

# PK/PD analysis in animals

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## WHY using animal models ?

- Development of new /more effective methods for diagnosing and treating diseases
- assure the safety of new medical treatments
- chimpanzees share more than 99% of DNA with humans and mice share more than 98% DNA with humans  
(susceptible to same diseases)

ANTIBIOTICS – In 1940 the value of penicillin as an effective antibiotic was defined

➤ Ethical considerations

Humane endpoints (reduce suffering, trauma etc)  
3 Rs (Refinement, Reduction, Replacement)

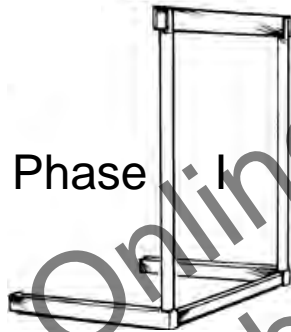
# PK/PD clinical trials

## Pre-clinical



***In vitro* studies  
&  
Animal models**

## Clinical Development

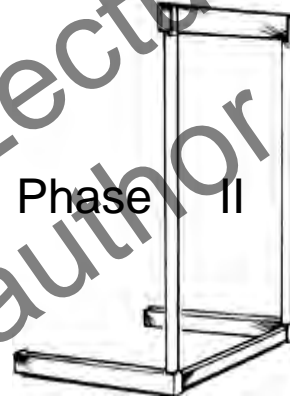


Phase I

➤ Population PK

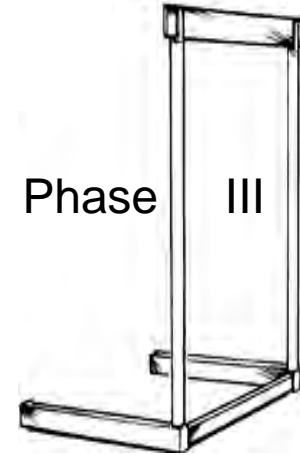
➤ Simulations for  
Phase 2  
dose-selection

➤ Development of an  
optimal PK sampling  
for Phase 2



Phase II

Phase 2 population PK  
and PK-PD



Phase III

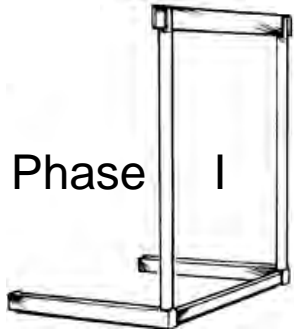
Phase 3 population PK  
and PK-PD

Screening for safety

Establishing the testing protocol

Final testing

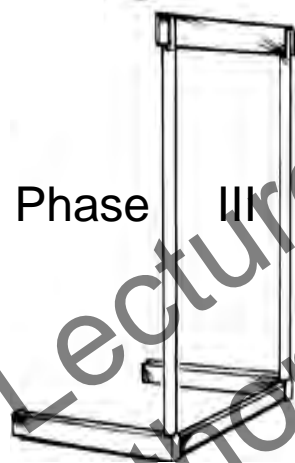
Postapproval studies



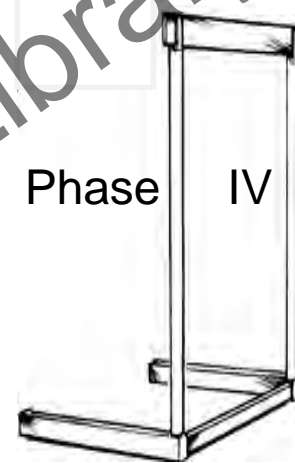
Phase I



Phase II



Phase III



Phase IV

**Phase 1:** test an experimental drug or treatment in a small group of people (20-80) for the first time to evaluate its safety, determine a safe dosage range, and identify side effects.

**Phase 2 :** a larger group of people (100-300) to see if it is effective and to further evaluate its safety.

**Phase 3:** large groups of people (1,000-3,000) to confirm drug effectiveness, monitor side effects, compare it to commonly used treatments, and collect information that will allow it to be used safely.

**Phase 4:** postmarketing studies delineate additional information, including the treatment's risks, benefits, and optimal use

# Animal Model PK/PD: A Tool for drug development

- The initial dosage of a drug in first-in-humans clinical trials is based on data from preclinical studies

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# Animal Model PK/PD: A Tool for drug development

**PK/PD index and magnitude should be used to determine the dosage regimens evaluated in Phase 2/3**

**in vitro/animal models increase the probability of a successful clinical outcome**

**PD Parameter Prediction > What PK characteristics do I optimize?**

**How much drug do I need? (PD Magnitude)**

- PD Magnitude Variables – What factors impact how much drug I need?
- PD Correlation in humans



Complexity



PK

Immunity

Virulence

PD

MIC

Susceptibility



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# Considerations when using Animals Models

**Efficacy may depend upon various factors:**

- MIC , virulence
- Infection (inoculum, initiation of treatment)
- host immune response
- animal pharmacokinetics (half life time)/protein binding
- Endpoint
- Drug concentrations at the site of infection may differ between animals and humans

➤ What is the right animal model?

“humanized animal models”

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# The General Term PK/PD

**Pharmacokinetic (PK)** studies examine how the body handles drugs, including:

- 1) Absorption
- 2) Distribution
- 3) Metabolism and
- 4) Elimination

**Pharmacodynamic (PD)** studies examine the integration of a drug's PK properties and outcome.

**PK** → is what the body does to a drug

**PD** → is what the drug does to the body

# How can I quantify the activity of an antimicrobial agent?

## 3 PK parameters

- peak serum level (**C<sub>max</sub>**),
- the trough level (**C<sub>min</sub>**),
- Area Under the serum concentration time Curve (**AUC**)

## Integration PK parameters with MIC

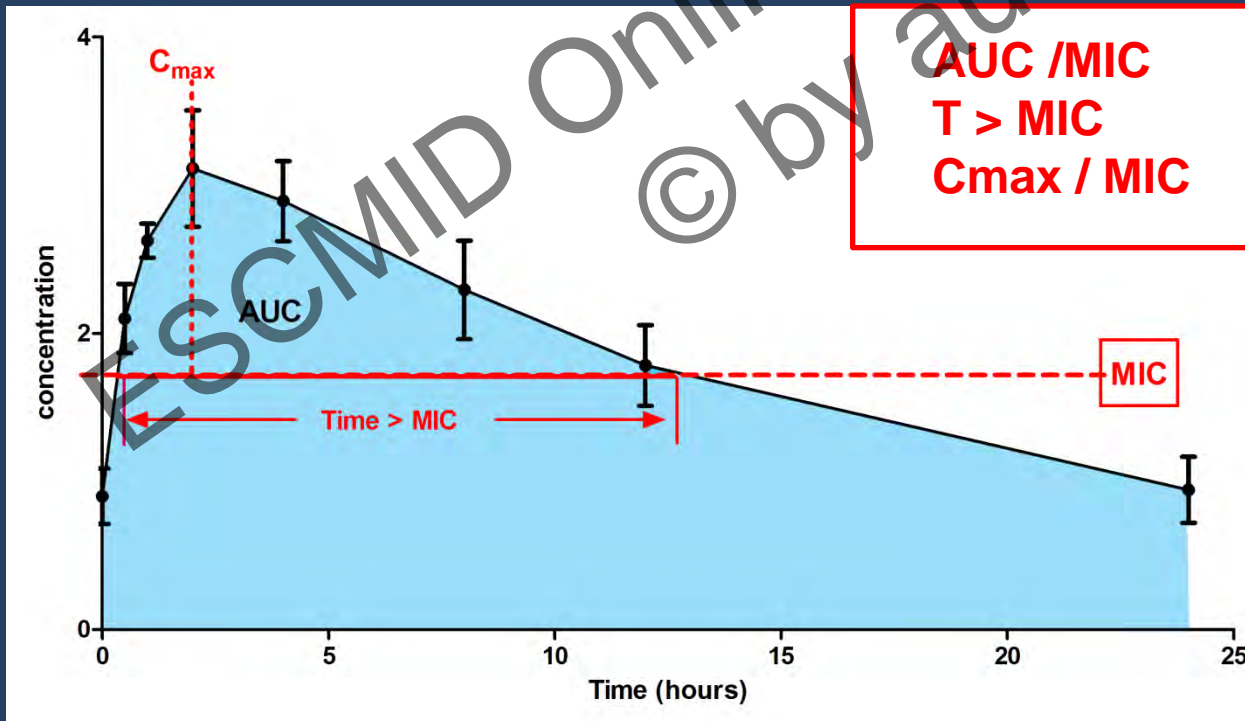
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# 3 PK parameter

# MIC

## PK/PD Indices



• Thus, we have to:

- Establish a relationship between the MIC in vitro and concentrations in vivo (thus, dosing regimens)
- Determine which dosing regimens are optimal for Treatment in relation to the MIC

# What Bridges PK and PD ?

Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacodynamics

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$E_{max}$

$EC_{50}$

Dose

concentration

Effect

PK : relationship between dose, drug concentrations, and time

PD : relationship between drug concentration and the effect vs time profile)



Drug selection on the basis of effectiveness and selectivity.

# Why do we need the PK/PD Index?

Poison is in everything, and no thing is without poison. The dosage makes it either a poison or a remedy.

Paracelsus (Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombast von Hohenheim)  
1493-1541

Dose or ???



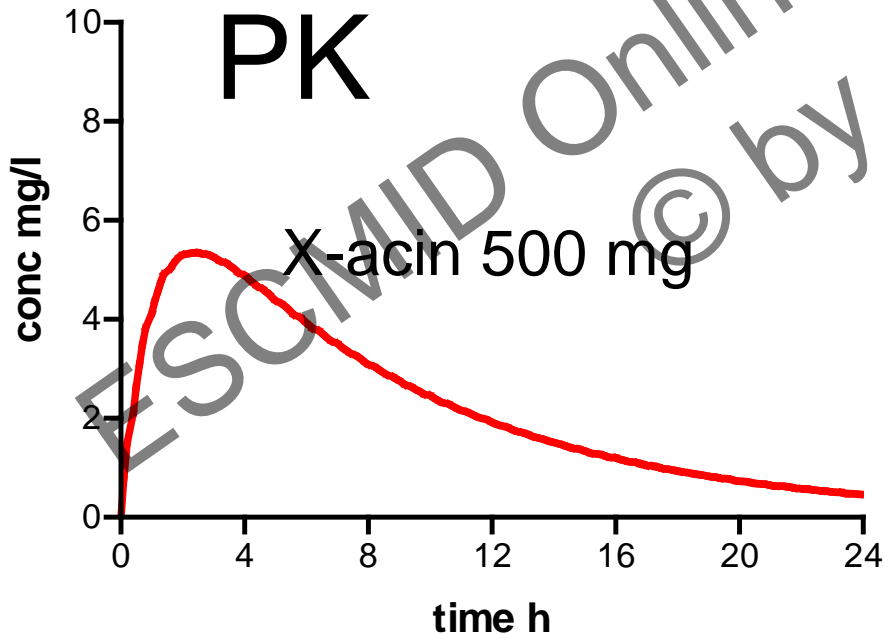
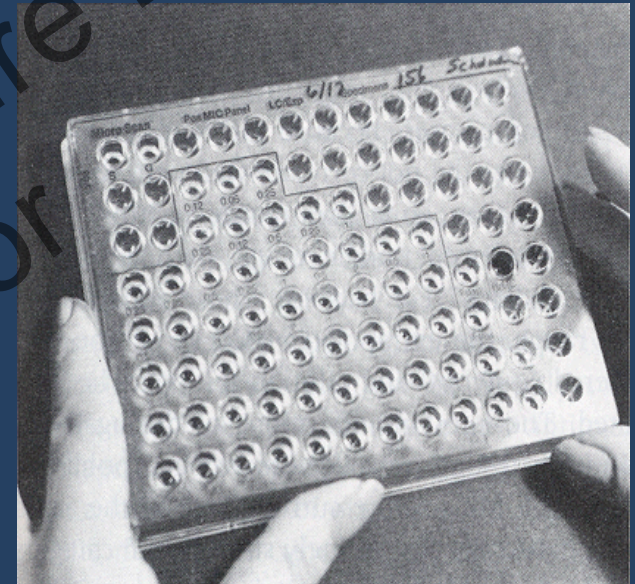
Plasma/serum  
Concentration  
was the killer?



# MIC



Lowest concentration with no visible growth after x hour incubation



MIC = 2 mg/L

How can PK/PD help here?

## Efficacy of the drug

Potency of a drug  
(MIC)

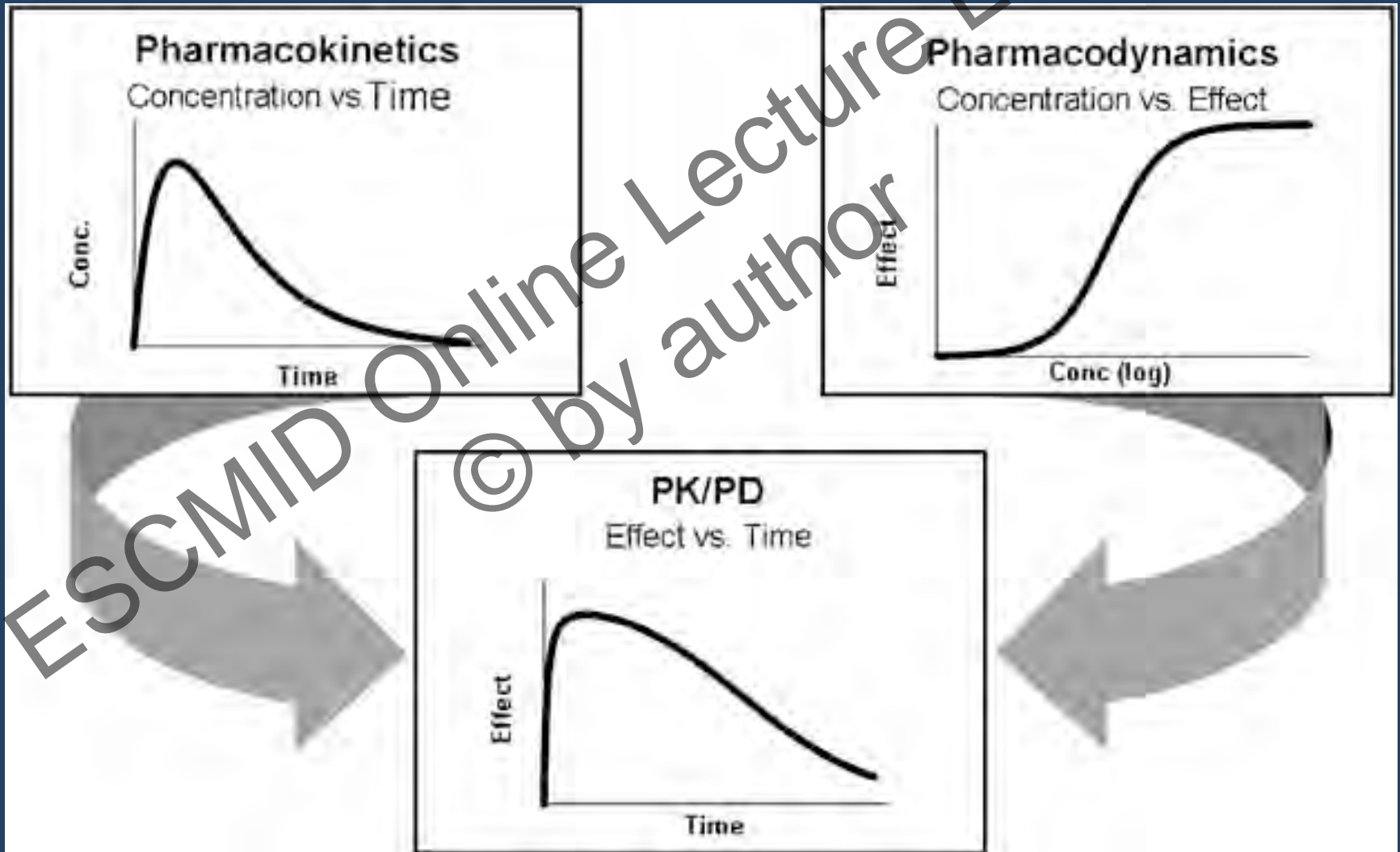
Exposure to the bug  
*In vivo*  
(PK)



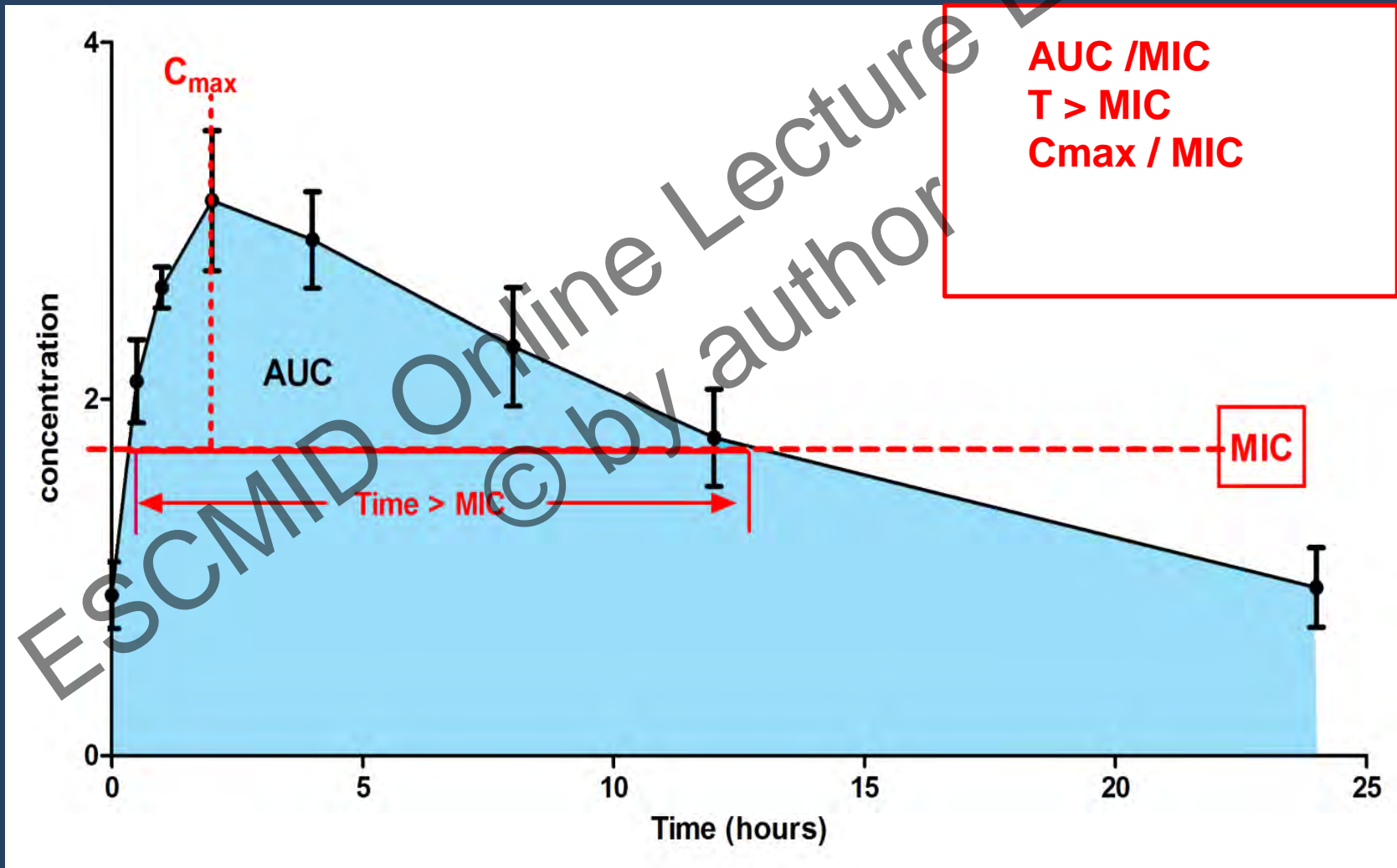
# “Mathematical Visualization” of the PK/PD Determination Process

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# The General Term PK/PD

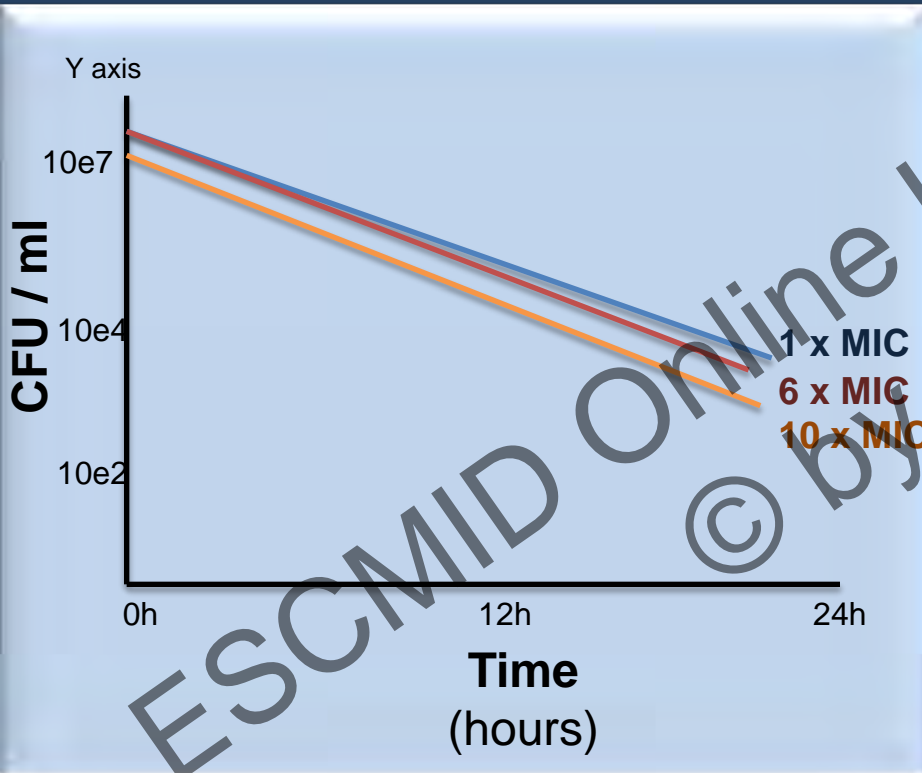


# PK/PD Indices

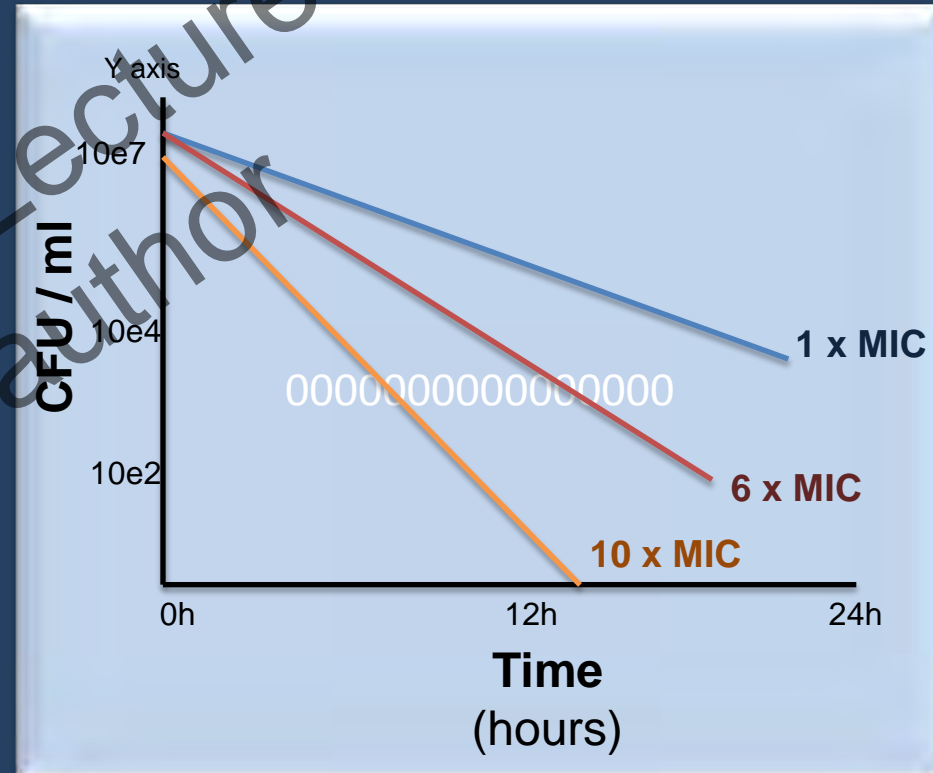


# Exposure-response relationship.

## Time dependent microbe killing



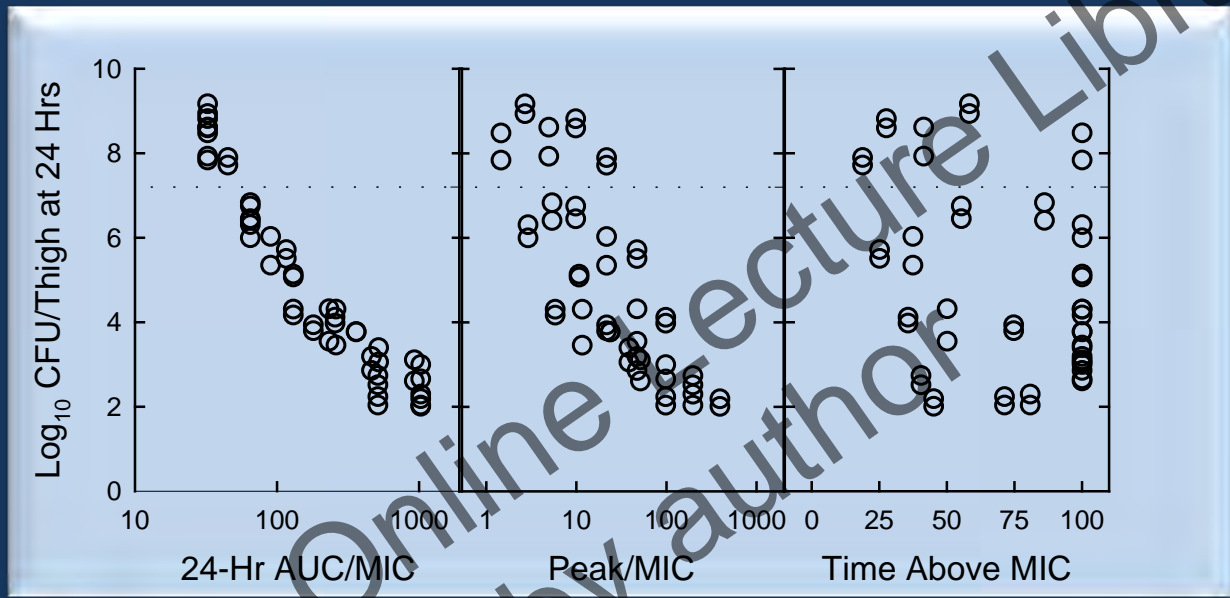
## Concentration dependent microbe killing



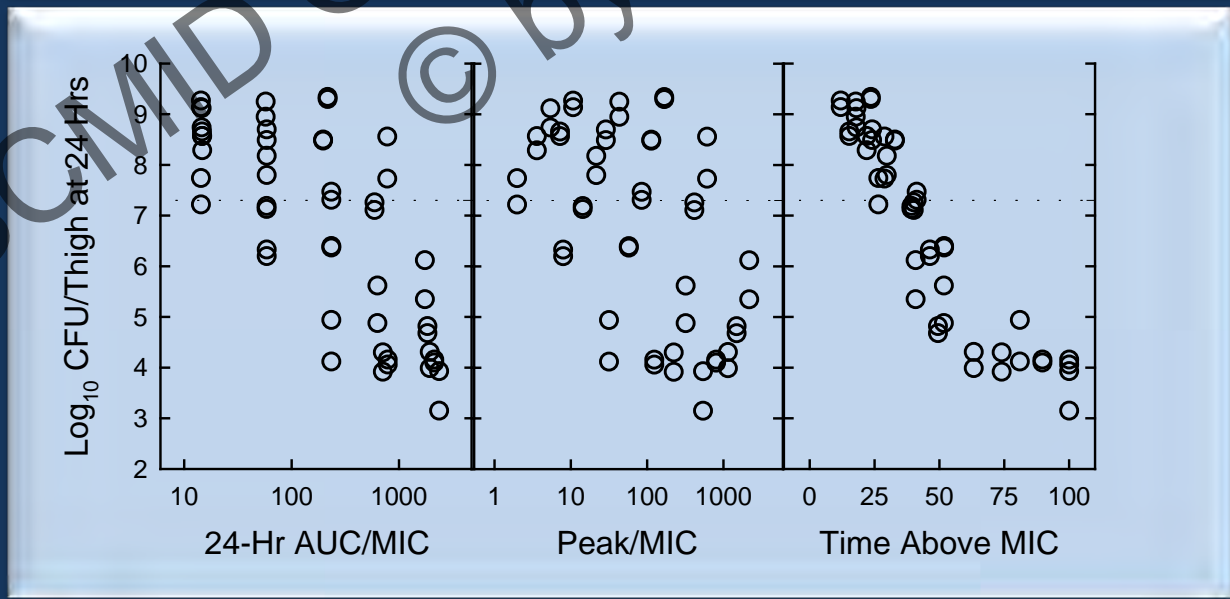
(%T) during the dosing interval that the free drug concentration remains above the MIC (%T > MIC).

AUC/MIC, C<sub>max</sub>/MIC

# PK/PD relationship is Class Dependent



levofloxacin



ceftazidim

# Relationship PK/PD and Effect

Antimicrobial agent	PK-PD measure (s)
<p>Penicillins Cephalosporins Carbapenems Monobactams Tribactams</p>	<p><math>T &gt; MIC</math></p>
<p>Aminoglycosides Fluoroquinolones Metronidazole Lipopeptides Ketolides Macrolides Clindamycin Streptogramins Glycopeptides Glycylcyclines Oxazolidinones Tetracyclines Azoles Echinocandins</p>	<p><math>AUC / MIC</math> and/or <math>C_{max} / MIC</math></p>



# Relationships of the gatifloxacin 24-h AUC/MIC , C<sub>max</sub>/MIC, and T>MIC for *S. pneumoniae*

## Sigmoid dose-effect (exposure-response) model.

The model is derived from the Hill equation,

$$E = (E_{\max} D^H) / (ED_{50}^H + D^H)$$

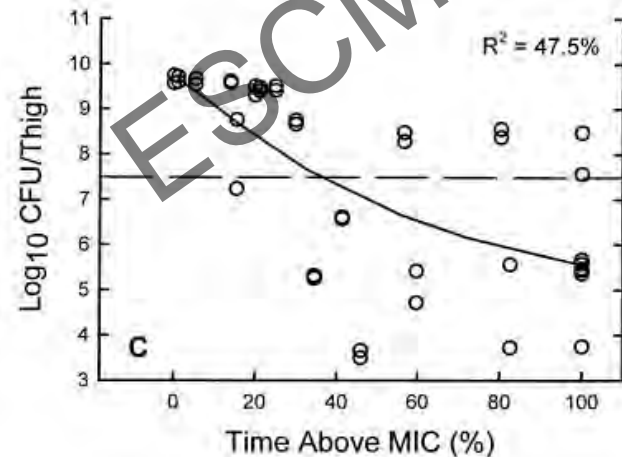
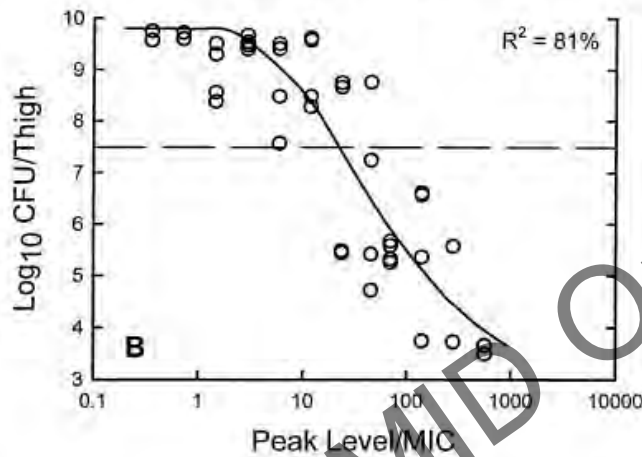
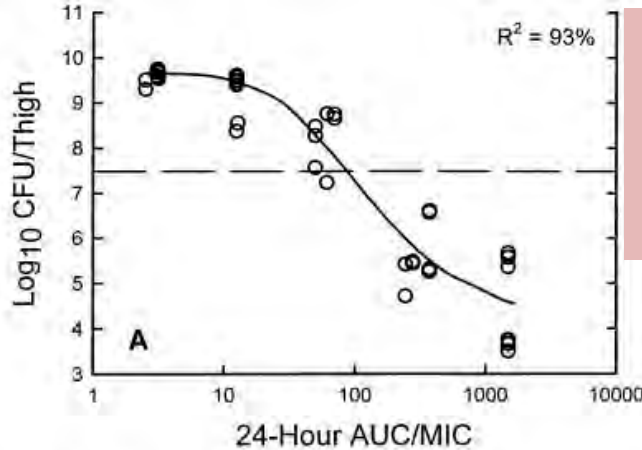
**E** is the effect (Log change in the CFU number per thigh after the 24-h )

**E<sub>max</sub>** is the maximum effect;

**D** is the total dose administered over 24 h;

**ED<sub>50</sub>** is the dose required to achieve 50% of **E<sub>max</sub>**

**H** is the slope of the dose-effect curve



# Hill Equation

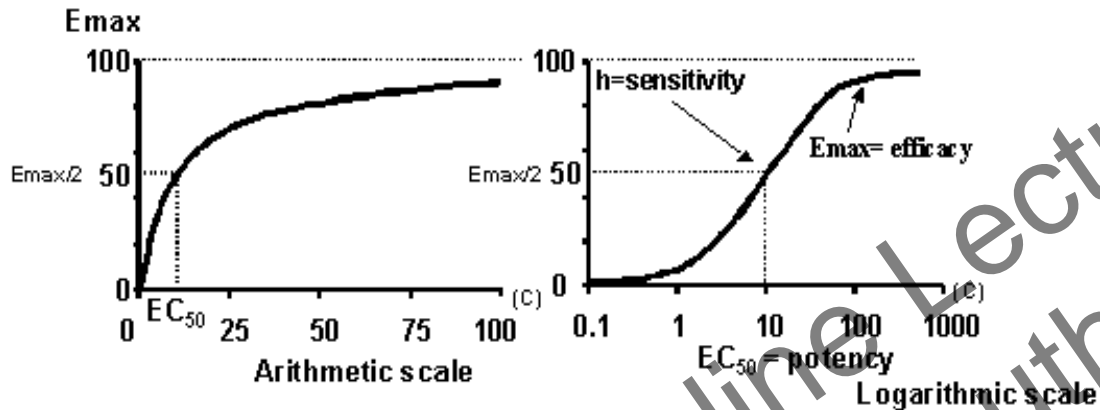
3 parameter equation of a nonlinear relationship between 2 Variables x (independent) and y the (dependent)

$$Y = \frac{y_{\max} x^H}{C^H + x^H} \quad \frac{E_{\max} D^H}{ED_{50}^H + D^H} \quad E$$

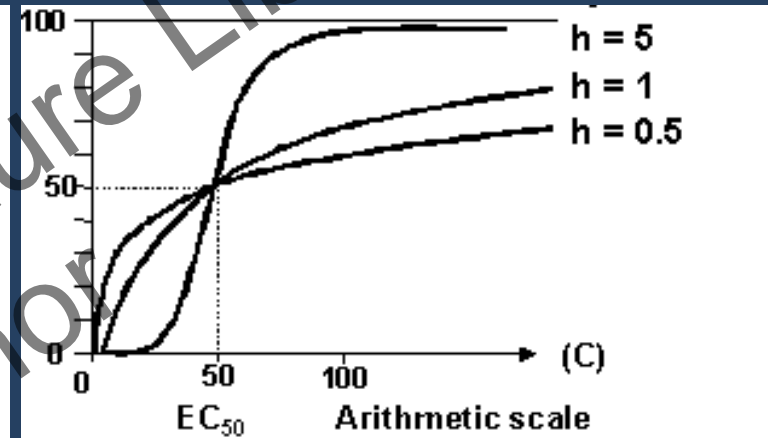
The Emax model is the most fundamental description of the concentration effect relationship

# Emax versus sigmoid model.

Emax model:  $h=1$



Hill model:  $h = \text{any value}$



➤ **Arithmetic scale:** the concentration-response (C-R) curve is hyperbolic and asymptotically approaches the maximal response ( $E_{max}$ ), a measure of clinical efficacy.

➤ **EC 50**, the concentration corresponding to  $E_{max}/2$ , is a measure of drug potency

➤ log transformation: S-shaped log of C-Effect curve is obtained. Useful for a wide range of C.

➤ facilitates comparative examination of different C-E curves (desirable/undesirable effects)

$$E = \frac{E_{\max} \cdot C^h(t)}{EC_{50}^h + C^h(t)}$$

A sigmoid model is an *E max* model for which *h* (the Hill coefficient) can be other than 1.

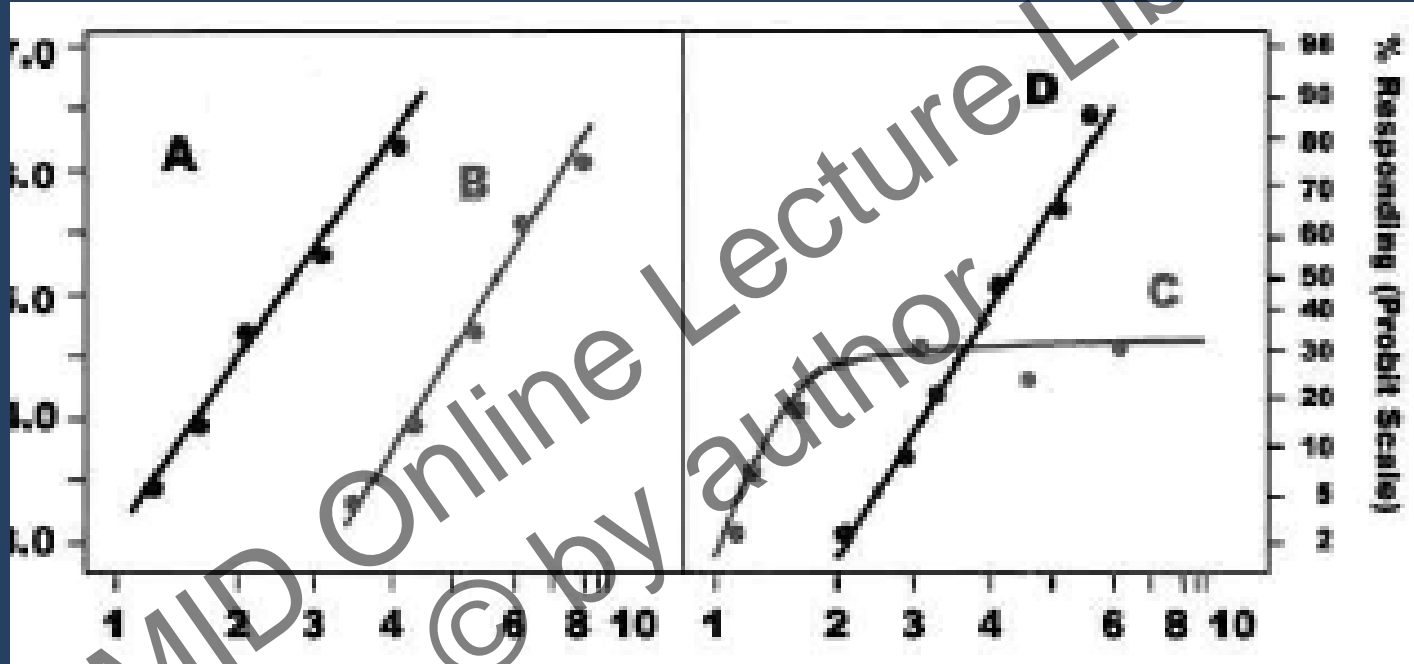
The slope of the curve changes as a function of *h*. For *h* > 1 the curve becomes sigmoid, with a steeper slope in the middle.

For *h* > 5 : an all-or-none response curve.

For *h* < 1 the initial portion is above the hyperbolic curve at low concentrations but shallower after reaching *EC 50* . Inset: Equation for *E max* (*h* = 1) or Hill (*h* ≠ 1) model.

Potency

Maximal efficacy



➤ range of concentration over which a drug produces increasing responses.

A > B; C > D.

➤ limit of dose (concentration)-response relationship.

A = B; C < D.

Why is the Slope of a curve so important ?

Example

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2 factors influence the value  
of the pk/pd index:

MIC and its Errors/variation

Pharmacokinetics and its variation

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# Data of Animal Models

- Murine model of disseminated aspergillosis
- 4 strains (1 susceptible, 3 Resistant,  
MIC range: 0.03 -0.5, 0.5, 16 mg/L)
- AUC/MIC
- EC50= 321 EC90 = 1000  
Endpoint: survival

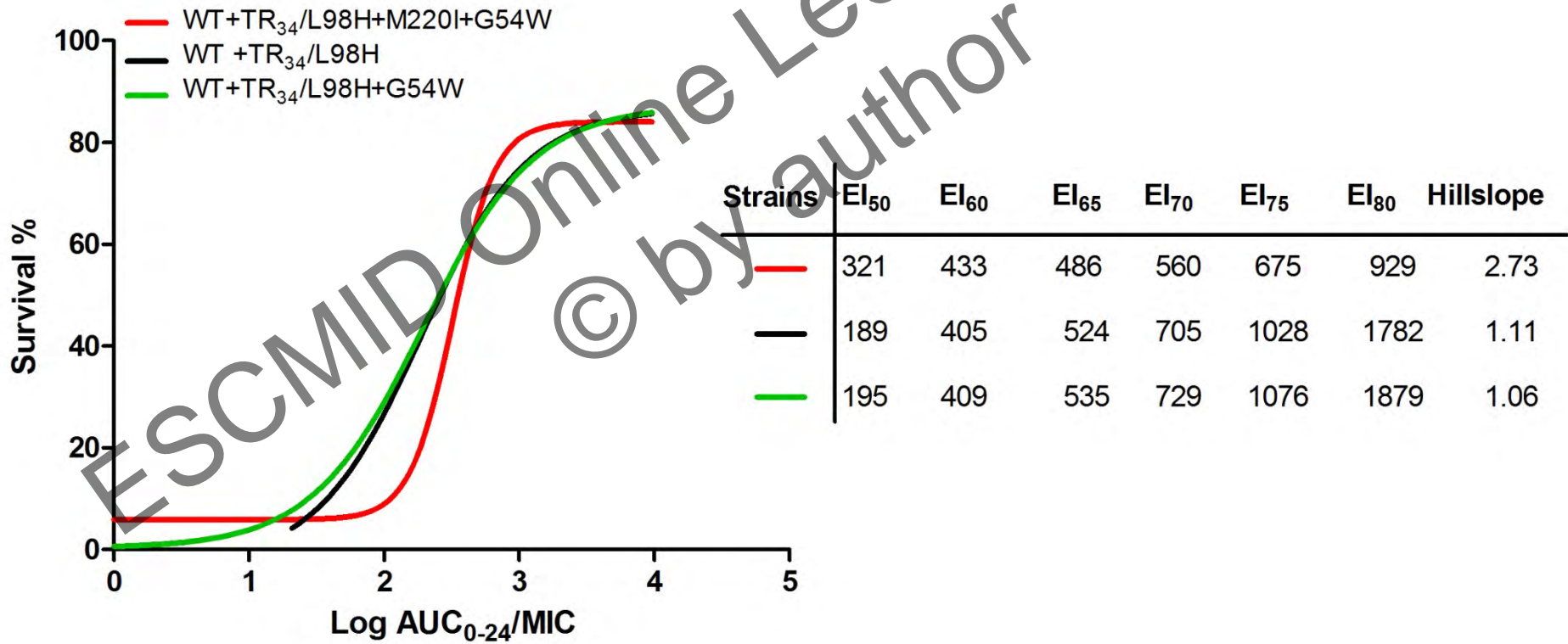
Another model; pulmonary aspergillosis

1 WT strain

EC50 = 170

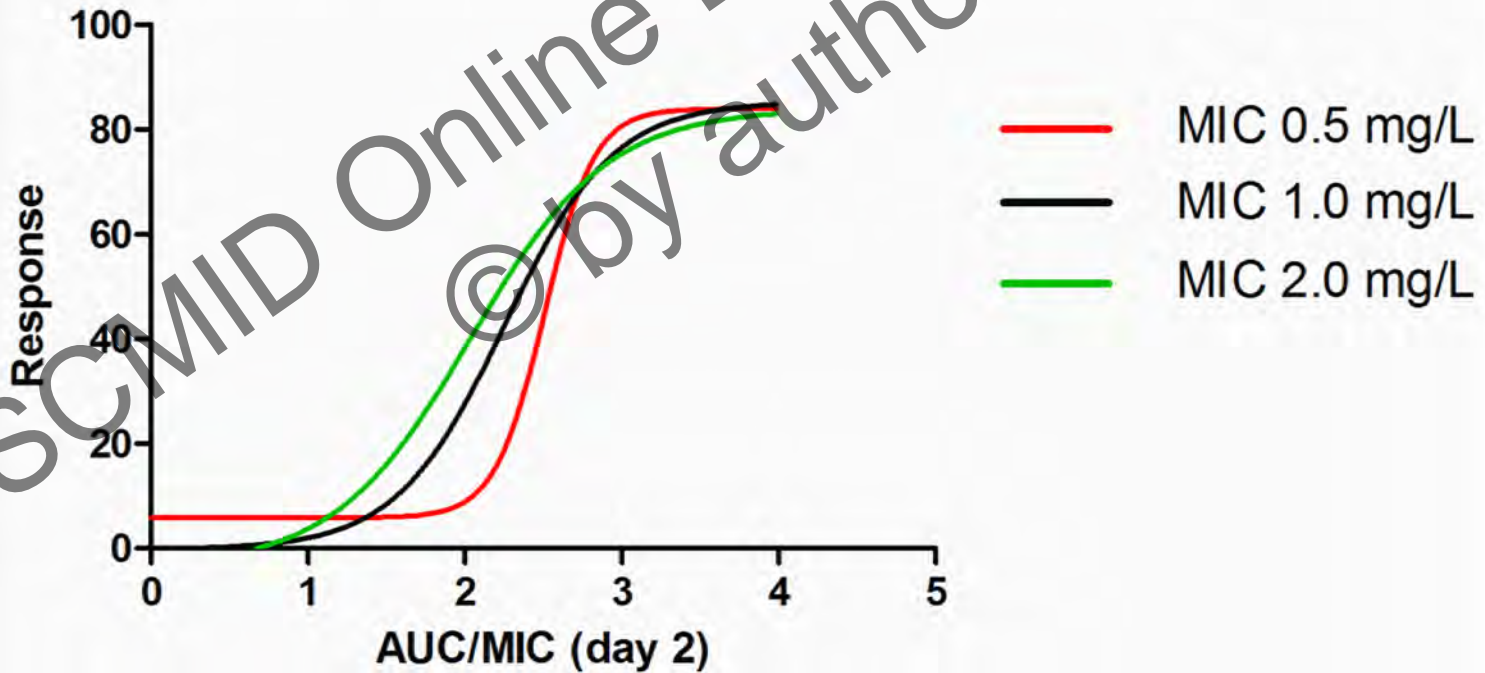


# The MIC Range



# The MIC Error/variability

	MIC 0.5 mg/L	MIC 1 mg/L	MIC 2 mg/L
HillSlope	2.734	1.259	0.9991
EC50	321.3	178.2	108.8



Bridge the PK/PD animal data

With

Human PK data

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# Probability of cure when infected with strains Of MIC???

PK/PD Indices	Guidelines for treatment of Mycosis	Recommendations for treatment of disseminated invasive Aspergillosis
	Drug	Drug
Therapeutic $C_{min}$	1.2 mg/L	>1.5 mg/L
Therapeutic $AUC_{0-24}$	30 mg h/L	$\geq 54$ mg h/L (EI <sub>75</sub> ) $\geq 90$ mg h/L (EI <sub>50</sub> )
<sup>3</sup> MIC (mg/L) (Clinical Breakpoints)	No data	$\leq 0.06$ (EI <sub>75</sub> ) $\leq 0.5$ (EI <sub>50</sub> )

To summarize

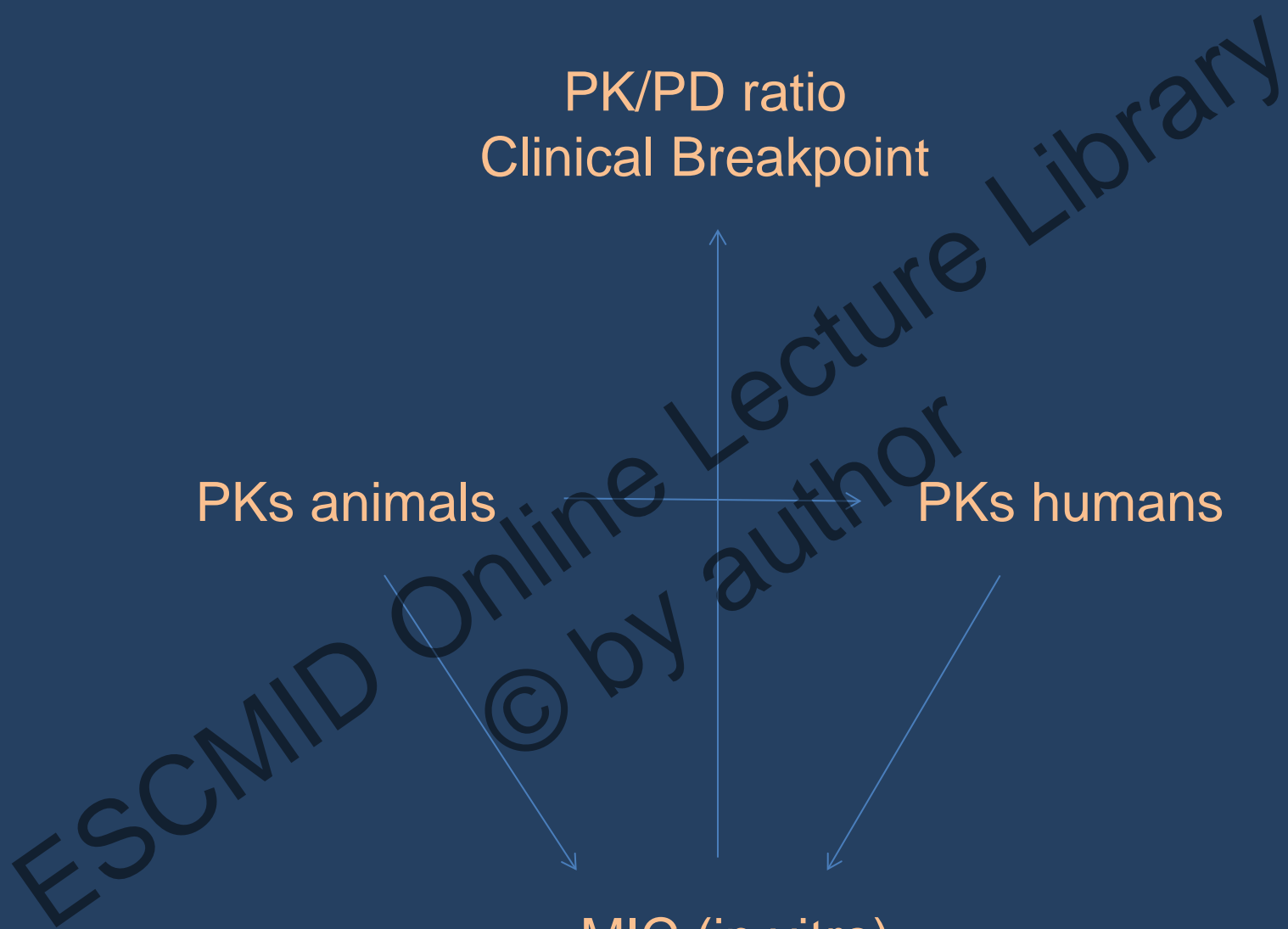
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PK/PD ratio  
Clinical Breakpoint

PKs animals

PKs humans

MIC (in vitro)



# Kaplan Meier Analysis (survival analysis)

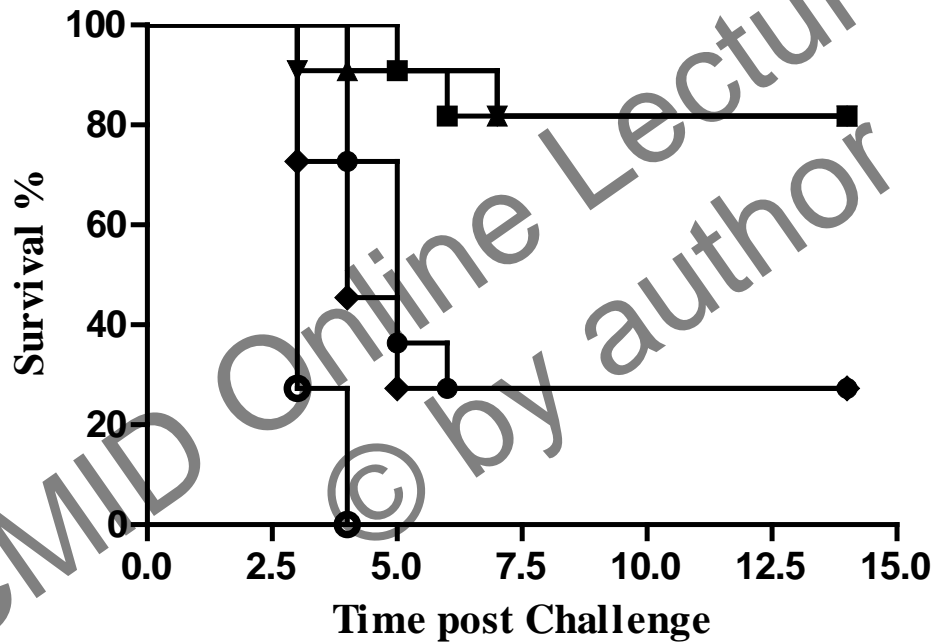
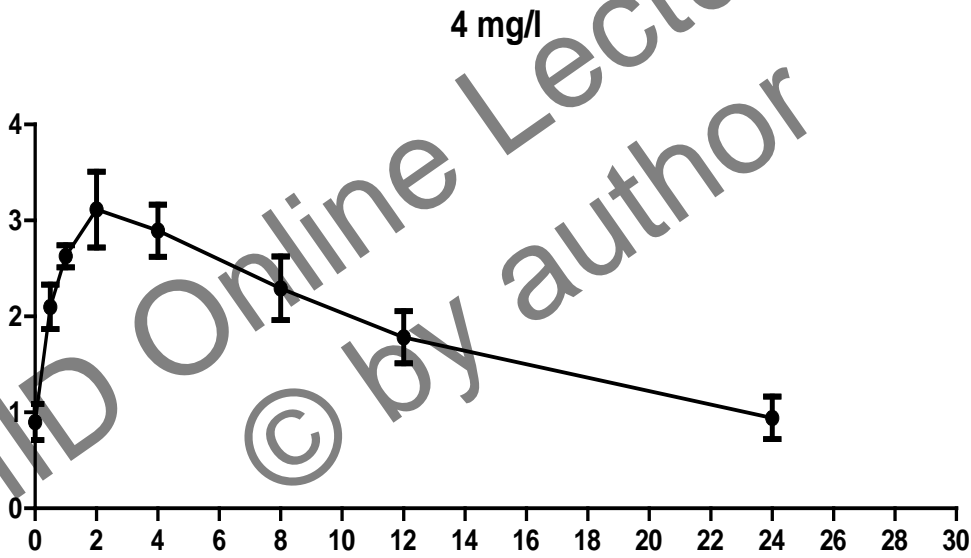


FIG. 1a. Survival curve for CD-1 mice infected with a WT isolate (panel a) and treated with various posaconazole doses. ● Posaconazole 128mg/kg, ■ Posaconazole 64mg/kg, ▲ Posaconazole 16 mg/kg, ▼ Posaconazole 4 mg/kg, ◆ Posaconazole 1 mg/kg, ○ Placebo

# Determination of AUC

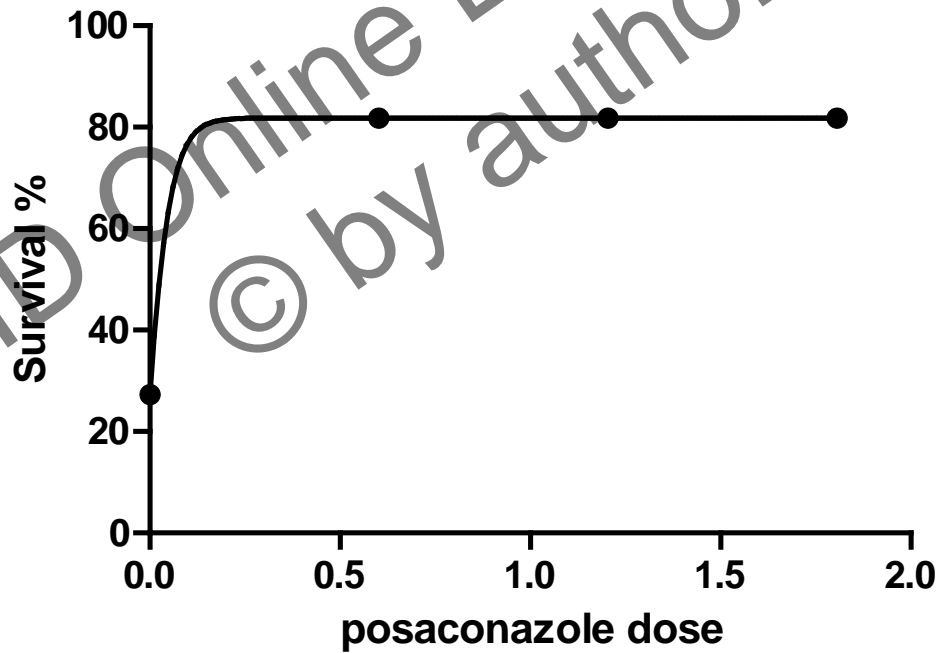




# Dose-Response Relationship

Wild type strain

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