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# Objectives



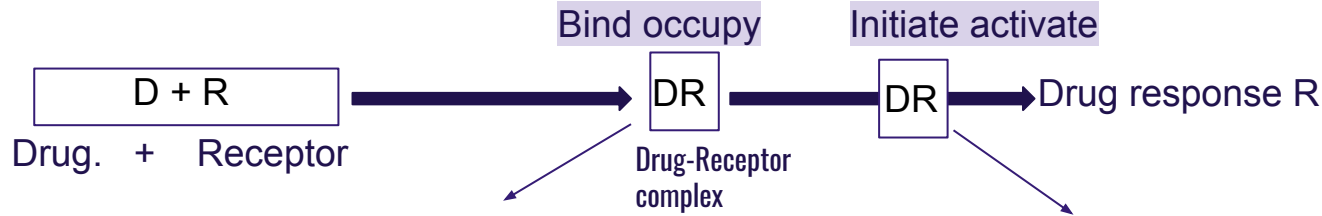
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- Determine quantitative aspects of drug receptor binding.
- Recognize concentration binding curves
- Identify dose response curves and the therapeutic utility of these curves.
- Classify different types of antagonism.

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# Quantity aspects of drugs



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

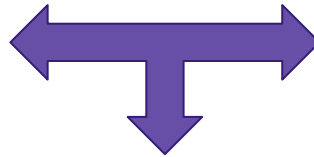
Concentration-Binding Curve

**AFFINITY**

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

Dose Response Curves

**EFFICACY**



Potency

The tendency of a drug to bind to the receptors is governed by its AFFINITY.

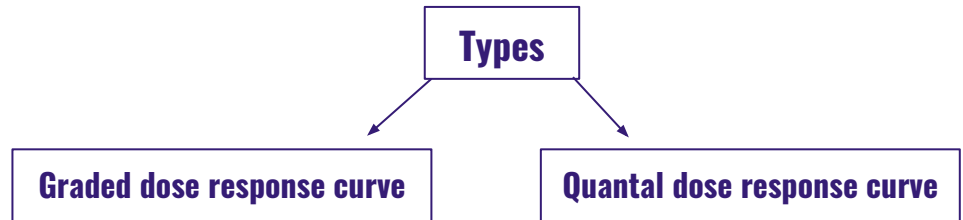
The ability for it, once bound, to activate the receptor is denoted by its EFFICACY.

## Concentration binding curves:

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

## Dose- response curves:

- A correlation between **drug concentration [D]** used (x- axis) and **drug response [R]** (y-axis).
- Used to study how response varies with the concentration of the drug
- i.e. the relation between concentration and response



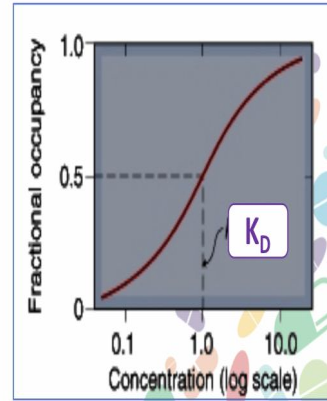
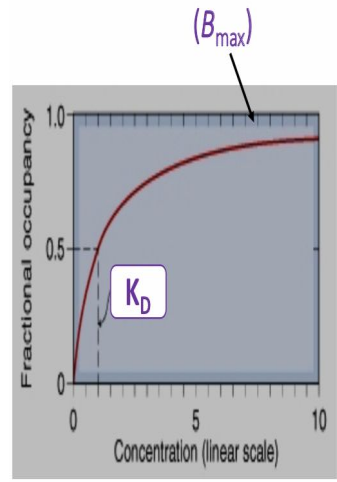


Binding ability of drug with receptor (receptor complex)

Concentration binding curves

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

Used to determine	$(B_{Max})$ binding capacity	The total density of receptors in the tissue.
	$K_{D50}$	The concentration of drug required to occupy 50% of receptors at equilibrium.
	affinity of drug for receptor	The higher the affinity of drug for receptor = the lower is the $K_{D50}$ . i.e. <b>inverse relation (Binding potential = <math>B_{max}/K_{D50}</math>)</b> .



**Note:** The higher the concentration, the higher the drug binding is going to be. (linear relationship)

Graded Dose-response Curve

- Relate drug concentration to **response**.
- Response is gradual
- Gradual increase in response by increasing the dose (continuous)
- Curve is usual sigmoid in shape
- Examples: low blood pressure, heart rate, blood glucose level cholesterol ..

used to determine

<p>(Emax) Maximum Efficacy</p>	<p>is the maximal biological response produced by a drug.</p>
<p>(EC50) Median Effective concentration</p>	<p>is the concentration of the drug that produces a response equal to 50% of the maximal response (<math>E_{max}</math>). (concentration that effect 50% of (Emax))</p>
<p>Potency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The concentration of the drug required to produce a specified response (50% of the maximal response = <math>EC_{50}</math>)</li> <li>- Potency of drugs can be compared using <math>EC_{50}</math>, The smaller the <math>EC_{50}</math>, the higher the potent of drug.</li> <li>- It is inversely proportional to <math>EC_{50}</math></li> </ul>
<p>Efficacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The higher efficacy of drug at the Maximum Effect</li> </ul> <p>Potency higher at low Concentration of drug + we never look for efficacy or the Emax While the Efficacy we just look for the Emax</p>

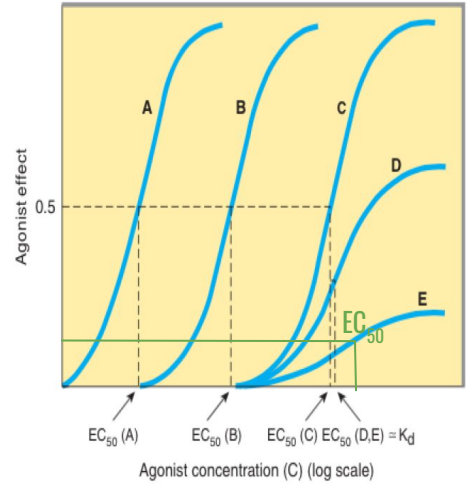
# Graded dose - response curve

Which of the following curves represent the least potent drugs ? E

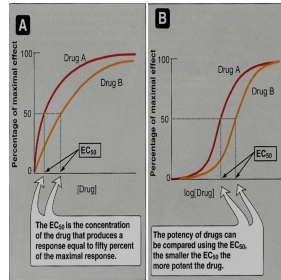
Potency =  $\frac{1}{\text{Concentration}}$   
 كلما زاد Potency يقل Concentration  
 inversely proportional to each other

Which of the following drugs have the lowest efficacy ? E

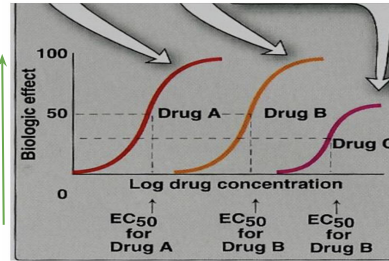
It is better when the concentration is low and the effect is high



Note: As " $EC_{50}$ " increases, the response will also increase.



More efficacy (A=B, B>C)



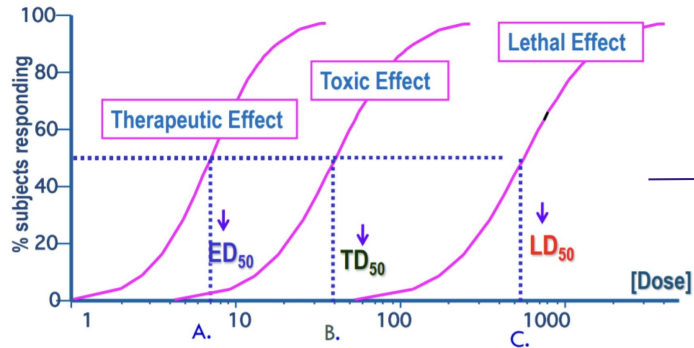
More potent (A>B>C) 435 notes

436 notes:  
 The potency of drug A is more than drug B & C.  
 The efficacy of drug A & B are the same and they have more efficacy than drug C.

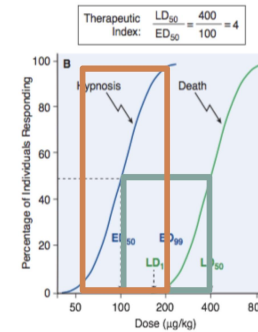
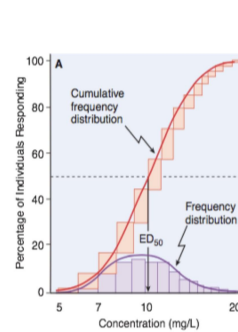
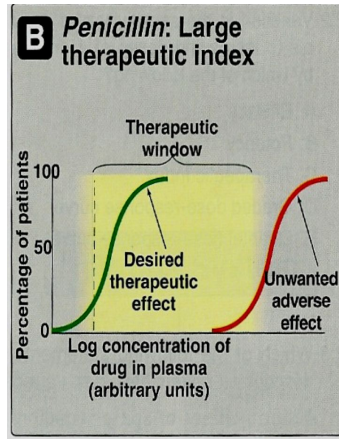
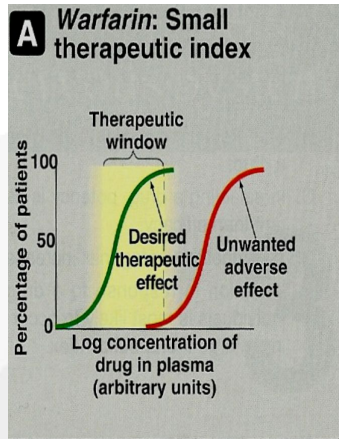
<p>Quantal Dose-response Curve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Relate drug concentration to % percentage of patients responding (<b>all or none response</b>).</li> <li>● The response may be therapeutic response, adverse effect or lethal effect</li> <li>● Examples: prevention of convulsion, arrhythmias or death.</li> </ul>	
<p>used to determine</p>	<p><b>(ED50) Median Effective Dose</b></p>	<p>is a dose of the drug required to produce a therapeutic effect in 50% of individuals ( <b>present of response of action in 50% of the patients</b>)</p>
	<p><b>(TD50) Median Toxic Dose</b></p>	<p>is the dose of a drug required to produce toxic effects in 50 % of individuals.(<b>Toxic effects=Side effects</b>)</p>
	<p><b>(LD50) Median Lethal Dose</b></p>	<p>is the dose of a drug required to produce <b>death</b> in 50 % of individuals.</p>
	<p><b>Therapeutic index (TI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic index = <math>TD50/ED50</math> or <math>LD50/ED50</math></li> <li>• Is a measure of safety profile</li> <li>• High value =drug with wide margin of safety <u>e.g</u> diazepam, penicillin</li> <li>• Small value = a narrow margin of safety <u>e.g.</u> digoxin, warfarin</li> </ul> <p>The larger the therapeutic index the more safe the drug e.g: <math>\frac{100}{1}</math> Is better than <math>\frac{4}{1}</math></p>



# Quantal dose - response curve

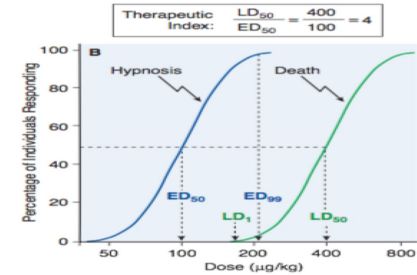


ED<sub>50</sub> = 50% of individuals exhibit the specified therapeutic response  
 TD<sub>50</sub> = 50% of individuals exhibit toxic effects  
 LD<sub>50</sub> = 50% of individuals exhibit death



Therapeutic Window

Therapeutic Index

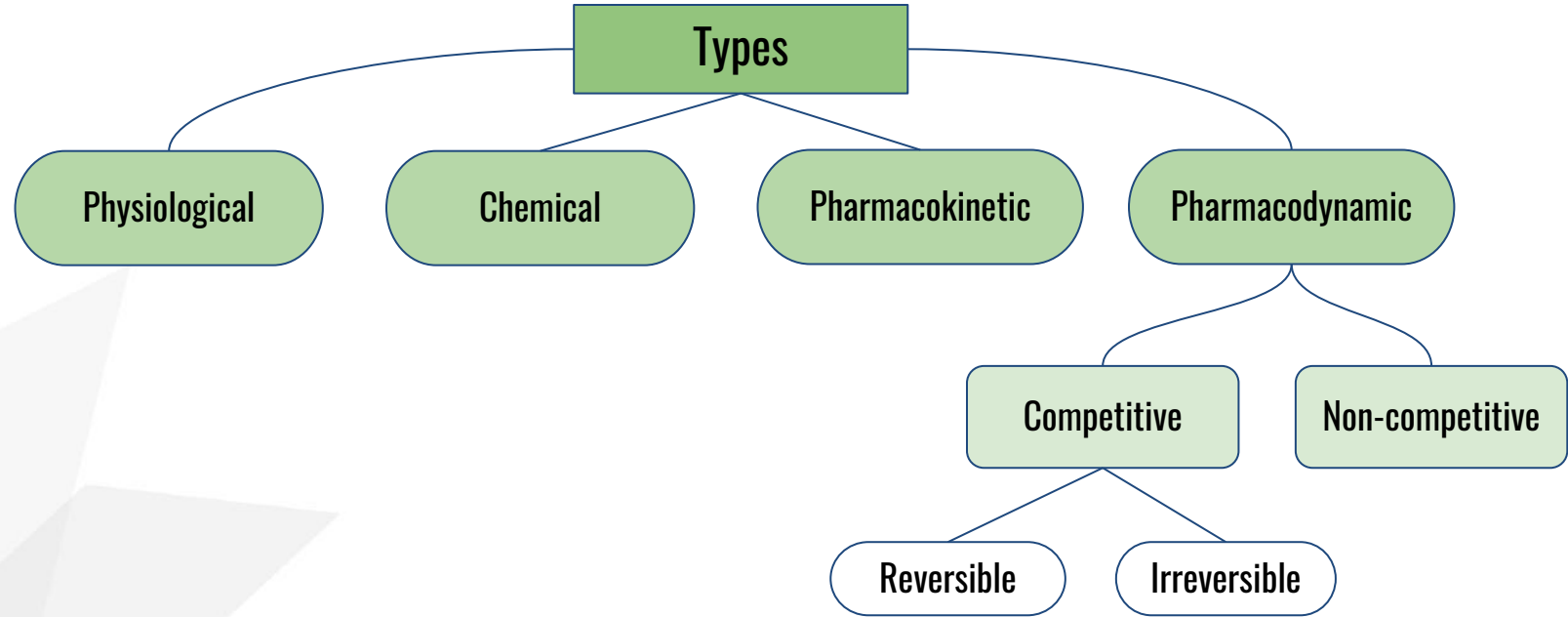


**Note:** Penicillin is safer than warfarin to take, due to having a larger therapeutic index.



# Antagonism

It is the decrease or the complete abolishment of the effect of one drug by the co-administration or combination with another drug.





1- PHYSIOLOGICAL ANTAGONISM	2- CHEMICAL ANTAGONISM	3- PHARMACOKINETIC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two drugs act on different receptors to produce <b>opposite physiological effects</b>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simple chemical reaction between 2 drugs resulting into loss of activity</li><li>• <b>No receptor</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The antagonist effectively reduces the concentration of the active drug at the <b>site of action</b>.</li></ul>
<p><u>E.g.</u> (Histamine) &amp; (Adrenaline)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adrenaline</b> -&gt; vasoconstriction and bronchodilatation -&gt; increase blood pressure .</li><li>-Adrenaline is used in anaphylactic shock.</li> <li>• <b>Histamine</b> -&gt; vasodilatation and bronchoconstriction -&gt; decrease blood pressure</li></ul>	<p><u>E.g.</u> Dimercaprol (which reduces heavy metal toxicity E.g. Lead )</p>	<p><u>E.g.</u> Phenobarbitone (which <b>accelerates hepatic metabolism</b> of warfarin)</p>

## 4- PHARMACODYNAMIC ANTAGONISM

### Competitive

### Non-Competitive

#### reversible

#### irreversible

- Two drugs compete for the **same receptor ( only one is bound )**.
- 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 D-R curve to the right, without any change in slope or maximum.

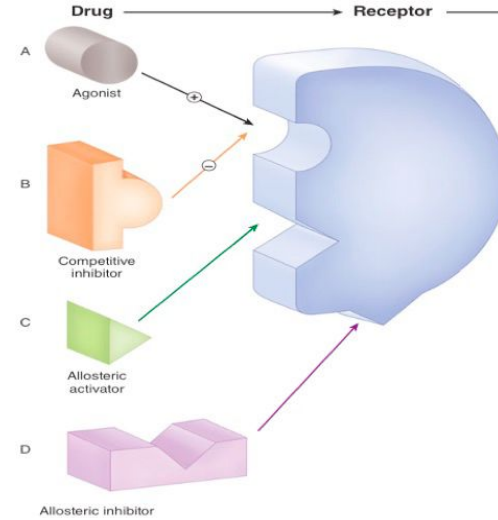
- Two drugs compete for the same receptor
- Antagonist forms stable, permanent chemical bond with receptor.
- The original response **can not** be overcome even by increasing the dose of the agonist.
- No parallel shift
- A decrease in slope and a reduced maximum are obtained.

e.g. acetylcholine and atropine

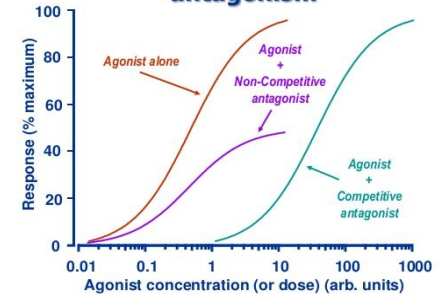
e.g. phenoxybenzamine and noradrenaline.

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

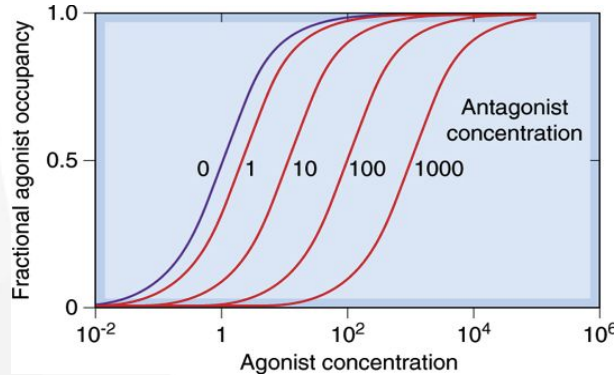
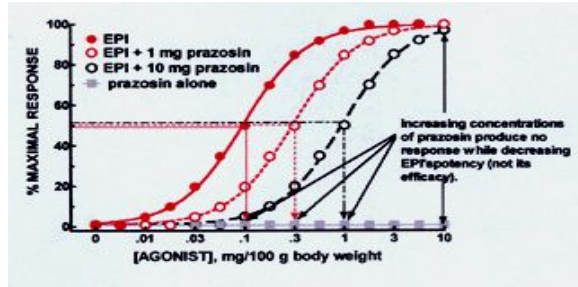
e.g. verapamil and noradrenaline.



### Competitive and non-competitive antagonism



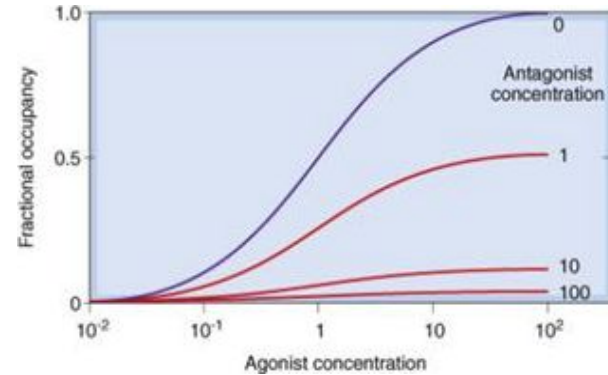
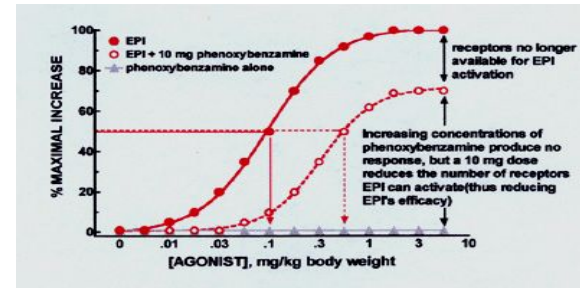
## Competitive reversible antagonist



- Parallel shift to the right.
- No change in slope or maximum.
- Agonist is able to reverse the antagonist.

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## Competitive irreversible antagonist



- No parallel shift.
- Decrease in slope and a reduced maximum.
- Agonist has no effect on the antagonist

# EC100

- When a drug binds to a receptor the fraction occupancy equals  $D/(D+K)$ .
- **It is impossible for a drug concentration to reach EC100 and E<sub>0</sub>.**
- Even if you increase D to a million there will always be a K in the denominator and as such will never truly reach EC100.

**D**= concentration of drug

**K**= equilibrium binding dissociation constant

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**1) The tendency of a drug to bind to the receptors is called?**

- |             |             |            |         |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| A) Affinity | B) Efficacy | C) Potency | D) EC50 |
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**2) Relate drug concentration to % percentage of patients responding is referred to?**

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| A) Graded Dose-Response curve | B) Quantal dose-response curve | C) Concentration-Binding curves | D) - |
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**3) Which type of Antagonism has No receptor involved?**

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| A) Pharmacodynamic antagonism | B) Physiological antagonism | C) Chemical antagonism | D) Competitive (irreversible) |
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**4) Two drugs compete for the same receptor and decrease in maximum effect are referred to?**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| A) Competitive (irreversible) | B) Competitive (reversible) | C) Non Competitive | D) Physiological |
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## ANSWERS

1	A
2	B
3	C
4	A

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1) What's the main difference between reversible and irreversible Antagonism?

2) What is the total density of receptors in the tissues ?

3) Give an example of a drug that has a narrow margin of safety?

4) What is the relationship between  $KD_{50}$  and affinity ?

## ANSWERS

A1) In reversible antagonism the agonist is able to reverse the antagonist, while in the irreversible antagonism the agonist can't change the antagonist.

A2) The  $(B_{Max})$  binding capacity.

A3) Digoxin

A4) As the affinity gets higher, " $(KD_{50})$ " decreases. (inversely proportional)



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