

# Quantitative aspects of drugs

## Objectives:-

- 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.

- Titles
- Very important
- Extra information
- Terms

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## Concentration-Binding Curve

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

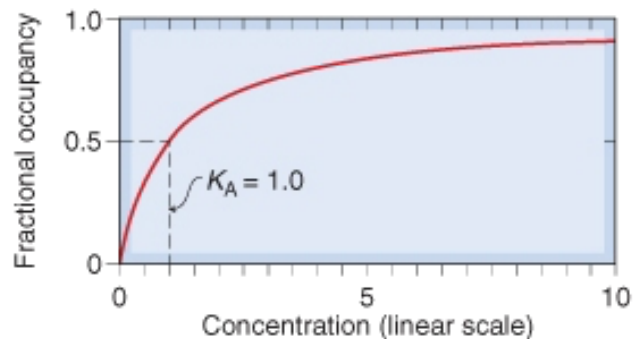
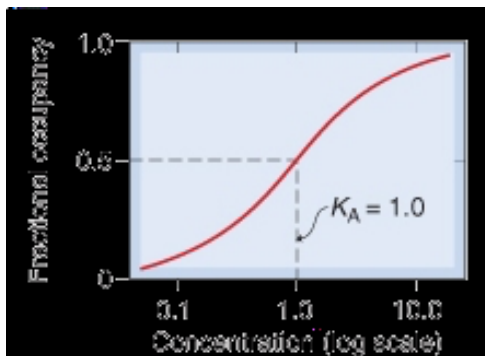
## Dose Response Curve

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

potency is a measure of drug activity (afficity, efficacy).

### Concentration-Binding Curve:-

The relationship between drug binding & drug concentration is expressed mathematically by the following equation:  $(B_{max} \times C) / (B_{max} C + K_D)$



### ❖ **B<sub>max</sub>** (the binding capacity):-

is the total density of receptors in the tissues.

### ❖ **K<sub>D50</sub>**:-

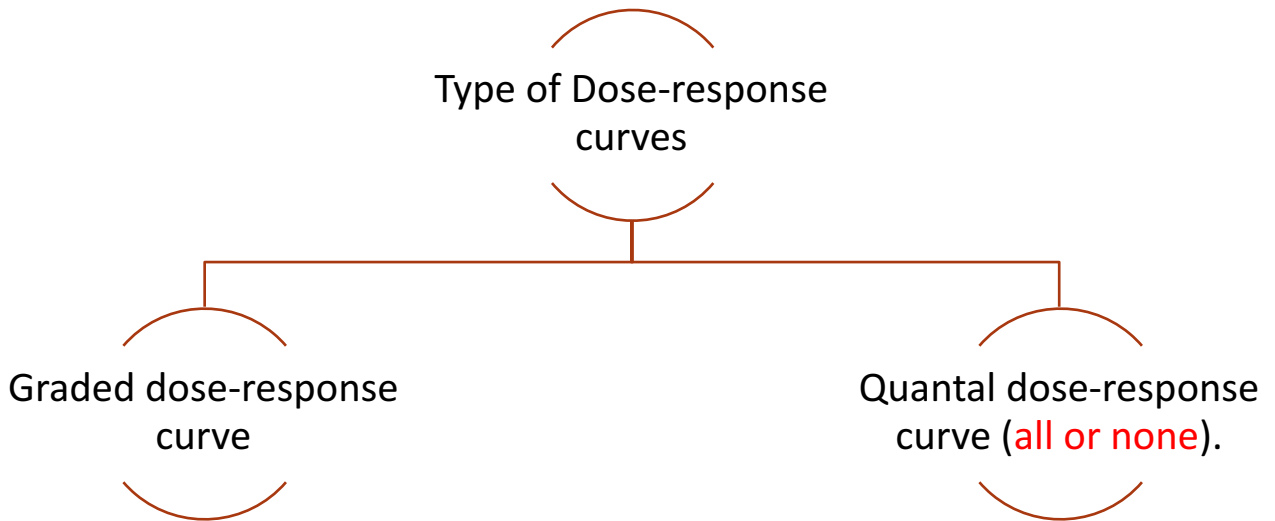
is the concentration of drug required to occupy 50% of receptors at equilibrium.

### ❖ **The affinity of drug for receptor:-**

The higher the affinity of D for receptor the lower is the  $K_D$  i.e. inverse relation ( Binding Potential=  $B_{max}/K_D$  ).

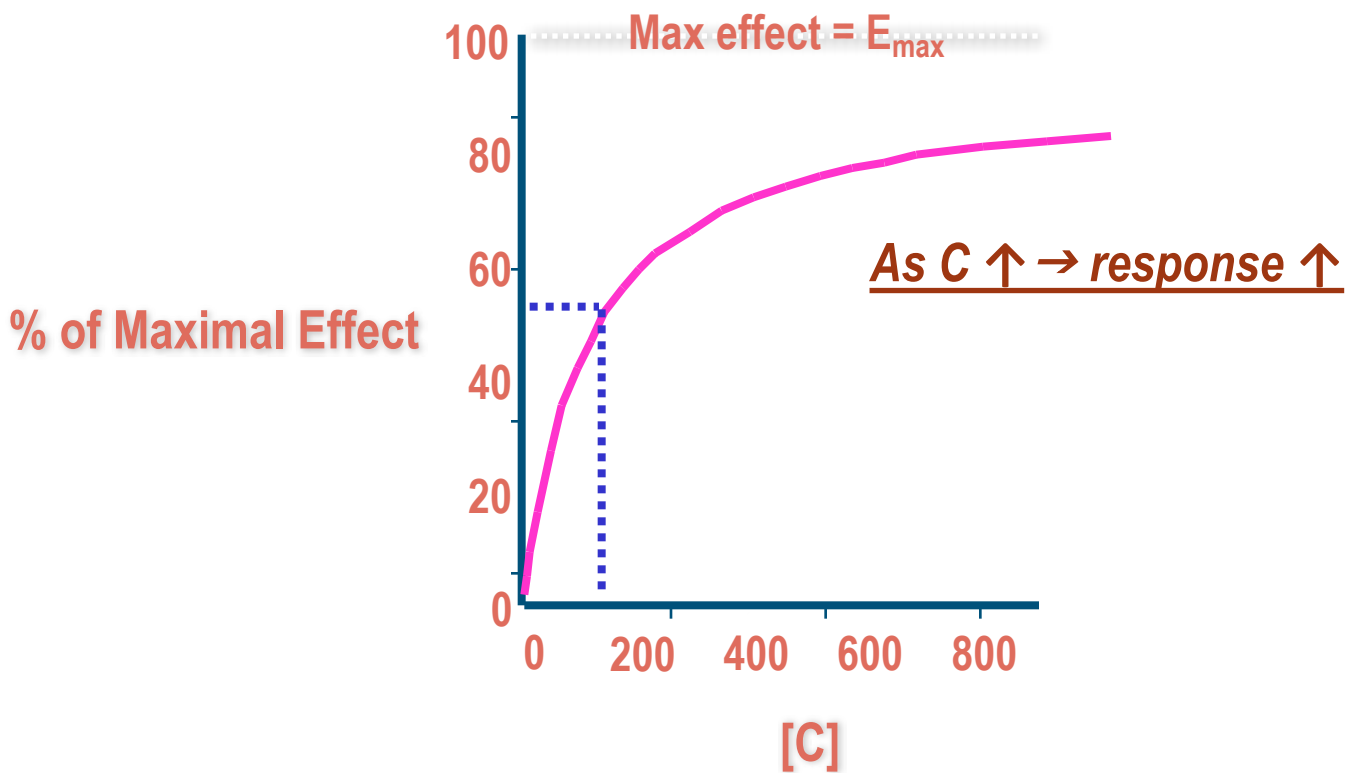
## Dose -response curves:-

- 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



## Graded dose-response curve:-

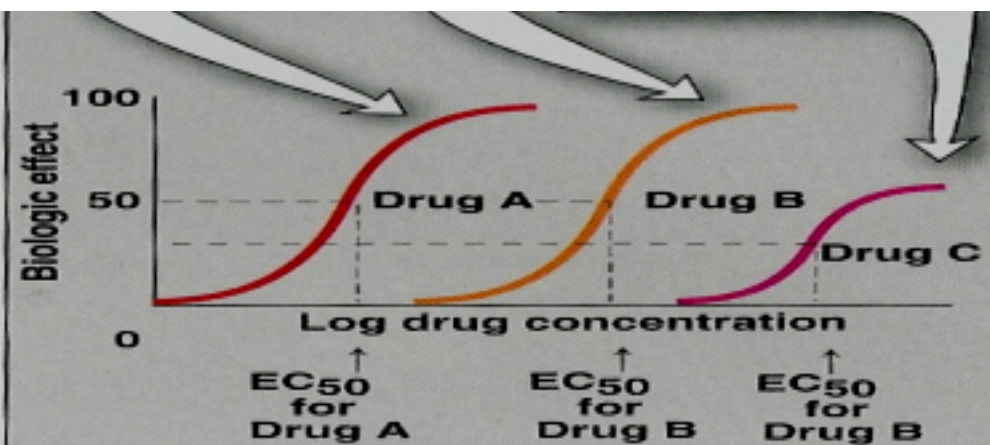
- Response is gradual.
- Gradual increase in response by increasing the dose (continuous response).
- Curve is usually **sigmoid in shape**.
- e.g. ↓ blood pressure, heart rate, blood glucose level, cholesterol,...



Graded dose-response curves are used to calculate :-

- **Efficacy:** is a drug's capacity to produce an effect.
- **E<sub>max</sub>:** is the maximal biological response produced by a drug.
- **EC<sub>50</sub>:** The dose of the drug required to produce half the maximal effect (E<sub>max</sub>).
- **Potency:** the concentration of drug required to produce a specified response (EC<sub>50</sub> is the international parameter)

Potency is inversely proportional to EC<sub>50</sub>.  
 (lower concentration → higher potency.  
 higher concentration → lower potency).



In this diagram:  
 The potency of drug A is more than drug B & C.  
 The efficacy of drug A & B are the same and they are more efficacy than drug C.

# Quantal Dose-Response Curves:-

## Features:

- Relate drug concentration to % percentage of patients responding (all or none response).
- The response may be therapeutic response, adverse effect or lethal effect.

## Used to determine:

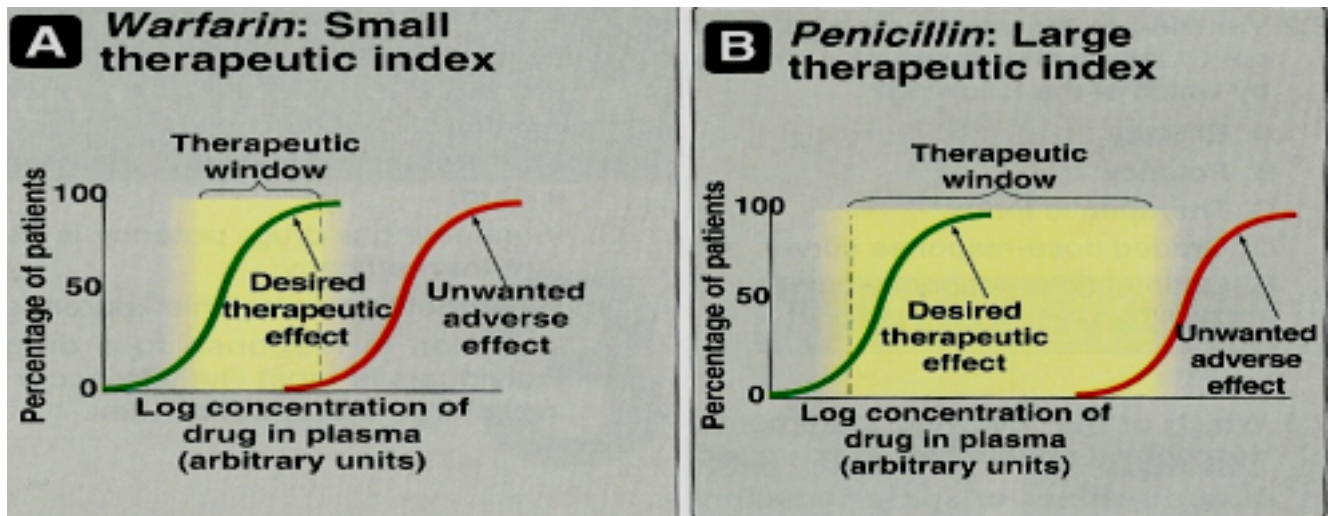
- $ED_{50}$ : the dose of drug Required to exhibit a therapeutic effect in 50% of patients.
- $TD_{50}$ : the dose of drug required to exhibit a toxic effects in 50% of patients.
- $LD_{50}$ : the dose of drug required to exhibit death in 50% of patients.
- Therapeutic index (T.I): It is a measure of safety profile.

Large value = drug has wide margin of safety e.g. diazepam

Small value = a narrow margin of safety e.g. digoxin

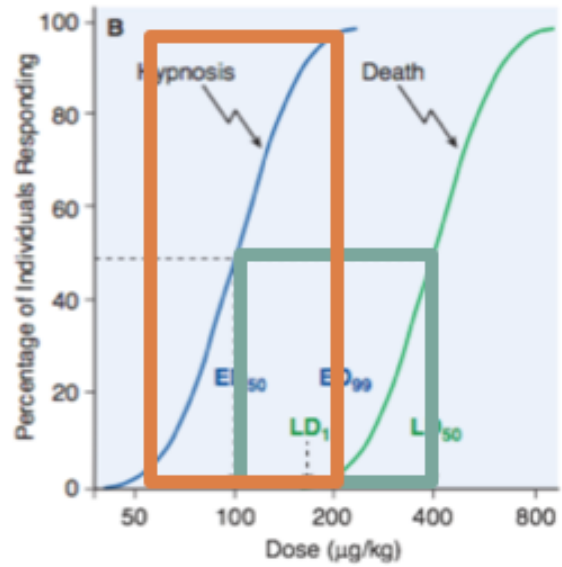
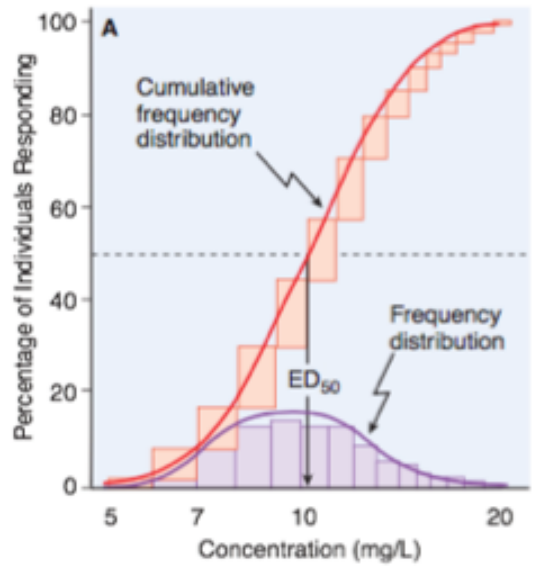
$$\text{Therapeutic Index} = \frac{TD_{50}}{ED_{50}} \text{ or } \frac{LD_{50}}{ED_{50}}$$

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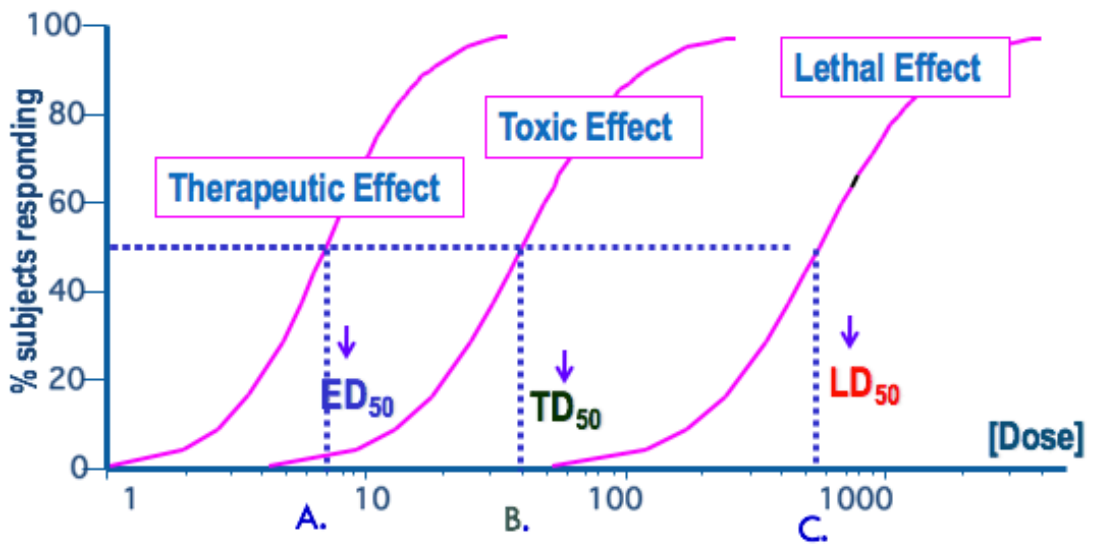
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Therapeutic Index:  $\frac{LD_{50}}{ED_{50}} = \frac{400}{100} = 4$



  Therapeutic Window

  Therapeutic Index

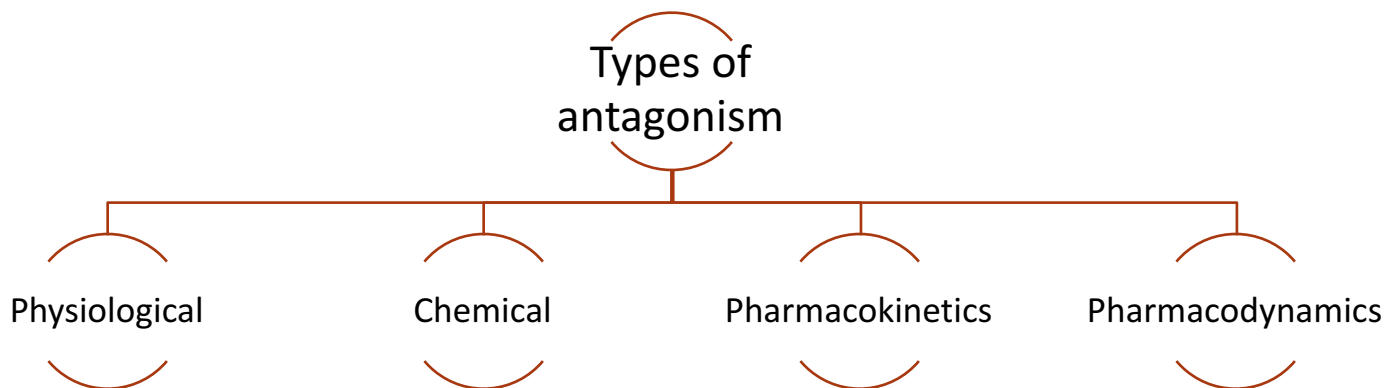


- A. 50% of individuals exhibit the specified therapeutic response
- B. " " " toxic effects
- C. " " " death

**Predict the safety profile**

## Antagonism :-

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



- **Physiological antagonism:**

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

**e.g. Histamine & Adrenaline.**

Adrenaline → Vasoconstriction (↑ BP) & bronchodilation.

Histamine → vasodilatation (↓BP) & bronchoconstriction.

- **Chemical antagonism:**

Simple chemical reaction & loss of activity

No receptor.

e.g. Dimercaprol reduces heavy metal toxicity (as in lead toxicity).

- **Pharmacokinetic:**

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

e.g. Phenobarbitone accelerates hepatic metabolism of warfarin.

# Pharmacodynamic antagonism (Receptor-blockade antagonism)

## 1- Competitive Reversible:

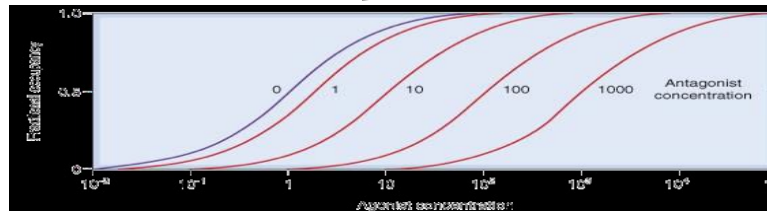
- Two drugs compete for the same receptor.
- The antagonist partially or completely prevents the pharmacological effect of agonist.
- Antagonist dissociate rapidly from receptor.
- Antagonism can be overcome by increasing the concentration of the agonist.
- Parallel shift of the curve to the right, without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

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## 2- Competitive Irreversible:

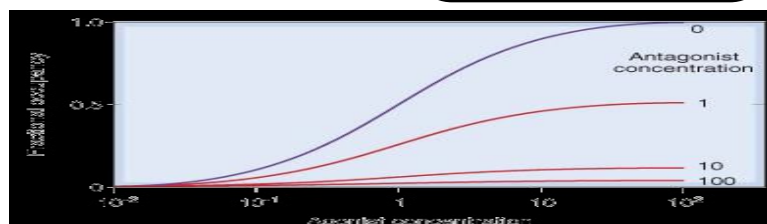
- Two drugs compete for the same receptor.
- Antagonist forms stable, permanent chemical bond with receptor.
- The original response **can not be overcome** even by increasing the dose of the agonist.
- No parallel shift and a decrease in slope and a reduced maximum are obtained.
- e.g. phenoxybenzamine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

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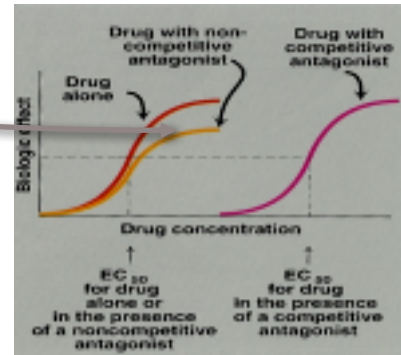
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### 3- Non-Competitive:

- Antagonist block at some point the chain of events that stimulate the response of agonist. فيقلل قوة الدواء
- **Agonist** and **Antagonist** can be bound simultaneously (because it is Non-competitive).
- Antagonism cannot be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist
- e.g. verapamil and noradrenaline.



### What about EC100?

As the concentration (X) goes up, the dose-response equation computes the response (Y) as getting closer and closer to the Top plateau. But it never reaches it. When a drug binds to a receptor with mass action rules, the fraction occupancy equals  $D/(D+K)$ , where D is the concentration of drug (that you vary) and K is the equilibrium binding dissociation constant, which is a fixed property of the drug and receptor. As D gets higher and higher, the fractional occupancy gets closer and closer to 1.0, but never reaches it. Therefore, there can be no EC100. And no EC0.

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