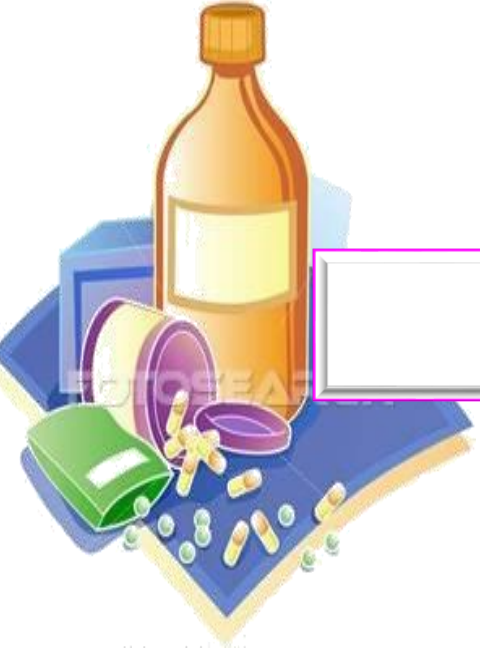




# PHARMACODYNAMICS II

## QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS OF DRUGS



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

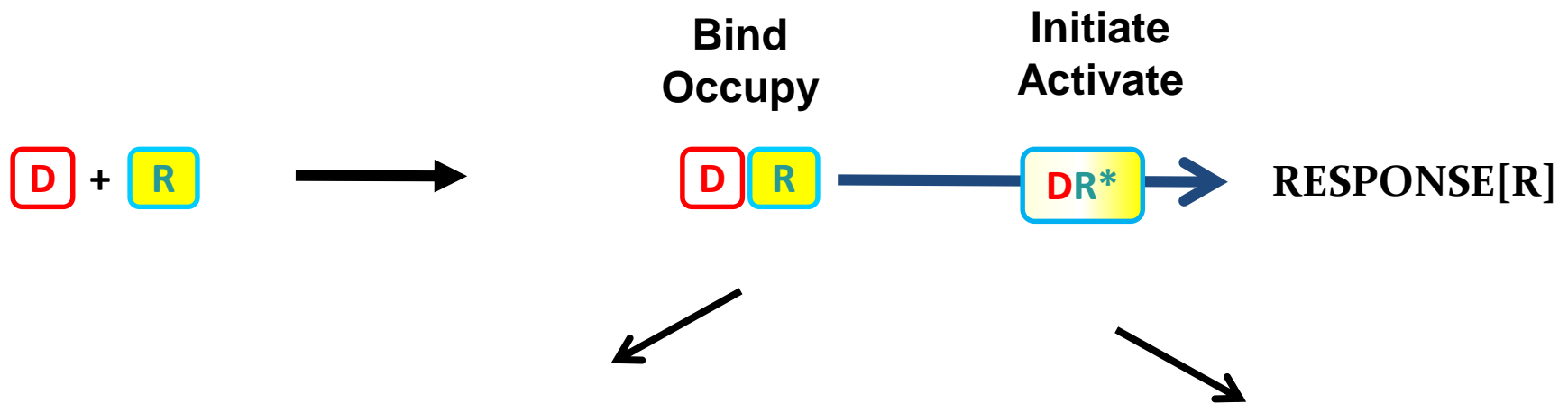
**Recognize concentration binding curves.**

**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

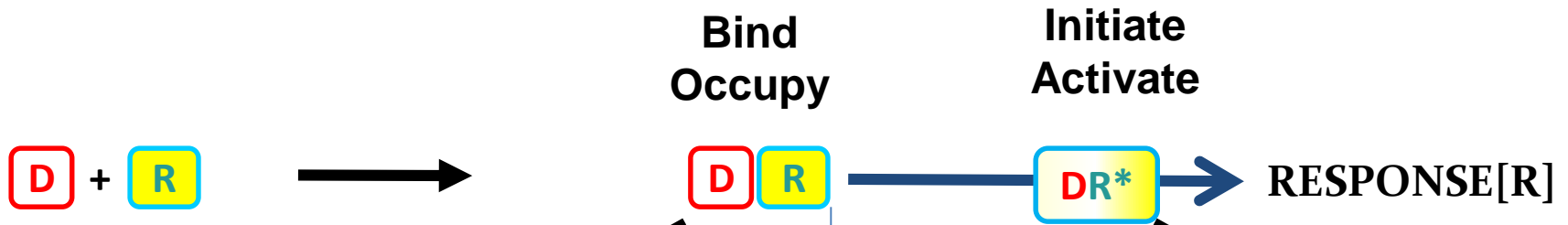
POTENCY

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

## AFFINITY

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

## EFFICACY



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

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

## AFFINITY

## EFFICACY

Concentration-Binding Curve

Dose Response Curve

POTENCY

# CONCENTRATION BINDING CURVES

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

= is relation between concentration & drug binding

= i.e. Affinity

## Concentration-Binding curves are used to determine:

○  $B_{\max}$  (the binding capacity)

is the total density of receptors in the tissues.

$K_{D50}$

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

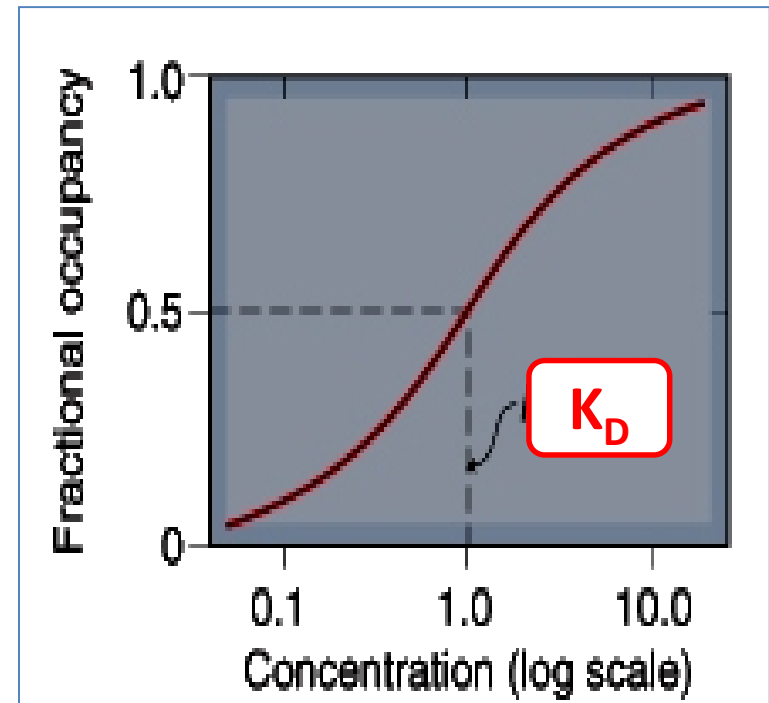
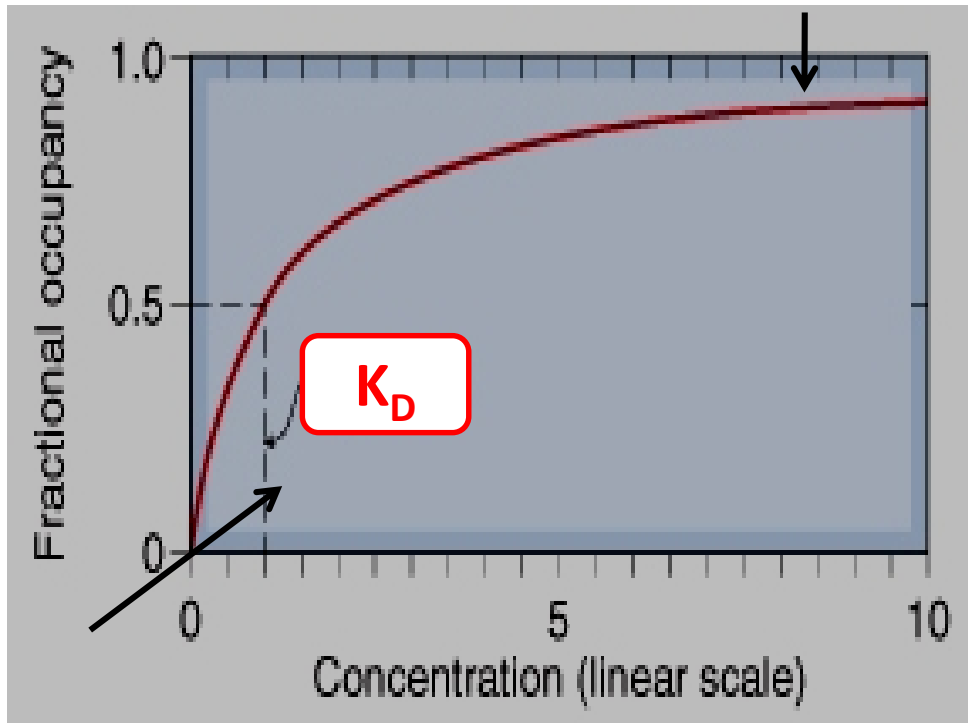
**The affinity of drug for receptor**

The higher the affinity of D for receptor, the lower is the  $K_D$

**i.e. inverse relation ( Binding Potential =  $B_{\max} / K_D$  )**

# Concentration-Binding Curve

$(B_{max})$ : Total density of receptors in the tissue



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



# DOSE -RESPONSE CURVES

- Is 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 or dose.
- **i.e. relation between concentration & Response**



# TYPES OF DOSE -RESPONSE CURVES

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

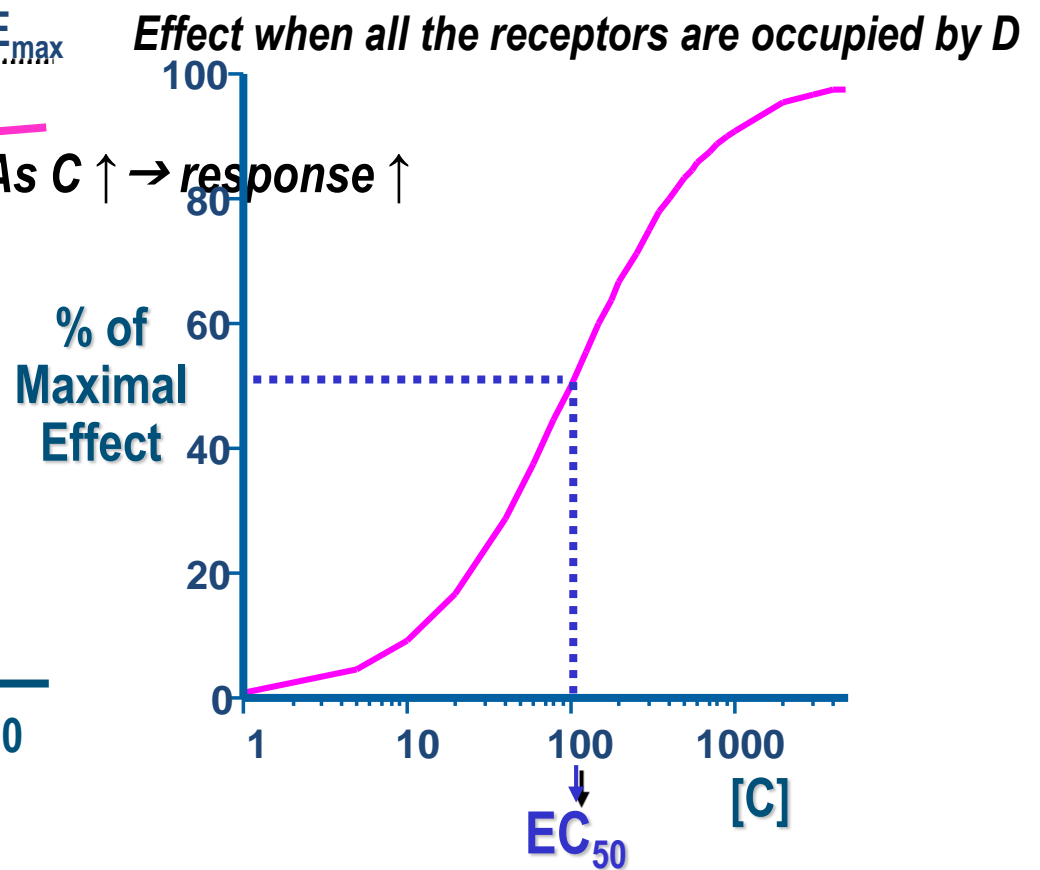
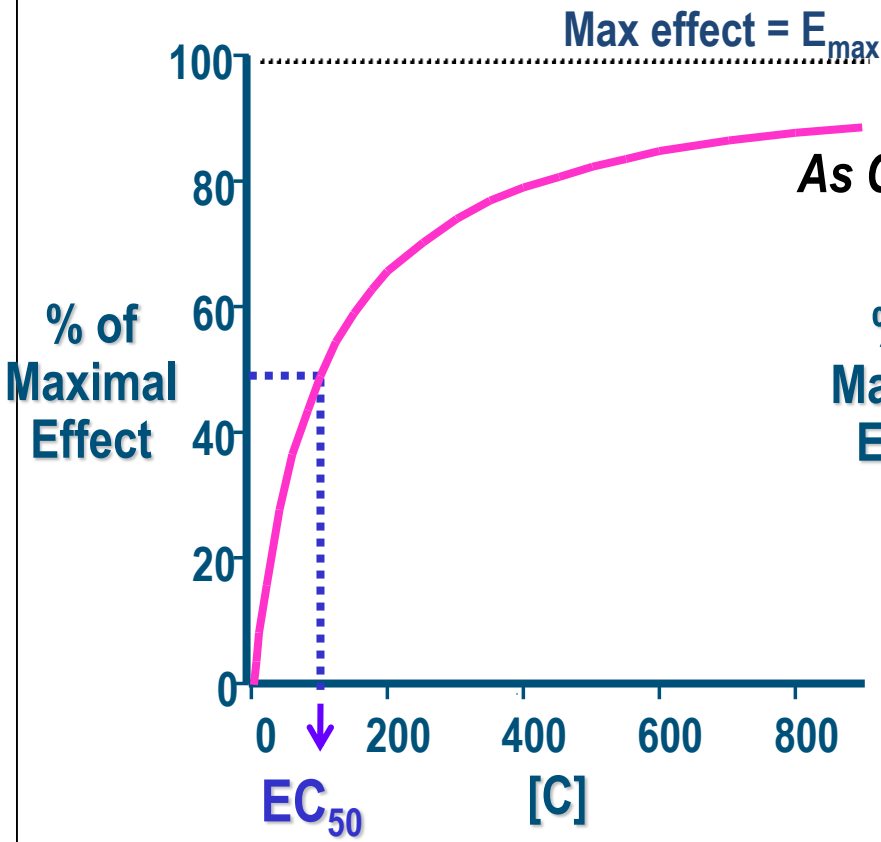
# Graded Dose-Response Curve

- Relate drug concentration to response.
- Response is gradual.
- **Continuous response:** increase in response by increasing the dose
- e.g. ↓ blood pressure, heart rate, blood glucose level, cholesterol, ...
- Curve is usually sigmoid in shape

# Graded dose-response curves are used to determine:

- $E_{\max}$
- $EC_{50}$
- Potency
- Efficacy

# GRADED DOSE RESPONSE CURVE



$EC_{50}$  that gives half the maximal effect

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

**Maximum Efficacy ( $E_{max}$ ):**

is the maximal biological response produced by a drug.

**Median Effective concentration ( $EC_{50}$ ):**

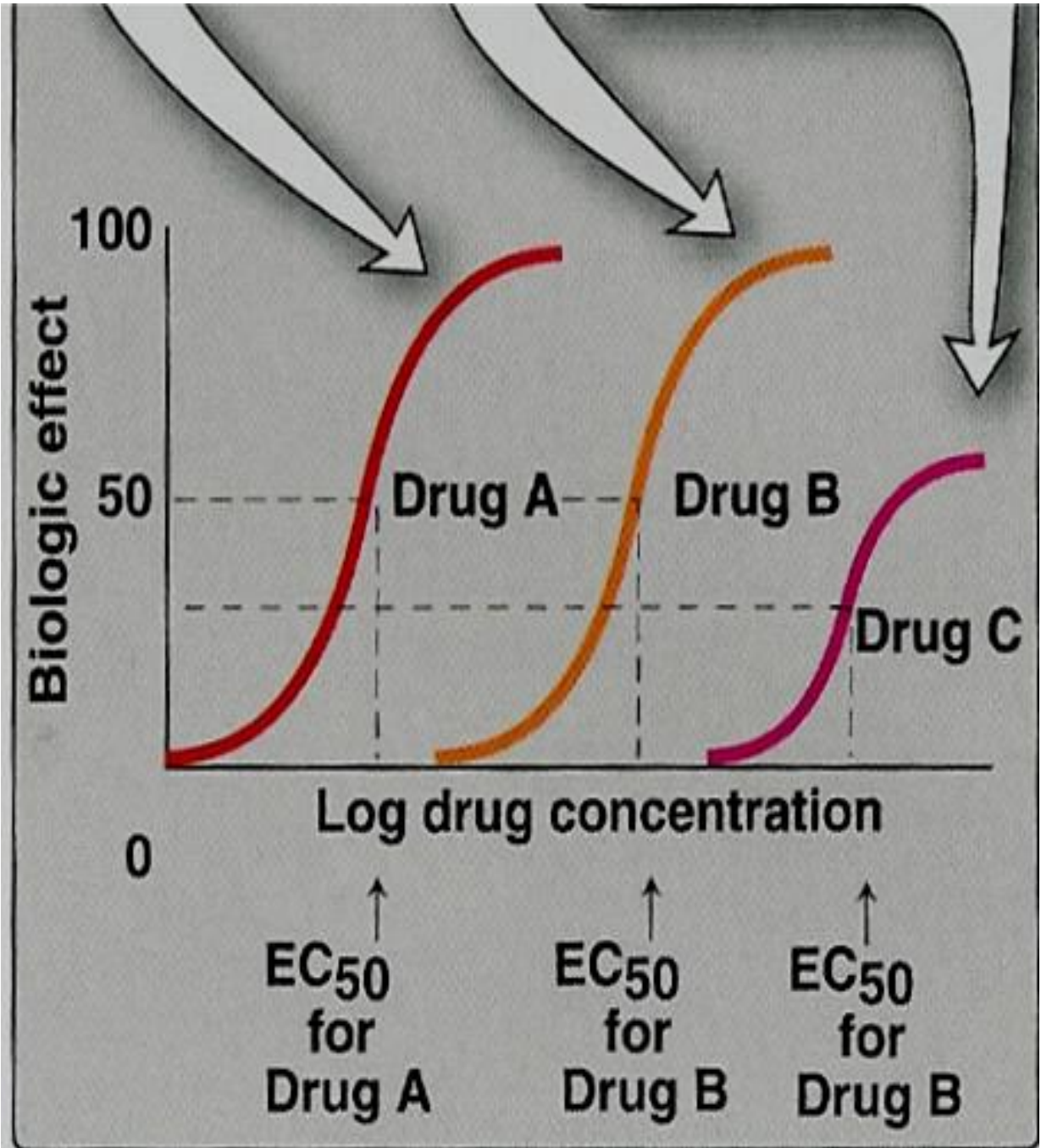
is the concentration of the drug that produces 50% of the maximal response ( $E_{max}$ )

# Graded dose-response curves are used to determine:

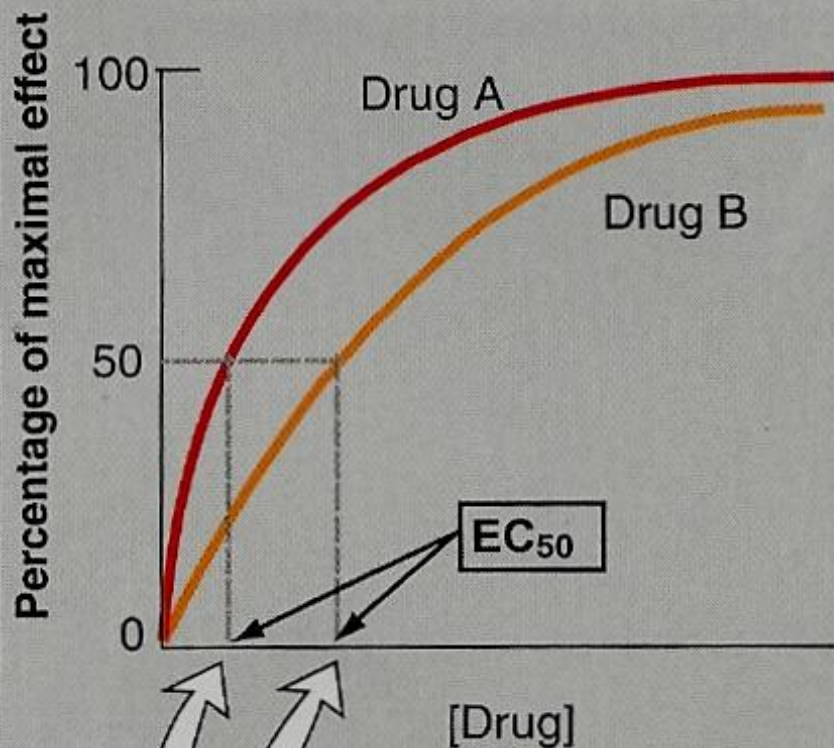
**Potency:** the concentration of the drug required to produce a specified response (**50% of the maximal response =  $EC_{50}$** ).

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

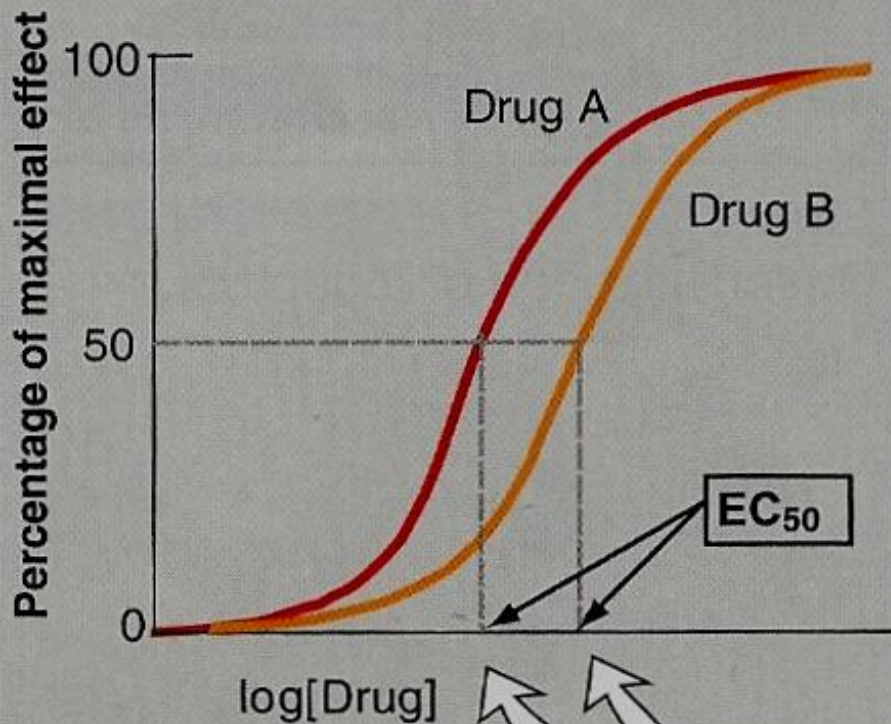
**Potency** is inversely proportional to  $EC_{50}$





**A**

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

**B**

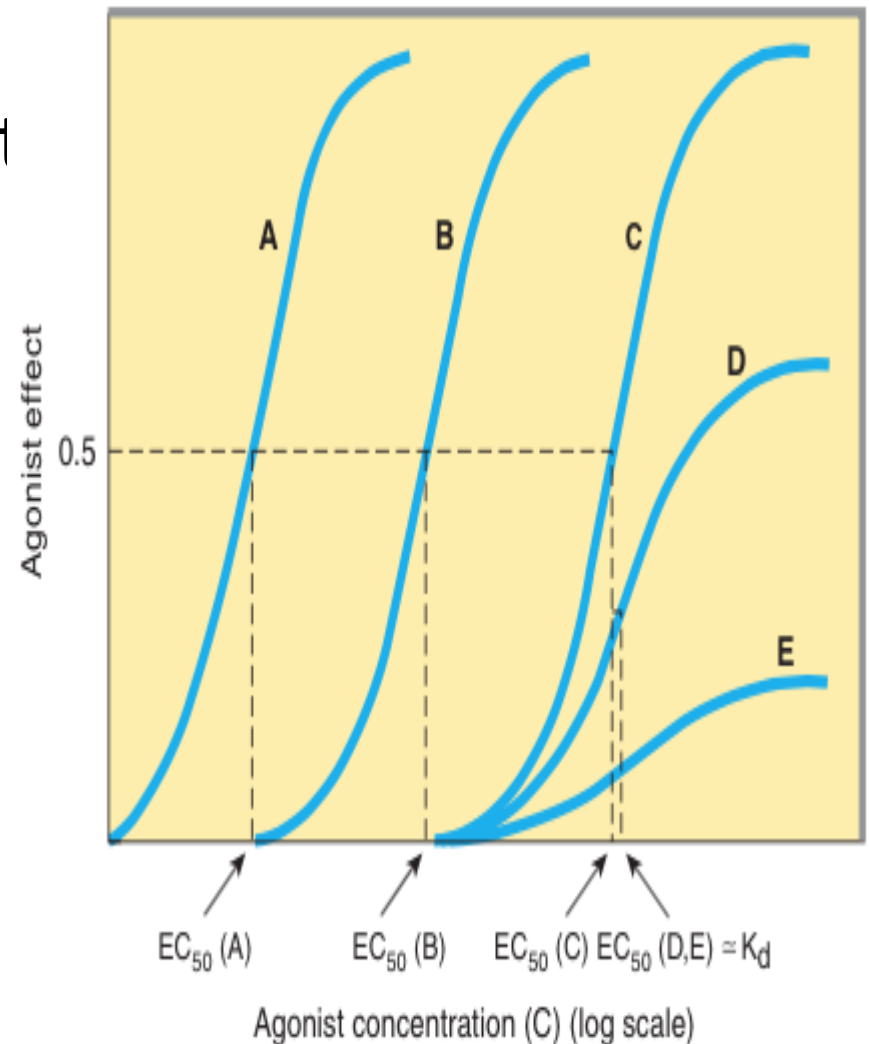
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# Graded Dose-Response Curve

Which of the following curves represent the least potent drugs ?

Which of the following drugs have the lowest efficacy ?



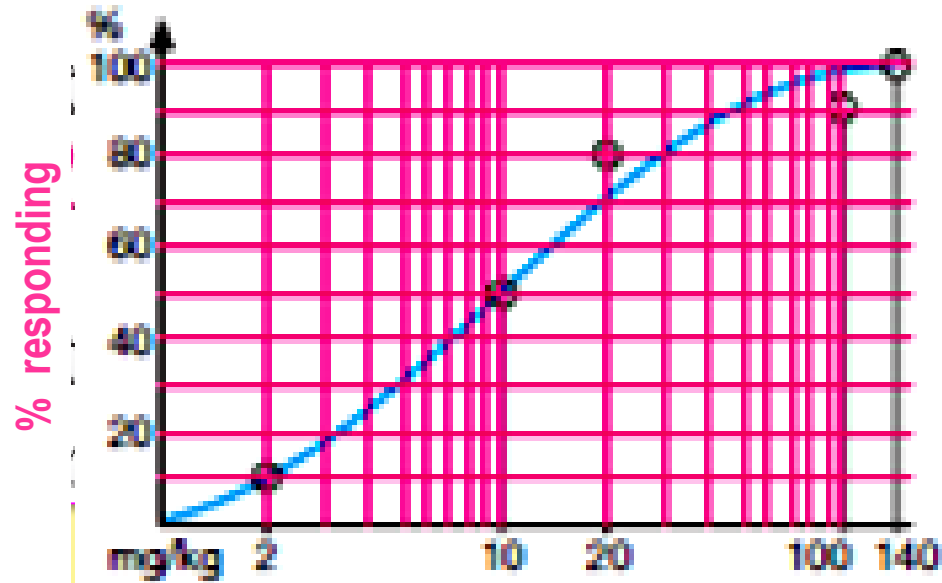
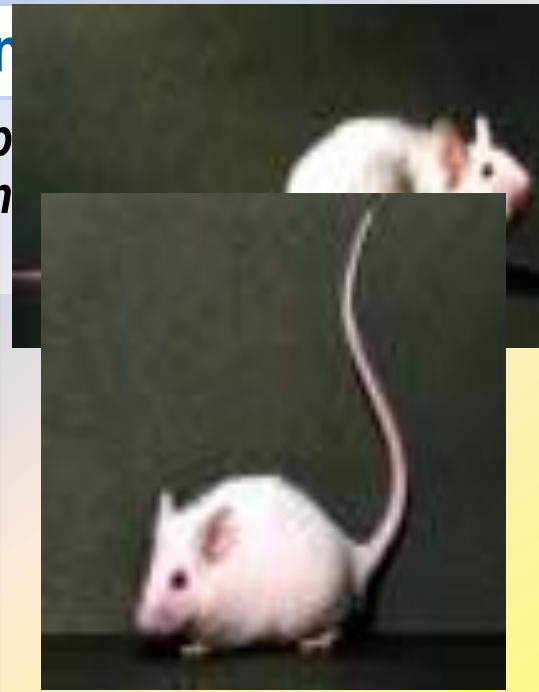
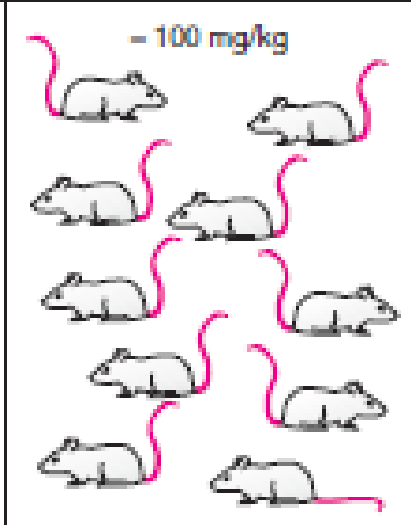
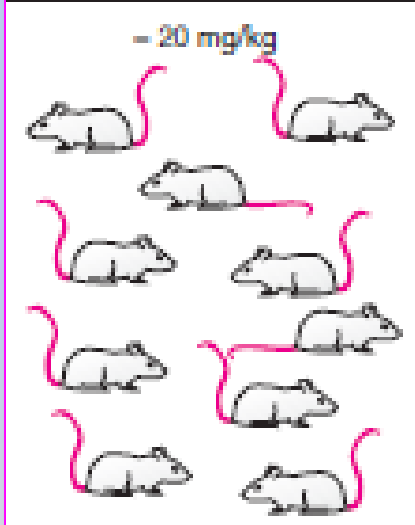
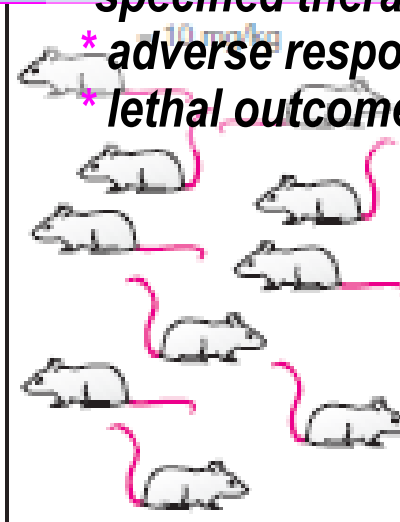
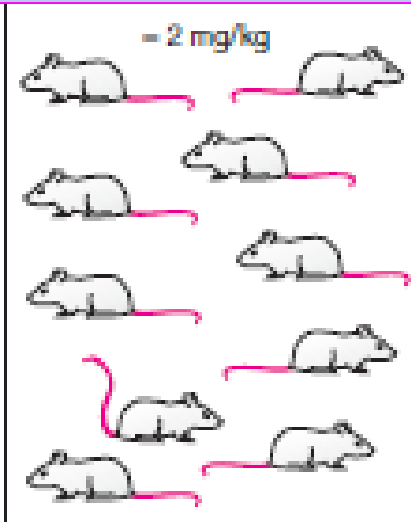
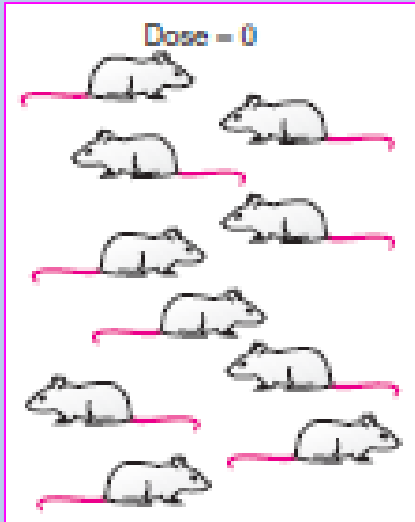
# Quantal Dose-response Curve

- 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**
  - $ED_{50}$
  - $TD_{50}$  &  $LD_{50}$
  - Therapeutic index (**TI**).

# QANTAL DOSE RESPONSE CURVE

## All-non response

- \* specified therapeutic response
- \* adverse response
- \* lethal outcome



Dose-frequency relationship

## **Median Effective Dose (ED<sub>50</sub>):**

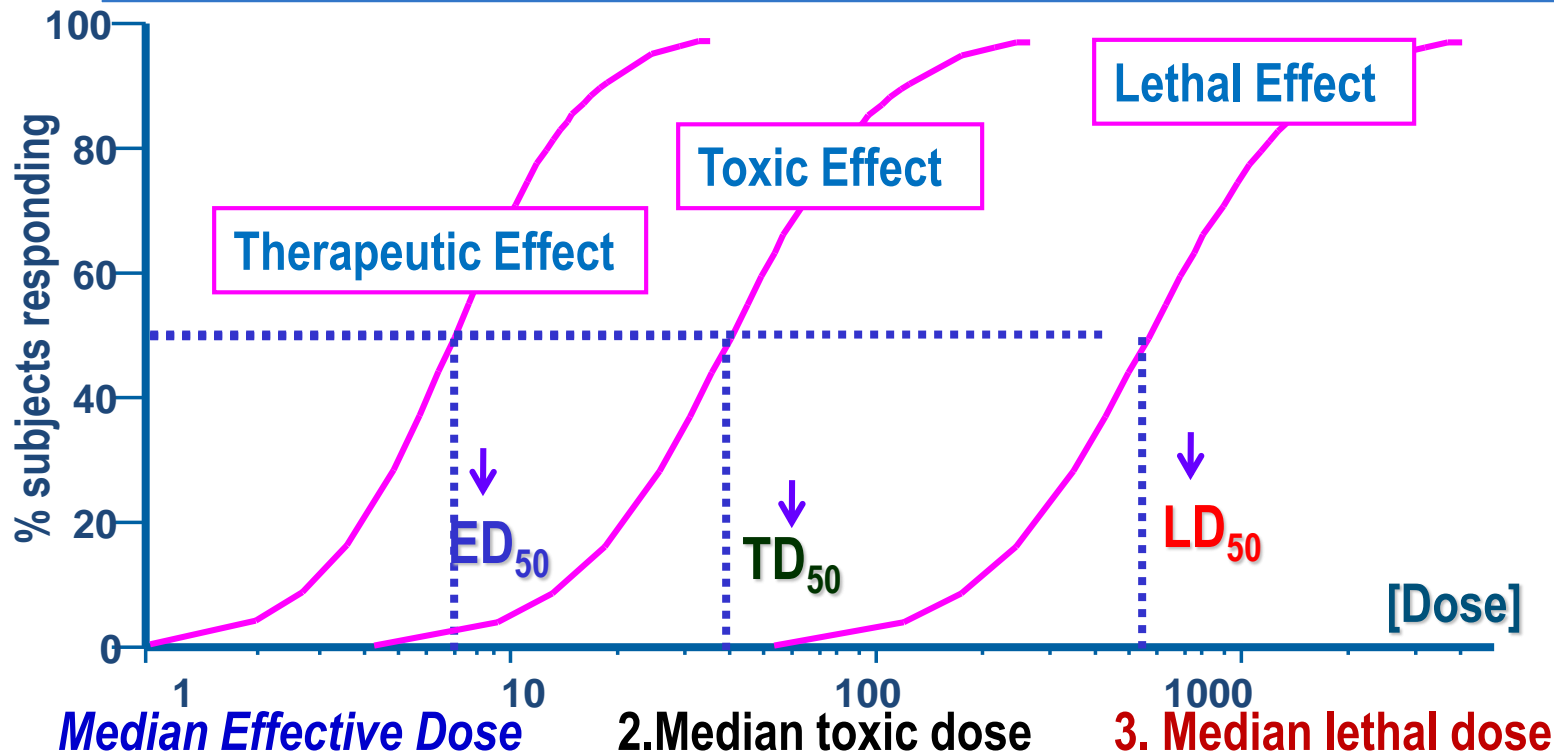
is a dose of the drug required to produce a therapeutic effect in 50% of individuals.

## **Median Toxic Dose (TD<sub>50</sub>):**

is the dose of a drug required to produce toxic effects in 50 % of individuals.

**Median Lethal Dose (LD<sub>50</sub>):** is the dose of a drug required to produce death in 50 % of individuals.

# QANTAL DOSE RESPONSE CURVE: *used to determine*



**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**

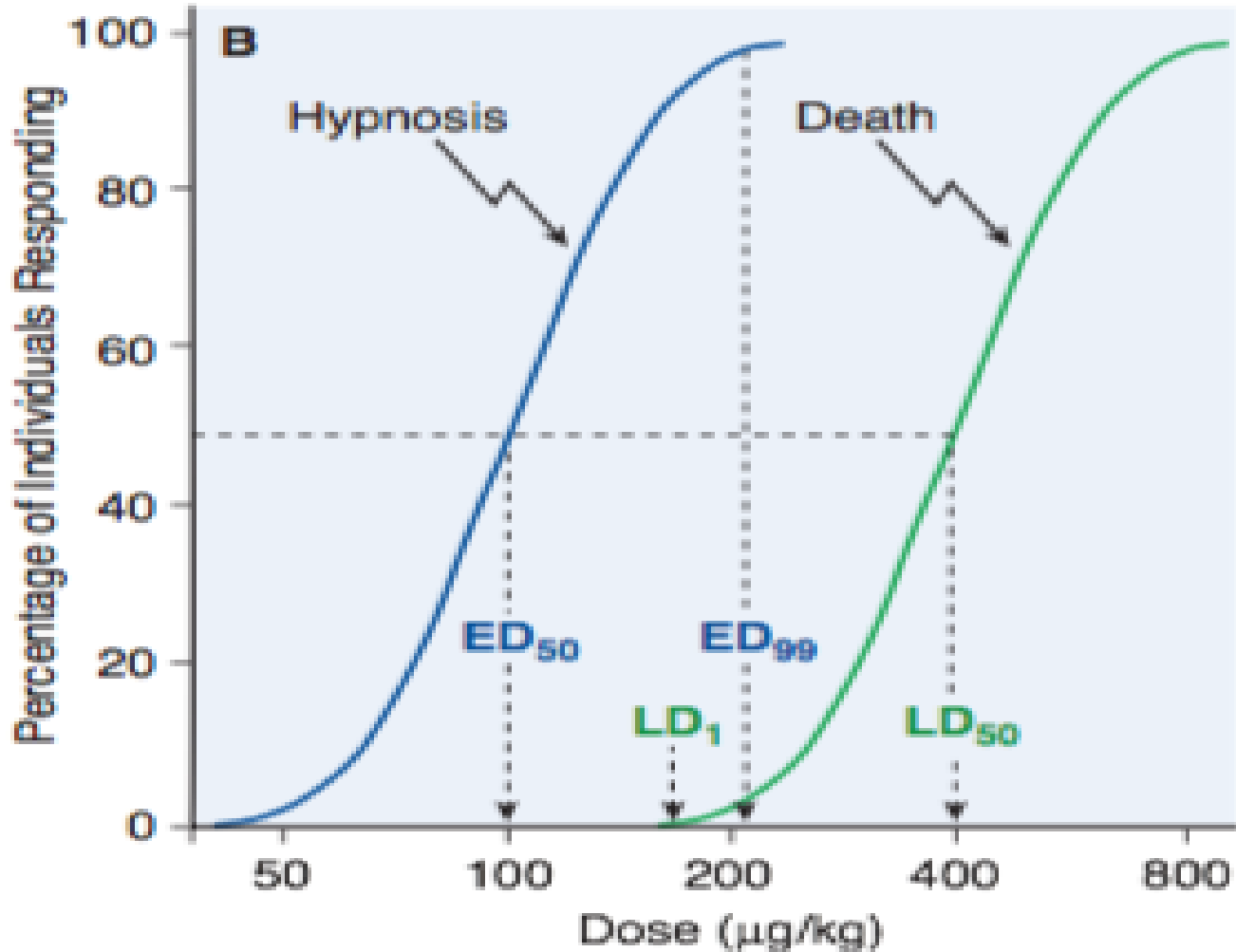
*Predict the safety profile*

# Therapeutic Index (TI)

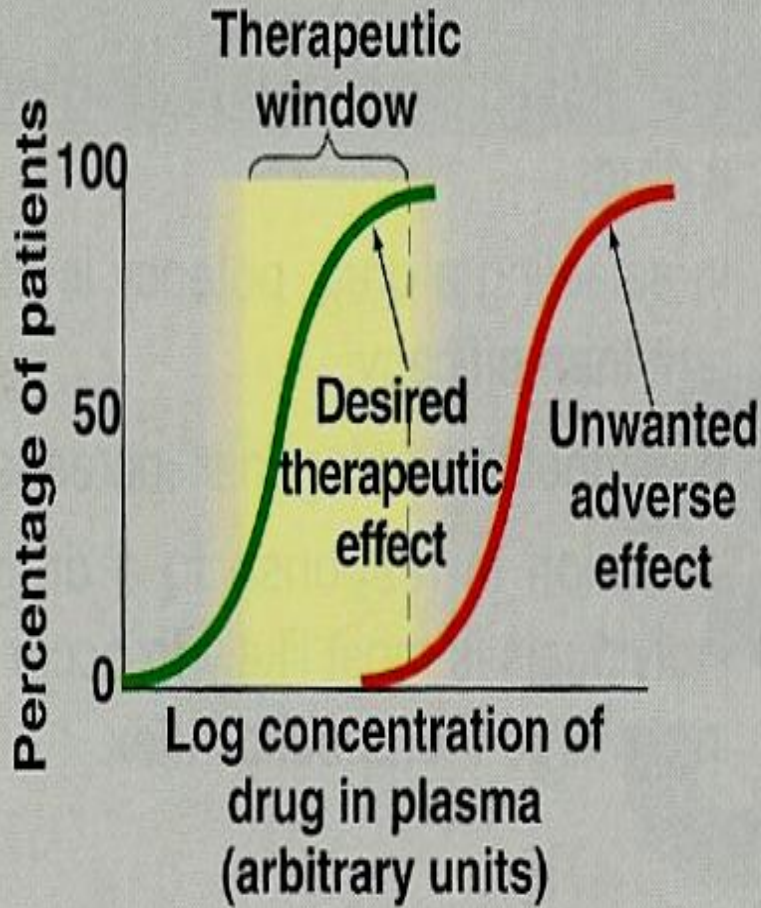
- **Therapeutic index** =  $TD_{50}/ED_{50}$  or  $LD_{50}/ED_{50}$ 
  - $TD_{50}$  is the dose that produces a toxic effect in 50% of the population.
  - $LD_{50}$  is the dose that is lethal in 50% of the population
  - $ED_{50}$  is the dose that produces therapeutic response in 50% of the population
- **Is a measure of safety profile**
- **High value** = drug with wide margin of safety e.g. diazepam, penicillin
- **Small value** = a narrow margin of safety e.g. digoxin, warfarin

# Therapeutic Index

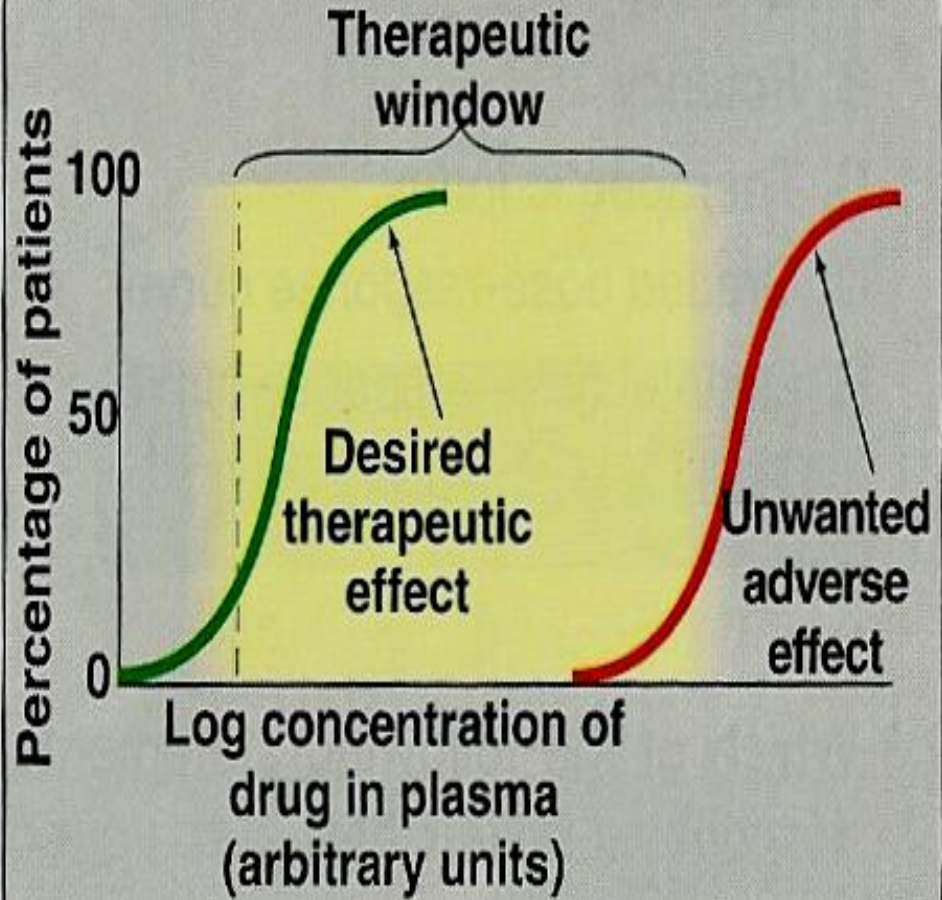
$$\text{Therapeutic Index: } \frac{LD_{50}}{ED_{50}} = \frac{400}{100} = 4$$



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



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





# ANTAGONISM

It is the decrease 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 loss of the effect of one drug by the co-administration (**concurrent administration**) or combination with another drug.

# Types of Antagonism

- ✓ **Chemical antagonism.**
- ✓ **Physiological antagonism.**
- ✓ **Pharmacokinetic antagonism**
- ✓ **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 between two drugs resulting into loss of activity.
- No receptors are involved.
- e.g. **Dimercaprol** used as antidote to reduce heavy metal toxicity (**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 opposite physiological effects.
- e.g. **histamine and adrenaline**

**Histamine** → vasodilatation (↓BP) & bronchoconstriction

**Adrenaline** → vasoconstriction (↑BP) & bronchodilation.

**\*\*Adrenaline is used in anaphylactic shock**

# Pharmacodynamic antagonism (Receptor-blockade antagonism)

## Types

- Competitive
  - Reversible
  - Irreversible
  
- Non-Competitive



# COMPETATIVE ANTAGONISM

## Reversible

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

Antagonism can be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist

**Atropine & Ach**

## Irreversible

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

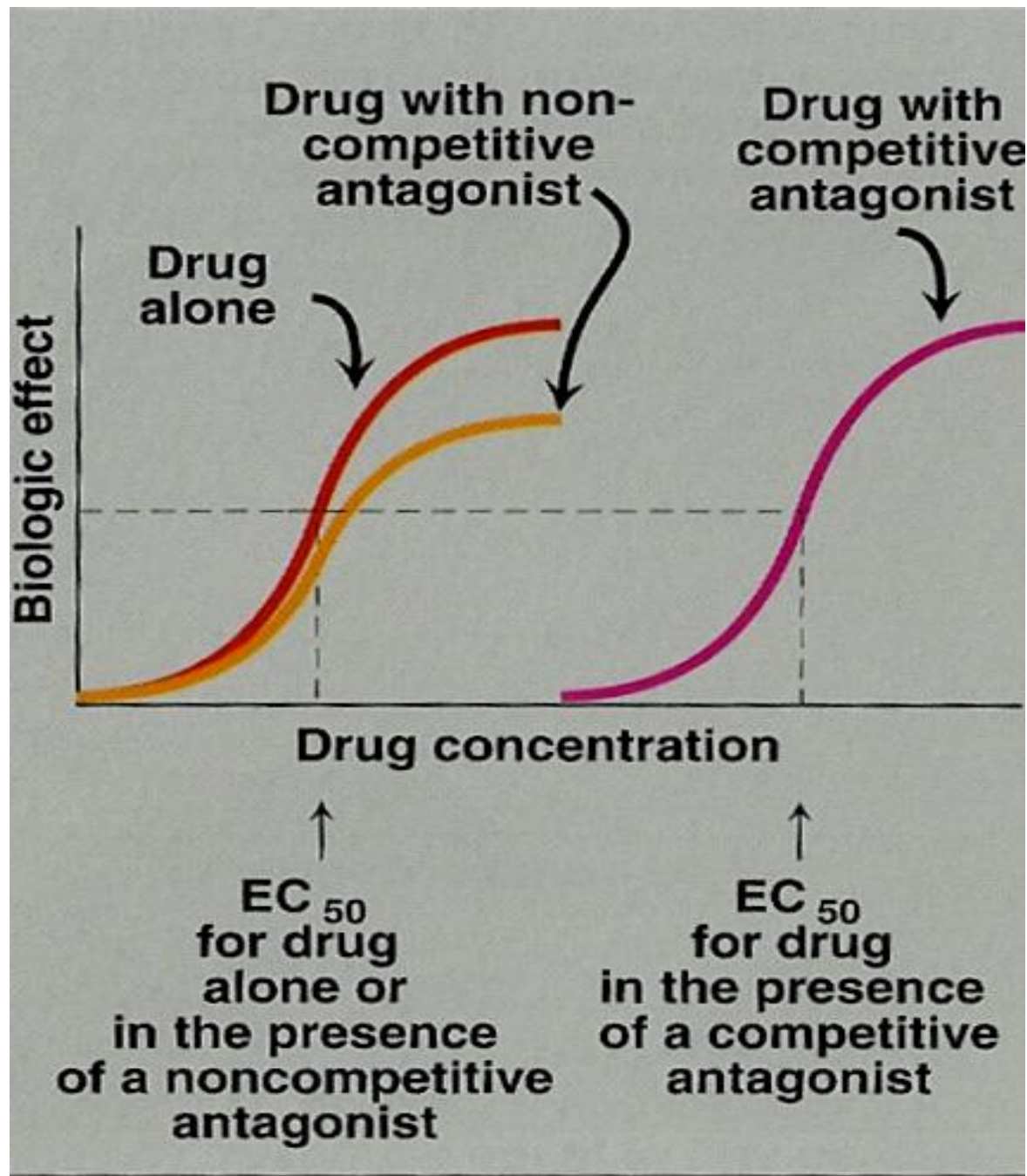
Inactivation lasts for duration of receptor turnover or its de-novo synthesis → explains its longevity of action

**Phenoxybenzamine & Noradrenaline**

# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

## Competitive (reversible)

- 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.
- **e.g. acetylcholine and atropine.**



# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

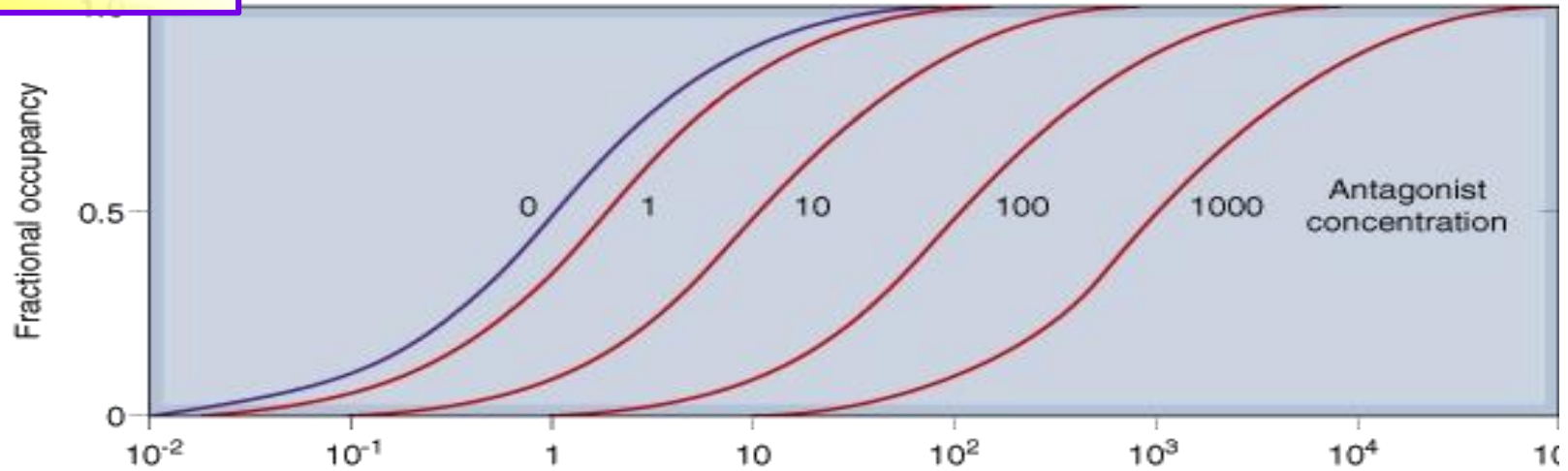
## Competitive (irreversible)

- 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 of D-R curve
- a decrease in slope and a reduced maximal response are obtained.

e.g. phenoxybenzamine and noradrenaline.

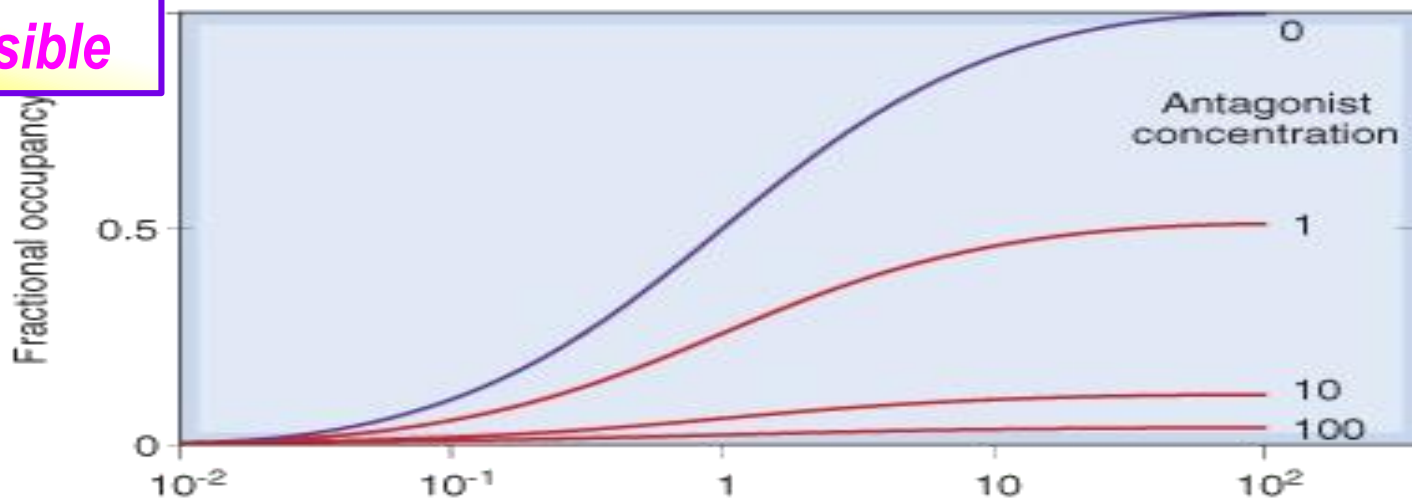
# Competitive Antagonism

**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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# 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

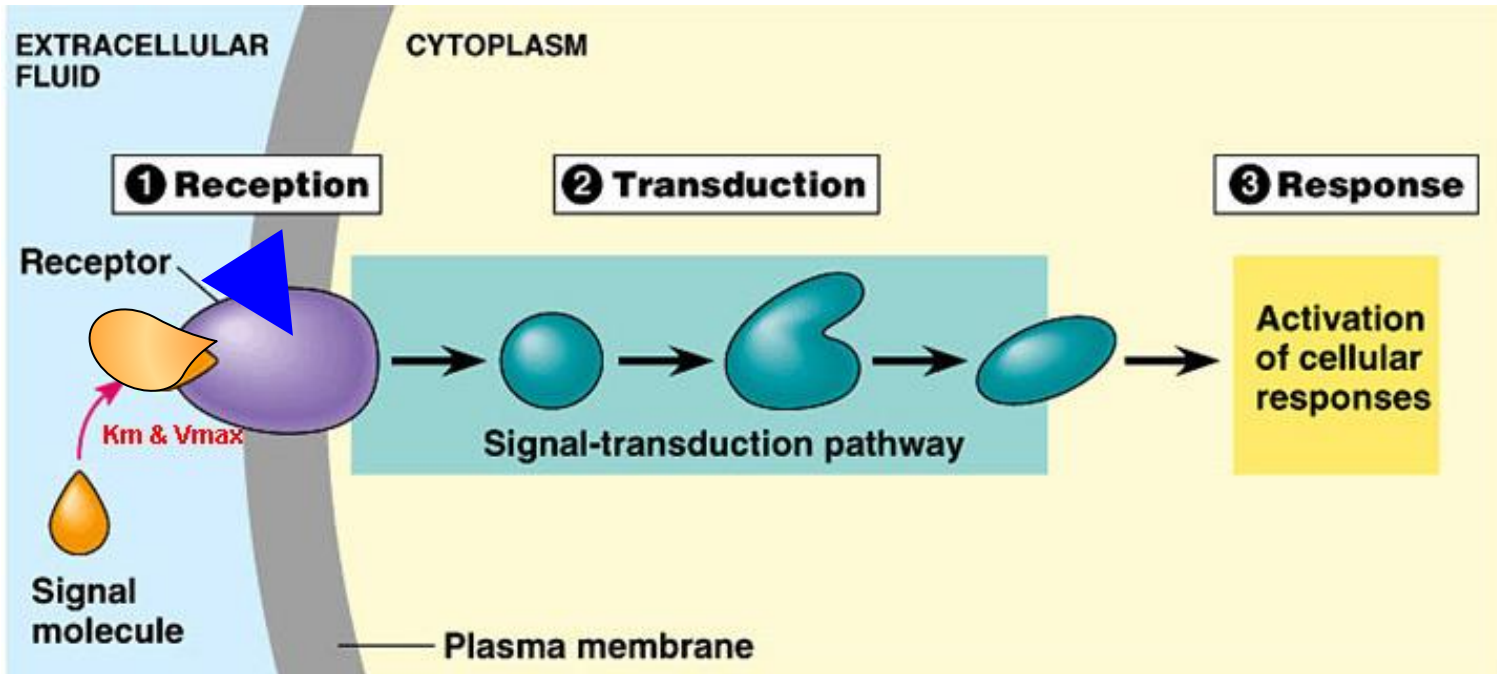
$K_m$  &  $V_{max}$

Signal molecule

Signal-transduction pathway

Activation of cellular responses

Plasma membrane



# Pharmacodynamic antagonism

## Non-competitive

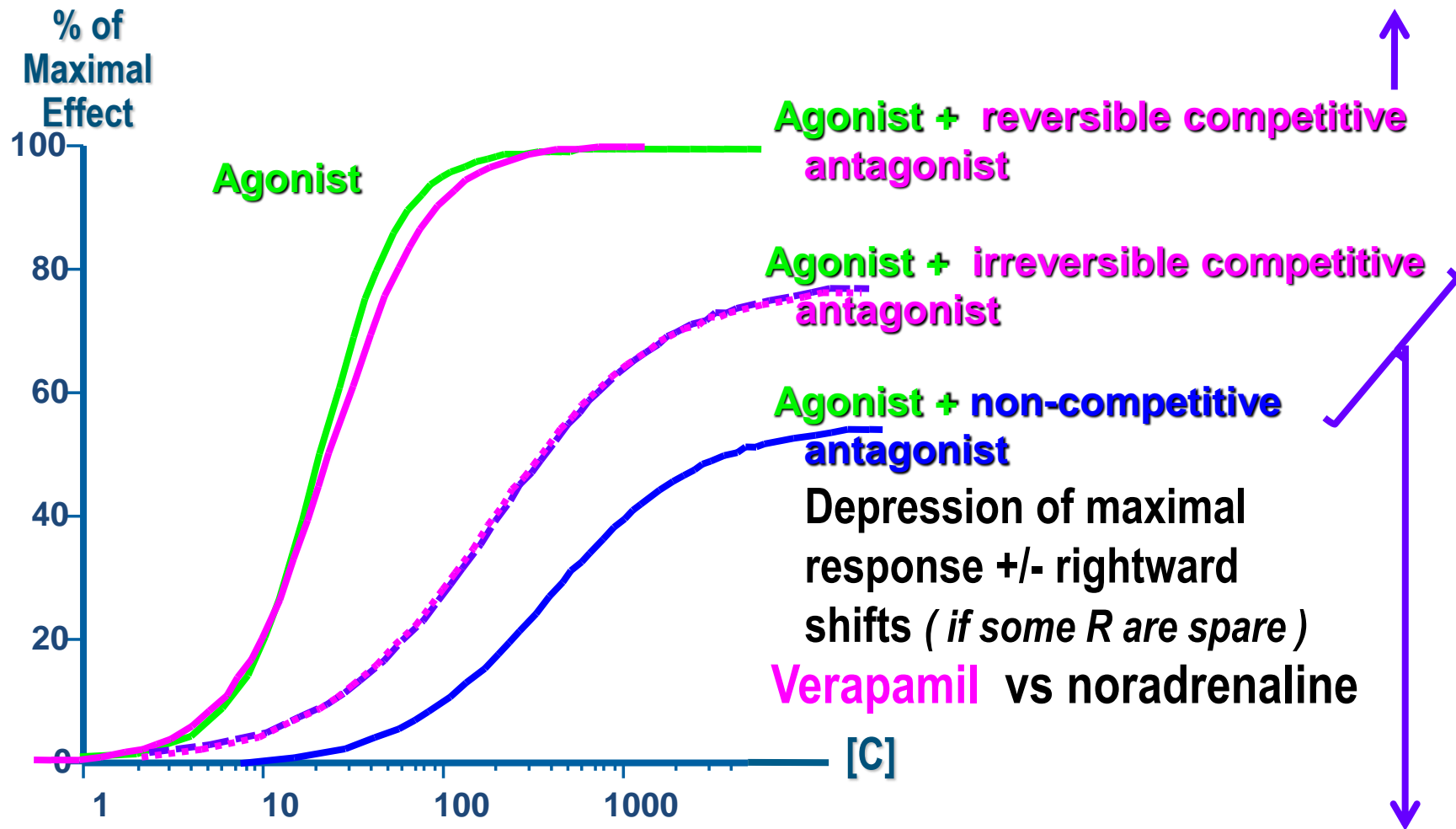
- **Agonist** and **Antagonist** can bound simultaneously.
- Antagonist block at some point the chain of events that stimulate the response of agonist.
- Antagonism cannot be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist .

e.g. verapamil and noradrenaline.



# Competitive vs Noncompetitive Antagonism

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



Antagonism cannot be overcome by increasing concentration of agonist = **NON-SURMOUNTABLE**



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