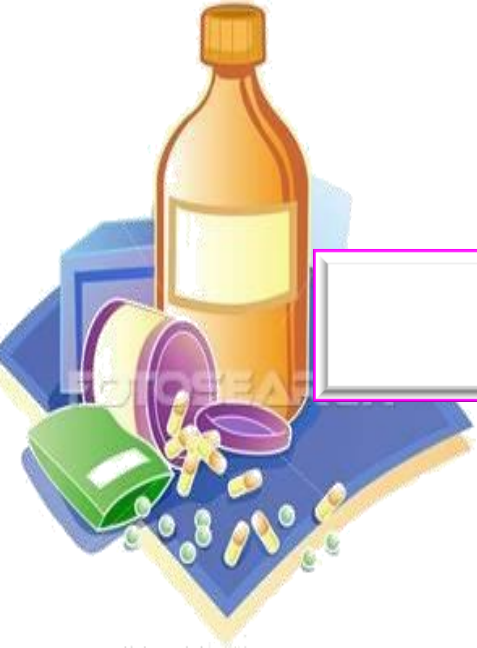




# PHARMACODYNAMICS II

## QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS OF DRUGS



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**Determine quantitative aspects of drug receptor binding.**

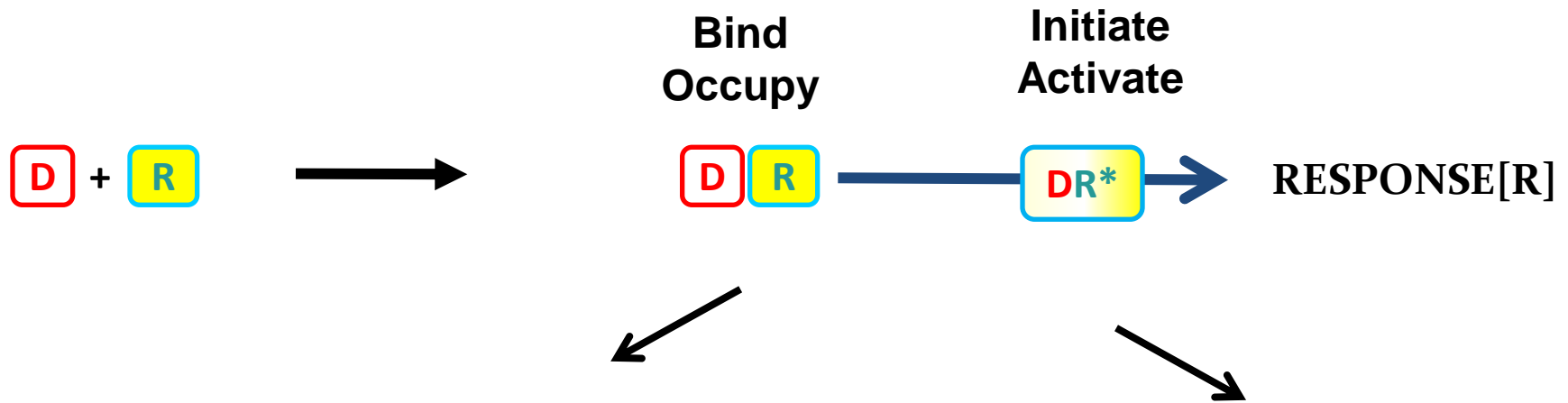
**Recognize concentration binding curves.**

**Identify dose response curves and the therapeutic utility of these curves.**

**Classify different types of antagonism**



# QUANTIFY ASPECTS OF DRUG ACTION



Relate concentration [C] of **D** used (x-axis) to the **binding capacity** at receptors (y-axis)

Concentration-Binding Curve

Relate concentration [C] of **D** used (x-axis) to **response** produced (y-axis)

Dose Response Curves

AFFINITY

EFFICACY

POTENCY

# CONCENTRATION BINDING CURVES

Is a correlation between drug concentration [C] used (**x- axis**) and **drug binding** capacity at receptors [B] (**y-axis**).

**i.e. relation between concentration & drug binding**

## Concentration-Binding curves are used to determine:

### ○ $B_{\max}$ (the binding capacity)

is the total density of receptors in the tissues.

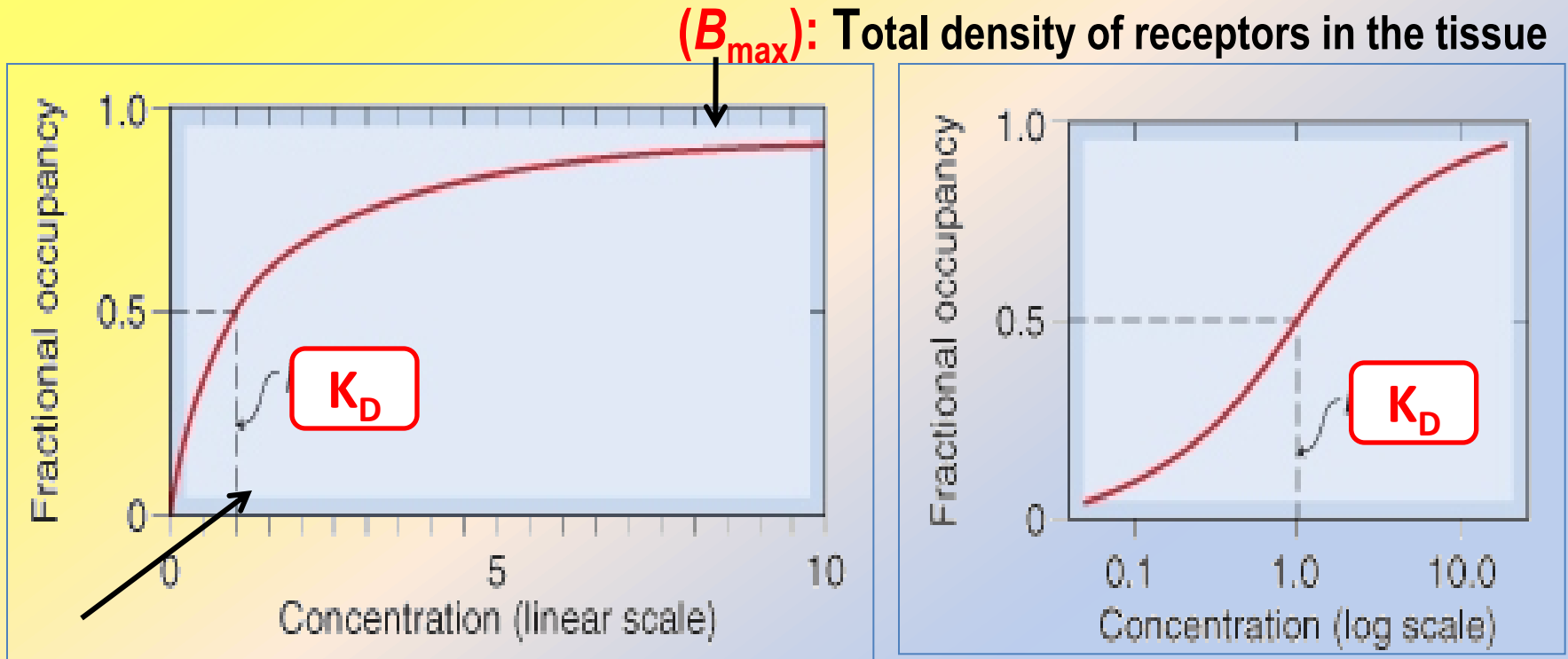
### ○ $KD50$

is the concentration of drug required to occupy 50% of receptors at equilibrium.

### ○ The affinity of drug for receptor

The higher the affinity of D for receptor the lower is the  $K_D$  **i.e. inverse relation**

# Concentration-Binding Curve



$(k_D)$  = [C] of **D** required to occupy 50% of receptors at equilibrium



# DOSE -RESPONSE CURVES

- Used to study how response varies with the concentration or dose.
- Is a correlation between drug concentration [D] used (x- axis) and drug response [R] (y-axis).
- **i.e. relation between concentration & Response**

# TYPES OF DOSE -RESPONSE CURVES

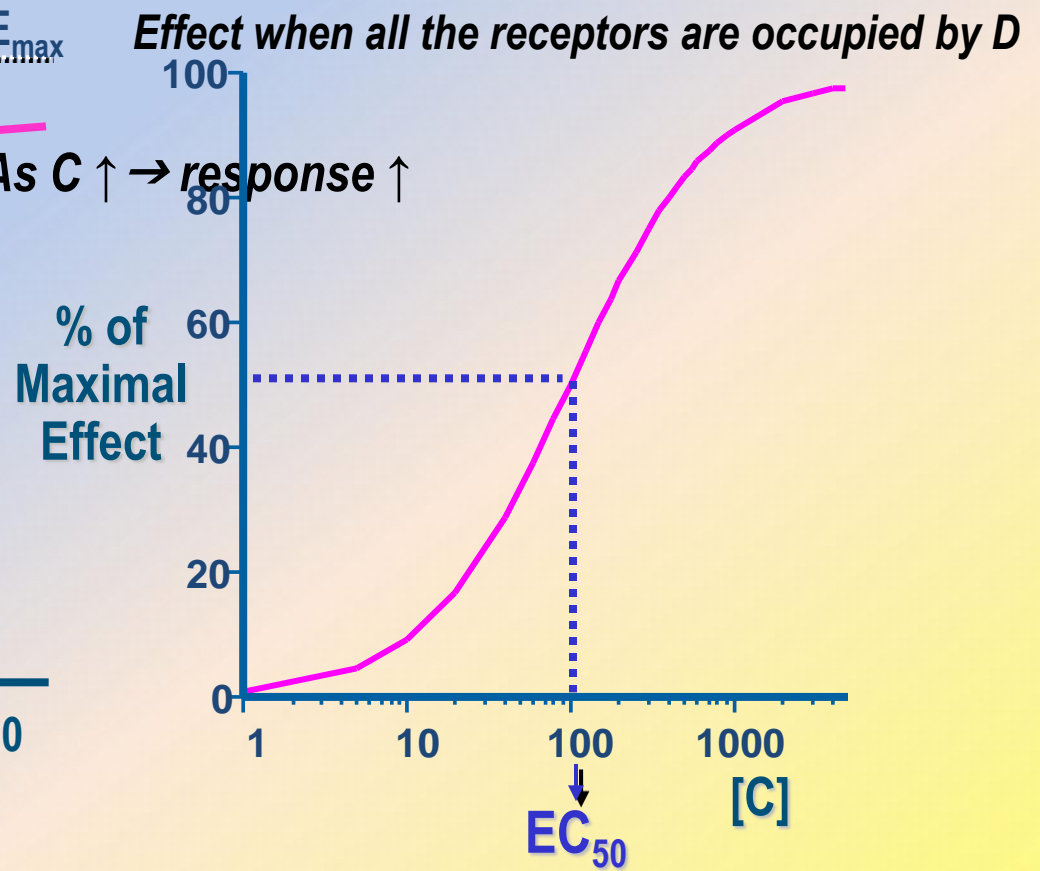
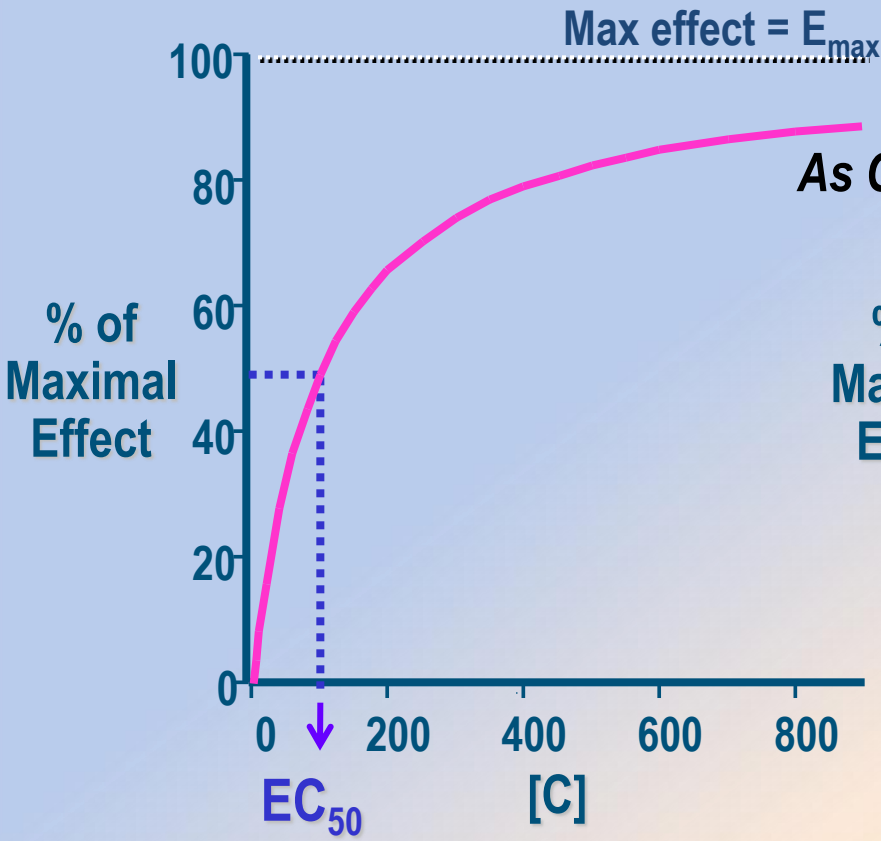
- ✓ Graded dose-response curve
- ✓ Quantal dose-response curve (all or none).



# Graded Dose-response Curve

- Response is gradual
- Gradual increase in response by increasing the dose (**continuous response**).
- e.g. ↓ blood pressure, heart rate, blood glucose level, cholesterol,...
- Curve is usually sigmoid in shape
- used to calculate
  - Emax
  - EC50
  - Potency
  - Efficacy

# GRADED DOSE RESPONSE CURVE



## Graded dose-response curves are used to determine:

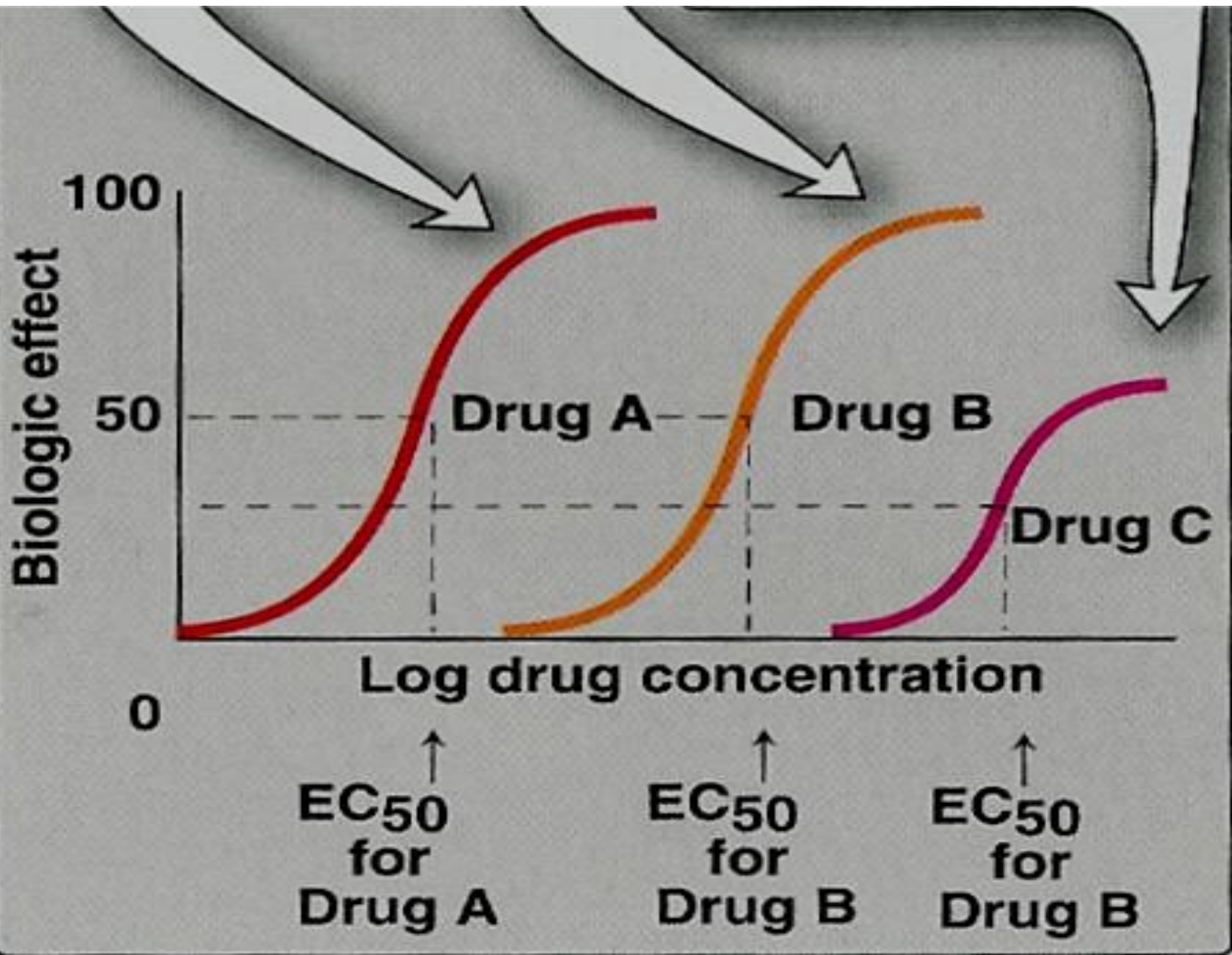
**Maximum Efficacy (E<sub>max</sub>):** is the maximal biological response produced by a drug.

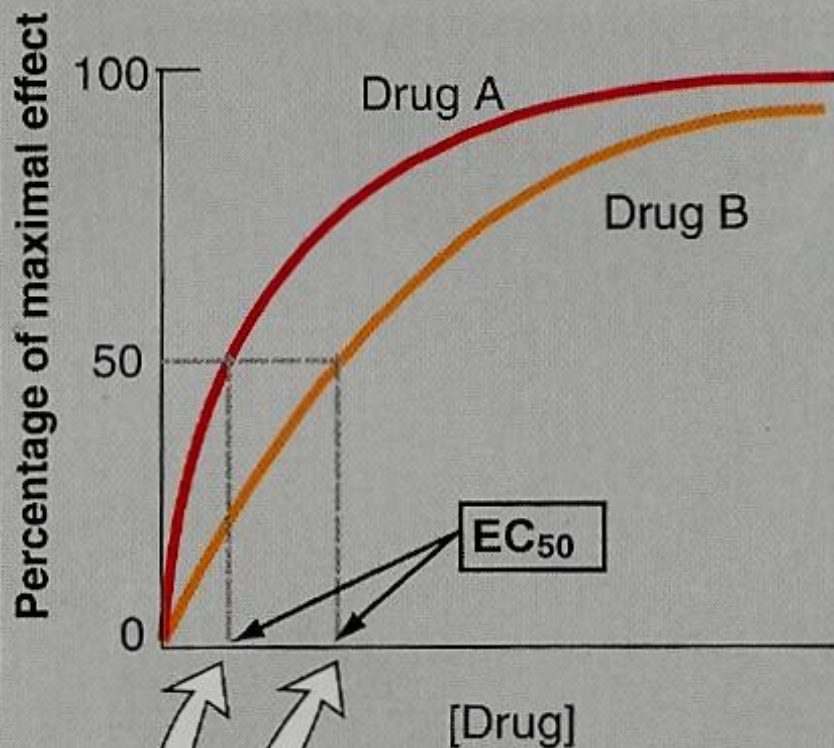
### **Median Effective concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>):**

○ is the concentration of the drug that gives 50% of the maximal response (E<sub>max</sub>).

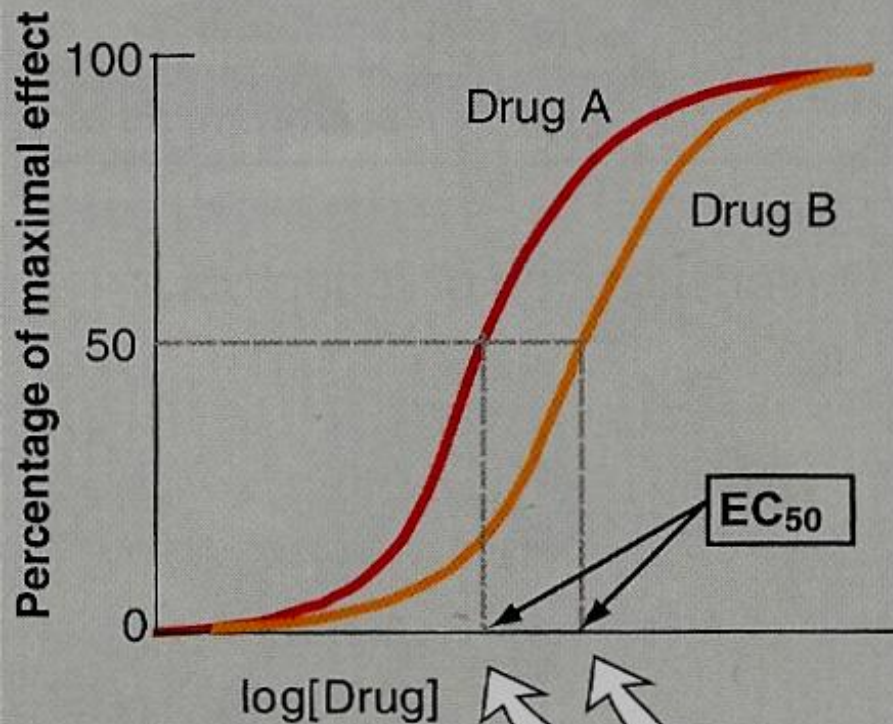
**Potency:** the concentration of drug required to produce a specified response (50% of the maximal response = EC<sub>50</sub>).

**Potency:** is inversely proportional to EC 50.



**A**

The  $EC_{50}$  is the concentration of the drug that produces a response equal to fifty percent of the maximal response.

**B**

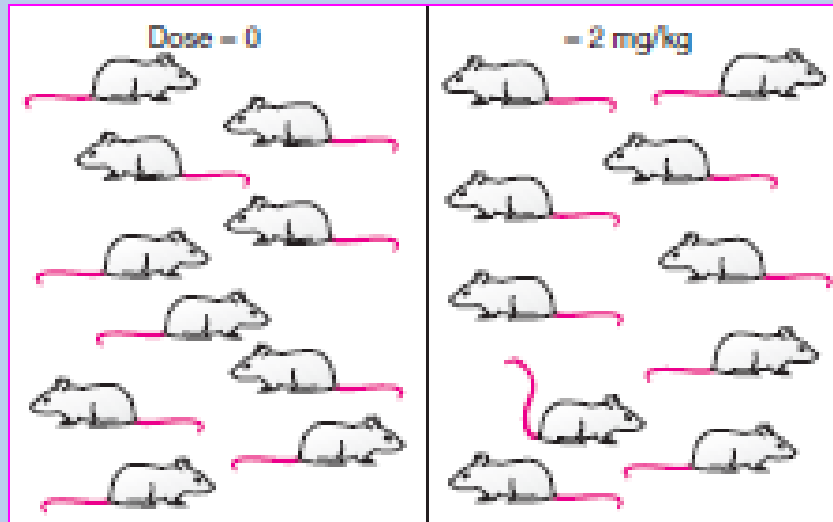
The potency of drugs can be compared using the  $EC_{50}$ , the smaller the  $EC_{50}$  the more potent the drug.

# Quantal Dose-response Curve

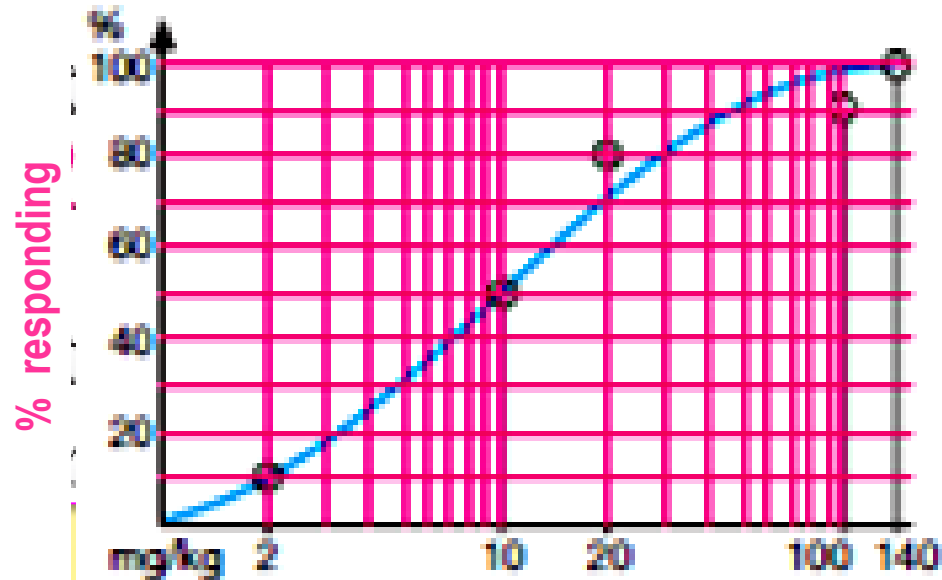
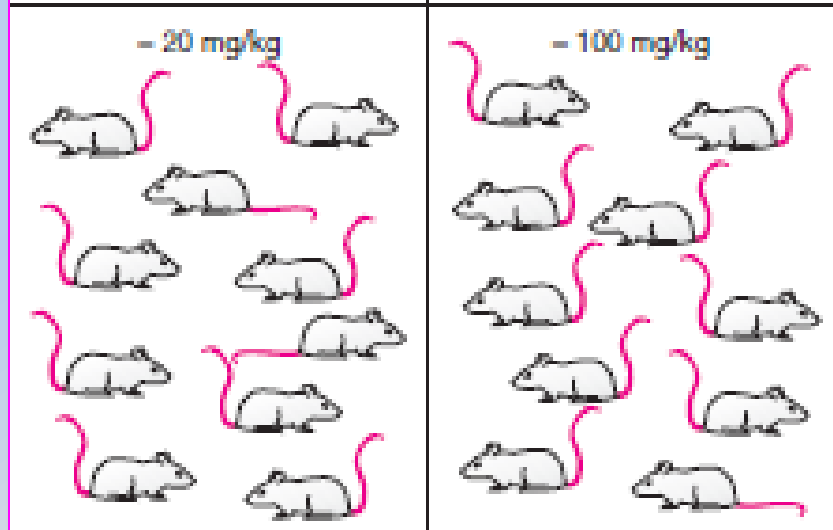
- Relate drug concentration to % percentage of patients responding (all or none response).
- The response may be therapeutic response, adverse effect or lethal effect.
- e.g. prevention of convulsion, arrhythmias or death.
- **Used to determine**
  - ED50
  - TD50 & LD50
  - Therapeutic index.

# QANTAL DOSE RESPONSE CURVE

All-non respo



\* specified th  
\* adverse re  
\* lethal outc



Dose-frequency relationship

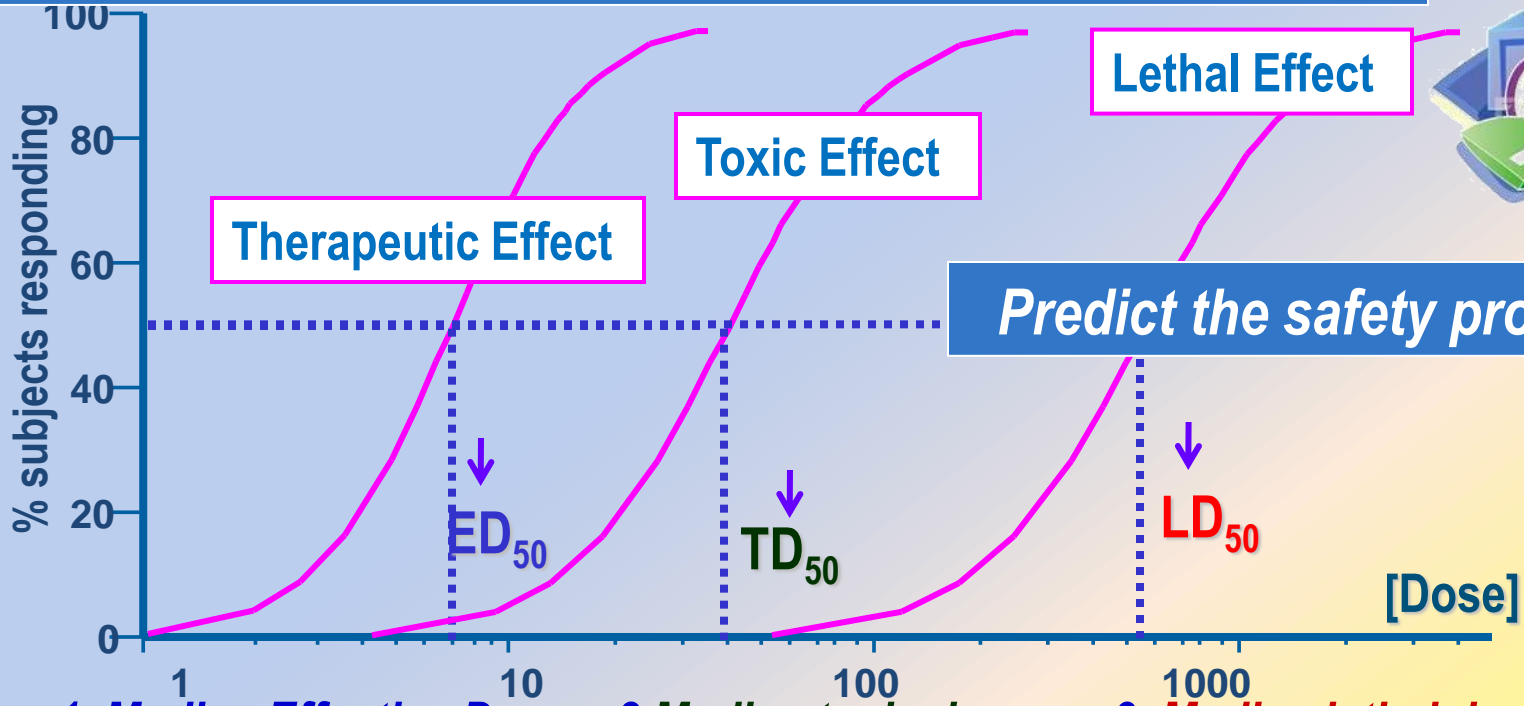
**Median Effective Dose (ED50):** is a dose of the drug required to produce **a therapeutic effect** in 50% of patients.

**Median Toxic Dose (TD50):** is the dose of a drug required to produce **toxic effects** in 50 % of patients.

**Median Lethal Dose (LD50):** is the dose of a drug required to produce **death** in 50 % of patients.



# QANTAL DOSE RESPONSE CURVE: *used to determine*



1. Median Effective Dose
2. Median toxic dose
3. Median lethal dose

1. 50% of individuals exhibit the specified therapeutic response

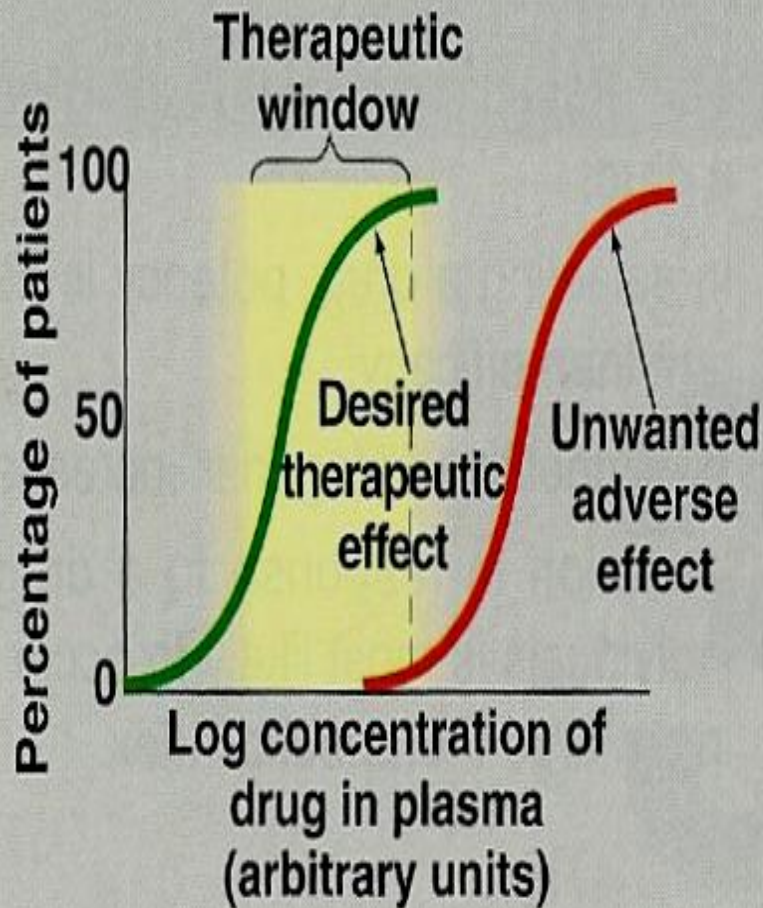
2. “ “ “ toxic effects

3. “ “ “ death

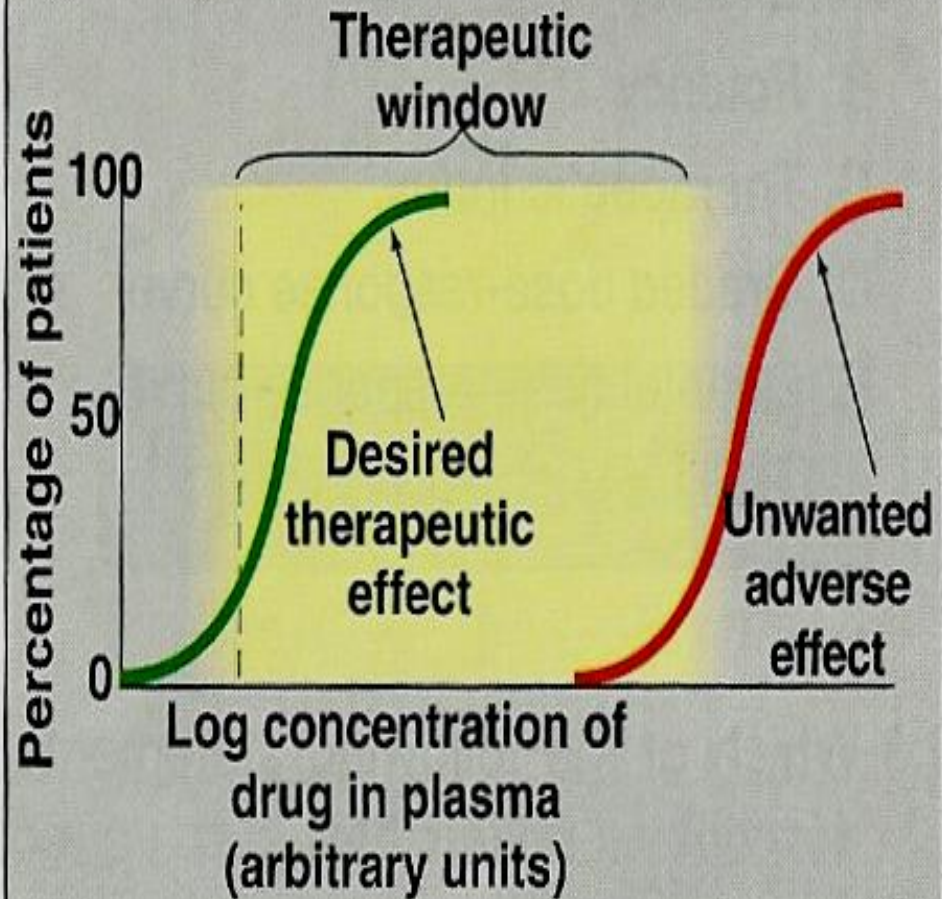
# Therapeutic Index (TI)

- Therapeutic index =  $\frac{\text{LD50}}{\text{ED50}}$
- Is a measure of safety profile
- Large value = drug has wide margin of safety  
e.g. **diazepam**
- Small value  $\longrightarrow$  a narrow margin of safety  
e.g. **digoxin**

**A** *Warfarin*: Small therapeutic index



**B** *Penicillin*: Large therapeutic index



# ANTAGONISM

It is the diminution or the complete abolishment of the effect of one drug in the presence of another.

## Types

### 1. Chemical

Two drugs react chemically resulting in loss of activity of active drug. **Dimercaprol** reduces heavy metal toxicity [ **lead** ]

### 2. Physiological

Two drugs possess opposing actions in body, so tend to cancel each other's effect. **Adrenaline & histamine**

### 3. Pharmacokinetic

The antagonist effectively reduces the concentration of the active drug at the site of action

**Phenobarbitone** accelerates hepatic metabolism **warfarin**

### 4. Pharmacodynamic (Competitive)

**Reversible**

**Irreversible**

### 5. Pharmacodynamic (Non-Competitive)

# Antagonism

It is the decrease or the complete abolishment of the effect of one drug in the presence of another.

## Types

- Physiological antagonism.
- Chemical antagonism.
- Pharmacokinetic
- Pharmacodynamic antagonism (Receptor-blockade antagonism).
  - Competitive
    - Reversible
    - Irreversible
  - Non-competitive

# Antagonist

## Types

- **Physiological antagonist.**
- **Chemical antagonist.**
- **Pharmacokinetic antagonist.**
- **Pharmacodynamic antagonist.**

## Chemical Antagonism

- Simple chemical reaction & loss of activity
- No receptor.
- e.g. **Dimercaprol** reduces heavy metal toxicity (as in lead toxicity).

## Pharmacokinetic Antagonism

- The antagonist effectively reduces the concentration of the active drug at the site of action.
- e.g. **Phenobarbitone** accelerates hepatic metabolism of warfarin

# Physiological Antagonism

- Two drugs act on different receptors to produce different physiological effects.

**e.g. Histamine & Adrenaline**

- Adrenaline is used in anaphylactic shock to reverse action of histamine.

**Adrenaline →**

**Vasoconstriction (↑ BP) & bronchodilation.**

**Histamine →**

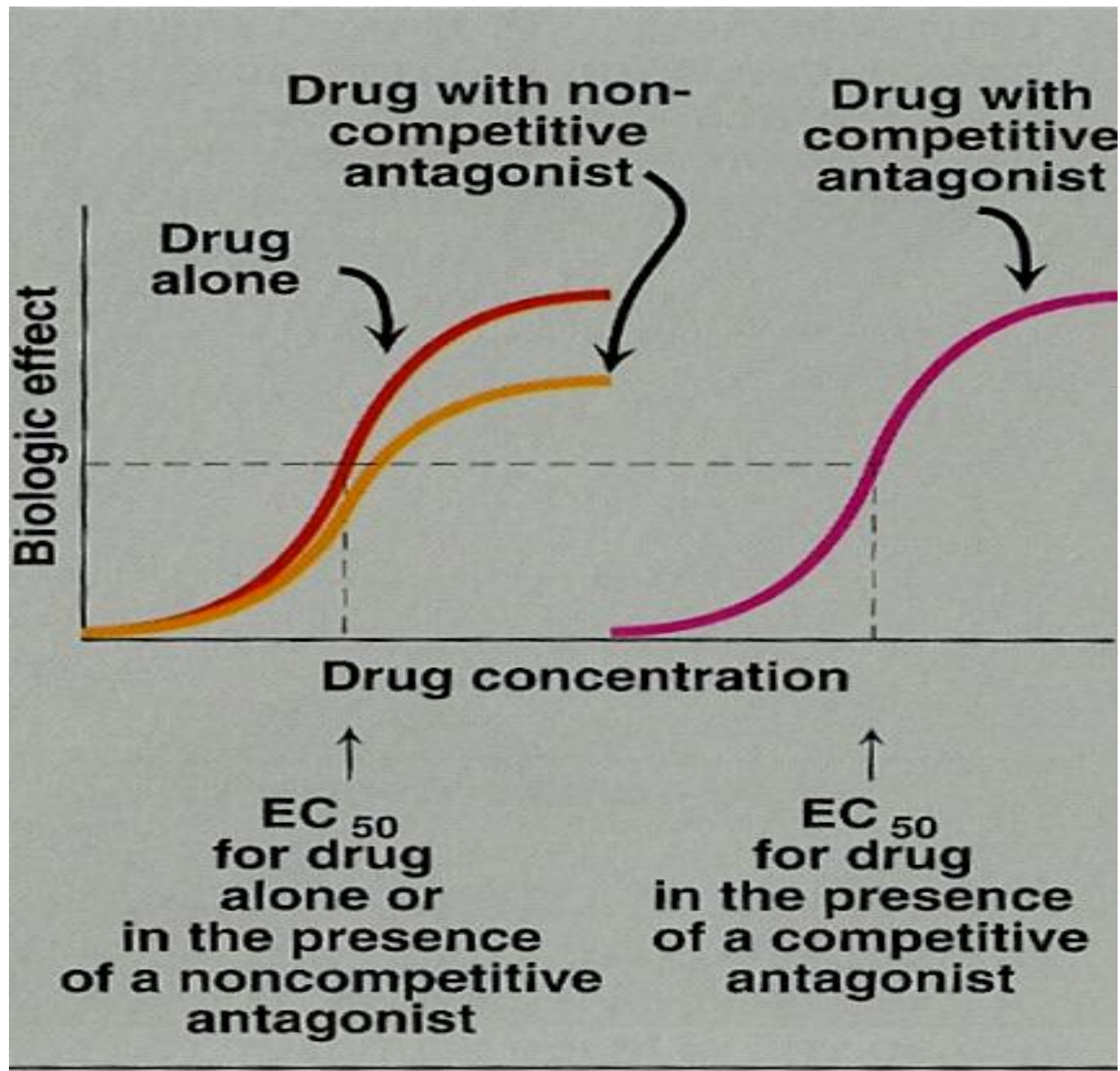
**vasodilatation (↓BP) & bronchoconstriction**



# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

## Competitive (reversible)

- **Two drugs compete for the same receptor.**
- **The antagonist partially or completely prevents the pharmacological effect of agonist.**
- **Antagonist dissociate rapidly from receptor.**
- **Antagonism can be overcome by increasing the concentration of the agonist.**
- **Parallel shift of the curve to the right, without any change in slope or maximum**
- **e.g. acetylcholine and atropine.**



# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

## Competitive (irreversible)

- Two drugs compete for the same receptor.
- **Antagonist** forms stable, permanent chemical bond with receptor.
- The original response can not be overcome even by increasing the dose of the agonist.
- No parallel shift
- a decrease in slope and a reduced maximum are obtained.

e.g. phenoxybenzamine and noradrenaline.

# COMPETATIVE ANTAGONISM

*Reversible*

**Antagonist** readily dissociate from binding site of **agonist** to the receptor

Antagonism can be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist

**Atropine** vs Ach

*Irreversible*

**Antagonist** form stable, permanent / near permanent chemical bond with receptor.

Inactivation lasts for duration of receptor turnover or its de-novo synthesis → explains its longevity of action

**Phenoxybenzamine** & Noradrenaline

# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

## Non-competitive

- **Antagonist block at some point the chain of events that stimulate the response of agonist.**
- **Agonist** and **Antagonist** can be bound simultaneously.
- Antagonism cannot be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist

**e.g. verapamil and noradrenaline.**

# ANTAGONISM

Non-Competitive

Agonist and Antagonist can be bound simultaneously the response of agonist = competes with

Receptor Blockade  
Competitive

Reversible

Agonist and Antagonist compete

Irreversible

EXTRACELLULAR FLUID

CYTOPLASM

1 Reception

2 Transduction

3 Response

Receptor

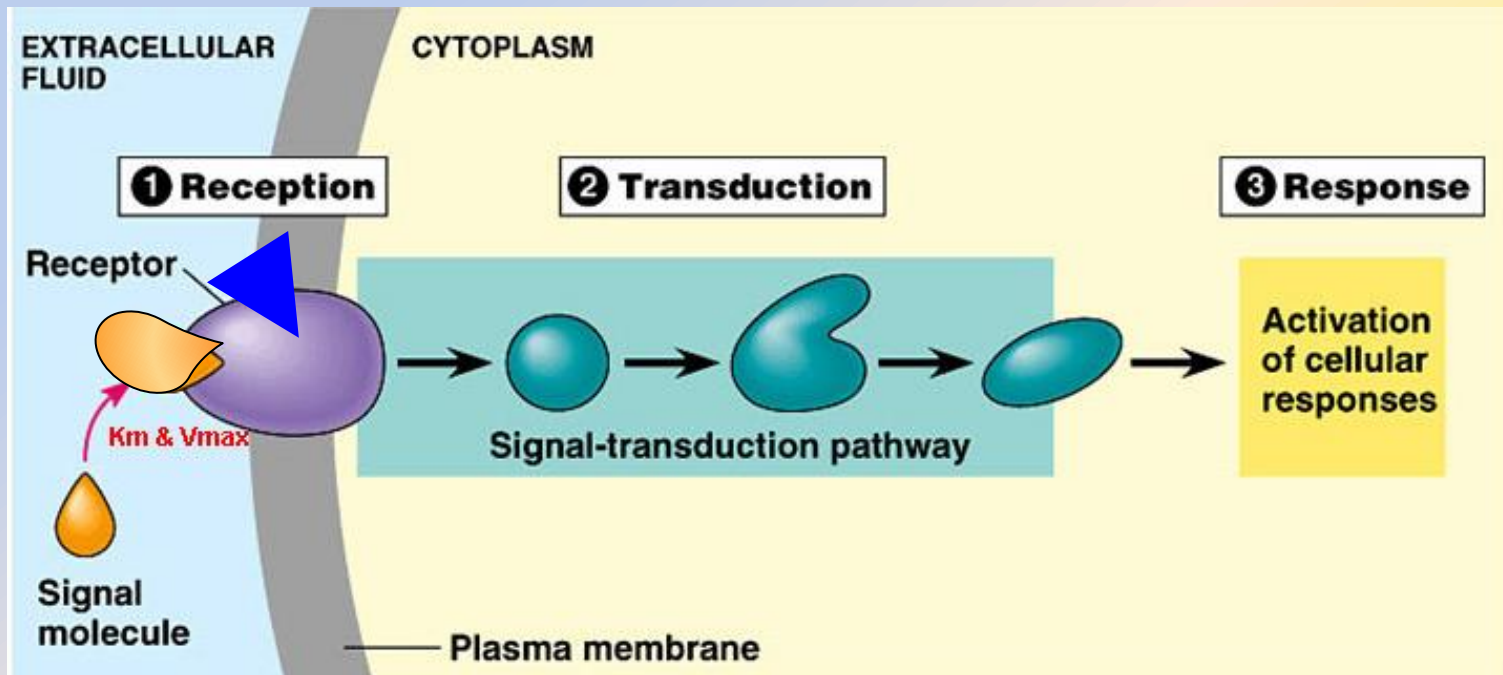
$K_m$  &  $V_{max}$

Signal molecule

Signal-transduction pathway

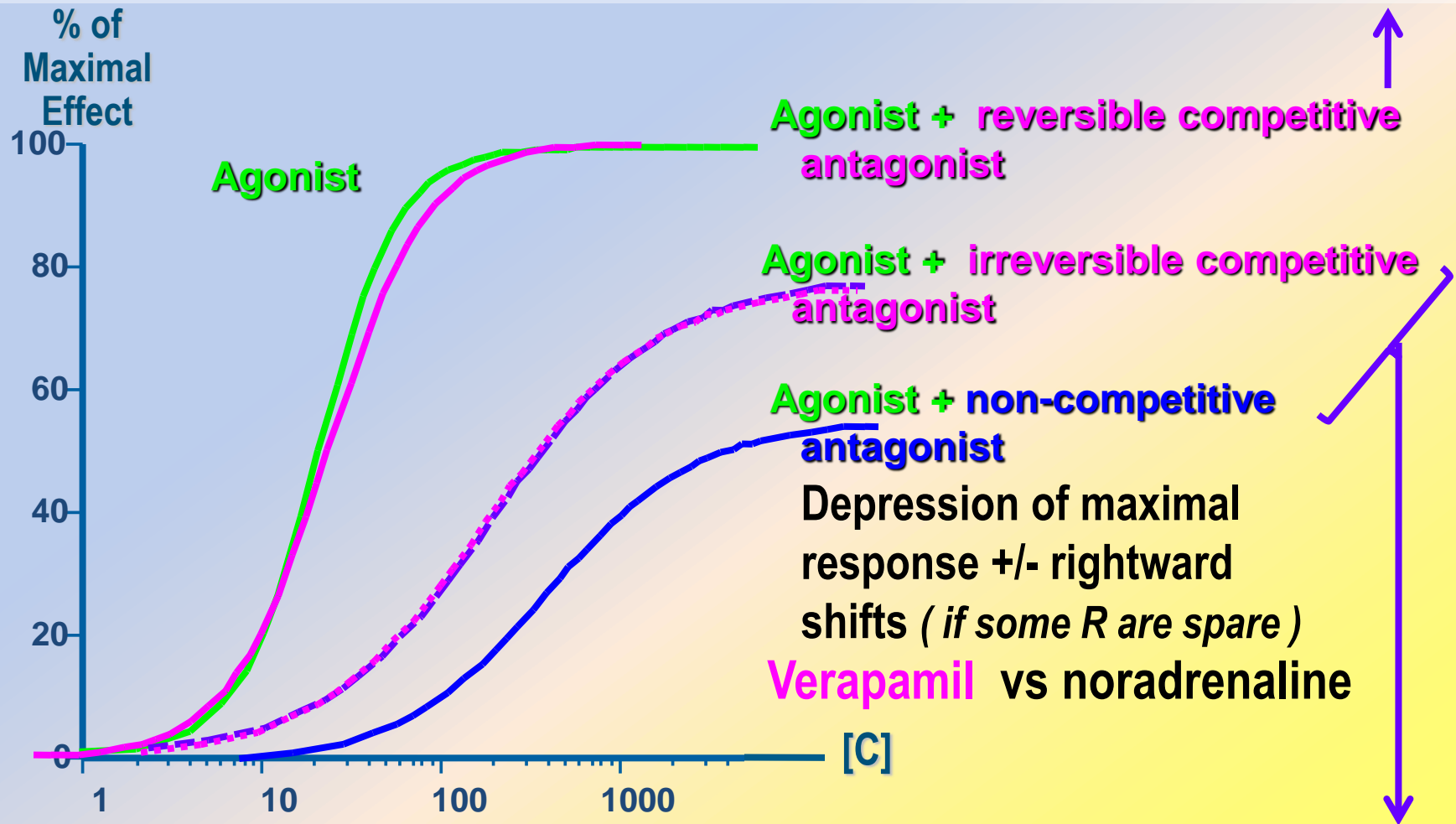
Activation of cellular responses

Plasma membrane



# Competitive vs Noncompetitive Antagonism

Antagonism can be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist = **SURMOUNTABLE**



Antagonism cannot be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist

# ANTAGONISM

Non-Competitive

Antagonist block at some point the chain of events that ignite the response of **agonist**

**Agonist** and **Antagonist** can be bound simultaneously

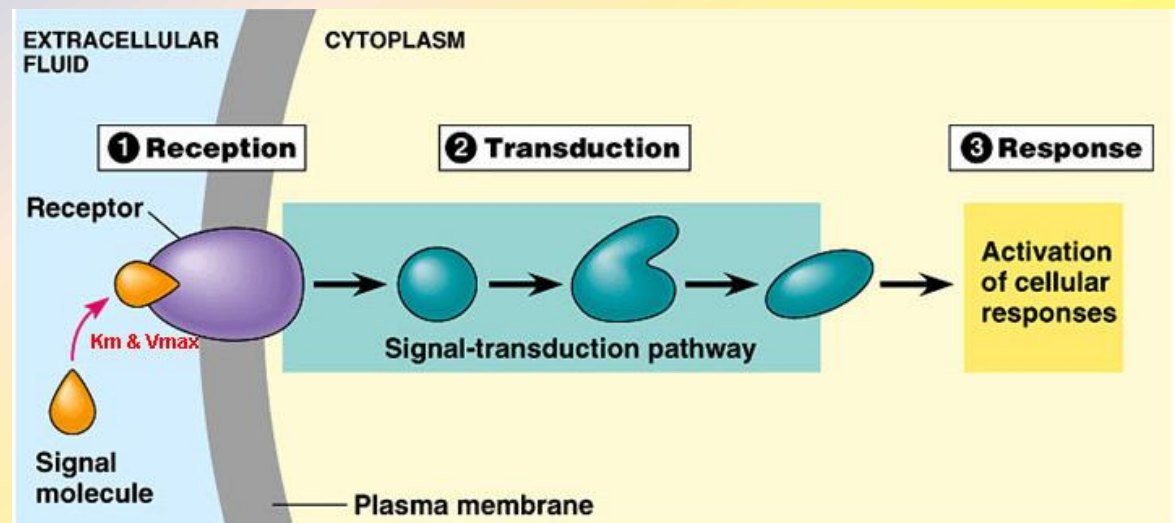
Receptor Blockade  
(Competitive)

**Antagonist** prevents binding of **agonist** to the receptor at the same binding site (= competes with it at same receptor)

**Agonist** and **Antagonist** compete (only one is bound)

Reversible

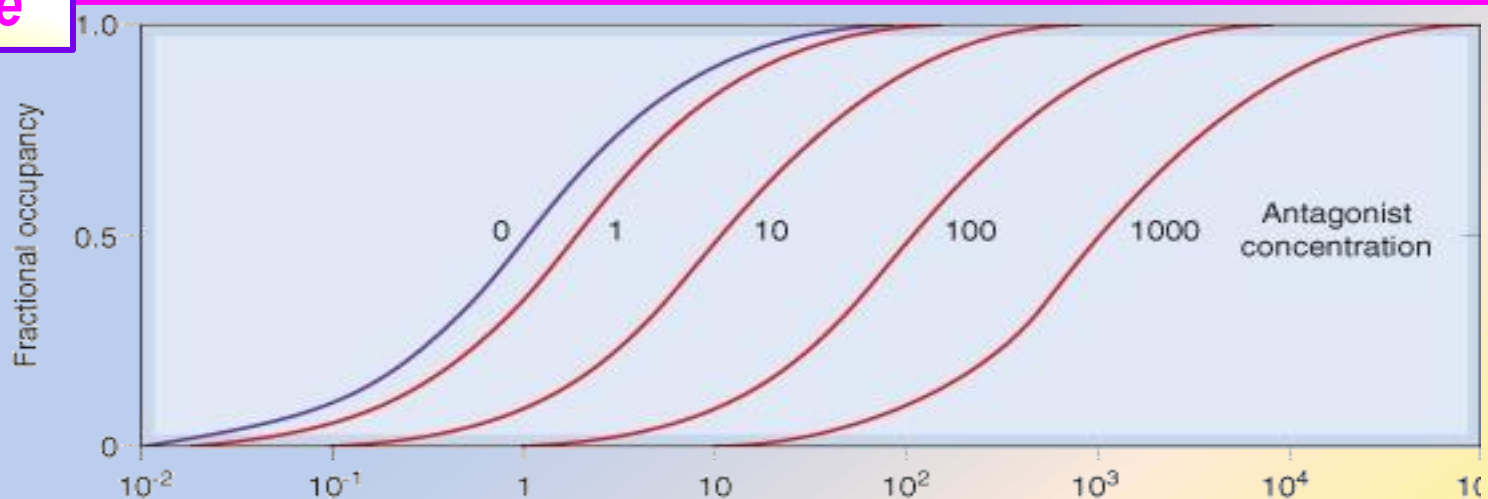
Irreversible





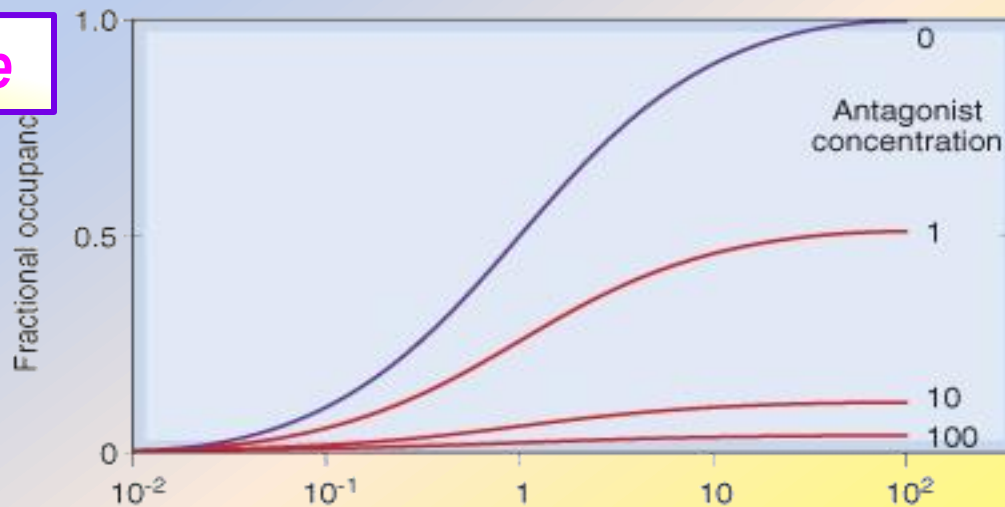
# Competitive Antagonism

**Reversible**



**Parallel shift to the right, without any change in slope or maximum**

**Irreversible**



**No parallel shift**

**But both a decrease in slope and a reduced maximum are obtained.**



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# PHARMACOLOGY