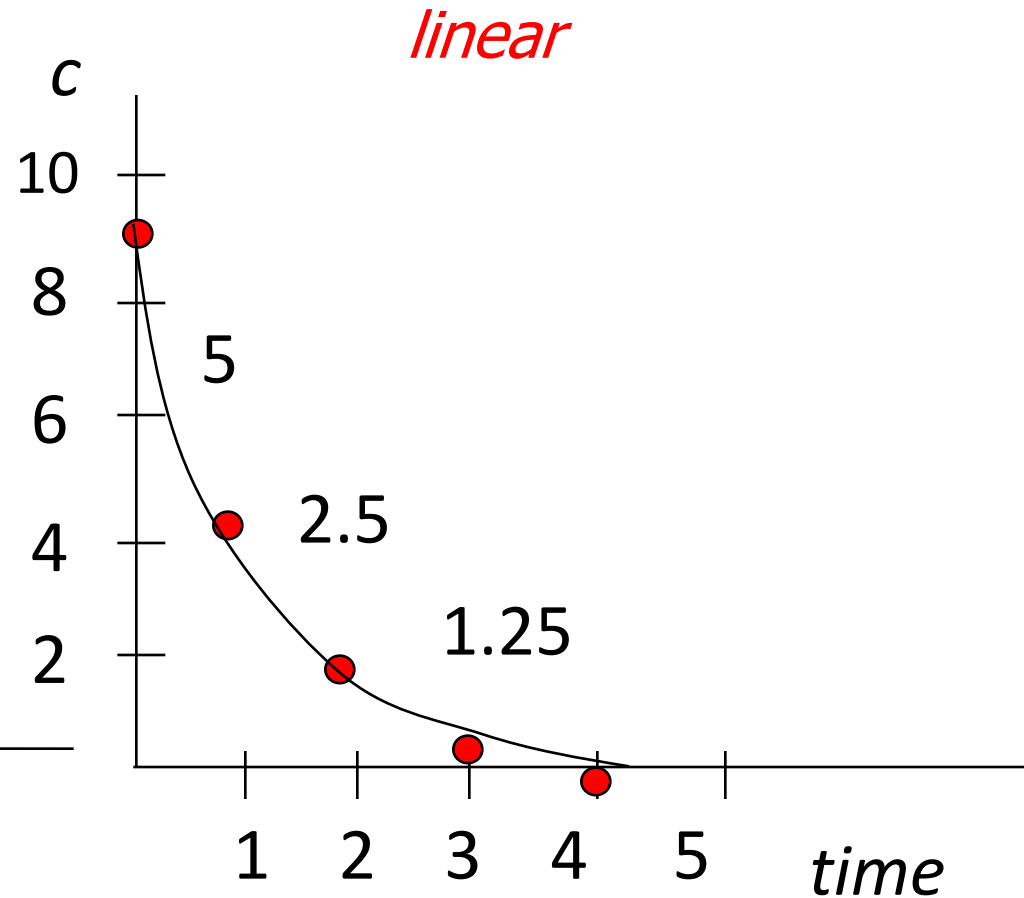
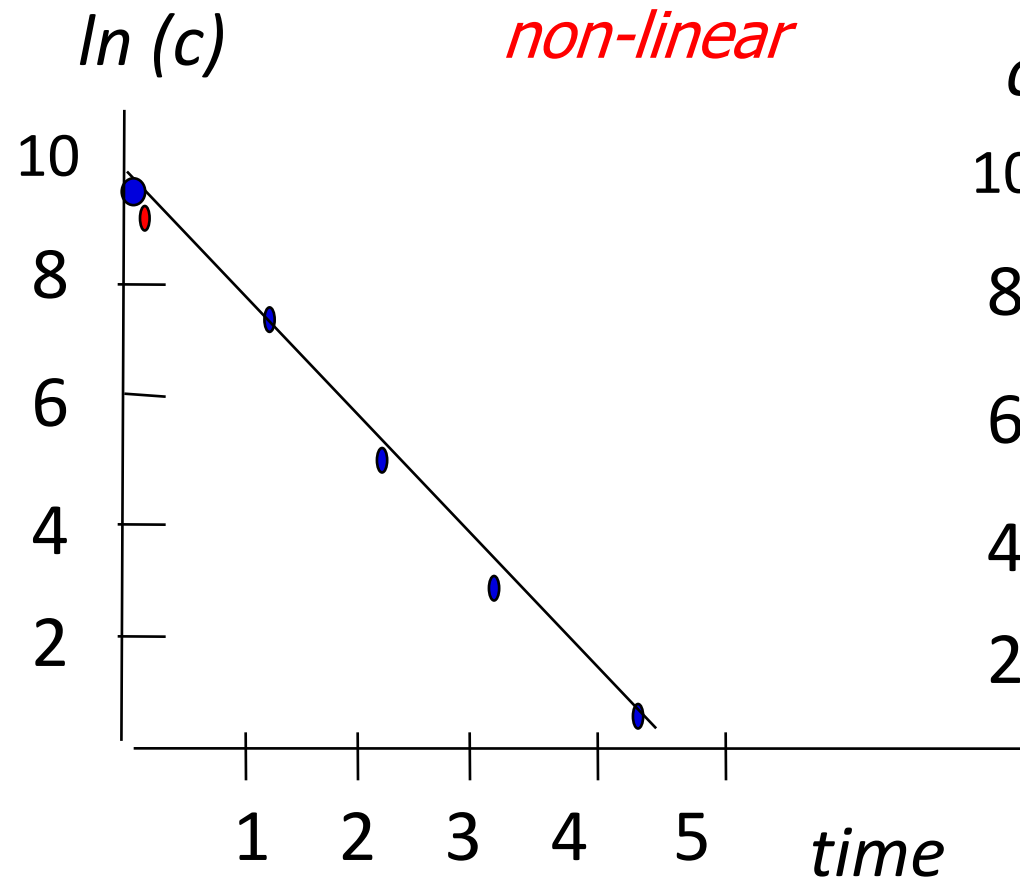


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non-linear kinetics



# 0 and 1st.-order elimination



# Biotransformation - metabolism

Predominantly in liver, but also in other organs and parts of body

## Enzymatic processes

### bioactivation (prodrug)

tamoxifen – endoxifen

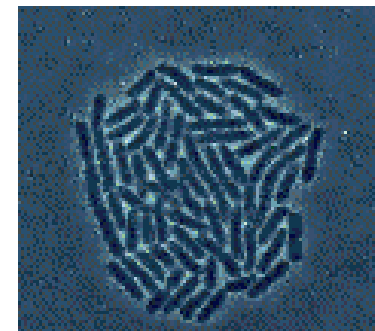
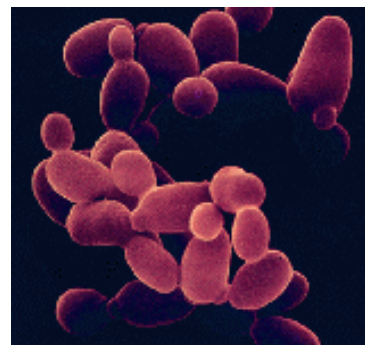
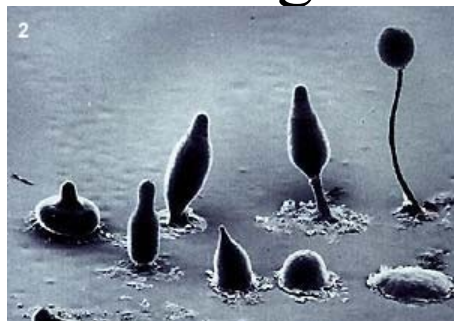
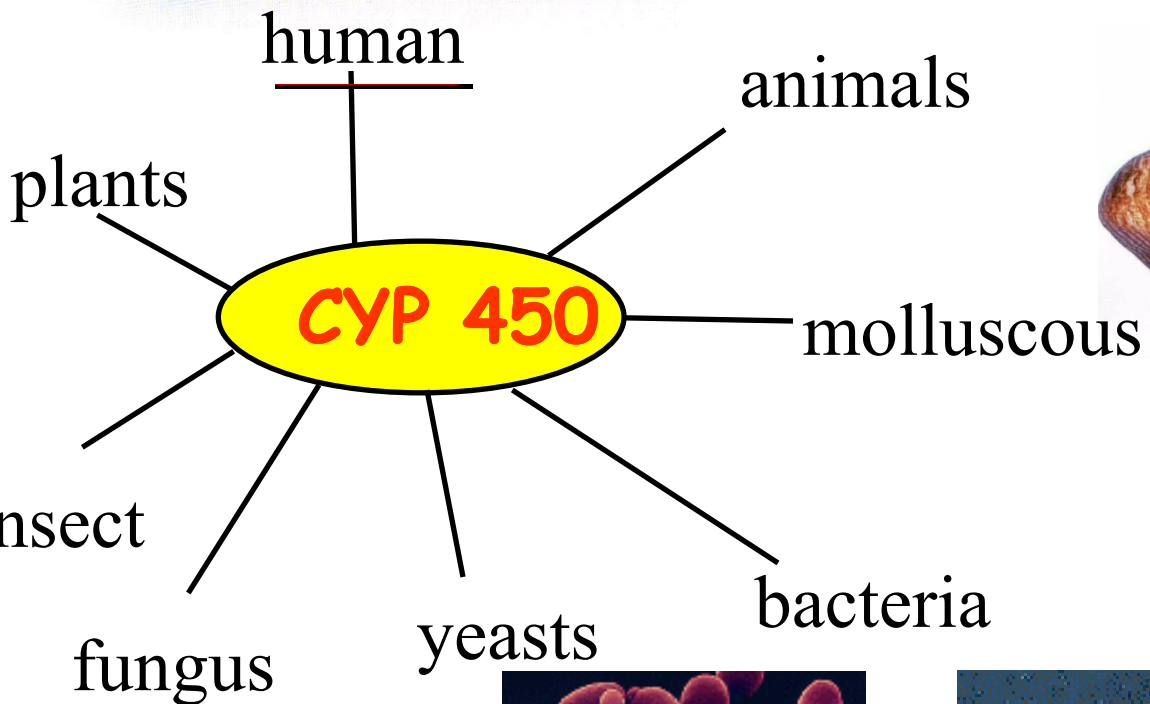
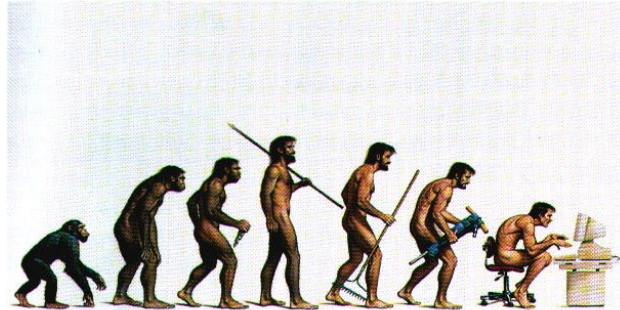
cyclophosphamide – phosphoramidate

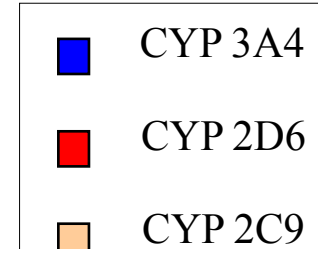
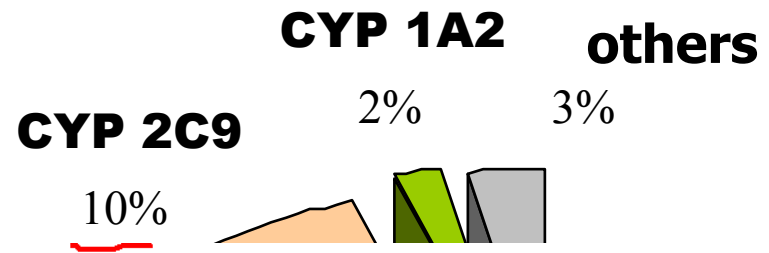
### → biodegradation



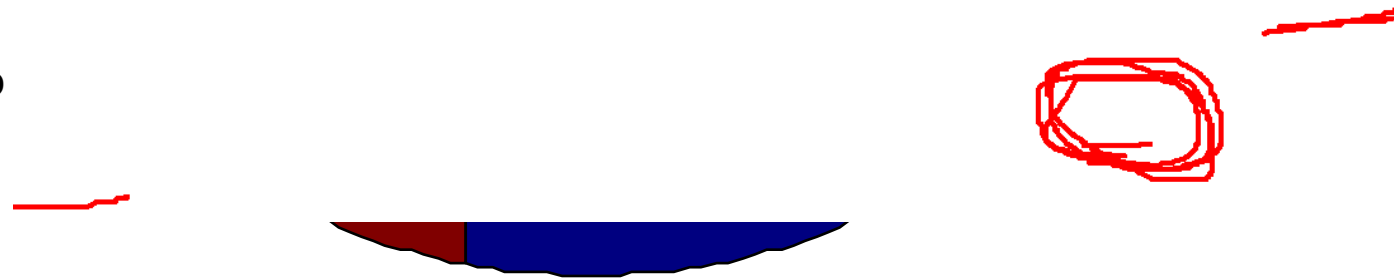
# Biotransformation - metabolism







**CYP**



# Inducers of CYP450

- dexametazon
- fenobarbital
- rifampicine
- phenytoin
- St. John's worth (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- *Ginkgo biloba*





# Inhibitors of CYP450

- antidepressants (fluoxetine, fluvoxamin, paroxetine)
- chinin, chinidin
- chloramphenicol, erythromycine
- ketokonazol, itrakonazol
- grapefruit juice



# Excretion

**kidneys**

**bile**

**lungs**

Saliva, skin, hair, milk...



# Excretion by kidney

MW < 60.000 D (MW of albumin = 68.000 D)

glomerular filtration

tubular secretion

organic acids

furosemide

thiazide diuretics

penicilins

→ **alkalization**  
natrium hydrogencarbonate

→ **acidification**  
ammonium chloride



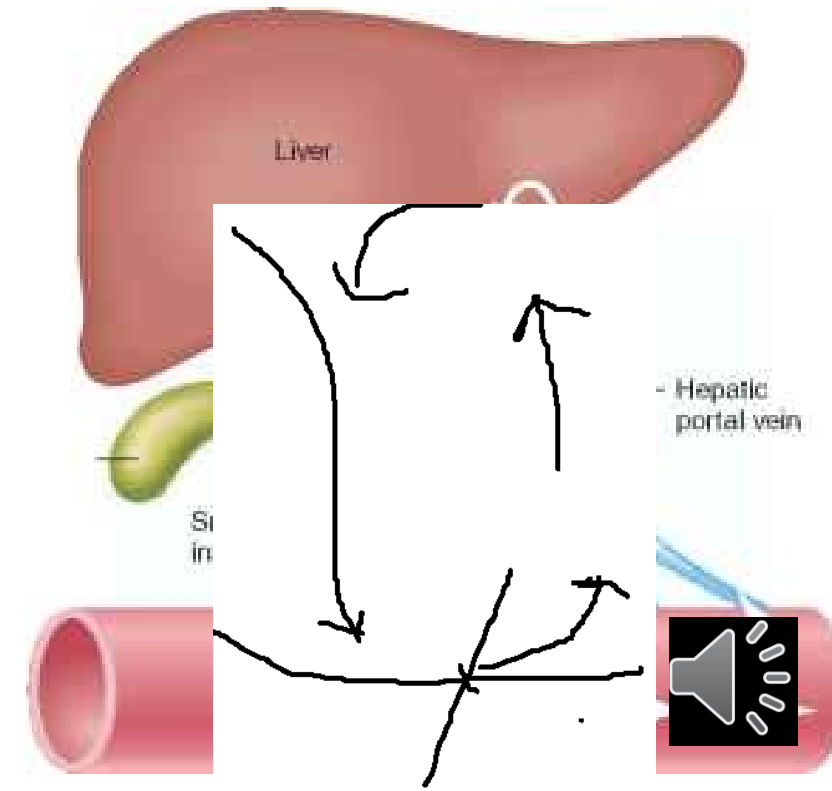
# Excretion by liver

Substances permeate through 2 membranes of hepatocytes – basolateral and apical (canalicular)

Metabolites are excreted primary by **pasive diffusion**, further by **active transport** (glucuronides, bile acids, penicillins, tetracyclines, etc.)

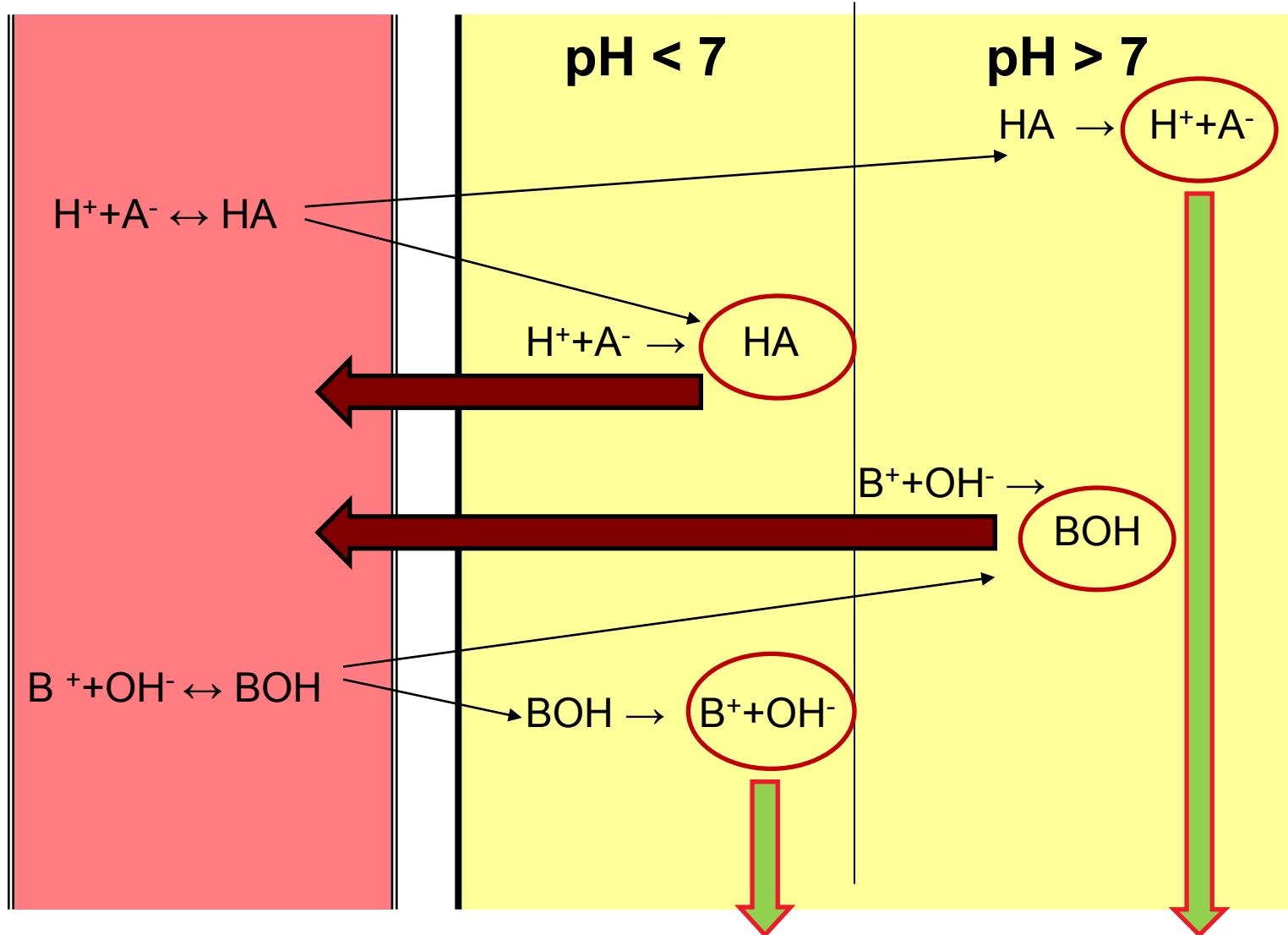
Metabolites can be deconjugated by bacterial enzymes in intestine → release of lipophilic molecule → **re-absorption**

**= ENTEROHEPATIC CIRCULATION**



Glomerular capillary

Proximal tubulus

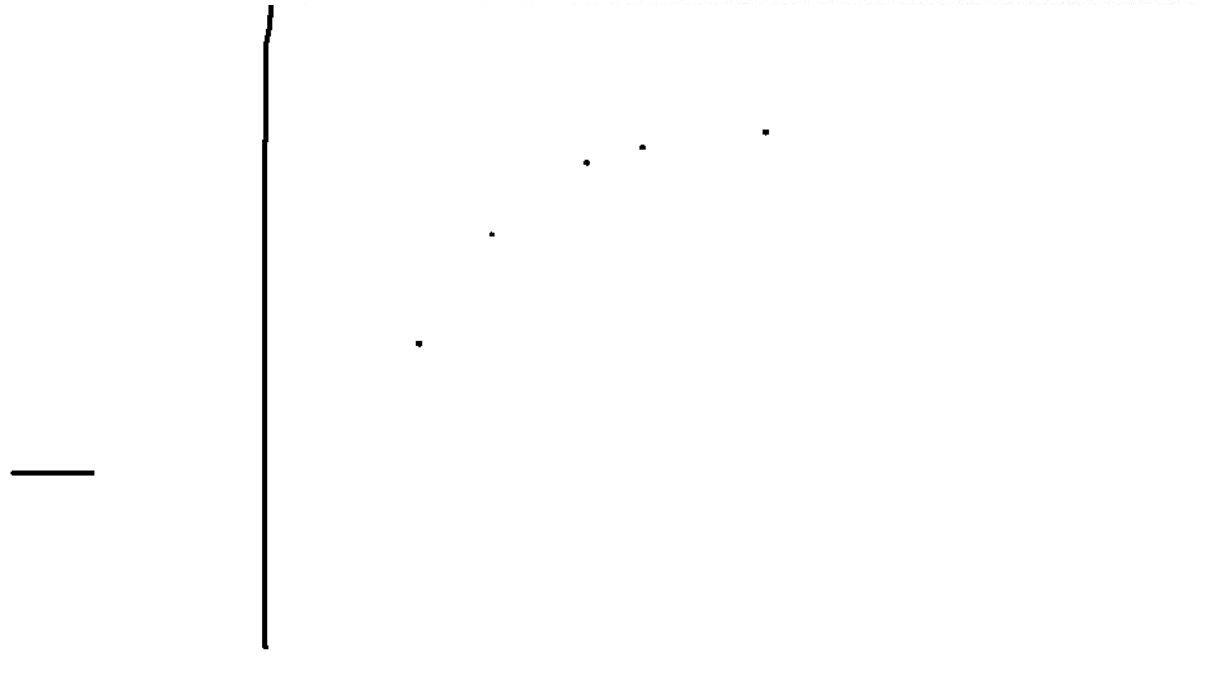
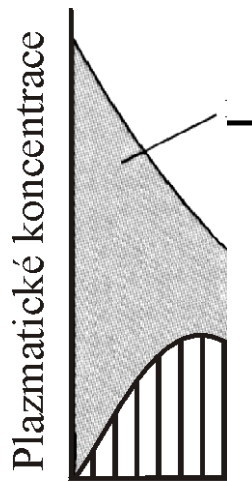


# Pharmacokinetic parameters

Mathematic description of pharmacokinetic processes and its use in drug dosage



The guide for evaluation of pharmacokinetics in clinical practise is **plasma concentration/time curve** – problems with measuring in vivo



- In accordance with concentration-time curves we determine **pharmacokinetic parameters** – model values, which provides us to describe P-kinetic processes
- There are three possible manners of drug administration with regards to concentration-time curves:

single dose

continuous administration

repeated dose

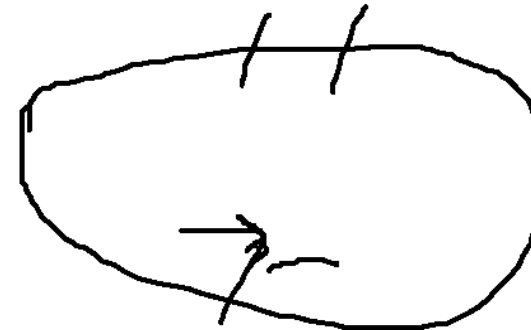
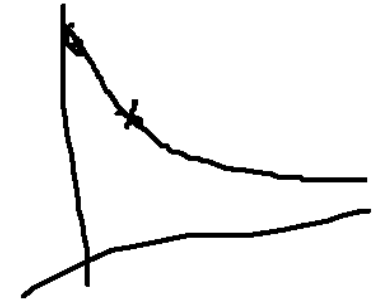
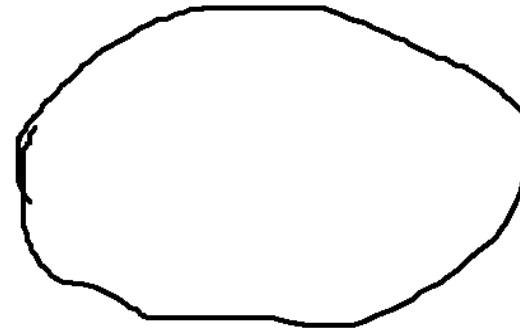





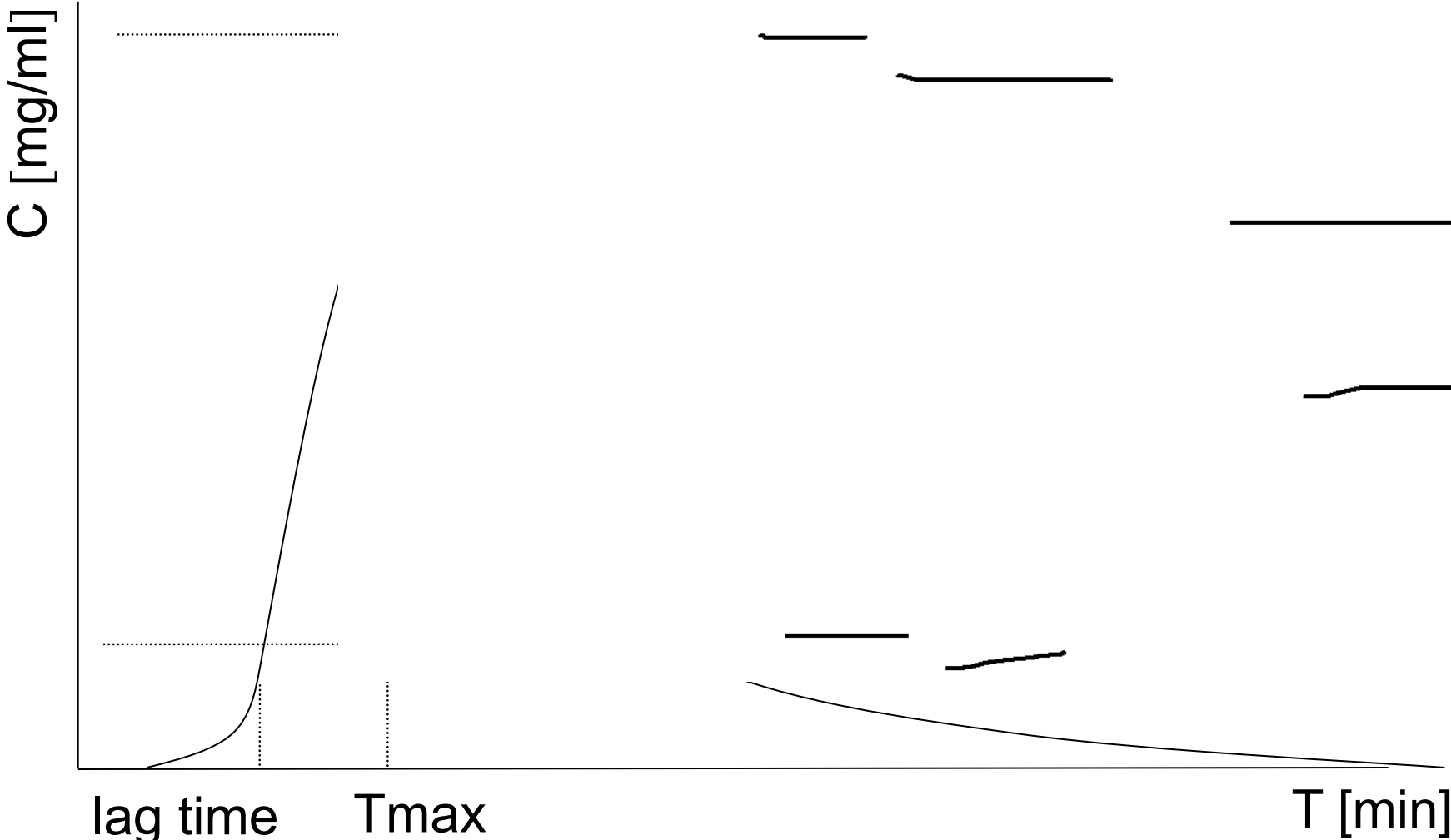
# Single dose

## Invasion phase

$C_{max}$



# Relationship of plasmatic conc. on time



**INVASION ELIMINATION**

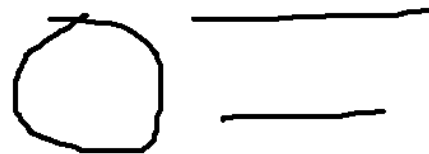
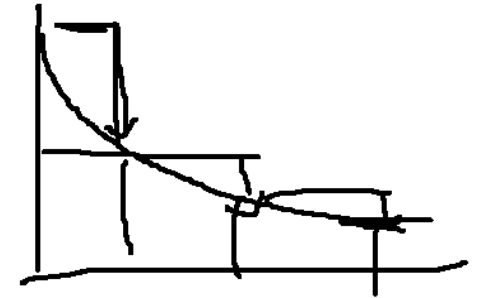
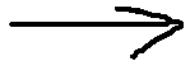
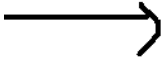


# Single dose

## Elimination phase

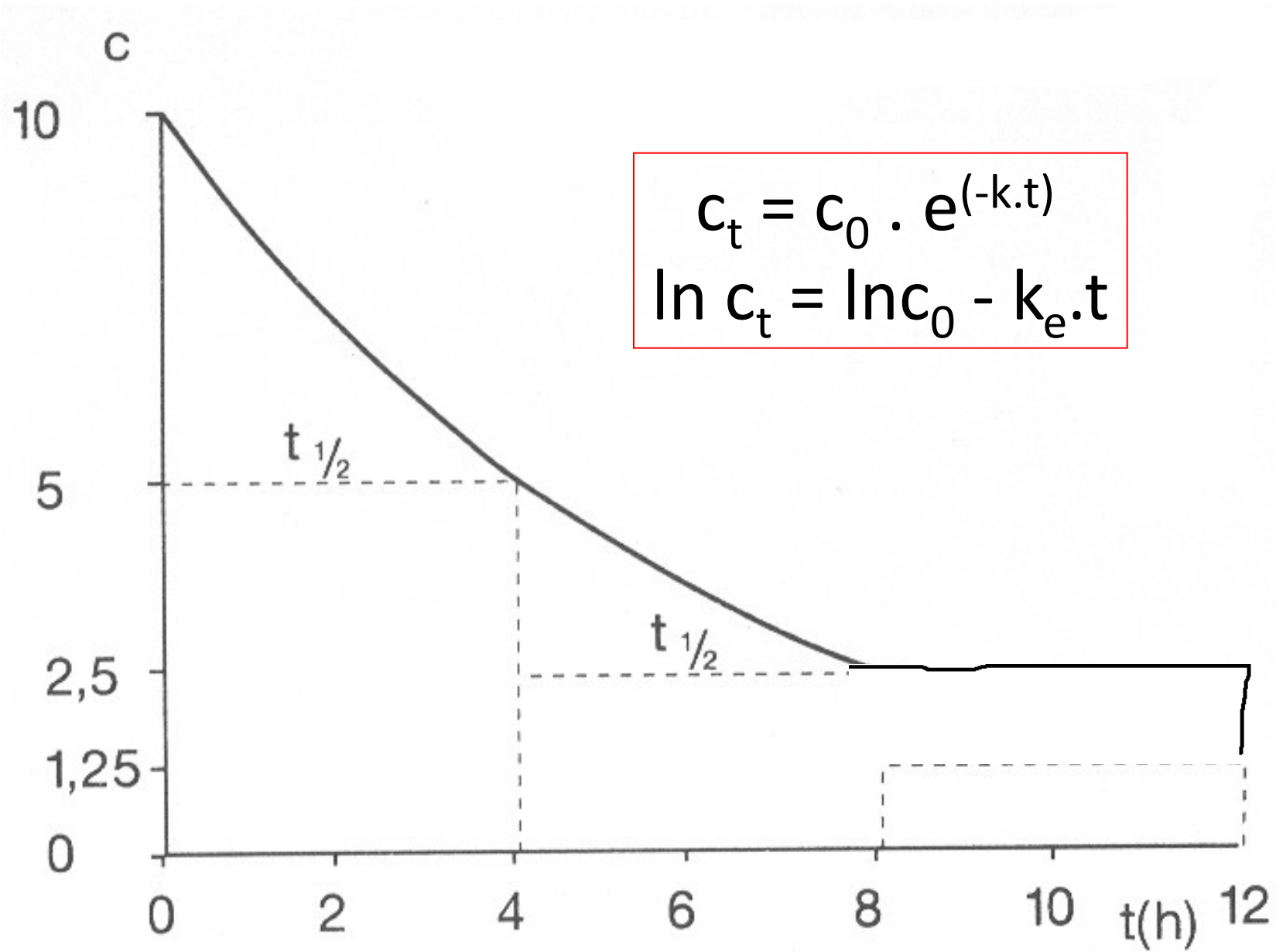
Drug is eliminated from the organism with speed determined by:

$$\ln c_1 - \ln c_2$$



Cl<sub>PUL</sub> ...

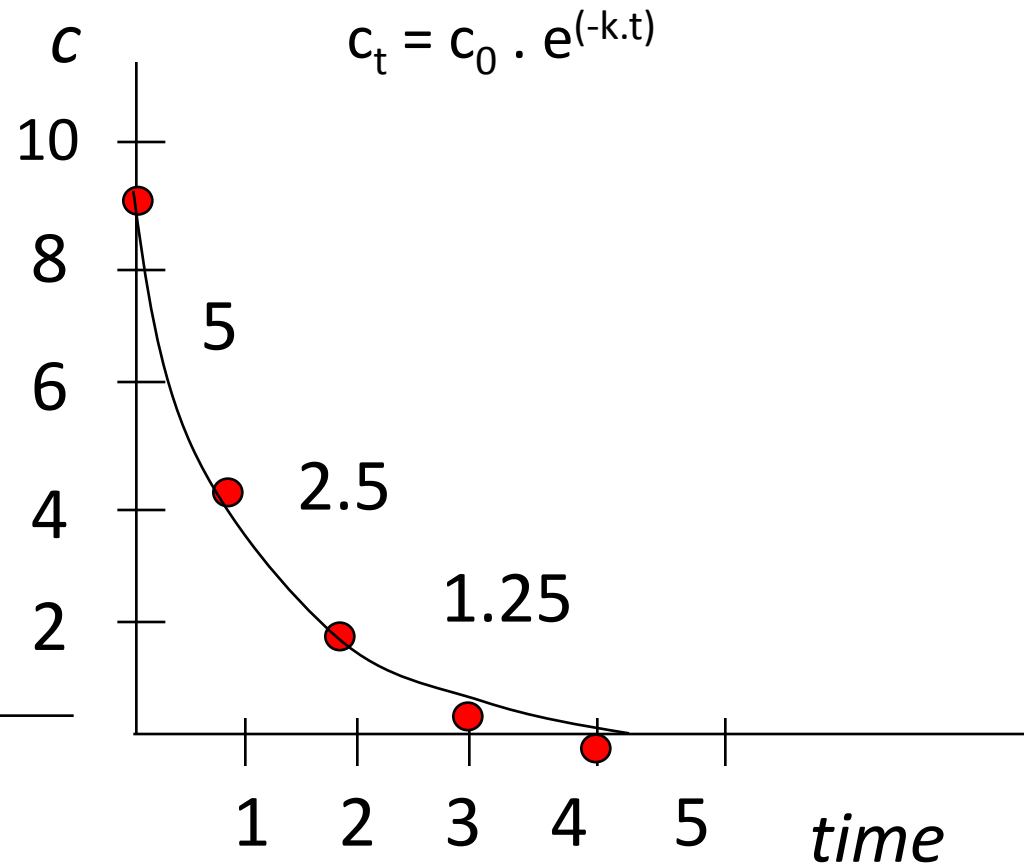
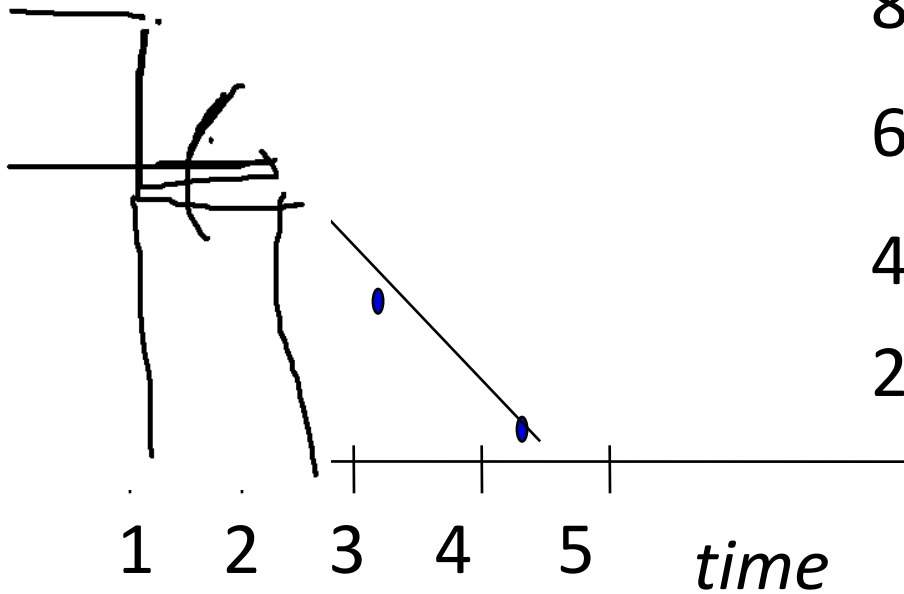


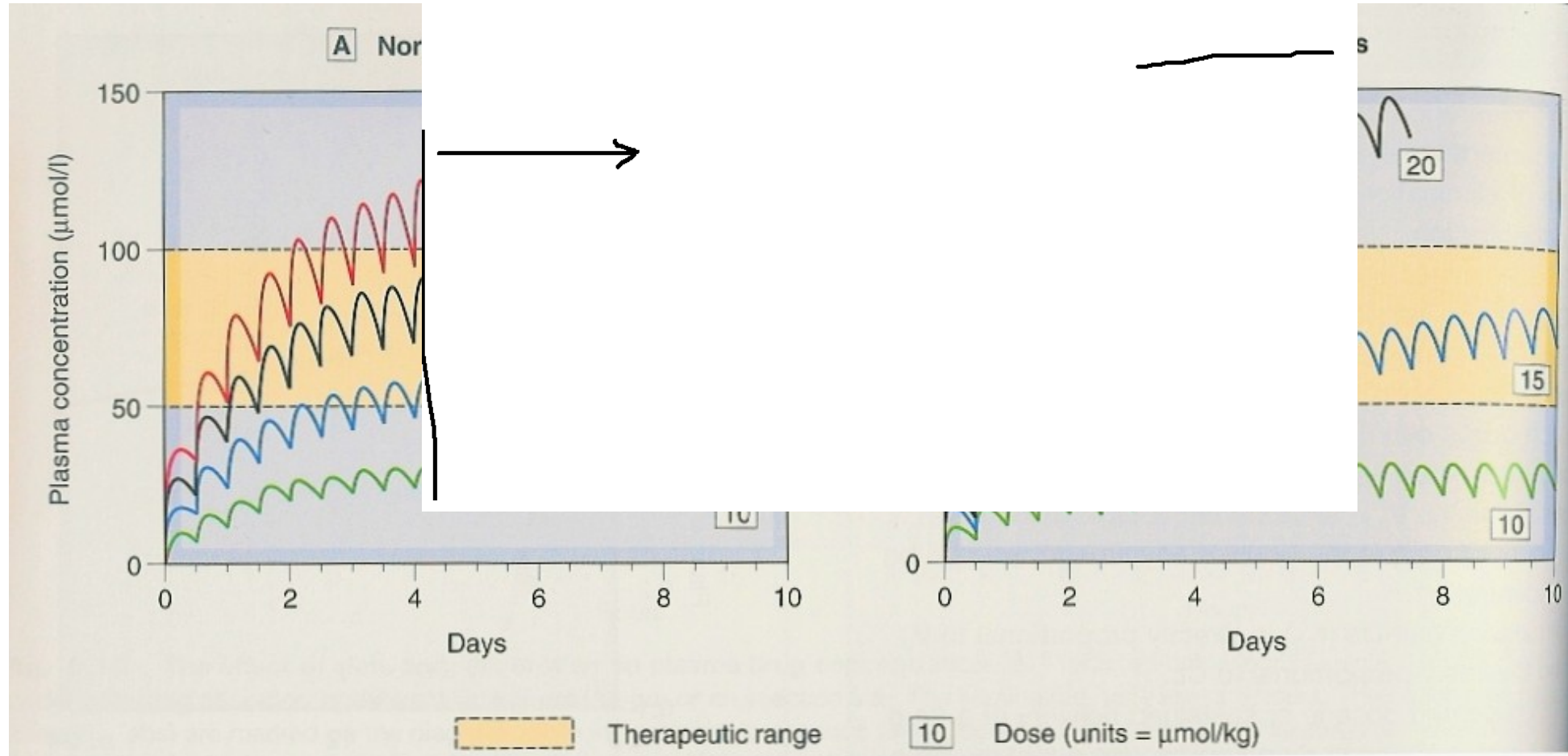


# First-order kinetics – semilogarithmic plot (i.v.)



$$c_t = \ln c_0 - k_e \cdot t$$
$$y = -k_e \cdot x + b$$



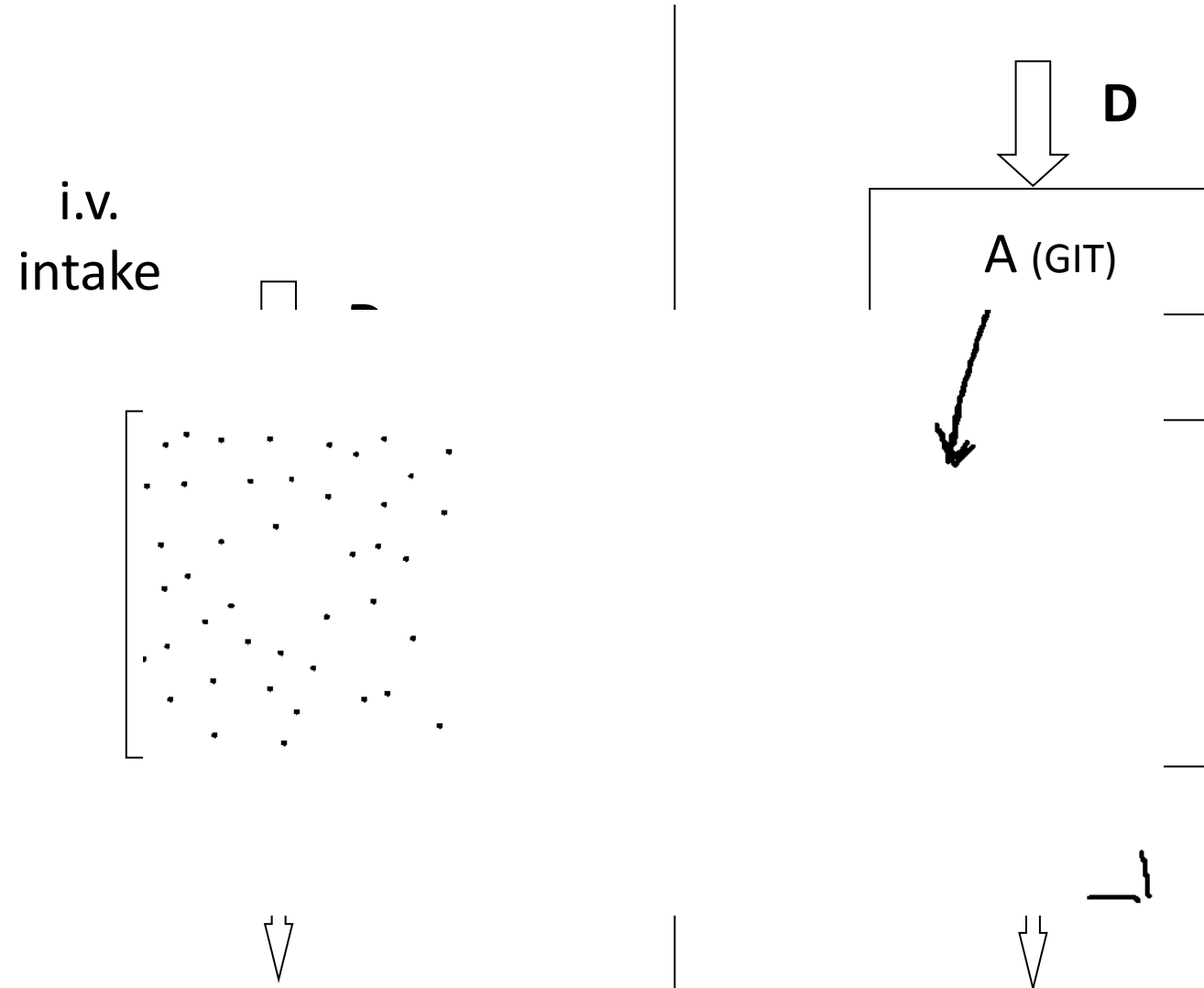


# Compartment models



# Compartment models– block schema

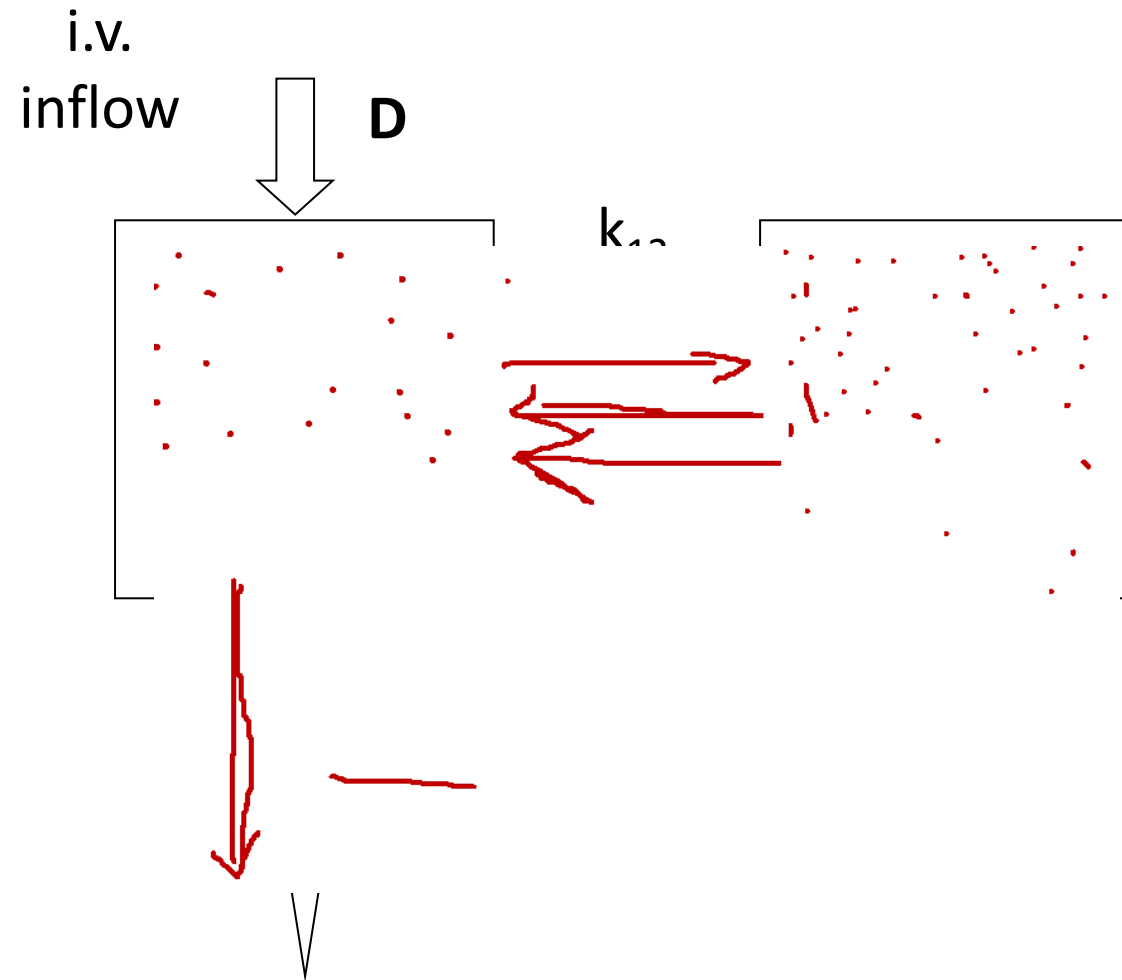
## 1- compartment model



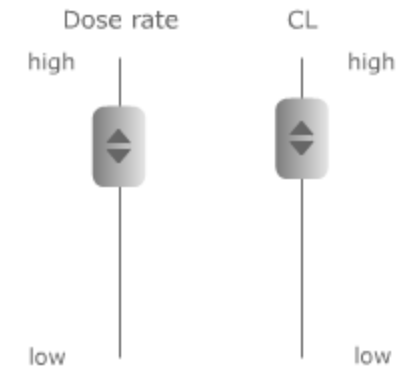
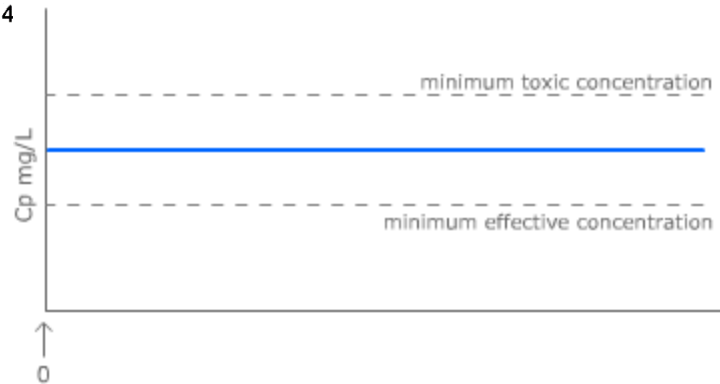
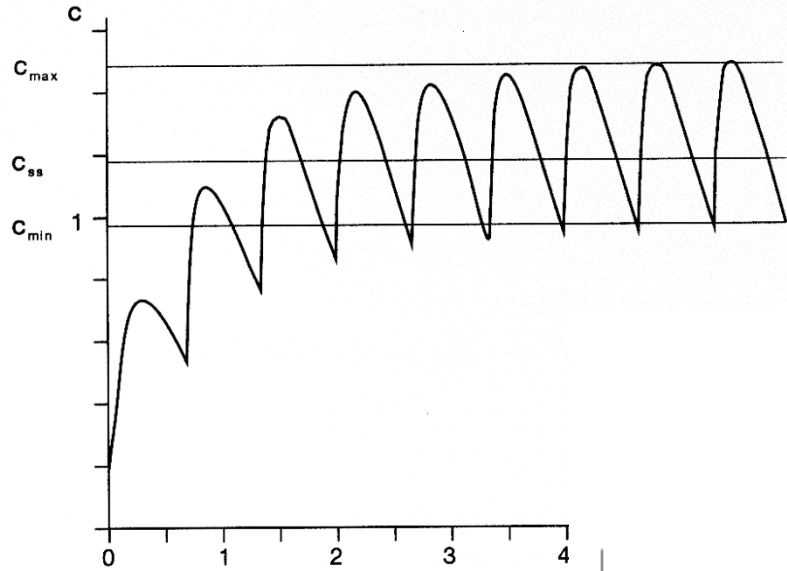


# Compartment models– block schema

## 2- compartment model



# Continuous and repeated administration of drugs



$$C_{pss} = \frac{\text{Dose rate}}{CL}$$

$$\text{Dose rate} = C_{pss} \times CL$$

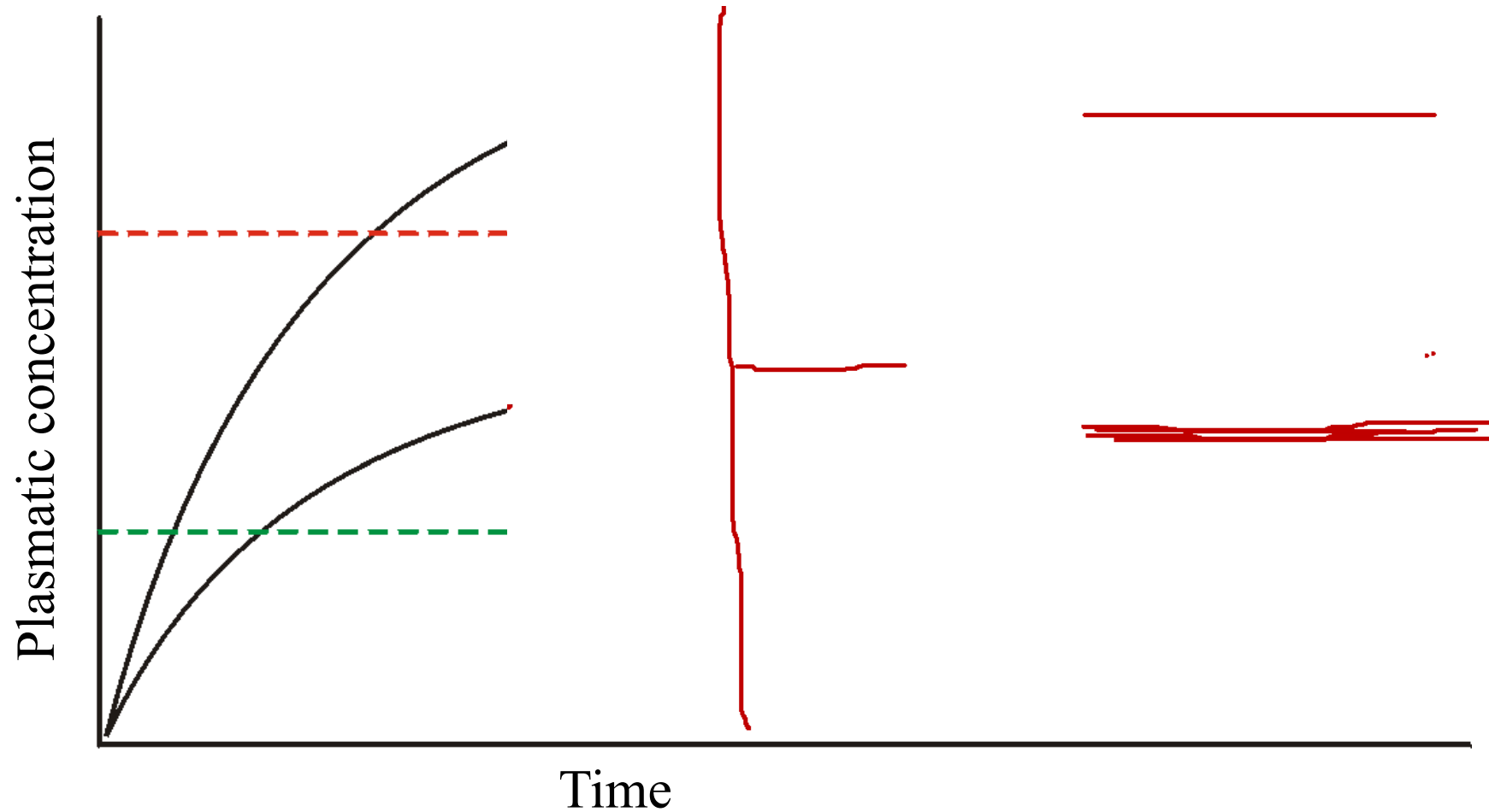


# Continuous administration

- **Intravenous** (e.g. by infusio pump), **transdermal** (TTS), **implant** → administration of drug with constant speed (mg/min)
- If duration of infusion is long enough, concentrations are increasing until the speed of elimination and inflow are the same – plato state is reached (concentration of plato is expressed as



# Continuous administration



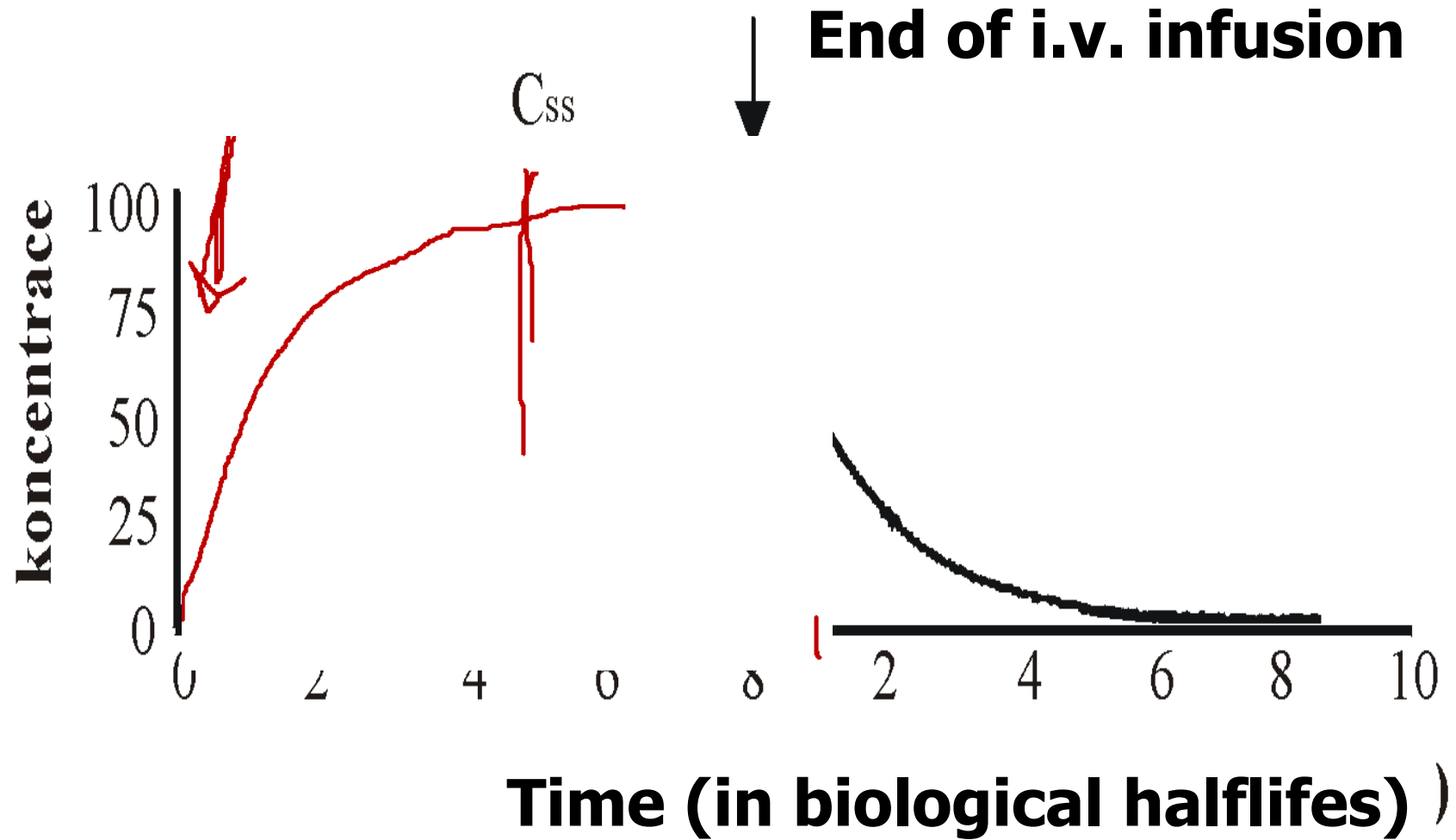
# Continuous administration

In plato:

- Drug is binded to all binding sites, which can be occupied
- constant infusion rate **supplements amount, which is eliminated from organism in same time frame**
- **rate of drug administration [mg/min] = rate of elimination [mg/min]**



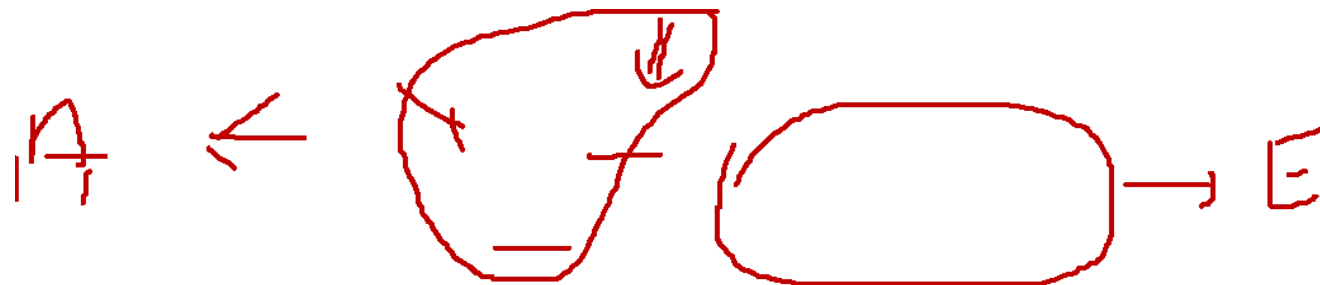
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## Repeated administration

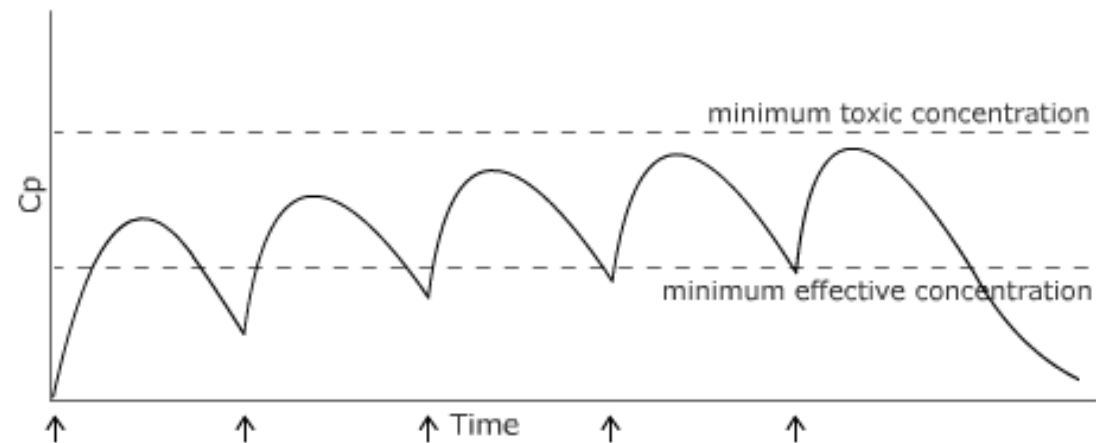
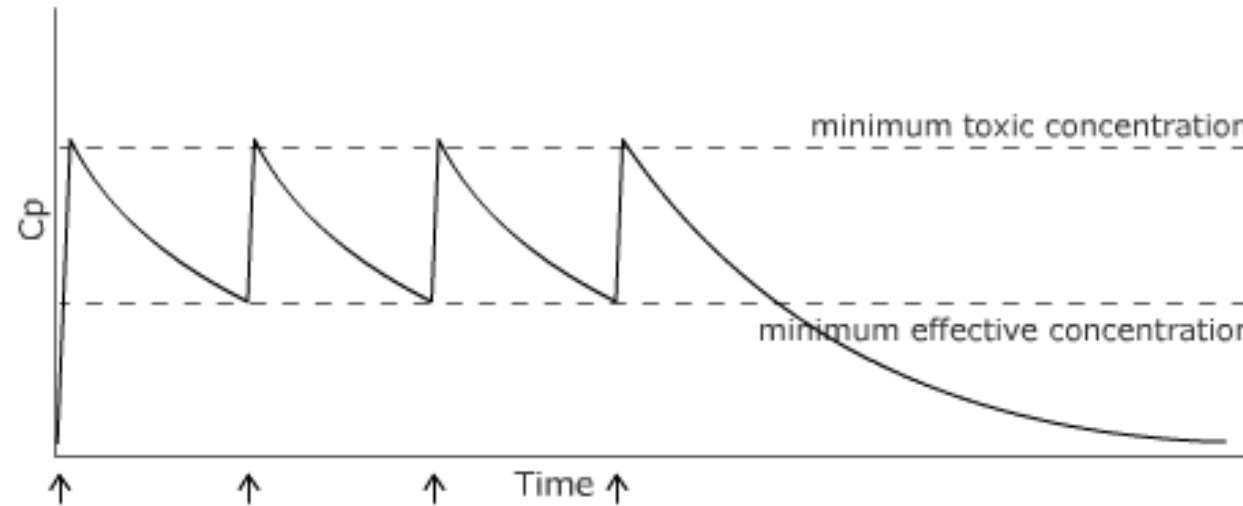
1) **F – bioavailability** – repeated administration is typical for p.o. administration

2)  **$\tau$  – dosage interval** – plasmatic concentrations are fluctuating among minimal and maximal numbers – after reaching steady state this fluctuation is stabilized between  **$C_{max\_plato}$**  and  **$C_{min\_plato}$**



# Repeated administration

**intra-** (repeated intravascular injection) or **extravascular** (i.e. per os)





# Basic pharmacokinetic parameters (+ computations)

$C_{\max}$  = maximal plasmatic concentration

$$AUC = \frac{D}{Cl} = \frac{c_0}{k_e} = \frac{D}{k_e \cdot Vd} \quad [mg \cdot l^{-1} \cdot h]$$

$t_{\max}$  = time when  $C_{\max}$  is reached

$k_a$  = absorption rate constant

$$k_e = \frac{\ln c_1 - \ln c_2}{t_2 - t_1} \quad [h^{-1}]$$

$k_e$  = elimination rate constant

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k_e} = \frac{0,7}{k_e} \quad [h]$$

$t_{1/2}$  = biological halflife

$Vd$  = volume of distribution

$$Vd = \frac{D \cdot F}{C_0} = \frac{F \cdot D}{AUC \cdot k_e} \quad [l]$$

$Cl$  = clearance

$$Cl_{TOT} = \frac{D}{AUC} = k_e \cdot Vd = Cl_{REN} + Cl_{HEP} + Cl_{PUL} \dots [l \cdot h^{-1}]$$

